



Complete, Isolated, 3.3V RS-485/RS-422 Data Interface

General Description

The MAX3480A/MAX3480B are electrically isolated RS-485/RS-422 data-communications interfaces. Transceivers, optocouplers, and a transformer are all included in one low-cost, 28-pin DIP package. A single +3.3V supply on the logic side powers both sides of the interface.

The MAX3480B features reduced-slew-rate drivers that minimize EMI and reduce reflections caused by improperly terminated cables, allowing error-free data transmission at data rates up to 250kbps. The MAX3480A's driver slew rate is not limited, allowing transmission rates up to 2.5Mbps.

These devices typically draw 180mA of quiescent supply current. The MAX3480B provides a low-power shutdown mode in which it consumes only 0.2μA.

Drivers are short-circuit current limited and are protected against excessive power dissipation by thermal shutdown circuitry that places the driver outputs into a high-impedance state. The receiver input has a fail-safe feature that guarantees a logic-high output if the input is open circuit.

The MAX3480A/MAX3480B typically withstand 1600V_{RMS} (1 minute) or 2000V_{RMS} (1 second). Their isolated inputs and outputs meet RS-485/RS-422 specifications.

Applications

Isolated RS-485/RS-422 Data Interface
Transceivers for EMI-Sensitive Applications
Industrial-Control Local Area Networks
Automatic Test Equipment
HVAC/Building Control Networks

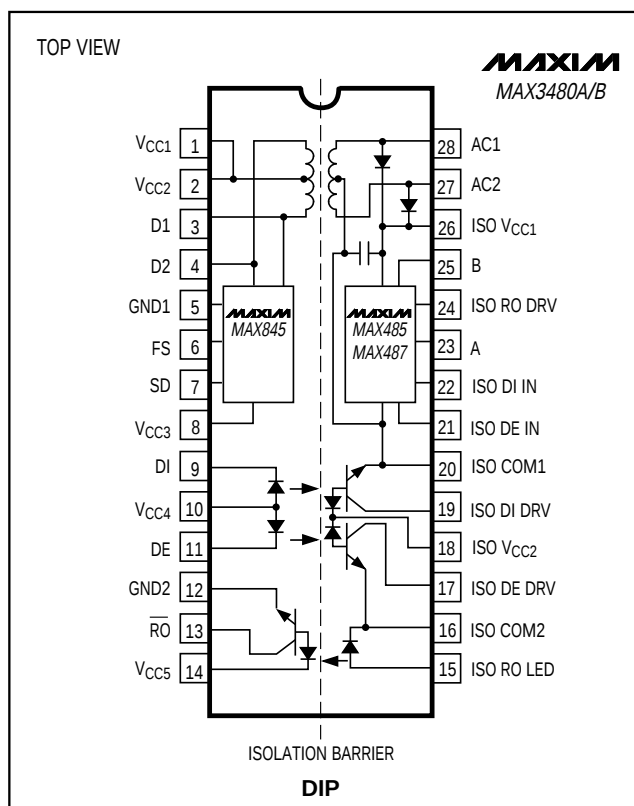
Ordering Information

PART	TEMP. RANGE	PIN-PACKAGE	DATA RATE (kbps)
MAX3480ACPI	0°C to +70°C	28 Plastic DIP	2500
MAX3480AEPI	-40°C to +85°C	28 Plastic DIP	2500
MAX3480BCPI	0°C to +70°C	28 Plastic DIP	250
MAX3480BEPI	-40°C to +85°C	28 Plastic DIP	250

Features

- ♦ Isolated Data Interface to 1600V_{RMS} (1 minute)
- ♦ Slew-Rate-Limited Data Transmission (MAX3480B)
- ♦ High-Speed, Isolated, 2.5Mbps RS-485 Interface (MAX3480A)
- ♦ -7V to +12V Common-Mode Input Voltage Range with Respect to Isolated Ground
- ♦ Single +3.3V Supply
- ♦ Current Limiting and Thermal Shutdown for Driver Overload Protection
- ♦ Standard 28-Pin DIP Package

Pin Configuration



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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

With Respect to GND:

Supply Voltage (VCC1, VCC2, VCC4, VCC5)-0.3V to +3.8V
Supply Voltage (VCC3)-0.3V to +7V
Control Input Voltage (SD, FS)-0.3V to (VCC + 0.3V)
Receiver Output Voltage (RO).....-0.3V to (VCC + 0.3V)

With Respect to ISO COM:

Control Input Voltage (ISO DE $\bar{}$)-0.3V to (ISO VCC + 0.3V)
Driver Input Voltage (ISO DI $\bar{}$)-0.3V to (ISO VCC + 0.3V)
Receiver Output Voltage (ISO RO $\bar{}$)-0.3V to (ISO VCC + 0.3V)
Driver Output Voltage (A, B).....-8V to +12.5V
Receiver Input Voltage (A, B).....-8V to +12.5V

LED Forward Current (DI, DE, ISO RO LED)50mA
Continuous Power Dissipation (TA = +70°C)
Plastic DIP (derate 9.09mW/°C above +70°C)727mW
Operating Temperature Ranges
MAX3480_CPI0°C to +70°C
MAX3480_EPI-40°C to +85°C
Storage Temperature Range-65°C to +160°C
Lead Temperature (soldering, 10sec)+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

