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# Low-Jitter, Wide Frequency Range, Programmable Clock Generator with 10 Outputs AVAILABLE

### General Description

### Features

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The MAX3637 is a highly flexible, precision phaselocked loop (PLL) clock generator optimized for the next generation of network equipment that demands low-jitter clock generation and distribution for robust high-speed data transmission. The device features subpicosecond jitter generation, excellent power-supply noise rejection, and pin-programmable LVDS/LVPECL output interfaces. The MAX3637 provides nine differential outputs and one LVCMOS output, divided into three banks. The frequency and output interface of each output bank can be individually programmed, making this device an ideal replacement for multiple crystal oscillators and clock distribution ICs on a system board, saving cost and space.

This 3.3V IC is available in a 7mm x 7mm, 48-pin TQFN package and operates from -40°C to +85°C.

### Applications



*Typical Application Circuits and Pin Configuration appear at end of data sheet.*

- $\triangleleft$  Inputs Crystal Interface: 18MHz to 33.5MHz LVCMOS Input: 15MHz to 160MHz Differential Input: 15MHz to 350MHz
- ◆ Outputs LVCMOS Output: Up to 160MHz LVPECL/LVDS Outputs: Up to 800MHz
- **+ Three Individual Output Banks** Pin-Programmable Dividers Pin-Programmable Output Interface
- ◆ Wide VCO Tuning Range (3.60GHz to 3.83GHz)
- ◆ Low Phase Jitter 0.34psRMS (12kHz to 20MHz) 0.14psRMS (1.875MHz to 20MHz)
- **+ Excellent Power-Supply Noise Rejection**
- -40 $\degree$ C to +85 $\degree$ C Operating Temperature Range
- +3.3V Supply

### Ordering Information



+*Denotes a lead(Pb)-free/RoHS-compliant package.* \**EP = Exposed pad.*

### Functional Diagram



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Supply Voltage Range (VCC, VCCA, VCCQA, VCCQB, VCCQC, VCCQCC) ................................-0.3V to +4.0V Voltage Range at CIN, IN\_SEL, DM, DF[1:0], DP, PLL\_BP, DA[1:0], DB[1:0], DC[1:0], QA\_CTRL1, QA\_CTRL2, QB\_CTRL, QC\_CTRL, QCC, RES ........................... -0.3V to (VCC + 0.3V) Voltage Range at DIN, DIN ........ (VCC - 2.35V) to (VCC - 0.35V) Voltage Range at QA[4:0], QA[4:0], QB[2:0],  $\overline{QBI2:0]}$ ,  $\overline{QC}$ ,  $\overline{QC}$  when LVDS Output ... -0.3V to (V<sub>CC</sub> + 0.3V)

Current into QA[4:0], QA[4:0], QB[2:0], QB[2:0],



*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>CC</sub> = +3.0V to +3.6V, T<sub>A</sub> = -40°C to +85°C. Typical values are at V<sub>CC</sub> = +3.3V, T<sub>A</sub> = +25°C, unless otherwise noted. Signal applied to CIN or DIN/DIN only when selected as the reference clock.) (Note 1)





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**Note 1:** A series resistor of up to 10.5 $\Omega$  is allowed between V<sub>CC</sub> and V<sub>CCA</sub> for filtering supply noise when system power-supply tolerance is  $V_{CC} = 3.3V \pm 5%$ . See Figure 3.

Note 2: Measured with all outputs enabled and unloaded.

Note 3: CIN can be AC- or DC-coupled. See Figure 8. Input high voltage must be  $\leq$  V<sub>CC</sub> + 0.3V.

Note 4: DIN can be AC- or DC-coupled. See Figure 10.

**Note 5:** Measured with 100 $\Omega$  differential load.

Note 6: Measured with crystal input, or with 50% duty cycle LVCMOS or differential input.

**Note 7:** Measured with output termination of 50 $\Omega$  to V<sub>CC</sub> - 2V or Thevenin equivalent.

Note 8: Measured with a series resistor of 33 $\Omega$  to a load capacitance of 3.0pF. See Figure 1.

Note 9: Measured at 156.25MHz output.

Note 10: Measured using LVCMOS/LVTTL input with slew rate  $\geq 1.0$ V/ns, or differential input with slew rate  $\geq 0.5$ V/ns.

Note 11: Measured at 156.25MHz output with 200kHz, 50mVp-p sinusoidal signal on the supply using the crystal input and the power-supply filter shown in Figure 3. See the *Typical Operating Characteristics* for other supply noise frequencies. Deterministic jitter is calculated from the measured power-supply-induced spurs. For more information, refer to Application Note 4461: *HFAN-04.5.5: Characterizing Power-Supply Noise Rejection in PLL Clock Synthesizers*.

