ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

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 in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

(Circuit of Figure 1, VDD = +3.3V, VBATT = +16.8V, VDCIN = +18V, **TA = 0°C to +85°C**, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $T_A = +25^{\circ}C.$

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

(Circuit of Figure 1, VDD = +3.3V, VBATT = +16.8V, VDCIN = +18V, **TA = 0°C to +85°C**, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$.)

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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

(Circuit of Figure 1, VDD = +3.3V, VBATT = +16.8V, VDCIN = +18V, **TA = 0°C to +85°C**, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$.)

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

(Circuit of Figure 1, VDD = +3.3V, VBATT = +16.8V, VDCIN = +18V, **TA = -40°C to +85°C**, unless otherwise noted. Guaranteed by design.)

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

(Circuit of Figure 1, VDD = +3.3V, VBATT = +16.8V, VDCIN = +18V, **TA = -40°C to +85°C**, unless otherwise noted. Guaranteed by design.)

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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

(Circuit of Figure 1, VDD = +3.3V, VBATT = +16.8V, VDCIN = +18V, **TA = -40°C to +85°C**, unless otherwise noted. Guaranteed by design.)

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

(Circuit of Figure 1, VDD = +3.3V, VBATT = +16.8V, VDCIN = +18V, **TA = -40°C to +85°C**, unless otherwise noted. Guaranteed by design.)

Note 1: Guaranteed by meeting the SMB timing specs.

LOAD-TRANSIENT RESPONSE (BATTERY REMOVAL AND REINSERTION)

CCI CCI CCV CCI CCI CCV

CCV

BATTERY REMOVED ^{2ms/div} BATTERY INSERTED

Note 2: The charger reverts to a trickle-charge mode of I_{CHARGE} = 128mA below this threshold.

Note 3: Does not include current-sense resistor tolerance.

Note 4: Voltage difference between CCV, and CCI or CCS when one of these three pins is held low and the others try to pull high.

(Circuit of Figure 1, V_{DCIN} = 20V, T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.)

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16V 14V 12V 1A $\overline{0}$ 1.5V

1V 0.5V

Typical Operating Characteristics

ChargingVoltage() = 15000mV ChargingCurrent() = 1000mA

VCCV/VCCI IBATT VBATT

BATT

Vccv/Vcc

VBATT

/VI /I X I /VI

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Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

(Circuit of Figure 1, $V_{DCIN} = 20V$, $T_A = +25°C$, unless otherwise noted.)

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Pin Description

Detailed Description

The MAX1645/MAX1645A consist of current-sense amplifiers, an SMBus interface, transconductance amplifiers, reference circuitry, and a DC–DC converter (Figure 2). The DC–DC converter generates the control signals for the external MOSFETs to maintain the voltage and the current set by the SMBus interface. The MAX1645/MAX1645A feature a voltage-regulation loop and two current-regulation loops. The loops operate independently of each other. The voltage-regulation loop monitors BATT to ensure that its voltage never exceeds the voltage set point (V0). The battery currentregulation loop monitors current delivered to BATT to ensure that it never exceeds the current-limit set point (I0). The battery current-regulation loop is in control as long as BATT voltage is below V0. When BATT voltage reaches V0, the current loop no longer regulates. A third loop reduces the battery-charging current when the sum of the system (the main load) and the battery charger input current exceeds the charging source current limit.

Setting Output Voltage

The MAX1645/MAX1645A voltage DACs have a 16mV LSB and an 18.432V full scale. The SMBus specification allows for a 16-bit ChargingVoltage() command that translates to a 1mV LSB and a 65.535V full-scale voltage; therefore, the ChargingVoltage() value corresponds to the output voltage in millivolts. The MAX1645/MAX1645A ignore the first four LSBs and use the next 11 LSBs to control the voltage DAC. All codes greater than or equal to 0b0100 1000 0000 0000 (18432mV) result in a voltage overrange, limiting the charger voltage to 18.432V. All codes below 0b0000 0100 0000 0000 (1024mV) terminate charging.

