

RELIABILITY REPORT  
FOR  
MAX9738ETI+  
PLASTIC ENCAPSULATED DEVICES

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**MAXIM INTEGRATED PRODUCTS**

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## Conclusion

The MAX9738ETI+ successfully meets the quality and reliability standards required of all Maxim products. In addition, Maxim's continuous reliability monitoring program ensures that all outgoing product will continue to meet Maxim's quality and reliability standards.

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### I. Device Description

#### A. General

The MAX9738 features a mono Class G power amplifier with an integrated inverting boost converter. The Class G amplifier is specifically designed to drive the high capacitance of a ceramic/piezoelectric loud-speaker. The inverting boost converter can typically supply up to 400mA of peak output current, allowing for a constant output of 16VP-P over the 2.7V to 5.5V supply voltage range.

The MAX9738 maximizes battery life by offering high-performance efficiency. Maxim's proprietary output stage provides efficiency levels greater than Class AB devices without the EMI penalties commonly associated with Class D amplifiers.

The MAX9738 is ideally suited to deliver the high output voltage swing required to drive ceramic/piezoelectric speakers.

The device utilizes fully differential inputs and outputs, comprehensive click-and-pop suppression, shutdown control, and soft-start circuitry. The MAX9738 is fully specified over the -40°C to +85°C extended temperature range and is available in an ultra-small, lead-free 5x4 WLP (2.5mm x 2mm) package.

**II. Manufacturing Information**

A. Description/Function:	16VP-P Class G Amplifier with Inverting Boost Converter
B. Process:	B8
C. Number of Device Transistors:	
D. Fabrication Location:	Texas
E. Assembly Location:	UTL Thailand
F. Date of Initial Production:	January 26, 2008

**III. Packaging Information**

A. Package Type:	28-pin TQFN 4x4
B. Lead Frame:	Copper
C. Lead Finish:	100% matte Tin
D. Die Attach:	Conductive Epoxy
E. Bondwire:	Au (1.3 mil dia.)
F. Mold Material:	Epoxy with silica filler
G. Assembly Diagram:	#
H. Flammability Rating:	Class UL94-V0
I. Classification of Moisture Sensitivity per JEDEC standard J-STD-020-C	Level 1
J. Single Layer Theta Ja:	48°C/W
K. Single Layer Theta Jc:	2.7°C/W
L. Multi Layer Theta Ja:	35°C/W
M. Multi Layer Theta Jc:	2.7°C/W

**IV. Die Information**

A. Dimensions:	84 X 104 mils
B. Passivation:	Si <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> /SiO <sub>2</sub> (Silicon nitride/ Silicon dioxide)
C. Interconnect:	Al/0.5% Cu
D. Backside Metallization:	None
E. Minimum Metal Width:	0.8 microns (as drawn)
F. Minimum Metal Spacing:	0.8 microns (as drawn)
G. Bondpad Dimensions:	5 mil. Sq.
H. Isolation Dielectric:	SiO <sub>2</sub>
I. Die Separation Method:	Wafer Saw

## V. Quality Assurance Information

A. Quality Assurance Contacts:	Ken Wendel (Director, Reliability Engineering) Bryan Preeshl (Managing Director of QA)
B. Outgoing Inspection Level:	0.1% for all electrical parameters guaranteed by the Datasheet. 0.1% For all Visual Defects.
C. Observed Outgoing Defect Rate:	< 50 ppm
D. Sampling Plan:	Mil-Std-105D

## VI. Reliability Evaluation

### A. Accelerated Life Test

The results of the 135°C biased (static) life test are shown in Table 1. Using these results, the Failure Rate ( $\lambda$ ) is calculated as follows:

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\text{MTTF}} = \frac{1.83}{192 \times 4340 \times 48 \times 2} \quad (\text{Chi square value for MTTF upper limit})$$

(where 4340 = Temperature Acceleration factor assuming an activation energy of 0.8eV)

$$\lambda = 22.4 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$\lambda = 22.4 \text{ F.I.T. (60\% confidence level @ 25°C)}$$

The following failure rate represents data collected from Maxim's reliability monitor program. Maxim performs quarterly 1000 hour life test monitors on its processes. This data is published in the Product Reliability Report found at <http://www.maxim-ic.com/>. Current monitor data for the B8 Process results in a FIT Rate of 1.86 @ 25C and 22.5 @ 55C (0.8 eV, 60% UCL)

### B. Moisture Resistance Tests

The industry standard 85°C/85%RH or HAST testing is monitored per device process once a quarter.

### C. E.S.D. and Latch-Up Testing

The AU89 die type has been found to have all pins able to withstand a HBM transient pulse of +/-1000 V per JEDEC JESD22-A114. Latch-Up testing has shown that this device withstands a current of +/-250 mA.

**Table 1**  
Reliability Evaluation Test Results

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TEST ITEM	TEST CONDITION	FAILURE IDENTIFICATION	SAMPLE SIZE	NUMBER OF FAILURES
<b>Static Life Test</b> (Note 1)	Ta = 135°C Biased Time = 192 hrs.	DC Parameters & functionality	48	0
<b>Moisture Testing</b> (Note 2) 85/85	Ta = 85°C RH = 85% Biased Time = 1000hrs.	DC Parameters & functionality	77	0
<b>Mechanical Stress</b> (Note 2) Temperature Cycle	-65°C/150°C 1000 Cycles Method 1010	DC Parameters & functionality	77	0

Note 1: Life Test Data may represent plastic DIP qualification lots.

Note 2: Generic Package/Process data