

MAX38902E

14 μ V_{RMS} Low Noise 500mA LDO Linear Regulator

General Description

The MAX38902E is low-noise linear regulator that delivers up to 500mA of output current with only 14 μ V_{RMS} of output noise from 10Hz to 100kHz. This regulator maintains $\pm 1\%$ output accuracy over a wide input voltage range, requiring only 100mV of input-to-output headroom at full load. The 600 μ A no-load supply current is independent of dropout voltage. The MAX38902E has an 800 Ω active discharge feature to quickly discharge output capacitors.

The MAX38902E has a resistor adjustable output voltage in the range of 0.8V to 5.0V and includes an active-low POK output. The device features a programmable output soft-start rate, output over-current and thermal overload protection.

The MAX38902E is offered in an 8-pin TDFN package.

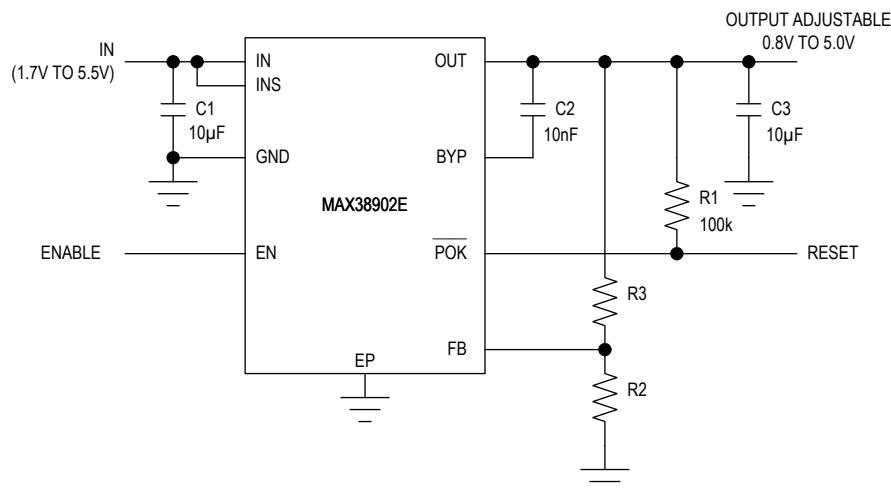
Applications

- Communication Circuitry
- Audio Systems
- High-Resolution Data Acquisition Systems

Benefits and Features

- Delivers Flexible Operating Range
 - 1.7V to 5.5V Input Voltage Range
 - 0.8V to 5.0V Output Voltage Range
 - 500mA Maximum Output Current
 - 100mV Maximum Dropout at 500mA Load (3.6V_{IN})
 - < 0.1 μ A Shutdown Supply Current
- Reduces Noise and Improved Accuracy
 - 14 μ V_{RMS} Output Noise, 10Hz to 100kHz
 - 600 μ A Operating Supply Current
 - 45dB PSRR at 100kHz
 - $\pm 1\%$ DC Accuracy Over Load, Line, and Temperature
- Enables Easy-of-Use and Robust Protection
 - Minimum C_{OUT} 4 μ F
 - Programmable Soft-Start Rate
 - Overcurrent and Overtemperature Protection
 - Output-to-Input Reversed Current Protection
 - POK Output
 - Active Discharge of 800 Ω at OUT
- Reduces Size, Improves Reliability
 - 2mm x 2mm 8-pin TDFN Package
 - -40°C to 125°C Operating Temperature

Typical Operating Circuit



[Ordering Information](#) appears at end of data sheet.

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Absolute Maximum Ratings

IN, INS, OUT, EN, \overline{POK} , FB, BYP to GND	-0.3V to +6V
Output Short-Circuit Duration	Continuous
Continuous Power Dissipation ($T_A = +70^\circ\text{C}$)	
TDFN (derate 9.8mW/ $^\circ\text{C}$ above 70°C)	784mW
Operating Temperature Range	-40 $^\circ\text{C}$ to +125 $^\circ\text{C}$

Maximum Junction Temperature	+150 $^\circ\text{C}$
Storage Temperature Range	-65 $^\circ\text{C}$ to +150 $^\circ\text{C}$
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 seconds)	+300 $^\circ\text{C}$
Soldering Temperature (reflow)	+260 $^\circ\text{C}$

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.

Package Information**TDFN**

Package Code	T822+3C
Outline Number	21-0168
Land Pattern Number	90-0065
Thermal Resistance, Single-Layer Board:	
Junction-to-Ambient (θ_{JA})	130 $^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$
Junction-to-Case Thermal Resistance (θ_{JC})	8 $^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$
Thermal Resistance, Four-Layer Board:	
Junction-to-Ambient (θ_{JA})	102 $^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$
Junction-to-Case Thermal Resistance (θ_{JC})	8 $^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$

For the latest package outline information and land patterns (footprints), go to [www.maximintegrated.com/packages](#). Note that a "+", "#", or "-" in the package code indicates RoHS status only. Package drawings may show a different suffix character, but the drawing pertains to the package regardless of RoHS status.

Package thermal resistances were obtained using the method described in JEDEC specification JESD51-7, using a four-layer board. For detailed information on package thermal considerations, refer to [www.maximintegrated.com/thermal-tutorial](#).

