# 20Mbps, +3.3V, SOT23 RS-485/ RS-422 Transmitters 

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The MAX3293/MAX3294/MAX3295 low-power, highspeed transmitters for RS-485/RS-422 communication operate from a single +3.3 V power supply. These devices contain one differential transmitter. The MAX3295 transmitter operates at data rates up to 20Mbps, with an output skew of less than 5 ns, and a guaranteed driver propagation delay below 25 ns . The MAX3293 (250kbps) and MAX3294 (2.5Mbps) are slew-rate limited to minimize EMI and reduce reflections caused by improperly terminated cables.
The MAX3293/MAX3294/MAX3295 output level is guaranteed at +1.5 V with a standard $54 \Omega$ load, compliant with RS-485 specifications. The transmitter draws 5mA of supply current when unloaded, and $1 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ in lowpower shutdown mode ( $\mathrm{DE}=\mathrm{GND}$ ).
Hot-swap circuitry eliminates false transitions on the data cable during circuit initialization or connection to a live backplane, and short-circuit current limiting and thermalshutdown circuitry protect the driver against excessive power dissipation.
The MAX3293/MAX3294/MAX3295 are offered in a 6 -pin SOT23 package, and are specified over the automotive temperature range.

Applications
RS-485/RS-422 Communications
Clock Distribution
Telecom Equipment
Automotive
Security Equipment
Point-of-Sale Equipment
Industrial Control

Pin Configuration


Features

- Space-Saving 6-Pin SOT23 Package
- $250 \mathrm{kbps} / 2.5 \mathrm{Mbps} / 20 \mathrm{Mbps}$ Data Rates Available
- Operate from a Single +3.3V Supply
- ESD Protection
$\pm 9 \mathrm{kV}$-Human Body Model
- Slew-Rate Limited for Errorless Data

Transmission (MAX3293/MAX3294)

- $1 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ Low-Current Shutdown Mode
- -7 V to +12 V Common-Mode Input Voltage Range
- Current Limiting and Thermal Shutdown for Driver-Overload Protection
- Hot-Swap Inputs for Telecom Applications
- Automotive Temperature Range $\left(-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right.$ to $\left.+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$

Ordering Information

| PART | TEMP RANGE | PIN- <br> PACKAGE |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| MAX3293AUT-T | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 6 SOT23-6 |
| MAX3294AUT-T | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 6 SOT23-6 |
| MAX3295AUT-T | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 6 SOT23-6 |

Selector Guide

| PART | MAXIMUM <br> DATA RATE <br> (Mbps) | SLEW-RATE <br> LIMITED | TOP <br> MARK |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MAX3293AUT-T | 0.25 | Yes | ABNI |
| MAX3294AUT-T | 2.5 | Yes | ABNJ |
| MAX3295AUT-T | 20 | No | ABNK |

Typical Operating Circuit


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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

(All voltages referenced to GND, unless otherwise noted.) Supply Voltage (VCC)....................................................................
DE, DI .....................................................................-0.3V to +6V $\mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{Z}$......................................................................-7V to +12.5 V Maximum Continuous Power Dissipation $\left(\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ 6 -Pin SOT23 (derate $6.25 \mathrm{~mW} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ above $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ )......... 500 mW

Operating Temperature Ranges
MAX32_ _AUT............................................. $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Storage Temperature Range ................................. $65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+160^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Junction Temperature .................................................... $+160^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s) ................................. $+300^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

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

$\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=+3.3 \mathrm{~V} \pm 5 \%, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{MIN}}\right.$ to $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{MAX}}$, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $\mathrm{V}_{C C}=+3.3 \mathrm{~V}$ and $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.) ( Notes 1, 2)

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| POWER SUPPLY |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Supply Voltage | $V_{C C}$ |  | 3.135 | 3.300 | 3.465 | V |
| Supply Current in Normal <br> Operation | IQ | No load, DI = VCC or GND, DE = VCC |  | 5 | mA |  |
| Supply Current in Shutdown Mode | ISHDN | No load, DE = GND |  | 1 | 10 | $\mu \mathrm{~A}$ |

