

2. Battery charger design

The products listed in the applicability table are not equipped with a battery charger. Aim of this application note therefore, is to help the customers to design a battery charger that goes along with a Telit module, suitable for applications that are battery powered with a Li-Ion (or Li-Polymer) cell.

2.1. Example of battery chargers

2.1.1. Battery Charger with 5V input

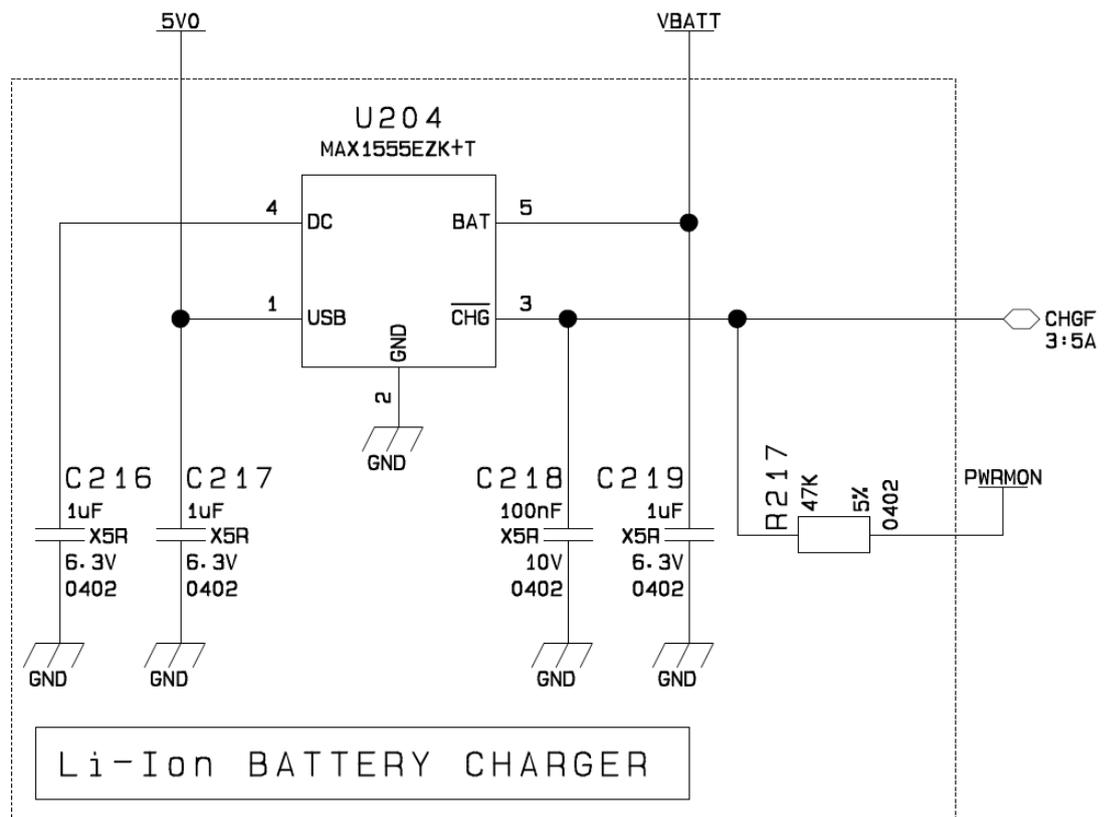


Fig 1: Battery Charger with 5V input power supply.

The MAX1555 charges the Li-Ion Cell by CCCV technique (Constant Current Constant Voltage).

If VBATT is less than 3 V, the device enters in pre-charge mode, where recharging current is limited to 40 mA. That low recharge current is suitable to “recover” an over-discharged cell.



With VBATT voltage between 3 V and 4.2 V, the recharge current is 90 mA Typ (Constant Current).

With 4.2 V VBATT, the recharge continues in Constant Voltage. In Constant Voltage mode, the recharge current is reduced with the recharge progress. When the recharge current falls to 50 mA Typ, the CHGF pin goes high to indicate the recharge of the battery has been completed. A GPI/O of the M2M can be used to monitor the state of recharge.



NOTE:

the CHGF pin is high also without power supply on the MAX 1555.

With power supply on USB input (5V0 in figure “Li-Ion BATTERY CHARGER”), the Constant Current recharge is 90 mA typ.

With power supply on DC input, the Constant Current recharge is 280 mA typ.

If it is necessary a higher Constant Current recharge, it is necessary to make use of the MAX 1811: Constant Current 450 mA typ.

