

General Description

The MAX4373/MAX4374/MAX4375 low-cost, micropower, high-side current-sense supervisors contain a high-side current-sense amplifier, bandgap reference, and comparator with latching output. They feature a voltage output that eliminates the need for gain-setting resistors, making them ideal for today's notebook computers, cell phones, and other systems where battery/DC current monitoring is critical. High-side current monitoring is especially useful in battery-powered systems since it does not interfere with the ground path of the battery charger. The 0 to +28V input common-mode range is independent of the supply voltage, which ensures that the current-sense feedback remains viable even when connected to a battery pack in deep discharge.

The comparator output of the MAX4373/MAX4374/ MAX4375 is latched to provide a turn-off flag that doesn't oscillate. In addition, the MAX4374/MAX4375 contain a second comparator for use in window-detection functions. The MAX4373/MAX4374/MAX4375 are available in three different gain versions (T = \pm 20V/V, F = \pm 50V/V, H = \pm 100V/V) and use an external sense resistor to set the sensitivity of the input voltage to the load current. These features offer a high level of integration, resulting in a simple and compact current-sense solution.

The MAX4373/MAX4374/MAX4375 operate from a single +2.7V to +28V supply and consume 50 μ A. They are specified for the extended operating temperature range (-40°C to +85°C) and are available in 8-pin and 10-pin μ MAX packages.

Applications

Notebook Computers

Portable/Battery-Powered Systems

Smart Battery Packs/Chargers

Cell Phones

Power-Management Systems

General-System/Board-Level Current Monitoring

Precision Current Sources

Pin Configurations appear at end of data sheet.

Features

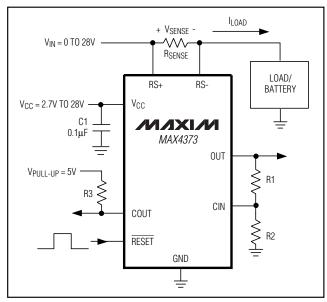
- ♦ Current-Sense Amplifier plus Internal Comparator and Bandgap Reference
- ♦ 50µA Supply Current
- ♦ Single +2.7V to +28V Operating Supply
- ♦ 0.66% Full-Scale Accuracy
- ♦ Internal Bandgap Reference
- ♦ Latching Comparator Output
- ◆ Three Gain Versions Available (+20V/V, +50V/V, +100V/V)
- ♦ Wide 0 to +28V Common-Mode Range, Independent of Supply Voltage

Ordering Information

PART	TEMP. RANGE	PIN- PACKAGE	GAIN (V/V)
MAX4373TEUA	-40°C to +85°C	8 µMAX	+20
MAX4373TESA	-40°C to +85°C	8 SO	+20
MAX4373FEUA	-40°C to +85°C	8 µMAX	+50
MAX4373FESA	-40°C to +85°C	8 SO	+50
MAX4373HEUA	-40°C to +85°C	8 µMAX	+100
MAX4373HESA	-40°C to +85°C	8 SO	+100

Ordering Information continues at end of data sheet.

Typical Operating Circuit



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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

V _{CC} , RS+, RS- to GND	0.3V to +30V
OUT to GND	0.3V to the lesser of
	$(V_{CC} + 0.3V)$ or $+15V$
CIN1, CIN2, RESET to GND	0.3V to the lesser of
	$(V_{CC} + 0.3V)$ or $+12V$
Differential Input Voltage (V _{RS} + - V _{RS} -)	±0.3V
COUT1, COUT2 to GND	0.3V to +6.0V
Current into Any Pin	±10mA

Continuous Power Dissipation (T _A = +70°C)	
8-Pin µMAX (derate 4.1mW/°C above +70°C)	
8-Pin SO (derate 5.9mW/°C above +70°C)	471mW
10-Pin µMAX (derate 5.6mW/°C above +70°C	C)444mW
14-Pin SO (derate 8.3mW/°C above +70°C)	667mW
Operating Temperature Range	40°C to +85°C
Junction Temperature	+150°C
Storage Temperature Range	
Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s)	+300°C

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.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

 $(V_{CC} = +2.7V \text{ to } +28V, V_{RS+} = 0 \text{ to } +28V, V_{SENSE} = 0, V_{\overline{RESET}} = 0, R_{LOAD} = 1M\Omega, T_A = T_{MIN} \text{ to } T_{MAX}, \text{ unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at } T_A = +25^{\circ}C.) \text{ (Note 1)}$

