

bq24230H and bq24232H 0.5-A Single-Chip Li-Ion

This user's guide describes the bq24230H (PREVIEW) and bq24232H (bqTINY-III™) evaluation module (EVM). The EVM provides a convenient method for evaluating the performance of a charge management and system power solution for portable applications having 4.35-V Li-Ion batteries using either the bq24230H and bq24232H products. A completely designed and tested module is presented. The charger is designed to deliver up to 0.5 A of continuous current to the system or charger for one-cell Li-ion or Li-polymer applications (see the data sheet for the correct device) using a DC power supply. The charger is programmed by the factory to deliver 0.5 A of charging current. This EVM was designed as a standalone evaluation module, but it can also be interfaced with the system and host via the connectors and headers.

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1 Introduction

The bq2423xH family powers the system while independently charging the battery. This feature reduces the charge and discharge cycles on the battery, allows for proper charge termination, and allows the system to run with an absent or defective battery pack. This feature also allows for the system to instantaneously turn on from an external power source even when using a deeply discharged battery pack.

This charger family has one input and can be programmed to be used with an adapter or USB port as the power source for the system. In the USB configuration, the host can select from the two preset input maximum current limits of 100 and 500 mA. The charger dynamically adjusts the charge rate based on the system load to stay within the 100-mA or 500-mA maximum limits. An external resistor, RSET1, sets the magnitude of the charge current between 25 and 500 mA. If the charge current exceeds the available input current, the voltage on the OUT pin drops to the DPPM threshold or the battery voltage, whichever is higher. The charging current is reduced to what current is available ($I_{BAT} = I_{IN} - I_{OUT}$).

The integrated circuit (IC) charges the battery in three phases: conditioning, constant current, and constant voltage. Charge is terminated based on minimum current. A resistor-programmable charge timer provides a backup safety for charge termination. The charge automatically restarts if the battery voltage falls below an internal threshold. Sleep mode is entered when the supply is removed (V_{IN} drops to the battery voltage). Pin 15 of bq24230H has a TD pin that allows the user to disable termination (as well as safety timers) at startup. Pin 15 of the bq24232H is ITERM, which allows the user to set the termination up to 50% of the fast charge current instead of the default 10% value.

Table 1. Ordering Information

Part Number	V_{OVP}	V_{BAT}	$V_{OUT(REG)}$	V_{DPM}	Optional Function (PIN 15)	Marking
bq24230HRGTR (PREVIEW)	6.6 V	4.35 V	4.5 V	$V_{O(REG)} - 100$ mV	TD	24230H
bq24232HRGTT	10.5 V	4.35 V	4.5 V	$V_{O(REG)} - 100$ mV	ITERM	24232H

