

MAX4376/MAX4377/MAX4378

Single/Dual/Quad, High-Side Current-Sense Amplifiers with Internal Gain

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

V_{CC} , $RS+$, $RS-$ to GND -0.3V to +30V
OUT to GND -0.3V to ($V_{CC} + 0.3V$)
Differential Input Voltage ($V_{RS+} - V_{RS-}$) $\pm 8V$
Output Short Circuit to V_{CC} Continuous
Output Short Circuit to GND 1s
Current into Any Pin $\pm 20mA$
Continuous Power Dissipation ($T_A = +70^\circ C$)
5-Pin SOT23 (derate 7.1mW/ $^\circ C$ above $+70^\circ C$) 571mW
8-Pin μMAX (derate 4.5mW/ $^\circ C$ above $+70^\circ C$) 362mW

8-Pin SO (derate 5.88mW/ $^\circ C$ above $+70^\circ C$) 471mW
14-Pin SO (derate 8.33mW/ $^\circ C$ above $+70^\circ C$) 667mW
14-Pin TSSOP (derate 9.1mW/ $^\circ C$ above $+70^\circ C$) 727mW
Operating Temperature Range $-40^\circ C$ to $+125^\circ C$
Junction Temperature $+150^\circ C$
Storage Temperature Range $-65^\circ C$ to $+150^\circ C$
Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s) $+300^\circ C$
Soldering Temperature (reflow) $+260^\circ C$

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

($V_{RS+} = 0$ to 28V, $V_{SENSE} = (V_{RS+} - V_{RS-}) = 0V$, $V_{CC} = +3.0V$ to +28V, $R_L = \infty$, $T_A = T_{MIN}$ to T_{MAX} , unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $T_A = 25^\circ C$.) (Note 1)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Operating Voltage Range	V_{CC}	Guaranteed by PSR test		3		28	V
Common-Mode Input Range	V_{CM}	Guaranteed by total OUT voltage error test		0		28	V
Common-Mode Rejection	CMR	$2V \leq V_{RS+} \leq 28V$, $V_{SENSE} = 100mV$			90		dB
Supply Current per Amplifier	I_{CC}	$V_{SENSE} = 5mV$, $V_{RS+} > 2.0V$, $V_{CC} = 12V$			1	2.2	mA
Leakage Current	I_{RS+} , I_{RS-}	$V_{CC} = 0V$, $V_{RS+} = 28V$				8	μA
Input Bias Current	I_{RS+}	$V_{RS+} > 2.0V$		0		60	μA
		$V_{RS+} \leq 2.0V$		-400		60	
	I_{RS-}	$V_{RS+} > 2.0V$		0		120	
		$V_{RS+} \leq 2.0V$		-800		120	
Full-Scale Sense Voltage	V_{SENSE}				150		mV
Total OUT Voltage Error (Note 2)		$I_{OUT} \leq 2mA$	$V_{SENSE} = 100mV$, $V_{CC} = 12V$, $V_{RS+} = 12V$			± 6.75	%
			$V_{SENSE} = 100mV$, $V_{CC} = 12V$, $T_A = +25^\circ C$, $V_{RS+} = 12V$		± 0.5	± 3.25	
			$V_{SENSE} = 100mV$, $V_{CC} = 28V$, $V_{RS+} = 28V$			± 11	
			$V_{SENSE} = 100mV$, $V_{CC} = 28V$, $V_{RS+} = 28V$, $T_A = +25^\circ C$		± 0.5	± 5	
			$V_{SENSE} = 100mV$, $V_{CC} = 12V$, $V_{RS+} = 0.1V$		± 9	± 32	
			$V_{SENSE} = 6.25mV$, $V_{CC} = 12V$, $V_{RS+} = 12V$ (Note 3)		± 7		
OUT High Voltage (Note 4)	$(V_{CC} - V_{OUT})$	$V_{CC} = 3V$, $I_{OUT} = 2mA$, $V_{RS+} = 28V$			0.9	1.2	V
OUT Low Voltage	V_{OL}	$I_{OUT} = 200\mu A$, $V_{CC} = V_{RS+} = 12V$, $V_{SENSE} = 0V$, $T_A = +25^\circ C$			25	40	mV

