General Description

The MAX4230-MAX4234 single/dual/guad, high-outputdrive CMOS op amps feature 200mA of peak output current, Rail-to-Rail[®] input, and output capability from a single 2.7V to 5.5V supply. These amplifiers exhibit a high slew rate of 10V/µs and a gain-bandwidth product (GBWP) of 10MHz. The MAX4230-MAX4234 can drive typical headset levels (32 Ω), as well as bias an RF power amplifier (PA) in wireless handset applications.

The MAX4230 comes in a tiny 5-pin SC70 package and the MAX4231, single with shutdown, is offered in the 6-pin SC70 package. The dual op-amp MAX4233 is offered in the space-saving 10-bump UCSP™, providing the smallest footprint area for a dual op amp with shutdown.

These op amps are designed to be part of the PA control circuitry, biasing RF PAs in wireless headsets. The MAX4231/MAX4233 offer a SHDN feature that drives the output low. This ensures that the RF PA is fully disabled when needed, preventing unconverted signals to the RF antenna.

The MAX4230 family offers low offsets, wide bandwidth, and high-output drive in a tiny 2.1mm x 2.0mm spacesaving SC70 package. These parts are offered over the automotive temperature range (-40°C to +125°C).

Applications

RF PA Biasing Controls in Handset Applications Portable/Battery-Powered Audio Applications

Portable Headphone Speaker Drivers (32 Ω)

Audio Hands-Free Car Phones (Kits)

Laptop/Notebook Computers/TFT Panels

Sound Ports/Cards

Set-Top Boxes

Digital-to-Analog Converter Buffers

Transformer/Line Drivers

Motor Drivers

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Features

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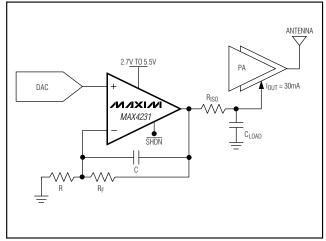
- 30mA Output Drive Capability
- Rail-to-Rail Input and Output
- 1.1mA Supply Current per Amplifier
- 2.7V to 5.5V Single-Supply Operation
- 10MHz Gain-Bandwidth Product
- High Slew Rate: 10V/µs
- 100dB Voltage Gain (R_L = 100kΩ)
- 85dB Power-Supply Rejection Ratio
- No Phase Reversal for Overdriven Inputs
- Unity-Gain Stable for Capacitive Loads to 780pF
- Low-Power Shutdown Mode Reduces Supply Current to <1µA
- Available in 5-Pin SC70 Package (MAX4230)
- Available in 10-Bump UCSP Package (MAX4233)

Ordering Information

| PART | TEMP RANGE | PIN- PACKAGE | top Mark |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| MAX4230AXK-T | -40°C to +125°C | 5 SC70-5 | ACS |
| MAX4230AUK-T | -40°C to +125°C | 5 SOT23-5 | ABZZ |
| MAX4231AXT-T | -40°C to +125°C | 6 SC70-6 | ABA |
| MAX4231AUT-T | -40°C to +125°C | 6 SOT23-6 | AAUV |

Ordering Information continued at end of data sheet.

Typical Operating Circuit



ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Note 1: Package power dissipation should also be observed.

Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

DC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

 $(V_{DD} = 2.7V, V_{SS} = 0V, V_{CM} = V_{DD}/2, V_{OUT} = (V_{DD}/2), R_L = \infty$ connected to $(V_{DD}/2), V_{\overline{SHDN}} = V_{DD}, T_A = +25^{\circ}C$, unless otherwise noted.) (Note 2)