(VCC = VCC1 = VCC2 = VCC4 = VCC5 = 3.0V to 3.6V, FS = 0V, TA = TMIN to TMAX, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at VCC = VCC1 = VCC2 = VCC4 = VCC5 = 3.3V and TA = +25°C.) (Notes 1, 2, 3)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Supply Voltage	VS		3.0	3.3	3.6	V
Switch Frequency	fSWL	FS = 0V		600		kHz
	fSWH	FS = VCC or open		900		
Operating Supply Current	ICC	MAX3480A, DE' = VCC or open	RL = ∞	180	260	mA
			RL = 54Ω	280		
		MAX3480B, DE' = VCC or open	RL = ∞	120	200	
			RL = 54Ω	240		
Shutdown Supply Current (Note 3)	ISHDN	SD = VCC3		0.2		μA
FS Input Threshold	VFSH	High	2.4			V
	VFSL	Low			0.8	
FS Input Pull-Up Current	IFSL	FS low			50	μA
FS Input Leakage Current	IFSM	FS high		10		pA
Input High Voltage	VIH	DE', DI' (Figure 1)	VCC - 0.4			V
Input Low Voltage	VIL	DE', DI' (Figure 1)			0.4	V
Isolation Resistance	RISO	TA = +25°C, VISO = 50VDC	100	10,000		MΩ
Isolation Capacitance	CISO	TA = +25°C, VISO = 50VDC		10		pF
Differential Driver Output (no load)	VOD1				8	V
Differential Driver Output (with load)	VOD2	R = 50Ω (RS-422)	2			V
		R = 27Ω (RS-485), Figure 3	1.5		5	
Change in Magnitude of Driver Output Voltage for Complementary Output States	ΔVOD	R = 27Ω or 50Ω, Figure 3	Differential		0.3	V
			Common Mode		0.3	
Driver Common-Mode Output	VOC	R = 27Ω or 50Ω, Figure 4			4	V

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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

(V_{CC} = V_{CC1} = V_{CC2} = V_{CC4} = V_{CC5} = 3.0V to 3.6V, FS = 0V, T_A = T_{MIN} to T_{MAX}, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at V_{CC} = V_{CC1} = V_{CC2} = V_{CC4} = V_{CC5} = 3.3V and T_A = +25°C.) (Notes 1, 2, 3)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Input Current (A, B)	ISO I _{IN}	DE' = 0V, V _{CC} = 0V or 3.6V	MAX3480A	V _{IN} = 12V	1.0	mA
				V _{IN} = -7V	-0.8	
			MAX3480B	V _{IN} = 12V	0.25	
				V _{IN} = -7V	-0.2	
Receiver Input Resistance	R _{IN}	-7V ≤ V _{CM} ≤ 12V	MAX3480A	12		kΩ
			MAX3480B	48		
Receiver Differential Threshold	V _{TH}	-7V ≤ V _{CM} ≤ 12V		-0.2	0.2	V
Receiver Input Hysteresis	ΔV _{TH}	V _{CM} = 0V		70		mV
Receiver Output/Receiver Output Low Voltage	V _{OL}	DI' = V _{CC}			0.4	V
Receiver Output/Receiver Output High Current	I _{OH}	V _{OUT} = 3.6V, DI' = 0V			250	μA
Driver Short-Circuit Current	ISO I _{OSD}	-7V ≤ V _O ≤ 12V (Note 4)		100		mA

SWITCHING CHARACTERISTICS—MAX3480A

(V_{CC} = V_{CC1} = V_{CC2} = V_{CC4} = V_{CC5} = 3.0V to 3.6V, FS = 0V, T_A = T_{MIN} to T_{MAX}, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at V_{CC} = V_{CC1} = V_{CC2} = V_{CC4} = V_{CC5} = 3.3V and T_A = +25°C.)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Driver Input to Output Propagation Delay	t _{PLH}	Figures 4, 6; R _{DIFF} = 54Ω, C _{L1} = C _{L2} = 100pF	100	275		ns
	t _{PHL}		100	275		
Driver Output Skew (Note 5)	t _{SKEW}	Figures 4, 6; R _{DIFF} = 54Ω, C _{L1} = C _{L2} = 100pF	25	90		ns
Driver Rise or Fall Time	t _R , t _F	Figures 4, 6; R _{DIFF} = 54Ω, C _{L1} = C _{L2} = 100pF	15	40		ns
Driver Enable to Output High	t _{ZH}	Figures 5, 7; C _L = 100pF, S2 closed	0.2	1.5		μs
Driver Enable to Output Low	t _{ZL}	Figures 5, 7; C _L = 100pF, S1 closed	0.2	1.5		μs
Driver Disable Time from High	t _{HZ}	Figures 5, 7; C _L = 15pF, S2 closed	0.3	1.5		μs
Driver Disable Time from Low	t _{LZ}	Figures 5, 7; C _L = 15pF, S1 closed	0.3	1.5		μs
Receiver Input to Output Propagation Delay	t _{PLH}	Figures 4, 8; R _{DIFF} = 54Ω, C _{L1} = C _{L2} = 100pF	100	225		ns
	t _{PHL}		100	225		
t _{PLH} - t _{PHL} Differential Receiver Skew	t _{SKD}	Figures 4, 8; R _{DIFF} = 54Ω, C _{L1} = C _{L2} = 100pF	20			ns
Maximum Data Rate	f _{MAX}	t _{PLH} , t _{PHL} < 50% of data period	2.5			Mbps

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SWITCHING CHARACTERISTICS—MAX3480B

($V_{CC} = V_{CC1} = V_{CC2} = V_{CC4} = V_{CC5} = 3.0V$ to $3.6V$, $FS = 0V$, $T_A = T_{MIN}$ to T_{MAX} , unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $V_{CC} = V_{CC1} = V_{CC2} = V_{CC4} = V_{CC5} = 3.3V$ and $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$.)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Driver Input to Output Propagation Delay	t_{PLH}	Figures 4, 6; $R_{DIFF} = 54\Omega$, $C_{L1} = C_{L2} = 100pF$		1.0	2.0	μs
	t_{PHL}			1.0	2.0	
Driver Output Skew	t_{SKEW}	Figures 4, 6; $R_{DIFF} = 54\Omega$, $C_{L1} = C_{L2} = 100pF$		100	800	ns
Driver Rise or Fall Time	t_R, t_F	Figures 4, 6; $R_{DIFF} = 54\Omega$, $C_{L1} = C_{L2} = 100pF$		1.0	2.0	μs
Driver Enable to Output High	t_{ZH}	Figures 5, 7; $C_L = 100pF$, S2 closed		50	100	μs
Driver Enable to Output Low	t_{ZL}	Figures 5, 7; $C_L = 100pF$, S1 closed		50	100	μs
Driver Disable Time from Low	t_{LZ}	Figures 5, 7; $C_L = 15pF$, S1 closed		13	50	μs
Driver Disable Time from High	t_{HZ}	Figures 5, 7; $C_L = 15pF$, S2 closed		13	50	μs
Receiver Input to Output Propagation Delay	t_{PLH}	Figures 4, 8; $R_{DIFF} = 54\Omega$, $C_{L1} = C_{L2} = 100pF$		0.8	2.0	μs
	t_{PHL}			0.8	2.0	
$ t_{PLH} - t_{PHL} $ Differential Receiver Skew	t_{SKD}	Figures 4, 8; $R_{DIFF} = 54\Omega$, $C_{L1} = C_{L2} = 100pF$		50		ns
Maximum Data Rate	f_{MAX}	$t_{PLH}, t_{PHL} < 50\%$ of data period	0.25			Mbps

Note 1: All currents into device pins are positive; all currents out of device pins are negative. All voltages are referenced to logic-side ground (GND1, GND2), unless otherwise specified.

