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Low-Cost, SOT23, Micropower, High-Side Current-Sense Amplifier with Voltage Output

General Description

The MAX4372 low-cost, precision, high-side current-sense 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

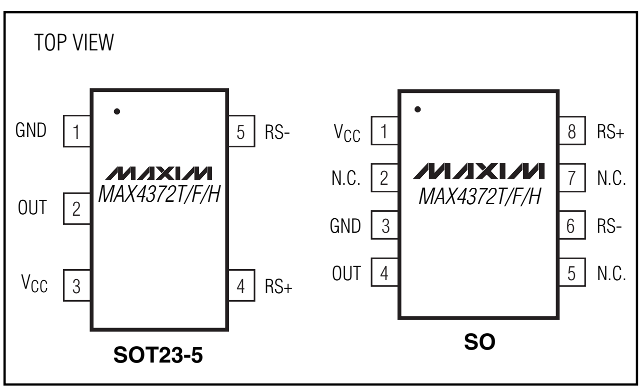
Portable/Battery-Powered Systems

Smart-Battery Packs/Chargers

Cell Phones

Precision-Current Sources

Pin Configurations



Features

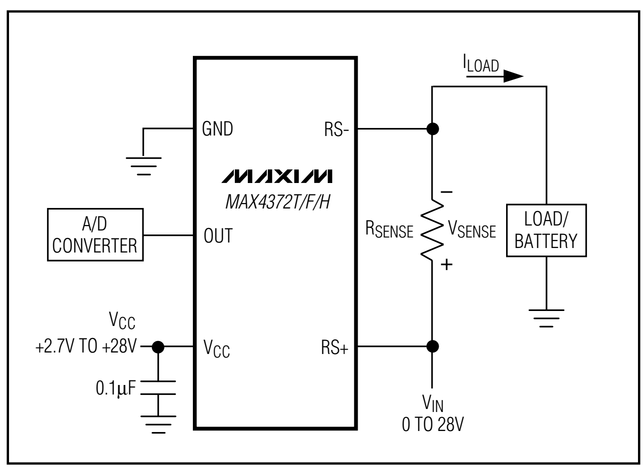
- ♦ **Low-Cost, Compact Current-Sense Solution**
- ♦ **30µA Supply Current**
- ♦ **2.7V to 28V Operating Supply**
- ♦ **0.18% Full-Scale Accuracy**
- ♦ **0.3mV Input Offset Voltage**
- ♦ **Low 1.5Ω Output Impedance**
- ♦ **Three Gain Versions Available**
  - **20V/V (MAX4372T)**
  - **50V/V (MAX4372F)**
  - **100V/V (MAX4372H)**
- ♦ **Wide 0 to 28V Common-Mode Range, Independent of Supply Voltage**
- ♦ **Available in a Space-Saving 5-Pin SOT23 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	—
MAX4372FEUK-T	-40°C to +85°C	5 SOT23-5	ADIV
MAX4372FESA	-40°C to +85°C	8 SO	—
MAX4372HEUK-T	-40°C to +85°C	5 SOT23-5	ADIW
MAX4372HESA	-40°C to +85°C	8 SO	—

***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.*

Typical Operating Circuit



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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

V_{CC}, RS+, RS- to GND ....-0.3V to +30V
OUT to GND ....-0.3V to +15V
Differential Input Voltage (V_{RS+} - V_{RS-}) ....±0.3V
Current into Any Pin...±10mA
Continuous Power Dissipation (T_A = +70°C)
5-Pin SOT23 (derate 7.1mW/°C above +70°C)............571mW
8-Pin SO (derate 5.88mW/°C above +70°C)................471mW

Operating Temperature Range ....-40°C to +85°C
Storage Temperature Range ....-65°C to +150°C
Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s). ....+300°C

