

LM4946 Boomer<sup>®</sup> Audio Power Amplifier Series Output Capacitor-Less Audio Subsystem with

# **Programmable TI 3D**

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- **<sup>2</sup> I<sup>2</sup>C/SPI Control Interface**
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- **Eight Distinct Output Modes**
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- **THD+N at 1kHz, 540mW into 8Ω BTL (3.3V) 1.0% (typ)**
- **THD+N at 1kHz, 35mW into 32Ω SE (3.3V) 1.0% (typ)**
- **Single Supply Operation (VDD) 2.7 to 5.5V**
- **I2C/SPI Single Supply Operation**
	- **WQFN 2.2 to 5.5V**
	- **DSBGA 1.7 to 5.5V**

# **<sup>1</sup>FEATURES DESCRIPTION**

The LM4946 is an audio power amplifier capable of delivering 540mW of continuous average power into a **• I<sup>2</sup>C/SPI Programmable TI 3D Audio** mono 8<sup>Ω</sup> bridged-tied load (BTL) with 1% THD+N, **I<sup>2</sup>C/SPI Controlled 32 Step Digital Volume** 35mW per channel of continuous average power into<br>Control (-54dB to +18dB) stereo 32Ω single-ended (SE) loads with 1% THD+N, stereo 32Ω single-ended (SE) loads with 1% THD+N, • Three Independent Volume Channels (Left, on an output capacitor-less (OCL) configuration with **Right, Mono)** identical specifications as the SE configuration, from a 3.3V power supply.

**FREQUARE THE LM4946 has three input channels: one pair for a • WQFN and DSBGA Surface Mount Packaging** The LM4946 has three input channels: one pair for a **•** two-channel stereo signal and the third for a **•** differenti differential single-channel mono input. The LM4946 **Find Shutdown Protection** *https://eatures a 32-step digital volume control and eight**features a 32-step digital volume control and eight* **Low Shutdown Current (0.02uA, typ)** <sup>distinct output modes. The digital volume control, 3D<br>
enhancement, and output modes (mono/SE/OCL) are<br>
programmed through a two-wire l<sup>2</sup>C, or a three-wire</sup> programmed through a two-wire <sup>2</sup>C or a three-wire SPI compatible interface that allows flexibility in **APPLICATIONS** routing and mixing audio channels.

**Mobile Phones • The LM4946** is designed for cellular phone, PDA, and **• PDAs** other portable handheld applications. It delivers high quality output power from a surface-mount package **KEY SPECIFICATIONS** and requires only seven external components in the OCL mode (two additional components in SE mode).



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# **Typical Application**



**Figure 1. Typical Audio Amplifier Application Circuit-Output Capacitor-less**

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<span id="page-1-1"></span>**Figure 2. Typical Audio Amplifier Application Circuit-Single Ended**



### **Connection Diagram**



**Figure 3. 24 Lead WQFN Package (Top View)**



**Figure 4. 25 Bump DSBGA Package (Top View)**

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These devices have limited built-in ESD protection. The leads should be shorted together or the device placed in conductive foam during storage or handling to prevent electrostatic damage to the MOS gates.

# **Absolute Maximum Ratings(1)(2)**



(1) Operating Ratings indicate conditions for which the device is functional, but do not ensure specific performance limits. For ensured specifications and test conditions, see the Electrical Characteristics. The ensured specifications apply only for the test conditions listed. Some performance characteristics may degrade when the device is not operated under the listed test conditions.

(2) If Military/Aerospace specified devices are required, please contact the Texas Instruments Sales Office/Distributors for availability and specifications.

(3) Human body model, 100pF discharged through a 1.5kΩ resistor.

(4) Machine Model ESD test is covered by specification EIAJ IC-121-1981. A 200pF cap is charged to the specified voltage, then

discharged directly into the IC with no external series resistor (resistance of discharge path must be under 50Ω).

(5) The given θ<sub>JA</sub> for an LM4946SQ mounted on a demonstration board with a 9in<sup>2</sup> area of 1oz printed circuit board copper ground plane.

