### **General Description**

The MAX9928/MAX9929 low-cost, uni-/bidirectional, high-side, current-sense amplifiers are ideal for monitoring battery charge and discharge currents in notebooks, cell phones, and other portable equipment. These devices feature a wide -0.1V to +28V input common-mode voltage range, low 20µA supply current with  $V_{OS}$  less than 0.4mV, and a gain accuracy better than 1.0%. The input commonmode range is independent of the supply voltage, ensuring that the current-sense information remains accurate even when the measurement rail is shorted to ground.

The MAX9928F features a current output with a transconductance ratio of 5μA/mV. An external resistor converts the output current to a voltage, allowing adjustable gain so that the input sense voltage can be matched to the maximum ADC input swing. The MAX9929F has a voltage output and integrates a 10kΩ output resistor for a fixed voltage gain of 50V/V.

A digital SIGN output indicates direction of current flow, so the user can utilize the full ADC input range for measuring both charging and discharging currents.

The MAX9928/MAX9929 are fully specified over the -40°C to +125°C automotive temperature range, and available in 6-bump UCSP™ (1mm x 1.5mm) and 8-pin μMAX® packages. The UCSP package is bump-to-bump compatible with the MAX4372\_EBT.

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### **Features**

- Wide -0.1V to +28V Common-Mode Range, Independent of Supply Voltage
- 2.5V to 5.5V Operating Supply Voltage
- 20μA Quiescent Supply Current
- 0.4mV (max) Input Offset Voltage
- Gain Accuracy Better than 1% (max)
- **SIGN Output Indicates Current Polarity**
- **Transconductance and Gain Versions Available** 
	- 5μA/mV (MAX9928F)
	- 50V/V (MAX9929F)
- Pin Compatible with the MAX4372 in UCSP
- Available in Ultra-Small, 3x2 UCSP (1mm x 1.5mm) and 8-Pin μMAX Packages

## **Applications**

- Monitoring Charge/Discharge Currents in Portable/ Battery-Powered Systems
- Notebook Computers
- General-System/Board-Level Current Monitoring

*Pin Configurations and Typical Operating Circuit appear at* 

- Smart-Battery Packs/Chargers
- Precision Current Sources
- Smart Cell Phones

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Super Capacitor Charge/Discharge

## **Ordering Information**



*Note: All devices are specified over the -40°C to +125°C operating temperature range.*

+*Denotes a lead(Pb)-free/RoHS-compliant package.*

*T = Tape and reel.*



## **Absolute Maximum Ratings**





*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 indicated in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.*

### **Electrical Characteristics**

(V<sub>RS+</sub> = -0.1V to +28V, V<sub>CC</sub> = 3.3V, V<sub>SENSE</sub> = (V<sub>RS+</sub> - V<sub>RS-</sub>) = 0V, R<sub>OUT</sub> = 10kΩ for MAX9928F, T<sub>A</sub> = -40°C to +125°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at  $T_A$  = +25°C.) (Note 1)



## **Electrical Characteristics (continued)**

(V<sub>RS+</sub> = -0.1V to +28V, V<sub>CC</sub> = 3.3V, V<sub>SENSE</sub> = (V<sub>RS+</sub> - V<sub>RS-</sub>) = 0V, R<sub>OUT</sub> = 10kΩ for MAX9928F, T<sub>A</sub> = -40°C to +125°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T<sub>A</sub> = +25°C.) (Note 1)



## **Electrical Characteristics (continued)**

 $(V_{RS+}$  = -0.1V to +28V, V<sub>CC</sub> = 3.3V, V<sub>SENSE</sub> = (V<sub>RS+</sub> - V<sub>RS-</sub>) = 0V, R<sub>OUT</sub> = 10kΩ for MAX9928F, T<sub>A</sub> = -40°C to +125°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at  $T_A$  = +25°C.) (Note 1)



