

Charger 18 Click



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Charger 18 Click is a compact add-on board representing a single-cell battery charger. This board features the [LTC3553](#), a micropower, highly integrated power management, and battery charger for single-cell Li-Ion/Polymer battery applications from [Analog Devices](#). Designed specifically for USB applications, it also includes a PowerPath manager with automatic load prioritization and input current limit, a battery charger, and numerous internal protection features. It also indicates a battery charge state, and it comes with a synchronous 200mA buck regulator and a 150mA low dropout linear regulator (LDO). This Click board™ is suitable as a Li-Ion/Polymer battery charger for portable devices and accessories, power tools, and more.

Charger 18 Click is supported by a [mikroSDK](#) compliant library, which includes functions that simplify software development. This [Click board™](#) comes as a fully tested product, ready to be used on a system equipped with the [mikroBUS™](#) socket.

How does it work?

Charger 18 Click as its foundation uses the LTC3553, a micropower multifunction power management integrated circuit (PMIC) for portable Li-Ion/Polymer battery-based applications from Analog Devices. It combines a USB-compatible PowerPath manager with automatic load prioritization delivering up to 400mA battery charge current from a 5V USB input. The device's 'instant-on' operation ensures immediate system load power when a USB supply is available, even with a fully discharged battery. Alongside a stand-alone battery charger, it also has a high-efficiency synchronous 200mA buck regulator and a 150mA low dropout linear regulator available on the present onboard connectors.

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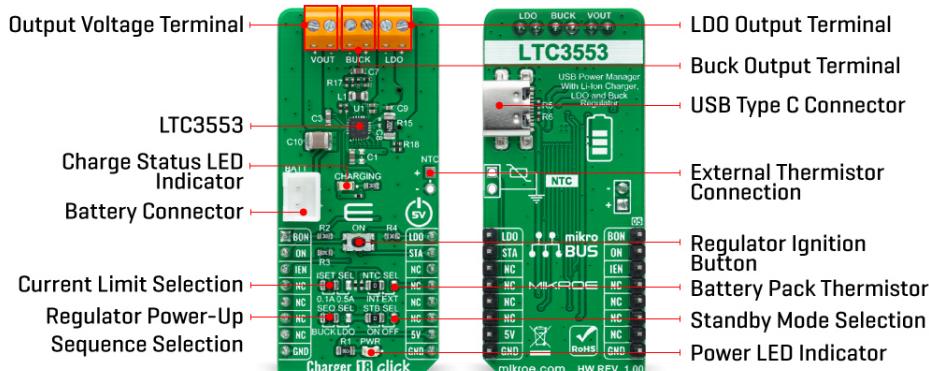
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This Click board™ has an input current limit selection allowing the user to select between 100mA and 500mA input current limit. The choice can be made by positioning the SMD jumper labeled as ISET SEL to an appropriate position. Besides ISET, it also possesses SEQ SEL jumper selection determining which regulator is enabled before the other. The first-regulator power-up selection is made by positioning this SMD jumper to an appropriate position marked as BUCK or LDO.

On the other hand, the BON and LDO pins routed to the AN and PWM pins on the mikroBUS™ socket enable the buck and LDO regulators by setting these pins to a high logic state. Alongside these pins, the LTC3553 also includes a pushbutton input to control the two regulators and system reset - an onboard pushbutton labeled ON, also routed to the RST pin on the mikroBUS™, representing the Regulator Ignition button. Pressing the button causes an STA interrupt, informing the MCU that this event has occurred.

These regulators are also related to a Standby Mode, selectable through an SMD jumper labeled as ISET SEL. When this jumper is placed ON, the buck and the LDO regulator quiescent current are reduced to low levels while maintaining output voltage regulation. The buck regulator is limited to a 10mA maximum load current in this mode, and the LDO regulator's response to line and load transients is slower.

As already mentioned in the text, this Click board™ communicates with MCU using several GPIO pins. With the IEN pin routed to the CS pin on the mikroBUS™ socket is pulled high, the LTC3553 enters Suspend mode to comply with the USB specification. In this mode, the power path between USB and VOUT is put in a high impedance state to reduce the USB input current. This Click board™ also comes with a blue LED labeled as CHARGING for battery charging state.

An NTC function is also available for temperature-qualified charging. The temperature monitoring feature is selectable via jumper labeled as NTC SEL, where the user can choose between external or internal modes of monitoring. A negative temperature coefficient (NTC) thermistor input for the battery temperature monitor is provided for external mode.

