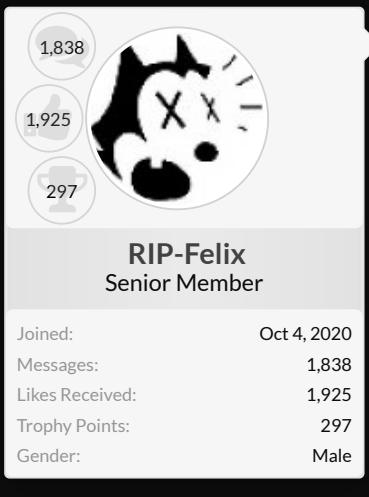


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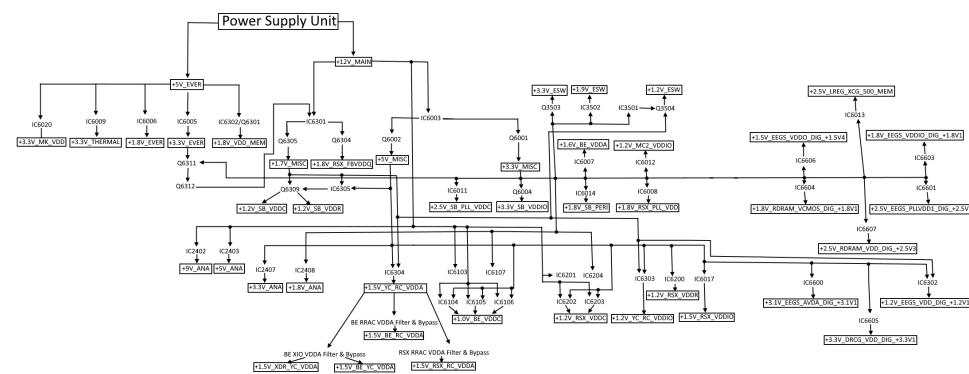


## Power Control Topology - Part 2

### (Power Good & Voltage Regulation)

*The **Power Good signal (power-good)** is a signal provided by a computer power supply to indicate to the motherboard that all of the voltages are within specification and that the system may proceed to boot and operate.*

The PlayStation 3 Power Supply Unit (PSU) outputs 2 voltages from which all other system voltages are derived - 12V\_MAIN and 5V\_EVER. I made the following flowchart of a COK-001 to illustrate.



Here is the text version..

## Spoiler: Voltage Tree

**12V\_MAIN** is the one from which most other system voltages are derived (5V, 3.3V, 1.8V, 1.5V, 1.2V, 0.9V, 0.5V).

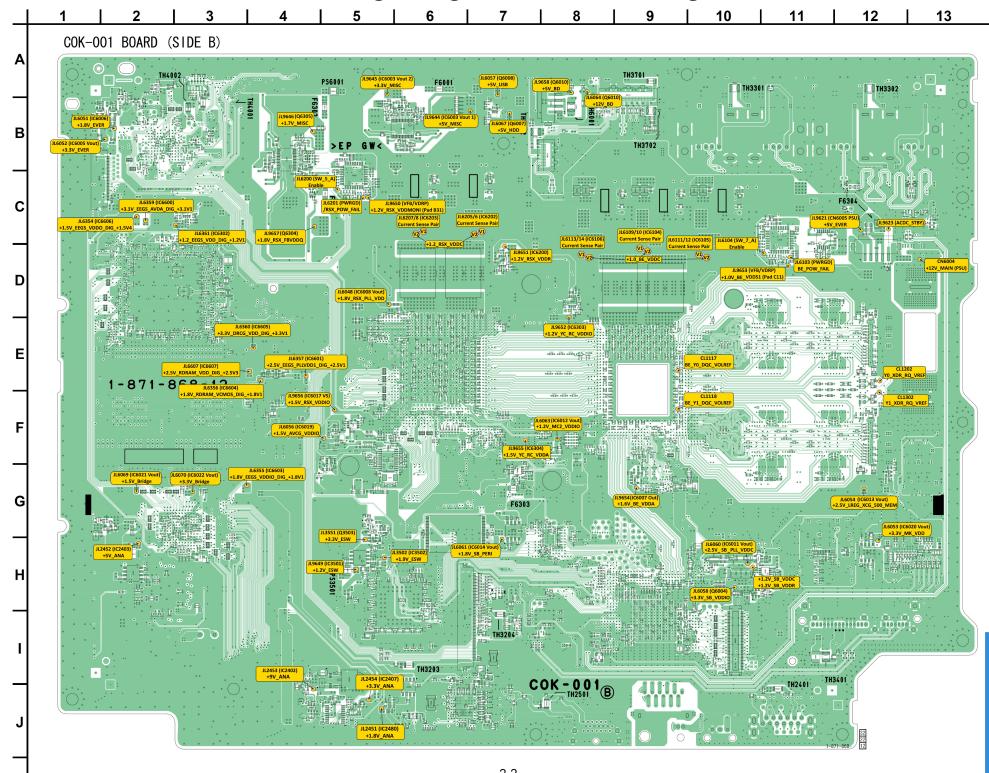
delivered.

