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# External Charging IC Application Note

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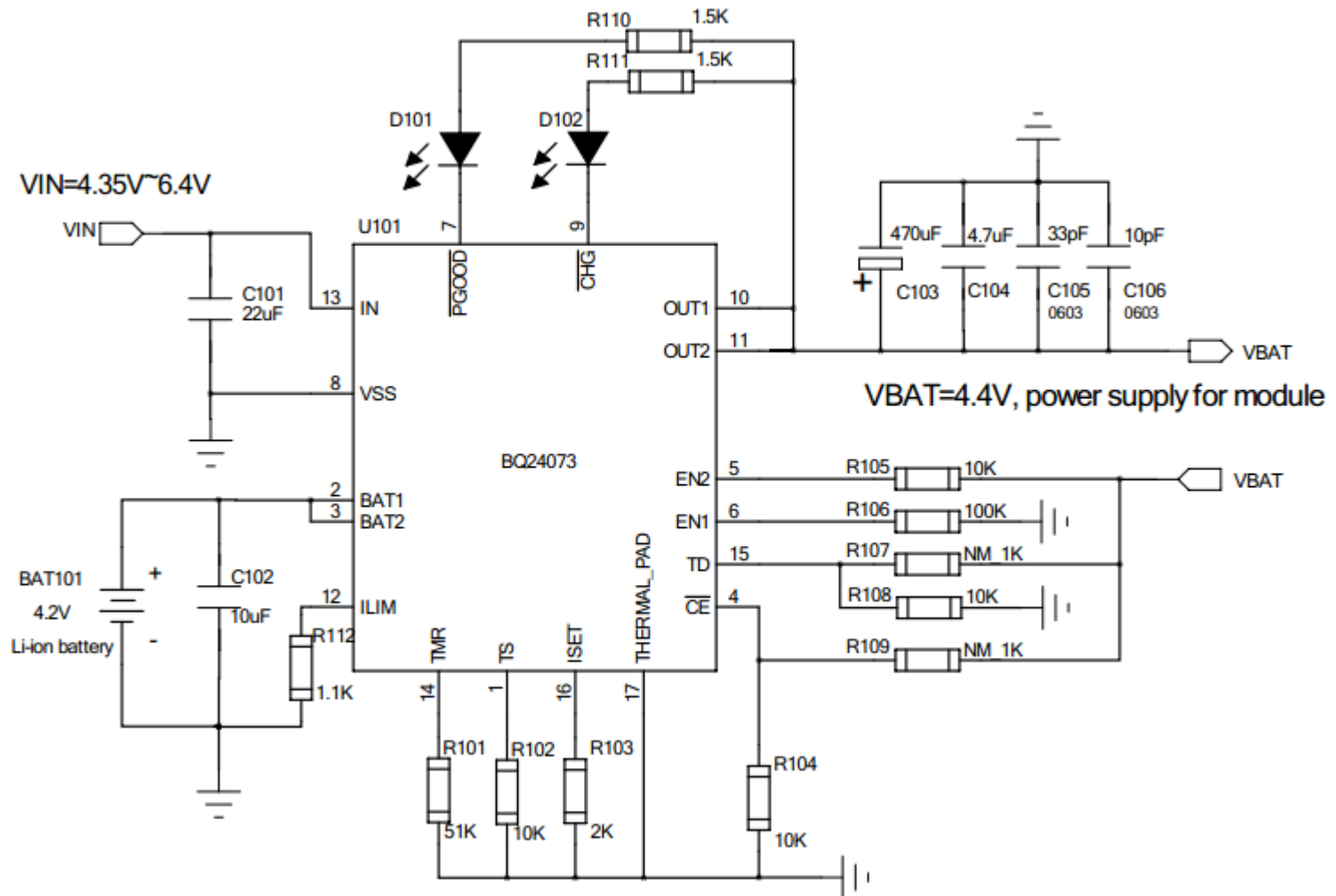
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## IC BQ24073

### Features

- Compatible USB Charger and AC Adapter
- Li-ion Battery Charger and Power-path Management IC
- Internal LDO Outputs 4.4V
- 28V Input Rating with Overvoltage Protection
- Programmable Input Current Limit up to 1.5A for AC Adapter
- Programmable Pre-Charge and Fast-Charge Safety Timers
- Reverse Current, Short-Circuit and Thermal Protection

## Reference circuit for charging application:



The BQ24073 powers the system while simultaneously and independently charging the battery, and the output is active whenever a source is connect to IN or BAT.

