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2.3W Stereo Speaker Amplifiers and DirectDrive **Headphone Amplifiers with Automatic Level Control**

General Description

The MAX9756/MAX9757/MAX9758 combine dual, 2.3W, bridge tied load (BTL) stereo audio power amplifiers and a DirectDriveTM headphone amplifier in a single device. These devices feature single-supply voltage operation, shutdown mode, logic-selectable gain, a headphone sense input, a 31-step analog volume control, and industry-leading click-and-pop suppression. The headphone amplifier uses Maxim's patent-pending DirectDrive architecture that produces a ground-referenced output from a single supply, eliminating the need for large DC-blocking capacitors.

The MAX9756/MAX9757 feature automatic level control (ALC) that automatically limits output power to the speaker in the event of an overpowered output.

The MAX9756/MAX9758s' 150mA internal linear regulator provides a complete solution for DAC- or CODECbased designs.

The MAX9756/MAX9757/MAX9758 are offered in spacesaving, thermally efficient 32-pin (5mm x 5mm x 0.8mm) and 36-pin thin QFN (6mm x 6mm x 0.8mm) packages. All devices are specified over the extended -40°C to +85°C temperature range.

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Applications

Features

- Automatic Level Control—Protects Speakers
- Analog Volume Control
- 120mW DirectDrive Headphone Amplifiers (16Ω)

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- 150mA Adjustable LDO
- Class AB, 2.3W, Stereo BTL Speaker Amplifiers **(3**Ω)
- High 95dB PSRR
- Low-Power Shutdown Mode
- Industry-Leading Click-and-Pop Suppression
- Short-Circuit and Thermal Protection
- Beep Input

Ordering Information

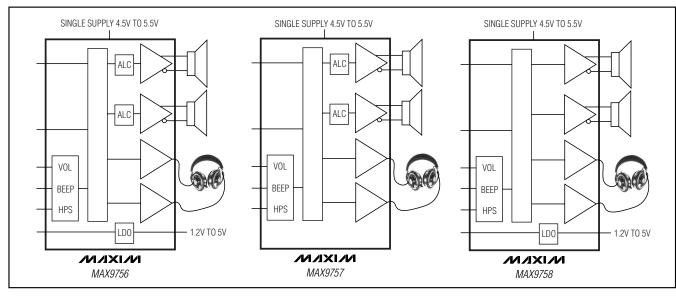
PART	ALC	LDO	PIN-PACKAGE
MAX9756ETX+	\checkmark	\checkmark	36 Thin QFN-EP*
MAX9757ETJ+		_	32 Thin QFN-EP*
MAX9758ETJ+	_	\checkmark	32 Thin QFN-EP*

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

+Denotes lead-free package. *EP = Exposed paddle.

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Simplified Block Diagrams



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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Supply Voltage (V _{DD} , PV _{DD} , HPV _{DD} , CPV _{DD} , IN to GND)+6V PGND, CPGND to GND±0.3V
CPV _{SS} , C1N, V _{SS} to GND6.0V to +0.3V
HP_to GND±3V
Any Other Pin $0.3V$ to (V _{DD} + $0.3V$)
Duration of OUT_ Short Circuit to GND or PV _{DD} Continuous
Duration of OUT_+ Short Circuit to OUTContinuous
Duration of HP_ Short Circuit to GND,
V _{SS} , or HPV _{DD} Continuous
Duration of OUT Short Circuit to GNDContinuous
Continuous Current (PV _{DD} , OUT_, PGND)1.7A
Continuous Current (CPVDD, C1N, CPGND, C1P, CPVSS,
V _{SS} , HPV _{DD} , HP_, IN, OUT)0.85A

⊧20mA
oard)
90mW
33mW
ard)
90mW
80mW
150°C
+85°C
150°C
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

 $(V_{DD} = PV_{DD} = HPV_{DD} = CPV_{DD} = IN = +5.0V$, GND = PGND = CPGND = 0, $\overline{SHDN} = V_{DD}$, $REGEN = V_{DD}$, DR = SET = GND, $C_{BIAS} = 1\mu$ F, $C_{PVSS} = 1\mu$ F, $C1 = C2 = 1\mu$ F, PREF = unconnected, speaker loads terminated between OUT_+ and OUT_-, headphone load terminated between HP_ and GND, GAIN1 = GAIN2 = GAIN3 = VOL = 0 (A_{V(SP)} = 15dB, A_{V(HP)} = 0dB), T_A = -40°C to +85°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T_A = +25°C.) (Note 1)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	со	MIN	ТҮР	MAX	UNITS		
GENERAL		·						
Supply Voltage Range	V _{DD} , PV _{DD}	Inferred from PSRF	4.5		5.5	V		
Headphone Supply Voltage	HPVDD	Inferred from PSRF	R test	3.0		5.5	V	
Quiescent Supply Current		$I_{DD} = I_{VDD} +$	HPS = GND, speaker mode, $R_L = \infty$		14	29	mA	
	IDD	IHPVDD + ICPVDD	HPS = 5V, headphone mode, $R_L = \infty$		7	13	ША	
Shutdown Supply Current	ISHDN	SHDN = REGEN =	GND		0.2	5	μA	
Bias Voltage	VBIAS			2.2	2.43	2.65	V	
Switching Time	tsw	Gain or input switc	hing		10		μs	
Input Resistance	R _{IN}	INL and INR		10	20	30	kΩ	
Turn-On Time	tSON			25		ms		
SPEAKER AMPLIFIERS (HPS =	GND)							
Output Offset Voltage	V _{OS}	Measured between OUT_+ and OUT, T _A = +25°C			±0.4	±15	mV	
		$PV_{DD} = 4.5V$ to 5.5V, $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$		75	95		dB	
Power-Supply Rejection Ratio (Note 2)	PSRR	f = 1kHz, VRIPPLE =		83				
(NOTE 2)		f = 10kHz, VRIPPLE		68				
			$R_L = 8\Omega$	0.9	1.3			
Output Power (Note 3)	Pout	THD+N = 1%, f = $^{-1}$ (T _A = +25°C)	$R_L = 4\Omega$		2.0		W	
		(1A - +23 C)	$(T_A = +25^{\circ}C)$ $R_L = 3\Omega$		2.3			
Total Harmonic Distortion Plus		$R_L = 8\Omega$, BTL $P_{OUT} = 1W$, f = 1kHz			0.009		0/	
Noise	THD+N	$R_L = 4\Omega$, BTL $P_{OUT} = 1W$, f = 1kHz			0.015		%	
Signal-to-Noise Ratio	SNR	$R_L = 8\Omega$, BTL P_{OU} 22kHz, unweighted	$R_L = 8\Omega$, BTL P _{OUT} = 1W, BW = 22Hz to		92		dB	
		$R_L = 8\Omega$, BTL POU		95				



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PARAMETER	SYMBOL		CONDITIO	NS	MIN	ТҮР	МАХ	UNITS	
Noise	Vn	BW = 22Hz t		0		71		μV _{RMS}	
	0	1	measured at output, input at AC GND			000			
Capacitive-Load Drive	CL	No sustained				200		pF	
Crosstalk	00	L to R, R to L				80		dB	
Slew Rate	SR	Measured be	-			1.3		V/µs	
		GAIN3 = 0	GAIN2 = 0			15			
		GAIN3 = 0	GAIN2 = 0			16.5			
		GAIN3 = 0	GAIN2 = 1	GAIN1 = 0		18		4	
Gain (Maximum Volume Settings)	AVMAX	GAIN3 = 0	GAIN2 = 1	GAIN1 = 1		19.5		dB	
(Note 4)	(SPKR)	GAIN3 = 1	GAIN2 = 0	GAIN1 = 0		21		GD .	
		GAIN3 = 1	GAIN2 = 0	GAIN1 = 1		22.5			
		GAIN3 = 1	GAIN2 = 1	GAIN1 = 0		24.0			
		GAIN3 = 1	GAIN2 = 1	GAIN1 = 1		25.5			
Click and Dan Lough	K	Peak voltage, 32 samples/second, A weighted (Note 5)		Into shutdown		65			
Click-and-Pop Level	KCP			Out of shutdown		38.5		dBV	
HEADPHONE AMPLIFIERS (HPS	= V _{DD})								
Output Offset Voltage	VOS(HP)	$T_A = +25^{\circ}C$				±2	±7	mV	
		$HPV_{DD} = 3V \text{ to } 5.5V, T_A = +25^{\circ}C$		70	90				
Power-Supply Rejection Ratio	PSRR	$f = 1 kHz, V_{RIPPLE} = 200 mV_{P-P}$				72		dB	
(Note 2)		$f = 10 kHz, V_{RIPPLE} = 200 mV_{P-P}$				70			
	_	THD+N = 1%, f = 1kHz $R_L = 32\Omega$		40	68				
Output Power (Note 3)	Pout	$(T_A = +25^{\circ}C)$		$R_L = 16\Omega$		130		mW	
Total Harmonic Distortion Plus		$R_L = 32\Omega$, V($OUT = 1V_{RMS}$	f = 1kHz		0.02			
Noise	THD+N	$R_L = 16\Omega, V_C$				0.04		%	
		$R_L = 32\Omega, BT$ BW = 22Hz t	ΓL P _{OUT} = 65 ο 22kHz, unw			97			
Signal-to-Noise Ratio	SNR	$R_L = 32\Omega, BT$	$R_L = 32\Omega$, BTL P _{OUT} = 65W, BW = 22Hz to 22kHz, A weighted		100		dB		
Noise	Vn	BW = 22Hz t				20.4		μVRMS	
Capacitive-Load Drive	CL	No sustained	loscillations			200		pF	
Crosstalk		L to R, R to L	, f = 10kHz			60		dB	
Slew Rate	SR					1.4		V/µs	
Gain (Maximum Volume Settings)		GAIN2 = 0, HPS = 1				0			
(Note 6)	AVMAX(HP)	GAIN2 = 1, H				3.0		dB	
Click-and-Pop Level	Kop	Peak voltage samples/sec	, 32	Into shutdown		62			
	KCP	A weighted (Out of shutdown		50		dBV	

