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INTEGRATED CHARGE CONTROLLER FOR LEAD-ACID BATTERIES

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- • **Regulates Both Voltage and Current During** • **Minimum External Components Charging** • **Available in 16-Pin SOIC (DW)**
- **Precision Temperature-Compensated Reference: APPLICATIONS**
	- **Maximizes Battery Capacity Over Emergency Lighting Systems Temperature** • **Security and Alarm Systems**
	- **Ensures Safety While Charging Over Telecommunication Backup Power**
- **Optimum Control to Maximize Battery Capacity and Life**
- **¹FEATURES Supports Different Configurations**
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- **Uninterruptible Power Supplies**

DESCRIPTION

The bq24450 contains all the necessary circuitry to optimally control the charging of valve-regulated lead-acid batteries. The IC controls the charging current as well as the charging voltage to safely and efficiently charge the battery, maximizing battery capacity and life. Depending on the application, the IC can be configured as a simple constant-voltage float charge controller or a dual-voltage float-cum-boost charge controller.

The built-in precision voltage reference is especially temperature-compensated to track the characteristics of lead-acid cells, and maintains optimum charging voltage over an extended temperature range without using any external components. The ICs low current consumption allows for accurate temperature monitoring by minimizing self-heating effects.

The IC can support a wide range of battery capacities and charging currents, limited only by the selection of the external pass transistor. The versatile driver for the external pass transistor supports both NPN and PNP types and provides at least 25mA of base drive.

In addition to the voltage- and current-regulating amplifiers, the IC features comparators that monitor the charging voltage and current. These comparators feed into an internal state machine that sequences the charge cycle. Some of these comparator outputs are made available as status signals at external pins of the IC. These status and control pins can be connected to a processor, or they can be connected up in flexible ways for standalone applications.

Figure 1. TYPICAL APPLICATION SCHEMATIC

A dual-level Float-cum-Boost Charger with Pre-Charge

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These devices have limited built-in ESD protection. The leads should be shorted together or the device placed in conductive foam during storage or handling to prevent electrostatic damage to the MOS gates.

ORDERING INFORMATION

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS(1) (2) (3)

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

(1) Stresses beyond 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 beyond those indicated under recommended operating conditions is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

(2) All voltage values are with respect to the ground terminal (pin 6) unless otherwise noted.

(3) Positive currents are into, and negative currents out of, the specified terminal.

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Over junction temperature range –40°C ≤ T_J ≤ 70°C, V_{IN} = 10V, T_J = T_A. (Positive currents are into, and negative currents out of, the specified terminal)

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DETAILED FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

The bq24450 contains all the necessary circuitry to optimally control the charging of sealed lead-acid batteries. The IC controls the charging current as well as the charging voltage to safely and efficiently charge the battery, maximizing battery capacity and life. Depending on the application, the IC can be configured in various ways: examples are a constant-voltage float charger, a dual-voltage float-cum-boost charger or a dual step current charger.

Only an external pass transistor and minimum number of external passive components are required along with the IC to implement a charger for sealed lead-acid batteries. The IC's internal driver transistor Q1 (see [Figure 2\)](#page-3-0) supports NPN as well as PNP pass transistors, and provides enough drive current (25mA specified) to support a wide range of charging rates.

The driver transistor is controlled by a voltage regulating loop and a current limiting-limiting loop (see [Figure 2](#page-3-0)). The current-limiting loop reduces drive when the voltage between the IN pin and the IFB pin increases towards $V_{II,IM}$ (250mV typical). The voltage regulating loop tries to maintain the voltage on the VFB pin at V_{REF} . Together, these two loops constitute a current-limited precision constant-voltage system, which is the heart of any lead-acid charger. The voltage regulating amplifier needs an external compensation circuit which depends on the type of external pass transistor (see Application Information section).

An important feature of the bq24450 is the precision reference voltage. The reference voltage is specially temperature compensated to track the temperature characteristics of lead-acid cells. Additionally, the IC operates with low supply current, only 1.6mA, minimizing on-chip dissipation and permitting the accurate sensing of the operating environmental temperature by avoiding self-heating effects. To take full advantage of the temperature-compensated reference, the IC should be in the same thermal environment as the battery.

An undervoltage lock-out circuit is also provided (see [Figure 2](#page-3-0)). This circuit disables the driver transistor as long as the input voltage is below UVLO (4.5V typical). The UVLO circuit also drives an open-collector output PGOOD.

Voltage-sense and current-sense comparators are available in the IC. The current-sense comparator is uncommitted. Its open-collector output is OFF when the difference between the ISNSP and ISNSM pins is less than V_{ISNS} (25mV typical), and ON when the difference is more than V_{ISNS} . Depending on the application, this comparator may be used to switch to float charging after the boost phase is over. The voltage sense comparator can be used to sense the voltage level of the battery to initiate a new charge cycle.

