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# **BQ25173: 800-mA Linear Charger for 1- to 4-Cell Supercapacitor**

# **1 Features**

- Input voltage up-to 40-V tolerant
- Automatic Sleep mode for low power consumption
	- 350-nA leakage current
	- 2-µA input leakage current when charge disabled
- Supports 1- to 4-cell supercapacitor
- Supports charging supercapacitor from 0 V
- External resistor programmable operation
	- FB pin to adjust supercapacitor regulation voltage
	- ISET to set charge current from 10 mA to 800 mA
- High accuracy
	- ±1% charge voltage accuracy
	- $\pm$ 10% charge current accuracy
- Charging features
	- $\overline{CE}$  pin for charging function control
	- Open-drain output for status and fault indication
	- Open-drain output for power-good indication
- Integrated fault protection
	- 18-V IN overvoltage protection
	- 1000-mA overcurrent protection
	- 125°C thermal regulation; 150°C thermal shutdown protection
	- OUT short-circuit protection
	- ISET pin short/open protection

# **2 Applications**

- **[Smart meter](https://www.ti.com/solution/electricity-meter)**
- [Barcode scanner](https://www.ti.com/solution/barcode-scanner)
- [Portable medical equipment](https://www.ti.com/applications/industrial/medical/overview.html)
- [Dashboard camera](https://www.ti.com/solution/dashboard-camera)

# **3 Description**

The BQ25173 is an integrated 800-mA linear charger for 1- to 4-cell supercapacitors targeted at spacelimited applications. The device has a single power output that charges the supercapacitor. The system load can be placed in parallel with the supercapacitor; the charge current is shared between the system and supercapacitor.

During charging, an internal control loop monitors the IC junction temperature and reduces the charge current if the internal temperature threshold,  $T_{RFG}$ , is exceeded. This feature allows for fast charging of a fully discharged supercapacitor.

The charger power stage and charge current sense functions are fully integrated. The charger function has high accuracy current and voltage regulation loops, charge status display, and charge function control. The charge voltage and fast-charge current are programmable through external resistors.

#### **Device Information**



(1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the data sheet.



**Simplified Schematic**



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# **4 Revision History**



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# **5 Pin Configuration and Functions**



# **Figure 5-1. DSG (WSON) Package 8-Pin Top View**

#### **Table 5-1. Pin Functions**



(1)  $I = Input, O = Output, P = Power$ 

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# **6 Specifications**

### **6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings**

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted) $(1)$ 



(1) Operation outside the *Absolute Maximum Ratings* may cause permanent device damage. Absolute maximum ratings do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those listed under *Recommended Operating Conditions*. If briefly operating outside the *Recommended Operating Conditions* but within the *Absolute Maximum Ratings*, the device may not sustain damage, but it may not be fully functional. Operating the d ality, performance, and shorten the device lifetime.

#### **6.2 ESD Ratings**



(1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

(2) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

#### **6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions**

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



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## **6.4 Thermal Information**



(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the *[Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics](http://www.ti.com/lit/SPRA953)* application report.

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# **6.5 Electrical Characteristics**

 $3.0$ V < V<sub>IN</sub> < 18V and V<sub>IN</sub> > V<sub>OUT</sub> + V<sub>SLEEP</sub>, T」= -40°C to +125°C, and T」= 25°C for typical values (unless otherwise noted)



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# **6.5 Electrical Characteristics (continued)**

 $3.0$ V < V<sub>IN</sub> < 18V and V<sub>IN</sub> > V<sub>OUT</sub> + V<sub>SLEEP</sub>, T」= -40°C to +125°C, and T」= 25°C for typical values (unless otherwise noted)



### **6.6 Timing Requirements**



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### **6.7 Typical Characteristics**

 $C_{IN}$  = 1 µF,  $C_{OUT}$  = 1 µF





## **6.7 Typical Characteristics (continued)**





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# **7 Detailed Description**

## **7.1 Overview**

The device has a single power output that charges the supercapacitor. The system load can be placed in parallel with the supercapacitor; the charge current is shared between the system and supercapacitor.

The charger is designed for a single path from the input to the output to charge the supercapacitor. Upon application of a valid input power source, the ISET pin is checked for short/open circuit.

The device attempts to charge the supercapacitor at the fast-charge current setting from fully discharged (0 V) up to the programmable regulation voltage,  $V_{RFG}$ . Power dissipation in the IC is greatest in fast charge with a lower supercapacitor voltage. If the IC temperature reaches  $T_{REG}$ , the IC enters thermal regulation and reduces the charge current as needed to keep the temperature from rising any further. The fast-charge current is programmed using the ISET pin. Figure 7-1 shows the typical supercapacitor charging profile with thermal regulation. At lower fast-charge settings, the junction temperature of the IC is less than  $T_{RFG}$  and thermal regulation is not entered.

