



# Single/Dual/Quad, Low-Cost, SOT23, Micropower Rail-to-Rail I/O Op Amps

## General Description

The MAX4040–MAX4044 family of micropower op amps operates from a single +2.4V to +5.5V supply or dual  $\pm 1.2V$  to  $\pm 2.75V$  supplies and have rail-to-rail input and output capabilities. These amplifiers provide a 90kHz gain-bandwidth product while using only 10 $\mu$ A of supply current per amplifier. The MAX4041/MAX4043 have a low-power shutdown mode that reduces supply current to less than 1 $\mu$ A and forces the output into a high-impedance state. The combination of low-voltage operation, rail-to-rail inputs and outputs, and ultra-low power consumption makes these devices ideal for any portable/battery-powered system.

These amplifiers have outputs that typically swing to within 10mV of the rails with a 100k $\Omega$  load. Rail-to-rail input and output characteristics allow the full power-supply voltage to be used for signal range. The combination of low input offset voltage, low input bias current, and high open-loop gain makes them suitable for low-power/low-voltage precision applications.

The MAX4040 is offered in a space-saving 5-pin SOT23 package. All specifications are guaranteed over the -40°C to +85°C extended temperature range.

## Applications

Battery-Powered Systems	Strain Gauges
Portable/Battery-Powered Electronic Equipment	Sensor Amplifiers
Digital Scales	Cellular Phones
	Notebook Computers
	PDAs

## Selector Guide

PART	NO. OF AMPS	SHUTDOWN	PIN-PACKAGE
MAX4040	1	—	5-pin SOT23, 8-pin $\mu$ MAX/SO
MAX4041	1	Yes	8-pin $\mu$ MAX/SO
MAX4042	2	—	8-pin $\mu$ MAX/SO
MAX4043	2	Yes	10-pin $\mu$ MAX/ 14-pin SO
MAX4044	4	—	14-pin SO

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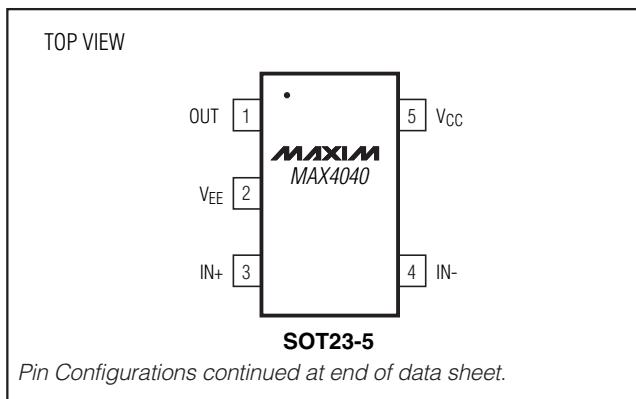
## Features

- ◆ Single-Supply Operation Down to +2.4V
- ◆ Ultra-Low Power Consumption:
  - 10 $\mu$ A Supply Current per Amplifier
  - 1 $\mu$ A Shutdown Mode (MAX4041/MAX4043)
- ◆ Rail-to-Rail Input Common-Mode Range
- ◆ Outputs Swing Rail-to-Rail
- ◆ No Phase Reversal for Overdriven Inputs
- ◆ 200 $\mu$ V Input Offset Voltage
- ◆ Unity-Gain Stable for Capacitive Loads up to 200pF
- ◆ 90kHz Gain-Bandwidth Product
- ◆ Available in Space-Saving 5-Pin SOT23 and 8-Pin  $\mu$ MAX® Packages

## Ordering Information

PART	TEMP RANGE	PIN-PACKAGE	SOT TOP MARK
MAX4040EUK-T	-40°C to +85°C	5 SOT23-5	ACGF
MAX4040EUA	-40°C to +85°C	8 $\mu$ MAX	—
MAX4040ESA	-40°C to +85°C	8 SO	—
MAX4041ESA	-40°C to +85°C	8 SO	—
MAX4041EUA	-40°C to +85°C	8 $\mu$ MAX	—
MAX4042EUA	-40°C to +85°C	8 $\mu$ MAX	—
MAX4042ESA	-40°C to +85°C	8 SO	—
MAX4043EUB	-40°C to +85°C	10 $\mu$ MAX	—
MAX4043ESD	-40°C to +85°C	14 SO	—
MAX4044ESD	-40°C to +85°C	14 SO	—

## Pin Configurations



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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Supply Voltage (V<sub>CC</sub> to V<sub>EE</sub>) ..... +6V  
 All Other Pins ..... (V<sub>CC</sub> + 0.3V) to (V<sub>EE</sub> - 0.3V)  
 Output Short-Circuit Duration to V<sub>CC</sub> or V<sub>EE</sub> ..... Continuous  
 Continuous Power Dissipation (T<sub>A</sub> = +70°C)  
 5-Pin SOT23 (derate 7.1mW/°C above +70°C) ..... 571mW  
 8-Pin μMAX (derate 4.1mW/°C above +70°C) ..... 330mW  
 8-Pin SO (derate 5.88mW/°C above +70°C) ..... 471mW

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.

10-Pin μMAX (derate 5.6mW/°C above +70°C) ..... 444mW  
 14-Pin SO (derate 8.33mW/°C above +70°C) ..... 667mW  
 Operating Temperature Range ..... -40°C to +85°C  
 Junction Temperature ..... +150°C  
 Storage Temperature Range ..... -65°C to +160°C  
 Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s) ..... +300°C

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS—T<sub>A</sub> = +25°C

(V<sub>CC</sub> = +5.0V, V<sub>EE</sub> = 0V, V<sub>CM</sub> = 0V, V<sub>OUT</sub> = V<sub>CC</sub> / 2,  $\overline{SHDN}$  = V<sub>CC</sub>, R<sub>L</sub> = 100kΩ tied to V<sub>CC</sub> / 2, unless otherwise noted.)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Supply-Voltage Range	V <sub>CC</sub>	Inferred from PSRR test		2.4		5.5	V
Supply Current per Amplifier	I <sub>CC</sub>	V <sub>CC</sub> = 2.4V		10			μA
		V <sub>CC</sub> = 5.0V		14		20	
Shutdown Supply Current per Amplifier	I <sub>CC(SHDN)</sub>	SHDN = V <sub>EE</sub> , MAX4041 and MAX4043 only	V <sub>CC</sub> = 2.4V	1.0			μA
			V <sub>CC</sub> = 5.0V	2.0		5.0	
Input Offset Voltage	V <sub>OS</sub>	V <sub>EE</sub> ≤ V <sub>CM</sub> ≤ V <sub>CC</sub>	MAX4044ESD	±0.20		±2.0	mV
			MAX404_EU_	±0.25		±2.5	
			All other packages	±0.20		±1.50	
Input Bias Current	I <sub>B</sub>	(Note 1)		±2		±10	nA
Input Offset Current	I <sub>OS</sub>	(Note 1)		±0.5		±3.0	nA
Differential Input Resistance	R <sub>IN(DIFF)</sub>	V <sub>IN+</sub> - V <sub>IN-</sub>   < 1.0V		45			MΩ
		V <sub>IN+</sub> - V <sub>IN-</sub>   > 2.5V		4.4			kΩ
Input Common-Mode Voltage Range	V <sub>CM</sub>	Inferred from the CMRR test		V <sub>EE</sub>		V <sub>CC</sub>	V
Common-Mode Rejection Ratio	CMRR	V <sub>EE</sub> ≤ V <sub>CM</sub> ≤ V <sub>CC</sub>	MAX404_EU_	65	94		dB
			All other packages	70	94		
Power-Supply Rejection Ratio	PSRR	2.4V ≤ V <sub>CC</sub> ≤ 5.5V		75	85		dB
Large-Signal Voltage Gain	AVOL	(V <sub>EE</sub> + 0.2V) ≤ V <sub>OUT</sub> ≤ (V <sub>CC</sub> - 0.2V)	R <sub>L</sub> = 100kΩ	94			dB
			R <sub>L</sub> = 25kΩ	74	85		
Output Voltage Swing High	V <sub>OH</sub>	Specified as  V <sub>CC</sub> - V <sub>OH</sub>	R <sub>L</sub> = 100kΩ	10			mV
			R <sub>L</sub> = 25kΩ	60	90		
Output Voltage Swing Low	V <sub>OL</sub>	Specified as  V <sub>EE</sub> - V <sub>OL</sub>	R <sub>L</sub> = 100kΩ	10			mV
			R <sub>L</sub> = 25kΩ	40	60		
Output Short-Circuit Current	I <sub>OUT(SC)</sub>	Sourcing		0.7			mA
		Sinking		2.5			
Channel-to-Channel Isolation		Specified at DC, MAX4042/MAX4043/MAX4044 only		80			dB

