

DS2780K Standalone Fuel Gauge IC Evaluation Kit

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FEATURES

- Demonstrates the capabilities of the DS2780 Standalone Fuel Gauge, including:
 - Estimation of available capacity for Li+ cells
 - Voltage measurement
 - Current measurement
 - Current accumulation
 - Temperature measurement
 - Information storage
 - Identification
- Interfaces to the serial port of a PC running Windows OS



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EVALUATION KIT CONTENTS

1 pc. Evaluation Board

1 pc. DS9123 Serial Port Adapter

1 pc. RJ-11 Cable

1 pc. DS2780K CD containing:

DS2780K Evaluation Software DS2780 Related Documentation

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- 1. A PC running Windows OS with a CD ROM drive and an available serial port.
- 2. Cables with mini-grabber style clips or the ability to solder directly to connection pads.
- 3. A Lithium-Ion battery and a power supply and/or load circuit.

INTRODUCTION

The DS2780K Evaluation Kit makes performance evaluation, software development, and prototyping with the DS2780 Standalone Fuel Gauge easy. The evaluation board interfaces to a PC through a DS9123 Serial Port Adapter and RJ-11 cable connection. The provided CD ROM contains all related data sheets along with the evaluation software, which can be run under any Windows operating system.

The DS2780K evaluation software gives the user complete control of all functions of the DS2780. Separate control tabs allow the user access to all EEPROM and RAM memory locations, all control registers, and real-time updates of all monitored parameters. The software also incorporates a datalogging feature to monitor a cell over time.

The evaluation board circuit is designed to provide the DS2780 with accurate parameter measurements. Kit demonstration boards will vary as they are improved upon over time. For information on the demonstration board circuits refer to the individual board datasheets located inside the documentation directory on the DS2780K CD ROM.

SETUP AND INSTALLATION

BOARD CONNECTIONS

Connections to the TSSOP demonstration board are best made either by soldering directly to the pads or by using cables with mini-grabber clips. Communication to the TSSOP board can be accomplished either through the RJ-11 jack by connecting the provided standard six conductor RJ-11 cord or by wiring directly to the DQ and P- pads. In the latter case, the size of the board can be reduced by snapping off the RJ-11 jack along the break line, see Figure 1. To utilize the demonstration software, the DQ and PAC-lines must be connected to the DS9123 communication brick using either of the two methods described.

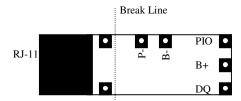


Figure 1: Communication Connections

Figures 2a and 2b show the recommended circuits to simulate charging and discharging. The Lithium-Ion cell is connected between the B+ and B- pads. The battery charger/power supply or circuit load is connected between the B+ and P- pads. The evaluation software can be run in either configuration as long as a cell is connected between the B+ and B- terminals providing a minimum of 2.5 volts to power the DS2780. Leaving the PIO pin unconnected does not interfere with the operation of the demonstration board. Refer to the datasheet for the operation of this pin.

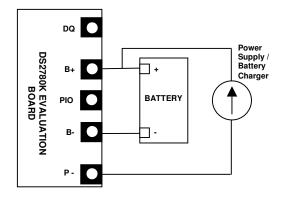


Figure 2a: Charging Circuit

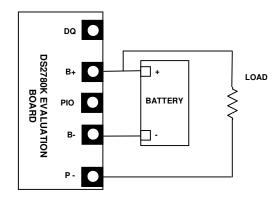


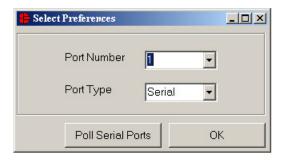
Fig 2b: Discharging Circuit

SOFTWARE INSTALLATION

To install the DS2780K software, exit all programs currently running and insert the DS2780K software CD into your computer's CD ROM drive. Double click the SETUP.EXE icon and the installation process begins. Follow the prompts to complete the installation. The DS2780K software can be uninstalled in the Add/Remove Programs tool in the Control Panel. After the installation is complete, open the DS2780K folder and run DS2780K.EXE or select DS2780K from the program menu. A splash screen containing information about the evaluation kit appears as the program is being loaded. The Documentation directory also located on the CD contains all relevant data sheets and application notes on the DS2780 and DS2780K.

SELECTING THE COMMUNICATION PORT

The first time the software runs, the Select Preferences window appears. In this window, select either serial port or USB communication and the port number; then hit OK. The DS2780K software saves this port selection and automatically uses the selection each time the program starts. To change the port later, click the Preferences option on the menu bar, select Port Settings, and then select the appropriate port. To attempt to automatically locate the DS9123, click the Poll Serial Ports button. Warning - automatically polling for the DS9123 can disrupt other devices connected to your computer's COM ports.