Note 2: For DE' and DI' pin descriptions, see *Detailed Block Diagram* and *Typical Application Circuit* (Figure 1 for MAX3480A/MAX3480B).

Note 3: Shutdown supply current is the current at V_{CC1} when shutdown is enabled.

Note 4: Applies to peak current. See *Typical Operating Characteristics* and *Applications Information*.

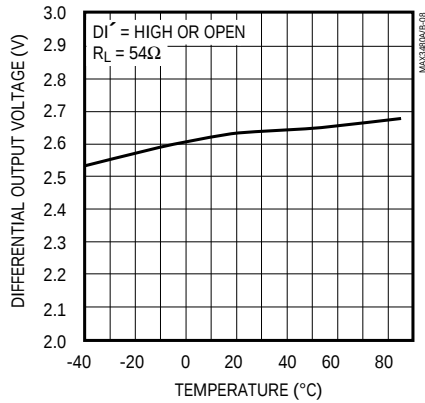
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Typical Operating Characteristics

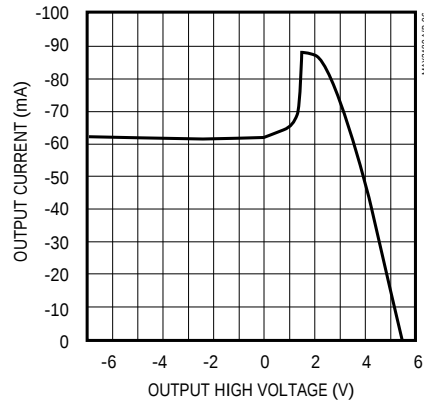
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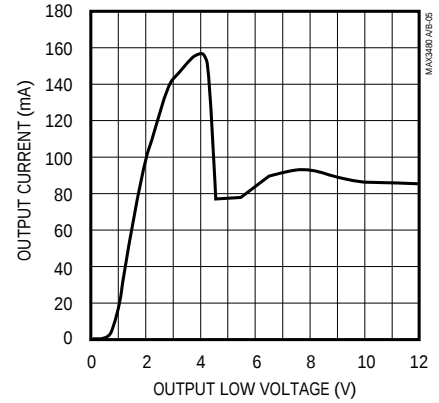
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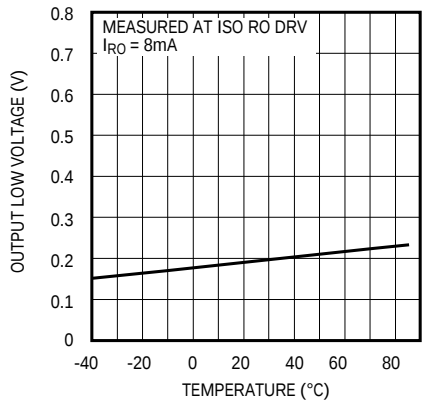
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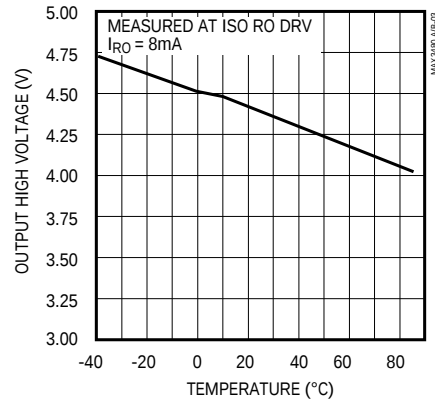
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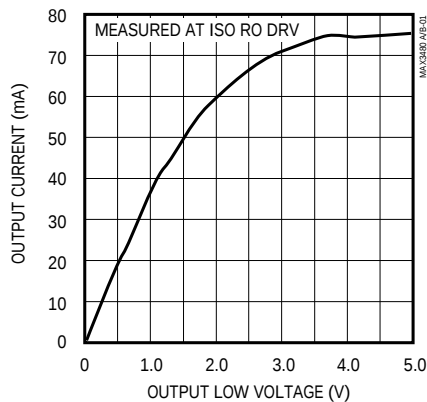
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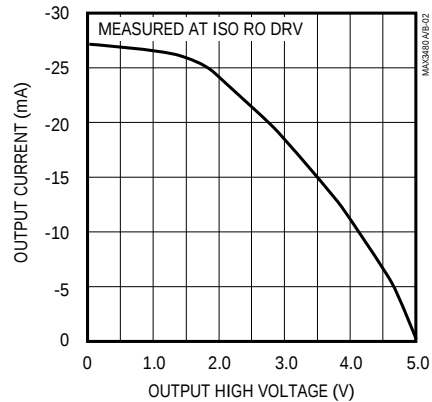
RECEIVER OUTPUT HIGH VOLTAGE vs. TEMPERATURE



OUTPUT CURRENT vs. RECEIVER OUTPUT LOW VOLTAGE



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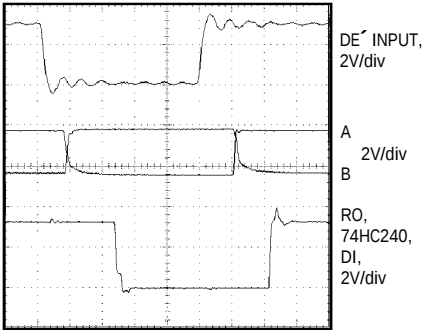


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Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

