

MAX17058/MAX17059

1-Cell/2-Cell Li+ ModelGauge ICs

General Description

The MAX17058/MAX17059 ICs are tiny fuel gauges for lithium-ion (Li+) batteries in handheld and portable equipment. The MAX17058 operates with a single Li+ cell and the MAX17059 with two Li+ cells in series.

The ICs use the sophisticated Li+ battery-modeling algorithm ModelGauge™ to track the battery relative state-of-charge (SOC) continuously over a widely varying charge/discharge conditions. The ModelGauge algorithm eliminates current-sense resistor and battery-learn cycles required by other fuel gauges. Temperature compensation is implemented using the system micro-controller.

On battery insertion, the ICs debounce initial voltage measurements to improve the initial SOC estimate, allowing them to be located on system side. SOC and voltage information is accessed using the I²C interface. The ICs are available in a tiny 0.9mm x 1.7mm, 8-bump wafer-level package (WLP) or a 2mm x 2mm, 8-pin TDFN package.

Applications

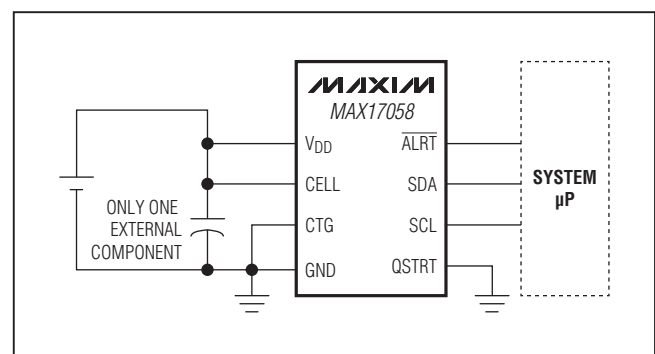
Wireless Handsets
Smartphones/PDAs
Tablets and Handheld Computers
Portable Game Players
e-Readers
Digital Still and Video Cameras
Portable Medical Equipment

Features and Benefits

- ◆ **MAX17058: 1 Cell, MAX17059: 2 Cells**
- ◆ **Precision ±7.5mV/Cell Voltage Measurement**
- ◆ **ModelGauge Algorithm**
 - ◇ Provides Accurate State-of-Charge
 - ◇ Compensates for Temperature/Load Variation
 - ◇ Does Not Accumulate Errors, Unlike Coulomb Counters
 - ◇ Eliminates Learning
 - ◇ Eliminates Current-Sense Resistor
- ◆ **Low Quiescent Current: 23µA**
- ◆ **Battery-Insertion Debounce**
 - ◇ Best of 16 Samples Estimates Initial SOC
- ◆ **Programmable Reset for Battery Swap**
 - ◇ 2.28V to 3.48V Range
- ◆ **Low SOC Alert Indicator**
- ◆ **I²C Interface**

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Simplified Operating Circuit



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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

CELL to GND.....	-0.3V to +12V	Lead Temperature (TDFN only) (soldering, 10s)	+300°C
V _{IN} , SCL, SDA, $\overline{\text{ALRT}}$ to GND.....	-0.3V to +6V	Soldering Temperature (reflow)	
Continuous Sink Current, SDA, $\overline{\text{ALRT}}$	20mA	TDFN.....	+260°C
Operating Temperature Range.....	-40°C to +85°C	WLP	+240°C
Storage Temperature Range.....	-55°C to +125°C		

Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

(2.5V < V_{DD} < 4.5V, -20°C < T_A < +70°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T_A = +25°C.) (Note 1)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Supply Voltage	V _{DD}	(Note 2)	2.5		4.5	V
Fuel-Gauge SOC Reset (VRESET Register)	V _{RST}	Configuration range, in 40mV steps	2.28		3.48	V
		Trimmed at 3V	2.85	3.0	3.15	V
Data I/O Pins	SCL, SDA, $\overline{\text{ALRT}}$	(Note 2)	-0.3		+5.5	V
Supply Current	I _{DD0}	Sleep mode, T _A < +50°C		0.5	2	μA
	I _{DD1}	Active mode		23	40	
Time Base Accuracy	t _{ERR}	Active mode (Note 3)	-3.5	±1	+3.5	%
ADC Sample Period		Active mode		250		ms
Voltage Error	V _{ERR}	V _{CELL} = 3.6V, T _A = +25°C (Note 4)	-7.5		+7.5	mV/cell
		-20°C < T _A < +70°C	-20		+20	
Voltage-Measurement Resolution				1.25		mV/cell
Voltage-Measurement Range		MAX17058: V _{DD} pin	2.5		5	V
		MAX17059: CELL pin	5		10	
SDA, SCL, QSTRT Input Logic-High	V _{IH}		1.4			V
SDA, SCL, QSTRT Input Logic-Low	V _{IL}				0.5	V
SDA, $\overline{\text{ALRT}}$ Output Logic-Low	V _{OL}	I _{OL} = 4mA			0.4	V
SDA, SCL Bus Low-Detection Current	I _{PD}	V _{SDA} = V _{SCL} = 0.4V (Note 5)		0.2	0.4	μA
Bus Low-Detection Timeout	t _{SLEEP}	(Note 6)	1.75		2.5	s

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (I²C INTERFACE)

(2.5V < V_{DD} < 4.5V, -20°C < T_A < +70°C, unless otherwise noted.) (Note 1)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
SCL Clock Frequency	f _{SCL}	(Note 7)	0		400	kHz
Bus Free Time Between a STOP and START Condition	t _{BUF}		1.3			μs
START Condition (Repeated) Hold Time	t _{HD:STA}	(Note 8)	0.6			μs
Low Period of SCL Clock	t _{LOW}		1.3			μs

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(2.5V < V_{DD} < 4.5V, -20°C < T_A < +70°C, unless otherwise noted.) (Note 1)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
High Period of SCL Clock	t _{HIGH}		0.6			μs
Setup Time for a Repeated START Condition	t _{SU:STA}		0.6			μs
Data Hold Time	t _{HD:DAT}	(Notes 9, 10)	0		0.9	μs
Data Setup Time	t _{SU:DAT}	(Note 9)	100			ns
Rise Time of Both SDA and SCL Signals	t _R		20 + 0.1C _B	300		ns
Fall Time of Both SDA and SCL Signals	t _F		20 + 0.1C _B	300		ns
Setup Time for STOP Condition	t _{SU:STO}		0.6			μs
Spike Pulse Widths Suppressed by Input Filter	t _{SP}	(Note 11)	0.6		50	ns
Capacitive Load for Each Bus Line	C _B	(Note 12)			400	pF
SCL, SDA Input Capacitance	C _{B,IN}				60	pF

Note 1: Specifications are tested 100% at T_A = +25°C. Limits over the operating range are guaranteed by design and characterization.

Note 2: All voltages are referenced to GND.

Note 3: Test is performed on unmounted/unsoldered ports.

Note 4: The voltage is trimmed and verified with 16x averaging.

Note 5: This current is always present.

