

_______________General Description

The MAX866 and MAX867 are ultra-small, high-efficiency, CMOS, step-up, DC-DC switching regulators for 1-cell battery-powered systems. The MAX866 accepts a positive input voltage between 0.8V and V_{OUT} and converts it to a higher, pin-selectable output voltage of 3.3V or 5V. The MAX867 adjustable version accepts 0.8V to 6.0V input voltages and generates a higher adjustable output voltage in the 2.7V to 6.0V range. Typical efficiencies are greater than 80%. Typical no-load supply current is 100µA (1µA in shutdown).

The MAX866/MAX867 combine ultra-low quiescent supply current and high efficiency to give maximum battery life. Its high switching frequency permits the use of small, low-cost inductors and capacitors. Additionally, internal peak-current limiting protects the IC.

________________________Applications

__________Typical Operating Circuit

Pagers Remote Controls Detectors 1-Cell Battery-Operated Equipment Backup Supplies

- **Features**
- ♦ **0.8V to 6.0V Input Supply Voltage**
- ♦ **0.9V Guaranteed Start-Up Supply Voltage**
- ♦ **>80% Efficiency Over Wide Load Range**
- ♦ **100µA No-Load Battery Current (VOUT = 3.3V)**
- ♦ **1µA Shutdown Mode**
- ♦ **Up to 250kHz Switching Frequency**
- ♦ **±1.5% Reference Tolerance**
- ♦ **Low-Battery Detector (LBI/LBO)**
- ♦ **Available in Ultra-Small 8-Pin µMAX Package (1.11mm high)**
- ♦ **Circuit Fits in 0.2in2**

______________Ordering Information

* Dice are tested at $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$ only.

_________________Pin Configurations

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Note 1: Reverse battery current is measured from the Typical Operating Circuit's battery input terminal to GND when the battery is connected backwards. A reverse current of 750mA will not exceed the package dissipation limits but, if left for an extended time (more than ten minutes), may degrade performance.

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 in

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

(Circuit of Figure 2, V_{IN} = 1.2V, I_{LOAD} = 0mA, T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.)

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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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(Circuit of Figure 2, $V_{IN} = 1.2V$, $I_{LOAD} = 0mA$, $T_A = +25°C$, unless otherwise noted.) **PARAMETER CONDITIONS MIN TYP MAX UNITS** SHDN, 3/5 Input Voltage High V $\overline{\text{SHDN}}$, 3/ $\overline{\text{5}}$ $\overline{5}$, FB, LBI Input Current LBI = 1.5V, FB = 1.5V, \overline{SHDN} = 0V or 3V, $3/\overline{5}$ = 0V or 3V $\overline{3}$ +40 \pm 100 nA FB Voltage MAX867, output in regulation 1.22 1.25 1.28 V Output Voltage Range MAX867 MAX867 2.7 6.0 V – SHDN, 3/5 Input Voltage Low → CONN + VOUT V LBO Output Leakage Current LBO = 5V 1 µA LBI Input Hysteresis **and the contract of the** LBO Output Voltage Low | IsinK = 2mA, open-drain output 0.4 | V

Note 2: Output current specified with circuit of Figure 2 and CoilCraft D01608-334 inductor for test purposes only. More (or less) output current can be supplied with other coil types depending on inductance value and coil resistance. See Typical Operating Characteristics for other coil types. Output voltage and output current are guaranteed over this V_{IN} operating range once the device has started up. Actual VIN start-up voltage depends on load current.

Note 3: Output voltage specifications over temperature are guaranteed by design to limits that are 6 sigma from either side of the mean. **Note 4:** Current measured into OUT. V_{OUT} is forced to 3.47V to maintain LX off when measuring device current.

__Typical Operating Characteristics

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Figure 1. Block Diagram

_______________Detailed Description

Operating Principle

The MAX866/MAX867 combine a switch-mode regulator, N-channel power MOSFET, precision voltage reference, and power-fail detector in a single monolithic device. The MOSFET is a "sense-FET" type for best efficiency, and has a very low gate threshold voltage to ensure start-up with low battery voltages (0.8V typ).

