

BQ2969 Overvoltage Protection for 2-Series, 3-Series, and 4-Series Cell Li-Ion Batteries with Regulated Output Supply

1 Features

- 2-series, 3-series, and 4-series cell overvoltage protection (OVP)
- Factory programmed OVP threshold (3.6V to 5.2V) with $\pm 12\text{mV}$ accuracy
- Fixed delay timer to trigger FET drive output (0.25s to 6.5s options)
- Output pin options:
 - Active high
 - Open-drain - active pulldown
 - Open-drain - inactive pulldown
- Integrated 3mA regulated output programmable to 3.8V, 3.3V, 3.15V, 3.0V, 2.5V, 1.8V, or 1.5V
- Factory programmed undervoltage (UV) detection threshold (1V to 4.15V) to disable regulator
 - OVP remains operational even in undervoltage condition
- Multiple power modes:
 - NORMAL mode - no OV or UV: $I_{CC} \cong 1.23\mu\text{A}$
 - Undervoltage mode - UV detected: $I_{CC} \cong 0.25\mu\text{A}$
 - Overvoltage mode - OV detected: $I_{CC} \cong 19\mu\text{A}$
- Low leakage current per cell input $< 100\text{nA}$
- Small package footprint
 - 8-Pin WSON (2mm \times 2mm)

2 Applications

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3 Description

The BQ2969 family is a high-accuracy, low-power overvoltage protector with a 3mA regulated output supply for Li-ion and LiFePO₄ (LFP) battery pack applications.

Each cell in a 2-series to 4-series cell stack is individually monitored for an overvoltage condition. An internally fixed-delay timer is initiated upon detection of an overvoltage condition on any cell. Upon expiration of the delay timer, the output pin is triggered into an active state to indicate that an overvoltage condition has occurred.

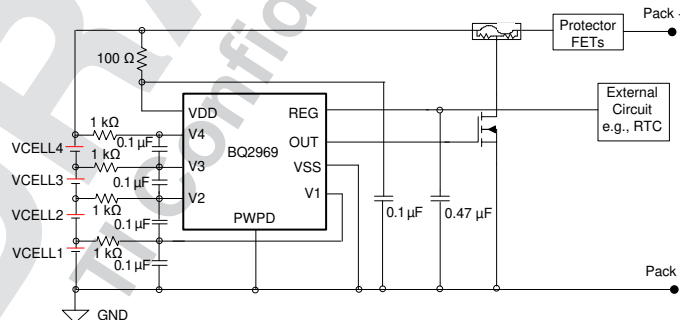
The regulated output supply delivers up to 3mA output current to drive always-on circuits, such as a real-time clock (RTC) oscillator. The BQ2969 family has a self-disable function to turn off the regulated output if any cell voltage falls below a programmable undervoltage threshold, thereby preventing drain on the battery.

The BQ2969 family provides exceptionally low power operation, drawing only 1.23 μA during normal operation (excluding regulator load current), and dropping to 0.25 μA when in an undervoltage condition. Even when in the undervoltage state, the device can still detect an overvoltage condition on any other cell (which can occur in an imbalanced pack) and can assert the output pin.

Package Information

| PART NUMBER ⁽¹⁾ | PACKAGE | BODY SIZE (NOM) |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| BQ2969xy | DSG (8-WSON) | 2.00mm \times 2.00mm |

(1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the data sheet.



Simplified Schematic



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4 Device Comparison Table

Table 4-1. BQ2969 Device Options

| BQ2969 Device | OVP (V) | OVP DELAY (s) | OVP HYSTERESIS (mV) | UV (V) | LDO (V) | OUT PIN MODE | LATCH OUT |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| BQ296900 | 4.65 | 6.5 | 300 | 2.5 | 3.3 | active high | No |
| BQ296901 ⁽¹⁾ | 4.65 | 6.5 | 300 | 2.5 | 3 | active high | No |
| BQ296902 ⁽¹⁾ | 4.65 | 6.5 | 300 | 3 | 3 | active high | No |
| BQ296907 | 4.65 | 6.5 | 300 | 2.5 | 1.5 | active high | No |
| BQ296909 ⁽¹⁾ | 4.65 | 6.5 | 300 | 2.7 | 3.3 | active high | No |
| BQ296910 ⁽¹⁾ | 4.35 | 6.5 | 300 | 1.8 | 3.0 | active high | No |
| BQ2969xy ⁽¹⁾ | 3.6 – 5.2 | 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.5, 6.5 | 150, 300 | 1 – 4.15 | 1.5, 1.8, 2.5, 3.0, 3.15, 3.3, 3.8 | active high, open-drain active pulldown, open-drain inactive pulldown | Yes, No |

(1) PRODUCT PREVIEW. Contact TI for more information.

5 Pin Configuration and Functions

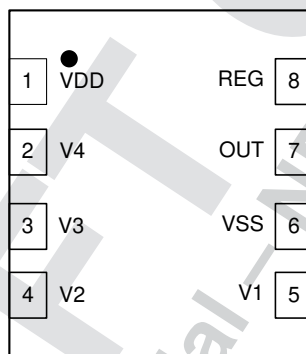


Figure 5-1. 2-Series to 4-Series BQ2969 (Top View)

Table 5-1. Pin Functions

| PIN | | TYPE ⁽¹⁾ | DESCRIPTION |
|------|--------|---------------------|---|
| NAME | BQ2962 | | |
| VDD | 1 | P | Power supply input |
| V4 | 2 | IA | Sense input for positive voltage of the fourth cell from the bottom of the stack |
| V3 | 3 | IA | Sense input for positive voltage of the third cell from the bottom of the stack |
| V2 | 4 | IA | Sense input for positive voltage of the second cell from the bottom of the stack |
| V1 | 5 | IA | Sense input for positive voltage of the lowest cell from the bottom of the stack |
| VSS | 6 | P | Electrically connected to integrated circuit ground and negative terminal of the lowest cell in the stack |
| OUT | 7 | OA | Analog output drive for an overvoltage fault signal; CMOS output high or open-drain active pulldown or open-drain inactive pulldown |
| REG | 8 | OA | Regulated supply output. Requires an external ceramic capacitor for stability |
| PWPD | - | P | TI recommends connecting the exposed pad to VSS on PCB. |

(1) IA = Analog input, OA = Analog Output, P = Power connection

6 Specifications

6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Over operating free-air temperature range of -40°C to 110°C (unless otherwise noted)⁽¹⁾

| PARAMETER | | MIN | MAX | UNIT |
|---------------------------------------|--|------|-----|------|
| Supply voltage range | VDD – VSS | –0.3 | 30 | V |
| | VDD – V4 | –0.3 | 30 | V |
| Input voltage range | V1 – VSS, V2 – VSS, V3 – VSS, V4 – VSS | –0.3 | 30 | V |
| Output voltage range | REG – VSS | –0.3 | 5.0 | V |
| Output voltage range | OUT – VSS | –0.3 | 30 | V |
| Storage temperature, T _{slg} | | –65 | 150 | °C |

- (1) Stresses beyond those listed under *Absolute Maximum Ratings* may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, which do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under *Recommended Operating Conditions*. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

6.2 ESD Ratings

| PARAMETER | | | VALUE | UNIT |
|--------------------|-------------------------|--|-------|------|
| V _(ESD) | Electrostatic discharge | Human body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001, all pins ⁽¹⁾ | 2000 | V |
| V _(ESD) | Electrostatic discharge | Charged device model (CDM), per JEDEC specification JESD22-C101, all pins ⁽²⁾ | 500 | V |

- (1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.
 (2) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

Typical values stated where T_A = 25°C and VDD = 15.2V, MIN/MAX values stated where T_A = -40°C to 110°C , and VDD = 3V to 22V (unless otherwise noted).

| PARAMETER | | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT |
|---|---|------|-----|-----|------|
| Supply voltage, VDD | Supply voltage, VDD (REG ≤ 2.5V) | 3 | | 22 | V |
| | Supply voltage, VDD (REG ≤ 3.3V) | 4 | | 22 | V |
| | Supply voltage, VDD (REG ≥ 3.8V) | 7.5 | | 22 | V |
| | Normal operation, VDD – V4 ⁽¹⁾ | –0.2 | | 0.2 | V |
| | Customer test mode, VDD – V4 | | 10 | | V |
| Input voltage range | V4 – V3, V3 – V2, V2 – V1, V1 – VSS | 0 | | 5.5 | V |
| Operating ambient temperature range, T _A | Operating ambient temperature range, T _A | –40 | | 110 | °C |

- (1) Specified by design

6.4 Thermal Information

| THERMAL INFORMATION ⁽¹⁾ | | BQ2969 | UNIT |
|------------------------------------|--|----------|------|
| | | SON | UNIT |
| | | (8 PINS) | UNIT |
| R _{θJA} | Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance | 80.0 | °C/W |
| R _{θJC(top)} | Junction-to-case(top) thermal resistance | 102.5 | °C/W |
| R _{θJB} | Junction-to-board thermal resistance | 46.5 | °C/W |
| ψ _{JT} | Junction-to-top characterization parameter | 6.1 | °C/W |
| ψ _{JB} | Junction-to-board characterization parameter | 46.5 | °C/W |
| R _{θJC(bottom)} | Junction-to-case(bottom) thermal resistance | 22.7 | °C/W |

- (1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the [IC Package Thermal Metrics](#) application note.