Note 6: The IC enters sleep mode after SCL < V_{IL} and SDA < V_{IL} for longer than 2.5s.

Note 7: Timing must be fast enough to prevent the IC from entering sleep mode due to bus low for period > t_{SLEEP}.

Note 8: f_{SCL} must meet the minimum clock low time plus the rise/fall times.

Note 9: The maximum t_{HD:DAT} has to be met only if the device does not stretch the low period (t_{LOW}) of the SCL signal.

Note 10: This device internally provides a hold time of at least 100ns for the SDA signal (referred to the V_{IH,MIN} of the SCL signal) to bridge the undefined region of the falling edge of SCL.

Note 11: Filters on SDA and SCL suppress noise spikes at the input buffers and delay the sampling instance.

Note 12: C_B is total capacitance of one bus line in pF.

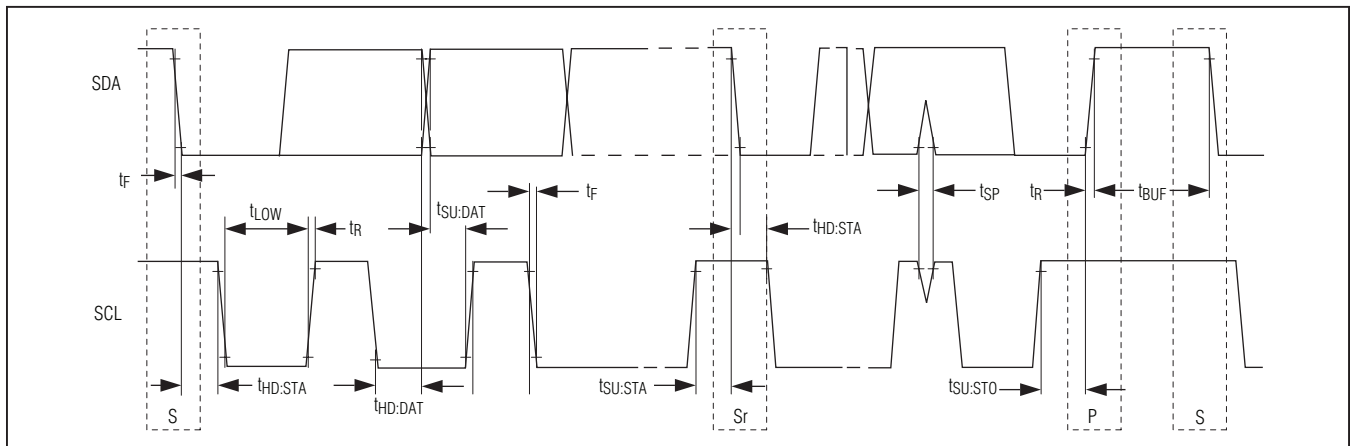


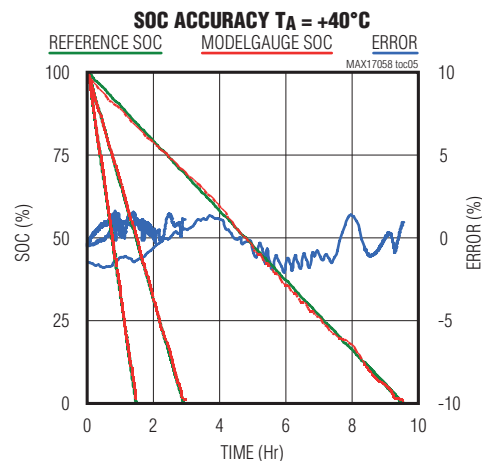
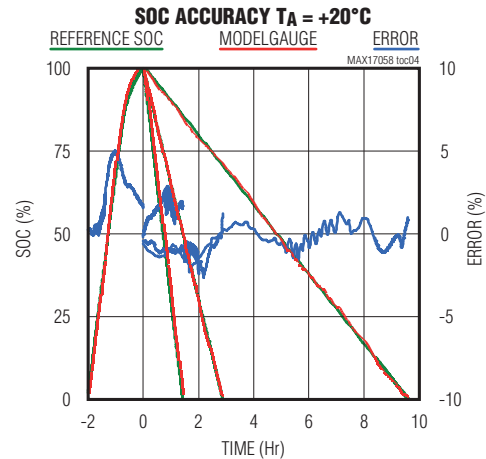
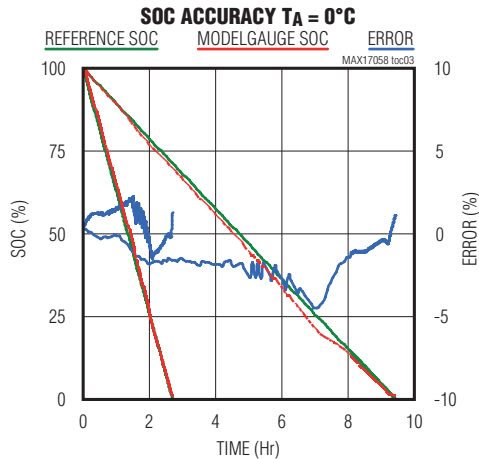
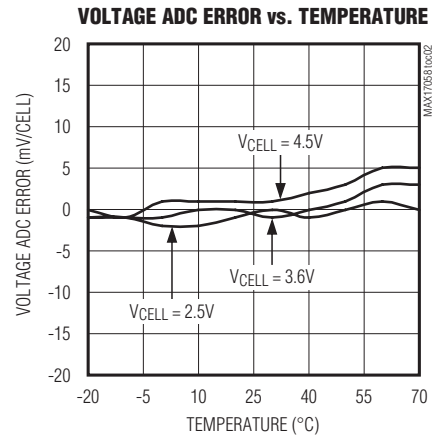
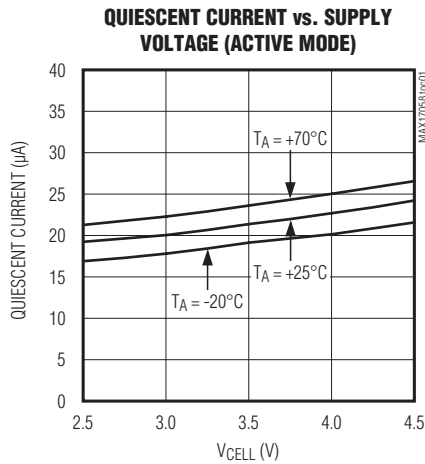
Figure 1. I²C Bus Timing Diagram

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Typical Operating Characteristics