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS		MIN	ТҮР	MAX	UNITS
CHARGE PUMP							
Charge-Pump Frequency	fosc			500	550	600	kHz
VOLUME CONTROL							
VOL Input Impedance	Rvol				100		MΩ
VOL Input Hysteresis					10		mV
Full Mute Voltage		(Note 7)			0.858 x HPV _{DD}		V
Full Mute Attenuation		f _{IN} = 1kHz			-85		dB
Input Impedance	R _{VOL}	Any gain setting	g		100		MΩ
		$A_V = +15$ dB to			±0.2		
Channel Matching		$A_V = -2dB$ to -2	OdB		±0.3		dB
-		$A_V = -22 dB$ to -	56dB		±1.0		
BEEP INPUT		•					
Beep Signal Amplitude Threshold		$T_A = +25^{\circ}C, R_B$ section)	$_{3}$ = 47k Ω (see <i>BEEP Input</i>	0.3			V
Beep Signal Frequency Threshold		T _A = +25°C		300			Hz
AUTOMATIC LEVEL CONTROL S	PEAKER AN	/ IPLIFIER (MAX9)756/MAX9757)				
PREF Threshold Accuracy		$R_{PREF} = 180 k\Omega$			5	8.1	%
Maximum Gain Compression				6.0	6.3		dB
Attack Time		$C_T = 1\mu F$ (Note	8)		15		ms
Hold Time		Time between a	attack and release phases		50		ms
		C _T = 1μF,	$0V < V_{DR} < (0.3V \times V_{DD})$		30		
Release Time (Note 9)		release from	$0.4V < V_{DR} < (0.6V \times V_{DD})$		9.5		S
		6dB 0.8V < V _{DR} < V _{DD} 3	3]		
DR INPUT (TRI-STATE INPUT)							
DR Input Voltage High	V _{DRH}			0.8 x V _{DD}		V _{DD}	V
DR Input Voltage Middle	V _{DRM}			0.4 x V _{DD}		0.6 x V _{DD}	V
DR Input Voltage Low	VDRL			0		0.3 x V _{DD}	V
Input Leakage Current		$0V \le V_{DR} \le V_{DR}$)			±1	μA
LOGIC INPUTS (GAIN_, SHDN, R	EGEN)	-					
Input High Voltage	VIH			2			V
Input Low Voltage	VIL					0.8	V
Input Leakage Current	lin					±1	μA

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS		MIN	ТҮР	MAX	UNITS	
LOGIC INPUT HEADPHONE (HPS	5)							
Input High Voltage	VIH				2			V
Input Low Voltage	VIL						0.8	V
HPS Pullup Current						35		μΑ
LOW-DROPOUT LINEAR REGUL	ATOR							
Input Voltage Range	VIN	Inferred from line regu	ulation		3.5		5.5	V
Supply (Oround) Ourront	1-	$I_{OUT} = 0mA, \overline{SHDN} =$	GND			100	160	
Supply (Ground) Current	lQ	$I_{OUT} = 150 \text{mA}$				350		μA
Shutdown Current	ISHDN	REGEN = 0V				0.1	3	μΑ
Output Current	IOUT				150			mA
Fixed Output Voltage Accuracy		I _{OUT} = 1mA					±1.5	%
Adjustable Output Voltage Range					VSET		4.85	V
SET Reference Voltage	VSET				1.19	1.21	1.23	V
SET Dual-Mode Threshold						200		mV
SET Input Leakage Current	ISET					±20	±500	nA
Dropout Voltage (Note 10)	ΔV_{OD}	$V_{OUT} = 4.65V$ (fixed output operation)	IOUT =	= 50mA		25	50	m)/
Dropout Voltage (Note 10)			IOUT =	= 150mA		100	150	mV
Output Current Limit	ILIM					300		mA
Startup Time						20		μs
Line Regulation		$V_{IN} = 3.5V$ to 5.5V, $V_{OUT} = 2.5V$, $I_{OUT} = 1mA$		-0.1	+0.01	+0.1	%/V	
Load Regulation		V _{OUT} = 4.65V, 1mA < I _{OUT} < 150mA			0.5		%	
Dinale Dejection				f = 1kHz		60		alD
Ripple Rejection		$V_{RIPPLE} = 200 mV_{P-P}$	$PPLE = 200 \text{mV}_{P-P} \qquad f = 10$			50		dB
Output Voltage Noise		20Hz to 22kHz, $C_{OUT} = 2 \times 1 \mu$ F, I _{OUT} = 150mA, V _{OUT} = 4.65V				100		μV _{RMS}

Note 1: All devices are 100% production tested at room temperature. All temperature limits are guaranteed by design.

Note 2: PSRR is specified with the amplifier input connected to GND through RIN and CIN.

Note 3: Output power levels are measured with the TQFN's exposed paddle soldered to the ground plane.

Note 4: Speaker path gain is defined as: $A_{VSPKR} = (V_{OUT+} - V_{OUT-})/V_{IN}$).

Note 5: Speaker mode testing performed with 8Ω resistive load connected across BTL output. Headphone mode testing performed with 32Ω resistive load connected between HP_ and GND. Mode transitions are controlled by SHDN.

Note 6: Headphone path gain is defined as: $A_{VHP} = V_{HP} / V_{IN}$.

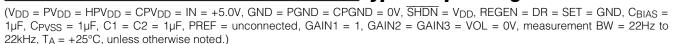
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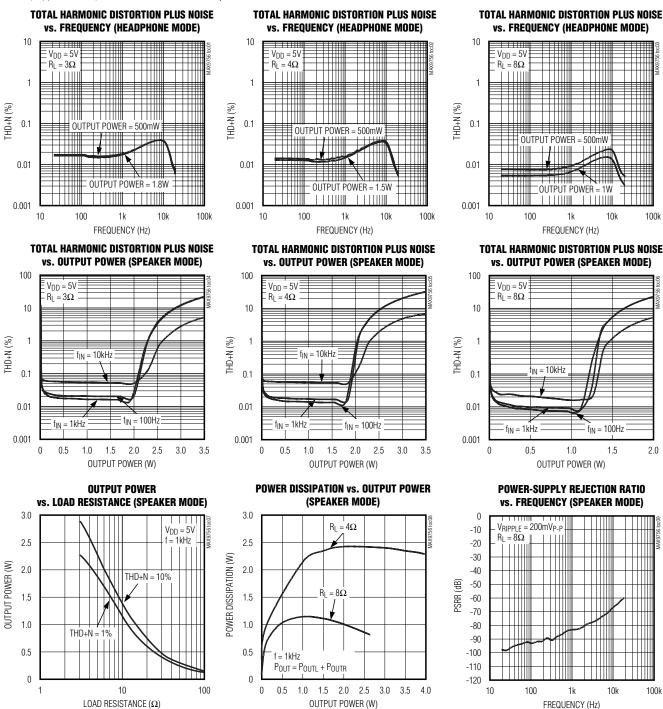
Note 8: Attack envelope is exponential. Attack time is defined as the $15 \times 10^3 \times C_T$.

Note 9: Time for the gain to return to within 10% of nominal gain setting after the input signal has fallen below the PREF threshold. Release is linear in dB. Release time is proportional to magnitude of gain compression.

Note 10: Dropout voltage is defined as $(V_{IN} - V_{OUT})$ when V_{OUT} is 2% below the value of V_{OUT} for $V_{IN} = V_{OUT(NOM)} + 1V$.