PROGRAM MENUS

Several pull down menu options have been provided to simplify use of the DS2780K software for the user. Their functions are individually detailed below.

FILE MENU



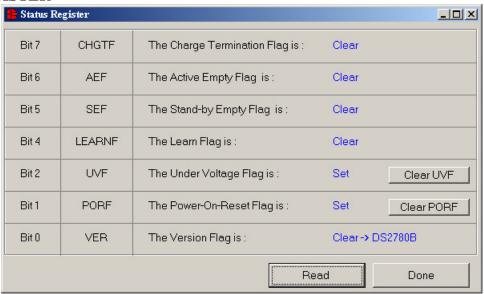
The File Menu allows the user to store and recall information to and from a file directly into the text boxes on the Parameters Tab. These functions do not directly write or read the DS2780. It is still necessary for the user to store or recall this information to or from the device by clicking on the Write & Copy or Recall & Read buttons on the Parameters Tab.

REGISTERS MENU



The Registers Menu gives immediate access to all four status and function registers of the DS2780. Selecting any of the registers will open an individual control window giving the user a description of each register bit and the ability to read or write it. See the status register window example.

STATUS REGISTER



The present state of all register bits are displayed immediately upon opening the register window. R/W locations contain a selection field or command button to allow the user to determine their state. Pressing the WRITE button will write the new value to the register and read the corresponding register inside the DS2780 to verify the correct value was written. The Control Register is stored in EEPROM, so when the WRITE command is issued, the value is written and copied to EEPROM without changing the values of the remainder of the Parameter EEPROM block.

1 WIRE SPEED MENU



The 1 Wire Speed Menu allows the user to select the appropriate 1 Wire timing. The speed the device uses is determined by the state of the OVD pin (pin 6).

PREFERENCES MENU



The Preferences Menu allows the user to change COM port settings at any time. Edit Preferences opens the Select Preferences window. See Selecting the communication port above.

HELP MENU



Selecting the About topic from the Help Menu will open a window containing information about the current revision of this program and Dallas Semiconductor.

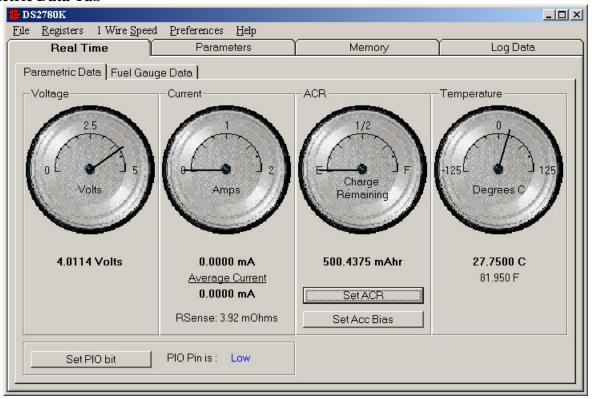
PROGRAM TABS

All functions of the program are divided under four tabs in the main program window. Left click on the appropriate tab to move to the desired function page. Located on the Real Time tab is all of the information measured and calculated by the DS2780. That data is divided between the Parametric Data Tab and Fuel Gauging Tab. The Parameters Tab gives the user access to the entire Parameter EEPROM memory block in terms of Application Units and Device Units. The Memory tab displays the contents of every register and memory location inside the DS2780 and allows the user to alter the data. The Data Log tab allows the user to store all real time information to a file and view the data in a graphical form.

REAL TIME TAB

The Real Time data is divided into two tabs: Parametric Data and Fuel Gauge Data. The Parametric Data Tab contains all of the real time measurements taken by the DS2780. The Fuel Gauge Data contains all of the values calculated by the DS2780.

Parametric Data Tab



The Parametric Data Sub Tab displays the latest real-time measurements of cell voltage, temperature, current and accumulated charge with both analog meter readouts and digital values. The sense resistor value used to calculate the current reading is shown in the current section. Go to the sense resistor value on the Parameters Tab to change this value

The present states of PIO pin is shown at the bottom left of the window. There is also a button to toggle the state of the PIO pin.

