



Application Note

Z8 Encore! XP[®]-Based SLA Battery Charger

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Abstract

This Application Note describes Z8 Encore! XP[®]-based Sealed Lead Acid (SLA) battery charger. The battery charger application uses the internal clock of the Z8 Encore! XP MCU as the system clock. An internal reference voltage of 2 V is applied to the ADC peripheral of the Z8 Encore! XP MCU.

The source code file associated with this Application Note, AN0223-SC01.zip, is available on zilog.com.

Z8 Encore! XP 4K Series Flash Microcontrollers

Zilog's Z8 Encore![®] products are based on the new eZ8[®] CPU and introduce Flash memory to Zilog's extensive line of 8-bit microcontrollers. Flash memory in-circuit programming capability allows faster development time and program changes in the field. The high-performance register-to-register based architecture of the eZ8 core maintains backward compatibility with Zilog's popular Z8 MCU. Z8 Encore! MCUs combine a 20 MHz core with Flash memory, linear-register SRAM, and an extensive array of on-chip peripherals.

The Z8 Encore! XP 4K Series of devices support up to 4 KB of Flash program memory and 1 KB register RAM. An on-chip temperature sensor allows temperature measurement over a range of -40 °C to +105 °C. These devices include two enhanced 16-bit timer blocks featuring Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) and Capture and Compare capabilities. An on-chip Internal Precision Oscillator (5 MHz/32 KHz) is used as a trimmable clock source requiring no external components. The Z8 Encore! XP devices include 128 bytes of Non Volatile Data Storage (NVDS) memory where individual bytes is written or read. The full-duplex UART provides serial communications, Infrared Data Association (IrDA) encoding and decoding capability, and supports multidrop address processing in hardware.

The on-chip peripherals make the Z8 Encore! XP MCUs suitable for a variety of applications including motor control, security systems, home appliances, personal electronic devices, and sensors.

Discussion

This section discusses the functionality of the Z8 Encore! XP-based battery charger application in detail. For detailed information about SLA battery technology, see [Appendix E—Battery Technology](#) on page 39.

Theory of Operation

At the core of a battery charger is the DC-DC converter (also known as a buck converter) that acts as a regulated power source. The charger hardware is capable of regulating the charger output in a number of modes, such as constant voltage, constant current, or

constant voltage with a current limit. The charger is a control system in itself. The type and capacity of the battery determines the mode of operation of the battery controller—namely, a constant current source or a constant voltage source. The voltage (V_{SET}) and current (I_{SET}) set points are also determined by the type and capacity of the battery.

The parameters, current and voltage, are controlled using the PWM technique. In the PWM technique, the frequency of the signal is maintained constant, and the width of the pulse or the duty cycle of the signal is varied. This variation is reflected as a change in voltage and/or current at the output. The switching regulator reads the parameters through a feedback circuit, and the battery controller operates based on the control algorithm.

The PWM output is obtained by comparing the actual value of the parameter under control with the corresponding set point. In the constant voltage mode, the converter voltage is compared with the voltage set point. In contrast, in the constant current mode, the voltage developed by the charging current across a sense resistor is compared with the current set point. The feedback loop maintains the converter voltage or the converter current constant depending on the selected mode of operation.

Controllers are differentiated based on the method of regulation of parameters in accordance with the corresponding set points. For detailed information about battery controllers, see related document provided under the Electronics topic in [References](#) on page 11. In a proportional controller, the actual value and the set value are compared, and the resulting error value is used. The drawback of a proportional controller is the possibility of a steady state error. Adding an integral component to the control algorithm eliminates this error.

The equation for a proportional plus integral (PI) controller is:

$$u(t) = (k1 \times e(t) + k2 \times \int e(t) dt)$$

To be useful for a microcontroller-based (discrete) system, the integral is approximated by a running sum of the error signal. Therefore, an equation in the differential form is expressed as follows:

$$U[k] = \left(C1 \times e[k] + C2 \times \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} e[j] \right) \dots\dots\dots \text{Equation 1}$$

where, C1 and C2 are constants.

Equation 1 is the position algorithm. A better representation of Equation 1 is expressed in Equation 2, as follows:

$$U[k-1] = \left(C1 \times e[k-1] + C2 \times \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} e[j] \right) \dots\dots\dots \text{Equation 2}$$

Subtracting Equation 2 from Equation 1 and rearranging the terms yields Equation 3, as follows:

$$U[k] - U[k-1] = (K_p \times e[k] + K_i \times e[k-1]) \dots\dots\dots \text{Equation 3}$$

where, K_p and K_i are the proportional and integral constants, respectively.

Equation 3 is the velocity algorithm, and is a convenient expression as only the incremental change in the manipulated variable is calculated.

The charging algorithms are designed based on the type of battery and the current state of charge for that battery. The basic charging methods are constant current and constant voltage charging. The Li-Ion and SLA batteries are charged using the constant current method. An on/off current limiter is required when performing constant voltage charging.

In the constant current mode, fast charging occurs when the charging current equals the rated battery capacity, C . Fast charging requires constant monitoring of battery parameters and precise termination techniques. It is therefore important to know when to terminate charging. In the SLA battery charger application, the battery parameters are constantly monitored, and the absolute battery voltage termination technique is used. In this way, the SLA battery charger ensures the safety of the battery. For detailed information about termination techniques associated with Li-Ion and SLA batteries, see [Appendix E—Battery Technology](#) on page 39.

Developing the Application with the Z8 Encore! XP MCU

This section provides an overview of the functional architecture of the SLA battery charger implementation using the Z8 Encore! XP MCU.

Hardware Architecture

[Figure 1](#) illustrates hardware block diagram for the battery charger application. The Z8 Encore! XP-based SLA battery charger application features the following hardware blocks:

- Z8 Encore! XP Development Board
- External power source (32 V, 3 A)
- Step-down DC–DC (buck) converter
- Feedback section (analog design)
- SLA battery

