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## Low-Noise Bias Supply in µMAX with Power-OK for GaAsFET PA

#### **General Description**

The MAX881R low-noise, inverting power supply is designed for biasing GaAsFET power amplifiers in portable wireless applications. This device is a chargepump inverter followed by a negative linear regulator. The input voltage range is 2.5V to 5.5V. The output is preset at -2.0V or can be set, using two resistors, to any voltage from -0.5V to (-V<sub>IN</sub> + 0.6V). It can deliver up to 4mA. The internal linear regulator also filters the output to 1mVp-p ripple and noise.

Other features include a power-OK (POK) output that signals when the negative voltage is within 7.5% of its set point. It protects the GaAsFET by not allowing power to be applied to the GaAsFET's drain until it is properly biased. The signal can be routed either to a microcontroller or directly to a switch at the GaAsFET drain. The MAX881R is available in a space-saving 10-pin µMAX package.

### **Applications**

Cell Phones

**PCS Phones** 

**PHS Phones** 

Wireless Handsets

Wireless Modems

Two-Way Pagers

Mobile Radios

Wireless Computers

## **Features**

- ♦ Small μMAX Package
- ♦ 1mVp-p Output Voltage Ripple and Noise
- **♦ Power-OK Signal to Control GaAsFET Drain Switch**
- ♦ 0.05µA Logic-Controlled Shutdown
- ♦ 1ms Guaranteed Start-Up
- **♦** 2.5V to 5.5V Input
- ♦ Operates with One 4.7µF and Three 0.22µF Capacitors (no inductors needed)

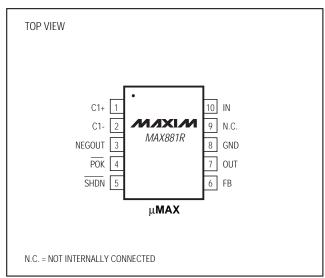
### Ordering Information

PART	TEMP. RANGE	PIN-PACKAGE
MAX881REUB	-40°C to +85°C	10 μMAX

## Typical Operating Circuit

### -2V (OR ADJ) 4mA, 1mVp-p INPUT 2.5V TO 5.5V RIPPI É OUT /VI/XI/VI MAX881R SHDN CONTROLS POK GaAsFET PA's DRAIN SWITCH NEGOUT FB GND

## Pin Configuration



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#### **ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**

IN to GND0.3V to +6V SHDN to GND0.3V to +6V POK to GND0.3V to +12V	Operating Temp Junction Tempe Storage Temper
C1+ to GND0.3V to (V <sub>IN</sub> + 0.3V)	Lead Temperatu
C1-, NEGOUT, OUT, FB to GND6V to (V <sub>IN</sub> + 0.3V)	
Continuous Power Dissipation ( $T_A = +70^{\circ}C$ )	
10-Pin µMAX (derate 5.6mW/°C above +70°C)444mW	

Operating Temperature Range	40°C to +85°C
Junction Temperature	+150°C
Storage Temperature Range	65°C to +165°C
Lead Temperature (soldering, 10sec	c)+300°C

**Note 1:** The output may be shorted to NEGOUT or GND if the package power dissipation is not exceeded. Typical short-circuit current is 35mA.

