# Mono, 2W, Switch-Mode (Class D) Audio Power Amplifier 

## General Description

The MAX4295 mono, switch-mode (Class D) audio power amplifier operates from a single +2.7 V to +5.5 V supply. The MAX4295 has $>85 \%$ efficiency and is capable of delivering 2 W continuous power to a $4 \Omega$ load, making it ideal for portable multimedia and gener-al-purpose high-power audio applications.
The MAX4295 features a total harmonic distortion plus noise (THD+N) of $0.4 \%$ (fosc $=125 \mathrm{kHz}$ ), low quiescent current of 2.8 mA , high efficiency, and clickless powerup and shutdown. The $\overline{\text { SHDN }}$ input disables the device and limits supply current to $<1.5 \mu \mathrm{~A}$. Other features include a 1A current limit, thermal protection, and undervoltage lockout.
The MAX4295 reduces the number of required external components. Internal high-speed power-MOS transistors allow operation as a bridge-tied load (BTL) amplifier. The BTL configuration eliminates the need for isolation capacitors on the output. The frequency-selectable pulse-width modulator (PWM) allows the user to optimize the size and cost of the output filter.
The MAX4295 is offered in a space-saving 16-pin QSOP or narrow SO package.

## Applications

| Palmtop/Notebook | Boom Boxes |
| :--- | :--- |
| Computers | AC Amplifiers |
| PDA Audio | Battery-Powered Speakers |
| Sound Cards | Cordless Phones |
| Game Cards | Portable Equipment |

- +2.7V to +5.5 V Single-Supply Operation
- 2W/Channel Output Power at 5V
0.7W/Channel Output Power at 3V
- $87 \%$ Efficiency ( $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{L}}=4 \Omega$, Pout $=2 \mathrm{~W}$ )
- $0.4 \%$ THD $+\mathrm{N}\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{L}}=4 \Omega\right.$, fosc $=125 \mathrm{kHz}$ )
- Logic-Programmable PWM Frequency Selection ( $125 \mathrm{kHz}, 250 \mathrm{kHz}, 500 \mathrm{kHz}, 1 \mathrm{MHz}$ )
- Low-Power Shutdown Mode
- Clickless Transitions Into and Out of Shutdown
- 1A Current Limit and Thermal Protection
- Available in Space-Saving Packages

16-Pin QSOP or Narrow SO

Ordering Information

| PART | TEMP RANGE | PIN-PACKAGE |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| MAX4295EEE | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 16 QSOP |
| MAX4295ESE | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 16 Narrow SO |

Pin Configuration appears at end of data sheet.

Typical Operating Circuit


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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

| $V_{C C}$, PV ${ }_{\text {cc }}$ to GND or PGND | V to +6 V |
| :---: | :---: |
| PGND to GND | $\ldots . . . . . . . . . . . \pm 0.3 \mathrm{~V}$ |
| PVCc to VCc | $\pm 0.3 \mathrm{~V}$ |
| VCM, SS, AOUT, IN to GND | -0.3V to (VCc + 0.3V) |
| SHDN, FS1, FS2 to GND | -0.3V to +6V |
| OUT_ to PGND ... | .-0.3V to (PVCC + 0.3V) |
| Op Amp Output Short-Circuit |  |
| Duration (AOUT).........Inde | Circuit to Either Supply |
| H-Bridge Short-Circuit |  |
| Duration (OUT_) . | Short Circuit to PGND, |
|  | tween OUT+ and OUT- |


| ontinuous Power Dissipation ( $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) |
| :---: |
| ove + |
|  |
| erating Temperature Range ......................... $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Junction Temperature |
| Storage Temperature Rang |
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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

