

MAX8903A–E/G/H/J/N/Y 2A 1-Cell Li+ DC-DC Chargers

for USB and Adapter Power

General Description

The MAX8903A–MAX8903E/MAX8903G/MAX8903H/ MAX8903J/MAX8903N/MAX8903Y are integrated 1-cell Li+ chargers and Smart Power Selectors™ with dual (AC adapter and USB) power inputs. The switch mode charger uses a high switching frequency to eliminate heat and allow tiny external components. It can operate with either separate inputs for USB and AC adapter power, or from a single input that accepts both. All power switches for charging and switching the load between battery and external power are included onchip. No external MOSFETs, blocking diodes, or current-sense resistors are required.

The MAX8903_ features optimized smart power control to make the best use of limited USB or adapter power. Battery charge current and SYS output current limit are independently set. Power not used by the system charges the battery. Charge current and SYS output current limit can be set up to 2A while USB input current can be set to 100mA or 500mA. Automatic input selection switches the system from battery to external power. The DC input operates from 4.15V to 16V with up to 20V protection, while the USB input has a range of 4.1V to 6.3V with up to 8V protection.

The MAX8903_ internally blocks current from the battery and system back to the DC and USB inputs when no input supply is present. Other features include prequal charging and timer, fast charge timer, overvoltage protection, charge status and fault outputs, power-OK monitors, and a battery thermistor monitor. In addition, on-chip thermal limiting reduces battery charge rate and AC adapter current to prevent charger overheating. The MAX8903_ is available in a 4mm x 4mm, 28-pin thin QFN package.

The various versions of the MAX8903_ allow for design flexibility to choose key parameters such as system regulation voltage, battery prequalification threshold, and battery regulation voltage. The MAX8903B/ MAX8903E/MAX8903G also includes power-enable on battery detection. See the Selector Guide section for complete details. **Applications**

PDAs, Palmtops, and Wireless Handhelds Personal Navigation Devices Smart Cell Phones

Portable Multimedia Players Mobile Internet Devices Ultra Mobile PCs

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Features

- ♦ **Efficient DC-DC Converter Eliminates Heat**
- ♦ **4MHz Switching for Tiny External Components**
- ♦ **Instant On—Works with No/Low Battery**
- ♦ **Dual Current-Limiting Inputs—AC Adapter or USB Automatic Adapter/USB/Battery Switchover to Support Load Transients 50m**Ω **System-to-Battery Switch Supports USB Spec**
- ♦ **Thermistor Monitor**
- ♦ **Integrated Current-Sense Resistor**
- ♦ **No External MOSFETs or Diodes**
- ♦ **4.1V to 16V Input Operating Voltage Range**

Ordering Information

+Denotes a lead(Pb)-free/RoHS-compliant package. *EP = Exposed pad.

 $T =$ Tape and reel.

Typical Operating Circuit

Pin Configuration appears at end of data sheet.

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(V_{DC} = V_{USB} = 5V, V_{BAT} = 4V, circuit of Figure 2, T_A = -40°C to +85°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T_A = +25°C.) (Note 1)

Note 1: Limits are 100% production tested at T_A = +25°C. Limits over the operating temperature range are guaranteed by design. **Note 2:** For the 100mA USB mode using the DC input, the step-down regulator is turned off and its high-side switch operates as a linear regulator with a 100mA current limit. The linear regulator's output is connected to LX and its output current flows through the inductor into CS and finally to SYS.

Note 3: For the 500mA USB mode, the actual current drawn from USB is less than the output current due to the input/output current ratio of the DC-DC converter.

Note 4: For short-circuit protection, SYS sources 25mA below V_{SYS} = 400mV, and 50mA for V_{SYS} between 400mV and 2V.

 $(T_A = +25^{\circ}C$, unless otherwise noted.)

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Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

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MAX8903G DC SWITCHING WAVEFORMS—LIGHT LOAD

MAX8903G DC SWITCHING WAVEFORMS—HEAVY LOAD

MAX8903A/B/C/D/E/H/J/N/Y DC SWITCHING WAVEFORMS—HEAVY LOAD

DC CONNECT WITH USB CONNECTED (R_{SYS} = 25Ω)

Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

 $(T_A = +25^{\circ}C,$ unless otherwise noted.)

USB CONNECT WITH NO DC (RSYS = 25Ω)

Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

 $(T_A = +25^{\circ}C,$ unless otherwise noted.)

