

General Description

The MAX7034 fully integrated low-power CMOS superheterodyne receiver is ideal for receiving amplitudeshift-keyed (ASK) data in the 300MHz to 450MHz frequency range (including the popular 315MHz and 433.92MHz frequencies). The receiver has an RF sensitivity of -114dBm. With few external components and a low-current power-down mode, it is ideal for cost-sensitive and power-sensitive applications typical in the automotive and consumer markets. The MAX7034 consists of a low-noise amplifier (LNA), a fully differential image-rejection mixer, an on-chip phase-locked loop (PLL) with integrated voltage-controlled oscillator (VCO), a 10.7MHz IF limiting amplifier stage with received-signal-strength indicator (RSSI), and analog baseband data-recovery circuitry.

The MAX7034 is available in a 28-pin (9.7mm x 4.4mm) TSSOP package and is specified over the automotive (-40°C to +125°C) temperature range.

Applications

Automotive Remote Keyless Entry Security Systems Garage Door Openers Home Automation Remote Controls Local Telemetry Wireless Sensors

Typical Application Circuit appears at end of data sheet.

Features

- ♦ Optimized for 315MHz or 433.92MHz Band
- ♦ Operates from Single +5.0V Supply
- **♦** Selectable Image-Rejection Center Frequency
- ♦ Selectable x64 or x32 f_{LO}/f_{XTAL} Ratio
- **♦** Low (< 6.7mA) Operating Supply Current
- ♦ < 3.0µA Low-Current Power-Down Mode for **Efficient Power Cycling**
- ♦ 250µs Startup Time
- ♦ Built-In 44dB RF Image Rejection
- **♦ Excellent Receive Sensitivity Over Temperature**
- ♦ -40°C to +125°C Operation

Ordering Information

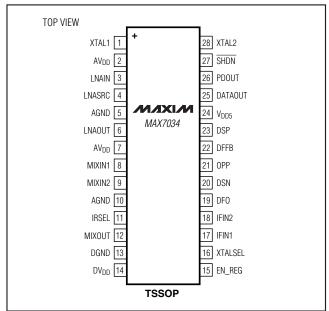
PART		TEMP RANGE	PIN-PACKAGE		
	MAX7034AUI/V+T	-40°C to +125°C	28 TSSOP		

Ndenotes an automotive qualified part.

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

T = Tape and reel.

Pin Configuration



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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

VDD5 to AGND -0.3V to +6.0V AVDD to AGND -0.3V to +4.0V DVDD to DGND -0.3V to +4.0V AGND to DGND -0.1V to +0.1V IRSEL, DATAOUT, XTALSEL, SHDN, EN_REG to AGND -0.3V to (VDD5 + 0.3V)	$\label{eq:continuous_Power_Dissipation} \begin{tabular}{lllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$
All Other Pins to AGND0.3V to (DVDD + $0.3V$)	

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.

DC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

(*Typical Application Circuit*, $V_{DD5} = +4.5V$ to +5.5V, no RF signal applied. $T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to $+125^{\circ}C$, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $V_{DD5} = +5.0V$ and $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$, unless otherwise noted.) (Note 1)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Supply Voltage	V_{DD5}	+5.0V nominal supply voltage		4.5	5.0	5.5	V
Supply Current	laa	$f_{RF} = 315MHz$	$f_{RF} = 315MHz$		6.7	8.2	m ^
Supply Current	lDD	VSHDN = VDD5	$f_{RF} = 434MHz$		7.2	8.7	mA
Shutdown Supply Current	ISHDN	V SHDN = 0V			3	8	μΑ
Input-Voltage Low	V _{IL}					0.4	V
Innut Valtaga High	ViH	EN_REG, SHDN		V _{DD5} - 0.4			· V
Input-Voltage High		XTALSEL		DV _{DD} - 0.4			
Input Logic Current High	lін				15		μΑ
		f _{RF} = 434MHz, V _{IRSEL}	= DV _{DD}	DV _{DD} - 0.4			
Image-Reject Select Voltage (Note 2)	eject Select Voltage		= DV _{DD} /2	1.1		DV _{DD} - 1.5	V
		f _{RF} = 315MHz, V _{IRSEL}	= 0V			0.4	
DATAOUT Output-Voltage Low	V _{OL}	ISINK = 10µA			0.125		V
DATAOUT Output-Voltage High	V _{OH}	I _{SOURCE} = 10μA			V _{DD5} - 0.125		V

