



# +1.0V Micropower SOT23 Comparators

MAX9100/MAX9101

## General Description

The MAX9100/MAX9101 micropower comparators are optimized for single-cell systems, and are fully specified for operation from a single supply of 1.0V to 5.5V. This ultra-low voltage operation, 5 $\mu$ A quiescent current consumption, and small footprint make the MAX9100/MAX9101 ideal for use in battery-powered systems. A wide-input common-mode range that includes the negative rail and rail-to-rail output swing allows almost all of the power supply to be used for signal voltage. In addition, propagation delay is less than 4 $\mu$ s, and rise and fall times are 100ns.

The MAX9100 features a push-pull CMOS output stage that sinks and sources current with large internal output drivers that allow rail-to-rail output swings with loads up to 5mA. The MAX9101 has an open-drain output stage that makes it suitable for mixed-voltage designs.

The MAX9100/MAX9101 are available in tiny SOT23-5 packages.

## Applications

Single-Cell Systems  
 Pagers  
 Closed Sensor Applications  
 Battery-Powered Instrumentation  
 Portable Electronic Equipment  
 Portable Communication Devices

## Features

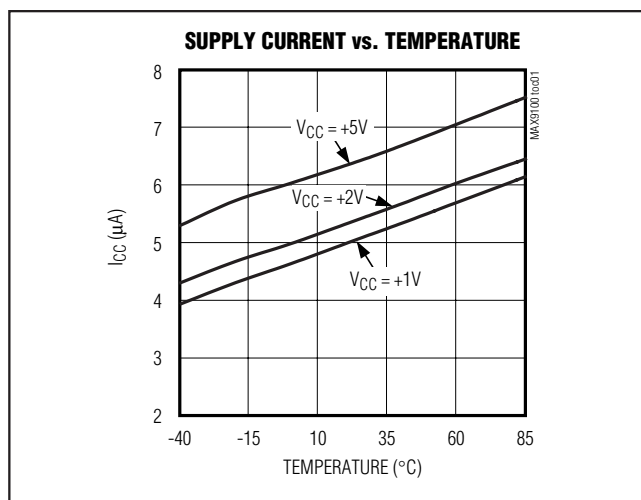
- **Ultra-Low Voltage:** Guaranteed Down to 1.0V
- **Low Quiescent Current:** 5 $\mu$ A
- **Optimized for Single-Cell Battery-Powered Systems**
- **Wide Input Common-Mode Range**
- **CMOS Rail-to-Rail Output Swing (MAX9100)**
- **Open-Drain Output (MAX9101)**
- **4 $\mu$ s Propagation Delay**
- **High Output Drive Capability: 5mA Sink and Source (MAX9100)**
- **No Output Phase Reversal for Overdriven Inputs**
- **Available in Tiny SOT23-5 Package**

## Ordering Information

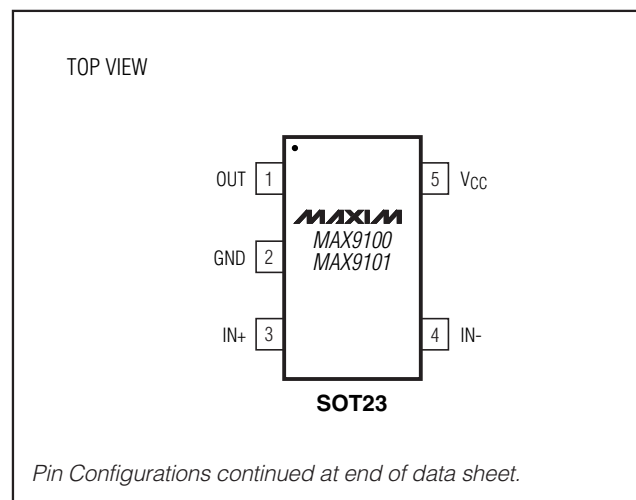
| PART         | PIN-PACKAGE | TOP MARK | PKG CODE |
|--------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| MAX9100EUK-T | 5 SOT23-5   | ADOR     | U5-1     |
| MAX9100ESA   | 8 SO        | —        | S8-2     |
| MAX9101EUK-T | 5 SOT23-5   | ADOS     | U5-1     |
| MAX9101ESA   | 8 SO        | —        | S8-2     |