Setting Output Current

The MAX1645/MAX1645A current DACs have a 64mA LSB and a 3.008A full scale. The SMBus specification allows for a 16-bit ChargingCurrent() command that translates to a 1mA LSB and a 65.535A full-scale current; the ChargingCurrent() value corresponds to the charging voltage in milliamps. The MAX1645/ MAX1645A drop the first six LSBs and use the next six LSBs to control the current DAC. All codes above 0b00 1011 1100 0000 (3008mA) result in a current overrange, limiting the charger current to 3.008A. All codes below 0b0000 0000 1000 0000 (128mA) turn the charging current off. A 50m Ω sense resistor (R2 in Figure 1) is required to achieve the correct CODE/current scaling.

Input Current Limiting

The MAX1645/MAX1645A limit the current drawn by the charger when the load current becomes high. The devices limit the charging current so the AC adapter voltage is not loaded down. An internal amplifier, CSS, compares the voltage between CSSP and CSSN to the voltage at CLS/20. V_{CLS} is set by a resistor-divider between REF and GND.

The input source current is the sum of the device current, the charge input current, and the load current. The device current is minimal (6mA max) in comparison to the charge and load currents. The charger input current is generated by the DC-DC converter; therefore, the actual source current required is determined as follows:

$$
I\text{SOURCE} = I\text{LOAD} + \left[(I\text{CHARGE} \cdot \text{VBATT}) / (V\text{IN} \cdot \eta) \right]
$$

where η is the efficiency of the DC-DC converter (typically 85% to 95%).

 V_{CI} s determines the threshold voltage of the CSS comparator. R3 and R4 (Figure 1) set the voltage at CLS. Sense resistor R1 sets the maximum allowable source current. Calculate the maximum current as follows:

$$
I_{MAX} = V_{CLS} / (20 \cdot R_1)
$$

(Limit VCSSP - VCSSN to between 102.4mV and 204.8mV.)

The configuration in Figure 1 provides an input current limit of:

$$
IMAX = (2.048V / 20) / 0.04\Omega = 2.56A
$$

LDO Regulator

An integrated LDO regulator provides a +5.4V supply derived from DCIN, which can deliver up to 15mA of current. The LDO sets the gate-drive level of the NMOS switches in the DC-DC converter. The drivers are actually powered by DLOV and BST, which must be connected to LDO through a lowpass filter and a diode as shown in Figure 1. See also the *MOSFET Drivers* section. The LDO also supplies the 4.096V reference and most of the control circuitry. Bypass LDO with a 1µF capacitor.

VDD Supply

This input provides power to the SMBus interface and the thermistor comparators. Typically connect V_{DD} to LDO or, to keep the SMBus interface of the MAX1645/MAX1645A active while the supply to DCIN is removed, connect an external supply to V_{DD}.

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Figure 1. Typical Application Circuit

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Figure 2. Functional Diagram

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Operating Conditions

The MAX1645/MAX1645A change their operation depending on the voltages at DCIN, BATT, V_{DD,} and THM. Several important operating states follow:

- **AC Present.** When DCIN is > 7.5V, the battery is considered to be in an AC Present state. In this condition, both the LDO and REF will function properly and battery charging is allowed. When AC is present, the AC_PRESENT bit (bit 15) in the ChargerStatus() register is set to "1."
- **Power Fail.** When DCIN is < BATT + 0.3V, the part is in the Power Fail state, since the charger doesn't have enough input voltage to charge the battery. In Power Fail, the PDS input PMOS switch is turned off and the POWER_FAIL bit (bit 13) in the ChargerStatus() register is set to "1."
- **Battery Present.** When THM is < 91% of V_{DD}, the battery is considered to be present. The MAX1645/ MAX1645A use the THM pin to detect when a battery is connected to the charger. When the battery is present, the BATTERY_PRESENT bit (bit 14) in the ChargerStatus() register is set to "1" and charging can proceed. When the battery is not present, all of the registers are reset. With no battery present, the charger will perform a "Float" charge to minimize contact arcing on battery connection. "Float" charge will still try to regulate the BATT pin voltage at 18.32V with 128mA of current compliance.
- **Battery Undervoltage.** When BATT < 2.5V, the battery is in an undervoltage state. This causes the charger to reduce its current compliance to 128mA. The content of the ChargingCurrent() register is unaffected and, when the BATT voltage exceeds 2.7V, normal charging resumes. ChargingVoltage() is unaffected and can be set as low as 1.024V.
- **V_{DD} Undervoltage.** When $V_{DD} < 2.5V$, the V_{DD} supply is in an undervoltage state, and the SMBus interface will not respond to commands. Coming out of the undervoltage condition, the part will be in its Power-On Reset state. No charging will occur when V_{DD} is under voltage.

