

MAX44285

Dual-Channel, High-Precision, High-Voltage, Current-Sense Amplifier

General Description

The MAX44285 dual-channel high-side current-sense amplifier has precision accuracy specifications of V_{OS} less than $12\mu\text{V}$ (max) and gain error less than 0.1% (max).

The MAX44285 features an input common-mode voltage range from 2.7V to 76V with 80kHz of small-signal bandwidth, which makes it ideal for interfacing with a SAR ADC for multichannel multiplexed data acquisition systems.

The MAX44285 operates over the -40°C to $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$ temperature range. The MAX44285 is offered in 8-bump wafer-level package (WLP) and 8-pin $\mu\text{MAX}^{\text{®}}$ package.

Applications

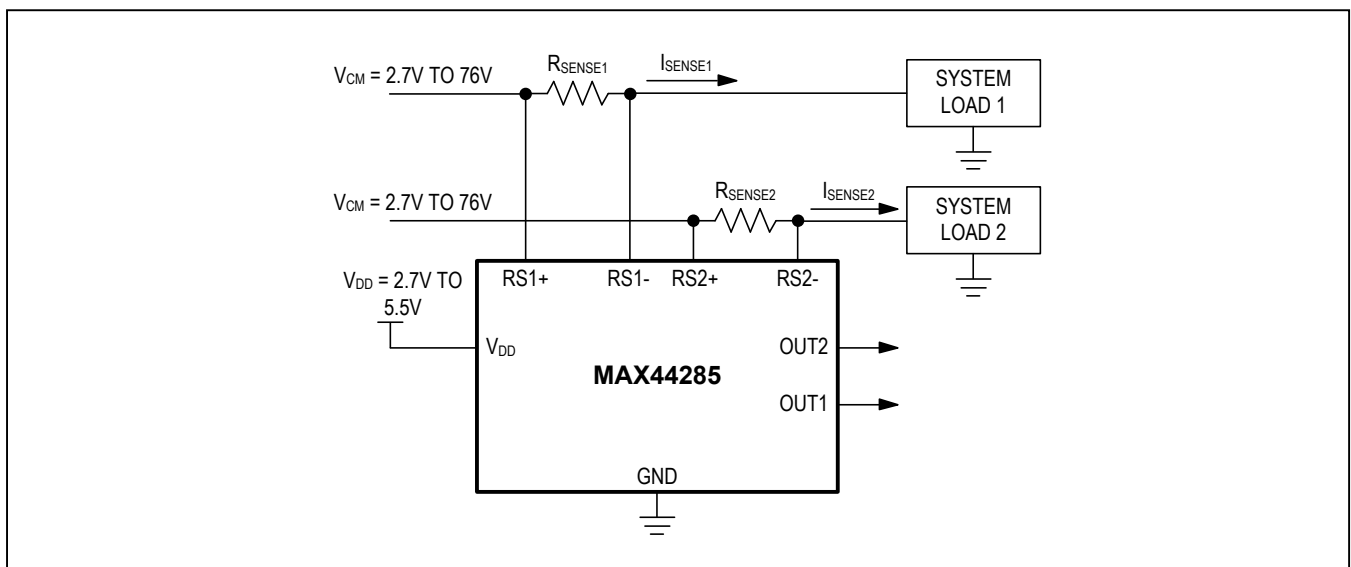
- Base Stations and Communication Equipment
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Benefits and Features

- 2.7V to 76V Input Common Mode
- Low $12\mu\text{V}$ (max) Input Offset Voltage
- Low 0.1% (max) Gain Error
- Gain Options
 - $G = 12.5\text{V/V}$ (MAX44285L)
 - $G = 20\text{V/V}$ (MAX44285T)
 - $G = 50\text{V/V}$ (MAX44285F)
 - $G = 100\text{V/V}$ (MAX44285H)
- 1mm x 2mm 8-Bump WLP and 8-Pin μMAX Packages

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Typical Operating Circuit



[Ordering Information](#) appears at end of data sheet.