For example, the CPU's 1.0V\_BE\_VDDC is produced by its Voltage Regulation Module (VRM). It includes IC6103, a buck controller which drives IC6104, IC6105, IC6106 buck converters. That controller is enabled by the syscon chip at the appropriate time to turn on the CPU. IC6107 is involved in the coordination of this effort. So too are the NEC/TOKIN bulk filtering capacitors. And also the array of MLCC bypass caps. Collectively they constitute the CPU's Voltage Regulation Module.

The RSX has it's own VRM, the SB too. Most subsystems have have an IC controller that enables their voltage at the appropriate time in the Power On Sequence. The Voltage flowchart I made above is the general manner in which these subsystems receive their voltages. Not every IC in the PS3 is listed, just the major ones involved in producing the system voltages marked by a square box. Also that image was based off the COK-001 Service Manual. It does not apply to all models, but can be used as a general guide for them. Obviously, the PS2 Hardware section will not be included in non-backward compatible models.

How does this relate to power good? Well, each system voltage in a box in that image has a controller IC that is monitoring it's output voltage. If that voltage is within regulation, it will report power good to the SYSCON "system control." If any one of them falls out of regulation and reports no power good, the syscon will refuse to boot.

The voltage flowchart above combined with the MB Side B "Jumper Lead" Test Pad locations below should make diagnosing and troubleshooting easier.



I made this one from scratch, with high enough resolution to read the Labels and to still upload to the forum. I was really pushing the limit here. This will make it easier for you to search the service manual when you find a voltage that's missing. When I say this took a long time to make, it's an understatement.

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Do not take the above as gospel. If you notice anything needing updated let me know and I'll edit back as necessary.

#### **Getting back to Power good:**

Notice the GPU Buck Controller (IC6201). It's located at B5. This controller is what controls power to the RSX. I have labeled the jumper locations for Enable, which is the signal SYSCON sends to power on the RSX. I also labeled Power Good (PWRGD), which is the signal the controller sends back to the SYSCON about the power regulation. If it's bad, /RSX\_POW\_FAIL goes low and the syscon throws an error. Which error? 3004 or 1002. Which one is a mystery still. I hypothesize it depends upon the Step number of the Power On Sequence. Basically, when power good went low. The hypothesis is that earlier step numbers = 3004. Later step numbers = 1002. However, the earliest reported 1002 was 06, and 3004 was 09. So that is inconsistent with my hypothesis. The 06 1002 report could be inaccurate, but reports are all I have to go off of.

The last pad I labeled on the RSX VRM Controller is the voltage feedback/drop jumper. This is what the controller is monitoring to decide if power is good or not. We should be able to probe this point to see voltage drop across RSX\_VDDC. If it drops too much it triggers under voltage lock out and the controller will send no power good (PWRGD low). The syscon will error. The CPU has the same and other controllers around the board have a similar function.

Since, preventing voltage drops on the CPU/GPU is important for system stability, the NEC/TOKIN's are a concern. If they can't sustain the voltage for long enough underload, the voltage drop will fall out of regulation. One way to prevent this is to replace failing/aged tokens with new tantalum capacitors. Everyone is already familiar with that. But there is another way. By adjusting the power good voltage dropout threshold, so that there is a wider range the voltage can fall before triggering an error.

#### **Adjusting Power Good Threshold**

Vid pins VID0-5 on the buck controller form a 6-digit code corresponding to the Vout No load setpoint. Power Good Vmin and Vmax thresholds are relative to that set point. With the stock COK-00X voltage divider values (15K and 20k), Vmin = -163mV. Vmax is always +100mV. The Vout voltage cannot deviate more than that. If it does power good goes low and the SYSCON will error.

$$V_{LOWER} = \frac{V_{OUTNoLoad}}{2} \times \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_2}$$

$$V_{UPPER} = V_{OUTNoLoad} + 100 \text{ mV}$$

In some official SONY refurbished consoles, new resistor values (27K and 10K) change Vmin = -400mV. So the Low Voltage threshold is now more than twice as low, allowing much more voltage ripple before it triggers an error. My hypothesis is SONY did this to reduce the frequency of 1001 and 1002's errors. That would explain why they did it to both buck controllers (CPU and GPU). A sort of admission of guilt that they either set it

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decided it was okay to loosen it, then perhaps we can follow suit. It could be particularly important because we're seeing a lot of unexplained 1001's recently. Currently, 1002's are assumed to be bad NEC/TOKIN's. Replacing aged bulk filter capacitors certainly works, but just because changing them fixes the error doesn't mean that's the only way to skin a cat.

I have intentionally held off recommending this mod to people, because I'm only freshly aware of its potential. Before I conclude this is okay to do, I would like to know what the VID at idle is, so we can compare actual voltage measurements with the low voltage threshold. On a console with 1001/1002 errors, Vout should drop more than that before it experiences a YLOD. That means I need oscilloscope measurements of Vout on both the CPU/GPU and PWRGD. Then, by replicating Sony's mod, I would like to see if the error goes away AND the system is stable (requires stress testing)! If so, then we have discovered an easier method of resolving these errors.

Replacing those resistors is fine micro-soldering work that pretty much requires a microscope. And I need oscilloscope measurements of the voltage drop and PWRGD (Cell BE for 1001 and RSX for 1002). So it's not too easy or cheap.

That's more than enough to digest for now.

## To be concluded...

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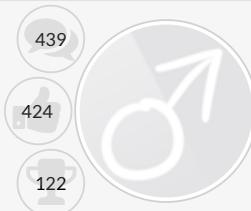
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