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Bandwidth	BW	$V_{CC} = 12V$ $V_{RS+} = 12V$ $C_{LOAD} = 15pF$	$V_{SENSE} = 100mV$ (gain = +20V/V)		2		MHz
			$V_{SENSE} = 100mV$ (gain = +50V/V)		1.7		
			$V_{SENSE} = 100mV$ (gain = +100V/V)		1.2		
			$V_{SENSE} = 6.25mV$ (Note 3)		0.5		
Slew Rate	SR	$V_{SENSE} = 20mV$ to 100mV, $C_{LOAD} = 15pF$			10		V/ μs
Gain	A_V	MAX437_T			+20		V/V
		MAX437_F			+50		
		MAX437_H			+100		
Gain Accuracy	ΔA_V	$V_{SENSE} = 10mV$ to 150mV, $V_{CC} = 12V$, $I_{OUT} = 2mA$, gain = 20 and 50, $V_{RS+} = 12V$	$T_A = T_{MIN}$ to T_{MAX}			± 5.5	%
			$T_A = +25^\circ C$		± 0.5	± 2.5	
		$V_{SENSE} = 10mV$ to 150mV, $V_{CC} = 20V$, $I_{OUT} = 2mA$, gain = 100, $V_{RS+} = 12V$	$T_A = T_{MIN}$ to T_{MAX}			5.5	
			$T_A = +25^\circ C$		± 0.5	± 2.5	
OUT Setting Time to 1% of Final Value		$V_{CC} = 12V$, $V_{RS+} = 12V$, $C_{LOAD} = 15pF$	$V_{SENSE} = 6.25mV$ to 100mV		400		ns
			$V_{SENSE} = 100mV$ to 6.25mV		800		
Maximum Capacitive Load	C_{LOAD}	No sustained oscillation			1000		pF
Output Resistance	R_{OUT}	$V_{SENSE} = 100mV$			5		Ω
Power-Supply Rejection	PSR	$V_{RS+} > 2V$, $V_{OUT} = 1.6V$, $V_{CC} = 3V$ to 28V		66	90		dB
Power-Up Time to 1% of Final Value		$V_{SENSE} = 100mV$, $C_{LOAD} = 15pF$			2		μs
Saturation Recovery Time to 1% of Final Value		$V_{CC} = 12V$, $V_{RS+} = 12V$, $C_{LOAD} = 15pF$, $V_{SENSE} = 100mV$			1		μs
Reverse Recovery Time to 1% of Final Value		$V_{CC} = 12V$, $V_{RS-} = 12V$, $C_{LOAD} = 15pF$, $V_{SENSE} = -100mV$ to +100mV			1		μs

Note 1: All devices are 100% production tested at $T_A = +25^\circ C$. All temperature limits are guaranteed by design.

Note 2: Total OUT Voltage Error is the sum of gain and offset errors.

Note 3: 6.25mV = 1/16 of 100mV full-scale sense voltage.

