



General Description

The MAX1510/MAX17510 DDR linear regulators source and sink up to 3A peak (typ) using internal n-channel MOSFETs. These linear regulators deliver an accurate 0.5V to 1.5V output from a low-voltage power input (VIN = 1.1V to 3.6V). The MAX1510/MAX17510 use a separate 3.3V bias supply to power the control circuitry and drive the internal n-channel MOSFETs.

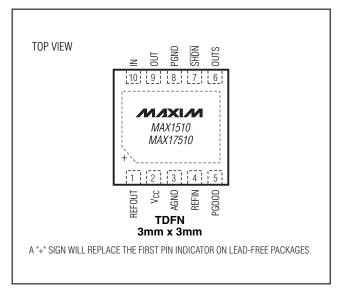
The MAX1510/MAX17510 provide current and thermal limits to prevent damage to the linear regulator. Additionally, the MAX1510/MAX17510 generate a power-good (PGOOD) signal to indicate that the output is in regulation. During startup, PGOOD remains low until the output is in regulation for 2ms (typ). The internal soft-start limits the input surge current.

The MAX1510/MAX17510 power the active-DDR termination bus that requires a tracking input reference. The MAX1510/MAX17510 can also be used in low-power chipsets and graphics processor cores that require dynamically adjustable output voltages. The MAX1510/MAX17510 are available in a 10-pin, 3mm x 3mm thin DFN package.

Applications

Notebook/Desktop Computers **DDR Memory Termination Active Termination Buses Graphics Processor Core Supplies** Chipset/RAM Supplies as Low as 0.5V

Pin Configuration



Features

- ◆ Internal Power MOSFETs with Current Limit (3A typ)
- **♦** Fast Load-Transient Response
- **♦** External Reference Input with Reference **Output Buffer**
- ♦ 1.1V to 3.6V Power Input
- ♦ ±15mV (max) Load-Regulation Error
- **♦ Thermal-Fault Protection**
- **♦** Shutdown Input
- **♦ Power-Good Window Comparator with 2ms** (typ) Delay
- ♦ Small, Low-Profile 10-Pin, 3mm x 3mm TDFN **Package**
- **♦** Ceramic or Polymer Output Capacitors

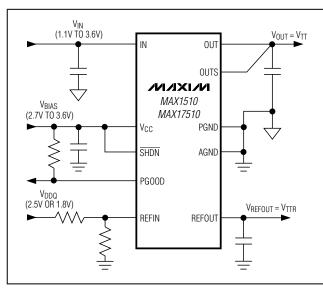
Ordering Information

PART	TEMP RANGE	PIN- PACKAGE	TOP MARK
MAX1510ETB	-40°C to +85°C	10 TDFN-EP*	ARD
MAX1510ETB+	-40°C to +85°C	10 TDFN-EP*	ABD
MAX1510ATB/V+	-40°C to +85°C	10 TDFN-EP*	AWD
MAX17510ATB+	-40°C to +125°C	10 TDFN-EP*	AWQ
MAX17510ATB/V+	-40°C to +125°C	10 TDFN-EP*	AWQ

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

N denotes an automotive qualified part.

Typical Operating Circuit



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^{*}EP = Exposed pad.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

IN to PGND	0.3V to +4.3V	Operating Temperature Range	
OUT to PGND	0.3V to (V _{IN} + 0.3V)	MAX1510ETB	40°C to +85°C
OUTS to AGND	0.3V to $(V_{IN} + 0.3V)$	MAX17510ATB	40°C to +125°C
V _{CC} to AGND	0.3V to +4.3V	Junction Temperature	+150°C
REFIN, REFOUT, SHDN, PGOOD to	AGND0.3V to (V _{CC} + 0.3V)	Storage Temperature Range	65°C to +150°C
PGND to AGND	0.3V to +0.3V	Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s)	+300°C
REFOUT Short Circuit to AGND	Continuous		
OUT Continuous RMS Current: 100s	s±1.6A	Lead(Pb)-free packages	+260°C
1s	±2.5A	Packages containing lead(Pb)	+240°C
Continuous Power Dissipation (TA =	+70°C)		
10-Pin 3mm x 3mm Thin DFN			
(derated 24.4mW/°C above +70°C	C)1951mW		

