Fan Control Function Pack Design Guide

Extend fan life, reduce acoustic noise, power consumption and increase system uptime

Design ideas in this guide are based on many of the devices featured in Microchip Technology’s “Fan Control Function Pack.” A complete device list and corresponding data sheets for these products can be found at [www.microchip.com/funpack](http://www.microchip.com/funpack).

Design ideas in this guide use the following devices. Devices in BOLD type are also included in the “funpack”:

**Single & Dual Fan Controllers**
TC646, TC654, TC655
Fan Fault Detector
TC670

**Temperature Sensors**
TC620, TC77
PIC® Microcontroller
PIC16C717

**Temperature Sensor / Fan Controller**
TC652

This guide is a companion to the “Fan Control” functional sample pack (funpack). Contact your local Microchip sales office for additional information.
**Extend Fan Life, Reduce Acoustic Noise and Power Consumption, Increase System Uptime**

**Simple Fan Control Solution**

**Ambient Temperature-Controlled Fan On/Off Switch**

The TC620 logic output temperature sensor can work as a local thermostat, turning the cooling fan on and off when ambient temperature levels exceed threshold values.

The programmable temperature threshold and hysteresis values make it easy to define the fan’s on/off thresholds.

**TC620 Output Temperature Sensor Features:**

- Wide Temperature Detection Range
  - 0°C to 70°C: (TC620CCX)
  - -40°C to +125°C: (TC620CVX)
  - -40°C to +85°C: (TC620CEX)
  - -55°C to +125°C: (TC620CMX)
- User-Programmable Hysteresis and Temperature Set Point
- Easily Programs with Two External Resistors
- Onboard Temperature Sensing Applications
- Available in 8-Pin PDIP and SOIC Packages
- ±3°C Accuracy (Max)

**TC620 Applications:**

- Power Supply Over-Temperature Detection
- Consumer Equipment
- Temperature Regulators
- CPU Thermal Protection

**Product Specifications**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Device</th>
<th>Output Type</th>
<th>Typical Accuracy</th>
<th>Maximum Accuracy @ 25°C</th>
<th>Maximum Temperature Range</th>
<th>V&lt;sub&gt;DD&lt;/sub&gt; Range</th>
<th>Maximum Supply Current</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TC620</td>
<td>Logic Output</td>
<td>±1°C</td>
<td>±3°C</td>
<td>-40°C to +125°C</td>
<td>+4.5V to +18V</td>
<td>400 μA</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Extend Fan Life, Reduce Acoustic Noise and Power Consumption, Increase System Uptime**

**SMBus Communication Interface Makes Talking To Your Fan Simple**

**Control Fan Speed, Measure Fan RPM, Predict Fan Failure and Communicate all this information to your System**

The **TC654/TC655** and **TC664/TC665** (Single and Dual Fan Controllers) work with your system controller and remote temperature sensing devices to control and monitor fan speed.

These devices can increase system uptime by giving a predictive indication of a fan failure, allowing service action to occur before the system goes down unexpectedly.

**TC654/TC655 Fan Controller Features:**
- Efficient PWM Fan Drive
- Provides RPM Data
- 2-Wire SMBus- Compatible Interface
- Supports Any Fan Voltage
- Software-Controlled Shutdown Mode for “Green” Systems
- Supports Low Cost NTC/PTC Thermistors
- Space-Saving 10-Pin MSOP Package
- Temperature Range: -40°C to +85°C

**TC654/TC655 Applications:**
- Personal Computers and Servers
- LCD Projectors
- Datacom and Telecom Equipment
- Fan Trays
- File Servers
- Workstations
- General Purpose Fan Speed Control

**Product Specifications**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Device</th>
<th>VCC Range</th>
<th>Temperature Range</th>
<th>Typical $I_Q$</th>
<th>Over-Temp Alert</th>
<th>SMBus Interface</th>
<th>Min Fan Speed</th>
<th># of Fans Monitored</th>
<th>RPM Data</th>
<th>Predictive Fan-Fault Detection</th>
<th>Package</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TC654</td>
<td>+3.0V to +5.5V</td>
<td>-40°C to +85°C</td>
<td>150 µA</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>10-Pin MSOP</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TC655</td>
<td>+3.0V to +5.5V</td>
<td>-40°C to +85°C</td>
<td>150 µA</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>10-Pin MSOP</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TC664</td>
<td>+3.0V to +5.5V</td>
<td>-40°C to +85°C</td>
<td>150 µA</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>10-Pin MSOP</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TC665</td>
<td>+3.0V to +5.5V</td>
<td>-40°C to +85°C</td>
<td>150 µA</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>10-Pin MSOP</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Note 1.* These devices use an external sensor. Accuracy of the total solution is a function of the accuracy of the external sensor.
Predicting the Failure of Your Fan Brings Many Advantages

As a fan wears out, it slows down and circulates less air. This can eventually cause an overheating condition and possibly an unexpected thermal shutdown. The TC670 predictive fan failure device monitors the speed of a fan and allows you to set a fan speed threshold at which you receive a fan warning indication, allowing service action to take place on your schedule instead of the fan’s.

