Multi-Cell Li-ion Battery Pack OCP/Analog Front End

The ISL9208 is an overcurrent protection device and analog front end for a microcontroller in a multi-cell Li-ion battery pack. The ISL9208 supports battery pack configurations consisting of 5 cells to 7 cells in series and 1 or more cells in parallel. The ISL9208 provides integral overcurrent protection circuitry, short circuit protection, an internal 3.3V voltage regulator, internal cell balancing switches, cell voltage monitor level shifters, and drive circuitry for external FET devices for control of pack charge and discharge.

Selectable overcurrent and short circuit thresholds reside in internal RAM registers. An external microcontroller sets the thresholds by setting register values through an I^2C serial interface. Internal registers also contain the detection delays for overcurrent and short circuit conditions.

Using an internal analog multiplexer the ISL9208 provides monitoring of each cell voltage plus internal and external temperature by a separate microcontroller with an A/D converter. Software on this microcontroller implements all battery pack control functionality, except for overcurrent and short circuit shutdown.

Ordering Information

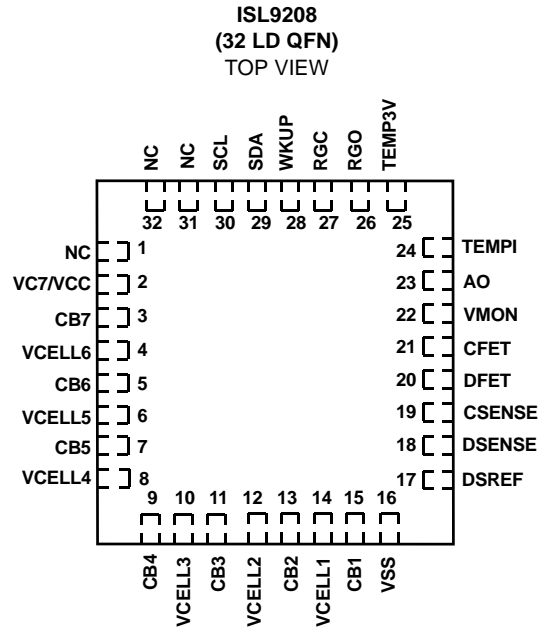| PART NUMBER (Note)	PART MARKING	PACKAGE (Pb-free)	PKG. DWG. #
ISL9208IRZ*	ISL9208 IRZ	32 Ld 5x5 QFN	L32.5x5B

*Add "-T" suffix for tape and reel.

NOTE: Intersil Pb-free plus anneal products employ special Pb-free material sets; molding compounds/die attach materials and 100% matte tin plate termination finish, which are RoHS compliant and compatible with both SnPb and Pb-free soldering operations. Intersil Pb-free products are MSL classified at Pb-free peak reflow temperatures that meet or exceed the Pb-free requirements of IPC/JEDEC J STD-020.
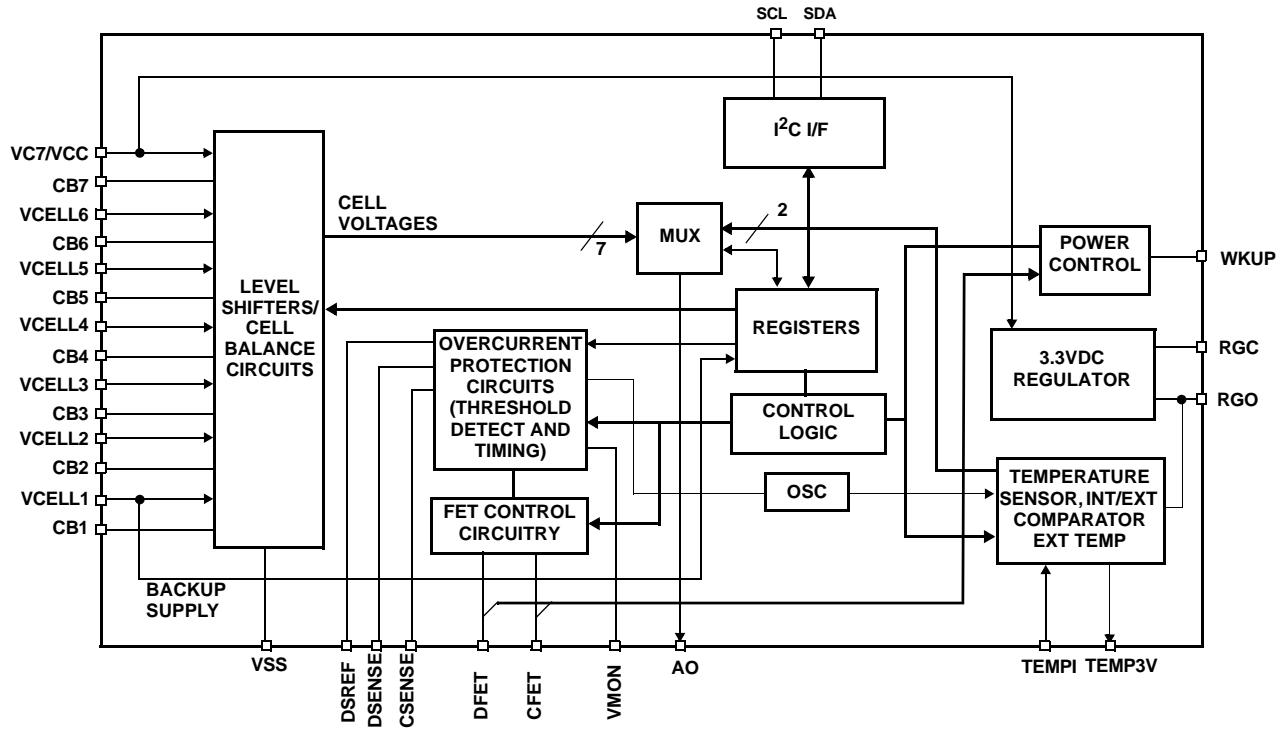
Features

- Software selectable overcurrent protection levels and variable protect detection times
    - 4 discharge overcurrent thresholds
    - 4 short circuit thresholds
    - 4 charge overcurrent thresholds
    - 8 overcurrent delay times (Charge)
    - 8 overcurrent delay times (Discharge)
    - 2 short circuit delay times (Discharge)

- Automatic FET turn-off and cell balance disable on reaching external (battery) or internal (IC) temperature limit.

- Automatic over-ride of cell balance on reaching internal (IC) temperature limit.

- Fast short circuit pack shutdown

- Can use current sense resistor, FET $r_{DS(ON)}$, or Sense FET for overcurrent detection.

- Four battery backed software controlled flags.

- Allows three different FET controls:
    - Back-to-back N-Channel FETs for charge and discharge control
    - Single N-Channel discharge FET.
    - Single N-Channel FET for discharge, with separate, optional (smaller) back-to-back N-channel FETs for charge.

- Integrated Charge/Discharge FET Drive Circuitry with 200µA (typ) turn-on current and 150mA (typ) Discharge FET turn-off current.

- 10% Accurate 3.3V voltage regulator (minimum 25mA out with external NPN transistor having current gain of 70).

- Monitored cell voltage output stable in 100µs.

- Internal Cell balancing FETs handle up to 200mA of balancing current for each cell (with the number of cells being balanced limited by the maximum package power dissipation of 400mW).

- Simple I^2C host interface

- Sleep operation with programmable negative edge or positive edge wake up.

- <10µA Sleep Mode

- Pb-free plus anneal available (RoHS compliant)

Pinout

**ISL9208
(32 LD QFN)**
TOP VIEW

Functional Diagram

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Pin Names

SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
VC7/VCC	**Battery cell 7 voltage input/VCC supply.** This pin is used to monitor the voltage of this battery cell externally at pin AO. This pin also provides the operating voltage for the IC circuitry.
VCELLN	**Battery cell N voltage input.** This pin is used to monitor the voltage of this battery cell externally at pin AO. VCELLN connects to the positive terminal of CELLN and the negative terminal of CELLN + 1.
CBN	**Cell balancing FET control output N.** This internal FET diverts a fraction of the current around a cell while the cell is being charged or adds to the current pulled from a cell during discharge in order to perform a cell voltage balancing operation. This function is generally used to reduce the voltage on an individual cell relative to other cells in the pack. The cell balancing FETs are turned on or off by an external controller.
VSS	**Ground.** This pin connects to the most negative terminal in the battery string.
DSREF	**Discharge current sense reference.** This input provides a separate reference point for the charge and discharge current monitoring circuits. WIth a separate reference connection, it is possible to minimize errors that result from voltage drops on the ground lead when the load is drawing large currents. If a separate reference is not necessary, connect this pin to VSS.
DSENSE	**Discharge current sense monitor.** This input monitors the discharge current by monitoring a voltage. It can monitor the voltage across a sense resistor, or the voltage across the DFET, or by using a FET with a current sense pin. The voltage on this pin is measured with reference to DSREF.
CSENSE	**Charge current sense monitor.** This input monitors the charge current by monitoring a voltage. It can monitor the voltage across a sense resistor, or the voltage across the CFET, or by using a FET with a current sense pin. The voltage on this pin is measured with reference to VSS.
DFET	**Discharge FET control.** The ISL9208 controls the gate of a discharge FET through this pin. The power FET is a N-Channel device. The FET is turned on only by the microcontroller. The FET can be turned off by the microcontroller, but the ISL9208 also turns off the FET in the event of an overcurrent or short circuit condition. If the microcontroller detects an undervoltage condition on any of the battery cells, it can turn off the discharge FET by controlling this output with a control bit.
CFET	**Charge FET control.** The ISL9208 controls the gate of a charge FET through this pin. The power FET is a N-Channel device. The FET is turned on only by the microcontroller. The FET can be turned off by the microcontroller, but the ISL9208 also turns off the FET in the event of an overcurrent condition. If the microcontroller detects an overvoltage condition on any of the battery cells, it can turn off the FET by controlling this output with a control bit.
VMON	**Discharge load monitoring.** In the event of an overcurrent or short circuit condition, the microcontroller can enable an internal resistor that connects between the VMON pin and VSS. When the FETs open because of an overcurrent or short circuit condition and the load remains, the voltage at VMON will be near the VCC voltage. When the load is released, the voltage at VMON drops below a threshold indicating that the overcurrent or short circuit condition is resolved. At this point, the LDFAIL flag is cleared and operation can resume.
AO	**Analog multiplexer output.** The analog output pin is used by an external microcontroller to monitor the cell voltages and temperature sensor voltages. The microcontroller selects the specific voltage being applied to the output by writing to a control register.
TEMP3V	**Temperature monitor output control.** This pin outputs a voltage to be used in a divider that consists of a fixed resistor and a thermistor. The thermistor is located in close proximity to the cells. The TEMP3V output is connected internally to the RGO voltage through a PMOS switch only during a measurement of the temperature, otherwise the TEMP3V output is off. The TEMP3V output can be turned on continuously with a special control bit. **Microcontroller wake up control.** The TEMP3V pin is also turned on when any of the DSC, DOC, or COC bits are set. This can be used to wake up a sleeping microcontroller to respond to overcurrent conditions with its own control mechanism.
TEMPI	**Temperature monitor input.** This pin inputs the voltage across a thermistor to determine the temperature of the cells. When this input drops below TEMP3V/13, an external over-temperature condition exists. The TEMPI voltage is also fed to the AO output pin through an analog multiplexer so the temperature of the cells can be monitored by the microcontroller.

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Pin Names (Continued)

SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
RGO	**Regulated output voltage.** This pin connects to the emitter of an external NPN transistor and works in conjunction with the RGC pin to provides a regulated 3.3V. The voltage at this pin provides feedback for the regulator and power for many of the ISL9208 internal circuits as well as providing the 3.3V output voltage for the microcontroller and other external circuits.
RGC	**Regulated output control.** This pin connects to the base of an external NPN transistor and works in conjunction with the RGO pin to provide a regulated 3.3V. The RGC output provides the control signal for the external transistor to provide the 3.3V regulated voltage on the RGO pin.
WKUP	**Wake up Voltage.** This input wakes up the part when the voltage crosses a turn-on threshold (wake up is edge triggered). The condition of the pin is reflected in the WKUP bit (The WKUP bit is level sensitive.) • WKPOL bit = "1": the device wakes up on the rising edge of the WKUP pin. Also, the WKUP bit is HIGH only when the WKUP pin voltage > threshold. • WKPOL bit = "0", the device wakes up on the falling edge of the WKUP pin. Also, the WKUP bit is HIGH only when the WKUP pin voltage < threshold.
SDA	**Serial Data.** This is the bidirectional data line for an I^2C interface.
SCL	**Serial Clock.** This is the clock input for an I^2C communication link.

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Power Supply Voltage, VCC . . . . V_{SS} - 0.5V to V_{SS} + 36.0V
Cell voltage, VCELL
   VCELLN - (VCELLN-1), VCELL1-VSS . . . .-0.5V to 5V
Terminal Voltage, V_{TERM1}
   (SCL, SDA, C_{SENSE}, D_{SENSE}, TEMPI, RGO, AO, TEMP3V)
   . . . . V_{SS}-0.5 to V_{RGO} + 0.5V
Terminal Voltage, V_{TERM2} (CFET, VMON) . . . . V_{SS} - 22.0V to V_{CC}
Terminal Voltage, V_{TERM3} (WKUP)
   . . . . V_{SS} - 0.5V to V_{CC}(V_{CC} < 27V)
Terminal Voltage, V_{TERM4} (RGC) . . . . V_{SS} - 0.5V to 5V
Terminal Voltage, V_{TERM5}, (all other pins)
   . . . . V_{SS} - 0.5V to V_{CC} + 0.5V

Operating Conditions

Temperature Range . . . .-40°C to +85°C
Supply Voltage Range (Typical). . . . . 5V to 10V
Operating Voltage:
   VCC pin . . . . 9.2 to 30.1V
   VCELL1-VSS . . . . 2.3V to 4.3V
   VCELLN-(VCELLN-1). . . . . 2.3V to 4.3V

Thermal Information

Thermal Resistance (Typical, Note 1, 2)	θ_{JA} (°C/W)	θ_{JC} (°C/W)
32 Ld QFN	32	2

Continuous Package Power Dissipation 400mW
Storage temperature . . . .-55 to +125°C
Lead temperature (soldering 10s) . . . .+300°C

CAUTION: Stresses above those listed in "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress only rating and operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational sections of this specification is not implied.

