

General Description

The MAX4372 low-cost, precision, high-side currentsense amplifier is available in a tiny, space-saving SOT23-5-pin package. Offered in three gain versions (T = 20V/V, F = 50V/V, and H = 100V/V), this device operates from a single 2.7V to 28V supply and consumes only 30µA. It features a voltage output that eliminates the need for gain-setting resistors and is ideal for today's notebook computers, cell phones, and other systems where battery/DC current monitoring is critical.

High-side current monitoring is especially useful in battery-powered systems since it does not interfere with the ground path of the battery charger. The input common-mode range of 0 to 28V is independent of the supply voltage and ensures that the current-sense feedback remains viable even when connected to a 2-cell battery pack in deep discharge.

The user can set the full-scale current reading by choosing the device (T, F, or H) with the desired voltage gain and selecting the appropriate external sense resistor. This capability offers a high level of integration and flexibility, resulting in a simple and compact current-sense solution. For higher bandwidth applications, refer to the MAX4173T/F/H data sheet.

Applications

Power-Management Systems

General-System/Board-Level Current Monitoring

Notebook Computers

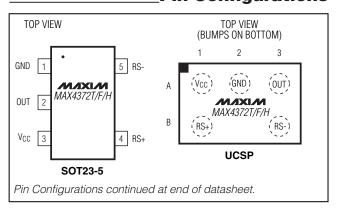
Portable/Battery-Powered Systems

Smart-Battery Packs/Chargers

Cell Phones

Precision-Current Sources

Pin Configurations



Features

- **♦ Low-Cost, Compact Current-Sense Solution**
- ♦ 30µA Supply Current
- ♦ 2.7V to 28V Operating Supply
- ♦ 0.18% Full-Scale Accuracy
- ♦ 0.3mV Input Offset Voltage
- ♦ Low 1.5Ω Output Impedance
- ♦ Three Gain Versions Available 20V/V (MAX4372T) 50V/V (MAX4372F) 100V/V (MAX4372H)
- ♦ High Accuracy +2V to +28V Common-Mode Range, Functional Down to 0V, Independent of Supply Voltage
- ♦ Available in a Space-Saving 5-Pin SOT23 Package and 3 x 2 UCSP™ (1mm x 1.5mm) Package

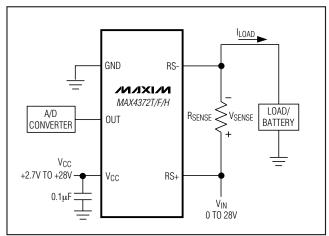
Ordering Information

PART	TEMP RANGE	PIN-PACKAGE	TOP MARK	
MAX4372TEUK-T	-40°C to +85°C	5 SOT23-5	ADIU	
MAX4372TESA	-40°C to +85°C	8 SO	_	
MAX4372TEBT-T	-40°C to +85°C	3 x 2 UCSP	ACX	

Note: Gain values are as follows: 20V/V for the T version, 50V/V for the F version, and 100V/V for the H version.

Ordering Information continued at end of datasheet.

Typical Operating Circuit



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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

V _{CC} , RS+, RS- to GND	Operating Temperature Range40°C to +85°C Storage Temperature Range65°C to +150°C Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s)+300°C Bump Temperature (soldering) Infrared (15s)+200°C Vapor Phase (20s)+215°C
3 x 2 UCSP (derate 3.4mW/°C above +70°C)273.2mW	

