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**LM4902** May 9, 2011<br>**Boomer**<sup>®</sup> Audio Power Amplifier Series

## **265mW at 3.3V Supply Audio Power Amplifier with Shutdown Mode**

## **General Description**

The LM4902 is a bridged audio power amplifier capable of delivering 265mW of continuous average power into an 8Ω load with 1% THD+N from a 3.3V power supply.

Boomer® audio power amplifiers were designed specifically to provide high quality output power from a low supply voltage while requiring a minimal amount of external components. Since the LM4902 does not require output coupling capacitors, bootstrap capacitors or snubber networks, it is optimally suited for low-power portable applications.

The LM4902 features an externally controlled, low power consumption shutdown mode, and thermal shutdown protection.

The closed loop response of the unity-gain stable LM4902 can be configured by external gain-setting resistors.

## **Key Specifications**

■ THD+N at 1kHz for 265mW continuous

average output power into 8Ω,



## **Typical Application**

## **Features**

- MSOP and LLP packaging
- No output coupling capacitors, bootstrap capacitors, or snubber circuits are necessary
- Thermal shutdown protection circuitry
- Unity-gain stable
- External gain configuration capability
	- Latest generation "click and pop" suppression circuitry

## **Applications**

- Cellular phones
- PDA's
- Any portable audio application



**FIGURE 1. Typical Audio Amplifier Application Circuit**

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## **Connection Diagrams**



## **Absolute Maximum Ratings ([Note 2](#page-4-0))**

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Infrared (15 sec.) 220°C

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See AN-450 "Surface Mounting and their Effects on Product Reliability" for other methods of soldering surface mount devices.

Thermal Resistance



## **Operating Ratings**

Temperature Range



## **Electrical Characteristics** ([Note 1](#page-4-0), [Note 2](#page-4-0))

The following specifications apply for V<sub>DD</sub> = 5V, for all available packages, unless otherwise specified. Limits apply for T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C.



## **Electrical Characteristics** ([Note 1](#page-4-0), [Note 2](#page-4-0))

The following specifications apply for  $V_{DD} = 3.3V$ , for all available packages, unless otherwise specified.

Limits apply for  ${\sf T}_{\sf A}$  = 25°C.



### <span id="page-4-0"></span>**Electrical Characteristics** (Note 1, Note 2)

The following specifications apply for  $V_{DD} = 2.6V$ , for all available packages, unless otherwise specified.

Limits apply for  $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C.



**Note 1:** All voltages are measured with respect to the ground pin, unless otherwise specified.

**Note 2:** Absolute Maximum Ratings indicate limits beyond which damage to the device may occur. Operating Ratings indicate conditions for which the device is functional, but do not guarantee specific performance limits. Electrical Characteristics state DC and AC electrical specifications under particular test conditions which guarantee specific performance limits. This assumes that the device is within the Operating Ratings. Specifications are not guaranteed for parameters where no limit is given, however, the typical value is a good indication of device performance.

 $\sf Note~3:$  The maximum power dissipation must be derated at elevated temperatures and is dictated by  $T_{\sf JMAX},$   $\theta_{\sf JA},$  and the ambient temperature  $T_{\sf A}.$  The maximum allowable power dissipation is P<sub>DMAX</sub> = (T<sub>JMAX</sub> – T<sub>A</sub>) / θ<sub>JA</sub> or the number given in the Absolute Maximum Ratings, whichever is lower. For the LM4902, T<sub>JMAX</sub> = 150°C. The typical junction-to-ambient thermal resistance, when board mounted, is 190°C/W for package number MUA08A.

**Note 4:** Human body model, 100pF discharged through a 1.5kΩ resistor.

**Note 5:** Machine Model, 220pF–240pF discharged through all pins.

**Note 6:** Typicals are measured at 25°C and represent the parametric norm.

**Note 7:** Limits are guaranteed to National's AOQL (Average Outgoing Quality Level).

**Note 8:** The quiescent power supply current depends on the offset voltage when a practical load is connected to the amplifier.

**Note 9:** Datasheet min/max specification limits are guaranteed by design, test, or statistical analysis.

**Note 10:** Unterminated input.

**Note 11:** 10Ω terminated input.

#### **External Components Description** [\(Figure 1](#page-1-0))



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## **Typical Performance Characteristics**

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 $\mathbf{1}$ 

 $0.5$ 

 $0.2$ 

 $0.1$ 

 $0.05$ 

 $0.02$ 

 $0.01$ 

 $20$ 

 $\mathbb{R}^6$ 

 $V_{DD} = 5V$ 

 $= 200 \text{ mW}$ 

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50 100 200

500  $1k$  $2k$ 

 $Hz$ 

 $= 32 \Omega$  $R_{L}$  $\overline{c}$ 





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**Note 12:** This curve shows the LM4902LD's thermal dissipation ability at different ambient temperatures given the exposed-DAP of the part is soldered to a plane of 1oz. Cu with an area given in the label of each curve.

