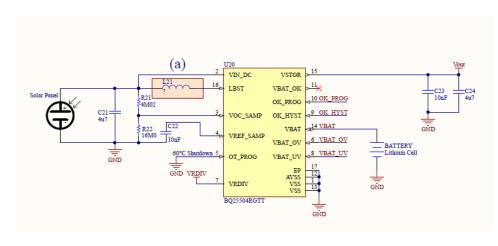
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A Personal Solar Torch has an energy harvester circuit as shown below:



(This schematic is available as a separate PDF.)

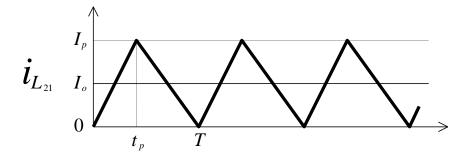


Figure 8.1 - Measured current waveform

- (a) Using information given in the <u>energy harvester datasheet</u>, find the recommended value of inductor L21. (datasheet section 7.5 or 9.1.2)
- b) During testing, the current waveform of the inductor was measured, as shown in Figure 8.1. This waveform is controlled by the BQ25504's built-in "boost converter" circuit. Find the period, *T* (datasheet section 7.5).
- (c) The peak current was found to occur at $t_p = 480$ ns. Between time 0 and t_p , pin 16 is connected to the 0 V common (GND) node by an internal transistor. Assuming $V_{\text{solarpanel}} = 2.0 \text{ V}$, determine the peak current, I_p .
- (d) Determine the average inductor current, I_o .
- (e) Between time t_p and T, pin 16 is connected to pin 15 by an internal transistor (instead of to GND). What is the average power being delivered to the capacitors C23 and C24?
- (f) Draw a sketch of the inductor's voltage waveform.

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