

# **TC7662A**

# **Charge Pump DC-to-DC Converter**

## **Features**

- Wide Operating Range
- 3V to 18V
- Increased Output Current (40mA)
- Pin Compatible with ICL7662/SI7661/TC7660/ LTC1044
- No External Diodes Required
- Low Output Impedance  $@$  I<sub>L</sub> = 20mA  $-40\Omega$  Typ.
- No Low-Voltage Terminal Required
- CMOS Construction
- Available in 8-Pin PDIP and 8-Pin CERDIP Packages

## **Applications**

- Laptop Computers
- Disk Drives
- Process Instrumentation
- $\cdot$  µP-based Controllers

## **Device Selection Table**



#### **Package Type** 1  $\overline{2}$ 3 4 8 7 6 5 **TC7662A** NC  $C<sup>+</sup>$ GND C– VOUT NC OSC **V<sub>DD</sub> 8-Pin PDIP 8-Pin CERDIP**

## **General Description**

The TC7662A is a pin-compatible upgrade to the industry standard TC7660 charge pump voltage converter. It converts a +3V to +18V input to a corresponding -3V to -18V output using only two lowcost capacitors, eliminating inductors and their associated cost, size and EMI. In addition to a wider power supply input range (3V to 18V versus 1.5V to 10V for the TC7660), the TC7662A can source output currents as high as 40mA. The on-board oscillator operates at a nominal frequency of 12kHz. Operation below 12kHz (for lower supply current applications) is also possible by connecting an external capacitor from OSC to ground.

The TC7662A directly is recommended for designs requiring greater output current and/or lower input/ output voltage drop. It is available in 8-pin PDIP and CERDIP packages in commercial and extended temperature ranges.

## **Functional Block Diagram**



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## **1.0 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

## **Absolute Maximum Ratings\***



## **TC7662A ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

Stresses above those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operation sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to Absolute Maximum Rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.



## **2.0 PIN DESCRIPTIONS**

The descriptions of the pins are listed in [Table 2-1.](#page-3-0)

## <span id="page-3-0"></span>**TABLE 2-1: PIN FUNCTION TABLE**



## **3.0 DETAILED DESCRIPTION**

The TC7662A is a capacitive charge pump (sometimes called a switched-capacitor circuit), where four MOSFET switches control the charge and discharge of a capacitor.

The functional block diagram shows how the switching action works. SW1 and SW2 are turned on simultaneously, charging  $C_P$  to the supply voltage,  $V_{DD}$ . This assumes that the ON resistance of the MOSFETs in series with the capacitor produce a charging time (3 time constants) less than the ON time provided by the oscillator frequency, as shown:

#### 3 ( $R_{DS(ON)} C_P$ ) < $C_P/(0.5 f_{OSC})$ .

In the next cycle, SW1 and SW2 are turned OFF and, after a very short interval with all switches OFF (preventing large currents from occurring due to cross conduction), SW3 and SW4 are turned ON. The charge in C<sub>P</sub> is then transferred to C<sub>R</sub>, *but with the polarity inverted*. In this way, a negative voltage is derived.

An oscillator supplies pulses to a flip-flop that is fed to a set of level shifters. These level shifters then drive each set of switches at one-half the oscillator frequency.

The oscillator has a pin that controls the frequency of oscillation. Pin 7 can have a capacitor added that is connected to ground. This will lower the frequency of the oscillator by adding capacitance to the internal timing capacitor of the TC7662A. (See Typical Characteristics – Oscillator Frequency vs.  $C_{\text{OSC}}$ .)

## <span id="page-4-0"></span>**FIGURE 3-1: TC7662A TEST CIRCUIT**



## **3.1 Theoretical Power Efficiency Considerations**

In theory, a voltage converter can approach 100% efficiency if certain conditions are met:

- 1. The drive circuitry consumes minimal power.
- 2. The output switches have extremely low ON resistance and virtually no offset.
- 3. The impedances of the pump and reservoir capacitors are negligible at the pump frequency.

The TC7662A approaches these conditions for negative voltage conversion if large values of  $C_P$  and  $C_R$  are used.

**Note:** Energy is lost only in the transfer of charge between capacitors if a change in voltage occurs.

The energy lost is defined by:

$$
E=1/2\;C_{P}\;(V_{1}{}^{2}-V_{2}{}^{2})
$$

 $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are the voltages on  $C_P$  during the pump and transfer cycles. If the impedances of  $C_P$  and  $C_R$  are relatively high at the pump frequency (refer to [Figure 3-](#page-4-0) [1](#page-4-0)), compared to the value of  $R_L$ , there will be a substantial difference in voltages  $\mathsf{V}_1$  and  $\mathsf{V}_2.$  Therefore, it is desirable not only to make  $C_R$  as large as possible to eliminate output voltage ripple, but also to employ a correspondingly large value for  $C_P$  in order to achieve maximum efficiency of operation.