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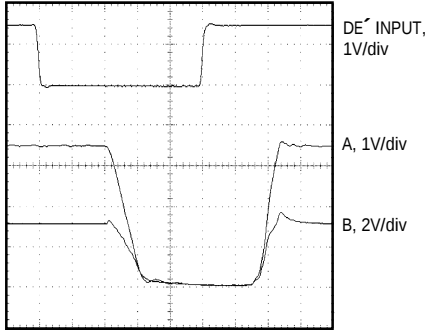
MAX3480A DRIVER INPUT (AB) AND RECEIVER OUTPUT (RO)



100ns/div

CIRCUIT OF FIGURE 2, TERMINATION: 100 Ω

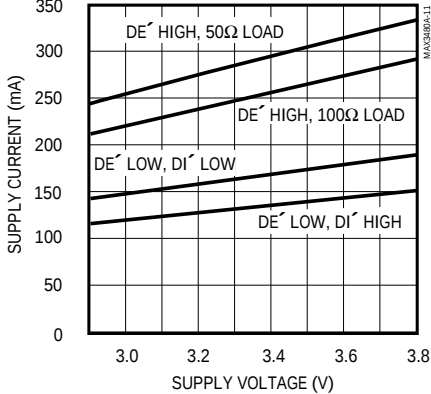
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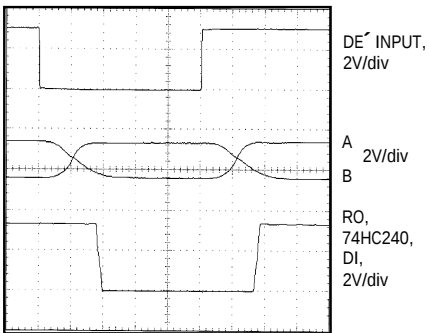
100ns/div

CIRCUIT OF FIGURE 2, TERMINATION: 100 Ω

MAX3480A SUPPLY CURRENT vs. SUPPLY VOLTAGE



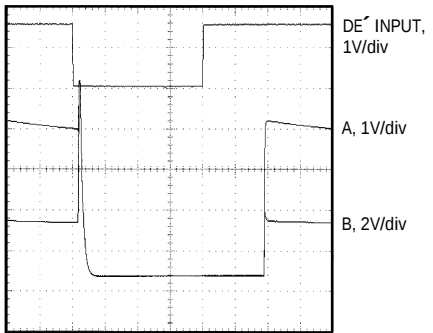
MAX3480B DRIVER INPUT (AB) AND RECEIVER OUTPUT (RO)



1 μ s/div

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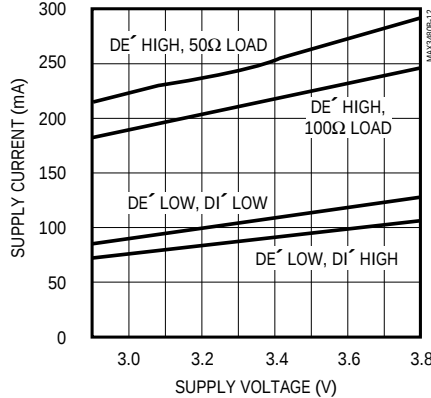
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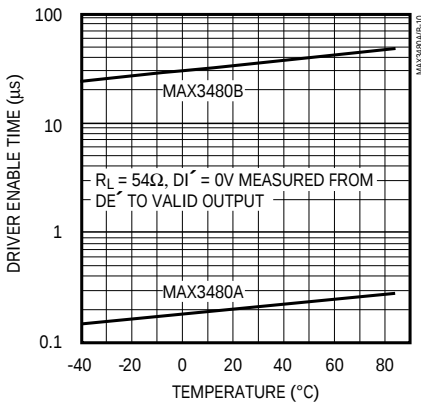
25 μ s/div

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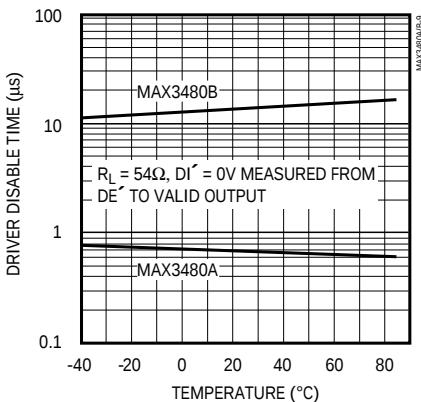
MAX3480B SUPPLY CURRENT vs. SUPPLY VOLTAGE



DRIVER ENABLE TIME vs. TEMPERATURE



DRIVER DISABLE TIME vs. TEMPERATURE



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Pin Description

PIN	NAME	FUNCTION
PINS ON THE NON-ISOLATED SIDE		
1	VCC1	Logic-Side (non-isolated side) +3.3V Supply Voltage Input. Connect to pins 2, 10, and 14.
2	VCC2	Logic-Side (non-isolated side) +3.3V Supply Voltage Input. Connect to pins 1, 10, and 14.
3, 4	D1, D2	Boost-Voltage Generator Outputs. See Figures 1 and 2.
5, 12	GND1, GND2	Logic-Side Ground Inputs. Must be connected; not internally connected.
6	FS	Frequency Switch Input. If FS = VCC, switch frequency is high; if FS = 0V, switch frequency is low (normal connection).
7	SD	Power-Supply Shutdown Input. Must be connected to logic ground.
8	VCC3	Boosted V+ Voltage Input. Must be connected as shown in Figures 1 and 2.
9	DI	Driver Input. With DE' high, a low on DI' forces output A low and output B high. Similarly, a high on DI' forces output A high and output B low. Drives internal LED cathode through R1 (Table 1 of Figure 2).
10	VCC4	Logic-Side (non-isolated side) +3.3V Supply Voltage Input. Connect to pins 1, 2, and 14.
11	DE	Driver-Enable Input. The driver outputs, A and B, are enabled by bringing DE' high. The driver outputs are high impedance when DE' is low. If the driver outputs are enabled, the device functions as a line driver. While the driver outputs are high impedance, the device functions as a line receiver. Drives internal LED cathode through R2 (Table 1 of Figure 2).
13	RO	Receiver Output. If A > B by 200mV, RO will be low; if A < B by 200mV, RO will be high. Open collector; must have pull-up (R3) to VCC (Table 1 of Figure 2).
14	VCC5	Logic-Side (non-isolated side) +3.3V Supply Voltage Input. Connect to pins 1, 2, and 10.