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**

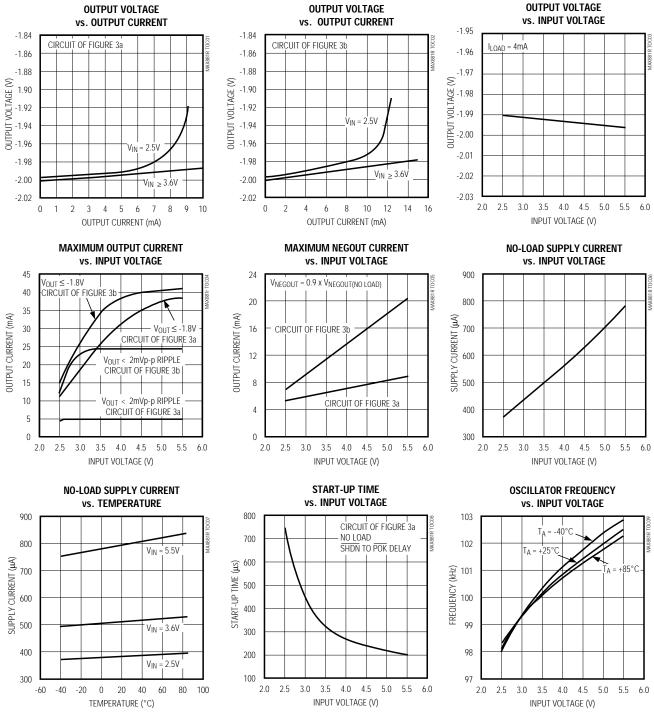
(Circuit of Figure 3,  $V_{IN}$  = +3.6V, FB = GND,  $R_L$  =  $\infty$ ,  $\overline{SHDN}$  = IN,  $T_A$  = -40°C to +85°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at  $T_A$  = +25°C.) (Note 2)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Supply Voltage Range	V <sub>IN</sub>			2.5		5.5	V
Preset Output Voltage	Vout	$V_{IN} \ge 2.7V$ , $I_{OUT} = 0$ to $4mA$		-2.1	-2.0	-1.9	V
Adjustable Output Voltage Range	Vout	V <sub>IN</sub> ≥ 2.5V, I <sub>OUT</sub> = 0 to 4mA		-(V <sub>IN</sub> - 0.6	6)	-0.5	V
FB Voltage		$V_{IN} \ge 2.5V$ , $I_{OUT} = 0$ to 4mA	T <sub>A</sub> = +25°C	-0.515	-0.5	-0.485	V
	V <sub>FB</sub>		$T_A = 0^{\circ}C \text{ to } +85^{\circ}C$	-0.525		-0.475	
			$T_A = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +85^{\circ}C$	-0.535		-0.465	
FB Input Current		V <sub>FB</sub> = -0.5V	V <sub>FB</sub> = -0.5V		-10	-100	nA
Supply Current	IQ				500	950	μΑ
Shutdown Supply Current	ISHUT	SHDN = GND			0.05	1	μΑ
Output Load Regulation		$V_{IN} \ge 2.7V$ , $I_{OUT} = 0$ to $4mA$			2	6	mV/mA
Output Ripple		I <sub>OUT</sub> = 4mA, circuit of Figure 3b			1		mVp-p
Oscillator Frequency	fosc			80	100	120	kHz
POK Threshold		FB = OUT		90	92.5	95	% of Vout
POK Output Level		V <sub>IN</sub> ≥ 2.5V, sinking 1	mA			100	mV
POK Off Leakage Current		V <del>POK</del> = 11V				1	μΑ
SHDN Input High Voltage	VIH	V <sub>IN</sub> = 5.5V		2.2			V
SHDN Input Low Voltage	VIL	V <sub>IN</sub> = 2.5V				0.35	V
SHDN Input Current	ISHDN	Connected to IN or GND				±1	μA
SHDN Input Capacitance	CIN				10		pF
Start-Up Time	tstart	$\frac{V_{IN}}{POK} = 3V$ , $R_L = 500\Omega$ , $V_{\overline{SHDN}} = 0$ to $V_{IN}$ , $\overline{POK}$ goes low				1	ms

Note 2: Specifications to -40°C are guaranteed by design, not production tested.

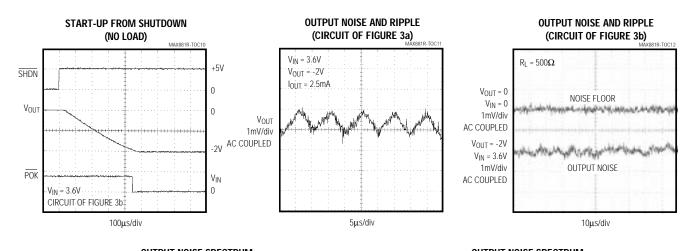
## Typical Operating Characteristics

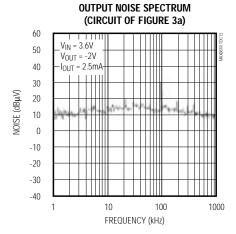
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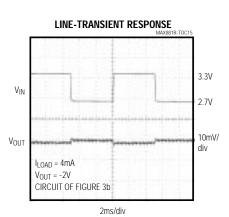


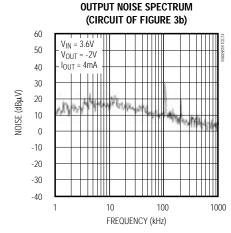
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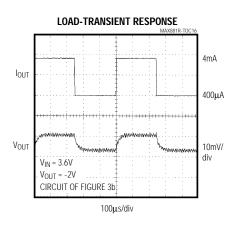
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## Pin Description