## **3.2 Dos and Don'ts**

- Do not exceed maximum supply voltages.
- $\cdot$  Do not short circuit the output to V $\cdot$  supply for voltages above 5.5V for extended periods; however, transient conditions including start-up are okay.
- When using polarized capacitors in the inverting mode, the  $+$  terminal of  $C_P$  must be connected to pin 2 of the TC7662A and the  $+$  terminal of  $C_R$ must be connected to GND (pin 3).
- If the voltage supply driving the TC7662A has a large source impedance (25-30 ohms), then a  $2.2\mu$ F capacitor from pin 8 to ground may be required to limit the rate of rise of the input voltage to less than  $2V/\mu$ sec.

## **4.0 TYPICAL APPLICATIONS**

#### **4.1 Simple Negative Voltage Converter**

The majority of applications will undoubtedly utilize the TC7662A for generation of negative supply voltages. [Figure 4-1](#page-5-0) shows typical connections to provide a negative supply where a positive supply of +3V to +18V is available.

#### <span id="page-5-0"></span>**FIGURE 4-1: SIMPLE NEGATIVE CONVERTER AND ITS OUTPUT EQUIVALENT**



The output characteristics of the circuit in [Figure](#page-5-0) 4-1 are those of a nearly ideal voltage source in series with a resistance as shown in Figure 4-1b. The voltage source has a value of  $-(V_{DD})$ . The output impedance  $(R<sub>O</sub>)$  is a function of the ON resistance of the internal MOS switches (shown in the Functional Block Diagram), the switching frequency, the value of  $C_P$  and  $C_{\text{R}}$ , and the ESR (equivalent series resistance) of  $C_{\text{P}}$ and C<sub>R</sub>. A good first order approximation for  $R<sub>O</sub>$  is:

$$
R_O \cong 2(R_{SW1} + R_{SW2} + ESR_{CP}) + 2(R_{SW3} + R_{SW4} +
$$

$$
ESR_{CP}) + \frac{1}{f_{PUMP} \times C_P} + ESR_{CR}
$$
  
( $f_{PUMP}$  =  $\frac{f_{OSC}}{2}$ ,  $R_{SWX}$  = MOSFET switch resistance)

Combining the four  $R_{SWX}$  terms as  $R_{SW}$ , we see that:

$$
R_{\text{O}} \cong 2 \times R_{\text{SW}} + \frac{1}{f_{\text{PUMP}} \times C_{\text{P}}} + 4 \times \text{ESR}_{\text{CP}} + \text{ESR}_{\text{CR}}\Omega
$$

 $R_{SW}$ , the total switch resistance, is a function of supply voltage and temperature (See [Section 5.0,](#page-8-0) Typical Characteristics "Output Source Resistance" graphs), typically 23 $\Omega$  at +25°C and 5V. Careful selection of C<sub>P</sub> and  $C_R$  will reduce the remaining terms, minimizing the output impedance. High value capacitors will reduce the  $1/(f_{\text{PUMP}} \times C_{\text{P}})$  component, and low ESR capacitors will lower the ESR term. Increasing the oscillator frequency will reduce the  $1/(f_{\text{PlJMP}} \times C_{\text{P}})$  term, but may have the side effect of a net increase in output impedance when  $C_P > 10 \mu F$  and there is not enough time to fully charge the capacitors every cycle. In a typical application when  $f_{\text{OSC}} = 12kHz$  and  $C = C_P = C_R =$  $10\mu$ F:

$$
R_0 \cong 2 \times 23 + \frac{1}{(5 \times 12^3 \times 10 \times 10^{-6})} + 4 \times ESR_{CP} + ESR_{CR}
$$
  

$$
R_0 \cong (46 + 20 + 5 \times ESR_C)\Omega
$$

Since the ESRs of the capacitors are reflected in the output impedance multiplied by a factor of 5, a high value could potentially swamp out a low  $1/(f_{\text{PlIMP}} \times C_{\text{P}})$ term, rendering an increase in switching frequency or filter capacitance ineffective. Typical electrolytic capacitors may have ESRs as high as  $10\Omega$ .

## **4.2 Output Ripple**

ESR also affects the ripple voltage seen at the output. The total ripple is determined by 2 voltages, A and B, as shown in [Figure 4-2.](#page-6-0) Segment A is the voltage drop across the ESR of  $C_R$  at the instant it goes from being charged by  $C_P$  (current flowing into  $C_P$ ) to being discharged through the load (current flowing out of  $C_R$ ). The magnitude of this current change is  $2 \times I_{\text{OUT}}$ , hence the total drop is 2 x  $I_{\text{OUT}}$  x ESR<sub>CR</sub> volts. Segment B is the voltage change across  ${\mathsf C}_{\mathsf R}$  during time t $_2$ , the half of the cycle when  $C_R$  supplies current to the load. The drop at B is l $_{\rm OUT}$  x t $_2$ /C<sub>R</sub> volts. The peak-to-peak ripple voltage is the sum of these voltage drops:

1  $V_{\text{RIPPLE}} \cong \left( \frac{1}{2 \times f_{\text{PUMP}} \times C_{\text{R}} + 2 \times \text{ESR}_{\text{CR}} \times I_{\text{OUT}}} \right)$ 

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## **4.3 Paralleling Devices**