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

 $(V_{IN}=1.8V, V_{CC}=3.3V, V_{REFIN}=V_{OUTS}=1.25V, \overline{SHDN}=V_{CC}, circuit of Figure 1, T_J=T_A=-40^{\circ}C to +85^{\circ}C for MAX1510ETB, T_J=T_A=-40^{\circ}C to +125^{\circ}C for MAX17510ATB, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at <math>T_A=+25^{\circ}C$.) (Note 1)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Input Voltage Dange	VIN	Power input		1.1		3.6	V
Input-Voltage Range	Vcc	Bias supply		2.7		3.6	
Quiescent Supply Current (VCC)	Icc	Load = 0, VREFIN >	0.45V		0.7	1.3	mA
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Shutdown Supply Current (VCC)	ICC(SHDN)	SHDN = GND, REF	-IN = GND		50	100	μA
Quiescent Supply Current (VIN)	I _{IN}	Load = 0			0.4	10	mA
Shutdown Supply Current (VIN)	IN(SHDN)	SHDN = GND			0.1	10	μΑ
Foodbook Voltono Franci	\/	REFIN to OUTS	T _A = +25°C	-4	0	+4	ma\/
Feedback-Voltage Error	Vouts	$I_{OUT} = \pm 200 \text{mA}$	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } + 125^{\circ}C$	-6		+6	mV
Load-Regulation Error		-1A ≤ I _{OUT} ≤ +1A		-15		+15	mV
Line-Regulation Error		$1.4V \le V_{IN} \le 3.3V$, $I_{OUT} = \pm 100$ mA			1		mV
OUTS Input-Bias Current	louts			-1		+1	μΑ
ОUТРUТ							
Output Adjust Range				0.5		1.5	V
OUT On-Resistance		High-side MOSFET	(source) (I _{OUT} = 0.1A)	0.14		0.25	Ω
OUT Off-Resistance		Low-side MOSFET (sink) (I _{OUT} = -0.1A)			0.14	0.25	
Output Current Slew Rate		$C_{OUT} = 100 \mu F$, $I_{OUT} = 0.1 A$ to 2A			3		A/µs
OUT Power-Supply Rejection Ratio	PSRR	10Hz < f < 10kHz, I _{OUT} = 200mA, C _{OUT} = 100μF			80		dB
OUT-to-OUTS Resistance	Routs				12		kΩ
Discharge MOSFET On-Resistance	RDISCHARGE	SHDN = GND			8		Ω

