Safety Manual for BQ79606A-Q1 Precision Monitor

ABSTRACT

This document is a safety manual for the Texas Instruments BQ79606A-Q1 precision monitor. This manual provides information to help developers integrate the BQ79606A-Q1 device into safety related systems.

NOTE: Please note that before you begin a project based on the BQ79606A-Q1 you will need to setup with your local TI sales person a SafeTI NDA in order to receive more safety documentation than this safety manual from TI.
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1 Introduction

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This document is a safety manual for the Texas Instruments BQ79606A-Q1. It provides information to help system developers create safety-related systems using the BQ79606A-Q1. This document contains:

- An overview of the superset product architecture
- An overview of the development process used to reduce systematic failures
- An overview of the safety architecture for management of random failures and Assumptions of Use (AoU) that the system integrator may consider to use this device in an ISO26262 compliant system
- The details of architecture partitions and implemented safety mechanisms

The Safety Analysis Report documents the following information, not covered in this document:

- Failure rates estimation
- Qualitative failure analysis (design FMEA, pin-FMEA, DFA, FTA)
- Quantitative failure analysis (quantitative FMEDA)
- Safety metrics calculated per targeted standards per system example implementation

The safety case documents the following information, which is not covered in this document:

- Evidence of compliance to targeted standards
- Results of assessments of compliance to targeted standards

TI expects that the user of this document has a general familiarity with the BQ79606A-Q1. This document is intended to be used in conjunction with the pertinent data sheets and other documentation for the products under development. This partition of technical content is intended to simplify development, reduce duplication of content, and avoid confusion as compared to the definition of safety manual as seen in IEC 61508:2010.

2 Product Overview

The BQ79606A-Q1 is a multichannel measurement device designed to measure battery cell voltages and temperatures in safety-relevant applications, such as those found in automotive.

The BQ79606A-Q1 integrates six Delta-Sigma converters for the simultaneous measurement of six battery voltages, an auxiliary ADC that supports cell temperature measurements for up to six NTCs as well as internal rails to enable safety checks for the device, and a UART to allow it to communicate with a wide range of microcontrollers. A die temperature measurement ADC is also included to provide temperature correction to enable high accuracy results over an extended temperature range. The device supports a stacked communication architecture through daisy chain communication transmitters and receivers as well as an optional ring architecture to provide support for communication in the event of a wire harness fault; a total of fifty-one devices can be addressed by a single microcontroller by taking advantage of the daisy chain bus. Additionally, there is an optional fault daisy chain that can be used to allow for interrupt driven faults as opposed to polling. The BQ79606A-Q1 supports passive balancing of battery cells with integrated balancing FETs.
2.1 Target Applications

The BQ79606A-Q1 is designed for use as the battery cell voltage and temperature monitor in the following automotive applications:

- Full electric vehicle (EV), Hybrid electric vehicle (HEV) or Plug In Hybrid (PHEV) power train
- 48-V automotive battery systems
- Industrial safety applications, particularly Energy Storage Systems (ESS)

Analysis of multiple safety applications during concept phase enabled support of Safety Element out of Context (SEooC) development according to ISO 26262–10. In designing this device, TI made various assumptions about how it could be used so as to address expected industry requirements for Battery Monitoring Systems because these safety-critical systems are especially demanding.

Although TI has considered certain applications while developing these devices, this should not restrict a customer who wishes to implement other systems. With all safety-critical devices, the system integrator must rationalize the device safety concept to confirm that it meets the system safety needs.

In the case of overlapping requirements between target systems TI has attempted to design the device respecting the most stringent requirement. For example, the fault-tolerant response-time intervals in an automotive battery application are typically on the order of 1 second. In such case, TI has performed timer subsystem analysis respecting a fault-tolerant time interval of 100 ms for an assumed 96 battery cell application.
2.2 Product Safety Constraints

The BQ79606A-Q1 safety analysis was performed under the following assumptions of system constrains:

- All inputs to the BQ79606A-Q1 meet the recommended operating conditions defined in the device data sheet and do not exceed absolute operating conditions defined therein
- The operating temperature of the BQ79606A-Q1 meets the ambient and junction temperature limits defined in the device data sheet
- All external devices to the BQ79606A-Q1 meet the electrical characteristics defined in the device data sheet for the devices in question
- The layout of the system board follows the layout guideline as defined in the BQ79606A-Q1 data sheet
- The junction temperature of the BQ79606A-Q1 does not exceed the maximum value as specified in the BQ79606A-Q1 data sheet.

3 BQ79606A-Q1 Development Process for Management of Systematic Faults

For safety-critical development, it is necessary to manage both systematic and random faults. Texas Instruments has created a development process for safety-critical semiconductors, which greatly reduces the probability of systematic failures. This process builds on a standard quality-managed development process as the foundation for safety-critical development. A second layer of development activities, which are specific to safety-critical applications developments targeting IEC 61508 and ISO 26262, then augments this process. The development activity to manage systematic faults during development for the BQ79606A-Q1 was done to comply with ASIL-D.

3.1 TI New-Product Development Process

Texas Instruments has been developing mixed-signal automotive ICs for safety-critical and non-safety critical automotive applications for over fifteen years. Automotive markets have strong requirements regarding quality management and product reliability. Though not explicitly developed for compliance to a functional safety standard, the TI new-product development process already featured many elements necessary to manage systematic faults.

The BQ79606A-Q1 was developed using TI’s new product development process which has been certified as compliant to ISO TS 16949 as assessed by Det Norske Veritas Certification, Inc.

The standard development process breaks development into phases:

- Business Planning
- Validate
- Create
- Evaluate
- Process to Production
Figure 2 shows the standard process.

**3.2 TI Safety Development Flow**

The TI safety-development flow derives from ISO 26262 as a set of requirements and methodologies to be applied to mixed-signal circuit safety-development flow. This flow is an integrated part of the TI new product development process. The goal of the safety-development flow is to reduce systematic faults.

The safety-development flow targets compliance to IEC 61508 second edition and ISO 26262 second edition, and is under a process of continuous improvement to incorporate new features of future ISO 26262 working-group drafts. It aligns with the TI QRAS AP00210 enhanced-safety development process.

While the safety-development flow is not directly targeted at other functional safety standards, TI expects that many customers will determine that other functional safety systems can readily use products developed to industry state-of-the-art.

Key elements of the TI safety-development flow are:

- Assumptions on system-level design, safety concept, and requirements based on TI's expertise in safety-critical systems development
- Combined qualitative and quantitative or similar safety analysis techniques comprehending the sum of silicon failure modes and diagnostic techniques
- Fault estimation based on multiple industry standards, as well as TI manufacturing data
- Integration of lessons learned through multiple safety-critical developments to IEC 61508 and participation in the ISO 26262 international working group
Table 1 lists these activities overlaid atop the standard QM development flow.

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<tr>
<th>Business Opportunity Prescreen</th>
<th>Program Planning</th>
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<th>Validate, Sample, and Characterize</th>
<th>Quality</th>
<th>Ramp/Sustain</th>
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<tr>
<td>Determine if safety process execution is necessary</td>
<td>Define SIL/ASIL capability</td>
<td>Execute safety design</td>
<td>Validate safety design in silicon</td>
<td>Qualification of safety design</td>
<td>Implement plans to support operation and production</td>
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<td>Execute development interface agreement (DIA) with lead customers and suppliers</td>
<td>Generate safety plan</td>
<td>Qualitative analysis of design (FMEA and FTA)</td>
<td>Release safety manual</td>
<td>Release safety case report</td>
<td>Update safety case report (if needed)</td>
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<td>Initiate safety case</td>
<td>Incorporate findings into safety design</td>
<td>Release safety analysis report</td>
<td>Update safety manual (if needed)</td>
<td>Periodic confirmation measure reviews</td>
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<td>Analyze assumed system to generate system level safety assumptions and requirements</td>
<td>Develop safety product preview</td>
<td>Characterization of safety design</td>
<td>Update safety analysis report (if needed)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Develop component level safety requirements</td>
<td>Validation of mixed-signal safety design at transistor, gate and RTL level</td>
<td>Confirmation measure review</td>
<td>Confirmation measure review</td>
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<tr>
<td>Validate component safety requirements meet system safety requirements</td>
<td>Quantitative analysis of design (FMEDA)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Implement safety requirements in design specification</td>
<td>Incorporate findings into safety design</td>
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<td>Validate design specification meets component safety requirements</td>
<td>Validation of mixed-signal safety design at transistor/gate/physical layout level</td>
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<td>Confirmation measure review</td>
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### 3.3 Development Interface Agreement

The intent of a development interface agreement (DIA) is to define the responsibilities of the customer and supplier in facilitating the development of a functional safety system.

In custom developments, the DIA is a key document executed between customer and supplier early in the process of developing both the system and the custom TI device. As the BQ79606A-Q1 device is a commercial, off-the-shelf (COTS) product, refer requests for custom DIAs to your local TI sales office for disposition.

The following sections highlight key points of the standard DIA.

#### 3.3.1 Requirements Transfer

The BQ79606A-Q1 product is developed as a safety element out of context (SEooC) with a target safety goal of ASIL-D for the measurement and reporting of battery cell voltages, ASIL-D for the measurement and reporting of multiple temperature sensor voltages, and ASIL-B for the secondary protector function of battery cell and temperature sensor voltages. Detailed safety requirements were not available from lead customers during development. Therefore, the safety requirements used were based on TI analysis of target safety applications.

TI is willing to discuss acceptance of new customer safety requirements for future designs; please contact your local TI sales office for further information.
3.3.2 Availability of Safety Documentation

Table 2 lists the safety documentation for the BQ79606A-Q1 device, which are made available either publicly or under a non-disclosure agreement (NDA):

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<th>Deliverable Name</th>
<th>Contents</th>
<th>Confidentiality</th>
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<tr>
<td>Safety Manual</td>
<td>User guide for the safety features of the product, including system level assumptions of use</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Safety Analysis Report Summary for BQ79606A-Q1 Multi-Rail Power Supply for Microcontrollers in Safety-Relevant Applications</td>
<td>Summary of FIT rates and device safety metrics according to ISO 26262 and/or IEC 61508 at device level.</td>
<td>SafeTI NDA required</td>
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<tr>
<td>Detailed Safety Analysis Report for BQ79606A-Q1 Multi-Rail Power Supply for Microcontrollers in Safety-Relevant Applications</td>
<td>Full results of all available safety analysis documented in a format that allows computation of custom metrics</td>
<td>SafeTI NDA required</td>
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4 BQ79606A-Q1 Product Architecture for Management of Random Faults

For safety-critical development, both systematic and random faults must be managed. The BQ79606A-Q1 product architecture integrates several modules that can detect and report random faults, allowing a host microcontroller or other processing engine return the device to a safe state.