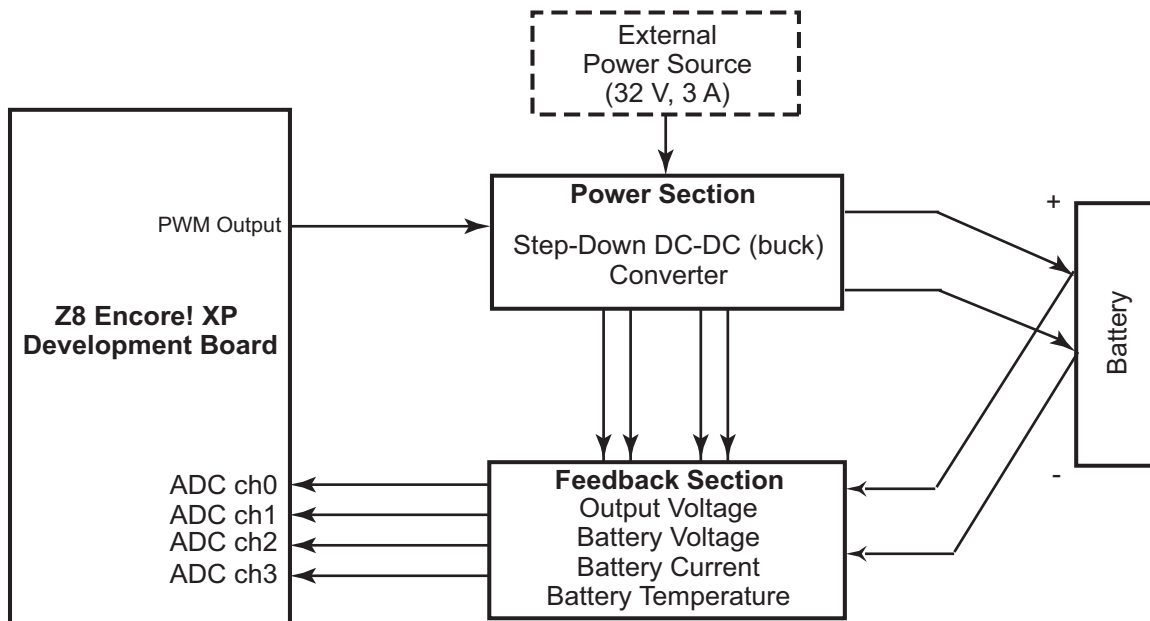


Figure 1. Block Diagram of Battery Charger Hardware

The battery charger application uses Port B of the Z8 Encore! XP MCU as ADC inputs. Timer 1 is used in PWM mode and the output is tapped at the PC1/Timer 1 output pin. The system clock is derived from the internal precision oscillator of the Z8 Encore! XP MCU. The reference voltage required for the ADC is generated internally by the Z8 Encore! XP MCU, hence the external component requirement and the Bill of Material (BOM) cost is reduced.

The step-down DC–DC (buck) converter provides a voltage or current appropriate to the SLA battery. The buck converter modulates a higher voltage (from the external source) with a varying pulse width (PWM method) to generate a lower voltage. The pulse width is controlled by the control algorithm based on the values obtained from the feedback section.

The feedback section consists of four differential amplifiers/attenuators. The parameters controlled by the first three amplifiers are the converter voltage (V_{OUT}), the battery voltage (V_{BATT}), and the battery current (I_{BATT}). The battery current and the converter current are the same. The fourth differential amplifier is used for temperature measurement in the case of batteries featuring built-in temperature sensors.

For schematic diagrams associated with the battery charger application, see [Appendix B—Schematic Diagrams](#) on page 13.

Software Implementation

All Z8 Encore! XP peripherals are initialized from their power-on state to the required mode of operation. After initialization, the battery parameters are loaded into the variables. These battery parameters are defined in the `charger.h` header file.

The safety and termination thresholds are calculated based on the battery parameters. Next, the set points for the DC-DC step-down (buck) converter voltage, the current, and the current limit are calculated. After these one-time calculations are complete, the charger software enters into an infinite loop, which is broken only by a successful charge completion or a safety error.

Inside the infinite loop, the ADC reads the actual values for the converter output voltage, the battery voltage, the current, and the temperature (temperature is measured only if the battery features a temperature sensor). The ADC measures the output voltage and the output current of the DC-DC converter as feedback to the controller. The ADC also measures the voltage at the battery terminals as an input to determine the charge termination. Measurement of the output voltage, the output current, and the battery voltage are the basic measurements. The current across the battery terminals is same as the measured converter output current. For batteries featuring built-in temperature sensors, the charger reads the battery temperature in addition to the basic measurements. The temperature measurement is significant from the safety point of view.

After the actual values (V_{OUT} , V_{BATT} , and I_{BATT}) are determined, they are checked for safety limit compliance. The safety routine is responsible for the overall safety features associated with the battery charger. The charger ensures safety by comparing the actual converter voltage, the battery voltage, and the battery temperature with the calculated thresholds. Crossing these thresholds switches off the PWM output, which turns off the converter output and terminates charging functions. Such termination protects the batteries in the case of a device failure.

If all of the actual values are within limits, the battery is tested for full charge. For SLA batteries, the battery is considered to be completely charged, if the measured charging current is below the threshold value. The charging is terminated after the battery is completely charged. If the battery is not completely charged, the duty cycle required for maintaining the set points at the converter output is calculated by the control algorithm.

The control algorithm implements proportional plus integral (PI) control to derive the PWM output based on the equations presented in the [Theory of Operation](#) on page 3. The timer ISR is invoked every 5 ms. The PWM value computed by the control algorithm is loaded into the PWM generators to be transmitted via the output pin. The 16-bit timer PWM mode offers a programmable switching frequency based on the reload value. This flexibility allows you to trade off between accuracy and frequency of the PWM switching signal. A lower frequency results in a higher reload value and a higher resolution in the pulse width variation. The reverse is also true.

Additionally, the timer ISR updates the charge termination variables every 10 s.

For flowcharts related to the battery charger application, see [Appendix C—Flowcharts](#) on page 17. [Appendix D—Source Code](#) on page 19 lists the source code for the battery charger application.

Testing

This section discusses the setup, equipment used, and procedure followed to test the Z8 Encore! XP-based SLA battery charger application.

Setup

The test setup for the Z8 Encore! XP-based SLA battery charger application is as illustrated in [Figure 2](#).

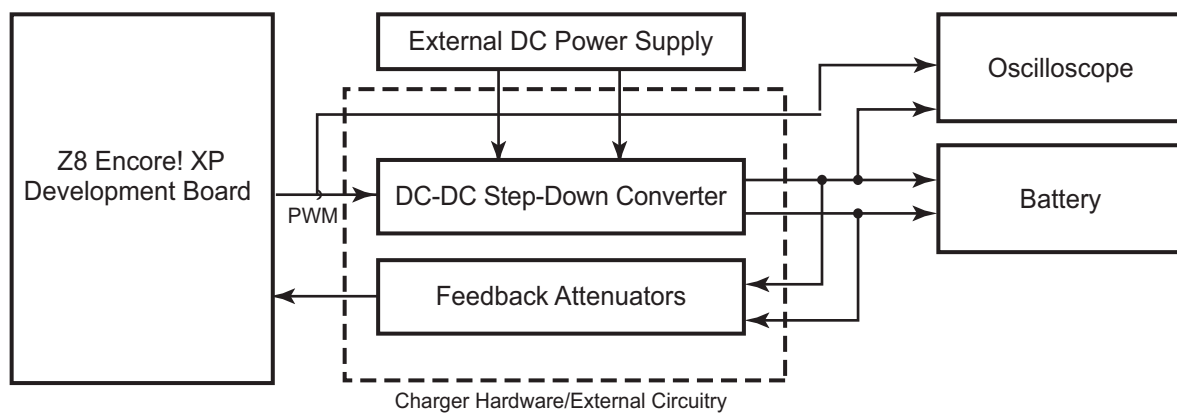


Figure 2. Battery Charger Test Setup

The test setup comprises of a Z8 Encore! XP Z8F042A Development Board, a SLA battery that must be charged, an oscilloscope, an external DC power supply, and a DC-DC step-down (buck) converter. A feedback circuit comprised of differential amplifiers or attenuators forms a part of the test setup.

