

bq24018 (bqTINY™)

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1 Introductions

This user's guide describes the bq24018 (bqTINY™) evaluation module. The EVM provides a convenient method for evaluating the performance of a charge-management solution for portable applications using the bq24018 product family. A complete designed and tested charger is presented. The charger is designed to deliver up to 1 A of continuous charge current, but is programmed for 0.7 A, for single-cell Li-Ion or Li-Pol applications using a dc power supply.

1.1 Background

The bqTINY series are highly integrated Li-Ion and Li-Pol linear charge-management devices targeted at space-limited portable applications. In a small package, the bqTINY series offer integrated PowerFET and current sensor, reverse blocking diode, high-accuracy current and voltage regulation, charge status, and charge termination.

The bqTINY charges the battery in three phases: conditioning, constant current, and constant voltage. Charge terminates on the basis of minimum current. An internal charge-timer provides backup safety for charge termination. The bqTINY automatically restarts the charge if the battery voltage falls below an internal threshold and automatically enters sleep mode when V_{CC} supply is removed.

1.2 Performance Specification Summary

This section summarizes the performance specifications of the EVM. [Table 1](#) gives the performance specifications of the EVM.

Table 1. Performance Specification Summary

Specification		Test Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
$V_{I(DC)}$	Input dc voltage		$V_{REG} + 0.5$	5.0	5.4 ⁽¹⁾	V
$I_{O(CHG)}$	Battery charge current	See ⁽¹⁾		0.7	1	A
	Power dissipation	$(V_{(DC+)} - V_{(BAT+)}) \times I_{(CHG)}$			1.5	W

⁽¹⁾ This input voltage maximum is a function of the maximum allowable power dissipation on the IC. The current level is programmed for 0.7 A. If the programmed charge is changed, then the maximum input voltage must be adjusted. $P_{maxIC} = 1.5$ Watt = $I_{CHG}(V_{DC+} - V_{BAT+})$.

2 Test Summary

This chapter describes the test setups used and the tests performed in evaluating the EVM.

Setup: The bq24018 EVM board requires a single-cell Li-Ion or Li-Pol battery pack and a 5-VDC, 1-A power source to provide input power. The test setup connections and jumper setting selections are configured for a stand-alone evaluation but can be changed to interface with external hardware, such as a microcontroller.

2.1 I/O and Jumper Connections

Jack	Connect To:
J1-DC+	Power supply positive, preset to 5.0VDC, 1-A current limit
J1-DC-	Power supply ground
J2-BAT+	Positive battery pack terminal
J2-BAT-	Negative battery pack terminal
J2-TTE	NC required — pulled down with 10 kΩ resistor on the EVM
J2-BAT-	NC
J3-STAT1	External hardware if J4-EXT is jumpered (not jumpered from factory)
J3-STAT2	External hardware if J5-EXT is jumpered (not jumpered from factory)
J3-DC-	Return for J3 signals
J3- \overline{CE}	NC required — pulled down with 10-kΩ resistor on the EVM
J4 (Jumper)	STAT1 indication location — LED (EVM) EXT
J5 (Jumper)	STAT2 indication location — LED (EVM) EXT

2.2 Test Procedure

Set up the evaluation board as described above, by making the necessary I/O connections and jumper selections. **Before test and evaluation, it is important to verify that the maximum power dissipation on the IC is not exceeded: $P_{(MAX)} = 1.5$ watts.**

1. Turn on the power supply, which was preset to 5.0 VDC and 1 A for the current-limit setting.
2. The bq24018 enters preconditioning mode if the battery is below the $V_{(LOWV)}$ threshold. In this mode, the bq24018 precharges the battery with a low current (typically $I_{O(CHG)}/10 = 0.7A/10 = 70$ mA) until the battery voltage reaches the $V_{(LOWV)}$ threshold or until the precharge timer expires. If the timer expires, then the charge current is terminated, the bq24018 enters fault mode, and both LEDs turn off. Toggling input power or battery replacement resets fault mode.
3. Once the battery voltage is above the $V_{(LOWV)}$ threshold, the battery enters fast-charge mode. This EVM is programmed for 0.7 A of fast-charging current.
4. Once the battery reaches voltage regulation (4.36 V), the current tapers down as the battery reaches its full capacity.
5. The battery remains at the fast-charge mode until the fast-charge timer expires, the charge taper time expires, or the charge termination threshold is reached.
6. If the battery discharges to the recharge threshold, the charger starts fast charging.