## DRIVER

| Differential Driver Output | VOD | Figure 1, $D E=V_{C c}$, DI = GND or VCC | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{R}=50 \Omega(\mathrm{RS}-422), \\ & \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}} \leq+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \end{aligned}$ | 2.0 | VCC | V |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{R}=27 \Omega(\mathrm{RS}-485), \\ & \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}} \leq+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \end{aligned}$ | 1.5 | VCC |  |
| Change in Magnitude of Differential Output Voltage | $\Delta \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{OD}}$ | Figure 1, $R=27 \Omega$ or DE $=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ (Note 3) | $50 \Omega,$ |  | 0.2 | V |
| Driver Common-Mode Output Voltage | Voc | Figure $1, R=27 \Omega$ or $D E=V_{C C}, D I=V_{C C}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \Omega, \\ & \text { or GND } \end{aligned}$ | -1 | +3 | V |
| Change in Magnitude of CommonMode Voltage | $\Delta \mathrm{V}$ OC | Figure 1, R = $27 \Omega$ or | $50 \Omega$ (Note 3) |  | 0.2 | V |
| DRIVER LOGIC |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Input High Voltage | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IH}}$ | DE, DI |  | 2.0 |  | V |
| Input Low Voltage | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IL }}$ | DE, DI |  |  | 0.8 | V |
| Input Current | IIN | DE, DI |  | -2 | +2 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Output Leakage | Io | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{Z} \\ & \mathrm{DE}=\mathrm{GND}, \\ & \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=\mathrm{GND} \text { or } \\ & +3.3 \mathrm{~V} \end{aligned}$ | V IN $=+12 \mathrm{~V}$ | -20 | +20 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
|  |  |  | $\mathrm{VIN}=-7 \mathrm{~V}$ | -20 | +20 |  |
| Driver Short-Circuit Foldback Output Current | IOSFD | $\left(\mathrm{V}_{\text {CC }}-1 \mathrm{~V}\right) \leq \mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }} \leq+12 \mathrm{~V}$, output high |  | +25 |  | mA |
|  |  | $-7 \mathrm{~V} \leq$ VOUT $\leq 1 \mathrm{~V}$, output high |  |  | -25 |  |
| Driver Short-Circuit Output Current | IOSD | $0 \leq$ VOUT $\leq+12 \mathrm{~V}$, output low |  | -250 |  | mA |
|  |  | $-7 \mathrm{~V} \leq \mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }} \leq \mathrm{V}_{\text {CC }}$, output high |  |  | +250 |  |
| Thermal-Shutdown Threshold | TTS |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Thermal-Shutdown Hysteresis | TTSH |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| ESD Protection |  | Y, Z | Human Body Model |  |  | kV |

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## SWITCHING CHARACTERISTICS (MAX3293)

( $\mathrm{VCC}=+3.3 \mathrm{~V} \pm 5 \%, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=+3.3 \mathrm{~V}$.)

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP MAX | UNITS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Driver Propagation Delay | tPLH | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Figures 2, 3; RDIFF }=54 \Omega \text {, } \\ & C_{L}=50 \mathrm{pF} \end{aligned}$ | 400 | 1300 | ns |
|  | tPHL |  | 400 | 1300 |  |
| Driver Differential Output Rise or Fall Time | tR | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Figures 2, 3; RDIFF }=54 \Omega \text {, } \\ & C_{L}=50 \mathrm{pF} \end{aligned}$ | 400 | 1200 | ns |
|  | tF |  | 400 | 1200 |  |
| Driver Output Skew | tSKEW | Figures 2, 3; RDIFF $=54 \Omega, C_{L}=50 \mathrm{pF}$, tSKEW $=1$ tPLH - tPHLI (Note 5) | -400 | +400 | ns |
| Differential Driver Output Skew | tDSKEW | Figures 2, 3; RDIFF $=54 \Omega, C_{L}=50 \mathrm{pF}$ | -100 | +100 | ns |
| Maximum Data Rate |  | Figures 2, 3; RDIFF $=54 \Omega$, $\mathrm{CL}_{\text {L }}=50 \mathrm{pF}$ | 250 |  | kbps |
| Driver Enable to Output High | tz ${ }^{\text {l }}$ | Figures 4, 5; S2 closed, RL=500 $\Omega$, $C_{L}=100 \mathrm{pF}$ |  | 2000 | ns |
| Driver Enable to Output Low | tZL | Figures 4, 5; S1 closed, RL=500 $\Omega$, $C L=100 \mathrm{pF}$ |  | 2000 | ns |
| Driver Disable Time from Low | tLZ | Figures 4, 5; S1 closed, RL=500 $\Omega$, $C L=100 \mathrm{pF}$ |  | 1000 | ns |
| Driver Disable Time from High | thz | Figures 4, 5; S2 closed, $\mathrm{RL}=500 \Omega$, $C_{L}=100 \mathrm{pF}$ |  | 1000 | ns |
| Device-to-Device Propagation Delay Matching |  | Same power supply, maximum temperature difference between devices $=+30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (Note 5) |  | 900 | ns |

## SWITCHING CHARACTERISTICS (MAX3294)

$\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=+3.3 \mathrm{~V} \pm 5 \%, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right.$, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=+3.3 \mathrm{~V}$.)