**Note:** All devices specified for over -40°C to +85°C operating temperature range.

## Typical Operating Characteristic



## Pin Configurations



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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Supply Voltage ( $V_{CC}$  to GND) ..... -0.3V to +6V  
 IN+ or IN- to GND ..... -0.3V to ( $V_{CC} + 0.3V$ )  
 Current Into Input Pins .....  $\pm 20mA$   
 Output Voltages to GND  
   MAX9100 ..... -0.3V to ( $V_{CC} + 0.3V$ )  
   MAX9101 ..... -0.3V to +6V  
 Output Short-Circuit Duration (to  $V_{CC}$  or GND) ..... Continuous  
 Continuous Power Dissipation ( $T_A = +70^\circ C$ )  
   5-Pin Plastic SOT23  
   (derate 7.3mW/ $^\circ C$  above  $+70^\circ C$ ) ..... 571mW

8-Pin Plastic SO  
 (derate 5.88mW/ $^\circ C$  above  $+70^\circ C$ ) ..... 471mW  
 Operating Temperature Range .....  $-40^\circ C$  to  $+85^\circ C$   
 Junction Temperature .....  $+150^\circ C$   
 Storage Temperature Range .....  $-65^\circ C$  to  $+150^\circ C$   
 Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s) .....  $+300^\circ C$

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

( $V_{CC} = +1.2V$  to  $+5.5V$ ,  $V_{CM} = 0V$ , and  $T_A = T_{MIN}$  to  $T_{MAX}$ , unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at  $T_A = +25^\circ C$ .) (Note 1)

| PARAMETER                                | SYMBOL            | CONDITIONS                                                          | MIN | TYP       | MAX            | UNITS     |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| Supply Voltage Range                     | $V_{CC}$          | Inferred from the PSRR tests                                        | 1.0 |           | 5.5            | V         |
| Supply Current                           | $I_{CC}$          | $V_{CC} = +1V$ , $T_A = +25^\circ C$                                |     | 5.0       | 8.0            | $\mu A$   |
|                                          |                   | $V_{CC} = +5.5V$ , $T_A = T_{MIN}$ to $T_{MAX}$                     |     | 6.0       | 13.0           |           |
| Input Offset Voltage                     | $V_{OS}$          | $T_A = +25^\circ C$                                                 |     | $\pm 3$   | $\pm 10$       | mV        |
|                                          |                   | $T_A = T_{MIN}$ to $T_{MAX}$                                        |     |           | $\pm 20$       |           |
| Input Hysteresis                         | $V_{HYST}$        |                                                                     |     | $\pm 2$   |                | mV        |
| Input Offset Current                     | $I_{OS}$          | $V_{CC} = +5.5V$ , $T_A = +25^\circ C$                              |     | $\pm 0.1$ | $\pm 5$        | nA        |
|                                          |                   | $V_{CC} = +5.5V$ , $T_A = T_{MIN}$ to $T_{MAX}$                     |     |           | $\pm 10$       |           |
| Input Bias Current                       | $I_B$             | $V_{CC} = +5.5V$ , $T_A = +25^\circ C$                              |     | $\pm 5$   | $\pm 15$       | nA        |
|                                          |                   | $V_{CC} = +5.5V$ , $T_A = T_{MIN}$ to $T_{MAX}$                     |     |           | $\pm 30$       |           |
| Input Resistance                         | $R_{IN}$          | Differential mode                                                   |     | 200       |                | $M\Omega$ |
|                                          |                   | Common mode                                                         |     | 65        |                |           |
| Input Common-Mode Voltage Range (Note 2) | $V_{CM}$          | Inferred from CMRR test                                             | 0   |           | $V_{CC} - 0.2$ | V         |
| Common-Mode Rejection Ratio (Note 3)     | CMRR              | $T_A = +25^\circ C$                                                 | 54  | 68        |                | dB        |
|                                          |                   | $T_A = T_{MIN}$ to $T_{MAX}$                                        | 46  |           |                |           |
| Power-Supply Rejection Ratio             | PSRR              | $1.0V \leq V_{CC} \leq 1.5V$ , $T_A = +25^\circ C$                  | 54  | 66        |                | dB        |
|                                          |                   | $1.5V \leq V_{CC} \leq 5.5V$ , $T_A = -40^\circ C$ to $+85^\circ C$ | 56  | 68        |                |           |
| Output-Voltage High (MAX9100)            | $V_{CC} - V_{OH}$ | $V_{CC} = +5.0V$ , $I_{SOURCE} = 5mA$                               |     | 90        | 180            | mV        |
|                                          |                   | $V_{CC} = +1.2V$ , $I_{SOURCE} = 0.5mA$                             |     | 60        | 120            |           |
|                                          |                   | $V_{CC} = +1.0V$ , $I_{SOURCE} = 0.1mA$ , $T_A = +25^\circ C$       |     | 25        | 75             |           |
| Output-Voltage Low                       | $V_{OL}$          | $V_{CC} = +5.0V$ , $I_{SINK} = 5mA$                                 |     | 100       | 180            | mV        |
|                                          |                   | $V_{CC} = +1.2V$ , $I_{SINK} = 0.5mA$                               |     | 45        | 120            |           |
|                                          |                   | $V_{CC} = +1.0V$ , $I_{SINK} = 0.5mA$ , $T_A = +25^\circ C$         |     | 15        | 75             |           |