**Note 1:** All devices are 100% production tested at  $T_A = +25^\circ$ C. All temperature limits are guaranteed by design.<br>**Note 2:**  $V_{OS}$  is extrapolated from two point transconductance and gain accuracy tests. Measurements are V<sub>OS</sub> is extrapolated from two point transconductance and gain accuracy tests. Measurements are made at V<sub>SENSE</sub> = +5mV and  $V_{\text{SENSE}}$  = +50mV for MAX992\_F. These measurements are also used to test the full-scale sense voltage, transconductance, and gain. These V<sub>OS</sub> specifications are for the trimmed direction only (V<sub>RS+</sub> > V<sub>RS-</sub>). For current flowing in the opposite direction (V<sub>RS-</sub> > V<sub>RS+</sub>), V<sub>OS</sub> is ±1mV (max) at +25°C and ±1.8mV (max) over temperature, when V<sub>RS+</sub> is at 3.6V. See the *Detailed Description* for more information.

Note 3: Guaranteed by common-mode rejection ratio. Extrapolated V<sub>OS</sub> as described in Note 2 is used to calculate common-mode rejection ratio.

**Note 4:** Includes input bias current of SIGN comparator.

Note 5: Leakage in to RS+ or RS- when V<sub>CC</sub> = 0V. Includes input leakage current of SIGN comparator. This specification does not add to the bias current.

**Note 6:** Output voltage should be 650mV below  $V_{CC}$  to achieve full accuracy.<br>**Note 7:**  $I_{OL}$  is the minimum output current in the  $V_{SENSE}$  -  $I_{OLIT}$  transfer chain

**I<sub>OL</sub>** is the minimum output current in the V<sub>SENSE</sub> - I<sub>OUT</sub> transfer characteristics. V<sub>OL</sub> is the minimum output voltage in the V<sub>SENSE</sub> - V<sub>OUT</sub> transfer characteristic.

**Note 8:** V<sub>SENSE</sub> voltage required to switch comparator.

**Note 9:** Discharge to charge trip point is functionally tested at V<sub>CM</sub> = -0.1V, +3.6V, and +28V.

**Note 10:** Guaranteed by PSRR test. Extrapolated V<sub>OS</sub> as described in Note 2 is used to calculate the power-supply rejection ratio. V<sub>SENSE</sub> has to be such that the output voltage is 650mV below V<sub>CC</sub> to achieve full accuracy.

## **Typical Operating Characteristics**

( $V_{CC}$  = 3.3V,  $V_{RS+}$  = 12V,  $T_A$  = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.)



## **Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)**

(V<sub>CC</sub> = 3.3V, V<sub>RS+</sub> = 12V, T<sub>A</sub> = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.)



## **Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)**

(V<sub>CC</sub> = 3.3V, V<sub>RS+</sub> = 12V, T<sub>A</sub> = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.)















## **Pin Configuration**



## **Detailed Description**

The MAX9928F/MAX9929F micropower uni-/bidirectional, current-sense amplifiers feature -0.1V to +28V input common-mode range that is independent of the supply voltage. This wide input voltage range feature allows the monitoring of the current flow out of a power supply during short-circuit/fault conditions, and also enables highside current sensing at voltages far in excess of the supply voltage ( $V_{CC}$ ). The MAX9928F/MAX9929F operate from a 2.5V to 5.5V single supply and draw a low 20μA quiescent supply current.

Current flows through the sense resistor, generating a sense voltage VSENSE (Figure 1). The comparator senses the direction of the sense voltage and configures the amplifier for either positive or negative sense voltages by controlling the S1 and S2 switches.

For positive VSENSE voltage, the amplifier's inverting input is high impedance and equals  $V_{IN}$  -  $V_{SE NSE}$ . The amplifier's output drives the base of Q1, forcing its noninverting input terminal to  $(V_{\text{IN}} - V_{\text{SENSE}})$ ; this causes a current to flow through RG1 equal to  $|V_{\text{SENSE}}|/R_{G1}$ . Transistor Q2 and the current mirror amplify the current by a factor of M.