Any number of TC7662A voltage converters may be paralleled to reduce output resistance ([Figure 4-3](#page-6-1)). The reservoir capacitor,  $C_R$ , serves all devices, while each device requires its own pump capacitor,  $C_P$ . The resultant output resistance would be approximately:

$$
R_{OUT} = \frac{R_{OUT} (of TC7662A)}{n (number of devices)}
$$

#### **4.4 Cascading Devices**

The TC7662A may be cascaded as shown [\(Figure 4-4\)](#page-6-2) to produce larger negative multiplication of the initial supply voltage. However, due to the finite efficiency of each device, the practical limit is 10 devices for light loads. The output voltage is defined by:

$$
V_{OUT} = - n (V_{IN})
$$

where n is an integer representing the number of devices cascaded. The resulting output resistance would be approximately the weighted sum of the individual TC7662A R<sub>OUT</sub> values.

#### <span id="page-6-1"></span>**FIGURE 4-3: PARALLELING DEVICES LOWERS OUTPUT IMPEDANCE**



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#### **FIGURE 4-4: INCREASED OUTPUT VOLTAGE BY CASCADING DEVICES**



## **4.5 Changing the TC7662A Oscillator Frequency**

It is possible to increase the conversion efficiency of the TC7662A at low load levels by lowering the oscillator frequency. This reduces the switching losses, and is shown in [Figure 4-5](#page-7-1). However, lowering the oscillator frequency will cause an undesirable increase in the impedance of the pump  $(C_P)$  and reservoir  $(C_R)$ capacitors; this is overcome by increasing the values of  $C_P$  and  $C_R$  by the same factor that the frequency has been reduced. For example, the addition of a 100pF capacitor between pin 7 (OSC) and  $V_{DD}$  will lower the oscillator frequency to 2kHz from its nominal frequency of 12kHz (multiple of 6), and thereby necessitate a corresponding increase in the value of  $C_P$  and  $C_R$  (from  $10\mu$ F to  $68\mu$ F).

#### <span id="page-7-1"></span>**FIGURE 4-5: LOWERING OSCILLATOR FREQUENCY**



## **4.6 Positive Voltage Doubling**

The TC7662A may be employed to achieve positive voltage doubling using the circuit shown in [Figure 4-6](#page-7-2). In this application, the pump inverter switches of the TC7662A are used to charge  $C_P$  to a voltage level of  $V_{DD} - V_F$  (where  $V_{DD}$  is the supply voltage and  $V_F$  is the forward voltage on  $C_P$  plus the supply voltage ( $V_{DD}$ ) applied through diode  $\mathsf{D}_2$  to capacitor  $\mathsf{C}_{\mathsf{R}}$ ). The voltage thus created on  ${\sf C}_{\sf R}$  becomes (2  ${\sf V}_{\sf DD}$ ) – (2  ${\sf V}_{\sf F}$ ), or twice the supply voltage minus the combined forward voltage drops of diodes  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ .

The source impedance of the output  $(V<sub>OUT</sub>)$  will depend on the output current, but for  $V_{DD} = 5V$  and an output current of 10 mA, it will be approximately 60 $\Omega$ .

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## **4.7 Combined Negative Voltage Conversion and Positive Supply Multiplication**

[Figure 4-7](#page-7-0) combines the functions shown in [Figure 4-1](#page-5-0) and [Figure 4-6](#page-7-2) to provide negative voltage conversion and positive voltage doubling simultaneously. This approach would be, for example, suitable for generating +9V and -5V from an existing +5V supply. In this instance, capacitors  $\mathsf{C}_1$  and  $\mathsf{C}_3$  perform the pump and reservoir functions, respectively, for the generation of the negative voltage, while capacitors  $C_2$  and  $C_4$  are pump and reservoir, respectively, for the doubled positive voltage. There is a penalty in this configuration which combines both functions, however, in that the source impedances of the generated supplies will be somewhat higher due to the finite impedance of the common charge pump driver at pin 2 of the device.

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## **4.8 Voltage Splitting**

The same bidirectional characteristics can be used to split a higher supply in half, as shown in [Figure 4-8](#page-7-3). The combined load will be evenly shared between the two sides. Because the switches share the load in parallel, the output impedance is much lower than in the standard circuits, and higher currents can be drawn from the device. By using this circuit, and then the circuit of [Figure 4-4](#page-6-2), +15V can be converted (via +7.5V and -7.5V) to a nominal -15V, though with rather high series resistance ( $\sim$ 250 $\Omega$ ).

#### <span id="page-7-3"></span>**FIGURE 4-8: SPLITTING A SUPPLY IN HALF**



## <span id="page-8-0"></span>**5.0 TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

**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.

Circuit of [Figure 3-1,](#page-4-0)  $C_P = C_R = 10 \mu F$ ,  $C_{ESRCP} \approx C_{ESRCR} \approx 1 \Omega$ ,  $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$  unless otherwise noted.













## **6.0 PACKAGING INFORMATION**

## **6.1 Package Marking Information**

Package marking data not available at this time.

## **6.2 Package Dimensions**

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

## **8-Pin Plastic DIP**





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