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# +2.7V, Low-Power, 8-Channel, Serial 12-Bit ADCs

### **General Description**

The MAX146/MAX147 12-bit data-acquisition systems combine an 8-channel multiplexer, high-bandwidth track/hold, and serial interface with high conversion speed and low power consumption. The MAX146 operates from a single +2.7V to +3.6V supply; the MAX147 operates from a single +2.7V to +5.25V supply. Both devices' analog inputs are software configurable for unipolar/bipolar and single-ended/differential operation.

The 4-wire serial interface connects directly to SPI™/ QSPI™ and MICROWIRE™ devices without external logic. A serial strobe output allows direct connection to TMS320-family digital signal processors. The MAX146/MAX147 use either the internal clock or an external serial-interface clock to perform successive-approximation analog-to-digital conversions.

The MAX146 has an internal 2.5V reference, while the MAX147 requires an external reference. Both parts have a reference-buffer amplifier with a  $\pm 1.5\%$  voltage-adjustment range.

These devices provide a hard-wired SHDN pin and a software-selectable power-down, and can be programmed to automatically shut down at the end of a conversion. Accessing the serial interface automatically powers up the MAX146/MAX147, and the quick turn-on time allows them to be shut down between all conversions. This technique can cut supply current to under 60µA at reduced sampling rates.

The MAX146/MAX147 are available in 20-pin DIP and SSOP packages.

For 4-channel versions of these devices, see the MAX1246/MAX1247 data sheet.

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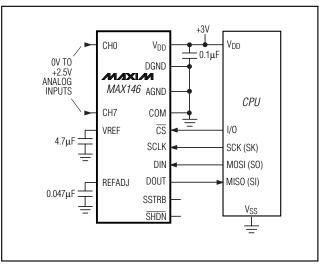
- 8-Channel Single-Ended or 4-Channel Differential Inputs
- Single-Supply Operation +2.7V to +3.6V (MAX146) +2.7V to +5.25V (MAX147)
- Internal 2.5V Reference (MAX146)
- Low Power
  1.2mA (133ksps, 3V supply)
  54μA (1ksps, 3V supply)
  1μA (power-down mode)
- SPI/QSPI/MICROWIRE/TMS320-Compatible 4-Wire Serial Interface
- Software-Configurable Unipolar or Bipolar Inputs
- ♦ 20-Pin DIP/SSOP Packages

### **Ordering Information**

PART	TEMP RANGE	PIN-PACKAGE	INL (LSB)
MAX146ACPP	0°C to +70°C	20 Plastic DIP	±1/2
MAX146BCPP	0°C to +70°C	20 Plastic DIP	±1
MAX146ACAP	0°C to +70°C	20 SSOP	±1/2
MAX146BCAP	0°C to +70°C	20 SSOP	±1
MAX146BC/D	0°C to +70°C	Dice*	±1

**Ordering Information continued at end of data sheet.** \*Dice are specified at  $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$ , DC parameters only.

### **Typical Operating Circuit**



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0.3V to 6V 0.3V to 0.3V
-0.3V to (V <sub>DD</sub> + 0.3V)
-0.3V to (V <sub>DD</sub> + 0.3V)
0.3V to 6V
-0.3V to (V <sub>DD</sub> + 0.3V)
25mA

Continuous Power Dissipation ( $T_A = +70^\circ$	C)
Plastic DIP (derate 11.11mW/°C above	
SSOP (derate 8.00mW/°C above +70°C	C) 640mW
CERDIP (derate 11.11mW/°C above +7	′0°C) 889mW
Operating Temperature Ranges	
MAX146_C_P/MAX147_C_P	0°C to +70°C
MAX146_E_P/MAX147_E_P	40°C to +85°C
MAX146_MJP/MAX147_MJP	55°C to +125°C
Storage Temperature Range	
Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s)	+300°C

Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

### **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

 $(V_{DD} = +2.7V \text{ to } +3.6V \text{ (MAX146)}; V_{DD} = +2.7V \text{ to } +5.25V \text{ (MAX147)}; COM = 0; f_{SCLK} = 2.0MHz; external clock (50% duty cycle); 15 clocks/conversion cycle (133ksps); MAX146—4.7µF capacitor at VREF pin; MAX147—external reference, VREF = 2.500V applied to VREF pin; T_A = T_{MIN} \text{ to } T_{MAX}; unless otherwise noted.)$ 

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CO	NDITIONS	MIN	ТҮР	MAX	UNITS
DC ACCURACY (Note 1)	•						
Resolution				12			Bits
		MAX14_A				±0.5	
Relative Accuracy (Note 2)	INL	MAX14_B				±1.0	LSB
		MAX147C				±2.0	
No Missing Codes	NMC			12			Bits
Differential Nonlinearity	DNL	MAX14_A/MAX14_I	3			±1.0	- LSB
Differential Nonlinearity		MAX147C			±0.8		LOD
Offeet Error		MAX14_A			±0.5	±З	- LSB
Offset Error		MAX14_B/MAX147	С		±0.5	±4	LSB
Gain Error (Note 3)				±0.5	±4	LSB	
Gain Temperature Coefficient				±0.25		ppm/°C	
Channel-to-Channel Offset Matching					±0.25		LSB
<b>DYNAMIC SPECIFICATIONS (10)</b>	kHz sine-wa	ave input, 0V to 2.500	Vp-p, 133ksps, 2.0MHz ex	ternal cloc	k, bipolar	input mo	de)
Cignal to Naisa . Distartian Datia		MAX14_A/MAX14_B		70	73		- dB
Signal-to-Noise + Distortion Ratio	SINAD	MAX147C			73		
Total Harmonic Distortion	THD	Up to the 5th	MAX14_A/MAX14_B		-88	-80	- dB
Total Harmonic Distortion		harmonic	MAX147C		-88		
		MAX14_A/MAX14_I	3	80	90		-10
Spurious-Free Dynamic Range	SFDR	MAX147C			90		- dB
Channel-to-Channel Crosstalk		65kHz, 2.500V <sub>p-p</sub> (	Note 4)		-85		dB
Small-Signal Bandwidth		-3dB rolloff			2.25		MHz
Full-Power Bandwidth					1.0		MHz
CONVERSION RATE							
		Internal clock, SHDN = FLOAT		5.5		7.5	
Conversion Time (Note 5)	tCONV	Internal clock, SHD	$\overline{N} = V_{DD}$	35		65	μs
		External clock = 2N	6			P	

### **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)**

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	ТҮР	MAX	UNITS	
Track/Hold Acquisition Time	tacq				1.5	μs	
Aperture Delay				30		ns	
Aperture Jitter				<50		ps	
Internal Cleak Fraguenau		SHDN = FLOAT		1.8		MHz	
Internal Clock Frequency		SHDN = V <sub>DD</sub>		0.225			
External Clock Frequency			0.1		2.0	MHz	
External Clock Frequency		Data transfer only	0		2.0	101112	
ANALOG/COM INPUTS							
Input Voltage Range, Single-		Unipolar, COM = 0V		0	to VREF		
Ended and Differential (Note 6)		Bipolar, COM = VREF / 2		±	VREF / 2	V	
Multiplexer Leakage Current		On/off leakage current, V <sub>CH</sub> = 0V or V <sub>DD</sub>		±0.01	±1	μA	
Input Capacitance				16		pF	
<b>INTERNAL REFERENCE</b> (MAX14	6 only, refe	rence buffer enabled)	L				
VREF Output Voltage		$T_A = +25^{\circ}C$	2.480	2.500	2.520	V	
VREF Short-Circuit Current					30	mA	
		MAX146_C		±30	±50		
VREF Temperature Coefficient		MAX146_E		±30	±60	ppm/°C	
		MAX146_M		±30	±80	1	
Load Regulation (Note 7)		0 to 0.2mA output load		0.35		mV	
Capacitive Bypass at VREF		Internal compensation mode	0			μF	
Capacitive bypass at VHEF		External compensation mode	4.7			μr	
Capacitive Bypass at REFADJ			0.047			μF	
REFADJ Adjustment Range				±1.5		%	
EXTERNAL REFERENCE AT VR	EF (Buffer c	lisabled)					
VREF Input Voltage Range (Note 8)			1.0		V <sub>DD</sub> + 50mV	V	
VREF Input Current		VREF = 2.5V		100	150	μA	
VREF Input Resistance			18	25		kΩ	
Shutdown VREF Input Current				0.01	10	μA	
REFADJ Buffer Disable Threshold			V <sub>DD</sub> - 0.5			V	
EXTERNAL REFERENCE AT RE	FADJ	1	<u>     I                               </u>			I	
	-	Internal compensation mode	0			_	
Capacitive Bypass at VREF		External compensation mode	4.7			μF	
		MAX146		2.06		1	
Reference Buffer Gain		MAX147 2.00				- V/V	
		MAX146			±50	<u> </u>	
REFADJ Input Current		MAX147			±10	μA	



### ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS			MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
DIGITAL INPUTS (DIN, SCLK, CS	, SHDN)	L			1			1
	Maria	$V_{DD} \le 3.6V$	2.0			v		
DIN, SCLK, CS Input High Voltage	VIH	$V_{DD} > 3.6V$ , MAX147 only			3.0			
DIN, SCLK, CS Input Low Voltage	VIL						0.8	V
DIN, SCLK, CS Input Hysteresis	VHYST					0.2		V
DIN, SCLK, CS Input Leakage	l <sub>IN</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> = 0V or	r V <sub>DD</sub>			±0.01	±1	μA
DIN, SCLK, CS Input Capacitance	CIN	(Note 9)					15	pF
SHDN Input High Voltage	VSH				V <sub>DD</sub> - 0.4			V
SHDN Input Mid Voltage	V <sub>SM</sub>				1.1	V	dd - 1.1	V
SHDN Input Low Voltage	V <sub>SL</sub>						0.4	V
SHDN Input Current	Is	SHDN = 0	/ or V <sub>DD</sub>				±4.0	μA
SHDN Voltage, Floating	VFLT	SHDN = FL	_OAT			V <sub>DD</sub> / 2		V
SHDN Maximum Allowed Leakage, Mid Input		SHDN = FL	_OAT			±100	nA	
DIGITAL OUTPUTS (DOUT, SSTR	RB)							
Output Voltage Low	Mai	I <sub>SINK</sub> = 5mA					0.4	v
Oulput voltage Low	Vol	$I_{SINK} = 16r$	mA				0.8	
Output Voltage High	Voн	ISOURCE =	0.5mA		V <sub>DD</sub> - 0.5			V
Three-State Leakage Current	١L	$\overline{\text{CS}} = \text{V}_{\text{DD}}$				±0.01	±10	μA
Three-State Output Capacitance	COUT	$\overline{CS} = V_{DD}$	(Note 9)				15	pF
POWER REQUIREMENTS		•						
Positive Supply Voltage	V <sub>DD</sub>	MAX146			2.70		3.60	V
Ositive Supply Voltage		MAX147			2.70		5.25	
			Operating	g mode, full-scale input		1.2	2.0	mA
Positive Supply Current, MAX146	IDD	V <sub>DD</sub> = 3.6V	Fast powe	er-down		30	70	μA
			Full powe	r-down		1.2	10	
Positive Supply Current, MAX147		Operating mode, VDD = 5.25V			1.8	2.5		
i ositive Supply Current, MAX 147	IDD	full-scale input $V_{DD} = 3.6V$			0.9	1.5	mA	
Positivo Supply Current MAV147		Full power	down	$V_{DD} = 5.25V$		2.1	15	
Positive Supply Current, MAX147	IDD	Full power-	-uuwn	$V_{DD} = 3.6V$		1.2	10	μA
Supply Rejection (Note 10)	PSR	Full-scale i V <sub>DD</sub> = 2.7\		nal reference = 2.5V, AX)		±0.3		mV

### TIMING CHARACTERISTICS

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL		CONDITIONS	MIN	ΤΥΡ	MAX	UNITS
Acquisition Time	tacq			1.5			μs
DIN to SCLK Setup	t <sub>DS</sub>			100			ns
DIN to SCLK Hold	t <sub>DH</sub>			0			ns
SCLK Fall to Output Data Valid	too	Figure 1	MAX14C/E	20		200	ns
SCEN Fail to Output Data Valid	tDO	Figure 1	MAX14M	20		240	115
CS Fall to Output Enable	t <sub>DV</sub>	Figure 1				240	ns
CS Rise to Output Disable	t <sub>TR</sub>	Figure 2				240	ns
CS to SCLK Rise Setup	tcss			100			ns
CS to SCLK Rise Hold	tcsн			0			ns
SCLK Pulse Width High	tсн			200			ns
SCLK Pulse Width Low	tCL			200			ns
SCLK Fall to SSTRB	<b>t</b> SSTRB	Figure 1				240	ns
CS Fall to SSTRB Output Enable	tsdv	External cloc	k mode only, Figure 1			240	ns
CS Rise to SSTRB Output Disable	tstr.	External cloc	k mode only, Figure 2			240	ns
SSTRB Rise to SCLK Rise	tsck	Internal cloc	k mode only (Note 9)	0			ns

Note 1: Tested at V<sub>DD</sub> = 2.7V; COM = 0; unipolar single-ended input mode.

Note 2: Relative accuracy is the deviation of the analog value at any code from its theoretical value after the full-scale range has been calibrated.

Note 3: MAX146—internal reference, offset nulled; MAX147—external reference (VREF = +2.5V), offset nulled.

Note 4: Ground "on" channel; sine wave applied to all "off" channels.

Note 5: Conversion time defined as the number of clock cycles multiplied by the clock period; clock has 50% duty cycle.

**Note 6:** The common-mode range for the analog inputs is from AGND to V<sub>DD</sub>.

Note 7: External load should not change during conversion for specified accuracy.

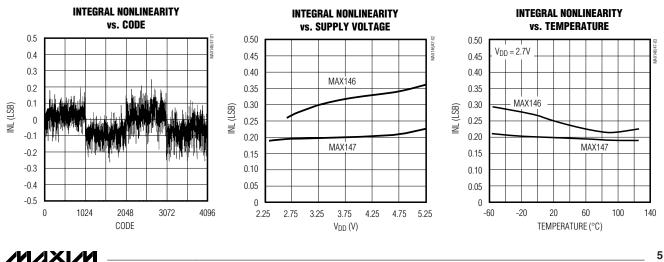
**Note 8:** ADC performance is limited by the converter's noise floor, typically 300µVp-p.

Note 9: Guaranteed by design. Not subject to production testing.

