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# Ultra-Precision, High-Side Current-Sense Amplifiers

MAX9922/MAX9923

## General Description

The MAX9922/MAX9923 ultra-precision, high-side current-sense amplifiers feature ultra-low offset voltage ( $V_{OS}$ ) of  $25\mu V$  (max) and laser-trimmed gain accuracy better than 0.5%. The combination of low  $V_{OS}$  and high-gain accuracy allows precise current measurements even at very small sense voltages.

The MAX9922/MAX9923 are capable of both unidirectional and bidirectional operation. For unidirectional operation, connect REF to GND. For bidirectional operation, connect REF to  $V_{DD}/2$ .

The MAX9922 has adjustable gain set with two external resistors. The MAX9923T/MAX9923H/MAX9923F use an internal laser-trimmed resistor for fixed gain of 25V/V, 100V/V, and 250V/V, respectively. The devices operate from a +2.85V to +5.5V single supply, independent of the input common-mode voltage, and draw only 700 $\mu A$  operating supply current and less than 1 $\mu A$  in shutdown.

The +1.9V to +28V current-sense input common-mode voltage range makes the MAX9922/MAX9923 ideal for current monitoring in applications where high accuracy, large common-mode measurement range, and minimum full-scale  $V_{SENSE}$  voltage is critical.

The MAX9922/MAX9923 use a spread-spectrum autozeroing technique that constantly measures and cancels the input offset voltage, eliminating drift over time and temperature, and the effect of 1/f noise. This, in conjunction with the indirect current-feedback technique, achieves less than  $25\mu V$  (max) offset voltage.

The MAX9922/MAX9923 are available in a small 10-pin  $\mu MAX$ ® package and are specified over the -40°C to +85°C extended temperature range.

## Applications

Notebook/Desktop Power Management  
Handheld Li+ Battery Current Monitoring  
Precision Current Sources

*Typical Operating Circuits appear at end of data sheet.*

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## Features

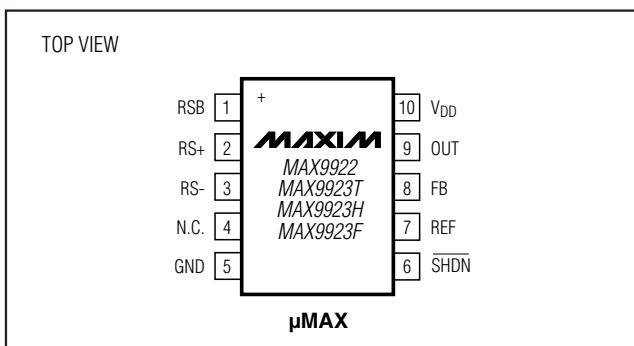
- ♦ Ultra-Precision  $V_{OS}$  Over Temperature
  - MAX9922:  $\pm 10\mu V$  (max)
  - MAX9923T:  $\pm 25\mu V$  (max)
  - MAX9923H:  $\pm 20\mu V$  (max)
  - MAX9923F:  $\pm 10\mu V$  (max)
- ♦  $\pm 0.5\%$  (max) Full-Scale Gain Accuracy
- ♦ Bidirectional or Unidirectional I<sub>SENSE</sub>
- ♦ Multiple Gains Available
  - Adjustable (MAX9922)
  - +25V/V (MAX9923T)
  - +100V/V (MAX9923H)
  - +250V/V (MAX9923F)
- ♦ 1.9V to 28V Input Common-Mode Voltage, Independent of  $V_{DD}$
- ♦ Supply Voltage: +2.85V to +5.5V
- ♦ 700 $\mu A$  Supply Current, 1 $\mu A$  Shutdown Current
- ♦ Extended Temperature Range (-40°C to +85°C)
- ♦ Available in Space-Saving 10-Pin  $\mu MAX$

## Ordering Information

PART	PIN-PACKAGE	TEMP RANGE	GAIN (V/V)
MAX9922EUB+	10 $\mu MAX$	-40°C to +85°C	Adjustable
MAX9923TEUB+	10 $\mu MAX$	-40°C to +85°C	25
MAX9923HEUB+	10 $\mu MAX$	-40°C to +85°C	100
MAX9923FEUB+	10 $\mu MAX$	-40°C to +85°C	250

+ Denotes a lead(Pb)-free/RoHS-compliant package.

## Pin Configuration



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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

RSB, RS+, RS- to GND ..... -0.3V to +30V  
 V<sub>DD</sub> to GND ..... -0.3V to +6V  
 OUT, REF, FB, SHDN  
   to GND ..... -0.3V to the lower of (V<sub>DD</sub> + 0.3V) and +6V  
 OUT Short Circuit to V<sub>DD</sub> or GND ..... Continuous  
 Differential Voltage (V<sub>RS+</sub> - V<sub>RS-</sub>), (V<sub>RSB</sub> - V<sub>RS+</sub>),  
 (V<sub>RSB</sub> - V<sub>RS-</sub>) ..... ±5.5V

