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## **STWBC-WA**

## Digital controller for wireless battery charger transmitters for wearable and smartwatch applications



### **Features**

- Digital controller for wireless battery charger transmitters
- Optimized for < 3 W applications
	- Smartwatches and healthcare
	- Internet of Things (IoT) battery-powered smart devices
	- Remote controllers
- Cost effective half-bridge topology with integrated drivers
- Optional full-bridge configuration for 3 W applications
- $V_{IN}$  range: 3 V to 5.5 V
	- $-$  Supports USB  $V_{IN}$
- Active presence detector
- Parametric customization via graphical interface
- 2 firmware options:
	- Turnkey solution for quick design
	- APIs available for application customization
- Peripherals available via APIs
	- ADC, with 10-bit precision
	- UART
	- $-$  I<sup>2</sup>C master fast/slow speed rate
	- GPIOs

## **Datasheet** - **production data**

- Memory
	- Flash and EEPROM with read-while-write (RWW) and Error Correction Code (ECC)
	- Program memory: 32 Kbytes Flash; data retention:15 years at 85 °C after 10 kcycles at 25 °C
	- Data memory: 1 Kbyte true data EEPROM; data retention: 15 years at 85 °C after 100 kcycles at 85 °C
	- RAM: 6 Kbytes
- Transmitter reference design:
	- Evaluation board order code: STEVAL-ISB038V1T
	- 2-layer PCBs
	- Active object detection
	- Graphical user interface for application monitoring
	- Interoperable with receiver: STEVAL-ISB038V1R
- Operating temperature
	- $-$  -40 °C up to 105 °C
- Package
	- VFQFPN32

#### **Table 1. Ordering information**



This is information on a product in full production.

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## **1 Description**

The STWBC-WA is STMicroelectronics' wireless battery charger transmitter application optimized for wearable usage.

Thanks to its 5 V native supply, the STWBC-WA device is ideal to operate with USB power supplies.

Wireless battery charging systems replace the traditional power supply cable by means of electromagnetic induction between a transmitting pad or dongle (TX) and a battery-powered unit (RX), such as a smartwatch or sports gear.

The power transmitter unit is responsible for controlling the transmitting coil and generating the correct amount of power requested by the receiver unit. The receiver unit continuously provides the transmitter the correct power level requested, by modulating the transmitter carrier through controlled resistive or capacitive insertion. Generating the correct amount of power guarantees the highest level of end-to-end efficiency due to reduced energy waste. It also helps to maintain a lower operational temperature.

The digital wireless battery transmitter can adapt to the amount of energy transferred by the coil by modulating the frequency, duty cycles or coil input voltage.



**Figure 1. Wireless charging architecture**

The STWBC-WA firmware sits on the top of the hardware to monitor and control the correct wireless charging operations.



## **2 STWBC-WA system architecture**

*Figure 2* illustrates the overall system blocks implemented in the STWBC-WA architecture.

The STWBC-WA is a flexible controller which can be configured to support both half-bridge topologies for < 1 W power levels as well as full-bridge systems for driving < 3 W wearable devices. The integrated drivers require no external components between the STWBC-WA and the power MOSFETs application.





#### **Firmware**

The STWBC-WA firmware is available in two separate software packages:

- Turnkey: the firmware is distributed as a binary file.
- API customizable: the firmware is designed as a library, and external functions as well as peripherals can be added by means of APIs.

The STWBC-WA provides a set of APIs which allows the user to customize the application and tailor the system architecture to his needs. The UART and I<sup>2</sup>C communication interfaces, ADC and GPIOs can be controlled by the custom firmware via convenient APIs.

The software APIs allow a great deal of freedom to customize applications. The STWBC-WA device and the API library can be accessed by programming the internal controller via standard programming tools such as the IAR™ Workbench<sup>®</sup> Studio.



## **3 STWBC-WA pinout and pin description**

This section illustrates the pinout used by the STWBC-WA device.