Pin Description

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Figure 1. Functional Block Diagram

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Figure 2. Typical Application Circuit Using a Separate DC and USB Connector

Circuit Description

The MAX8903 is a dual input charger with a 16V input for a wide range of DC sources and USB inputs. The IC includes a high-voltage (16V) input DC-DC step-down converter that reduces charger power dissipation while also supplying power to the system load. The stepdown converter supplies up to 2A to the system, the battery, or a combination of both.

A USB charge input can charge the battery and power the system from a USB power source. When powered from USB or the DC input, system load current peaks that exceed what can be supplied by the input are supplemented by the battery.

The MAX8903 also manages load switching from the battery to and from an external power source with an on-chip 50mΩ MOSFET. This switch also helps support load peaks using battery power when the input source is overloaded.

Figure 3. Typical Application Circuit Using a Mini 5 Style Connector or Other DC/USB Common Connector

As shown in Figure 1, the IC includes a full-featured charger with thermistor monitor, fault timer, charger status, and fault outputs. Also included are power-OK signals for both USB and DC. Flexibility is maintained with adjustable charge current, input current limit, and a minimum system voltage (when charging is scaled back to hold the system voltage up).

The MAX8903_ prevents overheating during high ambient temperatures by limiting charging current when the die temperature exceeds +100°C.

DC Input—Fast Hysteretic Step-Down Regulator

If a valid DC input is present, the USB power path is turned off and power for SYS and battery charging is supplied by the high-frequency step-down regulator from DC. If the battery voltage is above the minimum system voltage (VSYSMIN, Figure 4), the battery charger connects the system voltage to the battery for lowest power dissipation. The step-down regulation point is then controlled by three feedback signals: maximum step-down output current programmed at IDC, maximum charger current programmed at ISET, and maximum

Table 1. External Components List for Figures 2 and 3

die temperature. The feedback signal requiring the smallest current controls the average output current in the inductor. This scheme minimizes total power dissipation for battery charging and allows the battery to absorb any load transients with minimum system voltage disturbance.

If the battery voltage is below VSYSMIN, the charger does not directly connect the system voltage to the battery and the system voltage (V_{SYS}) is slightly above V_{SYSMIN} as shown in Figure 4. The battery charger independently controls the battery charging current. VSYSMIN is set to either 3.0V or 3.4V based on the version of MAX8903_. See Table 6.

After the battery charges to 50mV above VSYSMIN, the system voltage is connected to the battery. The battery fast-charge current then controls the step-down converter to set the average inductor current so that both the programmed input current limit and fast-charge current limit are satisfied.

DC-DC Step-Down Control Scheme

A proprietary hysteretic current PWM control scheme ensures fast switching and physically tiny external components. The feedback control signal that requires the smallest input current controls the center of the peak and valley currents in the inductor. The ripple current is internally set to provide 4MHz operation. When the input voltage decreases near the output voltage, very high duty cycle occurs and, due to minimum off-time, 4MHz operation is not achievable. The controller then provides minimum off-time, peak current regulation. Similarly, when the input voltage is too high to allow 4MHz operation due to the minimum on-time, the controller becomes a minimum on-time, valley current regulator. In this way, ripple current in the inductor is always as small as possible to reduce ripple voltage on SYS for a given capacitance. The ripple current is made to vary with input voltage and output voltage in a way that reduces frequency variation. However, the frequency still varies somewhat with operating conditions. See the Typical Operating Characteristics.

DC Mode (DCM)

As shown in Table 2, the DC input supports both AC adapters (up to 2A) and USB (up to 500mA). With the DCM logic input set high, the DC input is in adapter mode and the DC input current limit is set by the resistance from IDC to GND (RIDC). Calculate RIDC according to the following equation:

$R_{\text{IDC}} = 6000 \frac{\text{V}}{\text{D}} \cdot \text{MAX}$

With the DCM logic input set low, the DC input current limit is internally programmed to 500mA or 100mA as set by the IUSB logic input. With the IUSB logic input set high, the DC input current limit is 500mA and the DC input delivers current to SYS through the step-down regulator. With the IUSB logic input set low, the DC input current limit is 100mA. In this 100mA mode, the step-down regulator is turned off and its high-side switch operates as a linear regulator with a 100mA current limit. The linear regulator's output is connected to LX and its output current flows through the inductor into CS and finally to SYS.