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Operating Voltage Range (Note 2)	Vcc			2.7		28	V
Common-Mode Input Range (Note 3)	VCMR			0		28	V
Common-Mode Rejection	CMR	V _{RS+} > 2V			85		dB
Supply Current	Icc	V _{RS+} > 2V, V _{SENSE} = 5	imV		50	100	μΑ
Leakage Current	I _{RS+} , I _{RS-}	V _{CC} = 0			±0.015	±0.5	μΑ
	I _{RS+}	V _{RS+} > 2V		0		2.5	
Input Bias Current	IRS+	V _{RS+} ≤ 2V		-25		2.0	
Input Bias Current	I _{RS-}	V _{RS+} > 2V		0		4	- μΑ
	I IRS-	V _{RS+} ≤ 2V		-50		4	
Full-Scale Sense Voltage	Voevioe	Gain = +20V/V, +50V/V		150	170		mV
(Note 4) VSENSE Gai		Gain = +100V/V	Gain = +100V/V		120		1 1110
Full-Scale Accuracy (Note 5)		V _{SENSE} = 100mV, V _{CC} = 12V, V _{RS+} = 12V, T _A = +25°C			±0.66	±5.5	%
		Vsense = 100mV (Note 6)	$V_{CC} = 12V$, $V_{RS+} = 12V$, $T_A = T_{MIN}$ to T_{MAX}			±7.5	
Total OUT Voltage Error (Note 5)			$V_{CC} = 28V$, $V_{RS+} = 28V$, $T_A = T_{MIN}$ to T_{MAX}		±0.55	±7.5	%
			V _{CC} = 12V, V _{RS+} = 0.1V		±5.0		/6
		VSENSE = 6.25mV, VC((Note 7)	C = 12V, V _{RS+} = 12V		±5.0		
OUT Voltage Low	Vout	V _{CC} = 2.7V	I _{OUT} = 10μA		2.5		mV
		VCC = 2.7V			8.5	65	1110
OUT Voltage High	V _{CC} - V _{OH}	V _{CC} = 2.7V, I _{OUT} = -500μA				0.25	V

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

 $(V_{CC} = +2.7 \text{V to } +28 \text{V}, V_{RS+} = 0 \text{ to } +28 \text{V}, V_{SENSE} = 0, V_{\overline{RESET}} = 0, R_{LOAD} = 1 \text{M}\Omega, T_A = T_{MIN} \text{ to } T_{MAX}, \text{ unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at } T_A = +25 ^{\circ}\text{C.}) \text{ (Note 1)}$

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS	
-3dB Bandwidth	BW		V _{SENSE} = 100mV, Gain = +20V/V		200		kHz	
		V _{RS+} = 12V, V _{CC} = 12V, C _{LOAD} = 10pF	Vsense = 100mV, Gain = +50V/V		120			
			V _{SENSE} = 100mV, Gain = +100V/V		110			
			VSENSE = 6.25mV		50			
		MAX437_T			+20			
Gain	A _V	MAX437_F			+50		V/V	
		MAX437_H			+100			
		VSENSE = 20mV to 150mV; V _{CC} = 12V; V _{RS+} = 12V; Gain = 20, 50	T _A = +25°C		±0.64	±5.2	- %	
Gain Accuracy	ΔΑν		$T_A = -40$ °C to $+85$ °C			±7.2		
	ΔΑγ	VSENSE = 20mV to 100mV, V _{CC} = 12V, V _{RS+} = 12V, Gain = 100	T _A = +25°C		±0.62	±5.0		
			$T_A = -40$ °C to $+85$ °C			±7.2		
OUT Settling Time to 1% of		Gain = +20V/V, V _{CC} = 12V, V _{RS+} = 12V, C _{LOAD} = 10pF	V _{SENSE} = 6.25mV to 100mV		20		- µs	
Final Value			VSENSE = 100mV to 6.25mV		20			
Capacitive Load Stability		No sustained oscillations			1000		рF	
OUT Output Resistance	Rout	V _{SENSE} = 100mV			1.5		Ω	
Power-Supply Rejection	PSR	$V_{OUT} = 2V$, $V_{RS+} > 2V$		72	87		dB	
Power-Up Time to 1% of Final Value		V _{SENSE} = 100mV, C _{LOAD} = 10pF, V _{CC} = 12V, V _{RS+} = 12V			0.5		ms	
Saturation Recovery Time (Note 8)		V _{CC} = 12V, V _{RS+} = 12V, C _{LOAD} = 10pF			0.1		ms	
COMPARATOR (Note 9)								
Comparator Threshold				580	600	618	mV	
Comparator Hysteresis					-9		mV	
Input Bias Current	I _B				±2.2	±15	nA	
Propagation Delay		C_L = 10pF, R_L = 10k Ω pull-up to 5V, 5mV of overdrive			4		μs	
Output Low Voltage	V _{OL}	ISINK = 1mA				0.6	V	