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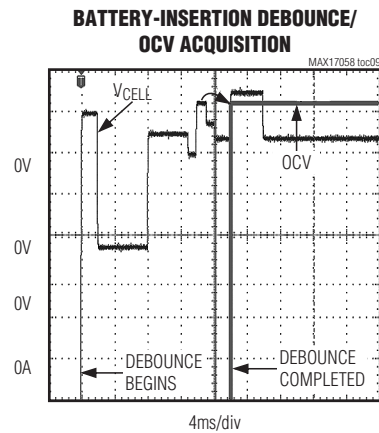
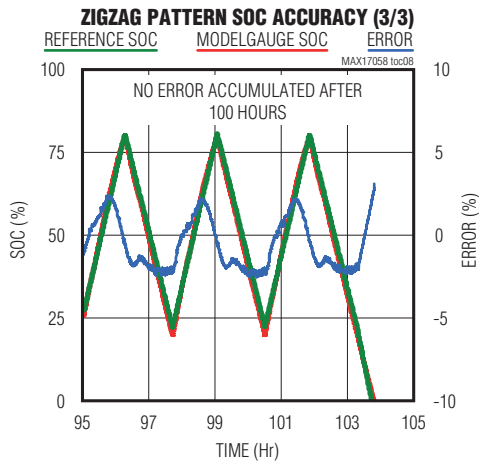
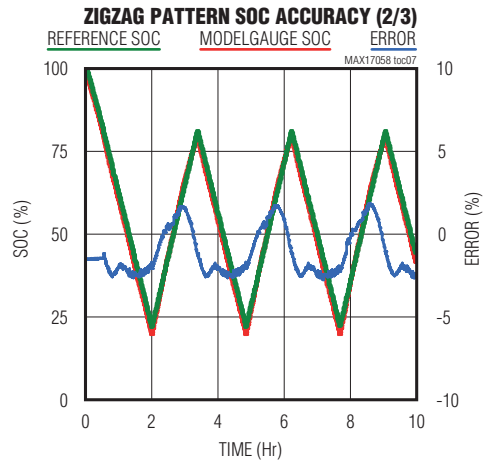
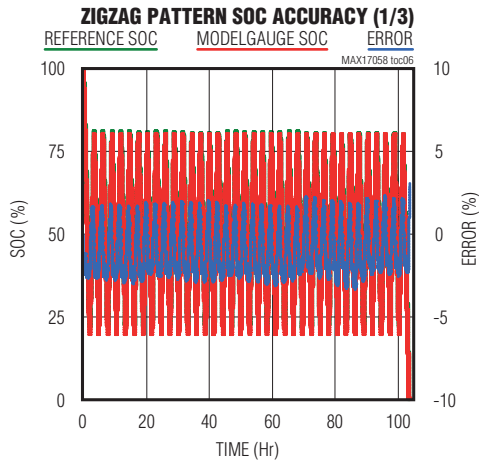


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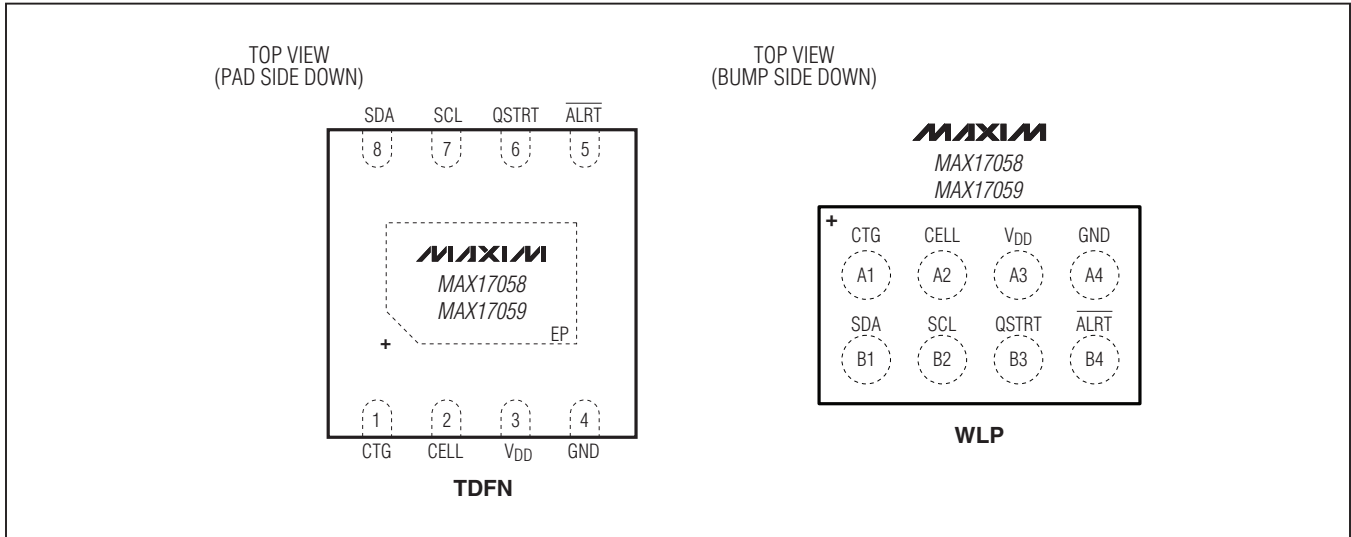
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Pin/Bump Configurations



Pin/Bump Description

PIN/BUMP		NAME	FUNCTION
TDFN	WLP		
1	A1	CTG	Connect to GND
1	A2	CELL	Connect to Positive Battery Terminal. MAX17058: Not connected internally. MAX17059: Voltage-sense input.
3	A3	V _{DD}	Power-Supply Input. Bypass with 0.1μF to GND. MAX17058: Voltage-sense input. Connect to a positive battery terminal. MAX17059: Connect to a regulated power-supply voltage.
4	A4	GND	Ground. Connect to a negative battery terminal.
5	B4	ALRT	Open-Drain, Active-Low Alert Output. Optionally connect to the interrupt input of the system microcontroller.
6	B3	QSTRT	Quick-Start Input. Resets state-of-charge calculation. Connect to GND if not used.
7	B2	SCL	I ² C Clock Input. SCL has an internal pulldown (I _{PD}) for sensing disconnection.
8	B1	SDA	Open-Drain I ² C Data Input/Output. SDA has an internal pulldown (I _{PD}) for sensing disconnection.
—	—	EP	Exposed Pad (TDFN Only). Connect to GND.

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Detailed Description

ModelGauge Theory of Operation

The MAX17058/MAX17059 ICs simulate the internal, non-linear dynamics of a Li+ battery to determine its state of charge (SOC). The sophisticated battery model considers impedance and the slow rate of chemical reactions in the battery (Figure 2).

The ModelGauge algorithm performs best with a custom model, obtained by characterizing the battery at multiple discharge currents and temperatures to precisely model it. At power-on reset (POR), the ICs have a preloaded ROM model that performs well for some batteries.