The external DC power supply provides two different voltages to the charger circuits—the DC-DC step-down converter and the feedback attenuators. The operational amplifier-based feedback attenuator circuits are fed with a 12 V supply. The DC-DC converter works on a 8 V to 12 V DC input for the batteries tested. The control algorithm provides the necessary line regulation to sustain the voltage variation at the input.

Equipment Used

The equipment used to test the Z8 Encore! XP-based SLA battery charger are listed in [Table 1](#) on page 9.

Table 1. Battery Charger Test Equipment

Equipment to run the System	
Z8 Encore! XP 4K Series Development Kit	(Z8F042A28100KIT)
External power supply	Make: Aplab, Model: LQ 6324
Test Equipment	
Oscilloscope	Make: Tektronix, Model: TDS 724D; 500 MHz / 1 GSps
Multimeter	Make: Motwane, Model: DM3750
Batteries Used for testing	
BP-T40	Make: Sony, Type: Sealed Lead Acid, Ratings: 4 V, 500 mAh

Procedure

To test the Z8 Encore! XP-based SLA battery charger application, perform the following steps:

1. Download the AN0223-SC01.zip file from zilog.com. Extract its contents to a folder on your PC.
2. Launch ZDSII for Z8 Encore!.
3. Make the hardware connections as described in [Figure 2](#) and the schematics provided in [Appendix B—Schematic Diagrams](#) on page 13.
4. Connect the battery to be charged across the provided battery terminals (See [Appendix B—Schematic Diagrams](#) on page 13).
5. Apply the required voltages to the appropriate circuits as described in the section [Setup](#) on page 8.
6. Download the battery charger code to the Z8 Encore! XP Flash memory using the ZDSII-IDE.
7. Execute the battery charger code.
8. Observe the PWM waveforms on the oscilloscope.

Results

The charging of the battery began in the constant current mode with the charging current equal to 1 C. The charging is terminated when the current value dropped below the set threshold.



Summary

This Application Note discusses a SLA battery charger implementation using the Z8 Encore! XP MCU. The battery charger software provides fast charging algorithms. Fast recharge is possible due to the accurate monitoring of the charging rendered by the 10-bit accuracy of the ADC. Monitoring the charging mechanism facilitates the accurate termination of charging. Therefore, overcharging is prevented, resulting in a longer battery life. Additionally, the PWM technique facilitates an accurate DC-DC step-down (buck) converter implementation with excellent line/load regulation.

References

The documents associated with the Z8 Encore! XP are listed in [Table 2](#).

Table 2. List of References

Topic	Document Name
eZ8 CPU	eZ8 CPU User Manual (UM0128)
Z8 Encore! XP 4K Series Microcontrollers	Z8 Encore! XP 4K Series Product Specification (PS0228) Z8 Encore! XP 4K Series Development Kit User Manual (UM0166)
Electronics	Power Electronics Design Handbook: Low Power Components and Applications; Author: Nihal Kularatna ISBN: 0-7506-7073-8 Publisher: Oxford: Newnes, 1998 High Frequency Switching Power Supplies: Theory and Design; Author: George Chryssis ISBN: 0-07-010949-4 Publisher: McGraw-Hill Book Company Digital Control Systems, Volume 1—Fundamentals, Deterministic Control; Author: Rolf Isermann ISBN: 0-387-50266-1 Publisher: Springer Verlag
ZDSII-IDE	Zilog Developer Studio II-Z8 Encore! User Manual (UM0130)

Appendix A—Glossary

Definitions for terms and abbreviations used in this Application Note that are not commonly known are listed in [Table 3](#).

Table 3. Glossary

Term/Abbreviation	Definition
1C	A charging current rate equal to the A-hr rating of the battery
ADC	Analog-to-Digital Converter
ISR	Interrupt Service Routine
Li-Ion	Lithium Ion
mAh	milli-Ampere-hour: The unit of battery capacity
NiCd	Nickel Cadmium
NiMH	Nickel Metal Hydride
PI	Proportional and Integral
PWM	Pulse Width Modulation
SLA	Sealed Lead Acid

Appendix B—Schematic Diagrams

The schematic diagram in Figure 3 illustrates the Z8 Encore! XP MCU pin diagram.