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## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS—TA = +25°C (continued)

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Output Leakage Current in Shutdown	I <sub>OUT(SHDN)</sub>	$\overline{\text{SHDN}} = \text{V}_{\text{EE}} = 0$ , MAX4041/MAX4043 only (Note 2)		20	100	nA
SHDN Logic Low	V <sub>IL</sub>	MAX4041/MAX4043 only		0.3 x V <sub>CC</sub>		V
SHDN Logic High	V <sub>IH</sub>	MAX4041/MAX4043 only	0.7 x V <sub>CC</sub>			V
SHDN Input Bias Current	I <sub>IH</sub> , I <sub>IL</sub>	MAX4041/MAX4043 only		40	120	nA
Gain Bandwidth Product	GBW			90		kHz
Phase Margin	Φ <sub>m</sub>			68		degrees
Gain Margin	G <sub>m</sub>			18		dB
Slew Rate	SR			40		V/ms
Input Voltage Noise Density	e <sub>n</sub>	f = 1kHz	70			nV/√Hz
Input Current Noise Density	i <sub>n</sub>	f = 1kHz	0.05			pA/√Hz
Capacitive-Load Stability		A <sub>VCL</sub> = +1V/V, no sustained oscillations	200			pF
Power-Up Time	t <sub>ON</sub>		200			μs
Shutdown Time	t <sub>SHDN</sub>	MAX4041 and MAX4043 only	50			μs
Enable Time from Shutdown	t <sub>EN</sub>	MAX4041 and MAX4043 only	150			μs
Input Capacitance	C <sub>IN</sub>		3			pF
Total Harmonic Distortion	THD	f <sub>IN</sub> = 1kHz, V <sub>OUT</sub> = 2Vp-p, A <sub>v</sub> = +1V/V	0.05			%
Settling Time to 0.01%	t <sub>s</sub>	A <sub>v</sub> = +1V/V, V <sub>OUT</sub> = 2V <sub>STEP</sub>	50			μs

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS—TA = T<sub>MIN</sub> to T<sub>MAX</sub>

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Supply-Voltage Range	V <sub>CC</sub>	Inferred from PSRR test	2.4	5.5		V
Supply Current per Amplifier	I <sub>CC</sub>			28		μA
Shutdown Supply Current per Amplifier	I <sub>CC(SHDN)</sub>	$\overline{\text{SHDN}} = \text{V}_{\text{EE}}$ , MAX4041 and MAX4043 only		6.0		μA
Input Offset Voltage	V <sub>OS</sub>	$\text{V}_{\text{EE}} \leq \text{V}_{\text{CM}} \leq \text{V}_{\text{CC}}$	M <sub>4044ESA</sub>	±4.5		mV
			M <sub>404_EU_</sub>	±5.0		
			All other packages	±3.5		
Input Offset Voltage Drift	T <sub>CVOS</sub>		2			μV/°C
Input Bias Current	I <sub>B</sub>	(Note 1)		±20		nA
Input Offset Current	I <sub>OS</sub>	(Note 1)		±8		nA

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## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS—TA = TMIN to TMAX (continued)

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Input Common-Mode Voltage Range	V <sub>CM</sub>	Inferred from the CMRR test		V <sub>EE</sub>		V <sub>CC</sub>	V
Common-Mode Rejection Ratio	CMRR	$V_{EE} \leq V_{CM} \leq V_{CC}$	MAX404_EU_	60			dB
			All other packages	65			
Power-Supply Rejection Ratio	PSRR	$2.4V \leq V_{CC} \leq 5.5V$		70			dB
Large-Signal Voltage Gain	A <sub>VOL</sub>	$(V_{EE} + 0.2V) \leq V_{OUT} \leq (V_{CC} - 0.2V)$ , R <sub>L</sub> = 25k $\Omega$		68			dB
Output Voltage Swing High	V <sub>OH</sub>	Specified as $ V_{CC} - V_{OH} $ , R <sub>L</sub> = 25k $\Omega$			125		mV
Output Voltage Swing Low	V <sub>OL</sub>	Specified as $ V_{EE} - V_{OL} $ , R <sub>L</sub> = 25k $\Omega$			75		mV

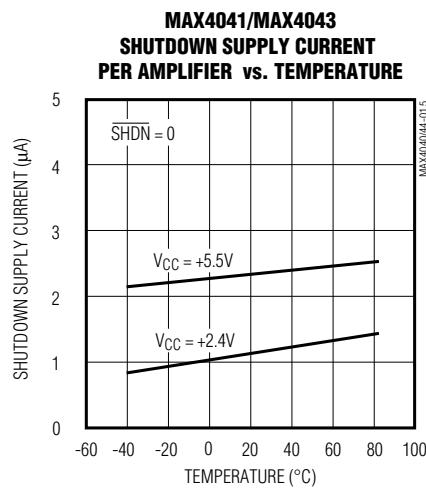
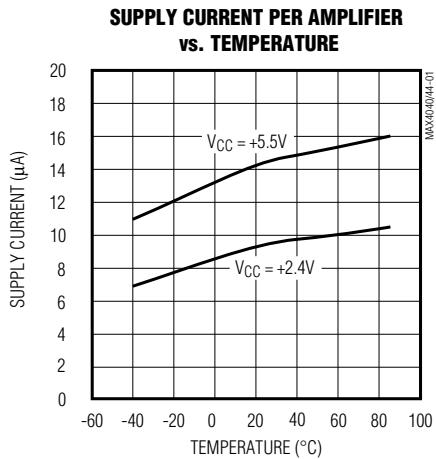
**Note 1:** Input bias current and input offset current are tested with V<sub>CC</sub> = +5.0V and  $+0.5V \leq V_{CM} \leq +4.5V$ .

**Note 2:** Tested for  $V_{EE} \leq V_{OUT} \leq V_{CC}$ . Does not include current through external feedback network.

**Note 3:** All devices are 100% tested at T<sub>A</sub> = +25°C. All temperature limits are guaranteed by design.

## Typical Operating Characteristics

(V<sub>CC</sub> = +5.0V, V<sub>EE</sub> = 0, V<sub>CM</sub> = V<sub>CC</sub> / 2,  $\overline{SHDN}$  = V<sub>CC</sub>, R<sub>L</sub> = 100k $\Omega$  to V<sub>CC</sub> / 2, T<sub>A</sub> = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.)

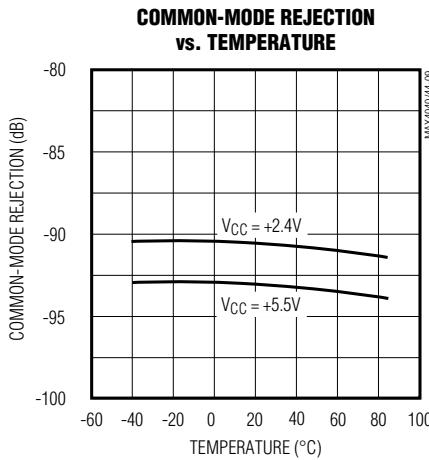
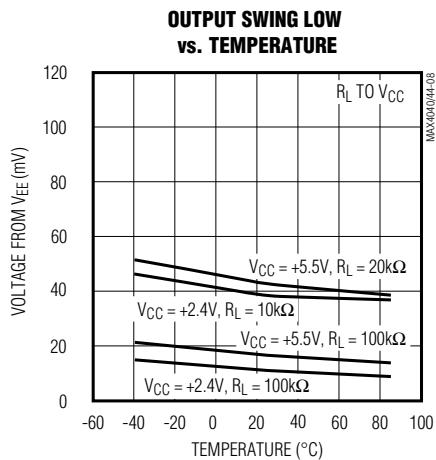
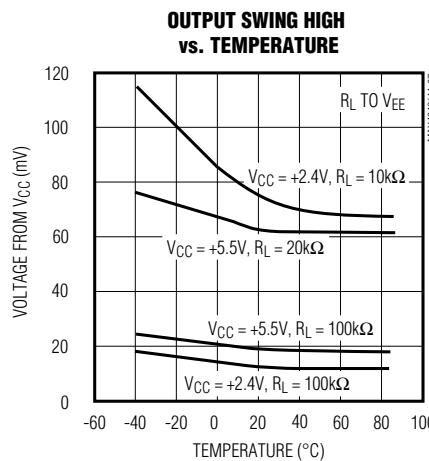
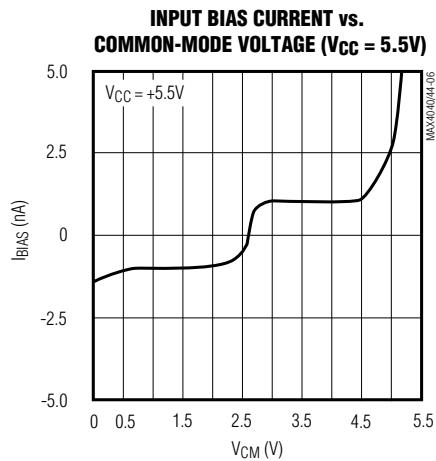
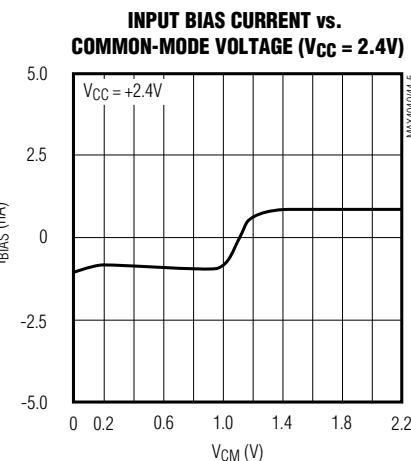
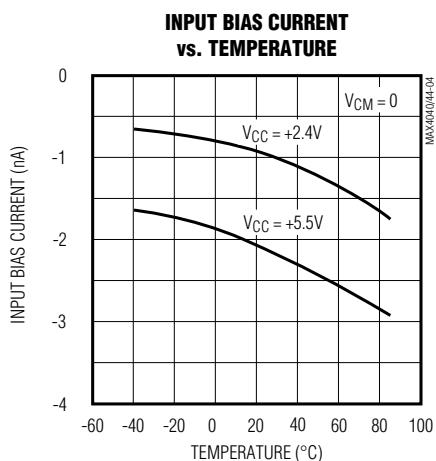
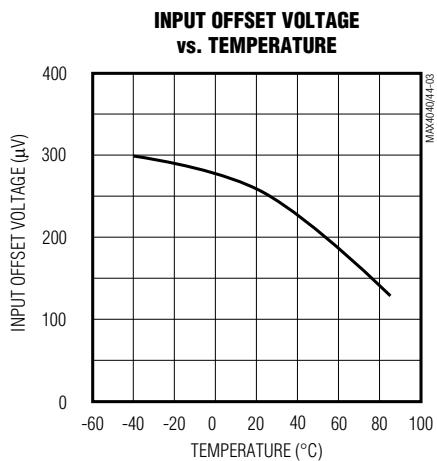