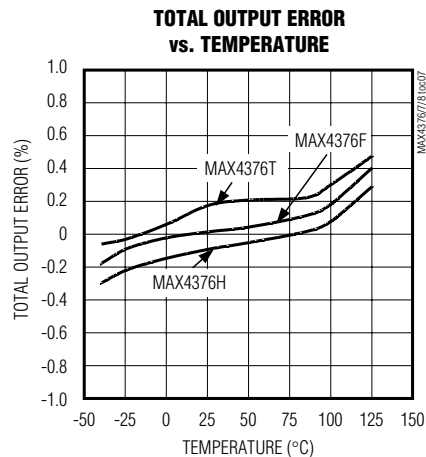
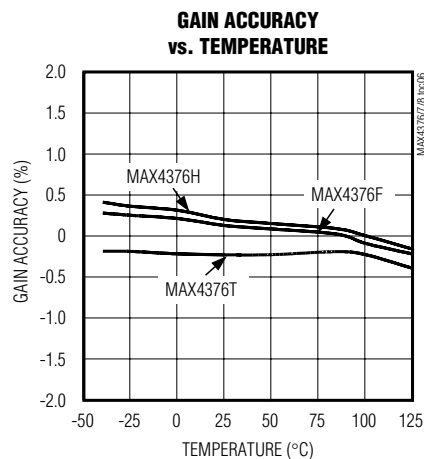
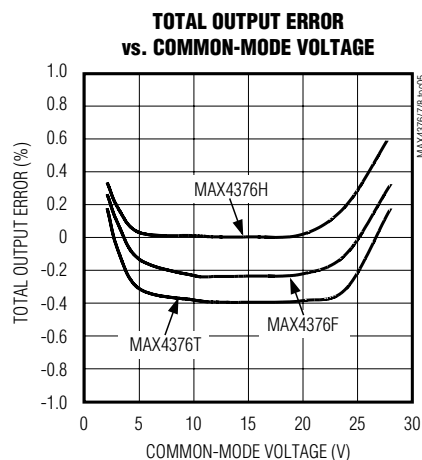
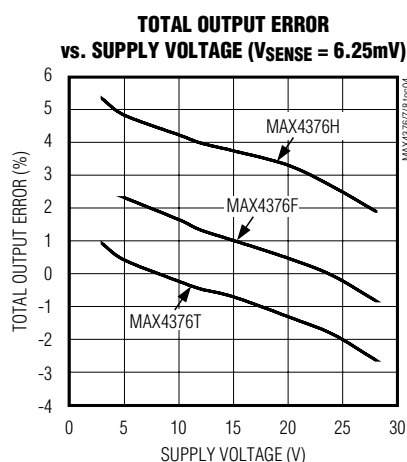
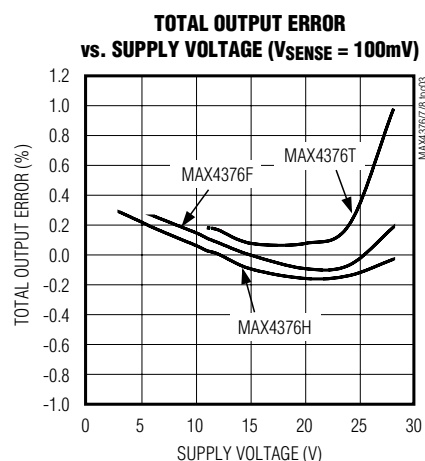
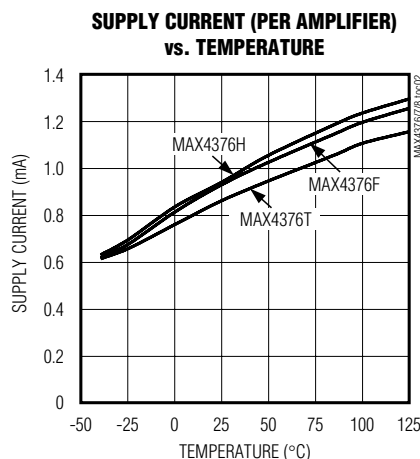
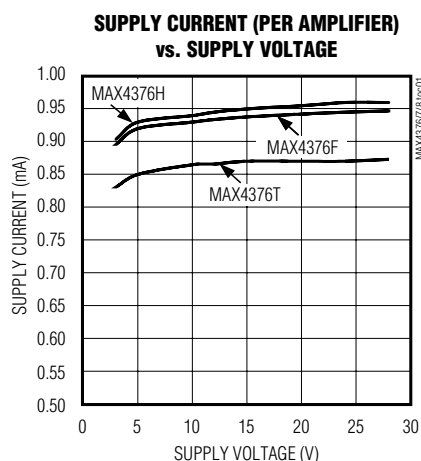
Note 4: V_{SENSE} such that V_{OUT} is in saturation.