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Typical Operating Characteristics

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10k

100k

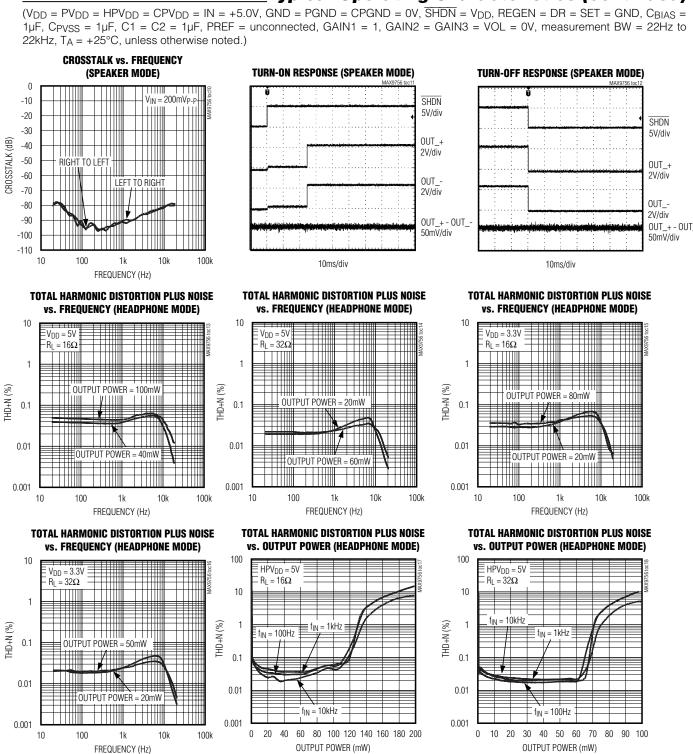
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 $f_{IN} = 100$ Hz

1.5

2.0

100k



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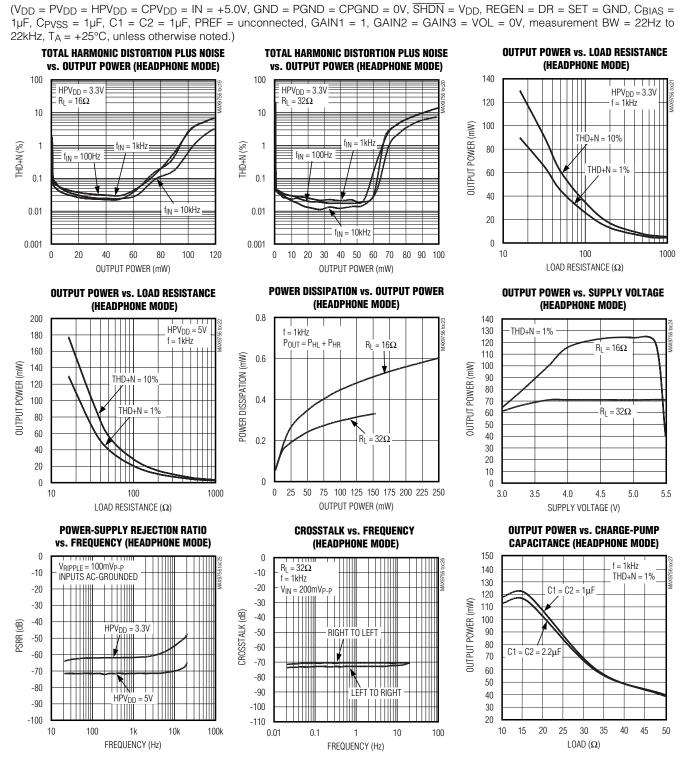
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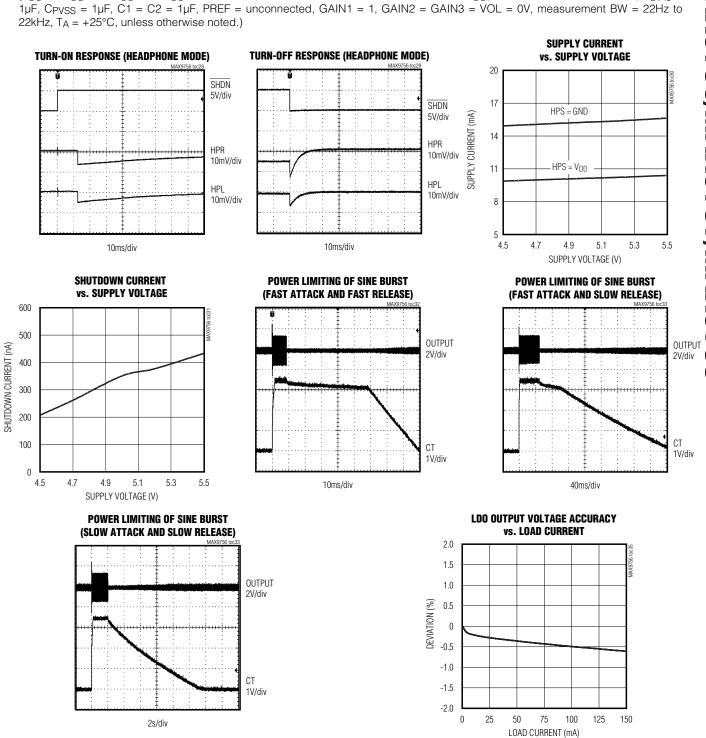


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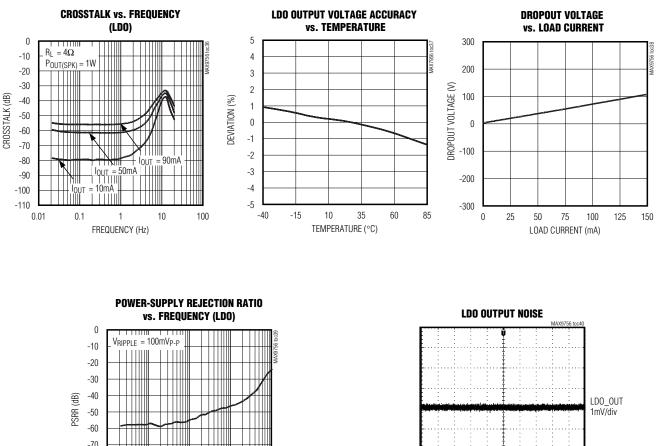
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Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)



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200µs/div

-70 -80 -90 -100 10 100 1k 10k 100k FREQUENCY (Hz)

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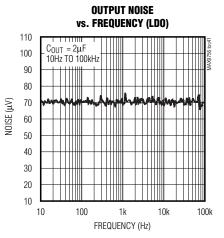
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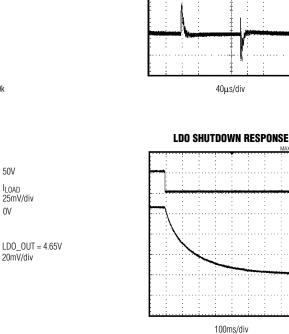
LINE-TRANSIENT RESPONSE

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LOAD-TRANSIENT RESPONSE

20µs/div



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Pin Description

5.5V

 V_{IN} 500mV/div

4.5V

LDO_OUT

20mV/div

REGEN

5V/div

LDO_OUT 1V/div

PIN		PIN		EUNCTION			
MAX9756	MAX9757	MAX9758	NAME	FUNCTION			
1	32	32	INL	Left-Channel Audio Input			
2	1	1	GAIN1	Gain Control Input 1			
3	2	2	GAIN2	Gain Control Input 2			
4	3	3	GAIN3	Gain Control Input 3			
5	4	4	BEEP	Audible Alert Beep Input			
6, 22	5, 21	5, 21	PGND	Power Ground			
7	6	6	OUTL+	Left-Channel Positive Speaker Output			
8	7	7	OUTL-	Left-Channel Negative Speaker Output			
9,19	8,18	8, 18	PVDD	Speaker Amplifier Power Supply. Bypass with 1µF ceramic capacitor to PGND.			

0V

PIN							
MAX9756	MAX9757	MAX9758	NAME	FUNCTION			
10	9	9	CPVDD	Charge-Pump Power Supply. Bypass with 1µF ceramic capacitor to CPGND.			
11	10	10	C1P	Charge-Pump Flying-Capacitor Positive Terminal. Connect a 1μ F capacitor from C to C1N.			
12	11	11	CPGND	Charge-Pump Ground			
13	12	12	C1N	Charge-Pump Flying-Capacitor Negative Terminal. Connect a 1µF capacitor from C1P to C1N.			
14	13	13	CPVSS	Charge-Pump Negative Output. Connect to VSS.			
15	14	14	V _{SS}	Headphone Amplifier Negative Power Supply. Bypass with 1μ F ceramic capacitor to GND.			
16	15	15	HPR	Right Headphone Output			
17	16	16	HPL	Left Headphone Output			
18	17	17	HPVDD	Headphone Positive Power Supply. Bypass with 1µF ceramic capacitor to GND.			
20	19	19	OUTR-	Right-Channel Negative Speaker Output			
21	20	20	OUTR+	Right-Channel Positive Speaker Output			
23	22	22	HPS	Headphone Sense Input. Leave HPS unconnected if automatic headphone sensing is not used.			
24		23	REGEN	LDO Enable. Connect REGEN to V_{DD} to enable the LDO. Connect to GND to disable LDO.			
25	23	_	DR	Automatic Level Control Attack to Release Time Ratio Select. Hardwired to V_{DD} , GND, or BIAS to set the attack to release ratio; see the <i>ALC</i> section.			
26	24	24	BIAS	Common-Mode Bias Voltage. Bypass with a 1.0µF capacitor to GND.			
27	25	25	SHDN	Shutdown Input. Drive \overline{SHDN} low to disable the audio amplifiers. Connect \overline{SHDN} to V_{DD} for normal operation.			
28	26	26	VOL	Analog Volume Control Input			
29	27	—	PREF	Power-Limiting Input. Connect a resistor from PREF to GND to set the speaker output clamping level. Leave PREF unconnected to disable ALC; see the <i>ALC section</i> .			
30	_	27	SET	Regulator Feedback Input. Connect to GND for 4.65V fixed output. Connect to resistor-divider for adjustable output; see the <i>Low-Dropout Linear Regulator</i> section.			
31	28	28	GND	Ground			
32	29	_	V _{DD}	Power Supply			
33		—	IN	LDO Input. Bypass with two 1µF ceramic capacitors to GND.			
34	_	30	OUT	LDO Output. Bypass with two 1µF ceramic capacitors to GND.			
35	30	—	СТ	Automatic Level Control Attack and Release Timing Capacitor. Connect CT to GN to disable ALC; see the <i>ALC section</i> .			
36	31	31	INR	Right-Channel Audio Input			
_	_	29	V _{DD}	Power-Supply and LDO Input. Bypass with two 1µF ceramic capacitors to GND.			
EP	EP	EP	EP	Exposed Pad. The external pad lowers the package's thermal impedance by providing a direct-heat conduction path from the die to the PC board. Connect the exposed thermal pad to GND.			