## **Application Information**

#### **EXPOSED-DAP PACKAGE PCB MOUNTING CONSIDERATION**

The LM4902's exposed-DAP (die-attach paddle) package (LD) provides a low thermal resistance between the die and the PCB to which the part is mounted and soldered. This allows rapid heat from the die to the surrounding PCB copper traces, ground plane, and surrounding air. This allows the LM4902LD to operate at higher output power levels in higher ambient temperatures than the MM package. Failing to optimize thermal design may compromise the high power performance and activate unwanted, though necessary, thermal shutdown protection.

The LD package must have its DAP soldered to a copper pad on the PCB. The DAP's PCB copper pad is connected to a large plane of continuous unbroken copper. This plane forms a thermal mass, heat sink, and radiation area. Place the heat sink area on either outside plane in the case of a two-sided PCB, or on an inner layer of a board with more than two layers. Connect the DAP copper pad to the inner layer or backside copper heat sink area with 2 vias. The via diameter should be 0.012in - 0.013in with a 1.27mm pitch. Ensure efficient thermal conductivity by plating through the vias.

Best thermal performance is achieved with the largest practical heat sink area. The power derating curve in the **Typical Performance Characteristics** shows the maximum power dissipation versus temperature for several different areas of heat sink area. Placing the majority of the heat sink area on another plane is preferred as heat is best dissipated through the bottom of the chip. Further detailed and specific information concerning PCB layout, fabrication, and mounting an LD (LLP) package is available from National Semiconductor's Package Engineering Group under application note AN1187.

#### **BRIDGE CONFIGURATION EXPLANATION**

As shown in [Figure 1](#page-1-0), the LM4902 has two operational amplifiers internally, allowing for a few different amplifier configurations. The first amplifier's gain is externally configurable, while the second amplifier is internally fixed in a unity-gain, inverting configuration. The closed-loop gain of the first amplifier is set by selecting the ratio of  $\mathsf{R}_\mathsf{F}$  to  $\mathsf{R}_\mathsf{i}$  while the second amplifier's gain is fixed by the two internal 20kΩ resistors. [Figure 1](#page-1-0) shows that the output of amplifier one serves as the input to amplifier two which results in both amplifiers producing signals identical in magnitude, but out of phase 180°. Consequently, the differential gain for the IC is

#### $A_{VD} = 2^*(R_F/R_i)$

By driving the load differentially through outputs  $V_{01}$  and  $V<sub>o</sub>$ , an amplifier configuration commonly referred to as "bridged mode" is established. Bridged mode operation is different from the classical single-ended amplifier configuration where one side of its load is connected to ground.

A bridge amplifier design has a few distinct advantages over the single-ended configuration, as it provides differential drive to the load, thus doubling output swing for a specified supply voltage. Four times the output power is possible as compared to a single-ended amplifier under the same conditions. This increase in attainable output power assumes that the amplifier is not current limited or clipped. In order to choose an amplifier's closed-loop gain without causing excessive clipping, please refer to the **Audio Power Amplifier Design** section.

A bridge configuration, such as the one used in LM4902, also creates a second advantage over single-ended amplifiers. Since the differential outputs,  $V_{o1}$  and  $V_{o2}$ , are biased at halfsupply, no net DC voltage exists across the load. This eliminates the need for an output coupling capacitor which is required in a single supply, single-ended amplifier configuration. If an output coupling capacitor is not used in a singleended configuration, the half-supply bias across the load would result in both increased internal lC power dissipation as well as permanent loudspeaker damage.

#### **POWER DISSIPATION**

Power dissipation is a major concern when designing a successful amplifier, whether the amplifier is bridged or singleended. Equation 1 states the maximum power dissipation point for a bridge amplifier operating at a given supply voltage and driving a specified output load.

$$
P_{\text{DMAX}} = (V_{\text{DD}})^2 / (2\pi^2 R_L) \qquad \text{Single-Ended (1)}
$$

However, a direct consequence of the increased power delivered to the load by a bridge amplifier is an increase in internal power dissipation point for a bridge amplifier operating at the same conditions.

$$
P_{DMAX} = 4(V_{DD})^{2}/(2\pi^{2}R_{L})
$$
 Bridge Mode (2)