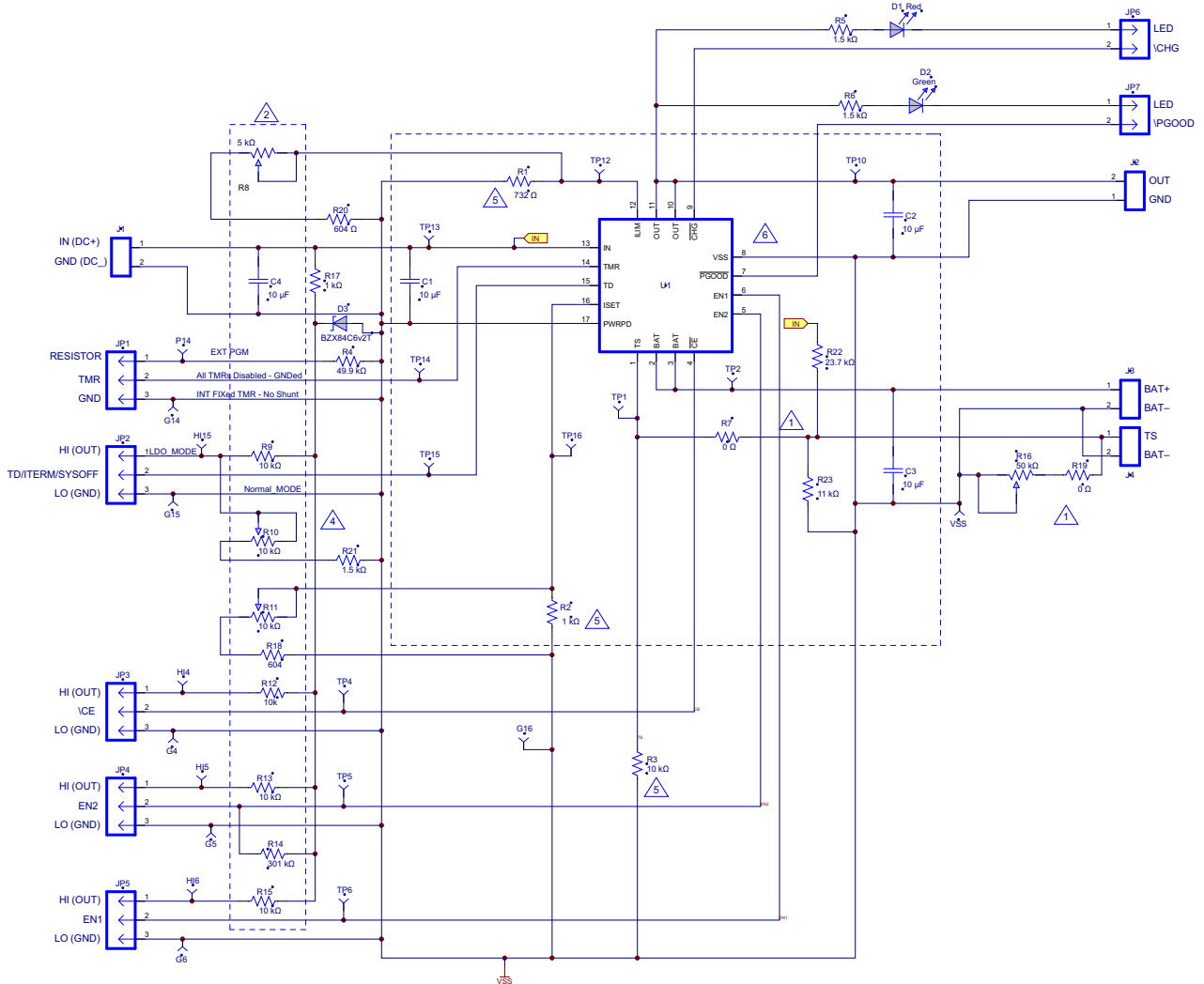
The two potential sources to power the system (V_{OUT}) are the input source and the battery (adapter or USB port). The IC is designed to power the system continuously. If the adapter or USB input is not available (or disabled), the battery connects to the system.

In the thermal regulation condition ($T_J = 125^\circ\text{C}$, not a first-choice design mode of operation), the charge current is reduced to the battery, and the system still gets its power from the input. The battery supplement is available in thermal regulation if the V_{OUT} falls to V_{BAT} . In thermal cutoff (approximately 155°C), the input sources are disconnected, but the internal battery FET connects the battery to V_{OUT} .

1.1 References

bq24230H and bq24232H data sheet, *USB-Friendly Li-Ion Battery Charger and Power-Path Management IC*, TI literature number [SLUS821](#)

1.2 Schematic



2 Performance Specification Summary

Table 2 summarizes the performance specifications of the EVM.

Table 2. Performance Specification Summary for bq24230H and bq24232H EVMs

SPECIFICATION	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Input DC Voltage for bq24230H, V_{IN}		4.75	5	6.4	V
Input DC Voltage for bq24232H, V_{IN}		4.75	5	10.2	V
Battery Charge Current, I_{CHG}			250	500	mA
Power Dissipation, bq24230H and bq24232H IC, 1 Cell	$P_{diss} = (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) I_{OUT} + (V_{IN} - V_{BAT}) I_{BAT}$			See ⁽¹⁾	W

⁽¹⁾ The PCB thermal design is optimized (8+ vias, 0.031-inch PCB, 2-oz. copper) to give $\theta_{JA} \approx 27^{\circ}C/W$.

2.1 Performance Recommendations

This IC is a linear battery charger and also powers the system from the input through the linear regulator output. Being a linear device, the charger is most efficient when the input voltage is only slightly above the battery voltage ($V_{IN} = 4.75$ to 5.5 V). Too low of an input voltage (less than the OUT voltage plus the dropout voltage) results in degraded performance. Excessive input voltage (> 5.5 V) results in excess power dissipation and reduced performance (that is, reduced charge current) due to the IC's thermal regulation protection circuit. The IC is rated to 28 V and is not damaged with V_{IN} voltages less than this, but any V_{IN} voltage over the overvoltage protection (OVP) threshold disables the IC. Thus, the recommended operating range for maximum performance is between 4.75 and 5.5 V, with a preference for the lower values.