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 to 28V, V_{CC} = 2.7V to 28V, V_{SENSE} = 0, R_{LOAD} = 1MΩ, T_A = T_{MIN} to T_{MAX}, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T_A = +25°C.) (Note 1)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Operating Voltage Range (Note 2)	V_{CC}			2.7		28	V
Common-Mode Input Range (Note 3)	V_{CMR}			0		28	V
Common-Mode Rejection	CMR	V_{RS+} > 2V			85		dB
Supply Current	I_{CC}	V_{RS+} > 2V, V_{SENSE} = 5mV			30	60	µA
Leakage Current	I_{RS+}, I_{RS-}	V_{CC} = 0			0.05	1.2	µA
Input Bias Current	I_{RS+}	V_{RS+} > 2V		0		1	µA
		V_{RS+} ≤ 2V		-25		2	
	I_{RS-}	V_{RS+} > 2V		0		2	
		V_{RS+} ≤ 2V		-50		2	
Full-Scale Sense Voltage (Note 4)	V_{SENSE}	Gain = 20V/V or 50V/V			150		mV
		Gain = 100V/V			100		
Input Offset Voltage	V_{OS}	T_A = +25°C V_{CC} = V_{RST} = 12V	MAX4372_ESA		0.3	±0.8	mV
			MAX4372_EUK		0.3	±1.3	
		T_A = T_{MIN} to T_{MAX} V_{CC} = V_{RST} = 12V	MAX4372_ESA			±1.1	
			MAX4372_EUK			±1.9	
Full-Scale Accuracy (Note 5)		V_{SENSE} = 100mV, V_{CC} = 12V, V_{RS+} = 12V, T_A = +25°C (Note 6)			±0.18	±3	%
Total OUT Voltage Error (Note 5)		V_{SENSE} = 100mV, V_{CC} = 12V, V_{RS+} = 12V (Note 6)				±6	%
		V_{SENSE} = 100mV, V_{CC} = 28V, V_{RS+} = 28V (Note 6)			±0.15	±7	
		V_{SENSE} = 100mV, V_{CC} = 12V, V_{RS+} = 0.1V (Note 6)			±1	±28	
		V_{SENSE} = 6.25mV, V_{CC} = 12V, V_{RS+} = 12V (Note 7)			±0.15		
OUT Low Voltage		V_{CC} = 2.7V	I_{OUT} = 10µA		2.6		mV
			I_{OUT} = 100µA		9	65	
OUT High Voltage	V_{CC} - V_{OH}	V_{CC} = 2.7V, I_{OUT} = -500µA			0.1	0.25	V

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

(V_{RS+} = 0 to 28V, V_{CC} = 2.7V to 28V, V_{SENSE} = 0, R_{LOAD} = 1MΩ, T_A = T_{MIN} to T_{MAX}, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T_A = +25°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		275		kHz
			V_{SENSE} = 100mV, gain = 50V/V		200		
			V_{SENSE} = 100mV, gain = 100V/V		110		
			V_{SENSE} = 6.25mV		50		
Gain		MAX4372T			20		V/V
		MAX4372F			50		
		MAX4372H			100		
Gain Accuracy		V_{SENSE} = 20mV to 100mV	T_A = +25°C		±0.25	±2.5	%
			T_A = -40°C to +85°C			±5.5	
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		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 8)		V_{CC} = 12V, V_{RS+} = 12V, C_{LOAD} = 10pF			0.1		ms

Note 1: All devices are 100% production tested at T_A = +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: Total OUT voltage error is the sum of gain and offset voltage errors.
Note 6: Measured at I_{OUT} = -500µA (R_{LOAD} = 4kΩ for gain = 20V/V, R_{LOAD} = 10kΩ for gain = 50V/V, R_{LOAD} = 20kΩ for gain = 100V/V).
Note 7: 6.25mV = 1/16 of 100mV full-scale voltage (C/16).
Note 8: The device will not reverse phase when overdriven.

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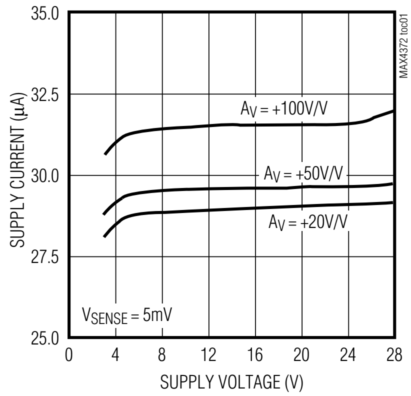
(V_{CC} = 12V, V_{RS+} = 12V, V_{SENSE} = 100mV, T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.)