NOTES:

1. θ_{JA} is measured in free air with the component mounted on a high effective thermal conductivity test board with "direct attach" features. See Tech Brief TB379.

2. θ_{JC}, "case temperature" location is at the center of the exposed metal pad on the package underside. See Tech Brief TB379.

Operating Specifications   Over the recommended operating conditions unless otherwise specified

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	TEST CONDITION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Operating Voltage	V_{CC}		9.2		30.1	V
Power Up Condition 1	V_{PORVCC}	V_{CC} voltage (Note 3)		4	9.2	V
Power Up Condition 2 Threshold	V_{POR123}	V_{CELL1} - V_{SS} and V_{CELL2} - V_{CELL1} and V_{CELL3} - V_{CELL2} (rising) (Note 3)	1.1	1.7	2.3	V
Power Up Condition 2 Hysteresis	V_{PORhys}	V_{CELL1} - V_{SS} and V_{CELL2} - V_{CELL1} and V_{CELL3} - V_{CELL2} (falling) (Note 3)		70		mV
3.3V Regulated Voltage	V_{RGO}	0µA < I_{RGC} < 350µA	3.0	3.3	3.6	V
3.3VDC Voltage Regulator Control Current Limit	I_{RGC}	(Control current at output of RGC. Recommend NPN with gain of 70+)	0.35	0.50		mA
V_{CC} Supply Current	I_{VCC1}	Power up defaults, WKUP pin = 0V.		400	510	µA
RGO Supply Current	I_{RGO1}			300	410	µA
V_{CC} Supply Current	I_{VCC2}	LDMONEN bit = 1, VMON floating, CFET = 1, DFET=1, WKPOL bit = 1, VWKUP = 10V, [AO3:AO0] bits = 03H.		500	700	µA
RGO Supply Current	I_{RGO2}			450	650	µA
V_{CC} Supply Current	I_{VCC3}	Default register settings, except SLEEP bit = 1. WKUP pin = VCELL1			10	µA
RGO Supply Current	I_{RGO3}				1	µA
VCELL Input Current - V_{CELL1}	I_{VCELL1}	AO3:AO0 bits = 0000H			14	µA
VCELL Input Current - V_{CELLN}	I_{VCELLN}	AO3:AO0 bits = 0000H			10	µA

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Operating Specifications Over the recommended operating conditions unless otherwise specified **(Continued)**

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	TEST CONDITION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
OVERCURRENT/SHORT CIRCUIT PROTECTION SPECIFICATIONS						
Overcurrent Detection Threshold (Discharge) Voltage Relative To DSREF (Default in Boldface)	V_{OCD}	**V_{OCD} = 0.10V (OCDV1, OCDV0 = 0, 0)**	**0.08**	**0.10**	**0.12**	**V**
		V_{OCD} = 0.12V (OCDV1, OCDV0 = 0,1)	0.10	0.12	0.14	V
		V_{OCD} = 0.14V (OCDV1, OCDV0 = 1,0)	0.12	0.14	0.16	V
		V_{OCD} = 0.16V (OCDV1, OCDV0 = 1,1)	0.14	0.16	0.18	V
Overcurrent Detection Threshold (Charge) Voltage Relative to DSREF (Default in Boldface)	V_{OCC}	**V_{OCC} = 0.10V (OCCV1, OCCV0 = 0, 0)**	**-0.12**	**-0.10**	**-0.07**	**V**
		V_{OCC} = 0.12V (OCCV1, OCCV0 = 0,1)	-0.14	-0.12	-0.09	V
		V_{OCC} = 0.14V (OCCV1, OCCV0 = 1,0)	-0.16	-0.14	-0.11	V
		V_{OCC} = 0.16V (OCCV1, OCCV0 = 1,1)	-0.18	-0.16	-0.13	V
Short Current Detection Threshold Voltage Relative to DSREF (Default in Boldface)	V_{SC}	**V_{OC} = 0.20V (SCDV1, SCDV0 = 0, 0)**	**0.15**	**0.20**	**0.25**	**V**
		V_{OC} = 0.35V (SCDV1, SCDV0 = 0,1)	0.30	0.35	0.40	V
		V_{OC} = 0.65V (SCDV1, SCDV0 = 1, 0)	0.60	0.65	0.70	V
		V_{OC} = 1.20V (SCDV1, SCDV0 = 1,1)	1.10	1.20	1.30	V
Load Monitor Input Threshold (Falling Edge)	V_{VMON}	LDMONEN bit = "1"	1.1	1.45	1.8	V
Load Monitor Input Threshold (Hysteresis)	V_{VMONH}	LDMONEN bit = "1"		0.25		mV
Load Monitor Current	I_{VMON}		20	40	60	µA
Short Circuit Time-out	t_{SCD}	Short circuit detection delay (SCLONG bit = '0')	70	150	220	µs
		Short circuit detection delay (SCLONG bit = '1')	4	8	12	ms
Over Discharge Current Time-out (Default In Boldface)	t_{OCD}	**t_{OCD} = 128ms (OCDT1, OCDT0 = 0, 0 and DTDIV = 0)**	**64**	**128**	**192**	**ms**
		t_{OCD} = 256ms (OCDT1, OCDT0 = 0, 1 and DTDIV = 0)	128	256	384	ms
		t_{OCD} = 512ms (OCDT1, OCDT0 = 1, 0 and DTDIV = 0)	256	512	768	ms
		t_{OCD} = 1024ms (OCDT1, OCDT0 = 1, 1 and DTDIV = 0)	512	1024	1536	ms
		t_{OCD} = 2ms (OCDT1, OCDT0 = 0, 0 and DTDIV = 1)	1	2	3	ms
		t_{OCD} = 4ms (OCDT1, OCDT0 = 0, 1 and DTDIV = 1)	2	4	6	ms
		t_{OCD} = 8ms (OCDT1, OCDT0 = 1, 0 and DTDIV = 1)	4	8	12	ms
		t_{OCD} = 16ms (OCDT1, OCDT0 = 1, 1 and DTDIV = 1)	8	16	24	ms

Operating Specifications   Over the recommended operating conditions unless otherwise specified **(Continued)**

| PARAMETER	SYMBOL	TEST CONDITION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Over Charge Current Time-out (Default In Boldface)	t_{OCC}	**t_{OCC} = 64ms (OCCT1,OCCT0 = 0, 0 and CTDIV = 0)**	**32**	**64**	**96**	**ms**
		t_{OCC} = 128ms (OCCT1, OCCT0 = 0, 1 and CTDIV = 0)	64	128	192	ms
		t_{OCC} = 256ms (OCCT1, OCCT0 = 1, 0 and CTDIV = 0)	128	256	384	ms
		t_{OCC} = 512ms (OCCT1, OCCT0 = 1, 1 and CTDIV = 0)	256	512	768	ms
		t_{OCC} = 2ms (OCCT1, OCCT0 = 0, 0 and CTDIV = 1)	1	2	3	ms
		t_{OCC} = 4ms (OCCT1, OCCT0 = 0, 1 and CTDIV = 1)	2	4	6	ms
		t_{OCC} = 8ms (OCCT1, OCCT0 = 1, 0 and CTDIV = 1)	4	8	12	ms
		t_{OCC} = 16ms (OCCT1, OCCT0 = 1, 1 and CTDIV = 1)	8	16	24	ms
OVER-TEMPERATURE PROTECTION SPECIFICATIONS						
Internal Temperature Shutdown Threshold	T_{INTSD}			125		°C
Internal Temperature Hysteresis	T_{HYS}	Temperature drop needed to restore operation after over-temperature shutdown.		20		°C
Internal Over-temperature Turn On Delay Time	t_{ITD}			128		ms
External Temperature Output Current	I_{XT}	Current output capability at TEMP3V pin	1.2			mA
External Temperature Limit Threshold	T_{XTF}	Voltage at V_{TEMPI}; Relative to falling edge $\frac{V_{TEMP3V}}{13}$	-20	0	+20	mV
External Temperature Limit Hysteresis	T_{XTH}	Voltage at V_{TEMPI}.	60	110	160	mV
External Temperature Monitor Delay	t_{XTD}	Delay between activating the external sensor and the internal over-temperature detection.		1		ms
External Temperature Autoscan On Time	t_{XTAON}	TEMP3V is ON (3.3V)		4		ms
External Temperature Autoscan Off Time	t_{XTAOFF}	TEMP3V output is off.		508		ms

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	TEST CONDITION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
ANALOG OUTPUT SPECIFICATIONS						
Cell Monitor Analog Output Voltage Accuracy	V_{AOC}	$[V_{CELLN} - (V_{CELLN-1})]/2 - AO$	-15	4	30	mV
Cell Monitor Analog Output External Temperature Accuracy	V_{AOXT}	External temperature monitoring accuracy. Voltage error at AO when monitoring TEMPI voltage (measured with TEMPI = 1V)	-10		10	mV
Internal Temperature Monitor Output Voltage Slope	V_{INTMON}	Internal temperature monitor voltage change		-3.5		mV/°C
Internal Temperature Monitor Output	T_{INT25}	Output at +25°C		1.31		V
AO Output Stabilization Time	t_{VSC}	From SCL falling edge at data bit 0 of command to AO output stable within 0.5% of final value. AO voltage steps from 0V to 2V. (C_{AO} = 10pF) (Note 7)			0.1	ms
CELL BALANCE SPECIFICATIONS						
Cell Balance Transistor $r_{DS(ON)}$	R_{CB}	(Note 6)		5		Ω
Cell Balance Transistor Current	I_{CB}				200	mA
WAKE UP/SLEEP SPECIFICATIONS						
Device WKUP Pin Voltage Threshold (WKUP Pin Active High - Rising Edge)	V_{WKUP1}	WKUP pin rising edge (WKPOL = 1) Device wakes up and sets WKUP flag HIGH.	3.5	5.0	6.5	V
Device Wkup Pin Hysteresis (WKUP Pin Active High)	V_{WKUP1H}	WKUP pin falling edge hystersis (WKPOL = 1) sets WKUP flag LOW (does not automatically enter sleep mode)		100		mV
Input Resistance On WKUP	R_{WKUP}	Resistance from WKUP pin to VSS (WKPOL = 1)	130	230	330	kΩ
Device WKUP Pin Active Voltage Threshold (WKUP Pin Active Low - Falling Edge)	V_{WKUP2}	WKUP pin falling edge (WKPOL = 0) Device wakes up and sets WKUP flag HIGH.	V_{CELL1} - 2.6	V_{CELL1} - 2.0	V_{CELL1} - 1.2	V
Device Wkup Pin Hysteresis (WKUP Pin Active Low)	V_{WKUP2H}	WKUP pin rising edge hysteresis (WKPOL = 0) sets WKUP flag LOW (does not automatically enter sleep mode)		200		mV
Device Wake-up Delay	t_{WKUP}	Delay after voltage on WKUP pin crosses the threshold (rising or falling) before activating the WKUP bit.	16	32	48	ms
FET CONTROL SPECIFICATIONS (FOR VCELL1, VCELL2, VCELL3 VOLTAGES FROM 2.8V TO 4.3V)						
Control Outputs Response Time (CFET, DFET)	t_{CO}	Bit 0 to start of control signal (DFET) Bit 1 to start of control signal (CFET)		1.0		µs
CFET Gate Voltage	VCFET	No load on CFET	V_{CELL3} - 0.5		V_{CELL3}	V
DFETGate Voltage	VDFET	No load on DFET	V_{CELL3} - 0.5		V_{CELL3}	V
FET Turn On Current (DFET)	I_{DFON}	DFET voltage = 0 to VCELL3 -1.5V	80	130	400	µA
FET Turn On Current (CFET)	$I_{CF(ON)}$	CFET voltage = 0 to VCELL3 - 1.5V	80	200	400	µA
FET Turn Off Current (DFET)	$I_{DF(OFF)}$	DFET voltage = VDFET to 1V	100	180		mA
DFET Resistance to VSS	$R_{DF(OFF)}$	VDFET <1V (When turning off the FET)			11	Ω

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Operating Specifications Over the recommended operating conditions unless otherwise specified **(Continued)**

| PARAMETER	SYMBOL	TEST CONDITION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
SERIAL INTERFACE CHARACTERISTICS (OVER RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED)						
SCL Clock Frequency	f_{SCL}				100	kHz
Pulse Width Suppression Time at SDA and SCL Inputs	t_{IN}	Any pulse narrower than the max spec is suppressed.			50	ns
SCL Falling Edge to SDA Output Data Valid	t_{AA}	From SCL falling crossing V_{IH}(min), until SDA exits the V_{IL}(max) to V_{IH}(min) window.			3.5	µs
Time the Bus Must Be Free Before Start of New Transmission	t_{BUF}	SDA crossing V_{IH}(min) during a STOP condition to SDA crossing V_{IH}(min) during the following START condition.	4.7			µs
Clock Low Time	t_{LOW}	Measured at the V_{IL}(max) crossing.	4.7			µs
Clock High Time	t_{HIGH}	Measured at the V_{IH}(min) crossing.	4.0			µs
Start Condition Setup Time	$t_{SU:STA}$	SCL rising edge to SDA falling edge. Both crossing the V_{IH}(min) level.	4.7			µs
Start Condition Hold Time	$t_{HD:STA}$	From SDA falling edge crossing V_{IL}(max) to SCL falling edge crossing V_{IH}(min).	4.0			µs
Input Data Setup Time	$t_{SU:DAT}$	From SDA exiting the V_{IL}(max) to V_{IH}(min) window to SCL rising edge crossing V_{IL}(min).	250			ns
Input Data Hold Time	$t_{HD:DAT}$	From SCL rising edge crossing V_{IH}(min) to SDA entering the V_{IL}(max) to V_{IH}(min) window.	0			µs
Stop Condition Setup Time	$t_{SU:STO}$	From SCL rising edge crossing V_{IH}(min) to SDA rising edge crossing V_{IL}(max).	4.0			µs
Stop Condition Hold Time	$t_{HD:STO}$	From SDA rising edge to SCL falling edge. Both crossing V_{IH}(min).	4.0			µs
Data Output Hold Time	t_{DH}	From SCL falling edge crossing V_{IL}(max) until SDA enters the V_{IL}(max) to V_{IH}(min) window. (Note 4)	300			ns
SDA and SCL Rise Time	t_R	From V_{IL}(max) to V_{IH}(min).			1000	ns
SDA and SCL Fall Time	t_F	From V_{IH}(min) to V_{IL}(max).			300	ns
Capacitive Loading Of SDA Or SCL	Cb	Total on-chip and off-chip			400	pF
SDA and SCL Bus Pull-up Resistor-Off Chip	R_{OUT}	Maximum is determined by t_R and t_F. For C_B = 400pF, max is about 2~2.5kΩ For C_B = 40pF, max is about 15kΩ to 20kΩ	1			kΩ
Input Leakage Current (SCL, SDA)	I_{LI}		-10		10	µA
Input Buffer Low Voltage (SCL, SDA)	V_{IL}	Voltage relative to V_{SS} of the device.	-0.3		V_{RGO} x 0.3	V
Input Buffer High Voltage (SCL, SDA)	V_{IH}	Voltage relative to V_{SS} of the device.	V_{RGO} x 0.7		V_{RGO} + 0.1V	V
Output Buffer Low Voltage (SDA)	V_{OL}	I_{OL} = 1mA			0.4	V
SDA and SCL Input Buffer Hysteresis	I^2CHYST	Sleep bit = 0	0.05 * V_{RGO}			V

NOTE:

3. Power up of the device requires all V_{CELL1}, V_{CELL2}, V_{CELL3}, and VCC to be above the limits specified.

4. The device provides an internal hold time of at least 300ns for the SDA signal to bridge the unidentified region of the falling edge of SCL.