Absolute Maximum Ratings

| | | |
|--|----------------|---|
| V _{DD} to GND | -0.3V to +6.0V | Continuous Power Dissipation (T _A = +70°C) |
| RS+, RS- to GND | -0.3V to +80V | WLP (derate 13.3mW/°C above +70°C) |
| RS+ to RS- | | μMAX (derate 4.8mW/°C above +70°C) |
| μMAX (1s maximum duration due to package thermal dissipation)..... | ±80V | Operating Temperature Range |
| WLP (1s maximum duration due to package thermal dissipation)..... | ±50V | Junction Temperature |
| Continuous Input Current (Any Pin) | ±20mA | Storage Temperature Range |
| | | Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s)(μMAX only) |
| | | Soldering Temperature (reflow) |

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.

Package Thermal Characteristics (Note 1)

| | | |
|---|--------|---|
| WLP | | μMAX |
| Junction-to-Ambient Thermal Resistance (θ _{JA}) | 75°C/W | Junction-to-Ambient Thermal Resistance (θ _{JA}) |
| | | Junction-to-Case Thermal Resistance (θ _{JC}) |

Note 1: Package thermal resistances were obtained using the method described in JEDEC specification JESD51-7, using a four-layer board. For detailed information on package thermal considerations, refer to www.maximintegrated.com/thermal-tutorial.

Electrical Characteristics

(V_{RS+} = V_{RS-} = +76V, V_{DD} = +3.3V, V_{SENSE} = V_{RS+} - V_{RS-} = 1mV, T_A = -40°C to +125°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T_A = +25°C.) (Note 2)

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|-----|-----|------|-------|
| DC CHARACTERISTICS | | | | | | |
| Supply Voltage | V _{DD} | Guaranteed by PSRR | 2.7 | | 5.5 | V |
| Supply Current | I _{DD} | T _A = +25°C | | | 1300 | μA |
| | | -40°C < T _A < +125°C | | | 1500 | |
| Power-Supply Rejection Ratio | PSRR | 2.7V ≤ V _{DD} ≤ 5.5V | 110 | 120 | | dB |
| Input Common-Mode Voltage Range | V _{CM} | Guaranteed by CMRR | 2.7 | | 76 | V |
| Input Bias Current at V _{RS+} and V _{RS-} (Note 3) | I _{RS+} , I _{RS-} | | | | 65 | μA |
| Input Offset Current (Note 3) | I _{RS+} - I _{RS-} | | | | 1100 | nA |
| Input Leakage Current (Note 3) | I _{RS+} , I _{RS-} | V _{DD} = 0V, V _{RS+} = 76V | | | 6 | μA |
| Common-Mode Rejection Ratio | CMRR | 4.5V < V _{RS+} < 76V | 125 | 140 | | dB |
| Input Offset Voltage (Note 3) | V _{OS} | T _A = +25°C | | | ±12 | μV |
| | | -40°C ≤ T _A ≤ +125°C | | | ±25 | |
| Input Offset Voltage Drift (Note 3) | TCV _{OS} | | | | 130 | nV/°C |

Electrical Characteristics (continued)