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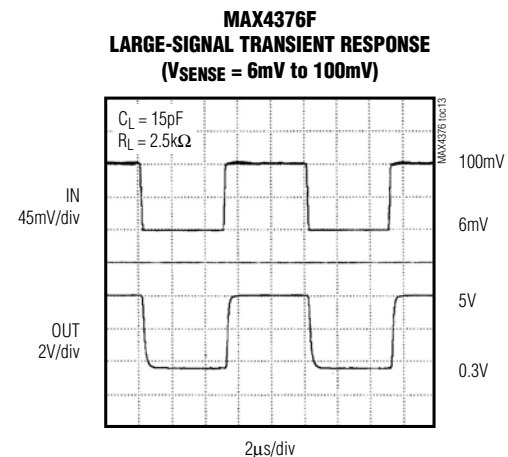
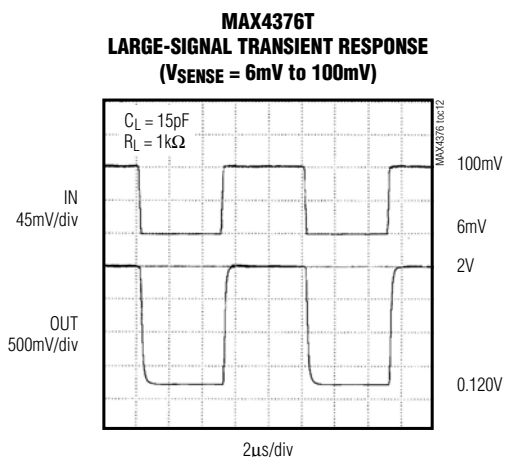
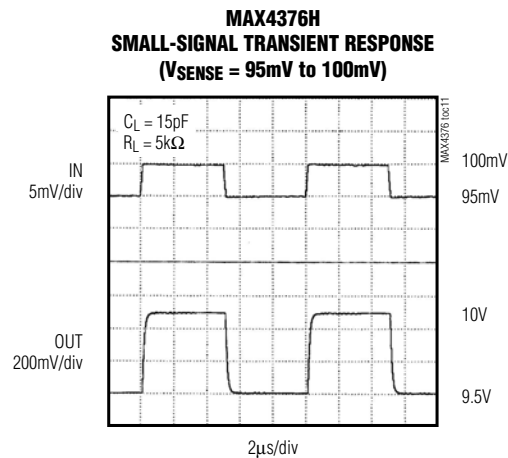
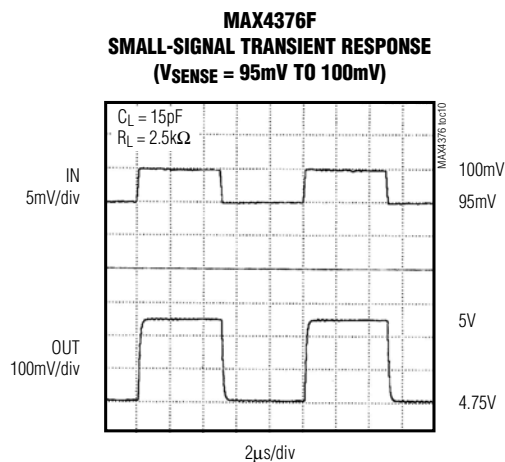
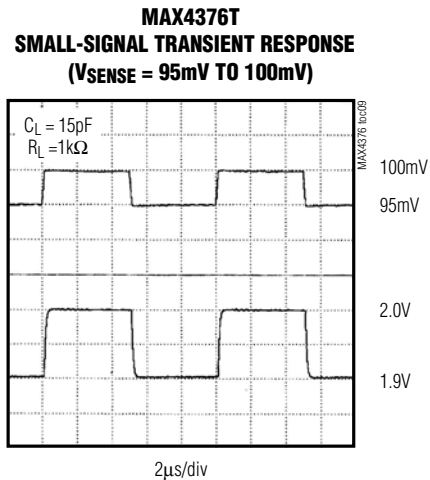
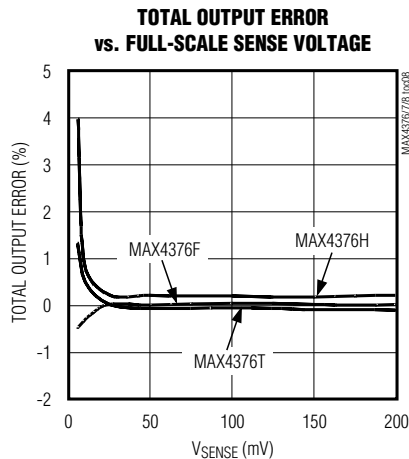