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## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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| PARAMETER                                   | SYMBOL     | CONDITIONS                                | MIN              | TYP  | MAX | UNITS   |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|------|-----|---------|
| Output Short-Circuit Current                | $I_{SC}$   | Sourcing<br>(MAX9100)                     | $V_{CC} = +5.0V$ | 25   |     | mA      |
|                                             |            |                                           | $V_{CC} = +1.2V$ | 3    |     |         |
|                                             |            | Sinking                                   | $V_{CC} = +5.0V$ | 28   |     |         |
|                                             |            |                                           | $V_{CC} = +1.2V$ | 3    |     |         |
| Output Open-Drain Leakage Current (MAX9101) | $I_{LKG}$  | $V_{CC} = +5.5V$                          |                  | 0.02 | 0.2 | $\mu A$ |
| Power-Up Time                               | $t_{PU}$   |                                           |                  | 250  |     | ns      |
| Input Capacitance                           | $C_{IN}$   |                                           |                  | 3    |     | pF      |
| Output Rise Time (MAX9100)                  | $t_{rise}$ | $C_L = 15pF$                              |                  | 100  |     | ns      |
| Output Fall Time (Note 4)                   | $t_{fall}$ | $C_L = 15pF$                              |                  | 100  |     | ns      |
| Propagation Delay (Note 5)                  | $t_{pd+}$  | $V_{OVERDRIVE} = 50mV$ , $V_{CC} = +5.0V$ |                  | 3.4  |     | $\mu s$ |
|                                             | $t_{pd-}$  | $V_{OVERDRIVE} = 50mV$ , $V_{CC} = +5.0V$ |                  | 4.5  |     |         |
|                                             | $t_{pd+}$  | $V_{OVERDRIVE} = 50mV$ , $V_{CC} = +1.0V$ |                  | 3.3  |     |         |
|                                             | $t_{pd-}$  | $V_{OVERDRIVE} = 50mV$ , $V_{CC} = +1.0V$ |                  | 3.7  |     |         |

**Note 1:** All specifications are 100% production tested at  $T_A = +25^\circ C$ . All temperature limits are guaranteed by design.

**Note 2:** Operation with  $V_{CM}$  up to  $V_{CC}$  is possible with reduced accuracy. See the *Input Stage Circuitry and Rail-to-Rail Operation* section.

**Note 3:** Tested over the specified Input Common-Mode Voltage Range and with  $V_{CC} = +5.5V$ .

**Note 4:** Specified with  $C_L = 15pF$  for MAX9100/MAX9101, and with  $R_{PULLUP} = 5k\Omega$  for MAX9101.

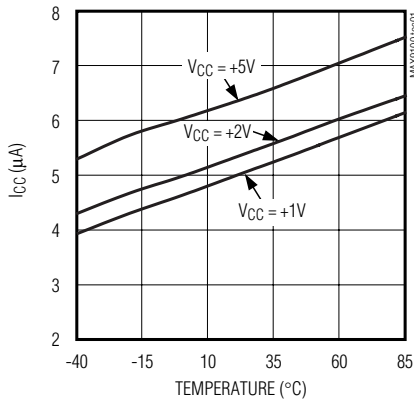
**Note 5:** Input overdrive is defined above and beyond the offset voltage and hysteresis of the comparator input.

