

Charger 29 Click



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Charger 29 Click is a compact add-on board designed for single-cell battery charging and power path management in low-power, portable applications. It is based on the [BQ25188](#) linear battery charger IC from [Texas Instruments](#). This Click board™ supports fast charge currents from 5mA to 1A and system loads up to 3A, with ultra-low quiescent current to extend battery life. It features a wide input voltage range (3V–18V via VEXT or 5V via mikroBUS™), and provides a regulated system output adjustable between 4.4V and 5.5V. The integrated battery temperature monitoring supports configurable NTC thresholds and JEITA compliance. With built-in protections including overvoltage, overcurrent, thermal regulation, and battery fault detection, Charger 29 Click offers a flexible and safe power solution. It is ideal for smart wearables, TWS headsets, AR/VR devices, and other portable or battery-powered systems.

For more information about **Charger 29 Click** visit the official [product page](#).

How does it work?

Charger 29 Click is based on the BQ25188, a highly integrated linear battery charger from Texas Instruments, optimized for extending battery life through its ultra-low quiescent current operation. This board is made for single-cell battery charging and power path management in low-power, space-constrained applications. It supports fast charging currents configurable from 5mA to 1A, making it suitable for various battery chemistries including Li-ion, Li-Polymer, and LiFePO4. The board allows a system load of up to 3A, thanks to the 55mΩ ON-resistance battery FET and advanced power path control, ensuring easy supply switching between input and battery sources.

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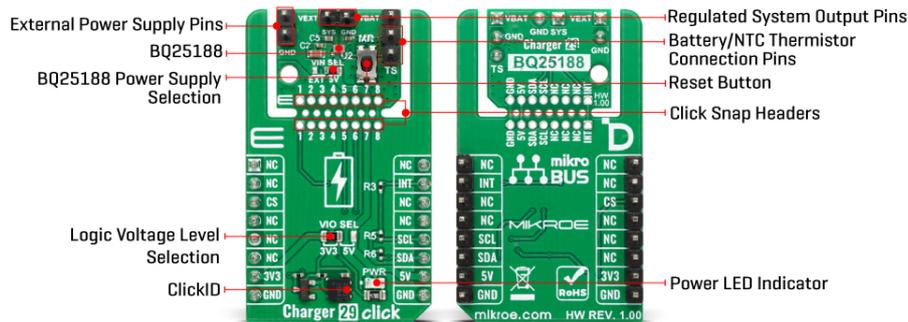
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Charger 29 Click is capable of operating from a wide input voltage range of 3V to 18V via the VEXT header, allowing battery-to-battery charging scenarios, while also supporting 5V input from the mikroBUS™ power rail. Input power source selection is easily managed using the VIN SEL jumper. The charger provides a regulated system output on the SYS header, adjustable from 4.4V to 5.5V, and also supports battery voltage tracking. The BQ25188 integrates intelligent battery temperature monitoring via the TS pin with configurable NTC thresholds, including full JEITA compliance, to ensure safe charging in wearable and portable devices.

Moreover, the board includes comprehensive protection mechanisms such as input overvoltage, battery short and overcurrent protection, thermal regulation and shutdown, and battery thermal fault detection. Its battery regulation voltage can be finely tuned with 0.5% accuracy in 10mV steps across a 3.6V to 4.65V range. Charger 29 Click is a highly adaptable and reliable power management solution, ideal for use in smart wearables, TWS headsets and charging cases, AR/VR glasses, retail automation systems, and building automation applications.

This Click board™ is designed in a unique format supporting the newly introduced MIKROE feature called "Click Snap." Unlike the standardized version of Click boards, this feature allows the main sensor/IC/module area to become movable by breaking the PCB, opening up many new possibilities for implementation. Thanks to the Snap feature, the BQ25188 can operate autonomously by accessing its signals directly on the pins marked 1-8. Additionally, the Snap part includes a specified and fixed screw hole position, enabling users to secure the Snap board in their desired location.

This Click board™ uses an I2C interface with clock speeds of up to 400kHz, ensuring fast communication with the host MCU. Beyond communication pins, this board is also equipped with an interrupt (INT) pin that signals fault interrupts, and a MR button to send interrupts to the host MCU as a button is pressed or to allow the application end user to reset the system.

This Click board™ can operate with either 3.3V or 5V logic voltage levels selected via the VIO SEL jumper. This way, both 3.3V and 5V capable MCUs can use the communication lines properly. Also, this Click board™ comes equipped with a library containing easy-to-use functions and an example code that can be used as a reference for further development.