The DCM pin has an internal diode to DC as shown in Figure 1. To prevent current from flowing from DCM through the internal diode and to the DC input, DCM cannot be driven to a voltage higher than DC. The

circuit of Figure 3 shows a simple MOSFET and resistor on DCM to prevent any current from flowing from DCM through the internal diode to DC. This circuit of Figure 3 allows a microprocessor to drive the gate of the MOS-FET to any state at any time.

An alternative to the simple MOSFET and resistor on DCM as shown in Figure 3 is to place a $1\text{M}\Omega$ resistor in series with the DCM input to the microprocessor. The microprocessor can then monitor the DOK output and make sure that whenever \overline{DOK} is high DCM is also low. In the event that DCM is driven to a higher voltage than DC, the 1M Ω series resistance limits the current from DCM through the internal diode to DC to a few μ A.

USB Input—Linear Regulator

If a valid USB input is present with no valid DC input, current for SYS and battery charging is supplied by a low-dropout linear regulator connected from USB to SYS. The SYS regulation voltage shows the same characteristic as when powering from the DC input (see Figure 4). The battery charger operates from SYS with any extra available current, while not exceeding the maximum-allowed USB current. If both USB and DC inputs are valid, power is only taken from the DC input. The maximum USB input current is set by the logic state of the IUSB input to either 100mA or 500mA.

Power Monitor Outputs (UOK, DOK)

DOK is an open-drain, active-low output that indicates the DC input power status. With no source at the USB pin, the source at DC is considered valid and DOK is driven low when: $4.15V < V_{DC} < 16V$. When the USB voltage is also valid, the DC source is considered valid and \overline{DOK} is driven low when: $4.45V < V_{DC} < 16V$. The higher minimum DC voltage with USB present helps guarantee cleaner transitions between input supplies. If the DC power-OK output feature is not required, connect DOK to ground.

UOK is an open-drain, active-low output that indicates the USB input power status. UOK is low when a valid

Figure 4. SYS Tracking V_{BAT} to the Minimum System Voltage

source is connected at USB. The source at USB is valid when $4.1V < V_{\text{USB}} < 6.6V$. If the USB power-OK output feature is not required, connect UOK to ground.

Both the UOK and the DOK circuitry remain active in thermal overload, USB suspend, and when the charger is disabled. \overline{DOK} and \overline{UOK} can also be wire-ORed together to generate a single power-OK (POK) output.

Thermal Limiting

When the die temperature exceeds +100°C, a thermal limiting circuit reduces the input current limit by 5%/°C, bringing the charge current to 0mA at +120°C. Since the system load gets priority over battery charging, the battery charge current is reduced to 0mA before the input limiter drops the load voltage at SYS. To avoid false charge termination, the charge termination detect function is disabled in this mode. If the junction temperature rises beyond +120°C, no current is drawn from DC or USB, and Vsys regulates at 50mV below VBAT.

System Voltage Switching

DC Input

When charging from the DC input, if the battery is above the minimum system voltage, SYS is connected to the battery. Current is provided to both SYS and the battery, up to the maximum program value. The stepdown output current sense and the charger current sense provide feedback to ensure the current loop demanding the lower input current is satisfied. The advantage of this approach when powering from DC is that power dissipation is dominated by the step-down regulator efficiency, since there is only a small voltage drop from SYS to BAT. Also, load transients can be absorbed by the battery while minimizing the voltage disturbance on SYS. If both the DC and USB inputs are valid, the DC input takes priority and delivers the input current, while the USB input is off.

After the battery is done charging, the charger is turned off and the SYS load current is supplied from the DC input. The SYS voltage is regulated to VSYSREG. The charger turns on again after the battery drops to the restart threshold. If the load current exceeds the input limiter, SYS drops down to the battery voltage and the 50mΩ SYS-to-BAT PMOS switch turns on to supply the extra load current. The SYS-to-BAT switch turns off again once the load is below the input current limit. The $50 \text{m}\Omega$ PMOS also turns on if valid DC input power is removed.

USB Input

When charging from the USB input, the DC input stepdown regulator turns off and a linear regulator from USB to SYS powers the system and charges the battery. If the battery is greater than the minimum system

Table 2. Input Limiter Control Logic

**Charge current cannot exceed the input current limit. Charge may be less than the maximum charge current if the total SYS load exceeds the input current limit.

***There is an internal diode from DCM (anode) to DC (cathode) as shown in Figure 1. If the DCM level needs to be set by a µP, use a MOSFET for isolation as shown in FIgure 3.

