# Ultra-Low-Power, Open-Drain, Single/Dual-Supply Comparators 

The MAX971-MAX974 and MAX981-MAX984 single/ dual/quad low-voltage comparators feature the lowest power consumption available. These micropower devices draw less than $4 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ supply current over temperature (MAX971/MAX972, MAX981/MAX982), and include an internal 1.182V $\pm 1 \%$ (MAX971/MAX973/ MAX974) or $\pm 2 \%$ (MAX981-MAX984) voltage reference and programmable hysteresis.
Ideal for 3 V or 5 V single-supply applications, these devices operate from a single +2.5 V to +11 V supply (or $\pm 1.25 \mathrm{~V}$ to $\pm 5.5 \mathrm{~V}$ dual supplies), and each comparator's input voltage ranges from the negative supply rail to within 1.3 V of the positive supply.

The single MAX971 and MAX981 and the dual MAX973 and MAX982/MAX983 provide a unique, simple method for adding hysteresis without feedback or complicated equations, simply by using the HYST pin plus two resistors.
The MAX971-MAX974 and MAX981-MAX984's opendrain outputs permit wire-ORed configurations. Thanks to an 11 V output range and separate GND pin for the output transistor (MAX971/MAX974, MAX981/MAX984), these devices are ideal for level translators and bipolar to singleended converters. For similar devices with complementary output stages, see the MAX921-MAX924 ( $1 \%$ reference) and the MAX931-MAX934 ( $2 \%$ reference).

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MAX971 | 1\% | 1 | Yes | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8-Pin } \\ & \text { DIP/SO/ } \mu \mathrm{MAX} \end{aligned}$ |
| MAX972 | None | 2 | No | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8-Pin } \\ & \text { DIP/SO/ } \mu \mathrm{MAX} \end{aligned}$ |
| MAX973 | 1\% | 2 | Yes | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8-Pin } \\ & \text { DIP/SO/ } \mu \mathrm{MAX} \end{aligned}$ |
| MAX974 | 1\% | 4 | No | 16-Pin DIP/SO |
| MAX981 | 2\% | 1 | Yes | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8-Pin } \\ & \text { DIP/SO/ } \mu \mathrm{MAX} \end{aligned}$ |
| MAX982 | 2\% | 2 | Yes | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8-Pin } \\ & \text { DIP/SO/ } \mu \mathrm{MAX} \end{aligned}$ |
| MAX983 | 2\% | 2 | Yes | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8-Pin } \\ & \text { DIP/SO/ } \mu \mathrm{MAX} \end{aligned}$ |
| MAX984 | 2\% | 4 | No | 16-Pin DIP/SO |


| Features |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| - $\mu$ MAX Package-Smallest 8-Pin SO (MAX9_1/MAX9_2/MAX9_3) |  |
| - Ultra-Low $4 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ Max Quiescent Current Over Extended Temp. Range (MAX971/MAX981) |  |
| - Power Supplies: Single +2.5V to +11V Dual $\pm 1.25 \mathrm{~V}$ to $\pm 5.5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  |
| - Input Voltage Range Includes Negative Supply |  |
| - Internal 1.182V $\pm 1 \%$ Bandgap Reference |  |
| - $12 \mu \mathrm{~s}$ Propagation Delay ( 10 mV Overdrive) |  |
| - Output Has Separate GND Pin (MAX9_1/MAX9_4) |  |
| Applications |  |
| Battery-Powered Systems | Level Translators |
| Threshold Detectors | Oscillator Circuits |
| Window Comparators |  |

Ordering Information

| PART | TEMP. RANGE | PIN-PACKAGE |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| MAX971CPA | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 Plastic DIP |
| MAX971CSA | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 SO |
| MAX971CUA | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $8 \mu \mathrm{MAX}$ |
| MAX971C/D | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | Dice ${ }^{*}$ |

Ordering Information continued at end of data sheet.

* Dice are tested at $T_{A}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, D C$ parameters only.

Typical Operating Circuit


## MAXIN

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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS
Inputs


Continuous Power Dissipation ( $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ )
8-Pin Plastic DIP (derate $9.09 \mathrm{~mW} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ above $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) ... 727 mW
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: 5V OPERATION

$\left(\mathrm{V}_{+}=5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}-=\mathrm{GND}=0 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{MIN}}\right.$ to $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{MAX}}$, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.)


