General Description

The MAX4014/MAX4017/MAX4019/MAX4022 are precision, closed-loop, gain of +2 (or -1) buffers featuring high slew rates, high output current drive, and low differential gain and phase errors. These single-supply devices operate from +3.15V to +11V, or from ±1.575V to ±5.5V dual supplies. The input voltage range extends 100mV beyond the negative supply rail and the outputs swing Rail-to-Rail[®].

These devices require only 5.5mA of quiescent supply current while achieving a 200MHz -3dB bandwidth and a 600V/µs slew rate. In addition, the MAX4019 has a disable feature that reduces the supply current to 400µA. Input voltage noise for these parts is only $10 \text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ and input current noise is only $1.3 \text{pA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$. This buffer family is ideal for low-power/low-voltage applications that require wide bandwidth, such as video, communications, and instrumentation systems. For space-sensitive applications, the MAX4014 comes in a tiny 5-pin SOT23 package.

| PART | NO. OF AMPS | ENABLE | PIN-PACKAGE |
|---------|----------------|--------|---------------------------|
| MAX4014 | 1 | No | 5-Pin SOT23 |
| MAX4017 | 2 | No | 8-Pin SO/µMAX |
| MAX4019 | 3 | Yes | 14-Pin SO, 16-Pin QSOP |
| MAX4022 | 4 | No | 14-Pin SO, 16-Pin QSOP |

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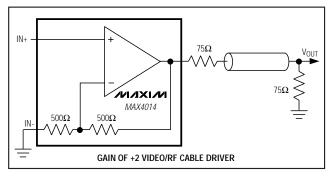
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- High Speed: 200MHz -3dB Bandwidth 30MHz 0.1dB Gain Flatness (6MHz min) 600V/µs Slew Rate
- Single 3.3V/5.0V Operation
- Outputs Swing Rail-to-Rail
- Input Voltage Range Extends Beyond VEE
- Low Differential Gain/Phase: 0.04%/0.02°
- Low Distortion at 5MHz: -78dBc Spurious-Free Dynamic Range -75dB Total Harmonic Distortion
- High Output Drive: ±120mA
- Low, 5.5mA Supply Current
- ♦ 400µA Shutdown Supply Current
- Space-Saving SOT23-5, µMAX, or QSOP Packages

Ordering Information

| PART | TEMP. RANGE | PIN- PACKAGE | SOT TOP MARK |
|------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| MAX4014EUK | -40°C to +85°C | 5 SOT23-5 | ABZQ |
| MAX4017ESA | -40°C to +85°C | 8 SO | _ |
| MAX4017EUA | -40°C to +85°C | 8 μΜΑΧ | _ |
| MAX4019ESD | -40°C to +85°C | 14 SO | — |
| MAX4019EEE | -40°C to +85°C | 16 QSOP | — |
| MAX4022ESD | -40°C to +85°C | 14 SO | — |
| MAX4022EEE | -40°C to +85°C | 16 QSOP | — |

Typical Operating Circuit



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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

| Supply Voltage (V _{CC} to V _{EE})12V | |
|--|--|
| IN, IN_+, OUT_, EN(V _{EE} - 0.3V) to (V _{CC} + 0.3V) | |
| Output Short-Circuit Duration to V _{CC} or V _{EE} Continuous | |
| Continuous Power Dissipation ($T_A = +70^{\circ}C$) | |
| 5-pin SOT23 (derate 7.1mW/°C above+70°C)571mW | |
| 8-pin SO (derate 5.9mW/°C above +70°C)471mW | |

Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or at 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.