In place of a battery, a source meter that can sink current can easily be adjusted to test each mode.

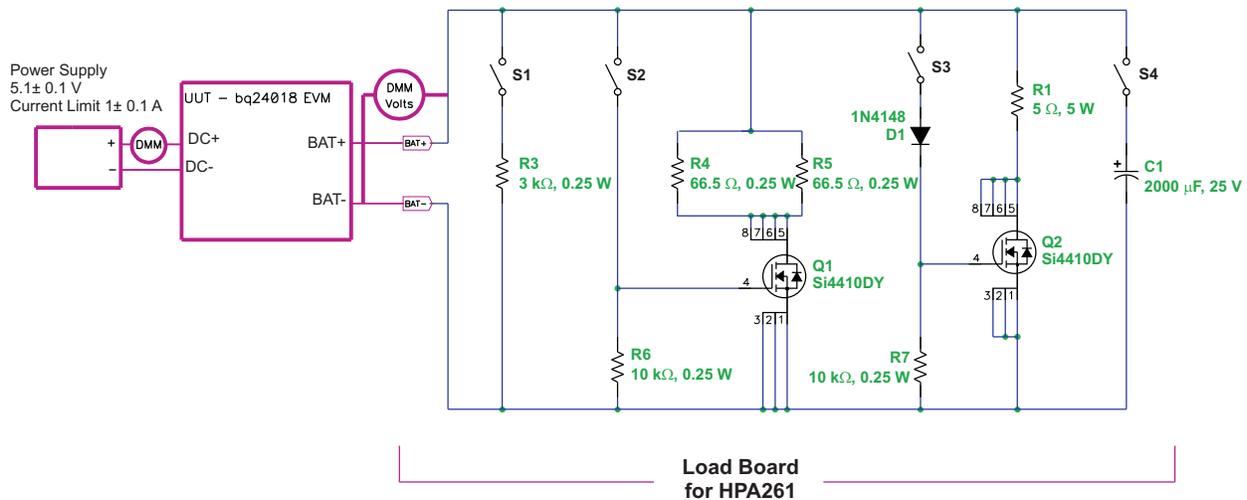
Another way to briefly see each mode on a scope is to connect a 1-mF capacitor and a 10-k Ω resistor on the output in place of a battery to observe the power-up and cycling between voltage regulation and fast charge via the refresh threshold.

Note: Because of the battery-detection circuit, it is not possible to switch-in static load resistors to jump between regulation and constant-current modes. An alternate procedure described below uses a dynamic load to replace the battery circuit. That procedure allows testing of each mode.

This is an alternative way of testing the EVM using a dynamic load board in place of a battery. The circuit is adjusted to work with the displayed parts and their inherent thresholds. The sequence of the test procedure is important because of the active battery-detection circuit, refresh feature, and precharge and fast-charge current levels (switching load in or out has different results in different modes). No damage should occur, but results might be different than anticipated if the procedure is altered.

2.2.1 Equipment

1. Power source: current-limited 5-V lab supply with its current limit set to 1.0 A \pm 0.1 Amp
2. Two Fluke 75, equivalent or better
3. Oscilloscope – TDS220 or better
4. Load test board:



2.2.2 Equipment Setup

1. Connect the load board to the BAT+ and BAT-. Set SW1 through SW4 in the closed position.
2. Connect a voltage meter to the BAT+/BAT- output to monitor the output voltage (range 0 to 5 V).
3. Set the lab supply for 5.1 V \pm 0.1VDC, 1.0 \pm 0.1 A current limit, and then turn off the supply. Connect the source supply to a current meter and to J1, noting polarity. (may use an internal source current meter if it has 5% or better accuracy.)
4. Install shunt jumpers on the **LED** pins 1 and 2 of each header J4 and J5.