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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS: 5V OPERATION (continued)
$\left(\mathrm{V}+=5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}-=\mathrm{GND}=0 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{MIN}}\right.$ to $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{MAX}}$, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.)

| PARAMETER | CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP MAX | UNITS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Output Low Voltage | MAX9_2/MAX9_3, lout $=1.8 \mathrm{~mA}$ for C/E temp. ranges, louT $=1.2 \mathrm{~mA}$ for M temp. range |  | V- + 0.4 | V |
|  | MAX9_1/MAX9_4, lout $=1.8 \mathrm{~mA}$ for C/E temp. ranges, louT $=1.2 \mathrm{~mA}$ for M temp. range |  | GND + 0.4 |  |
| Output Leakage Current | VOUT $=11 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 100 | nA |
| REFERENCE (MAX9_1/MAX982/MAX9_3/MAX9_4 ONLY) |  |  |  |  |
| Reference Voltage | C temp. range | 1.170 | 1.1821 .194 | V |
|  | E temp. range | 1.158 | 1.206 |  |
|  | M temp. range | 1.147 | 1.217 |  |
| Source Current | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 15 | 25 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
|  | C/E temp. ranges | 6 |  |  |
|  | M temp. range | 4 |  |  |
| Sink Current | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 | 15 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
|  | C/E temp. ranges | 4 |  |  |
|  | M temp. range | 2 |  |  |
| Voltage Noise | 100 Hz to 100 kHz |  | 100 | $\mu \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{RMS}}$ |

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS: 3V OPERATION
$\left(\mathrm{V}_{+}=5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}-=\mathrm{GND}=0 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{MIN}}\right.$ to $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{MAX}}$, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.)

| PARAMETER | CONDITIONS |  |  | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| POWER REQUIREMENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Supply Current | $\begin{aligned} & \text { HYST = REF, } \\ & \text { IN+ }+(\mathbb{N}-+100 \mathrm{mV}) \end{aligned}$ | MAX9_1 | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  | 2.4 | 3.0 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
|  |  |  | C/E temp. ranges |  |  | 3.8 |  |
|  |  |  | M temp. range |  |  | 4.8 |  |
|  |  | MAX972 | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  | 2.4 | 3.0 |  |
|  |  |  | C/E temp. ranges |  |  | 3.8 |  |
|  |  |  | M temp. range |  |  | 4.8 |  |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MAX982/ } \\ & \text { MAX9_3 } \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  | 3.4 | 4.3 |  |
|  |  |  | C/E temp. ranges |  |  | 5.8 |  |
|  |  |  | M temp. range |  |  | 7.2 |  |
|  |  | MAX9_4 | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  | 5.2 | 6.2 |  |
|  |  |  | C/E temp. ranges |  |  | 8.0 |  |
|  |  |  | M temp. range |  |  | 10.5 |  |
| COMPARATOR |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Input Offset Voltage | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CM}}=1.5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  |  |  |  | $\pm 10$ | mV |
| Input Leakage Current ( IN -, $\mathrm{IN}+$ ) | $\mathrm{IN}+=\mathrm{IN}-=1.5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | C/E temp. ranges |  | $\pm 0.01$ | $\pm 5$ | nA |
|  |  |  | M temp. range |  |  | $\pm 40$ |  |
| Input Leakage Current (HYST) | MAX9_1/MAX982/MAX9_3 |  |  | $\pm 0.02$ |  |  | nA |
| Input Common-Mode Voltage Range |  |  |  | V- |  | V+-1.3 | V |
| Common-Mode Rejection Ratio | V- to (V+-1.3V) |  |  |  | 0.2 | 1 | $\mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{V}$ |
| Power-Supply Rejection Ratio | $\mathrm{V}+=2.5 \mathrm{~V}$ to 11 V |  |  |  | 0.1 | 1 | $\mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{V}$ |

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## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS: 3V OPERATION (continued)

$\left(\mathrm{V}+=5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}-=\mathrm{GND}=0 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{MIN}}\right.$ to $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{MAX}}$, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.)

