

RELIABILITY REPORT
FOR
MAX8523EEE+
(MAX8523/MAX8524/MAX8525)
PLASTIC ENCAPSULATED DEVICES

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MAXIM INTEGRATED PRODUCTS

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Conclusion

The MAX8523EEE+ successfully meets the quality and reliability standards required of all Maxim products. In addition, Maxim's continuous reliability monitoring program ensures that all outgoing product will continue to meet Maxim's quality and reliability standards.

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I. Device Description

A. General

The MAX8523 dual-phase gate driver, along with the MAX8524/MAX8525 multiphase controllers, provides flexible 2- to 8-phase CPU core-voltage supplies. The 0.5 /0.95 driver resistance allows up to 30A output current per phase. Each MOSFET driver in the MAX8523 can drive 3000pF capacitive loads with only 15ns propagation delay and 11ns typical rise and fall times, allowing operations up to 1.2MHz per phase. Adaptive dead time controls low-side MOSFET turn-on, and user-programmable dead time controls high-side MOSFET turn-on. This maximizes converter efficiency while allowing operation with a variety of MOSFETs and controller ICs. An undervoltage lockout (UVLO) circuit allows proper power-on sequencing. PWM_ signal inputs are TTL and CMOS compatible. The MAX8523 is available in a space-saving 16-pin QSOP package and specified for -40°C to +85°C operation.

II. Manufacturing Information

A. Description/Function:	High-Speed, Dual-Phase Gate Driver for Multiphase, Step-Down Converters
B. Process:	B12
C. Number of Device Transistors:	
D. Fabrication Location:	Oregon
E. Assembly Location:	Unisem Malaysia, Carsem Malaysia, ATP Philippines
F. Date of Initial Production:	April 26, 2003

III. Packaging Information

A. Package Type:	16-pin QSOP
B. Lead Frame:	Copper
C. Lead Finish:	100% matte Tin
D. Die Attach:	Conductive Epoxy
E. Bondwire:	Gold (1.3 mil dia.)
F. Mold Material:	Epoxy with silica filler
G. Assembly Diagram:	#05-9000-0287
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:	120°C/W
K. Single Layer Theta Jc:	37°C/W
L. Multi Layer Theta Ja:	103.7°C/W
M. Multi Layer Theta Jc:	37°C/W

IV. Die Information

A. Dimensions:	78 X 120 mils
B. Passivation:	Si ₃ N ₄ /SiO ₂ (Silicon nitride/ Silicon dioxide)
C. Interconnect:	Aluminum/Si (Si = 1%)
D. Backside Metallization:	None
E. Minimum Metal Width:	1.2 microns (as drawn)
F. Minimum Metal Spacing:	1.2 microns (as drawn)
G. Bondpad Dimensions:	5 mil. Sq.
H. Isolation Dielectric:	SiO ₂
I. Die Separation Method:	Wafer Saw

V. Quality Assurance Information

- A. Quality Assurance Contacts: Ken Wendel (Director, Reliability Engineering)
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- 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 (λ) is calculated as follows:

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\text{MTTF}} = \frac{1.83}{192 \times 4340 \times 48 \times 2} \quad (\text{Chi square value for MTTF upper limit})$$

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

$$\lambda = 22.4 \times 10^{-9}$$

$\lambda = 22.4$ F.I.T. (60% confidence level @ 25°C)

The following failure rate represents data collected from Maxim's reliability monitor program. Maxim performs quarterly 1000 hour life test monitors on its processes. This data is published in the Product Reliability Report found at <http://www.maxim-ic.com/>. Current monitor data for the B12 Process results in a FIT Rate of 3.13 @ 25C and 54.16 @ 55C (0.8 eV, 60% UCL)

B. Moisture Resistance Tests

The industry standard 85°C/85%RH or HAST testing is monitored per device process once a quarter.

C. E.S.D. and Latch-Up Testing

The PM52 die type has been found to have all pins able to withstand a HBM transient pulse of +/-1500 V per Mil-Std 883 Method 3015.7. Latch-Up testing has shown that this device withstands a current of +/-250 mA.

Table 1
Reliability Evaluation Test Results

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TEST ITEM	TEST CONDITION	FAILURE IDENTIFICATION	SAMPLE SIZE	NUMBER OF FAILURES
Static Life Test (Note 1)	Ta = 135°C Biased Time = 192 hrs.	DC Parameters & functionality	48	0
Moisture Testing (Note 2) 85/85	Ta = 85°C RH = 85% Biased Time = 1000hrs.	DC Parameters & functionality	77	0
Mechanical Stress (Note 2) Temperature Cycle	-65°C/150°C 1000 Cycles Method 1010	DC Parameters & functionality	77	0

Note 1: Life Test Data may represent plastic DIP qualification lots.

Note 2: Generic Package/Process data