**Figure 3. STWBC-WA pin configuration**



**Table 2. Pinout description**

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Pin number	Pin name	Pin type	<b>Turnkey firmware description</b>		
14	<b>VSSA</b>	<b>PS</b>	Analog ground		
15	<b>RESERVED</b>	Al	Reserved		
16	<b>RESERVED</b>		Reserved		
17	SPARE_ADC <sup>(1)</sup>	$\overline{\phantom{0}}$	Connected to the USB ID signal		
18	NTC TEMP	AI	NTC temperature measurement		
19	<b>ISENSE</b>	AI	LC tank current measurement		
20	<b>VMAIN</b>	Al	Vmain monitor		
21	DRIVEOUT[0]	DO	Output driver for the low-side branch		
22	$DIGIN[0]^{(1)}$	$\overline{\phantom{a}}$	Inactive (internal pull-up)		
23	$DIGIN[1]^{(1)}$	$\overline{\phantom{0}}$	Inactive (internal pull-up)		
24	DRIVEOUT[1]	DO	Output driver for the high-side branch		
25	DRIVEOUT[2]	DO	Output driver for full-bridge configuration (optional)		
26	$DIGIN[2]^{(1)}$		Not connected		
27	<b>SWIM</b>	<b>DIO</b>	Debug interface		
28	<b>NRST</b>	DI	Reset		
29	<b>VDD</b>	<b>PS</b>	Digital and I/O power supply		
30	<b>VSS</b>	<b>PS</b>	Digital and I/O ground		
31	<b>VOUT</b>	Supply	Internal LDO output		
32	UART $TX^{(1)}$	DO	<b>UART TX link</b>		

**Table 2. Pinout description (continued)**

1. API configurable.

*Note: All analog inputs are VDD compliant but can be used only between 0 and 1.2 V.*



## **4 Electrical characteristics**

#### **4.1 Parameter conditions**

Unless otherwise specified, all voltages are referred to  $V_{SS}$ .  $V_{DDA}$  and  $V_{DD}$  must be connected to the same voltage value.  $V_{SS}$  and  $V_{SSA}$  must be connected together with the shortest wire loop.

#### **4.1.1 Minimum and maximum values**

Unless otherwise specified, the minimum and maximum values are guaranteed in the worst conditions of the ambient temperature, supply voltage and frequencies by tests in production on 100% of the devices with an ambient temperature at  $T_A = 25 \text{ °C}$  and  $T_A = T_A$  max. (given by the selected temperature range).

Data based on characterization results, design simulation and/or technology characteristics are indicated in *Table 3*, *Table 4* and in the footnotes of *Table 6 on page 12* to *Table 18 on page 24*, and are not tested in production.

#### **4.1.2 Typical values**

Unless otherwise specified, typical data are based on  $T_A = 25 \degree C$ ,  $V_{DD}$  and  $V_{DDA} = 3.3 V$ . They are given only as design guidelines and are not tested. Typical ADC accuracy values are determined by characterization of a batch of samples from a standard diffusion lot over the full temperature range.

#### **4.1.3 Typical curves**

Unless otherwise specified, all typical curves are given as design guidelines only and are not tested.

#### **4.1.4 Typical current consumption**

For typical current consumption measurements,  $V_{DD}$  and  $V_{DDA}$  are connected together as shown in *Figure 4*.





**Figure 4. Supply current measurement conditions**

#### **4.1.5 Loading capacitors**

The loading conditions used for the pin parameter measurement are shown in *Figure 5*:







#### **4.1.6 Pin output voltage**

The input voltage measurement on a pin is described in *Figure 6*.





#### **4.2 Absolute maximum ratings**

Stresses above those listed as "absolute maximum ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only and the functional operation of the device under these conditions is not implied. Exposure to maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.



#### **Table 3. Voltage characteristics**

1. All power V<sub>DDX</sub> (V<sub>DD</sub>, V<sub>DDA</sub>) and ground V<sub>SSX</sub> (V<sub>SS</sub>, V<sub>SSA</sub>) pins must always be connected to the external power supply.

2.  $I_{\text{INJ/PINJ}}$  must never be exceeded. This is implicitly insured if  $V_{\text{IN}}$  maximum is respected. If  $V_{\text{IN}}$  maximum cannot be respected, the injection current must be limited externally to the  $I_{\text{INJ/PINJ}}$  value.

3.  $V_{SS}$  and  $V_{SSA}$  signals must be interconnected together with a short wire loop.





#### **Table 4. Current characteristics**

1. Data based on characterization results, not tested in production

2. All power V<sub>DDX</sub> (V<sub>DD</sub>, V<sub>DDA</sub>) and ground V<sub>SSX</sub> (V<sub>SS</sub>, V<sub>SSA</sub>) pins must always be connected to the external power supply.

3. The I<sub>INJ(PIN)</sub> must never be exceeded. This is implicitly insured if the V<sub>IN</sub> maximum is respected. If the V<sub>IN</sub> maximum cannot be respected, the injection current must be limited externally to the I<sub>INJ(PIN)</sub> value.

4. The negative injection disturbs the analog performance of the device.

5. When several inputs are submitted to a current injection, the maximum  $\Sigma_{\text{INJ(PIN)}}$  is the absolute sum of the positive and negative injected currents (instantaneous values). These results are based on characterization

#### **Table 5. Thermal characteristics**





### **4.3 Operating conditions**

The device must be used in operating conditions that respect the parameters in *Table 6*. In addition, a full account must be taken for all physical capacitor characteristics and tolerances.

