

MAX4373/MAX4374/MAX4375

General Description

The MAX4373/MAX4374/MAX4375 low-cost, micropower, high-side current-sense supervisors contain a high-side current-sense amplifier, bandgap reference, and comparator with latching output. They feature a voltage output that eliminates the need for gain-setting resistors, making them 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 0 to +28V input common-mode range is independent of the supply voltage, which ensures that the current-sense feedback remains viable even when connected to a battery pack in deep discharge.

The comparator output of the MAX4373/MAX4374/MAX4375 is latched to provide a turn-off flag that doesn't oscillate. In addition, the MAX4374/MAX4375 contain a second comparator for use in window-detection functions. The MAX4373/MAX4374/MAX4375 are available in three different gain versions (T = +20V/V, F = +50V/V, H = +100V/V) and use an external sense resistor to set the sensitivity of the input voltage to the load current. These features offer a high level of integration, resulting in a simple and compact current-sense solution.

The MAX4373/MAX4374/MAX4375 operate from a single +2.7V to +28V supply and consume 50 μ A. They are specified for the extended operating temperature range (-40°C to +85°C) and are available in 8-pin and 10-pin μ MAX® packages.

Applications

- Notebook Computers
- Portable/Battery-Powered Systems
- Smart Battery Packs/Chargers
- Cell Phones
- Power-Management Systems
- General-System/Board-Level Current Monitoring
- Precision Current Sources

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Pin Configurations appear at end of data sheet.

Low-Cost, Micropower, High-Side Current-Sense Amplifier + Comparator + Reference ICs

Benefits and Features

- Integrated Current-Sensing Solution Simplifies High-Side Current Monitoring
 - Current-Sense Amplifier plus Internal Comparator and Bandgap Reference with Improved Accuracy
 - 1mV (max) Input Offset Voltage
 - 2% (max) Full-Scale Accuracy
 - Internal Bandgap Reference ($\pm 1.6\%$ Accuracy)
- High Accuracy +2V to +28V Common-Mode Range, Functional Down to 0V, Independent of Supply Voltage Ensures Current Monitoring Even In Deep Discharge of Battery Pack
- Low Power Consumption Extends Battery Life
 - 50 μ A Supply Current
 - Single +2.7V to +28V Operating Supply
- Latching Comparator Output Eliminates Oscillation
- Three Gain Versions (+20V/V, +50V/V, +100V/V) Support Different Size Battery Packs

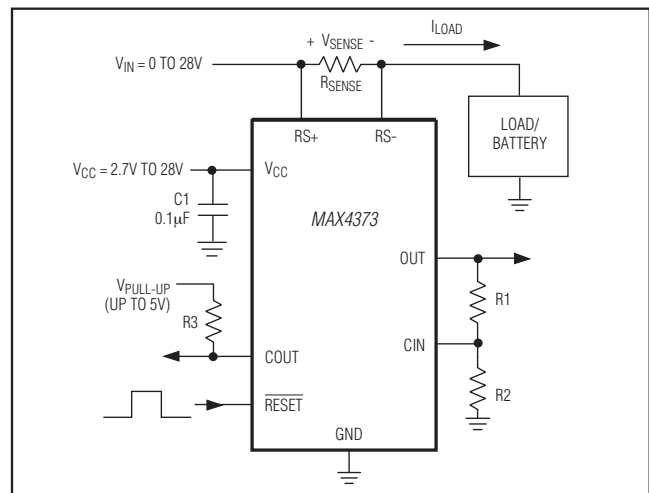
Ordering Information

PART	TEMP RANGE	PIN-PACKAGE	GAIN (V/V)
MAX4373TEUA+	-40°C to +85°C	8 μ MAX	+20
MAX4373TESA+	-40°C to +85°C	8 SO	+20
MAX4373FEUA+	-40°C to +85°C	8 μ MAX	+50
MAX4373FESA+	-40°C to +85°C	8 SO	+50
MAX4373HEUA+	-40°C to +85°C	8 μ MAX	+100
MAX4373HESA+	-40°C to +85°C	8 SO	+100

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

Ordering Information continued at end of data sheet.

Typical Operating Circuit



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Electrical Characteristics (continued)

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

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
-3dB Bandwidth	BW	V _{RS+} = 12V, V _{CC} = 12V, C _{LOAD} = 10pF	V _{SENSE} = 100mV, Gain = +20V/V	200		kHz	
			V _{SENSE} = 100mV, Gain = +50V/V	120			
			V _{SENSE} = 100mV, Gain = +100V/V	110			
			V _{SENSE} = 6.25mV	50			
Gain	A _V	MAX437_T		+20		V/V	
		MAX437_F		+50			
		MAX437_H		+100			
Gain Accuracy	ΔA _V	V _{SENSE} = 20mV to 150mV; V _{CC} = 12V; V _{RS+} = 12V; Gain = 20, 50	T _A = +25°C	±0.3	±1.7	%	
			T _A = -40°C to +85°C		±2.7		
		V _{SENSE} = 20mV to 100mV, V _{CC} = 12V, V _{RS+} = 12V, Gain = 100	T _A = +25°C	±0.3	±1.7		
			T _A = -40°C to +85°C		±2.7		
OUT Settling Time to 1% of Final Value		Gain = +20V/V, V _{CC} = 12V, V _{RS+} = 12V, C _{LOAD} = 10pF	V _{SENSE} = 6.25mV to 100mV	20		μs	
			V _{SENSE} = 100mV to 6.25mV	20			
Capacitive Load Stability		No sustained oscillations		1000		pF	
OUT Output Resistance	R _{OUT}	V _{SENSE} = 100mV		1.5		Ω	
Power-Supply Rejection	PSR	V _{OUT} = 2V, V _{RS+} > 2V		72	87	dB	
Power-Up Time to 1% of Final Value		V _{SENSE} = 100mV, C _{LOAD} = 10pF, V _{CC} = 12V, V _{RS+} = 12V		0.5		ms	
Saturation Recovery Time (Note 8)		V _{CC} = 12V, V _{RS+} = 12V, C _{LOAD} = 10pF		0.1		ms	
COMPARATOR (Note 9)							
Comparator Threshold	V _{TH}	T _A = +25°C		590	600	610	mV
		T _A = T _{MIN} to T _{MAX}		586	614		
Comparator Hysteresis				-9		mV	
Input Bias Current	I _B			±2.2	±15	nA	
Propagation Delay		C _L = 10pF, R _L = 10kΩ pull-up to 5V, 5mV of overdrive		4		μs	
Output Low Voltage	V _{OL}	I _{SINK} = 1mA		0.6		V	