Fuel-Gauge Performance

In coulomb counter-based fuel gauges, SOC drifts because offset error in the current-sense ADC measurement accumulates over time. Instantaneous error can be very small, but never precisely zero. Error accumulates over time in such systems (typically 0.5%–2% per day) and requires periodic corrections. Some algorithms correct drift using occasional events, and until such an event occurs the algorithm's error is boundless:

- Reaching predefined SOC levels near full or empty
- Measuring the relaxed battery voltage after a long period of inactivity
- Completing a full charge/discharge cycle

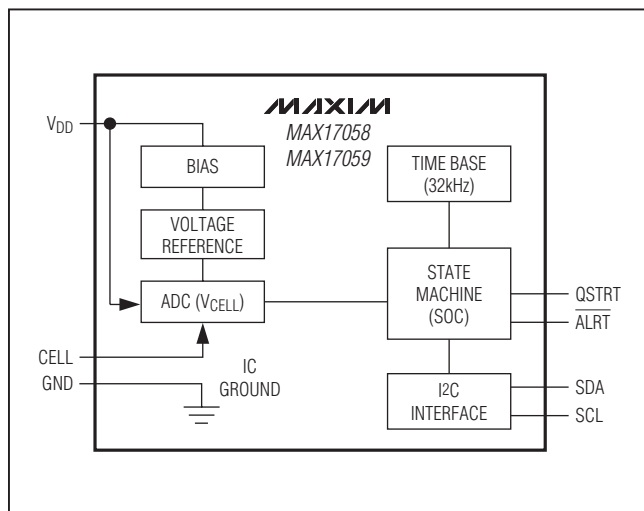


Figure 2. Block Diagram

The ModelGauge algorithm requires no correction events because it uses only voltage, which is stable over time. As the SOC accuracy without full/empty/relax shows the algorithm remains accurate despite the absence of any of the above events; it neither drifts nor accumulates error over time.

To correctly measure performance of a fuel gauge as experienced by end-users, exercise the battery dynamically; accuracy cannot be fully determined from only simple cycles.

Battery Voltage and State-of-Charge

The open-circuit voltage (OCV) of a Li+ battery uniquely determines its SOC; one SOC can have only one value of OCV. In contrast, a given V_{CELL} can occur at many different values of OCV because V_{CELL} is a function of time, OCV, load, temperature, age, and impedance, etc.; one value of OCV can have many values of V_{CELL} . Therefore, one SOC can have many values of V_{CELL} , so V_{CELL} cannot uniquely determine SOC.

Figure 3 shows that $V_{CELL} = 3.81V$ occurs at 2%, 50%, and 72% SOC.

Even the use of sophisticated tables to consider both voltage and load results in significant error due to the load transients typically experienced in a system. During charging or discharging, and for approximately 30min after, V_{CELL} and OCV differ substantially, and V_{CELL} has been affected by the preceding hours of battery activity. ModelGauge uses voltage comprehensively by using voltage measured over a long period of time.

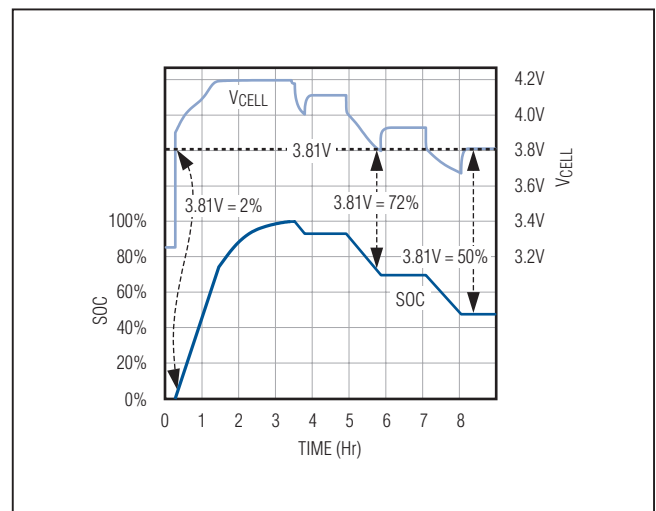


Figure 3. Instantaneous Voltage Does Not Translate Directly to SOC

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Temperature Compensation

For best performance, the host microcontroller must measure battery temperature periodically, and compensate the RCOMP ModelGauge parameter accordingly, at least once per minute. Each custom model defines constants RCOMP0, TempCoHot, and TempCoCold. To calculate the new value of CONFIG.RCOMP:

If temperature > +20°C:

$$\text{RCOMP} = \text{RCOMP0} + (20^\circ\text{C} - \text{Temperature}) \times \text{TempCoHot}$$

If temperature < +20°C:

$$\text{RCOMP} = \text{RCOMP0} + (20^\circ\text{C} - \text{Temperature}) \times \text{TempCoCold}$$

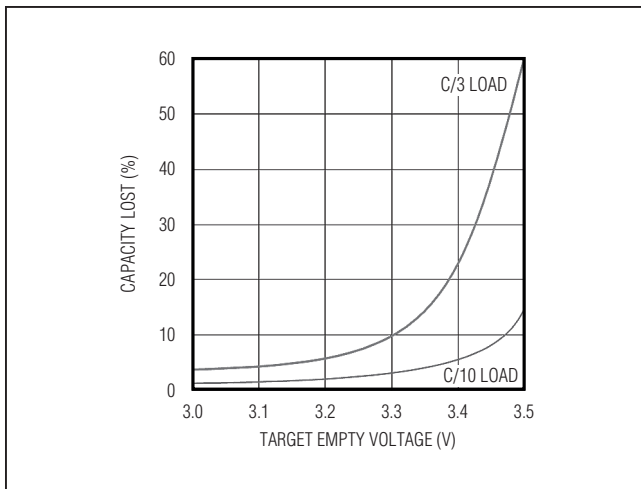


Figure 4. Increasing Empty Voltage Reduces Battery Capacity

Impact of Empty-Voltage Selection

Most applications have a minimum operating voltage below which the system immediately powers off (empty voltage). When characterizing the battery to create a custom model, choose empty voltage carefully. As shown in Figure 4, capacity unavailable to the system increases at an accelerating rate as empty voltage increases.

To ensure a controlled shutdown, consider including operating margin into the fuel gauge based on some low threshold of SOC, for example, shutting down at 3% or 5%. This utilizes the battery more effectively than adding error margin to empty voltage.

Battery Insertion

When the battery is first inserted into the system, the fuel-gauge IC has no previous knowledge about the battery's SOC. Assuming that the battery is relaxed, the IC translates its first V_{CELL} measurement into the best initial estimate of SOC. Initial error caused by the battery not being in a relaxed state diminishes over time, regardless of loading following this initial conversion. While the SOC estimated by the coulomb counter diverges, the ModelGauge SOC converges, correcting error automatically as illustrated in Figure 5; initial error has no long-lasting impact.

Battery-Insertion Debounce

Any time the IC powers on or resets (see the [VRESET Register \(0x18\)](#) section), it estimates that OCV is the maximum of 16 V_{CELL} samples (1ms each, full 12-bit resolution). OCV is ready 17ms after battery insertion, and SOC is ready 175ms after that.