Current into Any Pin ..... ±20mA  
 Continuous Power Dissipation (T<sub>A</sub> = +70°C)  
   10-Pin μMAX (derate 4.5mW/°C above +70°C) ..... 362mW  
 Operating Temperature Range ..... -40°C to +85°C  
 Junction Temperature ..... +150°C  
 Storage Temperature Range ..... -65°C to +150°C  
 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<sub>RSB</sub> = V<sub>RS+</sub> = V<sub>RS-</sub> = +12V, V<sub>DD</sub> = +3.3V, V<sub>GND</sub> = 0V, V<sub>REF</sub> = V<sub>DD</sub>/2 for bidirectional, V<sub>REF</sub> = 0V for unidirectional, V<sub>SENSE</sub> = V<sub>RS+</sub> - V<sub>RS-</sub> = 0V, MAX9922 is set for A<sub>V</sub> = 100V/V (R<sub>1</sub> = 1kΩ, R<sub>2</sub> = 99kΩ), SHDN = V<sub>DD</sub>, T<sub>A</sub> = -40°C to +85°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T<sub>A</sub> = +25°C.) (Note 1)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
<b>DC CHARACTERISTICS</b>						
Input Offset Voltage (Notes 2, 3)	V <sub>OS</sub>	MAX9922 (A <sub>V</sub> = 100), V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 0V, V <sub>REF</sub> = V <sub>DD</sub> /2, -40°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ +85°C		±0.1	±10	μV
		MAX9923T, V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 0V, V <sub>REF</sub> = V <sub>DD</sub> /2, -40°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ +85°C		±0.2	±25	
		MAX9923H, V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 0V, V <sub>REF</sub> = V <sub>DD</sub> /2 -40°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ +85°C		±0.2	±20	
		MAX9923F, V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 0V, V <sub>REF</sub> = V <sub>DD</sub> /2, -40°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ +85°C		±0.1	±10	
Input Offset Voltage Temperature Drift (Notes 2, 4)	TCV <sub>OS</sub>	MAX9922 (A <sub>V</sub> = 100V/V), V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 0V, V <sub>REF</sub> = V <sub>DD</sub> /2, -40°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ +85°C			±0.05	μV/°C
		MAX9923T, V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 0V, V <sub>REF</sub> = V <sub>DD</sub> /2, -40°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ +85°C			±0.20	
		MAX9923H, V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 0V, V <sub>REF</sub> = V <sub>DD</sub> /2, -40°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ +85°C			±0.10	
		MAX9923F, V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 0V, V <sub>REF</sub> = V <sub>DD</sub> /2, -40°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ +85°C			±0.05	
Input Common-Mode Range	V <sub>CMR</sub>	Guaranteed by CMRR	1.90		28.00	V
Input Common-Mode Rejection	CMRR	1.9V ≤ V <sub>RS+</sub> ≤ 28V, -40°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ +85°C (Note 2)	121	140		dB
Gain	A <sub>V</sub>	MAX9922		Adj		V/V
		MAX9923T		25		
		MAX9923H		100		
		MAX9923F		250		

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Gain Accuracy (Note 5)	$\Delta A_V$	MAX9922 ( $A_V = 100$ )	$T_A = +25^\circ C$		$\pm 0.17$	$\pm 0.40$	%
			$-40^\circ C \leq T_A \leq +85^\circ C$			$\pm 0.60$	
		MAX9923T	$T_A = +25^\circ C$		$\pm 0.12$	$\pm 0.30$	
			$-40^\circ C \leq T_A \leq +85^\circ C$			$\pm 0.60$	
		MAX9923H	$T_A = +25^\circ C$		$\pm 0.24$	$\pm 0.40$	
			$-40^\circ C \leq T_A \leq +85^\circ C$			$\pm 0.75$	
Gain Nonlinearity	$\sim A_V$	MAX9922 ( $A_V = 100$ )			$\pm 0.06$		%
		MAX9923T			$\pm 0.04$		
		MAX9923H			$\pm 0.06$		
		MAX9923F			$\pm 0.12$		
Open-Loop Gain	$A_{VOL}$	MAX9922			160		dB
Input Bias Current	$I_{RS+}, I_{RS-}$				1		pA
FB Bias Current	$I_{FB}$	MAX9922			1		pA
FB Resistance	$R_{FB}$	MAX9923T/MAX9923H/MAX9923F resistance between FB and REF			1		k $\Omega$
REF Input Range		Guaranteed by REF CMRR test	$T_A = +25^\circ C$	0		$V_{DD} - 1.4$	V
			$-40^\circ C \leq T_A \leq +85^\circ C$	0		$V_{DD} - 1.6$	
REF Common-Mode Rejection Ratio		$0 \leq REF \leq V_{DD} - 1.4V$ (Note 2)		94	100		dB
REF Input Current (Note 6)		MAX9922 (bidirectional)				$\pm 20$	$\mu A$
		MAX9923T (bidirectional)			$\pm 60$	$\pm 70$	
		MAX9923H (bidirectional)			$\pm 16$	$\pm 20$	
		MAX9923F (bidirectional)			$\pm 6$	$\pm 7$	
OUT High Voltage	$V_{OH}$	$V_{OH} = V_{DD} - V_{OUT}$ (Note 7)	$R_L = 10k\Omega$ to GND and REF = GND		7	30	mV
			$R_L = 10k\Omega$ to $V_{DD}$ and REF = $V_{DD} - 1.4$		1	6	
OUT Low Voltage (Note 7)	$V_{OL}$	$R_L = 10k\Omega$ to GND and REF = GND			1	10	mV
		$R_L = 10k\Omega$ to $V_{DD}$ and REF = $V_{DD} - 1.4$			6	30	
$\overline{SHDN}$ Logic-Low	$V_{IL}$	$V_{DD} = 5.5V$				0.3	V
$\overline{SHDN}$ Logic-High	$V_{IH}$	$V_{DD} = 5.5V$		$0.6 \times V_{DD}$			V
$\overline{SHDN}$ Input Current	$I_{IH}/I_{IL}$				0.001	$\pm 1$	$\mu A$

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
<b>AC CHARACTERISTICS</b>						
-3dB Small-Signal Bandwidth	BW	$V_{SENSE} = 10mV_{P-P}$	MAX9922	10		kHz
			MAX9923T	50		
			MAX9923H	10		
		$V_{SENSE} = 5mV_{P-P}$	MAX9923F	2.5		
Slew Rate	SR	$\Delta V_{OUT} = 2V$ , $C_{LOAD} = 100pF$		0.4		V/ $\mu s$
OUT Settling Time to 1% of Final Value		$C_{LOAD} = 7pF$	MAX9922	200		$\mu s$
			MAX9923T	100		
			MAX9923H	200		
			MAX9923F	400		
Input-Voltage Noise Peak-to-Peak		$f_O = 0.1Hz$ to $10Hz$		3.4		$\mu V_{P-P}$
Autozeroing Clock Frequency	$f_C$	Pseudo-random		20		kHz
Capacitive-Load Stability		No sustained oscillations		200		pF
<b>POWER-SUPPLY CHARACTERISTICS</b>						
Supply Voltage Range	$V_{DD}$	Guaranteed by PSRR	2.85		5.50	V
Power-Supply Rejection Ratio	PSRR	$2.85V \leq V_{DD} \leq 5.5V$ , $-40^\circ C \leq T_A \leq +85^\circ C$ (Note 2)	93	99		dB
Quiescent Supply Current	$I_{DD}$	$V_{DD} = 5.0V$		780	1300	$\mu A$
		$V_{DD} = 3.0V$		700	1500	
	$I_{RSB}$	$V_{RSB} = 12V$		200	300	
Shutdown Supply Current	$I_{DD\_SD}$	$\overline{VSHDN} = 0.3V$		0.05	1	$\mu A$
	$I_{RSB\_SD}$	$\overline{VSHDN} = 0.3V$ , $V_{RSB} = 28V$		0.05	1	
Power-Down Input Current	$I_{RS+L}$ , $I_{RS-L}$	$V_{DD} = V_{REF} = 0V$ , $V_{RSB} = V_{RS+} = V_{RS-} = 28V$		0.01	0.1	$\mu A$