SMBus Interface

The MAX1645/MAX1645A receive control inputs from the SMBus interface. The serial interface complies with the SMBus specification (refer to the System Management Bus Specification from Intel Corporation). Charger functionality complies with the Intel/Duracell Smart Charger Specification for a Level 2 charger.

The MAX1645/MAX1645A use the SMBus Read-Word and Write-Word protocols to communicate with the battery being charged, as well as with any host system that monitors the battery-to-charger communications as a Level 2 SMBus charger. The MAX1645/MAX1645A are SMBus slave devices and do not initiate communication on the bus. They receive commands and respond to queries for status information. Figure 3 shows examples of the SMBus Write-Word and Read-Word protocols, and Figures 4 and 5 show the SMBus serial-interface timing.

Each communication with these parts begins with the MASTER issuing a START condition that is defined as a falling edge on SDA with SCL high and ends with a STOP condition defined as a rising edge on SDA with SCL high. Between the START and STOP conditions, the device address, the command byte, and the data bytes are sent. The MAX1645/MAX1645As' device address is 0x12 and supports the charger commands as described in Tables 1–6.

Battery Charger Commands

ChargerSpecInfo()

The ChargerSpecInfo() command uses the Read-Word protocol (Figure 3b). The command code for ChargerSpecInfo() is 0x11 (0b00010001). Table 1 lists the functions of the data bits (D0–D15). Bit 0 refers to the D0 bit in the Read-Word protocol. The MAX1645/MAX1645A comply with level 2 Smart Battery Charger Specification Revision 1.0; therefore, the ChargerSpecInfo() command returns 0x01.

ChargerMode()

The ChargerMode() command uses the Write-Word protocol (Figure 3a). The command code for ChargerMode() is 0x12 (0b00010010). Table 2 lists the functions of the data bits (D0–D15). Bit 0 refers to the D0 bit in the Write-Word protocol.

To charge a battery that has a thermistor impedance in the HOT range (i.e., THERMISTOR_HOT = 1 and THER- $MISTOR_UR = 0$, the host must use the Charger Mode() command to clear HOT_STOP after the battery is inserted. The HOT_STOP bit returns to its default power-up condition ("1") whenever the battery is removed.

ChargerStatus()

The ChargerStatus() command uses the Read-Word protocol (Figure 3b). The command code for Charger Status() is 0x13 (0b00010011). Table 3 describes the functions of the data bits (D0–D15). Bit 0 refers to the D0 bit in the Read-Word protocol.

The ChargerStatus() command returns information about thermistor impedance and the MAX1645/ MAX1645A's internal state. The latched bits, THERMIS-TOR_HOT and ALARM_INHIBITED, are cleared when-

ever BATTERY_PRESENT = 0 or ChargerMode() is written with POR_RESET = 1. The ALARM_INHIBITED status bit can also be cleared by writing a new charging current OR charging voltage.

Figure 3. SMBus a) Write-Word and b) Read-Word Protocols

Figure 4. SMBus Serial Interface Timing—Address

Figure 5. SMBus Serial Interface Timing—Acknowledgment

Table 1. ChargerSpecInfo()

Command: 0x11

Table 2. ChargerMode()

Command: 0x12

**State at chip initial power-on (i.e., VDD from 0 to +3.3V)*

Table 3. ChargerStatus()

Command: 0x13

**State at chip initial power-on.*

Table 4. ChargerCurrent()

Command: 0x14

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Table 5. ChargingVoltage()

Command: 0x15

Table 6. AlarmWarning()

Command: 0x16

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ChargingCurrent() (POR: 0x0080)

The ChargingCurrent() command uses the Write-Word protocol (Figure 3a). The command code for Charging-Current() is 0x14 (0b00010100). The 16-bit binary number formed by D15–D0 represents the current-limit set point (I0) in milliamps. However, since the MAX1645/MAX1645A have 64mA resolution in setting I0, the D0–D5 bits are ignored as shown in Table 4. Figure 6 shows the mapping between I0 (the currentregulation-loop set point) and the ChargingCurrent() code. All codes above 0b00 1011 1100 0000 (3008mA) result in a current overrange, limiting the charger current to 3.008A. All codes below 0b0000 0000 1000 0000 (128mA) turn the charging current off. A 50m Ω sense resistor (R2 in Figure 1) is required to achieve the correct CODE/current scaling.