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

 $(V_{CC} = +2.7 \text{V to } +28 \text{V}, V_{RS+} = 0 \text{ to } +28 \text{V}, V_{SENSE} = 0, V_{\overline{RESET}} = 0, R_{LOAD} = 1 \text{M}\Omega, T_A = T_{MIN} \text{ to } T_{MAX}, \text{ unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at } T_A = +25 ^{\circ}\text{C.}) \text{ (Note 1)}$

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	INTYP	MAX		UNITS
Output High Leakage Current		V _{CC} = 28V, V _{PULL-UP} = 5V (Note 10)			1	μΑ
RESET Input High Voltage	VIH		2.0			V
RESET Input Low Voltage	VIL				0.8	V
Logic Input Current	I _{IL} , I _{IH}	V _{IL} = 0, V _{IH} = 5.5V, V _{CC} = 28V	-0.5		0.5	μΑ
Minimum RESET Pulse Width	t _{RPW}			1.5		μs
RESET Propagation Delay	t _{RPD}			3		μs

Note 1: All devices are 100% production tested at $T_A = +25$ °C. All temperature limits are guaranteed by design.

Note 2: Guaranteed by PSR test.

Note 3: Guaranteed by OUT Voltage Error test.

Note 4: Guaranteed by Gain Accuracy test. Output voltage is internally clamped not to exceed 12V.

Note 5: Total OUT Voltage Error and Full-Scale Accuracy are the sum of gain and offset voltage errors.

Note 6: Measured at $I_{OUT} = -500\mu A$ ($R_{LOAD} = 4k\Omega$ for gain of +20V/V, $R_{LOAD} = 10k\Omega$ for gain of +50V/V, $R_{LOAD} = 20k\Omega$ for gain of +100V/V)

Note 7: +6.25mV = 1/16 of +100mV full-scale voltage.

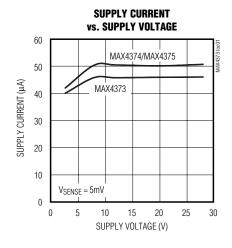
Note 8: The device will not experience phase reversal when overdriven.

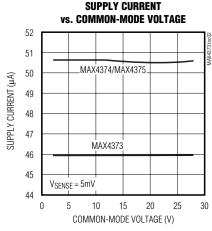
Note 9: All comparator tests are done with $V_{RS+} = +12V$.

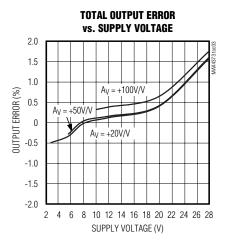
Note 10: VPULL-UP is defined as an externally applied voltage through a resistor to pull up the comparator output.

Typical Operating Characteristics

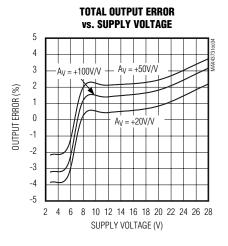
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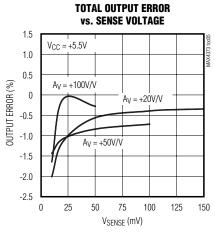


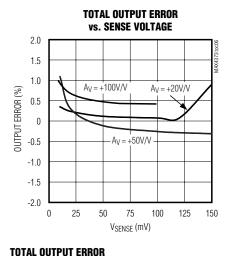


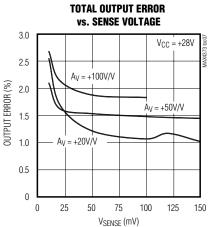


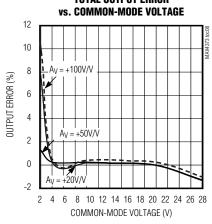
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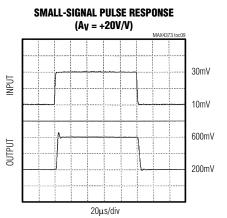