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP MAX | UNITS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Driver Propagation Delay | tPLH | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Figures 2, 3; RDIFF }=54 \Omega, \\ & C_{L}=50 \mathrm{pF} \end{aligned}$ | 24 | 70 | ns |
|  | tPHL |  | 24 | 70 |  |
| Driver Differential Output Rise or Fall Time | tR | Figures 2, 3; RDIFF $=54 \Omega$, $C L=50 \mathrm{pF}$ | 10 | 70 | ns |
|  | tF |  | 10 | 70 |  |
| Driver Output Skew | tSkEW | Figures 2, 3; RDIFF $=54 \Omega, C_{L}=50 \mathrm{pF}$, tSKEW $=1$ tple - tphl I (Note 5) | -40 | +40 | ns |
| Differential Driver Output Skew | tDSKEW | Figures 2, 3; RDIFF $=54 \Omega, C_{L}=50 \mathrm{pF}$ | -6 | +6 | ns |
| Maximum Data Rate |  | Figures 2, 3; RDIFF $=54 \Omega, C_{L}=50 \mathrm{pF}$ | 2.5 |  | Mbps |
| Driver Enable to Output High | tzH | Figures 4, 5; S2 closed, $R \mathrm{~L}=500 \Omega$, $C_{L}=100 \mathrm{pF}$ |  | 400 | ns |
| Driver Enable to Output Low | tZL | Figures 4, 5; S1 closed, $R \mathrm{~L}=500 \Omega$, $C_{L}=100 \mathrm{pF}$ |  | 400 | ns |
| Driver Disable Time from Low | tLZ | Figures 4, 5; S1 closed, $R \mathrm{~L}=500 \Omega$, $C L=100 \mathrm{pF}$ |  | 100 | ns |
| Driver Disable Time from High | thz | Figures 4, 5; S2 closed, RL = 500 , $C_{L}=100 \mathrm{pF}$ |  | 100 | ns |
| Device-to-Device Propagation Delay Matching |  | Same power supply, maximum temperature difference between devices $=+30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (Note 5) |  | 46 | ns |

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## SWITCHING CHARACTERISTICS (MAX3295)

( $\mathrm{V} C \mathrm{C}=+3.3 \mathrm{~V} \pm 5 \%, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $\mathrm{V} C \mathrm{C}=+3.3 \mathrm{~V}$.)

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | CONDITIONS |  | MIN | TYP MAX | UNITS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Driver Propagation Delay | tPLH | Figures 2, 3; RDIFF $=54 \Omega, C_{L}=50 \mathrm{pF}$ |  |  | 25 | ns |
|  | tPHL |  |  |  | 25 |  |
| Driver Differential Output Rise or Fall Time |  | Figures 2, 3; <br> RDIFF $=54 \Omega$, $C_{L}=50 \mathrm{pF}$ | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  | 18.5 | ns |
|  | tR |  | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}<+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  | 15 |  |
|  | tF |  | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  | 18.5 |  |
|  |  |  | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}<+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  | 15 |  |
| Driver Output Skew | tSKEW | Figures 2, 3; RDIFF $=54 \Omega, C_{L}=50 \mathrm{pF}$, tSKEW $=1$ tPLH - tPHL $\mid$ |  |  | 5 | ns |
| Differential Driver Output Skew | tDSKEW | Figures 2, 3; RDIFF $=54 \Omega, C_{L}=50 \mathrm{pF}$ |  |  | 5 | ns |
| Maximum Data Rate |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Figures 2, 3; RDIFF }=54 \Omega, C_{L}=50 \mathrm{pF} \\ & \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}} \leq+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \end{aligned}$ |  | 20 |  | Mbps |
|  |  | Figures 2, 3; RDIFF $=54 \Omega, C_{L}=50 \mathrm{pF}$ |  | 16 |  |  |
| Driver Enable to Output High | tZH | Figures 4, 5; S2 closed, RL=500 , $C L=100 \mathrm{pF}$ |  |  | 400 | ns |
| Driver Enable to Output Low | tZL | Figures 4, 5; S1 closed, RL=500 , $C_{L}=100 \mathrm{pF}$ |  |  | 400 | ns |
| Driver Disable Time from Low | tLZ | Figures 4, 5; S1 closed, RL = 500 ,$C_{L}=100 \mathrm{pF}$ |  |  | 100 | ns |
| Driver Disable Time from High | thz | Figures 4, 5; S2 closed, RL=500 ,$C_{L}=100 \mathrm{pF}$ |  |  | 100 | ns |
| Device-to-Device Propagation Delay Matching |  | Same power supply, maximum temperature difference between devices $=+30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (Note 5) |  |  | 25 | ns |