5. Typical +125°C ±10%, based on design and characterization data.

6. Typical 5Ω ±2Ω, based on design and characterization data.

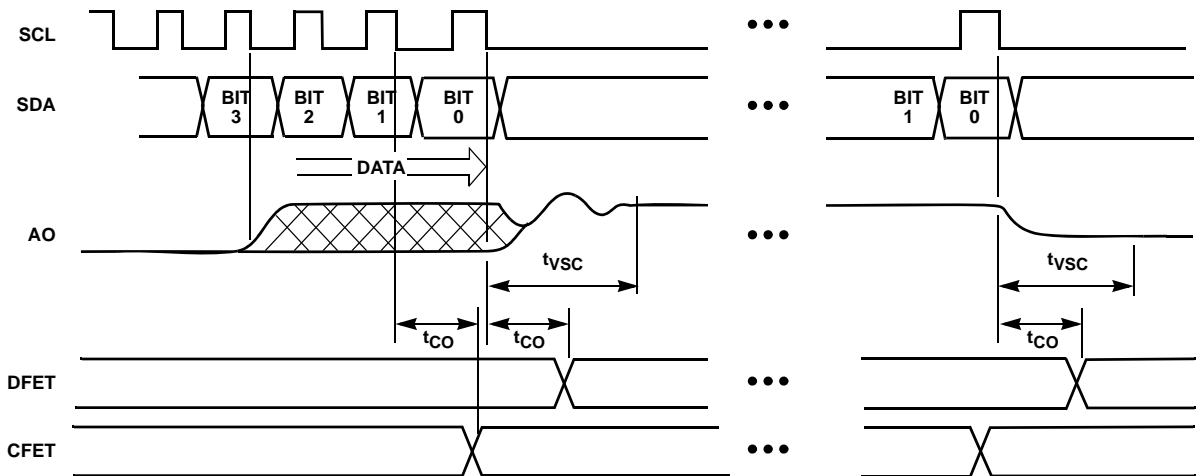7. Maximum output capacitance = 15pF.
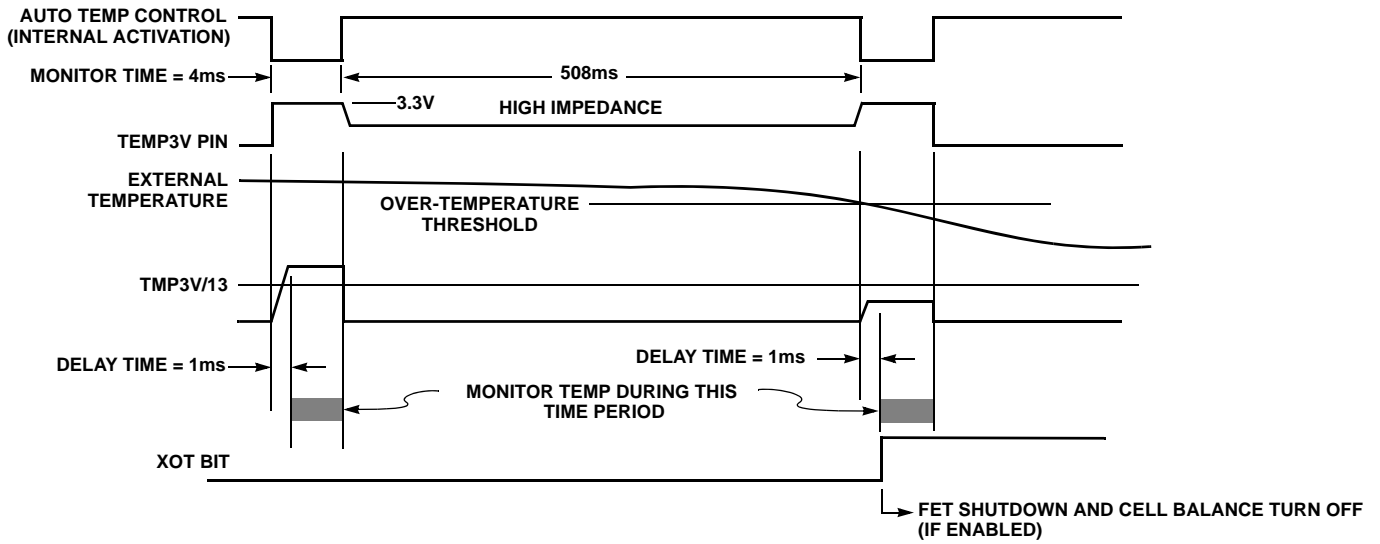
Wake up timing (WKPOL = 0)
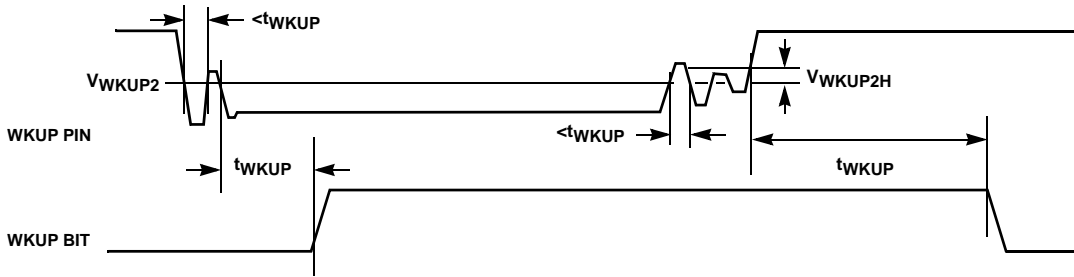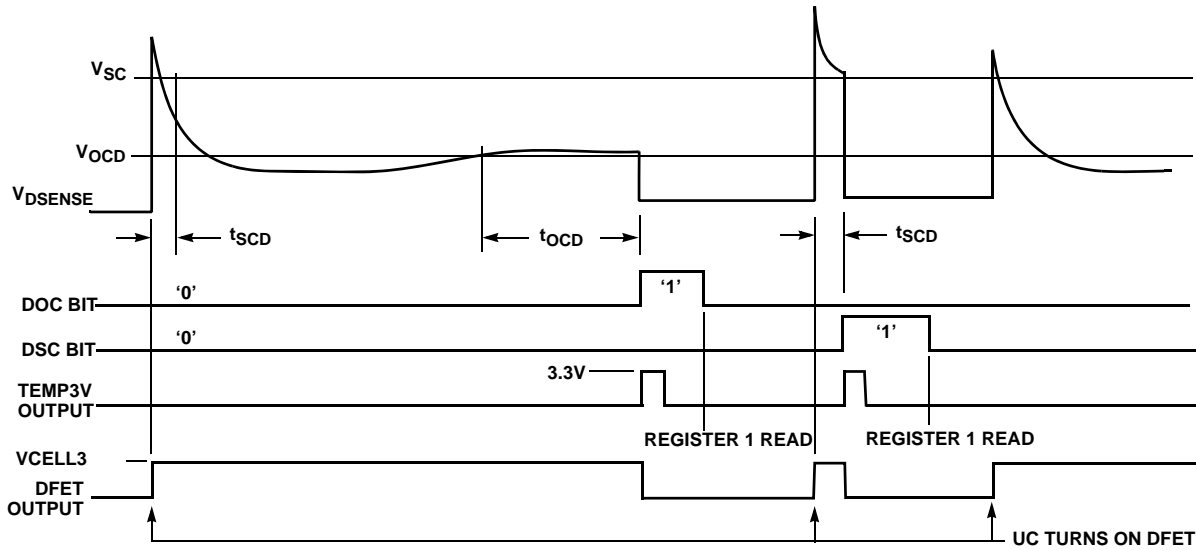

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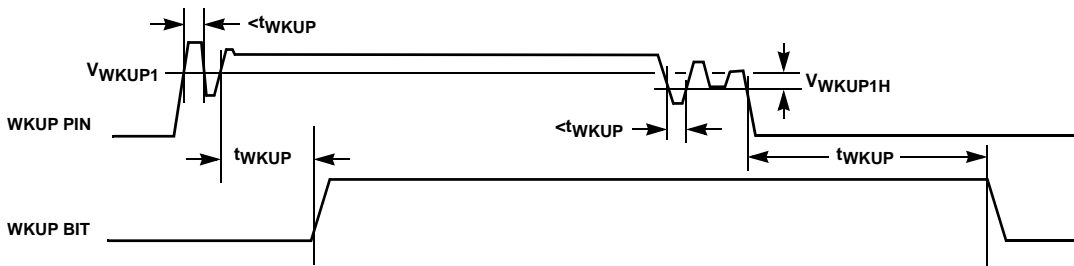
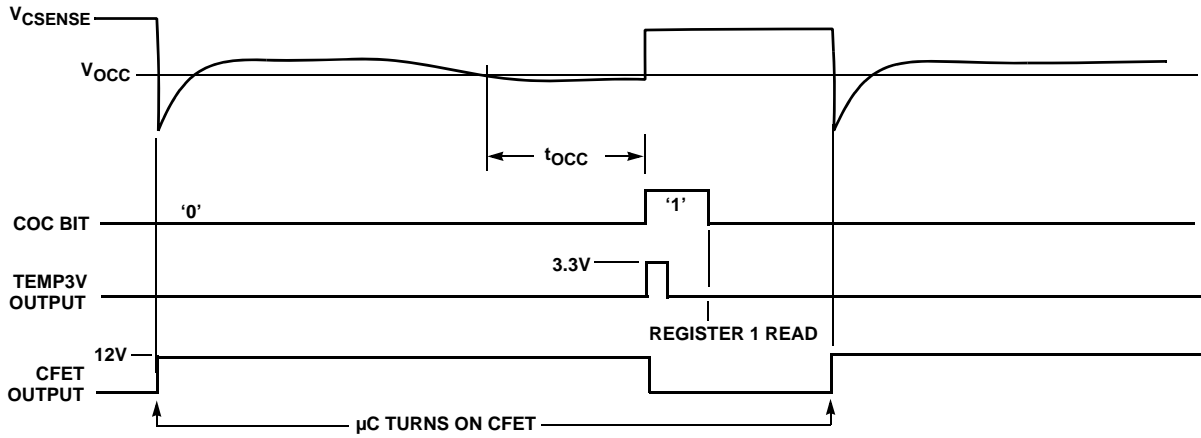## *Change in Voltage Source, FET Control*

Automatic Temperature Scan

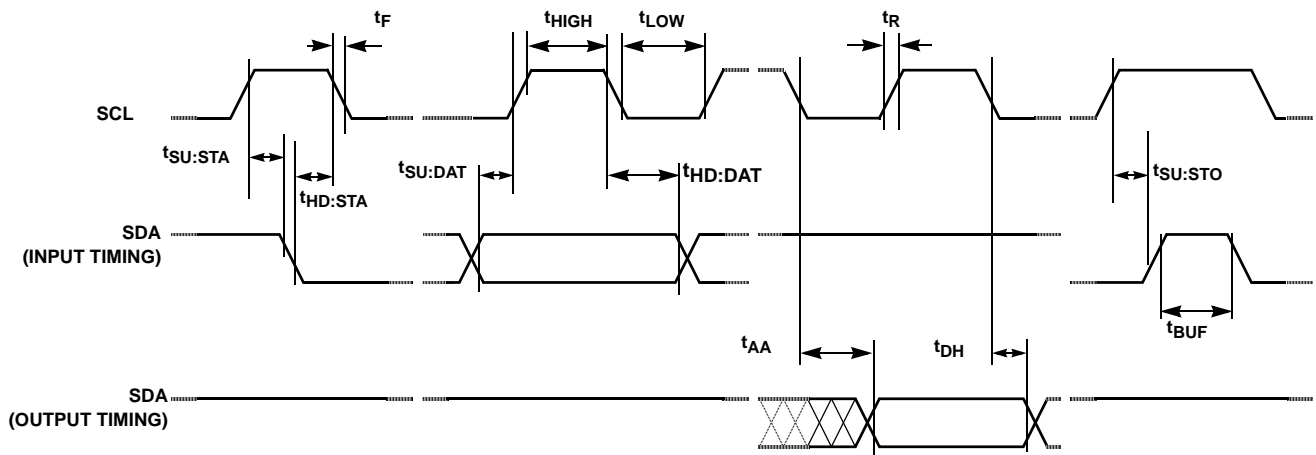## *Discharge Overcurrent/Short Circuit Monitor* (assumes DENOCD and DENSCD bits are '0')

Charge Overcurrent Monitor (assumes DENOCC bit is '0')