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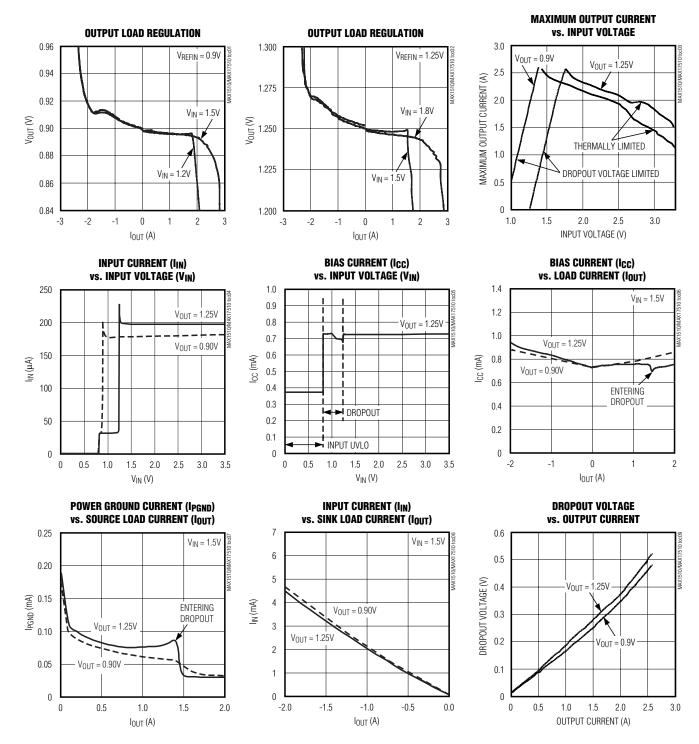
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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS	
REFERENCE						•	
REFIN Voltage Range	V _{REFIN}		0.5		1.5	V	
REFIN Input-Bias Current	IREFIN	T _A = +25°C	-1		+1	μΑ	
REFIN Undervoltage-Lockout Voltage		Rising edge, hysteresis = 50mV		0.35	0.45	V	
REFOUT Voltage	VREFOUT	VCC = 3.3V, IREFOUT = 0V	VREFIN - 0.01	V _{REFIN}	V _{REFIN} + 0.01	V	
REFOUT Load Regulation	ΔV _{REFOUT}	I _{REFOUT} = ±5mA	-20		+20	mV	
FAULT DETECTION							
Thermal-Shutdown Threshold	TSHDN	Rising edge, hysteresis = 15°C		+165		°C	
V _{CC} Undervoltage-Lockout Threshold	V _{UVLO}	Rising edge, hysteresis = 100mV	2.45	2.55	2.65	V	
IN Undervoltage-Lockout Threshold		Rising edge, hysteresis = 55mV		0.9	1.1	V	
Current-Limit Threshold	I _{LIMIT}	$T_A = -40$ °C to $+85$ °C	1.8	3	4.2		
		$T_A = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +125^{\circ}C$	1.5	3	4.2	A	
Soft-Start Current-Limit Time	tss			200		μs	
INPUTS AND OUTPUTS							
PGOOD Lower Trip Threshold		With respect to feedback threshold, hysteresis = 12mV	-200	-150	-100	mV	
PGOOD Upper Trip Threshold		With respect to feedback threshold, hysteresis = 12mV	100	150	200	mV	
PGOOD Propagation Delay	tpgood	OUTS forced 25mV beyond PGOOD trip threshold	5	10	35	μs	
PGOOD Startup Delay		Startup rising edge, OUTS within ±100mV of the feedback threshold	1	2	3.5	ms	
PGOOD Output Low Voltage		ISINK = 4mA			0.3	V	
PGOOD Leakage Current	IPGOOD	OUTS = REFIN (PGOOD high impedance), PGOOD = V _{CC} + 0.3V, T _A = +25°C			1	μΑ	
SHDN Logic Input Threshold		Logic-high			2.0	V	
באר בייאון בייאר ביי		Logic-low	0.8			V	
SHDN Logic Input Current		$\overline{SHDN} = V_{CC}$ or GND, $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$	-1		+1	μΑ	

Note 1: Limits are 100% production tested at $T_A = +25$ °C. Limits over the operating temperature range are guaranteed through correlation using statistical-quality-control (SQC) methods.

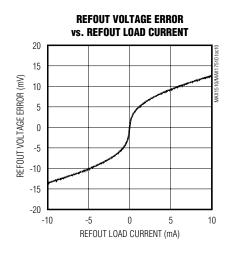
Typical Operating Characteristics

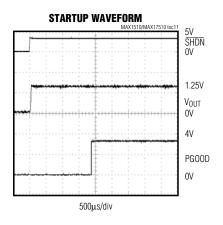
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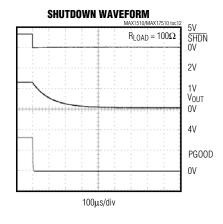