 $X = Don't care.$

voltage, the SYS voltage is connected to the battery. The USB input then supplies the SYS load and charges the battery with any extra available current, while not exceeding the maximum-allowed USB current. Load transients can be absorbed by the battery while minimizing the voltage disturbance on SYS. When battery charging is completed, or the charger is disabled, SYS is regulated to VSYSREG. If both USB and DC inputs are valid, power is only taken from the DC input.

USB Suspend

Driving USUS high and DCM low turns off charging as well as the SYS output and reduces input current to 170µA to accommodate USB suspend mode. See Table 2 for settings.

Charge Enable (CEN)

When CEN is low, the charger is on. When CEN is high, the charger turns off. CEN does not affect the SYS output. In many systems, there is no need for the system controller (typically a microprocessor) to disable the charger, because the MAX8903_ smart power selector circuitry independently manages charging and adapter/battery power hand-off. In these situations, CEN may be connected to ground.

Soft-Start

To prevent input transients that can cause instability in the USB or AC adapter power source, the rate of change of the input current and charge current is limited. When an input source is valid, SYS current is ramped from zero to the set current-limit value in typically 50µs. This also means that if DC becomes valid after USB, the SYS current limit is ramped down to zero before switching from the USB to DC input. At some point, SYS is no longer able to support the load and may switch over to BAT. The switchover to BAT occurs when VSYS < VBAT. This threshold is a function of the SYS capacitor size and SYS load. The SYS current limit then ramps from zero to the set current level and SYS supports the load again as long as the SYS load current is less than the set current limit.

When the charger is turned on, the charge current ramps from 0A to the ISET current value in typically 1.0ms. Charge current also soft-starts when transitioning to fastcharge from prequal, when the input power source is switched between USB and DC, and when changing the USB charge current from 100mA to 500mA with the IUSB logic input. There is no di/dt limiting, however, if RISET is changed suddenly using a switch.

Battery Charger

While a valid input source is present, the battery charger attempts to charge the battery with a fast-charge current determined by the resistance from ISET to GND. Calculate the R_{ISET} resistance according to the following equation:

RISET = 1200V/ICHGMAX

Monitoring Charge Current

The voltage from ISET to GND is a representation of the battery charge current and can be used to monitor the current charging the battery. A voltage of 1.5V represents the maximum fast-charge current.

If necessary, the charge current is reduced automatically to prevent the SYS voltage from dropping. Therefore, a battery never charges at a rate beyond the capabilities of a 100mA or 500mA USB input, or overloads an AC adapter. See Figure 5.

When VBAT is below VBATPQ, the charger enters prequal mode and the battery charges at 10% of the maximum fast-charge rate until the voltage of the deeply discharged battery recovers. When the battery voltage

Figure 5. Monitoring the Battery Charge Current with the Voltage from ISET to GND

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reaches VBATREG and the charge current drops to 10% of the maximum fast-charge current, the charger enters the DONE state. The charger restarts a fast-charge cycle if the battery voltage drops by 100mV.

Charge Termination

When the charge current falls to the termination threshold (ITERM) and the charger is in voltage mode, charging is complete. Charging continues for a brief 15s top-off period and then enters the DONE state where charging stops.

Note that if charge current falls to ITERM as a result of the input or thermal limiter, the charger does not enter DONE. For the charger to enter DONE, charge current must be less than ITERM, the charger must be in voltage mode, and the input or thermal limiter must not be reducing charge current.

Charge Status Outputs

Charge Output (CHG**)**

CHG is an open-drain, active-low output that indicates charger status. CHG is low when the battery charger is in its prequalification and fast-charge states. CHG goes high impedance if the thermistor causes the charger to go into temperature suspend mode.

When used in conjunction with a microprocessor (μP) , connect a pullup resistor between CHG and the logic I/O voltage to indicate charge status to the μP . Alternatively, CHG can sink up to 20mA for an LED charge indicator.

Fault Output (FLT**)**

FLT is an open-drain, active-low output that indicates charger status. FLT is low when the battery charger has entered a fault state when the charge timer expires. This can occur when the charger remains in its prequal state for more than 33 minutes or if the charger remains in fast-charge state for more than 660 minutes (see Figure 6). To exit this fault state, toggle CEN or remove and reconnect the input source.

When used in conjunction with a microprocessor (μP) , connect a pullup resistor between FLT and the logic I/O voltage to indicate charge status to the µP. Alternatively, FLT can sink up to 20mA for an LED fault indicator. If the FLT output is not required, connect FLT to ground or leave unconnected.

