MAX1726x Software Implementation Guide

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Abstract

The MAX1726x Software Implementation Guide describes the startup sequence to configure and use the MAX1726x fuel-gauge functions for EZ config and custom models.

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Introduction

This document describes the startup sequence to configure and use the MAX1726x fuel-gauge functions. The MAX1726x should be initialized and loaded with a customized model and parameters at power-up. Then the reported state of charge (SOC) and other useful information can be easily read by the host system over the 2-wire bus system and displayed to the user. Figure 1 is a flowchart of the power-up sequence that a host controller should implement with the MAX1726x.

Register LSBs for MAX1726x

Similar register types in the ModelGauge™ m5 devices share similar formats, i.e., all the SOC registers share the same format, all the capacity registers share the same format, etc.

Table 1. Register LSBs for MAX1726x

REGISTER	LSBIT SIZE	NOTES
Capacity	5.0µVh/R_{SENSE}	Or 0.5mAh with 10mΩ
SOC	1/256%	Or 1% at bit D8
Voltage	0.078125mV	Or 1.25mV at bit D4
Current	1.5625µV/R_{SENSE}	Or 156.25µA with 10mΩ, signed two's complement number
Temperature	1/256°C	Or 1°C at bit D8, signed two's complement number

2-Wire/I2C Functions

The following I2C functions are needed in the load model process. They are described in pseudocode below.

WriteRegister

```
int WriteRegister (u8 reg, u16 value)
 {
         int ret = i2c_smbus_write_word_data(client, reg, value);
         if (ret < 0)
                 dev_err(&client->dev, "%s: err %d\n", __func__, ret);
         return ret;
 }
```

ReadRegister

```
int ReadRegister (u8 reg)
 {
         int ret = i2c_smbus_read_word_data(client, reg);
         if (ret < 0)
                 dev_err(&client->dev, "%s: err %d\n", __func__, ret);
         return ret;
 }
```

WriteAndVerifyRegister

```
void WriteAndVerifyRegister (char RegisterAddress, int RegisterValueToWrite){
    int Attempt=0;
    do {
        WriteRegister (RegisterAddress, RegisterValueToWrite);
        Wait(1);       //1ms
        RegisterValueRead = ReadRegister (RegisterAddress) ;
        }
    while (RegisterValueToWrite != RegisterValueRead && attempt++<3);
}
```

Initialize Registers to Recommended Configuration

The MAX1726x should be initialized prior to being used. The registers described in this guide should be written to the correct values for the MAX1726x to perform at its best. These values are written to RAM, so they must be written to the device any time power is applied or restored to the device. Some registers are updated internally, so it is necessary to verify that the register was written correctly to prevent data collisions.

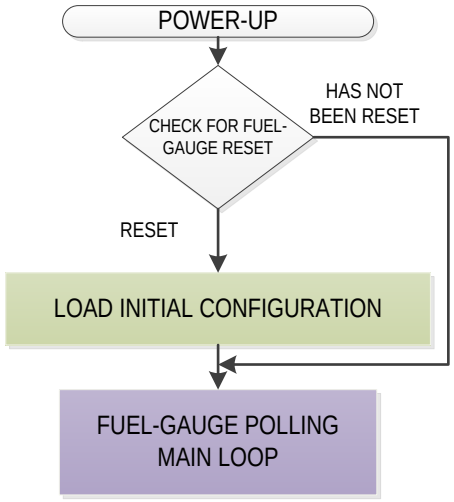

Figure 1. MAX1726x fuel-gauge model loading sequence.

Step 0: Check for POR

The POR bit is bit 1 of the Status register.

```
StatusPOR = ReadRegister(0x00) & 0x0002;
if (StatusPOR=0){goto Step 3.2;} //then go to Step 3.2.
else  { //then do Steps 1-2.}
```

Step 1. Delay until FSTAT.DNR bit == 0

After power-up, wait for the MAX1726x to complete its startup operations.

```
while(ReadRegister(0x3D)&1) Wait(10);
        //10ms Wait Loop. Do not continue until FSTAT.DNR==0
```

