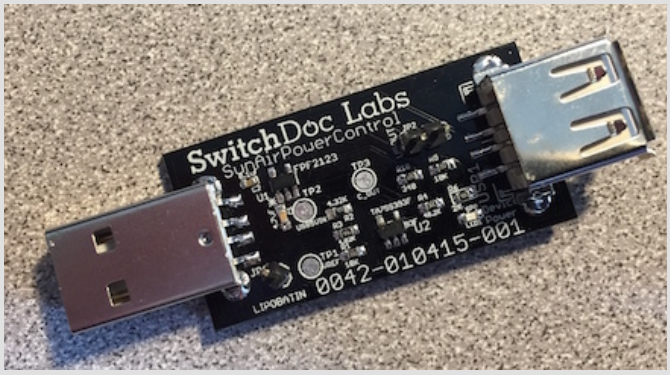


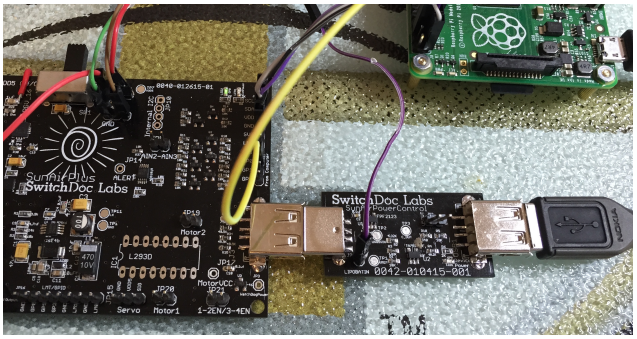
The **USB PowerControl** board is a USB to USB solid state relay.

The software for this device is simple. You use one GPIO line to turn it on or off (*or connect it directly to your LiPo battery for automatic control!*). It controls the 5V line that powers a USB device plugged into the female USB A power end of the board.

Features and Benefits:

- Can Switch the Power to any device plugged into the Female A USB port On/Off
- Controlled by a single control line
- Implements Hysteresis on Control line
- 3.8V/3.3V Turn On/Off Voltage on Control Line
- 3.3V Turn Off Voltage on Control Line
- Over Current Protection
- Thermal Shutdown
- Reverse Current Blocking
- Can be connected to GPIO Pin or directly to LiPo Battery
- Supports both Arduino and Raspberry Pi
- Has Dual USB ports - no more cutting USB cables
- Designed to work with SunAir and SunAirPlus Solar Power Controllers
- Low Cost
- Quantity Discounts Available
- Immediate Availability

Introduction

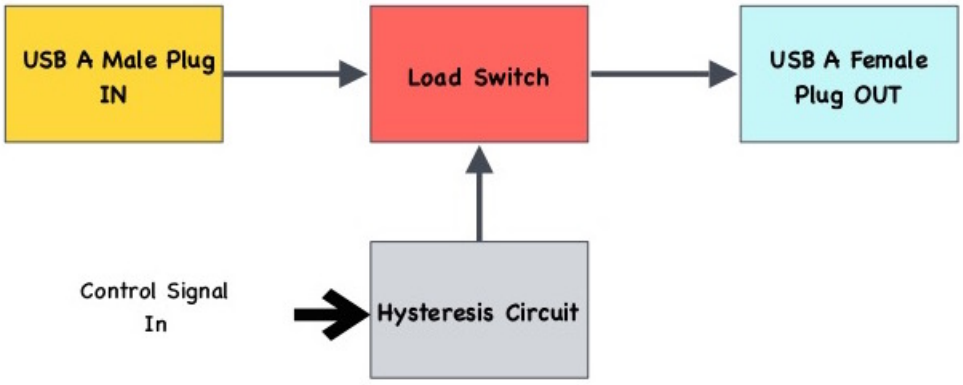


The USB PowerControl Board is a digitally controlled power switch for your Arduino or Raspberry Pi. Anything you can plug into a USB port can be controlled with USB PowerControl. It's easy to hook up. You connect a control line (a GPIO line or the output of a LiPo battery) to the LIPOBATIN line and if the line is LOW (< ~3.3V) the USB Port is off. If it is HIGH (above 3.8V) the USB Port is turned on and you have 5V of power to the USB plug.