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AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

(*Typical Application Circuit*, V_{VDD5} = +4.5V to +5.5V, all RF inputs are referenced to 50Ω , f_{RF} = 433.92MHz, T_A = -40°C to +125°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at V_{VDD5} = +5.0V and T_A = +25°C.) (Note 1)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS						
Startup Time	ton	Time for valid signal detection after V _{SHDN} = V _{DD5} . Does not include baseband filter settling.		250		μs
Receiver Input Frequency Range	f _{RF}		300		450	MHz
Maximum Receiver Input Level				0		dBm
Sensitivity at $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$ (Note 3)		+25°C, 315MHz	-114			dBm
		+25°C, 434MHz		-113		
Sensitivity at $T_A = +125$ °C		+125°C, 315MHz		-113		dBm
(Note 3)		+125°C, 434MHz		-110		GBIII
Maximum Data Rate		Manchester coded		33		kbps
Maximum Data Hate		NRZ coded	66		KDP2	
LNA/MIXER						
LNA/Mixer Voltage Gain (Note 4)		330Ω IF filter load		45		dB
LNA/Mixer Input-Referred 1dB Compression Point				-50		dBm
Mixer Output Impedance	Z _{OUT_MIX}			330		Ω
		f _{RF} = 434MHz, V _{IRSEL} = DV _{DD}		42		
Mixer Image Rejection		f _{RF} = 375MHz, V _{IRSEL} = DV _{DD} /2		44		dB
		f _{RF} = 315MHz, V _{IRSEL} = 0V		44		
INTERMEDIATE FREQUENCY (IF)					
Input Impedance	Z _{IN_IF}			330		Ω
Operating Frequency	fIF	Bandpass response		10.7		MHz
3dB Bandwidth				10		MHz
RSSI Linearity				±0.5		dB
RSSI Dynamic Range				80		dB
DCCLL ovol		P _{RFIN} < -120dBm		1.15		V
RSSI Level		P _{RFIN} > -40dBm		2.2		\ \

AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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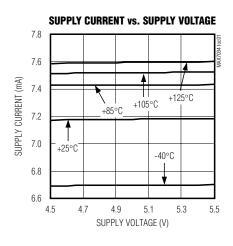
PARAMETER	SYMBOL	COI	NDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
DATA FILTER	1			•			•
Maximum Bandwidth					50		kHz
DATA SLICER							
Comparator Bandwidth					100		kHz
Maximum Load Capacitance	CLOAD				10		рF
Output High Voltage			V _{VDD5}				
Output Low Voltage					0		V
CRYSTAL OSCILLATOR							
		f _{BF} = 433.92MHz	VXTALSEL = 0V		6.6128		
Crystal Fragues av (Nota F)	f		VXTALSEL = DVDD		13.2256		MHz
Crystal Frequency (Note 5)		for O1EMU	VXTALSEL = 0V		4.7547		
		$f_{RF} = 315MHz$	VXTALSEL = DVDD		9.5094		
Crystal Tolerance					50		ppm
Input Capacitance		From each pin to g	round		6.2		рF

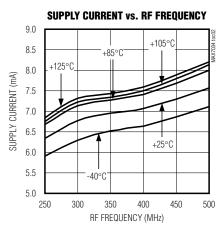
- **Note 1:** 100% tested at $T_A = +125^{\circ}C$. Guaranteed by design and characterization over entire temperature range.
- Note 2: IRSEL is internally set to 375MHz IR mode. It can be left open when the 375MHz image-rejection setting is desired. Bypass to AGND with a 1nF capacitor in a noisy environment.
- Note 3: Peak power level. BER = 2 x 10-3, Manchester encoded, data rate = 4kbps, IF bandwidth = 280kHz.
- **Note 4:** The voltage conversion gain is measured with the LNA input matching inductor and the LNA/Mixer resonator in place, and does not include the IF filter insertion loss.
- Note 5: Crystal oscillator frequency for other RF carrier frequency within the 300MHz to 450MHz range is (f_{RF} 10.7MHz)/64 for XTALSEL = 0V, and (f_{RF} 10.7MHz)/32 for XTALSEL = DV_{DD}.