6.5 Electrical Characteristics

Typical values stated where $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ and $V_{DD} = 15.2\text{V}$, MIN/MAX values stated where $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to 110°C , and $V_{DD} = 3\text{V}$ to 22V (unless otherwise noted).

| PARAMETER | PARAMETER | TEST CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT |
|-------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|-----------|------|------|
| Voltage Protection Thresholds | | | | | | |
| V _{OV} | V _(PROTECT) Overvoltage Detection | R _{IN} = 1kΩ | Applicable Voltage: 3.6V to 5.2V | | | V |
| V _{OVHYST} | OV Detection Hysteresis | Nominal setting of 150mV | 100 | 150 | 200 | mV |
| | | Nominal setting of 300mV | 250 | 300 | 350 | mV |
| V _{OA} | OV Detection Accuracy | T _A = 25°C | -12 | | 12 | mV |
| V _{OADRIFT} | OV Detection Accuracy Across Temperature ⁽¹⁾ | T _A = -40°C | -40 | | 40 | mV |
| | | T _A = -10°C | -22 | | 22 | mV |
| | | T _A = 55°C | -24 | | 24 | mV |
| | | T _A = 85°C | -37 | | 37 | mV |
| | | T _A = 110°C | -50 | | 50 | mV |
| Supply and Leakage Current | | | | | | |
| I _{DD} | Supply Current in NORMAL mode | (V _n - V _{n-1}) = (V1 - V _{SS}) = 3.8V, n = 2, 3, 4, VDD = 15.2V, I _{REG} = 0mA, T _A = -10°C to 60°C | | 1.23 | 2 | μA |
| | | (V _n - V _{n-1}) = (V1 - V _{SS}) = 3.8V, n = 2, 3, 4, VDD = 15.2V, I _{REG} = 0mA, T _A = -40°C to 110°C | | | 2.5 | μA |
| | Supply Current in UV | (V _n - V _{n-1}) = 3.8V, n = 2, 3, 4, and V _{UVQUAL} < (V1 - V _{SS}) < V _{UVREG} , VDD = 11.4V, T _A = -10°C to 60°C | | 0.25 | 0.5 | μA |
| | | (V _n - V _{n-1}) = 3.8V, n = 2, 3, 4, and V _{UVQUAL} < (V1 - V _{SS}) < V _{UVREG} , VDD = 11.4V, T _A = -40°C to 110°C | | | 0.7 | μA |
| | Supply Current in OV | (V _n - V _{n-1}) = 3.8V, n = 2, 3, 4, and V _{OV} < (V1 - V _{SS}), VDD = 15.2V, T _A = -40°C to 110°C | | 19 | 30 | μA |
| I _{IN} | Input Current at V _n Pins | (V _n - V _{n-1}) = (V1 - V _{SS}) = 3.8V, n = 2, 3, 4, VDD = 15.2V, T _A = 25°C | -0.1 | | 0.1 | μA |
| Input Voltage | | | | | | |
| OUT Pin Driver | | | | | | |
| V _{OUT} | Output Drive Voltage | OUT pin configured in active high mode, (V _n - V _{n-1}) or (V1 - V _{SS}) > V _{OV} , n = 2, 3, 4, I _{OH} = 100μA, VDD ≥ 7.5V | 5.5 | | 8 | V |
| | | OUT pin configured in active high mode, (V _n - V _{n-1}) or (V1 - V _{SS}) > V _{OV} , n = 2, 3, 4, I _{OH} = 100μA, 3V < VDD < 7.5V | VDD - 1.5 | VDD - 1.1 | VDD | V |
| | | OUT pin configured in active high mode, (V _n - V _{n-1}) and (V1 - V _{SS}) < V _{OV} , n = 2, 3, 4, I _{OL} = 100μA flowing into OUT pin. | | 190 | 400 | mV |
| I _{OUTH} | OUT Source Current (during OV) | OUT pin configured in active high mode, (V _n - V _{n-1}) or (V1 - V _{SS}) > V _{OV} , n = 2, 3, 4, OUT = 0V, current measured sourced from OUT pin. | 0.6 | | 5.2 | mA |
| I _{OUTL} | OUT Sink Current | OUT pin configured in active high, open-drain active pulldown, or open-drain inactive pulldown. Device output in pulldown state, OUT driven to 0.5V, current measured into OUT pin. | 0.2 | | 4 | mA |
| OV Delay Timer | | | | | | |
| t _{DELAY} | OV Delay Time ⁽²⁾ | Internal fixed delay, 0.25 second delay option ⁽³⁾ | 0.14 | 0.25 | 0.38 | s |
| | | Internal fixed delay, 0.5 second delay option ⁽³⁾ | 0.34 | 0.5 | 0.68 | s |
| | | Internal fixed delay, 1 second delay option ⁽³⁾ | 0.74 | 1 | 1.28 | s |
| | | Internal fixed delay, 2 second delay option ⁽³⁾ | 1.54 | 2 | 2.48 | s |
| | | Internal fixed delay, 3 second delay option ⁽³⁾ | 2.4 | 3 | 3.6 | s |
| | | Internal fixed delay, 4 second delay option ⁽³⁾ | 3.2 | 4 | 4.8 | s |
| | | Internal fixed delay, 5.5 second delay option ⁽³⁾ | 4.4 | 5.5 | 6.6 | s |
| | | Internal fixed delay, 6.5 second delay option ⁽³⁾ | 5.2 | 6.5 | 7.8 | s |

Typical values stated where $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ and $V_{DD} = 15.2\text{V}$, MIN/MAX values stated where $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to 110°C , and $V_{DD} = 3\text{V}$ to 22V (unless otherwise noted).

| PARAMETER | PARAMETER | TEST CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT |
|---|---|--|-------|------|-------|------------|
| $t_{\text{DELAY_CTM}}$ | OV Delay Time in Test Mode | Internal fixed delay | | 15 | | ms |
| $t_{\text{DELAY_RESET}}$ | OV Delay Reset Time | With one cell voltage above V_{OV} , others cells below V_{OV} , minimum time the high cell voltage must fall below V_{OV} to reset OV Delay Timer ⁽³⁾ | 0.1 | | | ms |
| Regulated Supply Output, REG | | | | | | |
| V_{REG} | REG Supply | $V_{DD} \geq 7.5\text{V}$, $I_{\text{REG}} = 10\mu\text{A}$, $C_{\text{REG}} = 0.47\mu\text{F}$, $V_{\text{REG}} = 3.8\text{V}$, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ | 3.724 | 3.8 | 3.876 | V |
| | | $V_{DD} \geq 4\text{V}$, $I_{\text{REG}} = 10\mu\text{A}$, $C_{\text{REG}} = 0.47\mu\text{F}$, $V_{\text{REG}} = 3.3\text{V}$, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ | 3.234 | 3.3 | 3.366 | V |
| | | $V_{DD} \geq 4\text{V}$, $I_{\text{REG}} = 10\mu\text{A}$, $C_{\text{REG}} = 0.47\mu\text{F}$, $V_{\text{REG}} = 3.15\text{V}$, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ | 3.087 | 3.15 | 3.213 | V |
| | | $V_{DD} \geq 4\text{V}$, $I_{\text{REG}} = 10\mu\text{A}$, $C_{\text{REG}} = 0.47\mu\text{F}$, $V_{\text{REG}} = 3.0\text{V}$, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ | 2.94 | 3.0 | 3.06 | V |
| | | $V_{DD} \geq 3\text{V}$, $I_{\text{REG}} = 10\mu\text{A}$, $C_{\text{REG}} = 0.47\mu\text{F}$, $V_{\text{REG}} = 2.5\text{V}$, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ | 2.45 | 2.5 | 2.55 | V |
| | | $V_{DD} \geq 3\text{V}$, $I_{\text{REG}} = 10\mu\text{A}$, $C_{\text{REG}} = 0.47\mu\text{F}$, $V_{\text{REG}} = 1.8\text{V}$, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ | 1.764 | 1.8 | 1.836 | V |
| | | $V_{DD} \geq 3\text{V}$, $I_{\text{REG}} = 10\mu\text{A}$, $C_{\text{REG}} = 0.47\mu\text{F}$, $V_{\text{REG}} = 1.5\text{V}$, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ | 1.470 | 1.5 | 1.530 | V |
| V_{REG} | REG Supply | $V_{DD} \geq 7.5\text{V}$, $I_{\text{REG}} = 3\text{mA}$, $C_{\text{REG}} = 0.47\mu\text{F}$, $V_{\text{REG}} = 3.8\text{V}$ | 3.58 | 3.8 | 3.88 | V |
| | | $V_{DD} \geq 4\text{V}$, $I_{\text{REG}} = 3\text{mA}$, $C_{\text{REG}} = 0.47\mu\text{F}$, $V_{\text{REG}} = 3.3\text{V}$ | 3.12 | 3.3 | 3.39 | V |
| | | $V_{DD} \geq 4\text{V}$, $I_{\text{REG}} = 3\text{mA}$, $C_{\text{REG}} = 0.47\mu\text{F}$, $V_{\text{REG}} = 3.15\text{V}$ | 2.98 | 3.15 | 3.23 | V |
| | | $V_{DD} \geq 4\text{V}$, $I_{\text{REG}} = 3\text{mA}$, $C_{\text{REG}} = 0.47\mu\text{F}$, $V_{\text{REG}} = 3.0\text{V}$ | 2.84 | 3.0 | 3.08 | V |
| | | $V_{DD} \geq 3\text{V}$, $I_{\text{REG}} = 3\text{mA}$, $C_{\text{REG}} = 0.47\mu\text{F}$, $V_{\text{REG}} = 2.5\text{V}$ | 2.35 | 2.5 | 2.57 | V |
| | | $V_{DD} \geq 3\text{V}$, $I_{\text{REG}} = 3\text{mA}$, $C_{\text{REG}} = 0.47\mu\text{F}$, $V_{\text{REG}} = 1.8\text{V}$ | 1.70 | 1.8 | 1.85 | V |
| | | $V_{DD} \geq 3\text{V}$, $I_{\text{REG}} = 3\text{mA}$, $C_{\text{REG}} = 0.47\mu\text{F}$, $V_{\text{REG}} = 1.5\text{V}$ | 1.42 | 1.5 | 1.56 | V |
| $I_{\text{REG_SC_Limit}}$ | REG Output Short Circuit Current Limit | $\text{REG} = V_{\text{SS}}$, $C_{\text{REG}} = 0.47\mu\text{F}$ | 3.2 | | 25 | mA |
| $R_{\text{REG_PD}}$ | REG pull-down resistor | Activated when REG is disabled | 20 | 30 | 40 | k Ω |
| Regulated Supply Undervoltage Self-disable | | | | | | |
| V_{UVREG} | Undervoltage detection accuracy | Factory Configuration: 1.0V to 4.15V in 50mV steps, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ | -50 | | 50 | mV |
| V_{UVHYS} | Undervoltage detection hysteresis | | 250 | 300 | 350 | mV |
| t_{UVDELAY} | Undervoltage detection delay ⁽³⁾ | | 5.2 | 6.5 | 7.8 | s |
| V_{UVQUAL} | Cell voltage to qualify for UV detection | | 0.45 | 0.5 | 0.55 | V |