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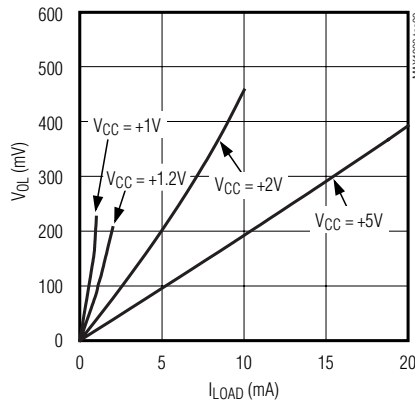
## Typical Operating Characteristics

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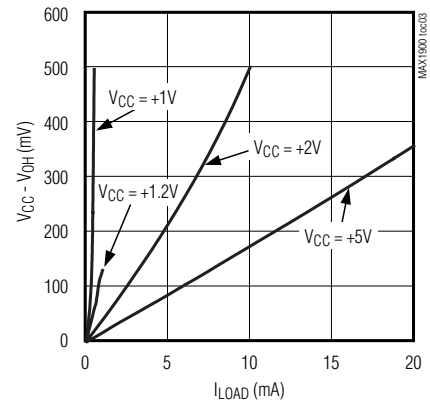
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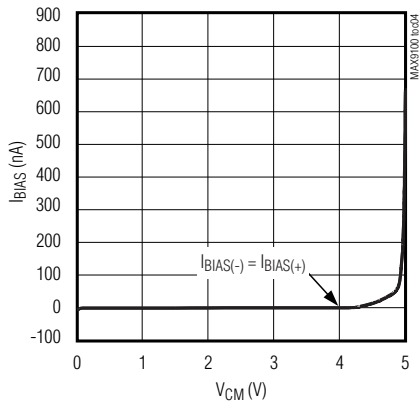
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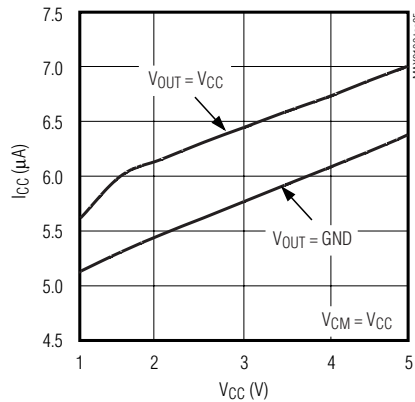
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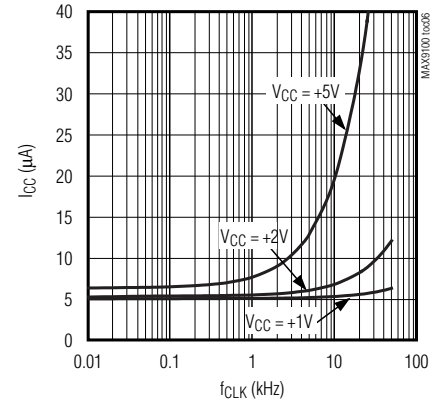
**INPUT BIAS CURRENT vs.  $V_{CM}$**