Since the LM4902 has two operational amplifiers in one package, the maximum internal power dissipation is 4 times that of a single-ended amplifier. Even with this substantial increase in power dissipation, the LM4902 does not require heatsinking. From Equation 1, assuming a 5V power supply and an 8Ω load, the maximum power dissipation point is 625 mW. The maximum power dissipation point obtained from Equation 2 must not be greater than the power dissipation that results from Equation 3:

$$
P_{DMAX} = (T_{JMAX} - T_A)/\theta_{JA} \qquad (3)
$$

For package MUA08A,  $\theta_{JA} = 190^{\circ}$ C/W. T<sub>JMAX</sub> = 150°C for the LM4902. Depending on the ambient temperature,  $T_A$ , of the system surroundings, Equation 3 can be used to find the maximum internal power dissipation supported by the IC packaging. If the result of Equation 2 is greater than that of Equation 3, then either the supply voltage must be decreased, the load impedance increased, the ambient temperature reduced, or the  $\theta_{JA}$  reduced with heatsinking. In many cases larger traces near the output,  $V_{DD}$ , and Gnd pins can be used to lower the  $\theta_{JA}$ . The larger areas of copper provide a form of heatsinking allowing a higher power dissipation. For the typical application of a 5V power supply, with an 8Ω load, the maximum ambient temperature possible without violating the maximum junction temperature is approximately 30°C provided that device operation is around the maximum power dissipation point. Internal power dissipation is a function of output power. If typical operation is not around the maximum power dissipation point, the ambient temperature can be increased. Refer to the **Typical Performance Characteristics** curves for power dissipation information for lower output powers.

#### **POWER SUPPLY BYPASSING**

As with any power amplifier, proper supply bypassing is critical for low noise performance and high power supply rejection. The capacitor location on both the bypass and power supply pins should be as close to the device as possible. The effect of a larger half supply bypass capacitor is improved PSRR due to increased half-supply stability. Typical applications employ a 5V regulator with 10μF and a 0.1μF bypass capacitors which aid in supply stability, but do not eliminate

the need for bypassing the supply nodes of the LM4902. The selection of bypass capacitors, especially  $\mathsf{C}_\mathsf{B}$ , is thus dependent upon desired PSRR requirements, click and pop performance as explained in the section, **Proper Selection of External Components**, system cost, and size constraints.

#### **SHUTDOWN FUNCTION**

In order to reduce power consumption while not in use, the LM4902 contains a shutdown pin to externally turn off the amplifier's bias circuitry. This shutdown feature turns the amplifier off when a logic low is placed on the shutdown pin. The trigger point between a logic low and logic high level is typically half supply. It is best to switch between ground and supply to provide maximum device performance. By switching the shutdown pin to GND, the LM4902 supply current draw will be minimized in idle mode. While the device will be disabled with shutdown pin voltages greater than GND, the idle current may be greater than the typical value of 0.1μA. In either case, the shutdown pin should be tied to a definite voltage to avoid unwanted state changes.

In many applications, a microcontroller or microprocessor output is used to control the shutdown circuitry which provides a quick, smooth transition into shutdown. Another solution is to use a single-pole, single-throw switch in conjunction with an external pull-up resistor. When the switch is closed, the shutdown pin is connected to ground and disables the amplifier. If the switch is open, then the external pull-up resistor will enable the LM4902. This scheme guarantees that the shutdown pin will not float, thus preventing unwanted state changes.

#### **PROPER SELECTION OF EXTERNAL COMPONENTS**

Proper selection of external components in applications using integrated power amplifiers is critical to optimize device and system performance. While the LM4902 is tolerant to a variety of external component combinations, consideration to component values must be used to maximize overall system quality.

The LM4902 is unity-gain stable, giving a designer maximum system flexibility. The LM4902 should be used in low gain configurations to minimize THD+N values, and maximize the signal to noise ratio. Low gain configurations require large input signals to obtain a given output power. Input signals equal to or greater than 1 Vrms are available from sources such as audio codecs. Please refer to the section, **Audio Power Amplifier Design**, for a more complete explanation of proper gain selection.

Besides gain, one of the major considerations is the closedloop bandwidth of the amplifier. To a large extent, the bandwidth is dictated by the choice of external components shown in [Figure 1](#page-1-0). The input coupling capacitor,  ${\mathsf C}_{\mathsf i}$ , forms a first order high pass filter which limits low frequency response. This value should be chosen based on needed frequency response for a few distinct reasons.

#### **Selection of Input Capacitor Size**

Large input capacitors are both expensive and space hungry for portable designs. Clearly, a certain sized capacitor is needed to couple in low frequencies without severe attenuation. But in many cases the speakers used in portable systems, whether internal or external, have little ability to reproduce signals below 150Hz. In this case using a large input capacitor may not increase system performance.