- (1) Specified by a combination of characterization and production test
- (2) Delay values specified when transitioning from NORMAL mode to OVERVOLTAGE mode. While device is in UNDERVOLTAGE mode, the delay can increase by a value between 0 and 1.2 seconds.
- (3) Specified by a combination of design and production test

6.6 Typical Characteristics

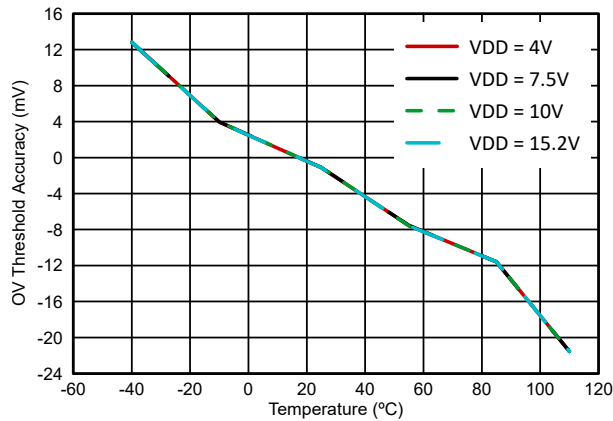


Figure 6-1. Overvoltage Threshold Accuracy vs. Temperature

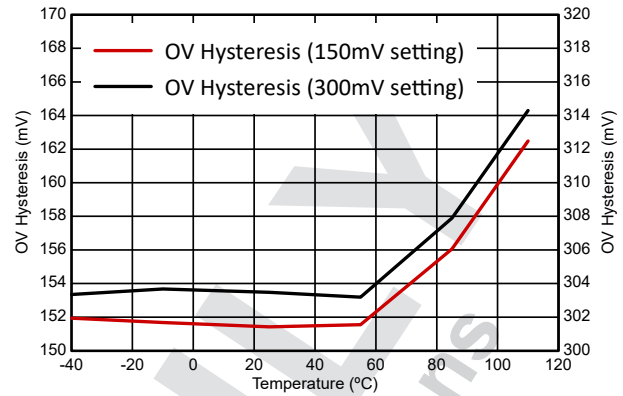


Figure 6-2. Overvoltage Hysteresis vs. Temperature

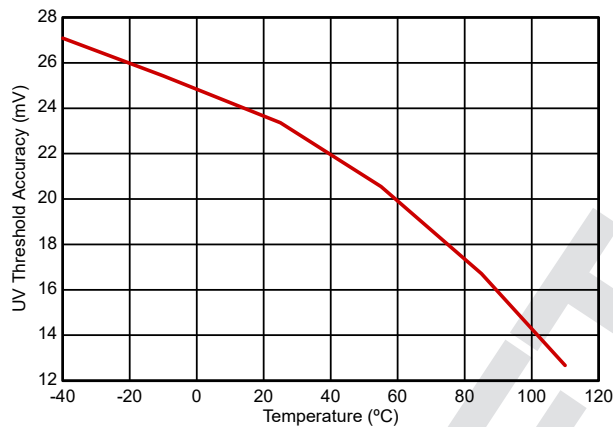


Figure 6-3. Undervoltage Threshold Accuracy vs. Temperature

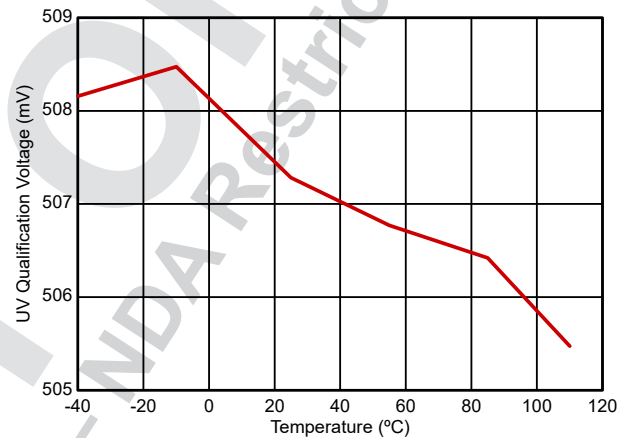


Figure 6-4. Undervoltage Qualification Voltage vs. Temperature

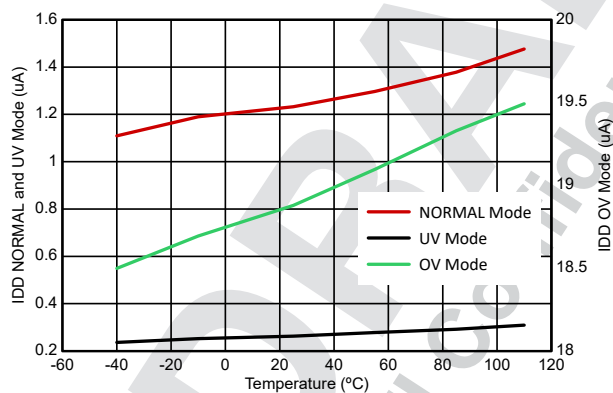


Figure 6-5. I_{DD} vs. Temperature

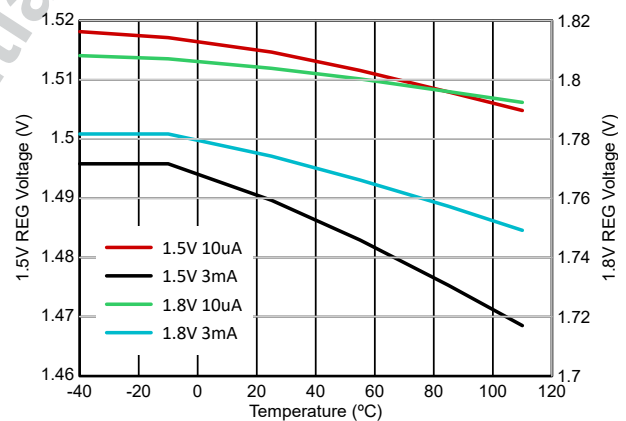


Figure 6-6. Regulator Output vs. Temperature, 1.5V and 1.8V Settings

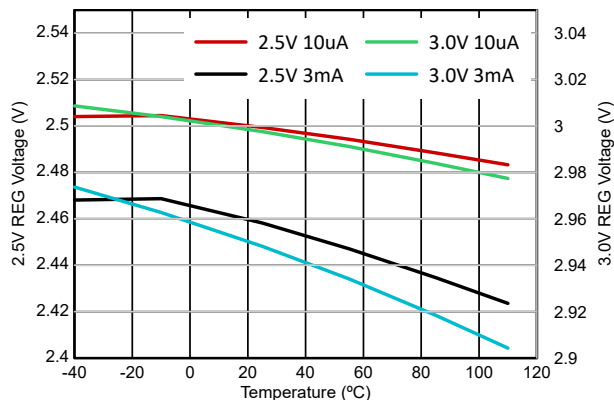


Figure 6-7. Regulator Output vs. Temperature, 2.5V and 3.0V Settings

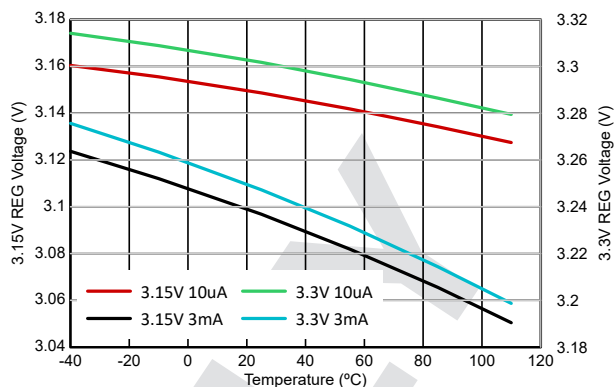


Figure 6-8. Regulator Output vs. Temperature, 3.15V and 3.3V Settings

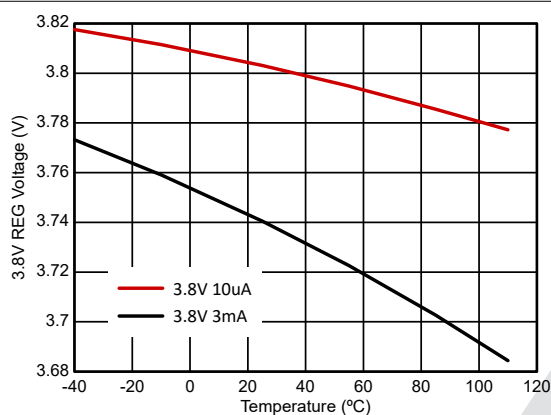


Figure 6-9. Regulator Output vs. Temperature, 3.8V Setting

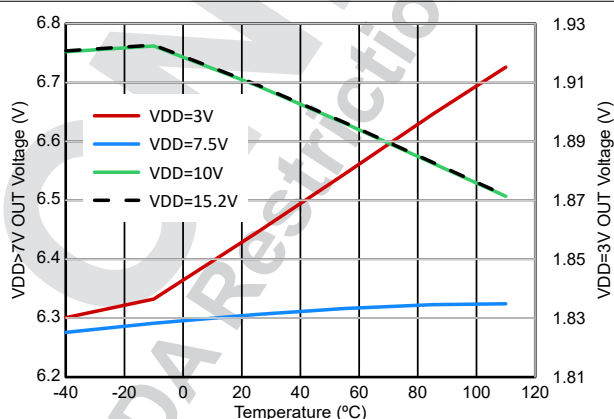


Figure 6-10. V_{OUT} vs Temperature, with 100 μ A Load Current on OUT

7 Detailed Description

7.1 Overview

The BQ2969 family is a high-accuracy, low-power second-level overvoltage protector with a 3mA regulated output supply for Li-ion and LiFePO₄ (LFP) battery pack applications.

Each cell in a 2-series to 4-series cell stack is individually monitored for an overvoltage condition by comparing the actual cell voltage to an overvoltage threshold V_{OV} . The overvoltage threshold is preprogrammed at the factory with a range between 3.6V to 5.2V. The device initiates an internal fixed-delay timer when an overvoltage condition is detected on any cell. Upon expiration of the delay timer, the output pin is triggered into an active state to indicate that an overvoltage condition has occurred. The