Electrical Characteristics (continued)

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Output High Leakage Current		$V_{CC} = 28V$, $V_{PULL-UP} = 5V$ (Note 10)			1	μA
$\overline{RESET}$ Input High Voltage	V_{IH}		2.0			V
$\overline{RESET}$ Input Low Voltage	V_{IL}				0.8	V
Logic Input Current	I_{IL} , I_{IH}	$V_{IL} = 0$, $V_{IH} = 5.5V$, $V_{CC} = 28V$	-0.5		0.5	μA
Minimum $\overline{RESET}$ Pulse Width	t_{RPW}			1.5		μs
$\overline{RESET}$ Propagation Delay	t_{RPD}			3		μs

Note 1: All devices are 100% production tested at $T_A = +25^\circ C$. All temperature limits are guaranteed by design.

Note 2: Guaranteed by PSR test.

Note 3: Guaranteed by OUT Voltage Error test.

Note 4: Guaranteed by Gain Accuracy test. Output voltage is internally clamped not to exceed 12V.

Note 5: Total OUT Voltage Error and Full-Scale Accuracy are the sum of gain and offset voltage errors.

Note 6: Measured at $I_{OUT} = -500\mu A$ ($R_{LOAD} = 4k\Omega$ for gain of $+20V/V$, $R_{LOAD} = 10k\Omega$ for gain of $+50V/V$, $R_{LOAD} = 20k\Omega$ for gain of $+100V/V$).

Note 7: $+6.25mV = 1/16$ of $+100mV$ full-scale voltage.

Note 8: The device will not experience phase reversal when overdriven.

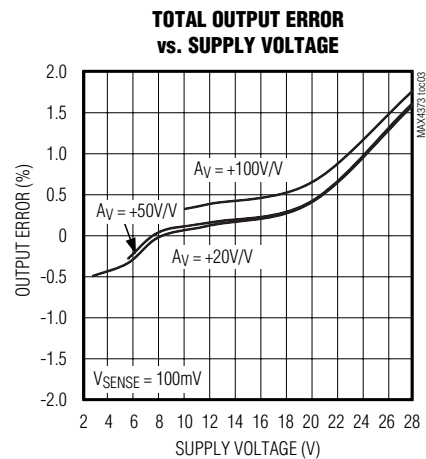
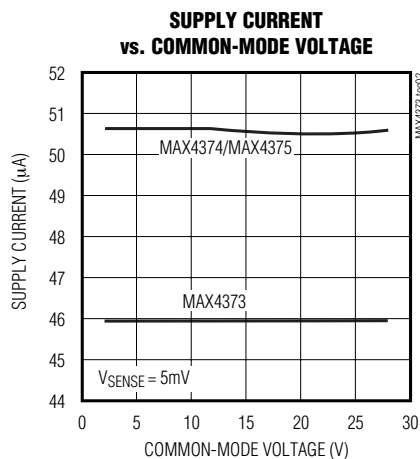
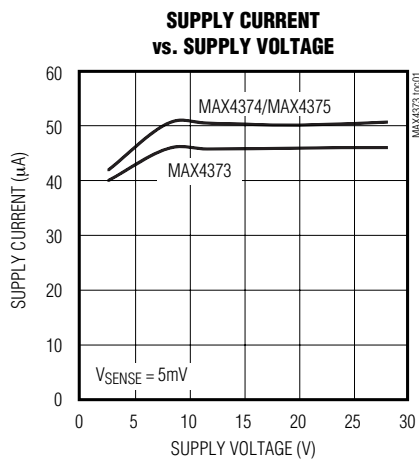
Note 9: All comparator tests are done with $V_{RS+} = +12V$.

Note 10: $V_{PULL-UP}$ is defined as an externally applied voltage through a resistor to pull up the comparator output.

Note 11: V_{OS} is extrapolated from the gain accuracy test.