# **Operating Ratings**



(1) Refer to this [table.](#page-8-0)



## **Electrical Characteristics 3.3V(1)(2)**

The following specifications apply for  $V_{DD} = 3.3V$ ,  $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C, all volume controls set to 0dB, unless otherwise specified.



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(2) All voltages are measured with respect to the ground pin, unless otherwise specified.<br>(3) Datasheet min/max specifications are specified by design, test, or statistical analysis.

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# **Electrical Characteristics 3.3V[\(1\)\(2\)](#page-9-0) (continued)**

The following specifications apply for  $V_{DD} = 3.3V$ ,  $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C, all volume controls set to 0dB, unless otherwise specified.





# **Electrical Characteristics 5.0V(1)(2)**

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# **Electrical Characteristics 5.0V[\(1\)\(2\)](#page-9-0) (continued)**

The following specifications apply for  $V_{DD} = 5.0V$ ,  $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C, all volume controls set to 0dB, unless otherwise specified.



# <span id="page-8-0"></span>**I <sup>2</sup>C/SPI WQFN/DSBGA(1)(2)**

The following specifications apply for  $V_{DD}$  = 5.0V and 3.3V, T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C, 2.2V ≤ I<sup>2</sup>CSPI\_V<sub>DD</sub> ≤ 5.5V, unless otherwise specified.



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(2) All voltages are measured with respect to the ground pin, unless otherwise specified.

(3) For LM4946 WQFN package, revised specification goes into effect starting with date code 79. Existing specification is per datasheet rev 1.0

(4) Datasheet min/max specifications are specified by design, test, or statistical analysis.

- (5) Typical specifications are specified at +25°C and represent the most likely parametric norm.
- (6) Tested limits are specified to TI's AOQL (Average Outgoing Quality Level).

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# **I <sup>2</sup>C/SPI WQFN/DSBGA[\(1\)\(2\)](#page-9-0) (continued)**

The following specifications apply for  $V_{DD}$  = 5.0V and 3.3V, T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C, 2.2V ≤ I<sup>2</sup>CSPI\_V<sub>DD</sub> ≤ 5.5V, unless otherwise specified.



# **I <sup>2</sup>C/SPI DSBGA only(1)(2)**

The following specifications apply for  $V_{DD}$  = 5.0V and 3.3V, T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C, 1.7V ≤ I<sup>2</sup>CSPI\_V<sub>DD</sub> ≤ 2.2V, unless otherwise specified.



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FREQUENCY (Hz)





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PSRR (dB)

PSRR (dB)

PSRR (dB)











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20k

OUTPUT POWER (W)

OUTPUT POWER (W)

SUPPLY CURRENT (mA)

SUPPLY CURRENT (mA)

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# **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

# **I <sup>2</sup>C PIN DESCRIPTION**

SDA: This is the serial data input pin.

SCL: This is the clock input pin.

ID ENB: This is the address select input pin.

I<sup>2</sup>CSPI\_SEL: This is tied LOW for I<sup>2</sup>C mode.

# **I <sup>2</sup>C COMPATIBLE INTERFACE**

The LM4946 uses a serial bus which conforms to the  $I^2C$  protocol to control the chip's functions with two wires: clock (SCL) and data (SDA). The clock line is uni-directional. The data line is bi-directional (open-collector). The maximum clock frequency specified by the  $I^2C$  standard is 400kHz. In this discussion, the master is the controlling microcontroller and the slave is the LM4946.

The I<sup>2</sup>C address for the LM4946 is determined using the ID ENB pin. The LM4946's two possible I<sup>2</sup>C chip addresses are of the form 111110X<sub>1</sub>0 (binary), where  $X_1 = 0$ , if ID\_ENB is logic LOW; and  $X_1 = 1$ , if ID\_ENB is logic HIGH. If the  $I^2C$  interface is used to address a number of chips in a system, the LM4946's chip address can be changed to avoid any possible address conflicts.

The bus format for the  ${}^{12}C$  interface is shown in [Figure 63.](#page-20-0) The bus format diagram is broken up into six major sections:

- 1. The "start" signal is generated by lowering the data signal while the clock signal is HIGH. The start signal will alert all devices attached to the  $I<sup>2</sup>C$  bus to check the incoming address against their own address.
- 2. The 8-bit chip address is sent next, most significant bit first. The data is latched in on the rising edge of the clock. Each address bit must be stable while the clock level is HIGH.