3 Test Summary

This section covers the setup and tests performed in evaluating the EVM.

3.1 Equipment

- Power supply (+5.25 \pm 0.25 Vdc), current limit set to 1 A \pm 0.1 A
- Three Fluke 75 DMMs (equivalent or better)
- Oscilloscope, model TDS220 (equivalent or better)

3.2 Equipment and EVM Setup

- Preset P/S number 1 to 5.25 V \pm 0.25 V, 2 A \pm 0.25-A current limit, turn off, and connect to J1-IN/GND (+ to IN and – to GND)
- Connect a 10- Ω , 10-W resistor to J2-OUT/VSS
- Connect a fully discharged ($V_{BAT} < 2.8$ V) Battery to J3-BAT+/VSS (+ to BAT+ and – to VSS)
- Apply the jumpers as per [Table 3](#)
- For the bq2423xEVM, adjust the potentiometers as follows (measure resistance from TP number to VSS):
 - R8 (ILIM-TP12) = 3.1 k Ω (3.07 to 3.13 k Ω)
 - R11 (ISET-TP16) = 1.74 k Ω (1.72 to 1.75 k Ω)
 - R16 (TS-TP1) = 7.5 k Ω (7.3 to 7.7 k Ω)
 - For bq24074 (-006): R10 (ITERM-TP15) = 3 k Ω (2.98 to 3.02 k Ω)

Table 3. bq2423XEVM Jumpers

Jumper	bq24230H	bq24232H
JMP1	RES-TMR	RES-TMR
JMP2	TD-Vss	TD-Vss
JMP3	CE-Vss	CE-Vss
JMP4	EN2-HI	EN2-HI
JMP5	EN1-Vss	EN1-Vss

