

Charge Pump Driver for LCD White LED Backlights Data Sheet **ADM8845**

FEATURES

Drives 6 LEDs from 2.6 V to 5.5 V (Li-Ion) input supply 1×/1.5×/2× fractional charge pump to maximize power efficiency 1% maximum LED current matching Up to 88% power efficiency over Li-Ion range Powers main and sub display LEDs with individual shutdown Package footprint only 9 mm² (3 mm \times 3 mm) **Package height only 0.75 mm Low power shutdown mode Shutdown function Soft-start limiting in-rush current**

APPLICATIONS

Cellular phones with main and sub displays White LED backlighting Camera flash/strobes and movie lights Micro TFT color displays DSC PDAs

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The ADM8845 uses charge pump technology to provide the power required to drive up to six LEDs. The LEDs are used for backlighting a color LCD display, having regulated constant current for uniform brightness intensity. The main display can have up to four LEDs, and the sub display can have one or two LEDs. The digital CTRL1 and CTRL2 input control pins control the shutdown operation and the brightness of the main and sub displays.

To maximize power efficiency, the charge pump can operate in a 1×, 1.5×, or 2× mode. The charge pump automatically switches between 1×/1.5×/2× modes, based on the input voltage, to maintain sufficient drive for the LED anodes at the highest power efficiency.

Improved brightness matching of the LEDs is achieved by a feedback pin to sense individual LED current with a maximum matching accuracy of 1%.

Figure 1.

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4/2010—Rev. A to Rev. B

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10/2004—Revision 0: Initial Version

SPECIFICATIONS

 $V_{CC} = 2.6$ V to 5.5 V, T_A = -40°C to +85°C, unless otherwise noted. C1, C2 = 1.0 μF, C3 = 2.2 μF, and C4 = 4.7 μF.

Table 1.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

 $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C, unless otherwise noted.

Table 2.

¹ Short through LED.

² LED current should be derated above $T_A > 65^{\circ}$ C, refer t[o Figure 21.](#page-8-0)

³ Based on long-term current density limitations.

Stresses at or above those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the product. This is a stress rating only; functional operation of the product at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational section of this specification is not implied. Operation beyond the maximum operating conditions for extended periods may affect product reliability.

THERMAL RESISTANCE

Thermal resistance values specified i[n Table 3](#page-3-3) are simulated based on JEDEC specifications, unless specified otherwise, and must be used in compliance with JESD51-12.

Table 3. Thermal Resistance

¹ For θ_{JC} , 100 µm thermal interface material is used. Thermal interface material is assumed to have 3.6 W/mK.

² Using enhanced heat removal (printed circuit board (PCB), heat sink, and airflow) techniques improves thermal resistance values.

ESD CAUTION

ESD (electrostatic discharge) sensitive device. Charged devices and circuit boards can discharge without detection. Although this product features patented or proprietary protection circuitry, damage may occur on devices subjected to high energy ESD. Therefore, proper ESD precautions should be taken to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.

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Figure 21. Maximum ILED vs. Ambient Temperature, Six LEDs Connected

THEORY OF OPERATION

The ADM8845 charge pump driver for LCD white LED backlights implements a multiple gain charge pump (1×, 1.5×, 2×) to maintain the correct voltage on the anodes of the LEDs over a 2.6 V to 5.5 V (Li-Ion) input supply voltage. The charge pump automatically switches between 1×/1.5×/2× modes, based on the input voltage, to maintain sufficient drive for the LED anodes, with V_{CC} input voltages as low as 2.6 V. It also includes regulation of the charge pump output voltage for supply voltages up to 5.5 V. The six LEDs of the ADM8845 are arranged into two groups, main and sub. The main display can have up to four LEDs, FB1 to FB4, and the sub display can have one or two LEDs, FB5 and FB6 (se[e Figure 23\)](#page-9-1). Two digital input control pins, CTRL1 and CTRL2, control the shutdown operation and the brightness of the main and sub displays (se[e Table 5\)](#page-9-2).

Table 5. Shutdown Truth Table

An external resistor, RSET, is connected between the ISET pin and GND. This resistor sets up a reference current, I_{SET}, which is internally gained up by 120 within the ADM8845 to produce the ILED currents of up to 30 mA/LED (ILED = ISET \times 120 and $I_{SET} = 1.18 V/R_{SET}$). The ADM8845 uses six individual current sinks to individually sense each LED current with a maximum matching performance of 1%. This current matching performance ensures uniform brightness across a color display.

The ADM8845 lets the user control the brightness of the white LEDs with a digital PWM signal applied to CTRL1 and/or CTRL2. The duty cycle of the applied PWM signal determines the brightness of the main and/or sub display backlight white LEDs. The ADM8845 also allows the brightness of the white LEDs to be controlled using a dc voltage (se[e Figure 22\)](#page-9-3). Softstart circuitry limits the in-rush current flow at power-up. The ADM8845 is fabricated using CMOS technology for minimal power consumption and is packaged in a 16-lead lead frame chip scale package.