Note 1: Devices production tested at $+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Limits over the operating temperature range are guaranteed by design.
Note 2: All currents into the device are positive; all currents out of the device are negative. All voltages are referenced to device ground, unless otherwise noted.
Note 3: $\Delta \mathrm{V}_{O D}$ and $\Delta \mathrm{V}_{O C}$ are the changes in $\mathrm{V}_{O D}$ and $\mathrm{V}_{O C}$, respectively, when the DI input changes state.
Note 4: The maximum current applies to peak current just prior to foldback current limiting.
Note 5: Not production tested. Guaranteed by design.

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Test Circuits and Timing Diagrams


Figure 1. Driver DC Test Load


Figure 2. Driver Timing Test Circuit


Figure 4. Enable/Disable Timing Test Load


Figure 5. Driver Enable and Disable Times


Figure 3. Driver Propagation Delays

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Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)
$\overline{\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=+3.3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \text {, unless otherwise noted.) }\right.}$


Pin Description

| PIN | NAME | FUNCTION |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| 1 | DI | Driver Input. A logic low on DI forces the noninverting output (Y) low and the inverting output (Z) <br> high. A logic high on DI forces the noninverting output (Y) high and the inverting output (Z) low. |
| 2 | VCC | Positive Supply. VCC $=+3.3 \mathrm{~V} \pm 5 \%$. Bypass VCC to GND with a 0.1 1 F capacitor. |
| 3 | DE | Driver Output Enable. Force DE high to enable driver. Pull DE low to disable the driver. Hot-swap <br> input, see the Hot-Swap Capability section. |
| 4 | Z | Inverting RS-485/RS-422 Output |
| 5 | GND | Ground |
| 6 | Y | Noninverting RS-485/RS-422 Output |

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Detailed Description
The MAX3293/MAX3294/MAX3295 are low-power transmitters for RS-485/RS-422 communication. The MAX3295 operates at data rates up to 20Mbps, the MAX3294 up to 2.5 Mbps (slew-rate limited), and the MAX3293 up to 250 kbps (slew-rate limited). These devices are enabled using an active-high driver enable (DE) input. When disabled, outputs enter a high-impedance state, and the supply current reduces to $1 \mu \mathrm{~A}$.
The MAX3293/MAX3294/MAX3295 have a hot-swap input structure that prevents disturbance on the differential signal lines when a circuit board is plugged into a "hot" backplane (see the Hot-Swap Capability section). Drivers are also short-circuit current limited and are protected against excessive power dissipation by thermal-shutdown circuitry.

## Driver

The driver accepts a single-ended, logic-level input (DI) and translates it to a differential RS-485/RS-422 level output ( $Y$ and $Z$ ). Driving DE high enables the driver, while pulling DE low places the driver outputs ( $Y$ and $Z$ ) into a high-impedance state (see Table 1).

## Low-Power Shutdown

Force DE low to disable the MAX3293/MAX3294/ MAX3295. In shutdown mode, the device consumes a maximum of $10 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ of supply current.