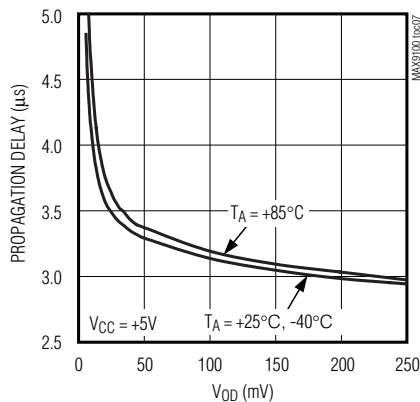
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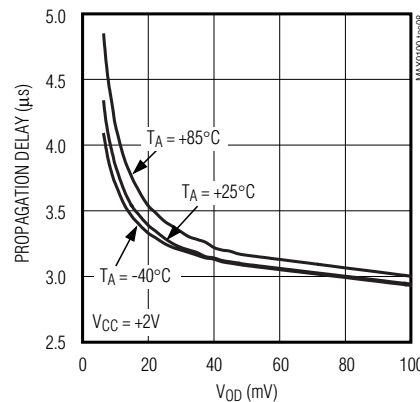
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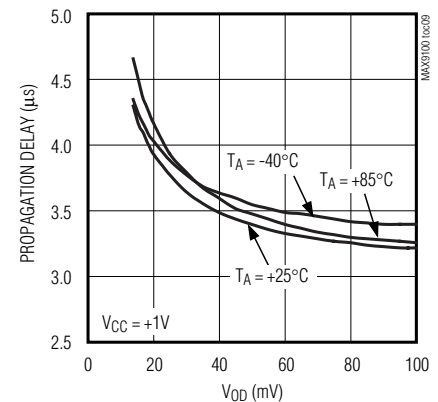
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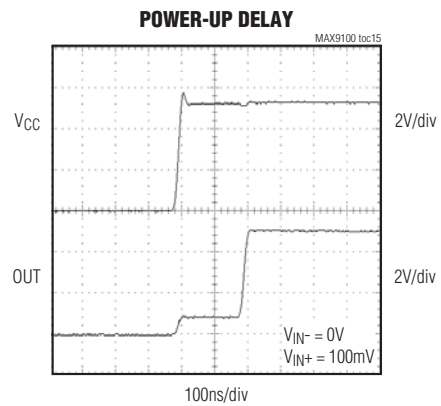
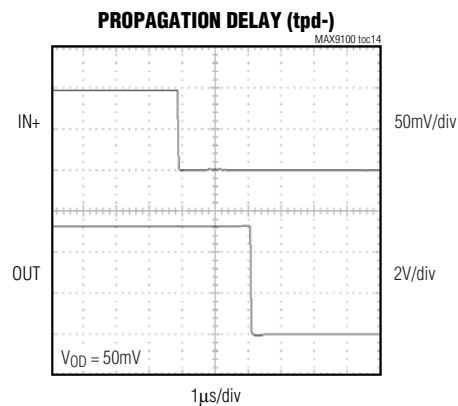
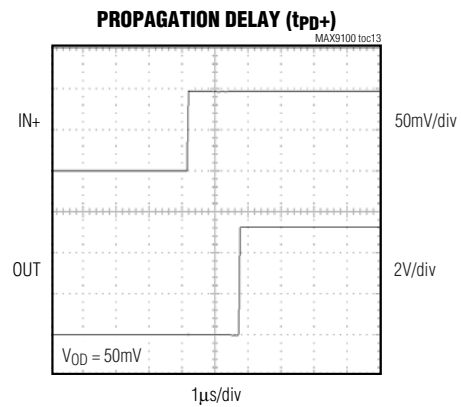
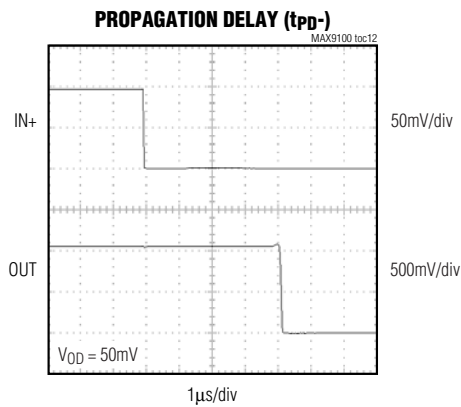
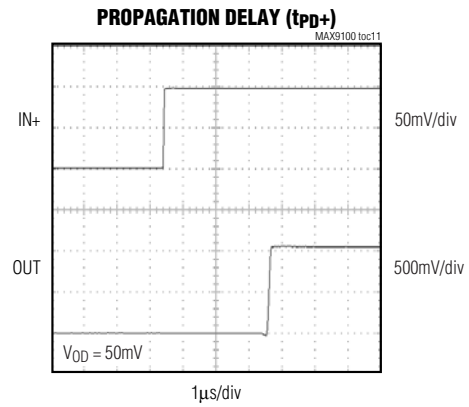
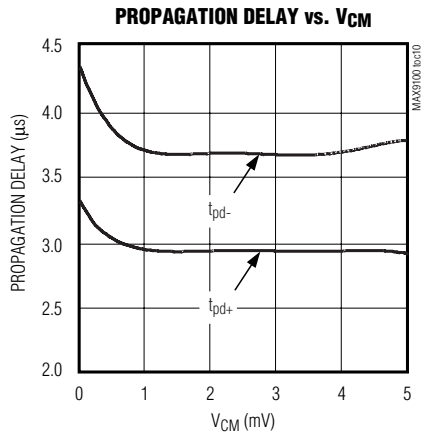
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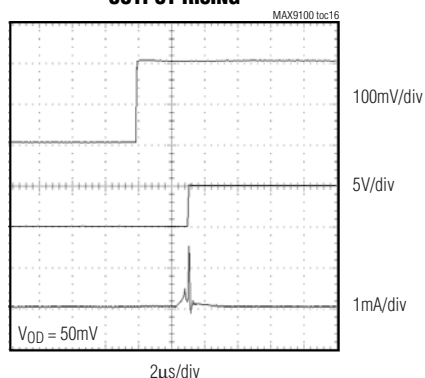