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Pin Description (continued)

PIN	NAME	FUNCTION
PINS ON THE ISOLATED RS-485/RS-422 SIDE		
15	ISO RO LED	Isolated Receiver-Output LED Anode (input). If $A > B$ by 200mV, ISO RO LED will be high; if $A < B$ by 200mV, ISO RO LED will be low.
16	ISO COM2	Isolated-Supply Common Input. Connect to ISO COM1.
17	ISO DE DRV	Isolated Driver-Enable Drive Input. The driver outputs, A and B, are enabled by bringing DE' high. The driver outputs are high impedance when DE' is low. If the driver outputs are enabled, the device functions as a line driver. While the driver outputs are high impedance, the device functions as a line receiver. Open collector output; must have pull-up (R_4) to ISO V_{CC} and be connected to ISO DE IN for normal operation (Table 1 of Figure 2).
18	ISO V_{CC2}	Isolated-Supply Positive Input Voltage. Connect to ISO V_{CC1} .
19	ISO DI DRV	Isolated Driver-Input Drive. With DE' high, a low on DI' forces output A low and output B high. Similarly, a high on DI' forces output A high and output B low. Open-collector output; must have pull-up (R_5) to ISO V_{CC} and be connected to ISO DI IN for normal operation (Table 1 of Figure 2).
20	ISO COM1	Isolated-Supply Common Output. Connect to ISO COM2. If RS-485 wires have a shield, connect ISO COM1 to shield via 100 Ω resistor.
21	ISO DE IN	Isolated Driver-Enable Input. Connect to ISO DE DRV for normal operation.
22	ISO DI IN	Isolated Driver Input. Connect to ISO DI DRV for normal operation.
23	A	Noninverting Driver Output and Noninverting Receiver Input.
24	ISO RO DRV	Isolated Receiver-Output Drive. Connect to ISO RO LED through R_6 (Table 1 of Figure 2).
25	B	Inverting Driver Output and Inverting Receiver Input
26	ISO V_{CC1}	Isolated Supply Positive Output Voltage. Connect to ISO V_{CC2} .
27, 28	AC2, AC1	Internal Connections. Leave these pins unconnected.

Note: For DE' and DI' pin descriptions, see *Detailed Block Diagram* and *Typical Application Circuit*.

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Detailed Description

The MAX3480A/MAX3480B are electrically isolated, RS-485/RS-422 data-communications interface solutions. Transceivers, optocouplers, a power driver, and a transformer are in one standard 28-pin DIP package. Signals and power are internally transported across the isolation barrier (Figure 1). Power is transferred from the logic side (non-isolated side) to the isolated side of the barrier through a center-tapped transformer. Signals cross the barrier through high-speed optocouplers. A single +3.3V supply on the logic side powers both sides of the interface.

The MAX3480B features reduced-slew-rate drivers that minimize EMI and reduce reflections caused by improperly terminated cables, allowing error-free transmission at data rates up to 250kbps. The MAX3480A's driver slew rates are not limited, allowing transmission rates up to 2.5Mbps.

The frequency-select FS is connected to GND₁ in normal operation, which selects a switching frequency of approximately 600kHz. Connect to high for a higher 900kHz switching frequency.

Drivers are short-circuit current limited and are protected against excessive power dissipation by thermal

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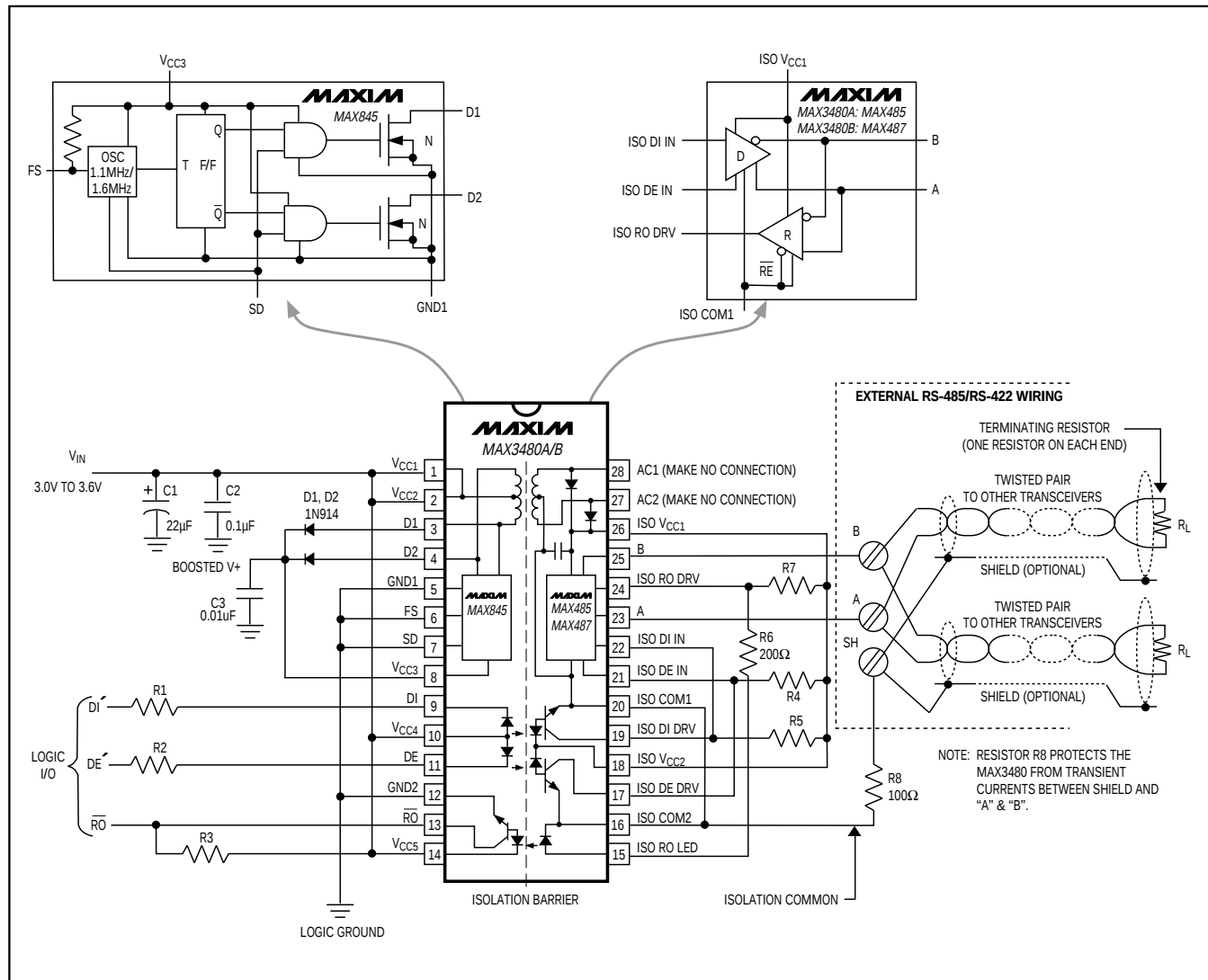