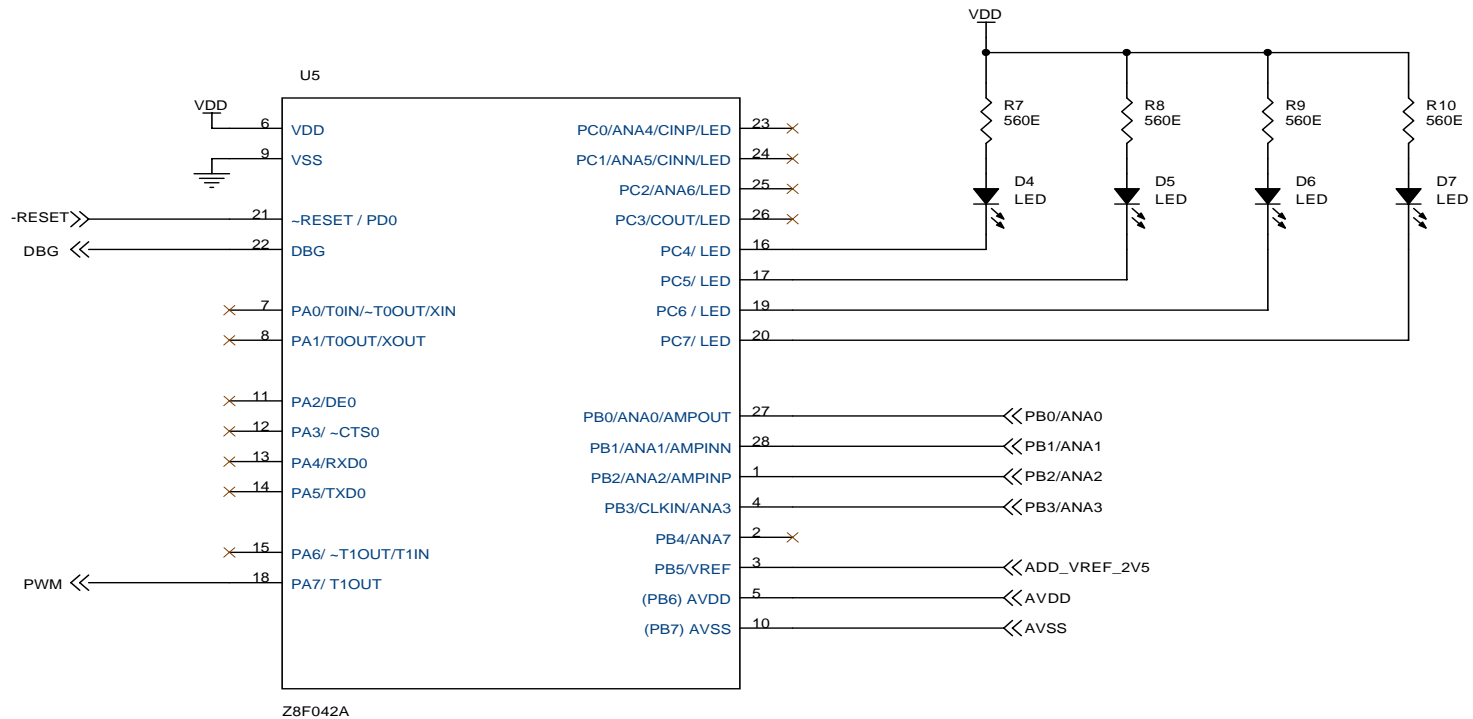


Figure 3. Schematic Illustrating the Z8 Encore! XP MCU Pin Diagram

The schematic diagram in [Figure 4](#) illustrates the external circuitry for the battery charger application.

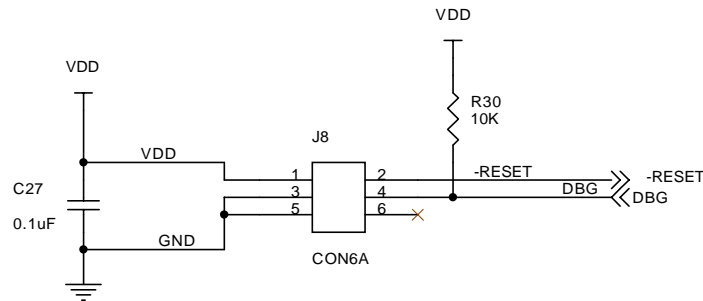
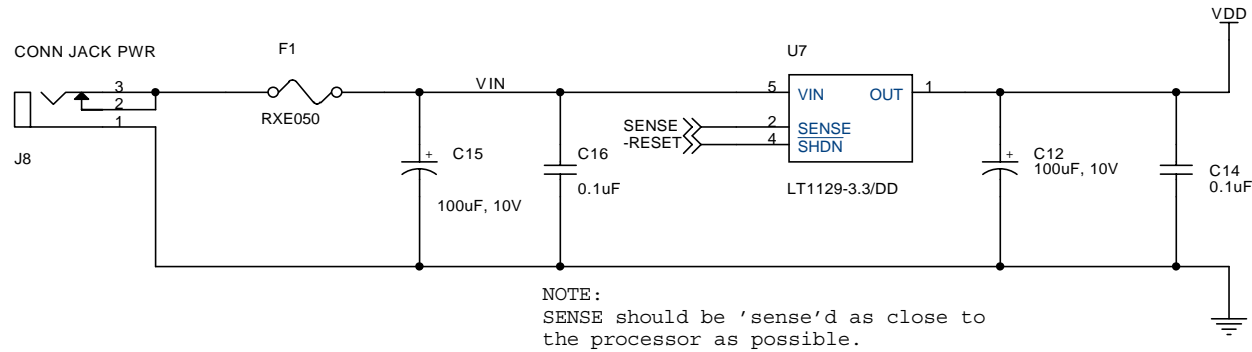
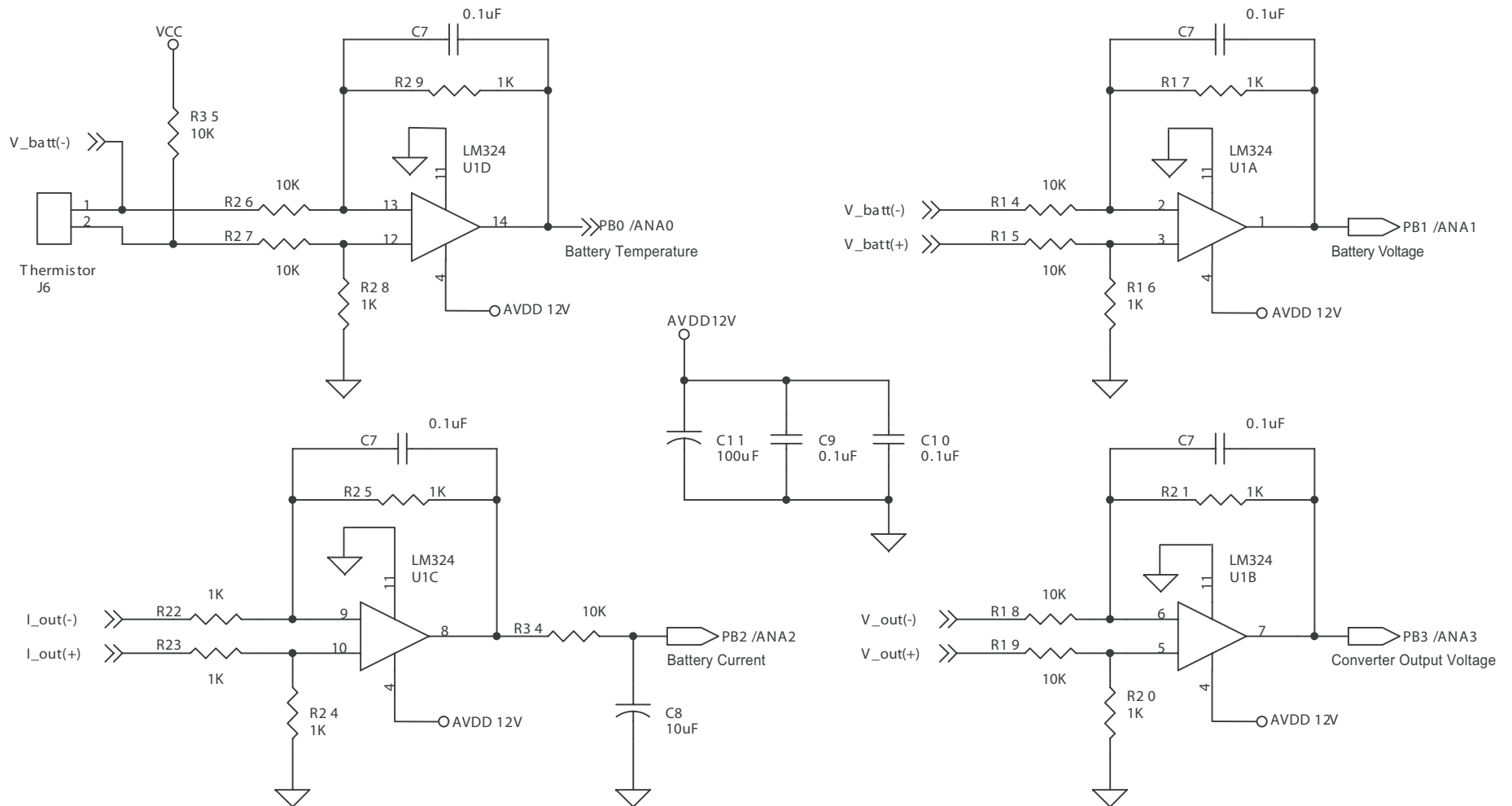


Figure 4. Schematic Illustrating the External Circuitry for the Battery Charger Application

The schematic diagram in [Figure 6](#) illustrates the feedback circuits for the battery charger application.