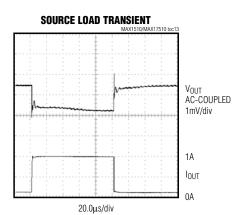
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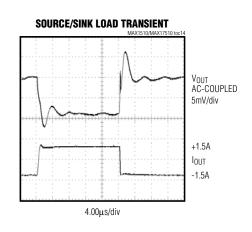
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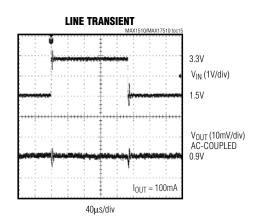


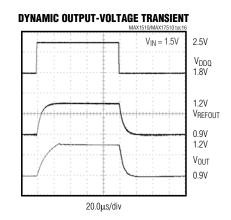






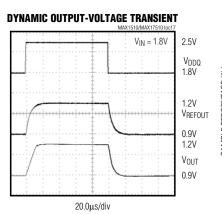


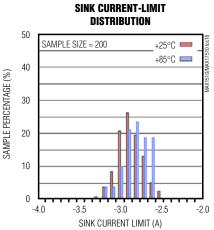


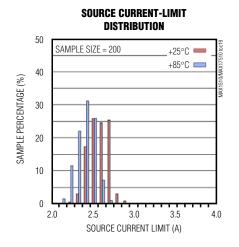


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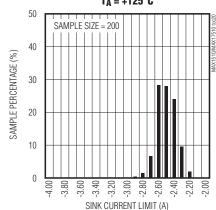
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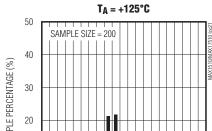




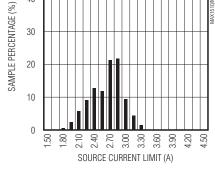


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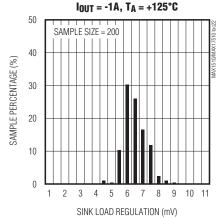




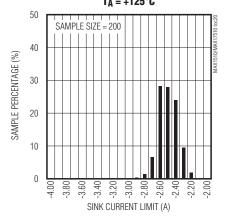
SOURCE CURRENT-LIMIT DISTRIBUTION



SINK LOAD REGULATION DISTRIBUTION



SINK CURRENT-LIMIT DISTRIBUTION T_A = +125°C



Pin Description

PIN	NAME	FUNCTION
1	REFOUT	Buffered Reference Output. The output of the unity-gain reference input buffer sources and sinks over 5mA. Bypass REFOUT to AGND with a 0.33µF or greater ceramic capacitor.
2	V _{CC}	Analog Supply Input. Connect to the system supply voltage (+3.3V). Bypass V _{CC} to AGND with a 1µF or greater ceramic capacitor.
3	AGND	Analog Ground. Connect the backside pad to AGND.
4	REFIN	External Reference Input. REFIN sets the output regulation voltage (V _{OUTS} = V _{REFIN}).
5	PGOOD	Open-Drain Power-Good Output. PGOOD is low when the output voltage is more than 150mV (typ) above or below the regulation point, during soft-start, and when shut down. 2ms after the output reaches the regulation voltage during startup, PGOOD becomes high impedance.
6	OUTS	Output Sense Input. The OUTS regulation level is set by the voltage at REFIN. Connect OUTS to the remote DDR termination bypass capacitors. OUTS is internally connected to OUT through a $12k\Omega$ resistor.
7	SHDN	Shutdown Control Input. Connect to V _{CC} for normal operation. Connect to analog ground to shut down the linear regulator. The reference buffer remains active in shutdown.
8	PGND	Power Ground. Internally connected to the output sink MOSFET.
9	OUT	Output of the Linear Regulator
10	IN	Power Input. Internally connected to the output source MOSFET.
_	EP	Exposed Pad. Internally connected to AGND. Connect EP to AGND PCB ground plane to maximize thermal performance. Not intended as an electrical connection point.