Figure 1. Detailed Block Diagram

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shutdown circuitry that puts the driver outputs into a high-impedance state. The receiver input has a fail-safe feature that guarantees a logic-high output if the input is open circuit.

The driver outputs are enabled by bringing DE' high. Driver-enable times are typically 200ns for the MAX3480A and 50µs for the MAX3480B. Allow time for the devices to be enabled before sending data. When enabled, driver outputs function as line drivers. Driver outputs are high impedance when DE' is low. While outputs are high impedance, they function as line receivers.

The MAX3480A/MAX3480B typically withstand 1600VRMS (1 minute) or 2000VRMS (1 second). The isolated outputs of these devices meet all RS-485/RS-422 specifications. The logic inputs can be driven from any TTL/CMOS-logic family with a series resistor, and the received data output can directly drive any of the TTL/CMOS-logic families with only a resistive pull-up.

Boost Voltage

The MAX3480 requires external diodes on the primary of the transformer to develop the boost voltage for the power oscillator. In normal operation, whenever one of the oscillator outputs (D1 and D2) goes low, the other

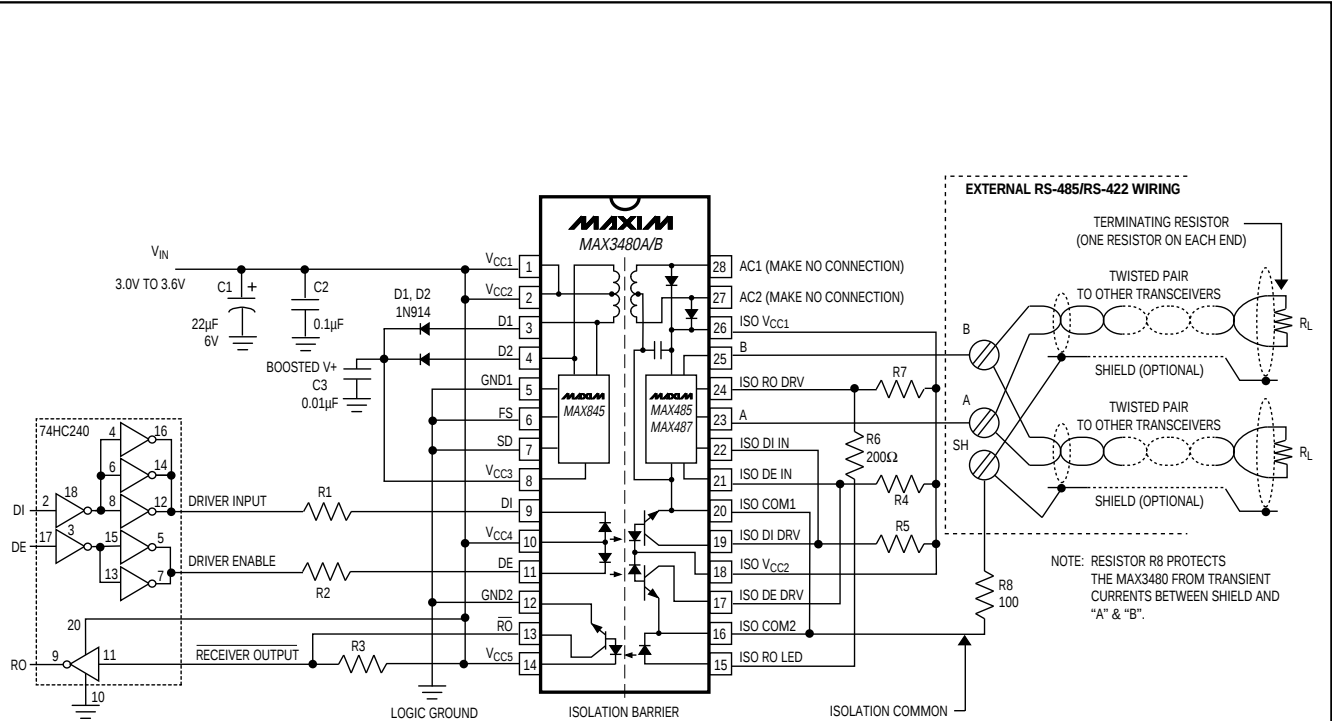


Table 1. Pull-Up and LED Drive Resistors

PART	R1 (Ω)	R2 (Ω)	R3 (Ω)	R4 (Ω)	R5 (Ω)	R6 (Ω)	R7 (Ω)
MAX3480A	150	130	680	3000	1000	200	Open
MAX3480B	130	330	2000	2200	3000	200	470

Figure 2. Typical Application Circuit

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The diagram shows a circuit for testing a device. The output of the device is labeled "OUTPUT UNDER TEST". This output is connected to a load capacitor, labeled C_L , which is connected to ground. The output is also connected to a 500Ω resistor, which is connected to a node. This node is connected to two switches, labeled S1 and S2. Switch S1 is connected to "ISO Vcc1, ISO Vcc2". Switch S2 is connected to ground.