$\left(V_{C C}=P V_{C C}=+5 V, \overline{S H D N}=V_{C C}, F S 1=G N D, F S 2=V_{C C}(f O S C=250 \mathrm{kHz})\right.$, input amplifier gain $=-1 V / \mathrm{V}, T_{A}=T_{M I N}$ to $T_{M A X}$, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.) (Note 1)

| PARAMETER | CONDITIONS |  | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GENERAL |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Supply Voltage Range | (Note 2) |  | 2.7 |  | 5.5 | V |
| Quiescent Supply Current | Output load not connected |  |  | 2.8 | 4 | mA |
| Shutdown Supply Current | $\overline{\text { SHDN }}=\mathrm{GND}$ |  |  | 1.5 | 8 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Voltage at VCM Pin |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 0.285 x \\ V_{C C} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.3 \times \\ & V_{C C} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.315 \times \\ V_{C C} \end{gathered}$ | V |
| PWM Frequency | FS1 = GND, FS2 = GND |  | 105 | 125 | 145 |  |
|  | FS1 = GND, FS2 = VCC |  | 210 | 250 | 290 | kHz |
|  | FS1 $=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}, \mathrm{FS} 2=\mathrm{GND}$ |  | 420 | 500 | 580 | kHz |
|  | FS1 $=\mathrm{V}_{\text {CC }}, \mathrm{FS} 2=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ |  | 840 | 1000 | 1160 |  |
| PWM Frequency Change with VCC | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=2.7 \mathrm{~V}$ to 5.5 V |  |  | $\pm 1$ | $\pm 3$ | kHz/V |
| Duty Cycle | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}=0.06 \times \mathrm{V}_{\text {CC }}$ |  | 10.2 | 12 | 13.8 |  |
|  | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}=0.30 \times \mathrm{V}_{\text {CC }}$ |  | 49.2 | 50 | 50.8 | \% |
|  | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}=0.54 \times \mathrm{V}_{\text {CC }}$ |  | 86.2 | 88 | 89.8 |  |
| Duty Cycle Change with V CC | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}=0.3 \times \mathrm{V}_{\text {CC }}, \mathrm{V}_{\text {CC }}=2.7 \mathrm{~V}$ to 5.5 V |  |  | $\pm 0.02$ | $\pm 0.15$ | \%/V |
| Switch On-Resistance (each power device) | IOUT $=150 \mathrm{~mA}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 0.25 | 0.5 | $\Omega$ |
|  |  | $V_{C C}=2.7 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 0.35 | 1.0 |  |
| H-Bridge Output Leakage | $\overline{\text { SHDN }}=$ GND |  |  | 0 | $\pm 5$ | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| H-Bridge Current Limit |  |  |  | 1 |  | A |
| Soft-Start Capacitor Charging Current | $V \mathrm{SS}=0 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 0.75 | 1.35 | 1.95 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Undervoltage Lockout |  |  | 1.8 | 2.2 | 2.6 | V |
| Thermal Shutdown Trip Point |  |  |  | 145 |  | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |

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## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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Note 1: All devices are $100 \%$ production tested at $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. All temperature limits are guaranteed by design.
Note 2: Supply Voltage Range guaranteed by PSRR of input amplifier, frequency, duty cycle, and H-bridge on-resistance.
Note 3: Guaranteed by design, not production tested.

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TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION PLUS NOISE vs. OUTPUT POWER ( $\mathbf{f} \mathbf{I N}=1 \mathrm{kHz}$ )


TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION PLUS NOISE vs. OUTPUT POWER ( $\mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{I}}=\mathbf{2 0 k H z}$ )


TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION PLUS NOISE vs. INPUT FREQUENCY ( $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}=\mathbf{2 . 5} \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{P}}$ )


TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION PLUS NOISE vs. OUTPUT POWER ( $\mathbf{f} / \mathrm{N}=\mathbf{1 k H z}$ )


TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION PLUS NOISE vs. OUTPUT POWER (fin = 20kHz)


TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION PLUS NOISE vs. INPUT FREQUENCY ( $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}=\mathbf{2 . 5} \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{P}}$ )


TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION PLUS NOISE vs. OUTPUT POWER ( $\mathbf{f} / \mathrm{N}=1 \mathrm{kHz}$ )


TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION PLUS NOISE vs. OUTPUT POWER ( $\mathbf{f} \mathbf{I N}=\mathbf{2 0 k H z}$ )


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## Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

$\left(\mathrm{V}_{C C}=P V_{C C}=+3 \mathrm{~V}\right.$, input amplifier gain $=-1, \overline{\mathrm{SHDN}}=\mathrm{V}_{C C}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted. $)$