Step 2: Initialize Configuration

Any battery is supported by one of three types of configuration data. According to the configuration data, only one of the following sections 2.1, 2.2, or 2.3 needs execution.

```
HibCFG=ReadRegister(0xBA) ;         //Store original HibCFG value
WriteRegister (0x60 , 0x90)      ;  // Exit Hibernate Mode step 1
WriteRegister (0xBA , 0x0)       ;  // Exit Hibernate Mode step 2
WriteRegister (0x60 , 0x0)       ;  // Exit Hibernate Mode step 3

2.1 OPTION 1 EZ Config (No INI file is needed):
WriteRegister (0x18 , DesignCap) ;  // Write DesignCap
WriteRegister (0x1E , IchgTerm)  ;  // Write IchgTerm
WriteRegister (0x3A , VEmpty)    ;  // Write VEmpty

if (ChargeVoltage>4.275)
       WriteRegister (0xDB , 0x8400) ;     // Write ModelCFG
else
       WriteRegister (0xDB , 0x8000) ;     // Write ModelCFG

//Poll ModelCFG.Refresh(highest bit),
//proceed to Step 3 when ModelCFG.Refresh=0.
while (ReadRegister(0xDB)&0x8000) Wait(10);
       //do not continue until ModelCFG.Refresh==0

WriteRegister (0xBA , HibCFG)  ; // Restore Original HibCFG value

Proceed to Step 3.

2.2 OPTION 2 Custom Short INI without OCV Table:
WriteRegister (0x18 , DesignCap) ;  // Write DesignCap
WriteRegister (0x1E , IchgTerm)  ; // Write IchgTerm
WriteRegister (0x3A , VEmpty)    ;  // Write VEmpty
WriteAndVerifyRegister (0x28 , LearnCFG)  ;// (Optional in the INI)
WriteAndVerifyRegister (0x13 , FullSOCTh)  ; // (Optional in the INI)

WriteRegister (0xDB , ModelCfg) ;     // Write ModelCFG

//Poll ModelCFG.Refresh(highest bit)
//until it becomes 0 to confirm IC completes model loading
while (ReadRegister(0xDB)&0x8000) Wait(10);
       //do not continue until ModelCFG.Refresh==0

WriteRegister (0x38 , RCOMP0)     ; // Write RCOMP0
WriteRegister (0x39 , TempCo)     ; // Write TempCo
WriteRegister (0x12 , QRTable00)  ; // Write QRTable00
WriteRegister (0x22 , QRTable10)  ; // Write QRTable10
WriteRegister (0x32 , QRTable20)  ; //(Optional in the INI)  Write QRTable20
WriteRegister (0x42 , QRTable30)  ; //(Optional in the INI)  Write QRTable30
WriteRegister (0xBA , HibCFG)     ; // Restore Original HibCFG value

Proceed to Step 3.
```

2.3 OPTION 3 Custom Full INI with OCV Table:

2.3.1 Unlock Model Access

```
WriteRegister (0x62, 0x0059) ; //Unlock Model Access step 1
WriteRegister (0x63, 0x00C4) ; //Unlock Model Access step 2
```

2.3.2 Write/Read/Verify the Custom Model

Once the model is unlocked, the host software must write the 32 word model to the MAX1726X. The model is located between memory locations 0x80h and 0x9Fh.

```
//Actual bytes to transmit will be provided by Maxim after cell
characterization.

//See INI file at the end of this document for an example of the data to be
written.
Write16Registers (0x80, Table [0]) ;
Write16Registers (0x90, Table [1]) ;
```

The model can be read directly back from the MAX1726X. So simply read the 48 words of the model back from the device to verify if it was written correctly. If any of the values do not match, return to step 2.3.1.

```
Read16Registers (0x80) ;
Read16Registers (0x90) ;
```

2.3.3 Lock Model Access

```
WriteRegister (0x62, 0x0000) ;        //Lock Model Access
WriteRegister (0x63, 0x0000) ;
```

2.3.4. Verify that Model Access is locked

If the model remains unlocked, the MAX1726X will not be able to monitor the capacity of the battery. Therefore it is very critical that the Model Access is locked. To verify it is locked, simply read back the model. However, this time, all values should be read as 0x00h. If any values are non-zero, repeat Step 2.3.3 to make sure the Model Access is locked.