The device features Dynamic Power Path Management (DPPM) that shares current between the system and battery, and automatically reduces the charging current if the system load increases.

- The input operate voltage ( $V_{IN}$ ) is from 4.35V to 6.4V. When it exceeds 6.6V for a period long than  $t_{DGL(OVP)}$ , the internal LDO will shut off and discontinue charging.
- Connect the TS pin to the NTC thermistor to monitor battery temperature and prevent dangerous over-temperature conditions, otherwise, connect a 10k $\Omega$  fixed resistor from TS to VSS.
- LED D101 will light when a valid input source is detected.
- LED D102 will light when the battery is charging.

- Use EN1 and EN2 to control the maximum input current and enable USB compliance.

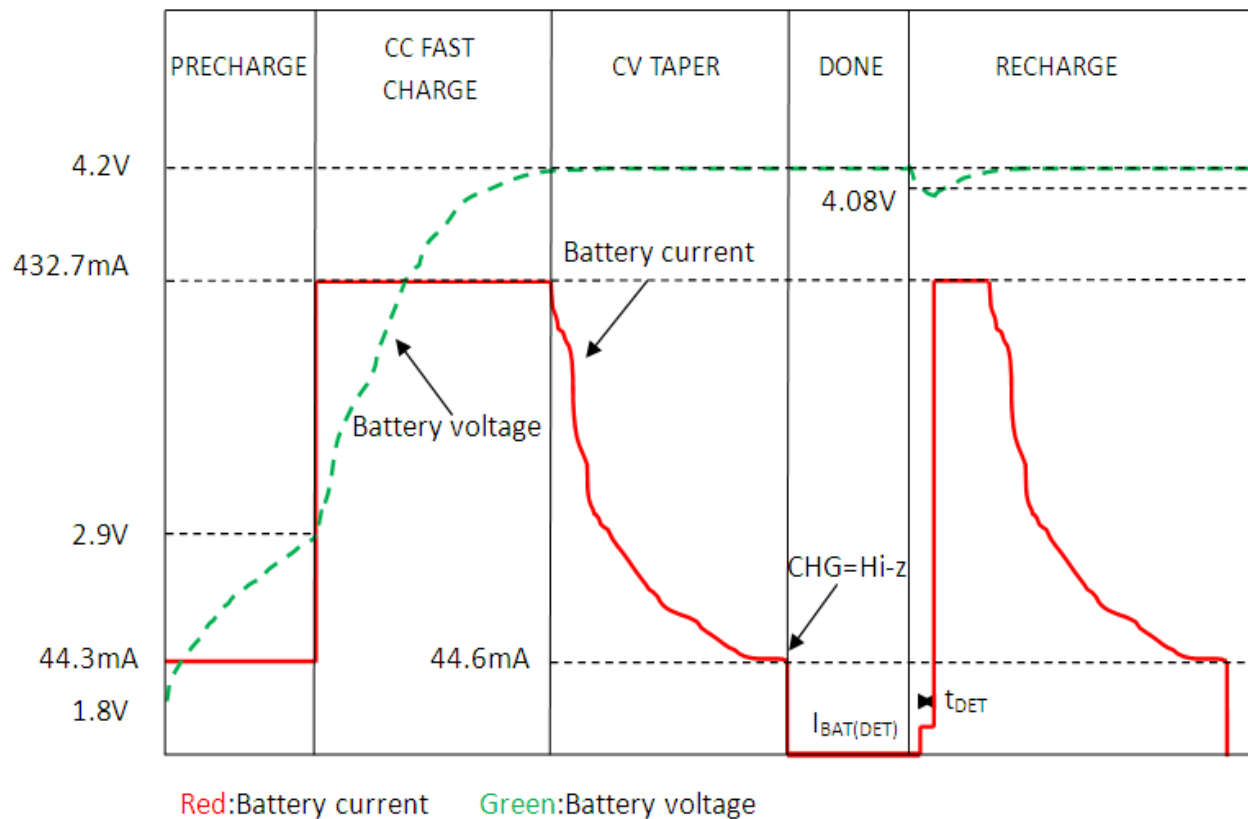
### EN1/EN2 Settings

| EN2 | EN1 | Maximum input current into IN pin   |
|-----|-----|---|
| 0   | 0   | 100mA. USB100 mode  |
| 0   | 1   | 500mA. USB500 mode  |
| 1   | 0   | Set by an external resistor from ILIM to VSS ( $I_{LIM}=K_{ILIM}/R_{112}$ ) |
| 1   | 1   | Standby (USB suspend mode)  |