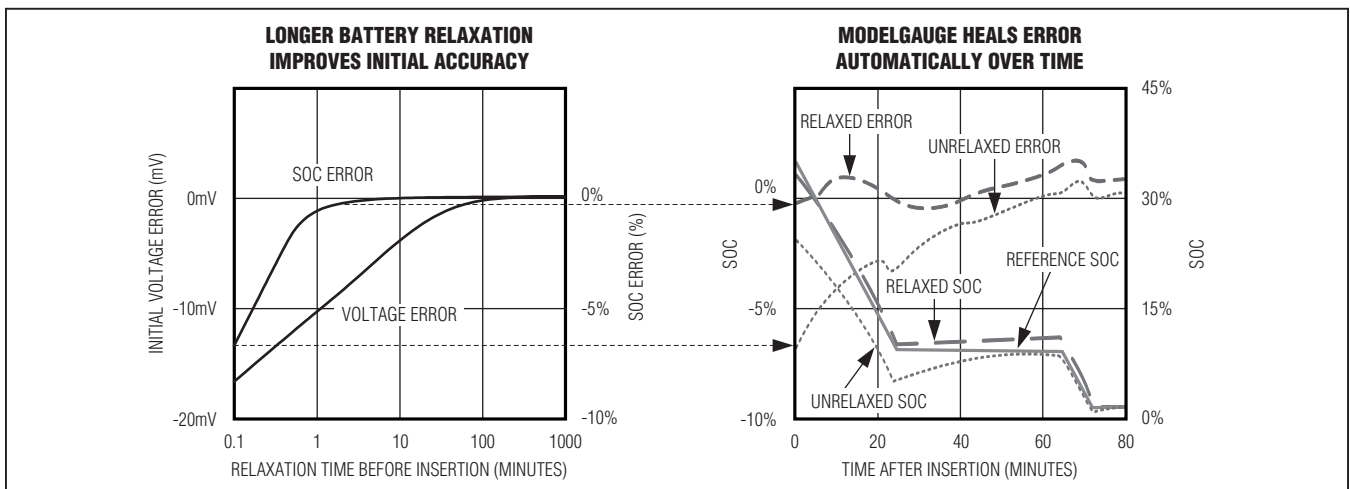


Figure 5. ModelGauge Heals Error Automatically

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Battery-Swap Detection

If V_{CELL} falls below V_{RST} then returns above V_{RST} , the IC quick-starts. This handles the battery swap; the SOC of the previous battery does not affect that of the new one. See the [Quick-Start](#) and [VRESET Register \(0x18\)](#) sections.

Quick-Start

If the IC generates an erroneous initial SOC, the battery insertion and system power-up waveforms must be examined to determine if a quick-start is necessary, as well as the best time to execute the command. The IC samples the maximum V_{CELL} during the first 17ms (see the [Battery Insertion](#) section). Unless V_{CELL} is fully relaxed, even the best sampled voltage can appear greater or less than OCV. Therefore, quick-start must be used cautiously.

Most systems should not use quick-start because the ICs handle most startup problems transparently, such as intermittent battery-terminal connection during insertion. If battery voltage stabilizes faster than 17ms, as illustrated in [Figure 6](#), then do not use quick-start.

The quick-start command restarts fuel-gauge calculations in the same manner as initial power-up of the IC. If the system power-up sequence is so noisy that the initial estimate of SOC has unacceptable error, the system microcontroller might be able to reduce the error by using quick-start. A quick-start is initiated by a rising edge on the QSTRT pin, or by writing 1 to the quick-start bit on the MODE register.

[Figure 7](#) illustrates a waveform that could corrupt the initial SOC. If the disturbance is severe, quick-start after the inrush current has stopped and voltage has settled, but before the system is fully powered. If issued too soon or too late, a quick-start causes SOC error.

Large inrush current might reduce V_{CELL} longer than the initial sampling period. Issue a quick-start so that V_{CELL} is nearest OCV during the 17ms following the command.

If the IC remains powered by a charger when the cell is removed, then it continues to measure the charge voltage even though the cell is not present. When the cell is reinserted, quick-start before the charger affects V_{CELL} .

Power-On Reset (POR)

POR includes a quick-start, so only use it for when a quick-start is safe (see the [Quick-Start](#) section). This command restores all registers to their default values. After this command, reload the custom model. See the [CMD Register \(0xFF\)](#) section.

Alert Interrupt

The ICs can interrupt a system microcontroller when SOC becomes low. See the [CONFIG Register \(0x0C\)](#) and [STATUS Register \(0x1A\)](#) sections. When the alert is triggered, the IC asserts the ALRT pin logic-low and sets CONFIG.ALRT = 1. The ALRT pin remains logic-low until the system writes CONFIG.ALRT = 0 to clear the alert. The alert function is enabled by default and can occur immediately upon power-up. Entering sleep mode does not clear the ALRT bit or the ALRT pin.

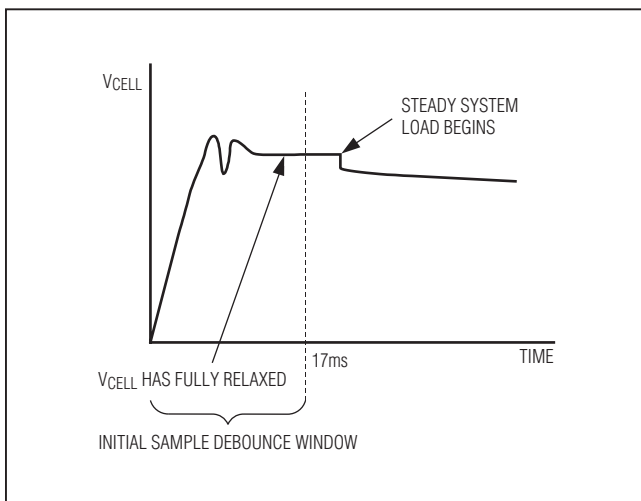


Figure 6. Insertion Waveform Not Requiring Quick-Start Command

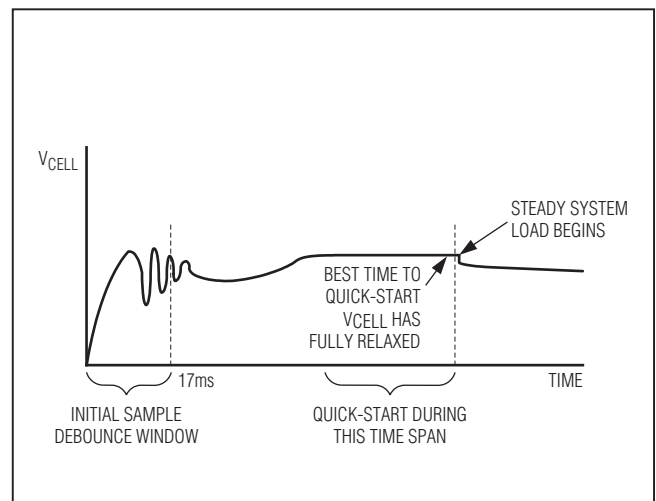


Figure 7. Insertion Waveform Requiring Quick-Start Command

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Sleep Mode

In sleep mode, the IC halts all operations, reducing current consumption (below 1µA). After exiting sleep mode, the IC continues normal operation. In sleep mode, the IC does not detect self-discharge. If the battery changes state while the IC sleeps, the IC cannot detect it, causing SOC error. Wake up the IC before charging or discharging.