NOTE:
For Testing the AVDD12V is obtained from External Power Source.

Figure 6. Schematic Illustrating the Feedback Circuits

Appendix C—Flowcharts

This appendix provides flowcharts for the battery charger application described in this document. [Figure 7](#) explains flowchart of the main routine for the battery charger application. The main routine involves calculation of safety limits, thresholds, duty cycle, reading of feedback values for battery voltage, charging current, and converter voltage.

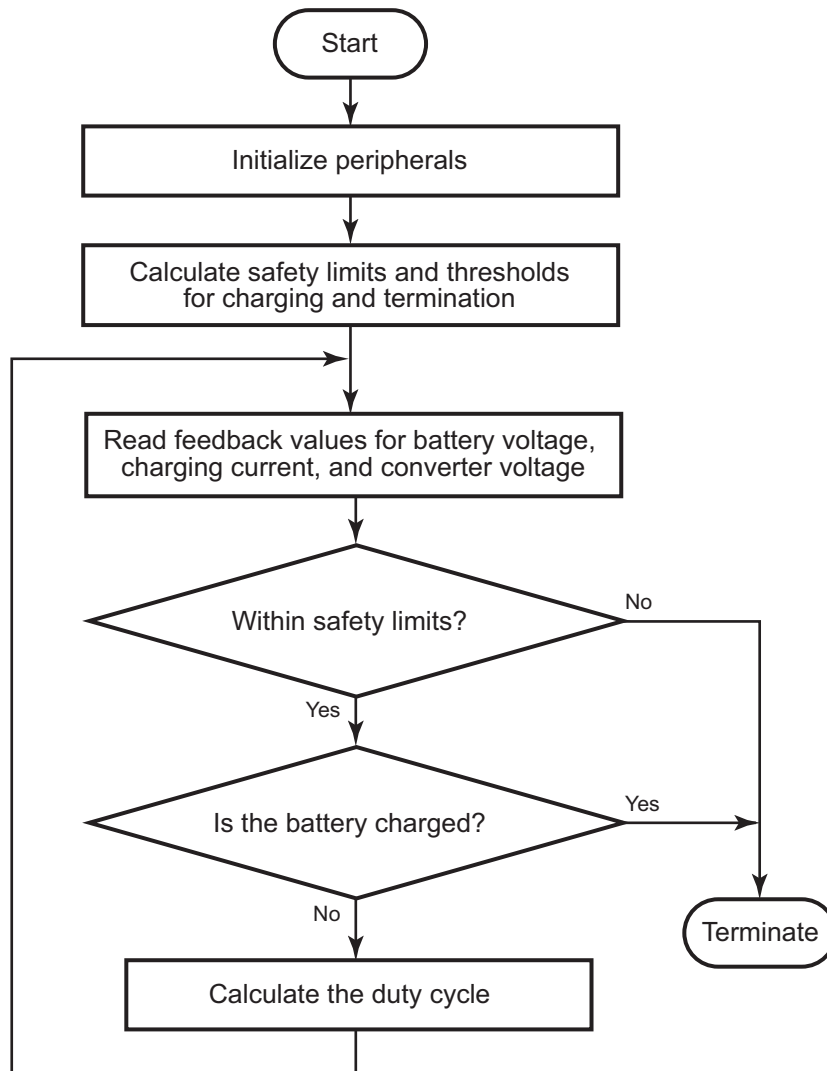


Figure 7. The Main Routine

Figure 8 explains a flowchart of the Interrupt Service Routine (ISR) for reloading the PWM value and updating the charge termination data.

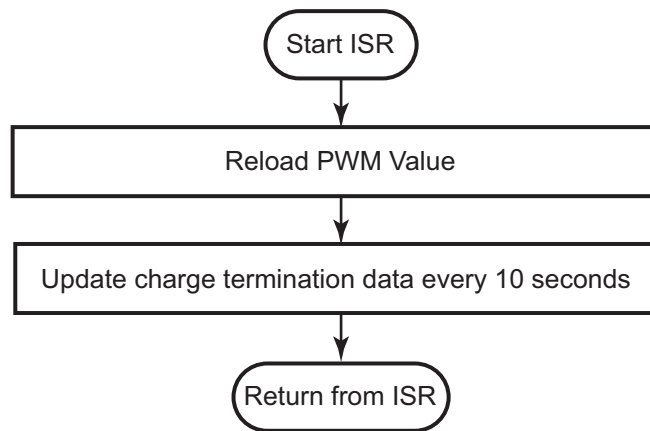


Figure 8. The ISR Return Routine



Appendix D—Source Code

This appendix provides a listing of the source code associated with the application described in this document.

The source code file, AN0223-SC01.zip, is available on zillog.com.

C Files

The following C files are listed in this section:

- main.c
- initialize.c
- charger.c

```

/*
*****
*****
* File : main.c
* Description: The scope is to demonstrate how the Z8 Encore!
XP can be * used as a SLA battery charger. This main program calls
various
* routines required for the charger to function.
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*****
*****/
/*

```

Changes in this version

1. Design change: ISR frequency from 5ms to 10ms to give time for ADC



2. Changed T0_RELOAD values from 0x5A00 to 0x3600

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*/

#include <stdio.h>
#include <ez8.h>
#include "charger.h"

void interrupt isr_timer0(void);
int display_timer = 0, pwm_update_timer = 0,
eoc_update_timer = 0;
int new_pwh = 0, new_pwl = 0;
int eoc_value = 0, last_eoc_value = 0;
int battery_type = 0;
extern int average_value[CHANNELS+1];
extern int new_pwl, new_pwh;

void main()
{
int n = 0;
int i;
int new_pw;
unsigned int temp = 0;

initialize();           // Initialize the system.
battery_type = SLA;
putchar('\n');          // Fresh Line on HyperTerminal.
ADCCTL0 |= 0x80;        // Enable ADC.
EI();                   // Enable Interrupts.

while (n != 1)
{
read_feedback_values(); // Find actual values.
check_for_safety();    // Ensure safe operation.
n = check_for_termination(battery_type);
// Find whether further charging is required.
calculate_pwm_value(battery_type);
// Find appropriate pwm value based on feedback received.
}
}

/*
*****
*****

```



```

** Routine      : isr_timer0
** Parameters   : None
** Return       : int
**
** Purpose:
**   This is the ISR for the battery charger.
**   It updates the duty cycle every 10 milliseconds.
**   It updates the fullcharge test values every 10 seconds.
**
*****
*****
*/
#pragma interrupt
void isr_timer0()
{
    eoc_update_timer = eoc_update_timer + 1;
    // Condition for updating termination values
    // printf costly try printhex etc.