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| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS |
|---|-------------|---|------------------|------|-----|-----------------|
| Input Sense Voltage | V_{SENSE} | MAX44285L (G = 12.5V/V) | | 200 | | mV |
| | | MAX44285T (G = 20V/V) | | 125 | | |
| | | MAX44285F (G = 50V/V) | | 50 | | |
| | | MAX44285H (G = 100V/V) | | 25 | | |
| Gain (Note 4) | G | Full-scale $V_{SENSE} = 200mV$ | | 12.5 | | V/V |
| | | Full-scale $V_{SENSE} = 125mV$ | | 20 | | |
| | | Full-scale $V_{SENSE} = 50mV$ | | 50 | | |
| | | Full-scale $V_{SENSE} = 25mV$ | | 100 | | |
| Gain Error (Note 3) | GE | $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$ | | | 0.1 | % |
| | | $-40^{\circ}C \leq T_A \leq +85^{\circ}C$ | | | 0.3 | |
| | | $-40^{\circ}C \leq T_A \leq +125^{\circ}C$ | | | 0.5 | |
| Output Resistance | R_{OUT} | | | 0.1 | | m Ω |
| Output Low Voltage | V_{OL} | Sink 500 μ A | | | 15 | mV |
| | | No load | | | 4 | |
| Output High Voltage | V_{OH} | Source 500 μ A | $V_{DD} - 0.015$ | | | V |
| AC CHARACTERISTICS | | | | | | |
| Signal Bandwidth | BW -3dB | All gain configurations $V_{SENSE} > 5mV$ | | 80 | | kHz |
| AC Power-Supply Rejection Ratio | AC PSRR | f = 200kHz | | 40 | | dB |
| AC CMRR | AC CMRR | f = 200kHz | 1mV sine wave | 54 | | dB |
| | | | 20mV sine wave | 47 | | |
| Output Transient Recovery Time | | $\Delta V_{OUT} = 2V_{P-P}$, 14-bit settling with 400 Ω and 1nF, 6nF ADC sampling capacitor | | 2 | | μ s |
| Capacitive Load Stability | C_{LOAD} | With 250 Ω isolation resistor | | 20 | | nF |
| | | Without any isolation resistor | | 200 | | pF |
| Input Voltage-Noise Density | e_n | f = 1kHz | | 45 | | nV/ \sqrt{Hz} |
| Total Harmonic Distortion (Up to 7th Harmonics) | THD | f = 1kHz, $V_{OUT} = 1V_{P-P}$ | | 63 | | dB |
| Power-Up Time (Note 5) | | | | 200 | | μ s |
| Saturation Recovery Time | | | | 10 | | μ s |

Note 2: All devices are 100% production tested at $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$. All temperature limits are guaranteed by design.

Note 3: Specifications are guaranteed by design, not production tested.

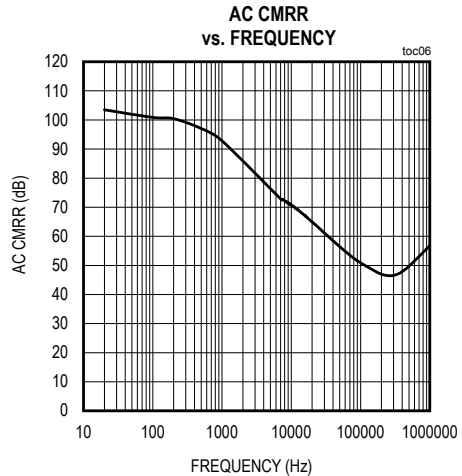
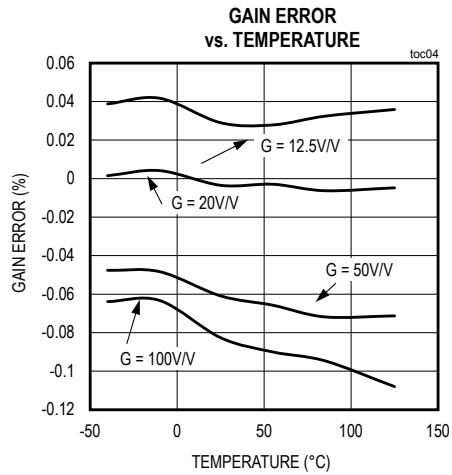
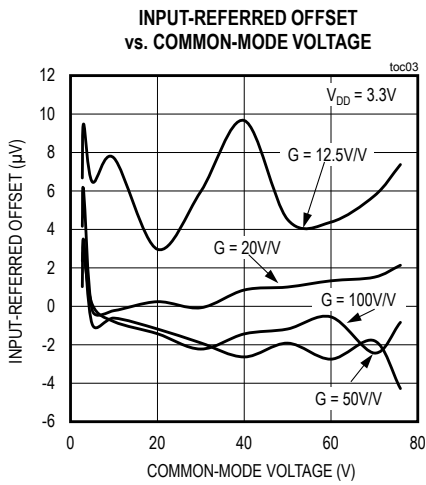
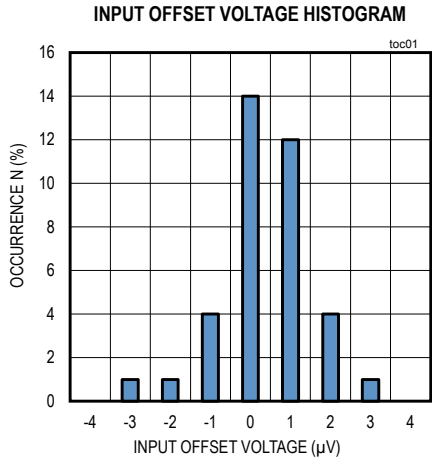
Note 4: Gain and offset voltage are calculated based on two point measurements: V_{SENSE1} and V_{SENSE2} .