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## Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

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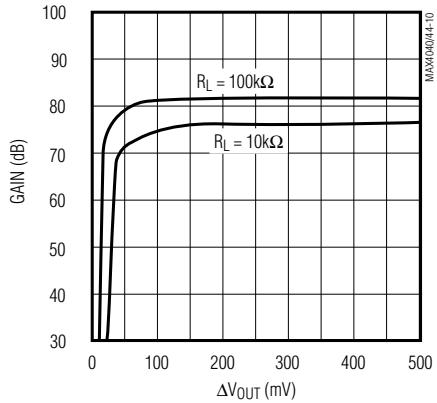


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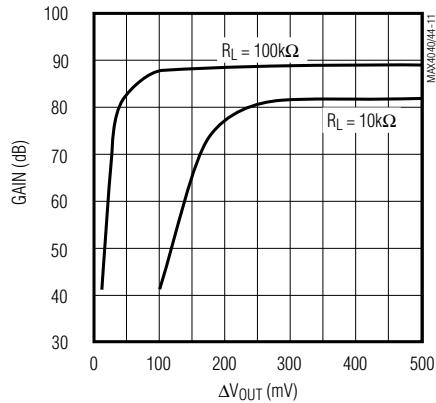
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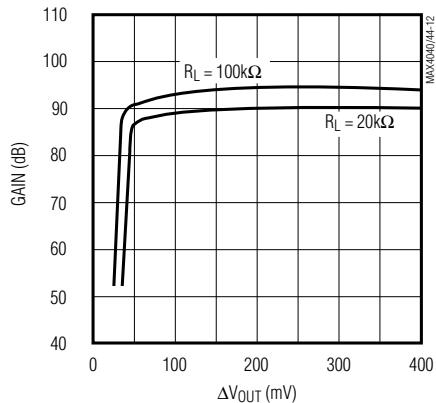
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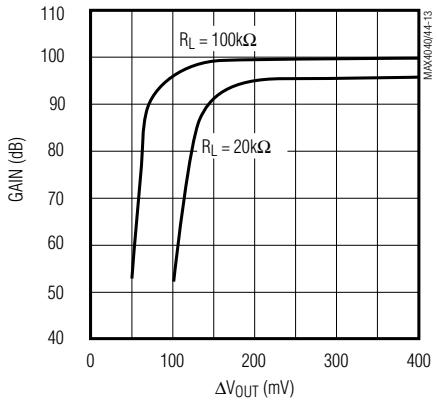
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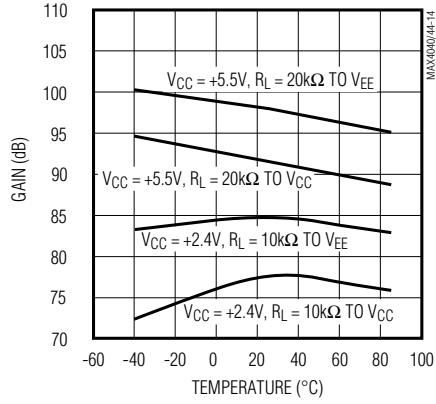
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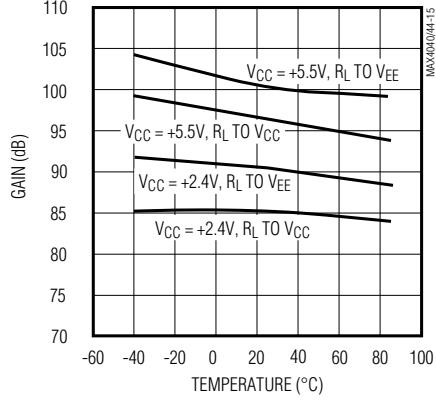
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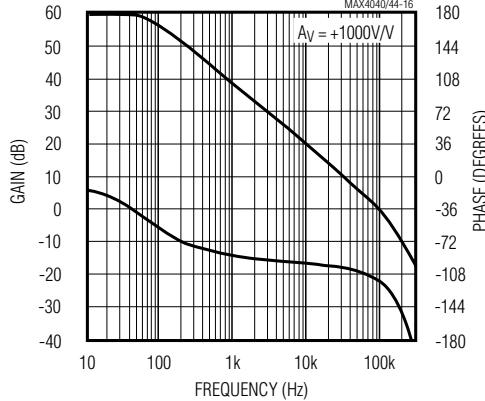
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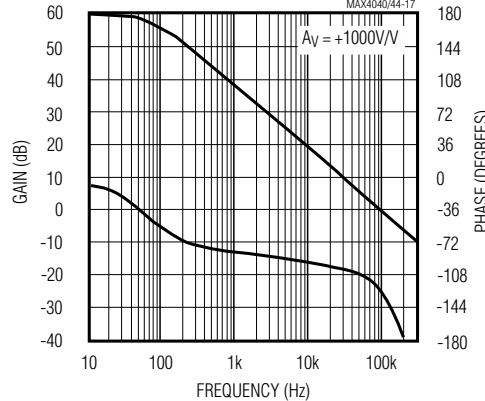
**OPEN-LOOP GAIN  
vs. TEMPERATURE**



