Block 2 Checkoff Transformer

Introduction

The transformer block includes the transformer which steps down the 120VAC to 5VDC as well as the voltage regulator that converts the 5V to 3.3V. The transformer was salvaged from a Vogek ST270 USB Wall Charger, shown in Figure 1. We removed the USB connectors and connected the transformer to our PCB using an XT30 connector, shown in Figure 4.



Figure 1. Vogek ST270 USB Charger

Block Diagram

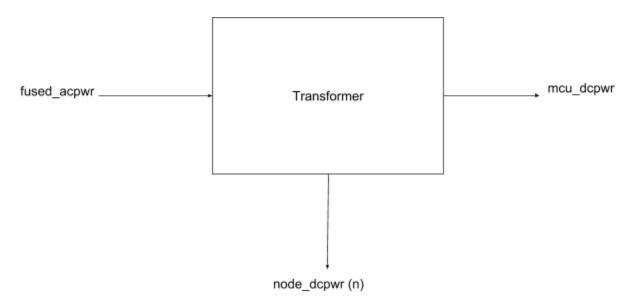


Figure 2. Block diagram for Transformer Block

Interface Definitions

Interface	Properties
fused_acpwr	I _{Nominal} : 0 - 3A (depends on what's plugged in) I _{max} : 5A V _{max} : 125VAC V _{min} : 115VAC
mcu_dcpwr	I _{Nominal} : 100mA I _{max} : 125mA V _{max} : 3.3V V _{min} : 3V
node_dcpwr	I _{Nominal} : 261mA I _{max} : 296mA V _{max} : 5.5V V _{min} : 4.0V

Schematics

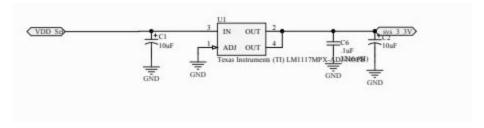


Figure 3. 5V to 3.3V Regulator

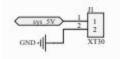


Figure 4. XT30 Connection from transformer to PCB

Testing Plan

This block is fairly simple in operation and has the benefit of being a pre-built solution. It must be able to receive 120VAC power (**fused_acpwr**) and transform that down to 5V nominal @ up to 1.5A (**mcu_dcpwr** and **node_dcpwr**).

Power Functionality

- 1. Begin with everything de-engerized/powered
- Connect leads to the node_dcpwr and mcu_dcpwr lines and plug them into a programmable dc load
- 3. Provide 120VAC power to **fused acpwr**
- 4. Measure the voltage output on the DC load side (either with a DMM or the load itself)
- 5. Ensure the voltage does not go above/below the nominal voltage
- 6. Activate the load at 0A and slowly increase current draw until 1.5A is being drawn
- 7. During this time, ensure voltage does not go above/below nominal
- 8. Leave load at 1.5A for ~10-15min and watch for any voltage discrepancies