DC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

 $(V_{CC} = +5V, V_{EE} = 0V, IN_{-} = 0V, EN_{-} = 5V, R_{L} = \infty$ to ground, $V_{OUT} = V_{CC} / 2$, noninverting configuration, $T_A = T_{MIN}$ to T_{MAX} , unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$.) (Note 1)

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | C | CONDIT | IONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|---|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------|-------|
| Input Voltage Denge | \/ | IN_+ | | V _{EE} - 0.1 | | V _{CC} - 2.25 | V | |
| Input Voltage Range | VIN | IN | | V _{EE} - 0.1 | | V _{CC} + 0.1 | v | |
| Input Offset Voltage | Vos | $R_L = 50\Omega$ | | | | 4 | 20 | mV |
| Input Offset Voltage Drift | TCvos | | | | | 8 | | µV/°C |
| Input Offset Voltage Matching | | Any channels for MAX4017/MAX40 | | X4022 | | ±1 | | mV |
| Input Bias Current | ΙB | IN_+ (Note 2) | | | | 5.4 | 20 | μA |
| Input Resistance | RIN | IN_+, over input v | voltage | range | | 3 | | MΩ |
| Voltage Gain | Av | $R_{L} \ge 50 \Omega$, (V _{EE} + | - 0.5V) ≤ | $\leq V_{OUT} \leq (V_{CC} - 2.0V)$ | 1.9 | 2 | 2.1 | V/V |
| Output Resistance | Rout | f = DC | | | | 25 | | mΩ |
| Output Current | IOUT | R_L = 20 Ω to V_{CC} | ; or V _{EE} | | ±80 | ±120 | | mA |
| Short-Circuit Output Current | ISC | Sinking or sourcir | ing | | | ±150 | | mA |
| | | $R_L = 50\Omega$ | | Vcc - Vон | | 1.60 | 2.00 | V |
| | | | | Vol - Vee | | 0.04 | 0.50 | |
| Output Voltage Swing | Vout | $R_L = 150\Omega$ | , | Vcc - Vон | | 0.75 | 1.50 | |
| | | | | V _{OL} - V _{EE} | | 0.04 | 0.50 | |
| | | $R_{I} = 2k\Omega$ | | V _{CC} - V _{OH} | | 0.06 | | |
| | | | | Vol - Vee | | 0.06 | | |
| Dower Cupply Delection Date | | | $V_{CC} = 5V$, $V_{EE} = 0V$, $V_{OUT} = 2V$ | | | 57 | | |
| Power-Supply Rejection Ratio (Note 3) | PSRR | $V_{CC} = 5V$, $V_{EE} = -5V$, $V_{OUT} = 0V$ | | | 54 | 66 | | dB |
| | | $V_{CC} = 3.3V, V_{EE} = 0V, V_{OUT} = 0.9V$ | | | | 45 | | |
| Operating Supply-Voltage Range | | V_{CC} to V_{EE} | | | 3.15 | | 11.0 | V |
| Disabled Output Resistance | ROUT(OFF) | MAX4019, EN_ = 0V, $0V \le V_{OUT} \le 5V$ | | | 1 | | kΩ | |
| EN_ Logic-Low Threshold | VIL | MAX4019 | | | | V _{CC} - 2.6 | V | |
| EN_ Logic-High Threshold | VIH | MAX4019 | | | V _{CC} - 1.5 | | | V |
| EN_ Logic Input Low Current | Lu. | MAX4019 $\frac{(V_{EE} + 0.2V) \le EN_{-} \le V_{CC}}{EN_{-} = V_{EE}}$ | | $0.2V) \le EN_{\le} V_{CC}$ | | 0.5 | | μA |
| | ΙL | | | | 200 | 550 | μΛ | |
| EN_ Logic Input High Current | IIH | MAX4019, EN_ = | = V _{CC} | | | 0.5 | 10 | μΑ |
| Quiescent Supply Current | Icc | Enabled (EN_ = VCC) | | | 5.5 | 8.0 | mA | |
| (per Buffer) | | MAX4019, disabled (EN_ = VEE) | | | | 0.4 | 0.7 | ША |

AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

 $(V_{CC} = +5V, V_{EE} = 0V, IN_{-} = 0V, EN_{-} = 5V, R_{L} = 100\Omega$ to ground, noninverting configuration, $T_{A} = T_{MIN}$ to T_{MAX} , unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $T_{A} = +25^{\circ}$ C.)