To enter sleep mode, write `MODE.EnSleep = 1` and:

- 1) Hold SDA and SCL logic-low for a period of t_{SLEEP} . A rising edge on SDA or SCL wakes up the IC.
- 2) Write `CONFIG.SLEEP = 1`. To wake up the IC, write `CONFIG.SLEEP = 0`. Other communication does not wake up the IC. POR wakes up the IC.

Register Summary

All registers must be written and read as 16-bit words; 8-bit writes cause no effect. Any bits marked X (don't care) or read only must be written with the rest of the register, but the value written is ignored by the IC. The values read from don't care bits are undefined.

Calculate the register's value by multiplying the 16-bit word by the register's LSb value, as shown in [Table 1](#).

VCELL Register (0x02)

The MAX17058 measures VCELL between the V_{DD} and GND pins. The MAX17059 measures VCELL between the CELL and GND pins. The register value is the average of four ADC conversions. The value updates every 250ms in active mode.

SOC Register (0x04)

The ModelGauge algorithm calculates relative SOC, automatically adapting to variation in battery size. The upper byte least-significant bit has units of 1%. The first update is available approximately 1s after POR. Subsequent updates occur at variable intervals depending on application conditions.

MODE Register (0x06)

The MODE register allows the system processor to send special commands to the IC (see [Figure 8](#)).

- **Quick-Start** estimates SOC assuming OCV is equal to immediate V_{CELL}. Use with caution; see the [Quick-Start](#) section.
- **EnSleep** enables sleep mode. See the [Sleep Mode](#) section.

Table 1. Register Summary

ADDRESS	REGISTER NAME	16-BIT LSb	DESCRIPTION	READ/WRITE	DEFAULT
0x02	VCELL	78.125 µV/cell	ADC measurement of V _{CELL} .	R	—
0x04	SOC	1%/256	Battery state of charge.	R	—
0x06	MODE	—	Initiates quick-start and enables sleep mode.	W	0x0000
0x08	VERSION	—	IC production version.	R	0x0011
0x0C	CONFIG	—	Compensation to optimize performance, sleep mode, alert indicators, and configuration.	R/W	0x971C
0x18	VRESET	—	Configures VCELL threshold below which the IC resets itself.	R/W	0x96__
0x1A	STATUS	—	Low SOC alert and reset indicators.	R/W	0x01__
0x40 to 0x7F	TABLE	—	Configures the battery parameters.	W	—
0xFE	CMD	—	Sends POR command.	R/W	0xFFFF

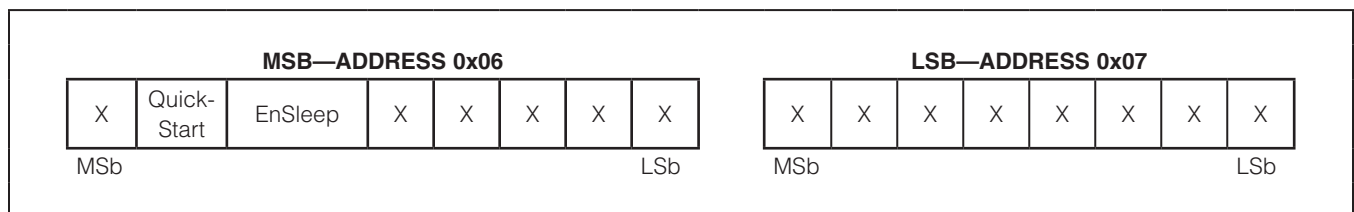


Figure 8. MODE Register Format

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VERSION Register (0x08)

The value of this read-only register indicates the production version of the IC (0x0011).

CONFIG Register (0x0C)

See [Figure 9](#).

- **RCOMP** compensates the model for different lithium chemistries. The system must adjust RCOMP periodically (see the [Temperature Compensation](#) section). The POR value of RCOMP is 0x97.
- **SLEEP** forces the IC in or out of sleep mode. Writing 1 forces the IC to enter sleep mode, and 0 forces the IC to exit. The POR value of SLEEP is 0. Use with caution (see the [Sleep Mode](#) section).
- **ALRT** (alert status bit) is set by the IC when SOC becomes low. When this bit is set, the $\overline{\text{ALRT}}$ pin asserts low. Clear to deassert the $\overline{\text{ALRT}}$ pin. The POR value is 0 (see the [Alert Interrupt](#) section).
- **ATHD** (empty alert threshold) sets the SOC threshold, where an interrupt is generated on the $\overline{\text{ALRT}}$ pin and can be programmed from 1% up to 32%. The value is (32 - ATHD)% (e.g., 00000b → 31% → 00010b →

30%, 11111b → 1%). the POR value of ATHD is 0x1C or 4%. The alert occurs only on a falling edge past this threshold.

VRESET Register (0x18)

See [Figure 10](#).

- **VRESET[7:1]** adjusts a fast analog comparator and a slower digital ADC threshold to detect battery removal and reinsertion. Set between 2.28V and 3.48V, 40mV to 80mV below the application's empty voltage according to the desired reset threshold for your application.

If the comparator is enabled, the IC resets 1ms after V_{CELL} rises above the threshold. Otherwise, the IC resets 250ms after the V_{CELL} register rises above the threshold.

STATUS Register (0x1A)

See [Figure 11](#).

- **RI** (reset indicator) is set when the device powers up. Any time this bit is set, the IC is not configured, so the custom model and any other configuration must be immediately reloaded and the bit should be cleared.

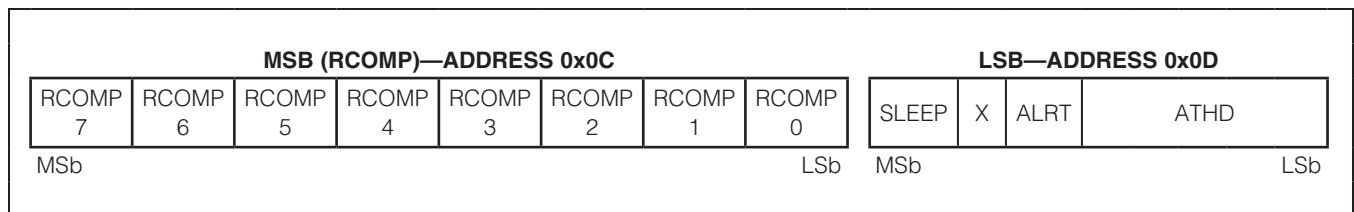


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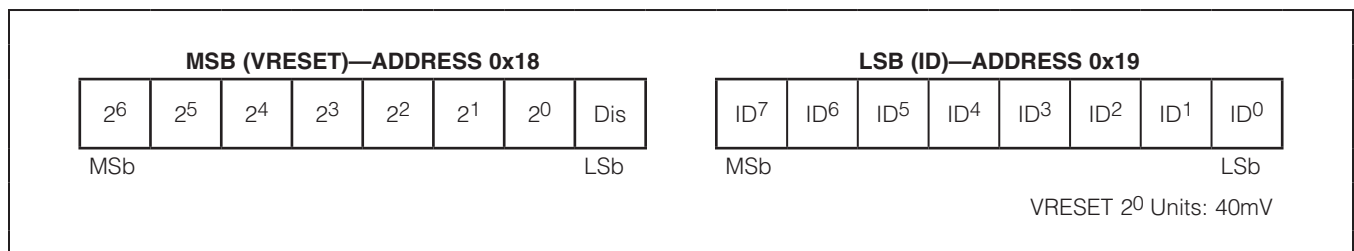