Once the supercapacitor has charged to the regulation voltage, the voltage loop takes control and holds the voltage at the regulation voltage as the current tapers down to zero. There is no current termination threshold as seen in Li-ion chargers.

Further details are described in [Section 7.3](#page-11-0).



**Figure 7-1. Supercapacitor Charging Profile with Thermal Regulation**

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# **7.2 Functional Block Diagram**



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## **7.3 Feature Description**

### **7.3.1 Device Power Up from Input Source**

When an input source is plugged in and charge is enabled, the device checks the input source voltage to turn on all of the bias circuits. The device detects and sets the charge current limits before the linear regulator is started. The power-up sequence from the input source is listed below:

- 1. ISET pin detection
- 2. Charger power up

#### *7.3.1.1 ISET Pin Detection*

After a valid VIN is plugged in and the  $\overline{CE}$  pin is pulled LOW, the device checks the resistor on the ISET pin for a short circuit ( $R_{ISET}$  <  $R_{ISET}$  short). If a short condition is detected, the charger remains in the FAULT state until the input or  $\overline{CE}$  pin is toggled. If the ISET pin is open circuit, the charger proceeds through pin detection and starts the charger with no charge current. This pin is monitored during charging and changes in  $R_{ISET}$  while the charger is operating immediately translates to changes in charge current.

An external pulldown resistor (±1% or better recommended to minimize charge current error) from the ISET pin to GND sets the charge current as:

$$
I_{CHG} = \frac{K_{ISET}}{R_{ISET}}
$$

where:

- I<sub>CHG</sub> is the desired fast-charge current
- $K_{\text{ISET}}$  is the gain factor found in the electrical specifications
- $R_{\text{ISET}}$  is the pulldown resistor from the ISET pin to GND

For charge currents below 50 mA, an extra RC circuit is recommended on the ISET pin to achieve a more stable current signal. For greater accuracy at lower currents, part of the current-sensing FET is disabled to give better resolution.

#### **7.3.2 Supercapacitor Regulation Voltage**

The device allows for the supercapacitor regulation voltage,  $V_{\text{REG}}$ , to be programmed with a resistor divider between the OUT and FB pins:

$$
V_{REG} = V_{FB\_REF} \times \frac{R_{FBT} + R_{FBB}}{R_{FBB}} \tag{2}
$$

Where  $V_{FB,REF}$  is listed in the electrical characteristcs table. The resistors can be seen in [Figure 7-2](#page-12-0). The total resistance ( $R_{FBT}$  +  $R_{FBB}$ ) should not exceed 1 MΩ.

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**Figure 7-2. BQ25173 Feedback Divider**

#### **7.3.3 Supercapacitor Charging Profile**

The device charges a supercapacitor in two phases: constant current and constant voltage. Power dissipation in the IC is greatest in fast charge with a lower supercapacitor voltage. If the IC temperature reaches  $T_{\text{REG}}$ , the IC enters thermal regulation and reduces the charge current as needed to keep the temperature from rising any further. As the supercapacitor approaches the regulation voltage, the current tapers down to 0 mA. There is no current termination threshold as seen in Li-Ion chargers.

#### **7.3.4 Status Outputs (PG, STAT)**

#### *7.3.4.1 Power Good Indicator (PG Pin)*

This open-drain pin pulls LOW to indicate a good input source when:

- 1. VIN above  $V_{IN, IOMV}$
- 2. VIN above  $V_{\text{OUT}} + V_{\text{SLEEPZ}}$  (not in SLEEP)
- 3. VIN below  $V_{IN,OV}$

The PG pin can be used as the GND connection for the bottom resistor in the feedback divider to prevent divider leakage current from the supercapacitor when the charger is disabled. This is only recommended when V<sub>RFG</sub>  $\leq$ 5 V (1-2s supercapacitors) as the absolute maximum rating on PG is 5.5 V. An example circuit can be seen in [Figure 8-1](#page-15-0).

#### *7.3.4.2 Charging Status Indicator (STAT)*

The device indicates the charging state on the open-drain STAT pin. This pin can drive an LED.



#### **Table 7-1. STAT Pin State**

#### **7.3.5 Protection Features**

The device closely monitors input and output voltage, as well as internal FET current and temperature for safe linear regulator operation.

#### *7.3.5.1 Input Overvoltage Protection (VIN OVP)*

If the voltage at the IN pin exceeds  $V_{IN\_OV}$ , the device enters STANDBY mode. Once the IN voltage recovers to normal level, charging resumes.