SUPPLY CURRENT vs. SUPPLY VOLTAGE



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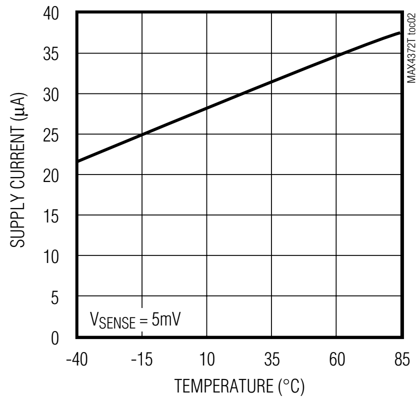

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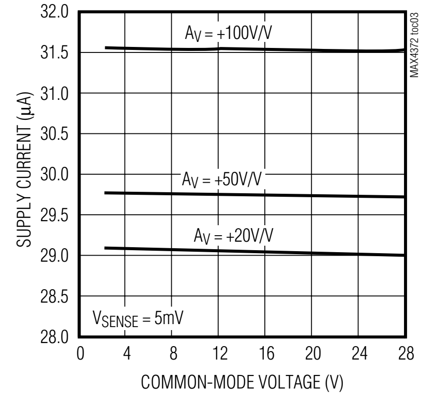
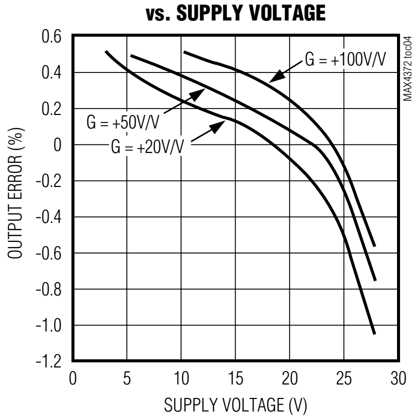


TOTAL OUTPUT ERROR vs. SUPPLY VOLTAGE



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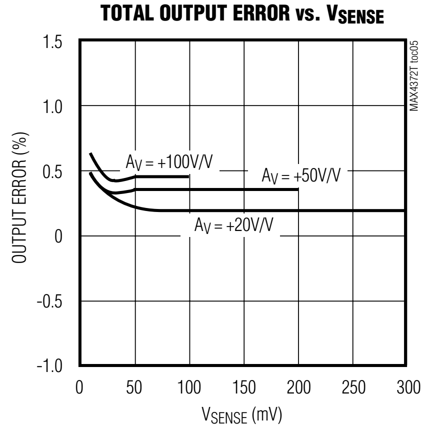

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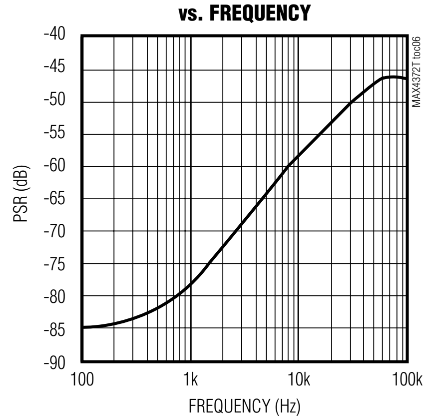

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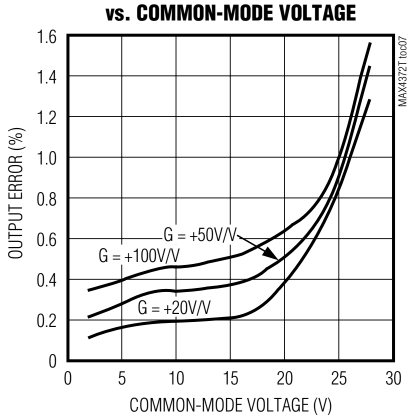

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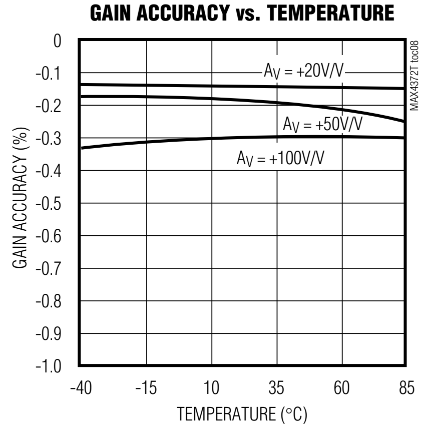

