

MCP73811/2

Simple, Miniature Single-Cell, Fully Integrated Li-Ion / Li-Polymer Charge Management Controllers

Features

- · Complete Linear Charge Management Controller
 - Integrated Pass Transistor
 - Integrated Current Sense
 - Integrated Reverse Discharge Protection
- Constant Current / Constant Voltage Operation with Thermal Regulation
- High Accuracy Preset Voltage Regulation: + 1%
- · Voltage Regulation: 4.20V
- · Selectable Charge Current:
 - MCP73811: 85 mA / 450 mA
- · Programmable Charge Current:
 - MCP73812: 50 mA 500 mA
- · Minimum External Components Required:
 - MCP73811: 2 Ceramic Capacitors
 - MCP73812: 2 Ceramic Capacitors and 1 Resistor
- · No Preconditioning
- · No End-of-Charge Control
- No Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO)
- Automatic Power-Down when Input Power Removed
- · Active High Charge Enable
- Temperature Range:
- -40°C to +85°C
- · Packaging:
 - 5-Lead SOT-23

Applications

- Low-Cost Lithium-lon/Lithium-Polymer Battery Chargers
- · Rechargeable Toys
- · Electronic Cigarettes
- Bluetooth Headsets
- · USB Chargers

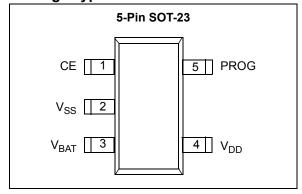
Description

The MCP73811/2 devices are linear charge management controllers that are designed for use in space limited and cost sensitive applications. The MCP73811/2 provide specific charge algorithms for single cell Li-lon or Li-Polymer battery to achieve optimal capacity in the shortest charging time possible. Along with its small physical size, the low number of external components required make the MCP73811/2 ideally suited for portable applications. For applications charging from a USB port, the MCP73811 adheres to all the specifications governing the USB power bus.

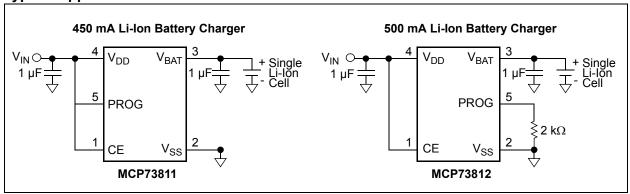
The MCP73811/2 employ a constant current/constant voltage charge algorithm. The constant voltage regulation is fixed at 4.20V, with a tight regulation tolerance of 1%. For the MCP73811, the constant current value is selected as 85 mA (low power USB port) or 450 mA (high power USB port) with a digital input signal on the PROG input. For the MCP73812, the constant current value is set with one external resistor. The MCP73811/2 limit the charge current based on die temperature during high power or high ambient conditions. This thermal regulation optimizes the charge cycle time while maintaining device reliability.

The MCP73811/2 are fully specified over the ambient temperature range of -40°C to +85°C. The MCP73811/2 are available in a 5-Lead, SOT-23 package.

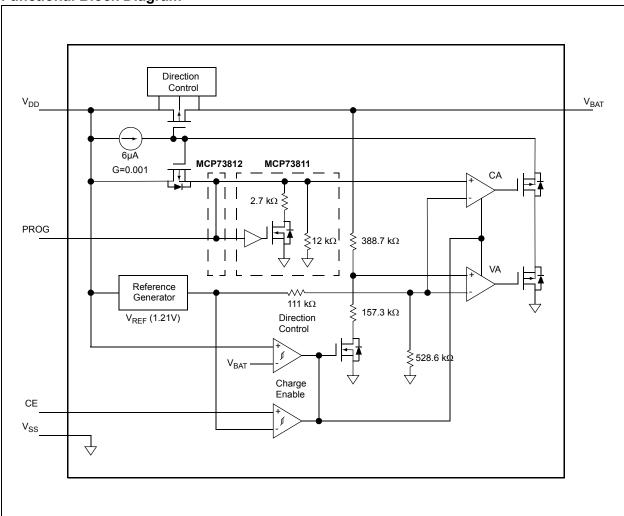
Package Types



Typical Applications



Functional Block Diagram



1.0 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Absolute Maximum Ratings†