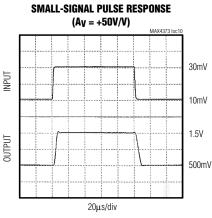


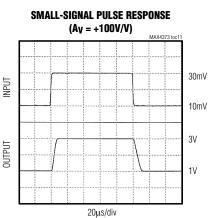




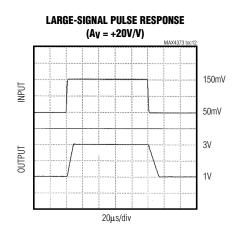


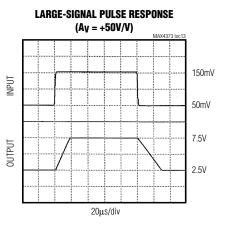


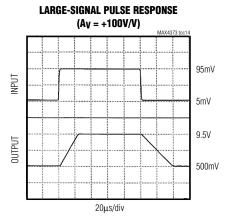


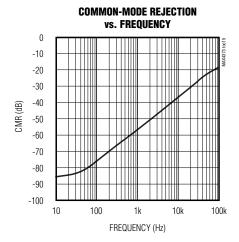


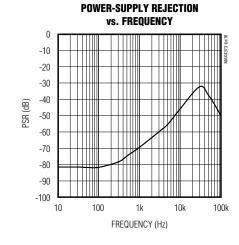
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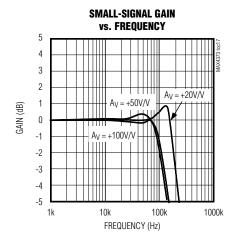


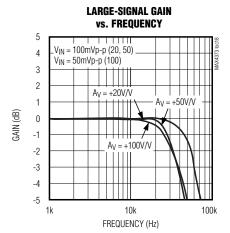




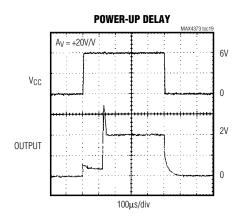


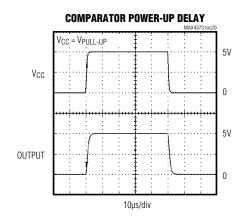


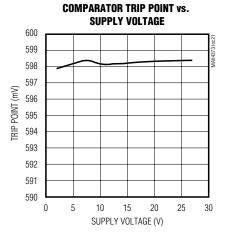


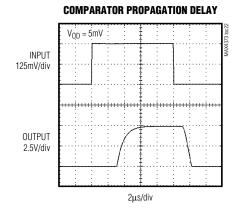


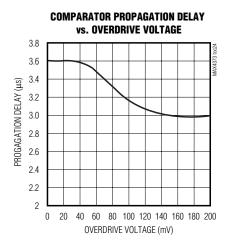
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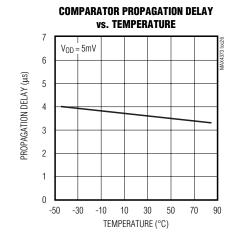




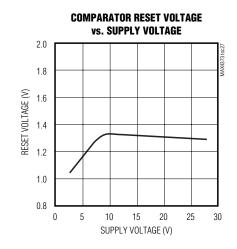


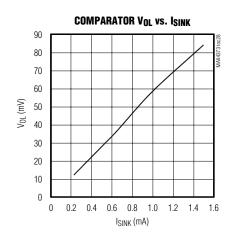


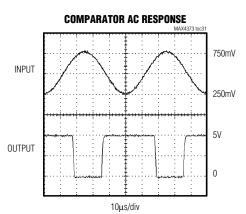


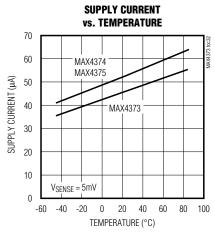


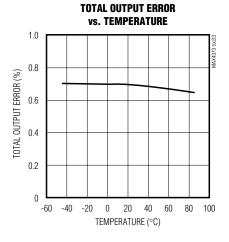
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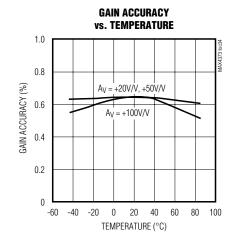