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#### *7.3.5.2 Output Overcurrent Protection (OUT OCP)*

During normal operation, the OUT current should be regulated to the ISET programmed value. However, if a short circuit occurs on the ISET pin, the OUT current may rise to an unintended level. If current at the OUT pin exceeds I<sub>OUT OCP</sub>, the device turns off after a deglitch, t<sub>OUT OCP DGL</sub>, and the device remains latched off. An input supply or CE pin toggle is required to restart operation.





#### *7.3.5.3 Thermal Regulation and Thermal Shutdown (TREG and TSHUT)*

The device monitors its internal junction temperature  $(\mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{J}})$  to avoid overheating and to limit the IC surface temperature. When the internal junction temperature exceeds the thermal regulation limit, the device automatically reduces the charge current to maintain the junction temperature at the thermal regulation limit (T<sub>REG</sub>). During thermal regulation, the actual charging current is usually below the programmed value on the ISET pin.

Additionally, device thermal shutdown turns off the linear regulator when the IC junction temperature exceeds the  $T_{SHUT}$  threshold. The charger resumes operation when the IC die temperature decreases below the  $T_{SHUT}$  falling threshold.

## **7.4 Device Functional Modes**

#### **7.4.1 Shutdown or Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO)**

The device is in the shutdown state if the IN pin voltage is less than  $V_{IN\ LOWV}$ . The internal circuitry is powered down, all the pins are high impedance, and the device draws from the input supply. Once the IN voltage rises above the  $V_{IN\text{LOW}}$  threshold, the IC will enter Sleep Mode or Active Mode depending on the OUT pin voltage.

#### **7.4.2 Sleep Mode**

The device is in Sleep Mode when  $V_{IN\_LOWV}$  <  $V_{IN}$  <  $V_{OUT}$  +  $V_{SLEEPZ}$ . The device waits for the input voltage to rise above  $V_{\text{OUT}} + V_{\text{SLEEPZ}}$  to start operation.

#### **7.4.3 Active Mode**

The device is powered up and charges the supercapacitor when the CE pin is LOW and the IN voltage ramps above both V<sub>IN\_LOWV</sub>, and V<sub>OUT</sub> + V<sub>SLEEPZ</sub>. The device draws I<sub>Q\_IN</sub> from the supply to bias the internal circuitry. For details on the device power-up sequence, refer to [Section 7.3.1.](#page-11-0)



#### *7.4.3.1 Standby Mode*

The device is in Standby Mode if a valid input supply is present and a recoverable fault is detected. The internal circuitry is partially biased, and the device continues to monitor for the recoverable fault to be removed.

#### **7.4.4 Fault Mode**

The fault conditions are categorized into recoverable and nonrecoverable as follows:

- Recoverable, from which the device should automatically recover once the fault condition is removed: – VIN OVP
- Nonrecoverable, requiring pin or input supply toggle to resume operation:
	- OUT OCP
	- ISET pin short detected

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## **8 Application and Implementation**

#### **Note**

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### **8.1 Application Information**

A typical application consists of the device configured as a standalone charger for a 1- to 4-cell supercapacitor. The regulation voltage,  $V_{\text{REG}}$ , is configured using a resistor divider between the OUT and FB pins. The charge current is configured using a pulldown resistor on the ISET pin. Pulling the  $\overline{CE}$  pin above V<sub>IH</sub> disables the charging function. Charger and input supply status are reported with the STAT and PG pins.

#### **8.2 Typical Applications**

#### **8.2.1 1s Supercapacitor Charger Design Example**



**Figure 8-1. BQ25173 1s Supercapacitor Application Diagram**

#### *8.2.1.1 Design Requirements*

- Supply voltage is 5 V to 18 V
- Fast charge current:  $I_{CHG}$  = 800 mA
- Regulation voltage:  $V_{REG} = 2.4 V$
- $\overline{CE}$  is an open-drain control pin
- **PG** pin is used as the GND connection in the feedback divider to minimize supercapacitor current leakage

#### *8.2.1.2 Detailed Design Procedure*

- With R<sub>FBT</sub> = 604 kΩ, calculate R<sub>FBB</sub> so V<sub>REG</sub> = 2.4 V using [Equation 2](#page-11-0)
- $R_{ISET} = [K_{ISET} / I_{CHG}]$  from electrical characteristics table.
	- $-$  K<sub>ISET</sub> = 300 AΩ
	- $-$  R<sub>ISET</sub> = [300 AΩ/0.8 A] = 375 Ω