PIN	NAME	FUNCTION
1	C1+	Positive Terminal for C1
2	C1-	Negative Terminal for C1
3	NEGOUT	Negative Output Voltage (unregulated)
4	POK	Active-Low, Open-Drain Power-OK Output. Goes low when OUT reaches 92.5% of its set value.
5	SHDN	Active-Low, Logic-Level Shutdown Input. Connect to IN for normal operation. Do not leave this pin unconnected.
6	FB	Dual-Mode™ Feedback Input. When FB is connected to GND, the output is preset to -2V. To select other voltages, connect FB to an external resistor-divider (Figure 4). Do not leave this pin unconnected.
7	OUT	Regulated Negative Output Voltage
8	GND	Ground
9	N.C.	No Connection. Not internally connected.
10	IN	Positive Power-Supply Input

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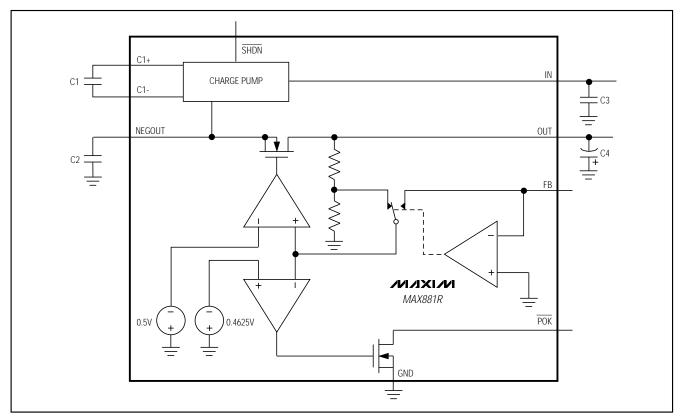


Figure 1. Functional Diagram

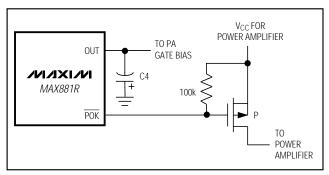


Figure 2. Using the POK Function

### Detailed Description

The MAX881R, a low-noise, inverting, regulated charge-pump power supply, is designed for biasing GaAsFET devices such as power-amplifier modules in cellular handsets.

The applied input voltage (V<sub>IN</sub>) is inverted to a negative voltage at NEGOUT by a capacitive charge pump. This voltage is regulated by an internal linear regulator at OUT (Figure 1). With FB connected to GND, V<sub>OUT</sub> is regulated at -2V. Alternatively, use a voltage-divider at FB to adjust the output voltage between -0.5V and -(V<sub>IN</sub> - 0.6V) (see the section *Setting the Output Voltage*). The internal linear regulator reduces the ripple noise induced by the charge-pump inverter to 1mVp-p at OUT (circuit of Figure 3b). In addition, the excellent AC rejection of the linear regulator attenuates noise from the incoming supply.

#### Power-OK Signal

The MAX881R has an active-low, open-drain, power-OK (POK) output. This output goes low when OUT reaches 92.5% of the regulated output voltage. POK can be used to drive the gate of a P-MOSFET that switches power to the GaASFET power amplifier (Figure 2), thereby ensuring that the power amplifier is not powered before the required negative bias voltage is present.

Use a  $50k\Omega$  or larger pull-up resistor to signal a logic high when  $\overline{POK}$  goes high impedance.

#### Shutdown Mode

The MAX881R features a shutdown mode that reduces supply current to less than 1µA over temperature. SHDN is an active-low, logic-level input. Start-up time coming out of shutdown mode is typically 0.5ms. OUT and NEGOUT are switched to GND in shutdown mode.

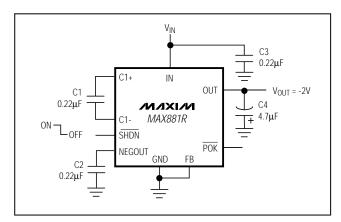


Figure 3a. Standard Application Circuit for Minimum Capacitor Values

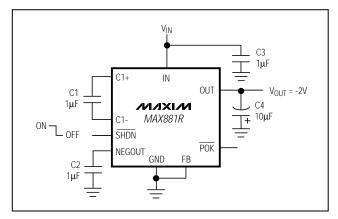


Figure 3b. Standard Application Circuit for Minimum Output Noise

## Applications Information

#### Setting the Output Voltage

Select either a fixed or adjustable output for the MAX881R. Connect FB to GND for a fixed -2V output (Figure 3). Select an alternative output voltage by connecting FB to the midpoint of a resistor-divider from OUT to GND (Figure 4). When operating under full load (4mA), the voltage at IN should be at least 0.6V higher than the absolute voltage required at OUT. Note that the minimum input voltage required for operation is 2.5V, regardless of the desired output voltage. Choose R1 to be between  $100k\Omega$  and  $400k\Omega$  and calculate R2. For greater accuracy, use resistors with 1% or better tolerance.