The device has a core set of modules allocated for continuously operating hardware safety mechanisms. It also provides programmable mechanisms to transition the device to the default(safe or shutdown state) operating mode in the event of systematicor random faults.

This section introduces the operation states and safe state of BQ79606A-Q1

4.1 Device Operating States

The BQ79606A-Q1 has multiple operating states. These operating states should be monitored by the system developer in their software and system level design concepts. Please refer to the product datasheet for the BQ79606A-Q1 for details on the operation of the operating-states state machine. The following figure provides and overview of the operating-states state machine.

Figure 3. BQ79606A-Q1 Operating State machine

The BQ79606A-Q1 always operates in one of four modes. The mode depends on the VBAT voltage and the operational requirements of the system. A high level description of the modes is as follows:

- **SHUTDOWN** – The lowest power state available. In this state, most internal blocks are powered off and monitoring is disabled. The device strictly monitors the WAKEUP input (for a stand-alone or base/bridge device) for a low pulse or the COMx inputs (for stack devices) for a WAKE tone (Stack Device Wakeup and Hardware Shutdown).

- **SLEEP**– In SLEEP mode, the device has limited functionality. The functions are limited to the voltage and temperature protectors(OV/UV and OT/UT Comparator), Cell balancing , Fault tones and wake/shutdown detection.

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• POR – In POR mode, the pack voltage too low for functionality. This is not a real state the device remains in the last state but does not operate.

• ACTIVE – In ACTIVE mode, the device is actively communicating with the host microcontroller or the device above or below it in the stack.

4.2 Safe State

The device can be considered in a safe state when a battery cell Over-Voltage (OV), Under-Voltage (UV), Over-Temperature (OT) or associated hardware fault is detected and signaled to an external element of the system/item. The host is responsible for fault reaction and transitioning of the system to a safe state.

The device can be considered in a safe state when in the Invalid Power (Power Off) or Shutdown states. In these states the host system will have communication failures to the device. Repeatable and consistent communication failures are a fault indication and the host is then responsible for determining if the battery pack contactors should be open.
5 BQ79606A-Q1 Architecture Safety Mechanisms and Assumptions of Use

This section summarizes the safety mechanisms for each major functional block of the BQ79606A-Q1 architecture and provides their assumptions of use. Each assumption of use is indicated by \[AoUx\] with \(x\) being the identification number. The safety analysis report notes the effectiveness of these safety mechanisms.

Naturally, the system integrator must comprehensively assess effectiveness in the context of the specific end use.

The safety measures described in this document may relate to one or more of the safety goals listed in

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<td>Voltage Monitoring (ADC measurements)</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Temperature Monitoring (ADC measurements)</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Voltage Protection (comparator measurements)</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Temperature Protection (comparator measurements)</td>
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The number of each safety measure is not strictly sequential. describes the number range and the related functionality of the device covered

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<td>Substantially related to voltage monitoring</td>
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<td>300-399</td>
<td>Substantially related to voltage protection</td>
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<td>400-499</td>
<td>Substantially related to temperature protection</td>
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<tr>
<td>500-599</td>
<td>Substantially related to communication diagnostics</td>
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<td>600+</td>
<td>Safety measures covering device functions not primarily in other categories</td>
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<th>Diagnostic Interval</th>
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<td>FDTI</td>
<td>Mechanisms or diagnostic functions designed to be handled with external microcontroller assistance within each Fault Tolerant Detection Interval</td>
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<tr>
<td>MPFDI</td>
<td>Mechanisms or diagnostic functions designed to be executed with external microcontroller assistance at least once within Multi Point Fault Detection Interval</td>
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<tr>
<td>AUTO</td>
<td>Mechanisms that are passive elements or automatically executed by the ASIC</td>
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**NOTE:** Detection - a test which is run frequently or continuously for the purpose of preventing a single point safety goal violation (e.g. output driver over-current reporting).

Diagnostic - a test which is performed periodically (e.g. once per ignition cycle) for the purpose of preventing a latent safety goal violation, such as a failed detection (e.g. inject over-current to verify current over-current detection works).
### 5.1 Safety Mechanisms Per Design Block

#### Table 6. Safety Mechanisms

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| OTUT (G) | SM402 | Over/Under-Temperature Mux Selector Integrity | FDTI | Detection |
| Digital Core (H) | SM500 | COMM Response CRC & Source Check | FDTI | Detection |
| Digital Core (H) | SM501 | Device Addressing Check | FDTI | Detection |
| Digital Core (H) | SM502 | Short Comm Timeout Check | FDTI | Detection |
| Digital Core (H) | SM503 | Byte Error Check | FDTI | Detection |
| Digital Core (H) | SM504 | Start of frame Error Check | FDTI | Detection |
| Digital Core (H) | SM505 | UNEXP Error Check | FDTI | Detection |
| Digital Core (H) | SM506 | TXDIS Error Check | FDTI | Detection |
| Digital Core (H) | SM507 | Wait Error Check | FDTI | Detection |
| Digital Core (H) | SM508 | IERR Error Check | FDTI | Detection |
| Digital Core (H) | SM517 | UART communication STOP | FDTI | Detection |
| Digital Core (H) | SM518 | UART communication Reset | FDTI | Detection |
| Digital Core (H) | SM519 | UART communication Clear Break Detection Check | FDTI | Detection |
| Digital Core (H) | SM700 | Customer NVM-backed Registers CRC Check | FDTI | Detection |
| Digital Core (H) | SM701 | Fact NVM-Backed Register CRC Check | FDTI | Detection |
| Digital Core (H) | SM702 | NVM CRC Done Check | MPFDI | Diagnostic |
| Digital Core (H) | SM731 | OTP Programming Lock | MPFDI | Diagnostic |
| Digital Core (H) | SM740 | OTP ECC | MPFDI | Diagnostic |
| Digital Core (H) | SM741 | ECC_TEST manipulation | MPFDI | Diagnostic |
| Digital Core (H) | SM742 | OTP Customer load Error Check | FDTI | Detection |
| Digital Core (H) | SM743 | OTP Factory load Error Check | FDTI | Detection |
| Digital Core (H) | SM744 | OTP OverVoltage Error Check | FDTI | Detection |
| Digital Core (H) | SM745 | Normal Shutdown Check | FDTI | Detection |
| Digital Core (H) | SM990 | Fact Testmode Disabled | Auto | Detection |
| VIF (I) | SM509 | Daisy Chain communication SYNC1 Error Check | FDTI | Detection |
| VIF (I) | SM510 | Daisy Chain communication SYNC2 Error Check | FDTI | Detection |
| VIF (I) | SM511 | Daisy Chain communication Byte Order Error Check | FDTI | Detection |
| VIF (I) | SM512 | Daisy Chain communication DATA_MISS Error Check | FDTI | Detection |
| VIF (I) | SM513 | Daisy Chain communication BIT Error Check | FDTI | Detection |
| VIF (I) | SM514 | HeartBeat Fast Error Check | MPFDI | Diagnostic |
| VIF (I) | SM515 | HeartBeat Fail Error Check | MPFDI | Diagnostic |
| VIF (I) | SM516 | Fault Tone Error Check | MPFDI | Diagnostic |
| OVUV (J) | SM301 | Over/Under-Voltage BIST | FDTI | Detection |
| OVUV (J) | SM302 | Over/Under-Voltage Mux Selector Integrity | FDTI | Detection |
| OVUV (J) | SM303 | OV/UV DAC Voltage Measurement | MPFDI | Diagnostic |
| OVUV (J) | SM304 | Cell Voltage UV Comparator Check | FDTI | Detection |
| OVUV (J) | SM305 | Cell Voltage OV Comparator Check | FDTI | Detection |
| OVUV (J) | SM151 | VCB BIST Check | FDTI | Detection |
| OSC (K) | SM720 | LFOSC Accuracy Check | FDTI | Detection |
| OSC (K) | SM721 | LFO Watchdog | FDTI | Detection |
| OSC (K) | SM722 | HFO watchdog | FDTI | Detection |
| MEAS_ADC (L) | SM101 | Vcell ADC Path Accuracy Check | FDTI | Detection |
| MEAS_ADC (L) | SM104 | Vcell Gain/Offset & Register Check | FDTI | Detection |
| MEAS_ADC (L) | SM107 | Vcell Dig LPF Check | FDTI | Detection |
| MEAS_ADC (L) | SM108 | Vcell Redundant Dig LPF FI | MPFDI | Diagnostic |
| MEAS_ADC (L) | SM110 | Vcell ADC Conv Count | FDTI | Detection |
| MEAS_ADC (L) | SM130 | VC/CB Path, Pin Open & Leakage Check | FDTI | Detection |
| MEAS_ADC (L) | SM140 | Vcell Data Ready Check | FDTI | Detection |
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5.2 Architecture Safety Mechanisms Related to Supply Rail and Reference Voltages

The BQ79606A-Q1 architecture safety mechanisms for the supply rail and reference voltages are described in the next sections.

5.2.1 SM1: AVDD OV Flag

The BQ79606A-Q1 automatically compares the 5V AVDD LDO output voltage against an over-voltage threshold. If a failure condition is valid, the AVDDOV bit in register RAIL_FAULT will be set. The LDO output voltage is set based on a ratio to REF2. The OV Comparator threshold voltage is based on a ratio to REF3.

[AoU1] — The host MCU will read the RAIL_FAULT register every FDTI to verify the AVDDOV bit is 0.

5.2.2 SM2: AVDD UV Flag

The BQ79606A-Q1 automatically compares the 5V AVDD LDO output voltage against an under-voltage threshold. If a failure condition is valid, the AVDDUV bit in register RAIL_FAULT will be set. The LDO output voltage is set based on a ratio to REF2. The UV Comparator threshold voltage is based on a ratio to REF3.