Latches L1 and L2 constitute a state-machine to control the charging sequence. The internal inputs to the state-machine come from the UVLO circuit and the voltage-sense comparator. One external input is provided, the BSTOP pin. The outputs of the L1 and L2 latches are available at the STAT1 and STAT2 pins. The BSTOP pin is internally pulled up through a 10μA current source. The states of the state-machine are:

A small bias current source is available at the PRE-CHG pin to provide pre-charge to deeply discharged batteries. The PRE-CHG pin sources current when the voltage at the CE pin is below VREF. Driver transistor Q1 is turned OFF when the PRE-CHG current is ON.

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DETAILED OPERATION AND APPLICATION INFORMATION

A Simple Dual-Level Float-Cum-Boost Charger

[Figure 4](#page-7-0) shows the bq24450 configured as a simple dual-level float-cum-boost charger. [Figure 5](#page-8-0) shows the sequence of events that occur in a normal charge cycle. At (1) in [Figure 5](#page-8-0), power is switched ON. As long as the input voltage V_{IN} is below the undervoltage lockout threshold UVLO, Q2 is ON, disabling the driver transistor Q1. As the input voltage V_{IN} ramps up and rises above UVLO Q2 turns OFF. This enables Q1 and thus the external transistor Q_{EXT} . At the same time, Q7 turns ON, latch L1 is forced to RESET and latch L2 is SET (see [Figure 2](#page-3-0) for the internals of the Charging State Logic).

The voltage regulating amplifier tries to force the voltage at the VFB pin to V_{REF} by turning Q1 and thus Q_{EXT} fully ON, but the current limiting amplifier limits the charging current I_{CHG} to $I_{MAX-CHG}$ such that the voltage across R_{ISNS} is V_{ILIM} – 250mV typical. Thus $I_{MAX-CHG}$ is given by:

$$
I_{MAX-CHG} = V_{ILIM} \div R_{ISNS}
$$

As I_{CHG} flows into the battery, the battery terminal voltage increases. The voltage at the VFB pin is the battery voltage scaled by the resistive divider formed by R_A and R_B/R_C (because Q8 is ON). At (3), the voltage on the VFB pin exceeds $0.95V_{REF}$, and the output of the voltage sense comparator goes HIGH. This forces L2 to RESET, and STAT2 turns ON. The battery voltage V_{BI} at this point when STAT2 indicates boost is given by:

 $V_{\text{BI}} = 0.95 V_{\text{REF}} \times (R_A + R_B / R_C) \div R_B / R_C$

Other than STAT2 changing state at this point, there is no externally observable change in the charging conditions. $I_{MAX\text{-CHG}}$ continues to flow into the battery.

As charging proceeds, the voltage at the VFB pin increases further to V_{REF} . At this point, the voltage regulating amplifier prevents the voltage at the VFB pin from rising further, maintaining the battery voltage at V_{BOOST} . [(4) in [Figure 4\]](#page-7-0).

 $V_{\text{BOOST}} = V_{\text{REF}} \times (R_A + R_B / R_C) \div R_B / R_C$

 I_{CHG} keeps flowing into the battery. As the battery approaches full charge, the current into the battery decreases, while the battery terminal voltage is maintained at V_{BOOST} .

At (5), the charging current I_{CHG} reduces to a value I_{TAPER} such that the voltage across R_{ISNS} becomes less than V_{ISNS} (25mV typical)

 $I_{TAPER} = V_{ISNS} ÷ R_{ISNS}$

Q6 at the output of the current sense comparator turns OFF. The internal current source pulls the BSTOP pin HIGH, latch L1 is forced to SET, in turn forcing L2 to SET. The reference voltage on the voltage sense comparator is now $0.9V_{REF}$. STAT1 turns OFF, and the voltage on the battery settles to:

$$
V_{FLOAT} = V_{REF} \times (R_A + R_B) \div R_B
$$

As long as the peak load current is less than $I_{MAX-CHG}$, it will be supplied by Q_{EXT} , and the voltage across the battery will be maintained at V_{FLOAT} . But if the peak load current exceeds $I_{MAX-CHG}$, the battery will have to provide the excess current, and the battery terminal voltage will drop. Once it drops below $0.9V_{REF}$, at (6) in [Figure 4,](#page-7-0) a new charge cycle is initiated. The battery voltage V_{BAT} at this point, V_{RCH} , is given by:

Figure 5.

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The problem with the charger circuit shown in [Figure 4](#page-7-0) is that even with deeply discharged batteries, charging starts at full current level I_{MAX-CHG}. This can sometimes be hazardous, resulting in out-gassing from the battery. The bq24450 can be configured to pre-charge the battery till the voltage levels rise to levels safe enough to permit charging at I_{MAX-CHG}.

