

1 Current Consumption When Off (1 month)

- The latch IC (MAX16054) consumes $7\mu A$.
- The LDO consumes less than $1\mu A$.
- 1 month is 720 hours, we will ignore the fact that during some of this duration the device will be active
- $I_{off} = 8\mu A \cdot \frac{1mA}{1000\mu A} \cdot 720h = \boxed{5.75 \text{ mAh}}$

2 Current Consumption During Operation (1 month)

- The latch IC (MAX16054) consumes $0.4mA$.
- The MCU consumes at most $4mA$ for running code from flash memory with 48 MHz clock, SPI requires $0.2mA$, the GPIOs will require $0.1mA$ each and there are 4.
- The LDO efficiency is calculated as $\frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = \frac{2.8}{3} = 0.93$. This means that the current requirement for the MCU and RF transceiver combined should be multiplied by 1.075.
- The RF transceiver consumes $14.7mA$ in RX mode and $30mA$ in TX mode.

We estimate the total time of operation for one interaction to be 2 seconds, or 0.0006 hours. This consists of:

- 0.6 seconds (0.0002 hours) in RX mode.
- 1.4 seconds (0.0004 hours) in TX mode.

The total current consumption per interaction is:

$$I_{latch} = 0.4mA \times 0.0006 \text{ hours} = 0.00024mAh$$

$$I_{MCU} = 1.075((4 + 0.2 + 0.4)mA \times 0.0006 \text{ hours}) = 0.002967mAh$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{transceiver} &= 1.075 \times ((14.7mA \times 0.0002 \text{ hours}) + (30mA \times 0.0004 \text{ hours})) \\ &= 0.00294 + 0.012 = 0.0160605mAh \end{aligned}$$

$$I_{interaction} = I_{latch} + I_{MCU} + I_{transceiver}$$

$$I_{interaction} = 0.0192675mAh \approx \boxed{0.0193 \text{ mAh}}$$

3 Monthly Consumption

Assuming 10 interactions per day, the monthly current consumption is:

$$I_{\text{month}} = (I_{\text{off}}) + (10 \times 30 \times I_{\text{interaction}}) = 5.75 \text{ mAh/month} + 5.79 \text{ mAh/month}$$

$$I_{\text{month}} = \boxed{11.54 \text{ mAh/month}}$$

4 Battery Life Estimation

Our target is for the fob to last at least one month on a single battery. We have identified batteries with a capacity greater than 200 mAh. Therefore, the estimated battery life is:

$$t_{\text{life}} = \frac{200 \text{ mAh}}{5.4 \text{ mAh/month}} \approx 37 \text{ months}$$

Even if the calculated consumption is off by an order of magnitude (i.e., requiring 54 mAh per month), the battery would still last over 3 months, which exceeds our goal.

5 Conclusion

The power consumption analysis demonstrates that our fob subsystem, with the use of a power latch IC and careful control of active and inactive modes, will meet the requirement of lasting at least one month on a single battery. With a 200 mAh battery, the system has more than sufficient capacity to support this, even with significant error margins in the consumption estimate.