- Program charge current and pre-charge current with the resistor R103.

$$I_{CHG}=K_{ISET}/R_{103}, I_{PRECHG}=K_{PRECHG}/R_{103}.$$

Relationship between current and voltage by our test:



**Typical Charge Cycle**



## Charging process:

1. In the beginning, the device checks for a short-circuit on the BAT pin by sourcing  $I_{BAT(SC)}$  to the battery and monitoring the voltage. When the BAT voltage exceeds 1.8V, the battery charging continues.
2. In the pre-charge phase, the battery is charged with pre-charge current.
3. Once the battery voltage crosses the 2.9V, the battery is charged with the fast-charge current.

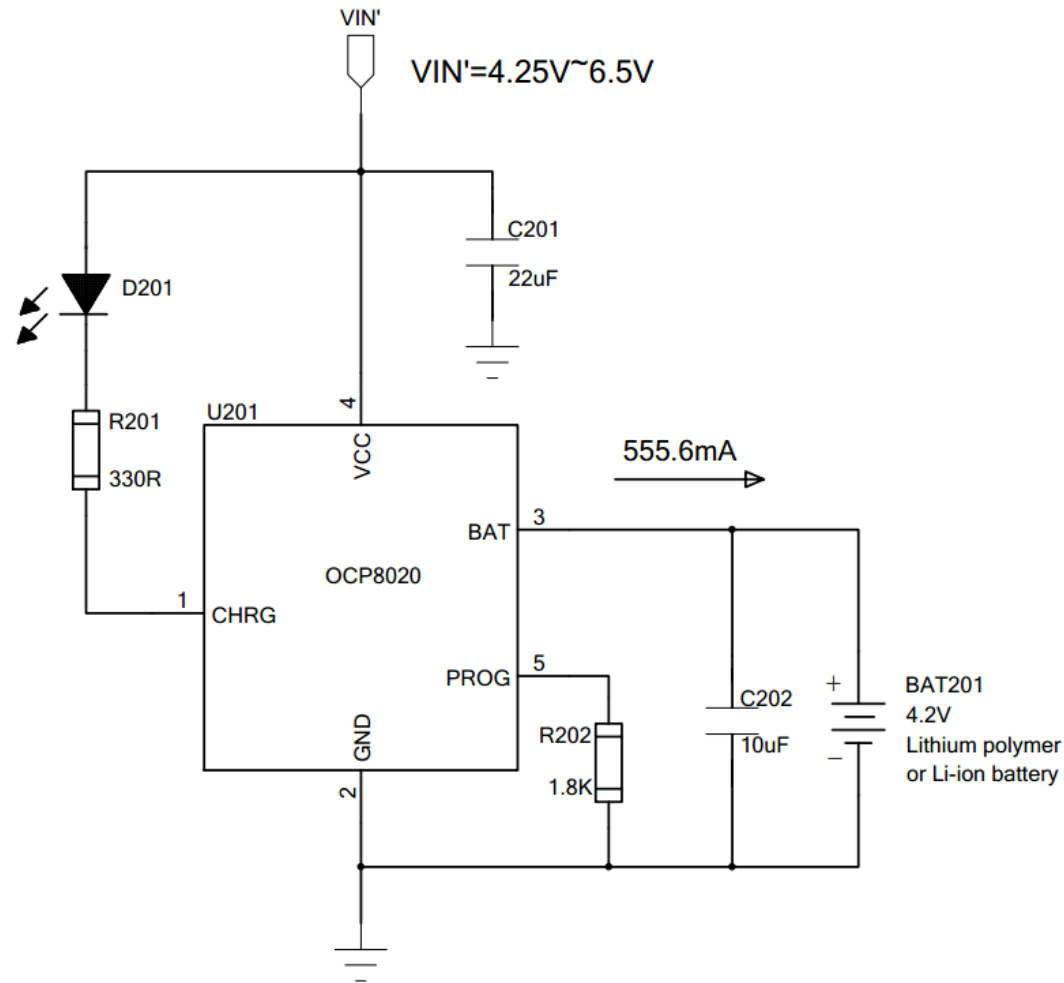
4. As the battery voltage reaches 4.2V, the battery is held at a constant voltage of 4.2V and the charge current tapers off as the battery approaches full charge.
5. When the battery current reaches  $I_{TERM}$ , the /CHG pin indicates charging done by going high-impedance.
6. Once a charge cycle is completed, the battery voltage is monitored. When the battery voltage falls below 4.08V, the battery detection routine runs. During recharging mode, the system starts from fast-charge phase.