$V_{SENSE1} = 20\% \times \text{Full Scale } V_{SENSE}$. $V_{SENSE2} = 80\% \times \text{Full Scale } V_{SENSE}$.

Note 5: Output is high-Z during power-up.

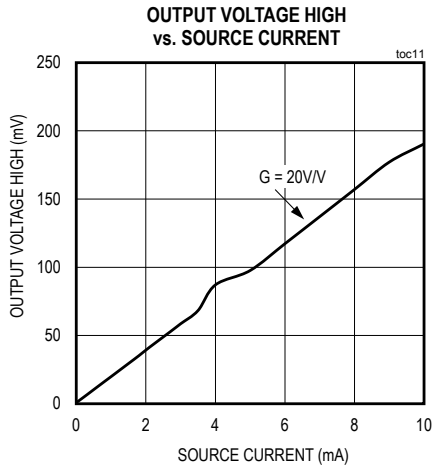
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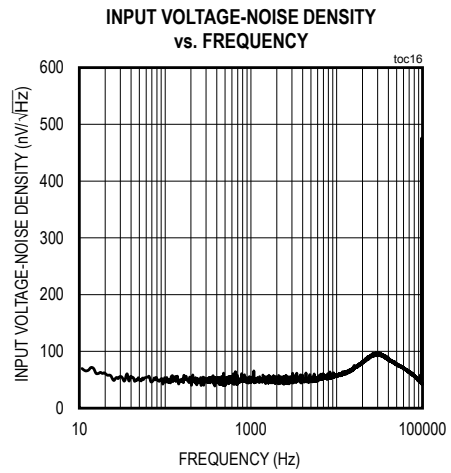
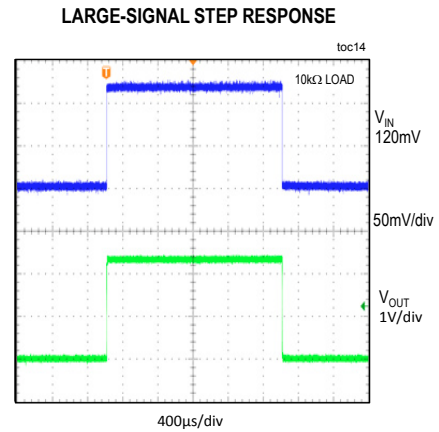
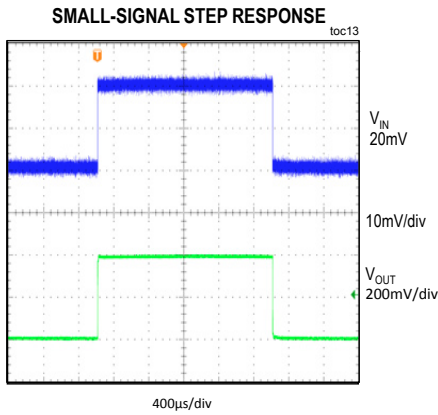
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Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