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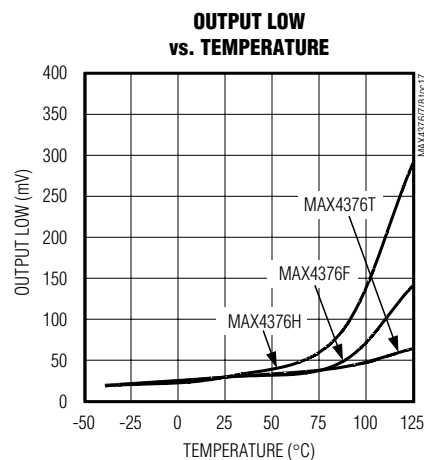
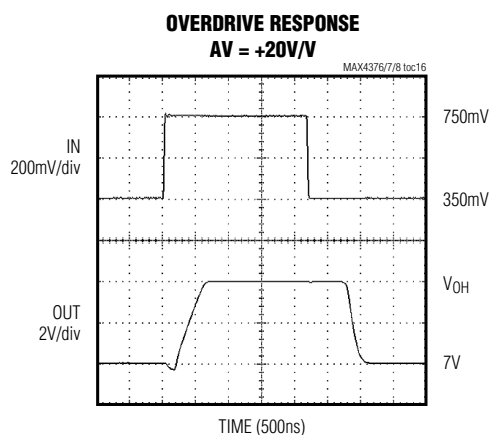
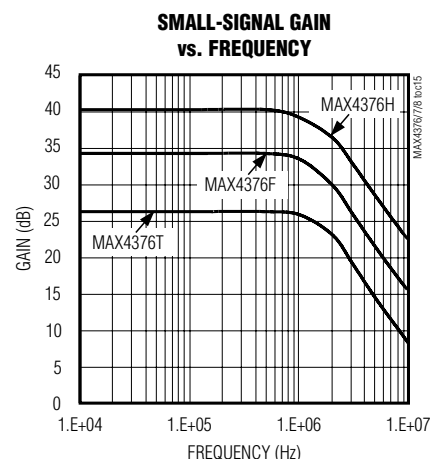
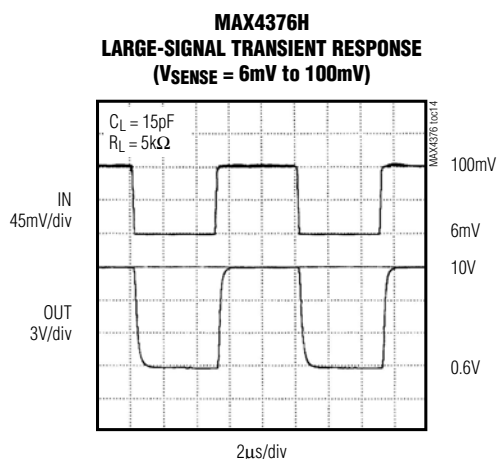


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Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

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Pin Description

PIN				NAME	FUNCTION
MAX4376	MAX4376	MAX4377	MAX4378		
SOT23-5	SO-8	μMAX-8/ SO-8	SO-14/ TSSOP-14		
1	4	1, 7	1, 7, 8, 14	OUT, OUT_	Output Voltage. $V_{OUT_}$ is proportional to the magnitude of the sense voltage ($V_{RS+} - V_{RS-}$). $V_{OUT_}$ is approximately zero when $V_{RS-} > V_{RS+}$ (no phase reversal).
2	3	4	11	GND	Ground
3	1	8	4	V_{CC}	Supply Voltage
4	8	3, 5	3, 5, 10, 12	$RS+$, RS_+	Power connection to the external sense resistor
5	6	2, 6	2, 6, 9, 13	$RS-$, RS_-	Load-side connection to the external sense resistor
—	2, 5, 7	—	—	N.C.	No Connection. Not internally connected.

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Detailed Description

The MAX4376/MAX4377/MAX4378 high-side current-sense amplifiers feature a 0 to +28V input common-mode range that is independent of supply voltage. This feature allows the monitoring of current out of a battery in deep discharge and also enables high-side current sensing at voltages greater than the supply voltage (V_{CC}).