T1CTL  &= 0x7F;          // Disable timer for modifications.
    T1PWH  = new_pwh;      // PWM High.
    T1PWL  = new_pwl;      // PWM Low.
    T1CTL |= 0x80;        // Enable timer, rest same.

    if (eoc_update_timer == 2000)
        // Store end_of_charging values every 10 seconds.
        {
            last_eoc_value = eoc_value; // Update last value.
            eoc_value = average_value[1]; // Update present value.
            eoc_update_timer = 0; // Reset every 10 seconds.
        }
}

/
*****
***** End of File < main.c >
*****
*****/

/*
*****
*****
* File : initialize.c

```



```

* Description: The scope is to initialize Z8 Encore! XP
peripherals so
* that it functions as a SLA battery charger.
* This program initializes -
* GPIO ports A, B, C
* Timer 0 and timer 1
* Internal Crystal oscillator
* ADC
* required for the charger function.
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*****/

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```

#include <stdio.h>

#include <ez8.h>
#include "charger.h"

extern void interrupt isr_timer0(void);
extern int average_value[CHANNELS + 1];
extern int adc_value[CHANNELS + 1];
extern int old[CHANNELS + 1];
extern int max;
extern int Vset, Iset, Ilim, Vbatt_low_th;

int print_data1, print_data2, print_data3;

void initialize(void)
{
    unsigned int RAM_Location;
    int i;

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// Initialize GPIO ports.

PAADDR = ALT_FUN;           // Port A alternate function
-
    PACTL = 0xB0;           // - PA7 = Timer 1 output,
                            PA0, Pa1           //
                            Selected thro' OSCCTL.
//    PACTL = 0x80; // - PA7 = Timer 1 output, PA0, Pa1
                            // Selected thro' OSCCTL.
//    PAADDR = DATA_DIR; // Port A data direction -
//    PACTL = 0x10; // - Decided by Alternate Functions
                            // wherever applicable - rest unused.

// High Drive Enable not initialized for Port A.
// Stop Mode Recovery Source not initialized for Port A.
// Pull Up not initialized for Port A.
// Timer1 output is PUSH-PULL. Same as RESET.
// AFS1, AFS2 not applicable for Port A.
// Data Input Register - No initialization.
// Data Output Register - No initialization.
//-----

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// Port B Initialization
PBADDR = ALT_FUN;           // Port B alternate
function -
    PBCTL = 0x2F;           // - PB0:3 ADC inputs,
PB5: VREF.
    PBADDR = AFS1;
    PBCTL = 0x2F; // High Drive Enable not initialized for
                    // Port B.

// Stop Mode Recovery Source not initialized for Port B.
// Pull Up not initialized for Port B.
// AFS2 not applicable for Port B.
// Data Input Register - No initialization.
// Data Output Register - No initialization.
// Port B data direction is all inputs. Same as RESET.
// Port B output control. Not applicable.

// -----

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// Port C Initialization

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PCADDR = ALT_FUN; // Port C alternate function -
PCCTL  = 0x08;    // - Selecting Alternate Function
                // for PC3.

PCADDR = AFS1;
PCCTL  = 0x08;    // Select LED Drive over.
                // Comparator o/p for PC3.
LEDEN  = 0x08;    // Enable LED Drive for PC3.
LEDLVLH = 0x00;
LEDLVLL = 0x08;  // 7 mA current sink for PC3.
PCADDR = DATA_DIR; // Port C data direction -
PCCTL  = 0xF7;    // PC3 output, rest input.

    // High Drive Enable not initialized for Port C.
// Stop Mode Recovery Source not initialized for Port C.
// Pull Up not initialized for Port C.
// AFS2 not applicable for Port C.
// Data Input Register - No initialization.

PCOUT  = 0xFF;    // Data Output Register - LED OFF.
    // Port B data direction is all inputs. Same as RESET.
    // Port B output control. Not applicable.
    // Port D initialization - As at RESET.
    // -----

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    // Initialize timer 0.
SET_VECTOR(TIMER0, isr_timer0); // Set interrupt service
routine.

    // ISR for timer0.
    TOH= 0x00;    // Timer High.
    TOL = 0x00;    // Timer Low.
// TORH = 0x2B;    // Reload Compare High and Low -
                // from 0x5A00 to 0x3600.
// TORL = 0x33;    // from 5ms to 8ms and from 20MHz
                // to 5.5296MHz.
TORH = 0x36;    // Reload Compare High and
Low -
                // from 0x5A00 to 0x3600.
TORL = 0x00;    // from 5ms to 10ms and from 20MHz
                // to 5.5296MHz.
TOCTL = 0x11;    // Timer Control#00010001b
                // | |_|_|_| continuous mode of
                // operation
                // |_|_|_| divide by 4

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// Prescale
// Set Timer0 as Level2 (Nominal) priority interrupt
IRQ0ENH |= 0x20; // IRQ0 Enable High for Timer0.
IRQ0ENL &= 0x00; // IRQ0 Enable Low.
TOCTL |= 0x80; // Enable timer0.
// -----

// Initialize timer 1.
// Initialize Timer 1 in continuous PWM mode with prescale =
1.

T1CTL = 0x03; // PWM mode, Prescale 1, not enabled.
T1PWMH = 0x00; // PWM High.
T1PWML = 0x00; // PWM Low.
T1RH = 0x00; // RELOAD High.
T1RL = 0x6E; // RELOAD Low 0x006E = 50KHz at
// 5.5296MHz sysclk.

// T1RH = 0x01; // RELOAD High.
// T1RL = 0x70; // RELOAD Low 0x0170 = 50KHz at
// 18.432MHz sysclk.
// Define destination address for
// ADC- DMA.
// -----

// Initialize Crystal Oscillator
OSCCTL = OSC_UNLOCK_SEQ1; // Unlock sequence for OSCCTL
write.

OSCCTL = OSC_UNLOCK_SEQ2;
OSCCTL = 0x80; // Internal 5.5MHz, till 5MHz crystal,
// RC is not available.

// Crystal oscillator is enabled.
// IPO is disabled, WDT oscillator enabled.
// Failure detection and recovery of primary oscillator is
enabled.