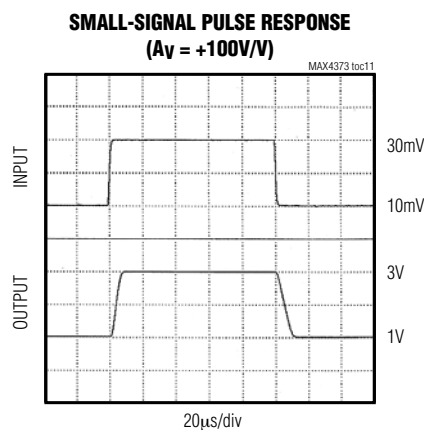
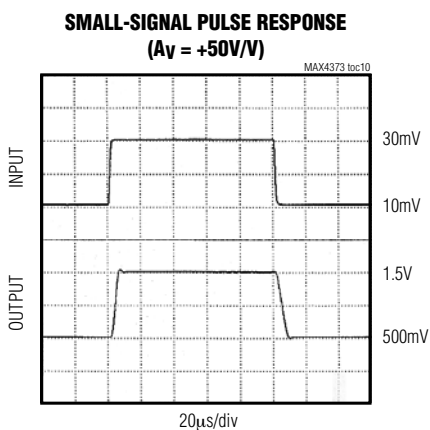
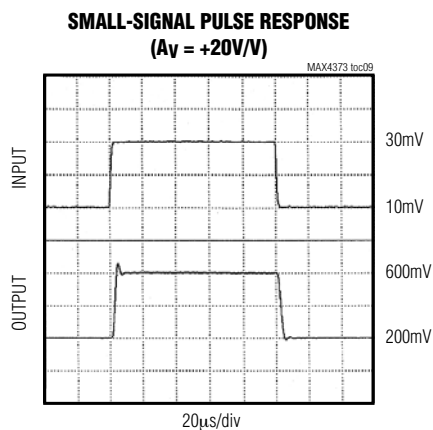
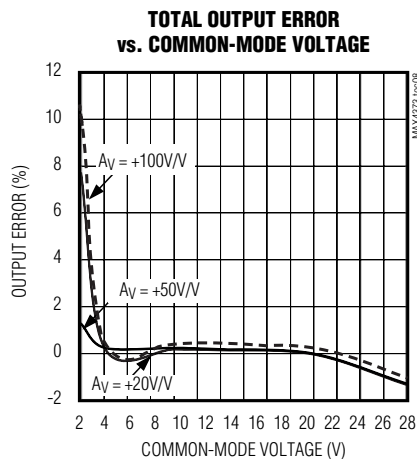
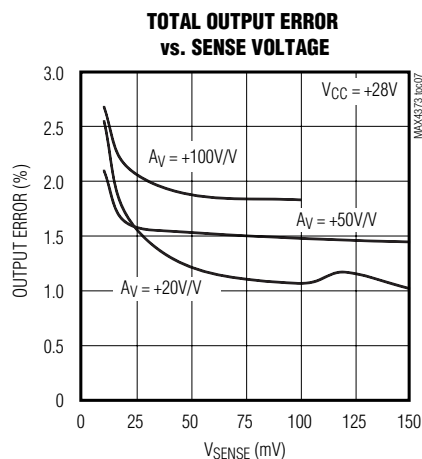
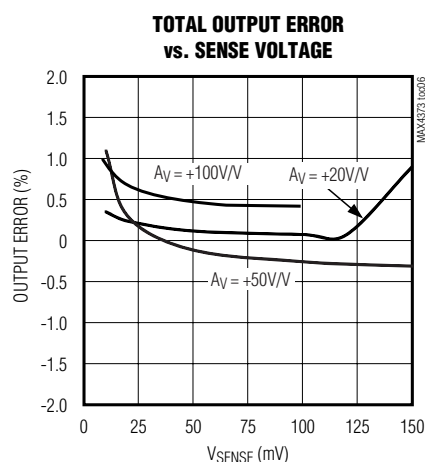
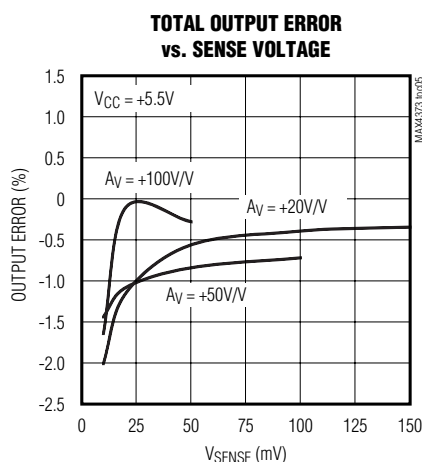
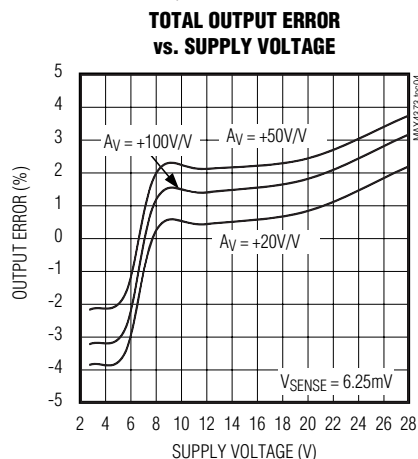
Typical Operating Characteristics