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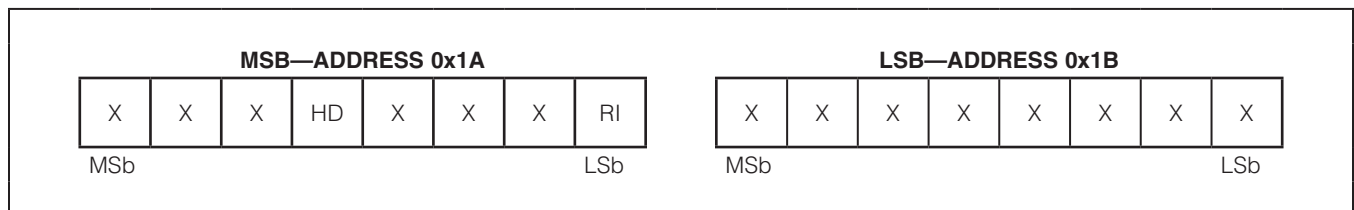


Figure 11. STATUS Register Format

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• TABLE Registers (0x40 to 0x7F)

Contact Maxim for details on how to configure these registers. The default value is appropriate for some Li+ batteries.

To unlock the TABLE registers, write 0x57 to address 0x3F, and 0x4A to address 0x3E. While the TABLE is unlocked, no ModelGauge registers are updated, so relock as soon as possible by writing 0x00 to address 0x3F, and 0x00 to address 0x3E.

CMD Register (0xFF)

Writing a value of 0x5400 to this register causes the device to completely reset as if power had been removed. Use with caution (see the [Power-On Reset \(POR\)](#) section). The reset occurs when the last bit has been clocked in. The IC does not respond with an I²C ACK after this command sequence.

Application Examples

The ICs have a variety of configurations, depending on the application. [Table 2](#) shows the most common system configurations and the proper pin connections for each.

In all cases, the system must provide pullup circuits for ALRT (if used), SDA, and SCL.

[Figure 12](#) shows an example application for a 1S cell pack. In this example, the ALRT pin is connected to the microcontroller's interrupt input so the MAX17058 indicates when the battery becomes low. The QSTRT pin is unused in this application and is connected to GND.

[Figure 13](#) shows a MAX17059 example application using a 2S cell pack. The MAX17059 is mounted on the system side and powered from a 3.3V supply generated by the system. The CELL pin is still connected directly to PACK+.

Table 2. Possible Application Configurations

SYSTEM CONFIGURATION	IC	V _{DD}	ALRT	QSTRT
1S pack-side location	MAX17058	Power directly from battery	Leave unconnected	Connect to GND
1S host-side location	MAX17058	Power directly from battery	Leave unconnected	Connect to GND
1S host-side location, low-cell interrupt	MAX17058	Power directly from battery	Connect to system interrupt	Connect to GND
1S host-side location, hardware quick-start	MAX17058	Power directly from battery	Leave unconnected	Connect to rising-edge reset signal
2S pack-side location	MAX17059	Power from +2.5V to +4.5V LDO in pack	Leave unconnected	Connect to GND
2S host-side location	MAX17059	Power from +2.5V to +4.5V LDO or PMIC	Leave unconnected	Connect to GND
2S host-side location, low-cell interrupt	MAX17059	Power from +2.5V to +4.5V LDO or PMIC	Connect to system interrupt	Connect to GND
2S host-side location, hardware quick-start	MAX17059	Power from +2.5V to +4.5V LDO or PMIC	Leave unconnected	Connect to rising-edge reset signal

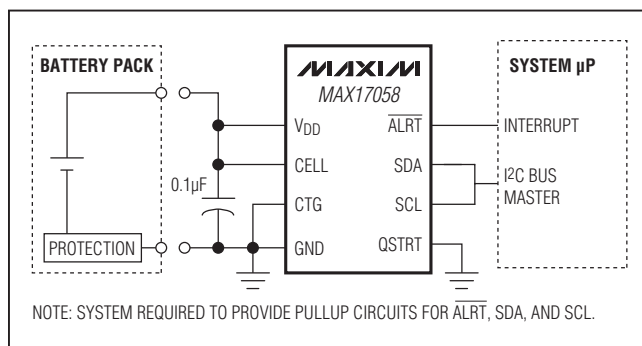


Figure 12. MAX17058 Application Circuit (1S Cell Pack)

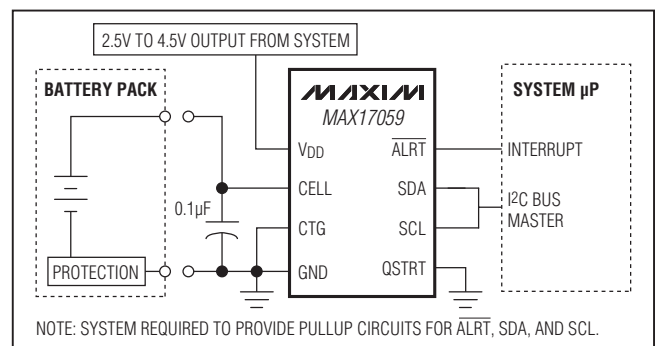


Figure 13. MAX17059 Application Circuit (2S Cell Pack)

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I²C Bus System

The I²C bus system supports operation as a slave-only device in a single or multislave, and single or multimaster system. Slave devices can share the bus by uniquely setting the 7-bit slave address. The I²C interface consists of a serial-data line (SDA) and serialclock line (SCL). SDA and SCL provide bidirectional communication between the ICs slave device and a master device at speeds up to 400kHz. The ICs' SDA pin operates bidirectionally; that is, when the ICs receive data, SDA operates as an input, and when the ICs return data, SDA operates as an open-drain output, with the host system providing a resistive pullup. The ICs always operate as a slave device, receiving and transmitting data under the control of a master device. The master initiates all transactions on the bus and generates the SCL signal, as well as the START and STOP bits, which begin and end each transaction.

Bit Transfer

One data bit is transferred during each SCL clock cycle, with the cycle defined by SCL transitioning low-to-high and then high-to-low. The SDA logic level must remain stable during the high period of the SCL clock pulse. Any change in SDA when SCL is high is interpreted as a START or STOP control signal.

Bus Idle

The bus is defined to be idle, or not busy, when no master device has control. Both SDA and SCL remain high when the bus is idle. The STOP condition is the proper method to return the bus to the idle state.

