

Gating an Ag9612 Output with a Back-up External Power Supply



This application note shows how an external power supply can be used as a back-up, in case the output power from the Ag9612 is lost.

When the Ag9612 is operating normally the power to the device is sourced from the +VDC output via D1.

R1 is used to increase the Ag9612 output to allow for the forward voltage drop of D1. The voltage on the base of Q1 will be held high enough by D2 to ensure that the transistor is OFF.

If the Power Sourcing Equipment (PSE) fails, the Ag9612 will shut down. When the +VDC output voltage drop to ~ 12V Q1 will switch ON and the power to the device will be supplied via Q1.

When the PSE power is restored +VDC will return, switching Q1 off and supplying the power to the device via D1.

Q1 is a SOT23 package and must be connected to sufficient tracking surface area to provide a heatsink for the device.