TC670 Fan Failure Detector Features:
- Fan Wear-out Detection for 2-Wire Linear-Controlled Fans
- Replacement System for 3-Wire Fans
- Fan-Alert Signal when Fan Speed is below Programmed Threshold
- Clear Capability for Eliminating False Alarm
- Low Operating Current, 90 µA (typ.)
- \( V_{DD} \) Range: 3.0V to 5.5V
- Available in a 6-Pin SOT-23 Package

TC670 Applications:
- Protection for Linear-Controlled Fans
- Power Supplies
- Industrial Equipment
- PCs and Notebooks
- Data Storage
- Data Communications Equipment
- Instrumentation

Product Specifications

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Device</th>
<th>( V_{CC} ) Range</th>
<th>Temperature Range</th>
<th>Maximum ( I_Q )</th>
<th>Typical Accuracy</th>
<th>Package</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TC670</td>
<td>+3.0V to +5.5V</td>
<td>-40°C to +85°C</td>
<td>150 µA</td>
<td>±5%</td>
<td>6-Pin SOT-23</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Extend Fan Life, Reduce Acoustic Noise and Power Consumption, Increase System Uptime

Using the TC646 Fan Speed Controller

Simple, 8-Pin Fan Speed Controller/Monitor Makes Systems Quiet and Intelligent

Using a low-cost NTC thermistor in conjunction with the TC646 Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) fan speed controller/monitor, provides a simple, low-cost, small footprint fan speed control solution. The TC646 device uses Microchip’s patented FanSense™ Technology, which allows you to use a lower cost 2-wire fan in place of a 3-wire fan and still detect fan failure. The PWM method of speed control dissipates less power in the fan drive device, allowing smaller, less expensive devices to be used, compared to the linear speed control method.

![Fan Speed Controller Diagram](image)

TC646 Fan Speed Controller Features:

- Temperature-Proportional Fan Speed for Acoustic Control and Longer Fan Life
- Efficient PWM Fan Drive
- Supply Range: 3.0V to 5.5V
- Fan Voltage Independent of TC646 Supply Voltage
- Supports any Fan Voltage
- FanSense Fault Detection Circuits Protect Against Fan Failure and Aid System Testing
- Shutdown Mode for “Green” Systems
- Supports Low Cost NTC/PTC Thermistors
- Over-Temperature Detection

TC646 Applications:

- Power Supplies
- Computers
- File Servers
- Portable Computers
- Telecom Equipment
- UPS, Power Amps
- General Purpose Fan Speed Control

Product Specifications

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Device(1)</th>
<th>V_CC Range</th>
<th>Temp. Range</th>
<th>Typical I_2</th>
<th>Over-Temp Alert</th>
<th>SMBus Interface</th>
<th>Min Fan Speed</th>
<th>Temp Auto-Shutdown</th>
<th># of Fans Monitored</th>
<th>RPM Data</th>
<th>Predictive Fan Fault Detection</th>
<th>Fan Auto-Restart</th>
<th>Package</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TC646</td>
<td>+3.0V to +5.5V</td>
<td>-40°C to +85°C</td>
<td>500 µA</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>8-Pin PDIP 8-Pin SOIC 8-Pin MSOP</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note 1. This device uses an external sensor. Accuracy of the total solution is a function of the accuracy of the external sensor.
**Using the TC652 Temperature Sensor/Fan Speed Controller**

**Integrated Temperature Sensor & Fan Speed Controller/Monitor Provides Eloquent Fan Control Solution**

The TC652 device integrates a temperature sensor, fan speed controller, fan speed monitor/fault detector and over-temperature indication, all into one small 8-pin MSOP package, making it ideal for your fan speed control solution. The TC652 device uses Microchip’s patented FanSense™ Technology, which allows you to use a lower cost 2-wire fan in place of a 3-wire fan and still detect fan failure. Multiple factory-set temperature ranges allow you to select the appropriate minimum and maximum speed temperature thresholds for your application.

The TC652 device includes fault logic, allowing you to integrate it into your application without the need for external components. It also includes PWM output for duty cycle control, allowing you to adjust the fan speed based on temperature.

**Product Specifications**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Device</th>
<th>Minimum Speed Setting</th>
<th>Auto-Shutdown Setting</th>
<th>Fan Fault Indication</th>
<th>On-Board Temperature Sensing</th>
<th>Over-Temperature Alert</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TC650</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TC651</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TC652</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TC653</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**TC652 Features:**

- Integrated Temperature Sensing and Multi-speed Fan Control
- FanSense™ Fan Fault Detect Circuitry
- Built-in Over-Temperature Alert (T\text{OVER})
- Temperature-Proportional Fan Speed Control for Acoustic Noise Reduction and Longer Fan Life
- Pulse Width Modulation Output Drive for Cost and Power Savings
- Solid-State Temperature Sensing
- ±1°C (Typ.) Accuracy from 25°C to +70°C
- Operating Range: 2.8V – 5.5V
- TC651 and TC653 include Auto Fan Shutdown
- Low Operating Current: 50 µA (Typ.)

