

7.2.1.1 Bus-powered Hubs

Bus-powered hub power requirements can be met with a power control circuit such as the one shown in Figure 7-42. Bus-powered hubs often contain at least one non-removable function. Power is always available to the hub's controller, which permits host access to power management and other configuration registers during the enumeration process. A non-removable function(s) may require that its power be switched, so that upon power-up, the entire device (hub and non-removable functions) draws no more than one unit load. Power switching on any non-removable function may be implemented either by removing its power or by shutting off the clock. Switching on the non-removable function is not required if the aggregate power drawn by it and the Hub Controller is less than one unit load. However, as long as the hub port associated with the function is in the Power-off state, the function must be logically reset and the device must appear to be not connected. The total current drawn by a bus-powered device is the sum of the current to the Hub Controller, any non-removable function(s), and the downstream facing ports.

Figure 7-42 shows the partitioning of power based upon the maximum current draw (from upstream) of five unit loads: one unit load for the Hub Controller and the non-removable function and one unit load for each of the external downstream facing ports. If more than four external ports are required, then the hub will need to be self-powered. If the non-removable function(s) and Hub Controller draw more than one unit load, then the number of external ports must be appropriately reduced. Power control to a bus-powered hub may require a regulator. If present, the regulator is always enabled to supply the Hub Controller. The regulator can also power the non-removable functions. Inrush current limiting must also be incorporated into the regulator subsystem.

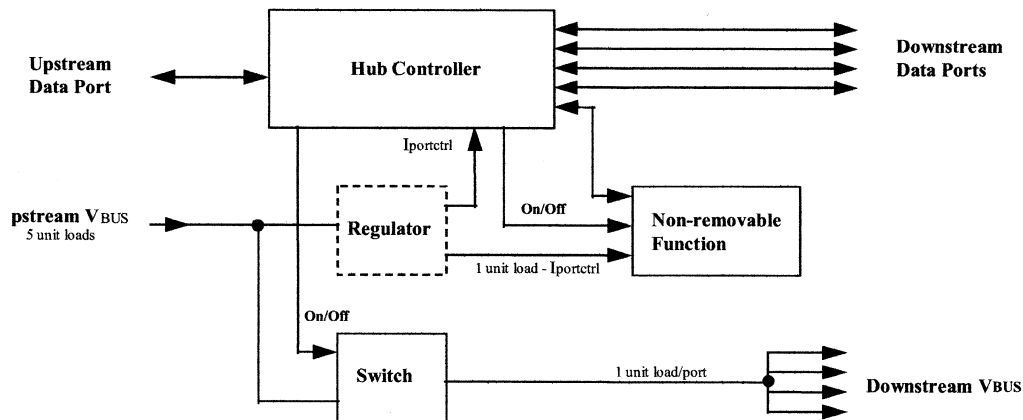


Figure 7-42. Compound Bus-powered Hub

Power to external downstream facing ports of a bus-powered hub must be switched. The Hub Controller supplies a software controlled on/off signal from the host, which is in the "off" state when the device is powered up or after reset signaling. When switched to the "on" state, the switch implements a soft turn-on function that prevents excessive transient current from being drawn from upstream. The voltage drop across the upstream cable, connectors, and switch in a bus-powered hub must not exceed 350 mV at maximum rated current.

7.2.1.2 Self-powered Hubs

Self-powered hubs have a local power supply that furnishes power to any non-removable functions and to all downstream facing ports, as shown in Figure 7-43. Power for the Hub Controller, however, may be supplied from the upstream VBUS (a "hybrid" powered hub) or the local power supply. The advantage of supplying the Hub Controller from the upstream supply is that communication from the host is possible even if the device's power supply remains off. This makes it possible to differentiate between a disconnected and an unpowered device. If the hub draws power for its upstream facing port from VBUS, it may not draw more than one unit load.