| PARAMETER | CONDITIONS |  | MIN | TYP MAX | UNITS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Voltage Noise | 100 Hz to 100 kHz |  | 20 |  | $\mu \mathrm{V}_{\text {RMS }}$ |
| Hysteresis Input Voltage Range | MAX9_1/MAX982/MAX9_3 |  | REF - 0.05 | REF | V |
| Response Time (high-to-low transition) | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 100 \mathrm{pF} \text { load, } \\ & 1 \mathrm{M} \Omega \text { pull-up to } \mathrm{V}_{+} \end{aligned}$ | Overdrive $=10 \mathrm{mV}$ |  | 12 | $\mu \mathrm{s}$ |
|  |  | Overdrive $=100 \mathrm{mV}$ |  | 4 |  |
| Response Time (low-to-high transition) (Note 2) | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 100 \mathrm{pF}$ load, $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ pull-up to $\mathrm{V}_{+}$ |  |  | 300 | $\mu \mathrm{s}$ |
| Output Low Voltage | MAX9_2/MAX9_3, lout $=0.8 \mathrm{~mA}$ for C/E temp. ranges, IOUT $=0.6 \mathrm{~mA}$ for M temp. range |  |  | V- + 0.4 | V |
|  | MAX9_1/MAX9_4, lout $=0.8 \mathrm{~mA}$ for C/E temp. ranges, lout $=0.6 \mathrm{~mA}$ for M temp. range |  | GND + 0.4 |  |  |
| Output Leakage Current | VOUT $=11 \mathrm{~V}$ |  |  | 100 | nA |
| REFERENCE |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reference Voltage | C temp. range |  | 1.170 | 1.1821 .194 | V |
|  | E temp. range |  | 1.158 | 1.206 |  |
|  | M temp. range |  | 1.147 | 1.217 |  |
| Source Current | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  | 15 | 25 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
|  | C/E temp. ranges |  | 6 |  |  |
|  | M temp. range |  | 4 |  |  |
| Sink Current | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  | 8 | 15 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
|  | C/E temp. ranges |  | 4 |  |  |
|  | M temp. range |  | 2 |  |  |
| Voltage Noise | 100 Hz to 100 kHz |  | 100 |  | $\mu \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{RMS}}$ |

Note 1: MAX974/MAX984 comparators work below 2.5V; see Low-Voltage Operation section for more details.
Note 2: Low-to-high response time is the result of the $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ pull-up and the 100 pF capacitive load, based on three time constants. A faster response time is achieved with a smaller RC.
$\mathrm{V}+=5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}-=\mathrm{GND}, \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted.)


M AX971/M AX973/MAX974 REFERENCE VOLTAGE vs. TEMPERATURE


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Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)
$\left(\mathrm{V}+=5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}-=\mathrm{GND}, \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right.$, unless otherwise noted.)




MAX9_4




MAX9_1/MAX972/MAX9_4




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Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)
$\left(\overline{\mathrm{V}+=5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}-=\mathrm{GND}, \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \text {, unless otherwise noted.) }}\right.$




Pin Descriptions

| PIN |  |  |  | NAME | FUNCTION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MAX971 MAX981 | MAX972 | MAX982 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MAX973 } \\ & \text { MAX983 } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| 1 | - | - | - | GND | Ground. Connect to V- for single-supply operation. Output transistor pulls to GND. |
| - | 1 | 1 | 1 | OUTA | Comparator A Open-Drain Output. Sinks current to V-. |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | V- | Negative Supply. Connect to ground for single-supply operation (MAX9_1). |
| 3 | - | - | - | $\mathrm{IN}+$ | Noninverting Comparator Input |
| - | 3 | 3 | 3 | INA+ | Noninverting Input of Comparator A |
| 4 | - | - | - | IN- | Inverting Comparator Input |
| - | 4 | - | - | INA- | Inverting Input of Comparator A |
| - | 5 | - | 4 | INB- | Inverting Input of Comparator B |
| - | 6 | 4 | - | INB+ | Noninverting Input of Comparator B |
| 5 | - | 5 | 5 | HYST | Hysteresis Input. Connect to REF if not used. Input voltage range is from $V_{\text {REF }}$ to $V_{\text {REF }}-50 \mathrm{mV}$. |
| 6 | - | 6 | 6 | REF | Reference Output. 1.182V with respect to V-. |
| 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | V+ | Positive Supply |
| 8 | - | - | - | OUT | Comparator Output. Sinks current to GND. |
| - | 8 | 8 | 8 | OUTB | Comparator B Open-Drain Output. Sinks current to V-. |

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| PIN |  | NAME |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| MAX974 |  |  |
| MAX984 |  |  |$\quad$ FUNCTION

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Detailed Description

The MAX971-MAX974 and MAX981-MAX984 comprise various combinations of a micropower 1.182 V reference and micropower comparators. The Typical Operating Circuit shows the MAX971/MAX981 configuration, and Figures 1a-1d show the MAX9_2-MAX9_4 configurations. Internal hysteresis in the MAX9 1, MAX982, and MAX9_3 provides the easiest method for implementing hysteresis. It also produces faster hysteresis action and consumes much less current than circuits using external positive feedback.