**TC652 Applications:**

- Thermal Protection for Personal Computers
- Digital Set-Top Boxes
- Notebook Computers
- Data Communications
- Power Supplies
- Projectors
The PIC16C819 MCU Paired with the TC77 Temperature Sensor

PICmicro® MCU Plus Temperature Sensor Provides a Highly Flexible, Accurate and Intelligent Solution to Fan Speed Control/Fan Fault Detection and Temperature Monitoring

The PIC16F819 8-bit microcontroller paired with the TC77 temperature sensor allows you to implement just about any fan speed control algorithm you can think of. The PIC16F819 can monitor multiple TC77 devices over the 3-wire SPI™ interface, allowing you to sense system ambient or component temperatures in multiple locations with high accuracy (±1°C).

Using the I/O pins of the PIC16F819, PWM output drive signals can be generated to control the speed of multiple fans, either independently or all at the same speed. The A/D inputs can be used to monitor the fan speed and assess the health of the fans, making the system more intelligent.

---

Multi-Fan Management Solution Features:

- Minimum Speed or Auto-Shutdown Mode
- Fan Speed Sensing
- Built-in Over-temperature Alert (T\_OVER)
- Accurate Temperature Sensing (±1°C)
- Settable Fan Fault Thresholds
- Adjustable PWM Frequency
- Staggered Fan Startup for Reduced Current Draw
- Adjustable Fan Startup Time

---

Multi-Fan Management Applications:

- Thermal Protection for Hard Disk Drives and Other
- PC Peripherals
- PC Card Devices for Notebook Computers
- Low-Cost Thermostat Controls
- Industrial Control
- Office Equipment
- Cellular Phones

---

Product Specifications

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Device</th>
<th>Interface</th>
<th>Max Accuracy (+25°C to +65°C)</th>
<th>Temperature Range</th>
<th>V_CC Range</th>
<th>Typical ( I_Q )</th>
<th>Typical ( I_SHDN )</th>
<th>Resolution</th>
<th>Package</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TC77</td>
<td>3-wire SPI™</td>
<td>±1°C</td>
<td>-55°C to 125°C</td>
<td>2.7V to 5.5V</td>
<td>250 ( \mu A )</td>
<td>0.1 ( \mu A )</td>
<td>0.0625°C</td>
<td>8-Pin SOIC, 5-Pin SOT-23</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Extend Fan Life, Reduce Acoustic Noise and Power Consumption, Increase System Uptime

Related Support Material


Application Notes:

AN764 Implementing Temperature-Based Variable Fan Speed Control in NLX Power Supplies
AN768 Redundant Fan Systems Using the TC647 Fan Manager
AN770 Linear Voltage Fan Speed Control Using Microchip’s TC64X Family
AN771 Suppressing Acoustic Noise in PWM Fan Speed Control Systems
AN772 Speed Error in PWM Fan Control Systems

Technical Briefs:

TB063 An Integrated Fan Speed Control Solution Can Lower System Costs, Reduce Acoustic Noise, Power Consumption and Enhance System Reliability
TB064 Intelligent Thermal Management Using Brushless DC Fans

Demonstration/Evaluation Boards and User Guides:

Microchip offers a number of boards, along with User Guides, to help evaluate device families. Contact your local Microchip Sales Office for more information.

TC642 Fan Control Demo Board: This fan control circuit board allows the user to quickly evaluate and prototype Microchip’s TC64X and TC64XB Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) Fan Control ICs. (User’s Guide - DS21401)

TC642 Fan Control Evaluation Board: This fully assembled 4 inch by 6 inch circuit board allows the user to evaluate and prototype fan control circuits based on Microchip’s TC64X and TC64XB DC brushless fan controllers. (User’s Guide - DS21403)

TC650 Fan Control Demo Board: An evaluation tool that allows the user to quickly prototype fan control circuits based on Microchip’s TC650 or TC651 pulse width modulation (PWM) Fan Control ICs. (User’s Guide - DS51304)

TC652 Fan Control Demo Board: An evaluation tool that allows the user to quickly prototype fan control circuits based on Microchip’s TC652 or TC653 pulse width modulation (PWM) Fan Control ICs. (User’s Guide - DS21506)

TC670 Fan Speed Sensor Demo Board: An evaluation tool that provides an optimal way to evaluate the TC670 integrated fan speed sensor. (User’s Guide - DS51273)

---

The Microchip name and logo, the Microchip logo, PIC and PICmicro are registered trademarks of Microchip Technology Inc. in the U.S.A. and other countries. FanSense is a trademark of Microchip Technology Inc. in the U.S.A. SPI is a trademark of Motorola. All other trademarks mentioned herein are property of their respective owners.

Information subject to change. © 2004 Microchip Technology Inc. Printed in the U.S.A. All rights reserved. DS21835B 06/2004

Microchip Technology Inc. • 2355 W. Chandler Blvd • Chandler, AZ 85224-6199 • (480) 792–7200 • Fax (480) 792-9210