Pin Description (continued)

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Detailed Description

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The MAX9756/MAX9757 feature ALC that automatically controls output power to the speaker, preventing loud-speaker, overload and provides optimized dynamic range.

The MAX9756/MAX9757/MAX9758 feature 31-step analog volume control and a BEEP input. The amplifier gain is pin programmable. These devices feature clickand-pop suppression, eliminating the need for discrete muting circuitry. Speaker and headphone outputs have short-circuit and thermal protection.

The MAX9756/MAX9758s' internal LDO features Maxim's Dual Mode[™] feedback. The LDO output voltage is either fixed at 4.65V (SET = GND), or adjusted between 1.23V and 5V using a resistive divider at SET. The LDO delivers up to 150mA of continuous current, and can be enabled independently from the audio amplifiers. Short-circuit and thermal-overload protection are provided for the LDO.

All devices feature a single-supply voltage, a shutdown mode, logic-selectable gain, and a headphone sense input. Industry-leading click-and-pop suppression eliminates audible transients during power and shutdown cycles.

Each signal path consists of an input amplifier that sets the signal-path gain and feeds both the speaker and headphone amplifiers (Figure 1). The speaker amplifier uses a BTL architecture, doubling the voltage drive to the speakers and eliminating the need for DC-blocking capacitors. The output consists of two signals, identical in magnitude, but 180° out of phase.

The headphone amplifiers use Maxim's patented DirectDrive architecture that eliminates the bulky output DC-blocking capacitors required by traditional headphone amplifiers. A charge pump inverts the positive supply (CPV_{DD}), creating a negative supply (CPV_{SS}). The headphone amplifiers operate from these bipolar supplies with their outputs biased about GND (Figure 2).

The amplifiers have almost twice the supply range compared to other single-supply amplifiers, nearly quadrupling the available output power. The benefit of the GND bias is that the amplifier outputs do not have a DC component (typically $V_{DD}/2$). This eliminates the large DC-blocking capacitors required with conventional headphone amplifiers, conserving board space and system cost while improving frequency response.

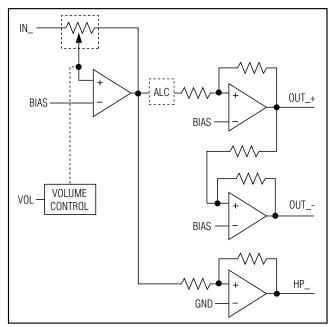


Figure 1. MAX9756/MAX9757 Signal Path

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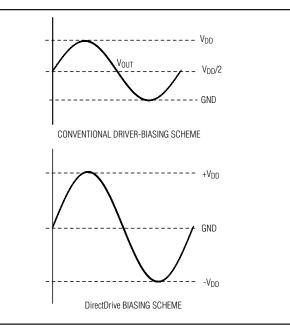


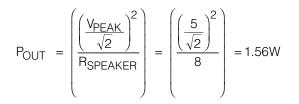
Figure 2. Traditional Headphone Amplifier Output Waveform vs. DirectDrive Headphone Amplifier Output Waveform

The MAX9756/MAX9757/MAX9758 feature an undervoltage lockout that prevents operation from an insufficient power supply and click-and-pop suppression that eliminates audible transients on startup and shutdown. The amplifiers include thermal-overload and short-circuit protection. An additional feature of the amplifiers is that there is no phase inversion from input to output.

Automatic Level Control (ALC)

Two-watt amplifiers are commonly used in notebook PCs (almost always powered from a 5V supply). With an 8Ω speaker driven from a BTL amplifier, the maxim

theoretical continuous power available is:



See Figure 5 for suggested ALC component values. The ALC feature offers two benefits:

- 1) To limit amplifier power to protect a loudspeaker.
- 2) To make input signals with a wide dynamic range more intelligible by boosting low-level signals without distorting the high-level signals.

A device without ALC experiences clipping at the output when too much gain is applied to the input. ALC prevents clipping at the output when too much gain is applied to the input, eliminating output clipping. Figure 3 shows a comparison of an overgained speaker input with and without ALC.

The MAX9756/MAX9758 control the gain to the speakers by first detecting that the output voltage to the speaker has exceeded a preset limit. The speaker amplifier gain is rapidly reduced to correct for the excessive output power. This process is known as the attack time. When the signal subsequently lowers in amplitude, the gain is held at the reduced state for a short period before slowly increasing to the normal value. This process is known as the hold and release time. The speed at which the amplifiers adjust to changing input signals is set by the external timing capacitor CCT and the setting of logic input DR. The output power limit can be set by adjusting the value of the external resistor connected to PREF. Gain reduction is a function of input signal amplitude with a maximum ALC attenuation of 6dB. Figure 4 shows the effect of an input burst exceeding the preset limit, output attack, hold and release times.

This process (referred to as "limiting" in audio) limits the amplifier output power so loudspeaker overload can be prevented. If the attack and release times are configured to respond too fast, audible artifacts often, described as "pumping" or "breathing," can occur as the gain is rapidly adjusted to follow the dynamics of the signal. For best results, adjust the time constant of the ALC to accommodate the source material. Notebook applications in which music CDs and DVDs are the main audio source, a 495 μ s attack time with a 990ms release time is recommended with a 1.2W output into an 8 Ω load.

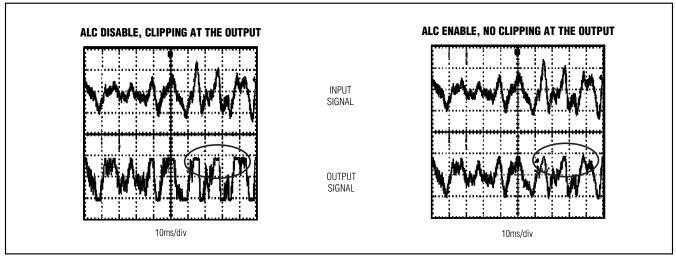


Figure 3. ALC Disabled vs. ALC Enabled

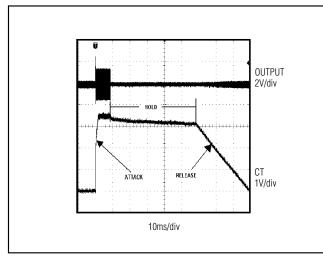


Figure 4. Attack, Hold, and Release Time

Attack Time

The attack time is the time it takes to reduce the gain after the input signal has exceeded the threshold level. Suggested attack time range is from 150µs to 50ms. The gain attenuation in attack is exponential and the attack time is defined as one time constant. The time constant of the attack is given by 15,000 x C_{CT} seconds (where C_{CT} is the external timing capacitor).

- Use a short attack time for the ALC to react quickly to transient signals, such as snare drum beats (music) or gun shots (DVD). Fast attack times can lead to gain "pumping" where rapid ALC action can be heard reacting to dynamic material.
- Use a longer attack time to allow the ALC to ignore short-duration peaks and only reduce the gain when a noticeable increase in loudness occurs. Short-duration peaks are not reduced, but louder passages are.

This allows the louder passages to be reduced in volume, thereby maximizing output dynamic range. Having the attack time too long can possibly result in some damage to the loudspeaker under harsh conditions.

Hold Time

Hold time is the delay after the signal falls below the threshold level before the release phase is initiated. Hold time is internally set to 50ms and nonadjustable. The hold time is cancelled by any signal exceeding the set threshold level and attack is reinitiated.

Release Time

The release time is how long it takes for the gain to return to its normal level after the input signal has fallen below the threshold level and 50ms hold time has expired. Release time is defined as release from a 6dB gain compression to 10% of the nominal gain setting after the input signal has fallen below PREF threshold and the 50ms hold time has expired. Release time is adjustable between 95ms and 10s. The release time is set by picking an attack time using CCT and setting the attack to release time is linear in dB with time and is inversely proportional to the magnitude of gain compression:

- Use a small ratio to maximize the speed of the ALC.
- Use a large ratio to maximize the sound quality and prevent repeated excursions above the threshold from being independently adjusted by the ALC.

Release and attack times are set by selecting the capacitance value between CT and GND, and by setting the logic state of DR (Table 1). DR is a tristate logic input that sets the attack-to-release time ratio. A fixed hold time of 50ms is internally added to the release time.

TIMING CAPACITOR	ATTACK TIME		RELEASE TIME	
(C _{CT})	DR = 'X'	DR = V _{DD}	DR = V _{BIAS}	DR = GND
10nF	150µs	30ms	95ms	300ms
33nF	495µs	99ms	313ms	990ms
100nF	1.5ms	300ms	950ms	3s
330nF	4.95ms	990ms	3.1s	9.9s
1µF	15ms	3s	9.5s	—
2.2µF	33ms	6.6s	—	—
3.3µF	49.5ms	10s	—	—

Table 1. Attack and Release Time

The release/attack time ratio that can be achieved by programming DR is listed in Table 2.