For I<sup>2</sup>C interface operation, the I<sup>2</sup>CSPI\_SEL pin needs to be tied LOW (and tied high for SPI operation).

- 3. After the last bit of the address bit is sent, the master releases the data line HIGH (through a pull-up resistor). Then the master sends an acknowledge clock pulse. If the LM4946 has received the address correctly, then it holds the data line LOW during the clock pulse. If the data line is not held LOW during the acknowledge clock pulse, then the master should abort the rest of the data transfer to the LM4946.
- 4. The 8 bits of data are sent next, most significant bit first. Each data bit should be valid while the clock level is stable HIGH.
- 5. After the data byte is sent, the master must check for another acknowledge to see if the LM4946 received the data.

If the master has more data bytes to send to the LM4946, then the master can repeat the previous two steps until all data bytes have been sent.

6. The "stop" signal ends the transfer. To signal "stop", the data signal goes HIGH while the clock signal is HIGH. The data line should be held HIGH when not in use.

# I<sup>2</sup>C INTERFACE POWER SUPPLY PIN (I<sup>2</sup>CSPI\_V<sub>DD</sub>)

<span id="page-20-0"></span>The LM4946's I<sup>2</sup>C interface is powered up through the I<sup>2</sup>CSPI\_V<sub>DD</sub> pin. The LM4946's I<sup>2</sup>C interface operates at a voltage level set by the  $12CV_{DD}$  pin which can be set independent to that of the main power supply pin V<sub>DD</sub>. This is ideal whenever logic levels for the I<sup>2</sup>C interface are dictated by a microcontroller or microprocessor that is operating at a lower supply voltage than the main battery of a portable system.



**Figure 63. I<sup>2</sup>C Bus Format**





**Figure 64. I<sup>2</sup>C Timing Diagram**

# **SPI DESCRIPTION**

(For 2.2V  $\leq$  I<sup>2</sup>CSPI\_V<sub>DD</sub>  $\leq$  5.5V, see [I2C/SPI WQFN/DSBGA](#page-8-0) for more information).

0. I<sup>2</sup>CSPI\_SEL: This pin is tied HIGH for SPI mode.

1. The data bits are transmitted with the MSB first.

2. The maximum clock rate is 1MHz for the CLK pin.

3. CLK must remain HIGH for at least 500ns  $(t<sub>CH</sub>)$  after the rising edge of CLK, and CLK must remain LOW for at least 500ns  $(t_{CL})$  after the falling edge of CLK.

4. The serial data bits are sampled at the rising edge of CLK. Any transition on DATA must occur at least 100ns  $(t_{DS})$  before the rising edge of CLK. Also, any transition on DATA must occur at least 100ns ( $t_{DH}$ ) after the rising edge of CLK and stabilize before the next rising edge of CLK.

5.ID\_ENB should be LOW only during serial data transmission.

6. ID\_ENB must be LOW at least 100ns ( $t_{ES}$ ) before the first rising edge of CLK, and ID\_ENB has to remain LOW at least 100ns  $(t_{EH})$  after the eighth rising edge of CLK.

7. If ID\_ENB remains HIGH for more than 100ns before all 8 bits are transmitted then the data latch will be aborted.

8. If ID\_ENB is LOW for more than 8 CLK pulses then only the first 8 data bits will be latched and activated when ID\_ENB transitions to logic-high.

9. ID\_ENB must remain HIGH for at least 100ns  $(t_{F\perp})$  to latch in the data.

10. Coincidental rising or falling edges of CLK and ID\_ENB are not allowed. If CLK is to be held HIGH after the data transmission, the falling edge of CLK must occur at least 100ns  $(t_{CS})$  before ID\_ENB transitions to LOW for the next set of data.