† Notice: Stresses above those listed under "Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only and functional operation of the device at those or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational listings of this specification is not implied. Exposure to maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

DC CHARACTERISTICS

Parameters	Sym	Min	Тур	Max	Units	Conditions	
Supply Input	<u> </u>		•				
Supply Voltage	V_{DD}	3.75	_	6	V		
Supply Current	I _{SS}	_	1000	1500	μA	Charging	
		_	50	100	μA	Standby (CE = V _{SS})	
		_	1.2	5	μΑ	Shutdown (V _{DD} ≤ V _{BAT} - 100 mV)	
Voltage Regulation (Cons	tant Voltage Mod	le)					
Regulated Output Voltage	V_{REG}	_	4.20	_	V	V _{DD} =[V _{REG} (Typ)+1V] I _{OUT} =10 mA	
Output Voltage Tolerance	V _{RTOL}	-1	_	+1	%	T _A =-5°C to +55°C	
Line Regulation	$ (\Delta V_{BAT}/V_{BAT}) $ $ \Delta V_{DD} $	_	0.09	0.30	%/V	V _{DD} =[V _{REG} (Typ)+1V] to 6V I _{OUT} =10 mA	
Load Regulation	$ \Delta V_{BAT}/V_{BAT} $	_	0.09	0.30	%	I _{OUT} =10 mA to 50 mA V _{DD} =[V _{REG} (Typ)+1V]	
Supply Ripple Attenuation	PSRR	_	52	_	dB	I _{OUT} =10 mA, 10 Hz to 1 kHz	
		_	47	_	dB	I _{OUT} =10 mA, 10 Hz to 10 kHz	
		_	22	_	dB	I _{OUT} =10 mA, 10 Hz to 1 MHz	
Current Regulation (Fast (Charge Constant	t-Current Mod	le)				
Fast Charge Current	I _{REG}	_	85	_	mA	MCP73811 - PROG = Low	
Regulation		_	450	_	mA	MCP73811 - PROG = High	
		_	50	_	mA	MCP73812 - PROG = 20 kΩ	
		_	100	_	mA	MCP73812 - PROG = 10 kΩ	
		_	500	_	mA	MCP73812 - PROG = $2 \text{ k}\Omega$	
Charge Current Tolerance	I _{RTOL}	-10	_	+10	%	T _A =-5°C to +55°C	
Pass Transistor ON-Resis	tance						
ON-Resistance	R _{DSON}	_	400	_	mΩ	V _{DD} = 3.75V, T _J = 105°C	
Battery Discharge Curren	t						
Output Reverse Leakage	I _{DISCHARGE}						
Current		_	0.5	2	μΑ	Shutdown $(V_{DD} \le V_{BAT} - 100 \text{ mV})$	

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DC CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

Electrical Specifications: Unless otherwise indicated, all limits apply for $V_{DD} = [V_{REG}(typ.) + 0.3V]$ to 6V, $T_A = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+85^{\circ}\text{C}$. Typical values are at $+25^{\circ}\text{C}$, $V_{DD} = [V_{REG}(typ.) + 1.0V]$									
Parameters	Sym	Min	Тур	Max	Units	Conditions			
Charge Enable (CE), PROG Input - MCP73811									
Input High Voltage Level	V _{IH}	2		_	V				
Input Low Voltage Level	V_{IL}			0.8	V				
Input Leakage Current	I _{LK}		0.01	1	μΑ	$V_{CE} = V_{DD}, V_{PROG} = V_{DD}$			
PROG Input - MCP73812									
Charge Impedance Range	R _{PROG}	2	_	20	kΩ	MCP73812			
Automatic Power Down (Direction Control)									
Automatic Power Down Entry Threshold	V _{PD}	V _{BAT} + 10 mV	V _{BAT} + 50 mV	_	V	$2.3V \le V_{BAT} \le V_{REG}$ V_{DD} Falling			
Automatic Power Down Exit Threshold	V _{PDEXIT}	_	V _{BAT} + 150 mV	V _{BAT} + 250 mV	V	$2.3V \le V_{BAT} \le V_{REG}$ V_{DD} Rising			
Thermal Shutdown									
Die Temperature	T _{SD}		150	_	°C				
Die Temperature	T _{SDHYS}		10		°C				
Hysteresis									