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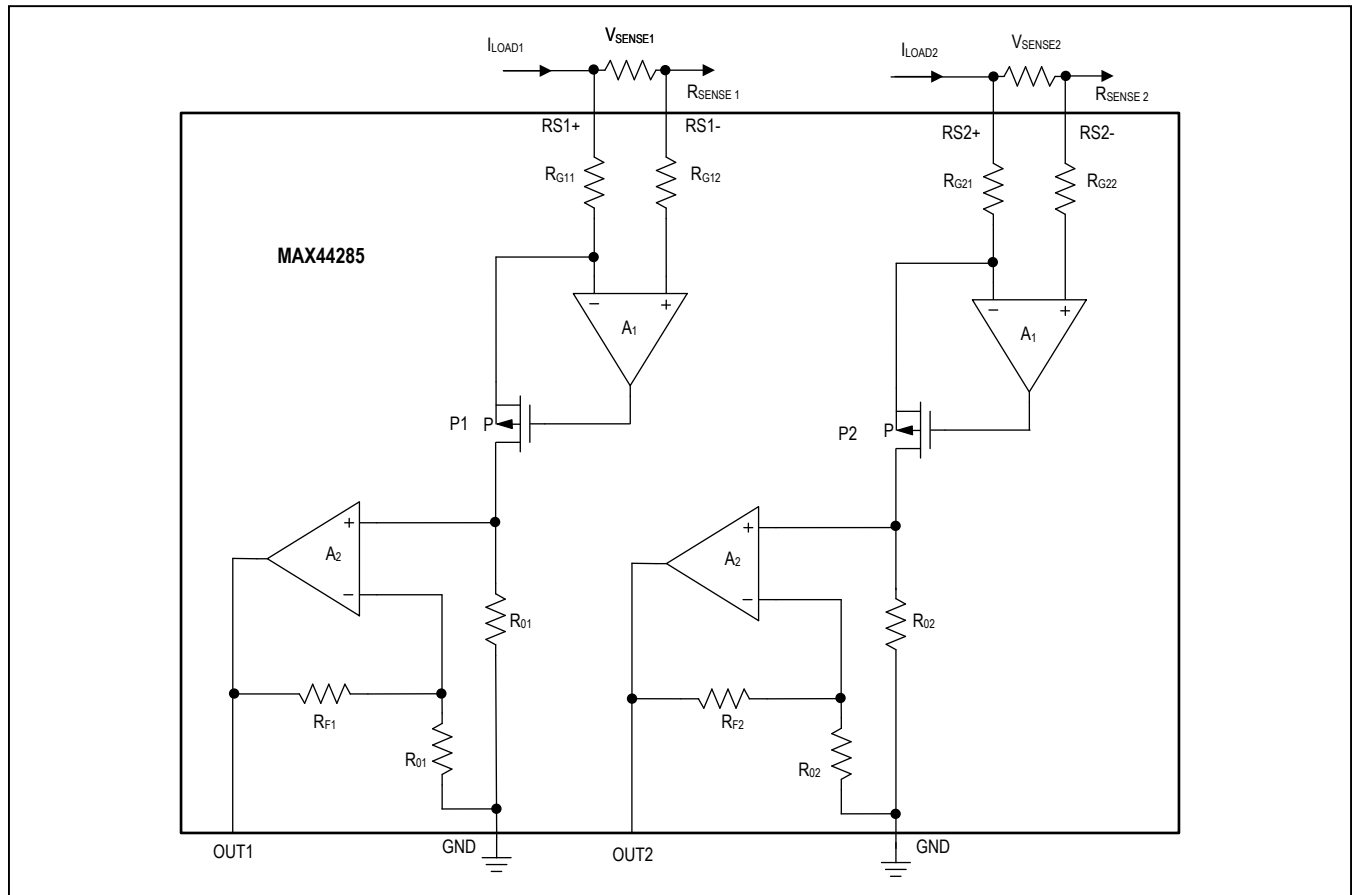
Pin Configuration