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## *8.2.1.3 Application Curves*

 $C_{IN}$  = 1 µF,  $C_{OUT}$  = 1 µF,  $C_{SC}$  = 25 F,  $V_{IN}$  = 5 V (unless otherwise specified)



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#### **8.2.2 4s Supercapacitor Charger Design Example**



**Figure 8-13. BQ25173 4s Supercapacitor Application Diagram**

#### *8.2.2.1 Design Requirements*

The design requirements include the following:

- Supply voltage is 9 V to 18 V
- Fast charge current:  $I_{CHG}$  = 500 mA
- Regulation voltage:  $V_{\text{REG}} = 8.8 \text{ V}$ <br>•  $\overline{\text{CE}}$  is a control pin. pull high to dis
- $\overline{CE}$  is a control pin, pull high to disable the charger

#### *8.2.2.2 Application Curves*

For application curves, refer to [Section 8.2.1.3](#page-16-0).

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## **9 Power Supply Recommendations**

The device is designed to operate from an input voltage supply range between 3.0 V and 18 V (up to 40 V tolerant) and current capability of at least the maximum designed charge current. If located more than a few inches from the IN and GND pins, a larger capacitor is recommended.

# **10 Layout**

## **10.1 Layout Guidelines**

To obtain optimal performance, the decoupling capacitor from IN to GND and the output filter capacitor from OUT to GND should be placed as close as possible to the device, with short trace runs to both IN, OUT, and GND.

- All low-current GND connections should be kept separate from the high-current charge or discharge paths from the supercapacitor. Use a single-point ground technique incorporating both the small signal ground path and the power ground path.
- The high-current charge paths into the IN pin and from the OUT pin must be sized appropriately for the maximum charge current in order to avoid voltage drops in these traces.



## **10.2 Layout Example**



#### **10.3 Thermal Package**

The most common measure of package thermal performance is thermal impedance  $(\theta_{JA})$  measured (or modeled) from the chip junction to the air surrounding the package surface (ambient). The mathematical expression for  $\theta_{JA}$  is:

$$
\theta_{JA} = (T_J - T) / P \tag{3}
$$

Where:

 ${\sf T}_{\sf J}$  = chip junction temperature T = ambient temperature P = device power dissipation



Factors that can influence the measurement and calculation of  $\theta_{JA}$  include:

- Whether or not the device is board mounted
- Trace size, composition, thickness, and geometry
- Orientation of the device (horizontal or vertical)
- Volume of the ambient air surrounding the device under test and airflow
- Whether other surfaces are in close proximity to the device being tested

Due to the charge profile of supercapacitors, maximum power dissipation is typically seen at the beginning of the charge cycle when the voltage is at its lowest.

Device power dissipation, P, is a function of the charge rate and the voltage drop across the internal PowerFET. P can be calculated from the following equation during charging:

$$
P = [V_{(IN)} - V_{(OUT)}] \times I_{(OUT)} \tag{4}
$$

The thermal loop feature reduces the charge current to limit excessive IC junction temperature. It is recommended that the design not run in thermal regulation for typical operating conditions (nominal input voltage and nominal ambient temperatures) and use the feature for nontypical situations such as hot environments or higher than normal input source voltage. With that said, the IC will still perform as described, if the thermal loop is always active.

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#### **11.1 Device Support**

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#### **11.6 Glossary**

[TI Glossary](https://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SLYZ022) This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

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# **PACKAGE MATERIALS INFORMATION**

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\*All dimensions are nominal



# **GENERIC PACKAGE VIEW**

# **DSG 8 WSON - 0.8 mm max height**

**2 x 2, 0.5 mm pitch** PLASTIC SMALL OUTLINE - NO LEAD

This image is a representation of the package family, actual package may vary. Refer to the product data sheet for package details.







# **PACKAGE OUTLINE**

# **DSG0008A WSON - 0.8 mm max height**

PLASTIC SMALL OUTLINE - NO LEAD



NOTES:

- 1. All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Any dimensions in parenthesis are for reference only. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M.
- 2. This drawing is subject to change without notice.

3. The package thermal pad must be soldered to the printed circuit board for thermal and mechanical performance.



# **EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT**

# **DSG0008A WSON - 0.8 mm max height**

PLASTIC SMALL OUTLINE - NO LEAD



4. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. For more information, see Texas Instruments literature number SLUA271 (www.ti.com/lit/slua271).

5. Vias are optional depending on application, refer to device data sheet. If any vias are implemented, refer to their locations shown on this view. It is recommended that vias under paste be filled, plugged or tented.



# **EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN**

# **DSG0008A WSON - 0.8 mm max height**

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