**Figure 65. SPI Timing Diagram**



#### **Table 1. Chip Address**



(1) EC — Externally Controlled

### **Table 2. Control Registers(1)**

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(1) Bits MVC0 — MVC4 control 32 step volume control for MONO input

Bits LVC0 — LVC4 control 32 step volume control for LEFT input

Bits RVC0 - RVC4 control 32 step volume control for RIGHT input

Bits MC0 — MC2 control 8 distinct modes

Bits N3D3, N3D2, N3D1, N3D0 control programmable 3D function

N3D0 turns the 3D function ON (N3D0 = 1) or OFF (N3D0 = 0), and N3D1 = 0 provides a "wider" aural effect or N3D1 = 1 a "narrower" aural effect

Bit OCL selects between SE with output capacitor (OCL = 0) or SE without output capacitors (OCL = 1). **Default is OCL = 0**

#### **Table 3. Programmable TI 3D Audio**

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### **Table 4. Output Mode Selection(1)**



(1) On initial POWER ON, the default mode is 000

- P = Phone-in (Mono)
- $R = R_{IN}$
- $L = L_{IN}$

 $SD =$ Shutdown

- MUTE = Mute Mode
- $G_P$  = Phone In (Mono) volume control gain
- $G_R$  = Right stereo volume control gain  $G_L$  = Left stereo volume control gain

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Volume Step	xVC4	xVC3	xVC2	xVC1	xVC0	Gain, dB
$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf 0$	$\mathbf 0$	$\pmb{0}$	0	$\mathsf 0$	$-54.00$
$\mathbf 2$	$\pmb{0}$	$\mathsf{O}\xspace$	$\mathbf 0$	0	$\mathbf{1}$	$-46.50$
3	$\mathsf 0$	$\mathsf{O}\xspace$	$\mathsf 0$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathsf 0$	$-40.50$
$\overline{\mathbf{4}}$	$\mathsf 0$	$\mathsf 0$	$\mathsf 0$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$-34.50$
5	$\pmb{0}$	$\mathbf 0$	$\mathbf{1}$	0	$\mathbf 0$	$-30.00$
$\,6$	$\mathbf 0$	$\pmb{0}$	$\mathbf{1}$	0	$\mathbf{1}$	$-27.00$
$\overline{7}$	$\pmb{0}$	$\pmb{0}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\pmb{0}$	$-24.00$
$\bf 8$	$\pmb{0}$	$\pmb{0}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$-21.00$
$\boldsymbol{9}$	$\pmb{0}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\pmb{0}$	0	$\pmb{0}$	$-18.00$
10	$\pmb{0}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\pmb{0}$	0	$\mathbf{1}$	$-15.00$
11	$\pmb{0}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf 0$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathsf 0$	$-13.50$
12	$\pmb{0}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\pmb{0}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$-12.00$
13	$\pmb{0}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	0	$\mathsf 0$	$-10.50$
14	$\pmb{0}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	0	$\mathbf{1}$	$-9.00$
15	$\pmb{0}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\pmb{0}$	$-7.50$
16	$\mathsf 0$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$-6.00$
$17$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\pmb{0}$	$\pmb{0}$	0	$\pmb{0}$	$-4.50$
18	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathsf 0$	$\pmb{0}$	0	$\mathbf{1}$	$-3.00$
19	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathsf{O}\xspace$	$\pmb{0}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\pmb{0}$	$-1.50$
20	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathsf{O}\xspace$	$\pmb{0}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	0.00
$21$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathsf 0$	$\mathbf{1}$	0	$\mathsf 0$	1.50
22	$\mathbf{1}$	$\pmb{0}$	$\mathbf{1}$	0	$\mathbf{1}$	3.00
23	$\mathbf{1}$	$\pmb{0}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf 0$	4.50
24	$\mathbf{1}$	$\pmb{0}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	6.00
25	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf 0$	$\mathbf 0$	$\mathbf 0$	$7.50\,$
26	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\pmb{0}$	0	$\mathbf{1}$	9.00
27	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\pmb{0}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\pmb{0}$	10.50
28	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\pmb{0}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	12.00
29	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf 0$	$\mathbf 0$	13.50
$30\,$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	0	$\mathbf 1$	15.00
31	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\pmb{0}$	16.50
32	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	18.00

**Table 5. Volume Control Table(1)**

(1)  $x = M, L, or R$ 

Gain / Attenuation is from input to output

# **TI 3D ENHANCEMENT**

The LM4946 features a stereo headphone, 3D audio enhancement effect that widens the perceived soundstage from a stereo audio signal. The 3D audio enhancement creates a perceived spatial effect optimized for stereo headphone listening. The LM4946 can be programmed for a "narrow" or "wide" soundstage perception. The narrow soundstage has a more focused approaching sound direction, while the wide soundstage has a spatial, theater-like effect. Within each of these two modes, four discrete levels of 3D effect that can be programmed: low, medium, high, and maximum [\(Table 2,](#page-22-0) [Table 3\)](#page-22-1), each level with an ever increasing aural effect, respectively. The difference between each level is 3dB.

