

DESCRIPTION

Demonstration circuit 628A is a single channel 5V hot swap controller featuring the LTC4210.

The LTC®4210 is a 6-pin SOT-23 Hot Swap™ controller that allows a board to be safely inserted and removed from a live back plane. An internal high side switch driver controls the GATE of an external N-channel MOSFET with a supply voltage ranging from 2.7V to 16.5V. The LTC4210 provides the initial timing cycle and allows the GATE to be ramped up at an adjustable rate.

The LTC4210 features a fast current limit loop providing active current limiting together with a circuit breaker timer. The signal at the ON pin turns the chip on and off and is also used for the reset function.

Design files for this circuit board are available. Call the LTC factory.

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Table 1. Performance Summary (T_A = 25°C)

PARAMETER	CONDITION	VALUE
Minimum Input Voltage		2.7V
Maximum Input Voltage	(Limited by Transorb Z1)	12V
Output Voltage V _{OUT}	$V_{OUT} = V_{IN} - I_{LOAD} \times (R_{SENSE} + R_{FET})$	$= V_{IN} - I_{LOAD} \times (0.022\Omega)$
Maximum Output Current	$I_{LIMIT} < (V_{CB} / R_{SENSE})$; Remember to consider tolerances (44mV ≤ V _{CB} ≤ 56mV)	6A
On/Off Control	Logic High Voltage-On	2.6V
(Connection Sense Turret)	V _{ONHYST}	160mV

OPERATING PRINCIPLES

The LTC4210 combines Hot Swap™ inrush current limiting with an electronic circuit breaker function. The LTC4210 uses a single capacitor, C_{TIMER} to set multiple timing cycles for the initial power up time,

the circuit breaker hold-off time and automatic retry duty cycle time. (The LTC4210-1 version provides automatic retry while the LTC4210-2 version provides latch-off after fault timeout.)

QUICK START PROCEDURE

NOTE: Demonstration circuit 628A is easy to set up to evaluate the performance of the LTC4210. Refer to Figure 1. for proper measurement equipment setup and follow the procedure below:

1. With power off, connect the input power supply to V_{IN} and GND and a load between V_{OUT} and GND. The load resistance should be >V_{IN}/6A or pull less than 6A.
2. Turn on the power at the input.

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NOTE: Make sure that the input voltage does not exceed 12V or the transient suppressor Z1 will begin to conduct. The transient suppressor Z1 protects the input from the turn off voltage spike resulting from interrupting the high currents flowing through the lead inductance of the back plane or leads from the power source.

3. Connect the *Connection Sense* turret to V_{IN} to enable the LTC4210. Monitor the output voltage turn on time waveform or inrush current if a current probe is available.

NOTE: If there is no output, temporarily disconnect the load to make sure that the load is not set too high.

NOTE: Connectors specifically designed for Hot Swap have a special pin configuration that uses extra long pins to first connect the GND and power signal, then normal length pins for the rest of the signals and a special short pin for the Connection Sense signal. This pin configuration prevents turning on the power to the Hot Swapped board before the connector is completely engaged.

4. Once the proper output voltages are established, increase the load above 6A and observe the circuit breaker function. Disconnect the Connection Sense turret from V_{IN} , connect a large (100uF) capacitor across V_{OUT} and GND then connect the Connection Sense turret to V_{IN} and monitor V_{OUT} . Observe the current limiting action during turn on.

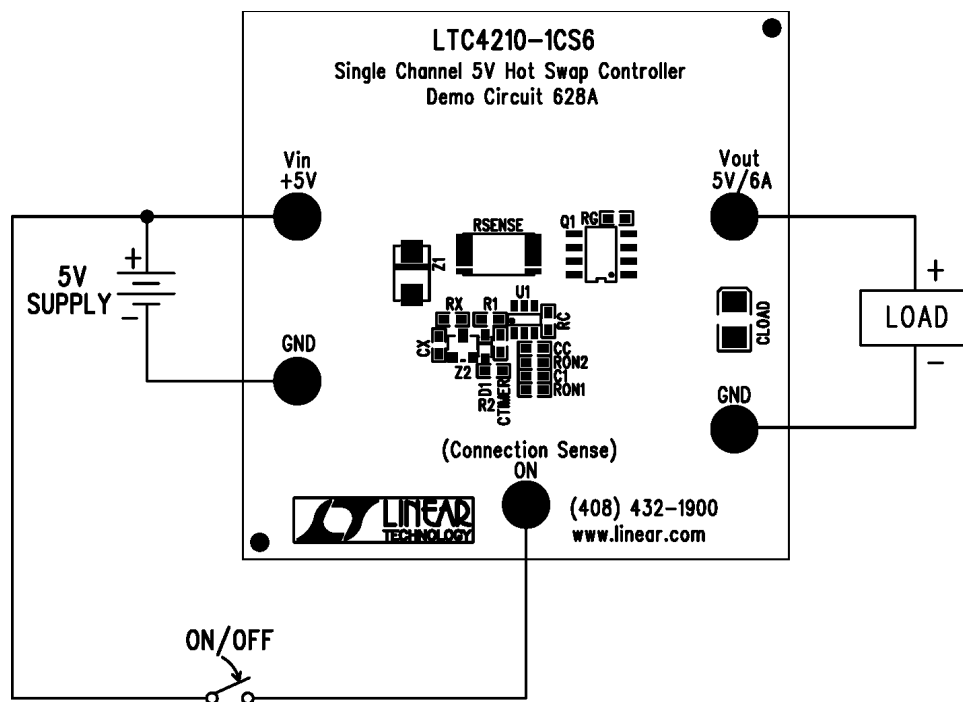


Figure 1. Proper Measurement Equipment Setup