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Power-Down Supply Current	$I_{RSBL}$	$V_{DD} = V_{REF} = 0V$ , $V_{RSB} = V_{RS+} = V_{RS-} = 28V$		0.05	1	$\mu A$
Power-Up Time		MAX9922, $A_V = 100V/V$ , $V_{REF} = 0V$ , $V_{SENSE} = 10mV$ , $V_{DD} = 0V$ to $3.3V$ , settling to 0.1% of final value		800		$\mu s$

**Note 1:** All devices are 100% production tested at  $T_A = +85^\circ C$ . All temperature limits are guaranteed by design.

**Note 2:**  $V_{OS}$  is measured in bidirectional mode with  $V_{REF} = V_{DD}/2$ .

**Note 3:** Data sheet limits are guaranteed by design and bench characterization. Thermocouple effects preclude measurement of this parameter during production testing. Devices are screened during production testing to eliminate defective units.

**Note 4:**  $V_{OS}$  drift limits are guaranteed by design and bench characterization and are the average of drift from  $-40^\circ C$  to  $+25^\circ C$  and from  $+25^\circ C$  to  $+85^\circ C$ .

**Note 5:**  $V_{RSB} = V_{RS+} = 12V$ ,  $V_{REF} = V_{DD}/2$  for bipolar mode and  $V_{REF} = 0V$  for unipolar mode. Gain accuracy and gain linearity are specified over a  $V_{SENSE}$  range that keeps the output voltage 250mV away from the rails to achieve full accuracy. Output of the part is rail-to-rail, and goes to within 25mV of the rails, but accuracy is not maintained. Linear operation is not guaranteed for  $V_{SENSE}$  voltages  $> \pm 150mV$ . See the *Typical Operating Characteristics* section for plots of Input vs. Output.

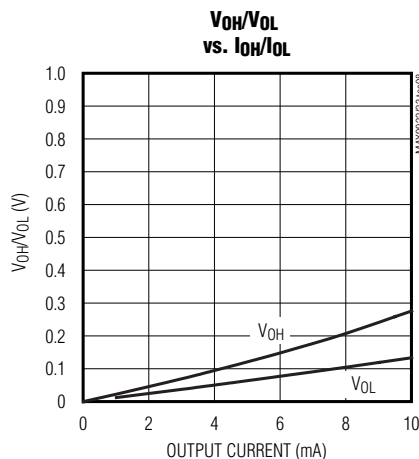
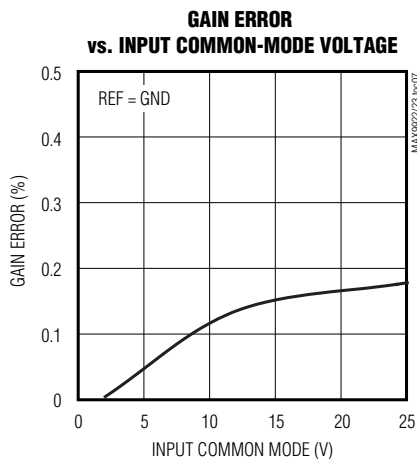
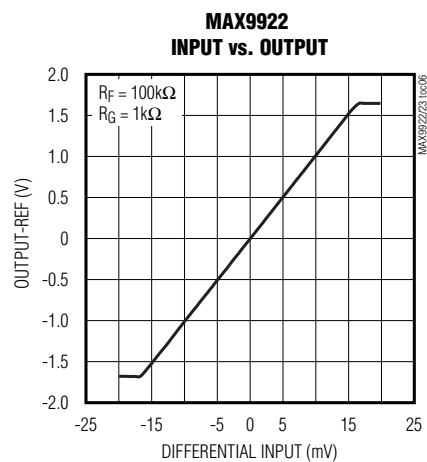
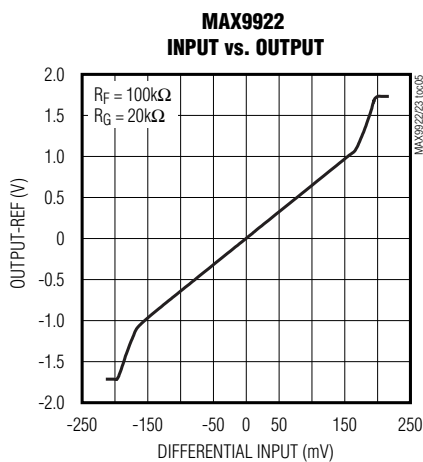
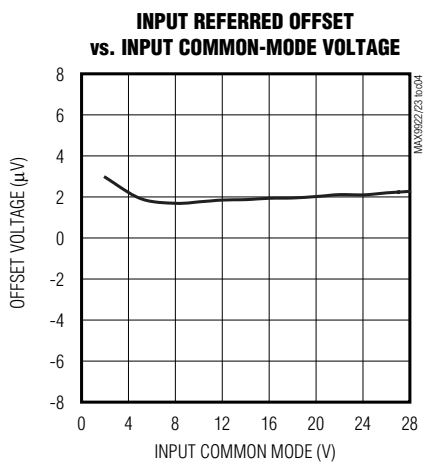
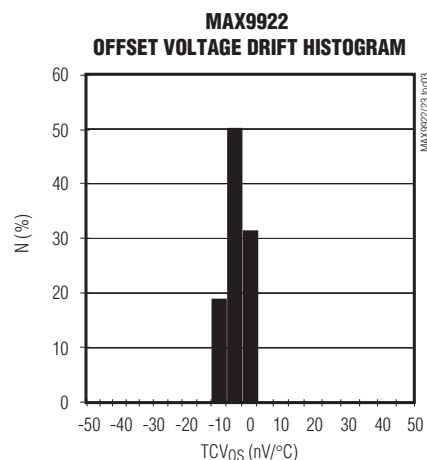
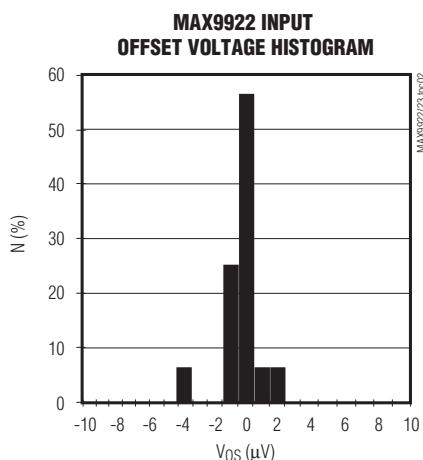
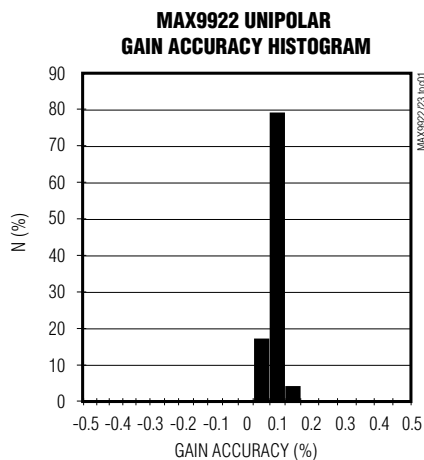
**Note 6:** This is the worst-case REF current needed to directly drive the bottom terminal of the gain setting resistors, at  $V_{DD} = 3.3V$ , and  $V_{REF} = V_{DD}/2$  while maintaining gain accuracy. An internal  $1k\Omega$  resistor ( $R_1$ ) is present in the MAX9923T/MAX9923H/MAX9923F between the FB and REF pins, while in the MAX9922 the resistor is external and user selectable. A voltage identical to the  $V_{SENSE}$  develops across this resistor. In all versions the REF input current is dependent on the magnitude and polarity of  $V_{SENSE}$ , and in the MAX9922 it is dependent on the value of the external resistor as well. The input bias current for REF is typically 1pA in the MAX9922 since it connects to the gate of a MOS transistor. See the *External Reference* section for more details.