The MAX4376/MAX4377/MAX4378 operate as follows: current from the source flows through R_{SENSE} to the load (Figure 1). Since the internal sense amplifier's inverting input has high impedance, negligible current flows through R_{G2} (neglecting the input bias current). Therefore, the sense amplifier's inverting-input voltage equals $V_{SOURCE} - (I_{LOAD})(R_{SENSE})$.

The amplifier's open-loop gain forces its noninverting input to the same voltage as the inverting input. Therefore, the drop across R_{G1} equals $(I_{LOAD})(R_{SENSE})$. Since I_{RG1} flows through R_{G1} , $I_{RG1} = (I_{LOAD})(R_{SENSE})/R_{G1}$. The internal current mirror multiplies I_{RG1} by a current gain factor, β , to give $I_{RGD} = \beta \times I_{RG1}$. Solving $I_{RGD} = \beta \times (I_{LOAD})(R_{SENSE})/R_{G1}$. Therefore:

$$V_{OUT} = \beta \times (R_{GD}/R_{G1})(R_{SENSE} \times I_{LOAD}) \times \text{amp gain}$$

where amp gain is 2, 5, or 10.

The part's gain equals $(\beta \times R_{GD} / R_{G1}) \times \text{amp gain}$.

Therefore:

$$V_{OUT} = (\text{GAIN})(R_{SENSE})(I_{LOAD})$$

where $\text{GAIN} = 20$ for MAX437_T.

$\text{GAIN} = 50$ for MAX437_F.

$\text{GAIN} = 100$ for MAX437_H.

Set the full-scale output range by selecting R_{SENSE} and the appropriate gain version of the MAX4376/MAX4377/MAX4378.

Applications Information

Recommended Component Values

The MAX4376/MAX4377/MAX4378 sense a wide variety of currents with different sense resistor values. Table 1 lists common resistor values for typical operation of the MAX4376/MAX4377/MAX4378.

Choosing R_{SENSE}

To measure lower currents more accurately, use a high value for R_{SENSE} . The high value develops a higher sense voltage that reduces offset voltage errors of the internal op amp.

In applications monitoring very high currents, R_{SENSE} must be able to dissipate the I^2R losses. If the resistor's rated power dissipation is exceeded, its value may drift or it may fail altogether, causing a differential voltage across the terminals in excess of the absolute maximum ratings.

If I_{SENSE} has a large high-frequency component, minimize the inductance of R_{SENSE} . Wire-wound resistors have the highest inductance, metal-film resistors are somewhat better, and low-inductance metal-film resistors are best suited for these applications.

Bidirectional Current-Sense Amplifier

Systems such as laptop computers and other devices that have internal charge circuitry require a precise bidirectional current-sense amplifier to monitor accurately the battery's current regardless of polarity. Figure 2 shows the MAX4377 used as a bidirectional current monitor. This is useful for implementing either smart battery packs or fuel gauges.

Current Source Circuit

Figure 3 shows a block diagram using the MAX4376 with a switching regulator to make a current source.

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Table 1. Recommended Component Values

FULL-SCALE LOAD CURRENT, I_{LOAD} (A)	CURRENT-SENSE RESISTOR, R_{SENSE} (m Ω)	GAIN (+V/V)	FULL-SCALE OUTPUT VOLTAGE (FULL-SCALE $V_{SENSE} = 100\text{mV}$), V_{OUT} (V)
0.1	1000	20	2.0
		50	5.0
		100	10.0
1	100	20	2.0
		50	5.0
		100	10.0
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10	10	20	2.0
		50	5.0
		100	10.0