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

 $(V_{RS+} = 0 \text{ to } 28V, V_{CC} = 2.7V \text{ to } 28V, V_{SENSE} = 0, R_{LOAD} = 1M\Omega, T_A = T_{MIN} \text{ to } T_{MAX}, \text{ unless otherwise noted.}$ Typical values are at $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$.) (Note 1)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS	
Operating Voltage Range (Note 2)	Vcc			2.7		28	V	
Common-Mode Input Range (Note 3)	VCMR					28	V	
Common-Mode Rejection	CMR	V _{RS+} > 2V			85		dB	
Supply Current	Icc	VRS+ > 2V, VSENSE =	5mV		30	60	μΑ	
Leakage Current	I _{RS+} , I _{RS-}	$V_{CC} = 0$			0.05	1.2	μΑ	
	Ino	V _{RS+} > 2V		0		1		
Input Bias Current	I _{RS+}	VRS+ ≤ 2V		-25		2		
input bias Current	Inc	V _{RS+} > 2V		0		2	- μΑ	
	I _{RS} -	V _{RS+} ≤ 2V		-50		2		
Full-Scale Sense Voltage (Note 4)	Voenoe	Gain = 20V/V or 50V/V			150		mV	
	VSENSE	Gain = 100V/V			100		ITIV	
	Vos	T _A = +25°C V _{CC} = V _{RS+} = 12V	MAX4372_ESA		0.3	±0.8	⊣ ∣	
Input Offset Voltage			MAX4372_EUK, _EBT		0.3	±1.3		
(Note 5)		TA = TMIN to TMAX	MAX4372_ESA			±1.1		
		$V_{CC} = V_{RS+} = 12V$	MAX4372_EUK, _EBT			±1.9		
Full-Scale Accuracy (Note 5)		V _{SENSE} = 100mV, V _{CC} = 12V, V _{RS+} = 12V, T _A = +25°C (Note 7)			±0.18	±3	%	
		V _{SENSE} = 100mV, V _{CC} V _{RS+} = 12V (Note 7)	; = 12V,			±6		
Total OUT Voltage Error (Note 6)		VSENSE = 100mV, VCC = 28V, VRS+ = 28V (Note 7)			±0.15	±7	0/	
		V _{SENSE} = 100mV, V _{CC} = 12V, V _{RS+} = 0.1V (Note 7)			±1	±28	%	
		V _{SENSE} = 6.25mV, V _C 0 V _{RS+} = 12V (Note 8)	c = 12V,		±0.15			
OUT Low Voltage	е	\/ · · · · 0.7\/	I _{OUT} = 10μA		2.6		m.\/	
		$V_{CC} = 2.7V$	I _{OUT} = 100μA		9	65	mV	
OUT High Voltage	Vcc - Voh	V _{CC} = 2.7V, I _{OUT} = -500μA			0.1	0.25	V	

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
-3dB Bandwidth	BW	V _{RS+} = 12V, V _{CC} = 12V, C _{LOAD} = 10pF	Vsense = 20mV, gain = 20V/V		275		kHz
			VSENSE = 20mV, gain = 50V/V		200		
			Vsense = 20mV, gain = 100V/V		110		
			V _{SENSE} = 6.25mV		50		
		MAX4372T	MAX4372T		20		
Gain		MAX4372F			50		V/V
		MAX4372H			100		
O-i A		VSENSE = 20mV to 100mV	T _A = +25°C		±0.25	±2.5	- %
Gain Accuracy			$T_A = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +85^{\circ}C$			±5.5	
OUT Settling Time to 1% of Final Value		Gain = 20V/V, V _{CC} = 12V,	Vsense = 6.25mV to 100mV		20		
		$V_{RS+} = 12V,$ $C_{LOAD} = 10pF$	V _{SENSE} = 100mV to 6.25mV		20		· µs
Capacitive-Load Stability		No sustained oscillations			1000		pF
OUT Output Resistance	Rout	Vsense = 100mV			1.5		Ω
Power-Supply Rejection	PSR	V _{OUT} = 2V, V _{RS+} > 2V		75	85		dB
Power-Up Time to 1% of Final Value		V _{CC} = 12V, V _{RS+} = 12V, V _{SENSE} = 100mV, C _{LOAD} = 10pF			0.5		ms
Saturation Recovery Time (Note 9)		VCC = 12V, V _{RS+} = 12V, C _{LOAD} = 10pF			0.1		ms

Note 1: All devices are 100% production tested at TA = +25°C. All temperature limits are guaranteed by design.

Note 2: Guaranteed by PSR test.

Note 3: Guaranteed by OUT Voltage Error test.

Note 4: Output voltage is internally clamped not to exceed 12V.

Note 5: VOS is extrapolated from the gain accuracy tests.

Note 6: Total OUT voltage error is the sum of gain and offset voltage errors.