output pin can be configured to be active-high, open-drain active pulldown, or open-drain inactive pulldown. The device recovers from the overvoltage condition when all cell voltages are detected below the overvoltage threshold by a hysteresis level, which can be programmed to 150mV or 300mV. Alternatively, the output pin can be programmed to latch and not recover whenever it is activated.

The regulated output supply is programmable from 1.5V to 3.8V and delivers up to 3mA output current to drive always-on circuits, such as a real-time clock (RTC) oscillator. The BQ2969 family has a self-disable function to turn off the regulated output if any cell voltage falls below a programmable undervoltage threshold, thereby preventing drain on the battery. This undervoltage threshold can be programmed over a range from 1V to 4.15V.

The BQ2969 family provides extremely low power operation, drawing only 1.23 μ A during normal operation (excluding regulator load current), and dropping to 0.25 μ A when in an undervoltage condition. Even when in the

undervoltage state, the device still monitors cell voltages and can detect an overvoltage condition on any other cell (which can occur in an imbalanced pack) and assert the output pin.

Table 7-1. Programmable Parameters

| OVERVOLTAGE RANGE (V) | OVERVOLTAGE DELAY (s) | OVERVOLTAGE HYSTERESIS (mV) | UNDervOLTAGE RANGE (V) | OUT PIN MODE | LATCHED OUT | REGULATOR (V) |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------|------------------------------------|
| 3.6 to 5.2 in 1mV steps | 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.5, 6.5 | 150, 300 | 1.0 to 4.15 in 50mV steps | active high, open-drain active pulldown, open-drain inactive pulldown | yes, no | 1.5, 1.8, 2.5, 3.0, 3.15, 3.3, 3.8 |

7.2 Functional Block Diagram

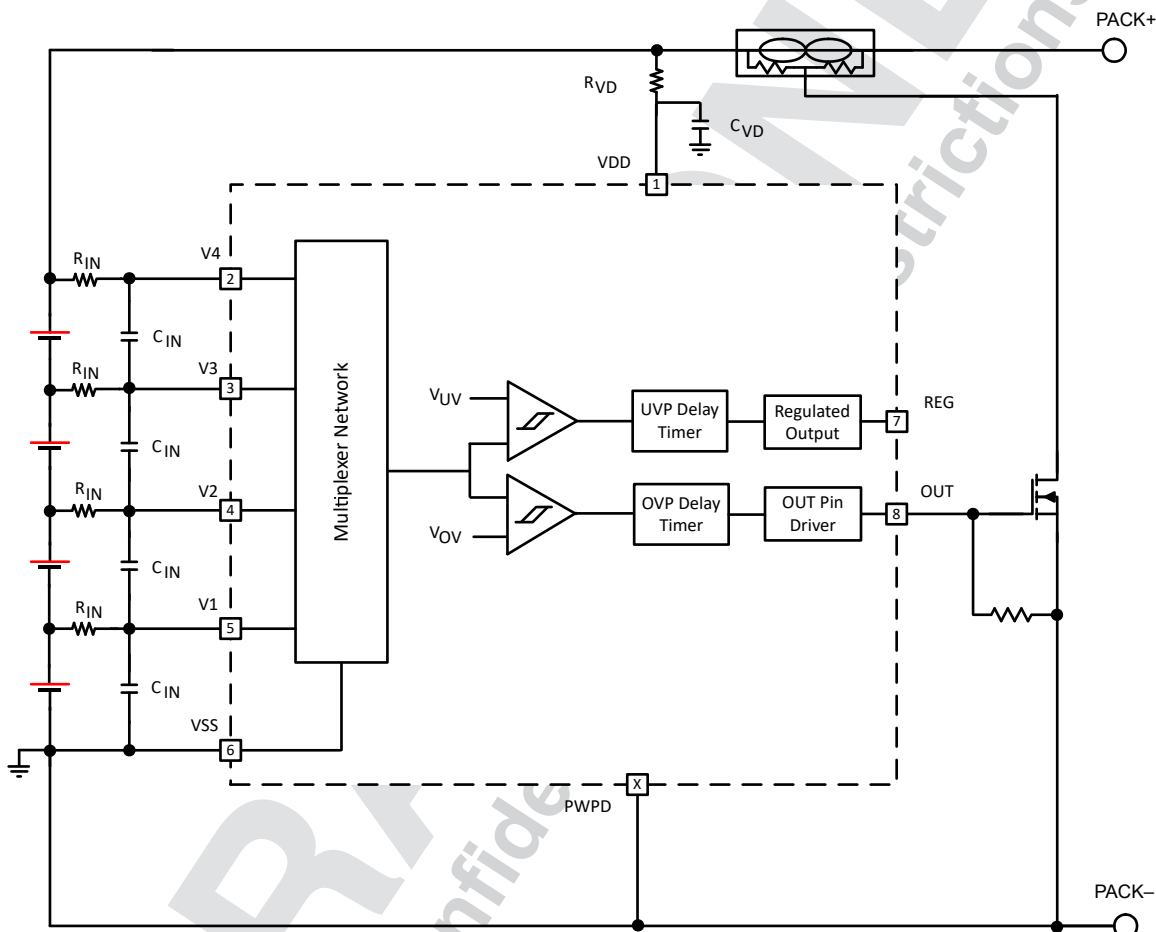


Figure 7-1. BQ2969 Block Diagram

7.3 Feature Description

7.3.1 Pin Details

7.3.1.1 Input Sense Voltage, V_x

These inputs sense each battery cell voltage. A series resistor and a capacitor across the cell for each input is required for noise filtering and stable voltage monitoring.