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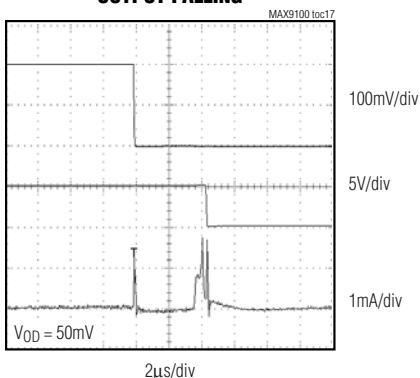
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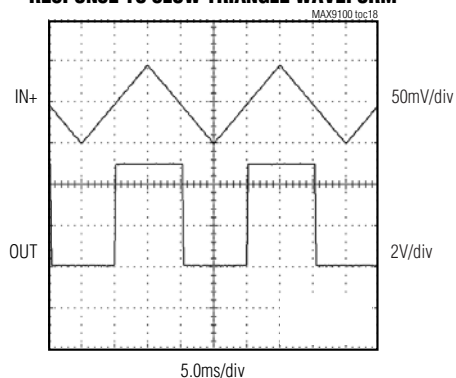
**SWITCHING CURRENT,  
OUTPUT RISING**



**SWITCHING CURRENT,  
OUTPUT FALLING**



**RESPONSE TO SLOW TRIANGLE WAVEFORM**



## Pin Description

| PIN     |         | NAME | FUNCTION                |
|---------|---------|------|-------------------------|
| SOT23-5 | SO-8    |      |                         |
| 1       | 6       | OUT  | Comparator Output       |
| 2       | 4       | GND  | Ground                  |
| 3       | 3       | IN+  | Noninverting Input      |
| 4       | 2       | IN-  | Inverting Input         |
| —       | 1, 5, 8 | N.C. | No Connection           |
| 5       | 7       | VCC  | Positive Supply Voltage |

## Detailed Description

The MAX9100/MAX9101 are low-power and ultra-low single-supply voltage comparators. They have an operating supply voltage range between +1.0V to +5.5V and consume only 5µA of quiescent supply current, while achieving 4µs propagation delay.

### Input Stage Circuitry and Rail-to-Rail Operation

The devices' input common-mode range is fully specified from 0 to ( $V_{CC} - 0.2V$ ), although full rail-to-rail input range is possible with degraded performance. These comparators may operate at any differential input voltage within these limits. Input bias current is typically  $\pm 5nA$  if the input voltage is within the specified common-mode range. Comparator inputs are protected from overvoltage by internal diodes connected to the supply rails. As the input voltage exceeds the supply rails, these diodes become forward biased and begin

to conduct. Consequently, bias currents increase exponentially as the input voltage exceeds the supply rails.

True rail-to-rail input operation is also possible. For input common-mode voltages from  $V_{CC} - 0.2V$  to  $V_{CC}$ , the input bias current will typically increase to 800nA. Additionally, the supply current will typically increase to 7µA. Otherwise, the device functions as within the specified common-mode range. See graphs in the *Typical Operating Characteristics*.

### Output Stage Circuitry

The MAX9100/MAX9101 contain a unique output stage capable of rail-to-rail operation. Many comparators consume orders of magnitude more current during switching than during steady-state operation. However, with this family of comparators, the supply-current change during an output transition is extremely small. The *Typical Operating Characteristics* graph Supply Current vs. Output Transition Frequency shows the minimal supply-current increase as the output switching frequency approaches 100kHz. This characteristic reduces the requirement for power-supply filter capacitors to reduce glitches created by comparator switching currents. This feature increases battery life in portable applications.