Detailed Description

The MAX1510/MAX17510 are low-voltage, low-dropout DDR termination linear regulators with an external bias supply input and a buffered reference output (see Figures 1 and 2). VCC is powered by a 2.7V to 3.6V supply that is commonly available in laptop and desk-top computers. The 3.3V bias supply drives the gate of the internal pass transistor, while a lower voltage input at the drain of the transistor (IN) is regulated to provide VOUT. By using separate bias and power inputs, the MAX1510/MAX17510 can drive an n-channel high-side MOSFET and use a lower input voltage to provide better efficiency.

The MAX1510/MAX17510 regulate their output voltage to the voltage at REFIN. When used in DDR applications as a termination supply, the MAX1510/MAX17510 deliver 1.25V or 0.9V at 3A peak (typ) from an input voltage of 1.1V to 3.6V. The MAX1510/MAX17510 sink up to 3A peak (typ) as required in a termination supply. The MAX1510/MAX17510 provide shoot-through protection, ensuring that the source and sink MOSFETs do not conduct at the same time, yet produce a fast source-to-sink load transient.

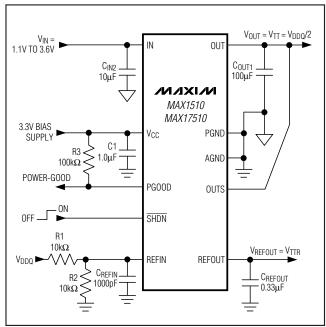


Figure 1. Standard Application Circuit

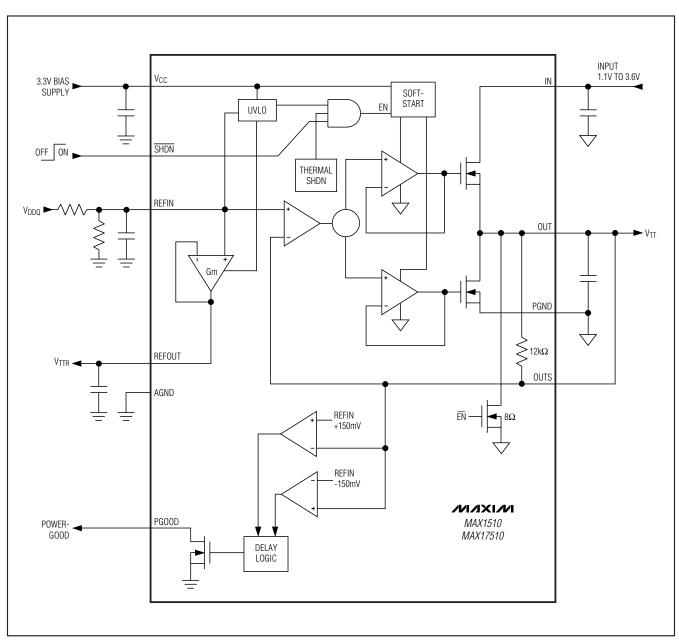


Figure 2. Functional Diagram

The MAX1510/MAX17510 feature an open-drain PGOOD output that transitions high 2ms after the output initially reaches regulation. PGOOD goes low within 10µs of when the output goes out of regulation by ±150mV. The MAX1510/MAX17510 feature current- and thermal-limiting circuitry to prevent damage during fault conditions.

3.3V Bias Supply (Vcc)

The V_{CC} input powers the control circuitry and provides the gate drive to the pass transistor. This improves efficiency by allowing V_{IN} to be powered from a lower supply voltage. Power V_{CC} from a well-regulated 3.3V supply. Current drawn from the V_{CC} supply remains relatively constant with variations in V_{IN} and load current. Bypass V_{CC} with a $1\mu F$ or greater ceramic capacitor as close to the device as possible.