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## Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

$\left(V_{C C}=P V_{C C}=+3 V\right.$, input amplifier gain $=-1, \overline{S H D N}=V_{C C}, T_{A}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted. $)$


EFFICIENCY


EFFICIENCY
vs. OUTPUT POWER ( $\mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{N}}=\mathbf{1 k H z}$ )


EFFICIENCY
vs. OUTPUT POWER ( $\mathbf{f I N}=1 \mathrm{kHz}$ )


EFFICIENCY
vs. OUTPUT POWER ( $\mathbf{f} / \mathrm{N}=\mathbf{1 k H z}$ )


EFFICIENCY
vs. OUTPUT POWER ( $\mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{I}}=\mathbf{1 k H z}$ )


SUPPLY CURRENT
vs. SUPPLY VOLTAGE


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## Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

$\left(\mathrm{V}_{C C}=P V_{C C}=+3 \mathrm{~V}\right.$, input amplifier gain $=-1, \overline{\mathrm{SHDN}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}, \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted.)



Pin Description

| PIN | NAME |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| 1,12 | GND | Analog Ground |
| 2,15 | PVCC | H-Bridge Power Supply |
| 3 | OUT + | Positive H-Bridge Output |
| 4,13 | PGND | Power Ground |
| 5 | VCC | Analog Power Supply |
| 6 | VCM | Audio Input Common-Mode Voltage. Do not connect. Minimize parasitic coupling to this pin. |
| 7 | IN | Audio Input |
| 8 | AOUT | Input Amplifier Output |
| 9 | $\overline{\text { SHDN }}$ | Active-Low Shutdown Input. Connect to VCC for normal operation. Do not leave floating. |
| 10 | FS1 | Frequency Select Input 1 |
| 11 | FS2 | Frequency Select Input 2 |
| 14 | OUT- | Negative H-Bridge Output |
| 16 | SS | Soft-Start |

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Figure 1. Functional Diagram

## Detailed Description

The MAX4295 switch-mode, Class D audio power amplifier is intended for portable multimedia and gener-al-purpose audio applications. Linear amplifiers in the 1 W to 2 W output range are inefficient; they overheat when operated near rated output power levels. The efficiency of linear amplifiers is $<50 \%$ when the output voltage is equal to $1 / 2$ the supply. The MAX4295 Class D amplifier achieves efficiencies of $87 \%$ or greater and is capable of delivering up to 2 W of continuous maximum power to a $4 \Omega$ load. The lost power is due mainly to the on-resistance of the power switches and ripple current in the output.
In a Class D amplifier, a PWM controller converts the analog input to a variable pulse-width signal. The pulse width is proportional to the input voltage, ideally $0 \%$ for a OV input signal and $100 \%$ for full-scale input voltages. A passive lowpass LC network filters the PWM output waveform to reconstruct the analog signal. The switching frequency is selected much higher than the maxi-
mum input frequencies so that intermodulation products are outside the input signal bandwidth. Higher switching frequencies also simplify the filtering requirements.
The MAX4295 consists of an inverting input operational amplifier, a PWM ramp oscillator, a controller that converts the analog input to a variable pulse-width signal, and a MOSFET H-bridge power stage (Figure 1). The control signal is generated by the PWM comparator; its pulse width is proportional to the input voltage. Ideally the pulse width varies linearly between 0\% for a OV input signal and $100 \%$ for full-scale input voltages (Figure 2). This signal controls the H-bridge. The switches work in pairs to reverse the polarity of the signal in the load. Break-before-make switching of the H bridge MOSFETs by the driver circuit keeps supply current glitches and crowbar current in the MOSFETs at a low level. The output swing of the H -bridge is a direct function of the supply voltage. Varying the oscillator swing in proportion to the supply voltage maintains constant gain with varying supply voltage.

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Figure 2. PWM Waveforms

FS1 and FS2 program the oscillator to a frequency of $125 \mathrm{kHz}, 250 \mathrm{kHz}, 500 \mathrm{kHz}$, and 1 MHz . The sawtooth oscillator swings between GND and $0.6 \times$ VCC. The input signal is typically AC-coupled to the internal input op amp, whose gain can be controlled through external feedback components. The common-mode voltage of the input amplifier is $0.3 \times \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ and is internally generated from the same resistive divider used to generate the $0.6 \times \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ reference for the PWM oscillator.

