MCP1630 Low-Cost NiMH Battery Charger Reference Design

Part Number: MCP1630RD-NMC1





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Low Cost NiMH Battery Charger board preprogrammed to charge 3 NiMH cells. Charge profile and number of batteries can be changed with firmware. The design uses the MCP1630 High-Speed Analog PWM combined with the PIC microcontroller. Charge current is initially set for 1.35A fast charge.



Features

Package Contents

- Programmed parameters modified in firmware
- Factory Settings:
- Preconditioning Charge Current =170 mA
- Preconditioning Threshold = 3 V
- Constant Current Fast Charge = 1.35 A
- Charge Termination based on delta VBATT / delta time
- Charge Termination based on delta + TBATT / delta time, with external thermistor installed
 - Top Off Charge Current = 130 mA for 1 Hour
 - Overvoltage protection (battery removed)
 - Overcharge protection to prevent damaging the battery
 - Overcurrent protection in the event of a shorted battery
 - Battery reversal protection
 - Input short circuit protection
 - Overtemperature protection to prevent the battery from reaching too high a temperature during charge
 - Soft-start capability by holding the reference voltage low during power-up
 - The MCP1630 Low-Cost NiMH Battery Charger has the flexibility to optimize the charging algorithm for new battery technology, different battery chemistries or different battery pack configurations
 - Proprietary features can be added by modifying the firmware contained in the PIC12F683
 - The factory-programmed source code is available
 - Ability to adapt to environmental effects, such as ambient temperature

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