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

#### **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 30 $\mu$ A. 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 commonmode 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	ADIU
MAX4372TESA+	-40°C to +85°C	8 SO	_
MAX4372TEBT+T	-40°C to +85°C	3 x 2 UCSP	ACX

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

T = Tape and reel.

\***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 appears at end of data sheet.

### **Typical Operating Circuit**



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### **Absolute Maximum Ratings**

V <sub>CC</sub> , RS+, RS- to GND	0.3V to +30V
OUT to GND	0.3V to +15V
Differential Input Voltage (V <sub>RS+</sub> - V <sub>RS-</sub> )	±0.3V
Current into Any Pin	±10mA
Continuous Power Dissipation ( $T_A = +70^{\circ}C$ )	
5-Pin SOT23 (derate 3.9m/W/°C above +70°C)	312  6m

5-Pin SO123 (derate 3.9mv//°C above +70°C)312.6mvv	
8-Pin SO (derate 7.4mW/°C above +70°C)588.2mW	
3 x 2 UCSP (derate 3.4mW/°C above +70°C)273.2mW	

Operating Temperature Range	40°C to +85°C
Storage Temperature Range	65°C to +150°C
Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s)	+300°C
Soldering Temperature (reflow)	+260°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**

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

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CON	DITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Operating Voltage Range (Note 2)	V <sub>CC</sub>			2.7		28	V
Common-Mode Input Range (Note 3)	V <sub>CMR</sub>			0		28	V
Common-Mode Rejection	CMR	V <sub>RS+</sub> > 2V	V <sub>RS+</sub> > 2V		85		dB
Supply Current	ICC	V <sub>RS+</sub> > 2V, V <sub>SENSE</sub> =	= 5mV		30	60	μA
Leakage Current	I <sub>RS+</sub> , I <sub>RS-</sub>	V <sub>CC</sub> = 0V, V <sub>RS+</sub> = 28'	V		0.05	1.2	μA
		V <sub>RS+</sub> > 2V		0		1	
Input Bias Current	I <sub>RS+</sub>	$V_{RS^+} \le 2V$		-25		+2	
Input bias Current	l= a	V <sub>RS+</sub> > 2V		0		2	μA
	I <sub>RS-</sub>	$V_{RS^+} \le 2V$		-50		+2	
Full-Scale Sense Voltage	Manuar	Gain = 20V/V or 50V/V Gain = 100V/V			150		mV
(Note 4)	V <sub>SENSE</sub>				100		
	V <sub>OS</sub>	T <sub>A</sub> = +25°C	MAX4372_ESA		0.3	±0.8	
Input Offset Voltage		$V_{CC} = V_{RS+} = 12V$	MAX4372_EUK, _EBT		0.3	±1.3	mV
(Note 5)			MAX4372_ESA			±1.1	
			MAX4372_EUK, _EBT			±1.9	
Full-Scale Accuracy (Note 5)		$V_{SENSE}$ = 100mV, $V_{C}$ $V_{RS+}$ = 12V, $T_{A}$ = +25			±0.18	±3	
		V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 100mV, V <sub>C</sub> V <sub>RS+</sub> = 12V (Note 7)	<sub>CC</sub> = 12V,			±6	
Total OUT Voltage Error (Note 6)		V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 100mV, V <sub>C</sub> V <sub>RS+</sub> = 28V (Note 7)	<sub>CC</sub> = 28V,		±0.15	±7	%
		$V_{SENSE} = 100 \text{mV}, V_{CC} = 12 \text{V}, V_{RS+} = 0.1 \text{V} \text{ (Note 7)}$			±1	±28	
		V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 6.25mV, V V <sub>RS+</sub> = 12V (Note 8)	<sub>CC</sub> = 12V,		±0.15		

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### **Electrical Characteristics (continued)**

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

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CON	DITIONS	MIN	ТҮР	MAX	UNITS	
OUT Low Voltage (MAX4372T, MAX4372F)		$V_{\rm CC} = 2.7 V,$	Ι <sub>ΟUT</sub> = 10μΑ		2.6		.,	
	V <sub>OL</sub>	V <sub>SENSE</sub> = -10mV, V <sub>RS+</sub> = 28V	I <sub>OUT</sub> = 100μA		9	65	mV	
OUT Low Voltage	N	$V_{\rm CC} = 2.7 V_{\rm cc}$	Ι <sub>ΟUT</sub> = 10μΑ		2.6			
(MAX4372H)	V <sub>OL</sub>	V <sub>SENSE</sub> = -10mV, V <sub>RS+</sub> = 12V	I <sub>OUT</sub> = 100μA		9	65	mV	
OUT High Voltage	V <sub>CC</sub> - V <sub>OH</sub>	V <sub>CC</sub> = 2.7V, I <sub>OUT</sub> = -5 V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 250mV, V <sub>F</sub>			0.1	0.25	V	
			V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 20mV, gain = 20V/V		275			
-3dB Bandwidth	BW	V <sub>RS+</sub> = 12V, V <sub>CC</sub> = 12V,	V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 20mV, gain = 50V/V		200		kHz	
	C <sub>LOAD</sub> = 10pF		V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 20mV, gain = 100V/V		110			
			V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 6.25mV		50			
		MAX4372T MAX4372F MAX4372H			20			
Gain					50		V/V	
					100			
		V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 20mV	T <sub>A</sub> = +25°C		±0.25	±2.5	0/	
Gain Accuracy		to 100mV, V <sub>RS+</sub> =12V	$T_{A} = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +85^{\circ}C$			±5.5	%	
OUT Settling Time to 1% of		Gain = 20V/V, V <sub>CC</sub> = 12V,	V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 6.25mV to 100mV		20			
Final Value		$V_{RS+} = 12V,$ $C_{LOAD} = 10pF$	V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 100mV to 6.25mV		20		μs	
Capacitive-Load Stability		No sustained oscillations			1000		pF	
OUT Output Resistance	R <sub>OUT</sub>	V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 100mV			1.5		Ω	
Power-Supply Rejection	PSR	V <sub>OUT</sub> = 2V, V <sub>RS+</sub> > 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)		V <sub>CC</sub> = 12V, V <sub>RS+</sub> = 12	2V, C <sub>LOAD</sub> = 10pF		0.1		ms	