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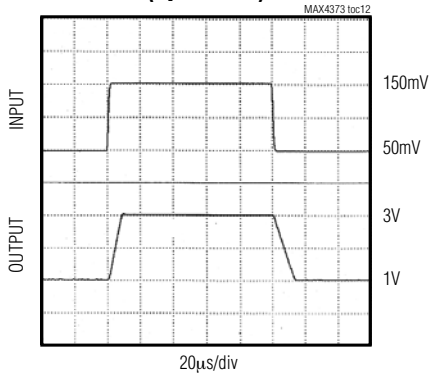
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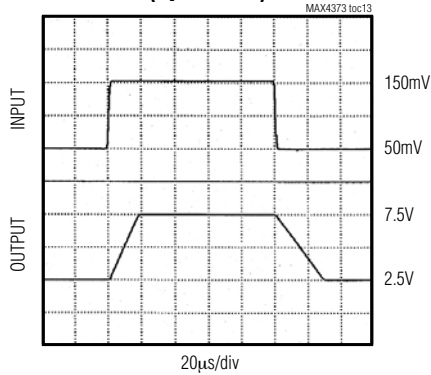
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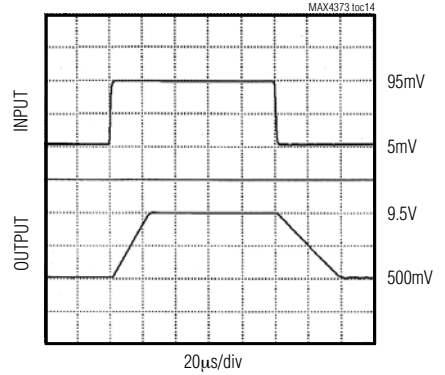
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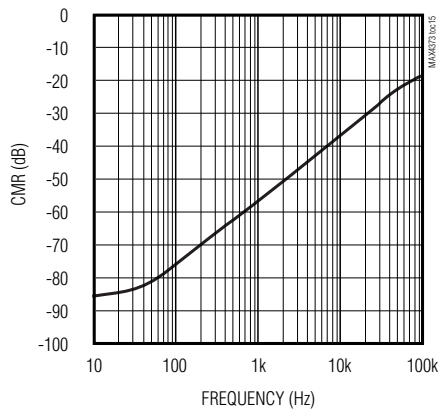
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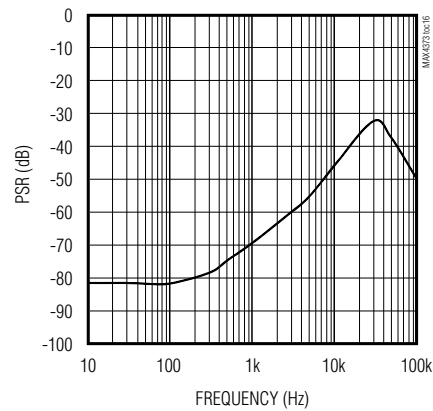
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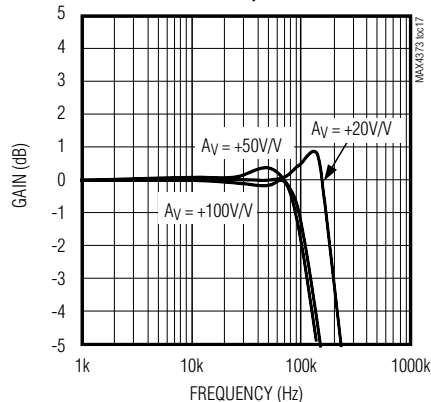
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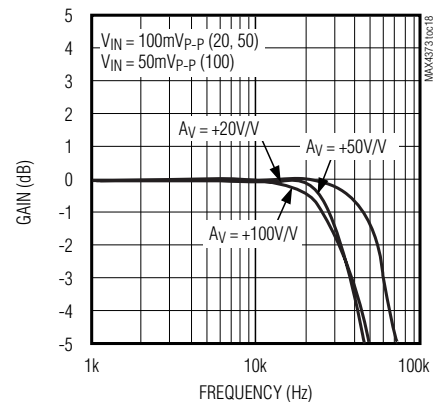
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SMALL-SIGNAL GAIN
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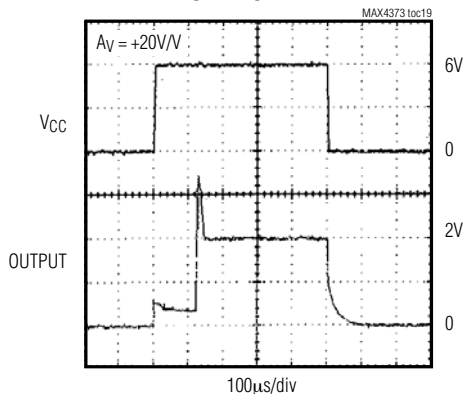
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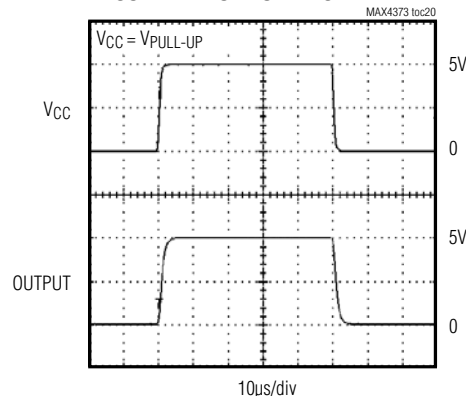
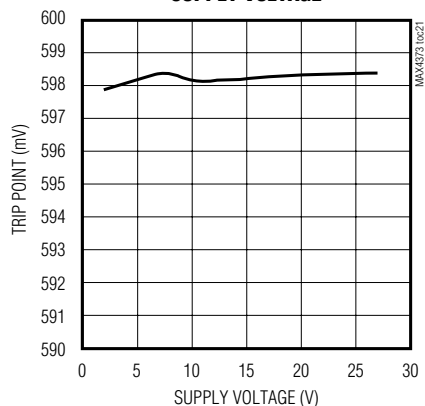
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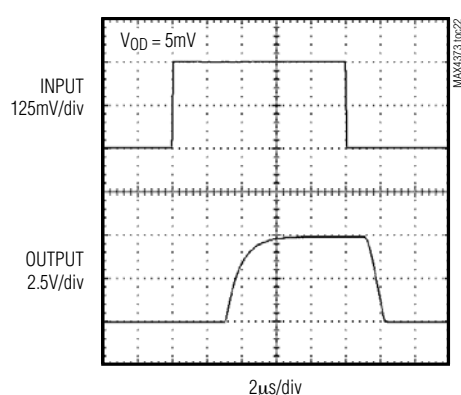
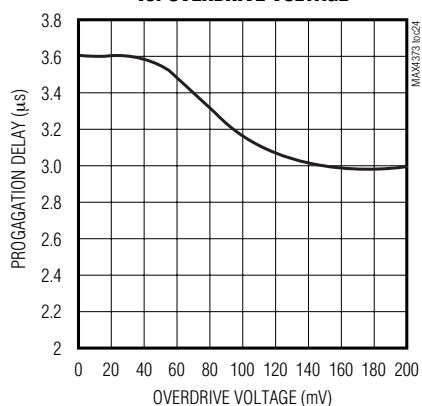
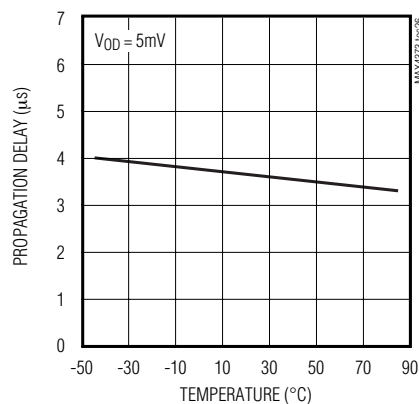
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COMPARATOR POWER-UP DELAY