Charge Timer

A fault timer prevents the battery from charging indefinitely. The fault prequal and fast-charge timers are controlled by the capacitance at CT (C_{CT}).

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Figure 6. MAX8903A Charger State Flow Chart

$$
t_{PREQUAL} = 33 \text{min} \times \frac{C_{CT}}{0.15 \mu F}
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$$
t_{FST-CHG} = 660 \text{min} \times \frac{C_{CT}}{0.15 \mu F}
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$$
t_{TOP-OFF} = 15s \text{ (MAX8903A/D/H/J/N/Y)}
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\n
$$
t_{TOP-OFF} = 132 \text{min} \times \frac{C_{CT}}{0.15 \mu F} \text{ (MAX8903B/E/G)}
$$

While in fast-charge mode, a large system load or device self-heating may cause the MAX8903 to reduce charge current. Under these circumstances, the fast-charge timer is slowed by 2x if the charge current drops below 50% of the programmed fast-charge level, and suspended if the charge current drops below 20% of the programmed level. The fast-charge timer is not affected at any current if the charger is regulating the BAT voltage at VBATREG (i.e., the charger is in voltage mode).

Figure 7. Thermistor Monitor Circuitry

Table 3. Fault Temperatures for Different Thermistors

VL Regulator

VL is a 5V linear regulator that powers the MAX8903's internal circuitry and charges the BST capacitor. VL is used externally to bias the battery's thermistor. VL takes its input power from USB or DC. When input power is available from both USB and DC, VL takes power from DC. VL is enabled whenever the input voltage at USB or DC is greater than ~1.5V. VL does not turn off when the input voltage is above the overvoltage threshold. Similarly, VL does not turn off when the charger is disabled (\overline{CEN} = high). Connect a 1µF ceramic capacitor from VL to GND.

Thermistor Input (THM)

The THM input connects to an external negative temperature coefficient (NTC) thermistor to monitor battery or system temperature. Charging is suspended when the thermistor temperature is out of range. The charge timers are suspended and hold their state but no fault is indicated. When the thermistor comes back into range, charging resumes and the charge timer continues from where it left off. Connecting THM to GND disables the thermistor monitoring function. Table 3 lists the fault temperature of different thermistors.

Since the thermistor monitoring circuit employs an external bias resistor from THM to VL (RTB, Figure 7), the thermistor is not limited only to $10k\Omega$ (at +25°C). Any resistance thermistor can be used as long as the value is equivalent to the thermistor's +25°C resistance. For example, with a 10kΩ at +25°C thermistor, use 10kΩ at RTB, and with a 100kΩ at +25°C thermistor, use 100kΩ.

For a typical 10kΩ (at +25°C) thermistor and a 10kΩ RTB resistor, the charger enters a temperature suspend state when the thermistor resistance falls below $3.97k\Omega$ (too hot) or rises above 28.7kΩ (too cold). This corresponds to a 0°C to +50°C range when using a 10k Ω NTC thermistor with a beta of 3500. The general relation of thermistor resistance to temperature is defined by the following equation:

$$
R_{T} = R_{25} \times e^{-\left\{\beta \left(\frac{1}{T + 273^{\circ}C} - \frac{1}{298^{\circ}C} \right) \right\}}
$$

where:

 R_T = The resistance in Ω of the thermistor at temperature T in Celsius

 R_{25} = The resistance in Ω of the thermistor at +25°C

 $β = The material constant of the thermistor, which typi$ cally ranges from 3000K to 5000K

 $T =$ The temperature of the thermistor in $°C$

Table 3 shows the MAX8903_ THM temperature limits for different thermistor material constants.

Some designs might prefer other thermistor temperature limits. Threshold adjustment can be accommodated by changing RTB, connecting a resistor in series and/or in parallel with the thermistor, or using a thermistor with different β. For example, a +45°C hot threshold and 0°C cold threshold can be realized by using a thermistor with a $β$ of 4250 and connecting 120 $kΩ$ in parallel. Since the thermistor resistance near 0°C is much higher than it is near +50°C, a large parallel resistance lowers the cold threshold, while only slightly lowering the hot threshold. Conversely, a small series resistance raises the hot threshold, while only slightly raising the cold threshold. Raising RTB lowers both the cold and hot thresholds, while lowering RTB raises both thresholds.