Serial Interface Timing Diagrams

Bus Timing

Symbol Table

Registers

TABLE 1. REGISTERS

ADDR	REGISTER	READ/WRITE	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
00H	Config/Op Status	Read only	**Reserved**	**Reserved**	**SA** Single AFE	**WKUP** WKUP pin Status	**Reserved**	**Reserved**	**Reserved**	**Reserved**
01H	Operating Status (Note 10)	Read only	**Reserved**	**Reserved**	**XOT** Ext over temp	**IOT** Int over Temp	**LDFAIL** Load Fail (VMON)	**DSC** Short Circuit	**DOC** Discharge OC	**COC** Charge OC
02H	Cell Balance	Read/Write	**CB7ON**	**CB6ON**	**CB5ON**	**CB4ON**	**CB3ON**	**CB2ON**	**CB1ON**	**Reserved**
			Cell balance FET control bits							
03H	Analog Out	Read/Write	**UFLG1** User Flag 1	**UFLG0** User Flag 0	**Reserved**	**Reserved**	**AO3**	**AO2**	**AO1**	**AO0**
							Analog output select bits			
04H	FET Control	Read/Write	**SLEEP** Force Sleep (Note 11)	**LDMONEN** Turn on VMON connection	**Reserved**	**Reserved**	**Reserved**	**Reserved**	**CFET** Turn on Charge FET (Note 12)	**DFET** Turn on Discharge FET (Note 12)
05H	Discharge Set	Read/Write (Write only if DISSETEN bit set)	**DENOCD** Turn off automatic OCD control	**OCDV1** Overcurrent Discharge Threshold Voltage	**OCDV0**	**DENSCD** Turn off automatic SCD control	**SCDV1** Short Circuit Discharge Threshold Voltage	**SCDV0**	**OCDT1** Overcurrent Discharge Time-out	**OCDT0**
06H	Charge Set	Read/Write (Write only if CHSETEN bit set)	**DENOCC** Turn off automatic OCC control	**OCCV1** Overcurrent Charge Threshold Voltage	**OCCV0**	**SCLONG** Long Short-circuit delay	**CTDIV** Divide charge time by 32	**DTDIV** Divide discharge time by 64	**OCCT1** Overcurrent Charge Time-out	**OCCT0**
07H	Feature Set	Read/Write (Write only if FSETEN bit set)	**ATMPOFF** Turn off automatic external temp scan	**DIS3** Disable 3.3V reg. (device requires external 3.3V)	**TMP3ON** Turn on Temp3V	**DISXTSD** Disable external thermal shutdown	**DISITSD** Disable internal thermal shutdown	**POR** Force POR	**DISWKUP** Disable WKUP pin	**WKPOL** Wake Up Polarity
08H	Write Enable	Read/Write	**FSETEN** Enable Feature Set writes	**CHSETEN** Enable Charge Set writes	**DISSETEN** Enable Discharge Set writes	**UFLG3** User Flag 3	**UFLG2** User Flag 2	**Reserved**	**Reserved**	**Reserved**
09H:FFH	Reserved	NA	**RESERVED**							

NOTES:

8. A "1" written to a control or configuration bit causes the action to be taken. A "1" read from a status bit indicates that the condition exists.

9. "Reserved" indicates that the bit or register is reserved for future expansion. When writing to addresses 2, 3, 4, and 8: write a reserved bit with the value "0". Do not write to reserved registers at addresses 09H through FFH. Ignore reserved bits that are returned in a read operation.

10. These status bits are automatically cleared when the register is read. All other status bits are cleared when the condition is cleared.

11. This SLEEP bit is cleared on initial power up, by the WKUP pin going high (when WKPOL = "1") or by the WKUP pin going low (when WKPOL = "0"), and by writing a "0" to the location with an I^{2}C command.

12. When the automatic responses are enabled, these bits are automatically reset by hardware when an overcurrent or short circuit condition turns off the FETs. At all other times, an I^{2}C write operation controls the output to the respective FET and a read returns the current state of the FET drive output circuit (though not the actual voltage at the output pin).

Status Registers

TABLE 2. CONFIG/OP STATUS REGISTER (ADDR: 00H)

BIT	FUNCTION	DESCRIPTION
7	**RESERVED**	Reserved for future expansion.
6	**RESERVED**	Reserved for future expansion.
5	**SA** Single AFE	Indicates the device is an ISL9208. This bit is set in the chip and cannot be changed.
4	**WKUP** Wakeup pin status	This bit is set and reset by hardware. When 'WKPOL' is HIGH: 　'WKUP' HIGH = WKUP pin > Threshold voltage 　'WKUP' LOW = WKUP pin < Threshold voltage When 'WKPOL' is LOW: 　'WKUP' HIGH = WKUP pin < Threshold voltage 　'WKUP' LOW = WKUP pin > Threshold voltage
3	**RESERVED**	Reserved for future expansion.
2	**RESERVED**	Reserved for future expansion.
1	**RESERVED**	Reserved for future expansion.
0	**RESERVED**	Reserved for future expansion.

TABLE 3. OPERATING STATUS REGISTER (ADDR: 01H)

BIT	FUNCTION	DESCRIPTION
7	**RESERVED**	Reserved for future expansion.
6	**RESERVED**	Reserved for future expansion.
5	**XOT** Ext Over-temp	This bit is set to "1" when the external thermistor indicates an over-temperature condition. If the temperature condition has cleared, this bit is reset when the register is read.
4	**IOT** Int Over-temp	This bit is set to "1" when the internal thermistor indicates an over-temperature condition. If the temperature condition has cleared, this bit is reset when the register is read.
3	**LDFAIL** Load Fail (VMON)	When the function is enabled, this bit is set to "1" by hardware when a discharge overcurrent or short circuit condition occurs and the load remains heavy. When the load fail condition is cleared or under a light load, the bit is reset when the register is read.
2	**DSC** Short Circuit	This bit is set by hardware when a short circuit condition occurs during discharge. When the discharge short circuit condition is removed, the bit is reset when the register is read.
1	**DOC** Discharge OC	This bit is set by hardware when an overcurrent condition occurs during discharge. When the discharge overcurrent condition is removed, the bit is reset when the register is read.
0	**COC** Charge OC	This bit is set by hardware when an overcurrent condition occurs during charge. When the charge overcurrent condition is removed, the bit is reset when the register is read.

Control Registers

TABLE 4. CELL BALANCE CONTROL REGISTER (ADDR: 02H)

CONTROL REGISTER BITS							
BIT 7 CB7ON	BIT 6 CB6ON	BIT 5 CB5ON	BIT 4 CB4ON	BIT 3 CB3ON	BIT 2 CB2ON	BIT 1 CB1ON	BALANCE
x	x	x	x	x	x	1	Cell1 ON
x	x	x	x	x	x	0	Cell1 OFF
x	x	x	x	x	1	x	Cell2 ON
x	x	x	x	x	0	x	Cell2 OFF
x	x	x	x	1	x	x	Cell3 ON
x	x	x	x	0	x	x	Cell3 OFF
x	x	x	1	x	x	x	Cell4 ON
x	x	x	0	x	x	x	Cell4 OFF
x	x	1	x	x	x	x	Cell5 ON
x	x	0	x	x	x	x	Cell5 OFF
x	1	x	x	x	x	x	Cell6 ON
x	0	x	x	x	x	x	Cell6 OFF
1	x	x	x	x	x	x	Cell7 ON
0	x	x	x	x	x	x	Cell7 OFF
Bit 0	**RESERVED**	Reserved for future expansion					

TABLE 5. ANALOG OUT CONTROL REGISTER (ADDR: 03H)

BITS	FUNCTION			DESCRIPTION	
7	**UFLG1** User Flag 1			General purpose flag usable by microcontroller software. This bit is battery backed up, even when RGO turns off.	
6	**UFLG0** User Flag 0			General purpose flag usable by microcontroller software. This bit is battery backed up, even when RGO turns off.	
5:4	**RESERVED**			Reserved for future expansion	
Bit 3 AO3	Bit 2 AO2	Bit 1 AO1	Bit 0 AO0	Output Voltage	
0	0	0	0	No Output (low power state)	
0	0	0	1	V_{CELL1}	
0	0	1	0	V_{CELL2}	
0	0	1	1	V_{CELL3}	
0	1	0	0	V_{CELL4}	
0	1	0	1	V_{CELL5}	
0	1	1	0	V_{CELL6}	
0	1	1	1	V_{CELL7}	
1	0	0	0	External Temperature	
1	0	0	1	Internal Temperature	
1	x	1	x	RESERVED	
1	1	x	x	RESERVED	

Configuration Registers

The device is configured for specific application requirements using the Configuration Registers. The configuration registers consist of SRAM memory.

This memory is powered by the RGO output. In a sleep condition, an internal switch converts power for the contents of these registers from RGO to the VCELL1 input.

TABLE 6. FET CONTROL REGISTER (ADDR: 04H)

BIT	FUNCTION	DESCRIPTION
7	**SLEEP** Force Sleep	Setting this bit to "1" forces the device to go into a sleep condition. This turns off both FET outputs, the cell balance outputs and the voltage regulator. This also resets the CFET, DFET, and CB7ON:CB1ON bits. The SLEEP bit is automatically reset to "0" when the device wakes up. This bit does not reset the AO3:AO0 bits.
6	**LDMONEN** Turn on VMON connection	Writing a "1" to this bit turns on the VMON circuit. Writing a "0" to this bit turns off the VMON circuit. As such, the microcontroller has full control of the operation of this circuit.
5:2	**RESERVED**	Reserved for future expansion.
1	**CFET**	Setting this bit to "1" turns on the charge FET. Setting this bit to "0" turns off the charge FET. This bit is automatically reset in the event of a charge overcurrent condition, unless the automatic response is disabled by the DENOCC bit.
0	**DFET**	Setting this bit to "1" turns on the discharge FET. Setting this bit to "0" turns off the discharge FET. This bit is automatically reset in the event of a discharge overcurrent or discharge short circuit condition, unless the automatic response is disabled by the DENOCD or DENSCD bits.

TABLE 7. DISCHARGE SET CONFIG REGISTER (ADDR: 05H)

SETTING		FUNCTION
Bit 7	**DENOCD** Turn off automatic OC discharge control	When set to '0', a discharge overcurrent condition automatically turns off the FETs. When set to '1', a discharge overcurrent condition will not automatically turn off the FETs. In either case, this condition sets the DOC bit, which also turns on the TEMP3V output.
Bit 6 OCDV1	**Bit 5** OCDV0	**Overcurrent Discharge Voltage Threshold**
0	0	$V_{OCD} = 0.10V$
0	1	$V_{OCD} = 0.12V$
1	0	$V_{OCD} = 0.14V$
1	1	$V_{OCD} = 0.16V$
Bit 4	**DENSCD** Turn off automatic SC discharge control	When set to '0', a discharge short circuit condition turns off the FETs. When set to '1', a discharge short circuit condition will not automatically turn off the FETs. In either case, the condition sets the SCD bit, which also turns on the TEMP3V output.
Bit 3 SCDV1	**Bit 2** SCDV0	**Short Circuit Discharge Voltage Threshold**
0	0	$V_{SCD} = 0.20V$
0	1	$V_{SCD} = 0.35V$
1	0	$V_{SCD} = 0.65V$
1	1	$V_{SCD} = 1.20V$
Bit 1 OCDT1	**Bit 0** OCDT0	**Overcurrent Discharge Time-out**
0	0	$t_{OCD} = 128ms$ (2ms if DTDIV=1)
0	1	$t_{OCD} = 256ms$ (4ms if DTDIV=1)
1	0	$t_{OCD} = 512ms$ (8ms if DTDIV=1)
1	1	$t_{OCD} = 1024ms$ (16ms if DTDIV=1)

TABLE 8. CHARGE/TIME SCALE CONFIG REGISTER (ADDR: 06H)

SETTING		FUNCTION
Bit 7	**DENOCC** Turn off automatic OC charge control	When set to '0', a charge overcurrent condition automatically turns off the FETs. When set to '1', a charge overcurrent condition will not automatically turn off the FETs. In either case, this condition sets the COC bit, which also turns on the TEMP3V output.
Bit 6 OCCV1	**Bit 5 OCCV0**	**Overcurrent Charge Voltage Threshold**
0	0	V_{OCD} = 0.10V
0	1	V_{OCD} = 0.12V
1	0	V_{OCD} = 0.14V
1	1	V_{OCD} = 0.16V
Bit 4	**SCLONG** Short circuit long delay	When this bit is set to '0', a short circuit needs to be in effect for 100us before a shutdown begins. When this bit is set to '1', a short circuit needs to be in effect for 8ms before a shutdown begins.
Bit 3	**CTDIV** Divide charge time by 32	When set to "1", the charge overcurrent delay time is divided by 32. When set to "0", the charge overcurrent delay time is divided by 1.
Bit 2	**DTDIV** Divide discharge time by 64	When set to "1", the discharge overcurrent delay time is divided by 64. When set to "0", the discharge overcurrent delay time is divided by 1.
Bit 1 OCCT1	**Bit 0 OCCT0**	**Overcurrent Charge Time-out**
0	0	t_{OCC} = 64ms (2ms if CTDIV=1)
0	1	t_{OCC} = 128ms (4ms if CTDIV=1)
1	0	t_{OCC} = 256ms (8ms if CTDIV=1)
1	1	t_{OCC} = 512ms (16ms if CTDIV=1)

TABLE 9. FEATURE SET CONFIGURATION REGISTER (ADDR: 07H)

BIT	FUNCTION	DESCRIPTION
7	**ATMPOFF** Turn off automatic external temp scan	When set to '1' this bit disables the automatic temperature scan. When set to '0', the temperature is turned on for 4ms in every 512ms.
6	**DIS3** Disable 3.3V reg	Setting this bit to "1" disables the internal 3.3V regulator. Setting this bit to "1" requires that there be an external 3.3V regulator connected to the RGO pin.
5	**TMP3ON** Turn on Temp 3.3V	Setting this bit to "1" turns ON the TEMP3V output to the external temperature sensor. The output will remain on as long as this bit remains "1".
4	**DISXTSD** Disable external thermal shutdown	Setting this bit to "1" disables the automatic shutdown of the cell balance and power FETs in response to an external over-temperature condition. While the automatic response is disabled, the XOT flag is set so the microcontroller can initiate a shutdown based on the XOT flag.
3	**DISITSD** Disable internal thermal shutdown	Setting this bit to "1" disables the automatic shutdown of the cell balance and power FETs in response to an internal over-temperature condition. While the automatic response is disabled, the IOT flag is set so the microcontroller can initiate a shutdown based on the IOT flag.
2	**POR** Force POR	Setting this bit to "1" forces a POR condition. This resets all internal registers to zero.
1	**DISWKUP** Disable WKUP pin	Setting this bit to "1" disables the WKUP pin function. CAUTION: Setting this pin to '1' prevents a wake up condition. If the device then goes to sleep, it cannot be waken without a communication link that resets this bit, or by power cycling the device.
0	**WKPOL** Wake Up Polarity	Setting this bit to "1" sets the device to wake up on a rising edge at the WKUP pin. Setting this bit to "0" sets the device to wake up on a falling edge at the WKUP pin.