[AoU2] — The host MCU will read the RAIL_FAULT register every FDTI to verify the AVDDUV bit is 0.

5.2.3 SM3: AVDD OSC Flag

The BQ79606A-Q1 analyzes the 5V AVDD LDO output for oscillations and set flag AVDD_OSC in register SYS_FAULT2 if detected. Oscillation faults may be caused by an open circuit in the decoupling capacitor path.

[AoU3] — The host MCU will read the SYS_FAULT2 register every FDTI to verify the AVDD_OSC bit is 0.

5.2.4 SM4: AVDD Current Limit

The BQ79606A-Q1 measures the AVDD LDO output current and limits it according to the datasheet specifications. This protects circuits in the case of a short circuit or severe transient load.

NOTE: The mechanism works continuously and has no status indication that can be monitored.

5.2.5 SM21: VLDO OV Flag

The BQ79606A-Q1 compares the 5V VLDO output voltage against an overvoltage threshold and sets flag bit VLDOOV in register RAIL_FAULT. The OV comparator threshold voltage is based on a ratio to REF3.

[AoU4] — The host MCU will read the RAIL_FAULT register every FDTI to verify the VLDOOV bit is 0.

5.2.6 SM22: CVDD UV Flag

The BQ79606A-Q1 compares the 5V CVDD LDO output voltage against an undervoltage threshold and sets flag bit CVDDUV in register RAIL_FAULT. The UV comparator threshold voltage is based on a ratio to REF3.

[AoU5] — The host MCU will read the RAIL_FAULT register every FDTI to verify the CVDDUV bit is 0.

5.2.7 SM23: CVDD Current Limit

The BQ79606A-Q1 measures the CVDD LDO output current and limits it according to the datasheet specifications. This protects circuits in the case of a short circuit or severe transient load.

NOTE: The mechanism works continuously and has no status indication that can be monitored.
5.2.8  **SM24: CVSS Pin Open Check**

The BQ79606A-Q1 CVSS pins are connected to AVSS at the system level by a connection on the PCB. Internally, they are connected to AVSS by anti-parallel diodes. In case of an open circuit, it is possible that under some conditions the IC will function almost normally. For that reason, an open pin detector has been added to these pins with output flags in the SYS_FAULT2 register.

**[AoU6]** — The host MCU will read the SYS_FAULT2 register every FDTI to verify the CVSS_OPEN bit is 0.

5.2.9  **SM31: DVDD OV Flag**

The BQ79606A-Q1 compares the 1.8-V DVDD LDO output voltage against an overvoltage threshold and sets flag bit DVDDOV in register RAIL_FAULT. The LDO output voltage is set based on a ratio to REF2. The OV comparator threshold voltage is based on a ratio to REF3.

**[AoU7]** — The host MCU will read the RAIL_FAULT register every FDTI to verify the DVDDOV bit is 0.

5.2.10  **SM32: DVDD DRST Flag**

The BQ79606A-Q1 compares the 1.8-V DVDD LDO output voltage against an undervoltage threshold. Whenever the DVDD supply is below the UV threshold, the DRST flag in register SYS_FAULT1 is set. The LDO output voltage is set based on a ratio to REF2. The OV comparator threshold voltage is based on a ratio to REF3.

**[AoU8]** — The host MCU will read the SYS_FAULT1 register after the device resets to verify the DRST bit is 1. In this condition, the bit can be cleared to 0 without issue.

**[AoU9]** — The host MCU will read the SYS_FAULT1 register every FDTI after waking the device to verify the POR bit is 0. If the bit is not 0 then the device went through a SHUTDOWN cycle. The bit should be cleared and the appropriate action should be taken depending on the conditions surrounding the event.

5.2.11  **SM33: DVDD Current Limit**

The BQ79606A-Q1 measures the DVDD LDO output current and limits it according to the datasheet specifications. This protects circuits in the case of a short circuit or severe transient load.

**NOTE:** The mechanism works continuously and has no status indication that can be monitored.

5.2.12  **SM34: DVSS Pin Open Check**

The BQ79606A-Q1 DVSS pins are connected to AVSS at the system level by a connection on the PCB. Internally, they are connected to AVSS by anti-parallel diodes. In case of an open circuit, it is possible that under some conditions the IC will function almost normally. For that reason, an open pin detector has been added to these pins with output flags in the SYS_FAULT2 register.

**[AoU10]** — The host MCU will read the SYS_FAULT2 register every FDTI to verify the DVSS_OPEN bit is 0.

5.2.13  **SM41: TSREF OV Flag**

The BQ79606A-Q1 compares the 2.5-V TSREF LDO output voltage against an overvoltage threshold and sets flag bit TSREFOV in register RAIL_FAULT. The LDO output voltage is set based on a ratio to REF1. The OV comparator threshold voltage is based on a ratio to REF3.

**[AoU11]** — The host MCU will read the RAIL_FAULT register every FDTI to verify the TSREFOV bit is 0.
5.2.14 SM42: TSREF UV Flag

The BQ79606A-Q1 compares the 2.5-V TSREF LDO output voltage against an undervoltage threshold and sets flag bit TSREFUV in register RAIL_FAULT. The LDO output voltage is set based on a ratio to REF1. The UV comparator threshold voltage is based on a ratio to REF3.

[AoU12] — The host MCU will read the RAIL_FAULT register every FDTI to verify the TSREFUV bit is 0.

5.2.15 SM43: TSREF OSC Flag

The BQ79606A-Q1 analyzes the 2.5-V TSREF LDO output for oscillations and sets flag TSREF_OSC in register SYS_FAULT2 if detected. Valid reading of the flag bit register ensures SPF and MPF coverage. MPF coverage may be obtained by any communication check.

[AoU13] — The host MCU will read the SYS_FAULT2 register every FDTI to verify the TSREF_OSC bit is 0.

5.2.16 SM44: TSREF Current Limit

The BQ79606A-Q1 measures the TSREF LDO output current and limits it according to the datasheet specifications. This protects circuits in the case of a short circuit or severe transient load.

NOTE: The mechanism works continuously and has no status indication that can be monitored.

5.2.17 SM61: AVAO_REF OV Flag

The BQ79606A-Q1 compares the 2.4-V always-on AVAO_REF LDO output voltage against an overvoltage threshold and sets flag bit AVAO_REF_OV in register SYS_FAULT1. The output is self-regulated. The OV comparator threshold voltage is also self-generated within the block.

[AoU14] — The host MCU will read the SYS_FAULT1 register every FDTI to verify the AVAO_REF_OV bit is 0.

5.2.18 SM62: AVAO_REF UV POR

The BQ79606A-Q1 compares the 2.4-V AVAO_REF LDO output voltage against an undervoltage threshold. If undervoltage occurs, the device is in the Power-On-Reset (POR) state with nearly all circuits shutdown and held in reset; the communication block will cease to function in this case. The output of AVAO_REF is self-regulated. The UV comparator threshold voltage is also self-generated within the block.

[AoU15] — The host MCU will run other safety mechanisms described in this safety manual and will detect if communication fails for those diagnostics.

[AoU16] — The host MCU will take appropriate action to put the system in a safe state if communication fails as a result of the device going into Power-On-Reset.

[AoU17] — The host MCU will read the SYS_FAULT1 register if the device recovers after a detected communication fault to determine if the DRST bit is 1. The host will then clear the bit to 0 and record that a Power-On-Reset event occurred.

5.2.19 SM63: AVDD_REF UV Flag

The BQ79606A-Q1 compares the 2.4-V AVAO_REF LDO output voltage against the AVDD_REF rail, which is the supply for references REF2 and REF3 among other things. The two rails are connected by a switch that should have a very small voltage drop across it. If the voltage drop exceeds the datasheet limit specified by VAVDDREF_FLTZ, the AVDD_REFUV flag in register RAIL_FAULT is set.

[AoU18] — The host MCU will read the RAIL_FAULT register every FDTI to verify the AVDD_REFUV bit is 0.
5.2.20 SM70: REF3 Accuracy Measurement

The BQ79606A-Q1 REF3 is the reference for the LDO OV and UV comparator thresholds. The voltage can be measured via the AUXADC. The host can then compare the 16-bit value of AUX_REF3 to the expected value. The voltage is used only for diagnostic functions, providing latent fault coverage only.

[AoU19] — The host MCU will execute the procedure once every drive cycle.

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**Figure 4. SM70: REF3 Accuracy Measurement**
5.2.21 SM80: REF1 vs REF2 Accuracy Measurement

The BQ79606A-Q1 REF1 is the primary reference for the ADCs and REF2 is the primary reference for the protection comparators. The REF2 voltage can be measured via the AUXADC. The host can then compare the 16-bit value of AUX_REF2 to the expected value, to ensure SPF coverage for the two references.

[AoU20] — The host MCU will execute the procedure once every FDTI.

[AoU21] — If the result of the procedure in AoU20 is incorrect, the host MCU will take appropriate action to put the system in a safe state.

![Flowchart of SM80: REF1 vs REF2 Accuracy Measurement]

Figure 5. SM80: REF1 vs REF2 Accuracy measurement
5.2.22 SM81: REF1 Oscillation

The BQ79606A-Q1 REF1 is the primary reference for the ADCs. An internal circuit automatically runs to detect if REF1 is oscillating by more than 200 mV with a frequency greater than 10 kHz.

[ AoU22 ] — The host MCU will read the SYS_FAULT2 register every FDTI to verify the REF1_OSC bit is 0.

5.2.23 SM82: VIOUV Flag

VIO is the supply for digital inputs. VIO is monitored for under-voltage continuously and if the voltage is less than a threshold, VIOUV flag is set in SYS_FAULT3 register.

NOTE: Do not toggle VIO in shut down mode, otherwise a device may exist shutdown mode.
5.3 Architecture Safety Mechanisms Related to Cell Voltage Monitoring

The following sections describe safety mechanisms that diagnose faults in the path from the cell input pins to communication block.