TEMPERATURE SPECIFICATIONS

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Parameters	Sym	Min	Тур	Max	Units	Conditions		
Temperature Ranges								
Specified Temperature Range	T _A	-40	_	+85	°C			
Operating Temperature Range	TJ	-40	_	+125	°C			
Storage Temperature Range	T _A	-65	_	+150	°C			
Thermal Package Resistances								
Thermal Resistance, 5-Lead, SOT-23	θ_{JA}		230		°C/W	4-Layer JC51-7 Standard Board, Natural Convection		

2.0 TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CURVES

Note: The graphs and tables provided following this note are a statistical summary based on a limited number of samples and are provided for informational purposes only. The performance characteristics listed herein are not tested or guaranteed. In some graphs or tables, the data presented may be outside the specified operating range (e.g., outside specified power supply range) and therefore outside the warranted range.

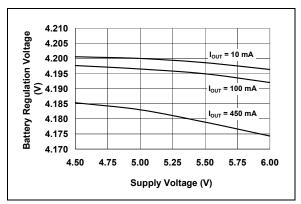


FIGURE 2-1: Battery Regulation Voltage (V_{BAT}) vs. Supply Voltage (V_{DD}) .

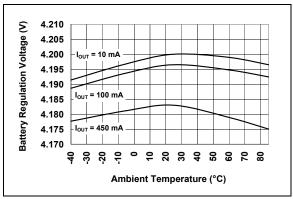


FIGURE 2-2: Battery Regulation Voltage (V_{BAT}) vs. Ambient Temperature (T_A) .

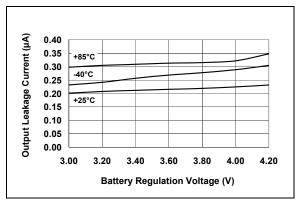


FIGURE 2-3: Output Leakage Current $(I_{DISCHARGE})$ vs. Battery Regulation Voltage (V_{BAT}) .

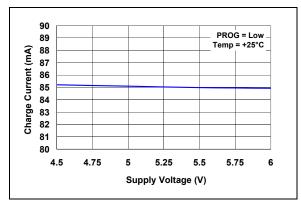


FIGURE 2-4: Charge Current (I_{OUT}) vs. Supply Voltage (V_{DD}) - MCP73811.

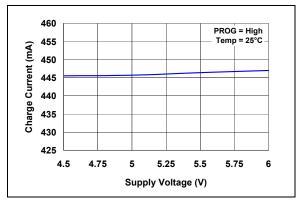


FIGURE 2-5: Charge Current (I_{OUT}) vs. Supply Voltage (V_{DD}) - MCP73811.

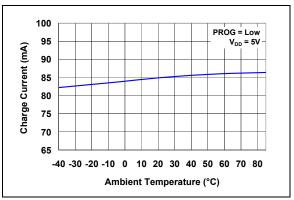


FIGURE 2-6: Charge Current (I_{OUT}) vs. Ambient Temperature (I_A) - MCP73811.

Typical Performance Curves (Continued)

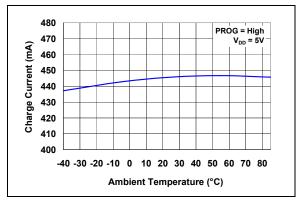


FIGURE 2-7: Charge Current (I_{OUT}) vs. Ambient Temperature (I_A) - MCP73811.

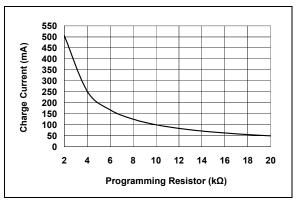


FIGURE 2-8: Charge Current (I_{OUT}) vs. Programming Resistor (R_{PROG}) - MCP73812.

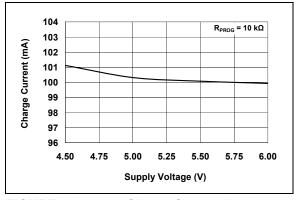


FIGURE 2-9: Charge Current (I_{OUT}) vs. Supply Voltage (V_{DD}) - MCP73812.