TABLE 10. WRITE ENABLE REGISTER (ADDR: 08H)

BIT	FUNCTION	DESCRIPTION
7	**FSETEN** Enable discharge set writes	When set to "1", allows writes to the Feature Set register. When set to "0", prevents writes to the Feature Set register (Addr: 07H). Default on initial power up is "0".
6	**CHSETEN** Enable charge set writes	When set to "1", allows writes to the Charge Set register. When set to "0", prevents writes to the Feature Set register (Addr: 06H). Default on initial power up is "0".
5	**DISSETEN** Enable discharge set writes	When set to "1", allows writes to the Discharge Set register (Addr: 05H). When set to "0", prevents writes to the Feature Set register. Default on initial power up is "0".
4	**UFLG3** User Flag 3	General purpose flag usable by microcontroller software. This bit is battery backed up, even when RGO turns off.
3	**UFLG2** User Flag 3	General purpose flag usable by microcontroller software. This bit is battery backed up, even when RGO turns off.
2	**RESERVED**	Reserved for future expansion.
1	**RESERVED**	Reserved for future expansion.
0	**RESERVED**	Reserved for future expansion.

Device Description

Design Theory

Instructed by the microcontroller, the ISL9208 performs cell voltage monitoring and cell balancing operations, overcurrent and short circuit monitoring with automatic pack shutdown using built-in selectable time delays, and automatic turn off of the power FETs and cell balancing FETs in an over-temperature condition. All automatic functions of the ISL9208 can be turned off and the microcontroller can manage the operations through software.

Battery Connection

The ISL9208 supports packs of 5 to 7 series connected Li-ion cells. Connection guidelines for each cell combination are shown in Figure 1.
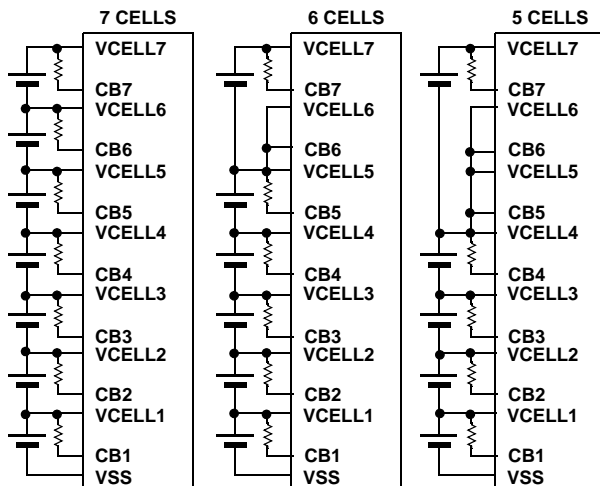
Note: Multiple cells can be connected in parallel

FIGURE 1. BATTERY CONNECTION OPTIONS

System Power Up/Power Down

The ISL9208 powers up when the voltages on V_{CELL1}, V_{CELL2}, V_{CELL3}, and VCC all exceed their POR threshold. At this time, the ISL9208 wakes up and turns on the RGO output.

RGO provides a regulated 3.3VDC ±10% voltage at pin RGO. It does this by using a control voltage on the RGC pin to drive an external NPN transistor (See Figure 2.) The transistor should have a beta of at least 70 to provide ample current to the device and external circuits and should have a V_{CE} of greater than 30V (preferably 50V). The voltage at the emitter of the NPN transistor is monitored and regulated to 3.3V volts by the control signal RGC. RGO also powers most of the ISL9208 internal circuits. A 500Ω resistor is recommended in the collector of the NPN transistor to minimize initial current surge when the regulator turns on.

Once powered up, the device remains in a wake up state until put to sleep by the microcontroller (typically when the cells drop too low in voltage) or until the V_{CELL1}, V_{CELL2}, V_{CELL3}, or VCC voltages drop below their POR threshold.
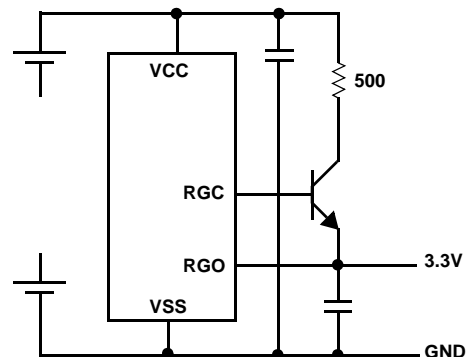

FIGURE 2. VOLTAGE REGULATOR CIRCUITS

WKUP Pin Operation

There are two ways to design a wake up of the ISL9208. In an active LOW connection (WKPOL = "0" - default), the device wakes up when a charger is connected to the pack. This pulls the WKUP pin low when compared to a reference based on the V_{CELL1} voltage. In an active HIGH connection (WKPOL = '1') the device wakes up when the WKUP pin is pulled high by a connection through an external switch.
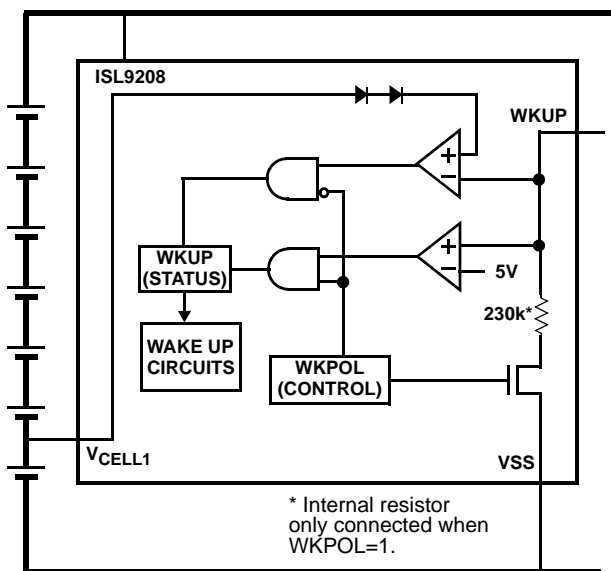

FIGURE 3. WAKE UP CONTROL CIRCUITS

Protection Functions

In the default recommended condition, the ISL9208 automatically responds to discharge overcurrent, discharge short circuit, charge overcurrent, internal over-temperature, and external over-temperature conditions. The designer can set optional over-ride conditions that allow the response to be dictated by the microcontroller. These are discussed below.

OVERCURRENT SAFETY FUNCTIONS

The ISL9208 continually monitors the discharge current by monitoring the voltage at the CSENSE and DSENSE pins. If that voltage exceeds a selected value for a time exceeding a selected delay, then the device enters an overcurrent or short circuit protection mode. In these modes, the ISL9208 automatically turns off both power FETs and hence prevents current from flowing through the terminals P+ and P-.

The voltage thresholds and the response times of the overcurrent protection circuits are selectable for discharge overcurrent, charge overcurrent, and discharge short circuit conditions. The specific settings are determined by bits in the "DISCHARGE SET CONFIG REGISTER (ADDR: 05H)" on page 16, and "CHARGE/TIME SCALE CONFIG REGISTER (ADDR: 06H)" on page 17. (See also "REGISTERS" on page 13.)

In an overcurrent condition, the ISL9208 automatically turns off the voltage on CFET and DFET pins. The DFET output drives the discharge FET gate low, turning off the FET quickly. The CFET output turns off and allows the gate of the charge FET to be pulled low through a resistor.

By turning off the FETs the ISL9208 prevents damage to the battery pack caused by excessive current into or out of to the cells (as in the case of a faulty charger or short circuit condition).

When the ISL9208 detects a discharge overcurrent condition, both power FETs are turned off and the DOC bit is set. (When the FETs are turned off, the DFET and CFET bits are also reset.) The automatic response to overcurrent during discharge is prevented by setting the DENOCD bit to "1". The external microcontroller can turn on the FETs at any time to recover from this condition, but it would usually turn on the load monitor function (by setting the LDMONEN bit) and monitor the LDFAIL bit to detect that the overcurrent condition has been removed.

When the ISL9208 detects a discharge short circuit condition, both power FETs are turned off and DSC bit is set. (When the FETs are turned off, the DFET and CFET bits are also reset.) The automatic response to short circuit during discharge is prevented by setting the DENSCD bit to "1". The external microcontroller can turn on the FETs at any time to recover from this condition, but it would usually turn on the load monitor function (by setting the LDMONEN bit) and monitor the LDFAIL bit to detect that the overcurrent condition has been removed.

When the ISL9208 detects a charge overcurrent condition, both power FETs are turned off and COC bit is set. (When the FETs are turned off, the DFET and CFET bits are also reset.) The automatic response to overcurrent during discharge is prevented by setting the DENOCC bit to "1". The external microcontroller can turn on the FETs at any time to recover from this condition, but it would usually wait to do this until the cell voltages are not over charged and that the overcurrent condition has been removed. Or, the microcontroller could wait until the pack is removed from the charger and then re-attached.

An alternative method of providing the protection function, if desired by the designer, is to turn off the automatic safety response. In this case, the ISL9208 devices still monitor the conditions and set the status bits, but take no action in overcurrent or short circuit conditions. Safety of the pack depends, instead, on the microcontroller to send commands to the ISL9208 to turn off the FETs.

To facilitate a microcontroller response to an overcurrent condition, especially if the microcontroller is in a low power state, a charge overcurrent flag (COC), a discharge overcurrent flag (DOC), or the short circuit flag (DSC) being set causes the ISL9208 TEMP3V output to turn on and pull high. (See Figure 5.) This output can be used as an external interrupt by the microcontroller to wake-up quickly to handle the overcurrent condition.
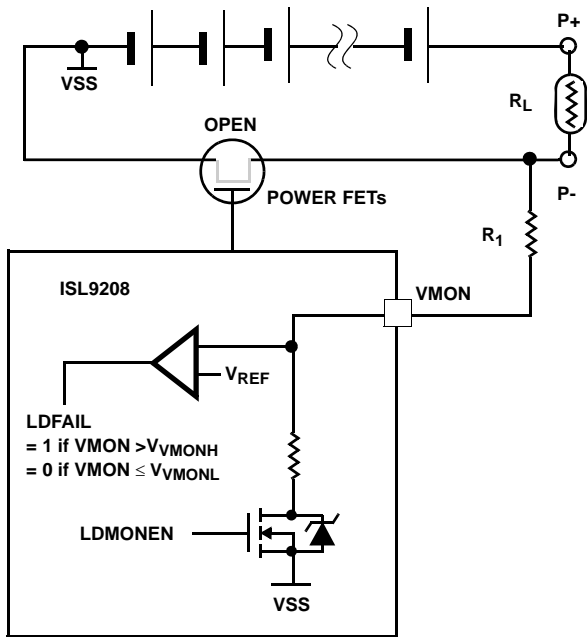
FIGURE 4. LOAD MONITOR CIRCUIT

LOAD MONITORING

The load monitor function in the ISL9208 (see Figure 4) is used primarily to detect that the load has been removed following an overcurrent or short circuit condition during discharge. This can be used in a control algorithm to prevent the FETs from turning on while the overload or short circuit condition remains.

The load monitor can also be used by the microcontroller algorithms after an undervoltage condition on any cells causes the FETs to turn off. Use of the load monitor prevents the FETs from turning on while the load is still present. This minimizes the possible "oscillations" that can occur when a load is applied in a low capacity pack. It can also be part of a system protection mechanism to prevent the load from turning on automatically - i.e. some action must be taken before the pack is again turned on.

The load monitor circuit can be turned on or off by the microcontroller. It is normally turned off to minimize current consumption. It must be activated by the external microcontroller for it to operate. The circuit works by internally connecting the VMON pin to VSS through a resistor. The circuit operates shown as in Figure 4.

In a typical pack operation, when an overcurrent or short circuit event happens, the DFET turns off, opening the battery circuit to the load. At this time, the R_L is small and the load monitor is initially off. In this condition, the voltage at VMON rises to nearly the pack voltage.

Once the power FETs turn off, the microcontroller activates the load monitor by setting the LDMONEN bit. This turns on an internal FET that adds a pull down resistor to the load monitor circuit. While still in the overload condition the

combination of the load resistor, an external adjustment resistor (R_1), and the internal load monitor resistor form a voltage divider. R_1 is chosen so that when the load is released to a sufficient level, the LDFAIL condition is reset.

OVER-TEMPERATURE SAFETY FUNCTIONS

External Temperature Monitoring

The external temperature is monitored by using a voltage divider consisting of a fixed resistor and a thermistor. This divider is powered by the ISL9208 TEMP3V output. This output is normally controlled so it is on for only short periods to minimize current consumption.

Without microcontroller intervention, and in the default state, the ISL9208 provides an automatic temperature scan. This scan circuit repeatedly turns on TEMP3V output (and the external temperature monitor) for 4ms out of every 512ms. In this way, the external temperature is monitored even if the microcontroller is asleep.

When the TEMP3V output turns on, the ISL9208 waits 1ms for the temperature reading to stabilize, then compares the external temperature voltage with an internal voltage divider that is set to TEMP3V/13. When the thermistor voltage is below the reference threshold after the delay, an external temperature fail condition exists. To set the external over-temperature limit, set the value of R_X resistor to the 12 times the resistance of the thermistor at the over-temp threshold.