2.2.3 Procedure

1. Ensure that EQUIPMENT SETUP steps are followed. (switches should be in the closed position, shunts installed, and power source set to 5.1 V/±0.1 VDC.) Turn on the power source.
2. Verify the red LED is lit.
3. Verify output voltage charges to $2.7 \pm 0.2V$.
4. Open switch, SW2, and then close switch, SW2
5. Verify output voltage settles at $3.5 \pm 0.2V$.
6. Verify that the input current is 0.73 ± 0.08 Amps
7. Open switch, SW3
8. Verify that the input current is 0.13 ± 0.03 Amps
9. Verify the output voltage, $4.360V \pm 0.050$ VDC
10. Open switch SW2.
11. Verify, with a scope (1V/div, 200ms/div), that the output charges to $4.4V \pm 0.1V$ and discharges to $3.6V \pm 0.5V$ at a frequency of $1Hz \pm 0.5$ Hz.
12. Verify that the LEDs flash between RED (D1) and GREEN (D2, mostly on green).
13. Close switch, SW2 and SW3 (all switches should be closed now) and power down supply.
14. EVM is good if all tests have passed. Remove I/O connections.
15. If there are more EVMs to test, loop back to 7.1 and continue until all units have been tested.

3 Reference

1. bq2401x data sheet ([SLUS530](#))

4 Schematic, Physical Layouts, and Bill of Materials

This chapter contains the schematic diagram, the board layouts and assembly drawings, and the bill of materials required for the EVM.