The power-on reset value for the ChargingCurrent() register is 0x0080; thus, the first time a MAX1645/ MAX1645A is powered on, the BATT current regulates to 128mA. Any time the battery is removed, the ChargingCurrent() register returns to its power-on reset state.

ChargingVoltage() (POR: 0x4800)

The ChargingVoltage() command uses the Write-Word protocol (Figure 3a). The command code for ChargingVoltage() is 0x15 (0b00010101). The 16-bit binary number formed by D15–D0 represents the voltage set point (V0) in millivolts; however, since the MAX1645/MAX1645A have 16mV resolution in setting V0, the D0, D1, D2, and D3 bits are ignored as shown in Table 5.

The ChargingVoltage command is used to set the battery charging voltage compliance from 1.024V to 18.432V. All codes greater than or equal to 0b0100 1000 0000 0000 (18432mV) result in a voltage overrange, limiting the charger voltage to 18.432V. All codes below 0b0000 0100 0000 0000 (1024mV) terminate charge. Figure 7 shows the mapping between V0 (the voltage-regulation-loop set point) and the ChargingVoltage() code.

The power-on reset value for the ChargingVoltage() register is 0x4880; thus, the first time a MAX1645/ MAX1645A are powered on, the BATT voltage regulates to 18.432V. Any time the battery is removed, the ChargingVoltage() register returns to its power-on reset state. The voltage at DAC corresponds to the set compliance voltage divided by 4.5.

AlarmWarning() (POR: Not Alarm)

The AlarmWarning() command uses the Write-Word protocol (Figure 3a). The command code for AlarmWarning() is 0x16 (0b00010110). AlarmWarning()

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sets the ALARM_INHIBITED status bit in the MAX1645/MAX1645A if D15, D14, D13, D12, or D11 of the Write-Word protocol data equals 1. Table 6 summarizes the Alarm-Warning() command's function. The ALARM_INHIBITED status bit remains set until the battery is removed, a ChargerMode() command is written with the POR_RESET bit set, or new ChargingCurrent() AND ChargingVoltage() values are written. As long as $ALARM$ _INHIBITED = 1, the MAX1645/MAX1645A switching regulators remain off.

Interrupts and Alert Response Address The MAX1645/MAX1645A request an interrupt by pulling the INT pin low. An interrupt is normally requested when there is a change in the state of the ChargerStatus() bits POWER_FAIL (bit 13), BATTERY_PRESENT (bit 14), or AC_PRESENT (bit 15). Therefore, the INT pin will pull low whenever the AC adapter is connected or disconnected, the battery is inserted or removed, or the charger goes in or out of dropout. The interrupts from each of the ChargerStatus() bits can be masked by an associated ChargerMode() bit POWER_FAIL_MASK (bit 6), BATTERY_PRE-SENT_MASK (bit 5), or AC_PRESENT_MASK (bit 4).

All interrupts are cleared by sending any command to the MAX1645/MAX1645A, or by sending a command to the AlertResponse() address, 0x19, using a modified Receive Byte protocol. In this protocol, all devices that set an interrupt will try to respond by transmitting their address, and the device with the highest priority, or most leading 0's, will be recognized and cleared. The process will be repeated until all devices requesting interrupts are addressed and cleared. The MAX1645/

Figure 6. Average Voltage Between CSIP and CSIN vs. Charging Current() Code

Figure 7. ChargingVoltage() Code to Voltage Mapping

MAX1645A respond to the AlertResponse() address with 0x13, which is their address and a trailing "1."

Charger Timeout

The MAX1645/MAX1645A include a timer that terminates charge if the charger has not received a ChargingVoltage() or ChargingCurrent() command in 175sec. During charging, the timer is reset each time a ChargingVoltage() or ChargingCurrent() command is received; this ensures that the charging cycle is not terminated.

If timeout occurs, charging will terminate and both ChargingVoltage() and ChargingCurrent() commands are required to restart charging. A power-on reset will also restart charging at 128mA.

DC-to-DC Converter

The MAX1645/MAX1645A employ a buck regulator with a boot-strapped NMOS high-side switch and a low-side NMOS synchronous rectifier.