// Crystal or external RC oscillator as system clock.
// -----

// ADC initialization
//ADCCTL0 = 0x20; // External Vref, Single Shot, Analog
// channel 0, not enabled.
//ADCCTL1 = 0x00; // External Vref, Alarms disabled,

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// unbuffered- single ended inputs.
ADCCTL0 = 0x20; // Internal Vref, Single Shot, Analog
// channel 0, not enabled.
ADCCTL1 = 0x80; // Internal Vref 2.0volts, Alarms
// disabled, unbuffered.
// -----

// Initialize UART for data collection, test only.
U0BRH = 0x00; // Set Baudrate; test only.
U0BRL = 0x06; // Set Baudrate = 57600;
test only

// F_clk = 5.5296 MHz.
UOCTL0 = 0xC0; // Transmit enable, Receive Enable,
// No Parity, 1 Stop.
// -----

// IBATT_NICD is battery capacity in mAh
// Iset = IBATT_NICD / 2; // Fast charge at the rate of k-times
// full capacity.
// Iset = 75; // 75 corresponds to 200mA at Vin =
// 10.5 Volts.
Iset = 25;
Vset = 232; // 234 corresponds to 4900mV output.
Vbatt_low_th = 232; // Switch from CC to CV at 4900mV.
}

/
*****
***** End of File < initialize.c >
*****
*****/

/*
*****
*****
* File : charger.c
* Description: The scope is to provide all of the core
routines for Z8
* Encore XP so that it performs as a SLA battery charger.
* This program implements -
* PI controller
*ADC
* Safety routines

```



```

* Termination algorithm
* required for the charger function.
*
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*****
*****/

#include <ez8.h>
#include "charger.h"
#include <sio.h>

int Vbatt_max, Vout_max, Vbatt_low_th, flag_test, neg_th,
zero_th, abs_th;
int type, Vset, Iset, Ilim;
int average_value[CHANNELS + 1] = 0;
int adc_value[CHANNELS + 1] = 0;
int old[CHANNELS + 1] = 0;

extern int eoc_value, last_eoc_value;

int error[2] = {0, 0};
extern int new_pwl, new_pwh;
extern int battery_type;

int Vpwm = 0;

char data_ready;

/*
*****
*****
**
** Routine      :   read_feedback_values

```



```

** Parameters :   None
** Return      :   Nothing
**
** Purpose:
** In the read_feedback_values routine:
** Four Analog channels are converted to Digital data.
** The ADC data is stored arbitrarily from RAM location
0xDE0.
** The RAM location must exclude 0xF00-0xFFFF address space.
** The ADC data is passed through a digital low pass filter.
** The final data is stored in the array average_value.
**
*****
*****
*/

void read_feedback_values()
{
long i;
static int channel;

// Check if the data is ready.
// read data at appropriate location.
// if data for last channel is read.
// then set fresh_data flag.
// start conversion for next channel.

if (!(ADCCTL0 & 0x80)) // Check if the ADC data is available
{
// ADC data available.
adc_value[channel] = new_getvalue()// Read ADC data -
adjusted.
average_value[channel] = ((6 * adc_value[channel])+
(4 * old[channel]))/10; // Low pass filter.
old[channel] = adc_value[channel]; // Preparing for low
pass.
// filter.

// Implement ADC channel sequence 0 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 0.

if (channel == CHANNELS)
{
// This is the last channel.
data_ready = 1; // All channels are having a new
// value.

```



```

channel = 0;          // Start from the beginning channel.
}
else
{
channel++;          // Next Channel.
}

// Proper channel is selected
ADCCTL0 &= ~(0x0F); // Clear the lower nibble for loading
// the new channel.
ADCCTL0 |= (char)channel; // Load the channel in the ADC
// control register.
ADCCTL0 |= 0x80;     // Start Conversion for the new
// channel.
}
else
{
// Conversion in progress, skip
}
}

/*
*****
*****
**
** Routine      :      check_for_safety
** Parameters   :      None
** Return       :      Nothing
**
** Purpose:
** This routine checks whether the battery voltage and
converter
** output voltage are within the safety limits.
**
*****
*****
*/
void check_for_safety()
{
    if (average_value[1] > Vbatt_max) // Compare actual
        battery voltage          //
        with max limit for Vbatt.
    {
        T1CTL &= 0x7F;           // Actual battery voltage higher
        // than threshold - disable PWM
    }
}

```



```

        // output.
        DI();          // Disable further action.
    }

    if (average_value[3] > Vout_max) // Compare converter
output voltage      // with max limit of Vout.
    {
        T1CTL &= 0x7F;    // Actual output voltage higher
                        // than threshold - disable PWM
                        // output.
        DI();          // Disable further action.
    }

                        // Code for thermal safety can be
                        // added here.
}

/*
*****
*****
**
** Routine      :      check_for_termination
** Parameters   :      None
** Return      :      int
**
** Purpose:
** This routine contains code for terminating different
** types of batteries. The algorithms available are -
** Negative delta V algorithm for NiCd batteries,
** Zero delta V algorithm for NiMH batteries, and
** Absolute V algorithm for SLA and Li-Ion batteries.
**
*****
*****
*/
int check_for_termination(int type)
{
    static unsigned char count = 0;          // For NiMH zero
delta V                                     // termination.
        static int max = 0;                // For NiCd neg
delta V                                     // threshold.
}

```



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int diff = 0; // For NiCd neg
delta V // threshold.
int difference; // For SLA and Li-Ion termination
int status = 0; // Initialize
default for // uncharged batteries.

// SLA and Li-Ion are Terminated when charging current
// drops below 0.1C up to 0.07C mA.
// For 500mAh capacity this is taken as 45mA

if (average_value[2] < 15)// 15 corresponds to 45mA approx
{
T1CTL &= 0x7F; // Terminate - disable PWM
// output.
DI(); // Disable further action.
status = CHARGING_COMPLETE; // Termination flag set,
// used in main()
}
return (status);
}

/*
*****
*****
**
** Routine : calculate_pwm_value
** Parameters : None
** Return : Nothing
**
** Purpose: The calculate_pwm_value routine monitors the
battery
**status and decides the charging type. It further
calculates the
** pwm values required for next cycle in control loop.
**
*****
*****
*/
void calculate_pwm_value(int type)
{
if (average_value[1] < Vbatt_low_th)
{

```



```

cc_control();    // Start-up with constant current
                // control
}
else            // Normal operation for SLA/ Li-Ion
{
cv_control();   // constant voltage control
}
}

/*
*****
*****
**
** Routine      :    cc_control
** Parameters:    None
** Return       :    Nothing
**
** Purpose: This function implements the constant current
controller ** for the battery charger. The constant current controller
forces the ** dc-dc converter to work as a constant current source. It
uses voltage ** developed across Rsense by the current as the feedback
quantity. **
**
*****
*****
*/
void cc_control(void)
{
    int new_pw;

    error[0] = Iset - average_value[2]; // Find present
error.

                                // PI controller algorithm.
Vpwm = Vpwm + ((8 * error[0]) / 10) - ((2 * error[1]) / 3);
                                // stable, best till now
    error[1] = error[0];        // store present error as last
                                // error.
// -----
// Scale Vout to Pulse width.
// Reload corresponds to Vin - 100% duty cycle.