The external capacitors, shown in [Figure 66](#page-24-0), are required to enable the 3D effect. The value of the capacitors set the cutoff frequency of the 3D effect, as shown by [Equation 1](#page-24-1) and [Equation 2](#page-24-2). Note that the internal 20kΩ resistor is nominal.





### **Figure 66. External 3D Effect Capacitors**

$$
f_{3DL(.3dB)} = 1 / 2\pi \times 20k\Omega \times C_{3DL}
$$
 (1)

$$
f_{3DR(3dB)} = 1 / 2\pi \times 20k\Omega \times C_{3DR}
$$
 (2)

<span id="page-24-2"></span><span id="page-24-1"></span><span id="page-24-0"></span>Optional resistors  $R_{3DL}$  and  $R_{3DR}$  can also be added ([Figure 67](#page-24-3)) to affect the -3dB frequency and 3D magnitude.



### Figure 67. External RC Network with Optional R<sub>3DL</sub> and R<sub>3DR</sub> Resistors



<span id="page-24-3"></span> $ΔAV$  (change in AC gain) = 1 / 1 + M, where M represents some ratio of the nominal internal resistor,  $20kΩ$  (see example below).

$$
f_{3dB} (3D) = 1 / 2\pi (1 + M)(20k\Omega * C_{3D})
$$
\n(5)

 $C_{\text{Equivalent}}$  (new) =  $C_{3D}$  / 1 + M (6)

### **Table 6. Pole Locations**



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## **PCB LAYOUT AND SUPPLY REGULATION CONSIDERATIONS FOR DRIVING 8Ω LOAD**

Power dissipated by a load is a function of the voltage swing across the load and the load's impedance. As load impedance decreases, load dissipation becomes increasingly dependent on the interconnect (PCB trace and wire) resistance between the amplifier output pins and the load's connections. Residual trace resistance causes a voltage drop, which results in power dissipated in the trace and not in the load as desired. For example, 0.1 $\Omega$ trace resistance reduces the output power dissipated by an 8Ω load from 158.3mW to 156.4mW. The problem of decreased load dissipation is exacerbated as load impedance decreases. Therefore, to maintain the highest load dissipation and widest output voltage swing, PCB traces that connect the output pins to a load must be as wide as possible.

Poor power supply regulation adversely affects maximum output power. A poorly regulated supply's output voltage decreases with increasing load current. Reduced supply voltage causes decreased headroom, output signal clipping, and reduced output power. Even with tightly regulated supplies, trace resistance creates the same effects as poor supply regulation. Therefore, making the power supply traces as wide as possible helps maintain full output voltage swing.

## **BRIDGE CONFIGURATION EXPLANATION**

The LM4946 drives a load, such as a speaker, connected between outputs, MONO+ and MONO-.

This results in both amplifiers producing signals identical in magnitude, but 180° out of phase. Taking advantage of this phase difference, a load is placed between MONO- and MONO+ and driven differentially (commonly referred to as "bridge mode"). This results in a differential or BTL gain of:

$$
A_{VD} = 2(R_f / R_i) = 2
$$
 (7)

Bridge mode amplifiers are different from single-ended amplifiers that drive loads connected between a single amplifier's output and ground. For a given supply voltage, bridge mode has a distinct advantage over the singleended configuration: its differential output doubles the voltage swing across the load. Theoretically, this produces four times the output power when compared to a single-ended amplifier under the same conditions. This increase in attainable output power assumes that the amplifier is not current limited and that the output signal is not clipped.