Figure 22. PWM Brightness Control Using a DC Voltage Applied to VBRIGHT

Figure 23. Functional Block Diagram

OUTPUT CURRENT CAPABILITY

The ADM8845 can drive up to 30 mA of current to each of the six LEDs given an input voltage of 2.6 V to 5.5 V. The LED currents have a maximum current matching of 1% between any two LED currents. An external resistor, RSET, sets the output current, approximated by the following equation:

 $R_{SET} = 120 \times (1.18 \text{ V}/I_{LED})$

To regulate the LED currents properly, sufficient headroom voltage (compliance) must be present. The compliance refers to the minimum amount of voltage that must be present across the internal current sinks to ensure that the desired current and matching performance can be realized. To ensure that the desired current is obtained, use the following equation to find the minimum input voltage required:

VOUT − *VF* ≥ *Compliance*

where *VF* is the LED forward voltage. For 20 mA/LED, the compliance is 0.20 V typical and 0.30 V maximum (see [Table 6\)](#page-10-4).

Table 6. ILED, RSET, and Compliance Table

When the ADM8845 charge pump is loaded with 180 mA (six LEDs at 30 mA/LED), the ambient operating temperature is reduced (see [Figure 21\)](#page-8-0).

AUTOMATIC GAIN CONTROL

The automatic gain control block controls the operation of the charge pump by selecting the appropriate gain for the charge pump. This maintains sufficient drive for the LED anodes at the highest power efficiency over a 2.6 V to 5.5 V input supply range. The charge pump switching thresholds are described in [Table 7.](#page-10-5)

CURRENT MATCHING

The 1% maximum current matching performance is defined by the following equations:

 $I_{AVG} = (I_{MAX} + I_{MIN})/2$

Maximum Matching Error = $[(I_{MAX} - I_{AVG})/I_{AVG}] \times 100$

or

Minimum Matching Error = $[(I_{MIN} - I_{AVG})/I_{AVG}] \times 100$

where: *I_{MAX}* is the largest I_{LED} current.

I_{MIN} is the smallest I_{LED} current.

BRIGHTNESS CONTROL WITH A DIGITAL PWM SIGNAL

PWM brightness control provides the widest brightness control method by pulsing the white LEDs on and off using the digital input control pins, CTRL1 and/or CTRL2. PWM brightness control also removes any chromaticity shifts associated with changing the white LED current, because the LEDs operate either at zero current or full current (set by RSET).

The digital PWM signal applied with a frequency of 100 Hz to 200 kHz turns the current control sinks on and off using CTRL1 and/or CTRL2. The average current through the LEDs changes with the PWM signal duty cycle. If the PWM frequency is much less than 100 Hz, flicker could be seen in the LEDs. For the ADM8845, zero duty cycle turns off the LEDs, and a 50% duty cycle results in an average LED current ILED being half the programmed LED current. For example, if RSET is set to program 20 mA/LED, a 50% duty cycle results in an average ILED of 10 mA/LED, ILED being half the programmed LED current.

Figure 24. Digital PWM Brightness Control Application Diagram

By applying a digital PWM signal to the digital input control pins, CTRL1 and/or CTRL2 can adjust the brightness of the sub and/or main displays. The six white LEDs of the ADM8845 are organized into two groups: main display, FB1 to FB4, and sub display, FB5 and FB6. For more information, refer to the [Theory](#page-9-0) [of Operation s](#page-9-0)ection.

The main and sub display brightness of the ADM8845 can be controlled together or separately by applying a digital PWM signal to both CTRL1 and CTRL2 pins. The duty cycle of the applied digital PWM signal determines the brightness of the main and sub displays together. Varying the duty cycle of the applied PWM signal also varies the brightness of the main and sub displays from 0% to 100%.

By holding CTRL1 low and applying a digital PWM signal to CTRL2, the sub display is turned off and the main display is turned on. The brightness of the main display is then determined by the duty cycle of the applied digital PWM signal.

By applying a digital PWM signal to CTRL1 and holding CTRL2 low, the sub display is turned on and the main display is turned off. Then the brightness of the sub display is determined by the duty cycle of the applied digital PWM signal.

By applying a digital PWM signal to CTRL1 and holding CTRL2 high, the sub display is turned on and the main display is turned on. Then the brightness of the sub display is determined by the

Table 8. Digital Inputs Truth Table

duty cycle of the applied digital PWM signal. The brightness of the main display is set to the maximum, which is set by RSET.