Table 2. Release to Attack Ratio

DR	RELEASE/ATTACK RATIO
V _{DD}	200
VBIAS	633
GND	2000

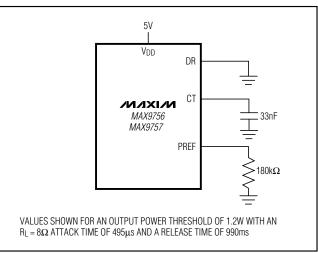


Figure 5. Recommended Output Power Threshold, Attack, and Release Time Components

Output Power Threshold

To set the threshold at which speaker output is clamped, an external resistor must be connected from PREF to ground. The suggested external resistor range is from 100k Ω to 200k Ω (for best results use a 1% resistor). Leaving PREF unconnected disables the ALC function. A constant current of 12µA is sourced at PREF, so that a 180k Ω resistor results in 1.2W clamp

Table 3. Maximum Gain Settings

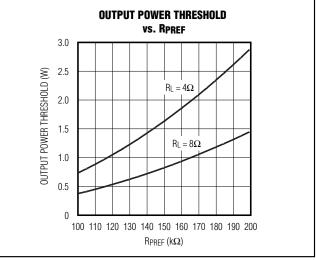


Figure 6. Output Power Threshold vs. RPREF

limit on an 8Ω load and a 200k Ω resistor results in a 1.5W clamp limit on an 8Ω load (Figure 6).

Use the following equation to choose the value for RPREF for the desired maximum output power level based on a sine wave input:

$$\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{PREF}} = 180 \mathrm{k}\Omega \left(\left(\sqrt{\frac{\mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{OUT}}}{1.166}} \right) \times \left(\sqrt{\frac{\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{L}}}{8}} \right) \right)$$

Gain Selection

The MAX9756/MAX9757/MAX9758 feature an internally set, selectable gain. The GAIN1, GAIN2, and GAIN3 inputs set the maximum gain for the speaker and head-phone amplifiers (Table 3). The gain of the device can vary based upon the voltage at VOL but does not exceed the maximum gain listed below (see the *Analog Volume (VOL) Control* section).

GAIN3	GAIN2	GAIN1	SPEAKER MODE GAIN (dB)	HEADPHONE MODE GAIN (dB)
0	0	0	+15	0
0	0	1	+16.5	0
0	1	0	+18	+3
0	1	1	+19.5	+3
1	0	0	+21	0
1	0	1	+22.5	0
1	1	0	+24	+3
1	1	1	+25.5	+3

Analog Volume Control (VOL)

The MAX9756/MAX9757/MAX9758 feature an analog volume control that varies the gain of the device in 31 discrete steps based upon the DC voltage applied to VOL (see Table 4). The input range of VOL is from 0 (full volume) to HPV_{DD} (full mute), with example step sizes shown in Table 3. Connect the reference of the device driving VOL (Figure 7) to HPV_{DD}. Connect VOL to GND (full volume) if volume control is not used.

VREF DAC VOL

Figure 7. Volume Control Circuit

V _{VOL} (V) = MULTIPLIER x HPV _{DD}				HEADPHONE MODE GAIN (dB)									
MULTIPLIER	V _{VOL} (MIN) [*]	V _{VOL} (MAX) [*]	GAIN3 = 0 GAIN2 = 0 GAIN1 = 0	GAIN3 = 0 GAIN2 = 0 GAIN1 = 1	GAIN3 = 0 GAIN2 = 1 GAIN1 = 0	GAIN3 = 0 GAIN2 = 1 GAIN1 = 1	GAIN3 = 1 GAIN2 = 0 GAIN1 = 0	GAIN3 = 1 GAIN2 = 0 GAIN1 = 1	GAIN3 = 1 GAIN2 = 1 GAIN1 = 0	GAIN3 = 1 GAIN2 = 1 GAIN1 = 1	GAIN3 = X GAIN2 = 0 GAIN1 = X	GAIN2 = 1	
0.07	7 0.00 0.49 15 16.5 18		18	19.5	21	22.5	22.5 24		0	3			
0.16	0.49	0.57	14	16	17.5	19	20	22	23.5	25	-1	2.5	
0.18	0.57	0.64	13	15	17	18.5	19	21	23	24.5	-2	2	
0.21	0.64	0.72	12	14	16.5	18	18	20	22.5	24	-3	1.5	
0.23	0.72	0.80	10	13	16	17.5	16	19	22	23.5	-5	1	
0.25	0.80	0.88	8	12	15	17	14	18	21	23	-7	0	
0.28	0.88	0.95	6	10	14	16.5	12	16	20	22.5	-9	-1	
0.30	0.95	1.03	4	8	13	16	10	14	19	22	-11	-2	
0.32	1.03	1.11	2	6	12	15	8	12	18	21	-13	-3	
0.35	1.11	1.19	0	4	10	14	6	10	16	20	-15	-5	
0.37	1.19	1.26	-2	2	8	13	4	8	14	19	-17	-7	
0.39	1.26	1.34	-4	0	6	12	2	6	12	18	-19	-9	
0.42	1.34	1.42	-6	-2	4	10	0	4	10	16	-21	-11	
0.44	1.42	1.50	-8	-4	2	8	-2	2	8	14	-23	-13	
0.46	1.50	1.57	-10	-6	0	6	-4	0	6	12	-25	-15	
0.49	1.57	1.65	-12	-8	-2	4	-6	-2	4	10	-27	-17	
0.51	1.65	1.73	-14	-10	-4	2	-8	-4	2	8	-29	-19	
0.54	1.73	1.80	-16	-12	-6	0	-10	-6	0	6	-31	-21	
0.56	1.80	1.88	-18	-14	-8	-2	-12	-8	-2	4	-33	-23	
0.58	1.88	1.96	-20	-16	-10	-4	-14	-10	-4	2	-35	-25	
0.61	1.96	2.04	-22	-18	-12	-6	-16	-12	-6	0	-37	-27	
0.63	2.04	2.11	-24	-20	-14	-8	-18	-14	-8	-2	-39	-29	
0.65	2.11	2.19	-26	-22	-16	-10	-20	-16	-10	-4	-41	-31	
0.68	2.19	2.27	-28	-24	-18	-12	-22	-18	-12	-6	-43	-33	
0.70	2.27	2.35	-32	-26	-20	-14	-26	-20	-14	-8	-47	-35	
0.72	2.35	2.42	-36	-28	-22	-16	-30	-22	-16	-10	-51	-37	
0.75	2.42	2.50	-40	-32	-24	-18	-34	-26	-18	-12	-55	-39	
0.77	2.50	2.58	-44	-36	-26	-20	-38	-30	-20	-14	-59	-41	
0.79	2.58	2.66	-48	-40	-28	-22	-42	-34	-22	-15	-63	-43	
0.82	2.66	2.73	-52	-44	-32	-24	-46	-38	-26	-18	-67	-47	
0.84	2.73	2.81	-56	-48	-36	-26	-50	-42	-30	-20	-71	-51	
0.93	2.81	3.30	MUTE	MUTE									

*Based on HPV_{DD} = 3.3V.

X = Don't care.



Since the volume control (VOL) ADC is ratiometric to HPV_{DD}, any variations in HPV_{DD} are negated. The gain step sizes are not constant; the step sizes are 0.5dB/step at the upper extreme, 2dB/step in the midrange, and 4dB/step at the lower extreme. Figure 8 shows the transfer function of the volume control for a 3.3V supply.

Low-Dropout Linear Regulator

The MAX9756/MAX9758s' low-dropout linear regulator (LDO) can be used to provide a clean power supply to a CODEC or other circuitry. The LDO can be enabled independently of the audio amplifiers. REGEN enables/disables the LDO, set REGEN = V_{DD} to enable the LDO or set REGEN = GND to disable. The LDO is capable of providing up to 150mA continuous current and features Maxim's Dual Mode feedback. When SET is connected to GND, the output is internally set to approximately 4.65V. Adjust the output from 1.23V to 5V by connecting two external resistors, used as a voltage-divider, at SET (Figure 9).

The output voltage is set by the following equation:

$$V_{OUT} = V_{SET} \left(1 + \frac{R1}{R2} \right)$$

where $V_{SET} = 1.23V$.

To simplify resistor selection:

$$R1 = R2 \left(\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{SET}} - 1 \right)$$

Since the input bias current at SET is nominally zero, large resistance values can be used for R1 and R2 to minimize power consumption without losing accuracy. Up to $1.5M\Omega$ is acceptable for R2.

To minimize the current consumption, it is desirable to use high-value resistors (> $10k\Omega$ for the external feedback divider (R1, R2). The input capacitance at SET and the stray and wiring capacitance should be compensated by placing a small capacitor (in the 10pF range) across the upper feedback resistor R1 (see Figure 9).

This capacitor creates a zero in the feedback loop to reduce overshoot. Overcompensation can cause poor stability in the high current range.

The regulator should be compensated with two $1\mu F$ ceramic capacitors connected between IN and GND and OUT and GND. X7R dielectric with 10% tolerance is recommended.

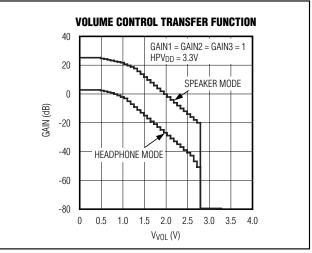


Figure 8. Volume Control Transfer Function

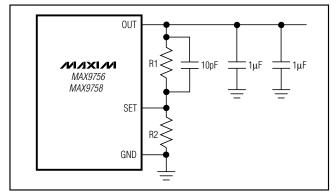


Figure 9. Adjustable Output Using External Feedback Resistors

The ESR of each capacitor should not exceed $40m\Omega$ for good stability up to the full-rated current (150mA). Place the capacitors as close as possible to the device to limit the parasitic resistance and inductance. There is no upper limit to the amount of additional bypass capacitance.