This board was initially designed to sit in-between a Solar Power Controller (such as SunAir/SunAirPlus) and a Raspberry Pi / Arduino. The input to the board was designed to come directly from a LiPo battery so the computer won't be turned on until the LiPo battery was charged up above 3.8V. We provide a hysteresis circuit so the board won't

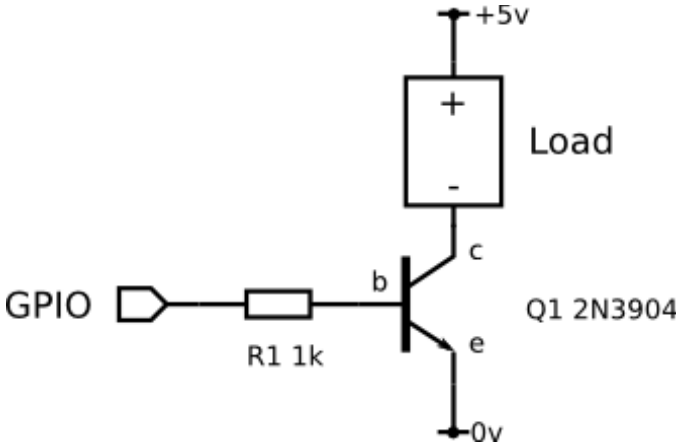
turn off until the voltage goes below around 3.3V. This is an excellent board to shut on and off USB powered devices like a Raspberry Pi and Arduino. It works just like a conventional relay.

Block Diagram



How To Use

To use the USB PowerControl device, plug a female USB A cable from the power source for the USB (in the case of SunAir and SunAirPlus, you can plug it directly into the output USB connector on the board). Then you plug in the Raspberry Pi or Arduino into the USB A Female Out plug. The USB PowerControl is controlled by the voltage on the input pin LIPOBATIN. You can connect LIPOBATIN directly to the output of the LiPo Battery in your system or from a GPIO output pin on an Arduino. If you wish to control the USD PowerControl from a Raspberry Pi, you will need to use a level shifter as the logic high of the Raspberry Pi is only about 3.3V and will not turn on the board. You can do this also by using a single NPN transistor as shown below with a load resistor of about 10K Ohms.