DC-DC Controller

The control scheme is a constant off-time, variable frequency, cycle-by-cycle current mode. The off-time is constant for a given BATT voltage; it varies with VBATT to keep the ripple current constant. During low-dropout operation, a maximum on-time of 10ms allows the controller to achieve >99% duty cycle with continuous conduction. Figure 8 shows the controller functional diagram.

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MOSFET Drivers

The low-side driver output DLO swings from 0V to DLOV. DLOV is usually connected through a filter to LDO. The high-side driver output DHI is bootstrapped off LX and swings from VLx to VBST. When the low-side driver turns on, BST rises to one diode voltage below DLOV.

Filter DLOV with an RC circuit whose cutoff frequency is about 50kHz. The configuration in Figure 1 introduces a cutoff frequency of around 48kHz.

f = 1 / 2πRC = 1 / (2 **·** π **·** 33Ω **·** 0.1µF) = 48kHz

Thermistor Comparators

Four thermistor comparators evaluate the voltage at the THM input to determine the battery temperature. This input is meant to be used with the internal thermistor connected to ground inside the battery pack. Connect the output of the battery thermistor to THM. Connect a resistor from THM to V_{DD}. The resistor-divider sets the voltage at THM. When the charger is not powered up, the battery temperature can still be determined if V_{DD} is powered from an external voltage source.

Thermistor Bits

Figure 9 shows the expected electrical behavior of a 103ETB-type thermistor (nominally 10kΩ at +25°C \pm 5% or better) to be used with the MAX1645/MAX1645A:

- THERMISTOR_OR bit is set when the thermistor value is >100kΩ. This indicates that the thermistor is open or a battery is not present. The charger is set to POR, and the BATTERY_PRESENT bit is cleared.
- THERMISTOR COLD bit is set when the thermistor value is >30kΩ. The thermistor indicates a cold battery. This bit does not affect the charge.

100 10 RESISTANCE (k RESISTANCE (KQ) 1 0.1 $-50 -40 -30 -20 -10 = 0$ 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 110 TEMPERATURE (°C)

Figure 9. Typical Thermistor Characteristics

- THERMISTOR_HOT bit is set when the thermistor value is <3kΩ. This is a latched bit and is cleared by removing the battery or sending a POR with the ChargerMode() command. The MAX1645 charger is stopped unless the HOT_STOP bit is cleared in the ChargerMode() command. The MAX1645A charger is stopped unless the HOT_STOP bit is cleared in the ChargerMode() command or the RES_UR bit is set. See Table 7.
- THERMISTOR UR bit is set when the thermistor value is $<500Ω$ (i.e., THM is grounded).

Multiple bits may be set depending on the value of the thermistor (e.g., a thermistor that is 450Ω will cause both the THERMISTOR_HOT and the THERMISTOR_UR bits to be set). The thermistor may be replaced by fixedvalue resistors in battery packs that do not require the thermistor as a secondary fail-safe indicator. In this

Table 7. Thermistor Bit Settings

**See Battery Present item under Operating Conditions for more information.*

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Figure 10. Typical Single Smart Battery System

case, it is the responsibility of the battery pack to manipulate the resistance to obtain correct charger behavior.

Load and Source Switch Drivers

The MAX1645/MAX1645A can drive two P-channel MOSFETs to eliminate voltage drops across the Schottky diodes, which are normally used to switch the load current from the battery to the main DC source:

- The source switch P1 is controlled by PDS. This Pchannel MOSFET is turned on when CVS rises to 300mV above BATT and turns off when CVS falls to 100mV above BATT. The same signal that controls the PDS also sets the POWER_FAIL bit in the Charger Status() register. See *Operating Conditions*.
- The load switch P2 is controlled by PDL. This Pchannel MOSFET is turned off when the CVS rises to 100mV below BATT and turns on when CVS falls to 300mV below BATT.

Dropout Operation

The MAX1645/MAX1645A have a 99.99% duty-cycle capability with a 10ms maximum on-time and 1µs offtime. This allows the charger to achieve dropout performance limited only by resistive losses in the DC-DC converter components (P1, R1, N1, R2; see Figure 1). The actual dropout voltage is limited to 300mV between CVS and BATT by the power-fail comparator (see *Operating Conditions)*.

Applications Information

Smart Battery Charging System/Background Information

A smart battery charging system, at a minimum, consists of a smart battery and smart battery charger compatible with the Smart Battery System Specifications using the SMBus.

