

# Super constant voltage capacitor charging





## Overview

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A simple voltage regulating LED driver with constant current, usually regulated by sensing a low side, series current sense resistor, then a voltage clamp can be used to charge a super capacitor. What should a supercapacitor charge current be?

The charging current should be within the safe operating range specified by the supercapacitor manufacturer. Exceeding the maximum charging current can lead to excessive heat generation, reduced lifespan, and potential damage to the supercapacitor. Similarly, the charging voltage should not exceed the rated voltage of the supercapacitor.

How does a supercapacitor maintain a constant current?

In constant current charging, the supercapacitor is charged with a fixed current throughout the charging process. The charging circuit maintains a constant current by adjusting the voltage across the supercapacitor. The charging voltage increases linearly with time until it reaches the desired charging voltage.

How many time constants does it take to charge a supercapacitor?

To reach 99.9% of the power source voltage, it takes approximately 5 time constants. Charging current: The charging current of a supercapacitor is determined by the voltage difference between the power source and the supercapacitor, divided by the equivalent series resistance (ESR).

How do you charge a super capacitor?

Most super capacitors (supercaps) can be discharged down to 0 V and recharged to their maximum voltage with the manufacturer recommended charge current. A simple voltage regulating LED driver with constant current, usually regulated by sensing a low side, series current sense resistor, then a voltage clamp can be used to charge a super capacitor.



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