Pin Description

| PIN | | NAME | FUNCTION |
|-----|------|-----------------|---|
| WLP | μMAX | | |
| A1 | 1 | RS1+ | Channel 1 External Resistor Power-Side Connection |
| A2 | 2 | RS1- | Channel 1 External Resistor Load-Side Connection |
| A3 | 3 | RS2+ | Channel 2 External Resistor Power-Side Connection |
| A4 | 4 | RS2- | Channel 2 External Resistor Load-Side Connection |
| B1 | 8 | V _{DD} | Supply Voltage |
| B2 | 7 | OUT1 | Output Channel 1 |
| B3 | 6 | OUT2 | Output Channel 2 |
| B4 | 5 | GND | Ground |

Functional Diagram



Detailed Description

The MAX44285 high-side, current-sense amplifier features a 2.7V to 76V input common-mode range that is independent of supply voltage. This feature allows the monitoring of current out of a battery as low as 2.7V and enables high-side current sensing at voltages greater than the supply voltage (V_{DD}). The MAX44285 monitors current through a current-sense resistor and amplifies the voltage across the resistor.

High-side current monitoring does not interfere with the ground path of the load being measured, making the MAX44285 particularly useful in a wide range of high-voltage systems.

The MAX44285 operates as follows: current from the source flows through R_{SENSE} to the load (see [Functional Diagram](#)), creating a sense voltage, V_{SENSE} . The internal op amp A1 is used to force the current through an internal gain resistor R_{G11} at RS1+ pin, such that its voltage drop

equals the voltage drop (V_{SENSE}) across the external sense resistor (R_{SENSE}). The internal resistor at RS1- pin (R_{G12}) has the same value as R_{G11} to minimize error. The current through R_{G11} is sourced by a high-voltage p-channel FET. Its source current is the same as the drain current which flows through a second gain resistor, R_{01} , producing a voltage $V_{R01} = V_{SENSE} \times R_{01}/R_{G11}$.

The output voltage V_{OUT1} is produced from a second op amp A2 with the gain $(1 + R_{F1}/R_{01})$. Hence, the $V_{OUT1} = I_{LOAD1} \times R_{SENSE1} (R_{01}/R_{G11}) \times (1 + R_{F1}/R_{01})$ for channel 1 and $V_{OUT2} = I_{LOAD2} \times R_{SENSE2} (R_{02}/R_{G21}) \times (1 + R_{F2}/R_{02})$ for channel 2. Internal resistor $R_{01} = R_{02}$, $R_{G11} = R_{G12} = R_{G21} = R_{G22}$, $R_{F1} = R_{F2}$. The gain-setting resistors R_{01} , R_{02} , R_{G11} , R_{G12} , R_{G21} , R_{G22} , R_{F1} , and R_{F2} are available in Table 1):

Total gain = 12.5V/V for MAX44285L, 20V/V for the MAX44285T, 50V/V for the MAX44285F, and 100V/V for the MAX44285H.

Table 1. Gain-Setting Resistors

| | GAIN (V/V) | R ₀₁ , R ₀₂ (k Ω) | R _{G11} , R _{G12} , R _{G21} , R _{G22} (k Ω) | R _{F1} , R _{F2} (k Ω) |
|-----------|------------|---|---|---|
| MAX44285L | 12.5 | 25 | 10 | 100 |
| MAX44285T | 20 | 25 | 10 | 175 |
| MAX44285F | 50 | 25 | 10 | 475 |
| MAX44285H | 100 | 25 | 10 | 975 |

Applications Information

Recommended Component Values

Ideally, the maximum load current develops the full-scale sense voltage across the current-sense resistor. Choose the gain needed to yield the maximum output voltage required for the application:

$$V_{OUT} = V_{SENSE} \times A_V$$

where V_{SENSE} is the full-scale sense voltage, 200mV for gain of 12.5V/V, 125mV for gain of 20V/V, 50mV for gain of 50V/V, 25mV for gain of 100V/V, and A_V is the gain of the device.

In applications monitoring a high current, ensure that R_{SENSE} is able to dissipate its own I^2R loss. If the resistor's power dissipation exceeds the nominal value, its value may drift or it may fail altogether. The MAX44285 senses a wide variety of currents with different sense-resistor values.

Choosing the Sense Resistor

Choose R_{SENSE} based on the following criteria:

Voltage Loss: A high R_{SENSE} value causes the power-source voltage to degrade through IR loss. For minimal voltage loss, use the lowest R_{SENSE} value.