Figure 1a. MAX972 Functional Diagram


Figure 1b. MAX982 Functional Diagram

Power-Supply and Input Signal Ranges This family of devices operates from a single +2.5 V to +11 V power supply. The MAX9_1 and MAX9_4 have a separate ground for the output driver, allowing operation with dual supplies ranging from $\pm 1.25 \mathrm{~V}$ to $\pm 5.5 \mathrm{~V}$. Connect V- to GND when operating the MAX9_1 or MAX9_4 from a single supply. The maximum total supply voltage in this case is still 11 V .
For proper comparator operation, the input signal can range from the negative supply (V-) to within one volt of the positive supply ( $\mathrm{V}_{+}-1 \mathrm{~V}$ ). The guaranteed common-mode input voltage range extends from $V$ - to ( $\mathrm{V}_{+}-1.3 \mathrm{~V}$ ). The inputs can be taken above and below the supply rails by up to 300 mV without damage.


Figure 1c. MAX973/MAX983 Functional Diagram (Window Comparator)


Figure 1d. MAX974/MAX984 Functional Diagram

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Figure 2. Threshold Hysteresis Band
Low-Voltage Operation: V+ = 1 V (MAX9_4 Only) The guaranteed minimum operating voltage is 2.5 V (or $\pm 1.25 \mathrm{~V}$. As the total supply voltage falls below 2.5 V , performance degrades and the supply current falls. The reference will not function below about 2.2 V , although the comparators will continue to operate with a total supply voltage as low as 1V. While the MAX9_4 has comparators that may be used at supply voltages below 2V, the MAX9_1/MAX9_2/MAX9_3 may not be used with supply voltages below 2.5 V .
At low supply voltages, the comparators' output sink capability is reduced and the propagation delay increases (see Typical Operating Characteristics). The useful input voltage range extends from the negative supply to a little under 1V below the positive supply, which is slightly closer to the positive rail than when the device operates from higher supply voltages. Test your prototype over the full temperature and supply-voltage range if you anticipate operation below 2.5 V .

## Comparator Output

With 100 mV of overdrive, propagation delay is typically $3 \mu \mathrm{~s}$. The Typical Operating Characteristics show the propagation delay for various overdrive levels. The open-drain outputs are intended for wire-ORed and level-shifting applications. The maximum output voltage is 11 V above V -, and may be applied even when no supply voltage is present ( $\mathrm{V}_{+}=\mathrm{V}_{-}$).
The MAX9_1 and MAX9_4 outputs sink current to GND, making these devices ideal for bipolar to single-ended conversion and level-shifting applications.

The negative supply does not affect the output sink current. The positive supply provides gate drive for the output N -channel MOSFET and heavily influences the output current capability, especially at low supply voltages (see Typical Operating Characteristics section).
The MAX9_2 and MAX9_3 have no GND pin, and their outputs sink current to V-.

Voltage Reference
The internal bandgap voltage reference has an output of 1.182 V above V -. Note that the REF voltage is referenced to $V$-, not to GND. Its accuracy is $\pm 1 \%$ (MAX971/MAX973/MAX974) or $\pm 2 \%$ (MAX981-MAX984) in the $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ range. The REF output is typically capable of sourcing $25 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ and sinking $15 \mu \mathrm{~A}$. Do not bypass the REF output.

Noise Considerations
Although the comparators have a very high gain, useful gain is limited by noise. This is shown in the Transfer Function graph (see Typical Operating Characteristics). As the input voltage approaches the comparator's offset, the output begins to bounce back and forth; this peaks when $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{OS}}$. (The lowpass filter shown on the graph averages out the bouncing, making the transfer function easy to observe.) Consequently, the comparator has an effective wideband peak-to-peak noise of around $300 \mu \mathrm{~V}$. The voltage reference has peak-to-peak noise approaching 1 mV . Thus, when a comparator is used with the reference, the combined peak-to-peak noise is about 1 mV . This, of course, is much higher than the RMS noise of the individual components. Take care in your layout to avoid capacitive coupling from any output to the reference pin. Crosstalk can significantly increase the actual noise of the reference.


Figure 3. Programming the HYST Pin

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## Applications Information

Hysteresis
Hysteresis increases the comparators' noise margin by increasing the upper threshold and decreasing the lower threshold (Figure 2).