2.3.5. Write Custom Parameters

```
WriteRegister (0x05 , 0x0000); // Write RepCap
WriteRegister (0x18 , DesignCap)  ; // Write DesignCap
WriteRegister (0x10, FullCapRep); // Write FullCapRep
WriteRegister (0x45, DesignCap/2); // Write dQAcc
WriteRegister (0x46, 0x0C80)  ; // Write dPAcc
WriteRegister (0x1E , IchgTerm)   ; // Write IchgTerm
WriteRegister (0x3A , VEmpty)     ; // Write VEmpty
WriteRegister (0x38 , RCOMP0)     ; // Write RCOMP0
WriteRegister (0x39 , TempCo)     ; // Write TempCo
WriteRegister (0x12 , QRTable00)  ; // Write QRTable00
WriteRegister (0x22 , QRTable10)  ; // Write QRTable10
WriteRegister (0x32 , QRTable20)  ; // Write QRTable20 (optional)
WriteRegister (0x42 , QRTable30)  ; // Write QRTable30 (optional)
```

Updating Required Registers

Updating optional registers. Some or all of the registers listed below could be optional and may not be included in the INI.

```
WriteAndVerifyRegister (0x28 , LearnCFG); // Write LearnCFG
WriteRegister (0x2A, RelaxCFG)          ; //Write RelaxCFG
WriteRegister (0x1D, Config)            ; //Write Config
WriteRegister (0xBB, Config2)           ; //Write Config2
WriteRegister (0x13, FullSOCthr)        ; //Write FullSOCthr
WriteRegister (0x2C, TGAIN) ;       //Write TGAIN for the selected Thermistor
WriteRegister (0x2D, TOFF)  ;       //Write TOFF for the selected Thermistor
WriteRegister (0xB9, Curve)  ;      //Write Curve for the selected Thermistor
2.3.6 Initiate Model Loading
Config2value=ReadRegister(0xBB)                                             ;
//read the Config2 register (0xBB)
WriteRegister(0xBB,((Config2value) | (0x0020))) ;   // Setting the LdMdl bit
in the Config2 register

2.3.7
Poll the LdMdl bit in the Config2 register, proceed to step 2.3.8 when LdMdl
bit becomes 0.

//Poll Config2.LdMdl(0x0020)
//until it becomes 0 to confirm IC completes model loading
while (ReadRegister(0xBB)&0x0020) Wait(10);
        //do not continue until Config2.LdMdl==0

2.3.8 Update QRTable20 and QRTable30
WriteAndVerifyRegister (0x32 , QRTable20)        ; // Write QRTable20
WriteAndVerifyRegister (0x42 , QRTable30)        ; // Write QRTable30

2.3.9 Restore HibCFG
WriteRegister (0xBA ,HibCFG)       ; // Restore Original HibCFG value

Proceed to Step 3.
```

Step 3: Initialization Complete

Clear the POR bit to indicate that the custom model and parameters were successfully loaded.

```
Status = ReadRegister(0x00)  ;                          //Read Status
WriteAndVerifyRegister (0x00, Status AND 0xFFFD)  ;   //Write and Verify
Status with POR bit Cleared
```

Step 3.1: Identify Battery

If the host recognizes the battery pack as one with a saved history, go to Step 3.6 to restore all the saved parameters; otherwise, continue to Step 3.2.

Monitor the Battery

Once the MAX1726x is initialized and customized, the host can simply read the desired information from the MAX1726x and display that information to the user.

Step 3.2: Check for MAX1726x Reset

Periodically the host should check if the fuel gauge has been reset and initialize if needed.

```
StatusPOR = ReadRegister(0x00) & 0x0002; //Read POR bit in Status Register
If StatusPOR=0, then go to Step 3.3.
If StatusPOR=1, then go to Step 0.
```

Read the Fuel-Gauge Results

Step 3.3: Read the RepCap and RepSOC Registers

The MAX1726x automatically calculates and reports the cell's state of charge in terms of a percentage and the mAhrs remaining. The RepSOC (as a percent) is read from memory location 0x06 and the RepCap (in mAHrs) is read from memory location 0x05.

```
RepCap = ReadRegister(0x05) ;         //Read RepCap
RepSOC = ReadRegister(0x06) ;         //Read RepSOC
```

The RepSOC_HiByte has a unit of 1%, so the RepSOC_HiByte can be directly displayed to the user for 1% resolution.

Step 3.4: Read the Remaining TTE Register

The MAX1726x also calculates the Time-to-Empty register (TTE). TTE is in memory location 0x11h. The LSB of the TTE register is 5.625 seconds.

```
TTE = ReadRegister(0x11) ;              //Read TTE
```

Step 3.5: Save Learned Parameters

It is recommended to save the learned capacity parameters every time bit 2 of the Cycles register toggles (so that it is saved every 64% change in the battery) so that if power is lost the values can easily be restored.

```
Saved_RCOMP0 = ReadRegister(0x38)     ;    //Read RCOMP0
Saved_TempCo = ReadRegister(0x39)     ;    //Read TempCo
Saved_FullCapRep = ReadRegister(0x10) ;    //Read FullCapRep
Saved_Cycles = ReadRegister(0x17)     ;    //Read Cycles
Saved_FullCapNom = ReadRegister(0x23) ;    //Read FullCapNom
```