Note 10: Measured as VFS(2.7V) - VFS(VDD, MAX)

### Typical Operating Characteristics

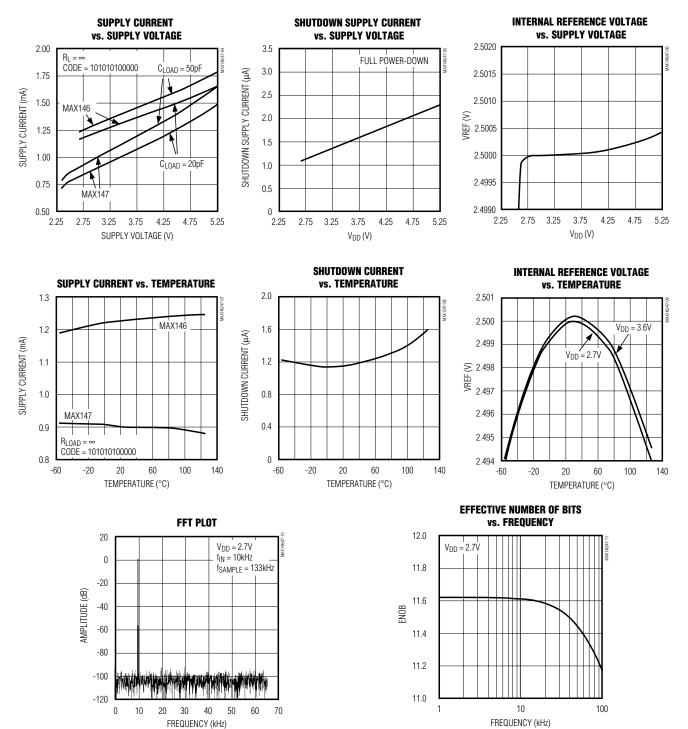
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### **Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)**

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(V<sub>DD</sub> = 3.0V, VREF = 2.5V, f<sub>SCLK</sub> = 2.0MHz, C<sub>LOAD</sub> = 20pF, T<sub>A</sub> = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.)

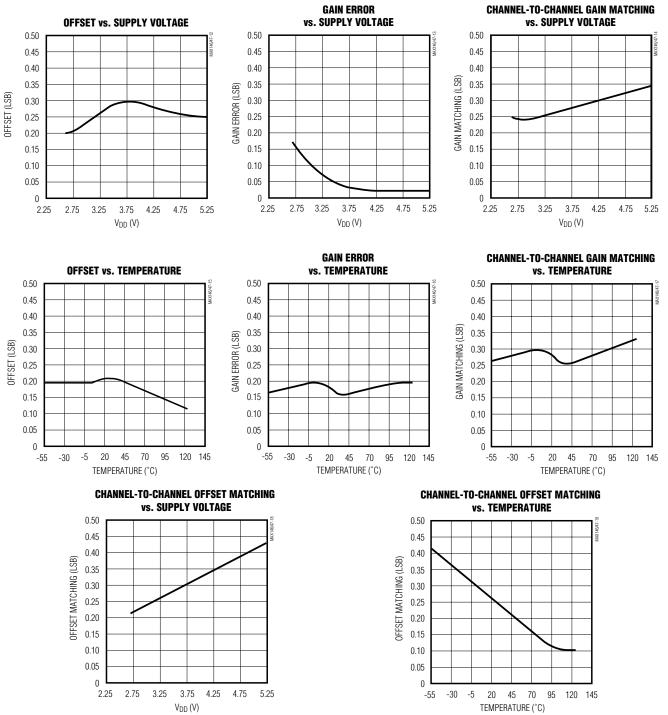


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### \_Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

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**MAX146/MAX147** 

Pin Description

PIN	NAME	FUNCTION
1–8	CH0–CH7	Sampling Analog Inputs
9	СОМ	Ground reference for analog inputs. COM sets zero-code voltage in single-ended mode. Must be stable to $\pm 0.5$ LSB.
10	SHDN	Three-Level Shutdown Input. Pulling SHDN low shuts the MAX146/MAX147 down; otherwise, they are fully operational. Pulling SHDN high puts the reference-buffer amplifier in internal compensation mode Letting SHDN float puts the reference-buffer amplifier in external compensation mode.
11	VREF	Reference-Buffer Output/ADC Reference Input. Reference voltage for analog-to-digital conversion. In internal reference mode (MAX146 only), the reference buffer provides a 2.500V nominal output, externally adjustable at REFADJ. In external reference mode, disable the internal buffer by pulling REFADJ to V <sub>DD</sub> .
12	REFADJ	Input to the Reference-Buffer Amplifier. To disable the reference-buffer amplifier, tie REFADJ to VDD.
13	AGND	Analog Ground
14	DGND	Digital Ground
15	DOUT	Serial Data Output. Data is clocked out at SCLK's falling edge. High impedance when $\overline{\text{CS}}$ is high.
16	SSTRB	Serial Strobe Output. In internal clock mode, SSTRB goes low when the MAX146/MAX147 begin the A/D conversion, and goes high when the conversion is finished. In external clock mode, SSTRB pulses high for one clock period before the MSB decision. High impedance when $\overline{\text{CS}}$ is high (external clock mode).
17	DIN	Serial Data Input. Data is clocked in at SCLK's rising edge.
18	CS	Active-Low Chip Select. Data will not be clocked into DIN unless $\overline{CS}$ is low. When $\overline{CS}$ is high, DOUT is high impedance.
19	SCLK	Serial Clock Input. Clocks data in and out of serial interface. In external clock mode, SCLK also sets the conversion speed. (Duty cycle must be 40% to 60%.)
20	V <sub>DD</sub>	Positive Supply Voltage

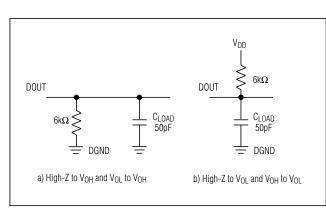


Figure 1. Load Circuits for Enable Time

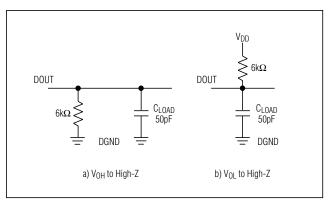


Figure 2. Load Circuits for Disable Time



### **Detailed Description**

The MAX146/MAX147 analog-to-digital converters (ADCs) use a successive-approximation conversion technique and input track/hold (T/H) circuitry to convert an analog signal to a 12-bit digital output. A flexible serial interface provides easy interface to microprocessors ( $\mu$ Ps). Figure 3 is a block diagram of the MAX146/MAX147.

#### **Pseudo-Differential Input**

The sampling architecture of the ADC's analog comparator is illustrated in the equivalent input circuit (Figure 4). In single-ended mode, IN+ is internally switched to CH0–CH7, and IN- is switched to COM. In differential mode, IN+ and IN- are selected from the following pairs: CH0/CH1, CH2/CH3, CH4/CH5, and CH6/CH7. Configure the channels with Tables 2 and 3.

In differential mode, IN- and IN+ are internally switched to either of the analog inputs. This configuration is pseudo-differential to the effect that only the signal at IN+ is sampled. The return side (IN-) must remain stable within  $\pm 0.5$ LSB ( $\pm 0.1$ LSB for best results) with respect to AGND during a conversion. To accomplish this, connect a  $0.1\mu$ F capacitor from IN- (the selected analog input) to AGND.

During the acquisition interval, the channel selected as the positive input (IN+) charges capacitor  $C_{HOLD}$ . The acquisition interval spans three SCLK cycles and ends

on the falling SCLK edge after the last bit of the input control word has been entered. At the end of the acquisition interval, the T/H switch opens, retaining charge on  $C_{HOLD}$  as a sample of the signal at IN+.

The conversion interval begins with the input multiplexer switching C<sub>HOLD</sub> from the positive input (IN+) to the negative input (IN-). In single-ended mode, IN- is simply COM. This unbalances node ZERO at the comparator's input. The capacitive DAC adjusts during the remainder of the conversion cycle to restore node ZERO to 0V within the limits of 12-bit resolution. This action is equivalent to transferring a 16pF x [(V<sub>IN+</sub>) - (V<sub>IN</sub>-)] charge from C<sub>HOLD</sub> to the binary-weighted capacitive DAC, which in turn forms a digital representation of the analog input signal.

### Track/Hold

The T/H enters its tracking mode on the falling clock edge after the fifth bit of the 8-bit control word has been shifted in. It enters its hold mode on the falling clock edge after the eighth bit of the control word has been shifted in. If the converter is set up for single-ended inputs, IN- is connected to COM, and the converter samples the "+" input. If the converter is set up for differential inputs, IN- connects to the "-" input, and the difference of IIN+ - IN-I is sampled. At the end of the conversion, the positive input connects back to IN+, and C<sub>HOLD</sub> charges to the input signal.