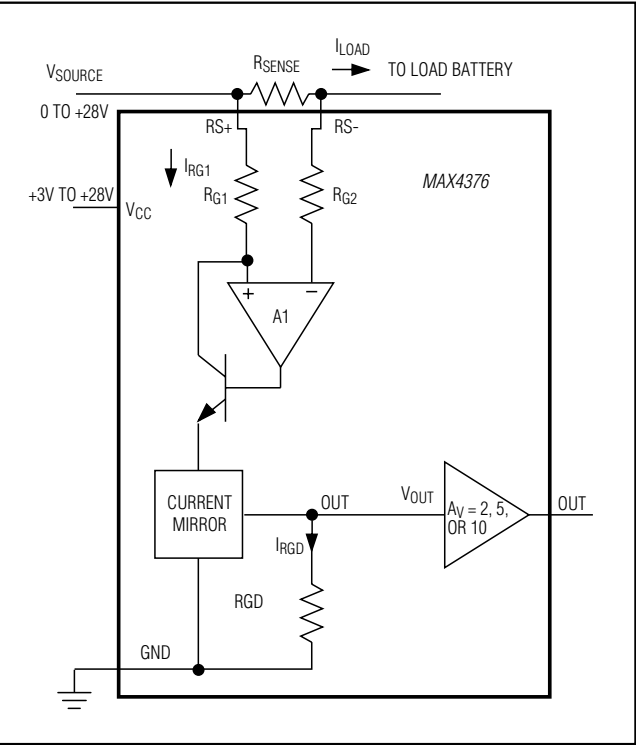


Figure 1. Functional Diagram

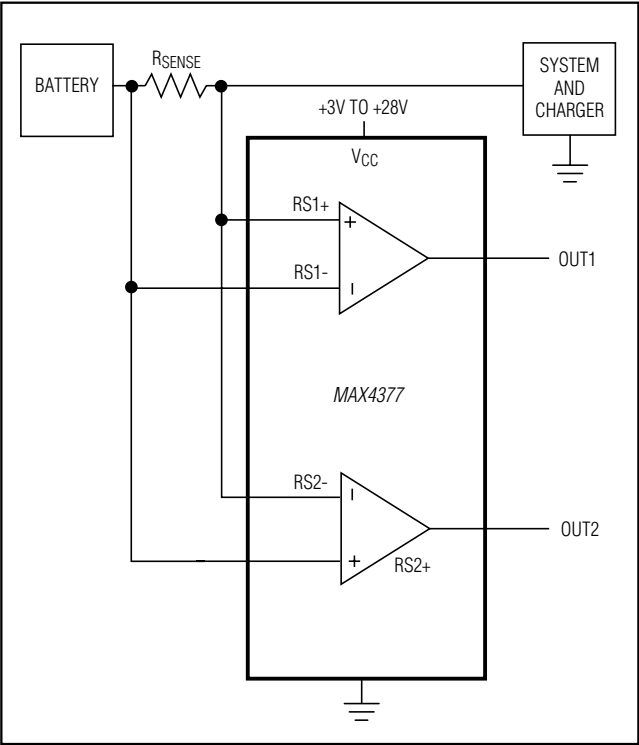


Figure 2. Bidirectional Current Monitor

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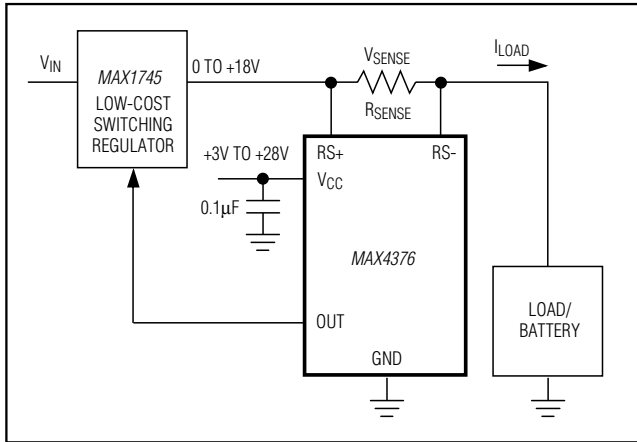
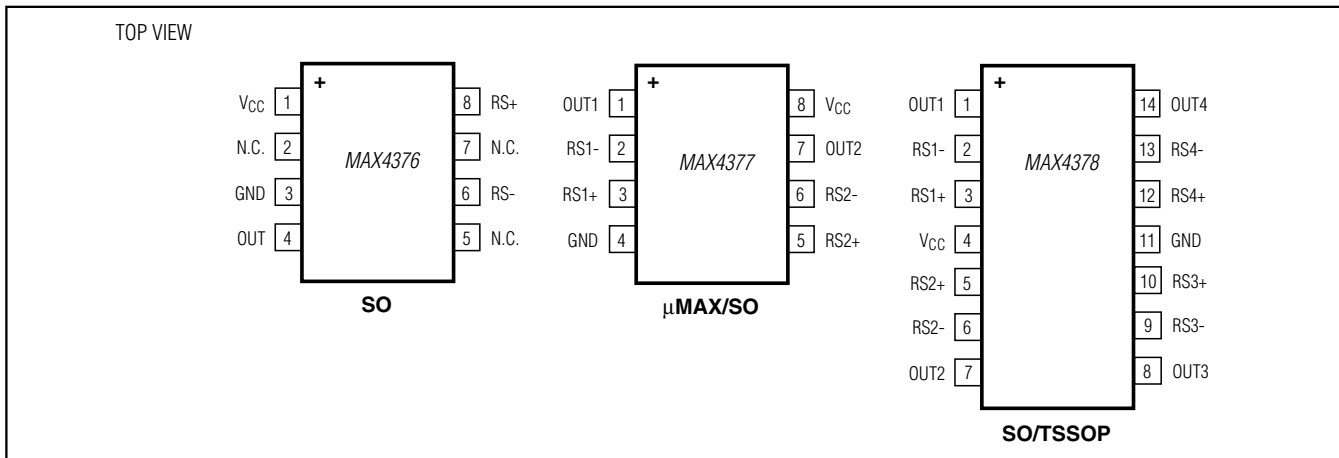