Click Snap

Click Snap is an innovative feature of our standardized Click add-on boards, designed to bring

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greater flexibility and optimize your prototypes. By simply snapping the PCB along predefined lines, you can easily detach the main sensor/IC/module area, reducing the overall size, weight, and power consumption - ideal for the final phase of prototyping. For more details about Click Snap, visit the [official page](#) dedicated to this feature.

Specifications

Type	Battery charger
Applications	Ideal for smart wearables, TWS headsets, AR/VR devices, and other portable or battery-powered systems
On-board modules	BQ25188 - 1-cell linear battery charger with power path from Texas Instruments
Key Features	Support for fast charging currents from 5mA to 1A, system load capability up to 3A, ultra-low quiescent current operation, wide input voltage range, adjustable regulated system output, configurable battery regulation voltage in 10mV steps with 0.5% accuracy, support for Li-ion, Li-Polymer, and LiFePO4 chemistries, advanced power path management, integrated battery temperature monitoring with configurable NTC thresholds and JEITA compliance, multiple safety protections, Click Snap, and more
Interface	I2C
Feature	Click Snap, ClickID
Compatibility	mikroBUS™
Click board size	M (42.9 x 25.4 mm)
Input Voltage	3.3V or 5V, External

Pinout diagram

This table shows how the pinout on Charger 29 Click corresponds to the pinout on the mikroBUS™ socket (the latter shown in the two middle columns).

Notes	Pin					Pin	Notes
	NC	1	AN	PWM	16	NC	
	NC	2	RST	INT	15	INT	Interrupt
ID COMM	CS	3	CS	RX	14	NC	
	NC	4	SCK	TX	13	NC	
	NC	5	MISO	SCL	12	SCL	I2C Clock
	NC	6	MOSI	SDA	11	SDA	I2C Data
Power Supply	3.3V	7	3.3V	5V	10	5V	Power Supply
Ground	GND	8	GND	GND	9	GND	Ground

Onboard settings and indicators

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Label	Name	Default	Description
LD1	PWR	-	Power LED Indicator
JP1	VIO SEL	Left	Logic Voltage Level Selection 3V3/5V: Left position 3V3, Right position 5V
JP2	VIN SEL	Left	BQ25188 Power Supply Selection EXT/5V: Left position EXT, Right position 5V
T1	MR	-	Reset Button

Charger 29 Click electrical specifications

Description	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Supply Voltage	3.3	-	5	V
External Supply Voltage	3	-	18	V
Charge Current	-	-	1	A
System Load Current	-	-	3	A
Battery Regulation Voltage	3.6	-	4.65	V
System Output Voltage	4.4	-	5.5	V

Software Support

[Charger 29 Click](#) demo application is developed using the [NECTO Studio](#), ensuring compatibility with [mikroSDK](#)'s open-source libraries and tools. Designed for plug-and-play implementation and testing, the demo is fully compatible with all development, starter, and mikromedia boards featuring a [mikroBUS™](#) socket.

Example Description

This example demonstrates the use of the Charger 29 Click board. The application initializes the device and periodically checks the charging status. The status is displayed over the UART terminal and reflects whether the battery is charging in constant current (CC) mode, constant voltage (CV) mode, fully charged, or not charging.

Key Functions

- `charger29_cfg_setup` This function initializes Click configuration structure to initial values.
- `charger29_init` This function initializes all necessary pins and peripherals used for this Click board.
- `charger29_default_cfg` This function executes a default configuration of Charger 29 Click board.
- `charger29_enable_charging` This function enables charging by clearing the charging disable bit.
- `charger29_set_charging_current` This function sets the charging current based on the specified value in milliamps.
- `charger29_read_status` This function reads the status and flag registers of the Charger 29 Click board.

Application Init

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Initializes the logger and the Charger 29 Click driver and applies default configuration.

Application Task

Periodically reads and logs the charging status once per second.

Application Output

This Click board can be interfaced and monitored in two ways:

- Application Output - Use the "Application Output" window in Debug mode for real-time data monitoring. Set it up properly by following [this tutorial](#).
- UART Terminal - Monitor data via the UART Terminal using a [USB to UART converter](#). For detailed instructions, check out [this tutorial](#).

Additional Notes and Information

The complete application code and a ready-to-use project are available through the NECTO Studio Package Manager for direct installation in the [NECTO Studio](#). The application code can also be found on the MIKROE [GitHub](#) account.

Resources

[mikroBUS™](#)

[mikroSDK](#)

[Click board™ Catalog](#)

[Click boards™](#)

[ClickID](#)

Downloads

[Charger 29 click example package](#)

[Charger 29 click 2D and 3D files v100](#)

[BQ25188 datasheet](#)

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