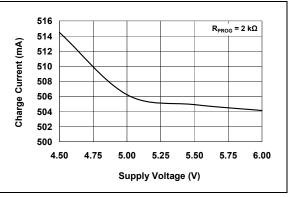


FIGURE 2-10: Charge Current (I_{OUT}) vs. Supply Voltage (V_{DD}) - MCP73812.

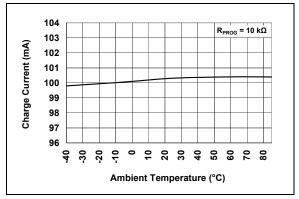


FIGURE 2-11: Charge Current (I_{OUT}) vs. Ambient Temperature (I_A) - MCP73812.

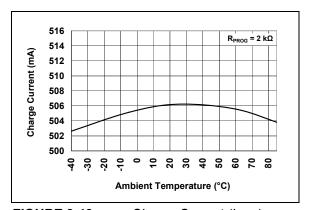


FIGURE 2-12: Charge Current (I_{OUT}) vs. Ambient Temperature (T_A) - MCP73812.

Typical Performance Curves (Continued)

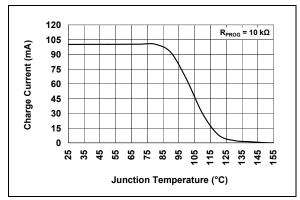


FIGURE 2-13: Charge Current (I_{OUT}) vs. Junction Temperature (I_{J}) - MCP73812.

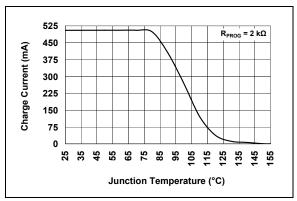


FIGURE 2-14: Charge Current (I_{OUT}) vs. Junction Temperature (T_{ij}) - MCP73812.

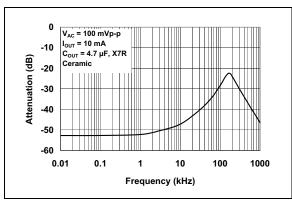


FIGURE 2-15: Power Supply Ripple Rejection (PSRR).

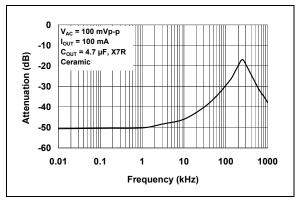


FIGURE 2-16: Power Supply Ripple Rejection (PSRR).

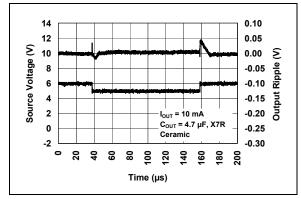


FIGURE 2-17: Line Transient Response.

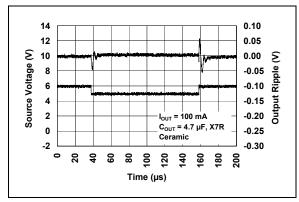


FIGURE 2-18: Line Transient Response.

Typical Performance Curves (Continued)

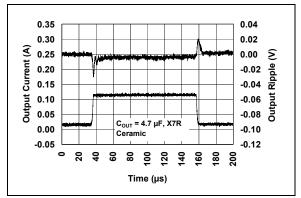


FIGURE 2-19: Load Transient Response.

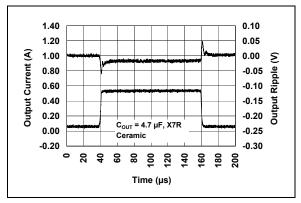


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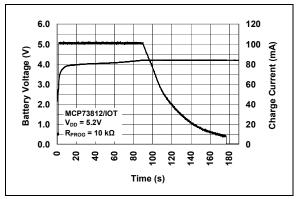


FIGURE 2-21: Complete Charge Cycle (180 mAh Li-lon Battery).