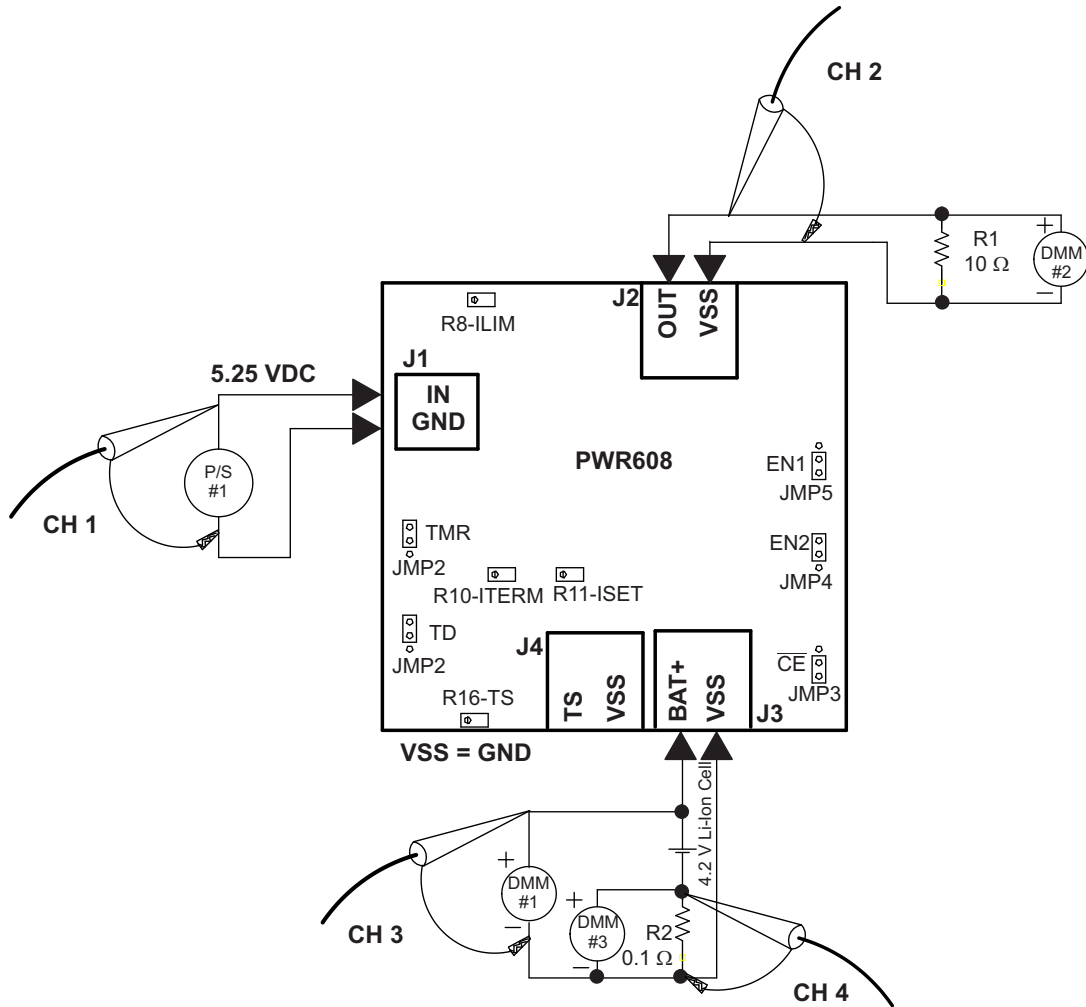


Figure 1. Test Diagram

3.3 Test Procedure

1. Verify that the equipment and EVM is setup according to the preceding section.
2. Verify that V_{OUT} is approximately equal to V_{BAT} .
3. Turn on P/S number 1, +5.25-Vdc supply to the UUT.
4. Verify V_{BAT} is between 2.4 and 3 Vdc, and the charger is in precharge state: LEDs CHG (D1) and PGOOD (D2) are on. If V_{BAT} is above the low-voltage threshold ($V_{(LOWV)}$ approximately 3 V), then the IC is in fast-charge mode. If the IC is in fast charge, skip step 7.
5. Verify DMM number 3, I_{BAT} is approximately 5 mV or approximately 0.05 A.
6. Verify that V_{OUT} for bq2423XH is 4.4 to 4.6 V.
7. Allow the battery to charge until V_{BAT} is between 3.3 and 4 Vdc. The charger delivers the programmed constant current to the battery unless the input cannot source the required current.
8. Verify I_{BAT} is approximately 50 mV or approximately 0.5 A (for a 1.74-k Ω resistor on *ISET*).
9. Set JMP5 (EN1) to HI, and verify that the chip is disabled, D1 (CHG) is turned off, and the P/S number 1 current has dropped to 0. The internal battery FET must be on, connecting the BAT pin to the OUT pin. Verify that the voltage on the OUT pin is close to the battery voltage. See [Figure 2](#) for EN1/2 modes of operation.
10. Set JMP4 (EN2) to VSS. Verify that the input current is less than 500 mA (USB 500-mA mode). If the input current is restricted due to USB mode, or if the adapter is current limiting, the OUT pin drops in voltage and enters the DPM mode, if the system current is less than the restricted input current. This IC must be in DPM mode with the system voltage at the DPM.
11. Set JMP5 (EN1) to VSS and verify USB 100-mA mode. The system load is more than the allowed 100 mA on the input, so the OUT voltage drops to the battery voltage, and the battery FET is switched on and supplements the input current. Verify that V_{OUT} has dropped just below the battery voltage and the battery is supplying I_{BAT} , approximately ($V_{OUT} / 10 \Omega - 100 \text{ mA}$).
12. Set JMP4 (EN2) to HI to return to the ISET mode where the programmed current is approximately 0.5 A.
13. Set JMP3 to HI, and verify that the charging is disabled and that the CHG LED (D1) turns off. Verify that the system is still powered by the input.
14. Set JMP3 to VSS, and verify that charging continues and that D1 turns on.
15. Record the OUT voltage and battery charge current. Adjust R8 CCW until the input current starts to be reduced (about 2 turns). Note how the OUT voltage drops and the charge current is reduced as the input current limit loops kicks in and limits the input current. Adjust R8 to its original position.
16. On the bq24230H IC, set JMP2 HI, and verify that the BAT FET turns off and allows no charging or discharging of the battery.
17. Adjust the R16 (TS-Pot) up or down until the TS threshold is reached. Verify that the charging current is disabled. Return the TS resistance within the normal range and verify the continued charging operation.
18. Allow the battery to continue to charge until the battery reaches voltage regulation, approximately 4.2 V \pm 40 mV. Verify that the voltage is regulated as the current tapers over the next 1 to 2 h depending on the battery capacity. See [Figure 3](#) for a charge profile (time in plot is not proportional to actual charge time).
19. Verify that the current tapers to about 50 mA (5 mV on DMM number 3) when termination occurs. Note on the bq24230H IC that termination can be disabled by setting the TD pin HI (JMP2). Also note that on bq24232H, the ITERM resistor (R10) can adjust the termination threshold.
20. Verify that the LED, D1, turns off and the current drops to 0.
21. Turn off P/S number 1, and allow the system load to discharge the battery until a refresh charge is initiated. Verify that the battery voltage dropped to approximately 4.1 V.
22. Verify that the LED, D1, did not turn on for the refresh cycle.