**Note 7:** The range of  $V_{REF}$ ,  $V_{CM}$ , and  $V_{SENSE}$  may limit the output swing of the MAX9922 with adjustable gain set to less than 100V/V.

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## Typical Operating Characteristics

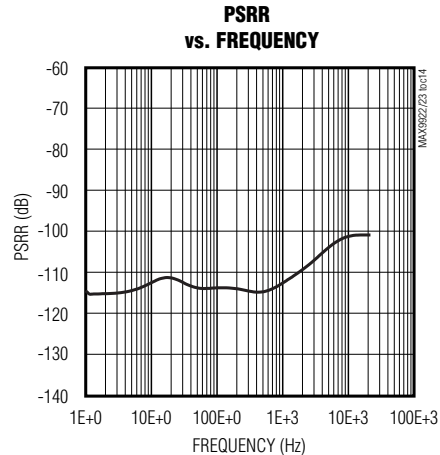
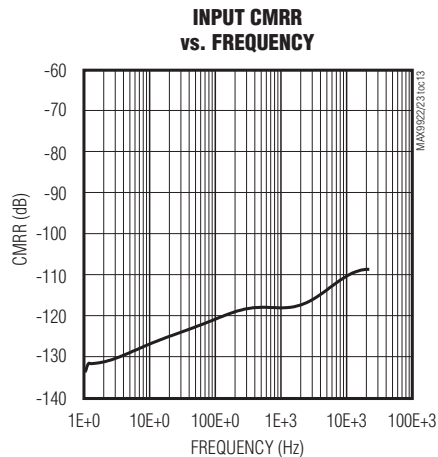
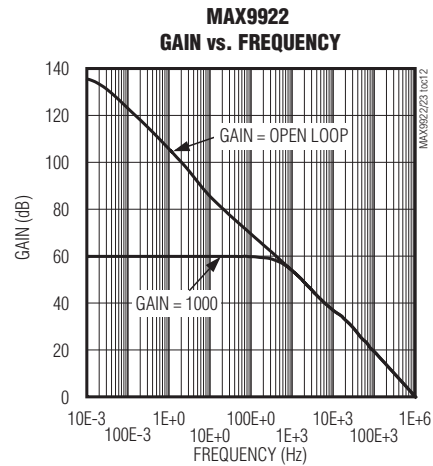
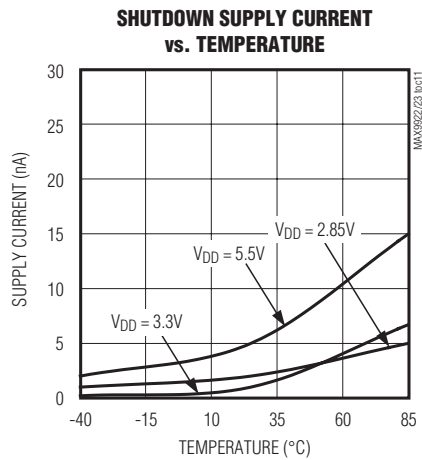
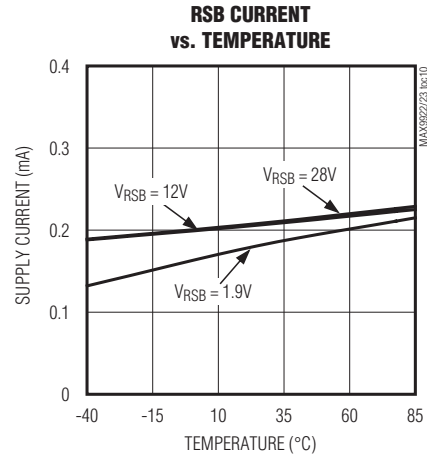
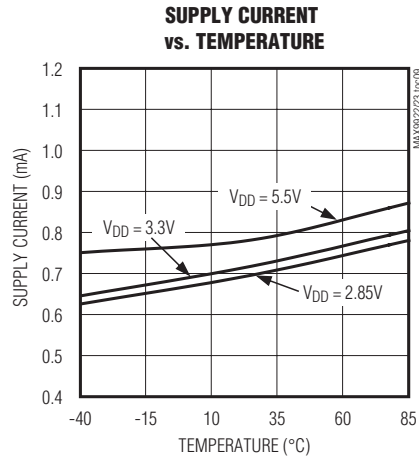
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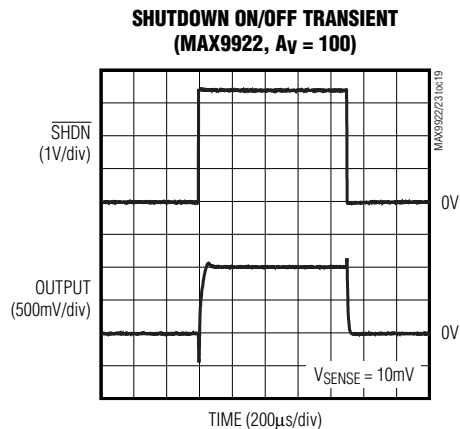
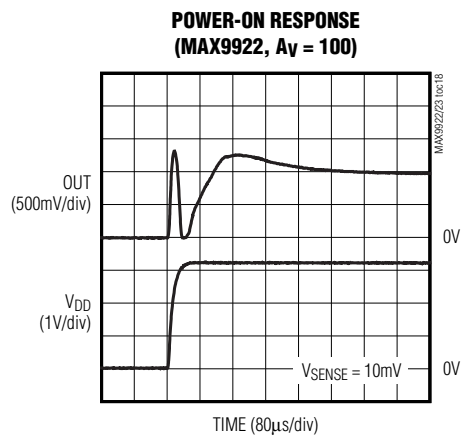
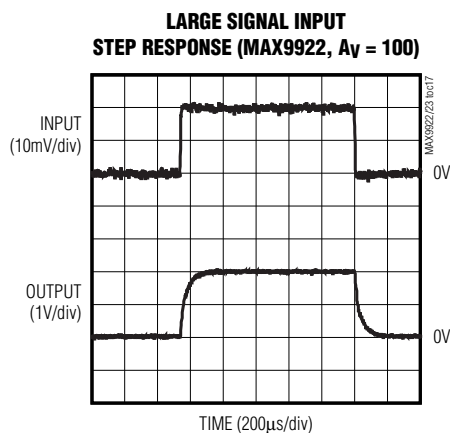
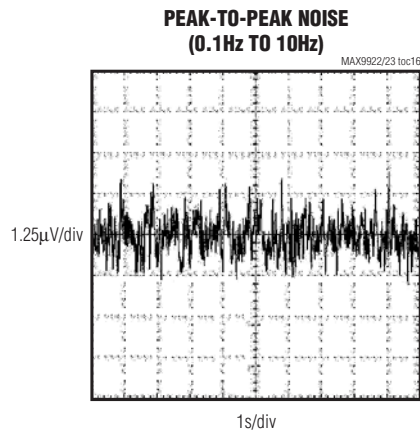
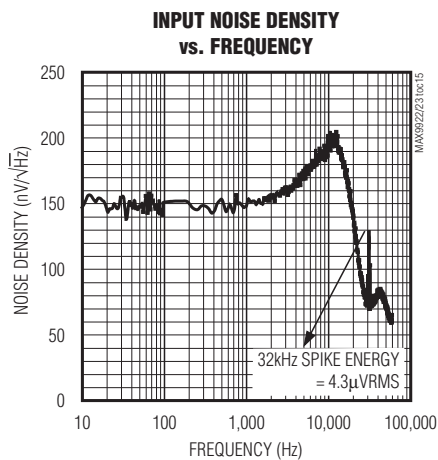