5.3.1 SM101: Vcell ADC Path Accuracy Check

Accuracy of all six Vcell measurement paths is primarily diagnosed by measuring each of the source voltages, one at a time, through a redundant path using the CB input pins and the AUXADC. One of the cell positions is selected to be measured by the auxiliary path. The primary and auxiliary paths are measured nearly simultaneously and with both paths having the same frequency responses. That means the results may be compared directly to check for inaccuracies. The OV/UV comparator round-robin execution is stopped while the AUXADC path is connected to the cell voltage under test.

[AoU23] — The host MCU will execute the procedure once per channel every FDTI.

[AoU24] — If the result of the procedure in AoU23 indicates a fault, the host MCU will either fall back to using only the Cell Over-Voltage/Under-Voltage protectors to determine state of the battery cells or take appropriate action to put the system in a safe state.
Write AUX_CELL_SEL_EN and AUX_CELL_SEL[2:0] in DIAG_CTRL2 to 0xn, where n is cell channel under test

Wait For AUXADC analog filter to settle

Write AUX_ADC_GO in CONTROL2

Wait For Vcell and AUXADC measurement to be complete

Read VcellH/L, where n is the cell channel under test

Read AUX_CELLH/L

Read DRDY_AUX bit in DEV_STAT to confirm that the measurement result is fresh

Clear AUX_CELL_SEL[2:0] and AUX_CELL_SEL_EN in DIAG_CTRL2

Host compare Compare 16bit value of AUX_CELL to VCELLn; the difference between the two values should be less than the specified range

Host Decision

Figure 6. SM101: VCell ADC Path Accuracy Check
5.3.2 SM104: Vcell Gain/Offset and Output Register Check

VCell has factory and field programmable gain and offset registers. The registers are programmed at the factory for Vcell. Further adjustment of the registers can be performed in the field.

This check can be performed by comparing the expected value of VCELLn calculated to the actual value. The two values should match bit for bit.

This procedure assumes that any changes to the field programmable gain and offset registers maintain specified accuracies of measurements at the system level.

[AoU25] — The host MCU will execute the procedure once per channel every FDTI.

[AoU26] — If the result of the procedure in AoU25 indicates a fault, the host MCU will either fall back to using only the Cell Over-Voltage/Under-Voltage protectors to determine state of the battery cells or take appropriate action to put the system in a safe state.
SM104

**Write**

AUX_CELL_SEL_EN and AUX_CELL_SEL[2:0] in DIAG_CTRL2 to 0xn, where n is cell channel under test

**Write**

CELL_ADC_GO in CONTROL2

**Wait**

For Vcell measurement to be complete

**Read**

VCELLnH/L, where n is the cell channel under test

**Read**

VCELL_FACTCORRH/L

**Read**

DRDY_AUX bit in DEV_STAT to confirm that the measurement result is fresh

**Clear**

AUX_CELL_SEL_EN and AUX_CELL_SEL[2:0] in DIAG_CTRL2

**Host Write**

Take the VCELL_FACTCORR 16-bit value, and apply the gain and offset correction factors specified by registers CELLn_GAIN and CELLn_OFF

**Host compare**

the expected value of VCELLn calculated in the previous step to the actual value; the two values should match bit for bit

**Host Decision**

*Figure 7. SM104: VCell Gain and Offset Register Check*
5.3.3 SM107: Vcell Digital Low-Pass Filter Check

When the digital low-pass filter is enabled and the results read by the system, the filter performance can be diagnosed one channel at a time through a redundant filter circuit. The channel to be diagnosed is selected by AUX_CELL_SEL[2:0] in register DIAG_CTRL2. The IC initializes the redundant filter when AUX_CELL_SEL is changed and continuously compares the primary low-pass filter output of the channel under test with the redundant circuit output and sets the LP_FILT flag in register SYS_FAULT3 if the results do not match.

[AoU27] — The BQ79606A-Q1 is running in continuous conversion mode and the host is reading the CONV_CNTH and CONV_CNTL registers every FDTI.

[AoU28] — If running in continuous conversion mode, the host reads the SYS_FAULT3 register every FDTI to verify the LP_FILT bit is 0.

5.3.4 SM108: Vcell Redundant Digital Low-Pass Filter Fault Injection

The redundant low-pass filter result is compared to the primary path low-pass filter value with the fault/no-fault result being indicated by LP_FILT flag in SYS_FAULT3. A fault may be injected into the redundant low-pass filter circuit to diagnose proper operation of the redundant filter and the fault flag. Since the redundant low-pass filter circuit is multiplexed to one channel at a time, it is only necessary to diagnose the redundant circuit for a single channel setting.

[AoU29] — The host MCU will execute the procedure in the BQ79606A-Q1 datasheet once every drive cycle if configuring the device to run with continuous conversions and the low pass filter enabled.

[AoU30] — The host MCU will read the SYS_FAULT3 register to confirm that the LP_FILT bit is toggled from 0 to 1 and back to 0.

5.3.5 SM110: Vcell ADC Conversion Count

In continuous conversion mode, the Vcell ADCs are strobed internally to update the measurement results for both the filtered and non-filtered outputs. A counter keeps track of how many conversions have completed. To ensure proper updates are occurring, the counter should be read periodically and the result compared to the expected conversion count based on the elapsed time and the ADC configuration settings. The counter is reset when ADC_GO = 1 or when it is read.

[AoU31] — The BQ79606A-Q1 is running in continuous conversion mode and the host is reading the CONV_CNTH and CONV_CNTL registers every FDTI.

5.3.6 SM130: VC Path and Pin Open Check

Each VCn and corresponding CBn pin pair have a current sink that is shared between the two. To diagnose Vc path and pin opens, the current sources are turned on, which produces a voltage change that can be detected in the case of an open circuit. By taking voltage measurements before and after the current sources are turned on and verifying that the difference between the voltage values is minimal, the integrity of the path is confirmed.

[AoU32] — The host MCU runs the procedure for open pin connection every FDTI.
Write

CELL_ADC_GO in CONTROL2

Wait

For Vcell measurement to be complete

Read

VCELLnH/L, where n is the cell channel under test and store results

Write

VC_CS_CTRL to 7Fh each to turn on current sinks and sources

Wait

Wait time for circuit to drift if open circuit; (~100mV/ms; or wait 2ms) total since current sources turned on and for filter to settle

Write

CELL_ADC_GO in CONTROL2

Wait

For Vcell measurement to be complete

Read

DRDY_CELL bit in DEV_STAT to confirm that the measurement result is fresh

Read

VCELLnH/L, where n is the cell channel under test and store results

Host compare

compare results A and results B. The results should be within TBD mV of each other, otherwise the Vcell path from the cell is open

Store result A

Store result B

Host Decision

Figure 8. SM130: VC Path and Pin Open Check
5.3.7 SM131: CB Path and Pin Open Check

Each VCn and corresponding CBn pin pair have a current sink that is shared between the two. To diagnose CB path and pin opens, the current sources are turned on, which produces a voltage change that can be detected in the case of an open circuit. By taking voltage measurements before and after the current sources are turned on and verifying that the difference between the voltage values is minimal, the integrity of the path is confirmed.

[AoU33] — The host MCU runs the procedure for open pin connection every FDTI.
Set
AUX_CELL_SEL_EN and AUX_CELL_SEL[2:0] in DIAG_CTRL2 to 0xn where n is the cell channel under test

Write
AUX_ADC_GO in CONTROL2

Read
AUXCELLnH/L, where n is the cell channel under test and store results

Write
CB_CS_CTRL to 7Fh each to turn on current sinks and sources

Wait
Wait time for circuit to drift if open circuit; (~100mV/ms; or wait 2ms) total since current sources turned on and for AUXADC analog filter to settle

Write
AUX_ADC_GO in CONTROL2

Wait
For AUX measurement to be complete

Read
DRDY_AUX bit in DEV_STAT to confirm that the measurement result is fresh

Clear
AUX_CELL_SEL_EN and AUX_CELL_SEL[2:0] in DIAG_CTRL2

Read
AUXCELLnH/L, where n is the cell channel under test and store results

Host compare
compare results A and results B. The results should be within TBD mV of each other, otherwise the Vcell path from the cell is open

Host decision

Figure 9. SM131: CB Path and Pin Open Check
5.3.8 SM132: VC and CB Pin Short Check

A short between the VC and CB pins can be detected by monitoring the VC voltage. The Vcell voltage values must be read before the CB FET is turned ON. If the pins are not shorted the difference between the before and after voltage values will be minimal.
Write
CELL_ADC_GO in CONTROL2

Wait
For Vcell measurement to be complete

Read
VCELLnH/L, where n is the cell channel under test and store results

Read
CB_SW_STAT register,
To ensure Cell balancing is not active

Write
CELLn_EN = 1 bit in CB_SW_EN register, 
where n is the cell and test

Write
CELL_ADC_GO in CONTROL2

Wait
For Vcell measurement to be complete

Read
VCELLnH/L, where n is the cell channel under test and store results

Write
CELLn_EN = 1 bit in CB_SW_EN register, 
where n is the cell and test

Host compare
compare results A and results B. The results should be within TBD mV of each other, otherwise the CB Pin is shorted to VC Pin

Host
Decision

Figure 10. SM132: VC and CB Pin Short Check
5.3.9 SM140: Vcell Data Ready Check

Reading the data ready bit, DRDY_CELL in DEV_STAT, confirms that the previous single conversion measurement cycle completed.

[AoU34] — The host MCU reads the DEV_STAT every FDTI only if a single conversion mode is enabled.

5.3.10 SM150: Vcell Measurement Plausibility Check

If a Vcell ADC conversion is expected and requested, the updated result should be checked for plausibility. First, the result in the output register should not be equal to 0x8000. That value is the default value at the start of the conversion and signifies that the conversion was not completed for that channel, either because the channel was not enabled or the state machine did not complete for that channel. Secondly, the result should be within the normal operating range of the source voltage.

[AoU35] — The host MCU will read all VCELL ADC output values every FDTI

[AoU36] — The host MCU compare the read values against an expected range that is determined by the system designer.

5.3.11 SM151: VCB BIST Check

The CBDONE comparator contains a BIST function for diagnostic purposes. The BIST can be enabled by OVUV_MODE bit in the DIAG_CTRL1 register. When enabled, the BIST tests the comparators. The comparator is tested by comparing a diagnostic DAC voltage (generated from REF2) to the selected threshold. The diagnostic DAC voltage is switched from 2 LSB below the threshold to 2 LSB above the threshold and the output of the comparator is checked to ensure it switches.