**GAIN AND PHASE vs. FREQUENCY  
(NO LOAD)**



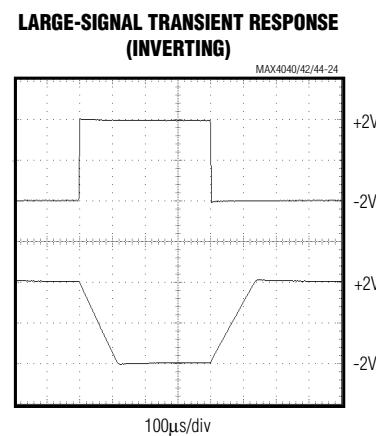
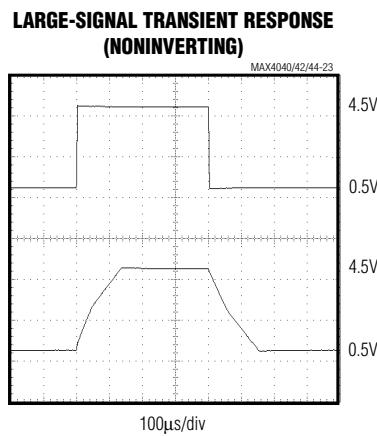
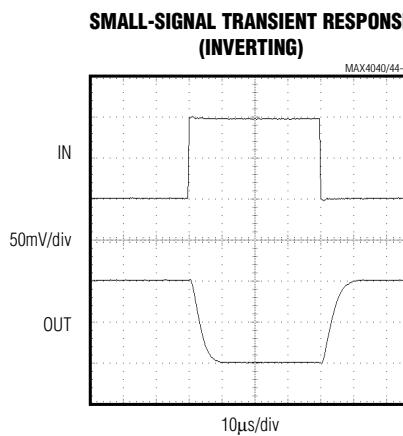
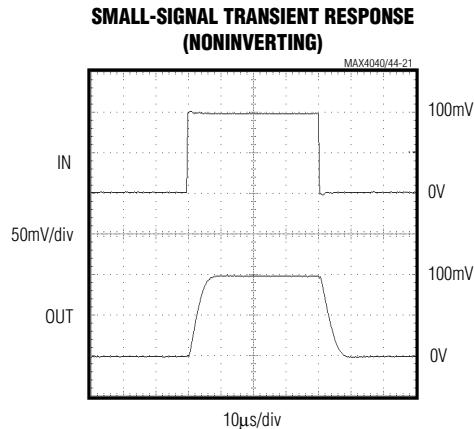
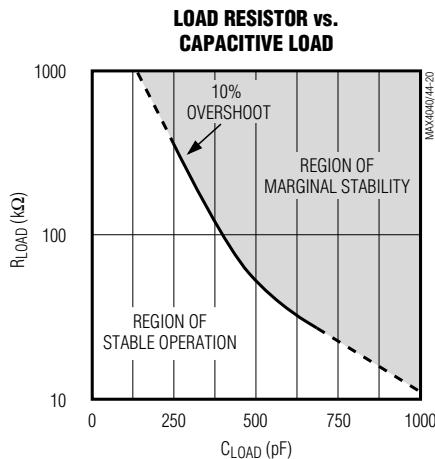
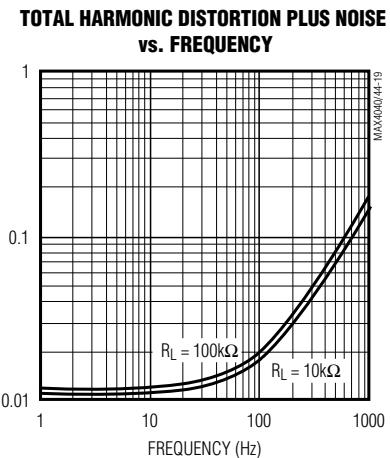
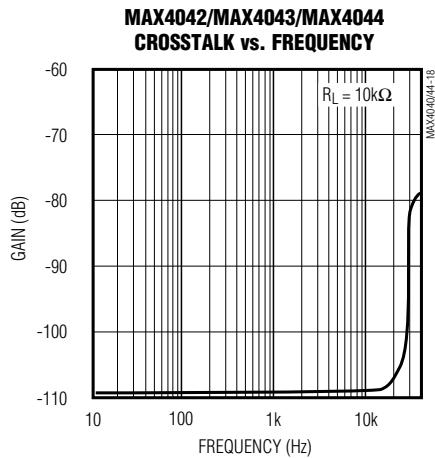
**GAIN AND PHASE vs. FREQUENCY  
( $C_L = 100\text{pF}$ )**



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## Pin Description

PIN							NAME	FUNCTION		
MAX4040		MAX4041	MAX4042	MAX4043		MAX4044				
SOT23-5	SO/ $\mu$ MAX			$\mu$ MAX	SO					
1	6	6	—	—	—	—	OUT	Amplifier Output. High impedance when in shutdown mode.		
2	4	4	4	4	4	11	VEE	Negative Supply. Tie to ground for single-supply operation.		
3	3	3	—	—	—	—	IN+	Noninverting Input		
4	2	2	—	—	—	—	IN-	Inverting Input		
5	7	7	8	10	14	4	VCC	Positive Supply		
—	1, 5, 8	1, 5	—	—	5, 7, 8, 10	—	N.C.	No Connection. Not internally connected.		
—	—	8	—	—	—	—	SHDN	Shutdown Input. Drive high, or tie to VCC for normal operation. Drive to VEE to place device in shutdown mode.		
—	—	—	1, 7	1, 9	1, 13	1, 7	OUTA, OUTB	Outputs for Amplifiers A and B. High impedance when in shutdown mode.		
—	—	—	2, 6	2, 8	2, 12	2, 6	INA-, INB-	Inverting Inputs to Amplifiers A and B		
—	—	—	3, 5	3, 7	3, 11	3, 5	INA+, INB+	Noninverting Inputs to Amplifiers A and B		
—	—	—	—	5, 6	6, 9	—	SHDNA, SHDNB	Shutdown Inputs for Amplifiers A and B. Drive high, or tie to VCC for normal operation. Drive to VEE to place device in shutdown mode.		
—	—	—	—	—	—	8, 14	OUTC, OUTD	Outputs for Amplifiers C and D		
—	—	—	—	—	—	9, 13	INC-, IND-	Inverting Inputs to Amplifiers C and D		
—	—	—	—	—	—	10, 12	INC+, IND+	Noninverting Inputs to Amplifiers C and D		

## Detailed Description

### Rail-to-Rail Input Stage

The MAX4040–MAX4044 have rail-to-rail inputs and rail-to-rail output stages that are specifically designed for low-voltage, single-supply operation. The input stage consists of separate NPN and PNP differential stages, which operate together to provide a common-mode range extending to both supply rails. The crossover region of these two pairs occurs halfway between VCC and VEE. The input offset voltage is typically 200 $\mu$ V. Low operating supply voltage, low supply current, rail-to-rail common-mode input range, and rail-to-rail outputs make this family of operational amplifiers

an excellent choice for precision or general-purpose, low-voltage battery-powered systems.

Since the input stage consists of NPN and PNP pairs, the input bias current changes polarity as the common-mode voltage passes through the crossover region. Match the effective impedance seen by each input to reduce the offset error caused by input bias currents flowing through external source impedances (Figures 1a and 1b). The combination of high source impedance plus input capacitance (amplifier input capacitance plus stray capacitance) creates a parasitic pole that produces an underdamped signal response. Reducing input capacitance or placing a small capacitor across the feedback resistor improves response in this case.

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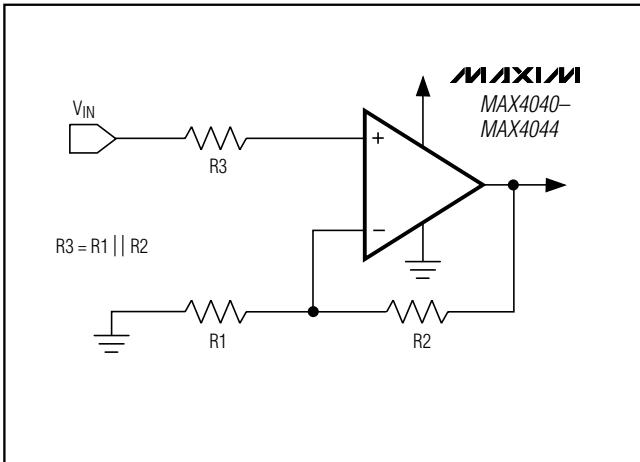


Figure 1a. Minimizing Offset Error Due to Input Bias Current (Noninverting)

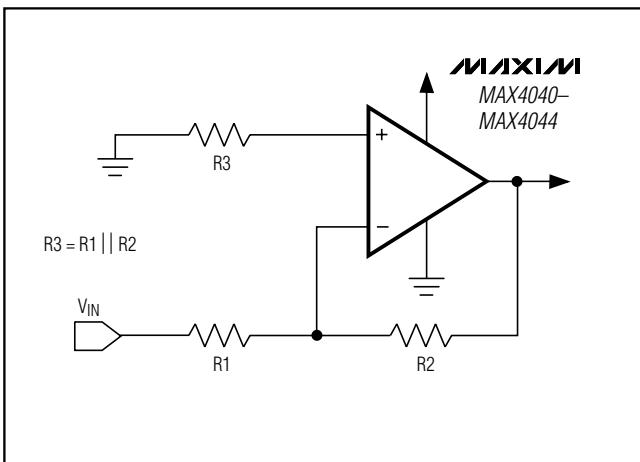


Figure 1b. Minimizing Offset Error Due to Input Bias Current (Inverting)

The MAX4040–MAX4044 family's inputs are protected from large differential input voltages by internal 2.2kΩ series resistors and back-to-back triple-diode stacks across the inputs (Figure 2). For differential input voltages (much less than 1.8V), input resistance is typically 45MΩ. For differential input voltages greater than 1.8V, input resistance is around 4.4kΩ, and the input bias current can be approximated by the following equation:

$$I_{BIAS} = (V_{DIFF} - 1.8V) / 4.4k\Omega$$

In the region where the differential input voltage approaches 1.8V, the input resistance decreases exponentially from 45MΩ to 4.4kΩ as the diode block begins conducting. Conversely, the bias current increases with the same curve.