Vcc Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO)

The V_{CC} input undervoltage-lockout (UVLO) circuitry ensures that the regulator starts up with adequate voltage for the gate-drive circuitry to bias the internal pass transistor. The UVLO threshold is 2.55V (typ). V_{CC} must remain above this level for proper operation.

Power-Supply Input (IN)

IN provides the source current for the linear regulator's output, OUT. IN connects to the drain of the internal n-channel power MOSFET. IN can be as low as 1.1V, minimizing power dissipation. The input UVLO prohibits operation below 0.8V (typ). Bypass IN with a 10µF or greater capacitor as close to the device as possible.

Reference Input (REFIN)

The MAX1510/MAX17510 regulate OUTS to the voltage set at REFIN, making the MAX1510/MAX17510 ideal for memory applications where the termination supply must track the supply voltage. Typically, REFIN is set by an external resistive voltage-divider connected to the memory supply (VDDQ) as shown in Figure 1.

The maximum output voltage of 1.5V is limited by the gate-drive voltage of the internal n-channel power transistor.

Buffered Reference Output (REFOUT)

REFOUT is a unity-gain transconductance amplifier that generates the DDR reference supply. It sources and sinks greater than 5mA. The reference buffer is typically

connected to ceramic bypass capacitors (0.33 μ F to 1.0 μ F). REFOUT is active when V_{REFIN} > 0.45V and V_{CC} is above V_{UVLO}. REFOUT is independent of SHDN

Shutdown

Drive \overline{SHDN} low to disable the error amplifier, gatedrive circuitry, and pass transistor (Figure 2). In shutdown, OUT is terminated to \overline{GND} with an 8Ω \overline{MOSFET} . REFOUT is independent of \overline{SHDN} . Connect \overline{SHDN} to VCC for normal operation.

Current Limit

The MAX1510/MAX17510 feature source and sink current limits to protect the internal n-channel MOSFETs. The source and sink MOSFETs have a typical 3A current limit (1.8A min). This current limit prevents damage to the internal power transistors, but the device can enter thermal shutdown if the power dissipation increases the die temperature above +165°C (see the *Thermal-Overload Protection* section).

Soft-Start Current Limit

Soft-start gradually increases the internal source current limit to reduce input surge currents at startup. Full-source current limit is available after the 200µs soft-start timer has expired. The soft-start current limit is given by:

$$I_{LIMIT(SS)} = \frac{I_{LIMIT} \times t}{t_{SS}}$$

where I_{LIMIT} and t_{SS} are from the *Electrical Characteristics*.

Thermal-Overload Protection

Thermal-overload protection prevents the linear regulator from overheating. When the junction temperature exceeds +165°C, the linear regulator and reference buffer are disabled, allowing the device to cool. Normal operation resumes once the junction temperature cools by 15°C. Continuous short-circuit conditions result in a pulsed output until the overload is removed. A continuous thermal-overload condition results in a pulsed output. For continuous operation, do not exceed the absolute maximum junction-temperature rating of +150°C.

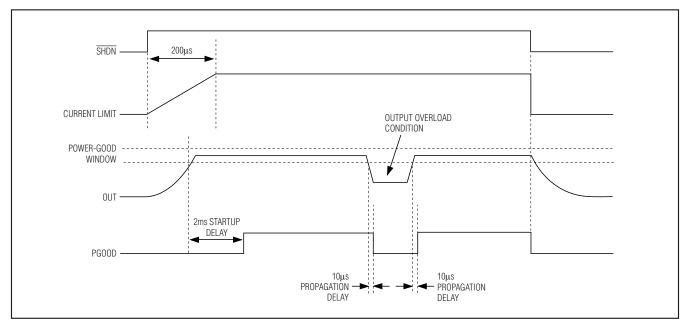


Figure 3. MAX1510/MAX17510 PGOOD and Soft-Start Waveforms

Power-Good (PGOOD)

The MAX1510/MAX17510 provide an open-drain PGOOD output that goes high 2ms (typ) after the output initially reaches regulation during startup as shown in Figure 3. PGOOD transitions low 10µs after the output goes out of regulation by $\pm 150 \text{mV}$, or when the device enters shutdown. Connect a pullup resistor from PGOOD to VCC for a logic-level output. Use a $100 \text{k}\Omega$ resistor to minimize current consumption.