The TEMP3V output pin also turns on when the microcontroller sets the AO3:AO0 bits to select that the external temperature voltage. This causes the TEMPI voltage to be placed on AO and activates (after 1ms) the over-temperature detection. As long as the AO3:AO0 bits point to the external temperature, the TEMP3V output remains on.

Because of the manual scan of the temperature, it may be desired to turn off the automatic scan, although they can be used at the same time without interference. To turn off the automatic scan, set the ATMPOFF bit.

The microcontroller can over-ride both the automatic temperature scan and the microcontroller controlled temperature scan by setting the TEMP3ON configuration bit. This turns on the TEMP3V output to keep the temperature control voltage on all the time, for a continuous monitoring of an over-temperature condition. This likely will consume a significant amount of current, so this feature is usually used for special or test purposes.

Protection

As a default, when the ISL9208 detects an internal or external over-temperature condition, the FETs are turned off, the cell balancing function is disabled, and the IOT bit or XOT bit (respectively) is set.

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Turning off the FETs in the event of an over-temperature condition prevents continued discharge or charge of the cells when they are over heated. Turning off the cell balancing in the event of an over-temperature condition prevents damage to the IC in the event too many cells are being balanced, causing too much power dissipation in the ISL9208.

In the event of an automatic over-temperature condition, cell balancing is prevented and FETs are held off until the temperature drops back below the temperature recovery threshold. During this temperature shutdown period, the microcontroller can monitor the internal temperature through the analog output pin (AO), but any writes to the CFET bit, DFET bit, or cell balancing bits are ignored

The automatic response to an internal over-temperature is prevented by setting the DISITSD bit to "1". The automatic response to an external over-temperature is prevented by setting the DISXTSD bit to "1". In either case, it is important for the microcontroller to monitor the internal and external temperature to protect the pack and the electronics in an over-temperature condition.

Analog Multiplexer Selection

The ISL9208 devices can be used to externally monitor individual battery cell voltages and temperatures. Each quantity can be monitored at the analog output pin (AO). The desired voltage is selected using the I^2C interface and the AO3:AO0 bits. See Figure 6.

VOLTAGE MONITORING

Since the voltage on each of the Li-ion Cells are normally higher than the regulated supply voltage, and since the voltages on the upper cells is much higher than is tolerated by a microcontroller, it is necessary to both level shift and divide the voltage before it can be monitored by the microcontroller or an external A/D converter. To get into the voltage range required by the external circuits, the voltage level shifter divides the cell voltage by 2 and references it to VSS. Therefore, a Li-ion cell with a voltage of 4.2V becomes a voltage of 2.1V on the AO pin.

TEMPERATURE MONITORING

The voltage representing the external temperature applied at the TEMPI terminal is directed to the AO terminal through a MUX, as selected by the AO control bits (see Figures 5 and 6.) The external temperature voltage is not divided by 2 as are the cell voltages. Instead it is a direct reflection of the voltage at the TEMPI pin.

A similar operation occurs when monitoring the internal temperature through the AO output, except there is no external "calibration" of the voltage associated with the internal temperature. For the internal temperature monitoring, the voltage at the output is linear with respect to temperature. (See the Operating Specifications for information about the output voltage at +25°C and the output slope relative to temperature.).
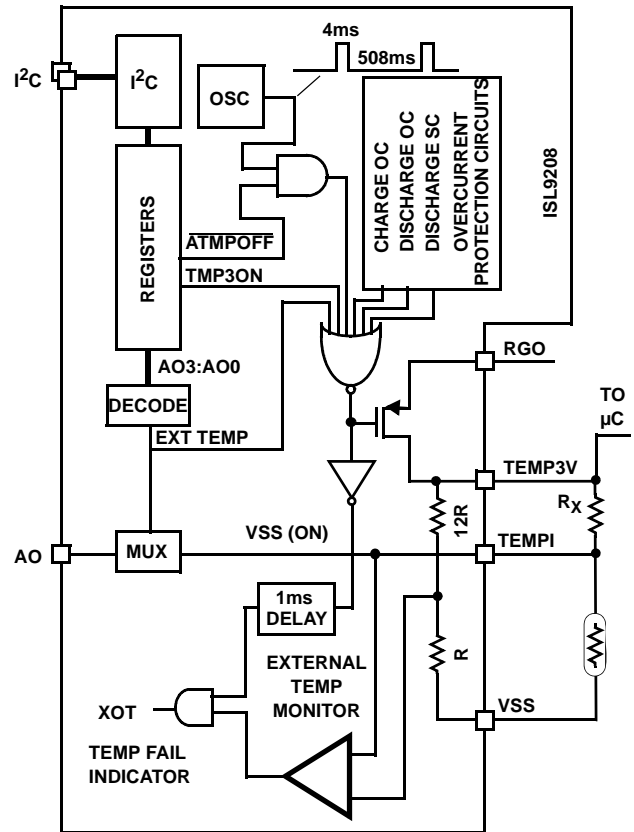

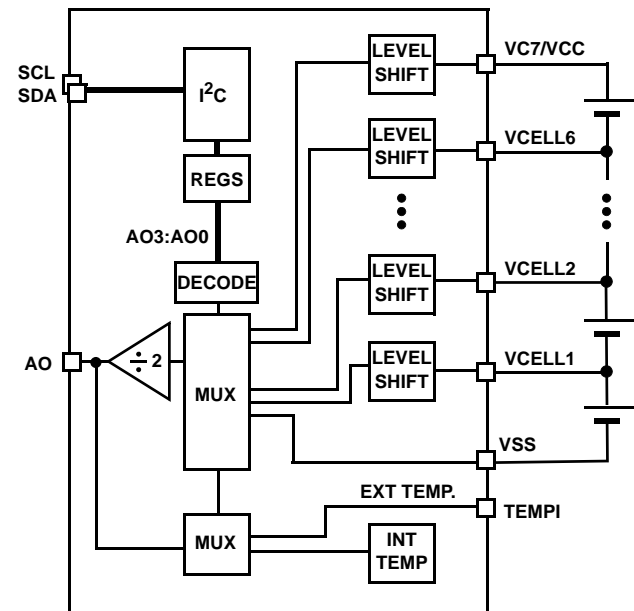FIGURE 5. EXTERNAL TEMPERATURE MONITORING AND CONTROL

FIGURE 6. ANALOG OUTPUT MONITORING DIAGRAM

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Cell Balancing

OVERVIEW

A typical ISL9208 Li-ion battery pack consists of five to seven cells in series, with one or more cells in parallel. This combination gives both the voltage and power necessary for power tool, e-bikes, electric wheel chairs, portable medical equipment, and battery powered industrial applications. While the series/parallel combination of Li-ion cells is common, the configuration is not as efficient as it could be, because any capacity mismatch between series-connected cells reduces the overall pack capacity. This mismatch is greater as the number of series cells and the load current increase. Cell balancing techniques increase the capacity, and the operating time, of Li-ion battery packs.

DEFINITION OF CELL BALANCING

Cell balancing is defined as the application of differential currents to individual cells (or combinations of cells) in a series string. Normally, of course, cells in a series string receive identical currents. A battery pack requires additional components and circuitry to achieve cell balancing. For the ISL9208 devices, the only external components required are balancing resistors.

CELL BALANCE OPERATION

Cell balancing is accomplished through a microcontroller algorithm. This algorithm compares the cell voltages (a representation of the pack capacity) and turns on balancing for the cells that have the higher voltages. There are many parameters that should be considered when writing this algorithm. An example cell balancing algorithm is available in the ISL9208EVAL1Z evaluation kit.

The microcontroller turns on the specific cell balancing by setting a bit in the Cell Balance Register. Each bit in the register corresponds to one cell's balancing control. When the bit is set, an internal cell balancing FET turns on. This shorts an external resistor across the specified cell. The maximum current that can be drawn from (or bypassed around) the cell is 200mA. This current is set by selecting the value of the external resistor. Figure 7 shows an example with a 200mA (maximum) balancing current.

With lower balancing current, more balancing FETs can be turned on at once, without exceeding the device power dissipation limits or generating excessive balancing current that will heat the external resistor.

External VMON/CFET protection mechanisms

When there is a single charge/discharge path, a blocking diode is recommended in the VMON to P- path in ISL9208 solution. See D1 in Figure 8. This diode is to protect against a negative voltage on the VMON pin that can occur when the FETs are off and the charger connects to the pack. This diode is not needed when there is a separate charge and discharge path, because the voltages on P- (discharge) are likely always positive. The diode also is not needed if the

differential between the minimum pack voltage and maximum charger voltage does not exceed 22V.

When the pack is designed with a single set of charge/discharge FETs, the ISL9208 CFET pin should be protected in the event of an over-current or short circuit shutdown. When this happens, the FET opens suddenly. The flyback voltage from the motor windings could exceed the maximum input voltage on the CFET pin. So, it is recommended that an additional external series diode be placed between the CFET pin of the ISL9208 and the gate of the Charge FET. See Diode D3 in Figure 8. This will reduce the CFET gate voltage, but not significantly.

Finally, to protect the Charge FET itself in the event of a large negative voltage on the Pack- pin, zener diode D4 is added. The large negative voltage can occur when the P- pin goes significantly negative, while the CFET pin is being internally clamped at VSS. The zener voltage of D4 should be less than the $V_{GS}(max)$ specification of the FET.
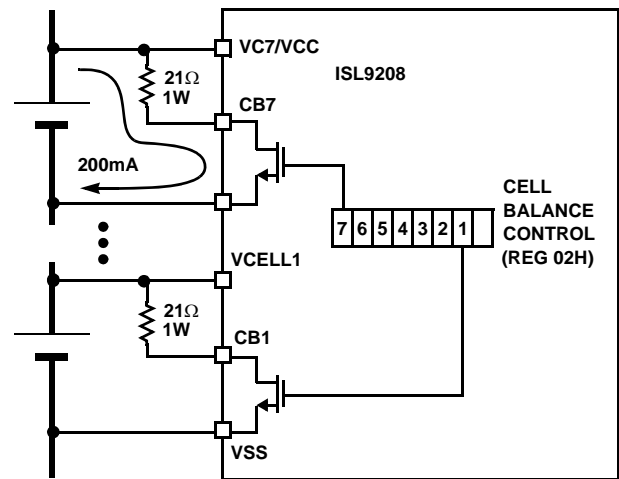

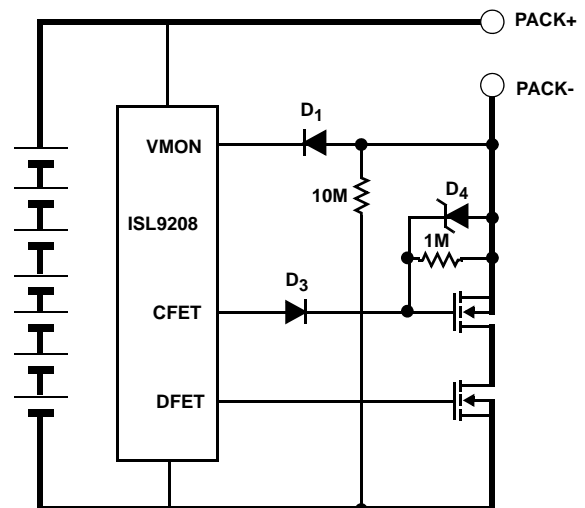**FIGURE 7. CELL BALANCING CONTROL EXAMPLE WITH 200mA BALANCING CURRENT**

FIGURE 8. USE OF A DIODES FOR PROTECTING THE CFET AND VMON PINS.

User Flags

The ISL9208 contains four flags in the register area that the microcontroller can use for general purpose indicators. These bits are designated UFLG3, UFLG2, UFLG1, and UFLG0. The microcontroller can set or reset these bits by writing into the appropriate register.

The user flag bits are battery backed up, so the contents remain even after exiting a sleep mode. However, if the microcontroller sets the POR bit to force a power on reset, all of the user flags will also be reset. In addition, if the voltage on cell1 ever drops below the POR voltage, the contents of the user flags (as well as all other register values) could be lost.

Serial Interface

INTERFACE CONVENTIONS

The device supports a bidirectional bus oriented protocol. The protocol defines any device that sends data onto the bus as a transmitter, and the receiving device as the receiver. The device controlling the transfer is called the master and the device being controlled is called the slave. The master always initiates data transfers, and provides the clock for both transmit and receive operations. Therefore, the ISL9208 devices operate as slaves in all applications.

When sending or receiving data, the convention is the most significant bit (MSB) is sent first. So, the first address bit sent is bit 7.

CLOCK AND DATA

Data states on the SDA line can change only while SCL is LOW. SDA state changes during SCL HIGH are reserved for indicating start and stop conditions. See Figure 9.

START CONDITION

All commands are preceded by the start condition, which is a HIGH to LOW transition of SDA when SCL is HIGH. The device continuously monitors the SDA and SCL lines for the start condition and will not respond to any command until this condition has been met. See Figure 10.

STOP CONDITION

All communications must be terminated by a stop condition, which is a LOW to HIGH transition of SDA when SCL is HIGH. The stop condition is also used to place the device into the Standby power mode after a read sequence. A stop condition is only issued after the transmitting device has released the bus. See Figure 10.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Acknowledge is a software convention used to indicate successful data transfer. The transmitting device, either master or slave, releases the bus after transmitting eight bits. During the ninth clock cycle, the receiver pulls the SDA line LOW to acknowledge that it received the eight bits of data. See Figure 11.

The device responds with an acknowledge after recognition of a start condition and the correct slave byte. If a write operation is selected, the device responds with an acknowledge after the receipt of each subsequent eight bits. The device acknowledges all incoming data and address bytes, except for the slave byte when the contents do not match the device's internal slave address.