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | со | NDITIONS | | MIN | ТҮР | MAX | UNITS |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------|-----------------|-------|
| Operating Supply Voltage Range | V _{DD} | Inferred from PSRF | R test | | 2.7 | | 5.5 | V |
| | | All parts except M | AX4232AKA | | | 0.85 | ±3 | |
| Input Offset Voltage | Vos | MAX4232AKA | | | | ±6 | mV | |
| Input Bias Current | Ι _Β | $V_{CM} = V_{SS}$ to V_{DD} | | | | 50 | | рА |
| Input Offset Current | los | $V_{CM} = V_{SS}$ to V_{DD} | | | | 50 | | рА |
| Input Resistance | R _{IN} | | | | | 1000 | | MΩ |
| Common-Mode Input Voltage Range | VCM | Inferred from CMR | R test | | V _{SS} | | V _{DD} | V |
| Common-Mode Rejection Ratio | CMRR | V _{SS} < V _{CM} < V _{DD} | | | 52 | 70 | | dB |
| Power-Supply Rejection Ratio | PSRR | $V_{DD} = 2.7V \text{ to } 5.5V$ | 1 | | 73 | 85 | | dB |
| Shutdown Output Impedance | Rout | V _{SHDN} = 0V (Note | 3) | | | 10 | | Ω |
| Output Voltage in Shutdown | VOUT(SHDN) | $V_{\overline{SHDN}} = 0V, R_L =$ | $\overline{HDN} = 0V, R_L = 200\Omega$ (Note 3) | | | 68 | 120 | mV |
| | | V _{SS} + 0.20 < V _{OUT} < V _{DD} - 0.20V | $R_L = 100k\Omega$ | 2 | | 100 | | |
| Large-Signal Voltage Gain | Avol | | $R_{L} = 2k\Omega$ $R_{L} = 200\Omega$ | | 85 | 98 | | dB |
| | | < VDD 0.20V | | | 74 | 80 | | |
| | | $R_1 = 32\Omega$ | V _{DD} - V _{OH} | | | 400 | 500 | |
| | | nL = 32 32 | V _{OL} - V _{SS} | | | 360 | 500 | |
| Output Voltage Swing | Vout | $R_L = 200\Omega$ | V _{DD} - V _{OH} | | | 80 | 120 | mV |
| Output voltage Swing | V001 | 112 - 20032 | V_{OL} - V_{SS} | | | 70 | 120 | 111V |
| | | $R_{I} = 2k\Omega$ | V _{DD} - V _{OH} | | | 8 | 14 | |
| | | $\Pi_{L} = 2\pi 32$ | V _{OL} - V _{SS} | | | 7 | 14 | |
| Output Source/Sink Current | | $V_{OUT} = 0.15V$ to (V | (V _{DD} - 0.15V) | | 7 | 10 | | mA |
| | | IL = 10mA | V _{DD} = 2.7V | V _{DD} - V _{OH} | | 128 | 200 | - mV |
| Output Voltage with Current Load | | | VDD - 2.7V | V _{OL} - V _{SS} | | 112 | 175 | |
| Calpar voltage with Current Load | | I _I = 30mA | $V_{DD} = 5V$ | V _{DD} - V _{OH} | | 240 | 320 | 111V |
| | | | vuu – 3v | Vol - Vss | | 224 | 300 | |



DC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

 $(V_{DD} = 2.7V, V_{SS} = 0V, V_{CM} = V_{DD}/2, V_{OUT} = (V_{DD}/2), R_L = \infty$ connected to $(V_{DD}/2), V_{SHDN} = V_{DD}, T_A = +25^{\circ}C$, unless otherwise noted.) (Note 2)

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | CONDITIONS | | MIN | ТҮР | МАХ | UNITS |
|-------------------------------|-----------|--|------------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|-------|
| Quiescent Supply Current (per | | $V_{DD} = 5.5V, V_{CM} = V_{DD} / 2$ | | | 1.2 | 2.3 | mA |
| Amplifier) | IDD | $V_{DD} = 2.7V, V_{CM} = V_{DD} / 2$ | | | 1.1 | 2.0 | ША |
| Shutdown Supply Current (per | | V SHDN = 0V, RL = ∞ | $V_{DD} = 5.5V$ | | 0.5 | 1 | |
| Amplifier) (Note 3) | IDD(SHDN) | $V SHDN = 0V, nL = \infty$ | $V_{DD} = 2.7V$ | | 0.1 | 1 | μA |
| | | Shutdown mode (Note 3) | Shutdown mode (Note 3) | | V _{SS} + 0.3 | | V |
| SHDN Logic Threshold | | Normal mode (Note 3) | | | V _{DD} - 0.3 | | v |
| SHDN Input Bias Current | | $V_{SS} < V_{\overline{SHDN}} < V_{DD}$ (Not | e 3) | | 50 | | рΑ |

DC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

 $(V_{DD} = 2.7V, V_{SS} = 0V, V_{CM} = V_{DD}/2, V_{OUT} = (V_{DD}/2), R_L = \infty$ connected to $(V_{DD}/2), V_{\overline{SHDN}} = V_{DD}, T_A = -40$ to +125°C, unless otherwise noted.) (Note 2)