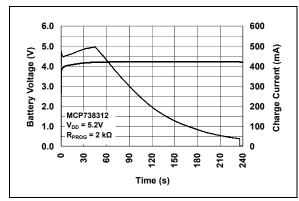


FIGURE 2-22: Complete Charge Cycle (1000 mAh Li-lon Battery).

3.0 PIN DESCRIPTION

The descriptions of the pins are listed in Table 3-1.

TABLE 3-1: PIN FUNCTION TABLES

Pin Number	Comple ed	Function			
SOT-23-5	Symbol				
1	CE	Active High Charge Enable			
2	V_{SS}	Battery Management 0V Reference			
3	V_{BAT}	Battery Charge Control Output			
4	V_{DD}	Battery Management Input Supply			
5	PROG	Current Regulation Set and Charge Control Enable			

3.1 Charge Enable Input (CE)

A logic High enables battery charging. A logic Low disables battery charging. The charge enable input is compatible with 1.8V logic.

3.2 Battery Management 0V Reference (V_{SS})

Connect to negative terminal of battery and input supply.

3.3 Battery Charge Control Output (V_{BAT})

Connect to positive terminal of battery. Drain terminal of internal P-channel MOSFET pass transistor. Bypass to V_{SS} with a minimum of 1 μF to ensure loop stability when the battery is disconnected.

3.4 Battery Management Input Supply (V_{DD})

A supply voltage of [V_{REG} (typ.) + 0.3V] to 6V is recommended. Bypass to V_{SS} with a minimum of 1 μ F.

3.5 Current Regulation Set (PROG)

For the MCP73811, the current regulation set input (PROG) functions as a digital input selection. A logic Low selects a 85 mA charge current; a logic High selects a 450 mA charge current.

For the MCP73812, the charge current is set by placing a resistor from PROG to V_{SS} .

4.0 DEVICE OVERVIEW

The MCP73811/2 are simple, but fully integrated linear charge management controllers. Figure 4-1 depicts the operational flow algorithm.

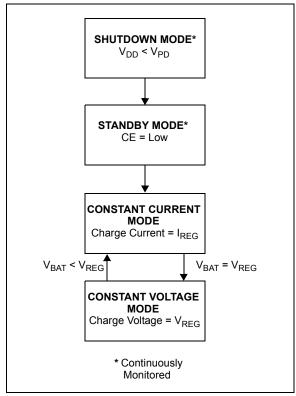


FIGURE 4-1: Flow Chart.

4.1 Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO)

The MCP73811/2 does not have an internal under voltage lockout (UVLO) circuit.

4.2 Charge Qualification

When the input power is applied, the input supply must rise 150 mV above the battery voltage before the MCP73811/2 becomes operational.

The automatic power down circuit places the device in a shutdown mode if the input supply falls to within +50 mV of the battery voltage.

The automatic circuit is always active. Whenever the input supply is within +50 mV of the voltage at the V_{BAT} pin, the MCP73811/2 is placed in a shutdown mode.

During power down condition, the battery reverse discharge current is less than 2 μ A.

For a charge cycle to begin, the automatic power down conditions must be met and the charge enable input must be above the input high threshold.

4.3 PRECONDITIONING

The MCP73811/2 does not support preconditioning of deeply depleted cells.

4.4 Constant Current MODE - Fast Charge

During the constant current mode, the selected (MCP73811) or programmed (MCP73812) charge current is supplied to the battery or load.

For the MCP73812, the charge current is established using a single resistor from PROG to V_{SS} . The program resistor and the charge current are calculated using the following equation:

EQUATION 4-1:

$$I_{REG} = \frac{1000V}{R_{PROG}}$$
 Where:
$$R_{PROG} = \text{kilo-ohms}$$

$$I_{REG} = \text{milliamperes}$$

Constant current mode is maintained until the voltage at the V_{BAT} pin reaches the regulation voltage, V_{REG}

4.5 Constant Voltage Mode

When the voltage at the V_{BAT} pin reaches the regulation voltage, V_{REG} constant voltage regulation begins. The regulation voltage is factory set to 4.20V with a tolerance of $\pm 1.0\%$.

4.6 Charge Termination

The charge cycle is terminated by removing the battery from the charger, removing input power, or driving the charge enable input (CE) to a logic Low. An automatic charge termination method is not implemented.