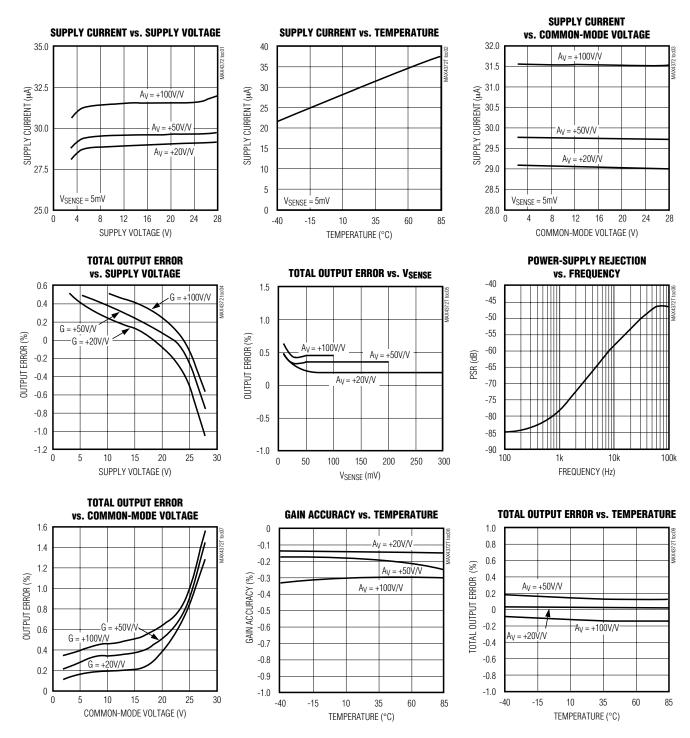
Note 7: Measured at $I_{OUT} = -500\mu A$ ($R_{LOAD} = 4k\Omega$ for gain = 20V/V, $R_{LOAD} = 10k\Omega$ for gain = 50V/V, $R_{LOAD} = 20k\Omega$ for gain = 100V/V).

Note 8: 6.25mV = 1/16 of 100mV full-scale voltage (C/16).

Note 9: The device will not reverse phase when overdriven.

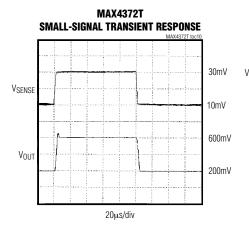
Typical Operating Characteristics

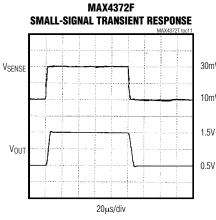
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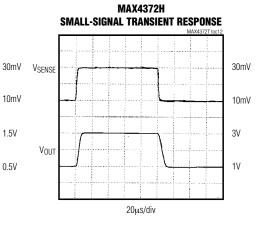


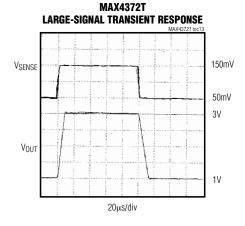
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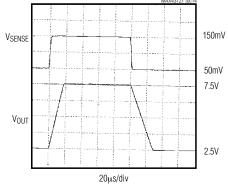




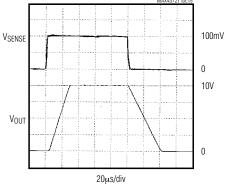


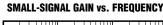


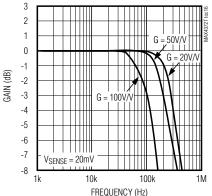












Pin Description

	PIN		NAME	FUNCTION		
SOT23	so	UCSP	IVAIVIL	IONOTION		
1	3	A2	GND	Ground		
2	4	A3	OUT	Output Voltage. V _{OUT} is proportional to the magnitude of V _{SENSE} (V _{RS+} - V _{RS-}).		
3	1	A1	Vcc	Supply Voltage. Use at least a 0.1µF capacitor to decouple V _{CC} from fast transients.		
4	8	B1	RS+	Power Connection to the External Sense Resistor		
5	6	В3	RS-	Load-Side Connection to the External Sense Resistor		
_	2, 5, 7	_	N.C.	No Connection. Not internally connected.		

Detailed Description

The MAX4372 high-side current-sense amplifier features a 0 to 28V input common-mode range that is independent of supply voltage. This feature allows the monitoring of current flow out of a battery in deep discharge, and also enables high-side current sensing at voltages far in excess of the supply voltage (VCC).