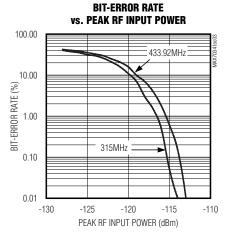
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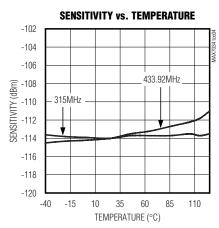
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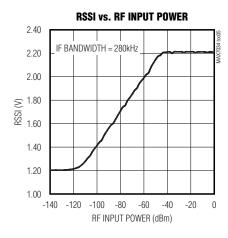
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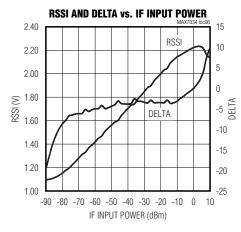


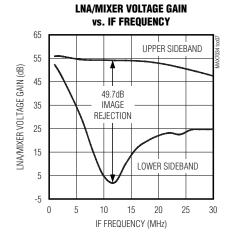


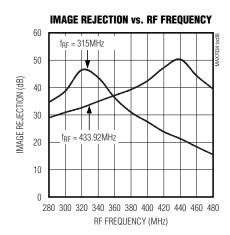


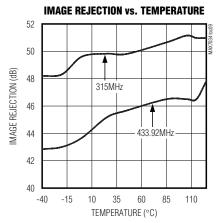






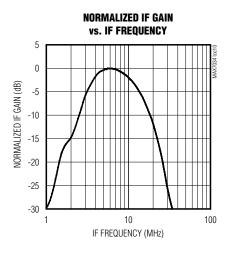


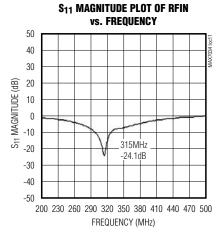


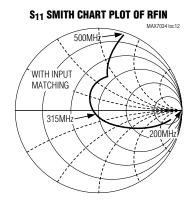


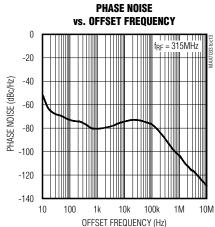
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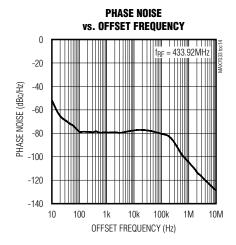
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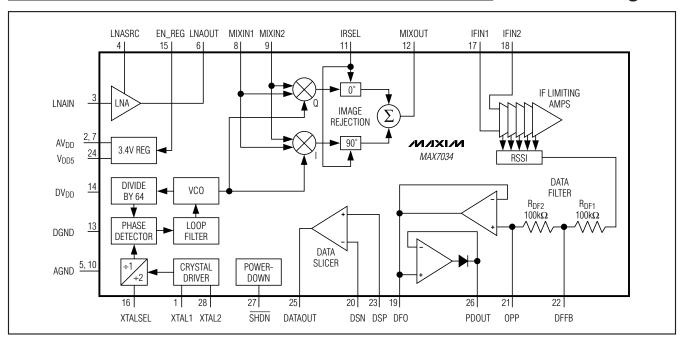
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Pin Description