4.7 Automatic Recharge

The MCP73811/2 does not support automatic recharge cycles since automatic charge termination has not been implemented. In essence, the MCP73811/2 is always in a charge cycle whenever the qualification parameters have been met.

4.8 Thermal Regulation

The MCP73811/2 limits the charge current based on the die temperature. The thermal regulation optimizes the charge cycle time while maintaining device reliability. Figure 4-2 depicts the thermal regulation for the MCP73811/2.

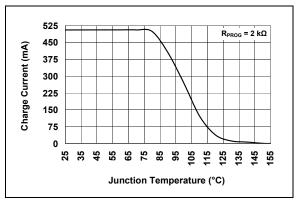


FIGURE 4-2: Thermal Regulation.

4.9 Thermal Shutdown

The MCP73811/2 suspends charge if the die temperature exceeds 150°C. Charging will resume when the die temperature has cooled by approximately 10°C. The thermal shutdown is a secondary safety feature in the event that there is a failure within the thermal regulation circuitry.

5.0 DETAILED DESCRIPTION

5.1 Analog Circuitry

5.1.1 BATTERY MANAGEMENT INPUT SUPPLY (V_{DD})

The V_{DD} input is the input supply to the MCP73811/2. The MCP73811/2 automatically enters a Power-down mode if the voltage on the V_{DD} input falls to within +50 mV of the battery voltage. This feature prevents draining the battery pack when the V_{DD} supply is not present.

5.1.2 MCP73812 CURRENT REGULATION SET (PROG)

For the MCP73812, the charge current regulation can be scaled by placing a programming resistor (R_{PROG}) from the PROG input to V_{SS} . The program resistor and the charge current are calculated using the following equation:

EQUATION 5-1:

$$I_{REG} = \frac{1000V}{R_{PROG}}$$

Where:

 R_{PROG} = kilo-ohms I_{REG} = milliamperes

5.1.3 BATTERY CHARGE CONTROL OUTPUT (V_{BAT})

The battery charge control output is the drain terminal of an internal P-channel MOSFET. The MCP73811/2 provides constant current and voltage regulation to the battery pack by controlling this MOSFET in the linear region. The battery charge control output should be connected to the positive terminal of the battery pack.

5.2 Digital Circuitry

5.2.1 CHARGE ENABLE (CE)

The charge enable input pin (CE) can be used to terminate a charge at any time during the charge cycle, as well as to initiate a charge cycle or initiate a recharge cycle.

Driving the input to a logic High enables the device. Driving the input to a logic Low disables the device and terminates a charge cycle. When disabled, the device's supply current is reduced to $50 \mu A$, typically.

5.2.2 MCP73811 CURRENT REGULATION SELECT (PROG)

For the MCP73811, driving the PROG input to a logic Low selects the low charge current setting (85 mA). Driving the PROG input to a logic High selects the high charge current setting (450 mA).

6.0 APPLICATIONS

The MCP73811/2 is designed to operate in conjunction with a host microcontroller or in stand-alone applications. The MCP73811/2 provides the preferred

charge algorithm for Lithium-Ion and Lithium-Polymer cells Constant-current followed by Constant-voltage. Figure 6-1 depicts a typical stand-alone application circuit, while Figures 6-2 and 6-3 depict the accompanying charge profile.

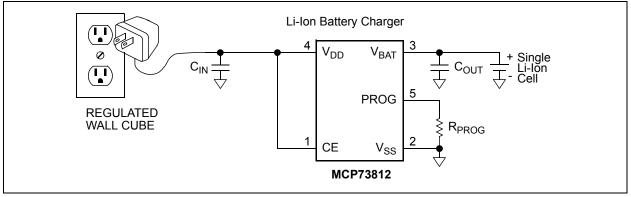


FIGURE 6-1: Typical Application Circuit.

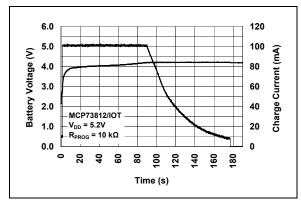


FIGURE 6-2: Typical Charge Profile (180 mAh Battery).