By holding CTRL1 high and applying a digital PWM signal to CTRL2, the sub display is turned on and the main display is turned on. Then the brightness of the main display is determined by the duty cycle of the applied digital PWM signal. The brightness of the sub display is set to the maximum, which is set by RSET.

When CTRL1 and CTRL2 go low, the LED current control sinks shutdown. Shutdown of the charge pump is delayed by 15 ms. This timeout period (t_{CP}) allows the ADM8845 to determine if a digital PWM signal is present on CTRL1 and CTRL2 or if the user has selected a full chip shutdown (see [Figure](#page-12-2) 25).

If digital PWM brightness control of the LEDs is not required, a constant logic level 1 (V_{CC}) or 0 (GND) must be applied.

The six white LEDs in the ADM8845 are arranged in two groups, sub and main. It is possible to configure the six LEDs as in [Table](#page-11-0) 8. For more information, also refer t[o Figure](#page-12-2) 25.

1 PWM Sub display on/ digital PWM brightness control on main display^{4, 5}

PWM 1 Digital PWM brightness control on sub display/main display on⁵

PWM PWM PWM Digital PWM brightness control on sub and main display⁵

¹ Sub display off means the sub display LEDs only is off. CTRL1 = 0 means a constant logic level (GND) is applied to CTRL1.

² Main display off means the main display only is off. CTRL2 = 0 means a constant logic level (GND) is applied to CTRL2.

³ Main display on means the display is on with the maximum brightness set by the R_{SET} resistor. CTRL2 = 1 means a constant logic level (V_{CC}) is applied to CTRL2.

 4 Sub display on means the display is on with the maximum brightness set by the R_{SET} resistor. CTRL1 = 1 means a constant logic level (V_{CC}) is applied to CTRL1. ⁵ PWM means a digital PWM signal is applied to the CTRL1 and/or the CTRL2 pin with a frequency from 100 Hz to 200 kHz.

Figure 25. Application Timing

LED BRIGHTNESS CONTROL USING A PWM SIGNAL APPLIED TO V_{PWM}

Adding two external resistors and a capacitor, as shown in [Figure 26,](#page-12-3) can also be used to control PWM brightness. This PWM brightness control method can be used instead of CTRL1 and/or CTRL2 digital PWM brightness control. With this configuration, the CTRL1 and CTRL2 digital logic pins can be used to control shutdown of the white LEDs, while VPWM can be used to control the brightness of all the white LEDs by applying a high frequency PWM signal (amplitude 0 V to 2.5 V) to drive an R-C-R filter on the Iser pin of the ADM8845. A 0% PWM duty cycle corresponds to 20 mA/LED, while a 100% PWM duty cycle corresponds to a 0 mA/LED. At PWM frequencies above 5 kHz, C5 may be reduced (see [Figure 26\)](#page-12-3). To have 20 mA flowing in each LED, the amplitude of the PWM signal must be 0 V and 2.5 V only.

Figure 26. PWM Brightness Control Using Filtered PWM Signal

LED BRIGHTNESS CONTROL USING A DC VOLTAGE APPLIED TO VBRIGHT

By adding one resistor, as in [Figure 22,](#page-9-3) this configuration can control the brightness of the white LEDs using a dc voltage applied to the VBRIGHT node. [Figure 27](#page-12-4) shows an application example of LED brightness control using a dc voltage with a amplitude of 0 V to 2.5 V, applied to V_{BRIGHT} .

The equation for *ILED* is

$$
I_{SET} = [(1/R_{SET} + 1/R)(V_{SET})] - [(1/R)(V_{BRGHT})]
$$

I_{IFD} = 120 × I_{SET}

where:

 $R = 15 \text{ k}\Omega$. *V_{SET}* the voltage at *I_{SET}* pin (1.18 V).

Figure 27. PWM Brightness Control Application Diagram Using a DC Voltage Applied to VBRIGHT

APPLICATIONS INFORMATION **LAYOUT CONSIDERATIONS AND NOISE**

Because of the s switching behavior of the ADM8845, PCB trace layout is an important consideration. To ensure optimum performance, a ground plane should be used, and all capacitors (C1, C2, C3, C4) must be located with minimal track lengths to the pins of the ADM8845.

WHITE LED SHORTING

If an LED is shorted, the ADM8845 continues to drive the remaining LEDs with I_{LED} per LED ($I_{LED} = I_{SET} \times 120$ mA). This is because the ADM8845 uses six internal currents sinks to produce the LED current. If an LED is shorted, the ADM8845 continues to sink ($I_{SET} × 120$ mA) as programmed by R_{SET} through the shorted LED.

DRIVING FEWER THAN SIX LEDs

The ADM8845 can be operated with fewer than six LEDs in parallel by simply leaving the unused FBx pins floating or connected to GND. For example, [Figure 28 s](#page-13-4)hows five LEDs being powered by the ADM8845, an[d Figure 29](#page-13-5) shows three main LEDs and one sub LED.