If the BIST fails during the VCBDONE comparator BIST test, the CB_VDONE flag in SYS_FAULT3 is set.
5.4 Architecture Safety Mechanisms Related Temperature Sensor Voltage Monitoring

The BQ79606A-Q1 has a shared ADC for all temperature sensor measurements. These sensors should be connected to the GPIO pins of the BQ79606A-Q1. The following safety mechanisms deal with the diagnostics of that ADC and the GPIO pins.

5.4.1 SM201: AUXADC Linearity Check

The analog front end of the delta-sigma ADC consists of a modulator circuit outputting a stream of duty-cycle modulated pulses. Since this circuit is linear, its operation is verified by confirming the output results for at least two known voltage inputs. For this check, three known voltages, 0 V, REF2 (1.1 V), and AVDD (scaled to 4.5V) are available for conversion through the AUXADC.

[AoU37] — The BQ79606A-Q1 is fully powered and addressed prior to the start of the diagnostic.

[AoU38] — The host MCU will run the AUXADC Linearity Test every FDTI.
Write AVDD_EN,ZERO_EN and REF2_EN in AUX_ADC_CTRL1

Write AUX_ADC_GO in CONTROL2

Read AUX_REF2H/L and compare value to 0x8000
AUXZEROH/L and compare value to 0x8000
AUXAVDDH/L and compare value to 0x8000

Wait 1 Conversion Cycle

Read AUX_STAT and DRDY_AUX in DEVSTAT and verify conversion is complete

Write AVDD_EN,ZERO_EN and REF2_EN in AUX_ADC_CTRL1

Read AUX_REF2H/L and compare value to 2.5V
AUXZEROH/L and compare value to 0V
AUXAVDDH/L and compare value to 1.1

End

Figure 11. SM201: AUXADC Linearity Check
5.4.2 SM202: AUXADC Digital Circuit Check

The digital filter and correction circuitry of the AUXADC can be diagnosed one channel at a time through a redundant circuit. The channel to be diagnosed is selected by AUX_GPIO_SEL[2:0] in register DIAG_CTRL2. The IC continuously compares the primary digital output of the AUXADC with the redundant circuit output and sets the AUX_FILT flag in register SYS_FAULT3 if the results do not match.

[AoU39] — The BQ79606A-Q1 will run the GPIO Digital Circuit Check for each enabled GPIO temperature sensor channel and read the SYS_FAULT3 register every FDTI.
Write AUX_GPIO_SEL[2:0] in DIAG_CTRL2 to 0xn where n is cell channel under test

Write AUX_ADC_GO in CONTROL2

Wait For Filter fault state to update

Read AUX_FLT in SYS_FLT3 and verify it is not FALSE

Write AUX_FLT_INJ in DIAG_CTRL1

Write AUX_ADC_GO in CTRL2

Wait For Filter fault state to update

Read AUX_FLT in SYS_FLT3 and verify it is TRUE

Write AUX_FLT_RST to clear fault

Clear AUX_GPIO_SEL[2:0] in DIAG_CTRL2 to 0xn where n is cell channel under test

End

Figure 12. SM202: AUXADC Digital Circuit Check
5.4.3 SM203: AUXADC Redundant Digital Filter Fault Injection

The redundant digital SINC filter result is compared to the primary path SINC filter value with the fault/no-fault result being indicated by AUX_FILT flag in SYS_FAULT3. A fault may be injected into the redundant SINC filter circuit to diagnose proper operation of the redundant filter and the fault flag. Since the redundant filter circuit is multiplexed to one channel at a time, it is only necessary to diagnose the redundant circuit for a single channel setting.

[AoU40] — The BQ79606A-Q1 is fully powered and addressed prior to the start of the diagnostic. The SYS_FAULT3[AUX_FILT] bit will be cleared to 0 and the GPIO1 channel will be enabled for AUX measurement.

[AoU41] — The host MCU will run the Redundant Digital Filter Fault Injection once every drive cycle.
Write AUX_GPIO_SEL[2:0] in DIAG_CTRL2 to 0xn where n is cell channel under test

Write AUX_ADC_GO in CONTROL2

Wait For Filter fault state to update

Read AUX_FLT in SYS_FLT3 and verify it is not FALSE

Write AUXDIG_FLT_INJ in DIAG_CTRL1

Write AUX_ADC_GO in CTRL2

Wait For Filter fault state to update

Read AUX_FLT in SYS_FLT3 and verify it is TRUE

Write AUX_FLT_RST to clear fault

Clear AUX_GPIO_SEL[2:0] in DIAG_CTRL2 to 0xn where n is cell channel under test

End

Figure 13. SM203: AUXADC Redundant Digital Filter Fault Injection
5.4.4 SM204: AUXADC Gain/Offset and Output Register Check

AUX ADCs have factory and field programmable gain and offset registers. The registers are programmed at the factory for AUXADC. Further adjustment of the registers can be performed in the field.

This check can be performed by comparing the expected value of AUXADC calculated to the actual value. The two values should match bit for bit.

This procedure assumes that any changes to the field programmable gain and offset registers maintain specified accuracies of measurements at the system level.

[AoU42] — The BQ79606A-Q1 is fully powered and addressed prior to the start of the diagnostic.

[AoU43] — The host MCU will run the GPIO Output Register Check diagnostic once per used GPIO channel per FDTI.

[AoU44] — The host MCU will apply the appropriate gain and offset found in GPIO[6:1]_GAIN and GPIO[6:1]_OFF to the output of AUX_FACTCORRH/L and compare the result to the AUX_GPIO[6:1] register pair of the same channel. The two values should match at every bit.
Write GPIOn_CONF, where n is GPIO channel under test

Write AUX_ADC_GO in CONTROL2

Wait For AUX measurement to be complete

Read AUX_GPIOOnH/L, where n is the cell channel under test

Read AUX_FACTCORRH/L

Read DRDY_AUX bit in DEV_STAT to confirm that the measurement result is fresh

Clear AUX_GPIO_SEL[2:0] in DIAG_CTRL2

Host Write Take the AUX_FACTCORR 16-bit value and apply the gain and offset correction factors specified by registers GPIOn_GAIN and CELLn_OFF

Host compare the expected value of AUX_GPIOOn calculated in the previous step to the actual value; the two values should match bit for bit

Host Decision

Figure 14. SM204: AUXADC Gain Offset and Output Register Check
5.4.5 SM230: GPIO Pin Open Check

When the GPIO pins are used to measure safety-relevant temperature sensors, the signal path integrity must be diagnosed. A safety measure for finding pin open conditions is provided.

[ AoU45 ] — The BQ79606A-Q1 is fully powered and addressed prior to the start of the diagnostic.

[ AoU46 ] — The host MCU will run the GPIO Pin Open diagnostic once per used GPIO channel per FDTI.
Write TEMP_DG[1:0](DeglitchTime) in COMP_DG to min value
Write OTUT_MODE[1:0] in DIAG_CTRL1 to configure single channel
Write DIAG_CTRL3 to enable weak pulldown on GPIO
Write OTUT_CTRL to chose the GPIO for this iteration
Write OT_UT_EN= 0 in CONTROL2
Write OT_UT_EN= 1 in CONTROL2
Wait For Pulldown to take effect
Read OT_FAULT
Host compare Value of OT_FAULT = 1 to verify fault
Reset OT_FLT_RST and TEMP_DG

Figure 15. SM230: GPIO Pin Open Check
5.4.6  SM231: GPIO Multiplexor and Pin Short Check

When the GPIO pins are used to measure safety-relevant temperature sensors, the signal path integrity must be diagnosed. A safety measure for finding pin short conditions is provided.

[AoU47] — The BQ79606A-Q1 is fully powered and addressed prior to the start of the diagnostic.

[AoU48] — The host MCU will run the GPIO Multiplexor and Pin Short diagnostic once per used GPIO channel per FDTI.
Write TEMP_DG[1:0](DeglitchTime) in COMP_DG to min value

Write GPIO_OUT to drive GPIO pins 2, 4 6 high

Write OTUT_CTRL to enable the GPIO for this iteration

Write OTUT_EN= 0 in CONTROL2

Write OTUT_EN= 1 in CONTROL2

Wait For OTUT_CTRL = 1

Read OT_FAULT

Host compare Value of OT_FAULT = 1 to verify fault

Reset GPIO_OUT, OT_FLT_RST and TEMP_DG

End

Figure 16. SM231: GPIO Multiplexer and Pin Short Check
### 5.4.7 SM232: AUXMUX GPIO Check

When the GPIO pins are used to measure safety-relevant temperature sensors, the signal path integrity must be diagnosed. This check can be performed by driving the GPIO pin in test to V\text{IO} and then comparing the voltage to V\text{IO}.

[ AoU49 ] — GPIO pins can be driven High/Low independent of AUX ADC measurement

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**Figure 17. SM232: AUXMUX GPIO Check**
5.4.8  SM233: GPIO Fault Check

There is a configurable option (GPIOn_CONF[FAULT_EN]) for the GPIO to trigger a FAULT condition when high or low. When enabled, the GPIOs that are in a fault state set the GPIOn bit in the GPIO_FAULT register. These faults are triggered regardless of the GPIOn_CONF[GPIO_SEL] setting for the GPIO, where n is the channel under test.

NOTE: The high threshold (V$_{IH}$) and low threshold (V$_{IL}$) to trigger the fault condition are defined in the electrical characteristics section in the datasheet.

5.4.9  SM240: AUXADC Data Ready Check

Reading the data ready bit, DRDY_AUX in DEV_STAT, confirms that the previous single conversion measurement cycle completed.

[AoU50] — The BQ79606A-Q1 is running in single conversion mode.

[AoU51] — The host MCU reads the DRDY_AUX bit in the DEV_STAT register every FDTI.