## Rail-to-Rail Output Stage

The MAX4040–MAX4044 output stage can drive up to a 25kΩ load and still swing to within 60mV of the rails. Figure 3 shows the output voltage swing of a MAX4040 configured as a unity-gain buffer, powered from a single +4.0V supply voltage. The output for this setup typically swings from (V<sub>EE</sub> + 10mV) to (V<sub>CC</sub> - 10mV) with a 100kΩ load.

## Applications Information

### Power-Supply Considerations

The MAX4040–MAX4044 operate from a single +2.4V to +5.5V supply (or dual ±1.2V to ±2.75V supplies) and consume only 10µA of supply current per amplifier. A high power-supply rejection ratio of 85dB allows the amplifiers to be powered directly off a decaying battery voltage, simplifying design and extending battery life.

### Power-Up Settling Time

The MAX4040–MAX4044 typically require 200µs to power up after V<sub>CC</sub> is stable. During this start-up time, the output is indeterminant. The application circuit should allow for this initial delay.

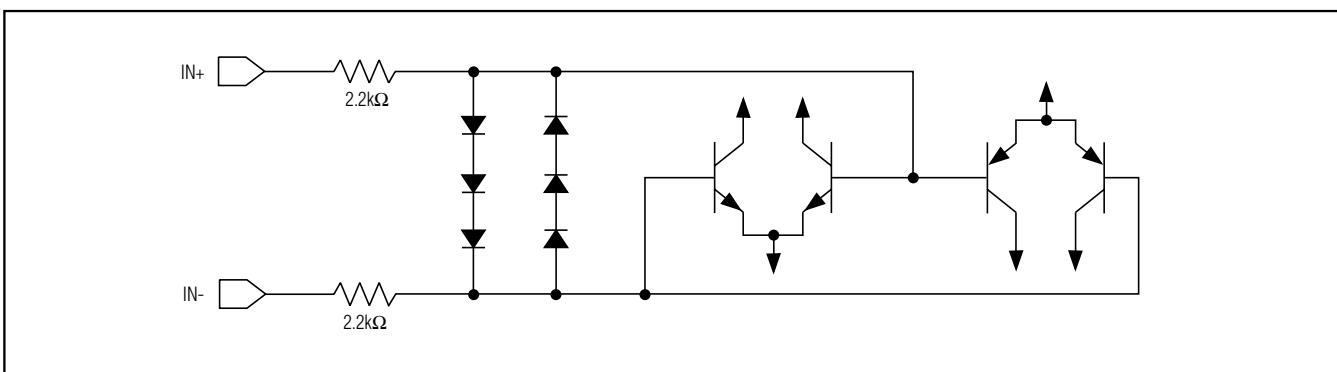


Figure 2. Input Protection Circuit

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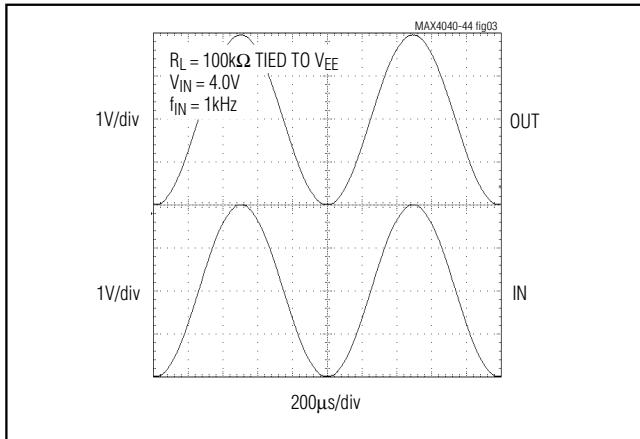


Figure 3. Rail-to-Rail Input/Output Voltage Range

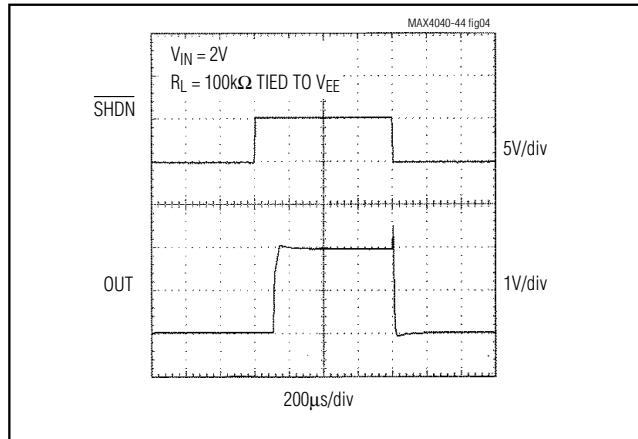


Figure 4. Shutdown Enable/Disable Output Voltage

## Shutdown Mode

The MAX4041 (single) and MAX4043 (dual) feature a low-power shutdown mode. When the shutdown pin (SHDN) is pulled low, the supply current drops to  $1\mu\text{A}$  per amplifier, the amplifier is disabled, and the outputs enter a high-impedance state. Pulling SHDN high or leaving it floating enables the amplifier. Take care to ensure that parasitic leakage current at the SHDN pin does not inadvertently place the part into shutdown mode when SHDN is left floating. Figure 4 shows the output voltage response to a shutdown pulse. The logic threshold for SHDN is always referred to  $V_{CC} / 2$  (not to GND). When using dual supplies, pull SHDN to VEE to enter shutdown mode.

## Load-Driving Capability

The MAX4040–MAX4044 are fully guaranteed over temperature and supply voltage to drive a maximum resistive load of  $25\text{k}\Omega$  to  $V_{CC} / 2$ , although heavier loads can be driven in many applications. The rail-to-rail output stage of the amplifier can be modeled as a current source when driving the load toward  $V_{CC}$ , and as a current sink when driving the load toward  $VEE$ . The magnitude of this current source/sink varies with supply voltage, ambient temperature, and lot-to-lot variations of the units.

Figures 5a and 5b show the typical current source and sink capability of the MAX4040–MAX4044 family as a function of supply voltage and ambient temperature. The contours on the graph depict the output current value, based on driving the output voltage to within  $50\text{mV}$ ,  $100\text{mV}$ , and  $200\text{mV}$  of either power-supply rail.

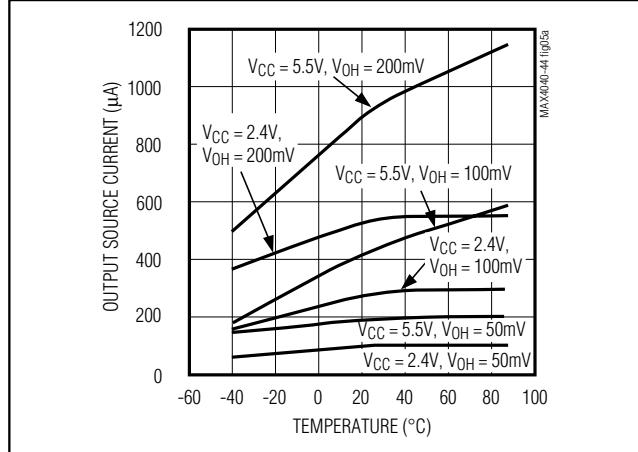


Figure 5a. Output Source Current vs. Temperature

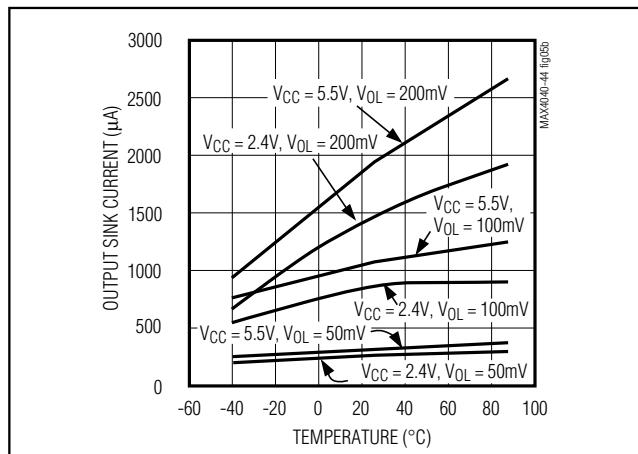


Figure 5b. Output Sink Current vs. Temperature

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For example, a MAX4040 running from a single +2.4V supply, operating at  $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ , can source  $240\mu\text{A}$  to within  $100\text{mV}$  of  $V_{CC}$  and is capable of driving a  $9.6\text{k}\Omega$  load resistor to  $V_{EE}$ :

$$R_L = \frac{2.4\text{V} - 0.1\text{V}}{240\mu\text{A}} = 9.6\text{k}\Omega \text{ to } V_{EE}$$

The same application can drive a  $4.6\text{k}\Omega$  load resistor when terminated in  $V_{CC} / 2$  (+1.2V in this case).