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | CONDITIONS | | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------|-----|------|-----|---------|--|
| Small-Signal -3dB Bandwidth | BWSS | V _{OUT} = 20mVp-p | | | 200 | | MHz | |
| Large-Signal -3dB Bandwidth | BWLS | Vout = 2Vp-p | | | 140 | | MHz | |
| Bandwidth for 0.1dB Gain Flatness | BW0.1dB | V _{OUT} = 20mVp-p (No | ite 4) | 6 | 30 | | MHz | |
| Slew Rate | SR | Vout = 2V step | | | 600 | | V/µs | |
| Settling Time to 0.1% | ts | V _{OUT} = 2V step | | | 45 | | ns | |
| Rise/Fall Time | t _R , t _F | V _{OUT} = 100mVp-p | | | 1 | | ns | |
| Spurious-Free Dynamic Range | SFDR | $f_{C} = 5MHz, V_{OUT} = 2$ | Vp-p | | -78 | | dBc | |
| | | | Second harmonic | | -78 | | | |
| Lleves en le Distantion | | $V_{OUT} = 2Vp-p_{i}$ | Third harmonic | | -82 | | dBc | |
| Harmonic Distortion | HD | $f_{\rm C} = 5 {\rm MHz}$ | Total harmonic distortion | | -75 | | | |
| Third-Order Intercept | IP3 | f = 10.0MHz | | | 35 | | dBm | |
| Input 1dB Compression Point | | $f_{C} = 10MHz, A_{VCL} = -$ | +2V/V | | 11 | | dBm | |
| Differential Phase Error | DP | NTSC, $R_L = 150\Omega$ | | | 0.02 | | degrees | |
| Differential Gain Error | DG | NTSC, $R_L = 150\Omega$ | | | 0.04 | | % | |
| Input Noise Voltage Density | en | f = 10kHz | | | 10 | | nV/√Hz | |
| Input Noise Current Density | In | f = 10kHz | | | 1.3 | | pA/√Hz | |
| Input Capacitance | CIN | | | | 1 | | pF | |
| Disabled Output Capacitance | Cout(off) | MAX4019, EN_ = 0V | | | 2 | | pF | |
| Output Impedance | Zout | f = 10MHz | | 6 | | Ω | | |
| Buffer Enable Time | ton | MAX4019 | | | 100 | | ns | |
| Buffer Disable Time | toff | MAX4019 | | 1 | | μs | | |
| Buffer Gain Matching | | MAX4017/MAX4019/N f = 10MHz, V _{OUT} = 20 | | 0.1 | | dB | | |
| Buffer Crosstalk | X _{TALK} | MAX4017/MAX4019/M f = 10MHz, V _{OUT} = 2 ^v | , | | -95 | | dB | |

Note 1: The MAX4014EUK is 100% production tested at $T_A = +25$ °C. Specifications over temperature limits are guaranteed by design.

Note 2: Tested with $V_{OUT} = +2.5V$.

Note 3: PSRR for single +5V supply tested with $V_{EE} = 0V$, $V_{CC} = +4.5V$ to +5.5V; for dual ±5V supply with $V_{EE} = -4.5V$ to -5.5V, $V_{CC} = +4.5V$ to +5.5V; and for single +3V supply with $V_{EE} = 0V$, $V_{CC} = +3.15V$ to +3.45V.

Note 4: Guaranteed by design.