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | CONDITIONS | | | MIN | ТҮР | MAX | UNITS |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-------|
| Operating Supply Voltage Range | V _{DD} | Inferred from F | PSRR test | | 2.7 | | 5.5 | V |
| | | All parts except | ot MAX4232Ak | (A | | | ±5 | |
| Input Offset Voltage | Vos | MAX4232AKA | | | | | ±8 | mV |
| Offset Voltage Tempco | $\Delta V_{OS} / \Delta T$ | | | | | ±3 | | µV/∘C |
| Common-Mode Input Voltage Range | V _{CM} | Inferred from (| CMRR test | | V _{SS} | | V _{DD} | V |
| Common-Mode Rejection Ratio | CMRR | $V_{SS} < V_{CM} < V_{CM}$ | VDD | | 46 | | | dB |
| Power-Supply Rejection Ratio | PSRR | $V_{DD} = 2.7 V$ to | 5.5V | | 70 | | | dB |
| Output Voltage in Shutdown | VOUT(SHDN) | $V_{\overline{SHDN}} < 0V, R_L = 200\Omega$ (Note 3) | | | | 150 | mV | |
| Large-Signal Voltage Gain | Avol | $V_{SS} + 0.2V < V_{DD} - 0.2V \qquad \frac{R_L = 2k\Omega}{R_L = 200\Omega}$ | | $R_L = 2k\Omega$ | 76 | | | dB |
| | AVOL | | | 67 | | | uр | |
| | | $R_L = 32\Omega, T_A = +85^{\circ}C$ | | V _{DD} - V _{OH} | | | 650 | - mV |
| | | | | V _{OL} - V _{SS} | | | 650 | |
| Output Voltage Swing | Vout | $R_{l} = 200\Omega$ | | V _{DD} - V _{OH} | | | 150 | |
| Output Voltage Swing | V001 | n_ = 200 32 | n_ = 200 32 | | | | 150 | |
| | | $R_{l} = 2k\Omega$ | | V _{DD} - V _{OH} | | | 20 | |
| | | | | V _{OL} - V _{SS} | | | 20 | |
| Output Source/Sink Current | | $V_{OUT} = 0.15V$ to ($V_{DD} - 0.15V$) | | 4 | | | mA | |
| | | lı = 10mA | V _{DD} = 2.7V | V _{DD} - V _{OH} | | | 250 | |
| | | | VDD = 2.7V | V _{OL} - V _{SS} | | | 230 | |
| Output Voltage with Current Load | | I _L = 30mA, T _A = -40°C | V _{DD} = 5V | V _{DD} - V _{OH} | | | 400 | mV |
| | | to +85°C | •00-0• | V _{OL} - V _{SS} | | | 370 | |

DC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

 $(V_{DD} = 2.7V, V_{SS} = 0V, V_{CM} = V_{DD}/2, V_{OUT} = (V_{DD}/2), R_L = \infty$ connected to $(V_{DD}/2), V_{SHDN} = V_{DD}, T_A = -40$ to +125°C, unless otherwise noted.) (Note 2)

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | CONDITIONS | | MIN | ТҮР | МАХ | UNITS |
|--------------------------|-----------|---|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Quiescent Supply Current | | $V_{DD} = 5.5V, V_{CM} = V_{DD}/2$ | | | | 2.8 | mA |
| (per Amplifier) | IDD | $V_{DD} = 2.7V, V_{CM} = V_{DD}/2$ | | | | 2.5 | mA |
| Shutdown Supply Current | | | $V_{DD} = 5.5V$ | | | 2.0 | |
| (per Amplifier) (Note 3) | IDD(SHDN) | $V_{\overline{SHDN}} < 0, R_L = \infty$ | $V_{DD} = 2.7V$ | | | 2.0 | μA |

AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

 $(V_{DD} = 2.7V, V_{SS} = 0V, V_{CM} = V_{DD}/2, V_{OUT} = (V_{DD}/2), R_L = \infty$ connected to $(V_{DD}/2), V_{\overline{SHDN}} = V_{DD}, T_A = +25^{\circ}C$, unless otherwise noted.) (Note 2)

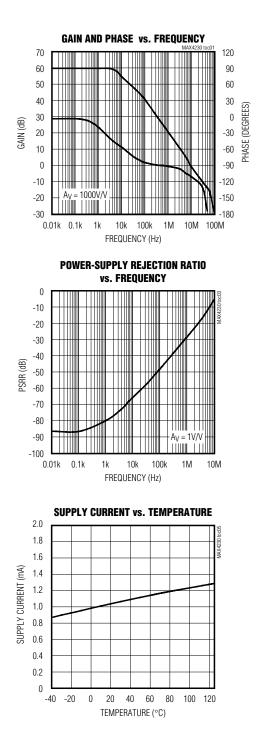
| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | CONDITIONS | MIN TYP MAX | UNITS |
|---|-----------------|---|-------------|---------|
| Gain-Bandwidth Product | GBWP | $V_{CM} = V_{DD}/2$ | 10 | MHz |
| Full-Power Bandwidth | FPBW | $V_{OUT} = 2V_{P-P}, V_{DD} = 5V$ | 0.8 | MHz |
| Slew Rate | SR | | 10 | V/µs |
| Phase Margin | PM | | 70 | Degrees |
| Gain Margin | GM | | 15 | dB |
| Total Harmonic Distortion Plus Noise | THD+N | f = 10kHz, V _{OUT} = 2V _{P-P} , A _{VCL} = 1V/V | 0.0005 | % |
| Input Capacitance | CIN | | 8 | pF |
| Voltaga Naiga Dapaitu | | f = 1kHz | 15 | nV/√Hz |
| Voltage Noise Density | en | f = 10kHz | 12 | |
| Channel-to-Channel Isolation | | $f = 1 \text{kHz}, R_L = 100 \text{k}\Omega$ | 125 | dB |
| Capacitive Load Stability | | A _{VCL} = 1V/V, no sustained oscillations | 780 | pF |
| Shutdown Time | TSHDN | (Note 3) | 1 | μs |
| Enable Time from Shutdown | t ENABLE | (Note 3) | 1 | μs |
| Power-Up Time | ton | | 5 | μs |

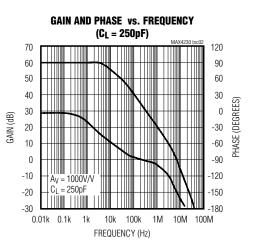
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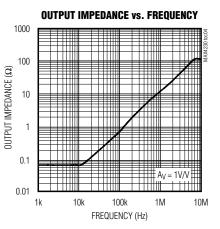
Note 3: SHDN logic parameters are for MAX4231/MAX4233 only.