PIN	NAME	FUNCTION
1	XTAL1	Crystal Input 1
2, 7	AV _{DD}	Positive Analog Supply Voltage. AV _{DD} is connected to an on-chip +3.4V low-dropout regulator. Both AV _{DD} pins must be externally connected to each other. Bypass pin 2 to AGND with a 0.1µF capacitor as close as possible to the pin (see the <i>Typical Application Circuit</i>). Bypass pin 7 with a 0.01µF capacitor.
3	LNAIN	Low-Noise Amplifier Input. See the Low-Noise Amplifier section.
4	LNASRC	Low-Noise Amplifier Source for external Inductive Degeneration. Connect inductor to ground to set LNA input impedance. See the <i>Low-Noise Amplifier</i> section.
5, 10	AGND	Analog Ground
6	LNAOUT	Low-Noise Amplifier Output. Connect to mixer input through an LC tank filter. See the Low-Noise Amplifier section.
8	MIXIN1	1st Differential Mixer Input. Connect to LC tank filter from LNAOUT through a 100pF capacitor. See the <i>Typical Application Circuit</i> .
9	MIXIN2	2nd Differential Mixer Input. Connect to AV _{DD} side of the LC tank filter through a 100pF capacitor. See the <i>Typical Application Circuit</i> .
11	IRSEL	Image-Rejection Select. Set V _{IRSEL} = 0V to center image rejection at 315MHz. Leave IRSEL unconnected to center image rejection at 375MHz. Set V _{IRSEL} = DV _{DD} to center image rejection at 434MHz. See the <i>Mixer</i> section.
12	MIXOUT	330Ω Mixer Output. Connect to the input of the 10.7MHz bandpass filter.
13	DGND	Digital Ground
14	DV _{DD}	Positive Digital Supply Voltage. Connect to AV _{DD} . Bypass to DGND with a 0.01µF capacitor as close as possible to the pin.
15	EN_REG	Regulator Enable. Connect to V _{DD5} to enable internal regulator. Pull this pin low to allow device operation between +3.0V and +3.6V. See the <i>Voltage Regulator</i> section.
16	XTALSEL	Crystal Divider Ratio Select. Drive XTALSEL low to select divider ratio of 64, or drive XTALSEL high to select divider ratio of 32.
17	IFIN1	1st Differential Intermediate-Frequency Limiter Amplifier Input. Connect to the output of a 10.7MHz bandpass filter.
18	IFIN2	2nd Differential Intermediate-Frequency Limiter Amplifier Input. Bypass to AGND with a 1500pF capacitor as close as possible to the pin.
19	DFO	Data Filter Output
20	DSN	Negative Data Slicer Input
21	OPP	Noninverting Op-Amp Input for the Sallen-Key Data Filter
22	DFFB	Data Filter Feedback Node. Input for the feedback of the Sallen-Key data filter.
23	DSP	Positive Data Slicer Input
24	V _{DD5}	+5.0V Supply Voltage
25	DATAOUT	Digital Baseband Data Output
26	PDOUT	Peak-Detector Output
27	SHDN	Power-Down Select Input. Drive high to power up the IC. Internally pulled down to AGND with a $100k\Omega$ resistor.
28	XTAL2	Crystal Input 2. Can also be driven with an external reference oscillator. See the Crystal Oscillator section.
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Functional Diagram



Detailed Description

The MAX7034 CMOS superheterodyne receiver and a few external components provide the complete receive chain from the antenna to the digital output data. Depending on signal power and component selection, data rates can be as high as 33kbps Manchester (66kbps NRZ).

The MAX7034 is designed to receive binary ASK data modulated in the 300MHz to 450MHz frequency range. ASK modulation uses a difference in amplitude of the carrier to represent logic 0 and logic 1 data.

Voltage Regulator

The MAX7034 is designed to work with a nominal +5.0V supply voltage. The MAX7034 integrates an internal voltage regulator that provides +3.4V to some of the internal circuits in the device; this voltage is connected to the AVDD and DVDD pins. The device can be operated from +3.0V to +3.6V by pulling the EN_REG pin low (which disables the internal voltage regulator) and connecting the supply voltage to the AVDD and DVDD pins. If the MAX7034 is powered from +3.0 to +3.6V, the performance is limited to the -40°C to +105°C range.

Low-Noise Amplifier

The LNA is an nMOS cascode amplifier with off-chip inductive degeneration. The gain and noise figures are

dependent on both the antenna matching network at the LNA input and the LC tank network between the LNA output and the mixer inputs.

The off-chip inductive degeneration is achieved by connecting an inductor from LNASRC to AGND. This inductor sets the real part of the input impedance at LNAIN, allowing for a more flexible input impedance match, such as a typical printed-circuit board (PCB) trace antenna. A nominal value for this inductor with a 50Ω input impedance is 15nH, but is affected by the PCB trace.