## IC OCP8020

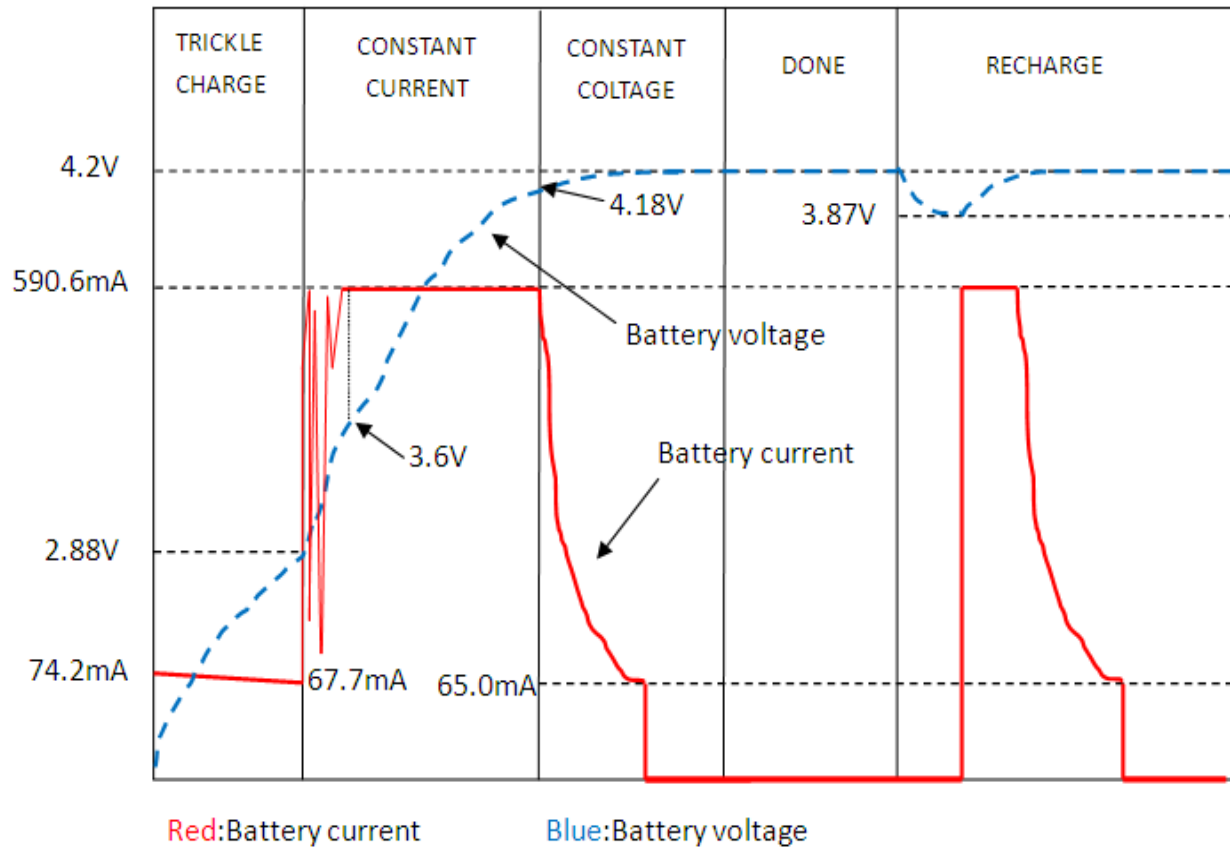
### Features

- Compatible USB Charger and AC Adapter
- Programmable Charge Current up to 800mA
- Maximum Input Supply Voltage Support up to 10V
- Precise 4.2 Charge Voltage with  $\pm 1\%$  Accuracy
- Support both Li-ion and Lithium polymer Battery