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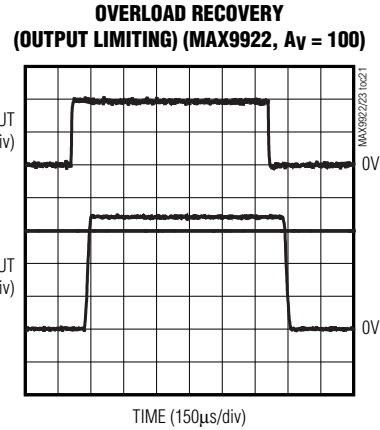
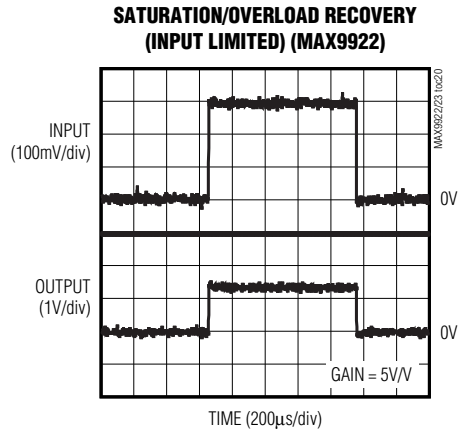




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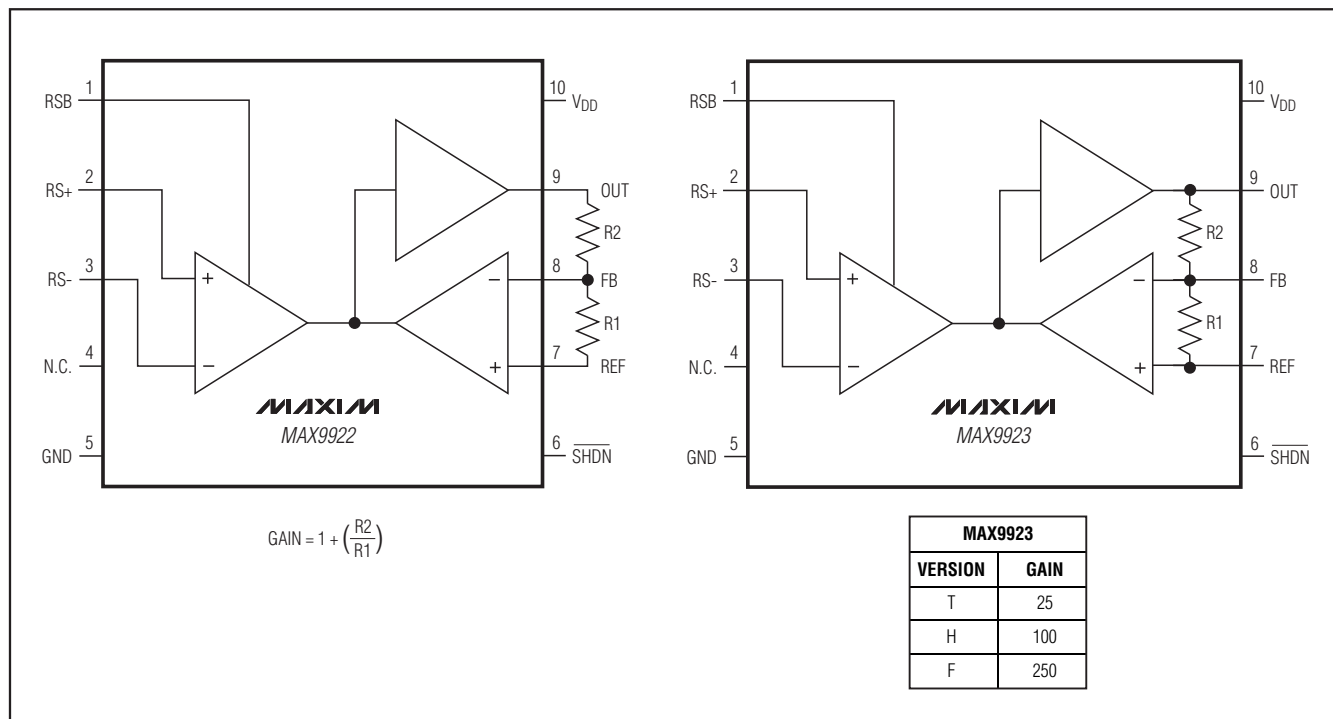
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## Pin Description

PIN	NAME	FUNCTION
1	RSB	Current-Sense Amplifier Input Stage Supply. Connect to either RS+ or RS-.
2	RS+	Current-Sense Amplifier Positive Input
3	RS-	Current-Sense Amplifier Negative Input
4	N.C.	No Connection. Not internally connected.
5	GND	Ground
6	$\overline{SHDN}$	Shutdown Logic Input. Connect to GND to reduce quiescent current to 1μA. Connect to $V_{DD}$ for normal operation.
7	REF	Reference Voltage Input. Connect to an external voltage to provide a bidirectional current-sense output. Connect to GND for unidirectional operation.
8	FB	Gain-Set Feedback Input. Connect an optional noise reduction capacitor between OUT and FB.  <b>MAX9922:</b> Adjustable Gain. Connect a resistive-divider feedback network between OUT, FB, and REF to set the current-sense amplifier gain. Use an external combination of R1 and R2 resistors for gain = $1 + (R2/R1)$ .  <b>MAX9923T/MAX9923H/MAX9923F:</b> Fixed gain. See the <i>Functional Diagrams</i> .
9	OUT	Voltage Output. $V_{OUT}$ is proportional to $V_{SENSE}$ .
10	$V_{DD}$	Power-Supply Voltage Input. Bypass to GND with a 0.1μF capacitor.

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## Functional Diagrams



## Detailed Description

The MAX9922/MAX9923 high-side, current-sense amplifiers implement a spread-spectrum autozeroing technique that minimizes the input offset error, offset drift over time and temperature, and the effect of 1/f noise. This technique achieves less than 25µV (max) offset voltage.

The MAX9922/MAX9923 high-side current-sense amplifiers feature a +1.9V to +28V input common-mode range that is independent of supply voltage ( $V_{DD}$ ). This feature allows the monitoring of current out of a battery as low as +1.9V and enables high-side current sensing at voltages greater than the supply voltage.