The LC tank filter connected to LNAOUT comprises L1 and C9 (see the *Typical Application Circuit*). Select L1 and C9 to resonate at the desired RF input frequency. The resonant frequency is given by:

$$f_{RF} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L_{TOTAL} \times C_{TOTAL}}}$$

where:

LTOTAL = L1 + LPARASITICS.

CTOTAL = C9 + CPARASITICS.

LPARASITICS and CPARASITICS include inductance and capacitance of the PCB traces, package pins, mixer input impedance, etc. These parasitics at high frequencies cannot be ignored, and can have a dramatic effect

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on the tank filter center frequency. The total parasitic capacitance is generally between 4pF and 6pF.

Mixer

A unique feature of the MAX7034 is the integrated image rejection of the mixer. This device eliminates the need for a costly front-end SAW filter for most applications. Advantages of not using a SAW filter are increased sensitivity, simplified antenna matching, less board space, and lower cost.

The mixer cell is a pair of double balanced mixers that perform an IQ downconversion of the RF input to the 10.7MHz IF from a low-side injected LO (i.e., $f_{LO} = f_{RF} - f_{IF}$). The image-rejection circuit then combines these signals to achieve 44dB of image rejection. Low-side injection is required due to the on-chip image-rejection architecture. The IF output is driven by a source follower biased to create a driving-point impedance of 330Ω ; this provides a good match to the off-chip 330Ω ceramic IF filter.

The IRSEL pin is a logic input that selects one of the three possible image-rejection frequencies. When V_{IRSEL} = 0V, the image rejection is tuned to 315MHz. V_{IRSEL} = DV_{DD}/2 tunes the image rejection to 375MHz, and V_{IRSEL} = DV_{DD} tunes the image rejection to 434MHz. The IRSEL pin is internally set to DV_{DD}/2 (image rejection at 375MHz) when it is left unconnected, thereby eliminating the need for an external DV_{DD}/2 voltage.

Phase-Locked Loop

The PLL block contains a phase detector, charge pump, integrated loop filter, VCO, asynchronous 64x clock divider, and crystal oscillator driver. Besides the crystal, this PLL does not require any external components. The VCO generates a low-side LO. The relationship between the RF, IF, and reference frequencies is given by:

$$f_{REF} = \frac{f_{RF} - f_{|F}}{32 \times M}$$

where:

$$M = 1 (V_{XTALSEL} = DV_{DD}) \text{ or } 2 (V_{XTALSEL} = 0V)$$

To allow the smallest possible IF bandwidth (for best sensitivity), minimize the tolerance of the reference crystal.

Intermediate Frequency and RSSI

The IF section presents a differential 330Ω load to provide matching for the off-chip ceramic filter. The six internal AC-coupled limiting amplifiers produce an overall gain of approximately 65dB, with a bandpass-filter-type response centered near the 10.7MHz IF frequency with a 3dB bandwidth of approximately 10MHz.

The RSSI circuit demodulates the IF by producing a DC output proportional to the log of the IF signal level, with a slope of approximately 14.2mV/dB.

Applications Information

Crystal Oscillator

The crystal oscillator in the MAX7034 is designed to present a capacitance of approximately 3pF between the XTAL1 and XTAL2. If a crystal designed to oscillate with a different load capacitance is used, the crystal is pulled away from its intended operating frequency, introducing an error in the reference frequency. Crystals designed to operate with higher differential load capacitance always pull the reference frequency higher. For example, a 4.7547MHz crystal designed to operate with a 10pF load capacitance oscillates at 4.7563MHz with the MAX7034, causing the receiver to be tuned to 315.1MHz rather than 315.0MHz, an error of about 100kHz, or 320ppm. It is very important to use a crystal with a load capacitance that is equal to the capacitance of the MAX7034 crystal oscillator plus PCB parasitics.