START and STOP Conditions

The master initiates transactions with a START condition (S) by forcing a high-to-low transition on SDA while SCL is high. The master terminates a transaction with a STOP condition (P), a low-to-high transition on SDA while SCL is high. A Repeated START condition (Sr) can be used in place of a STOP then START sequence to terminate one transaction and begin another without returning the bus to the idle state. In multimaster systems, a Repeated START allows the master to retain control of the bus. The START and STOP conditions are the only bus activities in which the SDA transitions when SCL is high.

Acknowledge Bits

Each byte of a data transfer is acknowledged with an acknowledge bit (A) or a no-acknowledge bit (N). Both the master and the MAX17058 slave generate acknowledge bits. To generate an acknowledge, the receiving device must pull SDA low before the rising edge of the acknowledge-related clock pulse (ninth pulse) and keep it low until SCL returns low. To generate a no-acknowledge (also called NAK), the receiver releases SDA before the rising edge of the acknowledge-related clock pulse and leaves SDA high until SCL returns low. Monitoring the acknowledge bits allows for detection of unsuccessful data transfers. An unsuccessful data transfer can occur if a receiving device is busy or if a system fault has occurred. In the event of an unsuccessful data transfer, the bus master should reattempt communication.

Data Order

A byte of data consists of 8 bits ordered most significant bit (MSb) first. The least significant bit (LSb) of each byte is followed by the acknowledge bit. The IC registers composed of multibyte values are ordered MSb first. The MSb of multibyte registers is stored on even data-memory addresses.

Slave Address

A bus master initiates communication with a slave device by issuing a START condition followed by a slave address (SAddr) and the read/write (R/W) bit. When the bus is idle, the ICs continuously monitor for a START condition followed by its slave address. When the ICs receive a slave address that matches the value in the slave address register, they respond with an acknowledge bit during the clock period following the R/W bit. The 7-bit slave address is fixed to 6Ch (write)/6Dh (read):

MAX17058/MAX17059 SLAVE ADDRESS	0110110
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Read/Write Bit

The R/W bit following the slave address determines the data direction of subsequent bytes in the transfer. R/W = 0 selects a write transaction with the following bytes being written by the master to the slave. R/W = 1 selects a read transaction with the following bytes being read from the slave by the master ([Table 3](#)).

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Table 3. I2C Protocol Key

KEY	DESCRIPTION	KEY	DESCRIPTION
S	START bit	Sr	Repeated START
SAddr	Slave address (7 bit)	W	R/W bit = 0
MAddr	Memory address byte	P	STOP bit
Data	Data byte written by master	Data	Data byte returned by slave
A	Acknowledge bit—master	A	Acknowledge bit—slave
N	No acknowledge—master	N	No acknowledge bit—slave

Bus Timing

The ICs are compatible with any bus timing up to 400kHz. No special configuration is required to operate at any speed.

I2C Command Protocols

The command protocols involve several transaction formats. The simplest format consists of the master writing the START bit, slave address, R/W bit, and then monitoring the acknowledge bit for presence of the ICs. More complex formats, such as the Write Data and Read Data, read data and execute device-specific operations. All bytes in each command format require the slave or host to return an acknowledge bit before continuing with the next byte. [Table 3](#) shows the key that applies to the transaction formats.

Basic Transaction Formats

Write: S. SAddr W. **A**. MAddr. **A**. Data0. **A**. Data1. **A**. P

A write transaction transfers 2 or more data bytes to the ICs. The data transfer begins at the memory address supplied in the MAddr byte. Control of the SDA signal is retained by the master throughout the transaction, except for the acknowledge cycles:

Read: S. SAddr W. **A**. MAddr. **A**. Sr. SAddr R. **A**. Data0. **A**. Data1. **N**. P

Write Portion
Read Portion

A read transaction transfers 2 or more bytes from the ICs. Read transactions are composed of two parts, a write portion followed by a read portion, and are therefore inherently longer than a write transaction. The write portion communicates the starting point for the

read operation. The read portion follows immediately, beginning with a Repeated START, slave address with R/W set to a 1. Control of SDA is assumed by the ICs, beginning with the slave address acknowledge cycle. Control of the SDA signal is retained by the ICs throughout the transaction, except for the acknowledge cycles. The master indicates the end of a read transaction by responding to the last byte it requires with a no acknowledge. This signals the ICs that control of SDA is to remain with the master following the acknowledge clock.

Write Data Protocol

The write data protocol is used to write to register to the ICs starting at memory address MAddr. Data0 represents the data written to MAddr, Data1 represents the data written to MAddr + 1, and DataN represents the last data byte, written to MAddr + N. The master indicates the end of a write transaction by sending a STOP or Repeated START after receiving the last acknowledge bit:

S. SAddr W. **A**. MAddr. **A**. Data0. **A**. Data1. **A**... DataN. **A**. P

The MSB of the data to be stored at address MAddr can be written immediately after the MAddr byte is acknowledged. Because the address is automatically incremented after the LSB of each byte is received by the ICs, the MSB of the data at address MAddr + 1 can be written immediately after the acknowledgment of the data at address MAddr. If the bus master continues an autoincremented write transaction beyond address 4Fh, the ICs ignore the data. A valid write must include both register bytes. Data is also ignored on writes to read-only addresses. Incomplete bytes and bytes that are not acknowledged by the ICs are not written to memory.

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Read Data Protocol

The read data protocol is used to read to register from the ICs starting at the memory address specified by MAddr. Both register bytes must be read in the same transaction for the register data to be valid. Data0 represents the data byte in memory location MAddr, Data1 represents the data from MAddr + 1, and DataN represents the last byte read by the master:

S. SAddr W. **A**. MAddr. **A**. Sr. SAddr R. **A**.
Data0. **A**. **Data1**. **A**... **DataN**. **N**. P

Data is returned beginning with the MSB of the data in MAddr. Because the address is automatically incremented after the LSB of each byte is returned, the MSB of the data at address MAddr + 1 is available to the host immediately after the acknowledgment of the data at address MAddr. If the bus master continues to read beyond address FFh, the ICs output data values of FFh. Addresses labeled Reserved in the memory map return undefined data. The bus master terminates the read transaction at any byte boundary by issuing a no acknowledge followed by a STOP or Repeated START.

Ordering Information

PART	TEMP RANGE	PIN-PACKAGE	DESCRIPTION
MAX17058G+	-40°C to +85°C	8 TDFN-EP*	1-Cell ModelGauge IC
MAX17058G+T10	-40°C to +85°C	8 TDFN-EP*	1-Cell ModelGauge IC
MAX17058X+	-40°C to +85°C	8 WLP	1-Cell ModelGauge IC
MAX17058X+T10	-40°C to +85°C	8 WLP	1-Cell ModelGauge IC
MAX17059G+	-40°C to +85°C	8 TDFN-EP*	2-Cell ModelGauge IC
MAX17059G+T10	-40°C to +85°C	8 TDFN-EP*	2-Cell ModelGauge IC
MAX17059X+	-40°C to +85°C	8 WLP	2-Cell ModelGauge IC
MAX17059X+T10	-40°C to +85°C	8 WLP	2-Cell ModelGauge IC

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*EP = Exposed pad.

T = Tape and reel.

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