For negative  $V_{\text{SENSE}}$  voltage, the amplifier's noninverting input is high impedance and the voltage on RS- terminal equals  $V_{IN}$  +  $V_{SENSE}$ . The amplifier's output drives the base of Q1 forcing its inverting input terminal to match the voltage at the noninverting input terminal; this causes a current to flow through  $R<sub>G2</sub>$  equal to  $|V_{SFNSF}|/R<sub>G2</sub>$ . Again, transistor Q2 and the current mirror amplify the current by a factor of M.

### **+VSENSE vs. -VSENSE**

The amplifier is configured for either positive VSENSE or negative V<sub>SENSE</sub> by the SIGN comparator. The comparator has a built-in offset skew of -1.2mV so that random offsets in the comparator do not affect the precision of  $I<sub>OUT</sub>$  (V<sub>OUT</sub>) with positive V<sub>SENSE</sub>. The comparator has a small amount of hysteresis (typically 0.6mV) to prevent its output from oscillating at the crossover sense voltage. The ideal transfer characteristic of  $I_{\text{OUT}}$  (V<sub>OUT</sub>) and the output of the comparator (SIGN) is shown in Figure 2.

The amplifier  $V_{OS}$  is only trimmed for the positive  $V_{\text{SENSE}}$  voltages ( $V_{\text{RS+}}$  >  $V_{\text{RS-}}$ ). The SIGN comparator reconfigures the internal structure of the amplifier to work with negative  $V_{\text{SENSE}}$  voltages ( $V_{\text{RS-}}$  >  $V_{\text{RS+}}$ ) and the precision  $V_{OS}$  trim is no longer effective and the resulting V<sub>OS</sub> is slightly impacted. See details in the *Electrical Characteristics* Note 2. The user can choose the direction that needs the best precision to be the direction where  $V_{RS+}$  >  $V_{RS-}$ . For example, when monitoring Li+ battery currents, the discharge current should be  $V_{RS+}$  >  $V_{RS-}$  to give the best accuracy over the largest dynamic range. When the battery charger is plugged in, the charge current flows in the opposite direction and is usually much larger, and a higher  $V_{OS}$  error can be tolerated. See the *Typical Operating Circuit*.

For applications with unidirectional currents (e.g., battery discharge only), the SIGN output can be ignored.

Note that as  $V_{\text{SENSF}}$  increases, the output current ( $I_{\text{OUT}}$ ) for the MAX9928 or V<sub>OUT</sub>/10kΩ for the MAX9929) also increases. This additional current is supplied from  $V_{CC}$ .



*Figure 1. Functional Diagram*



*Figure 2. Ideal Transfer Characteristics with 0mV Amplifier* unlimited amount of capacitance. *Input Offset Voltage and -1mV Comparator Input Offset Voltage*

For both positive and negative VSENSE voltages, the current flowing out of the current mirror is equal to:

### $I_{OUT} = M \times |V_{SENSE}|/R_{G1}$

For the MAX9928F, the transconductance of the device is trimmed so that  $I_{\text{OUT}}/|V_{\text{SENSE}}| = 5\mu\text{A/mV}$ . For the MAX9929F, the voltage gain of the device is trimmed so that  $V_{\text{OUT}}/|V_{\text{SENSE}}| = 50$ V/V. The SIGN output from the comparator indicates the polarity of  $V_{\text{SENSE}}$ .

### **Current Output (MAX9928F)**

The output voltage equation for the MAX9928 is given below:

 $V_{OUT} = (R_{SENSE} \times I_{LOAD}) \times (G_m \times R_{OUT})$ 

where  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  = the desired full-scale output voltage,  $I_{\text{LOAD}}$ = the full-scale current being sensed,  $R_{\text{SENSE}}$  = the current-sense resistor,  $R_{\text{OUT}}$  = the voltage-setting resistor, and  $G_m$  = MAX9928F transconductance (5µA/mV).