In actuality, the oscillator pulls every crystal. The crystal's natural frequency is really below its specified frequency, but when loaded with the specified load capacitance, the crystal is pulled and oscillates at its specified frequency. This pulling is already accounted for in the specification of the load capacitance. Additional pulling can be calculated if the electrical parameters of the crystal are known. The frequency pulling is given by:

$$f_{P} = \frac{C_{M}}{2} \left(\frac{1}{C_{CASE} + C_{LOAD}} - \frac{1}{C_{CASE} + C_{SPEC}} \right) \times 10^{6}$$

where

fp is the amount the crystal frequency pulled in ppm.

C_M is the motional capacitance of the crystal.

C_{CASE} is the case capacitance.

CSPEC is the specified load capacitance.

CLOAD is the actual load capacitance.

When the crystal is loaded as specified (i.e., $C_{LOAD} = C_{SPEC}$), the frequency pulling equals zero.

It is possible to use an external reference oscillator in place of a crystal to drive the VCO. AC-couple the external oscillator to XTAL2 with a 1000pF capacitor. Drive XTAL2 with a signal level of approximately $500mV_{P-P}$. AC-couple XTAL1 to ground with a 1000pF capacitor.



Data Filter

The data filter is implemented as a 2nd-order lowpass Sallen-Key filter. The pole locations are set by the combination of two on-chip resistors and two external capacitors. Adjusting the value of the external capacitors changes the corner frequency to optimize for different data rates. The corner frequency should be set to approximately 1.5 times the fastest expected data rate from the transmitter. Keeping the corner frequency near the data rate rejects any noise at higher frequencies, resulting in an increase in receiver sensitivity.

The configuration shown in Figure 1 can create a Butterworth or Bessel response. The Butterworth filter offers a very flat amplitude response in the passband and a rolloff rate of 40dB/decade for the two-pole filter. The Bessel filter has a linear phase response, which works well for filtering digital data. To calculate the value of C5 and C6, use the following equations, along with the coefficients in Table 1:

C5 =
$$\frac{b}{a(100k)(\pi)(f_C)}$$

C6 = $\frac{a}{4(100k)(\pi)(f_C)}$

where fc is the desired 3dB corner frequency.

For example, to choose a Butterworth filter response with a corner frequency of 5kHz:

C5 =
$$\frac{1.000}{(1.414)(100k\Omega)(3.14)(5kHz)} \approx 450pF$$

C6 = $\frac{1.414}{(4)(100k\Omega)(3.14)(5kHz)} \approx 225pF$

Choosing standard capacitor values changes C5 to 470pF and C6 to 220pF, as shown in the *Typical Application Circuit*.

Data Slicer

The data slicer takes the analog output of the data filter and converts it to a digital signal. This is achieved by using a comparator and comparing the analog input to a threshold voltage. One input is supplied by the data filter output. Both comparator inputs are accessible offchip to allow for different methods of generating the slicing threshold, which is applied to the second comparator input.

The suggested data slicer configuration uses a resistor (R1) connected between DSN and DSP with a capacitor (C4) from DSN to DGND (Figure 2). This configuration averages the analog output of the filter and sets the threshold to approximately 50% of that amplitude. With this configuration, the threshold automatically adjusts as the analog signal varies, minimizing the possibility for errors in the digital data. The values of R1 and C4 affect how fast the threshold tracks to the analog amplitude. Be sure to keep the corner frequency of the RC circuit much lower than the lowest expected data rate.

Note that a long string of zeros or ones can cause the threshold to drift. This configuration works best if a coding scheme, such as Manchester coding, which has an equal number of zeros and ones, is used.

To prevent continuous toggling of DATAOUT in the absence of an RF signal due to noise, add hysteresis to the data slicer as shown in Figure 3.

Table 1. Coefficents to Calculate C5 and C6

FILTER TYPE	а	b
Butterworth (Q = 0.707)	1.414	1.000
Bessel (Q = 0.577)	1.3617	0.618

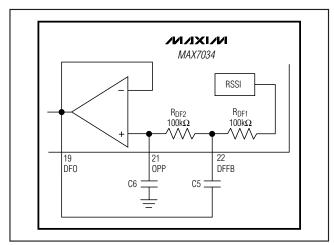


Figure 1. Sallen-Key Lowpass Data Filter

Peak Detector

The peak-detector output (PDOUT), in conjunction with an external RC filter, creates a DC output voltage equal to the peak value of the data signal. The resistor provides a path for the capacitor to discharge, allowing the peak detector to dynamically follow peak changes of the data-filter output voltage. For faster data slicer response, use the circuit shown in Figure 4. For more details on hysteresis and peak-detector applications, refer to Maxim Application Note 3671, Data Slicing Techniques for UHF ASK Receivers.