DirectDrive Headphone Amplifier

Unlike the MAX9756/MAX9757/MAX9758, conventional single-supply headphone amplifiers typically have their outputs biased at half the supply voltage for maximum dynamic range. Large coupling capacitors are needed to block this DC bias from the headphones. Without these capacitors, a significant amount of DC current flows to the headphone, resulting in unnecessary power dissipation and possible damage to both headphone amplifier.



Maxim's patent-pending DirectDrive architecture uses a charge pump to create an internal negative supply voltage. This allows the MAX9756/MAX9757/MAX9758 headphone amplifier output to be biased at GND, almost doubling the dynamic range while operating from a single supply. With no DC component, there is no need for the large DC-blocking capacitors. Instead of two large capacitors (220μ F, typ), the MAX9756/MAX9757/MAX9757/MAX9758 charge pump requires only two small ceramic capacitors (1μ F typ), conserving board space, reducing cost, and improving the frequency response of the headphone amplifier. See the Output Power vs. Charge-Pump Capacitance graph in the *Typical Operating Characteristics* for details of the possible capacitor values.

Low-Frequency Response

In addition to the cost and size disadvantages, the DCblocking capacitors limit the low-frequency response of the amplifier. The impedance of the headphone load to the DC-blocking capacitor forms a highpass filter with the -3dB point determined by:

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

where R_L is the impedance of the headphone and C_{OUT} is the value of the DC-blocking capacitor.

The highpass filter is required by conventional singleended, single-supply headphone amplifiers to block the midrail DC component of the audio signal from the headphones. Depending on the -3dB point, the filter can attenuate low-frequency signals within the audio band.

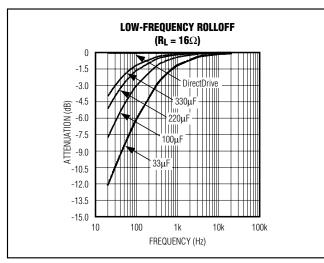


Figure 10. Low-Frequency Attenuation of Common DC-Blocking Capacitor Values

Larger values of C_{OUT} reduce the attenuation but are physically larger, more expensive capacitors. Figure 10 shows the relationship between the size of C_{OUT} and the resulting low-frequency attenuation. Note that the -3dB point for a 16 Ω headphone with a 100µF-blocking capacitor is 100Hz, well within the audio band.

Charge Pump

The MAX9756/MAX9757/MAX9758 feature a low-noise inverting charge pump to generate the negative rail necessary for DirectDrive headphone operation. The switching frequency is well beyond the audio range, and does not interfere with the audio signals. The switch drivers feature a controlled switching speed that minimizes noise generated by turn-on and turn-off transients. Limiting the switching speed of the charge pump minimizes the di/dt noise caused by the parasitic bond wire and trace inductance.

Headphone Sense Input (HPS)

The headphone sense input (HPS) monitors the headphone jack and automatically configures the MAX9756/ MAX9757/MAX9758 based upon the voltage applied at HPS. A voltage of less than 0.8V enables the speaker amplifier. A voltage of greater than 2V disables the speaker amplifiers and enables the headphone amplifiers. For automatic headphone detection, connect HPS to the control pin of a 3-wire headphone jack as shown in Figure 11. With no headphone present, the output impedance of the headphone amplifier pulls HPS low. When a headphone plug is inserted into the jack, the control pin is disconnected from the tip contact and HPS is pulled to VDD with 35µA.

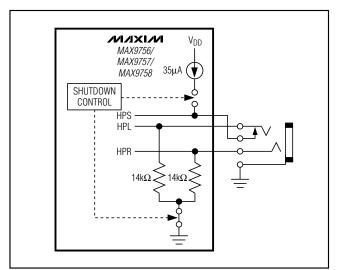


Figure 11. HPS Configuration

BIAS

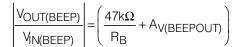
The MAX9756/MAX9757/MAX9758 feature an internally generated, power-supply independent, common-mode bias voltage of 2.5V referenced to GND. BIAS provides both click-and-pop suppression and sets the DC bias level for the amplifiers. Choose the value of the bypass capacitor as described in the *BIAS Capacitor* section. No external load should be applied to BIAS. Any load lowers the BIAS voltage, affecting the overall performance of the device.

BEEP Input The MAX9756/MAX9757/MAX9758 feature an audible alert beep input (BEEP) that accepts a mono system alert signal and mixes it into the stereo audio path. When the amplitude of V_{BEEP} exceeds 300mV_{P-P} and the frequency of the beep signal is greater than 300Hz, the beep signal is mixed into the active audio path (speaker or headphone). If the signal at V_{BEEP} is either < 300mV_{P-P} or < 300Hz, the BEEP signal is not mixed into the audio path. The amplitude of the BEEP signal at the device output is roughly the amplitude V_{BEEP} times the gain of the selected signal path.

The input resistor (R_B) sets the gain of the BEEP input amplifier, and thus the amplitude of V_{BEEP}. Choose R_B based on:

$$R_B \leq \frac{V_{IN(BEEP)} \times 47k\Omega}{V_{BEEP}}$$

The total BEEP gain is given by:



where $47k\Omega$ is the value of the BEEP amplifier feedback resistor, VBEEP is the BEEP amplifier output, VIN(BEEP) is the BEEP input amplitude, and V_{OUT(BEEP)} is the total BEEP output signal. Av(BEEPOUT) is given by the values listed in Table 5. Note that VBEEP must be higher than 300mVP-P. The BEEP amplifier can be set up as either an attenuator, if the original alert signal amplitude is too large, or to gain up the alert signal if it is below 300mVP-P. AC-couple the alert signal to BEEP. Choose the value of the coupling capacitor as described in the *Input Filtering* section. Multiple beep inputs can be summed (Figure 12).

Table 5. BEEP Output Gain

Av(BEE	POUT)					
HEADPHONE * (V/V)	SPEAKER* (V/V)	GAIN3	GAIN2	GAIN1		
1.5	8.4	0	0	0		
1.5	9.4	0	0	1		
1.78	10	0	1	0		
1.78	10	0	1	1		
1.5	15.8	1	0	0		
1.5	18.8	1	0	1		
1.78	20	1	1	0		
1.78	20	1	1	1		

*All output gains are for VvoL = GND.

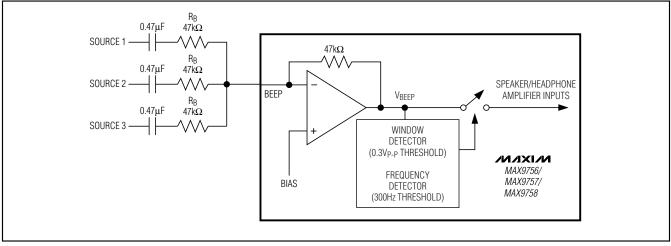


Figure 12. Beep Input

Shutdown (SHDN)

The MAX9756/MAX9757/MAX9758 feature a 0.2μ A, low-power shutdown mode that reduces quiescent current consumption and extends battery life. Driving SHDN low disables the drive amplifiers, bias circuitry, and charge pump, and drives BIAS and all outputs to GND. Connect SHDN to V_{DD} for normal operation.

Click-and-Pop Suppression

Speaker Amplifier

The MAX9756/MAX9757/MAX9758 speaker amplifiers feature Maxim's comprehensive, industry-leading clickand-pop suppression. During startup, the click-andpop suppression circuitry eliminates any audible transient sources internal to the device. When entering shutdown, both amplifier outputs ramp to GND quickly and simultaneously.

Headphone Amplifier

In conventional single-supply headphone amplifiers, the output-coupling capacitor is a major contributor of audible clicks and pops. Since the MAX9756/MAX9757/MAX9758 do not require output-coupling capacitors, no audible transient occurs.

Additionally, the MAX9756/MAX9757/MAX9758 feature extensive click-and-pop suppression that eliminates any audible transient sources internal to the device. The Turn-On/Turn-Off waveforms in the *Typical Operating Characteristics* show that there are minimal spectral components in the audible range at the output upon startup and shutdown.

Applications Information

BTL Speaker Amplifiers

The MAX9756/MAX9757/MAX9758 feature speaker amplifiers designed to drive a load differentially, a configuration referred to as bridge-tied load (BTL). The BTL configuration (Figure 13) offers advantages over the single-ended configuration, where one side of the load is connected to ground. Driving the load differentially doubles the output voltage compared to a single-ended amplifier under similar conditions.

Since the differential outputs are biased at 2.5V, there is no net DC voltage across the load. This eliminates the need for DC-blocking capacitors required for singleended amplifiers. These capacitors can be large and expensive, can consume board space, and can degrade low-frequency performance.

Power Dissipation and Heat Sinking

Under normal operating conditions, the MAX9756/ MAX9757/MAX9758 can dissipate a significant amount of power. The maximum power dissipation for each



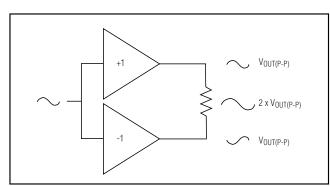


Figure 13. Bridge-Tied Load Configuration

package is given in the *Absolute Maximum Ratings* under Continuous Power Dissipation, or can be calculated by the following equation:

$$P_{\text{DISSPKG}(\text{MAX})} = \frac{T_{\text{J}(\text{MAX})} - T_{\text{A}}}{\theta_{\text{J}\text{A}}}$$

where $T_{J(MAX)}$ is +150°C, T_A is the ambient temperature, and θ_{JA} is the reciprocal of the derating factor in °C/W as specified in the *Absolute Maximum Ratings* section. For example, θ_{JA} of the 32-pin thin QFN package is +40.2°C/W. For optimum power dissipation, the exposed paddle of the package should be connected to the ground plane (see the *Layout and Grounding* section).