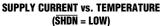
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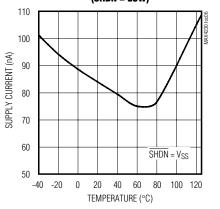
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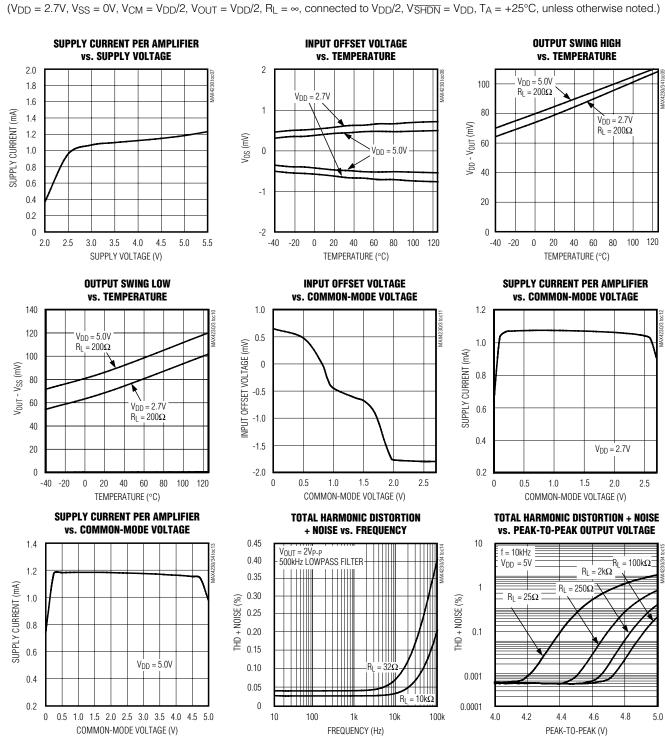








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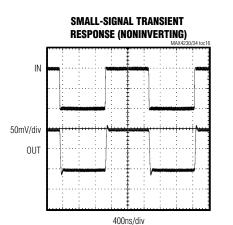
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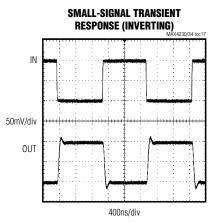
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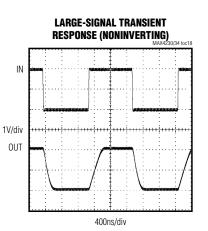
MAX4230-MAX4234

Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

 $(V_{DD} = 2.7V, V_{SS} = 0V, V_{CM} = V_{DD}/2, V_{OUT} = V_{DD}/2, R_{I} = \infty$, connected to $V_{DD}/2, V_{SHDN} = V_{DD}, T_{A} = +25^{\circ}C$, unless otherwise noted.)







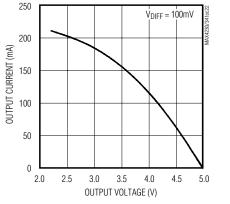
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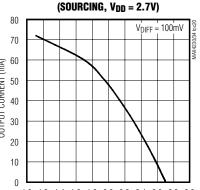
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LARGE-SIGNAL TRANSIENT

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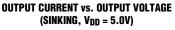
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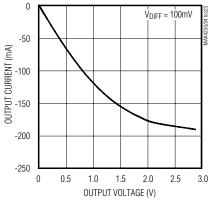




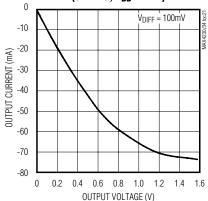
OUTPUT CURRENT vs. OUTPUT VOLTAGE

1.0 1.2 1.4 1.6 1.8 2.0 2.2 2.4 2.6 2.8 3.0 OUTPUT VOLTAGE (V)

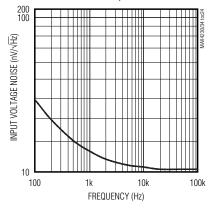




OUTPUT CURRENT vs. OUTPUT VOLTAGE (SINKING, $V_{DD} = 2.7V$)