A system may use one or more smart batteries. Figure 10 shows a single-battery system. This configuration is typically found in notebook computers, video cameras, cellular phones, or other portable electronic equipment.

Another configuration uses two or more smart batteries (Figure 11). The smart battery selector is used either to

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Figure 11. Typical System Using Multiple Smart Batteries

Table 8. Smart Battery Charger Type by SMBus Mode and Charge Algorithm Source

Note: *Level 1 smart battery chargers were defined in the version 0.95a specification. While they can correctly interpret smart battery end-of-charge messages, minimizing overcharge, they do not provide truly chemistry-independent charging. They are no longer defined by the Smart Battery Charger Specification and are explicitly not compliant with this and subsequent Smart Battery Charger Specifications.*

connect batteries to the smart battery charger or the system, or to disconnect them, as appropriate. For each battery, three connections must be made: power (the battery's positive and negative terminals), the SMBus (clock and data), and the safety signal (resistance, typically temperature dependent). Additionally, the system host must be able to query any battery so it can display the state of all batteries present in the system.

Figure 11 shows a two-battery system where battery 2 is being charged while battery 1 is powering the system. This configuration may be used to "condition" battery 1, allowing it to be fully discharged prior to recharge.

Smart Battery Charger Types

Two types of smart battery chargers are defined: Level 2 and Level 3. All smart battery chargers communicate with the smart battery using the SMBus; the two types differ in their SMBus communication mode and whether they modify the charging algorithm of the smart battery

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(Table 8). Level 3 smart battery chargers are supersets of Level 2 chargers and, as such, support all Level 2 charger commands.

Level 2 Smart Battery Charger

The Level 2 or smart battery-controlled smart battery charger interprets the smart battery's critical warning messages and operates as an SMBus slave device to respond to the smart battery's ChargingVoltage() and ChargingCurrent() messages. The charger is obliged to adjust its output characteristics in direct response to the ChargingVoltage() and ChargingCurrent() messages it receives from the battery. In Level 2 charging, the smart battery is completely responsible for initiating the communication and providing the charging algorithm to the charger.

The smart battery is in the best position to tell the smart battery charger how it needs to be charged. The charging algorithm in the battery may request a static charge condition or may choose to periodically adjust the smart battery charger's output to meet its present needs. A Level 2 smart battery charger is truly chemistry independent and, since it is defined as an SMBus slave device only, the smart battery charger is relatively inexpensive and easy to implement.

Selecting External Components

Table 10 lists the recommended components and refers to the circuit of Figure 1; Table 9 lists the suppli-

Table 9. Component Suppliers

ers' contacts. The following sections describe how to select these components.

MOSFETs and Schottky Diodes

Schottky diode D1 provides power to the load when the AC adapter is inserted. Choose a 3A Schottky diode or higher. This diode may not be necessary if P1 is used. The P-channel MOSFET P1 turns on when $VCVS >$ VBATT. This eliminates the voltage drop and power consumption of the Schottky diode. To minimize power loss, select a MOSFET with an R_{DS(ON)} of 50m Ω or less. This MOSFET must be able to deliver the maximum current as set by R1. D1 and P1 provide protection from reversed voltage at the adapter input.

The N-channel MOSFETs N1 and N2 are the switching devices for the buck controller. High-side switch N1 should have a current rating of at least 6A and have an RDS(ON) of 50m Ω or less. The driver for N1 is powered by BST; its current should be less than 10mA. Select a MOSFET with a low total gate charge and determine the required drive current by IGATE = QGATE **·** f (where f is the DC-DC converter maximum switching frequency of 400kHz).

The low-side switch N2 should also have a current rating of at least 3A, have an R_{DS(ON)} of 100mΩ or less, and a total gate charge less than 10nC. N2 is used to provide the starting charge to the BST capacitor C14. During normal operation, the current is carried by Schottky diode D2. Choose a 3A or higher Schottky diode.

D3 is a signal-level diode, such as the 1N4148. This diode provides the supply current to the high-side MOSFET driver.

The P-channel MOSFET P2 delivers the current to the load when the AC adapter is removed. Select a MOS-FET with an R_{DS(ON)} of 50mΩ or less to minimize power loss and voltage drop.

