# 2MHz High-Brightness LED Drivers with High-Side Current Sense and 5000:1 Dimming 


#### Abstract

General Description The MAX16819/MAX16820, step-down constant-current high-brightness LED (HB LED) drivers provide a costeffective solution for automotive interior/exterior lighting architectural and ambient lighting, LED bulbs such as MR16 and other LED illumination applications. The MAX16819/MAX16820 operate from a 4.5 V to 28 V input voltage range and feature a $5 \mathrm{~V} / 10 \mathrm{~mA}$ on-board regulator. A high-side current-sense resistor adjusts the output current and a dedicated PWM input (DIM) enables a wide range of pulsed dimming. The MAX16819/MAX16820 are well suited for applications requiring a wide input voltage range. The high-side current-sensing and an integrated current-setting circuitry minimize the number of external components while delivering an LED current with $\pm 5 \%$ accuracy. A hysteretic control algorithm ensures excellent input-supply rejection and fast response during load transients and PWM dimming. The MAX16819 features a 30\% inductor current ripple and the MAX16820 features a 10\% current ripple. These devices operate up to 2 MHz switching frequency, thus allowing for small component size. The MAX16819/MAX16820 operate over the $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ automotive temperature range and are available in $3 \mathrm{~mm} \times 3 \mathrm{~mm} \times 0.8 \mathrm{~mm}$, 6 -pin TDFN packages.


## Applications

Architectural, Industrial, and Ambient Lighting Automotive RCL, DRL, and Fog Lights MR16 and Other LED Bulbs Indicators and Emergency Lighting

Pin Configuration


- High-Side Current Sense
- Dedicated Dimming Control Input
- 20kHz Maximum Dimming Efficiency
- Hysteretic Control: No Compensation
- Up to 2MHz Switching Frequency
- $\pm 5 \%$ LED Current Accuracy
- Adjustable Constant LED Current
-4.5V to 28V Input Voltage Range
- Over 25W Output Power
- 5V, 10mA On-Board Regulator
$-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ Operating Temperature Range

Ordering Information

| PART | PIN-PACKAGE | PKG CODE | TOP <br> MARK |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| MAX16819ATT+T | 6 TDFN-EP* | T633-2 | +ATB |
| MAX16820ATT + T | 6 TDFN-EP* | T633-2 | +ATC |

Note: All devices are specified over the $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ operating temperature range.
+Denotes lead-free package.
*EP = Exposed paddle.

Typical Operating Circuit


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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

| IN, CSN, DIM to GND | -0.3V to +30V |
| :---: | :---: |
| VCC, DRV to GND ..............................................-0.3V to +6V |  |
| CSN to IN.......................................................-0.3V to +0.3V |  |
| Maximum Current into Any Pin |  |
| Continuous Power Dissipation ( $\left.\mathrm{T}_{A}=+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ |  |
| 6 -Pin TDFN (derate 18.17mW/ | )...... 1454 mW |


| Operating Temperature Range | C to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Junction Temperature ............................................... $+150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  |
| Storage Temperature Range .......................... $65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  |
| Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s) | $+300^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Pin-to-Pin ESD Ratings (HB Mode) | 2.5 kV |
| *As per JEDEC51 Standard (Sin |  |

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

$\left(V_{I N}=12 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{DIM}}=\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}, C_{V C C}=1 \mu \mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{R}_{\text {SENSE }}=0.5 \Omega, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{J}}=-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right.$ to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.) (Note 1)