The 450 mA recharge current is suitable for a cell capacity up to 2000 mAh.

The Li-Ion battery will be charged over the current range of 0.1 CmA to 1.5 CmA.

450 mA are 0.4 CmA for the 2000 mAh battery.

450 mA are 1.1 CmA for the 500 mAh battery.

For the Li-Ion BATTERY CHARGER, the BATT leakage current (without input power supply) is limited: 1 µA typ.

It is not provided a battery temperature gauging to manage the recharge current regarding temperature battery.

2.1.2. Battery Charger with up to 76V input

If it is necessary a wider power supply voltage, it is possible to make use of the MAX5033B to obtain a power supply voltage up to 76 V DC input voltage.

The MAX 5033B is a step down DC-DC converter with 5 V output voltage. The 500 mA output current is enough to power supply the MAX 1555 or MAX 1811.

The BJT is optional: if it is not necessary the ON /OFF function for the voltage regulator, the BJT can be left out.



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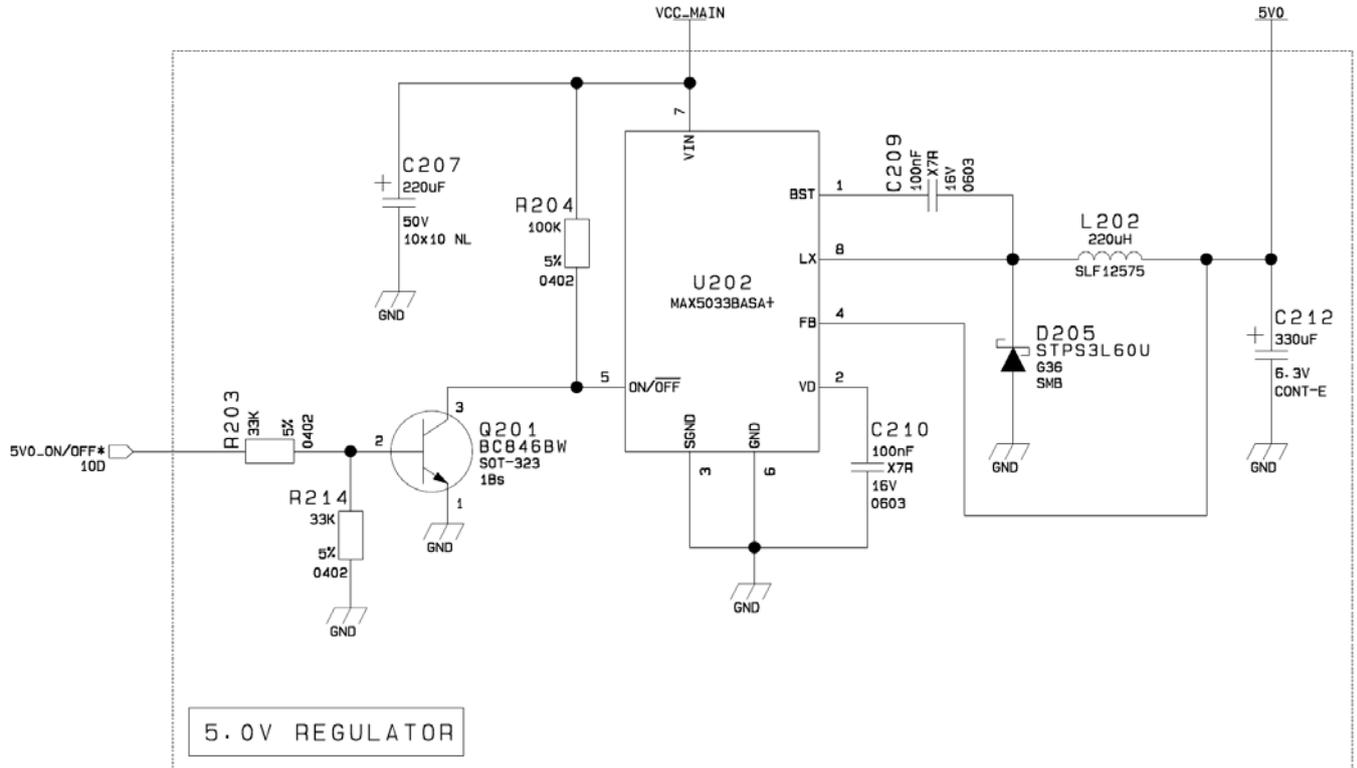


Fig.2: Wider input power supply voltage (up to 76 V DC input voltage).