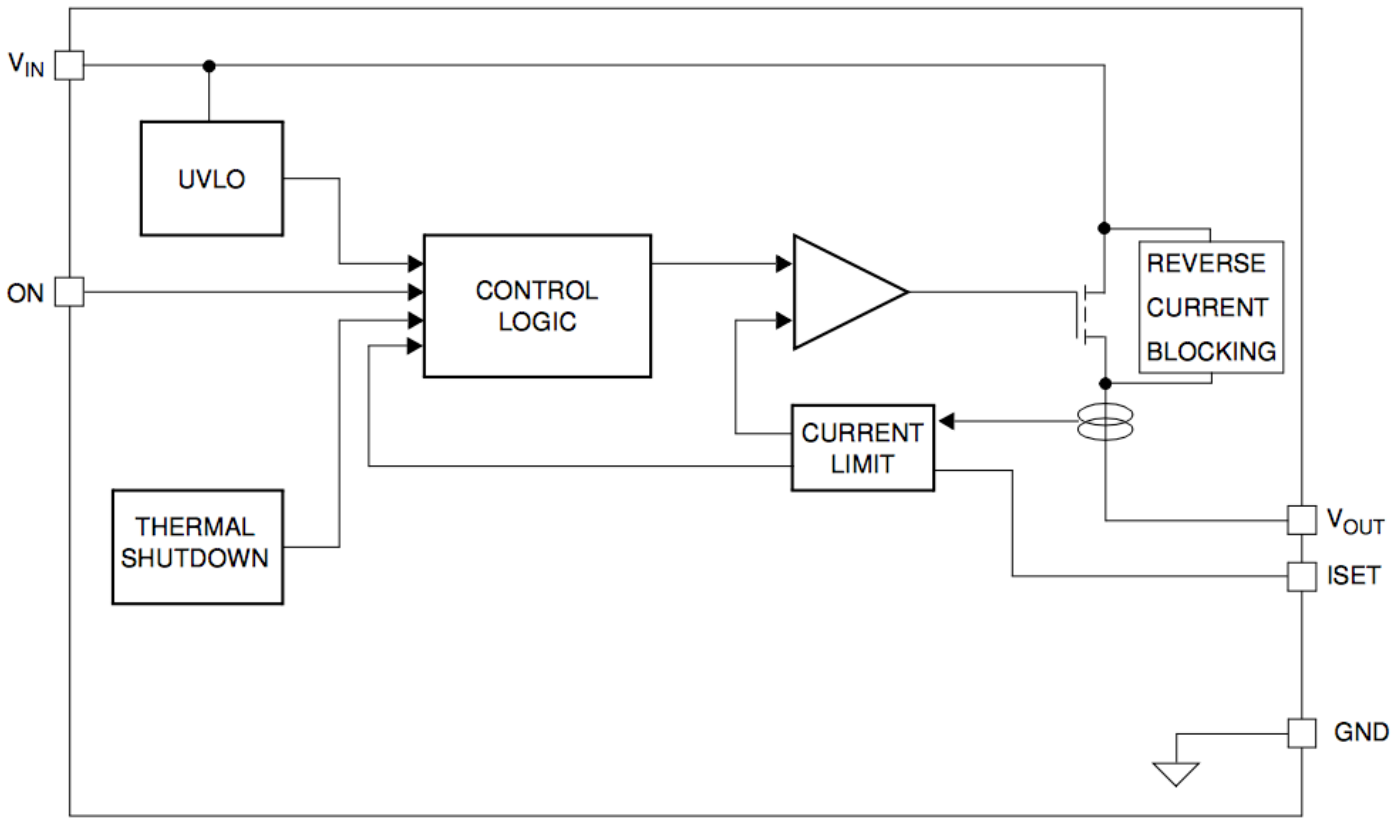


SunAir and SunAirPlus provide level shifted GPIO lines.

Theory of Operation

Load Switch

The USB PowerControl Board uses a Fairchild FPF2123 Full Function Load Switch as the main power switch.

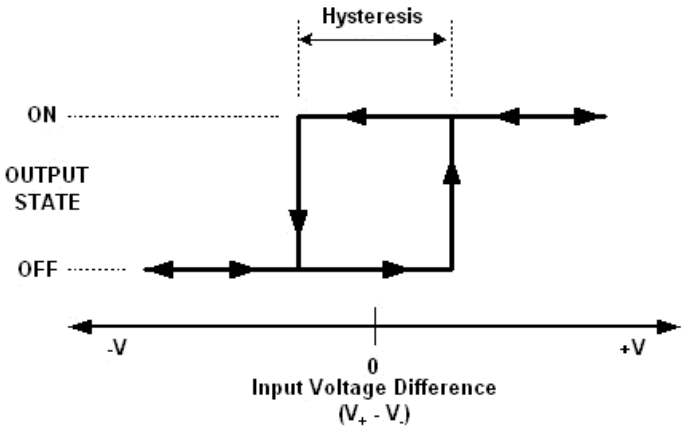


The FPF2123 provides full protection to systems and loads which may encounter large current conditions. These devices contain a 0.125 current-limited P-channel MOSFET which can operate over an input voltage range of 1.8-5.5V. The device is set for a minimum shutdown current of 1010mA with a maximum current shutdown of 1860mA. Internally, current is prevented from flowing when the MOSFET is off and the output voltage is higher than the input voltage. Switch control is by a logic input (ON) capable of interfacing directly

with low voltage control signals. The FPF2123 contains thermal shutdown protection which shuts off the switch to prevent damage to the part when a continuous over-current condition causes excessive heating. When the switch current reaches the current limit, the parts operate in a constant-current mode to prohibit excessive currents from causing damage. If the constant current condition still persists after 10ms, these parts will shut off the switch. The FPF2123 has an auto-restart feature which will turn the switch on again after 160ms if the ON pin is still active.

