

USB-C Sink 4 Click



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USB-C Sink 4 Click is a compact add-on board designed to enable devices to draw power through the USB Type-C interface. This board features the CYPD3178, a USB Type-C power sink controller from Infineon. This Click board™ includes a controller with an integrated USB Type-C transceiver, load switch control with soft start, and system-level fault protection. It has configurable charging protocols, voltage negotiation, and an unpopulated SAFE 5V header for an alternate power supply. The USB-C Sink 4 Click is ideal for applications such as drones, smart speakers, power tools, and other rechargeable devices.

How does it work?

USB-C Sink 4 Click is based on the CYPD3178, a USB Type-C power sink controller from Infineon. This controller replaces traditional barrel connectors, allowing devices to draw power through the more versatile and standardized USB Type-C interface. The CYPD3178 is part of Infineon's Barrel Connector Replacement (BCR) family and complies with the latest USB Type-C specifications, supporting power delivery of up to 5V at 3A. What makes the CYPD3178 stand out is its ability to convert devices from barrel-powered to USB Type-C-powered with minimal additional components and no need for further firmware development. The integrated solution includes a full USB Type-C transceiver, load switch control with a soft start feature, and all the necessary termination resistors for seamless USB Type-C port operation. It also provides system-level fault protection and Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) safeguards, ensuring robust performance in various environments. This Click board™ is perfect for powering electronic devices such as drones, smart speakers, power tools, and other rechargeable gadgets, making it a versatile and reliable power management solution.

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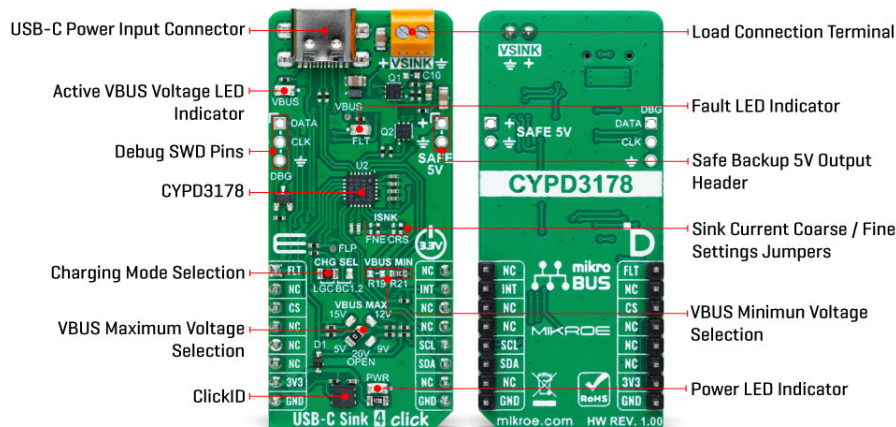
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The CYPD3178 on the USB-C Sink 4 Click supports multiple charging protocols. When connected to a non-PD charger, it can negotiate with any legacy charging protocol supported by the sink device. The CHG SEL jumper allows users to configure the supported protocols. The jumper is set to the LGC position by default, enabling support for all legacy charging protocols. However, by switching the jumper to the BC1.2 position, the device limits its operation to the BC1.2 charging protocol only.

The board's VBUS MIN and VBUS MAX jumpers determine the minimum and maximum voltages that the CYPD3178 will negotiate. VBUS_MIN is set to 5V by default, while a 5-position jumper allows users to configure the VBUS_MAX value. The USB-C standard supports various voltage levels, ranging from 5V to 20V, depending on the agreed "power contract" between the device and the charger. Adjusting the VBUS MAX jumper to the appropriate position enables the desired voltage level. The green VBUS LED indicates the presence of power on the USB-C port. Similarly, the ISNK FNE and CRS resistor dividers configure the operating current communicated to the Type-C power adapter. The operating current (ISNK) is the sum of the currents these resistor dividers specify.

The USB-C Sink 4 Click features an unpopulated SAFE 5V header that can be used to drive an alternate load. This header becomes active whenever the CYPD3178 cannot negotiate the higher requested power contract (e.g., 9V or 15V, for example). In such cases, the CYPD3178 negotiates a 5V power supply, which can be delivered to an alternate power rail within the system through this header. This enables the system to continue operating in a limited mode when the desired higher power is unavailable through the USB Type-C port.

USB-C Sink 4 Click uses a standard 2-wire I2C interface to communicate with the host MCU, supporting a maximum clock frequency of 400kHz. In addition to the I2C pins, it features an active-low INT interrupt pin, used to notify the MCU of important events, such as changes in the power status. The INT and FLT pins can also serve a secondary purpose for debugging, acting as SWD_DAT (INT) and SWD_CLK (FLT) pins, accessible through the unpopulated DBG header for debugging purposes.