In the circuit of [Figure 6,](#page-9-0) the CE pin is used to detect the battery voltage. As long as the voltage at the CE pin is below V_{REF} , the enable comparator turns ON Q3 and Q4. This turns OFF Q1 and turns ON Q5, permitting a pre-charge current I_{PRE} to flow from the PRE-CHG pin through R_T into the battery. In the following equation, V_{PRE} is the voltage drop across the internal transistor, Q5, and the internal diode.

 $I_{\text{PRF}} = (V_{\text{IN}} - V_{\text{PRF}} - V_{\text{BAT}}) \div R_{\text{T}}$

 $\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{TH}} = \mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{REF}} \times \big(\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{A}} + \mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{B}} + \mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{C}} / \! / \mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{D}}\big) \div \big(\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{B}} + \mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{C}} / \! / \mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{D}}\big)$

Once the battery voltage rises above a safe threshold V_{TH} at (2) in [Figure 7,](#page-10-0) the enable comparator turns OFF Q3 and Q4, thus turning OFF Q5 and enabling Q1. Q_{EXT} then provides $I_{MAX\text{-CHG}}$, and the circuit after this performs as described before.

Figure 6.

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Further Improvements to the Circuit of [Figure 6](#page-9-0)

In applications where the load current is low, the current through the V_{BAT} voltage divider can be a non-negligible proportion of the load current. Current flowing back thorough Q_{EXT} when the input power is removed constitutes another drainage path. The modifications in [Figure 8](#page-11-0) fix both these issues.

The addition of D_{EXT} (see [Figure 8\)](#page-11-0) fixes the reverse current problem. Returning the voltage feedback divider chain to the PGOOD pin instead of to GND ensures that the divider does not draw any current when the input supply is not present. (When sinking 50μA, the saturation voltage of the PGOOD transistor is typically only 30mV).

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Figure 8.

Changing the value of ITAPER for a given IMAX-CHG

In the examples above, I_{TAPER} is 10% of I_{MAX-CHG}, because V_{ILIM} is 250mV and V_{ISNS} is 25mV (typical values), and the same resistor is used for both, the taper comparator and the current-loop amplifier. In most applications, setting I_{TAPER} to 10% of $I_{\text{MAX-CHG}}$ is perfectly fine. But if, for some reason, a different value of I_{TAPER} is required, it can be achieved, as shown in [Figure 9](#page-11-1)(a) and [Figure 9\(](#page-11-1)b).

Selecting the External Pass Transistor

All the examples so far have used a PNP transistor for the external pass element. But the driver transistor in the bq24450 can be configured to drive many different types of pass transistors. This section will look at some of the different configurations that are possible. In all configurations, though, these factors hold:

- 1. The external pass device must have sufficient voltage rating for the application, and must have the current and power handling capabilities to charge at the desired rate at the maximum input to output differential in the application.
- 2. The device must have enough current gain at the required charging current to keep the drive current below 25mA.

The choice of the pass device and the configuration of the internal driver transistor have an effect on the following:

- 1. The minimum and maximum practical charging current.
- 2. The open-loop gains of the current and voltage loops, and hence the value of the compensation capacitor at the COMP pin. In battery charging applications, dynamic response is not a requirement, and the values of C_{COMP} given below should give stable operation under all conditions.
- 3. The IC's power dissipation and thus its self-heating. The IC typically has a thermal resistance of 100°C/W. An external resistance R_P can be added to share some of the power dissipation and reduce the IC's self-heating.
- 4. The minimum differential voltage ΔV (from the input to the battery) required to operate.

The next section addresses a few topologies, and gives values for the charge current range, the minimum input to output differential ΔV , power dissipation P_D in the IC, R_P and C_{COMP} for each of the topologies. (In the expressions below, h_{FE} is the current gain of the external transistor).

Common-Emitter PNP

I_{MAX-CHG} range: 25mA to 1000mA Minimum ΔV: 0.5V

 $R_P = (V_{IN(MIN)} - 2.0V) \div I_{MAX\text{-CHG}} \times h_{FE(MIN)}$ $P_D = (V_{IN(MAX)} - 0.7V)$ ÷ h_{FE} × $I_{MAX-CHG} - (I_{MAX-CHG})^2$ ÷ $(h_{FE})^2$ × R_P $C_{\text{COMP}} = 0.1 \mu F$