Note 12: Measured with all outputs enabled and all three banks at different frequencies.



*Figure 1. LVCMOS Output Measurement Setup*

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1ns/div

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1ns/div

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1ns/div



 Typical Operating Characteristics (continued) (V<sub>CC</sub> = 3.3V,  $T_A$  = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.)

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### DETERMINISTIC JITTER INDUCED BY POWER-SUPPLY NOISE vs. NOISE FREQUENCY

NOISE FREQUENCY (kHz)

100

10 100 1000

JITTER FREQUENCY (Hz)

10k 100k 1M

1k 10M



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## Pin Description



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### Detailed Description

The MAX3637 is a low-jitter clock generator designed to operate over a wide range of frequencies. It consists of a selectable reference clock (on-chip crystal oscillator, LVCMOS input, or differential input), PLL with on-chip VCO, pin-programmable dividers and muxes, and three banks of clock outputs. See Figure 2. The output banks include nine pin-programmable LVDS/LVPECL output buffers and one LVCMOS output buffer. The frequency, enabling, and output interface of each output bank can be individually programmed. In addition the A-bank is split into two banks with programmable enabling and



*Figure 2. Detailed Functional Diagram*



output interface. A PLL bypass mode is also available for system testing or clock distribution.

### Crystal Oscillator

The on-chip crystal oscillator provides the low-frequency reference clock for the PLL. This oscillator requires an external crystal connected between XIN and XOUT. See the *Crystal Selection and Layout* section for more information. The XIN and XOUT pins can be left open if not used.

### LVCMOS Clock Input

An LVCMOS-compatible clock source can be connected to CIN to serve as the PLL reference clock. The input is internally biased to allow AC- or DC-coupling (see the *Applications Information* section). It is designed to operate from 15MHz to 160MHz. No signal should be applied to CIN if not used.

### Differential Clock Input

A differential clock source can be connected to DIN to serve as the PLL reference clock. This input operates from 15MHz to 350MHz and contains an internal 100 $\Omega$  differential termination. This input can accept DC-coupled LVPECL signals, and is internally biased to accept AC-coupled LVDS, CML, and LVPECL signals (see the *Applications Information* section). No signal should be applied to DIN if not used.

### Phase-Locked Loop (PLL)

The PLL takes the signal from the crystal oscillator, LVCMOS clock input, or differential clock input and synthesizes a low-jitter, high-frequency clock. The PLL contains a phase-frequency detector (PFD), a charge pump (CP), and a low phase noise VCO with a wide 3.60GHz to 3.83GHz frequency range. The high-frequency VCO output is divided by prescale divider P, then is connected to the PFD input through a feedback divider. The PFD compares the reference frequency to the divided-down VCO output and generates a control signal that keeps the VCO locked to the reference clock. The high-frequency VCO/P output clock is sent to the output dividers. To minimize noise-induced jitter, the VCO supply (V<sub>CCA</sub>) is isolated from the core logic and output buffer supplies.

### Dividers and Muxes

The dividers and muxes are set with three-level control inputs. Leakage in the NC case must be less than 1µA. Divider settings and routing information are given in Tables 1 to 7. See Table 11 for example divider configurations used in various applications.

### Table 1. PLL Input



### Table 2. PLL Bypass





*Note: When the on-chip XO is selected (IN\_SEL = 0), the setting DM = 0 is required.*

### Table 4. PLL Feedback Divider F



### Table 5. Output Divider A, B



### Table 6. Output Divider C



### Table 7. Prescale Divider P



### Table 8. A-Bank Output Interface



### Table 9. B-Bank Output Interface



### Table 10. C-Bank Output Interface



### LVDS/LVPECL Clock Outputs

The differential clock outputs (QA[4:0], QB[2:0], QC) operate up to 800MHz and have a pin-programmable LVDS/LVPECL output interface. See Tables 8 to 10. When configured as LVDS, the buffers are designed to drive transmission lines with a  $100\Omega$  differential termination. When configured as LVPECL, the buffers are designed to drive transmission lines terminated with  $50\Omega$ to VCC - 2V. Unused output banks can be disabled to high impedance and unused outputs can be left open.

### LVCMOS Clock Output

The LVCMOS clock output operates up to 160MHz and is designed to drive a single-ended high-impedance load. If unused, this output can be left open or the C-bank can be disabled to high impedance.



### Internal Reset

During power-on, a power-on reset (POR) signal is generated to synchronize all dividers. A reset signal is also generated if any control pin is changed. Outputs within a bank are phase aligned, but outputs bank-to-bank may not be phase aligned.

