

DESCRIPTION


Demonstration circuit 871 is a low noise high current LED charge pump featuring the LTC[®]3215 and a cell phone camera flash LED. The board has three versions (-A, -B, -C) that are optimized separately for a short LED flash current or a lower but constant LED torch current with a single lithium ion battery input voltage range of 2.9V to 4.4V or three AAA batteries in series. The lithium ion battery input voltage range, high LED flash current and separate torch mode current setting, internal charge pump switches, inductorless solution, minimal external components, and simple design makes the LTC3215 the top solution for space-constrained cellular telephone camera flash solutions. The LTC3215 is very similar to the LTC3216, but with two less pins and a slightly lower maximum flash current of 700mA as opposed to 1000mA.

DC871A can be built with three AAA batteries in series in a battery pack on the back to simulate the capabilities of a typical lithium ion cellular telephone battery. The LED is turned on and off by pressing the LED ON button. Without the FLASH button pressed, the LED ON button sets the LED current to the TORCH MODE setting in the schematic. The FLASH

button flashes the LED at higher current as shown in the schematic for cellular telephone camera flash operation. The FLASH only works when the LED ON button is also pressed. The FLASH button activates a MOSFET that places a second ISET resistor in parallel with the original, raising the LED current. FLASH MODE is intended to be less than one second long. Holding down the FLASH button with the LED ON can damage the LED and potentially damage the IC.

The LTC3215 datasheet gives a complete description of the part, operation and applications information. The datasheet must be read in conjunction with this Quick Start Guide for demonstration circuit 871. In addition, the datasheets for the three LEDs must be read in order to understand the thermal and light output specifications of the LEDs. The LTC3215 is assembled in a small low profile DFN package. Proper board layout is essential for maximum thermal performance. See the datasheet section 'Layout Considerations'.

Design files for this circuit board are available. Call the LTC factory.

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QUICK START PROCEDURE

Demonstration circuit 871 is easy to set up to evaluate the performance of the LTC3215. Follow the procedure below:

NOTE: Make sure that the input voltage does not exceed 5.5V if a source other than the three AAA batteries is used.

NOTE: If batteries are not used, do not hot-plug the input voltage terminals VIN (+) and GND (-). The absolute maximum voltage on VIN is 5.5V and hot-plugging a power supply through wire leads to the demonstration circuit can cause the voltage on the

extremely low-ESR ceramic input capacitor to ring to twice its DC value. *See Application Note 88 for more details.*

1. Connect 2.9V to 4.4V input power supply to the VIN and GND terminals on the PCB or three AAA batteries in a battery pack that is connected to the + and - terminals on the PCB.
2. Press LED ON to turn on the LED in torch mode.
3. Briefly (less than 1 second) Press FLASH to observe a higher cell phone camera flash LED current.

QUICK START GUIDE FOR DEMONSTRATION CIRCUIT 871

LOW NOISE HIGH CURRENT LED CHARGE PUMP

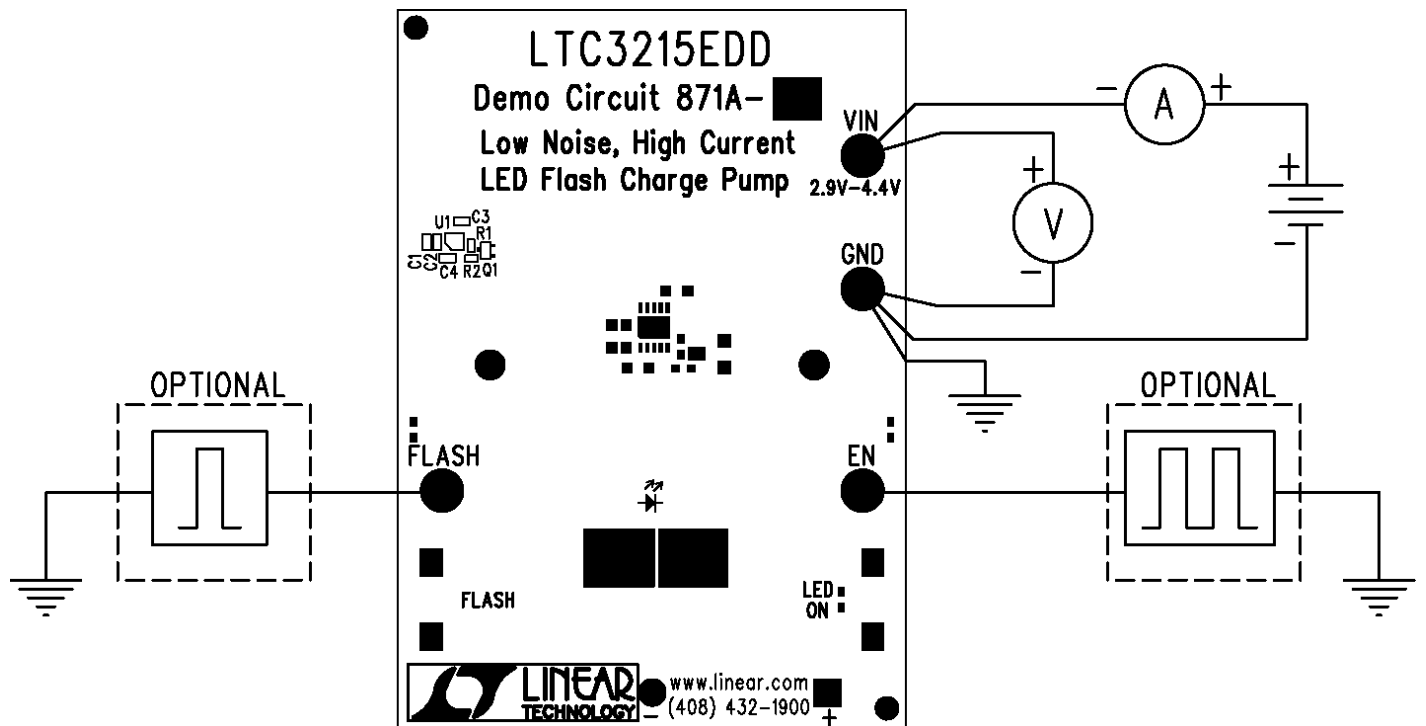


Figure1. Proper Measurement Equipment Setup

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