COMPARATOR TRIP POINT vs.
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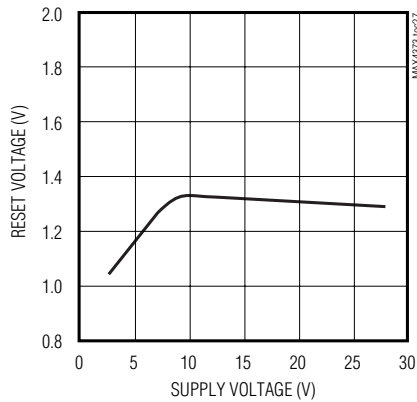
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COMPARATOR PROPAGATION DELAY
vs. OVERDRIVE VOLTAGECOMPARATOR PROPAGATION DELAY
vs. TEMPERATURE

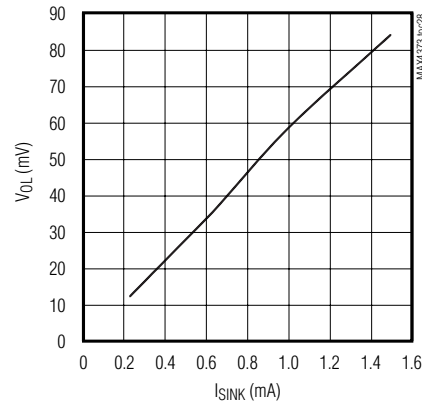
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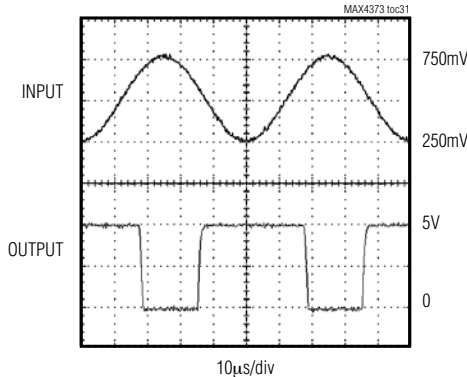
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vs. SUPPLY VOLTAGE**



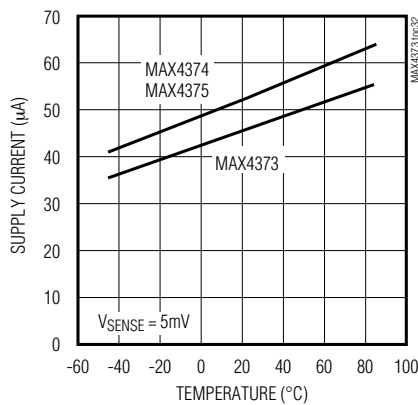
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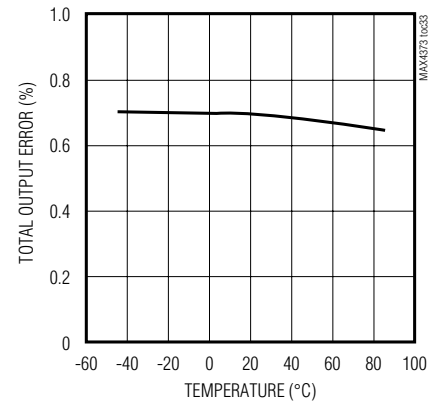
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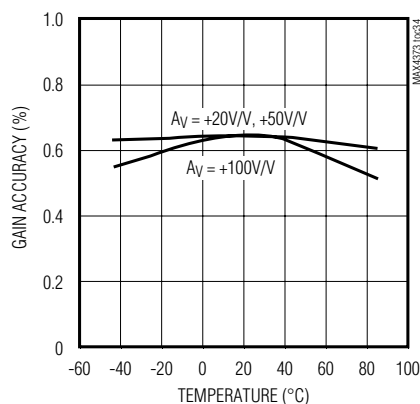
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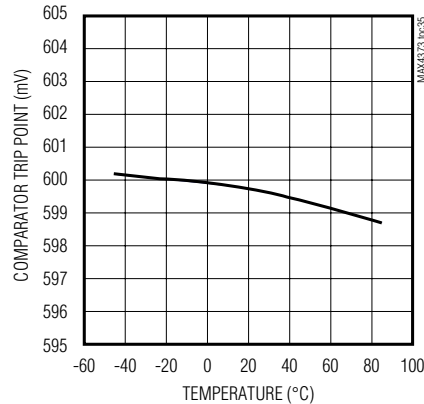
**TOTAL OUTPUT ERROR
vs. TEMPERATURE**