Inductor Selection

Inductor L1 provides power to the battery while it is being charged. It must have a saturation current of at least 3A plus $1/2$ of the current ripple (ΔI) .

$$
I_{\text{SAT}} = 3A + 1/2 \Delta I_L
$$

The controller determines the constant off-time period, which is dependent on BATT voltage. This makes the ripple current independent of input and battery voltage and should be kept to less than 1A. Calculate the ∆IL with the following equation:

$$
\Delta I_L = 21 V \mu s / L
$$

Higher inductor values decrease the ripple current. Smaller inductor values require higher saturation cur-

Table 10. Component Selection

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rent capabilities and degrade efficiency. Typically, a 22µH inductor is ideal for all operating conditions.

Other Components

CCV, CCI, and CCS are the compensation points for the three regulation loops. Bypass CCV with a 10kΩ resistor in series with a 0.01µF capacitor to GND. Bypass CCI and CCS with 0.01µF capacitors to GND. R7 and R13 serve as protection resistors to THM and CVS, respectively. To achieve acceptable accuracy, R6 should be 10kΩ and 1% to match the internal battery thermistor.

Current-Sense Input Filtering

In normal circuit operation with typical components, the current-sense signals can have high-frequency transients that exceed 0.5V due to large current changes and parasitic component inductance. To achieve proper battery and input current compliance, the currentsense input signals should be filtered to remove large common-mode transients. The input current limit sensing circuitry is the most sensitive case due to large current steps in the input filter capacitors (C1 and C2) in Figure 1. Use 1µF ceramic capacitors from CSSP and CSSN to GND. Smaller 0.1µF ceramic capacitors can be used on the CSIP and CSIN inputs to GND since the current into the battery is continuous. Place these capacitors next to the single-point ground directly under the MAX1645/MAX1645A.

Layout and Bypassing

Bypass DCIN with a 1µF to GND (Figure 1). D4 protects the device when the DC power source input is reversed. A signal diode for D4 is adequate as DCIN only powers the LDO and the internal reference. Bypass LDO, BST, DLOV, and other pins as shown in Figure 1.

Good PC board layout is required to achieve specified noise, efficiency, and stable performance. The PC board layout artist must be given explicit instructions, preferably a pencil sketch showing the placement of power-switching components and high-current routing. Refer to the PC board layout in the MAX1645/ MAX1645A evaluation kit manual for examples. A ground plane is essential for optimum performance. In most applications, the circuit will be located on a multilayer board, and full use of the four or more copper layers is recommended. Use the top layer for high-current connections, the bottom layer for quiet connections (REF, CCV, CCI, CCS, DAC, DCIN, VDD, and GND), and the inner layers for an uninterrupted ground plane.

Use the following step-by-step guide:

1) Place the high-power connections first, with their grounds adjacent:

- Minimize current-sense resistor trace lengths and ensure accurate current sensing with Kelvin connections.
- Minimize ground trace lengths in the high-current paths.
- Minimize other trace lengths in the high-current paths:
	- Use > 5mm-wide traces
	- Connect C1 and C2 to high-side MOSFET (10mm max length)
	- Connect rectifier diode cathode to low-side. MOSFET (5mm max length)
	- LX node (MOSFETs, rectifier cathode, inductor: 15mm max length). Ideally, surface-mount power components are flush against one another with their ground terminals almost touching. These high-current grounds are then connected to each other with a wide, filled zone of toplayer copper so they do not go through vias. The resulting top-layer subground plane is connected to the normal inner-layer ground plane at the output ground terminals, which ensures that the IC's analog ground is sensing at the supply's output terminals without interference from IR drops and ground noise. Other highcurrent paths should also be minimized, but focusing primarily on short ground and currentsense connections eliminates about 90% of all PC board layout problems.
- 2) Place the IC and signal components. Keep the main switching nodes (LX nodes) away from sensitive analog components (current-sense traces and REF capacitor). **Important:** The IC must be no further than 10mm from the current-sense resistors.

Keep the gate drive traces (DHI, DLO, and BST) shorter than 20mm and route them away from the current-sense lines and REF. Place ceramic bypass capacitors close to the IC. The bulk capacitors can be placed further away. Place the current-sense input filter capacitors under the part, connected directly to the GND pin.

3) Use a single-point star ground placed directly below the part. Connect the input ground trace, power ground (subground plane), and normal ground to this node.

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