5.4.10  SM245: Updated T$_J$ Value for AUXADC

The AUXADC uses the internal die temperature to compensate the measurement result. The T$_J$ ADC measures the die temperature in conjunction with the Vcell measurements. Therefore, it is necessary to make sure a Vcell measurement result is taken within a short time before the AUX ADC measurement for maximum accuracy. If the two measurements cannot be started at the same time, starting them within 50 ms is sufficient as long as there is no change in the balancing switch states. Near balancing switch state changes, timing of 10 ms or less is preferred.

5.4.11  SM246: Die Temp Plausibility

The T$_J$ ADC measures the die temperature in conjunction with the Vcell measurements and stores the results in the DIE_TEMPH and DIE_TEMPL registers. Whenever a conversion is started the value of DIE_TEMP will be reset to 0x8000, which indicates a temperature of –851°C, before it is updated with the output of the ADC. If a reading of 0x8000 persists after completion of a cell conversion then it indicates that there is a problem with the T$_J$ ADC signal path. When not balancing, the die temperature reading should be similar to any temperature sensor readings, meaning that any higher reading of DIE_TEMP will indicate a issue with the BQ79606A-Q1. The DIE_TEMP should also be below the thermal shutdown threshold of the device.

[AoU52] — The host MCU reads the DIE_TEMP registers every FDTI.

5.4.12  SM250: AUXADC Measurement Plausibility Check

If an AUXADC conversion is expected and requested, the updated result should be checked for plausibility. First, the result in the output register should not be equal to 0x8000. That value is the default value at the start of the conversion and signifies that the conversion was not completed for that channel, either because the channel was not enabled or the state machine did not complete for that channel. Secondly, the result should be within the normal operating range of the source voltage. For externally generated voltages, the expected measurement result must be determined by the system. For voltages generated internal to the BQ79606A-Q1, the expected ranges are documented in the Electrical Characteristics section of the datasheet.

[AoU53] — The host MCU reads that all enabled AUX ADC output values to ensure they are not equal to 0x8000 every FDTI.
5.5 Architecture Safety Mechanisms Related to Cell Voltage Protection

The BQ79606A-Q1 has internal secondary protection comparators for over-voltage and under-voltage detection in the event of a failure of mission path ADC. This section describes the safety diagnostics for the comparator data path.

5.5.1 SM301: Over-Voltage / Under-Voltage BIST

The OV and UV comparators can be checked by a built-in self test that can be enabled to run every other t_cycle. The self-test checks the comparators themselves by applying voltages just above and just below the user-configured threshold VOV and VUV.

[AoU54] — The host MCU will run the built-in self test every other FDTI.

[AoU55] — The host MCU will read and clear the CELL_OV_UV flag in the FAULT_SUMMARY register, OVUV_BIST_DONE in the LOOP_STAT register, and the OVUV_BIST_FAULT register.

5.5.2 SM302: Over-Voltage / Under-Voltage Multiplexor Selector Integrity

A single pair of OV and UV comparators monitor all cell positions and transfer the result to the appropriate status register using an input and output multiplexor. The multiplexor selectors and state machine control can be diagnosed by using the cell balancing switches to reduce V_{cell} by approximately 33% to the channel under test. By comparing the UV comparator results with the expected results based on the cell balancing switch stimulus, the multiplexor and control integrity is confirmed.

NOTE: This diagnostic is not required to meet the ASIL-B goal for the secondary protectors.

[AoU56] — The host MCU will run the OV/UV Multiplexor Selector Integrity Check.
Host compare
Host shall read the UV_FAULT for the cell under test and verify it is set

Repeat
For the remaining channels

Reset
UVFLT_RST, TEMP_DG, OVUV_DG and DIAG_CTRL2 to pre-test value

End

Figure 18. SM302: OV/UV Multiplexor Selector integrity
5.5.3 SM303: Over-Voltage / Under-Voltage Threshold DAC Measurement

The Over/Under-Voltage comparators use DACs to convert the OV_THRESH and UV_THRESH bytes to the appropriate comparator reference voltage. The output of these DACs can be converted by the AUXADC to confirm the thresholds are set correctly. OV_DAC_EN and UV_DAC_EN sets the AUXADC to convert the Over-Voltage and Under-Voltage thresholds respectively. The OV DAC results are stored in AUX_OV_DACH/L registers and the UV DAC results are stored in the AUX_UV_DACH/L registers.

[AoU57] — The host MCU will convert the Over-Voltage and Under-Voltage DAC voltages once every drive cycle to confirm the voltages are correct.

5.5.4 SM304: UV Comparator Check

A UV window comparator provides cell voltage monitoring for all six channels. The analog comparator uses a programmable UV threshold (UV_THRESH) and deglitch time (OVUV_DG) to set the UV_Faultn flag in CELL_OVUV register, where n is the cell channel under test. The cell voltage is compared to the UV threshold and a counter is incremented when the comparator is tripped and decremented when the comparator is not tripped. Once the counter reaches the programmed threshold, the UV_FAULTn flag in CELL_OVUV register is set.

[AOU58] — Use OVUV_CTRL[CELL*_EN] bits to enable the cells that are required for UV monitoring

[AOU59] — Use the CONTROL2[OVUV_EN] bit to enable the comparators

5.5.5 SM305: OV Comparator Check

An OV window comparator provides cell voltage monitoring for all six channels. The analog comparator uses a programmable OV threshold (OV_THRESH) and deglitch time (OVUV_DG) to set the OV_Faultn flag in CELL_OVUV register, where n is the cell channel under test. The cell voltage is compared to the OV threshold and a counter is incremented when the comparator is tripped and decremented when the comparator is not tripped. Once the counter reaches the programmed threshold, the OV_FAULTn flag in CELL_OVUV register is set.

[AOU60] — Use OVUV_CTRL[CELL*_EN] bits to enable the cells that are required for OV monitoring.

[AOU61] — Use the CONTROL2[OVUV_EN] bit to enable the comparators
5.6 Architecture Safety Mechanisms Related to Temperature Sensor Voltage Protection

The BQ79606A-Q1 has internal secondary protection comparators for overtemperature and undertemperature detection in the event of a failure of mission path ADC. This section describes the safety diagnostics for the comparator data path.

5.6.1 SM401: Overtemperature, Undertemperature BIST

The OT and UT comparators can be checked by a built-in self test that can be enabled to run every other tcycle. The self-test checks the comparators themselves by applying voltages just above and just below the user-configured threshold VOT and VUT.

[AoU62] — The host MCU will run the built-in self test every other FDTI.

[AoU63] — The host MCU will read and clear the CELL_OT_UT flag in the FAULT_SUMMARY register, OTUT_BIST_DONE in the LOOP_STAT register, and the OTUT_BIST_FAULT register.

5.6.2 SM402: Overtemperature, Undertemperature Multiplexor Selector Integrity

A single pair of OT and UT comparators monitor all enabled GPIO inputs and transfer the result to the appropriate status register using an input and output multiplexor. The multiplexor selectors and state machine control can be diagnosed by using the GPIO pin pullups and pulldowns to move the input signal measurement near 0 V or near full-scale for the channel under test. By comparing the OT and UT comparator results with the expected results based on the cell balancing switch stimulus, the multiplexor and control integrity is confirmed.

NOTE: This diagnostic is not required to meet the ASIL-B goal for the secondary protectors.

[AoU64] — The host MCU will run the OT/UT Multiplexor Selector Integrity Check.
Write `AUX_GPIO_SEL[2:0]` in DIAG_CTRL2 to 0xn where n is cell channel under test.

Write `AUX_ADC_GO` in CONTROL2.

Wait For AUXADC measurement to be complete.

Read `AUX_GPIO_nH/L`, where n is the cell channel under test.

Read `AUX_FACTORR_nH/L`.

Read `DRDY_AUX` bit in DEV_STAT to confirm that the measurement result is fresh.


Host Write Calculated expected value of `AUX_GPIO_n` by taking 16bit `AUX_FACTORR` and applying gain and offset correction factors specified by registers `GPIO_n_Gain` and `GPIO_n_Offset`.

Host compare compare the expected value of `AUX_GPIO_n` calculated in the previous step to the actual value; the two values should match bit for bit.

Host Decision

Figure 19. SM402: OT/UT Multiplexor Selector Integrity
5.6.3 **SM403: Overtemperature, Undertemperature Threshold DAC Measurement**

The overtemperature and undertemperature comparators use DACs to convert the OTUT_THREASH byte to the appropriate comparator reference voltage. The output of these DACs can be converted by the AUXADC to confirm the thresholds are set correctly. OT_DAC_EN and UT_DAC_EN sets the AUXADC to convert the Over-Voltage and Under-Voltage thresholds respectively. The OT DAC results are stored in AUX_OT_DACH/L registers and the UT DAC results are stored in the AUX_UT_DACH/L registers.

[AoU65] — The host MCU will convert the overtemperature and undertemperature DAC voltages once every drive cycle to confirm the voltages are correct.

5.6.4 **SM404: UT Comparator Check**

An UT window comparator provides the under temperature monitoring for GPIO1 to GPIO6 inputs. The analog comparator uses a programmable UT threshold (UT_THREASH) and de-glitch time (OTUT DG) to set the UT_FAULTn flag in GPIO_OTUT register, where n is the cell channel under test.

The cell temperature is compared to the UT threshold and a counter is incremented when the comparator is tripped and decremented when the comparator is not tripped. Once the counter reaches the programmed threshold, the UT_FAULTn, flag in GPIO_OTUT register is set.

[AoU66] — The UT threshold is programmable to OFF or from 60% to 75% of TSREF in steps of 1% using the OTUT_THREASH[UT_THREASH] bits

[AoU67] — TSREF must be enabled (CONTROL2[TSREF_EN]=1) for at least 2 ms (for recommended capacitor value, larger capacitors may lead to longer startup time) before enabling the OT/UT function.

[AoU68] — Use OTUT_CTRL[GPIO*_EN] bits to enable the cells that are required for OT/UT monitoring. Use the CONTROL2[OTUT_EN] bit to enable the comparators

5.6.5 **SM405: OT Comparator Check**

An OT window comparator provides the over temperature monitoring for GPIO1 to GPIO6 inputs. The analog comparator uses a programmable OT threshold (OT_THREASH) and de-glitch time (OTUT DG) to set the OT_FAULTn flag in GPIO_OTUT register, where n is the cell channel under test.