PNP in a Quasi-Darlington With Internal Driver

I_{MAX-CHG} range: 25mA to 1000mA Minimum ΔV: 2V

 $R_P = (V_{IN(MIN)} - V_{OUT(MAX)} - 1.2 V) \div I_{MAX-CHG} \times h_{FE(MIN)}$ $P_D = (V_{IN(MAX)} - V_{OUT} - 0.7V) + h_{FE} \times I_{MAX-CHG} - (I_{MAX-CHG})^2 + (h_{FE})^2 \times R_{PI}$ $C_{\text{COMP}} = 0.01\mu\text{F}$ to 0.047 μF

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External Quasi-Darlington

NPN Emitter-Follower

I_{MAX-CHG} range: 25mA to 1000mA Minimum ΔV: 2.7V $R_P = (V_{IN(MIN)} - V_{OUT(MAX)} - 1.2 V) \div I_{MAX-CHG} \times h_{FE(MIN)}$ $P_{D} = (V_{IN(MAX)} - V_{OUT} - 0.7 V)$ ÷ h_{FE} × I_{MAX-CHG} – (I_{MAX-CHG})² ÷ (h_{FE})² × R_P $C_{COMP} = 0.01 \mu F$ to $0.047 \mu F$

DESIGN EXAMPLE

This section covers the design of a dual-level charger for a 6V 4Ah sealed lead-acid battery. The application is a system where the battery is used in standby mode, and the load on the battery when it powers the system is 250mA (0.06C).

The battery parameters are (see References 1 and 2)

The charger is required to operate from a supply voltage of 9V to 13V. Therefore, the minimum input to output differential is 1.65V. To block reverse current from the battery to the input supply use a blocking diode as in [Figure 8.](#page-11-0) This leaves only 0.65V as the differential across the external transistor, forcing the use of the [Common-Emitter PNP](#page-12-0) topology.

[Figure 10](#page-14-0) is the schematic for this charger (from [Figure 8,](#page-11-0) with the pass transistor topology changed), with the remaining task being the calculation of all the component values.

Figure 10.

The first step is to decide on the value of the current in the voltage divider resistor string in FLOAT mode. This should be substantially higher than the input bias current in the CE and VFB pins and the leakage current in the STAT1 pin, but low enough such that the voltage on the PGOOD pin does not introduce errors. A value of 50µA is suitable.

In FLOAT mode, STAT1 is OFF, so there is no current in R_D . The voltage on the VFB pin (V_{RFF}) is 2.3V.

 $R_C = 2.30V \div 50\mu A = 46k\Omega$. The closest 1% value is 46.4k Ω . $V_{FLOAT} = V_{REF}$ × $(R_A + R_B + R_C)$ ÷ $R_C \rightarrow R_A + R_B = 2$ × $R_C = 92.8$ k Ω . $V_{\text{BOOST}} = V_{\text{REF}} \times (R_A + R_B + R_C/R_D) + R_C/R_D \rightarrow R_D = 474.3 \times \Omega$. Pick the closest 1% value of 475k Ω . $V_{TH} = V_{REF}$ × (R_A + R_B + R_C//R_D) ÷ (R_B + R_C//R_D) \rightarrow R_B = 16.9kΩ. R_A = 92.8kΩ – R_B = 75.9kΩ. The closest standard value is 75kΩ. $I_{PRE} = (V_{IN} - V_{PRE} - V_{DEXT} - V_{BAT}) \div R_T$. Select $R_T = 634 \Omega$. For example: $I_{\text{PRF}} = (13 - 2 - 0.7 - 4) / 634 = 10 \text{mA}$ $I_{MAX\text{-CHG}}$ = V_{ILIM} ÷ R_{ISNS} \rightarrow R_{ISNS} = 250mV ÷ 600mA = 0.417Ω. The closest 1% value is 0.422Ω.

For Q_{EXT} , the BD242 is suitable, and a 1N4001 will do for D_{EXT}

 $R_P = (V_{IN(MIN)} - 2.0V) \div I_{MAX-CHG} \times h_{FE(MIN)} = 7 \div 0.6 \times 25 = 291.6 \Omega$. Pick 294Ω from the standard values.

 $P_D = (V_{IN(MAX)} - 0.7V) \div h_{FE} \times I_{MAX-CHG} - (I_{MAX-CHG})^2 \div (h_{FE})^2 \times R_P = 126$ mW under worst case conditions. Choose $C_{COMP} = 0.1 \mu F$.

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- 1. Yuasa Battery Co., NP Valve Regulated Lead Acid Battery Manual
- 2. Panasonic, Methods of charging the Valve-Regulated Lead-Acid Battery

REVISION HISTORY

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GENERIC PACKAGE VIEW

DW 16 SOIC - 2.65 mm max height

7.5 x 10.3, 1.27 mm pitch SMALL OUTLINE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

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PACKAGE OUTLINE

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EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

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6. Publication IPC-7351 may have alternate designs.

7. Solder mask tolerances between and around signal pads can vary based on board fabrication site.

EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

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