Step 3.6: Restoring Learned Parameters

If power is lost, then the learned information can be easily restored with the following procedure.

```
WriteAndVerifyRegister(0x38, Saved_RCOMP0)     ;      //WriteAndVerify RCOMP0
WriteAndVerifyRegister(0x39, Saved_TempCo)     ;      //WriteAndVerify TempCo
WriteAndVerifyRegister(0x10, Saved_FullCapRep)     ;  //WriteAndVerify FullCapRep
//Write dQacc to 200% of Capacity and dPacc to 200%
dQacc = (Saved_FullCapNom/ 2)          ;
WriteAndVerifyRegister (0x46, 0x0C80)    ;        //Write and Verify dPacc
WriteAndVerifyRegister (0x45, dQacc)    ;        //Write and Verify dQacc
WriteAndVerifyRegister(0x17, Saved_Cycles)  ;       //WriteAndVerify Cycles
```

Quick Start and Production Test Verification

If the IC is being production tested, use the following steps update the fuel-gauge outputs to a known state to verify the IC's proper operation. The sequence for configuring the MAX1726x, as outlined in the *Initialize Registers to Recommended Configuration* section, should be followed prior to sending the quick-start command in order to verify that the device was set up correctly. Set the power supply to the desired voltage and issue the quick-start command as described below.

Step T1: Set the Quick-Start Bits

```
Data= ReadRegister(0x2B      ;  //Read MiscCFG
Data |= 0x0400               ;  //Set bits 10 and 12
WriteRegister (0x2B, Data)   ;  //Write MiscCFG
```

Step T2: Wait for Quick Start to Complete

```
//Poll MiscCFG.QS(0x0400) and FSTAT.DNR until they becomes 0 to
confirm Quickstart is finished
While (ReadRegister(0xDB)&0x8000 and ReadRegister(0x3D)&1) Wait(10);
       //do not continue quickstart is complete
```

Step T3: Read and Verify Outputs

The RepCap and RepSOC register locations should now contain accurate fuel-gauge results based on a battery voltage of 3.900V. The RepSOC (as a percent) is read from memory location 0x06h and the RepCap (in mAHrs) is read from memory location 0x05h.

```
RepCap = ReadRegister(0x05)   ;          //Read RepCap
RepSOC = ReadRegister(0x06)      ;          //Read RepSOC
```

Fail the unit if RepCap and RepSOC do not report expected results to within ±1% not including power-supply tolerance. Note that any error in the voltage forced on V_{BATT} for testing creates a much larger error in the output results from the fuel gauge.

MAX1726x INI File Format

When high accuracy is needed and when Maxim generates a custom INI file, the INI is in one of the below formats. The examples below can be used to structure your software to read the custom INI for your battery. Option 1 (not shown) is the EZ mode, which does not have a custom INI.

Option 2: Short Format

```
Device=MAX1726X
Title=C:/xxxx/1234_1_111111.csv
ModelVersion=8745  //This keeps track of the version of the INI generator

DesignCap=0x1450
ichgterm=0x333
modelcfg=0x8000
QRTable00=0x1050
QRTable10=0x2012
VEmpty=0xa561
RCOMP0=0x004d
TempCo=0x223e
```

Option 3: Long Format

```
Device=MAX1726X
Title= C:/xxxx/1234_1_111111.csv
ModelVersion=8745

DesignCap=0x06ae
fullsocthr=0x5f05
ichgterm=0x100
modelcfg=0x8410
QRTable00=0x1050
QRTable10=0x0014
QRTable20=0x1300
QRTable30=0x0c00
VEmpty=0x965a
RCOMP0=0x0070
TempCo=0x223e

;;; Begin binary data
;;; This is formatted as 16-bit words, each on a new line.
;;; Numbers are formatted in hex, for example: 0x0000
; Ignore the first 16 words. These are used by EVKit software only
; 16 words. Data starts here for Address 0x80 for use in Step 2.3.2
; 16 words. Data starts here for Address 0x90 for use in Step 2.3.2
; Ignore the remaining 48 words.
```

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Revision History

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1	4/18	Added WriteRegister (0x10, FullCapRep) and WriteRegister (0x45, DesignCap/2) lines of code to 2.3.5 Write Custom Parameters	8
2	6/18	Updated 2.3.5 Write Custom Parameters	8