RELIABILITY REPORT
FOR
MAX3490ESA+
PLASTIC ENCAPSULATED DEVICES

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Conclusion

The MAX3490ESA+ successfully meets the quality and reliability standards required of all Maxim Integrated products. In addition, Maxim Integrated's continuous reliability monitoring program ensures that all outgoing product will continue to meet Maxim Integrated's quality and reliability standards.

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I. Device Description

A. General

The MAX3483, MAX3485, MAX3486, MAX3488, MAX3490, and MAX3491 are 3.3V, low-power transceivers for RS-485 and RS-422 communication. Each part contains one driver and one receiver. The MAX3483 and MAX3488 feature slew-rate-limited drivers that minimize EMI and reduce reflections caused by improperly terminated cables, allowing error-free data transmission at data rates up to 250kbps. The partially slew-rate-limited MAX3486 transmits up to 2.5Mbps. The MAX3485, MAX3490, and MAX3491 transmit at up to 10Mbps. Drivers are short-circuit current limited and are protected against excessive power dissipation by thermal shutdown circuitry that places the driver outputs into a high-impedance state. The receiver input has a fail-safe feature that guarantees a logic-high output if both inputs are open circuit. The MAX3488, MAX3490, and MAX3491 feature full-duplex communication, while the MAX3483, MAX3485, and MAX3486 are designed for half-duplex communication.
II. Manufacturing Information

A. Description/Function: 3.3V Powered, 10Mbps and Slew-Rate Limited, True RS-485/RS-422 Transceivers

B. Process: B3

C. Number of Device Transistors: 810

D. Fabrication Location: Oregon

E. Assembly Location: Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia

F. Date of Initial Production: April 24, 1999

III. Packaging Information

A. Package Type: 8-pin SOIC (N)

B. Lead Frame: Copper

C. Lead Finish: 100% matte Tin

D. Die Attach: Conductive

E. Bondwire: Au (1.3 mil dia.)

F. Mold Material: Epoxy with silica filler

G. Assembly Diagram: #05-1901-0081

H. Flammability Rating: Class UL94-V0

I. Classification of Moisture Sensitivity per JEDEC standard J-STD-020-C Level 1

J. Single Layer Theta Ja: 170°C/W

K. Single Layer Theta Jc: 40°C/W

L. Multi Layer Theta Ja: 128.4°C/W

M. Multi Layer Theta Jc: 36°C/W

IV. Die Information

A. Dimensions: 146X86 mils

B. Passivation: Si3N4/SiO2 (Silicon nitride/ Silicon dioxide)

C. Interconnect: Al/0.5%Cu with Ti/TiN Barrier

D. Backside Metallization: None

E. Minimum Metal Width: 3.0 microns (as drawn)

F. Minimum Metal Spacing: 3.0 microns (as drawn)

G. Bondpad Dimensions: SiO2

H. Isolation Dielectric: SiO2

I. Die Separation Method: Wafer Saw
V. Quality Assurance Information

A. Quality Assurance Contacts:
   - Richard Aburano (Manager, Reliability Engineering)
   - Don Lipps (Manager, Reliability Engineering)
   - Bryan Preeshl (Vice President of QA)

B. Outgoing Inspection Level:
   - 0.1% for all electrical parameters guaranteed by the Datasheet.
   - 0.1% for all Visual Defects.

C. Observed Outgoing Defect Rate:
   - < 50 ppm

D. Sampling Plan:
   - Mil-Std-105D

VI. Reliability Evaluation

A. Accelerated Life Test

The results of the 135°C biased (static) life test are shown in Table 1. Using these results, the Failure Rate ($\lambda$) is calculated as follows:

$$\chi = \frac{1}{\text{MTTF}} = \frac{1}{1000 \times 4340 \times 99 \times 2} = 1.83$$

(Chi square value for MTTF upper limit)

(where 4340 = Temperature Acceleration factor assuming an activation energy of 0.8eV)

$$\chi = 2.1 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$\chi = 2.1 \text{ F.I.T. (60\% confidence level @ 25°C)}$$

The following failure rate represents data collected from Maxim Integrated's reliability monitor program. Maxim Integrated performs quarterly life test monitors on its processes. This data is published in the Reliability Report found at http://www.maximintegrated.com/qa/reliability/monitor. Cumulative monitor data for the B3 Process results in a FIT Rate of 0.51 @ 25°C and 8.79 @ 55°C (0.8 eV, 60% UCL)

B. E.S.D. and Latch-Up Testing (lot NGQCDA1B5D D/C 0551)

The RS17-2 die type has been found to have all pins able to withstand a HBM transient pulse of +/-2500V per JEDEC JESD22-A114. Latch-Up testing has shown that this device withstands a current of +/-250mA.
Table 1
Reliability Evaluation Test Results
MAX3490ESA+

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<th>TEST ITEM</th>
<th>TEST CONDITION</th>
<th>FAILURE IDENTIFICATION</th>
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Note 1: Life Test Data may represent plastic DIP qualification lots.