Another advantage of the differential bridge output is no net DC voltage across the load. This is accomplished by biasing MONO- and MONO+ outputs at half-supply. This eliminates the coupling capacitor that single supply, single-ended amplifiers require. Eliminating an output coupling capacitor in a typical single-ended configuration forces a single-supply amplifier's half-supply bias voltage across the load. This increases internal IC power dissipation and may permanently damage loads such as speakers.

# **POWER DISSIPATION**

Power dissipation is a major concern when designing a successful single-ended or bridged amplifier.

A direct consequence of the increased power delivered to the load by a bridge amplifier is higher internal power dissipation. The LM4946 has a pair of bridged-tied amplifiers driving a handsfree speaker, MONO. The maximum internal power dissipation operating in the bridge mode is twice that of a single-ended amplifier. From [Equation 8](#page-25-0), assuming a 5V power supply and an  $8Ω$  load, the maximum MONO power dissipation is 634mW.

 $P_{DMAX-SPKROUT} = 4(V_{DD})^2 I (2\pi^2 R_L)$ : Bridge Mode (8)

<span id="page-25-0"></span>The LM4946 also has a pair of single-ended amplifiers driving stereo headphones,  $R_{\text{OUT}}$  and  $L_{\text{OUT}}$ . The maximum internal power dissipation for  $R_{OUT}$  and  $L_{OUT}$  is given by [Equation 9](#page-25-1) and [Equation 10.](#page-25-2) From Equation 9 and [Equation 10,](#page-25-2) assuming a 5V power supply and a 32Ω load, the maximum power dissipation for L<sub>OUT</sub> and R<sub>OUT</sub> is 40mW, or 80mW total.



<span id="page-25-2"></span><span id="page-25-1"></span>The maximum internal power dissipation of the LM4946 occurs when all three amplifiers pairs are simultaneously on; and is given by [Equation 11.](#page-25-3)

 $P_{DMAX\text{-}TOTAL} = P_{DMAX\text{-}SPKROUT} + P_{DMAX\text{-}LOUT} + P_{DMAX\text{-}ROUT}$  (11)

<span id="page-25-3"></span>The maximum power dissipation point given by [Equation 11](#page-25-3) must not exceed the power dissipation given by [Equation 12:](#page-26-0)



$$
P_{\text{DMAX}} = (T_{\text{JMAX}} - T_A) / \theta_{\text{JA}}
$$
 (12)

<span id="page-26-0"></span>The LM4946's T<sub>JMAX</sub> = 150°C. In the SQ package, the LM4946's  $\theta_{JA}$  is 46°C/W. At any given ambient temperature  $T_A$ , use [Equation 12](#page-26-0) to find the maximum internal power dissipation supported by the IC packaging. Rearranging [Equation 12](#page-26-0) and substituting P<sub>DMAX-TOTAL</sub> for P<sub>DMAX</sub>' results in [Equation 13](#page-26-1). This equation gives the maximum ambient temperature that still allows maximum stereo power dissipation without violating the LM4946's maximum junction temperature.

$$
T_A = T_{JMAX} - P_{DMAX-TOTAL} \theta_{JA}
$$
\n(13)

<span id="page-26-1"></span>For a typical application with a 5V power supply and an 8Ω load, the maximum ambient temperature that allows maximum mono power dissipation without exceeding the maximum junction temperature is approximately 121°C for the SQ package.

$$
T_{JMAX-TOTAL} \theta_{JA} + T_A \tag{14}
$$

<span id="page-26-2"></span>[Equation 14](#page-26-2) gives the maximum junction temperature  $T_{JMAX}$ . If the result violates the LM4946's 150°C, reduce the maximum junction temperature by reducing the power supply voltage or increasing the load resistance. Further allowance should be made for increased ambient temperatures.