The full-scale output voltage range can be set by changing the  $R_{\text{OUT}}$  resistor value. The above equation can be modified to determine the  $R_{\text{OUT}}$  required for a particular full-scale range:

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R_{OUT} = (V_{OUT})/(I_{LOAD} \times R_{SENSE} \times G_m)
$$

OUT is a high-impedance current source and can drive an

### **Voltage Output (MAX9929F)**

The output voltage equation for the MAX9929 is given below:

### $V_{OUT} = (R_{SENSE} \times I_{LOAD}) \times (A_V)$

where  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  = the desired full-scale output voltage,  $I_{I \Omega}$  = the full-scale current being sensed, RSENSE = the current-sense resistor,  $A_V$  = MAX9929F voltage gain (50V/V).

### **SIGN Output**

The current/voltage at OUT indicates magnitude. The SIGN output indicates the current's direction. The SIGN comparator compares RS+ to RS-. The sign output is high when RS+ is greater than RS- indicating positive current flow. The sign output is low when RS- is greater than RS+ indicating negative current flow. In battery-operated systems, this is useful for determining whether the battery is charging or discharging. The SIGN output might not correctly indicate the direction of load current when  $V_{\text{SFNSF}}$ is between -1.8mV to -1.2mV (see Figure 2). Comparator hysteresis of 0.6mV prevents oscillation of SIGN output. If current direction is not needed, leave SIGN unconnected.

### **Applications Information**

### **Choosing RSENSE**

The MAX9928F/MAX9929F operate over a wide variety of current ranges with different sense resistors. Adjust the RSENSE value to monitor higher or lower current levels. Select R<sub>SENSE</sub> using these guidelines:

- **Voltage Loss:** A high R<sub>SENSE</sub> value causes the power-source voltage to drop due to IR loss. For least voltage loss, use the lowest RSENSE value.
- **Accuracy:** A high R<sub>SENSE</sub> value allows lower currents to be measured more accurately. This is because offsets become less significant when the sense voltage is larger.
- **Efficiency and Power Dissipation:** At high current levels, the I<sup>2</sup>R losses in  $R_{\text{SFNSF}}$  might be significant. Take this into consideration when choosing the resis-

tor value and power dissipation (wattage) rating. Also, if the sense resistor is allowed to heat up excessively, its value could drift.

**Inductance:** If there is a large high-frequency component to ISFNSF, keep inductance low. Wire-wound resistors have the highest inductance, while metal film is somewhat better. Low-inductance metal-film resistors are available. Instead of being spiral wrapped around a core, as in metal film or wirewound resistors, these are a straight band of metal. They are made in values under 1Ω.

### **Use in Systems with Super Capacitors**

Since the input common-mode voltage range of the MAX9928/MAX9929 extends all the way from -0.1V to 28V, they are ideal to use in applications that require use of super capacitors for temporary or emergency energy storage systems. Some modern industrial systems use multifarad (1F–50F) capacitor banks to supply enough energy to keep critical systems alive even if the primary power source is removed or temporarily disabled. Unlike batteries, these capacitors can discharge all the way down to 0V. The MAX9928/MAX9929 can continuously help monitor their health and state of charge/discharge.

## **UCSP Applications Information**

For the latest application details on UCSP construction, dimensions, tape carrier information, PCB techniques, bump-pad layout, and recommended reflow temperature profile, as well as the latest information on reliability testing results, go to Maxim's website at **[www.maximintegrated.com/ucsp](http://www.maximintegrated.com/ucsp)** to find Application Note 1891: *Wafer-Level Packaging (WLP) and its Applications*.

### **Chip Information**

PROCESS: BiCMOS

# **Pin Configurations**



## **Typical Operating Circuit**



## **Package Information**

For the latest package outline information and land patterns (footprints), go to **[www.maximintegrated.com/packages](http://www.maximintegrated.com/packages)**. Note that a "+", "#", or "-" in the package code indicates RoHS status only. Package drawings may show a different suffix character, but the drawing pertains to the package regardless of RoHS status.



## **Revision History**



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