Symbol	<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Conditions</b>	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
$V_{DD1}$ , $V_{DDA1}$	Operating voltages		$3^{(1)}$		$5.5^{(1)}$	
V <sub>DD</sub> , V <sub>DDA</sub>	Nominal operating voltages				$5^{(1)}$	v
$V_{\text{OUT}}$	Core digital power supply			$1.8^{(2)}$		
	$C_{VOUT}$ : capacitance of external capacitor <sup>(3)</sup>		470	-	3300	nF
	ESR of external capacitor <sup>(2)</sup>	at 1 MHz	0.05		0.2	$\Omega$
	ESL of external capacitor <sup>(2)</sup>					
$\Theta_{JA}^{(4)}$	FR4 multilayer PCB	VFQFPN32		26		$\degree$ C/W
T <sub>A</sub>	Ambient temperature	$Pd = 100$ mW	$-40$		105	°C

**Table 6. General operating conditions**

1. The external power supply can be within the range from 3 V up to 5.5 V.

2. Internal core power supply voltage.

3. Care should be taken when the capacitor is selected due to its tolerance, dependency on temperature, DC bias and frequency.

4. To calculate  $P_{Dmax} (T_A)$ , use the formula  $P_{Dmax} = (T_{Jmax} - T_A)/\Theta_{JA}$ .



#### **Table 7. Operating conditions at power-up/power-down**

1. Guaranteed by design, not tested in production.

2. The power supply ramp must be monotone.



#### **4.3.1 VOUT external capacitor**

The stabilization of the main regulator is achieved by connecting an external capacitor  $C_{\text{VOUT}}^{(a)}$  to the VOUT pin. The  $C_{\text{VOUT}}$  is specified in *Section 4.3: Operating conditions*. Care should be taken to limit the series inductance to less than 15 nH.



**Figure 7. External capacitor C<sub>VOUT</sub>** 

#### **4.3.2 Internal clock sources and timing characteristics**

#### **HSI RC oscillator**

The HSI RC oscillator parameters are specified under general operating conditions for  $V_{DD}$ and  $T_A$ .





1. Data based on characterization results, not tested in production.

2. Variation referred to  $f_{HSI}$  nominal value.

a. ESR is the equivalent series resistance and ESL is the equivalent inductance.



#### **LSI RC oscillator**

The LSI RC oscillator parameters are specified under general operating conditions for  $V_{DD}$ and  $T_A$ .



#### **Table 9. LSI RC oscillator**

1. Guaranteed by design, not tested in production.

#### **PLL internal source clock**

#### **Table 10. PLL internal source clock**



1. Data based on characterization results, not tested in production.

2. PLL maximum input frequency 16 MHz.



#### **4.3.3 Memory characteristics**

#### **Flash program and memory/data EEPROM memory**

General conditions:  $T_A = -40 °C$  to 105 °C.

#### **Table 11. Flash program memory/data EEPROM memory**



1. Data based on characterization results, not tested in production.

2. The physical granularity of the memory is 4 bytes, so cycling is performed on 4 bytes even when a write/erase operation addresses a single byte.



#### **4.3.4 I/O port pin characteristics**

The I/O port pin parameters are specified under general operating conditions for  $V_{DD}$  and  $T_A$ unless otherwise specified. Unused input pins should not be left floating.





1. Data based on characterization result, not tested in production.

2. All signals are not 5 V tolerant (input signals cannot exceed  $V_{DDX}$  ( $V_{DDX} = V_{DD}$ ,  $V_{DDA}$ ).

3. Parameter applicable to signals: GPIO\_[0:2], DRIVEOUT[0:3], PWM\_AUX.

4. Electrical threshold voltage not yet characterized at -40 ºC.

5. The parameter applicable to the signal: SWIM.

6. The parameter applicable to the signal: DIGIN [0].

7. Applicable to any digital inputs.





#### **Table 13. Current DC characteristics**

1. Data based on characterization result, not tested in production.

2. The parameter applicable to signals: GPIO\_[0:2], DRIVEOUT[0:3], PWM\_AUX.

3. The parameter applicable to the signal: SWIM.

4. The parameter applicable to the signal: DIGIN [0].

5. Applicable to any digital inputs.

6. The maximum value must never be exceeded.

7. The negative injection current on the ADCIN [7:0] signals (product depending) => SPARE\_ADC signals have to be avoided since they impact ADC conversion accuracy.



#### **4.3.5 Typical output level curves**

This section shows the typical output voltage level curves measured on a single output pin for the two-pad family present in the STWBC-WA device.

#### **Standard pad**

This pad is associated to the following signals: DIGIN [0:1], SWIM and GPIO [0:2] when available.