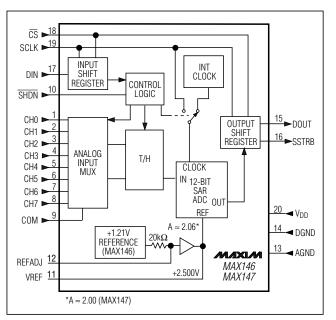


Figure 3. Block Diagram

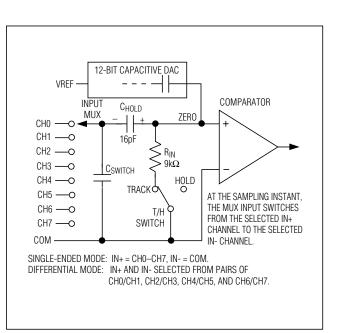


Figure 4. Equivalent Input Circuit

The time required for the T/H to acquire an input signal is a function of how quickly its input capacitance is charged. If the input signal's source impedance is high, the acquisition time lengthens, and more time must be allowed between conversions. The acquisition time,  $t_{ACQ}$ , is the maximum time the device takes to acquire the signal, and is also the minimum time needed for the signal to be acquired. It is calculated by the following equation:

#### $t_{ACQ} = 9 \times (R_S + R_{IN}) \times 16 pF$

where  $R_{IN} = 9k\Omega$ ,  $R_S =$  the source impedance of the input signal, and  $t_{ACQ}$  is never less than 1.5µs. Note that source impedances below  $1k\Omega$  do not significantly affect the ADC's AC performance.

Higher source impedances can be used if a  $0.01\mu$ F capacitor is connected to the individual analog inputs. Note that the input capacitor forms an RC filter with the input source impedance, limiting the ADC's signal bandwidth.

#### Input Bandwidth

The ADC's input tracking circuitry has a 2.25MHz small-signal bandwidth, so it is possible to digitize high-speed transient events and measure periodic signals with bandwidths exceeding the ADC's sampling rate by using undersampling techniques. To avoid high-frequency signals being aliased into the frequency band of interest, anti-alias filtering is recommended.

### **Analog Input Protection**

Internal protection diodes, which clamp the analog input to V<sub>DD</sub> and AGND, allow the channel input pins to swing from AGND - 0.3V to V<sub>DD</sub> + 0.3V without damage. However, for accurate conversions near full scale, the inputs must not exceed V<sub>DD</sub> by more than 50mV or be lower than AGND by 50mV.

If the analog input exceeds 50mV beyond the supplies, do not forward bias the protection diodes of off channels over 2mA.

#### **Quick Look**

To quickly evaluate the MAX146/MAX147's analog performance, use the circuit of Figure 5. The MAX146/ MAX147 require a control byte to be written to DIN before each conversion. Tying DIN to +3V feeds in control bytes of \$FF (HEX), which trigger single-ended unipolar conversions on CH7 in external clock mode without powering down between conversions. In external clock mode, the SSTRB output pulses high for one clock period before the most significant bit of the 12-bit conversion result is shifted out of DOUT. Varying the analog input to CH7 will alter the sequence of bits from DOUT. A total of 15 clock cycles is required per conversion. All transitions of the SSTRB and DOUT outputs occur on the falling edge of SCLK.

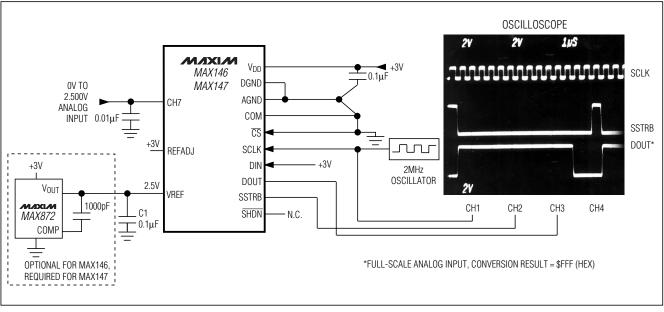


Figure 5. Quick-Look Circuit

BIT 7 (MSB)	BIT 6	BIT 5	BIT 4	BIT 3	BIT 2	BIT 1	BIT 0 (LSB)
START	SEL2	SEL1	SEL0	UNI/BIP	SGL/DIF	PD1	PD0
BIT	NAME	DESCRIPTI	N				
7(MSB)	START	The first log	c "1" bit after $\overline{CS}$ g	goes low defines the	beginning of the c	ontrol byte.	
6 5 4	SEL2 SEL1 SEL0	These three	bits select which o	of the eight channels	s are used for the c	onversion (Tab	les 2 and 3).
3	UNI/BIP	analog inpu		cts unipolar or bipol VREF can be conve			
2	SGL/DIF	ended mode	e, input signal volta	ial. Selects single-e ages are referred to els is measured (Ta	COM. In differentia		0
1 0(LSB)	PD1 PD0		Fast po Internal	n modes. ver-down wer-down (MAX146 clock mode I clock mode	only)		

### Table 1. Control-Byte Format

## Table 2. Channel Selection in Single-Ended Mode (SGL/ $\overline{\text{DIF}}$ = 1)

SEL2	SEL1	SEL0	CH0	CH1	CH2	СНЗ	CH4	CH5	CH6	CH7	СОМ
0	0	0	+								-
1	0	0		+							_
0	0	1			+						_
1	0	1				+					-
0	1	0					+				_
1	1	0						+			-
0	1	1							+		_
1	1	1								+	_

### Table 3. Channel Selection in Differential Mode (SGL/DIF = 0)

SEL2	SEL1	SEL0	CH0	CH1	CH2	CH3	CH4	CH5	CH6	CH7
0	0	0	+	_						
0	0	1			+	_				
0	1	0					+	-		
0	1	1							+	_
1	0	0	-	+						
1	0	1			-	+				
1	1	0					-	+		
1	1	1							_	+

### How to Start a Conversion

Start a conversion by clocking a control byte into DIN. With  $\overline{CS}$  low, each rising edge on SCLK clocks a bit from DIN into the MAX146/MAX147's internal shift register. After  $\overline{CS}$  falls, the first arriving logic "1" bit defines the control byte's MSB. Until this first "start" bit arrives, any number of logic "0" bits can be clocked into DIN with no effect. Table 1 shows the control-byte format.

The MAX146/MAX147 are compatible with SPI<sup>TM</sup>/ QSPI<sup>TM</sup> and Microwire<sup>TM</sup> devices. For SPI, select the correct clock polarity and sampling edge in the SPI control registers: set CPOL = 0 and CPHA = 0. Microwire, SPI, and QSPI all transmit a byte and receive a byte at the same time. Using the *Typical Operating Circuit*, the simplest software interface requires only three 8-bit transfers to perform a conversion (one 8-bit transfer to configure the ADC, and two more 8-bit transfers to clock out the 12-bit conversion result). See Figure 20 for MAX146/MAX147 QSPI connections.

#### Simple Software Interface

Make sure the CPU's serial interface runs in master mode so the CPU generates the serial clock. Choose a clock frequency from 100kHz to 2MHz.

- 1) Set up the control byte for external clock mode and call it TB1. TB1 should be of the format: 1XXXXX11 binary, where the Xs denote the particular channel and conversion mode selected.
- 2) Use a general-purpose I/O line on the CPU to pull  $\overline{\text{CS}}$  low.
- 3) Transmit TB1 and, simultaneously, receive a byte and call it RB1. Ignore RB1.