The red FLT LED indicator on USB-C Sink 4 Click turns ON when certain conditions are met, such as when a power negotiation contract cannot be established or when none of the offered voltages fall within the VBUS_MIN and VBUS_MAX ranges. Additionally, the LED will light up if the load draws more current than the expected threshold (Sink OCP). In addition to visual identification, this fault signal can also be tracked digitally through the FLT pin on the mikroBUS™ socket.

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The USB-C Sink 4 Click includes two test points for monitoring key signals. TP1 measures and monitors the VBUS voltage, while TP2 (FLP) helps determine the data mode and orientation of the USB Type-C cable, specifically whether the USB CC polarity is flipped. By default, the TP2 signal is pulled up with a 1kΩ resistor for non-data communication applications.


This Click board™ can be operated only with a 3.3V logic voltage level. The board must perform appropriate logic voltage level conversion before using MCUs with different logic levels. Also, it comes equipped with a library containing functions and an example code that can be used as a reference for further development.

Specifications

Type	USB-C PD
Applications	Ideal for applications such as drones, smart speakers, power tools, and other rechargeable devices
On-board modules	CYPD3178 - USB type-C power sink controller from Infineon
Key Features	USB Type-C support, configurable charging protocols (legacy and BC1.2 protocols), adjustable voltage negotiation, SAFE 5V header for alternate power rail support, system-level fault and ESD protection, I2C interface, debugging capability, test points, and more
Interface	I2C
Feature	ClickID
Compatibility	mikroBUS™
Click board size	L (57.15 x 25.4 mm)
Input Voltage	3.3V, External

Pinout diagram

This table shows how the pinout on USB-C Sink 4 Click corresponds to the pinout on the mikroBUS™ socket (the latter shown in the two middle columns).

Notes	Pin					Pin	Notes
Fault Indicator	FLT	1	AN	PWM	16	NC	
	NC	2	RST	INT	15	INT	Interrupt
ID COMM	CS	3	CS	RX	14	NC	
	NC	4	SCK	TX	13	NC	
	NC	5	MISO	SCL	12	SCL	I2C Clock
	NC	6	MOSI	SDA	11	SDA	I2C Data
Power Supply	3.3V	7	3.3V	5V	10	NC	
Ground	GND	8	GND	GND	9	GND	Ground

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Onboard settings and indicators

Label	Name	Default	Description
LD1	PWR	-	Power LED Indicator
LD2	FLT	-	Fault LED Indicator
LD3	VBUS	-	Active VBUS Voltage LED Indicator
JP1	VBUS MAX	Lower Left	VBUS Maximum Voltage Selection 5V/15V/12V/9V/20: Lower Left position 5V, Upper Left position 15V, Upper Right position 12V, Lower Right position 9V, Unpopulated 20V
JP2	CHG SEL	Left	Charging Mode Selection LGC/BC1.2: Left position LGC, Right position BC1.2
TP1	VBUS	-	VBUS Voltage Test Point
TP2	FLT	-	Data Mode / USB Flip Status Test Point

USB-C Sink 4 Click electrical specifications

Description	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Supply Voltage	-	3.3	-	V
Power Supply Input Voltage	5	-	20	V

Software Support

We provide a library for the USB-C Sink 4 Click as well as a demo application (example), developed using MIKROE [compilers](#). The demo can run on all the main MIKROE [development boards](#).

Package can be downloaded/installed directly from NECTO Studio Package Manager (recommended), downloaded from our [LibStock™](#) or found on [MIKROE github account](#).

Library Description

This library contains API for USB-C Sink 4 Click driver.

Key functions

- `usbcsink4_get_type_c_status` This function reads the reports of the status of the Type-C port by using the I2C serial interface.
- `usbcsink4_get_bus_voltage` This function reads the live voltage on the VBUS supply for the specified port using the I2C serial interface.
- `usbcsink4_get_event_status` This function reads the reports of the event status to know

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what has happened on the Type-C/PD port using the I2C serial interface.

Example Description

This example demonstrates the use of a USB-C Sink 4 Click by setting DC power requests and control for Type-C connector-equipped devices (TCD).

The full application code, and ready to use projects can be installed directly from NECTO Studio Package Manager (recommended), downloaded from our [LibStock™](#) or found on [MIKROE github account](#).

Other MIKROE Libraries used in the example:

- MikroSDK.Board
- MikroSDK.Log
- Click.USBCSink4

Additional notes and informations

Depending on the development board you are using, you may need [USB UART click](#), [USB UART 2 Click](#) or [RS232 Click](#) to connect to your PC, for development systems with no UART to USB interface available on the board. UART terminal is available in all MIKROE [compilers](#).

mikroSDK

This Click board™ is supported with [mikroSDK](#) - MIKROE Software Development Kit. To ensure proper operation of mikroSDK compliant Click board™ demo applications, mikroSDK should be downloaded from the [LibStock](#) and installed for the compiler you are using.

For more information about mikroSDK, visit the [official page](#).

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