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Input Voltage Range | VIN |  | 4.5 |  | 28.0 | V |
| Maximum Current Regulator Switching Frequency | fsw |  |  |  | 2 | MHz |
| Ground Current | IGND | DRV open |  |  | 1.5 | mA |
| Supply Current | IIN | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {DIM }}<0.6 \mathrm{~V}$ |  |  | 425 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Undervoltage Lockout | UVLO | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}=\mathrm{V}_{\text {CSN }}=\mathrm{V}_{\text {DIM }}, \mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$ rising from 4 V until $V_{D R V}>V_{C C}-0.5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 4.7 | 5.0 | V |
|  |  | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}=\mathrm{V}_{\text {CSN }}=\mathrm{V}_{\text {DIM }}, \mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$ falling from 6 V , $V_{D R V}<0.5 V$ |  |  | 4.5 |  |
| Undervoltage Lockout Hysteresis |  |  |  | 0.5 |  | V |
| SENSE COMPARATOR |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sense Voltage Threshold High | VSNSHI | $\left(V_{I N}-V_{C S N}\right)$ rising from OV until $V_{D R V}<$ 0.5V (MAX16820) | 195 | 210 | 225 | mV |
|  |  | (VIN - VCSN) rising from OV until VDRV < 0.5V (MAX16819) | 213 | 230 | 246 |  |
| Sense Voltage Threshold Low | VSNSLO | ( $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}-\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CSN}}$ ) falling from 0.26V until $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{DRV}}>$ (VCC - 0.5V) (MAX16820) | 176 | 190 | 204 | mV |
|  |  | ( $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}-\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CSN}}$ ) falling from 0.26V until $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{DRV}}>$ (VCC - 0.5V) (MAX16819) | 158 | 170 | 182 |  |
| Propagation Delay to Output High | tDPDH | Falling edge of ( $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}-\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CSN}}$ ) from 0.26 V to OV to DRV high, CDRV $=1 \mathrm{nF}$ |  | 82 |  | ns |
| Propagation Delay to Output Low | tDPDL | Rising edge of (VIN - VCSN) from OV to 0.26 V to DRV low, CDRV $=1 \mathrm{nF}$ |  | 82 |  | ns |
| Current-Sense Input Current | ICSN | $\left(\mathrm{VIN}-\mathrm{V}_{\text {CSN }}\right)=200 \mathrm{mV}$ |  |  | 1 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Current-Sense Threshold Hysteresis | CSHYS | MAX16819 |  | 56 | 70 | mV |
|  |  | MAX16820 |  | 17 | 35 | mV |

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## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

$\left(\mathrm{V}_{I N}=12 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{DIM}}=\mathrm{V}_{I N}, C_{V C C}=1 \mu \mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{R}_{\text {SENSE }}=0.5 \Omega, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=\mathrm{T}_{J}=-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right.$ to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.) (Note 1)

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GATE DRIVER |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gate Driver Source Current |  | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {CSN }}=\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}, \mathrm{V}_{\text {DRV }}=0.5 \times \mathrm{V}_{\text {CC }}$ |  | 0.5 |  | A |
| Gate Driver Sink Current |  | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {CSN }}=\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}-250 \mathrm{mV}, \mathrm{V}_{\text {DRV }}=0.5 \times \mathrm{V}_{\text {CC }}$ |  | 1 |  | A |
| Gate Driver Output-Voltage High | V OH | IDRV $=10 \mathrm{~mA}$ | VCC - 0.5 |  |  | V |
| Gate Driver Output-Voltage Low | VOL | IDRV $=-10 \mathrm{~mA}$ |  |  | 0.5 | V |
| DIM INPUT |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maximum DIM Frequency | fDIM |  |  |  | 20 | kHz |
| DIM Input-Voltage High | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IH}}$ | $V_{C S N}=V_{\text {IN }}$, increase DIM until $V_{\text {DRV }}>$ $\left(V_{C C}-0.5 \mathrm{~V}\right)$ | 2.8 |  |  | V |
| DIM Input-Voltage Low | VIL | $\begin{aligned} & V_{C S N}=V_{I N}, \text { decrease DIM until } \\ & V_{\text {DRV }}<0.5 \mathrm{~V} \end{aligned}$ |  |  | 0.6 | V |
| DIM Hysteresis | DIMHYS |  |  | 200 |  | mV |
| DIM Turn-On Time | tDIMON | DIM rising edge to $V_{\text {DRV }}=0.5 \times \vee_{C C}$, CDRV $=1 \mathrm{nF}$ |  | 100 |  | ns |
| DIM Turn-Off Time | tDIMOFF | DIM falling edge to $V_{D R V}=0.5 \times V_{C C}$, CDRV $=1 \mathrm{nF}$ |  | 100 |  | ns |
| DIM Input Leakage High |  | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {DIM }}=\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$ |  |  | 10 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| DIM Input Leakage Low |  | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {DIM }}=0 \mathrm{~V}$ | -1 |  | +1 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Vcc REGULATOR |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Regulator Output Voltage | VCC | $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{VCC}}=0.1 \mathrm{~mA}$ to $10 \mathrm{~mA}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=5.5 \mathrm{~V}$ to 28 V | 4.5 |  | 5.5 | V |
|  |  | $\mathrm{IVCC}=0.1 \mathrm{~mA}$ to $10 \mathrm{~mA}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=4.5 \mathrm{~V}$ to 28 V | 4.0 |  | 5.5 | V |
| Load Regulation |  | $1 \mathrm{VCC}=0.1 \mathrm{~mA}$ to $10 \mathrm{~mA}, \mathrm{~V}$ IN $=12 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 4 |  | $\Omega$ |
| Line Regulation |  | V IN $=6 \mathrm{~V}$ to 28V, $\mathrm{IVCC}=10 \mathrm{~mA}$ |  | 11 |  | mV |
| Power-Supply Rejection Ratio | PSRR | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=12 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{IVCC}=5 \mathrm{~mA}, \mathrm{fIN}=10 \mathrm{kHz}$ |  | -35 |  | dB |
| Current Limit | ILIM | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=4.5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=0 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 45 |  | mA |
|  |  | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=4.5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=4 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 18 |  | mA |
| Regulator Startup Time | tstrat | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {CC }}=0$ to 4.5 V |  | 350 |  | $\mu \mathrm{s}$ |