Accuracy: A high R_{SENSE} value allows lower currents measured more accurately. This is due to offsets becoming less significant when the sense voltage is larger. For best performance, select R_{SENSE} to provide approximately 200mV (gain of 12.5V/V), 125mV (gain of 20V/V), or 50mV (gain of 50V/V), 25mV (gain of 100V/V) of sense voltage for the full-scale current in each application.

Efficiency and Power Dissipation: At high current levels, the I^2R losses in R_{SENSE} can be significant. Consider this when choosing the resistor value and its power dissipation (wattage) rating. In addition, the sense resistor's value might drift if it heats up excessively.

Inductance: Keep inductance low if I_{SENSE} has a large high-frequency component. Wire-wound resistors have the highest inductance, while metal film is somewhat better. Low-inductance, metal-film resistors are also available. Instead of being spiral wrapped around a core, as in metal-film or wire wound resistors, they are a straight band of metal and are available in values under 1 Ω .

Take care to eliminate parasitic trace resistance from causing errors in the sense voltage because of the high currents that flow through R_{SENSE} . Either use a four terminal current-sense resistor or use Kelvin (force and sense) PCB layout techniques.

Base Station Application Circuit

An example of a typical application ([Figure 1](#)) of this high-voltage, high-precision current-sense amplifier is in base-station systems where there is a need to monitor the current flowing in the power amplifier. Such amplifiers, depending on the technology, can be biased up to 50V or 60V thus requiring a current-sense amplifier like the MAX44285 with high-voltage common mode. The very low input offset voltage of the MAX44285 minimizes the value of the external sense resistor thus resulting in system power-saving.