In the read mode, the device transmits eight bits of data, releases the SDA line, then monitor the line for an acknowledge. If an acknowledge is detected and no stop condition is generated by the master, the device will continues to transmit data. The device terminates further data transmissions if an acknowledge is not detected. The master must then issue a stop condition to return the device to Standby mode and place the device into a known state
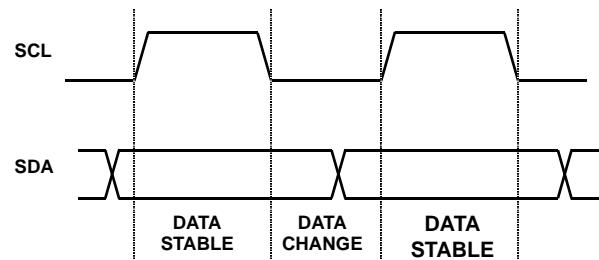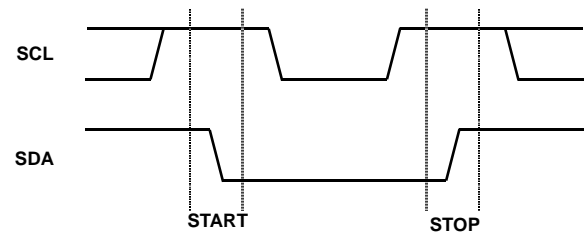

FIGURE 9. VALID DATA CHANGES ON I²C BUS

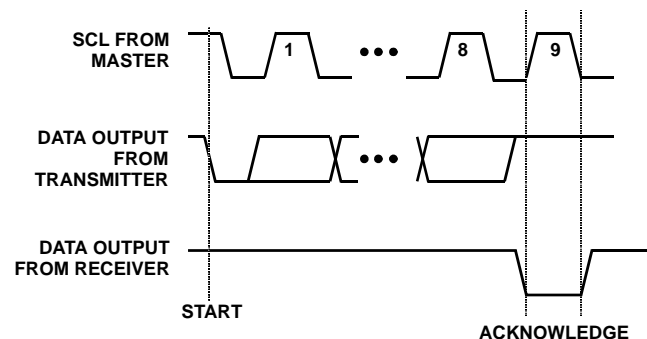FIGURE 10. I²C START AND STOP BITS

FIGURE 11. ACKNOWLEDGE RESPONSE FROM RECEIVER

WRITE OPERATIONS

For a write operation, the device requires a slave byte and an address byte. The slave byte specifies the particular device on the I^{2}C bus that the master is writing to. The address specifies one of the registers in that device. After receipt of each byte, the device responds with an acknowledge, and awaits the next eight bits from the master. After the acknowledge, following the transfer of data, the master terminates the transfer by generating a stop condition. See Figure 12.

When receiving data from the master, the value in the data byte is transferred into the register specified by the address byte on the falling edge of the clock following the 8th data bit.

After receiving the acknowledge after the data byte, the device automatically increments the address. So, before sending the stop bit, the master may send additional data to the device without re-sending the slave and address bytes. After writing to address 0AH, the address "wraps around" to address 0. Do not continue to write to addresses higher than address 08H, since these addresses access registers that are reserved. Writing to these locations can result in unexpected device operation.

Read Operations

Read operations are initiated in the same manner as write operations with the exception that the last bit of the slave byte is set to one. After the device acknowledges the register address, it sends out one bit of data for each master clock. After sending eight bits to the master, the master sends a NACK (Not acknowledge) to the device, then sends a stop bit. See Figure 13.

After sending the eighth data bit to the master, the device automatically increments its internal address pointer. So the master, instead of sending the stop bit, can send additional clocks to read the contents of the next register-without sending another slave and address byte. After reading from address 9, the device address wraps around to 0, so continued master clocks would allow an indefinite number of reads from the device.

Register Protection

The Discharge Set, Charge Set, and Feature Set configuration registers are write protected on initial power up. In order to write to these registers it is necessary to set a bit to enable each one. These write enable bits are in the Write Enable register (Address 08H).

Write the FSETEN bit (Addr 8:bit 7) to "1" to enable changes to the data in the Feature Set register (Address 7).

Write the CHSETEN bit (Addr 8:bit 6) to "1" to enable changes to the data in the Feature Set register (Address 6).

Write the DISSETEN bit (Addr 8:bit 5) to "1" to enable changes to the data in the Feature Set register (Address 5).

The microcontroller can reset these bits back to zero to prevent inadvertent writes that change the operation of the pack.

Operation State Machine

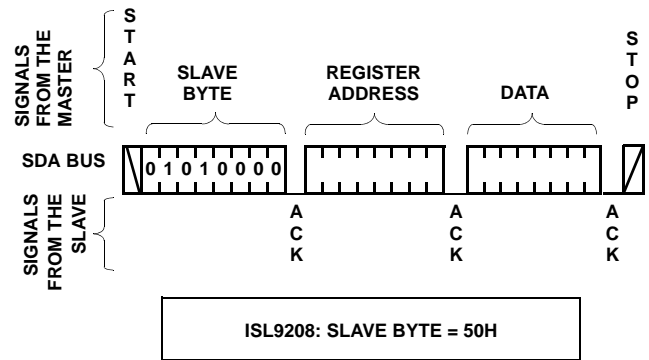Figure 14 shows a device state machine which defines how the ISL9208 responds to various conditions.

ISL9208: SLAVE BYTE = 50H

FIGURE 12. WRITE SEQUENCE

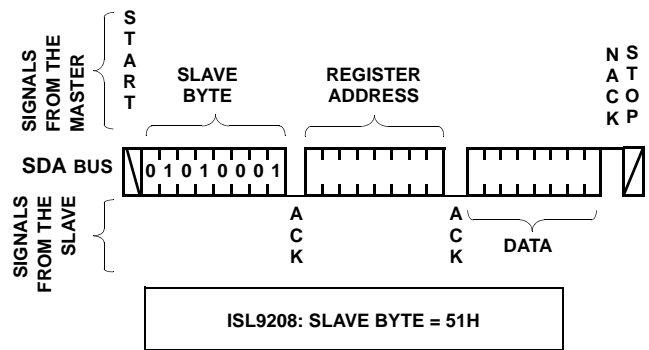**ISL9208: SLAVE BYTE = 51H**

FIGURE 13. READ SEQUENCE

POWER FAILS AND ONE OR MORE OF THE SUPPLIES, VCC, V_{CELL1}, V_{CELL2}, AND V_{CELL3} DO NOT MEET MINIMUM VOLTAGE REQUIREMENTS
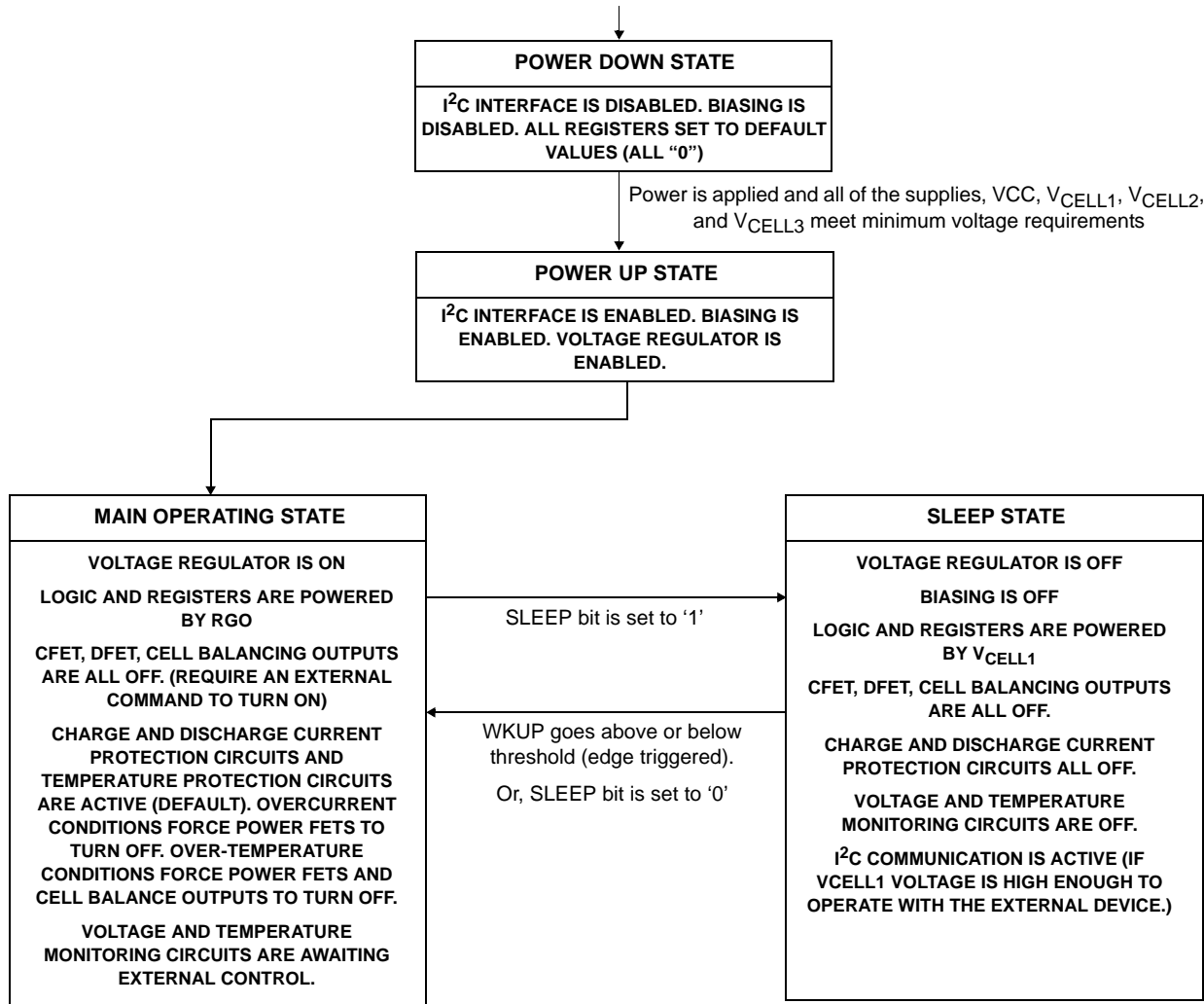
POWER DOWN STATE

I^2C INTERFACE IS DISABLED. BIASING IS DISABLED. ALL REGISTERS SET TO DEFAULT VALUES (ALL "0")

Power is applied and all of the supplies, VCC, V_{CELL1}, V_{CELL2}, and V_{CELL3} meet minimum voltage requirements

POWER UP STATE

I^2C INTERFACE IS ENABLED. BIASING IS ENABLED. VOLTAGE REGULATOR IS ENABLED.

MAIN OPERATING STATE

VOLTAGE REGULATOR IS ON

LOGIC AND REGISTERS ARE POWERED BY RGO

CFET, DFET, CELL BALANCING OUTPUTS ARE ALL OFF. (REQUIRE AN EXTERNAL COMMAND TO TURN ON)

CHARGE AND DISCHARGE CURRENT PROTECTION CIRCUITS AND TEMPERATURE PROTECTION CIRCUITS ARE ACTIVE (DEFAULT). OVERCURRENT CONDITIONS FORCE POWER FETS TO TURN OFF. OVER-TEMPERATURE CONDITIONS FORCE POWER FETS AND CELL BALANCE OUTPUTS TO TURN OFF.

VOLTAGE AND TEMPERATURE MONITORING CIRCUITS ARE AWAITING EXTERNAL CONTROL.

SLEEP bit is set to '1'

WKUP goes above or below threshold (edge triggered).

Or, SLEEP bit is set to '0'

SLEEP STATE

VOLTAGE REGULATOR IS OFF

BIASING IS OFF

LOGIC AND REGISTERS ARE POWERED BY V_{CELL1}

CFET, DFET, CELL BALANCING OUTPUTS ARE ALL OFF.

CHARGE AND DISCHARGE CURRENT PROTECTION CIRCUITS ALL OFF.

VOLTAGE AND TEMPERATURE MONITORING CIRCUITS ARE OFF.

I^2C COMMUNICATION IS ACTIVE (IF VCELL1 VOLTAGE IS HIGH ENOUGH TO OPERATE WITH THE EXTERNAL DEVICE.)

FIGURE 14. DEVICE OPERATION STATE MACHINE

Applications Circuits

The following application circuits are ideas to consider when developing a battery pack implementation. There are many more ways that the pack can be designed.

Also refer to the ISL9208, ISL9216, ISL9217 application guide for additional circuit design guidelines.
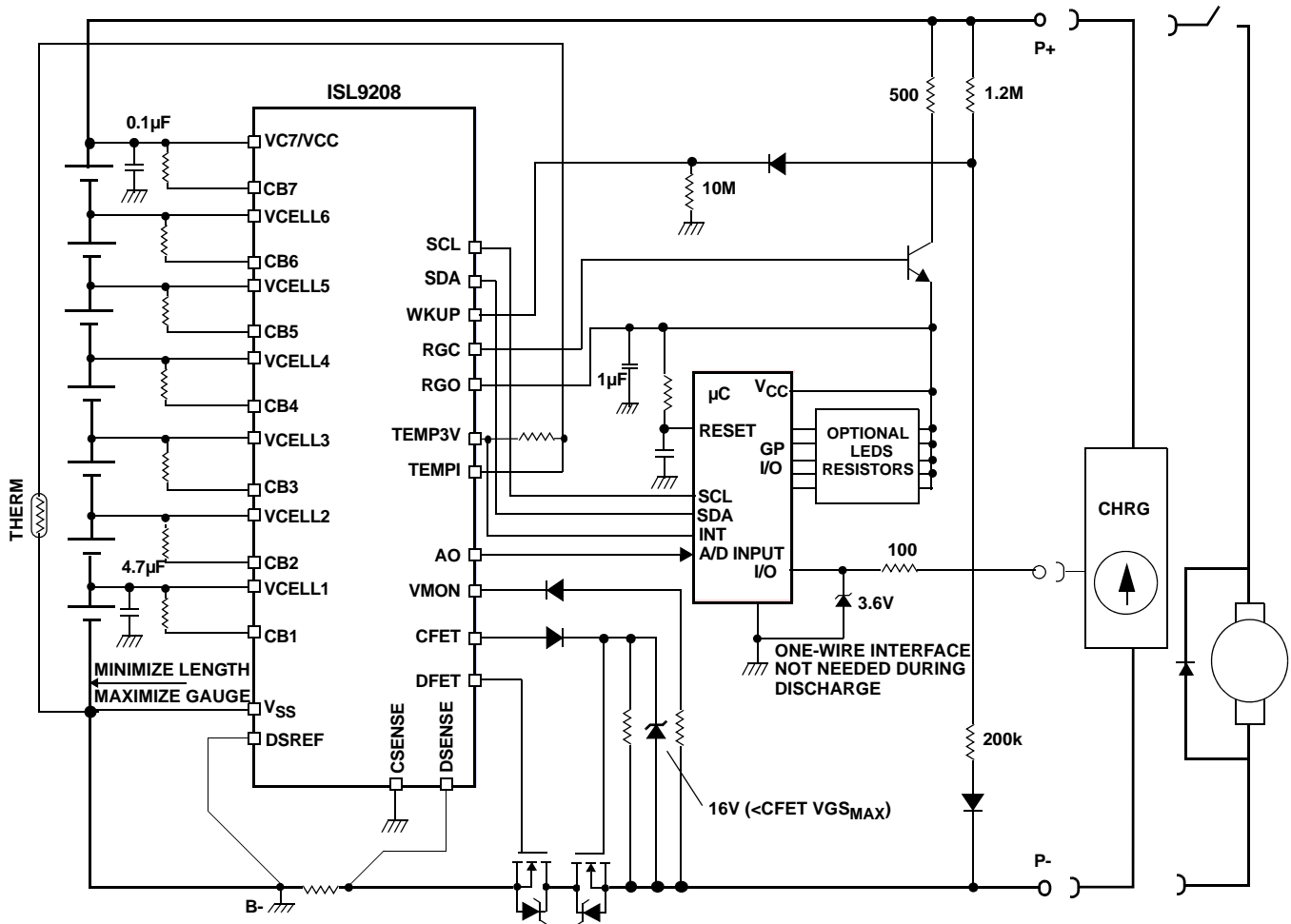