## Current Limit

A current-limiting circuit in the H -bridge monitors the current in the H -bridge transistors and disables the H bridge if the current in any of the H-bridge transistors exceeds 1A. The H-bridge is enabled after a period of $100 \mu s$. A continuous short circuit at the output results in a pulsating output.

## Thermal Overload Protection

Thermal overload protection limits total power dissipation in the MAX4295. When the junction temperature exceeds $+145^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, the thermal detection disables the H -
bridge transistors. The H-bridge transistors are enabled after the IC's junction temperature cools by $10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. This results in a pulsating output under continuous thermal overload conditions. Junction temperature does not exceed the thermal overload trip point in normal operation, but only in the event of fault conditions, such as when the H -bridge outputs are short circuited.

Undervoltage Lockout
At low supply voltages, the MOSFETs in the H-bridge may have inadequate gate drive thus dissipating excessive power. The undervoltage lockout circuit prevents the device from operating at supply voltages below +2.2 V .

## Low-Power Shutdown Mode

The MAX4295 has a shutdown mode that reduces power consumption and extends battery life. Driving SHDN low disables the H-bridge, turns off the circuit, and places the MAX4295 in a low-power shutdown mode. Connect SHDN to VCC for normal operation.

## Applications Information

## Component Selection

Gain Setting
External feedback components set the gain of the MAX4295. Resistors RF and Rin set the gain of the input amplifier to -(RF/RIN). The amplifier's noninverting input is connected to the internally generated $0.3 \times \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ (VCM) that sets the amplifier's common-mode voltage.
The amplifier's input bias current is low, $\pm 50$ pA, and does not affect the choice of feedback resistors. The noise in the circuit increases as the value of $R_{F}$ increases.
The optimum impedance seen by the inverting input is between $5 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ and $20 \mathrm{k} \Omega$. The effective impedance is given by $\left(R_{F} \times R_{I N}\right) /\left(R_{F}+R_{I N}\right)$. For values of $R_{F}>$ $50 \mathrm{k} \Omega$, a small capacitor ( $\approx 3 \mathrm{pF}$ ) connected across RF compensates for the pole formed by the input capacitance and the effective resistance at the inverting input.

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## Soft-Start (Clickless Startup)

The H -bridge is disabled under any of the following conditions:

- $\overline{\text { SHDN }}$ low
- H-bridge current exceeds the 1A current limit
- Thermal overload
- Undervoltage lockout

The circuit re-enters normal operation if none of the above conditions are present. A soft-start function prevents an audible pop on restart. An external capacitor connected to SS is charged by an internal $1.2 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ current source and controls the soft-start rate. $V_{S S}$ is held low while the H -bridge is disabled and allowed to ramp up to begin a soft-start. Until $\mathrm{V}_{\text {SS }}$ reaches $0.3 \times \mathrm{VCC}^{\text {C }}$ the H -bridge output is limited to a $50 \%$ duty cycle, independent of the input voltage. The H -bridge duty cycle is then gradually allowed to track the input signal at a rate determined by the ramp on SS. The soft-start cycle is complete after $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{SS}}$ reaches $0.6 \times \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$. If the soft-start capacitor is omitted, the device starts up in approximately $100 \mu \mathrm{~s}$.

Input Filter
High-fidelity audio applications require gain flatness between 20 Hz to 20 kHz . Set the low-frequency cutoff point with an AC-coupling capacitor in series with the input resistor of the amplifier, creating a highpass filter (Figure 3). Assuming the input node of the amplifier is a virtual ground, the -3 dB point of the highpass filter is determined by: $f_{L O}=1 /\left(2 \pi \times\right.$ RIN $\left.\times \mathrm{CIN}^{2}\right)$, where RIN is the input resistor, and CIN is the AC-coupling capacitor. Choose Rin as described in the Gain Setting section. Choose CIN such that the corner frequency is below 20Hz.