INPUT VOLTAGE NOISE vs. FREQUENCY



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| | | Р | IN | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|--|
| MAX4230 SOT23/ SC70 | MAX4231 SOT23/ SC70 | MAX4232 SOT23/ μΜΑΧ | MAX4233 µMAX | MAX4233 UCSP | MAX4234 TSSOP/ SO | NAME | FUNCTION | | |
| 1 | 1 | — | — | _ | — | IN+ | Noninverting Input | | |
| 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | B4 | 4 | V _{SS} | Negative Supply Input. Connect to ground for single-supply operation. | | |
| 3 | 3 | _ | _ | _ | _ | IN- | Inverting Input | | |
| 4 | 4 | — | — | _ | — | OUT | Amplifier Output | | |
| 5 | 6 | 8 | 10 | B1 | 11 | V _{DD} | Positive Supply Input | | |
| | 5 | _ | 5, 6 | C4, A4 | _ | SHDN, SHDN1, SHDN2 | Shutdown Control. Tie to high for normal operation. | | |
| _ | _ | 3 | 3 | C3 | 3 | IN1+ | Noninverting Input to Amplifier 1 | | |
| _ | — | 2 | 2 | C2 | 2 | IN1- | Inverting Input to Amplifier 1 | | |
| _ | _ | 1 | 1 | C1 | 1 | OUT1 | Amplifier 1 Output | | |
| _ | — | 5 | 7 | A3 | 5 | IN2+ | Noninverting Input to Amplifier 2 | | |
| _ | _ | 6 | 8 | A2 | 6 | IN2- | Inverting Input to Amplifier 2 | | |
| _ | — | 7 | 9 | A1 | 7 | OUT2 | Amplifier 2 Output | | |
| — | — | — | — | — | 10, 12 | IN3+, IN4+ | Noninverting Input to Amplifiers 3 and 4 | | |
| | _ | _ | _ | | 9, 13 | IN3-, IN4- | Inverting Input to Amplifiers 3 and 4 | | |
| | _ | _ | _ | _ | 8, 14 | OUT3, OUT4 | Amplifiers 3 and 4 Outputs | | |

Detailed Description

Rail-to-Rail Input Stage

The MAX4230–MAX4234 CMOS operational amplifiers have parallel-connected N- and P-channel differential input stages that combine to accept a common-mode range extending to both supply rails. The N-channel stage is active for common-mode input voltages typically greater than (V_{SS} + 1.2V), and the P-channel stage is active for common-mode input voltages typically less than (V_{DD} - 1.2V).

Applications Information

Package Power Dissipation

Warning: Due to the high output current drive, this op amp can exceed the absolute maximum power-dissipation rating. As a general rule, as long as the peak current is less than or equal to 40mA, the maximum package power dissipation is not exceeded for any of the package types offered. There are some exceptions to this rule, however. The absolute maximum power-dissipation rating of each package should always be verified using the following equations. The equation below gives an approximation of the package power dissipation:

$$P_{IC(DISS)} \cong V_{RMS} I_{RMS} COS \theta$$

where:

 V_{RMS} = RMS voltage from V_{DD} to V_{OUT} when sourcing current and RMS voltage from V_{OUT} to V_{SS} when sinking current.

 I_{RMS} = RMS current flowing out of or into the op amp and the load.

 θ = phase difference between the voltage and the current. For resistive loads, COS θ = 1.

Pin Description

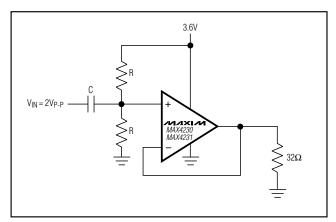


Figure 1. MAX4230/MAX4231 Used in Single-Supply Operation Circuit Example

For example, the circuit in Figure 1 has a package power dissipation of 196mW:

$$RMS \cong (V_{DD} - V_{DC}) + \frac{V_{PEAK}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

= 3.6V - 1.8V + $\frac{1.0V}{\sqrt{2}}$ = 2.507V_{RMS}
$$I_{RMS} \cong I_{DC} + \frac{I_{PEAK}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1.8V}{32\Omega} + \frac{1.0V/32\Omega}{\sqrt{2}}$$

= 78.4mA_{RMS}

where:

 V_{DC} = the DC component of the output voltage.

 I_{DC} = the DC component of the output current.

 V_{PEAK} = the highest positive excursion of the AC component of the output voltage.

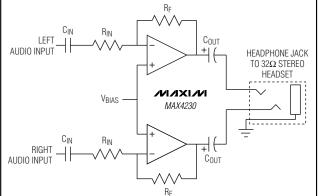
 I_{PEAK} = the highest positive excursion of the AC component of the output current.