### Applications Information

### Output Frequency Configuration

The MAX3637 output frequencies (fQA, fQB, fQC) are functions of the reference frequency (fREF) and the pinprogrammable dividers (A, B, C, F, M). The relationships can be expressed as:

$$
f_{QA} = \frac{f_{REF}}{M} \times \frac{F}{A}
$$
 (1)  

$$
f_{QB} = \frac{f_{REF}}{M} \times \frac{F}{B}
$$
 (2)  

$$
f_{QC} = \frac{f_{REF}}{M} \times \frac{F}{C}
$$
 (3)

The frequency ranges for the selected reference clocks are 18MHz to 33.5MHz for the crystal oscillator input, 15MHz to 160MHz for the LVCMOS input, and 15MHz to 350MHz for the differential input. The available dividers are given in Tables 3 to 6.

For a given reference frequency fREF, the input divider M, the PLL feedback divider F, and VCO prescale divider P must be configured so the VCO frequency (fvco) falls within the specified ranges. Invalid PLL configuration leads to VCO frequencies beyond the specified ranges and can result in loss of lock. An expression for the VCO frequency along with the specified ranges is given by:

$$
f_{VCO} = \frac{f_{REF}}{M} \times F \times P
$$
 (4)

 $3600$ MHz  $\leq$  fvco  $\leq$  3830MHz (5)

The prescale divider P is set by DP as given in Table 7.

In addition, the reference clock frequency and input divider M must also be selected so the PFD compare frequency (fPFD) falls within the specified range of 15MHz to 42MHz. If applicable, the higher fPFD should be selected for optimal jitter performance.

$$
f_{\text{PFD}} = \frac{f_{\text{REF}}}{M} = \frac{f_{\text{VCO}}}{P \times F}
$$
 (6)

$$
15MHz \le
$$
  $fpFD \le 42MHz$  (7)

Note that the reference clock frequency is not limited by the fPFD range when the PLL is in bypass mode.

### *Example Frequency Configuration*

The following is an example of how to find divider ratios for a valid PLL configuration, given a requirement of input and output frequencies.

1) Select input and output frequencies for system clocking.

> $f_{REF} = 25MHz$  $f<sub>OA</sub> = 312.5MHz$  $f$ OB = 156.25MHz

 $f_{\text{QC}} = 125 \text{MHz}$ 

- 2) Find the input divider M for a valid PFD compare frequency. Using Table 3 and equations (6) and (7), it is determined that  $M = \div 1$  is the only valid option.
- 3) Find the feedback divider F and prescale divider P for a valid fVCO. Using Tables 4 and 7 along with equations (4) and (5), it is determined that  $F = \div 25$  and P  $=$  ÷6 results in fyco = 3750MHz, which is within the valid range of the low VCO.
- 4) Find the output dividers A, B, C for the required output frequencies. Using Tables 5 and 6 and equations (1), (2), and (3), it is determined that  $A = \div 2$  gives f $QA =$ 312.5MHz,  $B = \div 4$  gives f $QB = 156.25$ MHz, and  $C =$  $\div$ 5 gives fQC = 125MHz.

Table 11 provides input and output frequencies along with valid divider ratios for a variety of applications.



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### Power-Supply Filtering

The MAX3637 is a mixed analog/digital IC. The PLL contains analog circuitry susceptible to random noise. To take full advantage of on-board filtering and noise attenuation, in addition to excellent on-chip power-supply rejection, this part provides a separate power-supply pin, VCCA, for the VCO circuitry. Figure 3 illustrates the recommended power-supply filter network for VCCA. The purpose of this design technique is to ensure clean input power supply to the VCO circuitry and to improve the overall immunity to power-supply noise. This network requires that the power supply is  $+3.3V$   $\pm 5\%$ . Decoupling capacitors should be used on all other supply pins for best performance. All supply connections should be driven from the same source.



### Table 12. Crystal Selection Parameters

### Ground Connection

The 48-pin TQFN package features an exposed pad (EP), which provides a low resistance thermal path for heat removal from the IC and also the electrical ground. For proper operation, the EP must be connected to the circuit board ground plane with multiple vias.