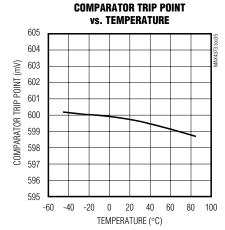












Pin Description

	PIN				
MAX4373 MAX4374/MAX4375		NAME	FUNCTION		
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1	1	1	V _{CC}	Supply Voltage Input	
2	2	2	OUT	Voltage Output. VOUT is proportional to VSENSE (VRS+ - VRS-).	
3	3	4	CIN1	Comparator Input 1. Positive input of an internal comparator. The negative terminal is connected to a 0.6V internal reference.	
_	4	5	CIN2	Comparator Input 2. Terminal of a second internal comparator. The positive terminal for the MAX4374 and the negative terminal for the MAX4375. The other terminal is connected to a 0.6V internal reference.	
4	5	7	GND	Ground	
5	6	8	RESET	Reset Input. Resets the output latch of the comparator at CIN1.	
6	8	11	COUT1	Comparator Output. Latching output of the comparator controlled by CIN1. Connect RESET to GND to disable the latch.	
_	7	10	COUT2	Comparator Output. Output of the second unlatched internal comparator.	
7	9	13	RS-	Load-Side Connection for the External Sense Resistor	
8	10	14	RS+	Power Connection to the External Sense Resistor	
_	_	3, 6, 9, 12	N.C.	No Connection. Not internally connected.	

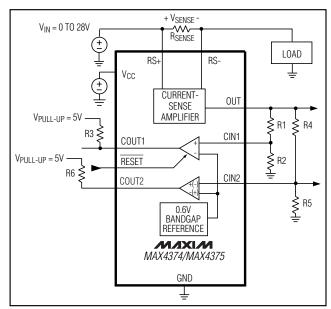


Figure 1. Functional Diagram

Detailed Description

The MAX4373 high-side current-sense supervisor features a high-side current-sense amplifier, bandgap reference, and comparator with latching output to monitor a supply for an overcurrent condition (Figure 1). The latching output allows the comparator to shut down a power supply without oscillations. The MAX4374/MAX4375 offer an additional comparator to allow window detection of the current.

Current-Sense Amplifier

The internal current-sense amplifier features a 0V to +28V input common-mode range that is independent of the supply voltage. With this feature, the device can monitor the output current of a battery in deep discharge and also high-side current-sensing voltages exceeding VCC.

The current-sense amplifier is also suitable for low-side current sensing. However, the total output voltage error will increase when V_{RS+} falls below 2V, as shown in

the Electrical Characteristics and Typical Operating Characteristics.

Internal Comparator(s)

The MAX4373/MAX4374/MAX4375 contain a latching output comparator. The negative terminal of the comparator is internally connected to the internal reference. The positive terminal is accessible at CIN1. When RESET is high, the comparator output latches high once the comparator threshold is exceeded. When RESET is low, the latch is transparent.

The MAX4374 and MAX4375 each contain an additional comparator for use in window detection. The negative terminal of the MAX4374 and the positive terminal of the MAX4375 are internally connected to the internal reference. The positive terminal of the MAX4374 and the negative terminal of the MAX4375 are accessible at CIN2.

Applications Information

Recommended Component Values

Ideally, the maximum load current will develop the fullscale sense voltage across the current-sense resistor. Choose the gain version needed to yield the maximum output voltage required for the application:

$$V_{OUT} = V_{SENSE} \times A_V$$

where VSENSE is the full-scale sense voltage, 150mV for gains of +20V/V and +50V/V or 100mV for a gain of +100V/V. Av is the gain of the device. The minimum supply voltage is VOUT + 0.25V. Note that the output for the gain of +100V/V is internally clamped at 12V. Calculate the maximum value for RSENSE so that the differential voltage across RS+ and RS- does not exceed the full-scale sense voltage:

$$R_{SENSE(MAX)} = \frac{V_{SENSE(MAX)}}{I_{LOAD}}$$

Choose the highest value resistance possible to maximize VSENSE and thus minimize total output error.

In applications monitoring high current, ensure that RSENSE is able to dissipate its own I²R loss. If the resistor's power dissipation is exceeded, its value may drift or it may fail altogether, causing a differential voltage across the terminals in excess of the absolute maximum ratings. Use resistors specified for current-sensing applications.