## Driving Capacitive Loads

The MAX4040–MAX4044 are unity-gain stable for loads up to  $200\text{pF}$  (see Load Resistor vs. Capacitive Load graph in *Typical Operating Characteristics*). Applications that require greater capacitive drive capability should use an isolation resistor between the output and the capacitive load (Figures 6a–6c). Note that this alternative results in a loss of gain accuracy because  $R_{ISO}$  forms a voltage divider with the load resistor.

## Power-Supply Bypassing and Layout

The MAX4040–MAX4044 family operates from either a single +2.4V to +5.5V supply or dual  $\pm 1.2\text{V}$  to  $\pm 2.75\text{V}$  supplies. For single-supply operation, bypass the power supply with a  $100\text{nF}$  capacitor to  $V_{EE}$  (in this case GND). For dual-supply operation, both the  $V_{CC}$  and  $V_{EE}$  supplies should be bypassed to ground with separate  $100\text{nF}$  capacitors.

Good PC board layout techniques optimize performance by decreasing the amount of stray capacitance at the op amp's inputs and output. To decrease stray capacitance, minimize trace lengths by placing external components as close as possible to the op amp. Surface-mount components are an excellent choice.

## Using the MAX4040–MAX4044 as Comparators

Although optimized for use as operational amplifiers, the MAX4040–MAX4044 can also be used as rail-to-rail I/O comparators. Typical propagation delay depends on the input overdrive voltage, as shown in Figure 7. External hysteresis can be used to minimize the risk of output oscillation. The positive feedback circuit, shown in Figure 8, causes the input threshold to change when the output voltage changes state. The two thresholds create a hysteresis band that can be calculated by the following equations:

$$V_{HYST} = V_{HI} - V_{LO}$$

$$V_{LO} = V_{IN} \times R2 / (R1 + (R1 \times R2 / R_{HYST}) + R2)$$

$$V_{HI} = [(R2 / R1 \times V_{IN}) + (R2 / R_{HYST}) \times V_{CC}] / (1 + R1 / R2 + R2 / R_{HYST})$$

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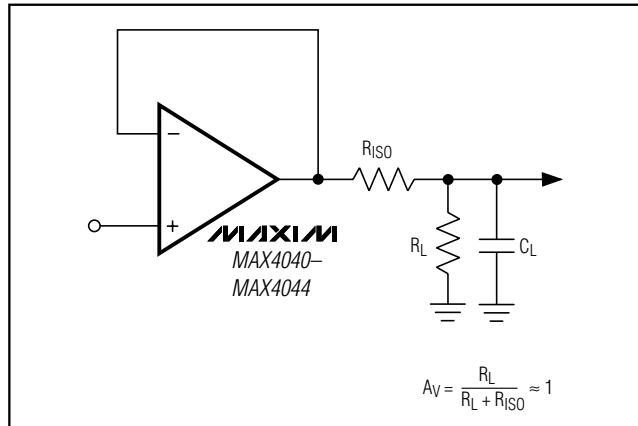


Figure 6a. Using a Resistor to Isolate a Capacitive Load from the Op Amp

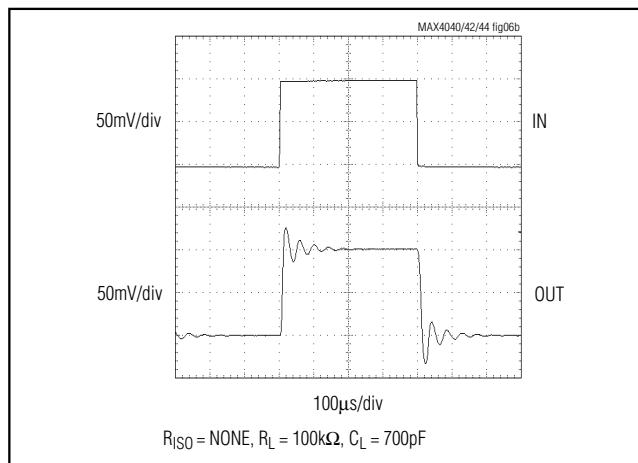


Figure 6b. Pulse Response without Isolating Resistor

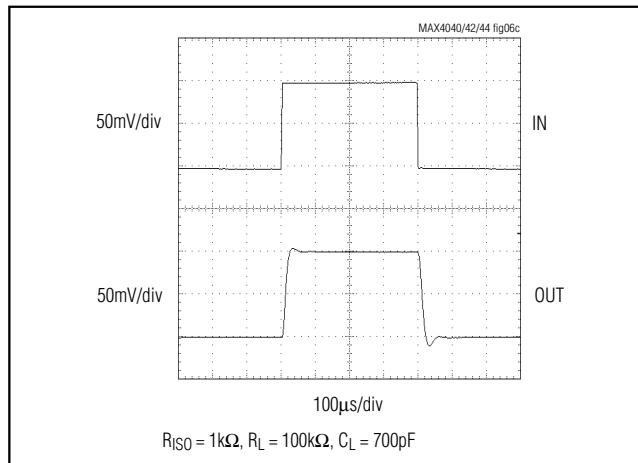


Figure 6c. Pulse Response with Isolating Resistor

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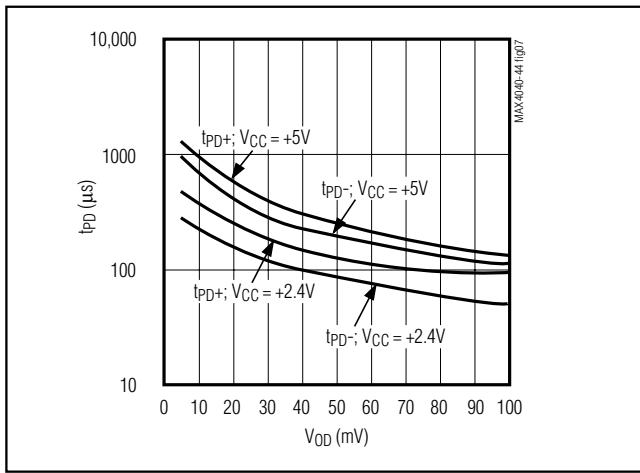


Figure 7. Propagation Delay vs. Input Overdrive

The MAX4040–MAX4044 contain special circuitry to boost internal drive currents to the amplifier output stage. This maximizes the output voltage range over which the amplifiers are linear. In an open-loop comparator application, the excursion of the output voltage is so close to the supply rails that the output stage transistors will saturate, causing the quiescent current to increase from the normal 10 $\mu$ A. Typical quiescent currents increase to 35 $\mu$ A for the output saturating at V<sub>CC</sub> and 28 $\mu$ A for the output at V<sub>EE</sub>.

### **Using the MAX4040–MAX4044 as Ultra-Low-Power Current Monitors**

The MAX4040–MAX4044 are ideal for applications powered from a battery stack. Figure 9 shows an application circuit in which the MAX4040 is used for monitoring the current of a battery stack. In this circuit, a current load is applied, and the voltage drop at the battery terminal is sensed.

The voltage on the load side of the battery stack is equal to the voltage at the emitter of Q1, due to the feedback loop containing the op amp. As the load current increases, the voltage drop across R1 and R2 increases. Thus, R2 provides a fraction of the load current (set by the ratio of R1 and R2) that flows into the emitter of the PNP transistor. Neglecting PNP base current, this current flows into R3, producing a ground-referenced voltage proportional to the load current. Scale R1 to give a voltage drop large enough in comparison to V<sub>OS</sub> of the op amp, in order to minimize errors.