Output Power (Speaker Amplifier)

The increase in power delivered by the BTL configuration directly results in an increase in internal power dissipation over the single-ended configuration. The maximum power dissipation for a given V_{DD} and load is given by the following equation:

$$P_{\text{DISS}(\text{MAX})} = \frac{2V_{\text{DD}}^2}{\pi^2 R_1}$$

If the power dissipation for a given application exceeds the maximum allowed for a given package, either reduce V_{DD}, increase load impedance, decrease the ambient temperature, or add heatsinking to the device or setting PREF to limit output power to a safe level. Large output, supply, and ground PC board traces improve the maximum power dissipation in the package. Thermal-overload protection limits total power dissipation in these devices. When the junction temperature exceeds +160°C, the thermal-protection circuitry disables the amplifier output stage. The amplifiers are enabled once the junction temperature cools by 15°C. This results in a pulsing output under continuous thermal-overload conditions as the device heats and cools.

Output Power (Headphone Amplifier)

The headphone amplifiers have been specified for the worst-case scenario—when both inputs are in phase. Under this condition, the drivers simultaneously draw current from the charge pump, leading to a slight loss in headroom of V_{SS} . In typical stereo audio applications, the left and right signals have differences in both magnitude and phase, subsequently leading to an increase in the maximum attainable output power. Figure 14 shows the two extreme cases for in and out of phase. In reality, the available power lies between these extremes.

Power Supplies

The MAX9756/MAX9757/MAX9758 have different supplies for each portion of the device, allowing for the optimum combination of headroom and power dissipation and noise immunity. The speaker amplifiers are powered from PV_{DD}. PV_{DD} ranges from 4.5V to 5.5V. The headphone amplifiers are powered from HPV_{DD} and V_{SS}. HPV_{DD} is the positive supply of the headphone amplifiers and ranges from 3V to 5.5V. V_{SS} is the negative supply of the headphone amplifiers. Connect V_{SS} to CPV_{SS}. The charge pump is powered by CPV_{DD}. CPV_{DD} ranges from 3V to 5.5V and should be the same potential as HPV_{DD}. The charge pump inverts the voltage at CPV_{SS}. The remainder of the device is powered by V_{DD}.

Component Selection

Input Filtering

The input capacitor (C_{IN}), in conjunction with the amplifier input resistance (R_{IN}), forms a highpass filter that removes the DC bias from an incoming signal (see the *Typical Application Circuit*). The AC-coupling capacitor allows the amplifier to bias the signal to an optimum DC level. Assuming zero source impedance, the -3dB point of the highpass filter is given by:

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

 R_{IN} is the amplifier's internal input resistance value given in the *Electrical Characteristics*. Choose C_{IN} such that f_{-3dB} is well below the lowest frequency of interest.

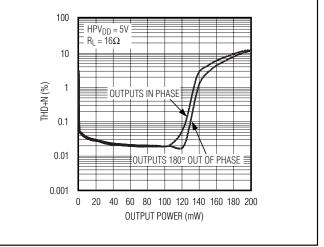


Figure 14. Total Harmonic Distortion Plus Noise vs. Output Power with Inputs In/Out of Phase (Headphone Mode)

Setting f_{-3dB} too high affects the amplifier's low-frequency response. Use capacitors with low-voltage coefficient dielectrics, such as tantalum or aluminum electrolytic. Capacitors with high-voltage coefficients, such as ceramics, may result in increased distortion at low frequencies.

BIAS Capacitor

BIAS is the output of the internally generated DC bias voltage. The BIAS bypass capacitor, C_{BIAS}, improves PSRR and THD+N by reducing power supply and other noise sources at the common-mode bias node, and also generates the startup/shutdown DC bias waveforms for the speaker amplifiers. Bypass BIAS with a 1 μ F capacitor to GND.

Charge-Pump Capacitor Selection

Use capacitors with an ESR less than $100m\Omega$ for optimum performance. Low-ESR ceramic capacitors minimize the output resistance of the charge pump. For best performance over the extended temperature range, select capacitors with an X7R dielectric. Table 6 lists suggested manufacturers.

SUPPLIER	PHONE	FAX	WEBSITE
Taiyo Yuden	800-384-2496	800-925-0899	www.t-yuden.com
TDK	807-803-6100	847-390-4405	www.component.tdk.com

Table 6. Suggested Capacitor Manufacturers

Flying Capacitor (C1)

The value of the flying capacitor (C1) affects the load regulation and output resistance of the charge pump. A C1 value that is too small degrades the device's ability to provide sufficient current drive, which leads to a loss of output voltage. Increasing the value of C1 improves load regulation and reduces the charge-pump output resistance to an extent. See the Output Power vs. Charge-Pump Capacitance graph in the *Typical Operating Characteristics*. Above 2.2µF, the on-resistance of the switches and the ESR of C1 and C2 dominate.

Output Capacitor (C2)

The output capacitor value and ESR directly affect the ripple at CPV_{SS}. Increasing the value of C2 reduces output ripple. Likewise, decreasing the ESR of C2 reduces both ripple and output resistance. Lower capacitance values can be used in systems with low maximum output power levels. See the Output Power vs. Charge-Pump Capacitance graph in the *Typical Operating Characteristics*.

CPV_{DD} Bypass Capacitor

The CPV_{DD} bypass capacitor (C3) lowers the output impedance of the power supply and reduces the impact of the MAX9756/MAX9757/MAX9758's charge-pump switching transients. Bypass CPV_{DD} with C3, the same value as C1, and place it physically close to CPV_{DD} and PGND (refer to the MAX9756/MAX9757/MAX9758 Evaluation Kit for a suggested layout).

Powering Other Circuits from a Negative Supply

An additional benefit of the MAX9756/MAX9757/ MAX9758 is the internally generated negative supply voltage (CPVss). CPVss is used by the MAX9756/ MAX9757/MAX9758 to provide the negative supply for the headphone amplifiers. It can also be used to power other devices within a design. Current draw from CPVss should be limited to 5mA; exceeding this affects the operation of the headphone amplifier. A typical application is a negative supply to adjust the contrast of LCD modules. When considering the use of CPV_{SS} in this manner, note that the charge-pump voltage of CPV_{SS} is roughly proportional to CPV_{DD} and is not a regulated voltage.

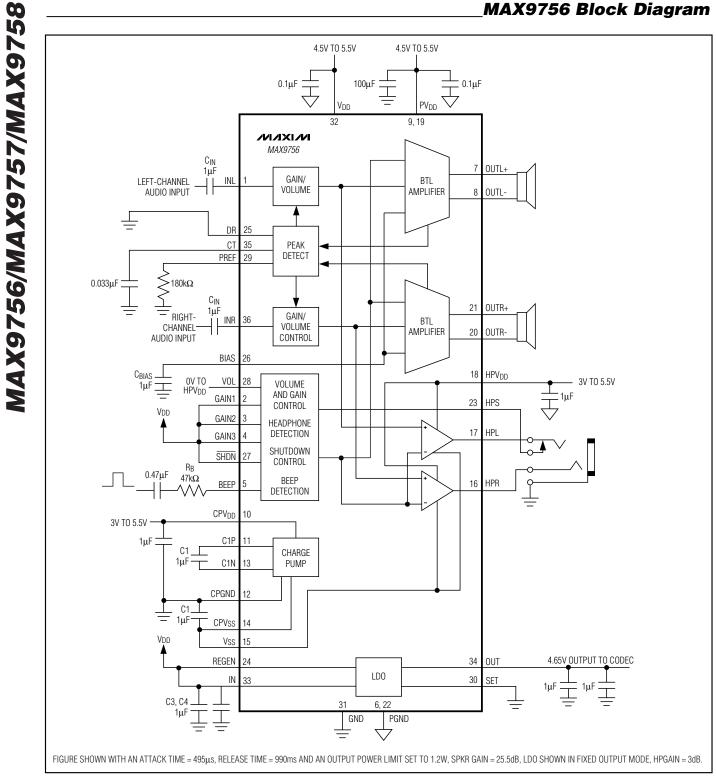
Layout and Grounding

Proper layout and grounding are essential for optimum performance. Use large traces for the power-supply inputs and amplifier outputs to minimize losses due to parasitic trace resistance, as well as route heat away from the device. Good grounding improves audio performance, minimizes crosstalk between channels, and prevents any switching noise from coupling into the audio signal. Connect CPGND, PGND, and GND together at a single point on the PC board. Route CPGND and all traces that carry switching transients away from GND, PGND, and the traces and components in the audio signal path.

Connect all components associated with the charge pump (C2 and C3) to the CPGND plane. Connect VSS and CPVSS together at the device. Place the charge-pump capacitors (C1, C2, and C3) as close to the device as possible. Bypass HPVDD and PVDD with a 1 μ F capacitor to GND. Place the bypass capacitors as close to the device as possible.