Note 1: All devices are 100% production tested at T<sub>A</sub> = +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:  $V_{OS}$  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 does not reverse phase when overdriven.

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### **Typical Operating Characteristics**

(V<sub>CC</sub> = 12V, V<sub>RS+</sub> = 12V, V<sub>SENSE</sub> = 100mV,  $T_A$  = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.)



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### **Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)**

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### **Pin/Bump Description**

PIN		BUMP	NAME	FUNCTION	
SOT23	SO	UCSP	INAME	FUNCTION	
1	3	A2	GND	Ground	
2	4	A3	OUT	Output Voltage. V <sub>OUT</sub> is proportional to the magnitude of V <sub>SENSE</sub> (V <sub>RS+</sub> - V <sub>RS-</sub> ).	
3	1	A1	V <sub>CC</sub>	Supply Voltage. Use at least a $0.1 \mu F$ capacitor to decouple $V_{CC}$ from fast transients.	
4	8	B1	RS+	Power Connection to the External Sense Resistor	
5	6	B3	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. Functional Diagram). Since A1's inverting input is high impedance, the voltage on the negative terminal equals V<sub>IN</sub> - V<sub>SENSE</sub>. A1 forces its positive terminal to match its negative terminal; therefore, the voltage across R<sub>G1</sub> (V<sub>IN</sub> - V1-) equals V<sub>SENSE</sub>. This creates a current to flow through R<sub>G1</sub> equal to V<sub>SENSE</sub>/R<sub>G1</sub>. The transistor and current mirror amplify the current by a factor of  $\beta$ . 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:

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

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

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

The gain of the device equals:

$$\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{SENSE}} = RGD \times \beta(1 + R2/R1)/R_{G1}$$

### **Applications Information**

#### **Recommended Component Values**

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



Figure 1. Functional Diagram

#### **Choosing RSENSE**

Given the gain and maximum load current, select R<sub>SENSE</sub> such that V<sub>OUT</sub> does not exceed V<sub>CC</sub> - 0.25V or 10V. To measure lower currents more accurately, use a high value for R<sub>SENSE</sub>. 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<sub>SENSE</sub> is able to dissipate its own I<sup>2</sup>R 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.

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FULL-SCALE LOAD CURRENT, I <sub>LOAD</sub> (A)	CURRENT-SENSE RESISTOR, R <sub>SENSE</sub> (mΩ)	GAIN (V/V)	FULL-SCALE OUTPUT VOLTAGE (FULL-SCALE V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 100mV), V <sub>OUT</sub> (V)
		20	2.0
0.1	1000	50	5.0
		100	10.0
	100	20	2.0
1		50	5.0
		100	10.0
		20	2.0
5	20	50	5.0
		100	10.0
		20	2.0
10	10	50	5.0
		100	10.0

### **Table 1. Recommended Component Values**

#### Using a PC Board Trace as R<sub>SENSE</sub>

If the cost of R<sub>SENSE</sub> is an issue and accuracy is not critical, use the alternative solution shown in <u>Figure 2</u>. This solution uses copper PC board traces to create a sense resistor. The resistivity of a 0.1in wide trace of 2oz 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 introduces 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  $5m\Omega$ ) creates a full-scale  $V_{SENSE}$  of 50mV that yields a maximum  $V_{OUT}$  of 1V.  $R_{SENSE}$ , in this case, requires about 2in of 0.1in 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

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

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

T = Tape and reel.

### **Chip Information**

PROCESS: BICMOS

## **Pin Configurations (continued)**



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PACKAGE TYPE	PACKAGE CODE	OUTLINE NO.	LAND PATTERN NO.
5 SOT23	U5+1	21-0057	90-0174
8 SO	S8+2	21-0041	90-0096
5 UCSP	B6+2	21-0097	_



Note: MAX4372\_EBT uses package code B6-2.

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### **Revision History**

REVISION NUMBER	REVISION DATE	DESCRIPTION	PAGES CHANGED
4	7/09	Updated feature in accordance with actual performance of the product	1
5	5/11	Updated $V_{RST}$ conditions to synchronize with tested material and added lead-free designation	1–3, 8

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