Typical Operating Characteristics

 $(V_{CC} = +5V, V_{EE} = 0V, A_{VCL} = +2, R_L = 150\Omega$ to $V_{CC} / 2, T_A = +25^{\circ}C$, unless otherwise noted.) SMALL-SIGNAL GAIN vs. FREQUENCY GAIN FLATNESS vs. FREQUENCY LARGE-SIGNAL GAIN vs. FREQUENCY 8 6.8 8 6.7 7 7 6.6 6 6 6.5 5 GAIN (dB) (qB) (dB) 5 6.4 GAIN GAIN 4 6.3 4 3 6.2 3 2 6.1 2 6.0 1 59 1 0 100k 1M 10M 100M 1G 100k 1M 10M 100M 1G 100k 1M 10M 100M 1G FREQUENCY (Hz) FREQUENCY (Hz) FREQUENCY (Hz) MAX4017/19/22 **CLOSED-LOOP OUTPUT IMPEDANCE** HARMONIC DISTORTION vs. FREQUENCY **CROSSTALK vs. FREQUENCY** vs. FREQUENCY 1000 50 0 V_{OUT} = 2Vp-p 30 -10 10 -20 (dBc) 100 -10 -30 HARMONIC DISTORTION CROSSTALK (dB) IMPEDANCE (Ω) -30 -40 10 -50 -50 -70 -60 2ND HARMONIC -70 -90 1 -80 -110 3RD HARMONIC -130 -90 -150 0.1 -100 100M 100k 0.1M 1M 10M 100k 1M 10M 100M 1M 10M 100M 1G FREQUENCY (Hz) FREQUENCY (Hz) FREQUENCY (Hz) HARMONIC DISTORTION MAX4019 HARMONIC DISTORTION **OFF ISOLATION vs. FREQUENCY** vs. OUTPUT SWING vs. LOAD 0 0 10 f = 5MHz f = 5MHz -10 -10 0 V_{OUT} = 2Vp-p -20 -10 -20 HARMONIC DISTORTION (dBc) HARMONIC DISTORTION (dBc) -30 -30 -20 (qB) -40 -40 ISOLATION -30 -50 -50 -40 -60 -60 -50 OFF -70 -60 -70 2rd HARMONIC 2ND HARMONIC -80 -80 -70 -90 -90 **3RD HARMONIC** -80 3rd HARMONI -90 -100 -100 100k 1M 10M 100M 0 200 400 600 800 1000 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 OUTPUT SWING (Vp-p) FREQUENCY (Hz) LOAD (Ω) 4 /N/IXI/N

$(V_{CC} = +5V, V_{EE} = 0V, A_{VCL} = +2, R_L = 150\Omega$ to $V_{CC} / 2, T_A = +25^{\circ}C$, unless otherwise noted.) **POWER-SUPPLY REJECTION** CURRENT NOISE DENSITY VOLTAGE NOISE DENSITY vs. FREQUENCY vs. FREQUENCY vs. FREQUENCY 20 100 10 10 POWER-SUPPLY REJECTION (dB) 0 -10 VOISE (pA/ VHz) NOISE (nV/VHz) -20 10 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 1 1 100k 1M 10M 100M 10 100 1k 10k 100k 1M 10M 10 10k 100k 1M 10M 1 1 100 1k FREQUENCY (Hz) FREQUENCY (Hz) FREQUENCY (Hz) **OUTPUT SWING** OUTPUT SWING BANDWIDTH vs. LOAD RESISTANCE vs. LOAD RESISTANCE (RL) vs. LOAD RESISTANCE 4.5 400 5 350 4.0 (d-d) 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 300 OUTPUT SWING (Vp-p) **BANDWIDTH (MHz)** 4 250 200 150 3 2.0 100 1.5 50 1.0 2 0 10 100 1k 10k 100k 1M 25 150 300 400 500 600 50 75 100 125 0 100 200 LOAD RESISTANCE (Ω) LOAD RESISTANCE (Ω) LOAD RESISTANCE (Ω) **POWER-SUPPLY CURRENT (PER AMPLIFIER)** INPUT BIAS CURRENT INPUT OFFSET CURRENT vs. TEMPERATURE vs. TEMPERATURE vs. TEMPERATURE 7 6.0 0.20 POWER-SUPPLY CURRENT (mA) 0.16 INPUT OFFSET CURRENT (µA) 6 BIAS CURRENT (µA) 5.5 0.12 5 5.0 0.08 INPUT I 4 4.5 0.04 3 0 40 -50 -25 0 25 50 75 100 -50 -25 0 25 50 75 100 -50 -25 0 25 50 75 100 TEMPERATURE (°C)