Set Accumulated Current Register



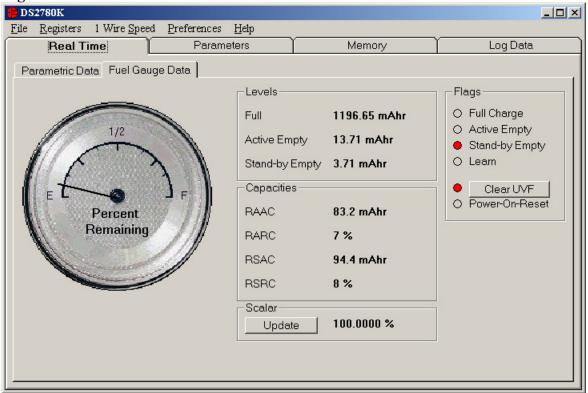
The user can bring up the Set Accumulated Current Register window by left clicking the Set ACR button. This window allows the user to enter a value for the Accumulated Current Register in mAH.

Set Accumulation Bias Register



The user can bring up the Set Accumulation Bias Register window by left clicking the Set Acc Bias button. This window allows the user to enter values for the Accumulation Bias Register in mA. The value entered here will be added to the Accumulated Current Register during each current conversion. The bias value will not affect the Current Register reading, but will be reflected in the Accumulated Current Register.

Fuel Gauge Data Tab



The Fuel Gauge Data Sub Tab displays the latest fuel gauge calculations. The Full, Active Empty, and Standby Empty levels are calculated from the data input on the Parameters Tab. The Remaining Active Absolute Capacity (RAAC) and the Remaining Stand-by Absolute Capacity (RSAC) are displayed in terms of mAhrs. The Remaining Active Relative Capacity (RARC), Remaining Stand-by Relative Capacity (RSRC) are displayed in terms of percent of capacity remaining. The Analog Meter on the left displays the Remaining Active Absolute Capacity (RAAC).

The flags found in the Status Register are displayed on the right side of the window. When the Under Voltage Flag or the Power-on-Reset Flag is set, a button will appear that will allow the user to clear those bits.

Scalar Register

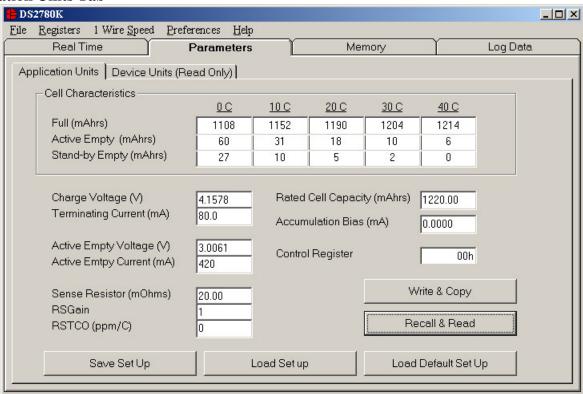


The user can bring up the Set Age Scalar window by left clicking the Update button in the Scalar area. This window allows the user to read and write the Scalar value in terms of percent of the nominal capacity.

PARAMETERS TAB

The Parameters Tab gives the user access to the entire Parameter EEPROM memory block (block 1, addresses 60h-7Fh) in terms of Application Units and Device Units. The Application Units Tab displays the parameters in units like mA, mAhrs, and volts. The Device Units Tabs performs the calculations needed to get the application units into the units that are stored in the device like μV , μV hrs, and ppm as well as show the hexadecimal values that get written to the device.

Application Units Tab

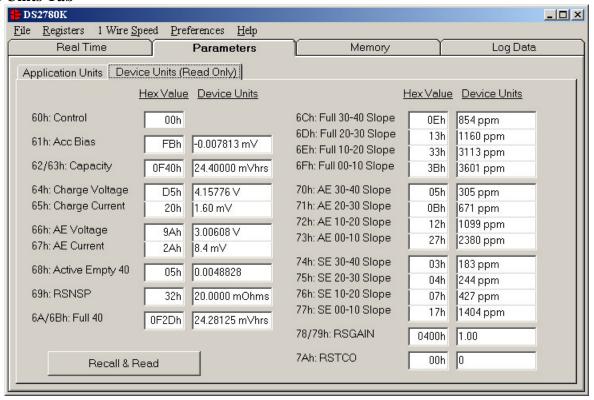


The Application Units Sub Tab allows the user to read and write the Parameter EEPROM memory block. To change any of this information, simply click on the desired text field and enter the new value.

Clicking on the Load Default Set Up button will enter example data into the information fields of the Application Units Sub Tab. Once all data is in the desired format, click on the Write & Copy button to copy it to the EEPROM of the DS2780.