The cell temperature is compared to the OT threshold and a counter is incremented when the comparator is tripped and decremented when the comparator is not tripped. Once the counter reaches the programmed threshold, the OT_FAULTn, flag in GPIO_OTUT register is set.

[AOU69]— The OT threshold is programmable to OFF or from 20% to 35% of TSREF in steps of 1% using the OTUT_THREASH[OT_THREASH] bits

[AOU70]— Use OTUT_CTRL[GPIO*_EN] bits to enable the cells that are required for OT/UT monitoring. Use the CONTROL2[OTUT_EN] bit to enable the comparators.

[AOU71] — TSREF must be enabled (CONTROL2[TSREF_EN]=1) for at least 2 ms (for recommended capacitor value, larger capacitors may lead to longer startup time) before enabling the OT/UT function.
5.7 Architecture Safety Mechanisms Related to Communication

The BQ79606A-Q1 communication path has several diagnostics to achieve the safety goals of the device. Failure to run the recommended diagnostics on the communication path calls into questions the validity of the data obtained from the devices.

5.7.1 SM500: COMM Response Packet CRC and Source Check

All response packets received by the system controller should be checked for correct CRC, correct starting register address, correct number of bytes received, in the correct sequence matching to the expected communication response. Any non-conforming packets should be discarded.

**NOTE:** CRC generation by the BQ79606A-Q1 is automatic and there is no fixed time for the running of this diagnostic.

[AoU72] — The host MCU will calculate the CRC for all received response packets and compare to the received CRC.

[AoU73] — The host MCU will check the device and register address information on each received response packets and compare expected device and register addresses.

[AoU74] — Any packet with non-matching CRC, out of order, or from an unexpected device or register address will be discarded by the host MCU.

5.7.2 SM501: Device Addressing Check

For communication to be successful to all devices, each device must be addressed appropriately based on its position in the daisy-chain and the direction of communication. When any change to the daisy-chain or device configuration occurs or are suspected, the device addressing must be verified.

**NOTE:** Typically only one daisy-chain is connected to a given system controller. In the case of a daisy-chain break and the BQ79606A-Q1 is configured for ring communication, multiple daisy-chains may be present.

[AoU75] — The host MCU will send a broadcast read command to each daisy-chain connected to it and verify that all expected responses are present and correct with respect to number, order, device address, and data correctness.

5.7.3 SM502: Short Communication Timeout Check

To detect any communication delays a Short Communication Timeout check can be performed by setting SHORT[2:0] in COMM_TO register. If the timeout expires the CTS flag in SYS_FAULT1 register is set.

5.7.4 SM503: Byte Error Check

The daisy chain retransmits the data on a bit level to improve daisy-chain robustness. If an error is detected in the received data(COMM_COM*_FAULT register, where COM* represents the communication lines UART, COML and COMH), the data is still forwarded, but the byte error bit is set to indicate to the devices up the stack that the data is likely corrupted and must be ignored.

Different registers and bits are set based on receiving a response frame or a response command. The BERR bit in the COMM_COM*_R*_FAULT register is set and the byte is ignored whenever a byte is received with the byte error set, where COM* represents COMH and COML and R* represents Response frame (RR) and Command Frame (RC).

The BERR bit in COMM_UART_RC_FAULT is set when a STOP error occurs on any byte received on the UART interface that is not directly followed by a communication clear (<BRK>).

[AOU76] — The COMM_COM*_RR_FAULT registers indicate faults that occur while receiving a response frame. The COMM_*_RC_FAULT registers indicate faults that occur while receiving a command frame.
5.7.5 **SM504: Start of Frame Error Check**

If a break is received before the current frame is finished, on either the UART or differential stack communications, then the SOF bit in COMM_COMP_*_R_*_Fault register is set, where COM* represents UART, COML and COMH and R* represents Receiving Command(RC), Receiving Response(RR) and Transmitting Data(TR)

[AOU77] — The response frames on the UART only apply in multidrop mode

5.7.6 **SM505: UNEXP Error Check**

If the direction for the command of stack communication is incorrect or if the stack device received UART command for stack communication, UNEXP bit in COMM_COMP_*_R_*_FAULT register is set, where COM* represents UART, COML and COMH and R* represents Receiving Command(RC), Receiving Response(RR) and Transmitting Data(TR)

[AOU78] — The response frames on the UART only apply in multidrop mode

5.7.7 **SM506: TXDIS Error Check**

If read command frame were discarded because TX was disabled on UART, COMH or COML, the TXDIS bit in COMM_COMP_*_R_*_Fault register is set, where COM* represents UART, COML and COMH and R* represents Receiving Command(RC), Receiving Response(RR)

5.7.8 **SM507: Wait Error Check**

If the device was unable to send the response frame for the previous read command on COML, COMH or UART due to receiving a new command from any interface before receiving the response from the device above the current one, the Wait flag bit in COMM_COMP_*_R_*_Fault is set, where COM* represents UART, COML and COMH and R* represents Receiving Command(RC), Transmitting Data(TR)

[AOU79] — New commands are not checked for the TXDIS or UNEXP conditions prior to causing the termination of the currently waiting command

5.7.9 **SM508: IERR Error Check**

Initialization byte errors are the result of improper formatting of a byte. If a frame initialization byte is expected, but the SOF bit of the received byte is not set or an invalid frame type (one of the reserved commands) is selected the IERR bit in the COMM_COMP_*_RC_FAULT register is set, where COM* represents COML and COMH.

If the frame initialization byte has a stop error, reserved command bits set, or is configured as a response frame (not in multidrop mode), the IERR bit in the COMM_UART_RC_FAULT register is set.

Frame initialization bytes are the 1st byte after a break, or based on frame sequence. When in the multidrop configuration, IERR is also set when the first frame received after a break is a response frame.

[AOU80] — When an initialization byte error occurs, the UART disregards communication (that is, CRC is not calculated and, therefore, no CRC error is indicated) and does not forward communication until a break/reset is received.

[AoU81] — In multi drop, during stack read, stack write, reverse direction this bit will not be flipped. Only reverse direction will create an IERR error.
5.7.10 SM509: Daisy Chain Communication SYNC1 Error Check

The differential stack interface uses an asynchronous 12-bit byte-transfer protocol that operates at baudDC. Data is transferred lsb first and every bit is duplicated (with a complement) so that the transmission has no DC content. The receiver samples the signal 8 times per half bit time. A zero is transmitted as one half-bit period low followed by one half-bit period high, while transmission of a one is a half-bit period high followed by a half-bit period low.

If the demodulation of the preamble half-bit and the two full bits of synchronization data have errors and the timing is not correct, the SYNC1 bit in COMM_COM*_FAULT register is set and the byte is not processed, where COM* represents COML and COMH.

5.7.11 SM510: Daisy Chain Communication SYNC2 Error Check

The differential stack interface uses an asynchronous 12-bit byte-transfer protocol that operates at baudDC. Data is transferred lsb first and every bit is duplicated (with a complement) so that the transmission has no DC content. The receiver samples the signal 8 times per half bit time. A zero is transmitted as one half-bit period low followed by one half-bit period high, while transmission of a one is a half-bit period high followed by a half-bit period low.

If the timing information extracted from the demodulation of the preamble half-bit and the two full bits of synchronization is outside of the expected window, SYNC2 flag in the COMM_COM*_FAULT register is set and the byte is not processed, where COM* represents COML and COMH.

5.7.12 SM511: Daisy Chain Communication Byte Order Check

If, during the demodulation of the bus traffic, one or more of the received data bits does not have the expected complement bit structure, the DATA_ORDER bit in COMM_COM*_FAULT register is set and the byte is not decoded, where COM* represents COML and COMH.

5.7.13 SM512: Daisy Chain Communication DATA_MISS Check

During the communication, if there is a failure to detect a valid ‘1’ or ‘0’ on the bus when one is expected (every bit time), DATA_MISS bit in the COMM_COM*_FAULT register is set and the byte is not decoded, where COM* represents COML and COMH.

5.7.14 SM513: Daisy Chain Communication BIT Error Check

During the demodulation of the bus traffic, a bit is decoded that is not a “strong” ‘1’ or ‘0’ (meaning there were not sufficient samples to indicate the logic level with certainty), the BIT flag in COMM_COM*_FAULT register is set and the byte is not decoded, where COM* represents COML and COMH.

5.7.15 SM514: HeartBeat Fast Error Check

The TONE_FAULT register indicates faults related to the FAULT_bus. The daisy-chain transmits a heartbeat tone from north to south on the FAULT* interface. The heartbeat tone is sent out every tWAITHB. If a heartbeat is received more often than expected (time between heartbeats is less than tHBFAST), the HB_Fast bit in TONE_FAULT register is set to indicate a possible error condition.

5.7.16 SM515: HeartBeat Fail Error Check

The daisy-chain transmits a heartbeat tone from north to south on the FAULT* interface. This is to monitor the integrity of the fault bus. The devices continuously monitors for the heartbeat of the device above. If a heartbeat pulse is not received for tHBTO then the HB_FAIL bit in TONE_FAULT register is set.

5.7.17 SM516: Fault Tone Error Check

The daisy-chain transmits a heartbeat tone on the FAULT* interface. In case an unmasked fault is detected, the device sends a fault tone down the FAULT* interface and stops sending any heartbeat tones until the fault is reset or cleared. As the lower devices receive the fault detected tone, the FF_REC bit in TONE_FAULT register is set and the fault tone is propagated down the stack until ultimately received by the device, which notifies the host via the NFAULT output.
5.7.18 SM517: UART Communication STOP Check

The UART interface follows the standard serial protocol of 8-N-1, where it sends information as a START bit, followed by eight data bits, and then one STOP bit. The STOP bit indicates the end of the byte. If a byte is received that does not have the STOP bit set, the STOP flag in the COMM_UART_FAULT register is set, indicating a baud rate issue between the host and the device.

5.7.19 SM518: UART communication Reset Check

If the baud rate is inadvertently changed or unknown, the baud rate of the base device resets to 250 kbps (regardless of the value stored in the OTP COMCONFIG register). This sets the baud rate to a known, fixed rate (250 kbps), and the COMMRST_DET bit in the COMM_UART_FAULT register is set.