```




```

new_pw = (Vpwm * RELOAD) / VIN; // So, calculate new_pw
to
// correspond to Vout.
DI(); // Encapsulate so that half the
// value is not loaded in ISR
new_pwl = new_pw & 0x00FF; // convert the new_pw in PWM
// register format - L
new_pwh = new_pw >> 8; // convert the new_pw in PWM
// register format - H
EI();
}

/*
*****
*****
**
** Routine : cv_control
** Parameters: None
** Return : Nothing
**
** Purpose : This function implements the constant current
controller ** for the battery charger. The constant voltage controller
forces the **dc-dc converter to work as a constant voltage source. It
uses the
**voltage developed by the converter as the feedback
quantity.
**
*****
*****
*/
void cv_control(void)
{
    int new_pw;

    error[0] = Vset - average_value[3]; // Find present
error.
// PI controller algorithm.
Vpwm = Vpwm + (error[0] /10) - (error[1]/16); // PI-
controller,
// stable, best possible
error[1] = error[0]; // store present error as last
// error.
// -----
// Scale Vout to Pulse width.

```



```

// Reload corresponds to Vin - 100% duty cycle.
new_pw = Vpwm * RELOAD / VIN; // So, calculate new_pw to
correspond /
/ to Vout.

DI();
// -----
new_pwl = new_pw & 0x00FF; // convert the PWM value in
PWM
// register format - L
new_pwh = new_pw >> 8; // convert the PWM value in PWM
// register format - H
EI();
// -----
}

int new_getvalue(void)
{
    int ADCvalue, valueH, valueL;

    // In single shot conversion the ADC is 11-bits and in 2's
    complement // format.
    // ADHR holds higher 8-bits and ADLR holds lower 3-bits in
    bits 7-5

    valueH = ADHR;
    valueH &= 0x00FF; // valueH is an int - Is this required?
    valueH = valueH << 3; // Make space for the three least
    // significant bits.
    valueH &= ~(0x07); // Mask all undefined bits.

    valueL = ADLR; // Read LSbyte from ADC data Low register
    valueL = valueL >> 5; // Position least significant bits at
    D0-
    // D2 positions.
    valueL &= 0x07; // Mask all undefined bits.
    ADCvalue = valueH | valueL; // Form the 10-bit ADC value.
    // This is raw ADC data
    return (ADCvalue);
}

/*

```



```
*****
*****
***** End of File < charger.c
>*****
*****
*****
*/
```

Header Files

The following header file is listed in this section:

- charger.h

```

/*
*****
*****
* File : charger.h
* Description : The scope of this header file is to declare
all of the
charger.
* functions and constants required for the SLA battery
charger.
* This header file declares all of the functions and
constants required * for the SLA battery charger.
*
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*****
******/

/*****
*Function prototypes for main.c
******/
void initialize(void);
void select_parameters(int);
void do_common_calculations(void);
void do_specific_calculations(int);
int read_battery_type(void);
int check_for_termination(int);
void calculate_pwm_value(int);

/*****
* Miscellaneous Definitions
******/

```



```

#define CHANNELS 3 // Four ADC channels 0-3.
#define VIN 360 // Conversion factor for PWM.
#define R_SENSE 5 // Current sensing resistor.
#define DATA_DIR0x01 // Assign PxCTL for Data direction.
#define ALT_FUN 0x02 // Assign PxCTL for Alternate function
#define OUT_CTL 0x03 // Assign PxCTL for Output control.
#define RELOAD 0x006E // PWM reload value for 50KHz.
#define CC 0 // Constant current control.
#define CV 1 // Constant voltage control.
#define CHARGING_COMPLETE 0x01 // charge termination flag.
#define ADC_OFFSET22
#define ADC_VREF 2000 // Vref = 2volts.
#define ADC_STEPS 1023

#define OSC_UNLOCK_SEQ10xE7
#define OSC_UNLOCK_SEQ20x18
#define AFS1 0x07
#define AFS2 0x08

/*****
* LED codes
*****/
#define ALL_LEDS_OFF 0xFF
#define CHARGING_OVER 0x7F
#define SAFETY_ERROR 0xBF
#define NO_SELECTION 0xDF
#define LI_ION_BATTERY 0xEF
#define NIMH_BATTERY 0xF7
#define NICD_BATTERY 0xFB
#define SLA_BATTERY 0xFD

/*****
* Battery type definitions
*****/
#define SLA 0x02

/*****
* Battery type-specific parameters
*****/
#define VBATT_SLA 4000 // Voltage rating for the SLA
battery. in mV
#define IBATT_SLA 500 // Capacity rating for the
// SLA battery in mAh

```



```

/*****
* ADC Routines and definitions
*****/
typedef unsigned char volatile far *IORegInt8;
#define IO_ADDR(addr) *((IORegInt8) addr)

void read_feedback_values(void);
int new_getvalue(void);

/*****
* Controller routines
*****/
void cv_control(void); // constant voltage control
void cc_control(void); // constant current control

/*****
* Safety Routines
*****/
void check_for_safety(void);

/
*****
***** End of File < charger.h >
*****
*****/
```

Appendix E—Battery Technology

The four mainstream battery chemistries (NiCd, NiMH, SLA, and Li-Ion) feature different charging and discharging characteristics. Long-term battery life and performance are critically dependent upon how batteries are charged. Therefore, it is important to charge batteries with a mechanism specific to their requirements.

It is also important to know when to terminate charging, because overcharging of a battery invariably results in poor performance and can damage the battery in extreme cases. Moreover, different battery types function differently near full charge condition, and therefore require specific charge termination techniques. During charging, all batteries exhibit a marked rise in voltage above the rated battery voltage.

The two major rechargeable battery types—SLA and Li-Ion, are briefly discussed below. For more information, see [References](#) on page 11.

Sealed Lead Acid

SLA batteries are most commonly used in automobiles. The single cell voltage for SLA is 2 V. According to their use, several such cells are connected in series to get higher voltages such as 12 V/24 V. SLA batteries are charged with a constant voltage supply of 2.45 V per cell. For the application described in this document, 4.90 V is used as the charging voltage for the 4 V SLA battery. At the start of charging, depending on their state of charge, SLA batteries require-huge amounts of current. If this current uptake is not controlled, the battery electrolyte boils, producing gases inside the battery. Therefore, it is necessary to limit the charging current. As soon as the battery reaches a particular level of charge, the current is limited and constant voltage charging is enforced. The charge termination mechanism is simple and is achieved as battery voltage reaches the charging voltage. At the same time, there is a corresponding drop in charging current.

Lithium Ion

Li-Ion batteries are lighter in weight, than NiCd and NiMH batteries. This feature makes Li-Ion high-energy density batteries. They exhibit flat discharge characteristics and are free from memory effect. If the starting voltage of these batteries is initially too low, a small constant current is applied until the battery reaches a certain threshold specified by the manufacturer. The battery is charged with constant voltage when this threshold is crossed. Charging is terminated when the charging current drops below the threshold in the constant voltage mode.