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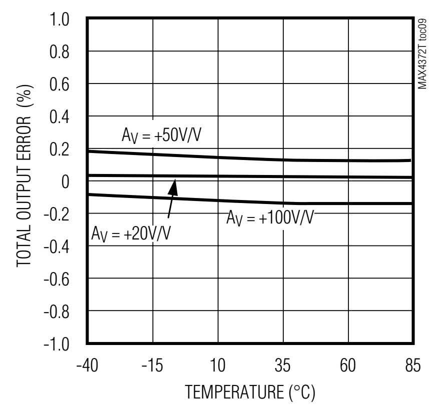

Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

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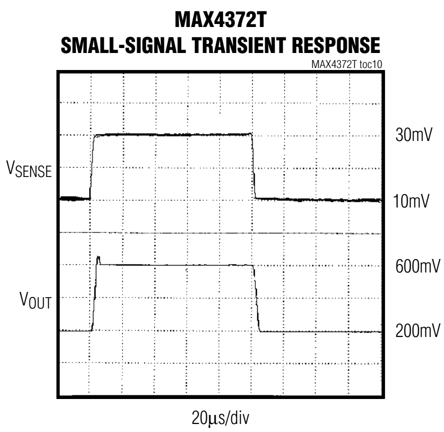

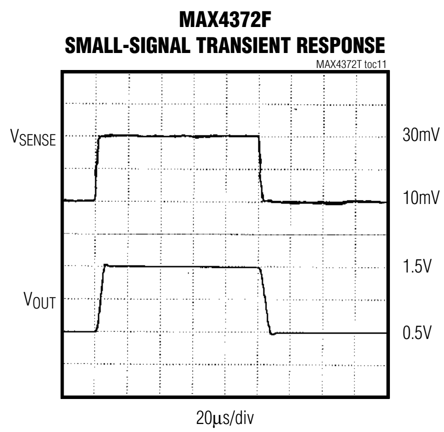

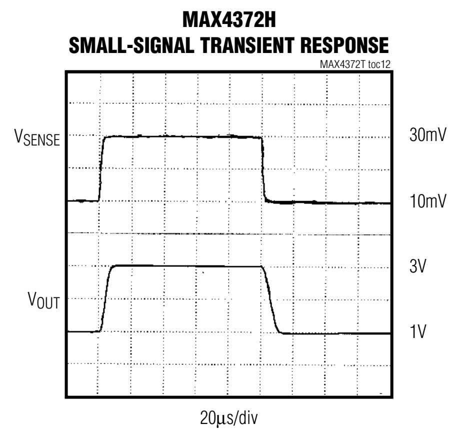

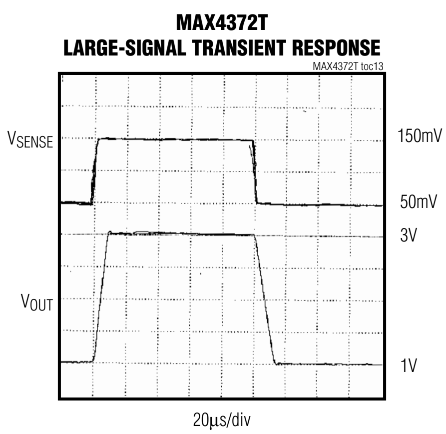

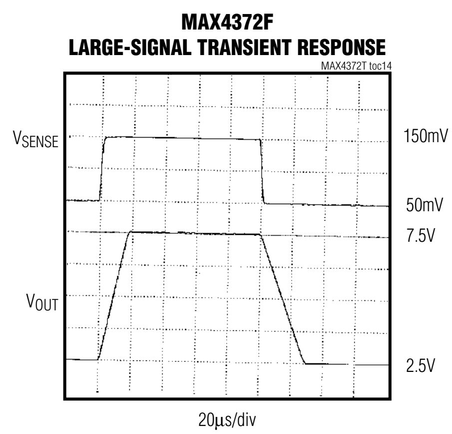

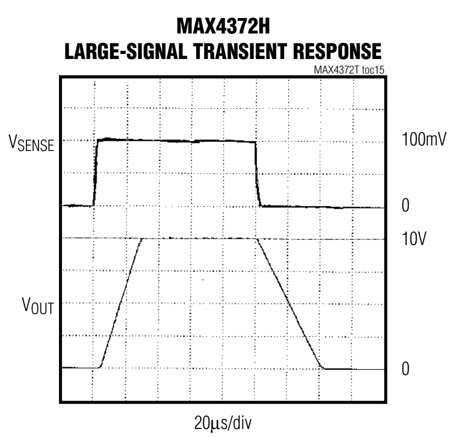

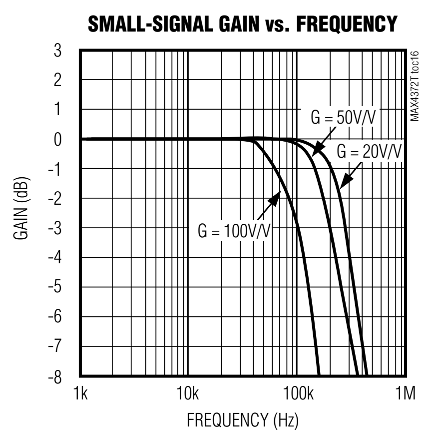

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Pin Description

PIN		NAME	FUNCTION
SOT23	SO		
1	3	GND	Ground
2	4	OUT	Output Voltage. V_{OUT} is proportional to the magnitude of V_{SENSE} (V_{RS+} - V_{RS-}).
3	1	V_{CC}	Supply Voltage. Use at least a 0.1µF capacitor to decouple V_{CC} from fast transients.
4	8	RS+	Power Connection to the External Sense Resistor
5	6	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 (V_{CC}).

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} - V1-) 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:

$$I_M = \beta \, V_{SENSE} / R_{G1}$$

A2's positive terminal presents high impedance, so this current flows through R_{GD}, with the following result:

$$V2+ = R_{GD} \, \beta \cdot V_{SENSE} / R_{G1}$$

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