This Click board™ can be operated only with a 5V logic voltage level. The board must perform appropriate logic voltage level conversion before using MCUs with different logic levels. However, the Click board™ comes equipped with a library containing functions and an example code that can be used, as a reference, for further development.

Specifications

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Type	Battery charger	
Applications	Can be used as a Li-Ion/Polymer battery charger for portable devices and accessories, power tools, and more	
On-board modules	LTC3553 - micropower, highly integrated power management, and battery charger for single-cell Li-Ion/Polymer battery applications from Analog Devices	
Key Features	High efficiency, USB, integrated buck and LDO regulators, accuracy, programmable input current limit, battery charging indication, and more	
Interface	GPIO	
ClickID	No	
Compatibility	mikroBUS™	
Click board size	L (57.15 x 25.4 mm)	
Input Voltage	5V, External	

Pinout diagram

This table shows how the pinout on Charger 18 Click corresponds to the pinout on the mikroBUS™ socket (the latter shown in the two middle columns).

Notes	Pin	mikro™ BUS				Pin	Notes
Buck Enable	BON	1	AN	PWM	16	LDO	LDO Enable
Regulator Ignition	ON	2	RST	INT	15	STA	Pushbutton Status
Suspend Mode	IEN	3	CS	RX	14	NC	
	NC	4	SCK	TX	13	NC	
	NC	5	MISO	SCL	12	NC	
	NC	6	MOSI	SDA	11	NC	
	NC	7	3.3V	5V	10	5V	Power Supply
Ground	GND	8	GND	GND	9	GND	Ground

Onboard settings and indicators

Label	Name	Default	Description
LD1	PWR	-	Power LED Indicator
LD2	CHARGING	-	Charge Status LED Indicator
JP1	ISET SEL	Left	Current Limit Selection 0.1A/0.5A: Left position 0.1A, Right position 0.5A
JP2	SEQ SEL	Left	Regulator Power-Up Sequence Selection BUCK/LDO: Left position BUCK, Right position LDO

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JP3	STB SEL	Left	Standby Mode Selection ON/OFF: Left position ON, Right position OFF
JP4	NTC SEL	Left	Battery Pack Thermistor Selection INT/EXT: Left position INT, Right position EXT
T1	ON	-	Regulator Ignition Button
J1	NTC	Unpopulated	External Thermistor Connection Header

Charger 18 Click electrical specifications

Description	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Supply Voltage	-	5	-	V
Charge Output Current	-	400	-	mA
Buck Regulator Output Current	-	200	-	mA
LDO Output Current	-	150	-	mA
Operating Temperature Range	-40	+25	+85	°C

Software Support

We provide a library for the Charger 18 Click as well as a demo application (example), developed using MikroElektronika [compilers](#). The demo can run on all the main MikroElektronika [development boards](#).

Package can be downloaded/installed directly from NECTO Studio Package Manager(recommended way), downloaded from our [LibStock™](#) or found on [Mikroe github account](#).

Library Description

This library contains API for Charger 18 Click driver.

Key functions

- `charger18_buck_control` This function controls the buck regulator enable state of Charger 18 click board.
- `charger18_ldo_control` This function controls the low dropout (LDO) regulator enable state of Charger 18 click board.
- `charger18_suspend_control` This function controls the suspend charging mode state of Charger 18 click board.

Example Description

This example demonstrates the use of Charger 18 Click board™ by controlling the status of the charger as well as the LDO and BUCK regulators.

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The full application code, and ready to use projects can be installed directly from NECTO Studio Package Manager(recommended way), downloaded from our [LibStock™](#) or found on [Mikroe github account](#).

Other Mikroe Libraries used in the example:

- MikroSDK.Board
- MikroSDK.Log
- Click.Chiper18

Additional notes and informations

Depending on the development board you are using, you may need [USB UART click](#), [USB UART 2 Click](#) or [RS232 Click](#) to connect to your PC, for development systems with no UART to USB interface available on the board. UART terminal is available in all MikroElektronika [compilers](#).

mikroSDK

This Click board™ is supported with [mikroSDK](#) - MikroElektronika Software Development Kit. To ensure proper operation of mikroSDK compliant Click board™ demo applications, mikroSDK should be downloaded from the [LibStock](#) and installed for the compiler you are using.

For more information about mikroSDK, visit the [official page](#).

Resources

[mikroBUS™](#)

[mikroSDK](#)

[Click board™ Catalog](#)

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Downloads

[Charger 18 click example on Libstock](#)

[Charger 18 click schematic](#)

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[LTC3553 datasheet](#)

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