Hysteresis (MAX9_1/MAX982/MAX9_3) To add hysteresis to the MAX9_1, MAX982, or MAX9_3, connect resistor R1 between REF and HYST, and connect resistor R2 between HYST and V- (Figure 3). If no hysteresis is required, connect HYST to REF. When hysteresis is added, the upper threshold increases by the same amount that the lower threshold decreases. The hysteresis band (the difference between the upper and lower thresholds, $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{HB}}$ ) is approximately equal to twice the voltage between REF and HYST. The HYST input can be adjusted to a maximum voltage of REF and to a minimum voltage of (REF - 50 mV ). The maximum difference between REF and HYST ( 50 mV ) will therefore produce a 100 mV max hysteresis band. Use the following equations to determine R1 and R2:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{R} 1=\frac{\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{HB}}}{\left(2 \times \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{REF}}\right)} \\
& \mathrm{R} 2=\frac{\left(1.182-\frac{\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{HB}}}{2}\right)}{\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{REF}}}
\end{aligned}
$$

where $I_{\text {REF }}$ (the current sourced by the reference) should not exceed the REF source capability, and should be significantly larger than the HYST input current. I I usually appropriate. If $2.4 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ is chosen for R 2 ( $\mathrm{I}_{\text {REF }}=$ $0.5 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ ), the equation for R 1 and $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{HB}}$ can be approximated as:

$$
\mathrm{R} 1(\mathrm{k} \Omega)=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{HB}}(\mathrm{mV})
$$

When hysteresis is obtained in this manner for the MAX982/MAX9_3, the same hysteresis applies to both comparators.

Hysteresis (MAX972/MAX9_4) Hysteresis can be implemented with any comparator using positive feedback, as shown in Figure 4. This approach generally draws more current than circuits using the HYST pin on the MAX9_1/MAX982/MAX9_3, and the high feedback impedance slows hysteresis. In addition, because the output does not source current, any increase in the upper threshold is dependent on the load or pull-up resistor on the output.


Figure 4. External Hysteresis

## Board Layout and Bypassing

Power-supply bypass capacitors are not needed if the supply impedance is low, but 100 nF bypass capacitors should be used when the supply impedance is high or when the supply leads are long. Minimize signal lead lengths to reduce stray capacitance between the input and output that might cause instability. Do not bypass the reference output.

## Window Detector

The MAX9_3 is ideal for making window detectors (undervoltage/overvoltage detectors). The schematic is shown in Figure 5, with component values selected for a 4.5 V undervoltage threshold and a 5.5 V overvoltage threshold. Choose different thresholds by changing the values of R1, R2, and R3. To prevent chatter at the output when the supply voltage is close to a threshold, hysteresis has been added using R4 and R5. Taken alone, OUTA would provide an active-low undervoltage indication, and OUTB would give an active-low overvoltage indication. Wired-ORing the two outputs provides an active-high, power-good signal.
The design procedure is as follows:

1) Choose the required hysteresis level and calculate values for R4 and R5 according to the formulas in the Hysteresis (MAX9_1/MAX982/MAX9_3) section. In this example, $\pm 5 \mathrm{mV}$ of hysteresis has been added at the comparator input ( $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{H}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{HB}} / 2$ ). This means that the hysteresis apparent at $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}$ will be larger because of the input resistor divider.

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2) Select R1. The leakage current into INB- is normally under 1 nA , so the current through R1 should exceed 100 nA for the thresholds to be accurate. R1 values up to about $10 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ can be used, but values in the $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ to $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ range are usually easier to deal with. In this example, choose R1 = 294k $\Omega$.
3) Calculate R2 + R3. The overvoltage threshold should be 5.5 V when $\mathrm{V}_{I N}$ is rising. The design equation is as follows:

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\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{R} 2+\mathrm{R} 3 & =\mathrm{R} 1 \times\left(\frac{\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{OTH}}}{\mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{REF}}+\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{H}}}-1\right) \\
& =294 \mathrm{k} \times\left(\frac{5.5}{(1.182+0.005)}-1\right) \\
& =1.068 \mathrm{M} \Omega
\end{aligned}
$$

4) Calculate R2. The undervoltage threshold should be 4.5 V when $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}$ is falling. The design equation is as follows:

$$
\begin{aligned}
R 2 & =(R 1+R 2+R 3) \times \frac{\left(V_{\text {REF }}-V_{H}\right)}{V_{\text {UTH }}}-R 1 \\
& =(294 k+1.068 M) \times \frac{(1.182-0.005)}{4.5}-294 k \\
& =62.2 \mathrm{k} \Omega
\end{aligned}
$$