This concludes the procedure for demonstrating the features of this power path charger. For more detailed explanations and instructive waveforms, see the [data sheet](#).

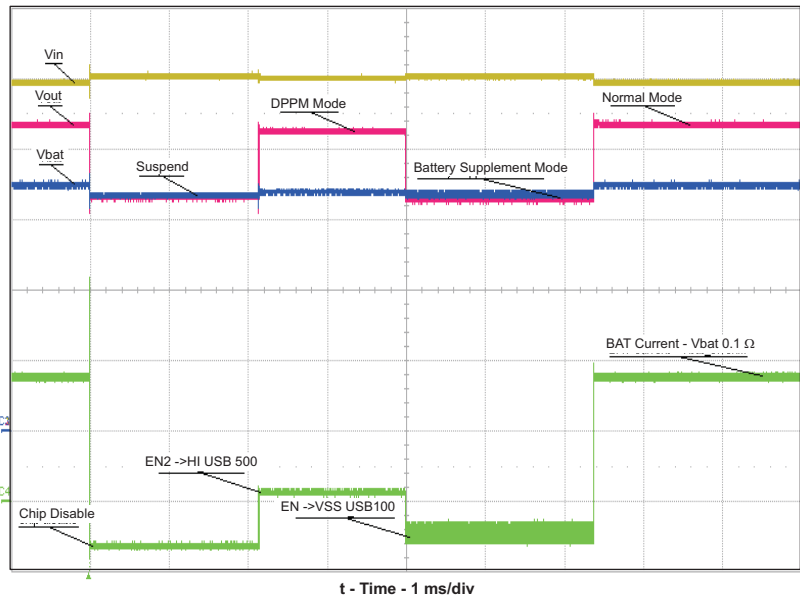


Figure 2. Modes of Operation Tested in Steps 11 Through 13

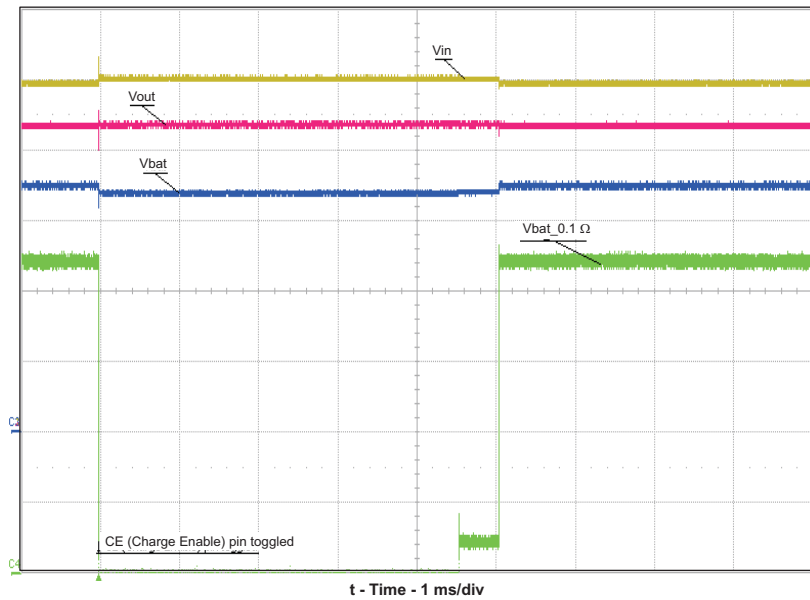


Figure 3. Charge Enabled, Pulled High, Then Low – Disables Charge

4 Physical Layouts

This section contains the board layout and assembly drawings for the EVM.

4.1 Board Layout

Figure 4 shows the top assembly view of the EVM. Figure 5 shows the top etch layer of the EVM, and Figure 6 shows the bottom etch layer.