_Applications Information

Dynamic Output-Voltage Transitions

By changing the voltage at REFIN, the MAX1510/MAX17510 can be used in applications that require dynamic output-voltage changes between two set points (graphics processors). Figure 4 shows a dynamically adjustable resistive voltage-divider network at REFIN. Using an external signal MOSFET, a resistor can be switched in and out of the REFIN resistor-divider, changing the voltage at REFIN. The two output voltages are determined by the following equations:

$$V_{OUT(LOW)} = V_{REF} \left(\frac{R2}{R1 + R2} \right)$$

$$V_{OUT(HIGH)} = V_{REF} \left[\frac{(R2 + R3)}{R1 + (R2 + R3)} \right]$$

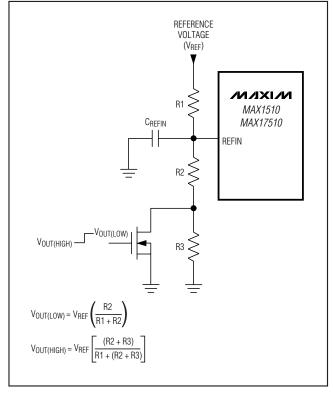


Figure 4. Dynamic Output-Voltage Change

For a step voltage change at REFIN, the rate of change of the output voltage is limited by the total output capacitance, the current limit, and the load during the transition. Adding a capacitor across REFIN and AGND filters noise and controls the rate of change of the REFIN voltage during dynamic transitions. With the additional capacitance, the REFIN voltage slews between the two set points with a time constant given by REQ x CREFIN, where REQ is the equivalent parallel resistance seen by the slew capacitor.

Operating Region and Power Dissipation

The maximum power dissipation of the MAX1510/MAX17510 depends on the thermal resistance of the 10-pin TDFN package and the circuit board, the temperature difference between the die and ambient air, and the rate of airflow. The power dissipated in the device is:

The resulting maximum power dissipation is:

$$P_{DIS(MAX)} = \frac{T_{J(MAX)} - T_{A}}{\theta_{JC} + \theta_{CA}}$$

where $T_{J(MAX)}$ is the maximum junction temperature (+150°C), T_A is the ambient temperature, θ_{JC} is the thermal resistance from the die junction to the package case, and θ_{CA} is the thermal resistance from the case through the PCB, copper traces, and other materials to the surrounding air. For optimum power dissipation, use a large ground plane with good thermal contact to the backside pad, and use wide input and output traces.

When 1 square inch of copper is connected to the device, the maximum allowable power dissipation of a 10-pin DFN package is 1951mW. The maximum power dissipation is derated by 24.4mW/°C above $T_A = +70^{\circ}C$. Extra copper on the PCB increases thermal mass and reduces thermal resistance of the board. Refer to the MAX1510 evaluation kit for a layout example.

The MAX1510/MAX17510 deliver up to 3A and operates with input voltages up to 3.6V, but not simultaneously. High output currents can only be achieved when the input-output differential voltages are low (Figure 5).

Dropout Operation

A regulator's minimum input-to-output voltage differential (dropout voltage) determines the lowest usable supply voltage. Because the MAX1510/MAX17510 use an n-channel pass transistor, the dropout voltage is a function of the drain-to-source on-resistance (RDS(ON) = 0.25 Ω max) multiplied by the load current (see the Typical Operating Characteristics):

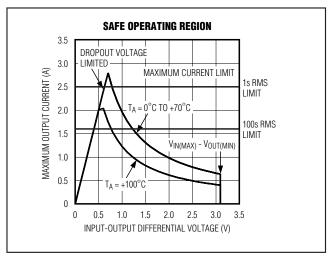


Figure 5. Power Operating Region—Maximum Output Current vs. Input-Output Differential Voltage

VDROPOUT = RDS(ON) x lout

For low output-voltage applications, the sink current is limited by the output voltage and the RDS(ON) of the MOSFET.

