RELIABILITY REPORT

FOR

MAX8654ETX+

PLASTIC ENCAPSULATED DEVICES

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MAXIM INTEGRATED PRODUCTS

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Conclusion

The MAX8654ETX+ 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 MAX8654 high-efficiency switching regulator delivers up to 8A of load current at output voltages from 0.6V to 0.85 x VIN. The IC operates from 4.5V to 14V, making it ideal for on-board point-of-load and postregulation applications, with total output error less than ±1% over load, line, and temperature ranges. The MAX8654 is a fixed-frequency PWM mode regulator with a switching frequency range of 250kHz to 1.2MHz set by an external resistor or SYNC input. High-frequency operation allows for an all-ceramic-capacitor solution. A SYNCOUT output is provided to synchronize a second regulator switching 180° out-of-phase with the first to reduce the input ripple current and consequently reduce the required input capacitance. The high operating frequency minimizes the size of external components. The on-board low RDS(ON) dual-nMOS design keeps the board cooler at heavy loads while minimizing the critical inductances, making the layout a much simpler task with respect to the discrete solutions. The MAX8654 comes with a high-bandwidth (20MHz) voltage-error amplifier. The voltage-mode control architecture and the op-amp voltage-error amplifier permit a type 3 compensation scheme to be utilized to achieve maximum loop bandwidth, up to 20% of the switching frequency. High loop bandwidth achieves fast transient response resulting in less output capacitance required. The MAX8654 offers programmable soft-start to accommodate different types of output capacitors and reduce input inrush current. The MAX8654 is available in a 36-lead thin QFN package.

II. Manufacturing Information

A. Description/Function:	12V, 8A, 1.2MHz, Step-Down Regulator
B. Process:	S4
C. Number of Device Transistors:	
D. Fabrication Location:	California, Texas or Japan
E. Assembly Location:	China, Thailand
F. Date of Initial Production:	July 22, 2006

III. Packaging Information

A. Package Type:	36-pin TQFN 6x6
B. Lead Frame:	Copper
C. Lead Finish:	100% matte Tin
D. Die Attach:	Conductive Epoxy
E. Bondwire:	Gold (2 mil dia.)
F. Mold Material:	Epoxy with silica filler
G. Assembly Diagram:	#05-9000-1763
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:	38°C/W
K. Single Layer Theta Jc:	1.4°C/W
L. Multi Layer Theta Ja:	28°C/W
M. Multi Layer Theta Jc:	1.4°C/W

IV. Die Information

A. Dimensions:	151 X 152 mils
B. Passivation:	Si_3N_4/SiO_2 (Silicon nitride/ Silicon dioxide)
C. Interconnect:	Al with Ti/TiN Barrier
D. Backside Metallization:	None
E. Minimum Metal Width:	Metal1 = 0.5 / Metal2 = 0.6 / Metal3 = 0.6 microns (as drawn)
F. Minimum Metal Spacing:	Metal1 = 0.45 / Metal2 = 0.5 / Metal3 = 0.6 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:

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{MTTF} = \frac{1.83}{192 \times 4340 \times 48 \times 2}$$ (Chi square value for MTTF upper limit)

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

$\lambda = 22.4 \times 10^{-9}$

λ = 22.4 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 S4 Process results in a FIT Rate of 0.75 @ 25C and 13.0 @ 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 PN91 die type has been found to have all pins able to withstand a HBM transient pulse of +/-500 V per JEDEC JESD22-A114. 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	48	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