5.7.20 SM519: UART communication Clear Break Detection Check

The next byte following the <BRK> is considered a "start of frame" byte. The receiver continuously monitors the RX line for break condition (<BRK>). When detected, a <BRK> sets COMMCLR_DET flag in COMM_UART_FAULT register.

[AOU82] — The host must wait at least tUART(RXMIN) after the <BRK> to start sending the frame.

5.7.21 SM520: NFAULT Function Check

The NFAULT signal on the base device pulls low to indicate to the host that a monitored fault condition has occurred in the base device or the stack devices. To detect NFAULT function and connection to the host the host transmits a UART command to the base device with an incorrect CRC. The NFAULT signal should be monitored by the host before and after sending an incorrect CRC to verify the NFAULT signal changes state from high to low. The host should then reset the CRC fault COMM_UART_RCFLT_RST [CRC_RST] and verify the NFAULT signal changes state from low to high.

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**NOTE:** Other UART communication from the host with a sequence intended to intentionally cause NFAULT to go low and then reset NFAULT may be used in place of CRC fault detection.
5.8 Miscellaneous Architecture Safety Mechanisms

The following safety mechanisms support features of the BQ79606A-Q1 that do not easily fit in the above categories. This does not make these diagnostics any less critical to achieve the safety goals of the system.

5.8.1 SM700: Customer NVM-Backed Register CRC Check

The OTP-backed customer registers are protected by a CRC. The CRC engine cyclically computes a checksum value from the current register contents and compares it to the CRC checksum value stored in the CUST_CRCH/L registers. The result is reported by the flag CUST_CRC in the SYS_FAULT2 register. The calculated result of the engine can be viewed in CUST_CRC_RSLTH/L.

[AoU83] — The host MCU will read the CUST_CRC bit in SYS_FAULT2 every FDTI.

[AoU84] — The host MCU will determine the source of the error and decide if the system should be put in a safe state.

5.8.2 SM701: Factory NVM-Backed Register CRC Check

The OTP-backed factory registers are protected by a CRC. The CRC engine cyclically computes a checksum value from the current register contents and compares it to the CRC checksum value stored from the factory. The result is reported by the flag FACT_CRC in the SYS_FAULT2 register.

[AoU85] — The host MCU will read the FACT_CRC bit in SYS_FAULT2 every FDTI.

[AoU86] — The host MCU will reset the device in an attempt to clear the CRC error. The host will decide if the system should be put in a safe state.

5.8.3 SM702: NVM CRC DONE Check

The OTP-backed registers that are protected by a CRC engine that cyclically computes a checksum value from the current register contents. When the CRC engine has completed the CRC calculation, the CRC_DONE bit in register DEV_STAT is set so that the system can know the CRC engine is operational.

[AoU87] — The host MCU will read the CRC_DONE bit in DEV_STAT once every drive cycle.

[AoU88] — If the CRC_DONE bit is not set, the host MCU will wait tCRC_OTP and re-read the bit.

[AoU89] — If the CRC_DONE bit remains at 0 after waiting tCRC_OTP the device should be reset or the system put in a safe state.

5.8.4 SM710: Check TWARN Flag

The BQ79606A-Q1 compares the Tj ADC result vs a threshold that is equivalent to 115°C typical and outputs the result to the TWARN flag in register SYS_FAULT1. If the TWARN flag is set, the system should assume the environmental conditions are outside of the safety bounds and take appropriate action. The TWARN flag is only updated after a Vcell ADC measurement is made.

[AoU90] — The host MCU will check the TWARN bit in SYS_FAULT1 is 0 every FDTI.

[AoU91] — If TWARN is set, the host MCU will assume the environmental conditions are outside the safety bounds and take appropriate action.
5.8.5 SM711: Die Temperature versus PTAT Sensor Accuracy Measurement

The Tj ADC measurement and digital comparison of the result indicates if the IC is operating above or below 115°C typical, 125°C max. The IC is characterized beyond the max TWARN temperature to ensure that operating performance is reasonable even if not meeting full datasheet specifications. Measuring the PTAT voltage and comparing it to the Die Temperature sensor result gives a diagnosis of the validity of the two sensors, which is latent fault coverage.

[AoU92] — A VCELL measurement was completed so the DIE_TEMP value is fresh.

[AoU93] — The host MCU will perform the procedure for comparing the PTAT voltage against the DIE_TEMP once every drive cycle.

[AoU94] — In the case of a mismatch between the PTAT voltage and the DIE_TEMP, the host MCU will put the device in a safe state.

5.8.6 SM712: Thermal Shutdown

The BQ79606A-Q1 has multiple thermal shutdown sensors that will force the device into SHUTDOWN if the die temperature exceeds T_{SD}. When this occurs, all communication to the device will fail, which indicates that the device is in SHUTDOWN. When the device temperature drops by T_{SDHYS} the device can be woken by the host and communication will resume working. The bit TSD in SYS_FAULT1 will be set whenever the device enters SHUTDOWN as a result of a thermal sensor trip.

**NOTE:**
Thermal Shutdown by the BQ79606A-Q1 is automatic and there is no requirement by the host to enable the diagnostic.

5.8.7 SM720: LFOSC Accuracy Check

The BQ79606A-Q1 compares the LF oscillator to the HF oscillator using a counter. If the frequency is outside of the specified range, the LFO flag is set in register SYS_FAULT3.

[AoU95] — The host MCU will read the SYS_FAULT3 register every FDTI to confirm the LFO flag is 0.

5.8.8 SM721: HFO Watchdog

The High Frequency Oscillator is monitored by an independent HFO watchdog for clocking activity while the HFO is enabled. If the HFO does not transition high to low or low to high within t_{HFOWD} the watchdog will reset the digital core and hold the digital core in reset state until the HFO watchdog signal is reset. The watch dog timer will reset and start a new t_{HFOWD} period anytime the HFO clock transitions high to low or low to high.

5.8.9 SM722: LFO Watchdog

The Low Frequency Oscillator is monitored by an LFO independent watchdog for clocking activity while the LFO is enabled. If the LFO does not transition high to low or low to high within t_{LFOWD} the watch dog will reset the digital core and hold the digital core in reset state until the LFO watchdog signal is reset. The watchdog timer will reset and start a new t_{LFOWD} period anytime the LFO clock transitions high to low or low to high.
5.8.10 SM730: Remove OTP Programming Voltage

System must not apply a valid programming voltage to the VPROG pin during normal operation to avoid accidental programming of the OTP memory.

[AoU76] — No programming voltage will be applied to the VPROG pin during normal operation of the device.

5.8.11 SM731: OTP Programming Lock

OTP programming should remain locked during normal operation to avoid accidental programming.

[AoU97] — The host MCU will read the OTP_PROG_STAT register to confirm the UNLOCK bit is 0 once every drive cycle.

5.8.12 SM740: OTP ECC

Error correction and detection logic is implemented for the OTP memory as it is loaded into latched memory. Single errors are corrected and flagged by SEC_DETECT in SYS_FAULT3 while dual errors are detected and flagged by DED_DETECT in the same register.

[AoU98] — The host MCU will read the SYS_FAULT3 register to confirm the both SEC_DETECT and DED_DETECT are 0 once every drive cycle.

5.8.13 SM741: OTP ECC Test

The ECC engine can be tested for both Single Bit Error Correction or Double Bit Error Detection.

NOTE: ECC_TEST can be run in either MANUAL or AUTO mode. MANUAL mode requires that the host write test data to the device. AUTO mode uses internal data to perform the tests. Either mode provides sufficient diagnostic coverage.

[AoU99] — The host MCU will run the ECC_TEST once every drive cycle.

5.8.14 SM742: OTP Customer load Error Check

Error check and correction for both single error correction (SEC) and double error detection (DED) are performed during customer space OTP load. Any load errors of the customer OTP space sets a CUSTLOADERR flag in the using the OTP_FAULT register.

5.8.15 SM743: OTP Factory load Error Check

Error check and correction for both single error correction (SEC) and double error detection (DED) are performed during factory space OTP load. Any load errors of the factory OTP space sets a FACTLOADERR flag in the using the OTPFAULT register.

5.8.16 SM744: OTP OverVoltage Error Check

The factory or customer OTP pages space is continuously monitored for an over-voltage condition. An overvoltage error in the factory or customer OTP pages sets the GBLOVERR flag in the OTP_FAULT register.

NOTE: Information received from the device with this error must not be considered reliable.
5.8.17 SM745: Normal Shutdown Check

In order to differentiate a normal shutdown event from an abnormal shutdown event, the DRST bit in SYS_FAULT1 register can be monitored. In case of an abnormal shutdown the AVDDUV_DRST bit in RAIL_FAULT register or TSD bit in SYS_FAULT1 or AVDD_REFUV_DRST in SYS_FAULT1 register are set.

NOTE: Abnormal shutdown events are caused by Thermal Shutdown, Digital Reset, Communication timeout and LDO faults.

5.8.18 SM990: Factory Test mode Disabled

The factory testmode should be disabled at all times during normal operation. The testmode status is indicated by a non-zero value in register address 0x500. A value of 0x00 in this register indicates that the device is in normal operating mode.

[AoU100] — The host MCU will read register address 0x500 to confirm the value are 0 every FDTI.

[AoU101] — If the host MCU reads a value other than 0 the device will be reset.

6 BQ79606A-Q1 as Safety Element Out of Context (SEooC)

This section contains a Safety Element out of Context (SEooC) schematic of the BQ79606A-Q1. Texas Instruments has made assumptions on the typical safety system configurations using this device. System-level safety analysis is the responsibility of the developer of these systems and not Texas Instruments. As such, this section is intended to be informative only to help explain how to use the features of the BQ79606A-Q1 to assist the system designer in achieving a given ASIL level. Customers are responsible for putting this device into the context of their system and analyzing the ASIL coverage achieved therein. The BQ79606A-Q1 has been designed to perform/function in the ways described in this safety manual presuming that it is incorporated into a system that uses and interconnects the BQ79606A-Q1 with other devices and elements as described. Please note that the system designer may choose to use this BQ79606A-Q1 in other safety-relevant systems.
6.1 BQ79606A-Q1 -Typical Application Circuit

Figure 20. Typical Application Circuit
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