The MAX9922/MAX9923 monitor current through a current-sense resistor and amplify the voltage across the resistor. The 28V input common-mode voltage ( $V_{RS+}$ ) range of the MAX9922/MAX9923 is independent of the supply voltage ( $V_{DD}$ ). High-side current monitoring does not interfere with the ground path of the load being measured, making the MAX9922/MAX9923 particularly useful in a wide range of high-voltage systems.

The MAX9922/MAX9923 use Maxim's indirect current feedback architecture. This architecture converts the differential input voltage signal to a current through an input transconductance stage. An output transconductance stage converts a portion of the output voltage (equal to the output voltage divided by the gain) into another precision current. These two currents are subtracted and the result is fed to a loop amplifier with sufficient gain to minimize errors (see the *Functional Diagrams*.)

Battery-powered systems require a precise bidirectional current-sense amplifier to accurately monitor the battery's charge and discharge currents. Measurements of OUT with respect to  $V_{REF}$  yield a positive and negative voltage during charge and discharge cycles (Figure 1).

The MAX9922 allows adjustable gain with a pair of external resistors between OUT, FB, and REF. The MAX9923T/MAX9923H/MAX9923F use laser-trimmed internal resistors for fixed gains of 25, 100, and 250, respectively, with 0.5% gain accuracy (see the *Functional Diagrams*.)

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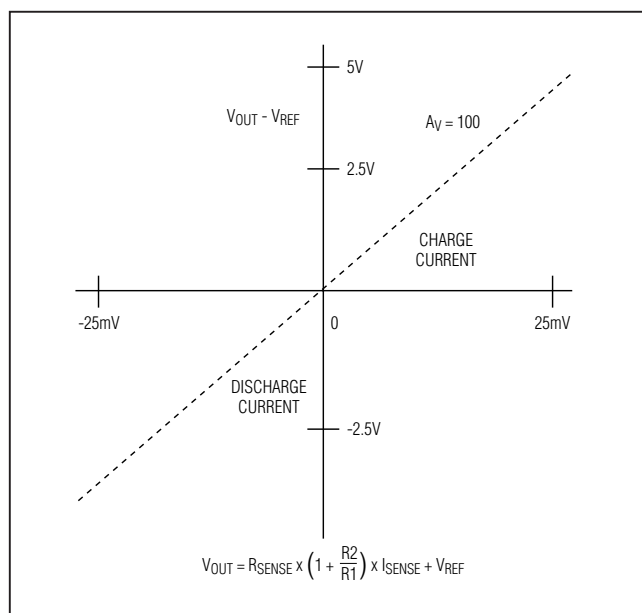


Figure 1. Bidirectional Current-Sense Transfer Function

### Shutdown

The MAX9922/MAX9923 feature a logic shutdown input to reduce the supply current to less than 1μA. Drive  $\overline{\text{SHDN}}$  high for normal operation. Drive  $\overline{\text{SHDN}}$  low to place the device in shutdown mode. In shutdown mode, the current drawn from both the  $V_{DD}$  input and the current-sense amplifier inputs ( $\text{RSB}$ ,  $\text{RS+}$ , and  $\text{RS-}$ ) is less than 1μA each.