Note that since VL is active whenever valid input power is connected at DC or USB, thermistor bias current flows at all times, even when charging is disabled $\overline{\text{CEN}}$ = high). When using a 10kΩ thermistor and a 10kΩ pullup to VL, this results in an additional 250µA load. This load can be reduced to 25µA by instead using a 100kΩ thermistor and 100kΩ pullup resistor.

Power Enable on Battery Detection

The power enabled on battery detection function allows the MAX8903B/MAX8903E/MAX8903G to automatically enable/disable the USB and DC power inputs when the battery is applied/removed. This function utilizes the battery pack's integrated thermistor as a sensing mechanism to determine when the battery is applied or removed. With this function, MAX8903B/MAX8903E/ MAX8903G-based systems shut down when the battery is removed regardless of whether external power is available at the USB or DC power inputs.

The MAX8903B/MAX8903E/MAX8903G implement the power enabled on battery detection function with the thermistor detector comparator as shown in Figure 7. If no battery is present, the absence of the thermistor allows R_{TB} to pull THM to VL. When the voltage at the THM pin increases above 87% of VL, it is assumed that the battery has been removed and the system powers down. However, there is also the option to bypass this thermistor sensing option completely, and so retain the ability to remove the battery

and let the system continue to operate with external power. If the THM pin is tied to GND (voltage at THM is below 3% of VL), the thermistor option is disabled and the system does not respond to the thermistor input. In those cases, it is assumed that the system has its own temperature sensing, and halts changing through CEN when the temperature is outside of the safe charging range.

Power Dissipation

Table 4. Package Thermal Characteristics

Minimum SYS Output Capacitor

Based on the version of the MAX8903_, the SYS load regulation is either 25mV/A or 40mV/A. The 25mV/A versions achieve better load regulation by increasing the feedback loop gain. To ensure feedback stability with this higher gain, a larger SYS output capacitor is required. Devices with 25m/V SYS load regulation require 22µF SYS output capacitor whereas devices with 40m/V only require 10µF. See Table 6 for more information about the various versions of the MAX8903_.

Inductor Selection for Step-Down DC-DC Regulator

The MAX8903_'s control scheme requires an external inductor (LOUT) from 1.0µH to 10µH for proper operation. This section describes the control scheme and the considerations for inductor selection. Table 5 shows recommended inductors for typical applications. For assistance with the calculations needed to select the optimum inductor for a given application, refer to the spreadsheet at: **www.maximintegrated.com/design/tools/calculators/files/MAX8903-INDUCTOR-DESIGN.xls**.

The MAX8903 step-down DC-DC regulator implements a control scheme that typically results in a constant switching frequency (fSW). When the input voltage decreases to a value near the output voltage, high duty cycle operation occurs and the device can operate at less than fsw due to minimum off-time (tOFFMIN) constraints. In high duty cycle operation, the regulator operates with to FFMIN and a peak current regulation. Similarly, when the input voltage is too high to allow fsw operation due to minimum

on-time constraints (tONMIN), the regulator becomes a fixed minimum on-time valley current regulator.

Versions of the MAX8903 with $f_{SW} = 4MHz$ offer the smallest LOUT while delivering good efficiency with low input voltages (5V or 9V). For applications that use high input voltages (12V), the MAX8903G with $f_{SW} = 1$ MHz is the best choice because of its higher efficiency.

For a given maximum output voltage, the minimum inductor ripple current condition occurs at the lowest input voltage that allows the regulator to maintain fsw operation. If the minimum input voltage dictates an offtime less than tOFFMIN, then the minimum inductor ripple condition occurs just before the regulator enters fixed minimum off-time operation. To allow the currentmode regulator to provide a low-jitter, stable duty factor operation, the minimum inductor ripple current (IL_RIPPLE_MIN) should be greater than 150mA in the minimum inductor ripple current condition. The maximum allowed output inductance LOUT MAX is therefore obtained using the equations (1) and (2) below.