- 4) Transmit a byte of all zeros (\$00 hex) and, simultaneously, receive byte RB2.
- 5) Transmit a byte of all zeros (\$00 hex) and, simultaneously, receive byte RB3.
- 6) Pull  $\overline{\text{CS}}$  high.

Figure 6 shows the timing for this sequence. Bytes RB2 and RB3 contain the result of the conversion, padded with one leading zero and three trailing zeros. The total conversion time is a function of the serial-clock frequency and the amount of idle time between 8-bit transfers. To avoid excessive T/H droop, make sure the total conversion time does not exceed 120µs.

### Digital Output

In unipolar input mode, the output is straight binary (Figure 17). For bipolar input mode, the output is two's complement (Figure 18). Data is clocked out at the falling edge of SCLK in MSB-first format.

### **Clock Modes**

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The MAX146/MAX147 may use either an external serial clock or the internal clock to perform the successive-approximation conversion. In both clock modes, the external clock shifts data in and out of the MAX146/MAX147. The T/H acquires the input signal as the last three bits of the control byte are clocked into DIN. Bits PD1 and PD0 of the control byte program the clock mode. Figures 7–10 show the timing characteristics common to both modes.

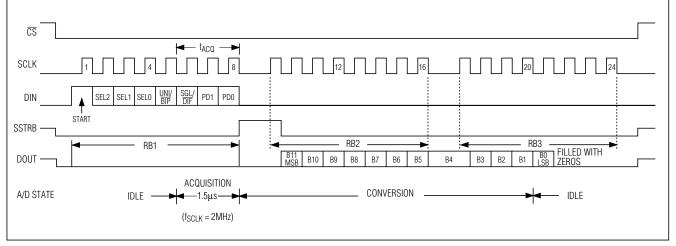
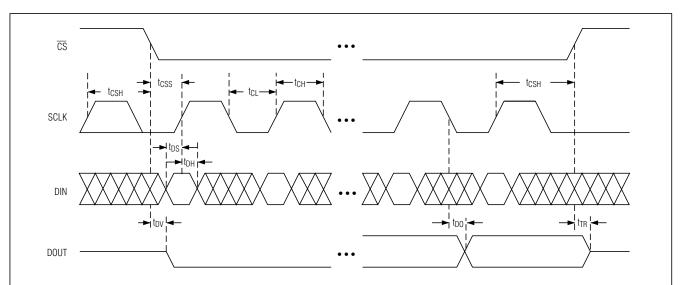


Figure 6. 24-Clock External Clock Mode Conversion Timing (Microwire and SPI Compatible, QSPI Compatible with f<sub>SCLK</sub> < 2MHz)



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Figure 7. Detailed Serial-Interface Timing

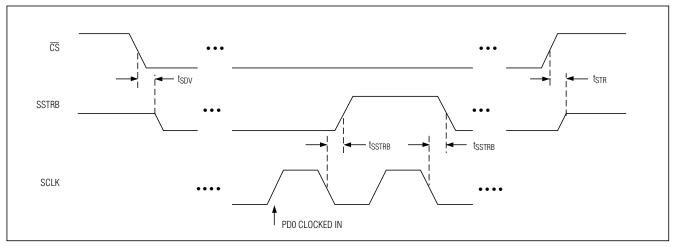


Figure 8. External Clock Mode SSTRB Detailed Timing

#### External Clock

In external clock mode, the external clock not only shifts data in and out, but it also drives the analog-to-digital conversion steps. SSTRB pulses high for one clock period after the last bit of the control byte. Successive-approximation bit decisions are made and appear at DOUT on each of the next 12 SCLK falling edges (Figure 6). SSTRB and DOUT go into a high-impedance state when CS goes high; after the next CS falling edge, SSTRB outputs a logic low. Figure 8 shows the SSTRB timing in external clock mode.

The conversion must complete in some minimum time, or droop on the sample-and-hold capacitors may degrade conversion results. Use internal clock mode if the serial clock frequency is less than 100kHz, or if serial clock interruptions could cause the conversion interval to exceed 120µs.

#### Internal Clock

In internal clock mode, the MAX146/MAX147 generate their own conversion clocks internally. This frees the  $\mu$ P from the burden of running the SAR conversion clock and allows the conversion results to be read back at the



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processor's convenience, at any clock rate from 0MHz to 2MHz. SSTRB goes low at the start of the conversion and then goes high when the conversion is complete. SSTRB is low for a maximum of 7.5µs (SHDN = FLOAT), during which time SCLK should remain low for best noise performance.

An internal register stores data when the conversion is in progress. SCLK clocks the data out of this register at any time after the conversion is complete. After SSTRB goes high, the next falling clock edge produces the MSB of the conversion at DOUT, followed by the remaining bits in MSB-first format (Figure 9). CS does not need to be held low once a conversion is started. Pulling  $\overline{CS}$  high prevents data from being clocked into the MAX146/MAX147 and three-states DOUT, but it does not adversely affect an internal clock mode conversion already in progress. When internal clock mode is selected, SSTRB does not go into a high-impedance state when  $\overline{CS}$  goes high.

Figure 10 shows the SSTRB timing in internal clock mode. In this mode, data can be shifted in and out of the MAX146/MAX147 at clock rates exceeding 2.0MHz if the minimum acquisition time ( $t_{ACQ}$ ) is kept above 1.5µs.

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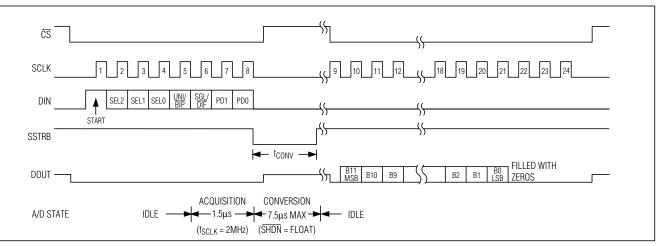


Figure 9. Internal Clock Mode Timing

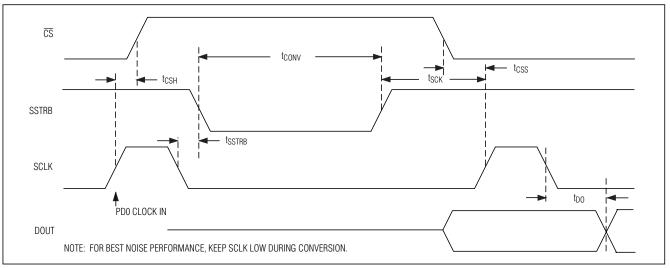


Figure 10. Internal Clock Mode SSTRB Detailed Timing

#### **Data Framing**

The falling edge of  $\overline{CS}$  does **not** start a conversion. The first logic high clocked into DIN is interpreted as a start bit and defines the first bit of the control byte. A conversion starts on SCLK's falling edge, after the eighth bit of the control byte (the PD0 bit) is clocked into DIN. The start bit is defined as follows:

The first high bit clocked into DIN with  $\overline{CS}$  low any time the converter is idle; e.g., after V<sub>DD</sub> is applied.

#### OR

The first high bit clocked into DIN after bit 5 of a conversion in progress is clocked onto the DOUT pin.

If CS is toggled before the current conversion is complete, the next high bit clocked into DIN is recognized as a start bit; the current conversion is terminated, and a new one is started.

The fastest the MAX146/MAX147 can run with  $\overline{CS}$  held low between conversions is 15 clocks per conversion. Figure 11a shows the serial-interface timing necessary to perform a conversion every 15 SCLK cycles in external clock mode. If  $\overline{CS}$  is tied low and SCLK is continuous, guarantee a start bit by first clocking in 16 zeros.

Most microcontrollers ( $\mu$ Cs) require that conversions occur in multiples of 8 SCLK clocks; 16 clocks per conversion is typically the fastest that a  $\mu$ C can drive the MAX146/MAX147. Figure 11b shows the serial-interface timing necessary to perform a conversion every 16 SCLK cycles in external clock mode.

