RELIABILITY REPORT
FOR
MAX1483CPA+
PLASTIC ENCAPSULATED DEVICES

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Conclusion

The MAX1483CPA+ successfully meets the quality and reliability standards required of all Maxim products. In addition, Maxim"s continuous reliability monitoring program ensures that all outgoing product will continue to meet Maxim"s quality and reliability standards.

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I. Device Description

A. General

The MAX1482 and MAX1483 are low-power transceivers for RS-485 and RS-422 communication. Both feature slew-rate-limited drivers that minimize EMI and reduce reflections caused by improperly terminated cables. Data rates are guaranteed up to 250kbps. The MAX1482/MAX1483 draw only 20µA of supply current. Additionally, they have a low-current shutdown mode that consumes only 0.1µA. Both parts operate from a single +5V supply. Drivers are short-circuit current limited and are protected against excessive power dissipation by thermal shutdown circuitry that places the driver outputs into a high-impedance state. The receiver input has a fail-safe feature that guarantees a logic-high output if the input is open circuit. The MAX1482 is full duplex and the MAX1483 is half duplex. Both parts have a 1/8-unit-load input impedance that guarantees up to 256 transceivers on the bus.

II. Manufacturing Information

A. Description/Function:	20µA, 1/8-Unit-Load, Slew-Rate-Limited, RS-485 Transceivers
B. Process:	S3
C. Number of Device Transistors:	
D. Fabrication Location:	Oregon
E. Assembly Location:	Unisem Malaysia, Hana Thailand, ATP Philippines, UTL Thailand
F. Date of Initial Production:	Pre 1997

III. Packaging Information

A. Package Type:	8-pin PDIP
B. Lead Frame:	Copper
C. Lead Finish:	100% matte Tin
D. Die Attach:	Conductive Epoxy
E. Bondwire:	Gold (1.3 mil dia.)
F. Mold Material:	Epoxy with silica filler
G. Assembly Diagram:	#05-1901-0104
H. Flammability Rating:	Class UL94-V0
I. Classification of Moisture Sensitivity per JEDEC standard J-STD-020-C	Level 1
J. Single Layer Theta Ja:	110°C/W
K. Single Layer Theta Jc:	40°C/W

IV. Die Information

A. Dimensions:	82 X 58 mils
B. Passivation:	Si_3N_4/SiO_2 (Silicon nitride/ Silicon dioxide
C. Interconnect:	Aluminum/Si (Si = 1%)
D. Backside Metallization:	None
E. Minimum Metal Width:	3.0 microns (as drawn)
F. Minimum Metal Spacing:	3.0 microns (as drawn)
G. Bondpad Dimensions:	5 mil. Sq.
H. Isolation Dielectric:	SiO_2
I. Die Separation Method:	Wafer Saw

V. Quality Assurance Information

A. Quality Assurance Contacts:	Ken Wendel (Director, Reliability Engineering) Bryan Preeshl (Managing Director of QA)
B. Outgoing Inspection Level:	0.1% for all electrical parameters guaranteed by the Datasheet. 0.1% For all Visual Defects.
C. Observed Outgoing Defect Rate:	< 50 ppm
D. Sampling Plan:	Mil-Std-105D

VI. Reliability Evaluation

A. Accelerated Life Test

The results of the 135°C biased (static) life test are shown in Table 1. Using these results, the Failure Rate (λ) is calculated as follows:

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\text{MTTF}} = \frac{1.83}{192 \times 4340 \times 240 \times 2} \quad \text{(Chi square value for MTTF upper limit)}$$

(where 4340 = Temperature Acceleration factor assuming an activation energy of 0.8eV)

$\lambda = 4.5 \times 10^{-9}$

λ = 4.5 F.I.T. (60% confidence level @ 25°C)

The following failure rate represents data collected from Maxim's reliability monitor program. Maxim performs quarterly 1000 hour life test monitors on its processes. This data is published in the Product Reliability Report found at http://www.maxim-ic.com/. Current monitor data for the S3 Process results in a FIT Rate of 3.6 @ 25C and 66.0 @ 55C (0.8 eV, 60% UCL)

B. Moisture Resistance Tests

The industry standard 85°C/85%RH or HAST testing is monitored per device process once a quarter.

C. E.S.D. and Latch-Up Testing

The RS28-1 die type has been found to have all pins able to withstand a HBM transient pulse of +/-1000 V per Mil-Std 883 Method 3015.7. Latch-Up testing has shown that this device withstands a current of +/-250 mA.

Table 1

Reliability Evaluation Test Results

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TEST ITEM	TEST CONDITION	FAILURE IDENTIFICATION	SAMPLE SIZE	NUMBER OF FAILURES
Static Life Test (Note 1)	Ta = 135°C Biased Time = 192 hrs.	DC Parameters & functionality	240	0
Moisture Testing (Note 2) 85/85	Ta = 85°C RH = 85% Biased Time = 1000hrs.	DC Parameters & functionality	77	0
Mechanical Stress (Note 2) Temperature Cycle	-65°C/150°C 1000 Cycles Method 1010	DC Parameters & functionality	77	0

Note 1: Life Test Data may represent plastic DIP qualification lots.
Note 2: Generic Package/Process data