## Reference circuit for charging application:



Relationship between current and voltage by our test:



**Typical Charge Cycle**

## Charging process:

1. If the BAT pin is less than 2.88V, the charger enters trickle charge mode. In this mode, the charger supplies approximately 1/10 of the programmed charge current to bring the battery voltage up to a safe level for full current charging.
2. When the BAT pin voltage rises above 3.6V, the charger enters constant-current mode, and the programmed charge current is supplied to the battery.
3. When the BAT pin approaches the final float voltage (4.2V), the charger enters constant-voltage mode and the charge current begins to decrease. When the charge current drops to 1/10 of the programmed value, the charge cycle ends.

4. If the battery voltage drops below 3.87V, a recharge cycle will begin.

***Note:***

***Here the current is not stable when the voltage is between 2.88V and 3.6V by our testing, and there are some difference between our test and the conclusions on the datasheet.***

Some information, described below, is about LTC4054 which is compatible with OCP8020:

|                            | OCP8020   | LTC4054                     |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Brand                      | Orient-chip   | Linear                      |
| Package                    | SOT23-5   | SOT23-5                     |
| Input voltage $V_{CC}$ (V) | 4.25~6.5 (Max=10)   | 4.25~6.5 (Max=10)           |
| $V_{BAT}$ (V)              | 4.2   | 4.2                         |
| $I_{CHARG}$ (mA)           | Max=800   | Max=800                     |
|                            | P <sub>PROG</sub> =10K, 110   | P <sub>PROG</sub> =10K, 100 |
|                            | P <sub>PROG</sub> =2K, 500  | P <sub>PROG</sub> =2K, 500  |
| $V_{TRICKLE}$ (V)          | 2.9   | 2.9                         |
| Price (\$)                 | 0.15  | 1.65                        |
| Lead time (Week)           | 4~5   | 4~6                         |
| Battery type               | Li-ion and Lithium polymer  | Li-ion                      |
| Orient-chip website        | <a href="http://www.orient-chip.com/">http://www.orient-chip.com/</a> |                             |
| Linear website             | <a href="http://www.linear.com/">http://www.linear.com/</a>           |                             |



Below are some reference charger information which are not tested by us. Customer can obtain more details or samples from local vendors.

|                            | <b>SGM4056</b>  | <b>XC6802</b>             |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Brand                      | SGMICRO   | TOREX                     |
| Package                    | TDFN-3×3-8L   | SOT-89-5, SOT-25, USP-6C  |
| Input voltage $V_{CC}$ (V) | 4.5~6.5 (Max=26.5)  | 4.25~6.0 (Max=6.5)        |
| $V_{BAT}$ (V)              | 4.18  | 4.2                       |
| $I_{CHARG}$ (mA)           | Max=900   | Max=800                   |
|                            | Trickle=20% CC (Constant Current)   | Trickle=10% CC            |
|                            | CC=12200K/R <sub>IREF</sub>   | CC=1000K/R <sub>SEN</sub> |
|                            | End=11000K/R <sub>IMIN</sub>  | End=10% CC                |
| $V_{TRICKLE}$ (V)          | 2.54  | 2.9                       |
| Price (\$)                 | 0.16~0.2  | 0.3                       |
| Lead time (Week)           | 3~5   | 6~8                       |
| Battery type               | Li-ion  | Li-ion                    |
| SGMICRO website            | <a href="http://www.sg-micro.com">http://www.sg-micro.com</a>                 |                           |
| TOREX website              | <a href="http://www.torex.co.jp/english/">http://www.torex.co.jp/english/</a> |                           |

## **Caution:**

*The TVS component is suggested to add to the front-end of the input pin because of the pulse voltage when plug. The thermal design should be taken into account as well.*



***Thank You!***

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