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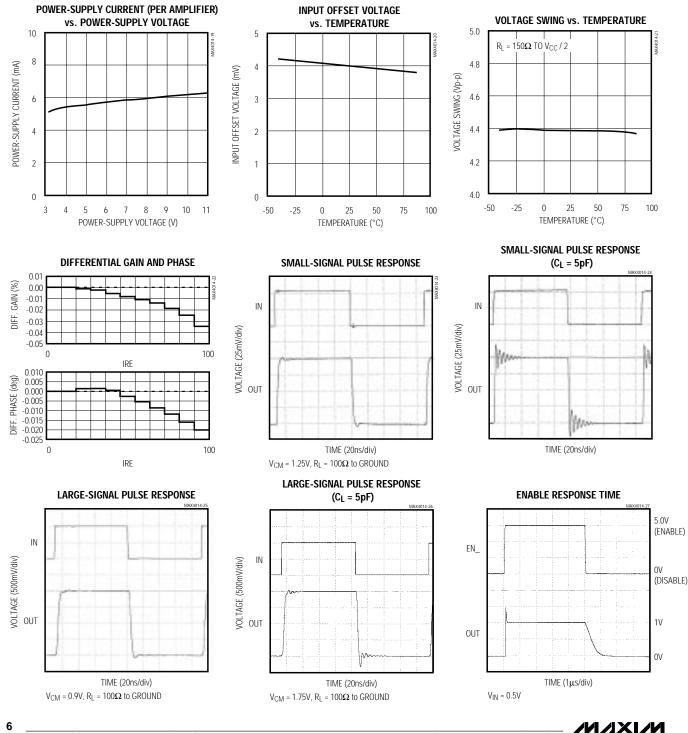
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Typical Operating Characteristics $(V_{CC} = +5V, V_{EE} = 0V, A_{VCL} = +2, R_L = 150\Omega$ to $V_{CC} / 2, T_A = +25^{\circ}C$, unless otherwise noted.)



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_Pin Description

| | PIN | | | | | | |
|---------|---------|----|-------|----|-------|-----------------|--|
| MAX4014 | MAX4017 | MA | X4019 | MA | X4022 | NAME | FUNCTION |
| SOT23-5 | SO/μΜΑΧ | SO | QSOP | SO | QSOP | | |
| | _ | _ | 8, 9 | _ | 8, 9 | N.C. | No Connect. Not internally connected. Tie to ground or leave open. |
| 1 | — | _ | | _ | _ | OUT | Amplifier Output |
| 2 | 4 | 11 | 13 | 11 | 13 | V _{EE} | Negative Power Supply or Ground (in single-supply operation) |
| 3 | — | _ | _ | _ | _ | IN+ | Noninverting Input |
| 4 | — | _ | _ | _ | _ | IN- | Inverting Input |
| 5 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | Vcc | Positive Power Supply |
| _ | 1 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 1 | OUTA | Amplifier A Output |
| _ | 2 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 2 | INA- | Amplifier A Inverting Input |
| _ | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | INA+ | Amplifier A Noninverting Input |
| _ | 7 | 8 | 10 | 7 | 7 | OUTB | Amplifier B Output |
| _ | 6 | 9 | 11 | 6 | 6 | INB- | Amplifier B Inverting Input |
| _ | 5 | 10 | 12 | 5 | 5 | INB+ | Amplifier B Noninverting Input |
| _ | — | 14 | 16 | 8 | 10 | OUTC | Amplifier C Output |
| _ | — | 13 | 15 | 9 | 11 | INC- | Amplifier C Inverting Input |
| _ | — | 12 | 14 | 10 | 12 | INC+ | Amplifier C Noninverting Input |
| _ | — | _ | _ | 14 | 16 | OUTD | Amplifier D Output |
| _ | _ | _ | _ | 13 | 15 | IND- | Amplifier D Inverting Input |
| _ | _ | | _ | 12 | 14 | IND+ | Amplifier D Noninverting Input |
| _ | — | 1 | 1 | _ | _ | ENA | Enable Input for Amplifier A |
| _ | _ | 3 | 3 | _ | _ | ENB | Enable Input for Amplifier B |
| _ | — | 2 | 2 | _ | _ | ENC | Enable Input for Amplifier C |