### Crystal Selection and Layout

The MAX3637 features an integrated on-chip crystal oscillator to minimize system implementation cost. The crystal oscillator is designed to drive a fundamental mode, AT-cut crystal resonator. See Table 12 for recommended crystal specifications. See Figure 4 for the crystal equivalent circuit and Figure 5 for the recommended external capacitor connections. The crystal, trace, and two external capacitors should be placed on the board as close as possible to the XIN and XOUT pins to reduce crosstalk of active signals into the oscillator. The total load capacitance for the crystal is a combination of external and on-chip capacitance. The layout shown in Figure 6 gives approximately 1.7pF of trace plus footprint capacitance per side of the crystal. Note the ground plane is removed under the crystal to minimize capacitance. There is approximately 2.5pF of on-chip capacitance between XIN and XOUT. With an external 27pF capacitor connected to XIN and a 33pF external capacitor connected to XOUT, the total load capacitance for the crystal is approximately 18pF. The XIN and XOUT pins can be left open if not used. *Figure 3. Power-Supply Filter*





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*Figure 4. Crystal Equivalent Circuit Figure 5. Crystal, Capacitor Connections*



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*Figure 6. Crystal Layout*



*Figure 7. Equivalent CIN Circuit*



*Figure 8. Interface to CIN*

### Interfacing with LVCMOS Input

The equivalent LVCMOS input circuit for CIN is given in Figure 7. This input is internally biased to allow AC- or DC-coupling, and has  $180k\Omega$  input impedance. See Figure 8 for the interface circuit. No signal should be applied to CIN if not used.

### Interfacing with Differential Input

The equivalent input circuit for DIN is given in Figure 9. This input operates up to 350MHz and contains an internal 100 $\Omega$  differential termination as well as a 35 $\Omega$ common-mode termination. The common-mode termination ensures good signal integrity when connected to a source with large common-mode signals. The input can accept DC-coupled LVPECL signals, and is internally biased to accept AC-coupled LVDS, CML, and LVPECL signals (Figure 10). No signal should be applied to DIN if not used.



*Figure 9. Equivalent DIN Circuit*



*Figure 10. Interfacing to DIN*

### Interfacing with LVPECL Outputs

The equivalent LVPECL output circuit is given in Figure 11. These outputs are designed to drive a pair of  $50\Omega$ transmission lines terminated with  $50\Omega$  to V<sub>TT</sub> = V<sub>CC</sub> - 2V. If a separate termination voltage  $(VTT)$  is not available, other terminations methods can be used, as shown in Figure 12. For more information on LVPECL terminations and how to interface with other logic families, refer to Application Note 291: *HFAN-01.0: Introduction to LVDS, PECL, and CML*.



*Figure 11. Equivalent LVPECL Output Circuit*



*Figure 12. Interface to LVPECL Outputs*



*Figure 13. Equivalent LVDS Output Circuit*



*Figure 14. Interface to LVDS Outputs*



### Interfacing with LVDS Outputs

The equivalent LVDS output circuit is given in Figure 13. These outputs provide 100 $\Omega$  differential output impedance designed to drive a 100 $\Omega$  differential transmission line terminated with a  $100\Omega$  differential load. Example interface circuits are shown in Figure 14. For more information on LVDS terminations and how to interface with other logic families, refer to Application Note 291: *HFAN-01.0: Introduction to LVDS, PECL, and CML*.

### Interfacing with LVCMOS Output

The equivalent LVCMOS output circuit is given in Figure 15. This output provides 15 $\Omega$  output impedance and is designed to drive a high-impedance load. A series resistor of  $33\Omega$  is recommended at the LVCMOS output before the transmission line. An example interface circuit is shown in Figure 16.



*Figure 15. Equivalent LVCMOS Output Circuit*



*Figure 16. Interface to LVCMOS Output*

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### Layout Considerations

The inputs and outputs are the most critical paths for the MAX3637; great care should be taken to minimize discontinuities on the transmission lines. Here are some suggestions for maximizing the performance of the MAX3637:

- An uninterrupted ground plane should be positioned beneath the clock outputs. The ground plane under the crystal should be removed to minimize capacitance.
- Supply decoupling capacitors should be placed close to the supply pins, preferably on the same side of the board as the MAX3637.
- Take care to isolate input traces from the MAX3637 outputs.
- The crystal, trace, and two external capacitors should be placed on the board as close as possible to the XIN and XOUT pins to reduce crosstalk of active signals into the oscillator.
- Maintain 100 $\Omega$  differential (or 50 $\Omega$  single-ended) transmission line impedance into and out of the part.
- Provide space between differential output pairs to reduce crosstalk, especially if the outputs are operating at different frequencies.
- Use multilayer boards with an uninterrupted ground plane to minimize EMI and crosstalk.

Refer to the MAX3637 evaluation kit for more information.

Chip Information

PROCESS: BiCMOS

### Pin Configuration



## Typical Application Circuits

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### Typical Application Circuits (continued)



### Typical Application Circuits (continued)





## Package Information

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