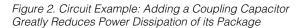
Therefore:

$$P_{IC(DISS)} = V_{RMS} I_{RMS} COS \theta$$

= 196mW

Adding a coupling capacitor improves the package power dissipation because there is no DC current to the load, as shown in Figure 2:





$$V_{RMS} \cong \frac{V_{PEAK}}{\sqrt{2}}$$
$$= \frac{1.0V}{\sqrt{2}} = 0.707 V_{RMS}$$
$$I_{RMS} \cong I_{DC} + \frac{I_{PEAK}}{\sqrt{2}} = 0A + \frac{1.0V/32\Omega}{\sqrt{2}}$$
$$= 22.1 m A_{RMS}$$

Therefore:

$$P_{IC(DISS)} = V_{RMS} I_{RMS} COS \theta$$

= 15.6mW

If the configuration in Figure 1 were used with all four of the MAX4234 amplifiers, the absolute maximum powerdissipation rating of this package would be exceeded (see the *Absolute Maximum Ratings* section).

60mW Single-Supply Stereo Headphone Driver

Two MAX4230/MAX4231s can be used as a single-supply, stereo headphone driver. The circuit shown in Figure 2 can deliver 60mW per channel with 1% distortion from a single 5V supply.

The input capacitor (C_{IN}), in conjunction with R_{IN} , forms a highpass filter that removes the DC bias from the incoming signal. The -3dB point of the highpass filter is given by:

$$f_{-3dB} = \frac{1}{2\pi R_{IN}C_{IN}}$$

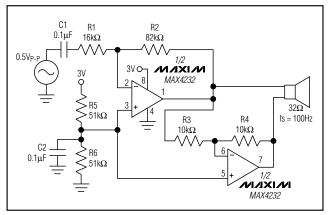


Figure 3. Dual MAX4230/MAX4231 Bridge Amplifier for 200mW at 3V

Choose gain-setting resistors R_{IN} and R_F according to the amount of desired gain, keeping in mind the maximum output amplitude. The output coupling capacitor, C_{OUT}, blocks the DC component of the amplifier output, preventing DC current flowing to the load. The output capacitor and the load impedance form a highpass filer with the -3dB point determined by:

$$f_{-3dB} = \frac{1}{2\pi R_L C_{OUT}}$$

For a 32Ω load, a 100μ F aluminum electrolytic capacitor gives a low-frequency pole at 50Hz.

Bridge Amplifier

The circuit shown in Figure 3 uses a dual MAX4230 to implement a 3V, 200mW amplifier suitable for use in size-constrained applications. This configuration eliminates the need for the large coupling capacitor required by the single op-amp speaker driver when single-supply operation is necessary. Voltage gain is set to 10V/V; however, it can be changed by adjusting the $82k\Omega$ resistor value.

Rail-to-Rail Input Stage

The MAX4230–MAX4234 CMOS op amps have parallelconnected N- and P-channel differential input stages that combine to accept a common-mode range extending to both supply rails. The N-channel stage is active for common-mode input voltages typically greater than (Vss + 1.2V), and the P-channel stage is active for common-mode input voltages typically less than (VDD -1.2V).

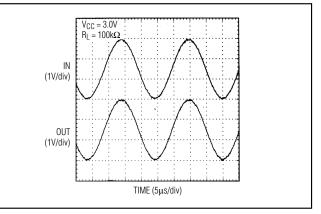


Figure 4. Rail-to-Rail Input/Output Range

Rail-to-Rail Output Stage

The minimum output is within millivolts of ground for single-supply operation, where the load is referenced to ground (Vss). Figure 4 shows the input voltage range and the output voltage swing of a MAX4230 connected as a voltage follower. The maximum output voltage swing is load dependent; however, it is guaranteed to be within 500mV of the positive rail (VDD = 2.7V) even with maximum load (32Ω to ground).

The MAX4230–MAX4234 incorporate a smart short-circuit protection feature. When V_{OUT} is shorted to V_{DD} or V_{SS}, the device detects a fault condition and limits the output current, therefore protecting the device and the application circuit. If V_{OUT} is shorted to any voltage other than V_{DD} or V_{SS}, the smart short-circuit protection is not activated. When the smart short circuit is not active, the output currents can exceed 200mA (see *Typical Operating Characteristics*.)

Input Capacitance

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One consequence of the parallel-connected differential input stages for rail-to-rail operation is a relatively large input capacitance C_{IN} (5pF typ). This introduces a pole at frequency ($2\pi R'C_{IN}$)-1, where R' is the parallel combination of the gain-setting resistors for the inverting or noninverting amplifier configuration (Figure 5). If the pole frequency is less than or comparable to the unity-gain bandwidth (10MHz), the phase margin is reduced, and the amplifier exhibits degraded AC performance through either ringing in the step response or sustained oscillations. The pole frequency is 10MHz when R' = $2k\Omega$. To maximize stability, R' << $2k\Omega$ is recommended.