7.3.1.2 Output Drive, OUT

This terminal serves as the fault signal output whenever an overvoltage condition on any cell is detected. The pin can be configured as active high, open-drain active pulldown, or open-drain inactive pulldown. The pin can also be programmed to latch asserted when an overvoltage condition occurs, or to recover after the maximum cell voltage drops 150mV or 300mV below the overvoltage threshold.

7.3.1.3 Supply Input, VDD

This terminal is the unregulated input power source for the device. A series resistor is connected to limit the current, and a capacitor is connected to ground for noise filtering.

7.3.1.4 Regulated Supply Output, REG

The BQ2969 provides a regulated supply on the REG pin, which can be used to power external circuitry such as a real-time clock or other function. The REG output includes current limit protection circuit and also detects and protects for excessive power dissipation due to short circuit of the external load. This pin requires a ceramic 0.47µF capacitor connection to VSS for stability, noise immunity, and ESD performance of the supply output. This capacitor must be placed close to the REG and VSS pins for connection.

7.3.2 Overvoltage Sensing for OUT

Each cell in the BQ2969 device is monitored independently for an overvoltage condition. Overvoltage is detected by comparing the actual cell voltage to a protection voltage reference, V_{OV} . If any cell voltage exceeds the programmed V_{OV} value, an internal timer circuit is activated. After the timer completes a fixed, pre-programmed delay, the OUT pin transitions from an inactive state to the active state.

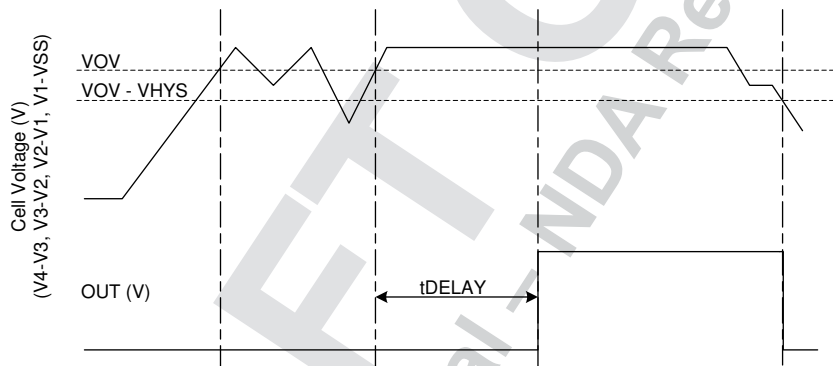


Figure 7-2. Timing for Overvoltage Sensing for OUT

7.3.3 Regulator Output Voltage

At power up, the regulator output in the BQ2969 is on by default. If any cell voltage is below V_{UVREG} at device power up, the regulator output remains on until the $t_{UVDELAY}$ time has passed, then the device disables the regulator output.

During discharge, if any cell voltage falls below the V_{UVREG} threshold for $t_{UVDELAY}$ time, the regulator output is self-disabled. The regulator output turns on again when all the cell voltages are above $V_{UVREG} + V_{UVHYS}$.

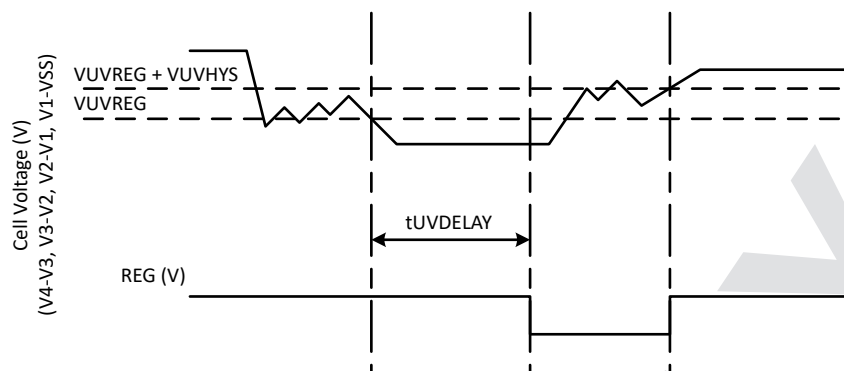


Figure 7-3. REG Output Timing

7.4 Device Functional Modes

7.4.1 NORMAL Mode

When all of the cell voltages are below the V_{OV} threshold AND above the V_{UVREG} threshold, the device operates in NORMAL mode. The device regularly monitors the differential cell voltages connected across (V1–VSS), (V2–V1), (V3–V2), and (V4–V3). The OUT pin is inactive in this mode, and the regulated output is enabled.

7.4.2 OVERVOLTAGE Mode

OVERVOLTAGE mode is detected if any of the cell voltages exceed the overvoltage threshold, V_{OV} , for a configured OV delay time. The OUT pin is activated after a delay time pre-programmed at the factory. This pin is typically used to then enable an external FET and blow a fuse to disable the pack. When all of the cell voltages fall below ($V_{OV} - V_{HYS}$) and remain above the V_{UVREG} threshold, the device returns to NORMAL mode if the output is not configured to latch when asserted. The regulated output remains enabled in this mode if all cell voltages are above V_{UVREG} .

7.4.3 UNDERVOLTAGE Mode

The UNDERVOLTAGE mode is detected if any of the cell voltage across (V1–VSS), (V2–V1), (V3–V2), or (V4–V3) is below the V_{UVREG} threshold for $t_{UVDELAY}$ time. In this mode, the regulated output is disabled. To return to NORMAL mode, all the cell voltages must be above ($V_{UVREG} + V_{UVHYS}$) and below V_{OV} .

If the device is used in a system with fewer than 4 cells, V_n pin can be shorted to the ($V_n - 1$) pin. The device ignores any differential cell voltage below the V_{UVQUAL} threshold for undervoltage detection.

Even when in the UNDERVOLTAGE mode, the device continues to regularly monitor each cell voltage, checking if any cell voltage exceeds the V_{OV} threshold. If a condition occurs whereby a cell voltage is above V_{OV} and another cell voltage is below V_{UVREG} , such as can happen in a heavily imbalanced pack, then the OUT pin is activated and the regulator is disabled.

7.4.4 CUSTOMER TEST MODE

The Customer Test Mode (CTM) helps to reduce test time for checking the overvoltage delay-timer parameter once the circuit is implemented into the battery pack. To enter CTM, the VDD pin must be set at approximately 10V higher than V4 (see Figure 7-4). In this mode, the overvoltage delay timer is reduced to approximately 20ms, considerably shorter than the timer delay in normal operation. To exit CTM, reduce the VDD voltage back to the voltage of V4, which causes the device to exit this mode.

CAUTION

Avoid exceeding any Absolute Maximum Voltages on any pins when placing the device into CTM. Stressing the pins beyond the rated limits can cause permanent damage to the device.

Figure 7-4 shows the timing for the Customer Test Mode.

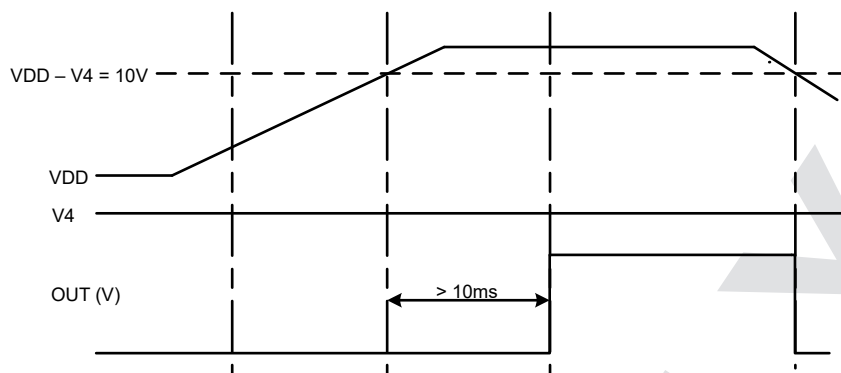


Figure 7-4. Timing for Customer Test Mode

Figure 7-5 shows the measurement for current consumption of the product for VDD and the cell input pins.

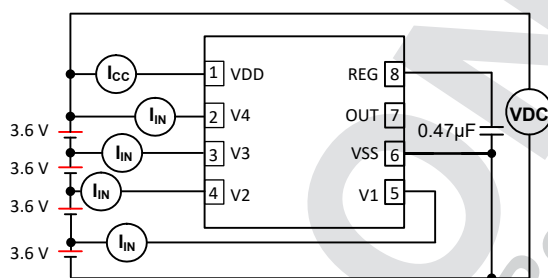


Figure 7-5. Configuration for Integrated Circuit Current Consumption Test

8 Application and Implementation

Note

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8.1 Application Information

The BQ2969 family of second-level protectors is used for overvoltage protection of the battery pack in the application. A regulated output is available to drive local external circuitry. The device OUT pin can be configured in one of 3 drive types and is asserted whenever the device enters the overvoltage mode. The pin is typically used to drive an NMOS FET that blows a fuse in the event of a fault condition, thereby disconnecting the pack power path.