Current flows through the sense resistor, generating a sense voltage (Figure 1). Since A1's inverting input is high impedance, the voltage on the negative terminal equals V_{IN} - V_{SENSE} . A1 forces its positive terminal to match its negative terminal; therefore, the voltage across R_{G1} (V_{IN} - V_{1}) equals V_{SENSE} . This creates a current to flow through R_{G1} equal to V_{SENSE} / R_{G1} . The transistor and current mirror amplify the current by a factor of β . This makes the current flowing out of the current mirror equal to:

$$I_M = \beta V_{SENSE} / RG_1$$

A2's positive terminal presents high impedance, so this current flows through RGD, with the following result:

R1 and R2 set the closed-loop gain for A2, which amplifies V2+, yielding:

$$VOUT = RGD \cdot \beta \cdot VSENSE / RG1 (1 + R2 / R1)$$

The gain of the device equals:

$$\frac{\text{Vout}}{\text{Vsense}} = \text{Rgd} \cdot \beta (1 + \text{R2/R1}) / \text{Rg1}$$

Applications Information

Recommended Component Values

The MAX4372 operates over a wide variety of current ranges with different sense resistors. Table 1 lists common resistor values for typical operation of the MAX4372.

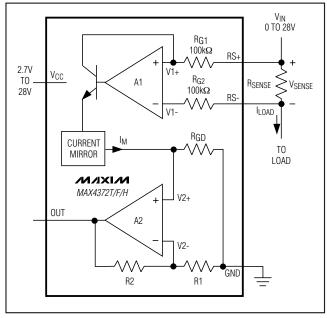


Figure 1. Functional Diagram

Choosing RSENSE

Given the gain and maximum load current, select RSENSE such that VOUT does not exceed VCC - 0.25V or 10V. To measure lower currents more accurately, use a high value for RSENSE. A higher value develops a higher sense voltage, which overcomes offset voltage errors of the internal current amplifier.

In applications monitoring very high current, ensure RSENSE is able to dissipate its own I²R losses. If the resistor's rated power dissipation is exceeded, its value may drift or it may fail altogether, causing a differential voltage across the terminals in excess of the absolute maximum ratings.

Table 1. Recommended Component Values

FULL-SCALE LOAD CURRENT, ILOAD (A)	CURRENT-SENSE RESISTOR, RSENSE (mΩ)	GAIN (V/V)	FULL-SCALE OUTPUT VOLTAGE (FULL-SCALE VSENSE = 100mV), VOUT (V)
		20	2.0
0.1	1000	50	5.0
		100	10.0
		20	2.0
1	100	50	5.0
		100	10.0
		20	2.0
5	20	50	5.0
		100	10.0
		20	2.0
10	10	10 50 5.	
		100	10.0

Using a PC Board Trace as RSENSE

If the cost of RSENSE is an issue and accuracy is not critical, use the alternative solution shown in Figure 2. This solution uses copper PC board traces to create a sense resistor. The resistivity of a 0.1-inch-wide trace of 2-ounce copper is about $30m\Omega/\text{ft}$. The resistance temperature coefficient of copper is fairly high (approximately 0.4%/°C), so systems that experience a wide temperature variance must compensate for this effect. In addition, self-heating will introduce a nonlinearity error. Do not exceed the maximum power dissipation of the copper trace.

For example, the MAX4372T (with a maximum load current of 10A and an RSENSE of $5m\Omega$) creates a full-scale VSENSE of 50mV that yields a maximum VOUT of 1V. RSENSE, in this case, requires about 2 inches of 0.1-inch-wide copper trace.

UCSP Applications Information

For the latest application details on UCSP construction, dimensions, tape carrier information, printed circuit board techniques, bump-pad layout, and recommended reflow temperature profile, as well as the latest information on reliability testing results, go to the Maxim's website at www.maxim-ic.com/ucsp to find the Application Note: UCSP—A Wafer-Level Chip-Scale Package.