The output voltage of the application can be calculated using the following equation:

$$V_{OUT} = [I_{LOAD} \times (R1 / R2)] \times R3$$

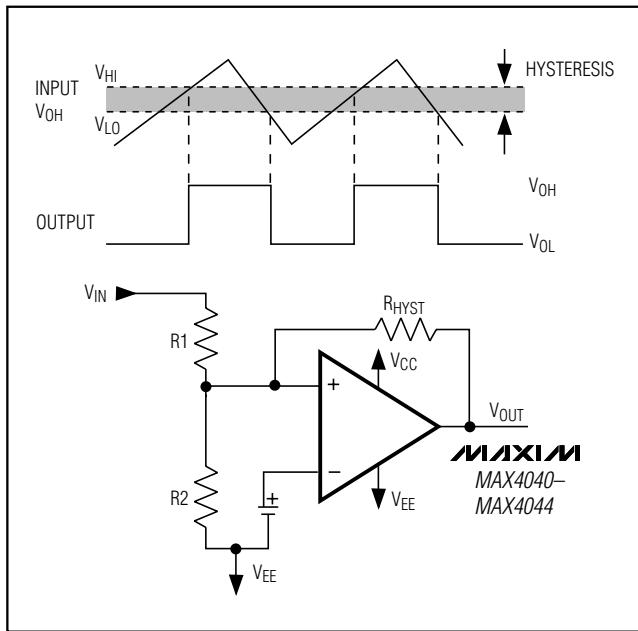


Figure 8. Hysteresis Comparator Circuit

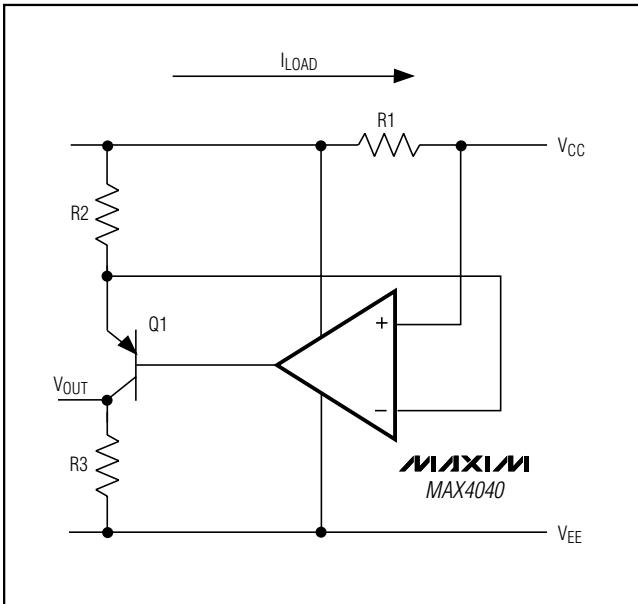


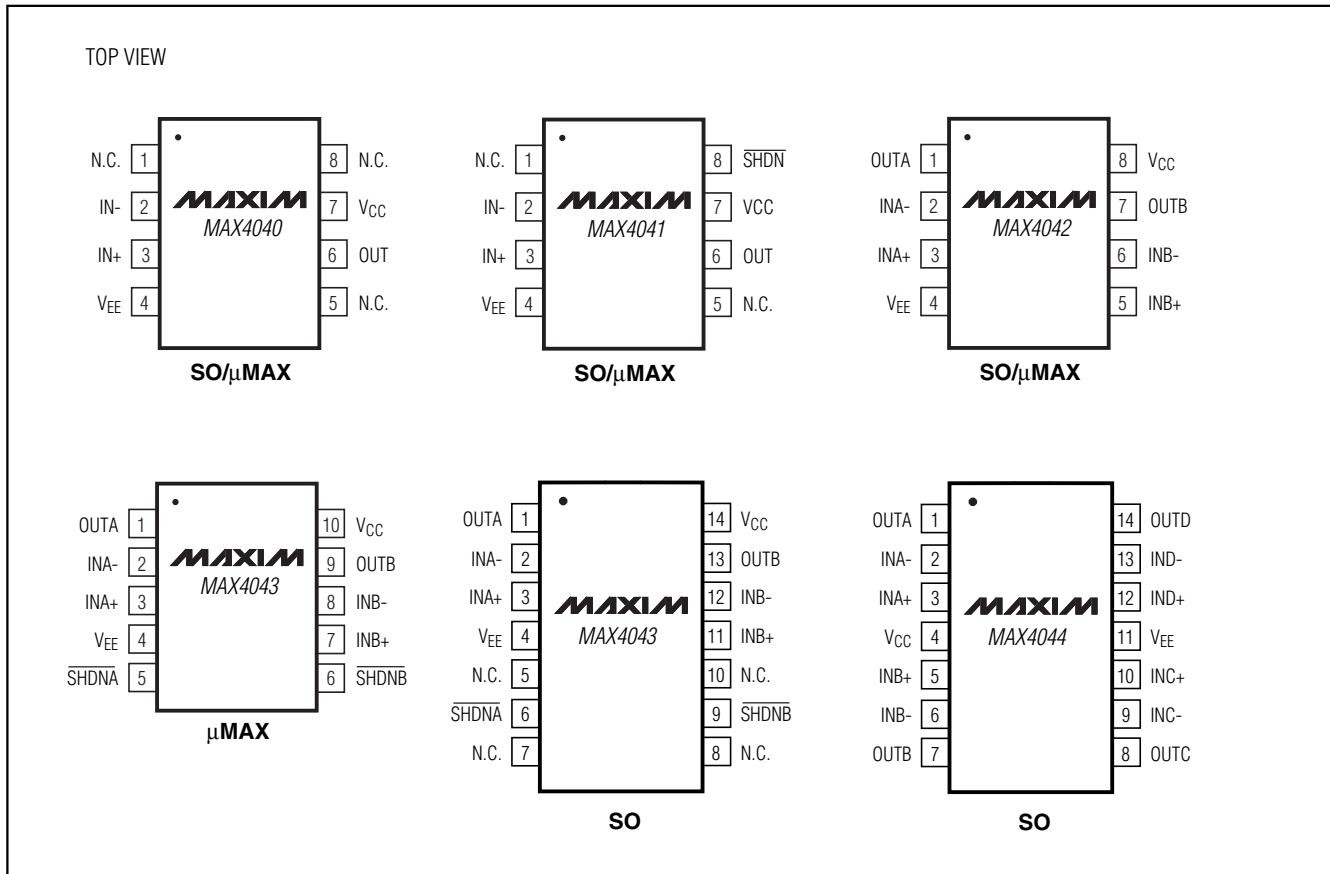
Figure 9. Current Monitor for a Battery Stack

For a 1V output and a current load of 50mA, the choice of resistors can be R1 = 2 $\Omega$ , R2 = 100k $\Omega$ , R3 = 1M $\Omega$ . The circuit consumes less power (but is more susceptible to noise) with higher values of R1, R2, and R3.