Note 1: All devices are $100 \%$ production tested at $\mathrm{T}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Limits to $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ are guaranteed by design.

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Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)
$\left(V_{I N}=V_{\text {DIM }}=12 \mathrm{~V}, C_{V C C}=1 \mu \mathrm{~F}\right.$, RSENSE $=0.5 \Omega$ connected between IN and CSN. Typical values at $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted.)


10us/div

PWM DIMMING AT 20kHz (10\% DUTY CYCLE)


10us/div

PWM DIMMING EXPANDED
(50\% DUTY CYCLE)


1 $\mu \mathrm{s} / \mathrm{div}$


10us/div

PWM DIMMING EXPANDED
(50\% DUTY CYCLE)


4us/div


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| PIN | NAME | FUNCTION |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| 1 | IN | Positive Supply Voltage Input. Bypass with a 1 $\mu$ F or higher value capacitor to GND. |
| 2 | CSN | Current-Sense Input |
| 3 | DIM | Logic-Level Dimming Input. Drive DIM low to turn off the current regulator. Drive DIM high to enable <br> the current regulator. |
| 4 | GND | Ground |
| 5 | DRV | Gate Drive Output. Connect to the gate of an external n-channel MOSFET. |
| 6 | VCC | Voltage Regulator Output. Connect a 1 $\mu$ F capacitor from VCC to GND. |
| EP | - | Exposed Paddle. Connect to a large-area ground plane for improved power dissipation. Do not use <br> as the only ground connection for the device. |

Functional Diagram


## Detailed Description

The MAX16819/MAX16820 are step-down, constantcurrent, high-brightness LED (HB LED) drivers. These devices operate from a 4.5 V to 28 V input voltage range and provide up to 0.5 A of source and 1A of sink drive capability to the gate of an external MOSFET. A highside current-sense resistor sets the output current and
a dedicated PWM dimming input (DIM) allows for a wide range of independent pulsed dimming.
The high-side current-sensing scheme and on-board current-setting circuitry minimize the number of external components while delivering LED current with a $\pm 5 \%$ accuracy, using a $1 \%$ sense resistor. See the Functional Diagram.
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## Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO)

The MAX16819/MAX16820 include a 4.5 V undervoltage lockout (UVLO) with 500 mV hysteresis. When VIN falls below 4.5V, DRV goes low, turning off the external n-channel MOSFET. DRV goes high once $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}$ is 5 V or higher.