In addition to system cost and size, click and pop performance is effected by the size of the input coupling capacitor,  $C_i$ . A larger input coupling capacitor requires more charge to reach its quiescent DC voltage (nominally  $\frac{1}{2}$  V<sub>DD</sub>). This charge comes from the output via the feedback and is apt to create pops upon device enable. Thus, by minimizing the capacitor size based on necessary low frequency response, turn-on pops can be minimized.

Besides minimizing the input capacitor size, careful consideration should be paid to the bypass capacitor value. Bypass capacitor, C<sub>B</sub>, is the most critical component to minimize turnon pops since it determines how fast the LM4902 turns on. The slower the LM4902's outputs ramp to their quiescent DC voltage (nominally  $\frac{1}{2}$  V<sub>DD</sub>), the smaller the turn-on pop. Choosing  ${\sf C}_{\sf B}$  equal to 1.0 µF along with a small value of  ${\sf C}_{\sf i}$  (in the range of 0.1μF to 0.39μF), should produce a clickless and popless shutdown function. While the device will function properly, (no oscillations or motorboating), with C<sub>B</sub> equal to  $0.1\mu$ F, the device will be much more susceptible to turn-on clicks and pops. Thus, a value of  $\textsf{C}_\textsf{B}$  equal to 1.0µF or larger is recommended in all but the most cost sensitive designs.

#### **AUDIO POWER AMPLIFIER DESIGN**

#### **Design a 300 mW/8**Ω **Audio Amplifier**

Given:



A designer must first determine the minimum supply rail to obtain the specified output power. By extrapolating from the Output Power vs Supply Voltage graphs in the **Typical Performance Characteristics** section, the supply rail can be easily found. A second way to determine the minimum supply rail is to calculate the required  $V_{\text{opeak}}$  using Equation 4 and add the dropout voltage. Using this method, the minimum supply voltage would be  $(V_{\text{opeak}} + (2^*V_{\text{OD}}))$ , where  $V_{\text{OD}}$  is extrapolated from the Dropout Voltage vs Supply Voltage curve in the **Typical Performance Characteristics** section.

$$
V_{\text{opeak}} = \sqrt{(2R_{\text{L}}P_{\text{O}})}
$$

(4)

Using the Output Power vs Supply Voltage graph for an 8Ω load, the minimum supply rail is 3.5V. But since 5V is a standard supply voltage in most applications, it is chosen for the supply rail. Extra supply voltage creates headroom that allows the LM4902 to reproduce peaks in excess of 700 mW without producing audible distortion. At this time, the designer must make sure that the power supply choice along with the output impedance does not violate the conditions explained in the **Power Dissipation** section.

Once the power dissipation equations have been addressed, the required differential gain can be determined from Equation 5.

$$
A_{VD} \ge \sqrt{(PoR_L)} / (V_{IN}) = V_{orms} / V_{inrms}
$$
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(5)
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$$
R_F / R_i = A_{VD} / 2 \qquad (6)
$$

From Equation 5, the minimum  $A_{VD}$  is 1.55; use  $A_{VD} = 2$ . Since the desired input impedance was 20 kΩ, and with a A<sub>VD</sub> of 2, a ratio of 1:1 of R<sub>F</sub> to R<sub>i</sub> results in an allocation of

 $\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{i}}$  =  $\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{F}}$  = 20 kΩ. The final design step is to address the bandwidth requirements which must be stated as a pair of −3 dB frequency points. Five times away from a pole gives 0.17 dB down from passband response which is better than the required  $\pm 0.25$  dB specified.

$$
f_L = 100 Hz/5 = 20 Hz
$$

$$
f_{H} = 20kHz \times 5 = 100kHz
$$

As stated in the External Components section, R<sub>i</sub> in conjunction with  $\mathsf{C}_\mathsf{i}$  create a highpass filter.

$$
C_i \geq \frac{1}{2\pi \; R_i \; f_c}
$$

#### **DIFFERENTIAL AMPLIFIER CONFIGURATION FOR LM4902**

#### $C_i$  ≥ 1/(2π\*20 kΩ\*20 Hz) = 0.397μF; use 0.39μF

The high frequency pole is determined by the product of the desired high frequency pole,  $f_H$ , and the differential gain, A<sub>VD</sub>. With a A<sub>VD</sub> = 2 and f<sub>H</sub> = 100kHz, the resulting GBWP = 100kHz which is much smaller than the LM4902 GBWP of 25MHz. This figure displays that if a designer has a need to design an amplifier with a higher differential gain, the LM4902 can still be used without running into bandwidth problems.



## **Physical Dimensions** inches (millimeters) unless otherwise noted



## **Notes**

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