$$R2 = R1 (2 \times |V_{OUT}| - 1)$$

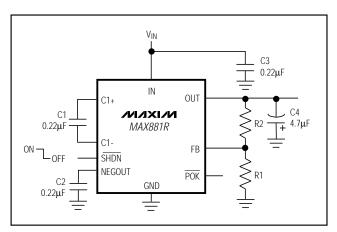


Figure 4. Adjustable Output Configuration

#### **Capacitors**

Use capacitors with a low effective series resistance (ESR) to maintain a low dropout voltage (V<sub>IN</sub> - |V<sub>OUT</sub>|). The overall dropout voltage is a function of the output resistance of the charge pump and the voltage drop across the linear regulator (N-channel pass transistor). At the 100kHz charge-pump switching frequency, output resistance is a function of the value of C1 and the ESR of C1 and C2. Therefore, increasing C1 and minimizing the ESR of the charge-pump capacitors minimizes dropout voltage.

The output resistance of the entire circuit (in dropout) is approximately:

$$ROUT = RO + 4 \times ESRC1 + ESRC2 + 1 / (fs \times C1) + R(linear regulator)$$

Where R<sub>(linear regulator)</sub> (the output impedance of the linear regulator) is approximately  $2\Omega$  and R<sub>O</sub> (the resis-

tance of the internal switches) is typically  $10\Omega$ . When regulating, the output resistance of the circuit is simply the linear-regulator load regulation (2mV/mA).

C1, C2, and C3 should be 0.22µF capacitors with less than 0.4 $\Omega$  ESR. C4 should be a 4.7µF capacitor with less than 0.1 $\Omega$  ESR. Larger capacitor values can be used (C1 = C2 = C3 = 1µF, C4 = 10µF) to reduce output noise and ripple (1mVp-p), at the expense of cost and board space. All capacitors should be either ceramic or surface-mount chip tantalum (Figures 3a and 3b).

#### Layout and Grounding

Good layout is important for good noise performance. To optimize the layout:

- 1) Mount all components as close together as possible.
- Keep traces short to minimize parasitic inductance and capacitance, especially connections to FB.
- 3) Use a ground plane.

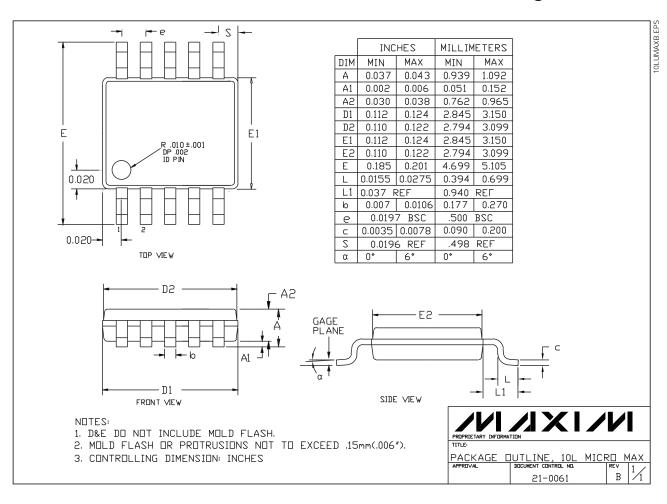
#### Noise and Ripple Measurement

Accurately measuring the output noise and ripple is a challenge. Slight momentary differences in ground potential between the circuit and the oscilloscope (which result from the charge pump's switching action) cause ground currents in the probes' wires, inducing sharp voltage spikes. For best results, measure directly across the output capacitor (C4). Do not use the ground lead of the probe; instead, remove the probe's tip cover and touch the ground ring on the probe directly to C4's ground terminal. This direct connection gives the most accurate noise and ripple measurement.

\_\_\_\_\_Chip Information

TRANSISTOR COUNT: 413

## Package Information



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