### External Reference

The MAX9922/MAX9923 are capable of both unidirectional and bidirectional operation. For unidirectional current-sense applications, connect the REF input to GND. For bidirectional, connect REF to a reference. This sets bidirectional current sense with  $V_{OUT} = V_{REF}$  for  $V_{SENSE} = 0\text{mV}$ . Positive  $V_{SENSE}$  causes OUT to swing toward the positive supply, while negative  $V_{SENSE}$  causes OUT to swing toward GND. This feature allows the output voltage to measure both charge and discharge currents. Use  $V_{REF} = V_{DD}/2$  for maximum dynamic range.

In bidirectional operation, the external voltage applied to  $V_{REF}$  has to be able to supply the current in the feedback network between OUT, FB, and REF. This current is simply the input sense voltage divided by the resistance between FB and REF (1kΩ typical for MAX9923). Furthermore, ensure the external voltage source supplied to REF has a low source resistance to prevent gain errors (e.g., use a stand-alone reference voltage or an op amp to buffer a high-value resistor string.) See the *Typical Operating Circuits*.

### Input Differential Signal Range

The MAX9922/MAX9923 feature a proprietary input structure optimized for small differential signals as low as 10mV full scale for high efficiency with lowest power dissipation in the sense resistor, or +100mV full scale for high dynamic range. The output of the MAX9922/MAX9923 allows for bipolar input differential signals. Gain accuracy is specified over the  $V_{SENSE}$  range to keep the output voltage 250mV away from the rails to achieve full accuracy. Output of the part is rail-to-rail and goes to within 25mV of the rails, but accuracy is not maintained. Linear operation is not guaranteed for input sense voltages greater than  $\pm 150\text{mV}$ .

### Applications Information

#### Power Supply, Bypassing, and Layout

Good layout technique optimizes performance by decreasing the amount of stray capacitance at the high-side, current-sense amplifier gain-setting pins, FB to REF and FB to GND. Capacitive decoupling between  $V_{DD}$  to GND of 0.1μF is recommended. Since the MAX9922/MAX9923 feature ultra-low input offset voltage, board leakage and thermocouple effects can easily introduce errors in the input offset voltage readings when used with high-impedance signal sources. Minimize board leakage current and thermocouple effects by thoroughly cleaning the board and placing the matching components very close to each other and with appropriate orientation. For noisy digital environments, the use of a multilayer printed circuit board (PCB) with separate ground and power-supply planes is recommended. Keep digital signals far away from the sensitive analog inputs. Unshielded long traces at the input and feedback terminals of the amplifier can degrade performance due to noise pick-up.

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## Optional Noise Reduction Capacitor

A noise reduction capacitance of  $\sim 1\text{nF}$  can be connected between OUT and FB, if needed. Noise reduction is achieved by both limiting the amplifier bandwidth, reducing contribution of broadband white noise and by attenuating contribution of any small 20kHz autozero ripple that appears at the output. Using higher values of feedback capacitance reduces the output noise of the amplifier, but also reduces its signal bandwidth.

## Efficiency and Power Dissipation

At high current levels, the  $I^2R$  losses in  $R_{\text{SENSE}}$  can be significant. Take this into consideration when choosing the resistor value and its power dissipation (wattage) rating. The sense resistor's value will drift if it is allowed to heat up excessively. The precision  $V_{\text{OS}}$  of the MAX9922/MAX9923 allows the use of small sense resistors to reduce power dissipation and reduce hot spots.

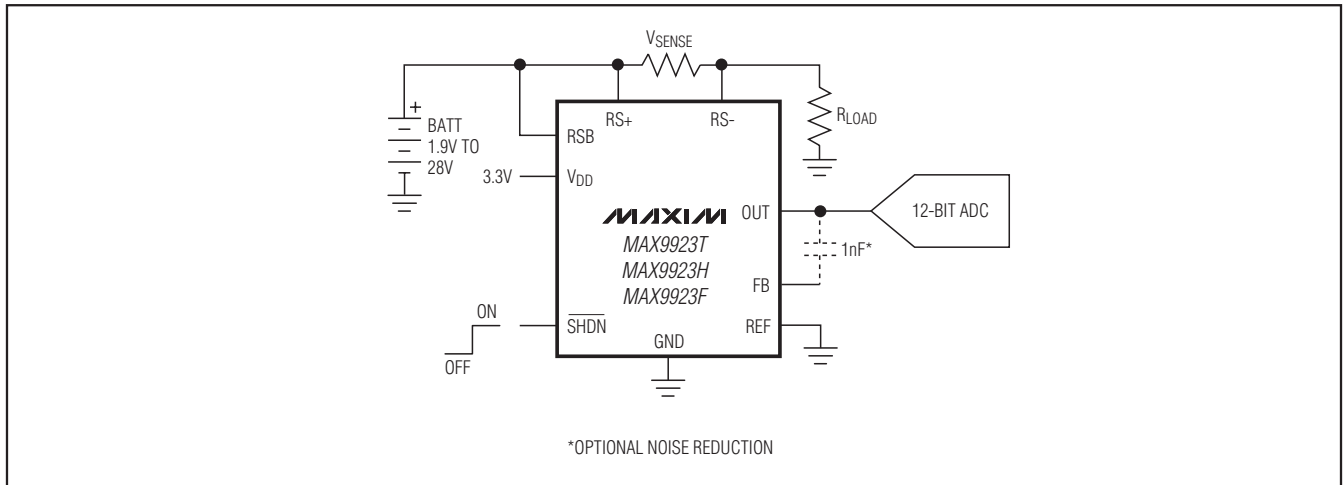
## Sense Resistor Connections

Take care to prevent solder and trace resistance from causing errors in the sensed voltage because of the high currents that flow through  $R_{\text{SENSE}}$ . Either use a four terminal current-sense resistor or use Kelvin (force and sense) PCB layout techniques to minimize these errors.