Input Capacitor Selection

Bypass IN to PGND with a $10\mu F$ or greater ceramic capacitor. Bypass V_{CC} to AGND with a $1\mu F$ ceramic capacitor for normal operation in most applications. Typically, the LDO is powered from the output of a step-down controller (memory supply) that has additional bulk capacitance (polymer or tantalum) and distributed ceramic capacitors.

Output Capacitor Selection

The MAX1510/MAX17510 output stability is independent of the output capacitance for C_{OUT} from $10\mu F$ to $220\mu F$. Capacitor ESR between $2m\Omega$ and $50m\Omega$ is needed to maintain stability. Within the recommended capacitance and ESR limits, the output capacitor should be chosen to provide good transient response:

$$\Delta I_{OUT(P-P)} \times ESR = \Delta V_{OUT(P-P)}$$

where $\Delta I_{OUT(P-P)}$ is the maximum peak-to-peak load-current step (typically equal to the maximum source load plus the maximum sink load), and $\Delta V_{OUT(P-P)}$ is the allowable peak-to-peak voltage tolerance.

Using larger output capacitance can improve efficiency in applications where the source and sink currents change rapidly. The capacitor acts as a reservoir for the rapid source and sink currents, so no extra current is supplied by the MAX1510/MAX17510 or discharged to ground, improving efficiency.

Noise, PSRR, and Transient Response

The MAX1510/MAX17510 operate with low-dropout voltage and low quiescent current in notebook computers while maintaining good noise, transient response, and AC rejection specifications. Improved supply-noise rejection and transient response can be achieved by increasing the values of the input and output capacitors. Use passive filtering techniques when operating from noisy sources.

The MAX1510/MAX17510 load-transient response graphs (see the *Typical Operating Characteristics*) show two components of the output response: a DC shift from the output impedance due to the load-current change and the transient response. A typical transient response for a step change in the load current from -1.5A to +1.5A is 10mV. Increasing the output capacitor's value and decreasing the ESR attenuate the overshoot.

PCB Layout Guidelines

The MAX1510/MAX17510 require proper layout to achieve the intended output power level and low noise. Proper layout involves the use of a ground plane, appropriate component placement, and correct routing of traces using appropriate trace widths. Refer to the MAX1510 evaluation kit for a layout example:

- Minimize high-current ground loops. Connect the ground of the device, the input capacitor, and the output capacitor together at one point.
- To optimize performance, a ground plane is essential. Use all available copper layers in applications where the device is located on a multilayer board.
- Connect the input filter capacitor less than 10mm from IN. The connecting copper trace carries large currents and must be at least 2mm wide, preferably 5mm wide.
- Connect the backside pad to a large ground plane.
 Use as much copper as necessary to decrease the thermal resistance of the device. In general, more copper provides better heatsinking capabilities.

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Package Information

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PACKAGE	PACKAGE	OUTLINE	LAND
TYPE	CODE	NO.	PATTERN NO.
10 TDFN	T1033+1	21-0137	90-0003

Revision History

REVISION NUMBER	REVISION DATE	DESCRIPTION	
0	5/04	Initial release	_
1	1/05	Raised Absolute Maximum rating	1, 14
2	8/05	Added MAX1510ETB	1
3	4/09	Added automotive-qualified part MAX1510ETB/V+	1, 2, 7, 12, 13
4	7/09	Added MAX17510 to data sheet; added temperature grades for MAX1510ATB+ and MAX1510ATB/V+; minor edits	1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 12, 13
5	3/11	Added MAX17510 automotive qualified part	1

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