8.2 Typical Application

Figure 8-1 shows a simplified application schematic using the BQ2969 together with the associated passive components and external NFET to flow a high-side fuse.

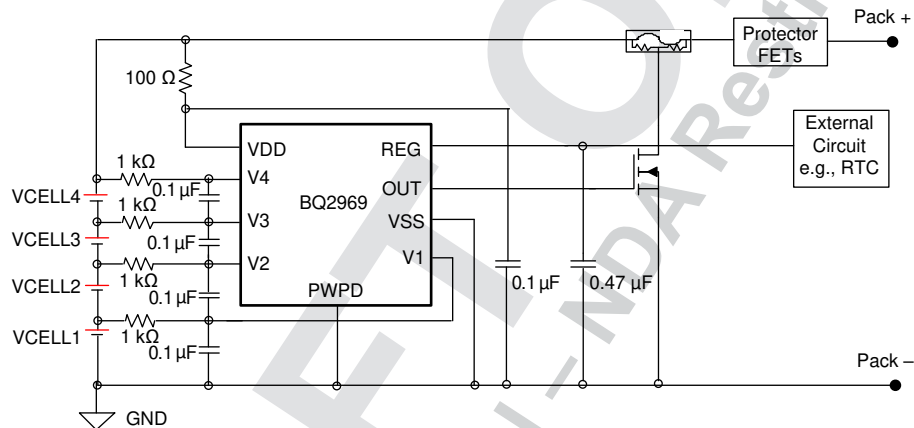


Figure 8-1. BQ2969 4-Series Cell Typical Implementation (Simplified Schematic)

A full schematic of a basic circuit based on the BQ2969 for a 4-series battery pack evaluation module is shown below. Figure 10-1 and Figure 10-2 show the board layout for this design.

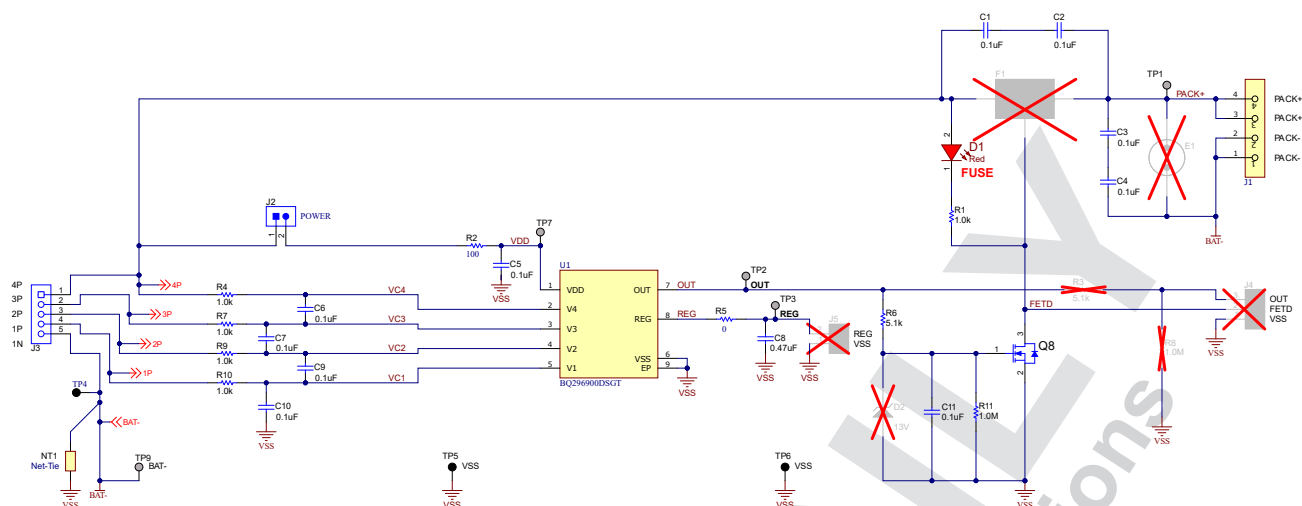


Figure 8-2. BQ2969 4-Series Cell Schematic Diagram - Protector and Fuse Blow Circuitry

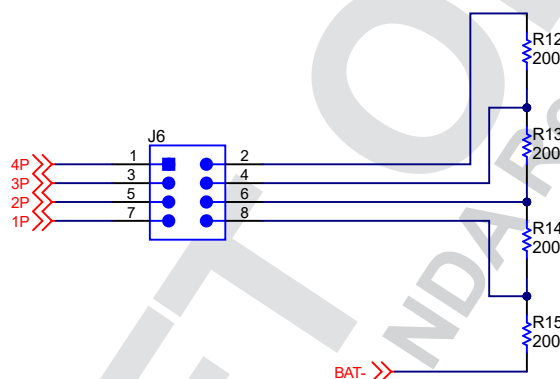


Figure 8-3. BQ2969 4-Series Cell Schematic Diagram - Cell Simulator Circuitry

8.2.1 Design Requirements

Note

Changes to the ranges shown in Table 8-1 can impact the accuracy of the cell measurements.

Table 8-1. Parameters

| PARAMETER | EXTERNAL COMPONENT | MIN | NOM | MAX | UNIT |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|------|------|------|----------|
| Voltage monitor filter resistance | R_{IN} | 900 | 1000 | 4700 | Ω |
| Voltage monitor filter capacitance | C_{IN} | 0.01 | 0.1 | 1.0 | μF |
| Supply voltage filter resistance | R_{VD} | 100 | — | 1000 | Ω |
| Supply voltage filter capacitance | C_{VD} | — | 0.1 | 1.0 | μF |
| REG output capacitance | C_{REG} | 0.47 | 1 | — | μF |

Note

The device is calibrated using an R_{IN} value = 1000 Ω . Using a value other than the recommended value changes the accuracy of the cell voltage measurements and V_{OV} trigger level.

8.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

1. The device allows a random cell connection to the VSS, V1, V2, V3, and V4 pins. The device does not require VSS to be connected first and does not require cells to be connected in a particular order. However, it is possible for the OUT pin to be temporarily asserted during cell attach, depending on the timing of the attachment and the external circuitry connected to the device. The user may want to take measures to ensure this does not cause issues on the production line.
2. If fewer than 4 cells are used, then an unused cell input pin V_n must be shorted to the next lower cell input pin (V_{n-1}).
3. The cell input capacitors, the supply pin capacitor, and the REG output capacitor are recommended to be placed close to the device, minimizing trace length on the PCB.

8.2.3 Application Curves

The scope plots below show the response of the device transitioning among the different states. [Figure 8-4](#) shows the device detecting an overvoltage event and asserting the OUT pin to blow an external fuse after the overvoltage delay period. [Figure 8-5](#) displays the device recovering from the overvoltage event when all cell voltages have fallen below the overvoltage threshold by the required hysteresis level, and the OUT pin deasserting. [Figure 8-6](#) shows the device detecting an undervoltage condition and disabling the REG LDO output after the undervoltage delay period. [Figure 8-7](#) then depicts the device recovering from the undervoltage condition and re-enabling the REG LDO when all cell voltages have risen above the undervoltage threshold by the required hysteresis level.