PFM Control Scheme

The MAX866/MAX867 control scheme (Figure 1) combines low-voltage efficiency (80% typ) with low battery

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drain (100µA typ). There is no oscillator; switching is accomplished by a pair of one shots that set a maximum LX on-time (4.5µs typ) and a minimum LX off-time (1µs). LX on-time will be terminated early if the inductor current reaches 0.5A before 4.5µs elapses. With the standard application circuit (Figure 2a), LX current is typically less than 50mA, so LX on-time is normally not terminated by the 0.5A limit and lasts the complete 4.5µs. The LX on-resistance is typically 1 Ω to minimize switch losses. The MAX866/MAX867 switching frequency depends on load, input voltage, and inductor value, and it can range up to 250kHz with typical component values.

Voltage Reference

3.3V/5V or Adjustable-Output, Single-Cell DC-DC Converters

The precision voltage reference is suitable for driving external loads, such as an analog-to-digital converter. The voltage-reference output changes less than ±2% when sourcing up to 250µA and sinking up to 20µA. If the reference drives an external load, bypass it with 0.22µF to GND. If the reference is unloaded, bypass it with at least 0.1µF.

Logic Inputs and Outputs

The 3/5 input is internally diode clamped to GND and OUT, and should not be connected to signals outside this range. The SHDN input and LBO output (opendrain) are not clamped to V+ and can be pulled as high as 7V regardless of the voltage at OUT. **Do not leave control inputs (3/5, LBI, or SHDN) floating.**

__________________Design Procedure

Output Voltage Selection

For the MAX866, you can select a 3.3V or 5V output voltage under logic control, or by tying 3/5 to GND or OUT. The MAX867's output voltage is set by two resistors, R1 and R2 (Figure 2b), which form a voltage divider between the output and FB. Use the following equation to determine the output voltage:

$$
V_{OUT} = V_{REF} \left(\frac{R1 + R2}{R2} \right)
$$

where VREF = 1.25V. To simplify resistor selection:

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R1 = R2 \left(\frac{VOUT}{VREF} - 1 \right)
$$

Figure 2a. Standard Application Circuit—Preset Output Voltage

Figure 2b. Standard Application Circuit—Adjustable Output Voltage

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Figure 3. Low-Battery Detector Circuits Figure 4. Low-Voltage Start-Up Circuit

Since the input bias current at FB has a maximum value of 100nA, large values (10kΩ to 300kΩ) can be used for R1 and R2 with no significant accuracy loss. For 1% error, the current through R1 should be at least 100 times FB's bias current.

Low-Battery Detection, $V_{TH} \ge 1.25V$ The MAX866 series contains an on-chip comparator for low-battery detection. If the voltage at LBI falls below the regulator's internal reference voltage (1.25V), LBO (an open-drain output) sinks current to GND. The lowbattery monitor's threshold is set by two resistors, R3 and R4 (Figure 3). Set the threshold voltage using the following equation:

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R3 = R4 \left(\frac{V_{TH}}{V_{REF}} \cdot 1 \right)
$$

where V_{TH} is the desired threshold of the low-battery detector and VREF is the internal 1.25V reference.

Since the LBI current is less than 100nA, large resistor values (typically 10kΩ to 300kΩ) can be used for R3 and R4 to minimize loading of the input supply.

When the voltage at LBI is below the internal threshold, LBO sinks current to GND. Connect a pull-up resistor of 100kΩ or more from LBO to OUT when driving CMOS circuits. When LBI is above the threshold, the LBO output is off. If the low-battery comparator is not used, connect LBI to V_{IN} and leave LBO open.

Low-Battery Detection, V_{TH} < 1.25V When the low-battery detection threshold voltage is below 1.25V, use the circuit shown on the right in

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Figure 3. This circuit uses V_{OUT} (3.3V or 5.0V in the MAX866, adjustable in MAX867) as a reference. The voltage divider formed by R5 and R6 allows the effective trip point of V_{IN} to be set below 1.25V. R6 is usually set to approximately 100kΩ, and R5 is given by the formula:

$RS = [R6 \times (V_{REF} - V_{TH})] / (V_{OUT} - V_{REF})$

Note that LBI drops below the 1.25V LBI threshold trip point when either V_{IN} or V_{OUT} is low.