### Applications Information

### **Power-On Reset**

When power is first applied, and if  $\overline{SHDN}$  is not pulled low, internal power-on reset circuitry activates the MAX146/MAX147 in internal clock mode, ready to convert with SSTRB = high. After the power supplies stabilize, the internal reset time is 10µs, and no conversions should be performed during this phase. SSTRB is high on power-up and, if  $\overline{CS}$  is low, the first logical 1 on DIN is interpreted as a start bit. Until a conversion takes place, DOUT shifts out zeros. (Also see Table 4.)

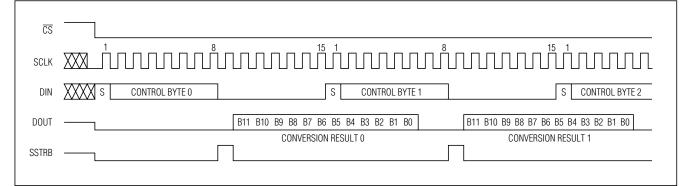


Figure 11a. External Clock Mode, 15 Clocks/Conversion Timing

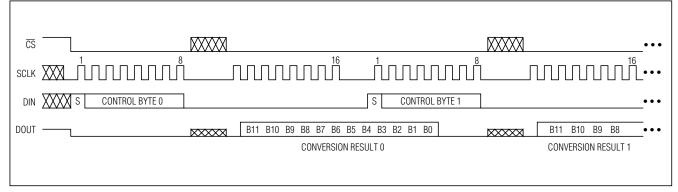


Figure 11b. External Clock Mode, 16 Clocks/Conversion Timing

#### **Reference-Buffer Compensation**

In addition to its shutdown function, SHDN selects internal or external compensation. The compensation affects both power-up time and maximum conversion speed. The100kHz minimum clock rate is limited by droop on the sample-and-hold and is independent of the compensation used.

Float SHDN to select external compensation. The *Typical Operating Circuit* uses a 4.7µF capacitor at VREF. A 4.7µF value ensures reference-buffer stability and allows converter operation at the 2MHz full clock speed. External compensation increases power-up time (see the *Choosing Power-Down Mode* section and Table 4).

Pull SHDN high to select internal compensation. Internal compensation requires no external capacitor at VREF and allows for the shortest power-up times. The maximum clock rate is 2MHz in internal clock mode and 400kHz in external clock mode.

#### **Choosing Power-Down Mode**

You can save power by placing the converter in a lowcurrent shutdown state between conversions. Select full power-down mode or fast power-down mode via bits 1 and 0 of the DIN control byte with SHDN high or floating (Tables 1 and 5). In both software power-down modes, the serial interface remains operational, but the ADC does not convert. Pull SHDN low at any time to shut down the converter completely. SHDN overrides bits 1 and 0 of the control byte.

Full power-down mode turns off all chip functions that draw quiescent current, reducing supply current to  $2\mu A$  (typ). Fast power-down mode turns off all circuitry

except the bandgap reference. With fast power-down mode, the supply current is  $30\mu$ A. Power-up time can be shortened to  $5\mu$ s in internal compensation mode.

Table 4 shows how the choice of reference-buffer compensation and power-down mode affects both power-up delay and maximum sample rate. In external compensation mode, power-up time is 20ms with a  $4.7\mu$ F compensation capacitor when the capacitor is initially fully discharged. From fast power-down, start-up time can be eliminated by using low-leakage capacitors that do not discharge more than 1/2LSB while shut down. In power-down, leakage currents at VREF cause droop on the reference bypass capacitor. Figures 12a and 12b show the various power-down sequences in both external and internal clock modes.

#### Software Power-Down

Software power-down is activated using bits PD1 and PD0 of the control byte. As shown in Table 5, PD1 and PD0 also specify the clock mode. When software shutdown is asserted, the ADC operates in the last specified clock mode until the conversion is complete. Then the ADC powers down into a low quiescent-current state. In internal clock mode, the interface remains active and conversion results may be clocked out after the MAX146/MAX147 enter a software power-down.

The first logical 1 on DIN is interpreted as a start bit and powers up the MAX146/MAX147. Following the start bit, the data input word or control byte also determines clock mode and power-down states. For example, if the DIN word contains PD1 = 1, then the chip remains powered up. If PD0 = PD1 = 0, a power-down resumes after one conversion.

REFERENCE BUFFER	REFERENCE- BUFFER COMPENSATION MODE	VREF CAPACITOR (µF)	POWER-DOWN MODE	POWER-UP DELAY (μs)	MAXIMUM SAMPLING RATE (ksps)
Enabled	Internal	_	Fast	5	26
Enabled	Internal	—	Full	300	26
Enabled	External	4.7	Fast	See Figure 14c	133
Enabled	External	4.7	Full	See Figure 14c	133
Disabled	—	_	Fast	2	133
Disabled	—		Full	2	133

### Table 4. Typical Power-Up Delay Times

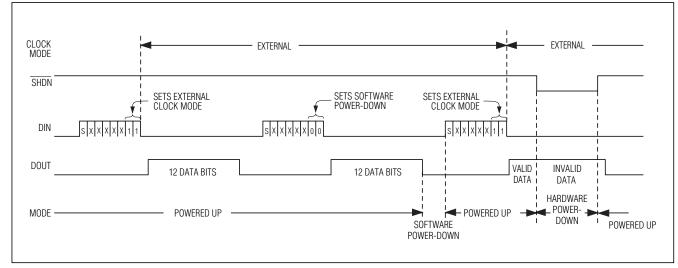


Figure 12a. Timing Diagram Power-Down Modes, External Clock

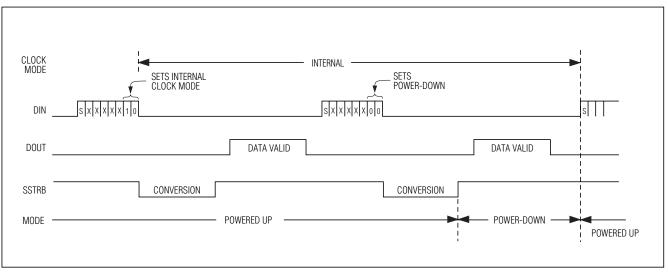


Figure 12b. Timing Diagram Power-Down Modes, Internal Clock

#### Hardware Power-Down

Pulling SHDN low places the converter in hardware power-down (Table 6). Unlike software power-down mode, the conversion is not completed; it stops coincidentally with SHDN being brought low. SHDN also controls the clock frequency in internal clock mode. Letting SHDN float sets the internal clock frequency to 1.8MHz. When returning to normal operation with SHDN floating, there is a tRC delay of approximately  $2M\Omega \times C_L$ , where  $C_L$  is the capacitive loading on the SHDN pin. Pulling SHDN high sets internal clock frequency to 225kHz. This feature eases the settling-time requirement for the reference voltage. With an external reference, the MAX146/MAX147 can be considered fully powered up within 2µs of actively pulling SHDN high.



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#### **Power-Down Sequencing**

The MAX146/MAX147 auto power-down modes can save considerable power when operating at less than maximum sample rates. Figures 13, 14a, and 14b show the average supply current as a function of the sampling rate. The following discussion illustrates the various power-down sequences.

### Lowest Power at up to 500 Conversions/Channel/Second

The following examples show two different power-down sequences. Other combinations of clock rates, compensation modes, and power-down modes may give lowest power consumption in other applications.