## 5V Regulator

$V_{C C}$ is the output of a 5 V regulator capable of sourcing 10 mA . Bypass Vcc to GND with a $1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor.

## DIM Input

The MAX16819/MAX16820 allow dimming with a PWM signal at the DIM input. A logic level below 0.6 V at DIM forces the MAX16819/MAX16820's DRV output Iow, turning off the LED current. To turn the LED current on, the logic level at DIM must be at least 2.8 V .

## Applications Information

## Selecting Rsense to Set the LED Current

The MAX16819/MAX16820 feature a programmable LED current using a resistor connected between IN and CSN. Use the following equation to calculate the sense resistor:

$$
\operatorname{RSENSE}(\Omega)=\frac{1}{2} \frac{\left(\mathrm{~V}_{\text {SNSHI }}+\mathrm{V}_{\text {SNSLO }}\right)(\mathrm{V})}{\operatorname{l}_{\text {LED }}(\mathrm{A})}
$$

For the values of $\mathrm{V}_{\text {SNSHI }}$ and $\mathrm{V}_{\text {SNSLO }}$, see the Electrical Characteristics.

## Current Regulator Operation

The MAX16819/MAX16820 regulate the LED output current using an input comparator with hysteresis (Figure 1). As the current through the inductor ramps up and the voltage across the sense resistor reaches the upper threshold, the voltage at DRV goes low, turning off the external MOSFET. The MOSFET turns on again when the inductor current ramps down through the freewheeling diode until the voltage across the sense resistor equals the lower threshold. Use the following equation to determine the operating frequency:

$$
f_{S W}=\frac{\left(V_{I N}-n \times V_{\text {LED }}\right) \times n \times V_{\text {LED }} \times R_{\text {SENSE }}}{V_{N} \times \Delta V \times L}
$$

where $\mathrm{n}=$ number of LEDs, VLED $=$ forward voltage drop of one LED, and $\Delta V=\left(V_{S N S H I}-V_{\text {SNSLO }}\right)$.
For proper component selection, please use the design tool available at: http://www.maxim-ic.com/MAX16819-20-Tool.


Figure 1. Current Regulator Operation

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## MOSFET Selection

The MAX16819/MAX16820's gate driver is capable of sourcing 0.5 A and sinking 1 A of current. MOSFET selection is based on the maximum input operating voltage VIN, output current ILED, and operating switching frequency. Choose a MOSFET that has a higher breakdown voltage than the maximum operation voltage, low RDS(ON), and low total charge for better efficiency. MOSFET threshold voltage must be adequate if operated at the low end of the input-voltage operating range.

Freewheeling Diode Selection
The forward voltage of the freewheeling diode should be as low as possible for better efficiency. A Schottky diode is a good choice as long as the breakdown voltage is high enough to withstand the maximum operating voltage.
The forward current rating of the diode must be at least equal to the maximum LED current.

## LED Current Ripple

The LED current ripple is equal to the inductor current ripple. In cases when a lower LED current ripple is needed, a capacitor can be placed across the LED terminals.

PCB Layout Guidelines
Careful PCB layout is critical to achieve low switching losses and stable operation. Use a multilayer board whenever possible for better noise immunity. Minimize ground noise by connecting high-current ground returns, the input bypass-capacitor ground lead, and the output-filter ground lead to a single point (star ground configuration). In normal operation, there are two power loops. One is formed when the MOSFET is on and the high current flows through IN-RSENSE-LEDs-Inductor-MOSFET-GND. The other loop is formed when the MOSFET is off when the high current circulates through RSENSE—LEDs-Inductor-freewheeling diode. To minimize noise interaction, each loop area should be as small as possible.
Place RSENSE as close as possible to the input filter and IN. For better noise immunity, a Kelvin connection is strongly recommended between CSN and RSENSE. Connect the exposed paddle to a large-area ground plane for improved power dissipation.

Chip Information
PROCESS: BiCMOS

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## Package Information

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