4.1 Schematic

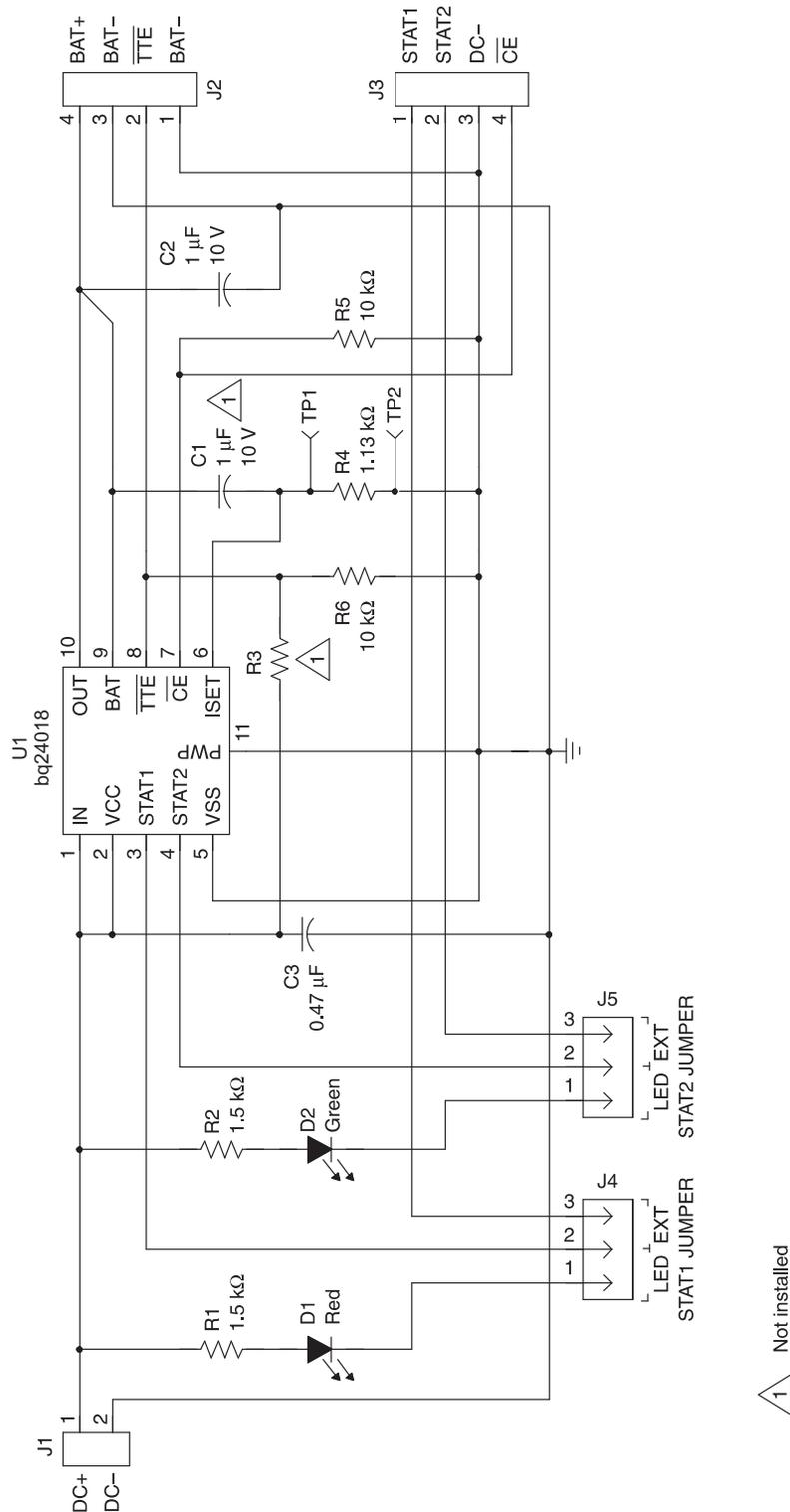


Figure 1. EVM Schematic Diagram

4.2 Physical Layouts

4.2.1 Board Layout

Figure 2 shows the assembly view of the EVM. Figure 3 shows the top layer. Figure 4 shows the bottom layer.