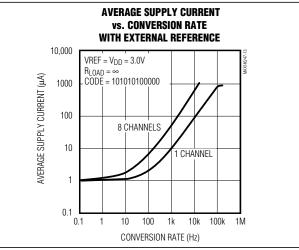
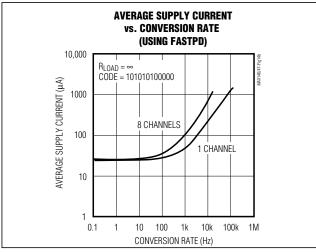


Figure 13. Average Supply Current vs. Conversion Rate with External Reference



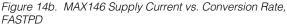


Figure 14a depicts the MAX146 power consumption for one or eight channel conversions utilizing full powerdown mode and internal-reference compensation. A 0.047µF bypass capacitor at REFADJ forms an RC filter with the internal 20k $\Omega$  reference resistor with a 0.9ms time constant. To achieve full 12-bit accuracy, 10 time constants or 9ms are required after power-up. Waiting this 9ms in FASTPD mode instead of in full power-up can reduce power consumption by a factor of 10 or more. This is achieved by using the sequence shown in Figure 15.

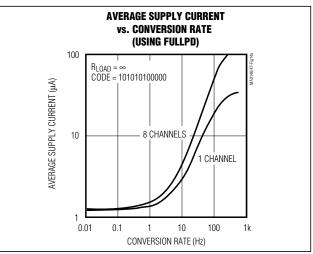
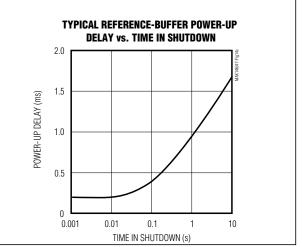
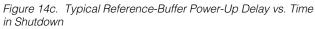


Figure 14a. MAX146 Supply Current vs. Conversion Rate, FULLPD





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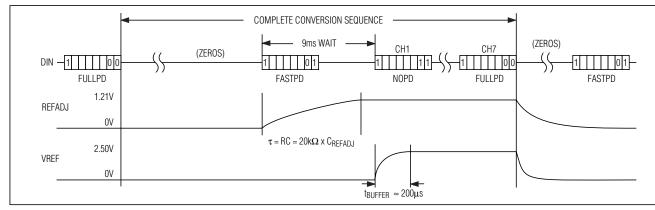


Figure 15. MAX146 FULLPD/FASTPD Power-Up Sequence

#### Lowest Power at Higher Throughputs

Figure 14b shows the power consumption with external-reference compensation in fast power-down, with one and eight channels converted. The external 4.7µF compensation requires a 200µs wait after power-up with one dummy conversion. This graph shows fast multi-channel conversion with the lowest power consumption possible. Full power-down mode may provide increased power savings in applications where the MAX146/MAX147 are inactive for long periods of time, but where intermittent bursts of high-speed conversions are required.

#### **Internal and External References**

The MAX146 can be used with an internal or external reference voltage, whereas an external reference is required for the MAX147. An external reference can be connected directly at VREF or at the REFADJ pin.

An internal buffer is designed to provide 2.5V at VREF for both the MAX146 and the MAX147. The MAX146's internally trimmed 1.21V reference is buffered with a 2.06 gain. The MAX147's REFADJ pin is also buffered with a 2.00 gain to scale an external 1.25V reference at REFADJ to 2.5V at VREF.

#### Internal Reference (MAX146)

The MAX146's full-scale range with the internal reference is 2.5V with unipolar inputs and  $\pm 1.25V$  with bipolar inputs. The internal reference voltage is adjustable to  $\pm 1.5\%$  with the circuit in Figure 16.

#### External Reference

With both the MAX146 and MAX147, an external reference can be placed at either the input (REFADJ) or the output (VREF) of the internal reference-buffer amplifier. The REFADJ input impedance is typically  $20k\Omega$  for the MAX146, and higher than  $100k\Omega$  for the MAX147. At



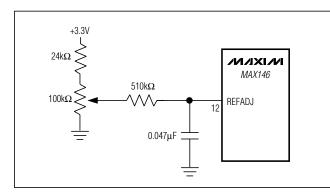


Figure 16. MAX146 Reference-Adjust Circuit

# Table 5. Software Power-Down andClock Mode

PD1	PD0	DEVICE MODE
0	0	Full Power-Down
0	1	Fast Power-Down
1	0	Internal Clock
1	1	External Clock

# Table 6. Hard-Wired Power-Down andInternal Clock Frequency

SHDN STATE	DEVICE MODE	REFERENCE BUFFER COMPENSATION	INTERNAL CLOCK FREQUENCY
1	Enabled	Internal	225kHz
Floating	Enabled	External	1.8MHz
0	Power-Down	N/A	N/A

VREF, the DC input resistance is a minimum of  $18k\Omega$ . During conversion, an external reference at VREF must deliver up to  $350\mu$ A DC load current and have  $10\Omega$  or less output impedance. If the reference has a higher output impedance or is noisy, bypass it close to the VREF pin with a  $4.7\mu$ F capacitor.

Using the REFADJ input makes buffering the external reference unnecessary. To use the direct VREF input, disable the internal buffer by tying REFADJ to V<sub>DD</sub>. In power-down, the input bias current to REFADJ is typically  $25\mu$ A (MAX146) with REFADJ tied to V<sub>DD</sub>. Pull REFADJ to AGND to minimize the input bias current in power-down.

#### **Transfer Function**

Table 7 shows the full-scale voltage ranges for unipolar and bipolar modes.

The external reference must have a temperature coefficient of  $4ppm/^{\circ}C$  or less to achieve accuracy to within 1LSB over the 0°C to +70°C commercial temperature range.

Figure 17 depicts the nominal, unipolar input/output (I/O) transfer function, and Figure 18 shows the bipolar input/output transfer function. Code transitions occur halfway between successive-integer LSB values. Output coding is binary, with 1LSB =  $610\mu V$  (2.500V / 4096) for unipolar operation, and 1LSB =  $610\mu V$  [(2.500V / 2 - 2.500V / 2) / 4096] for bipolar operation.

#### Layout, Grounding, and Bypassing

For best performance, use printed circuit boards. Wire-wrap boards are not recommended. Board layout should ensure that digital and analog signal lines are separated from each other. Do not run analog and digital (especially clock) lines parallel to one another, or digital lines underneath the ADC package.

Figure 19 shows the recommended system ground connections. Establish a single-point analog ground (star ground point) at AGND, separate from the logic ground. Connect all other analog grounds and DGND to the star ground. No other digital system ground should be connected to this ground. For lowest-noise operation, the ground return to the star ground's power

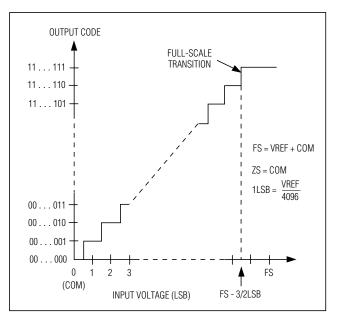


Figure 17. Unipolar Transfer Function, Full Scale (FS) = VREF + COM, Zero Scale (ZS) = COM

supply should be low impedance and as short as possible.

High-frequency noise in the V<sub>DD</sub> power supply may affect the high-speed comparator in the ADC. Bypass the supply to the star ground with 0.1µF and 1µF capacitors close to pin 20 of the MAX146/MAX147. Minimize capacitor lead lengths for best supply-noise rejection. If the power supply is very noisy, a 10 $\Omega$  resistor can be connected as a lowpass filter (Figure 19).

**High-Speed Digital Interfacing with QSPI** The MAX146/MAX147 can interface with QSPI using the circuit in Figure 20 ( $f_{SCLK} = 2.0MHz$ , CPOL = 0, CPHA = 0). This QSPI circuit can be programmed to do a conversion on each of the eight channels. The result is stored in memory without taxing the CPU, since QSPI incorporates its own microsequencer.

The MAX146/MAX147 are QSPI compatible up to the maximum external clock frequency of 2MHz.