**GAIN ACCURACY
vs. TEMPERATURE**



**COMPARATOR TRIP POINT
vs. TEMPERATURE**



Pin Description

PIN			NAME	FUNCTION
MAX4373	MAX4374/MAX4375			
μMAX/SO	μMAX	SO		
1	1	1	V _{CC}	Supply Voltage Input
2	2	2	OUT	Voltage Output. V _{OUT} is proportional to V _{SENSE} (V _{RS+} - V _{RS-}).
3	3	4	CIN1	Comparator Input 1. Positive input of an internal comparator. The negative terminal is connected to a 0.6V internal reference.
—	4	5	CIN2	Comparator Input 2. Terminal of a second internal comparator. The positive terminal for the MAX4374 and the negative terminal for the MAX4375. The other terminal is connected to a 0.6V internal reference.
4	5	7	GND	Ground
5	6	8	RESET	Reset Input. Resets the output latch of the comparator at CIN1.
6	8	11	COUT1	Open-Drain Comparator Output. Latching output of the comparator controlled by CIN1. Connect RESET to GND to disable the latch.
—	7	10	COUT2	Open-Drain Comparator Output. Output of the second unlatched internal comparator.
7	9	13	RS-	Load-Side Connection for the External Sense Resistor
8	10	14	RS+	Power Connection to the External Sense Resistor
—	—	3, 6, 9, 12	N.C.	No Connection. Not internally connected.

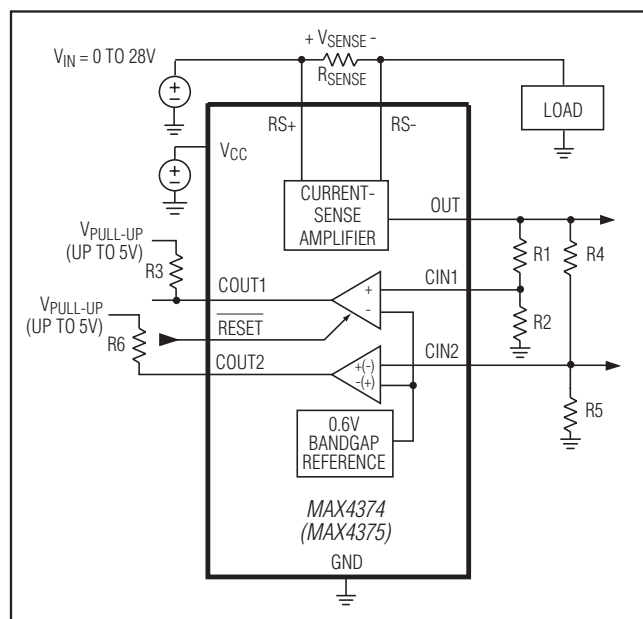


Figure 1. Functional Diagram

Detailed Description

The MAX4373 high-side current-sense supervisor features a high-side current-sense amplifier, bandgap reference, and comparator with latching output to monitor a supply for an overcurrent condition (Figure 1). The latching output allows the comparator to shut down a power supply without oscillations. The MAX4374/MAX4375 offer an additional comparator to allow window detection of the current.

Current-Sense Amplifier

The internal current-sense amplifier features a 0V to +28V input common-mode range that is independent of the supply voltage. With this feature, the device can monitor the output current of a battery in deep discharge and also high-side current-sensing voltages exceeding V_{CC}.

The current-sense amplifier is also suitable for low-side current sensing. However, the total output voltage error will increase when V_{RS+} falls below 2V, as shown in the *Electrical Characteristics* and *Typical Operating Characteristics*.

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Internal Comparator(s)

The MAX4373/MAX4374/MAX4375 contain an open-drain output comparator for current limiting. The comparator's negative terminal is connected to the internal 600mV reference. The positive terminal is accessible at CIN1. When $\overline{\text{RESET}}$ is high, the internal latch is active, and once CIN1 rises above 600mV, the output latches into the open state. Pulsing $\overline{\text{RESET}}$ low for 1.5 μs resets the latch, and holding $\overline{\text{RESET}}$ low makes the latch transparent. See *RESET at Power-Up* section

The MAX4374/MAX4375 contain an additional open-drain comparator. The negative terminal of the MAX4374's additional comparator and the positive terminal of the MAX4375's additional comparator are connected to the internal 600mV reference as shown in Figure 1. The positive terminal of the MAX4374's additional comparator and the negative terminal of the MAX4375's additional comparator are accessible at CIN2.