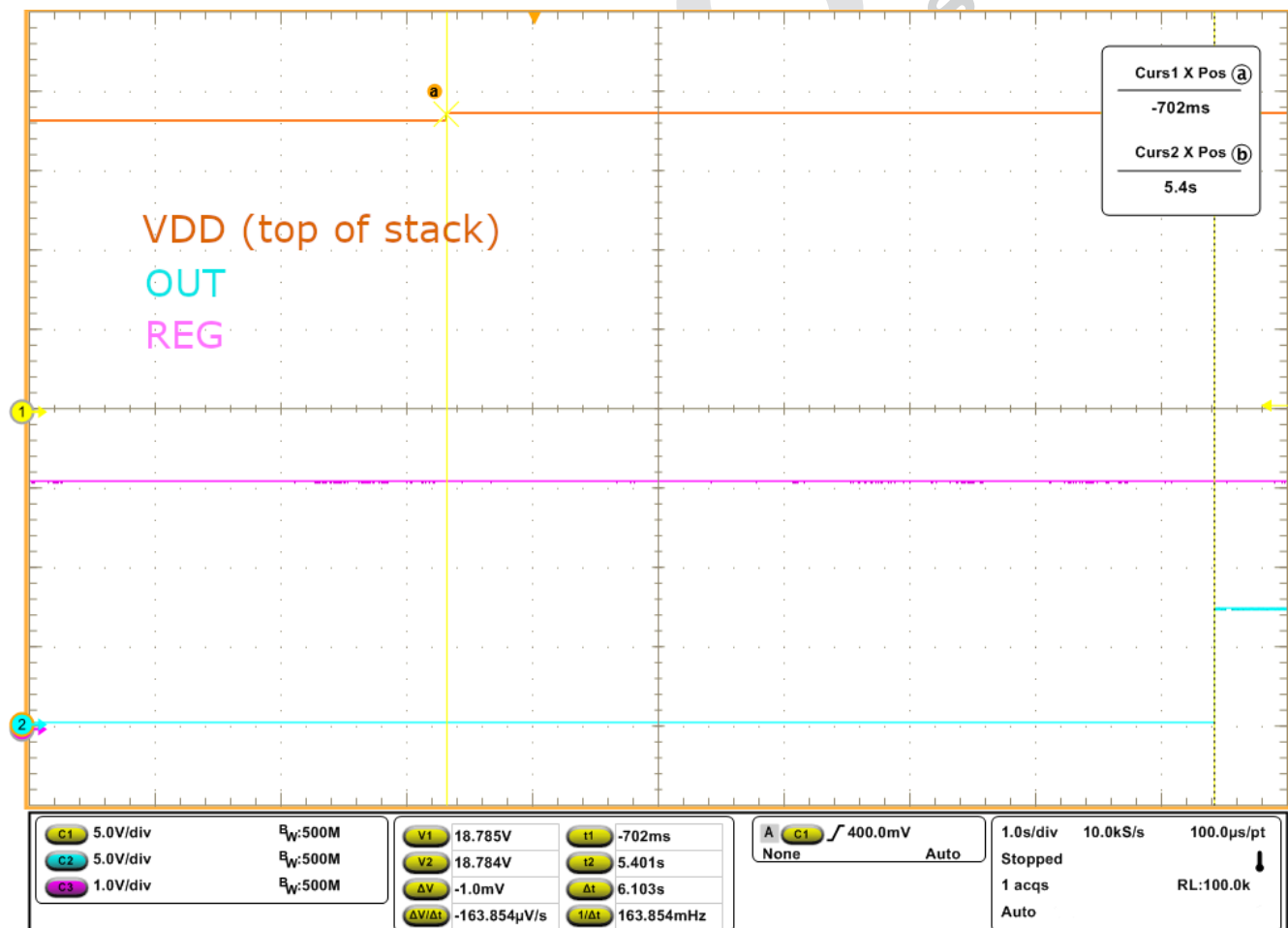


Figure 8-4. Overvoltage Protection Triggering

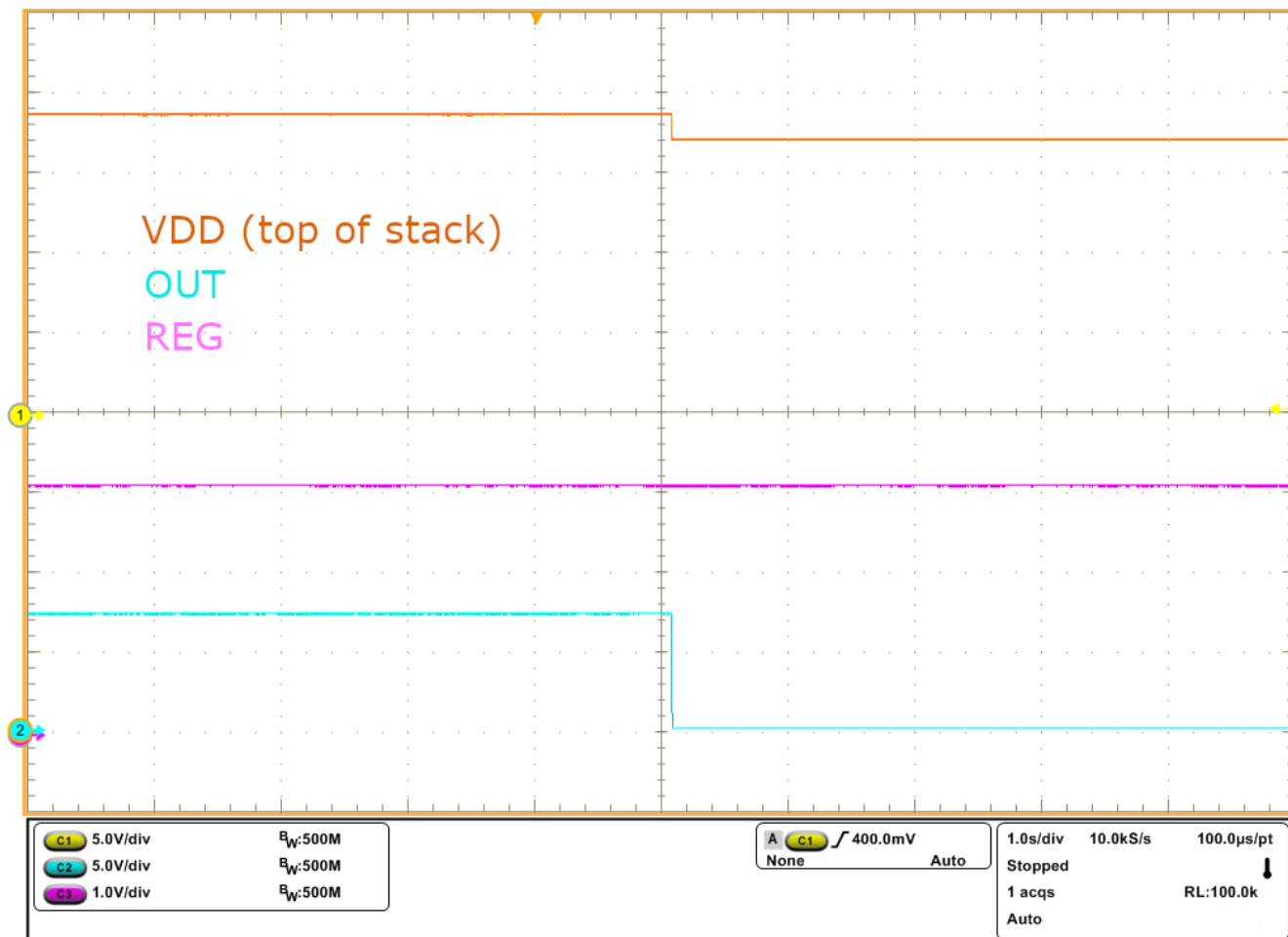


Figure 8-5. Overvoltage Protection Recovery

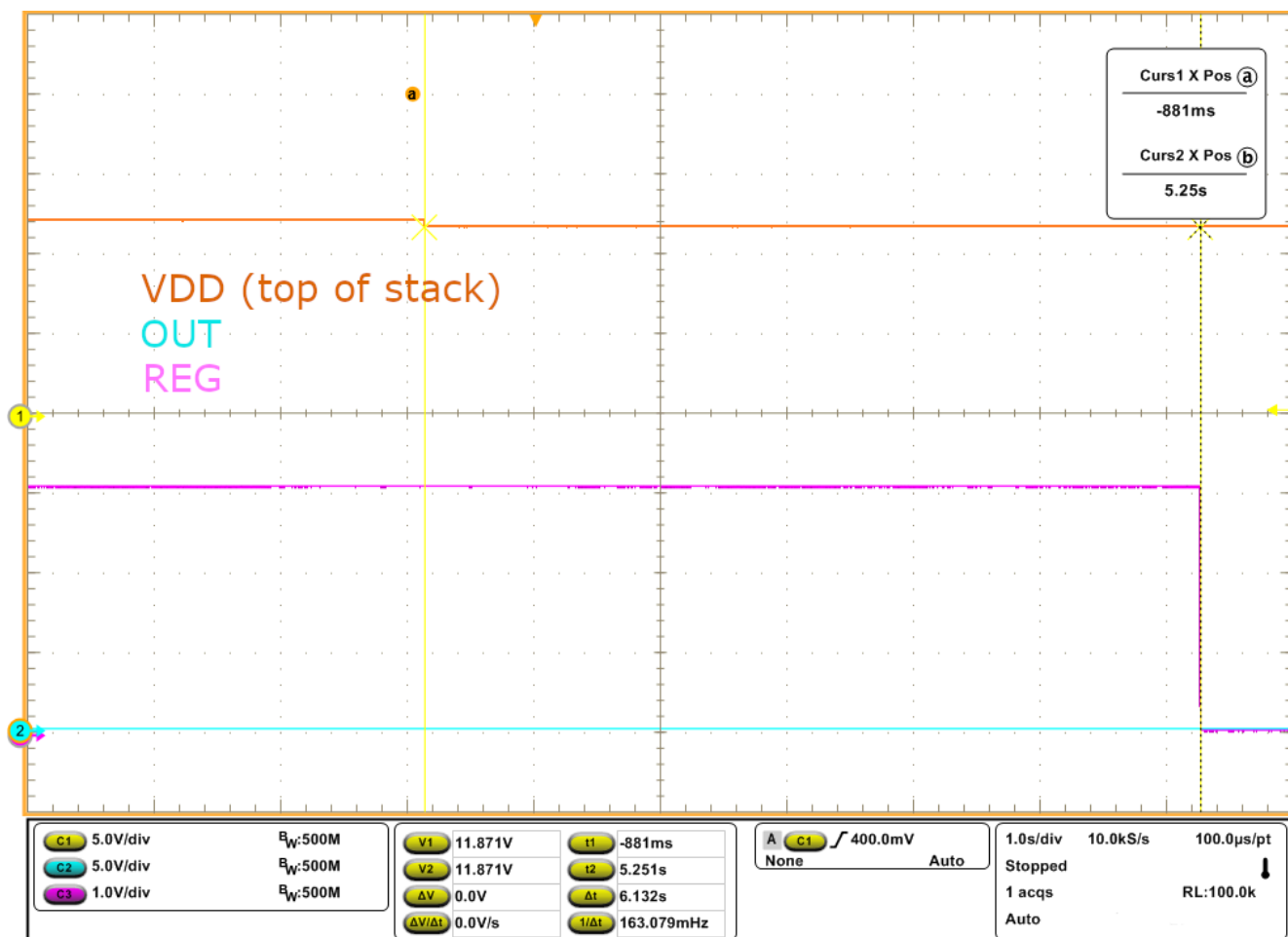


Figure 8-6. Undervoltage Detection to Disable the Regulator

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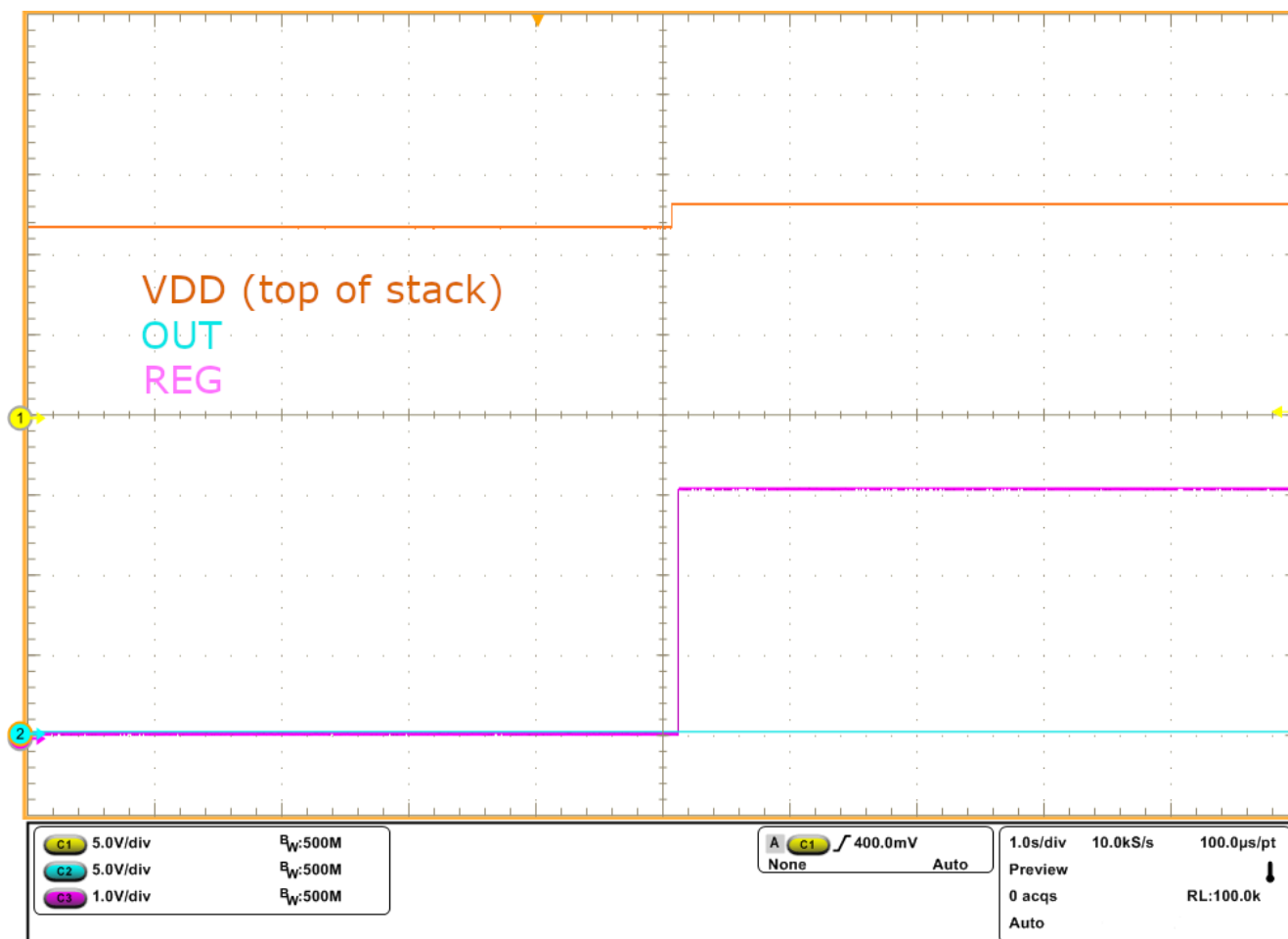


Figure 8-7. Undervoltage Recovery to Re-enable the Regulator

9 Power Supply Recommendations

Connect a series resistor between the top of the cell stack and the VDD pin on the BQ2969. Connect a capacitor between the VDD and VSS pins on the device, positioned close to the pins on the PCB. Connect the VSS pin to the bottom of the cell stack.

10 Layout

10.1 Layout Guidelines

Use the following layout guidelines:

1. Ensure the RC filters for the cell input pins (V4, V3, V2, V1, VSS) and VDD pin are placed as close as possible to the target pin, reducing the tracing loop area.
2. Place the regulator output capacitor between REG and VSS, keeping the capacitor close to the device pins.