The above examples assume that a device is a surface mount part operating around the maximum power dissipation point. Since internal power dissipation is a function of output power, higher ambient temperatures are allowed as output power or duty cycle decreases. If the result of [Equation 11](#page-25-3) is greater than that of [Equation 12,](#page-26-0) then decrease the supply voltage, increase the load impedance, or reduce the ambient temperature. If these measures are insufficient, a heat sink can be added to reduce  $\theta_{JA}$ . The heat sink can be created using additional copper area around the package, with connections to the ground pin(s), supply pin and amplifier output pins. External, solder attached SMT heatsinks such as the Thermalloy 7106D can also improve power dissipation. When adding a heat sink, the  $\theta_{JA}$  is the sum of  $\theta_{JC}$ ,  $\theta_{CS}$ , and  $\theta_{SA}$ . ( $\theta_{JC}$  is the junction-to-case thermal impedance,  $\theta_{\text{CS}}$  is the case-to-sink thermal impedance, and  $\theta_{\text{SA}}$  is the sink-to-ambient thermal impedance). Refer to the [Typical Performance Characteristics](#page-10-0) curves for power dissipation information at lower output power levels.

### **POWER SUPPLY BYPASSING**

As with any power amplifier, proper supply bypassing is critical for low noise performance and high power supply rejection. Applications that employ a 5V regulator typically use a 1µF in parallel with a 0.1µF filter capacitors to stabilize the regulator's output, reduce noise on the supply line, and improve the supply's transient response. However, their presence does not eliminate the need for a local 1.0µF tantalum bypass capacitor and a parallel 0.1µF ceramic capacitor connected between the LM4946's supply pin and ground. Keep the length of leads and traces that connect capacitors between the LM4946's power supply pin and ground as short as possible.

# **SELECTING EXTERNAL COMPONENTS**

### **Input Capacitor Value Selection**

Amplifying the lowest audio frequencies requires high value input coupling capacitor (C<sub>i</sub> in [Figure 1](#page-1-0) & [Figure 2](#page-1-1)). A high value capacitor can be expensive and may compromise space efficiency in portable designs. In many cases, however, the speakers used in portable systems, whether internal or external, have little ability to reproduce signals below 150Hz. Applications using speakers with this limited frequency response reap little improvement by using large input capacitor.

The internal input resistor (R<sub>i</sub>), minimum 10kΩ, and the input capacitor (C<sub>i</sub>) produce a high pass filter cutoff frequency that is found using [Equation 15](#page-26-3).

$$
f_c = 1 / (2\pi R_i C_i)
$$

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<span id="page-26-3"></span>As an example when using a speaker with a low frequency limit of 150Hz, C<sub>i</sub>, using [Equation 15](#page-26-3) is 0.106µF. The  $0.22\mu$ F C<sub>i</sub> shown in [Figure 1](#page-1-0) allows the LM4946 to drive high efficiency, full range speaker whose response extends below 40Hz.

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### **Bypass Capacitor Value Selection**

Besides minimizing the input capacitor size, careful consideration should be paid to value of  $C_B$ , the capacitor connected to the BYPASS pin. Since  $C_B$  determines how fast the LM4946 settles to quiescent operation, its value is critical when minimizing turn-on pops. The slower the LM4946's outputs ramp to their quiescent DC voltage (nominally V<sub>DD</sub>/2), the smaller the turn-on pop. Choosing C<sub>B</sub> equal to 2.2µF along with a small value of C<sub>i</sub> (in the range of 0.1µF to 0.33µF), produces a click-less and pop-less shutdown function. As discussed above, choosing C<sub>i</sub> no larger than necessary for the desired bandwidth helps minimize clicks and pops. C<sub>B</sub>'s value should be in the range of 7 to 10 times the value of C<sub>i</sub>. This ensures that output transients are eliminated when power is first applied or the LM4946 resumes operation after shutdown.



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# **Demo Board Schematic Diagram**



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\*All dimensions are nominal





# **PACKAGE OUTLINE**

# **RTW0024A WQFN - 0.8 mm max height**

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD



NOTES:

- 1. All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Any dimensions in parenthesis are for reference only. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M.
- 2. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
- 3. The package thermal pad must be soldered to the printed circuit board for thermal and mechanical performance.



# **EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT**

# **RTW0024A WQFN - 0.8 mm max height**

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD



NOTES: (continued)

4. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. For more information, see Texas Instruments literature number SLUA271 (www.ti.com/lit/slua271).



# **EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN**

# **RTW0024A WQFN - 0.8 mm max height**

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NOTES: (continued)

5. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and rounded corners may offer better paste release. IPC-7525 may have alternate design recommendations.



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