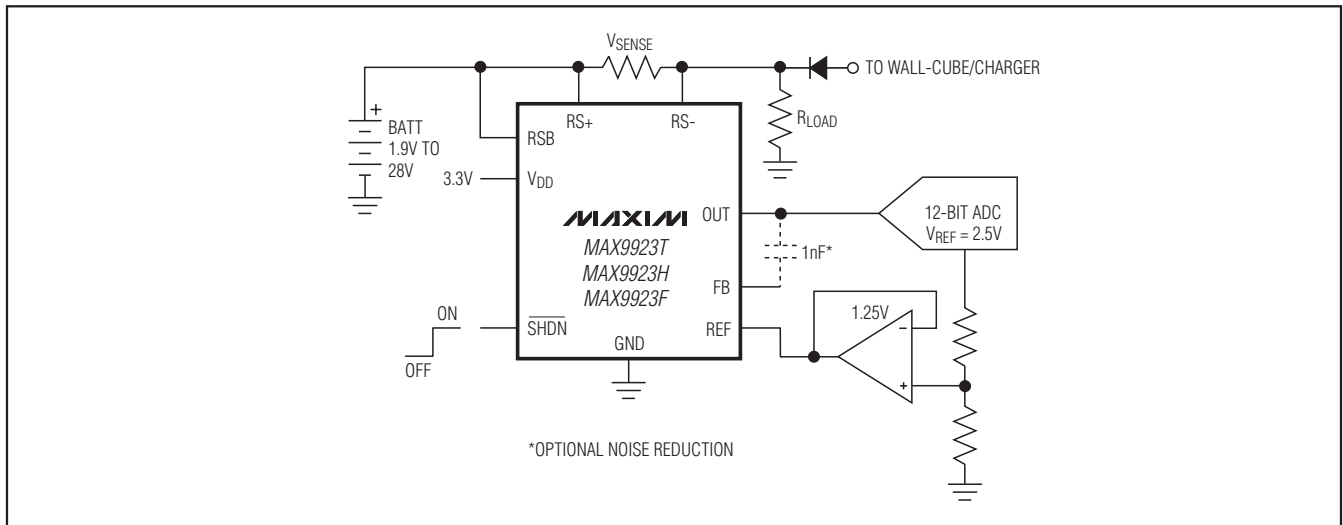
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## Typical Operating Circuits

### Unidirectional Mode



### Bidirectional Mode



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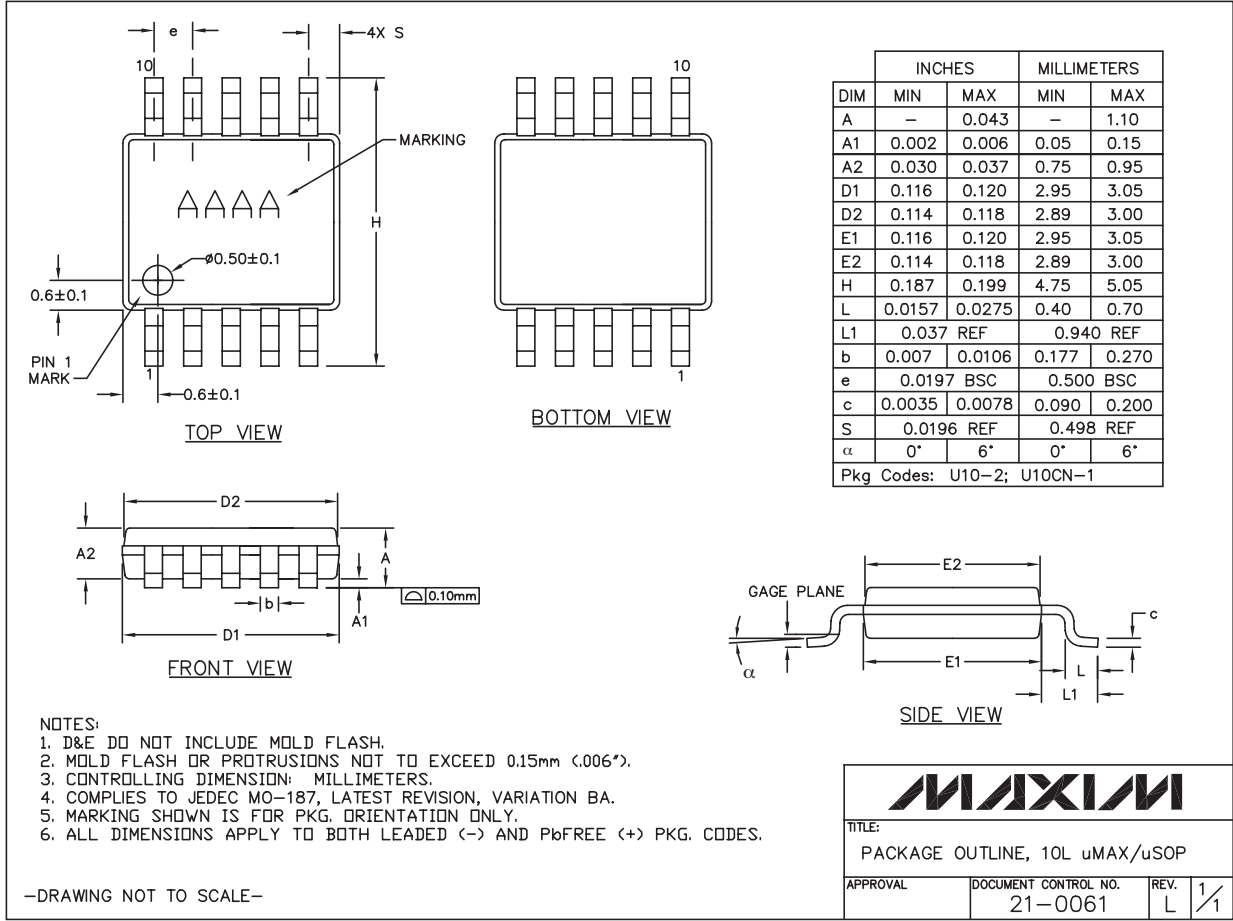
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