Detailed Description

The MAX4014/MAX4017/MAX4019/MAX4022 are single-supply, rail-to-rail output, voltage-feedback, closed-loop buffers that employ current-feedback techniques to achieve 600V/µs slew rates and 200MHz bandwidths. These buffers use internal 500 Ω resistors to provide a preset closed-loop gain of +2V/V in the non-inverting configuration or -1V/V in the inverting configuration. Excellent harmonic distortion and differential gain/phase performance make these buffers an ideal choice for a wide variety of video and RF signal-processing applications.

Local feedback around the buffer's output stage ensures low output impedance, which reduces gain sensitivity to load variations. This feedback also produces demand-driven current bias to the output transistors for ±120mA drive capability, while constraining total supply current to less than 7mA.

Applications Information

Power Supplies

These devices operate from a single +3.15V to +11V power supply or from dual supplies of $\pm 1.575V$ to $\pm 5.5V$. For single-supply operation, bypass the V_{CC} pin to ground with a 0.1µF capacitor as close to the pin as possible. If operating with dual supplies, bypass each supply with a 0.1µF capacitor.

Selecting Gain Configuration

Each buffer in the MAX4014 family can be configured for a voltage gain of +2V/V or -1V/V. For a gain of

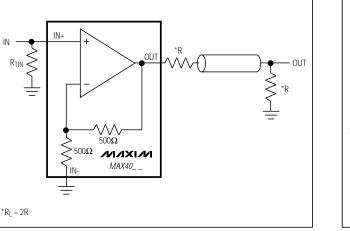
+2V/V, ground the inverting terminal. Use the noninverting terminal as the signal input of the buffer (Figure 1a). Grounding the noninverting terminal and using the inverting terminal as the signal input configures the buffer for a gain of -1V/V (Figure 1b).

Since the inverting input exhibits a 500 Ω input impedance, terminate the input with a 56 Ω resistor when the device is configured for an inverting gain in 50 Ω applications (terminate with 88 Ω in 75 Ω applications). Terminate the input with a 49.9 Ω resistor in the noninverting case. Output terminating resistors should directly match cable impedances in either configuration.

Layout Techniques

Maxim recommends using microstrip and stripline techniques to obtain full bandwidth. To ensure that the PC board does not degrade the buffer's performance, design it for a frequency greater than 1GHz. Pay careful attention to inputs and outputs to avoid large parasitic capacitance. Whether or not you use a constant-impedance board, observe the following guidelines when designing the board:

- Don't use wire-wrapped boards. They are too inductive.
- Don't use IC sockets. They increase parasitic capacitance and inductance.
- Use surface-mount instead of through-hole components for better high-frequency performance.
- Use a PC board with at least two layers; it should be as free from voids as possible.
- Keep signal lines as short and as straight as possible. Do not make 90° turns; round all corners.





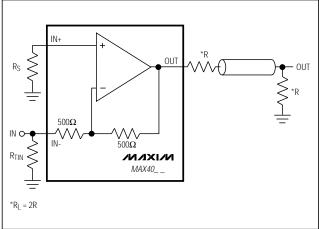


Figure 1b. Inverting Gain Configuration ($A_V = -1V/V$)