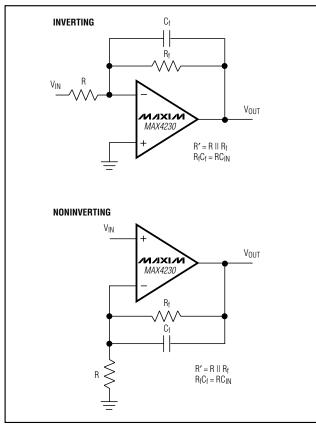


Figure 5. Inverting and Noninverting Amplifiers with Feedback Compensation

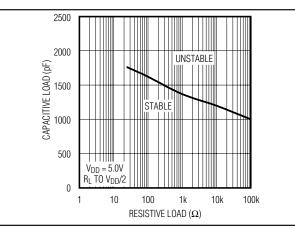
To improve step response when R' > $2k\Omega$, connect small capacitor C_f between the inverting input and output. Choose C_f as follows:

$C_{f} = 8(R / R_{f}) [pf]$

where R_f is the feedback resistor and R is the gain-setting resistor (Figure 5).

Driving Capacitive Loads

The MAX4230–MAX4234 have a high tolerance for capacitive loads. They are stable with capacitive loads up to 780pF. Figure 6 is a graph of the stable operating region for various capacitive loads vs. resistive loads. Figures 7 and 8 show the transient response with excessive capacitive loads (1500pF), with and without the addition of an isolation resistor in series with the output. Figure 9 shows a typical noninverting capacitive-load-driving circuit in the unity-gain configuration.





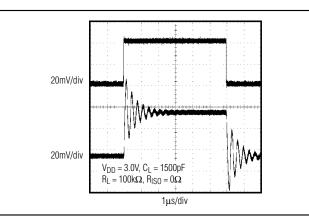


Figure 7. Small-Signal Transient Response with Excessive Capacitive Load

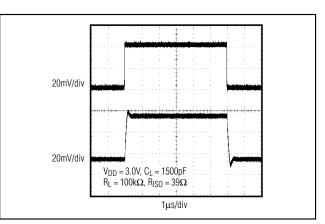


Figure 8. Small-Signal Transient Response with Excessive Capacitive Load with Isolation Resistor



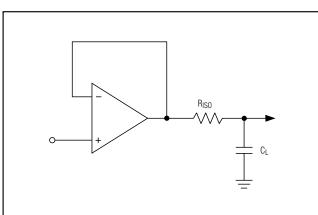


Figure 9. Capacitive-Load-Driving Circuit

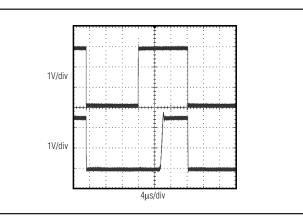


Figure 10. Shutdown Output Voltage Enable/Disable

The resistor improves the circuit's phase margin by isolating the load capacitor from the op amp's output.

Power-Up and Shutdown Modes

The MAX4231/MAX4233 have a shutdown option. When the shutdown pin (SHDN) is pulled low, supply current drops to 0.5μ A per amplifier (V_{DD} = 2.7V), the amplifiers are disabled, and their outputs are driven to V_{SS}. Since the outputs are actively driven to V_{SS} in shutdown, any pullup resistor on the output causes a current drain from the supply. Pulling SHDN high enables the amplifier. In the dual MAX4233, the two amplifiers shut down independently. Figure 10 shows the MAX4231's output voltage to a shutdown pulse. The MAX4231–MAX4234 typically settle within 5µs after power-up. Figures 11 and 12 show I_{DD} to a shutdown plus and voltage power-up cycle.

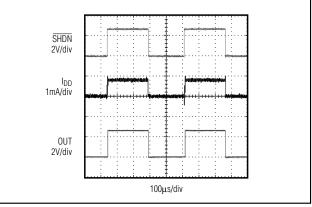


Figure 11. Shutdown Enable/Disable Supply Current

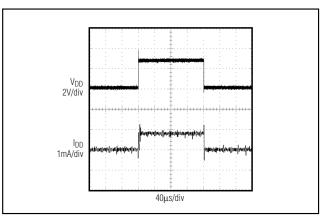


Figure 12. Power-Up/Down Supply Current

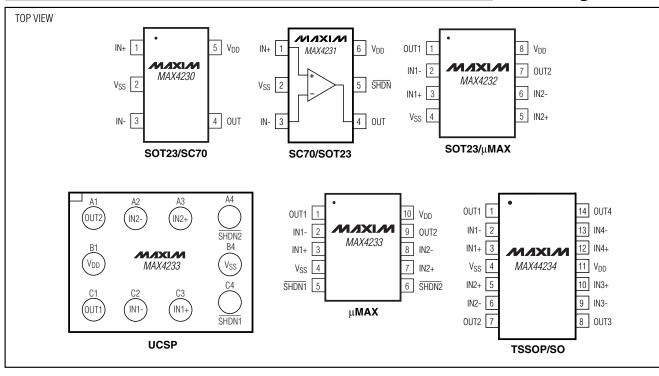
Selector Guide

| PART | AMPS PER PACKAGE | SHUTDOWN MODE |
|---------|---------------------|------------------|
| MAX4230 | Single | |
| MAX4231 | Single | Yes |
| MAX4232 | Dual | |
| MAX4233 | Dual | Yes |
| MAX4234 | Quad | — |

When exiting shutdown, there is a 6µs delay before the amplifier's output becomes active (Figure 10).