Since V_{OUT} regulation and the LBI threshold are derived from the same internal voltage reference, they track together over temperature.

Low -Battery Start-Up

The MAX866/MAX867 are bootstrapped circuits; they can start under no-load conditions at much lower battery voltages than under full load. Once started, the output can maintain a moderate load as the battery voltage decreases below the start-up voltage (see Typical Operating Characteristics). The circuit shown in Figure 4 allows the circuit to start with no load, then uses the LBI circuit and an external low-threshold P-channel MOSFET switch to apply the load after the output has started.

Resistors R7 and R8 are selected to trip the LBI detector at about 90% of the output voltage. On start-up, LBI and LBO are low, Q2 is off, and transistor Q1's gate is held high by R11. This disconnects the load, allowing the MAX866 to bootstrap itself at the lowest possible voltage. When the output reaches its final output voltage, LBI and LBO go high, turning on Q2, Q1, and the load.

Table 1. Component Suppliers

Inductor Selection

An inductor value of 330µH works well in most applications, supplying loads over 10mA and allowing typical start-up voltages of 0.8V. The inductor value is not critical, and the MAX866/MAX867 can operate with values from 22µH to 1mH. In general, smaller inductor values supply more output current while larger values start with lower input voltage. Several inductor suppliers and part numbers are listed in Tables 1 and 2.

The peak inductor current should not exceed the inductor's current rating. Since the MAX866/MAX867 current limit of 0.5A will not be reached in most applications, the peak coil current (IPK) is:

 $IPK = (V_{IN(max)} \times 4.5 \mu s) / L$

For a typical 1-cell alkaline design, $V_{IN(max)}$ is 1.55V, so:

$$
I_{PK} = (1.55V \times 4.5 \mu s) / 330 \mu H = 21.14 mA
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which is well within the ratings of most surface-mount coils. Higher efficiency and output current are achieved with lower inductor resistance, but unfortunately this is inversely related to physical size. Table 2 indicates resistance and height for each coil. Some of the smallest coils have resistances over 10Ω, and will not provide the same output power or efficiency of a 1Ω coil. At light loads however (below 5mA), the efficiency differences between low- and high-resistance coils may be only a percent or two. The Typical Operating Characteristics graphs show efficiency and output current plots for 1.5 $Ω$ and 2.9 $Ω$, 330μH coils.

Capacitor Selection

A 47µF, 6V, 0.85Ω, surface-mount tantalum (SMT) output filter capacitor typically provides 15mV output ripple when stepping up from 0.9V to 1.4V at 10mA. Smaller capacitors (down to 10µF with higher ESRs) are acceptable for light loads or in applications that can

Table 2. Surface-Mount Inductor Information

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tolerate higher output ripple. Values in the 10µF to 47µF range are recommended.

The equivalent series resistance (ESR) of both bypass and filter capacitors affects efficiency and output ripple. Use low-ESR capacitors for best performance, or connect two or more filter capacitors in parallel. Low-ESR, SMT tantalum capacitors are currently available from Sprague (595D series) and AVX (TPS series). See Table 1 for a list of suggested capacitor suppliers.

Rectifier Diode

For optimum performance, a switching Schottky diode (such as the 1N5817 or MBR0520LTI) is recommended. Refer to Table 1 for a list of component suppliers. For low output power applications, a PN-junction switching diode (such as the 1N4148) will also work well, although its greater forward voltage drop will reduce efficiency and raise the start-up voltage.

PC Layout and Grounding

The circuit's high-frequency operation makes PC layout important for minimizing ground bounce and noise. Keep the IC's GND pin and the ground leads of C1 and C2 (Figure 2) less than 0.2in (5mm) apart. Also keep all connections to the FB and LX pins as short as possible. To maximize output power and efficiency and minimize output ripple voltage, use a ground plane and solder the IC's GND (pin 7) directly to the ground plane.

___________________Chip Topography

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