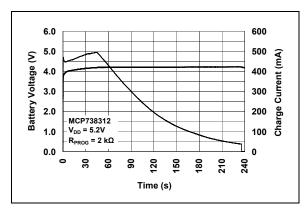


FIGURE 6-3: Typical Charge Profile in Thermal Regulation (1000 mAh Battery).

6.1 Application Circuit Design

Due to the low efficiency of linear charging, the most important factors are thermal design and cost, which are a direct function of the input voltage, output current and thermal impedance between the battery charger and the ambient cooling air. The worst-case situation is when the device has transitioned from the Preconditioning mode to the Constant-current mode. In this situation, the battery charger has to dissipate the maximum power. A trade-off must be made between the charge current, cost and thermal requirements of the charger.

6.1.1 COMPONENT SELECTION

Selection of the external components in Figure 6-1 is crucial to the integrity and reliability of the charging system. The following discussion is intended as a guide for the component selection process.

6.1.1.1 Charge Current

The preferred fast charge current for Lithium-Ion cells is at the 1C rate, with an absolute maximum current at the 2C rate. For example, a 500 mAh battery pack has a preferred fast charge current of 500 mA. Charging at this rate provides the shortest charge cycle times without degradation to the battery pack performance or life.

6.1.1.2 Thermal Considerations

The worst-case power dissipation in the battery charger occurs when the input voltage is at the maximum and the device has transitioned from the Preconditioning mode to the Constant-current mode. In this case, the power dissipation is:

EQUATION 6-1:

 $Power Dissipation = (V_{DDMAX} - V_{PTHMIN}) \times I_{REGMAX}$

Where:

 V_{DDMAX} = the maximum input voltage

 I_{REGMAX} = the maximum fast charge current

 V_{PTHMIN} = the minimum transition threshold

voltage

Power dissipation with a 5V, ±10% input voltage source is:

EQUATION 6-2:

 $PowerDissipation = (5.5V - 2.7V) \times 500mA = 1.4W$

This power dissipation with the battery charger in the SOT-23-5 package will cause thermal regulation to be entered as depicted in Figure 6-3.

6.1.1.3 External Capacitors

The MCP73811/2 is stable with or without a battery load. In order to maintain good AC stability in the Constant-voltage mode, a minimum capacitance of 1 μF is recommended to bypass the V_{BAT} pin to V_{SS} . This capacitance provides compensation when there is no battery load. In addition, the battery and interconnections appear inductive at high frequencies. These elements are in the control feedback loop during Constant-voltage mode. Therefore, the bypass capacitance may be necessary to compensate for the inductive nature of the battery pack.

Virtually any good quality output filter capacitor can be used, independent of the capacitor's minimum Effective Series Resistance (ESR) value. The actual value of the capacitor (and its associated ESR) depends on the output load current. A 1 μF ceramic, tantalum or aluminum electrolytic capacitor at the output is usually sufficient to ensure stability for output currents up to a 500 mA.

6.1.1.4 Reverse-Blocking Protection

The MCP73811/2 provides protection from a faulted or shorted input. Without the protection, a faulted or shorted input would discharge the battery pack through the body diode of the internal pass transistor.

6.1.1.5 Charge Inhibit

The charge enable input pin (CE) can be used to terminate a charge at any time during the charge cycle, as well as to initiate a charge cycle or initiate a recharge cycle.

Driving the input to a logic High enables the device. Driving the input to a logic Low disables the device and terminates a charge cycle. When disabled, the device's supply current is reduced to 50 µA, typically.

6.2 PCB Layout Issues

For optimum voltage regulation, place the battery pack as close as possible to the device's V_{BAT} and V_{SS} pins, recommended to minimize voltage drops along the high current-carrying PCB traces.

If the PCB layout is used as a heatsink, adding many vias in the heatsink pad can help conduct more heat to the backplane of the PCB, thus reducing the maximum junction temperature. Figures 6-4 and 6-5 depict a typical layout with PCB heatsinking.

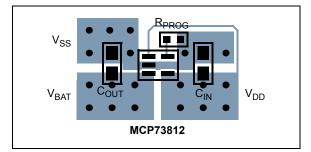


FIGURE 6-4: Typical Layout (Top).