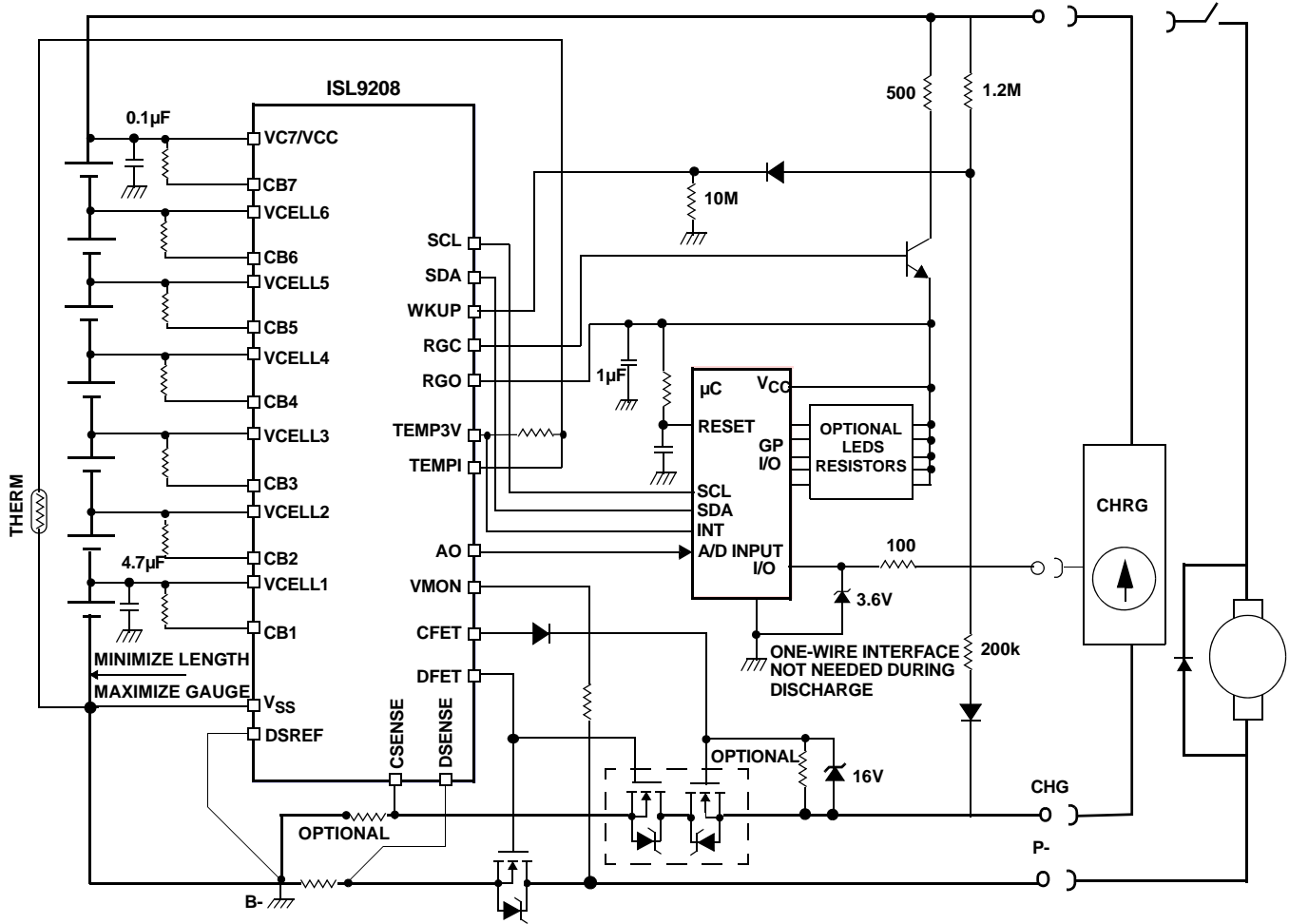**FIGURE 15. 7-CELL APPLICATION CIRCUIT INTEGRATED CHARGE/DISCHARGE**

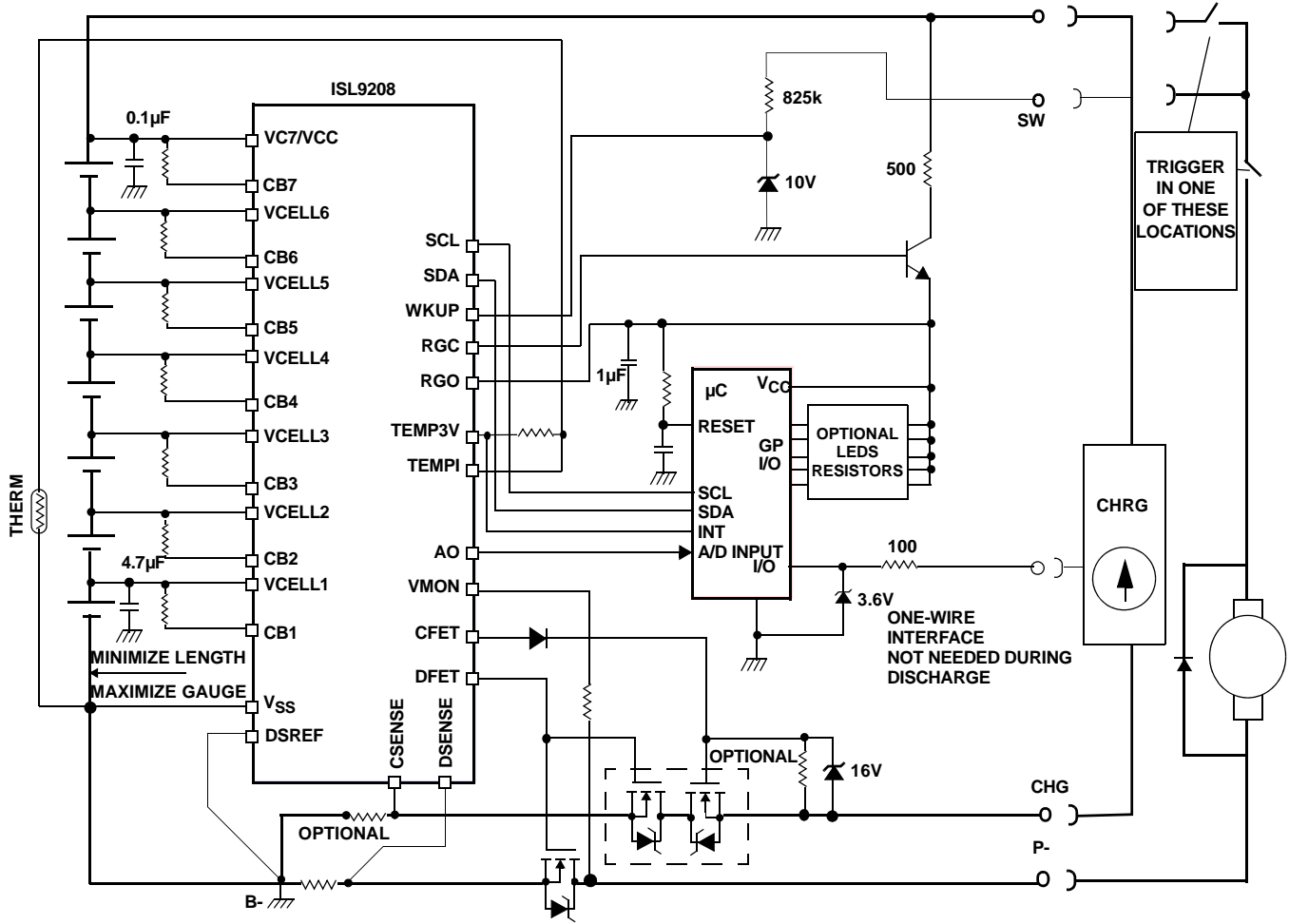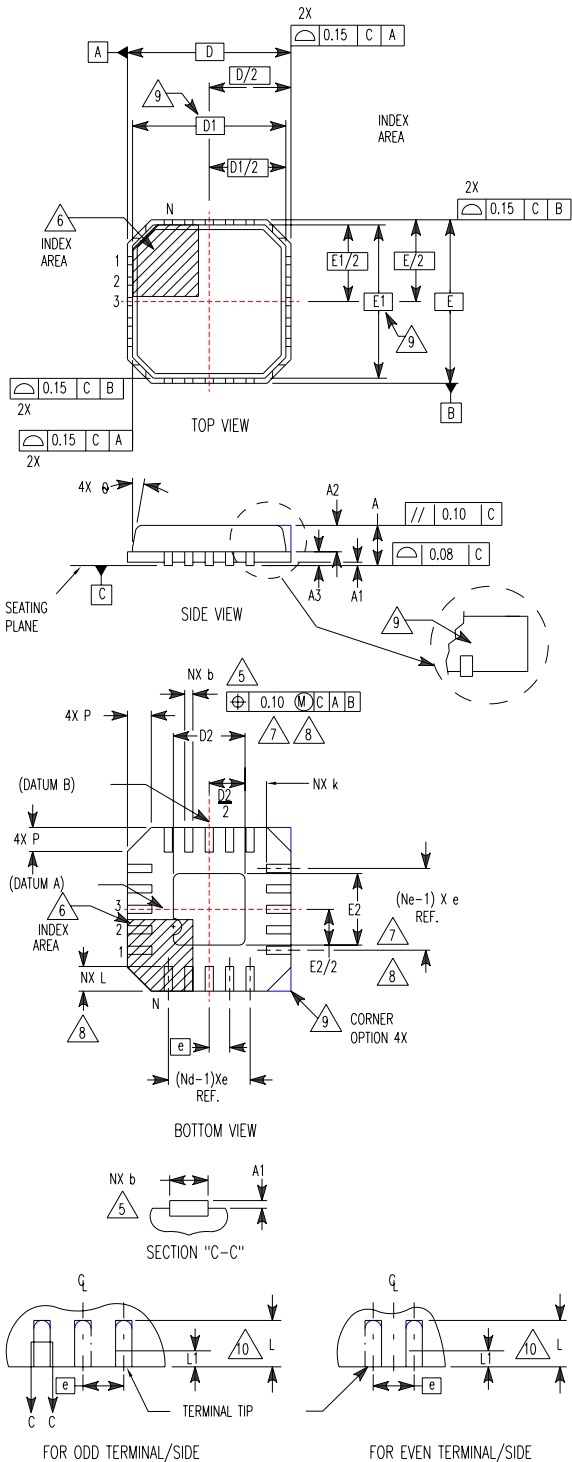**FIGURE 16. 7-CELL APPLICATION CIRCUIT SEPARATE CHARGE/DISCHARGE**

FIGURE 17. 7-CELL APPLICATION CIRCUIT WITH SWITCH WAKE-UP AND SEPARATE CHARGE/DISCHARGE

Quad Flat No-Lead Plastic Package (QFN)
Micro Lead Frame Plastic Package (MLFP)

L32.5x5B
32 LEAD QUAD FLAT NO-LEAD PLASTIC PACKAGE
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SYMBOL	MILLIMETERS			NOTES
	MIN	NOMINAL	MAX	
A	0.80	0.90	1.00	-
A1	-	-	0.05	-
A2	-	-	1.00	9
A3	0.20 REF			9
b	0.18	0.23	0.30	5,8
D	5.00 BSC			-
D1	4.75 BSC			9
D2	3.15	3.30	3.45	7,8
E	5.00 BSC			-
E1	4.75 BSC			9
E2	3.15	3.30	3.45	7,8
e	0.50 BSC			-
k	0.25	-	-	-
L	0.30	0.40	0.50	8
L1	-	-	0.15	10
N	32			2
Nd	8			3
Ne	8			3
P	-	-	0.60	9
θ	-	-	12	9

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NOTES:

1. Dimensioning and tolerancing conform to ASME Y14.5-1994.

2. N is the number of terminals.

3. Nd and Ne refer to the number of terminals on each D and E.

4. All dimensions are in millimeters. Angles are in degrees.

5. Dimension b applies to the metallized terminal and is measured between 0.15mm and 0.30mm from the terminal tip.

6. The configuration of the pin #1 identifier is optional, but must be located within the zone indicated. The pin #1 identifier may be either a mold or mark feature.

7. Dimensions D2 and E2 are for the exposed pads which provide improved electrical and thermal performance.

8. Nominal dimensions are provided to assist with PCB Land Pattern Design efforts, see Intersil Technical Brief TB389.

9. Features and dimensions A2, A3, D1, E1, P & θ are present when Anvil singulation method is used and not present for saw singulation.

10. Depending on the method of lead termination at the edge of the package, a maximum 0.15mm pull back (L1) maybe present. L minus L1 to be equal to or greater than 0.3mm.