Applications Information

Recommended Component Values

Ideally, the maximum load current will develop the full-scale sense voltage across the current-sense resistor.

$$V_{\text{OUT}} = V_{\text{SENSE}} \times A_V$$

Choose the gain version needed to yield the maximum output voltage required for the application:

where V_{SENSE} is the full-scale sense voltage, 150mV for gains of +20V/V and +50V/V or 100mV for a gain of +100V/V. A_V is the gain of the device. The minimum supply voltage is $V_{\text{OUT}} + 0.25\text{V}$. Note that the output for the gain of +100V/V is internally clamped at 12V.

$$R_{\text{SENSE(MAX)}} = \frac{V_{\text{SENSE(MAX)}}}{I_{\text{LOAD}}}$$

Calculate the maximum value for R_{SENSE} so that the differential voltage across $\text{RS}+$ and $\text{RS}-$ does not exceed the full-scale sense voltage:

Choose the highest value resistance possible to maximize V_{SENSE} and thus minimize total output error.

In applications monitoring high current, ensure that R_{SENSE} is able to dissipate its own I^2R loss. If the resistor's 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. Use resistors specified for current-sensing applications.

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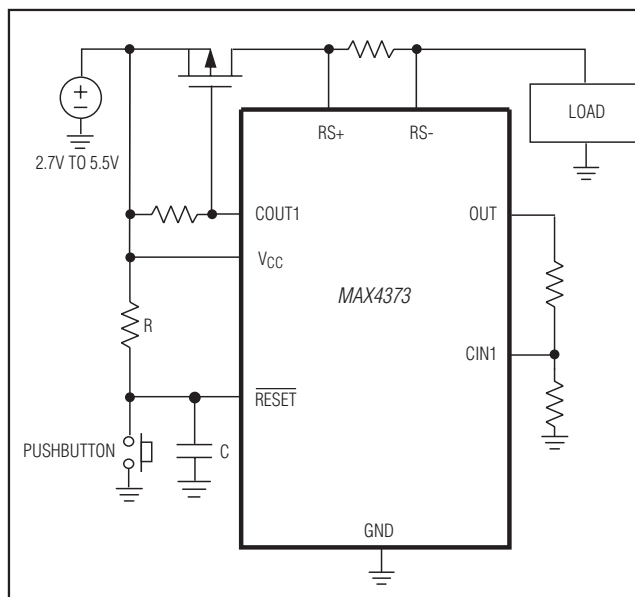


Figure 2. MAX4373 Overcurrent Protection Circuit

Overcurrent Protection Circuit

The overcurrent protection circuit, shown in Figure 2, uses the MAX4373 to control an external P-channel MOSFET. The MOSFET controlled by the MAX4373 opens the current path under overload conditions. The latched output of the MAX4373's comparator prevents the circuit from oscillating, and the pushbutton resets the current path after an overcurrent condition.

Window Detection Circuit

Figure 3 shows a simple circuit suitable for window detection. Let I_{OVER} be the minimum load current

$$I_{\text{UNDER}} = \frac{V_{\text{REF}}}{R_{\text{SENSE}} \times A_V} \left(\frac{R_4 + R_5}{R_5} \right)$$

and

$$I_{\text{OVER}} = \frac{V_{\text{REF}}}{R_{\text{SENSE}} \times A_V} \left(\frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_2} \right)$$

(I_{LOAD}) required to cause a low state at COUT2, and let I_{UNDER} be the maximum load current required to cause a high state at COUT1:

where A_V is the gain of the device and V_{REF} is the internal reference voltage (0.6V typ).

Connect COUT1 and COUT2; the resulting comparator output will be high when the current is inside the current window and low when the current is outside the window. The window is defined as load currents less than I_{OVER} and greater than I_{UNDER} .

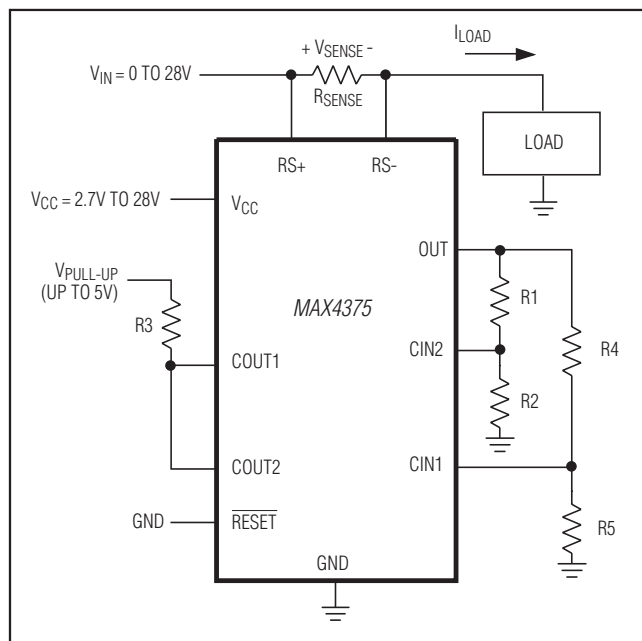


Figure 3. MAX4375 Window Detector

Power-Supply Bypassing

It is recommended that V_{CC} be bypassed to GND with at least a 0.1 μ F ceramic capacitor to isolate the IC from supply voltage transients. It is possible that plugging in/out a battery or AC adapter/charger could cause large, fast line transients ($>5V/\mu s$) at V_{CC} . The simplest solution is to run V_{CC} from a better regulated supply (+5V for example), since V_{CC} and $RS+$ (or $RS-$) do not have to be connected together.

For high-speed V_{CC} transients, another solution is to add a resistor in series with the V_{CC} pin and a 0.1 μ F capacitor to create an RC time constant to slow the rise time of the transient. Since these current-sense amplifiers consume less than 100 μ A, even a 2.5k Ω resistor only drops an extra 250mV at V_{CC} . For most applications with fast transients, 1k Ω in conjunction with a 0.1 μ F bypass capacitor works well.