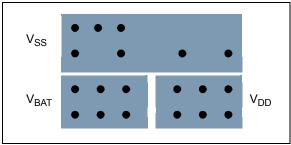
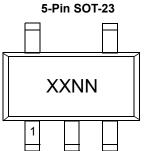


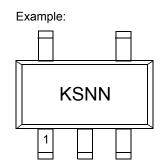
FIGURE 6-5: Typical Layout (Bottom).

7.0 PACKAGE INFORMATION

7.1 Package Marking Information



Standard *						
Part Number	Code					
MCP73811T-420I/OT	KSNN					
MCP73812T-420I/OT	KWNN					



* Custom output voltages available upon request.

Contact your local Microchip sales office for more information.

Legend: XX...X Customer-specific information

Y Year code (last digit of calendar year)
YY Year code (last 2 digits of calendar year)
WW Week code (week of January 1 is week '01')

NNN Alphanumeric traceability code

(e3) Pb-free JEDEC designator for Matte Tin (Sn)

This package is Pb-free. The Pb-free JEDEC designator (e3)

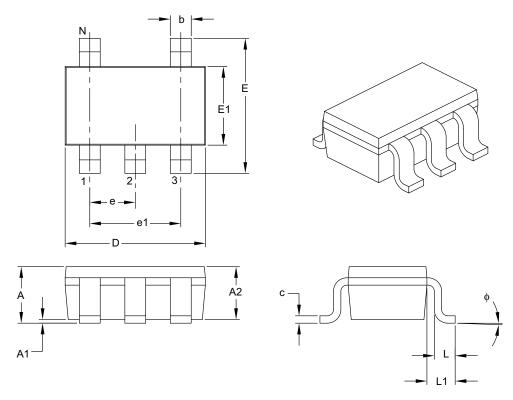
can be found on the outer packaging for this package.

Note: In the event the full Microchip part number cannot be marked on one line, it will be carried over to the next line, thus limiting the number of available

characters for customer-specific information.

5-Lead Plastic Small Outline Transistor (OT or CT) [SOT-23]

Note: For the most current package drawings, please see the Microchip Packaging Specification located at http://www.microchip.com/packaging



	Units			MILLIMETERS			
Dimension	MIN	NOM	MAX				
Number of Pins	5						
Lead Pitch	е	0.95 BSC					
Outside Lead Pitch	e1	1.90 BSC					
Overall Height	Α	0.90 – 1.45					
Molded Package Thickness	A2	0.89	-	1.30			
Standoff	A1	0.00	-	0.15			
Overall Width	Е	2.20	-	3.20			
Molded Package Width	E1	1.30	-	1.80			
Overall Length	D	2.70	-	3.10			
Foot Length	L	0.10	_	0.60			
Footprint	L1	0.35	_	0.80			
Foot Angle	ф	0°	_	30°			
Lead Thickness		0.08	_	0.26			
Lead Width		0.20	_	0.51			

Notes:

- 1. Dimensions D and E1 do not include mold flash or protrusions. Mold flash or protrusions shall not exceed 0.127 mm per side.
- 2. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M.

BSC: Basic Dimension. Theoretically exact value shown without tolerances.

Microchip Technology Drawing C04-091B

APPENDIX A: REVISION HISTORY

Revision A (March 2007)

• Original Release of this Document.

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NOTES:

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

To order or obtain information, e.g., on pricing or delivery, refer to the factory or the listed sales office.

Examples: PART NO. <u>XXX</u> <u>/XX</u> MCP73811T-420I/OT: 4.2V Charger **Device** Voltage Temperature Package SOT-23-5 pkg. Options MCP73812T-420I/OT: 4.2V Charger SOT-23-5 pkg. Device: MCP73811T: Li-Ion Charger w/Selectable Charge Current, Tape and Reel MCP73812T: Li-lon Charger w/Selectable Charge Current, Tape and Reel Voltage Options *: 420 = 4.2V "Standard" *Contact factory for other output voltage options. = -40°C to +85°C Temperature: Package Type: OT = Small Outline Transistor (SOT-23), 5-lead

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