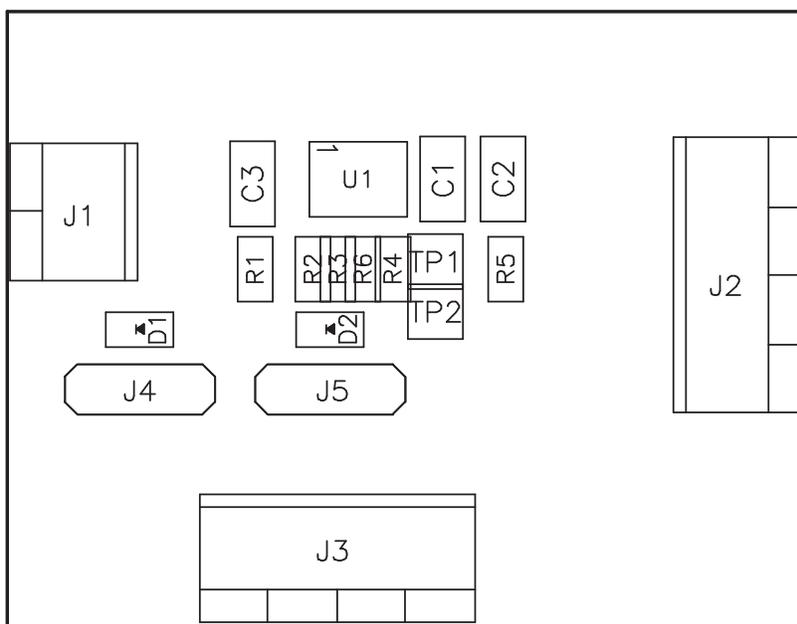


Figure 2. Assembly View

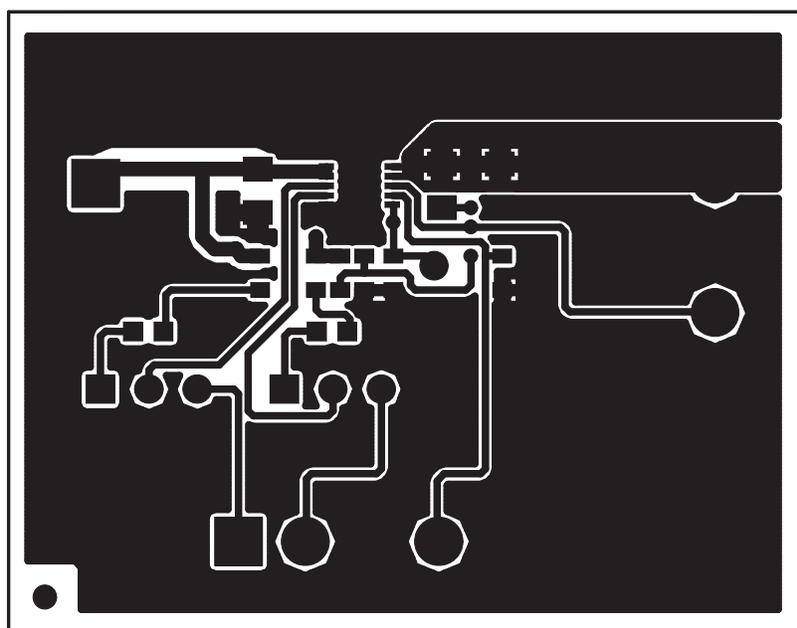


Figure 3. Top Layer

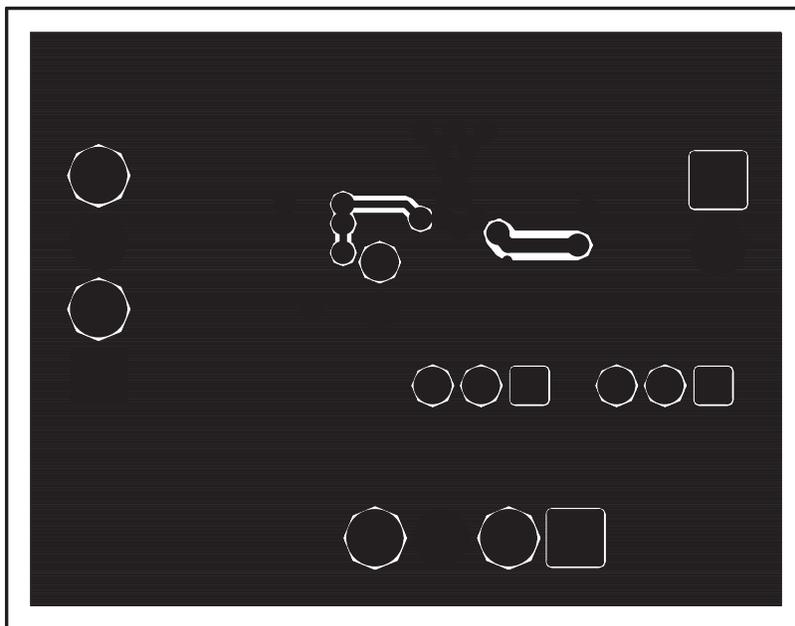


Figure 4. Bottom Layer

4.3 Bill of Materials

Table 2 lists materials required for the EVM.

Table 2. Bill of Materials

Item Number	bq24018	Ref Des	Description	Size	MFR	Part Number
1	0	C1	Capacitor, ceramic, X5R, 1 μ F, 10 V	805	Panasonic	ECJ-2YB1A105K
2	1	C2	Capacitor, ceramic, X5R, 1 μ F, 10 V	805	Panasonic	ECJ-2YB1A105K
3	1	C3	Capacitor, ceramic, X7R, 0.47 μ F, 16 V	805	Panasonic	ECJ-2YB1C474K
4	1	D1	Diode, LED, red, 1.8 V, 20 mA, 20 mcd	603	Lite-On	160-1181-1-ND
5	1	D2	Diode, LED, green, 2.1 V, 20 mA, 6 mcd	603	Lite-On	160-1183-1-ND
6	1	J1	Terminal block, 2 pin, 6 A, 3,5 mm	0.27 \times 0.25	OST	ED1514
7	2	J2, J3	Terminal block, 4 pin, 6 A, 3,5 mm	0.55 \times 0.25	OST	ED1516
8	2	J4, J5	Header, 3 pin, 100 mil spacing, (36-pin strip)	0.100 \times 3	Sullins	PTC36SAAN
9	2	R1, R2	Resistor, chip, 1.5 k Ω , 1/16 W, 1%	603	Std	Std
10	0	R3	Resistor, chip, 1 M Ω , 1/16 W, 1%	602	Std	Std
11	2	R5, R6	Resistor, chip, 10 k Ω , 1/16 W, 1%1	603	Std	Std
12	1	R4	Resistor, chip, 1.3 k Ω , 1/16 W, 1%	603	Std	Std
13	1	U1	IC, single Li-Ion/Li-Polymer, charge manager	MLP10	TI	bq24018DRC
14	2	—	Shunt, 100-mil, black	0.100	3M	929950-00
15	1	—	PCB, bq24018, 1.6 in \times 1.3 in \times 0.031 in		Any	HPA261

Notes: 1) These assemblies are ESD sensitive; ESD precautions must be observed.
 2) These assemblies must be clean and free from flux and all contaminants. Use of no-clean flux is not acceptable.
 3) These assemblies must comply with workmanship standards IPC-A-610 Class 2.
 4) Reference designators marked with an asterisk (**) cannot be replaced by substitutes. All other components can be replaced with equivalent manufacturer components.

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It is important to operate this EVM within the input voltage range of 0 V to 5.4 V and the output voltage range of 0 V to 4.25 V.

Exceeding the specified input range may cause unexpected operation and/or irreversible damage to the EVM. If there are questions concerning the input range, please contact a TI field representative prior to connecting the input power.

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