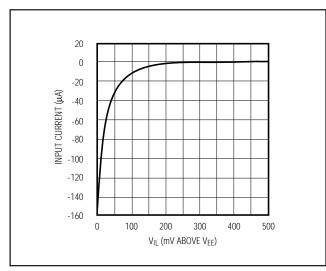


Figure 2. Enable Logic-Low Input Current vs. Enable Logic-Low Threshold

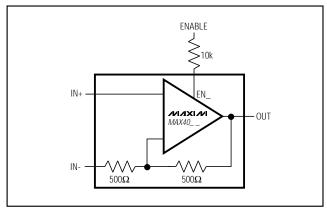


Figure 3. Circuit to Reduce Enable Logic-Low Input Current

Input Voltage Range and Output Swing

The input range for the MAX4014 family extends from (V_{EE} - 100mV) to (V_{CC} - 2.25V). Input ground sensing increases the dynamic range for single-supply applications. The outputs drive a $2k\Omega$ load to within 60mV of the power-suply rails. With heavier loads, the output swing is reduced as shown in the *Electrical Characteristics* and the *Typical Operating Characteristics*. As the load increases, the input range is effectively limited by

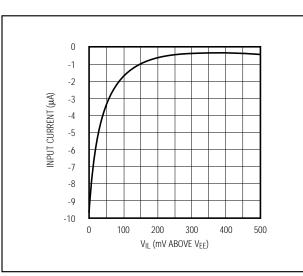


Figure 4. Enable Logic-Low Input Current vs. Enable Logic-Low Threshold with $10k\Omega$ Series Resistor

the output-drive capability, since the buffers have a fixed voltage gain of +2 or -1.

For example, a 50 Ω load can typically be driven from 40mV above V_{EE} to 1.6V below V_{CC}, or 40mV to 3.4V when operating from a single +5V supply. If the buffer is operated in the noninverting, gain of +2 configuration with the inverting input grounded, the effective input voltage range becomes 20mV to 1.7V, instead of the -100mV to 2.75V indicated by the *Electrical Characteristics*. Beyond the effective input range, the buffer output is a nonlinear function of the input, but it will not undergo phase reversal or latchup.

Enable

The MAX4019 has an enable feature (EN_) that allows the buffer to be placed in a low-power state. When the buffers are disabled, the supply current will not exceed 550μ A per buffer.

As the voltage at the EN_ pin approaches the negative supply rail, the EN_ input current rises. Figure 2 shows a graph of EN_ input current versus EN_ pin voltage. Figure 3 shows the addition of an optional resistor in series with the EN pin, to limit the magnitude of the current increase. Figure 4 displays the resulting EN pin input current to voltage relationship.

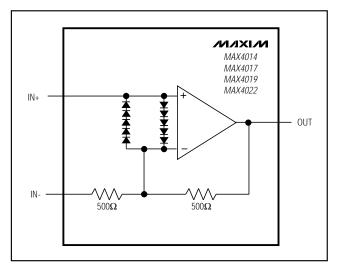


Figure 5. Input Protection Circuit

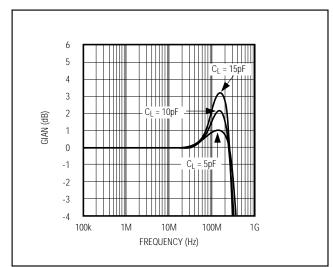


Figure 6. Small-Signal Gain vs. Frequency with Load Capacitance and No Isolation Resistor

Disabled Output Resistance

The MAX4014/MAX4017/MAX4019/MAX4022 include internal protection circuitry that prevents damage to the precision input stage from large differential input voltages, as shown in Figure 5. This protection circuitry consists of five back-to-back Schottky diodes between IN_+ and IN_-. These diodes lower the disabled output resistance from 1k Ω to 500 Ω when the output voltage is 3V greater or less than the voltage at IN_+. Under these

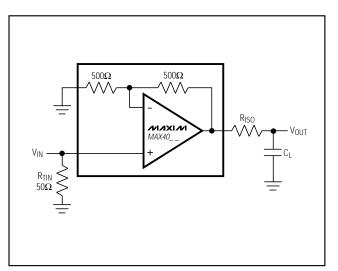


Figure 7. Driving a Capacitive Load through an Isolation Resistor

conditions, the input protection diodes will be forward biased, lowering the disabled output resistance to 500Ω .