Ordering Information (continued)

| PART | TEMP RANGE | PIN- PACKAGE | top Mark |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| MAX4232AKA-T | -40°C to +125°C | 8 SOT23-8 | AAKW |
| MAX4232AUA | -40°C to +125°C | 8 µMAX | — |
| MAX4233AUB | -40°C to +125°C | 10 µMAX | _ |
| MAX4233ABC-T | -40°C to +125°C | 10 UCSP | ABE |
| MAX4234AUD | -40°C to +125°C | 14 TSSOP | _ |
| MAX4234ASD | -40°C to +125°C | 14 SO | _ |

Power Supplies and Layout

The MAX4230–MAX4234 can operate from a single 2.7V to 5.5V supply, or from dual \pm 1.35V to \pm 2.5V supplies. For single-supply operation, bypass the power supply with a 0.1µF ceramic capacitor. For dual-supply operation, bypass each supply to ground. Good layout improves performance by decreasing the amount of stray capacitance at the op amps' inputs and outputs. Decrease stray capacitance by placing external components close to the op amps' pins, minimizing trace and lead lengths.

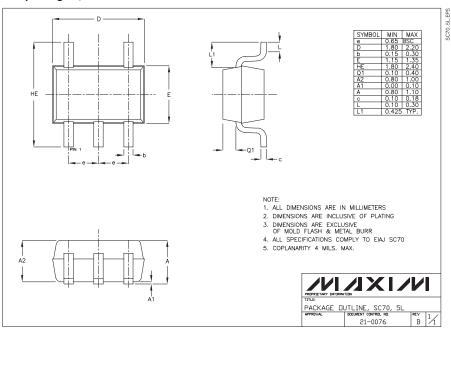
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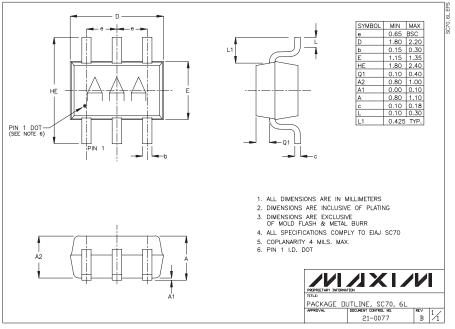
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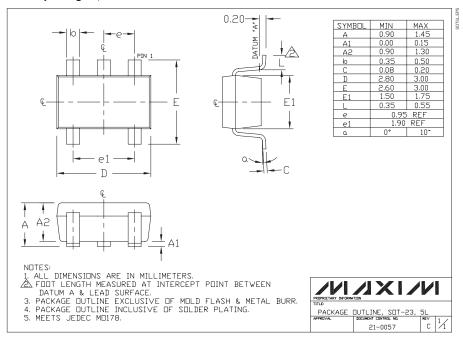
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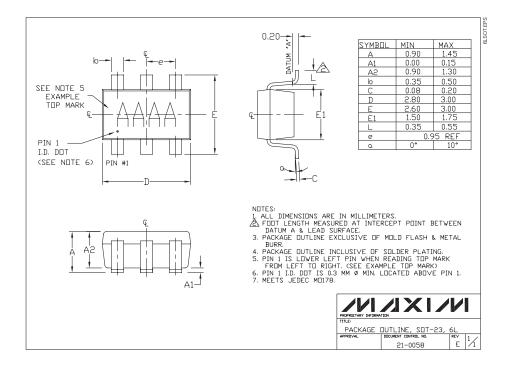




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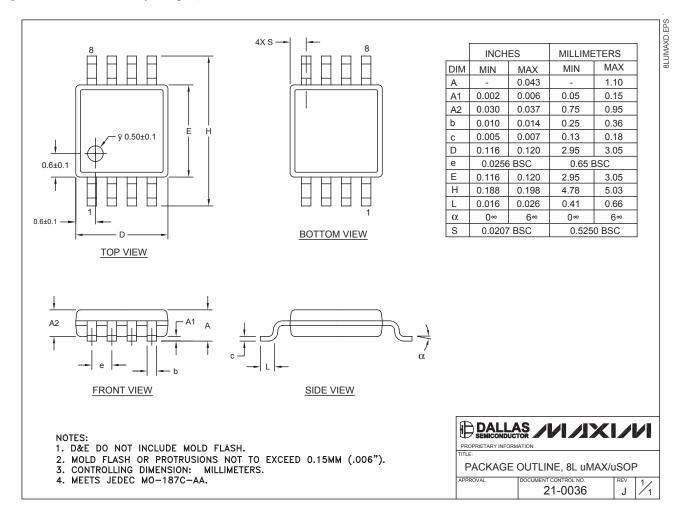




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