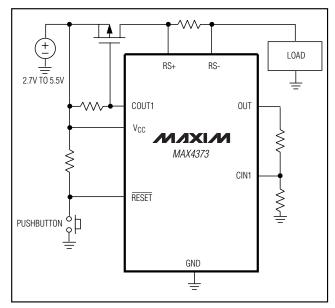


Figure 2. MAX4373 Overcurrent Protection Circuit

Overcurrent Protection Circuit

The overcurrent protection circuit, shown in Figure 2, uses the MAX4373 to control an external P-channel MOSFET. The MOSFET controlled by the MAX4373 opens the current path under overload conditions. The latched output of the MAX4373's comparator prevents the circuit from oscillating, and the pushbutton resets the current path after an overcurrent condition.

Window Detection Circuit

Figure 3 shows a simple circuit suitable for window detection. Let IOVER be the minimum load current (ILOAD) required to cause a low state at COUT2, and let IUNDER be the maximum load current required to cause a high state at COUT1:

$$I_{UNDER} = \frac{V_{REF}}{R_{SENSE} \times A_V} \left(\frac{R4 + R5}{R5} \right)$$

and

$$I_{OVER} \; = \; \frac{V_{REF}}{R_{SENSE} \times \; A_{V}} \bigg(\frac{R1 \; + \; R2}{R2} \bigg) \label{eq:Iover}$$

where Ay is the gain of the device and V_{REF} is the internal reference voltage (0.6V typ).

Connect COUT1 and COUT2; the resulting comparator output will be high when the current is inside the current window and low when the current is outside the window. The window is defined as load currents less than IOVER and greater than IUNDER.

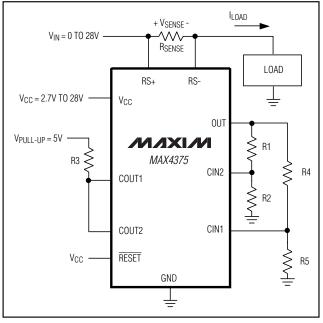


Figure 3. MAX4375 Window Detector

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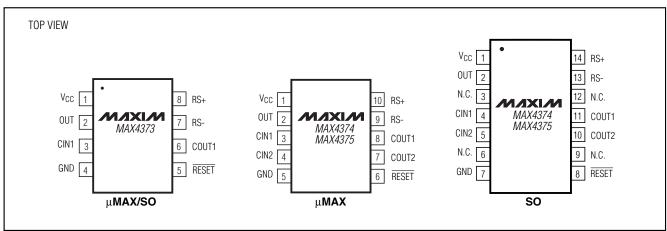
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MAX4374TESD	-40°C to +85°C	14 SO	+20
MAX4374FEUB	-40°C to +85°C	10 μMAX	+50
MAX4374FESD	-40°C to +85°C	14 SO	+50
MAX4374HEUB	-40°C to +85°C	10 μMAX	+100
MAX4374HESD	-40°C to +85°C	14 SO	+100
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MAX4375TESD	-40°C to +85°C	14 SO	+20
MAX4375FEUB	-40°C to +85°C	10 μMAX	+50
MAX4375FESD	-40°C to +85°C	14 SO	+50
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Chip Information

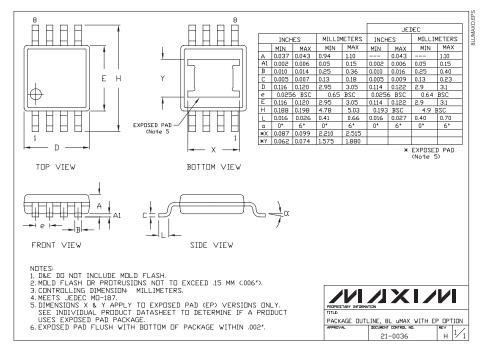
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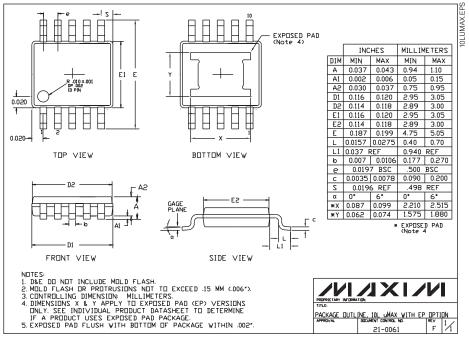
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Pin Configurations



Package Information





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