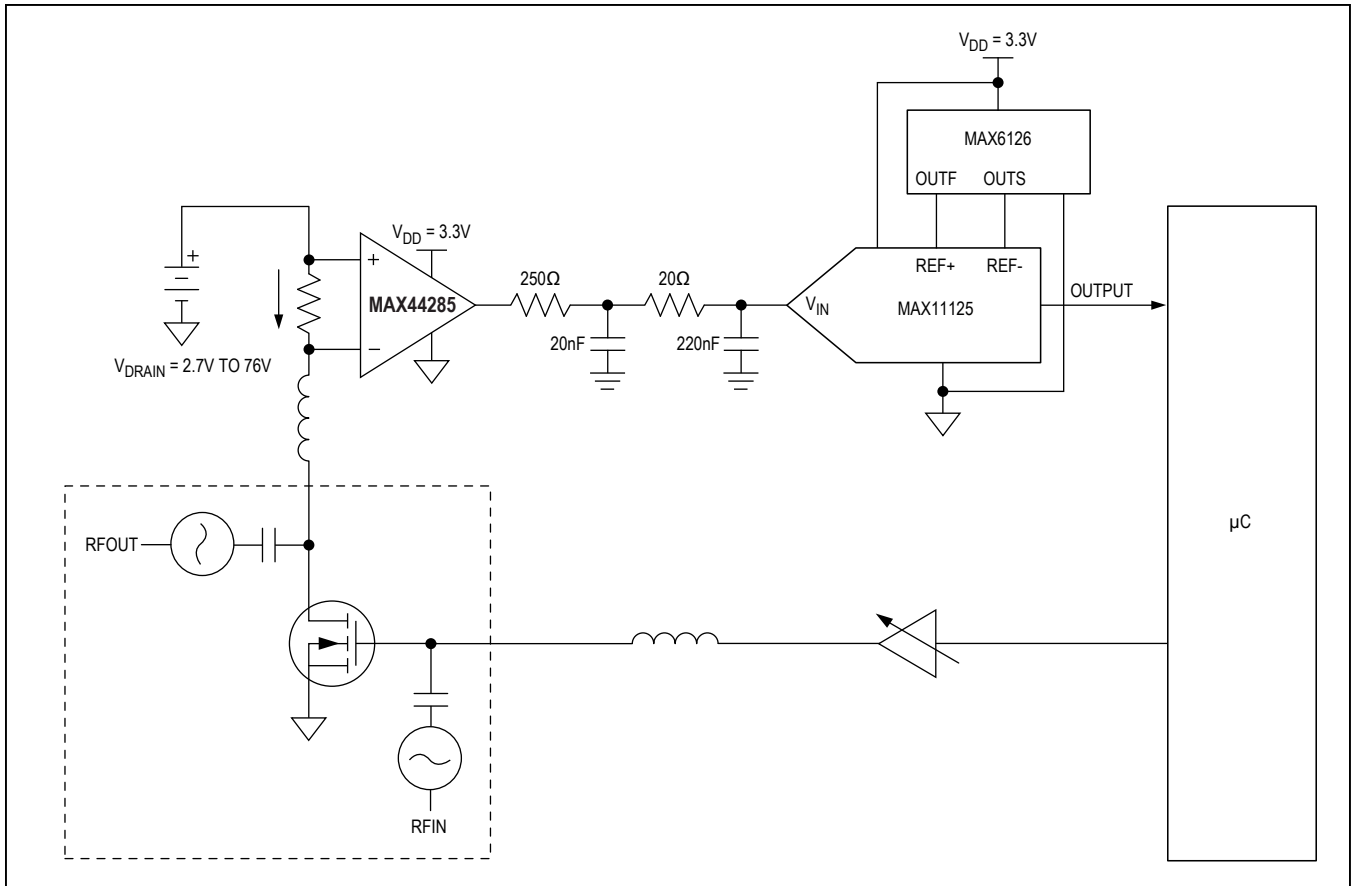


Figure 1. MAX44285 Used in Base-Station Application

Ordering Information

| PART | GAIN (V/V) | TEMP RANGE | PIN-PACKAGE | TOP MARK |
|---------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|
| MAX44285LAWA+ | 12.5 | -40°C to +125°C | 8 WLP | +AAF |
| MAX44285LAUA+ | 12.5 | -40°C to +125°C | 8 μ MAX | — |
| MAX44285TAWA+ | 20 | -40°C to +125°C | 8 WLP | +AAG |
| MAX44285TAUA+ | 20 | -40°C to +125°C | 8 μ MAX | — |
| MAX44285FAWA+ | 50 | -40°C to +125°C | 8 WLP | +AAH |
| MAX44285FAUA+ | 50 | -40°C to +125°C | 8 μ MAX | — |
| MAX44285HAWA+ | 100 | -40°C to +125°C | 8 WLP | +AAI |
| MAX44285HAUA+ | 100 | -40°C to +125°C | 8 μ MAX | — |

+Denotes a lead(Pb)-free/RoHS-compliant package.

Chip Information

PROCESS: BICMOS

Package Information

For the latest package outline information and land patterns (footprints), go to www.maximintegrated.com/packages. Note that a "+", "#", or "-" in the package code indicates RoHS status only. Package drawings may show a different suffix character, but the drawing pertains to the package regardless of RoHS status.

| PACKAGE TYPE | PACKAGE CODE | OUTLINE NO. | LAND PATTERN NO. |
|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|---|
| 8 WLP | W81A2+2 | 21-0210 | Refer to Application Note 1891 |
| 8 μ MAX | U8+1 | 21-0036 | 90-0092 |

Revision History

| REVISION NUMBER | REVISION DATE | DESCRIPTION | PAGES CHANGED |
|-----------------|---------------|--|---------------|
| 0 | 1/14 | Initial release | — |
| 1 | 2/14 | Revised <i>Pin Description</i> , <i>Functional Diagram</i> , <i>Detailed Description</i> and added Table 1 | 7, 8, 9 |
| 2 | 7/14 | Revised data sheet to change common-mode range from 36V to 76V | 1–6, 8–10 |
| 3 | 12/14 | Released WLP packages and updated <i>Electrical Characteristics</i> | 2, 11 |
| 4 | 4/16 | Updated unit in TOC1 | 4 |

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