Choose R2 $=61.9 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ ( $1 \%$ standard value).
5) Calculate R3:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{R} 3 & =(\mathrm{R} 2+\mathrm{R} 3)-\mathrm{R} 2 \\
& =1.068 \mathrm{M}-61.9 \mathrm{k} \\
& =1.006 \mathrm{M} \Omega
\end{aligned}
$$

Choose R3 = $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ ( $1 \%$ standard value)
6) Verify the resistor values. The equations are as follows, evaluated for the above example:
Overvoltage Threshold:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{OTH}} & =\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{REF}}+\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{H}}\right) \times \frac{(\mathrm{R} 1+\mathrm{R} 2+\mathrm{R} 3)}{\mathrm{R} 1} \\
& =5.474 \mathrm{~V}
\end{aligned}
$$

Undervoltage Threshold:

where the hysteresis voltage $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{H}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{REF}} \times \frac{\mathrm{R} 5}{\mathrm{R} 4}$.


Figure 5. Window Detector
Battery Switchover Circ uit
The switchover from line-powered DC to a backup battery is often accomplished with diodes. But this simple method is sometimes unacceptable, due to the voltage drop and associated power loss across the diode in series with the battery. Figure 6's circuit replaces the diode with a P-channel MOSFET controlled by one of the MAX9_3 comparator outputs.
When the DC wall adapter drops below 4 V (determined by R1 and R2), OUTA goes low, turning on Q1. Comparator B is used to measure the battery voltage, and gives a "low-battery" indication when the battery drops below 3.6V.

## Level Shifter

Figure 7 shows a circuit to shift from bipolar $\pm 5 \mathrm{~V}$ inputs to single-ended +5 V outputs. The $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistors protect the comparator inputs, and do not materially affect the circuit's operation.

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Figure 7. Level Shifter: $\pm 5 \mathrm{~V}$ Input to Single-Ended +3.3 V Output

Pin Configurations


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Ordering Information (continued)

| PART | TEMP. RANGE | PIN-PACKAGE |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| MAX971EPA | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 Plastic DIP |
| MAX971ESA | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 SO |
| MAX971MJA | $-55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 CERDIP** |
| MAX972CPA | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 Plastic DIP |
| MAX972CSA | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 SO |
| MAX972CUA | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $8 \mu$ MAX |
| MAX972C/D | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | Dice ${ }^{*}$ |
| MAX972EPA | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 Plastic DIP |
| MAX972ESA | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 SO |
| MAX972MJA | $-55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 CERDIP* |
| MAX973CPA | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 Plastic DIP |
| MAX973CSA | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 SO |
| MAX973CUA | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 MMAX |
| MAX973C/D | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | Dice ${ }^{*}$ |
| MAX973EPA | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 Plastic DIP |
| MAX973ESA | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 SO |
| MAX973MJA | $-55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 CERDIP** |
| MAX974CPE | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 16 Plastic DIP |
| MAX974CSE | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 16 Narrow SO |
| MAX974C/D | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | Dice ${ }^{*}$ |
| MAX974EPE | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 16 Plastic DIP |
| MAX974ESE | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 16 Narrow SO |
| MAX974MJE | $-55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 16 CERDIP** |


| PART | TEMP. RANGE | PIN-PACKAGE |
| :--- | ---: | :--- |
| MAX981CPA | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 Plastic DIP |
| MAX981CSA | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 SO |
| MAX981CUA | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $8 \mu \mathrm{MAX}$ |
| MAX981EPA | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 Plastic DIP |
| MAX981ESA | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 SO |
| MAX982CPA | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 Plastic DIP |
| MAX982CSA | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 SO |
| MAX982CUA | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $8 \mu$ MAX |
| MAX982EPA | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 Plastic DIP |
| MAX982ESA | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 SO |
| MAX983CPA | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 Plastic DIP |
| MAX983CSA | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 SO |
| MAX983CUA | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $8 \mu$ MAX |
| MAX983EPA | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 Plastic DIP |
| MAX983ESA | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 SO |
| MAX984CPE | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 16 Plastic DIP |
| MAX984CSE | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 16 Narrow SO |
| MAX984EPE | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 16 Plastic DIP |
| MAX984ESE | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 16 Narrow SO |

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## Chip Information

MAX971/MAX972/MAX973
TRANSISTOR COUNT: 164
SUBSTRATE CONNECTED TO V+

MAX974

TRANSISTOR COUNT: 267
SUBSTRATE CONNECTED TO V+

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    ** Contact factory for availability and processing to MIL-STD-883.