Output Capacitive Loading and Stability

The MAX4014/MAX4017/MAX4019/MAX4022 provide maximum AC performance with no load capacitance. This is the case when the load is a properly terminated transmission line. However, they are designed to drive up 25pF of load capacitance without oscillating, but with reduced AC performance.

Driving large capacitive loads increases the chance of oscillations occurring in most amplifier circuits. This is especially true for circuits with high loop gains, such as voltage followers. The buffer's output resistance and the load capacitor combine to add a pole and excess phase to the loop response. If the frequency of this pole is low enough to interfere with the loop response and degrade phase margin sufficiently, oscillations can occur.

A second problem when driving capacitive loads results from the amplifier's output impedance, which looks inductive at high frequencies. This inductance forms an L-C resonant circuit with the capacitive load, which causes peaking in the frequency response and degrades the amplifier's gain margin.

Figure 6 shows the frequency response of the MAX4014/ MAX4017/MAX4019/MAX4022 under different capacitive loads. To drive loads with greater than 25pF of capacitance or to settle out some of the peaking, the output requires an isolation resistor like the one shown in



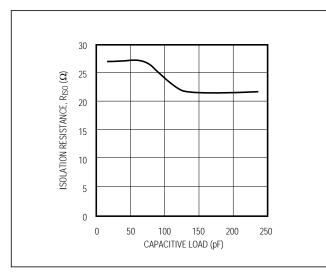


Figure 8. Capacitive Load vs. Isolation Resistance

Figure 7. Figure 8 is a graph of the optimal isolation resistor versus load capacitance. Figure 9 shows the frequency response of the MAX4014/MAX4017/MAX4019/MAX4022 when driving capacitive loads with a 27 Ω isolation resistor.

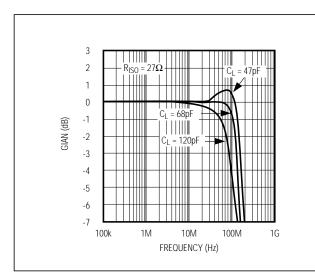
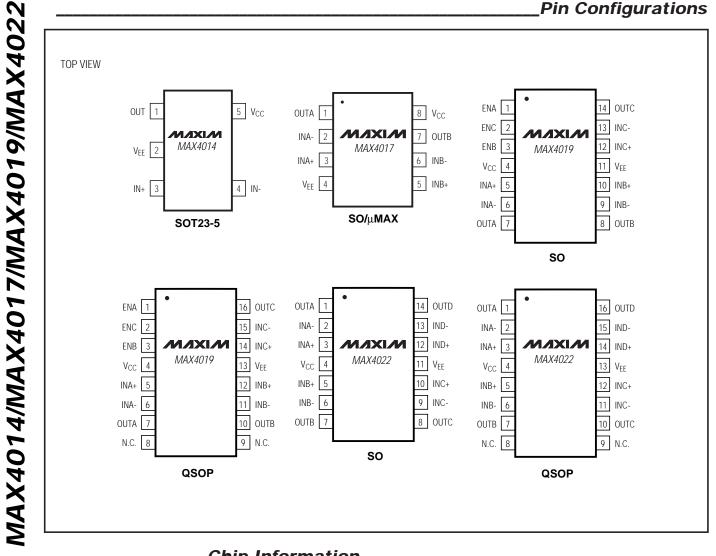


Figure 9. Small-Signal Gain vs. Frequency with Load Capacitance and 27Ω Isolation Resistor

Coaxial cables and other transmission lines are easily driven when properly terminated at both ends with their characteristic impedance. Driving back-terminated transmission lines essentially eliminates the lines' capacitance.



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| PART NUMBER | NO. OF TRANSISTORS |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| MAX4014 | 95 |
| MAX4017 | 190 |
| MAX4019 | 299 |
| MAX4022 | 362 |

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