The diagram illustrates the timing characteristics of a differential signal pair (A and B) relative to a clock signal (DI). The clock signal (DI) transitions from 0V to $V_{CC} - 0.4V$ and back. The signal pair (A and B) transitions from $1/2 V_O$ to V_O and back. The setup time (t_{SU}) is the time before the clock transition that the signal must be at the required level. The hold time (t_{HU}) is the time after the clock transition that the signal must remain at the required level. The propagation delay (t_{PLH}) is the time from the clock transition to the signal transition. The differential voltage ($V_{DIFF} = V_A - V_B$) is shown as a separate waveform, indicating the time from the clock transition to the signal reaching 90% of the differential voltage (t_R) and the time from the signal reaching 90% of the differential voltage to the clock transition (t_F). The skew ($t_{SKEW} = |t_{PLH} - t_{PHL}|$) is the difference in propagation delay between the two signal paths.

Timing diagram for the 74VHC04 inverter. The diagram shows the input signal A, B and the output signal V_O. The input signal transitions from 0V to $V_{CC} - 0.4V$ and back. The output signal transitions from $V_{OH} - 0.5V$ to $V_{OL} + 0.5V$ and back. The propagation delay times t_{LZ} and t_{LH} are indicated for the output signal transitions.

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Switching Waveforms (continued)

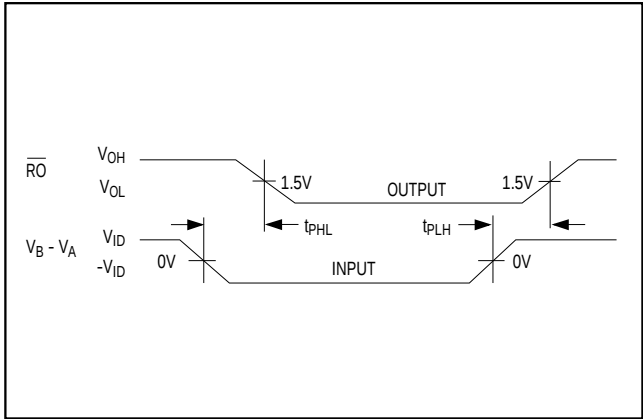


Figure 8. Receiver Propagation Delays

Function Tables

Table 2. Transmitting

INPUTS		OUTPUTS	
DE ¹	DI ¹	B	A
1	1	0	1
1	0	1	0
0	X	High-Z	High-Z

X = Don't care
High-Z = High impedance

Table 3. Receiving

INPUTS		OUTPUT
DE ¹	A-B	$\overline{RO}$
0	$\geq +0.2V$	0
0	$\leq -0.2V$	1
0	Inputs open	0

goes to approximately double the supply voltage. Since the circuit is symmetrical, the two outputs can be combined with diodes, filtered, and used to power the oscillator itself.

The diodes on the primary side may be any fast-switching, small-signal diodes, such as the 1N914, 1N4148, or CMPD2838. The nominal value of the primary filter capacitor C3 is 0.01 μ F.

Driver Output Protection

There are two mechanisms to prevent excessive output current and power dissipation caused by faults or by bus contention. A foldback current limit on the output stage provides immediate protection against short circuits over the whole common-mode voltage range (see *Typical Operating Characteristics*). In addition, a thermal shutdown circuit forces the driver outputs into a high-impedance state if the die temperature rises excessively.

Resistor R8 provides additional protection by current limiting between the shield and the two signal wires. In the event that shielded cable is used and an external voltage or transient is inadvertently applied between the shield and the signal wires, the MAX3480 can be damaged. Although unlikely, this condition can occur during installation.

The MAX3480 provides electrical isolation between logic ground and signal paths; it does not provide isolation from external shields and the signal paths. When in doubt, do not connect the shield. The MAX3480 can be damaged if resistor R8 is shorted out.

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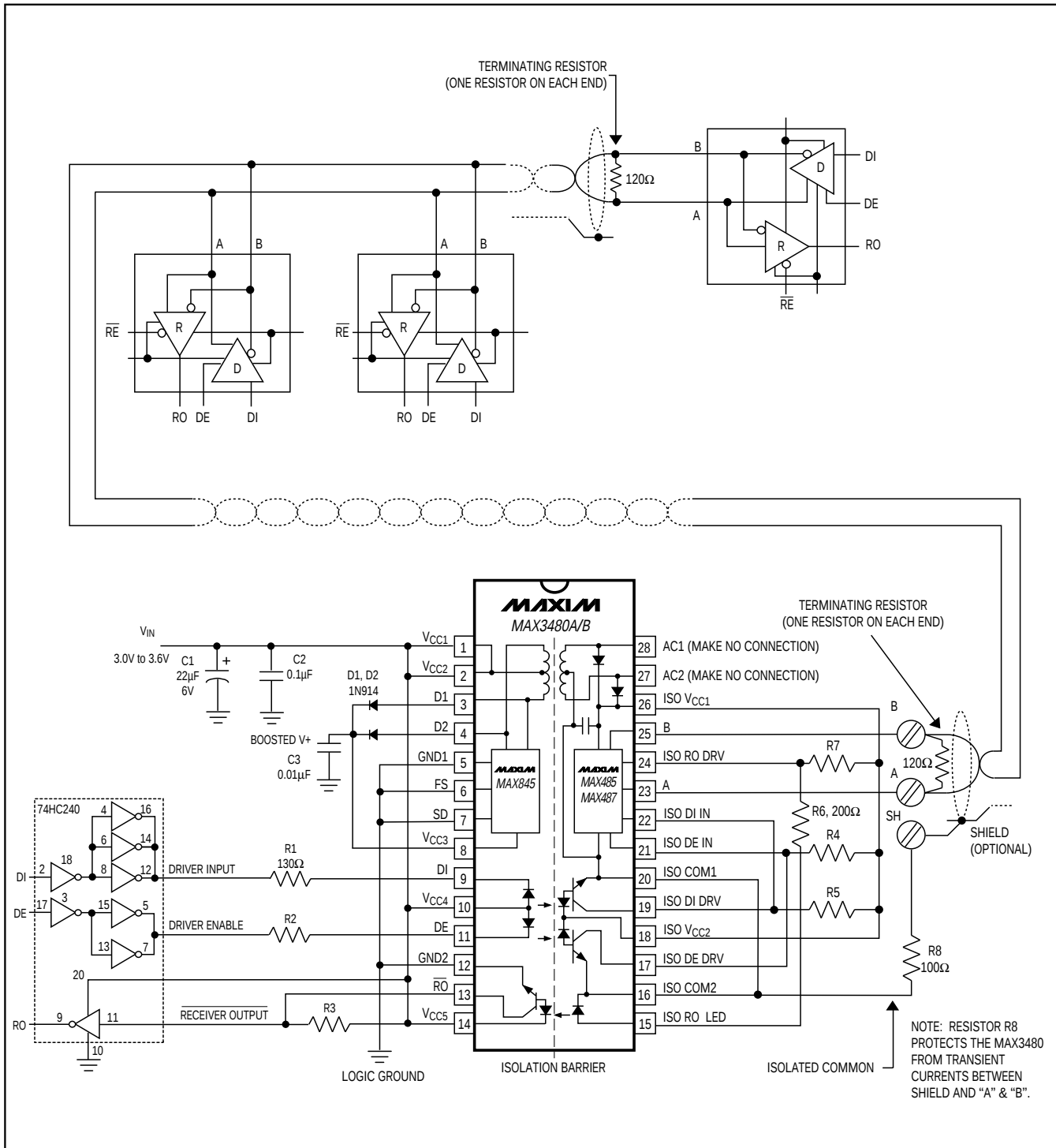
Applications Information

