Gate Drivers for BLDC Motor in Ceiling Fan Application



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Gate Drivers, Ceiling Fan Reference Design

- With introduction of highly efficient electronic control circuits, more and more players are opting for Brushless DC(BLDC) motors.
- Major advantages of BLDC motors
 - Compact in size, very low noise, high energy efficiency and maintenance free.
 - Gaining huge momentum in modern, high-efficiency appliances.
- Challenges
 - More complex electronics and motor control techniques.
- To address client challenges microchip has developed BLDC motor control reference designs for Ceiling Fan application.





Market Overview

Research analysts predicted the global BLDC motors market will grow steadily at a CAGR of about 13%.

Growth Factors

Wide range of applications in

- Power tools
- Automotive
- Industrial
- Home appliances

Especially for Compressors/Water pumps/Fans

Power

Conversion

Motor

Control

Estimated CAGR: 7% annually for BLDC ceiling fans.

Growth Factors

- Global warming : Demand for ceiling fans and A/C.
- Very low noise.
- Affordable.
- Energy efficient.
- Smart and fancy ceiling fans with LED lights(Deco).
- Bidirectional control (Summer and winter usage).



BLDC Motor

Customer Challenges

Energy

• To compensate rising energy prices, building energy efficient products are a must have.

• Lack of efficient controls

- Primary control parameter in past was only the applied voltage.
- Precise speed or torque control was partly difficult

Higher initial cost

• Saving more money in the mid and long term by consuming less energy.



Why Change?

Adapt to Address Customer Needs

Industry trends

- Ceiling FAN manufacturers have started migrating to BLDC FAN to achieve
 - Better performance due to very low noise and control features
 - Better energy(star) efficiency rating (by 50% less)

Grow Revenue

• BLDC Ceiling Fans are the driving force behind the demand for the next decade.

Very low maintenance

• No brushes, no wear and tear, no sparks.





Why Now?

Be the Early Bird to Capture the Market Share

- Smart homes and global warming driving the demand for BLDC Ceiling Fans and A/C NOW!
- Adapting to new Government Norms(Specific to country)
 - Govt. mandates all electrical appliances to have Energy/STAR(1-5) or e.g. EU A++, A+, B rating for customer awareness.
 - Utilize Govt. incentives for setting up manufacturing plants for energy efficient appliances. (Driving green technologies)
- Shifting Mechanical to Electronic commutation
 - Availability of high-performance microcontrollers with affordable price.
 - Sophisticated software algorithms for Field Orientated Control (FOC), to control speed and torque of the fan precisely.



Why Microchip (MCHP)? Ready to Use Solution

- Reduced Risk
 - One shop stop for proven reference design with optimized hardware and software.
 - Established (widely) in market, used by various big vendors.

• Faster Time to Market

- Speed up your time to market and reduce your design risk by starting with MCHP available turnkey solution.
- Expert support to integrate into customer application.



Market Differentiation Drive BLDC Motors Efficiently

- Market leader with support of traditional wall mount regulator in combination with remote controls, to operate the fan.
- Supports extended customer features
 - Using powerful dsPIC MCUs
- High performance compared to existing designs
 - Speed more than 450 rpm with very low noise
- Sensor-less cost efficient FOC*) based motor control

*) Field-Oriented Control





Functional Block Diagram





MIC4605

85V Half Bridge MOSFET Driver

- 5.5V to 16V Gate Drive Supply Voltage Range
- Advanced Adaptive Dead Time
- Intelligent Shoot-Through Protection:
 - MIC4605-1: Dual TTL Inputs
 - MIC4605-2: Single PWM Input
- Enable Input for On/Off Control
- On-chip bootstrap Diode
- Fast 35ns Propagation Times
- Drives 1000pF Load with 20ns Rise and Fall Times
- Low Power Consumption: 135µA Quiescent Current
- Separate High-Side and Low-Side Undervoltage Protection
- -40°C to +125°C junction temperature range
- AEC-Q100 Qualified for the SOIC Package





https://www.microchip.com/wwwproducts/en/MIC4605



MIC5205

Ultra-Low Noise Output LDO 1% Accuracy 150mA

- High output voltage accuracy with low noise
- Guaranteed 150mA output current
- Low quiescent current
- Low dropout voltage
- Extremely tight load and line regulation
- Very low temperature coefficient
- Current and thermal limiting
- Reverse battery protection
- Zero off-mode current
- Logic-controlled electronic enable
- -40°C to +125°C junction temperature range





Typical Application Circuit



Datasheet :

https://ww1.microchip.com/downloads/en/DeviceDoc/20005785A.pdf

dsPIC33CK64MP105

100 MHz Single-Core High-Performance 16-bit DSC

- High-Performance Digital Signal Controller (DSC)
 - 100 MHz CPU instruction execution speed for tighter control loops
 - New instructions to accelerate DSP algorithm performance
 - Expanded context selected register sets for reduced interrupt latency
- Optimized Peripheral Feature Set
 - Perfectly optimized for single-motor control applications, automotive and ir
 - Analog integration includes a single high-speed ADC, 3 op amps, and one ar

Improved Functional Safety Features and Support

- Safety features include: ECC Flash, RAM BIST, Deadman Timer (DMT), Dual Monitoring (FSCM), CRC, Virtual Pins for Redundancy, Flash OTP & Code Gu
- Targets ASIL B(ISO 26262), SIL 2(IEC 61508), Class B Library(IEC 60730).
- Hardware Development Tools
 - dsPIC33CK64MC105 Motor Control Ext. Op Amp PIM (MA330051-1)
 - dsPIC33CK64MC105 Motor Control Int. Op Amp PIM (MA330051-2)
 - dsPIC33CK64MC105 General Purpose PIM (MA330052)

• Software Development Tools

- MPLAB[®] X IDE, MPLAB[®] Xpress Cloud Based IDE
- MPLAB[®] Code Configurator (MCC), XC16 C Compiler
- motorBench[®] Development Suite



https://www.microchip.com/wwwproducts/en/dsPIC33CK64MP105

https://ww1.microchip.com/downloads/en/DeviceDoc/dsPIC33CK64MP105-Family-Data-Sheet-DS70005363E.pdf



Automotive Design

Deliverables

- MPLABX
- C/C++ Compilers XC16
- Software Support
 - Adaptable Source code (FOC library).
 - Motor tuning utility (User configuration file for motor input parameters)
- Debugger/Programmer
 - PICKIT4, ICD4, MPLAB SNAP

Hardware

- Reference design boards with different Form Factors.
- Board schematics.
- PCB layout, BOM.





CG BLDC FAN RF Remote Electronics Availability



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