### Push-Pull Output (MAX9100)

The MAX9100 has a push-pull CMOS output. The output stage swings rail-to-rail under no-load conditions. External load drive capability varies with supply voltage.

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## Open-Drain Output (MAX9101)

The MAX9101 has an open-drain output, which can be pulled up to +6.0V above ground independent of the supply voltage. This is typically used with an external pullup resistor, facilitating interface between mixed logic voltages. Alternatively, multiple open-drain comparator outputs can be connected in a wired-OR configuration.

## Applications Information

### Low-Voltage Operation: $V_{CC} = 1V$

The minimum operating voltage is +1.0V. At lower supply voltages, the input common-mode range remains rail-to-rail, but the comparator's output drive capability is reduced and propagation delay increases (see the *Typical Operating Characteristics*).

### Internal Hysteresis

Hysteresis increases the comparators' noise margin by increasing the upper threshold and decreasing the lower threshold (Figure 1). This hysteresis prevents the comparator from providing multiple poles when driven with a very-slow-changing signal.

### Additional Hysteresis

These comparators have 1.0mV internal hysteresis. Additional hysteresis can be generated with two resistors using positive feedback (Figure 2). Use the following procedure to calculate resistor values:

- 1) Calculate the trip points of the comparator using these formulas:

$$V_{TH} = V_{REF} + \left( \frac{(V_{CC} - V_{REF})R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right)$$

$$V_{TL} = V_{REF} \left( 1 - \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right)$$

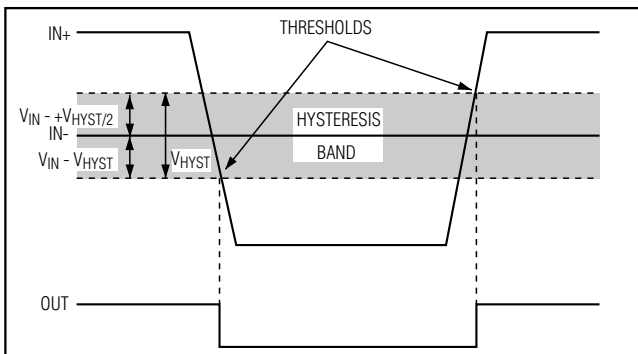


Figure 1. Threshold Hysteresis Band

$V_{TH}$  is the threshold voltage at which the comparator switches its output from high to low as  $V_{IN}$  rises above the trip point.  $V_{TL}$  is the threshold voltage at which the comparator switches its output from low to high as  $V_{IN}$  drops below the trip point.

- 2) The hysteresis band will be:

$$V_{HYS} = V_{TH} - V_{TL} = V_{CC} \left( \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right)$$

- 3) In this example, let  $V_{CC} = +5V$  and  $V_{REF} = +2.5V$ :

$$V_{TH} = 2.5 + 2.5 \left( \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right)$$

and

$$V_{TL} = 2.5 \left( 1 - \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right)$$

- 4) Select  $R_2$ . In this example, we will choose 1k $\Omega$ .
- 5) Select  $V_{HYS}$ . In this example, we will choose 50mV.
- 6) Solve for  $R_1$ :

$$V_{HYS} = V_{CC} \left( \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right)$$

$$0.050 = 5 \left( \frac{1000}{R_1 + 1000} \right)$$

where  $R_1 \approx 100k\Omega$ ,  $V_{TH} = 2.525V$ , and  $V_{TL} = 2.475V$ .

### Board Layout and Bypassing

A power-supply bypass capacitor is not normally required, but 100nF bypass capacitors can be used when the supply impedance is high or when the supply

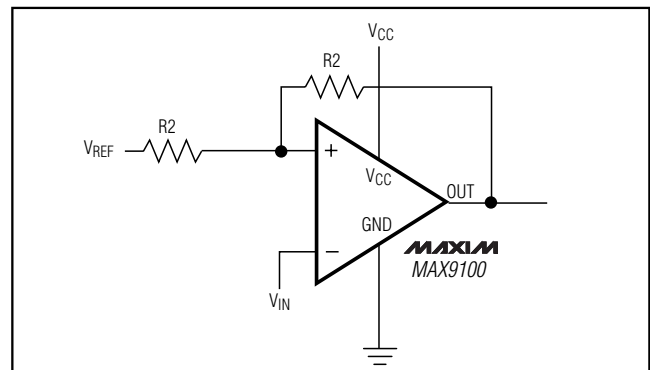


Figure 2. Additional Hysteresis (MAX9100)