3. Ensure the trace connecting the fuse through the NFET to the Pack– is sufficient to withstand the expected current during a fuse blow event.

10.2 Layout Example

An example circuit layout using the BQ2969 device in a 4-series cell design is described below in [Figure 10-1](#) and [Figure 10-2](#). The design implements the schematic shown in [Figure 8-2](#) and [Figure 8-3](#), and uses a 2-layer circuit card assembly with cell connections on the left edge and pack connections on the right edge of the board.

Care must be taken to place the RC filter components close to the VC pins of the device. Be sure to use a sufficiently wide trace for the NFET source and drain connections to support the maximum current that flows during a fuse blow event.

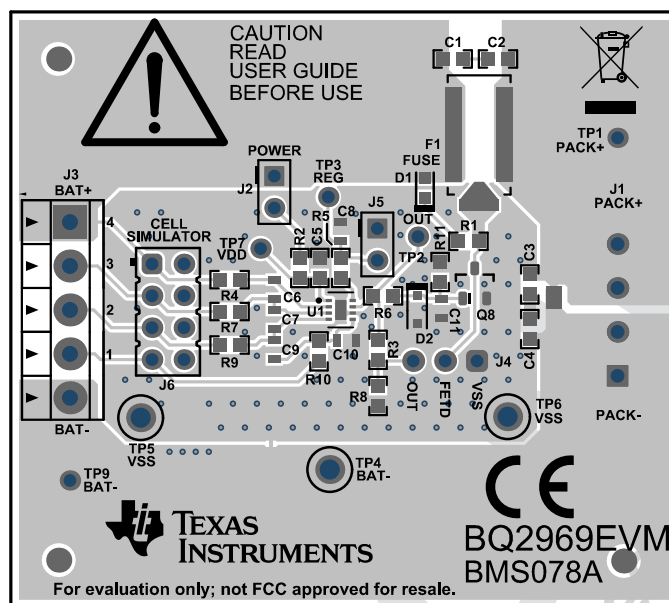


Figure 10-1. BQ2969 Two-Layer Board Layout - Top Layer

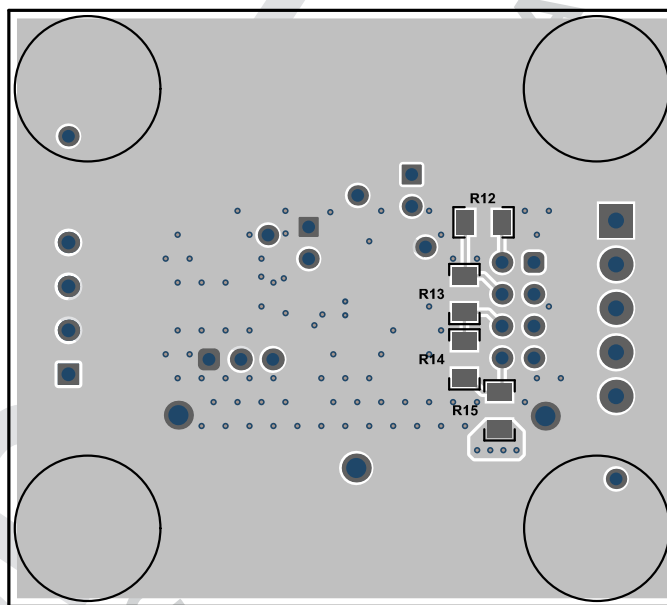


Figure 10-2. BQ2969 Two-Layer Board Layout - Bottom Layer

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