> V_{OUT} **FB1 FB2 FB3 FB4 FB5 FB6**

V_{CC}
2.6V–5.5V

R_{SET}

CTRL1 CTRL2

ISET

GND

ADM8845

Figure 30. Typical Application Diagram

DRIVING FLASH LEDS

The ADM8845 can be operated with any two FBx pins used in parallel to double the combined LED current supplied by the ADM8845. For example, if three flash LEDs need to be driven with 60 mA/LED, the ADM8845 can be configured as in [Figure 31 \(](#page-14-2)see als[o Figure 21\)](#page-8-0).

Figure 31. Driving Three Flash LEDs

DRIVING CAMERA LIGHT, MAIN, AND SUB LEDs

The ADM8845 can be configured to power a camera light that is composed of four white LEDs in parallel, along with the main and sub display bundled into one package. FB1 to FB4 now power the camera light, and FB5 and FB6 power the main display. The sub display LED is powered from the ADM8845 by using an external current mirror to control the current flowing through the sub white LED (se[e Figure 32\)](#page-14-3). All white LEDs have 15 mA/LED. Total load on the ADM8845 charge pump is therefore 105 mA, and the maximum load on the ADM8845 charge pump is 180 mA (se[e Figure 21\)](#page-8-0).

Figure 32. Driving Camera Light, Two Main LEDs, and One Sub LED

DRIVING FOUR BACKLIGHT WHITE LEDS AND FLASH LEDS

The ADM8845 can be configured to power four backlight white LEDs and a camera flash, bundled into one package. FB1 to FB4 power the backlight light, FB5 and FB6 power two of the flash LEDs, while the third is powered by an external current mirror to control the current flowing through the third flash LED (see [Figure 33\)](#page-15-1). All the backlight white LEDs have 15 mA/LED, and the flash current is 20 mA/LED. The total load on the ADM8845 charge pump is 120 mA; the maximum load on the ADM8845 charge pump is 180 mA (see [Figure 21\)](#page-8-0).

CTRL1 controls the flash on/off, and CTRL2 controls the backlight on/off and brightness control. Because the RSET resistor sets the current that each of the six current control blocks can sink, a PWM signal is used to change the current in the backlight from 20 mA to 5 mA/LED. The CTRL2 duty cycle is 15/20 to give 15 mA/backlight LED.

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POWER EFFICIENCY

The ADM8845 power efficiency (η) equations are the following:

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\eta = P_{\text{OUT}}/P_{\text{IN}}
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$$
P_{\text{IN}} = ((V_{\text{CC}} \times I_{\text{LOAD}} \times Gain) + (I_{\text{Q}} \times V_{\text{CC}}))
$$

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$$
P_{\text{OUT}} = 6 \times (V_{\text{F}} \times I_{\text{LED}})
$$

where:

Gain is equal to the charge pump mode (1×, 1.5×, 2×). *IQ* is the quiescent current of the ADM8845, 2.6 mA. V_F is the LED forward voltage.

Figure 34. Charge Pump Power Efficiency Diagram

Example 1 and Example 2 show calculations of the ADM8845 power efficiency. See [Figure 34](#page-16-1) as well.

Example 1

The ADM8845 driving six white LEDs with a 20 mA/LED at V_{CC} = 3.4 V (1.5 \times mode) and LED V_F = 4.5 V.

 P_{IN} = ((V_{CC} × I_{LOAD} × $Gain$) + (V_{CC} × I_Q)) P_{IN} = ((3.4 × 120 mA × 1.5) + (3.4 × 2.6 mA)) P_{IN} = ((0.612) + (0.00884)) $P_{IN} = 0.62084$ $P_{OUT} = 6 \times (V_F \times I_{LED})$ $P_{OUT} = 6 \times (4.5 \text{ V} \times 20 \text{ mA})$ $P_{\text{OUT}} = 0.54$ $\eta = P_{OUT}/P_{IN}$ $\eta = 0.54/0.62084$ $η = 87%$

Example 2

The ADM8845 driving six white LEDs with a 20 mA/LED at V_{CC} = 3.4 (1.5 \times mode) and LED V_F = 3.6 V.

 P_{IN} = ((V_{CC} × I_{LOAD} × $Gain$) + (V_{CC} × I_Q)) P_{IN} = ((3.4 × 120 mA × 1.5) + (3.4 × 2.6 mA)) P_{IN} = ((0.612) + (0.00884)) *PIN* = 0.62084 $P_{OUT} = 6 \times (V_F \times I_{LED})$ $P_{OUT} = 6 \times (3.6 \text{ V} \times 20 \text{ mA})$ $P_{OUT} = 0.432$ $n = P_{OUT}/P_{IN}$ $\eta = 0.432/0.62084$ η = 70%