Frequency Selection
The MAX4295 has an internal logic-programmable oscillator controlled by FS1 and FS2 (Table 1). The oscillator can be programmed to frequencies of $125 \mathrm{kHz}, 250 \mathrm{kHz}, 500 \mathrm{kHz}$, and 1 MHz . The frequency should be chosen to best fit the application. As a rule of thumb, choose fosc to be 10 times the audio bandwidth. A lower switching frequency offers higher amplifier efficiency and lower THD but requires larger external filter components. A higher switching frequency reduces the size and cost of the filter components at the expense of THD and efficiency. In most applications, the optimal fosc is 250 kHz .

Table 1. Frequency Select Logic

| FS1 | FS2 | FREQUENCY (Hz) |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| 1 | 1 | 1 M |
| 0 | 1 | 500 k |
| 1 | 0 | 250 k |
| 0 | 0 | 125 k |



Figure 3. Input Amplifier Configuration

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## Output Filter

An output filter is required to attenuate the PWM switching frequency. Without the filter, the ripple in the load can substantially degrade efficiency and may cause interference problems with other electronic equipment.
A Butterworth lowpass filter is chosen for its flat passband and nice phase response, though other filter implementations may also be used. Three examples are presented below. The filter parameters for balanced 2-pole (Figure 4b) and 4-pole (Figure 4d) Butterworth filters are taken from Electronic Filter Design Handbook by Arthur B. Williams, McGraw Hill, Inc. These filter designs assume that the load is purely resistive and load impedance is constant over frequency. Calculation of filter component values should include the DC resistance of the inductors and take into account the worst-case load scenario:

## - Single Ended 2-Pole Filter (Figure 4a)

$$
C=1 /\left(\sqrt{ } 2 \times R_{L} \times \omega_{0}\right), L=\sqrt{ } 2 \times R_{L} / \omega_{0}
$$

where $\omega_{0}=2 \times \pi \times f_{o}$ ( $f_{0}=$ filter cutoff frequency); choosing $f_{0}=30 \mathrm{kHz}$ and $R_{L}=4 \Omega, C=0.937 \mu F, L=$ $30 \mu \mathrm{H}$.
A single-ended 2-pole filter uses the minimum number of external components, but the load (speaker) sees the large common-mode switching voltage, which can increase power dissipation and cause EMI problems.


Figure 4a. Single-Ended 2-Pole Filter


Figure 4b. Balanced 2-Pole Filter

## - Balanced 2-Pole (Figure 4b):

A balanced 2-pole filter does not have the commonmode swing problem of the single-ended filter.
$C=2 /\left(\sqrt{ } 2 \times R_{L} \times \omega_{0}\right), L=\left(\sqrt{ } 2 \times R_{L}\right) /\left(2 \times \omega_{0}\right) ;$ choosing $\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{O}}=30 \mathrm{kHz}$ and $\mathrm{RL}_{\mathrm{L}}=4 \Omega, \mathrm{C} 1 \mathrm{a}=\mathrm{C} 1 \mathrm{~b}=2.0 \mu \mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{~L} 1 \mathrm{a}=$ $L 1 b=15 \mu H$.
A single capacitor connected across RL, with a value of $C_{L}=1 /\left(\sqrt{ } 2 \times R_{L} \times \omega_{0}\right)$, can be used in place of C1a and C1b. However, the configuration as shown gives an improved rejection to common-mode signal components of OUT+_ and OUT-_. If the single capacitor scheme is used, additional capacitors ( Ca and Cb ) can be added from each side of RL, providing a high-frequency short to ground (Figure 4c). These capacitors should be approximately $0.2 \times C L$.

## - Balanced 4-Pole Filter (Figure 4d)

A balanced 4-pole filter is more effective in suppressing the switching frequency and its harmonics.
For the 4-pole Butterworth filter, the normalized values are: $\mathrm{L} 1 \mathrm{~N}=1.5307, \mathrm{~L} 2 \mathrm{~N}=1.0824, \mathrm{C} 1 \mathrm{~N}=1.5772, \mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~N}=$ 0.3827 .