Use large, low-resistance output traces. As load impedance decreases, the current drawn from the device outputs increase. At higher current, the resistance of the output traces decrease the power delivered to the load.

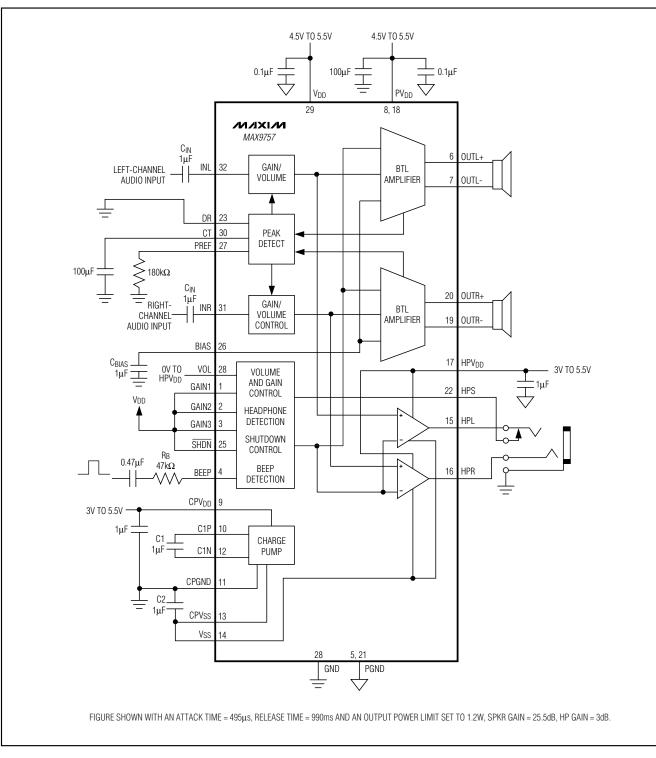
For example, when compared to a 0Ω trace, a $100m\Omega$ trace reduces the power delivered to a 4Ω load from 2.1W to 2W. Large output, supply, and GND traces also improve the power dissipation of the device. The MAX9756/MAX9757/MAX9758 thin QFN package features an exposed thermal pad on its underside. This pad lowers the package's thermal resistance by providing a direct-heat conduction path from the die to the PC board. **Connect the exposed thermal pad to GND by using a large pad and multiple vias to the GND plane**.



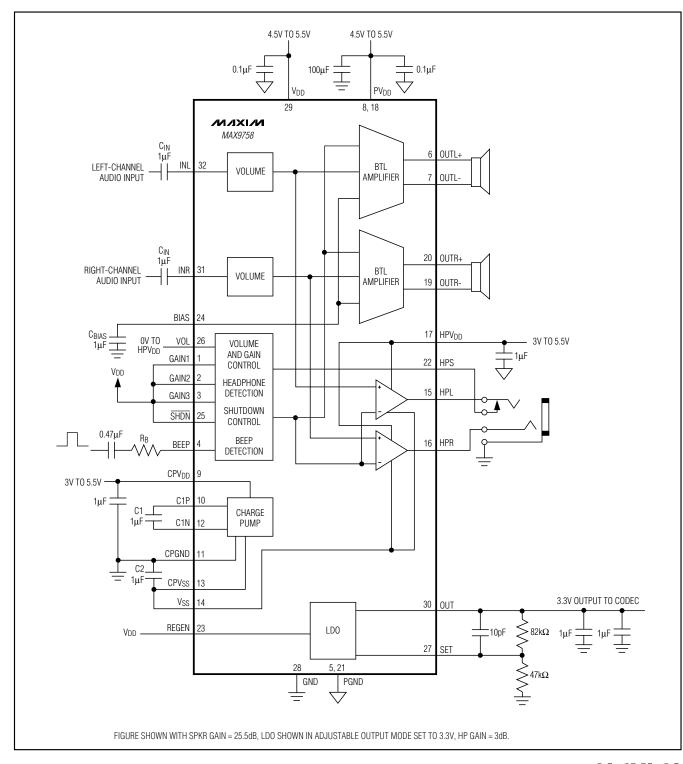
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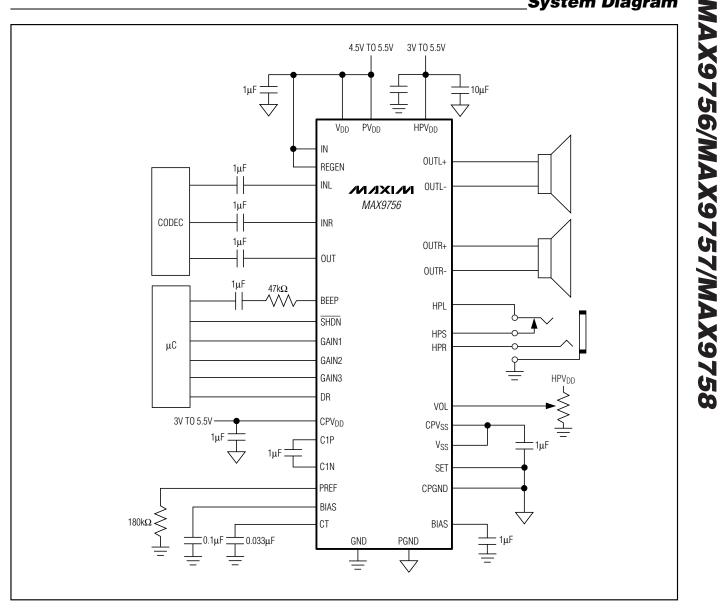


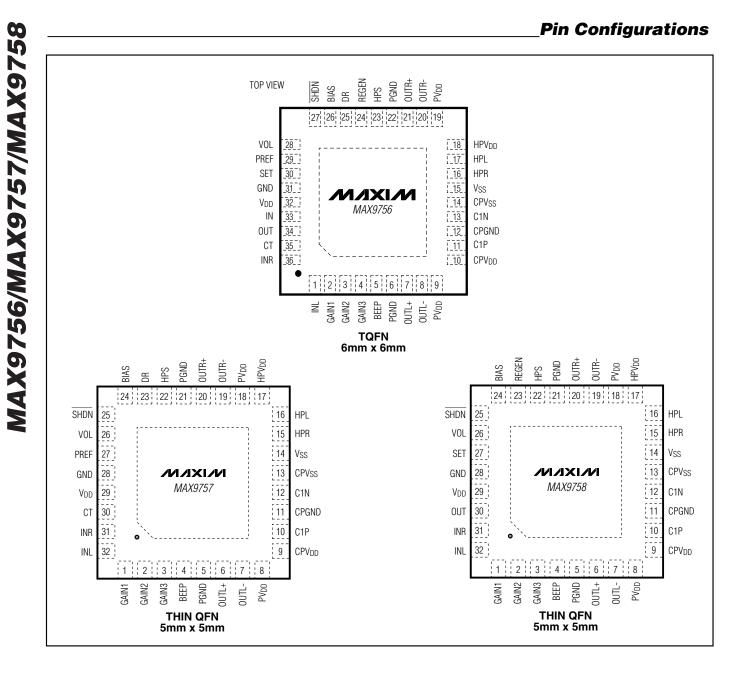


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System Diagram





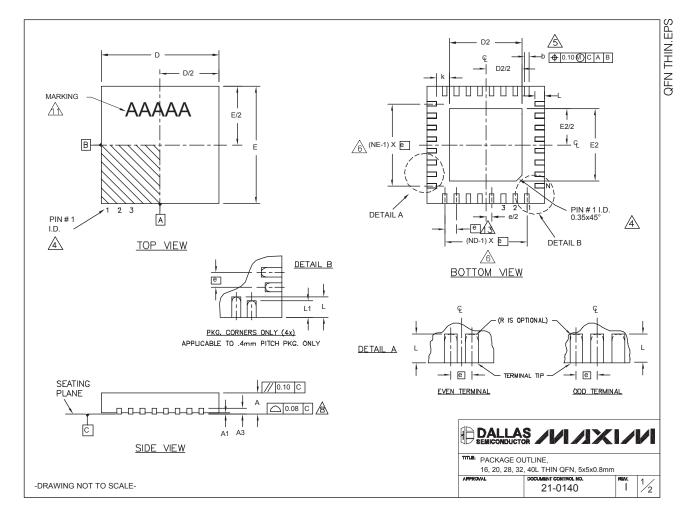
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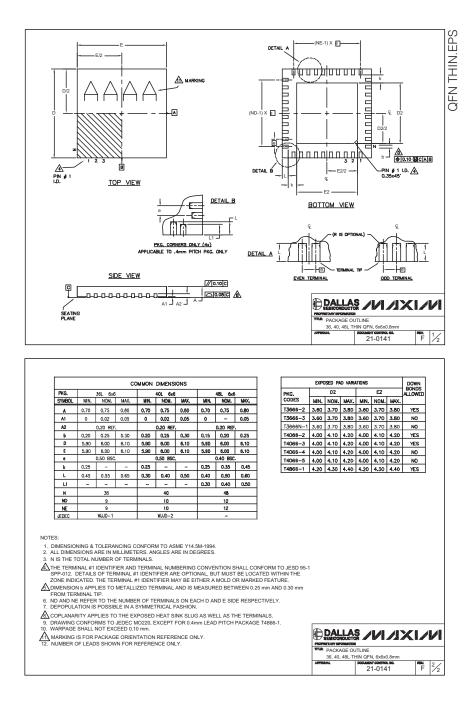
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