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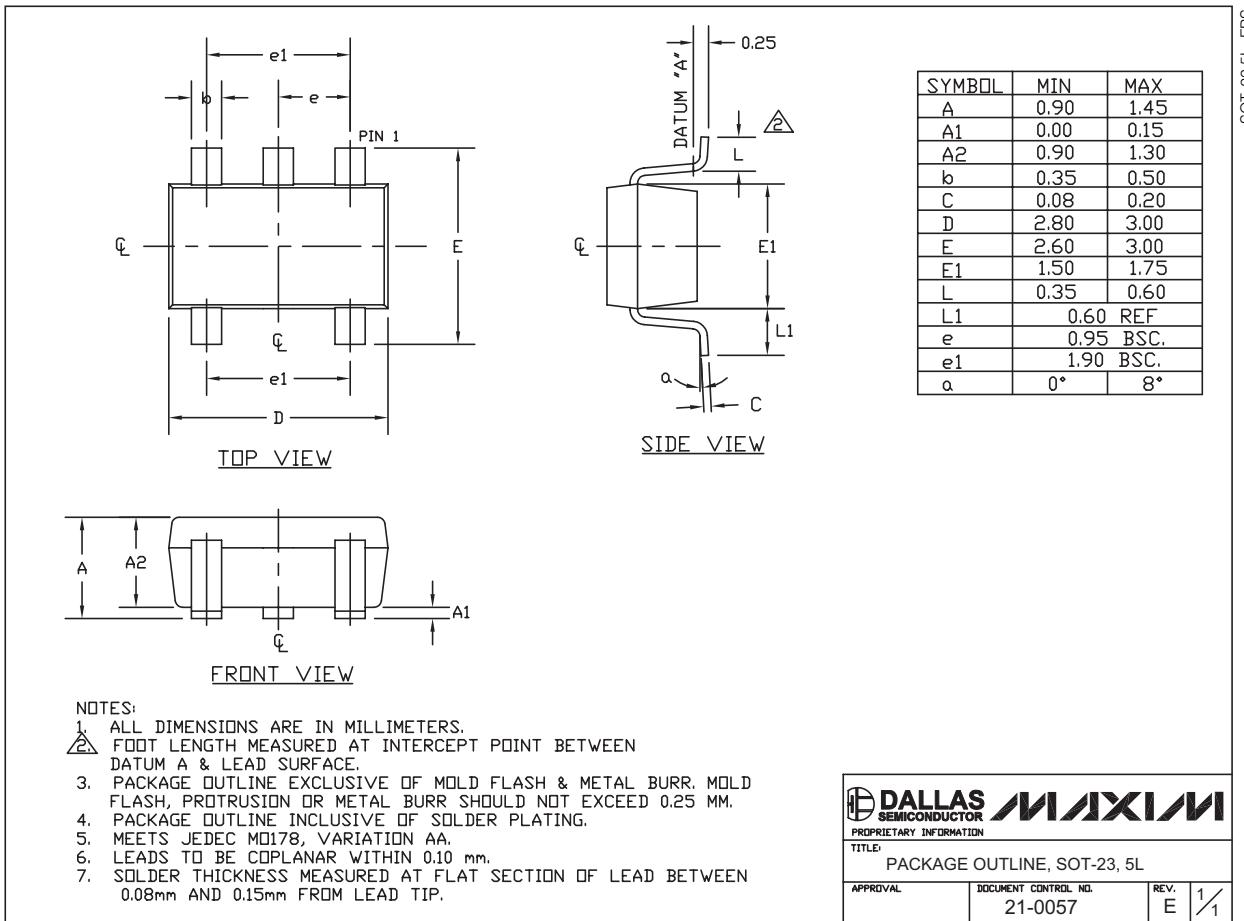
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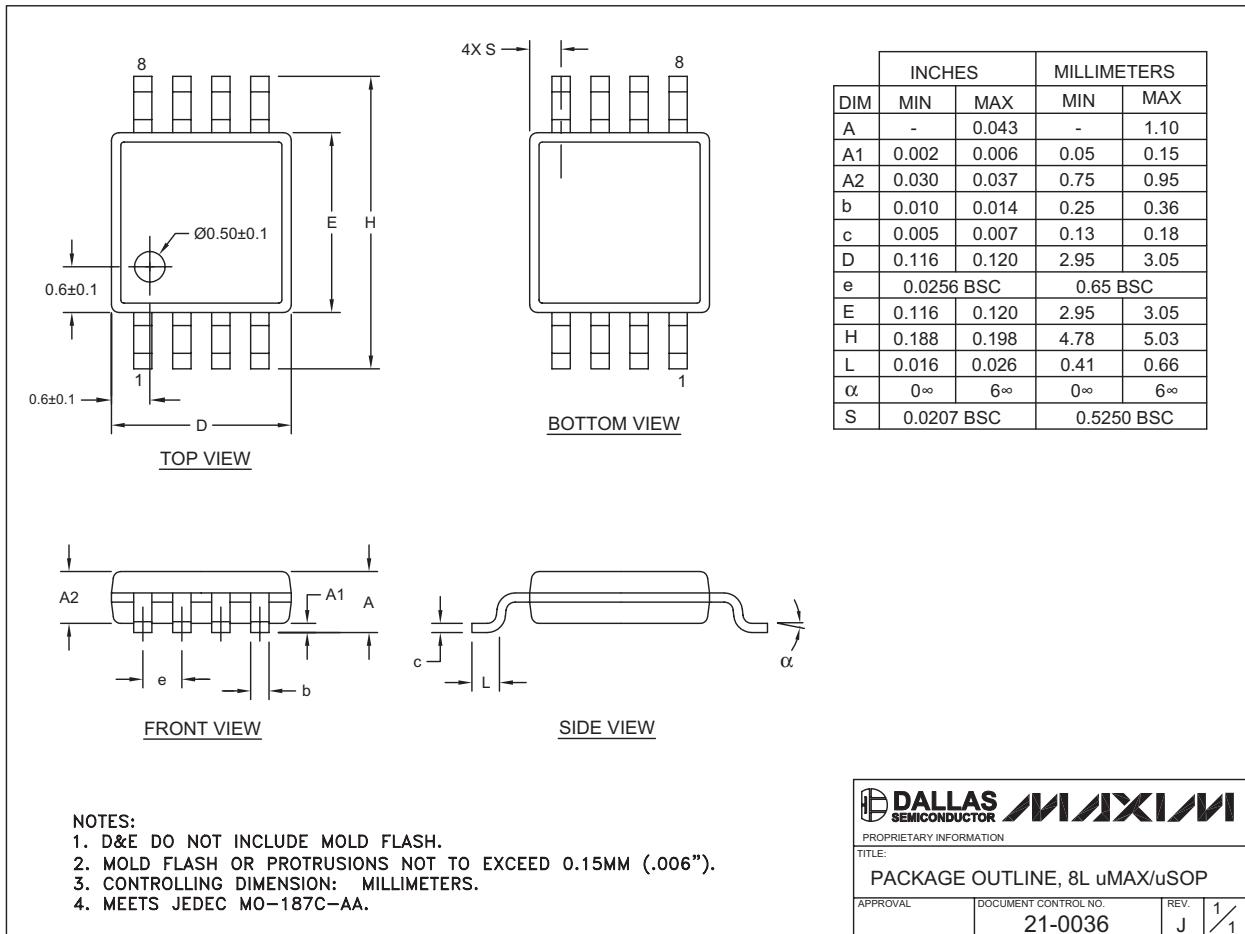
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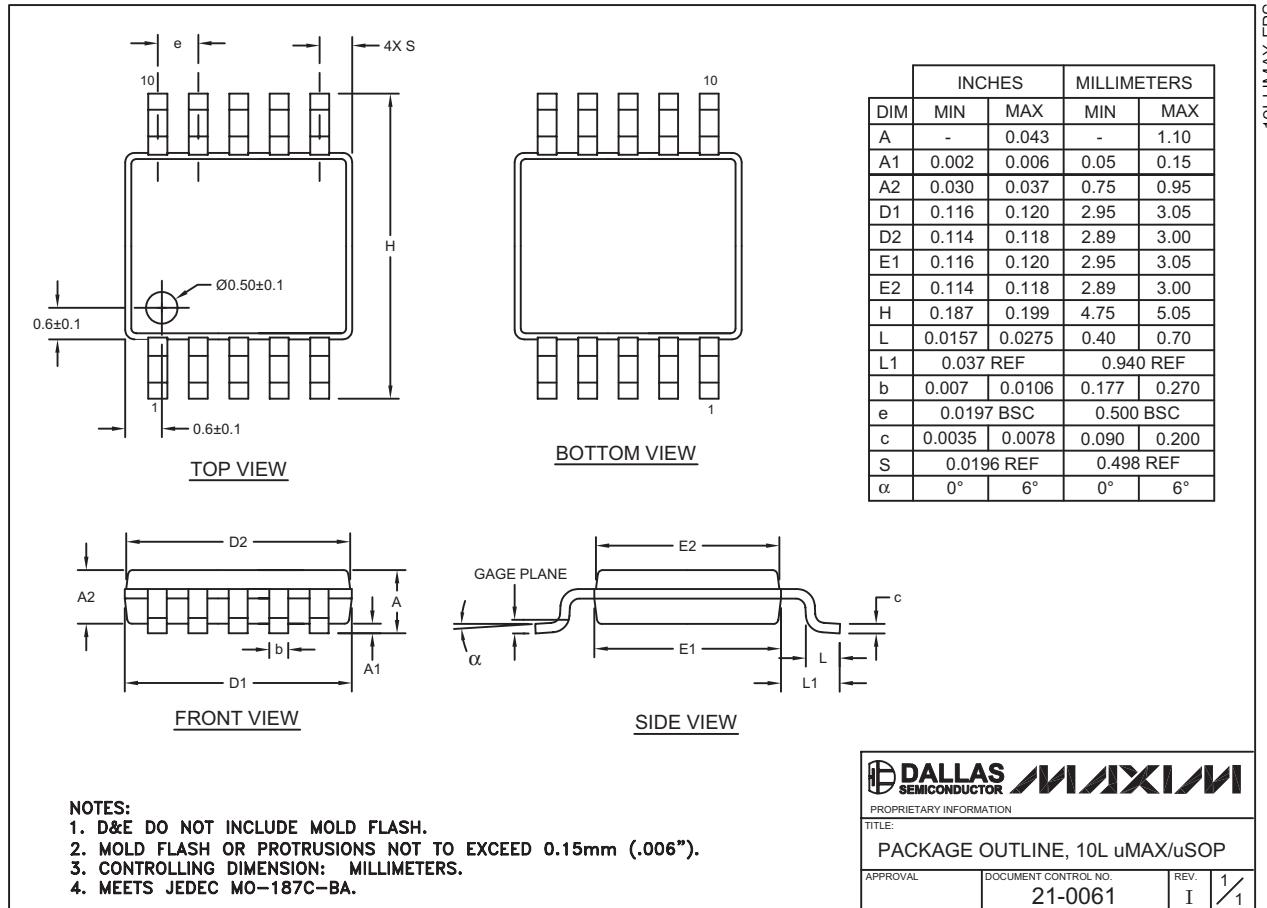
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