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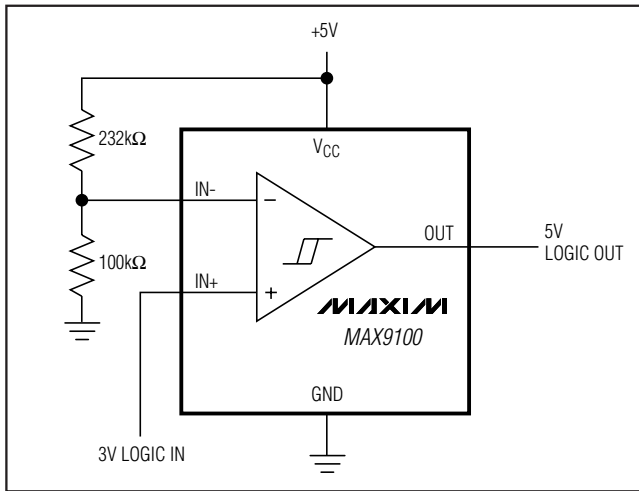


Figure 3. MAX9100 Logic-Level Translator

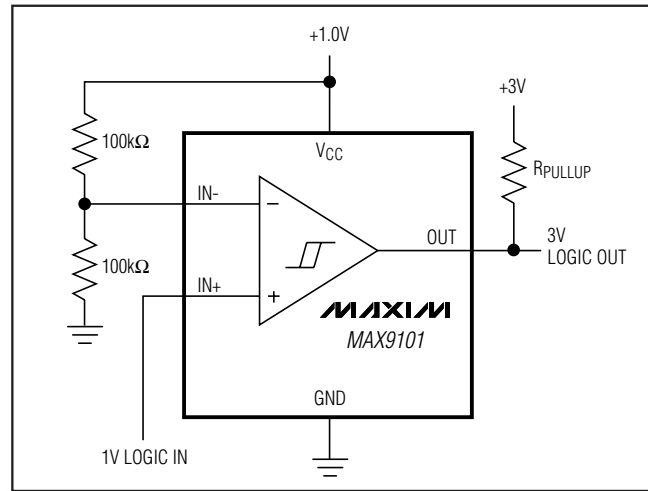


Figure 4. MAX9101 Logic-Level Translator

leads are long. Minimize signal lead lengths to reduce stray capacitance between the input and output that might cause instability.

## Typical Application

### Logic-Level Translator

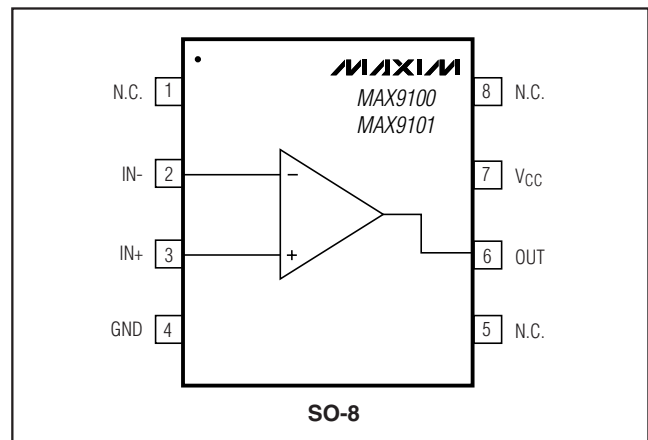
#### 3V to 5V

Figure 3 shows an application that converts 3V logic levels to 5V logic levels. The push-pull output MAX9100 is powered by the +5V supply voltage, and the inverting input is biased to +1.5V with two resistors. This configuration allows a full 5V swing at the output, maximizing the noise margin of the receiving circuit.

#### 1V to 3V

Figure 4 shows an application that converts 1V logic levels to 3V logic levels. The MAX9101 is powered by the +1V supply voltage, and the pullup resistor for the output is connected to the +3V supply voltage. The inverting input is biased to +0.5V with two resistors.

## Pin Configurations (continued)



## Chip Information

TRANSISTOR COUNT: 393

PROCESS: BiCMOS

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