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(\mathbf{1})
$$

$$
t_{\text{OFF}} = t_{\text{OFFMIN}} \quad \text{if} \left(1 - \frac{V_{\text{SYS}(\text{MAX})}}{V_{\text{DC}(\text{MIN})}} \right) \times \frac{1}{t_{\text{SW}}} \leq t_{\text{OFFMIN}},
$$

otherwise,

$$
t_{\text{OFF}} = \left(1 - \frac{V_{\text{SYS(MAX)}}}{V_{\text{DC(MIN)}}}\right) \times \frac{1}{t_{\text{SW}}}
$$

where tOFF is the off-time, VSYS(MAX) is maximum charger output voltage, and V_{DC(MIN)} is minimum DC input voltage.

$$
(2) \qquad L_{OUT_MAX} = \frac{V_{SYS(MAX)} \times t_{OFF}}{I_{L_RIPPLE_MIN}}
$$

where LOUT MAX is the maximum allowed inductance.

To obtain a small-sized inductor with acceptable core loss, while providing stable, jitter-free operation at the advertised fsw, the actual output inductance (L_{OUT}) , is obtained by choosing an appropriate ripple factor K, and picking an available inductor in the range inductance yielded by equations (2), (3), and (4). LOUT should also not be lower than the minimum allowable inductance as shown in Table 6. The recommended ripple factor ranges from $(0.2 \le K \le 0.45)$ for $(2A \ge I_{SDLIM} \ge 1A)$ designs.

(3)
$$
L_{OUT_MIN_T_{OFF}} = \frac{V_{SYS(MAX)} \times I_{OFF}}{K \times I_{SDLIM}}
$$

where t $_{\text{OFF}}$ is the minimum off-time obtained from (1).

$$
(4) \quad L_{OUT_MIN_ton} = \frac{\left(V_{DC(MAX)} - V_{SYS(MIN)}\right) \times t_{ON}}{K \times I_{SDLIM}}
$$

where V_{DC(MAX)} is maximum input voltage, VSYS(MIN) is the minimum charger output voltage, and t_{ON} is the ontime at high input voltage, as given by the following equation:

(5)
$$
t_{ON} = t_{ONMIN}
$$
 if $\left(\frac{V_{SYS(MIN)}}{V_{DC(MAX)}} \times \frac{1}{t_{SW}}\right) \le t_{ONMIN}$,

otherwise,

$$
t_{ON} = \frac{V_{SYS(MIN)}}{V_{DC(MAX)}} \times \frac{1}{t_{SW}}
$$

The saturation current DC rating of the inductor (ISAT) must be greater than the DC step-down output current limit (ISDLIM) plus one-half the maximum ripple current, as given by equation (6).

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$$
\mathsf{I}_{\mathsf{SAT}} > \mathsf{I}_{\mathsf{SDLIM}} + \frac{\mathsf{II}_{\mathsf{RIPPLE_MAX}}}{2}
$$

where ILRIPPLE MAX is the greater of the ripple currents obtained from (7) and (8) .

$$
(7) \qquad IL_{RIPPLE_MIN_T_{OFF}} = \frac{V_{SYS(MAX)} \times t_{OFF}}{L_{OUT}}
$$

(8)
$$
IL_{RIPPLE_MIN_T_{ON}} = \frac{(V_{DC(MAX)} - V_{SYS(MIN)}) \times t_{ON}}{L_{OUT}}
$$

PCB Layout and Routing

Good design minimizes ground bounce and voltage gradients in the ground plane, which can result in instability or regulation errors. The GND and PGs should connect to the power-ground plane at only one point to minimize the effects of power-ground currents. Battery ground should connect directly to the power-ground plane. The ISET and IDC current-setting resistors should connect directly to GND to avoid current errors. Connect GND to the exposed pad directly under the IC. Use multiple tightly spaced vias to the ground plane under the exposed pad to help cool the IC. Position input capacitors from DC, SYS, BAT, and USB to the power-ground plane as close as possible to the IC. Keep high current traces such as those to DC, SYS, and BAT as short and wide as possible. Refer to the MAX8903A Evaluation Kit for a suitable PCB layout example.

Table 5. Recommended Inductor Examples

Table 5. Recommended Inductor Examples (continued)

*See the Selector Guide for more information about part numbers.

Selector Guide

The MAX8903_ is available in several options designated by the first letter following the root part number. The basic architecture and functionality of the MAX8903A–MAX8903E/MAX8903G/MAX8903Y are the same. Their differences lie in certain electrical and operational parameters. Table 6 outlines these differences.

Table 6. Selector Guide

Note 5: Typical values. See the *Electrical Characteristics* table for min/max values.

Note 6: Note that this also changes the timing for the prequal and fast-charge timers.

Note 7: See the Power Enable on Battery Detection section for details.

Note 8: The MAX8903H is a newer version of the MAX8903C that is a recommended for new designs.

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