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### Table 7. Full Scale and Zero Scale

UNIPOLA	BIPOLAR MODE			
Full Scale	Zero Scale	Positive Full Scale	Zero Scale	Negative Full Scale
VREF + COM	СОМ	VREF / 2 + COM	СОМ	-VREF / 2 + COM

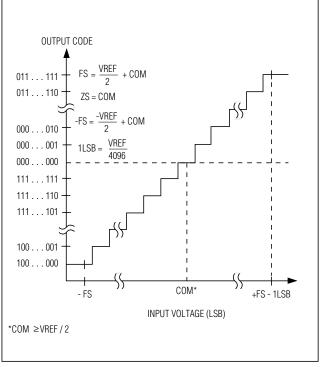


Figure 18. Bipolar Transfer Function, Full Scale (FS) = VREF / 2 + COM, Zero Scale (ZS) = COM

#### TMS320LC3x Interface

Figure 21 shows an application circuit to interface the MAX146/MAX147 to the TMS320 in external clock mode. The timing diagram for this interface circuit is shown in Figure 22.

Use the following steps to initiate a conversion in the MAX146/MAX147 and to read the results:

- The TMS320 should be configured with CLKX (transmit clock) as an active-high output clock and CLKR (TMS320 receive clock) as an active-high input clock. CLKX and CLKR on the TMS320 are tied together with the MAX146/MAX147's SCLK input.
- The MAX146/MAX147's CS pin is driven low by the TMS320's XF\_ I/O port to enable data to be clocked into the MAX146/MAX147's DIN.
- An 8-bit word (1XXXXX11) should be written to the MAX146/MAX147 to initiate a conversion and place the device into external clock mode. Refer to Table 1 to select the proper XXXXX bit values for your specific application.

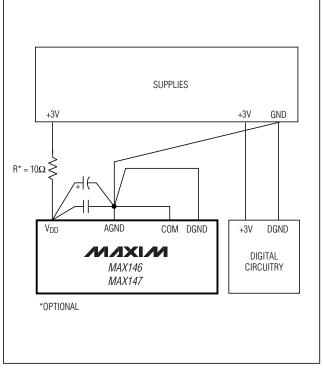


Figure 19. Power-Supply Grounding Connection

- 4) The MAX146/MAX147's SSTRB output is monitored via the TMS320's FSR input. A falling edge on the SSTRB output indicates that the conversion is in progress and data is ready to be received from the MAX146/MAX147.
- 5) The TMS320 reads in one data bit on each of the next 16 rising edges of SCLK. These data bits represent the 12-bit conversion result followed by four trailing bits, which should be ignored.
- Pull CS high to disable the MAX146/MAX147 until the next conversion is initiated.

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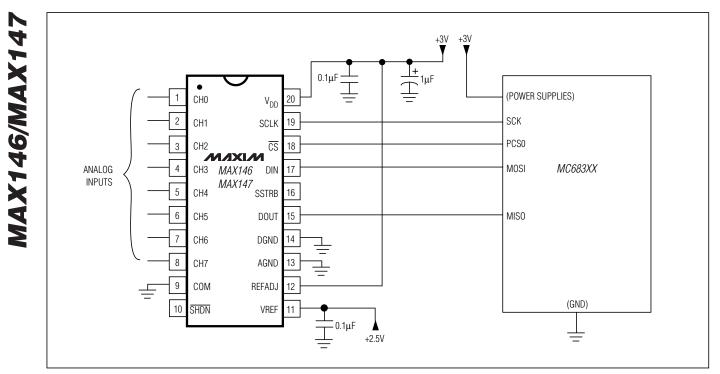


Figure 20. MAX146/MAX147 QSPI Connections, External Reference

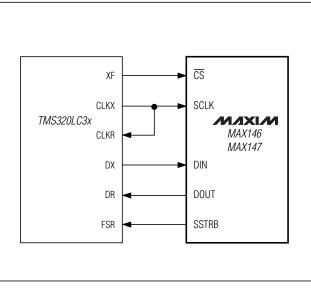


Figure 21. MAX146/MAX147-to-TMS320 Serial Interface

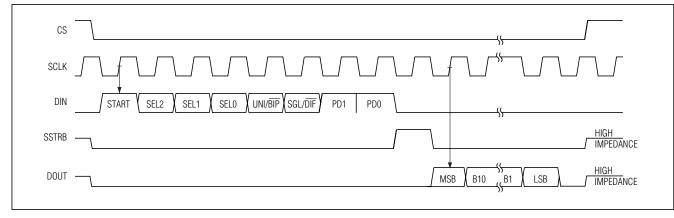


Figure 22. TMS320 Serial-Interface Timing Diagram

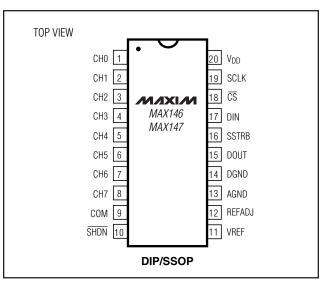
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PART	TEMP RANGE	PIN-PACKAGE	INL (LSB)
MAX146AEPP	-40°C to +85°C	20 Plastic DIP	±1/2
MAX146BEPP	-40°C to +85°C	20 Plastic DIP	±1
MAX146AEAP	-40°C to +85°C	20 SSOP	±1/2
MAX146BEAP	-40°C to +85°C	20 SSOP	±1
MAX146AMJP	-55°C to +125°C	20 CERDIP**	±1/2
MAX146BMJP	-55°C to +125°C	20 CERDIP**	±1
MAX147ACPP	0°C to +70°C	20 Plastic DIP	±1/2
MAX147BCPP	0°C to +70°C	20 Plastic DIP	±1
MAX147ACAP	0°C to +70°C	20 SSOP	±1/2
MAX147BCAP	0°C to +70°C	20 SSOP	±1
MAX147CCAP	0°C to +70°C	20 SSOP	±2.0
MAX147BC/D	0°C to +70°C	Dice*	±1
MAX147AEPP	-40°C to +85°C	20 Plastic DIP	±1/2
MAX147BEPP	-40°C to +85°C	20 Plastic DIP	±1
MAX147AEAP	-40°C to +85°C	20 SSOP	±1/2
MAX147BEAP	-40°C to +85°C	20 SSOP	±1
MAX147CEAP	-40°C to +85°C	20 SSOP	±2.0
MAX147AMJP	-55°C to +125°C	20 CERDIP**	±1/2
MAX147BMJP	-55°C to +125°C	20 CERDIP**	±1

\*Dice are specified at T<sub>A</sub> = +25°C, DC parameters only.
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### \_Pin Configuration

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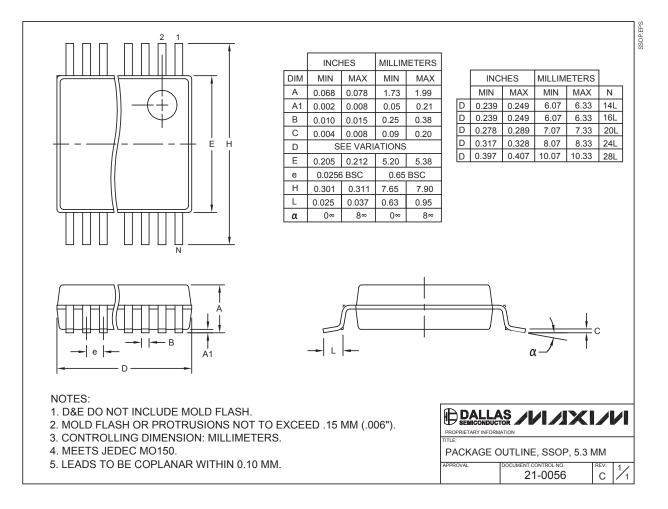
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