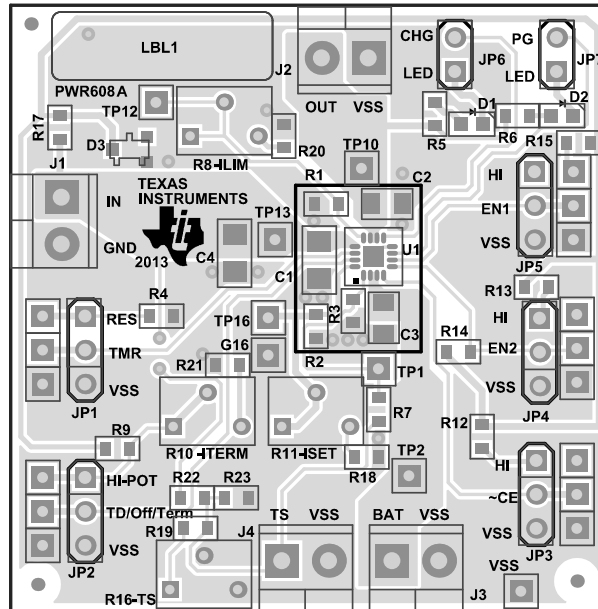


Figure 4. Top Assembly View

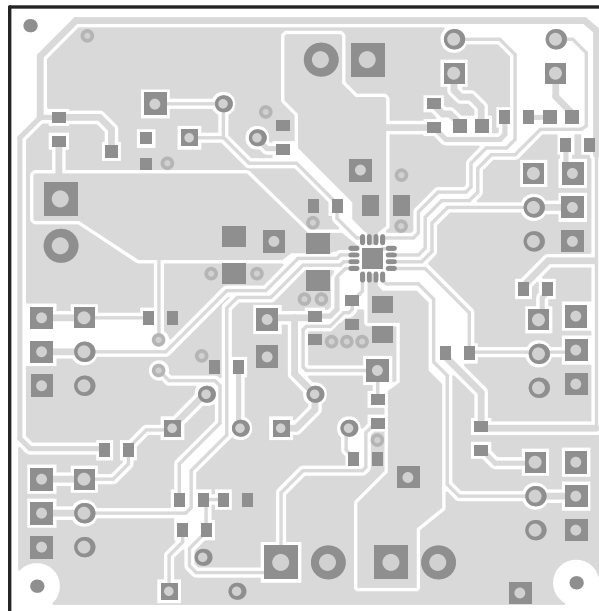


Figure 5. Board Layout – Top Etch Layer

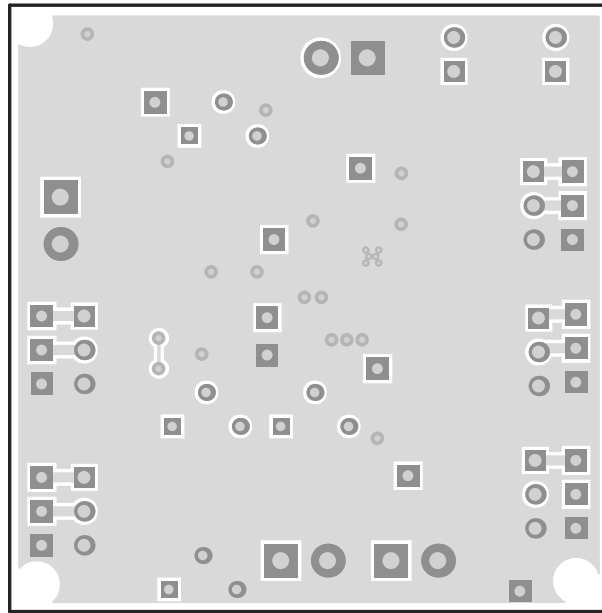


Figure 6. Board Layout – Bottom Etch Layer

5 Bill of Materials

Designator	Quantity	Value	Description	Package Reference	Part Number	Manufacturer	Alternate Part Number	Alternate Manufacturer
!PCB	1		Printed Circuit Board		PWR608	Any	-	-
C1, C4	2	10uF	CAP CER 10UF 25V 20% X5R 1206	1206	C3216X5R1E106M085AC	TDK		
C2, C3	2	10uF	Capacitor, Ceramic, 10-uF, 6.3-V, X5R, 20%	0805	GRM21BR60J106ME19K	Murata		
D1	1	Red	Diode, LED, Red, 1.8-V, 10-mA, 10-mcd	0603	160-1181-1-ND	Liteon		
D2	1	Green	Diode, LED, Green, 2.1-V, 20-mA, 6-mcd	0603	160-1183-1-ND	Liteon		
D3	1	BZX84C6v2T	Diode, Zener, 6.2-V, 350-mW	SOT-23	BZX84C6V2-7-F	Diodes		
J1, J2, J3, J4	4	ED555/2DS	Terminal Block, 2-pin, 6-A, 3.5mm	0.27 x 0.25	ED1514	OST		
JP1, JP2, JP3, JP4, JP5	5	PEC03SAAN	Header, 3-pin, 100mil spacing	0.100 x 3	PEC03SAAN	Sullins		
JP6, JP7	2	PEC02SAAN	Header, 2-pin, 100mil spacing	0.100 inch x 2	PEC02SAAN	Sullins		
LBL1	1		Thermal Transfer Printable Labels, 0.650" W x 0.200" H - 10,000 per roll	PCB Label 0.650"H x 0.200"W	THT-14-423-10	Brady	-	-
P14, VSS	2		Test Point, 0.032 Hole		Void	None		
R4	1	49.9k	Resistor, Chip, 1/10W, 1%	0603	CRCW060349K9FKEA	Vishay Dale		
R5, R6, R21	3	1.5K	Resistor, Chip, 1/10W, 1%	0603	CRCW06031K50FKEA	Vishay Dale		
R7, R19	2	0	Resistor, Chip, 1/10W, 1%	0603	CRCW06030000Z0EA	Vishay Dale		
R8	1	5K	Potentiometer, 1/4 in. Cermet, 12-Turn, Top-Adjust	0.25x0.17 inch	3266W-1-502LF	Bourns		