Hysteresis Control Circuit

The USB PowerControl Hysteresis circuit is based on a TA75S39 Operational Amplifier used as a comparator. A comparator with hysteresis has two important thresholds: upper and lower. Unlike a simple comparator, however, the output of the comparator doesn't depend solely on whether the input is above or below one of these thresholds. It depends on both the current state of the output **and** the current value of the input. If the output is high, it will stay high until the input voltage drops below the lower threshold. If the output is low, it will stay low until the input voltage rises above the upper threshold.



The diagram to the right shows a hysteresis 'loop' that describes how a comparator functions. The horizontal 'X' axis is the input, and represents the difference of the two input voltages. The vertical "Y" axis represents the comparator's output state.

If the comparator is initially 'OFF', the MINUS input voltage has to become slightly above the PLUS input voltage before the comparator output turns 'ON'. This is represented by moving right along the bottom part of the loop.

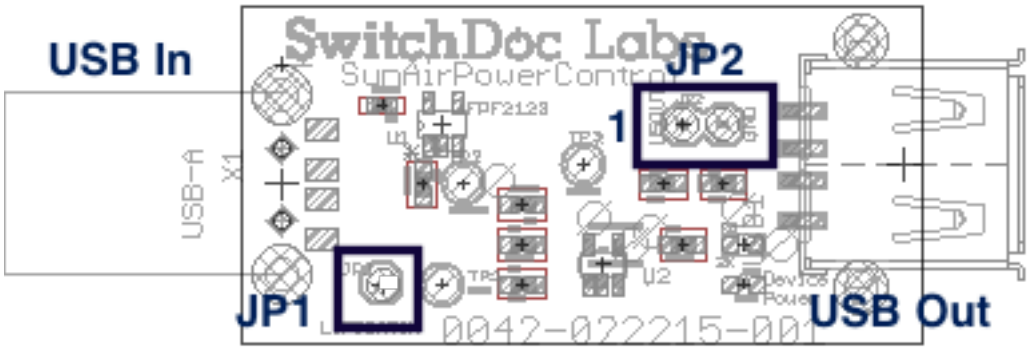
Once the comparator is 'ON', the MINUS input voltage needs to drop slightly below the PLUS input voltage before it turns 'OFF' again (moving left along the top of the loop).

The ‘ON’ state is set in the USB PowerControl to be 3.8V and the ‘OFF’ state is set to be about 3.3V. The output of the comparator drives the input to the Load Switch.

Operating Values

		Min	Normal	Max	Unit
Vin	Input USB 5V Line		5.0	5.25	V
Imax	Maximimun Current before Shutdown	1010	1350	1690	mA
Ron	On Resistance		125	200	mOhms
LIPOBATINVon	Control Input ON Voltage		3.8	3.9	V
LIPOBATINVon	Control Input OFF Voltage	3.2	3.3		V
Ton	Turn On Time		25		uS
Toff	Turn Off Time		70		uS
Tor	Operating Temperature Range	-40		125	degrees C

Pin Locations



Physical dimensions of board: 65mm x 22.5mm x 12mm(max).

I/O Key:

I - Digital Input
O - Digital Output
A - Analog

Pin Functions

JP1 - LIPOBATIN

Input Control Line for USB PowerControl

NAME	PIN	I/O	DESCRIPTION
LIPOBATIN	JP1 / 1	I	Control Input for USB PowerControl. Connected to Hysteresis Comparator circuitry. See Operation Conditions for Von/Voff

JP2 - Power Utility Pins

Used for additional connections to 5V USB Output voltage and Ground.

NAME	PIN	I/O	DESCRIPTION
5VUSBOUT	JP2 / 1	A	5V USB Out voltage. Controlled by LIPOBATIN
GND	JP2 / 2	A	Ground

Application Diagram