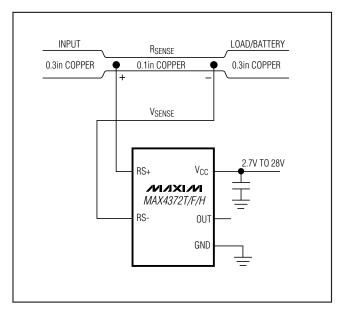


Figure 2. Connections Showing Use of PC Board

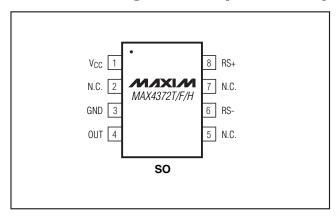
Ordering Information (continued)

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MAX4372FESA	-40°C to +85°C	8 SO	_
MAX4372FEBT-T	-40°C to +85°C	3 x 2 UCSP	ACY
MAX4372HEUK-T	-40°C to +85°C	5 SOT23-5	ADIW
MAX4372HESA	-40°C to +85°C	8 SO	_
MAX4372HEBT-T	-40°C to +85°C	3 x 2 UCSP	ACZ

Chip Information

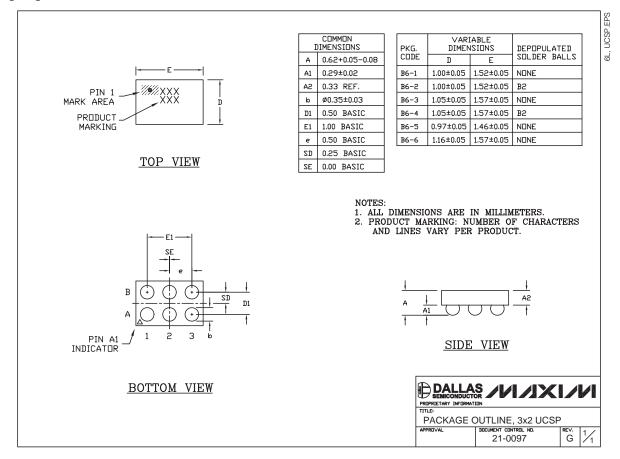
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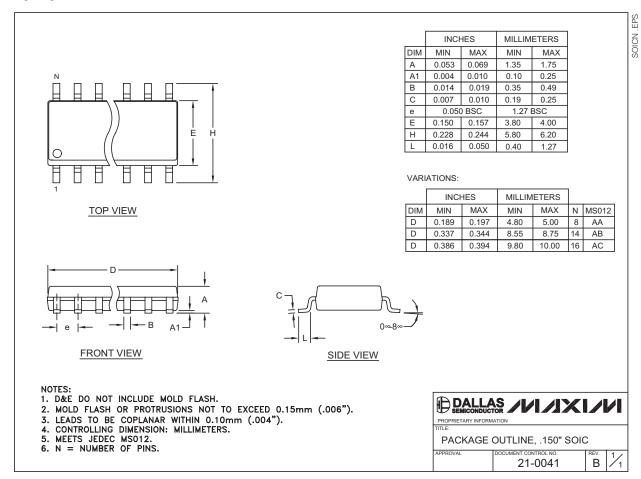
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Note: MAX4372_EBT uses package code B6-2.

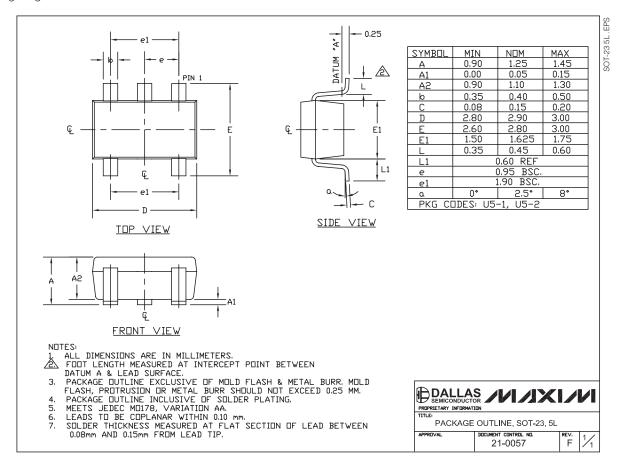
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Revision History

REVISION	REVISION	DESCRIPTION	PAGES
NUMBER	DATE		CHANGED
4	7/09	Updated feature in accordance with actual performance of the product	1

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