The actual inductance and capacitance values for fo = 30 kHz and a bridge-tied load of $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{L}}=4 \Omega$ are given by:
$\mathrm{L} 1=\left(\mathrm{L} 1 \mathrm{~N} \times \mathrm{RL}_{\mathrm{L}}\right) /\left(2 \times \omega_{\mathrm{O}}\right)=16.24 \mu \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{L} 2=\left(\mathrm{L} 2 \mathrm{~N} \times \mathrm{RL}_{\mathrm{L}}\right) /$ $\left(2 \times \omega_{0}\right)=11.5 \mu \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 1=\mathrm{C} 1 \mathrm{~N} /\left(\mathrm{RL}_{\mathrm{L}} \times \omega_{\mathrm{o}}\right)=2.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{a}=$ $\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~b}=(2 \times \mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~N}) /\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{L}} \times \omega_{0}\right)=1.0 \mu \mathrm{~F}$.


Figure 4c. Alternate Balanced 2-Pole Filter


Figure 4d. Balanced 4-Pole Filter

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## Filter Components

The inductor current rating should be higher than the peak current for a given output power requirement and should have relatively constant inductance over temperature and frequency. Typically, an open-core inductor is desirable since these types of inductors are more linear. Toroidal inductors without an air gap are not recommended. Q-shielded inductors may be required if the amplifier is placed in an EMI-sensitive system. The series resistance of the inductors will reduce the attenuation of the switching frequency and reduce efficiency due to the ripple current in the inductor.
The capacitors should have a voltage rating 2 to 3 times the maximum expected RMS voltage-allowing for high peak voltages and transient spikes-and be stable over temperature. Good quality capacitors with low equivalent series resistance (ESR) and equivalent series inductance (ESL) are necessary to achieve optimum performance. Low-ESR capacitors will decrease power dissipation. High ESL will shift the cutoff frequency, and high ESR will reduce filter rolloff.

## Bridge-Tied Load/Single-Ended Configuration

The MAX4295 can be used as either a BTL or singleended configured amplifier. The BTL configuration offers several advantages over a single-ended configuration. By driving the load differentially, the output voltage swing is doubled and the output power is quadrupled in comparison to a single-ended configuration. Because the differential outputs are biased at half supply, there is no DC voltage across the load, eliminating the need for large DC-blocking capacitors at the output.
The MAX4295 can be configured as a single-ended amplifier. In such a case, the load must be capacitively coupled to the filter to block the half-supply DC voltage from the load. The unused output pin must also be left open (Figure 5). Do not connect the unused output pin to ground.


Figure 5. MAX4295 Single-Ended Configuration

Total Harmonic Distortion
The MAX4295 exhibits typical THD + N of $<1 \%$ for input frequencies $<10 \mathrm{kHz}$. The PWM frequency affects THD performance. THD can be reduced by limiting the input bandwidth through the input highpass filter, choosing the lowest fosc possible, and carefully selecting the output filter and its components.

## Bypassing and Layout Considerations

Distortion caused by supply ripple due to H -bridge switching can be reduced through proper bypassing of PVCC. For optimal performance, a $330 \mu \mathrm{~F}$, low-ESR POSCAP capacitor to PGND and a $1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ ceramic capacitor to GND at each PVCC input is suggested. Place the $1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor close to the PVCc pin. Bypass VCC with a $10 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor in parallel with a $1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor to GND. Ceramic capacitors are recommended due to their low ESR.
Good PC board layout techniques optimize performance by decreasing the amount of stray capacitance at the amplifier's inputs and outputs. To decrease stray capacitance, minimize trace lengths by placing external components as close as possible to the amplifier. Surface-mount components are recommended.
The MAX4295 requires two separate ground planes to prevent switching noise from the MOSFETs in the H bridge from coupling into the rest of the circuit. PGND, the power ground, is utilized by the H-bridge and any external output components, while GND is used by the rest of the circuit. Connect the PGND and GND planes at only one point, as close to the power supply as possible. Any external components associated with the output of the MAX4295 must be connected to the PGND plane where applicable. Use the Typical Operating Circuit diagram as a reference. Refer to the evaluation kit manual for suggested component values, component suppliers, and layout.

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## Pin Configuration



TRANSISTOR COUNT: 846
PROCESS: BiCMOS

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