The MAX3480A/MAX3480B are designed for bidirectional data communications on multipoint bus-transmission lines. Figure 9 shows a typical network application circuit. To minimize reflections, terminate the line at both ends with its characteristic impedance, and keep stub lengths off the main line as short as possible. The slew-rate-limited MAX3480B is more tolerant of imperfect termination and stubs off the main line.

The MAX3480A/MAX3480B are specified and characterized using the resistor values shown in Table 1 of Figure 2. Altering the recommended values can degrade performance.

The DI and DE inputs are the cathodes of LEDs whose anodes are connected to V_{CC}. These points are best driven by a 3.3V CMOS-logic gate with a series resistor to limit the current. The resistor values shown in Table 1 are recommended when the 74HC240 gate or equivalent is used. These values may need to be adjusted if a driving gate with dissimilar series resistance is used. DI and DE are intended to be driven through a series current-limiting resistor. Directly grounding these pins destroys the device.

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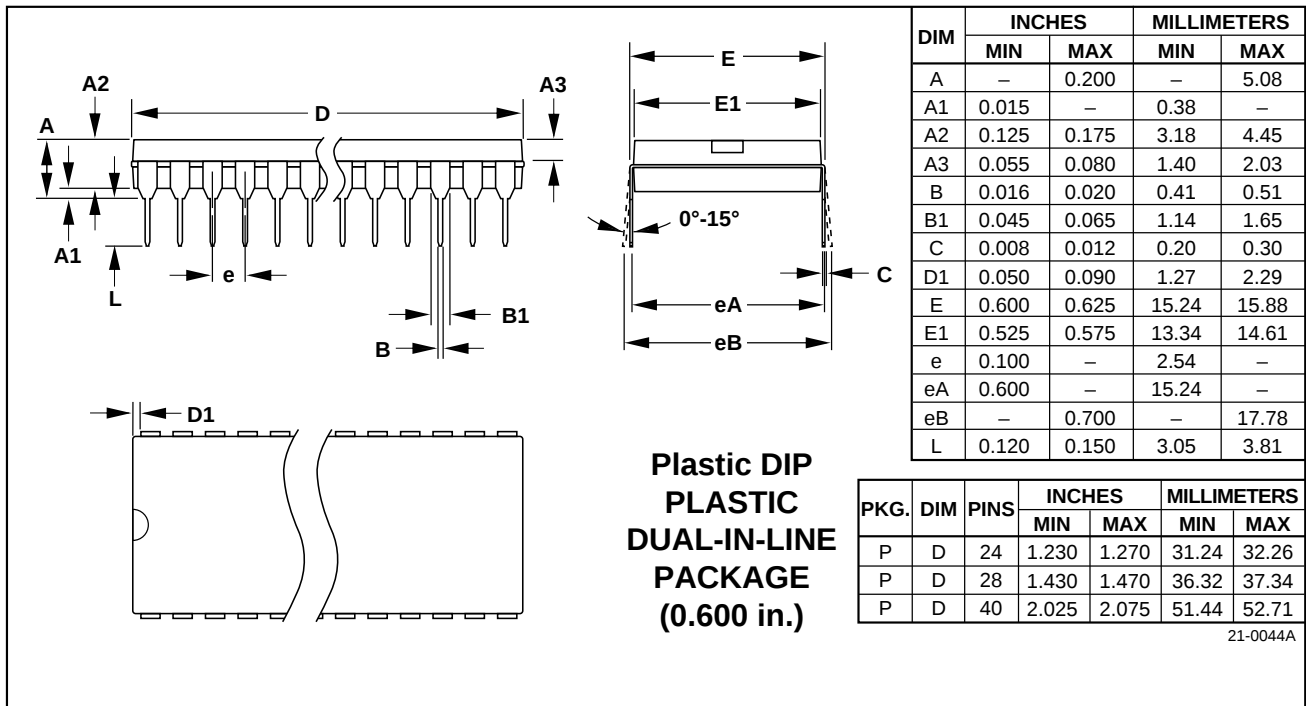
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MAX3480A/MAX3480B

Table 4. Maxim's Isolated RS-485 Product Family

PART	No. OF Tx/Rx	GUARANTEED DATA RATE (Mbps)	FULL/HALF DUPLEX	SLEW-RATE LIMITED	No. OF Tx/Rx ON BUS	SUPPLY VOLTAGE (V)
MAX1480A	1/1	2.50	Half	No	32	5.0
MAX1480B	1/1	0.25	Half	Yes	32	5.0
MAX1490A	1/1	2.50	Full	No	32	5.0
MAX1490B	1/1	0.25	Full	Yes	32	5.0
MAX3480A	1/1	2.50	Half	No	32	3.3
MAX3480B	1/1	0.25	Half	Yes	128	3.3

Package Information



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