Layout Considerations

A properly designed PCB is an essential part of any RF/microwave circuit. On high-frequency inputs and outputs, use controlled-impedance lines and keep them as short as possible to minimize losses and radiation. At high frequencies, trace lengths that are on the order of $\lambda/10$ or longer act as antennas.

Keeping the traces short also reduces parasitic inductance. Generally, 1 inch of a PCB trace adds about 20nH of parasitic inductance. The parasitic inductance can have a dramatic effect on the effective inductance of a passive component. For example, a 0.5 inch trace connecting a 100nH inductor adds an extra 10nH of inductance or 10%.

To reduce the parasitic inductance, use wider traces and a solid ground or power plane below the signal traces. Also, use low-inductance connections to ground on all GND pins, and place decoupling capacitors close to all VDD connections.

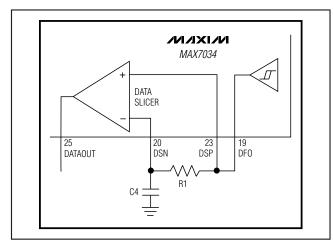


Figure 2. Generating Data Slicer Threshold

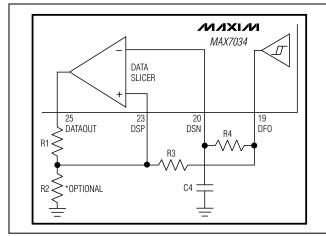


Figure 3. Generating Data Slicer Hysteresis

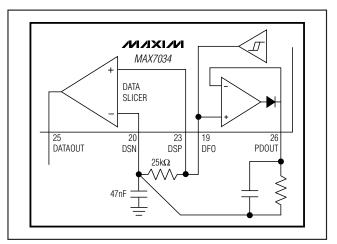
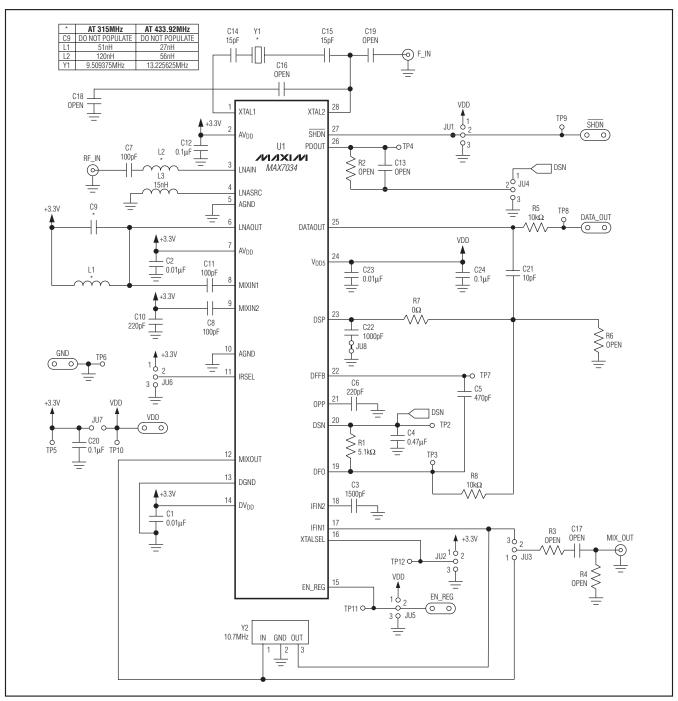


Figure 4. Using PDOUT for Faster Startup

Typical Application Circuit



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315MHz/434MHz ASK Superheterodyne Receiver

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PROCESS: CMOS

Package Information

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28 TSSOP	U28-1	<u>21-0066</u>

Revision History

REVISION NUMBER	DESCRIPTION		PAGES CHANGED
0	1/08	Initial release	_
1	3/09	Added /V designation to part number.	1

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