## Hot-Swap Capability

Hot-Swap Input
When circuit boards are inserted into a "hot" or powered backplane, disturbances to the enable can lead to data errors. Upon initial circuit board insertion, the processor undergoes its power-up sequence. During this period, the output drivers are high impedance and are unable to drive the DE input of the MAX3293/ MAX3294/MAX3295 to a defined logic level. Leakage currents up to $10 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ from the high-impedance output could cause DE to drift to an incorrect logic state. Additionally, parasitic circuit board capacitance could

Table 1. MAX3293/MAX3294/ MAX3295 (RS-485/RS-422) Transmitting Function Table

| INPUTS |  | OUTPUTS |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DE | DI | $\mathbf{Y}$ | $\mathbf{Z}$ |
| 0 | $X$ | Shutdown | Shutdown |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

[^0]cause coupling of $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{cc}}$ or GND to DE. These factors could improperly enable the driver.
The MAX3293/MAX3294/MAX3295 eliminate all above issues with hot-swap circuitry. When Vcc rises, an internal pulldown circuit holds DE low for approximately $10 \mu \mathrm{~s}$. After the initial power-up sequence, the pulldown circuit becomes transparent, resetting the hot-swap tolerable input.


Figure 6. Simplified Structure of the Driver Enable Input (DE)


Figure 7. Differential Power-Up Glitch (0.1V/ $/ \mathrm{s}$ )

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## Hot-Swap Input Circuitry

The MAX3293/MAX3294/MAX3295 enable input features hot-swap capability. At the input, there are two NMOS devices, M1 and M2 (Figure 6). When VcC ramps from zero, an internal $10 \mu$ s timer turns on M 2 and sets the SR latch, which also turns on M1. Transistors M2, a $2 m A$ current sink, and M1, a $100 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ current sink, pull DE to GND through a $5.6 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor. M2 is designed to pull DE to the disabled state against an external parasitic capacitance up to 100 pF that may drive DE high. After $10 \mu \mathrm{~s}$, the timer deactivates M2 while M1 remains on, holding DE low against threestate leakages that can drive DE high. M1 remains on until an external source overcomes the required input current. At this time, the SR latch resets and M1 turns


Figure 8. Differential Power-Up Glitch (1V/us)


Figure 9. Differential Power-Up Glitch (10V/ $\mu s$ )
off. When M1 turns off, DE reverts to a standard, highimpedance CMOS input. Whenever Vcc drops below 1 V , the hot-swap input is reset.

Hot-Swap Line Transient
During a hot-swap event when the driver is connected to the line and is powered up, the driver must not cause the differential signal to drop below 200 mV . Figures 7,8 , and 9 show the results of the MAX3295 during power-up for three different $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ ramp rates $(0.1 \mathrm{~V} / \mu \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{~V} / \mu \mathrm{s}$, and $10 \mathrm{~V} / \mu \mathrm{s}$ ). The photos show the $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ ramp, the singleended signal on each side of the $100 \Omega$ termination, as well as the differential signal across the termination.

ESD Protection
Human Body Model
Figure 10 shows the Human Body Model, and Figure 11 shows the current waveform it generates when discharged into low impedance. This model consists of a 100 pF capacitor charged to the ESD voltage of interest, which is then discharged into the device through a $1.5 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor.


Figure 10. Human Body ESD Test


Figure 11. Current Waveform

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## Reduced EMI and Reflections <br> (MAX3293/MAX3294)

The MAX3293/MAX3294 are slew-rate limited, minimizing EMI and reducing reflections caused by improperly terminated cables. Figure 12 shows Fourier analysis of the MAX3295 transmitting a 125 kHz signal. High-frequency harmonics with large amplitudes are evident. Figure 13 shows the same information, but for the slew-rate-limited MAX3293, transmitting the same signal. The high-frequency harmonics have much lower amplitudes, and the potential for EMI is significantly reduced.
To minimize reflections, the line should be terminated at both ends in its characteristic impedance, and stub lengths off the main line should be kept as short as possible. The slew-rate-limited MAX3293 and MAX3294 are more tolerant of imperfect termination.


Figure 12. Driver Output Waveform and FFT Plot of MAX3295 Transmitting a 125 kHz Signal

Driver Output Protection
Two mechanisms prevent excessive output current and power dissipation caused by faults or by bus contention. The first, a foldback current limit on the output stage, provides immediate protection against short circuits over the whole common-mode voltage range (see the Typical Operating Characteristics). The second, a thermal-shutdown circuit, forces the driver outputs into a high-impedance state if the die temperature exceeds $+160^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

Chip Information
TRANSISTOR COUNT: 263
PROCESS: BiCMOS


Figure 13. Driver Output Waveform and FFT Plot of MAX3293 Transmitting a 125 kHz Signal

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Package Information
(The package drawing(s) in this data sheet may not reflect the most current specifications. For the latest package outline information go to www.maxim-ic.com/packages.)



[^0]:    $x=$ Don't care.