RESET at Power-Up

The $\overline{RESET}$ pin is used to control the latch function of comparator 1. Holding $\overline{RESET}$ low ($<0.8V$) makes the latch transparent and COUT1 will respond to changes at CIN1, above and below the internal 600mV reference threshold voltage. When $\overline{RESET}$ is high ($>2.0V$), once CIN1 rises above 600mV, COUT1 latches into the open-drain OFF state and remains in this state even if CIN1 drops below 600mV. Pulsing $\overline{RESET}$ low for at least 1.5 μs resets the latch.

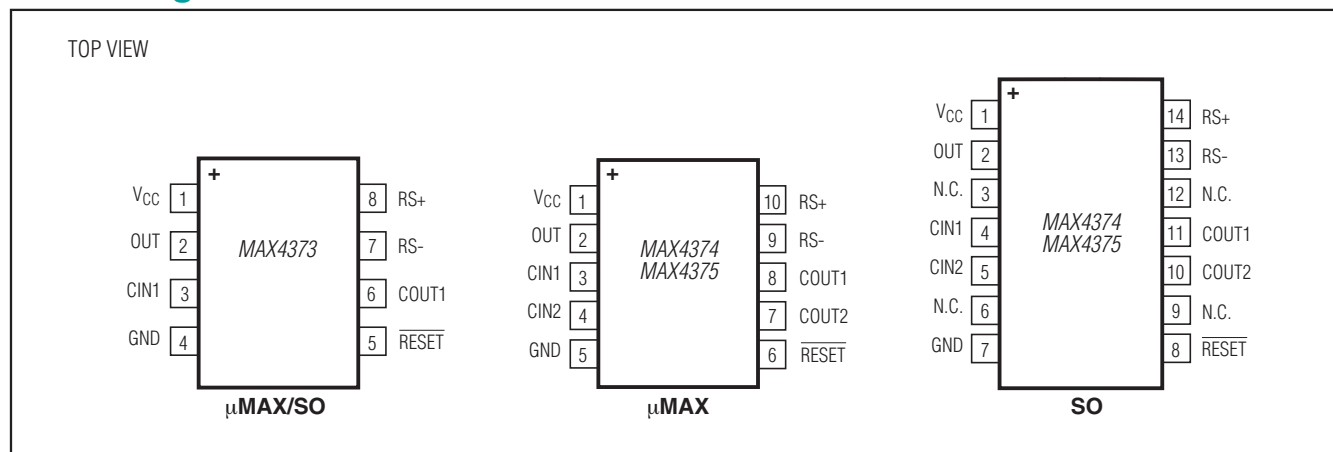
There is no internal circuitry to control the reset function during power-up. To prevent false latching, $\overline{RESET}$ must be held low until the V_{CC} power has risen above the 2.7V minimum operating supply voltage. This is easily accomplished when $\overline{RESET}$ is driven under μC or logic gate control. However, if $\overline{RESET}$ is to be always connected high, add an RC between V_{CC} , $\overline{RESET}$ and GND (see Figure 2). Note that $\overline{RESET}$ cannot exceed $V_{CC} + 0.3V$ or +12V, whichever is less.

The following formula can be used to determine the appropriate RC value.

$$RC = \frac{T}{\ln(2.7V/(2.7V - 0.8V))} = \frac{T}{0.3514}$$

where T is the maximum time for V_{CC} to reach 2.7V and 0.8V is the maximum $\overline{RESET}$ logic low voltage. For example, a 470k Ω resistor and 0.22 μ F capacitor will keep $\overline{RESET}$ low during a power-up time of up to 36ms. A faster power-up time is also safe with the calculated R and C since the capacitor will have even less time to charge.

Pin Configurations



Ordering Information (continued)

PART	TEMP RANGE	PIN-PACKAGE	GAIN (V/V)
MAX4374 TEUB+	-40°C to +85°C	10 μMAX	+20
MAX4374TESD+	-40°C to +85°C	14 SO	+20
MAX4374FEUB+	-40°C to +85°C	10 μMAX	+50
MAX4374FESD+	-40°C to +85°C	14 SO	+50
MAX4374HEUB+	-40°C to +85°C	10 μMAX	+100
MAX4374HESD+	-40°C to +85°C	14 SO	+100
MAX4375 TEUB+	-40°C to +85°C	10 μMAX	+20
MAX4375TESD+	-40°C to +85°C	14 SO	+20
MAX4375FEUB+	-40°C to +85°C	10 μMAX	+50
MAX4375FESD+	-40°C to +85°C	14 SO	+50
MAX4375HEUB+	-40°C to +85°C	10 μMAX	+100
MAX4375HESD+	-40°C to +85°C	14 SO	+100

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

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SUBSTRATE CONNECTED TO GND

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PACKAGE TYPE	PACKAGE CODE	OUTLINE NO.	LAND PATTERN NO.
8 SOIC	S8+2	21-0041	90-0096
8 μMAX	U8+1	21-0036	90-0092
10 μMAX	U10+2	21-0061	90-0330
14 SOIC	S14+1	21-0041	90-0096

Revision History

REVISION NUMBER	REVISION DATE	DESCRIPTION	PAGES CHANGED
3	6/10	Clarified 0V to 2V is not a high-accuracy range for the device, added lead-free options and soldering temperature	1, 2, 12
4	1/11	Clarified V_{RS+} conditions in <i>Electrical Characteristics</i> table	2
5	5/15	Added the <i>Benefits and Features</i> section	1

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