**Figure 9. V<sub>OL</sub> standard pad at 3.3 V** 









Figure 10. V<sub>OH</sub> standard pad at 5 V



#### **4.3.6 Fast pad**

This pad is associated to the DRIVEOUT[0:3], PWM\_AUX signals if the external pin is available.



Figure 13. V<sub>OL</sub> fast pad at 3.3 V







Figure 15. V<sub>OL</sub> fast pad at 5 V





#### **4.3.7 Reset pin characteristics**

The reset pin parameters are specified under general operating conditions for  $V_{DD}$  and  $T_A$ unless otherwise specified.





1. Data based on characterization results, not tested in production.

2. The RPU pull-up equivalent resistor is based on a resistive transistor.

3. Data guaranteed by design, not tested in production.

#### **4.3.8 I2C interface characteristics**

#### **Table 15. I2C interface characteristics**



1. Data based on the standard I<sup>2</sup>C protocol requirement, not tested in production.

2. The maximum hold time of the start condition need only be met if the interface does not stretch the low time.

3.  $1^{2}$ C multifunction signals require the high sink pad configuration and the interconnection of 1 K pull-up resistances.

4. 50 pF is the maximum load capacitance value to meet the  $l^2C$  std. timing specifications.



#### **4.3.9 10-bit SAR ADC characteristics**

The 10-bit SAR ADC oscillator parameters are specified under general operating conditions for  $V_{\text{DDA}}$  and  $T_A$  unless otherwise specified.





1. The maximum input analog voltage cannot exceed  $V_{DDA}$ .

2. Exceeding the maximum voltage on the SPARE\_ADC signals for the related conversion scale must be avoided since the ADC conversion accuracy can be impacted.

3. The ADC reference voltage at  $T_A = 25 \degree C$ .

#### ADC accuracy characteristics at V<sub>DD</sub>/V<sub>DDA</sub> 3.3 V





1. Temperature operating:  $T_A = 25 \degree C$ .

2. Data based on characterization results, not tested in production.

3. ADC accuracy vs. the negative injection current. The injecting negative current on any of the analog input pins should be avoided as this reduces the accuracy of the conversion being performed on another analog input. It is recommended a Schottky diode (pin to ground) to be added to standard analog pins which may potentially inject the negative current. Any positive injection current within the limits specified for I<sub>INJ(PIN)</sub><br>and Σ<sub>INJ(PIN)</sub> in the I/O port pin characteristic section does not affect the ADC accuracy. The ADC accu

- 4. Results in the manufacturing test mode.
- 5. Data aligned with trimming voltage parameters.
- 6. Gain error evaluation with the two point method.
- 7. Temperature operating range:  $0^{\circ}C \leq T_A \leq 85^{\circ}C$ .
- 8. Temperature operating range: -25  $^{\circ}$ C  $\leq$  T<sub>A</sub>  $\leq$  105  $^{\circ}$ C.
- 9. Temperature operating range: -40  $^{\circ}C \leq T_A \leq 105$   $^{\circ}C$ .



#### ADC accuracy characteristics at V<sub>DD</sub>/V<sub>DDA</sub> 5 V





1. Operating temperature:  $T_A = 25$  °C.

2. Data based on characterization results, not tested in production.

3. ADC accuracy vs. the negative injection current. The injecting negative current on any of the analog input<br>pins should be avoided as this reduces the accuracy of the conversion being performed on another analog<br>input. I may potentially inject the negative current. Any positive injection current within the limits specified for<br>I<sub>INJ(PIN)</sub> and Σ<sub>IINJ(PIN)</sub> in the I/O port pin characteristic section does not affect the ADC accuracy. The ADC accuracy parameters may be also impacted exceeding the ADC maximum input voltage V<sub>IN1</sub> or V<sub>IN2</sub>.

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- 8. Operating temperature range: -25  $^{\circ}$ C  $\leq$  T<sub>A</sub>  $\leq$  105  $^{\circ}$ C.
- 9. Operating temperature range: -40  $^{\circ}C \leq T_A \leq 105$   $^{\circ}C$ .



#### **ADC conversion accuracy**



**ADC accuracy parameter definitions:**

- $E_T$  = total unadjusted error: the maximum deviation between the actual and the ideal transfer curves.
- $E_{\Omega}$  = offset error: the deviation between the first actual transition and the first ideal one.
- **E**<sub>OG</sub> = offset + gain error (1-point gain): the deviation between the last ideal transition and the last actual one.
- $E_G$  = gain error (2-point gain): defined so that  $E_{OG}$  =  $E_G$  +  $E_G$  (parameter correlated to the deviation of the characteristic slope).
- $E_D$  = differential linearity error: the maximum deviation between actual steps and the ideal one.
- **E<sup>L</sup>** = integral linearity error: the maximum deviation between any actual transition and the end point correlation line.