$$V_{OUT} = R_{GD} \cdot \beta \cdot V_{SENSE} / R_{G1} \, (1 + R2 / R1)$$

The gain of the device equals:

$$\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{SENSE}} = R_{GD} \cdot \beta \, (1 + R2 / R1) / R_{G1}$$

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.

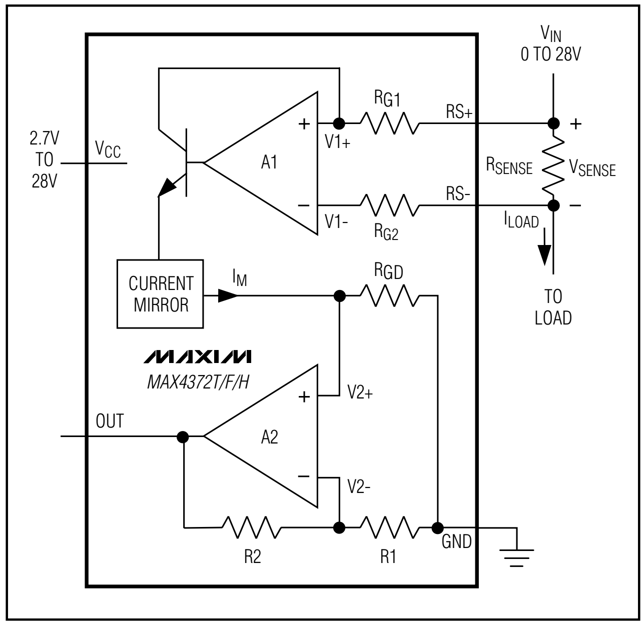

Figure 1. Functional Diagram

Choosing R_{SENSE}

Given the gain and maximum load current, select R_{SENSE} such that V_{CC} - V_{OUT} does not exceed 0.25V and V_{OUT} does not exceed 10V. To measure lower currents more accurately, use a high value for R_{SENSE}. 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 R_{SENSE} is able to dissipate its own I^2R 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, I_{LOAD} (A)	CURRENT-SENSE RESISTOR, R_{SENSE} (mΩ)	GAIN (V/V)	FULL-SCALE OUTPUT VOLTAGE (FULL-SCALE V_{SENSE} = 100mV), V_{OUT} (V)
0.1	1000	20	2.0
		50	5.0
		100	10.0
1	100	20	2.0
		50	5.0
		100	10.0
5	20	20	2.0
		50	5.0
		100	10.0
10	10	20	2.0
		50	5.0
		100	10.0

Using a PC Board Trace as R_{SENSE}

If the cost of R_{SENSE} 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 30mΩ/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 R_{SENSE} of 5mΩ) creates a full-scale V_{SENSE} of 50mV that yields a maximum V_{OUT} of 1V. R_{SENSE}, in this case, requires about 2 inches of 0.1-inch-wide copper trace.