Figure 3. Current Source

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Pin Configurations (continued)

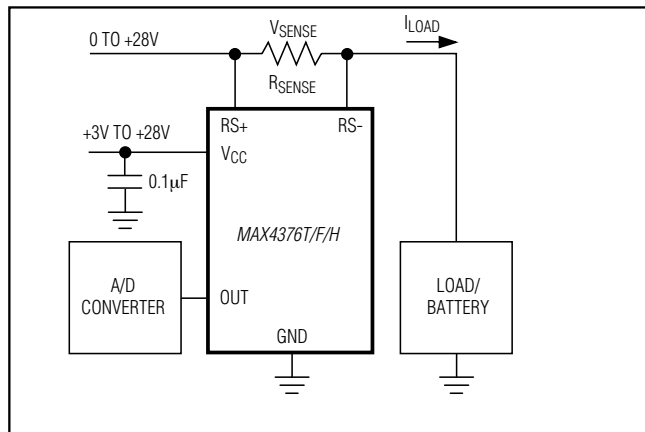


Ordering Information (continued)

PART	GAIN (+V/V)	TEMP RANGE	PIN- PACKAGE	TOP MARK
MAX4377TAUA+	20	-40°C to +125°C	8 µMAX	—
MAX4377FAUA+	50	-40°C to +125°C	8 µMAX	—
MAX4377HAUA+	100	-40°C to +125°C	8 µMAX	—
MAX4377TASA+	20	-40°C to +125°C	8 SO	—
MAX4377FASA+	50	-40°C to +125°C	8 SO	—
MAX4377HASA+	100	-40°C to +125°C	8 SO	—
MAX4378TAUD+	20	-40°C to +125°C	14 TSSOP	—
MAX4378FAUD+	50	-40°C to +125°C	14 TSSOP	—
MAX4378HAUD+	100	-40°C to +125°C	14 TSSOP	—
MAX4378TASD+	20	-40°C to +125°C	14 SO	—
MAX4378FASD+	50	-40°C to +125°C	14 SO	—
MAX4378HASD+	100	-40°C to +125°C	14 SO	—

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

Typical Operating Circuit



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Package Information

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5 SOT	U5+1	21-0057	90-0174
8 SOIC	S8+2	21-0041	90-0096
8 μ MAX	U8+1	21-0036	90-0092
14 SOIC	S14+1	21-0041	90-0096
14 TSSOP	U14+1	21-0066	90-0117

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Revision History

REVISION NUMBER	REVISION DATE	DESCRIPTION	PAGES CHANGED
4	4/09	Added automotive part number and lead-free designations	1, 9
5	6/10	Clarified 0V to 2V is not a high-accuracy range for the device, added soldering temperature and <i>Package Information</i> section	1, 2, 10
6	2/11	Specified V_{RS+} value	2, 3
7	10/12	Added MAX4376HASA+ and MAX4376TAUK/V+T to <i>Ordering Information</i>	1



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