R10, R11	2	10k	Potentiometer, 1/4 in. Cermet, 12-Turn, Top-Adjust	0.25x0.17	3266W-1-103LF	Bourns		
R12, R13, R15	3	10k	Resistor, Chip, 1/10W, 1%	0603	CRCW060310K0FKEA	Vishay Dale		
R14	1	301k	Resistor, Chip, 1/10W, 1%	0603	CRCW0603301KFKEA	Vishay Dale		
R16	1	50k	Potentiometer, 1/4 in. Cermet, 12-Turn, Top-Adjust	0.25x0.17	3266W-1-503LF	Bourns		
R17	1	1k	Resistor, Chip, 1/10W, 1%	0603	CRCW06031K00FKEA	Vishay Dale		
R18, R20	2	604	Resistor, Chip, 1/10W, 1%	0603	CRCW0603604RFKEA	Vishay Dale		
SH-JP1, SH-JP2, SH-JP3, SH-JP4, SH-JP5, SH-JP6, SH-JP7	7	1x2	Shunt, 100mil, Gold plated, Black	Shunt	969102-0000-DA	3M	SNT-100-BK-G	Samtec
U1	1	BQ24232HRGE	IC, USB- Friendly Lilon Battery Charger and Power-Path Management	QFN-16	BQ24232HRGE	TI		None

Designator	Quantity	Value	Description	Package Reference	Part Number	Manufacturer	Alternate Part Number	Alternate Manufacturer
FID1, FID2, FID3	0		Fiducial mark. There is nothing to buy or mount.	Fiducial	N/A	N/A		
G4, G5, G6, G14, G15, G16, HI4, HI5, HI6, HI15, TP1, TP2, TP4, TP5, TP6, TP10, TP12, TP13, TP14, TP15, TP16	0		Test Point, 0.032 Hole		Void	None		
R1	0	732	Resistor, Chip, 1/10W, 1%	0603	CRCW0603732RFKEA	Vishay Dale		
R2	0	1k	Resistor, Chip, 1/10W, 1%	0603	CRCW06031K00FKEA	Vishay Dale		
R3, R9	0	10k	Resistor, Chip, 1/10W, 1%	0603	CRCW060310K0FKEA	Vishay Dale		
R22	0	23.7k	Resistor, Chip, 1/10W, 1%	0603	CRCW060323K7FKEA	Vishay Dale		
R23	0	11k	Resistor, Chip, 1/10W, 1%	0603	CRCW060311K0FKEA	Vishay Dale		

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- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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