Chip Information

TRANSISTOR COUNT: 225

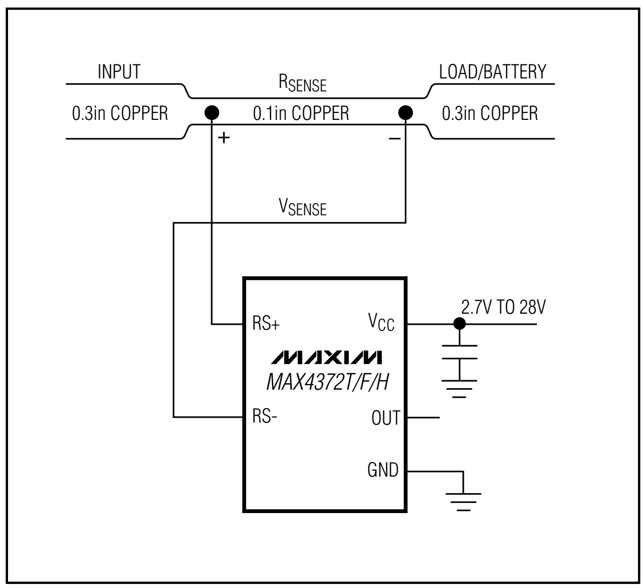

Figure 2. Connections Showing Use of PC Board

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Package Information

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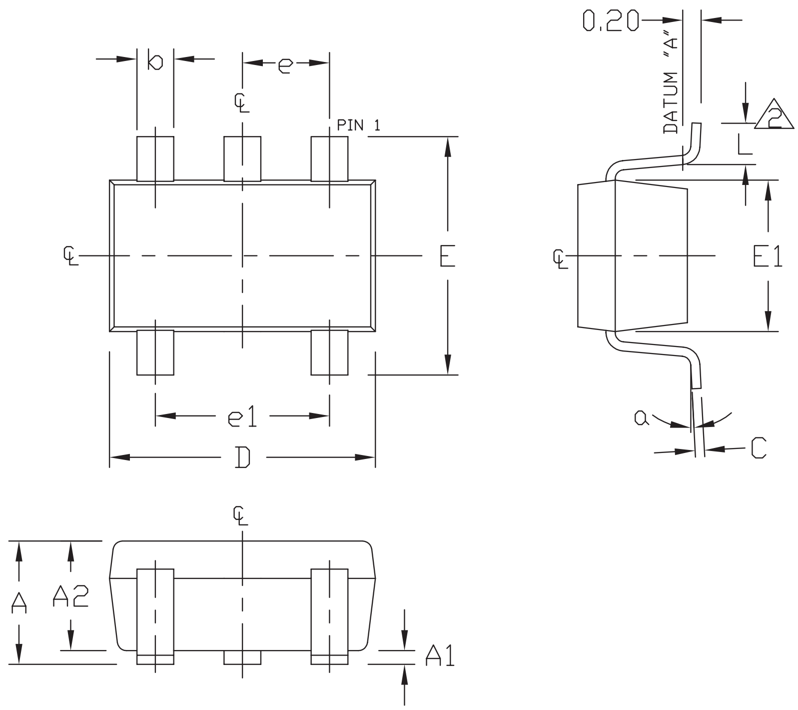

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SYMBOL	MIN	MAX
A	0.90	1.45
A1	0.00	0.15
A2	0.90	1.30
b	0.35	0.50
C	0.08	0.20
D	2.80	3.00
E	2.60	3.00
E1	1.50	1.75
L	0.35	0.55
e	0.95 REF	
e1	1.90 REF	
a	0°	10°

NOTES:
1. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETERS.
2. FOOT LENGTH MEASURED AT INTERCEPT POINT BETWEEN DATUM A & LEAD SURFACE.
3. PACKAGE OUTLINE EXCLUSIVE OF MOLD FLASH & METAL BURR.
4. PACKAGE OUTLINE INCLUSIVE OF SOLDER PLATING.
5. MEETS JEDEC MO178.

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