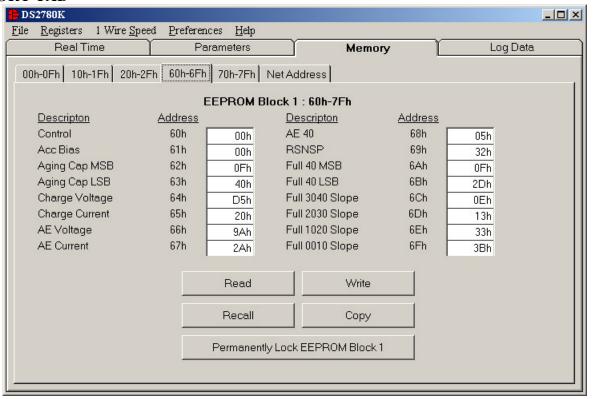
This information can also be stored to a file and recalled later using the Load/Save Set Up buttons or the Load/Save Parameters Set Up Menu Items. These functions do not directly write or read the DS2780. It is still necessary for the user to store or recall this information to or from the device by issuing a Write & Copy or Recall & Read buttons.

Device Units Tab



The Device Units Sub Tab is read-only. It displays the actual hexadecimal values read from the DS2780 and displays the units that are stored in the device.

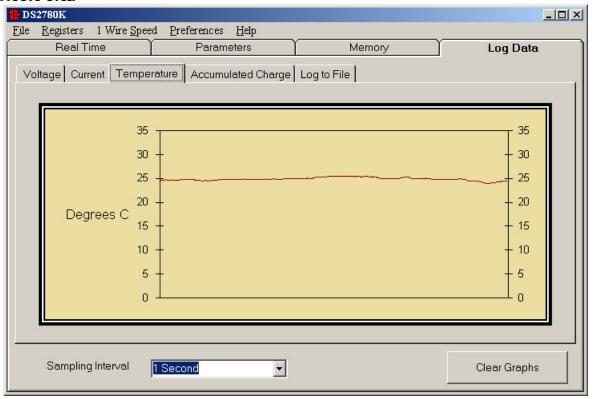
MEMORY TAB



The Memory Tab gives the user access to all 32 bytes of SRAM and all 48 bytes of EEPROM inside the DS2780. They are separated into four sub-tabs for convenience. Any value can be modified by clicking in that address' text box and typing a new value in hexadecimal format. The Write button will copy the entire block of data to the corresponding location inside the DS2780 (Scratchpad RAM on the EEPROM blocks). The Read button will update the entire block's text boxes with data from the DS2780 (Scratchpad RAM on the EEPROM blocks). Sub-tabs displaying any EEPROM data will also have Copy and Recall buttons to allow the user to transfer the data between Scratchpad and EEPROM memory internal to the DS2780. The Permanently Lock Block 0/1 buttons will permanently store the data currently located in that block's EEPROM. Warning – this data can never be changed once locked. Verify your data first by issuing a Recall and a Read.

The Net Address Sub Tab allows the user to perform a Search Net Address to find all of the 1-Wire devices on the 1 Wire bus. All devices found on the bus will be listed in the Net Addresses field. To communicate to any device on the bus, click on its address inside the Net Addresses field to select it. The program will now use this Net Address for all operations until a different Net Address is chosen.

LOG DATA TAB



The Log Data tab allows the user to see the DS2780's real time measurements graphed over time. There are separate sub-tabs for voltage, current, temperature, and accumulated charge. Each graph displays the last 500 data points collected by the DS2780K software. The sampling interval can be adjusted from as fast as possible to 15 minutes and can be adjusted from the Sampling Interval Menu at the bottom of the window. The Clear Graphs button will clear all data from all four graphs, but does not reset the log to file function. When the Fastest sampling interval is selected, the graphs will not be updated, only the data logging is enabled.

The Log to File Sub Tab contains control information for storing all data to an ASCII file. The default filename is c:\DS2780K_datalog.txt, but can be modified in the filename text field. The Log Data button toggles data logging off and on. Data will be stored at the same interval selected for updating the graphs in the tab-delimited format of

"Time<tab>Voltage<tab>Current<tab>AveCurrent<tab>Temperature<tab>ACR<tab>Full<tab>AE<tab> SE<tab> RAAC<tab> RARC<tab> RSAC<tab> RSAC<tab> Status<tab> Status<tab > Status<tab

for easy import into a spreadsheet. The most recent 50 samples are displayed in the window for observation. Warning - The Log Data function overwrites previous file information. Data previously stored in the file will be lost.