Electrical Characteristics

($V_{IN} = 3.6\text{V}$, $T_J = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to +125 $^\circ\text{C}$, $C_{BYP} = 10\text{nF}$, $C_{IN} = 10\mu\text{F}$, $C_{OUT} = 10\mu\text{F}$, circuit of [Typical Operating Circuit](#), typical values are at $T_J = +25^\circ\text{C}$, unless otherwise specified. (Note 1))

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Input Voltage Range	V_{IN}	Guaranteed by Output Accuracy	1.7		5.5	V
Input Undervoltage Lockout	V_{IN_UVLO}	V_{IN} rising, 100mV hysteresis	1.5	1.6	1.7	V
Output Voltage Range	V_{OUT}	$V_{IN} > V_{OUT} + 0.1\text{V}$	0.8		5.0	V
Output Capacitance	C_{OUT}	For stability and proper operation	4	10		μF
Supply Current	I_Q	$I_{OUT} = 0\text{mA}$		600	1500	μA
	$I_{SHUTDOWN}$	$V_{EN} = 0\text{V}$	$T_J = +25^\circ\text{C}$	0.01	0.1	
			$T_J = +125^\circ\text{C}$	700		nA
Feedback Accuracy	V_{FB}	I_{OUT} from 0.1mA to 500mA, V_{IN} from $V_{OUT} + 0.3\text{V}$ to 5.5V , $V_{IN} > 1.7\text{V}$, V_{OUT} from 0.8V to 5.0V	0.594	0.6	0.606	V
Load Regulation		I_{OUT} from 0.1mA to 500mA, $V_{IN} = V_{OUT} + 300\text{mV}$, $V_{OUT} = 2.5\text{V}$		0.07		%

Electrical Characteristics (continued)

(V_{IN} = 3.6V, T_J = -40°C to +125°C, C_{BYP} = 10nF, C_{IN} = 10 μ F, C_{OUT} = 10 μ F, circuit of [Typical Operating Circuit](#), typical values are at T_J = +25°C, unless otherwise specified. (Note 1))

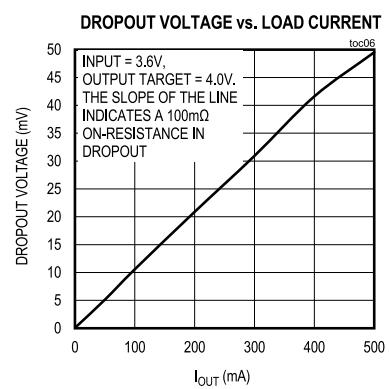
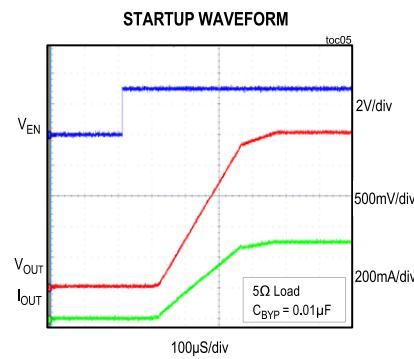
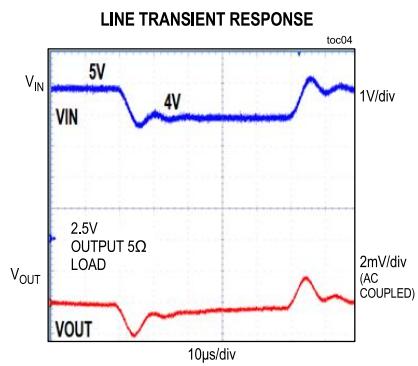
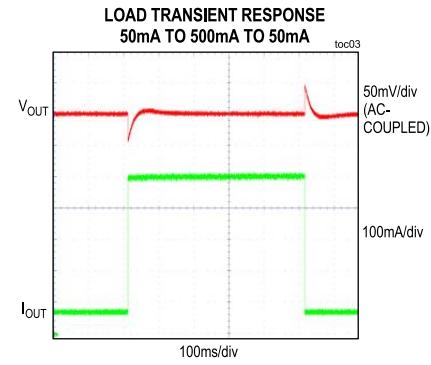
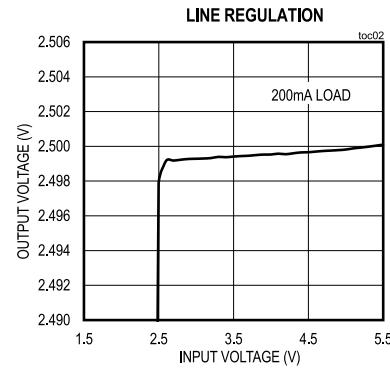
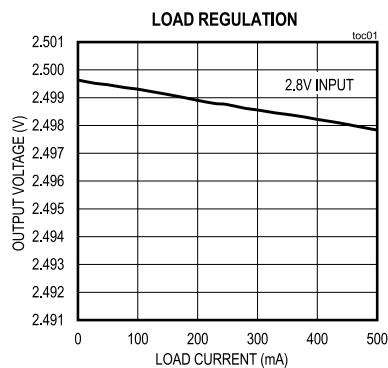
PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Load Transient		I _{OUT} = 50mA to 500mA to 50mA, t _{RISE} = t _{FALL} = 1 μ s			50		mV
Line Regulation		V _{IN} from V _{OUT} + 0.3V to 5.5V, V _{IN} > 1.7V, I _{OUT} = 200mA			0.06		%
Line Transient		V _{IN} = 4V to 5V to 4V, I _{OUT} = 500mA, t _{RISE} = t _{FALL} = 5 μ s			3		mV
Dropout Voltage (Note 2)		I _{OUT} = 500mA	V _{IN} = 3.6V	50	100		mV
Active Discharge Resistance	R _{DIS}	V _{EN} = 0V			800		Ω
Current Limit		V _{FB} = 0V, V _{IN} - V _{OUT} = 500mV		600	700	800	mA
Output Noise		I _{OUT} = 100mA, 10Hz to 100kHz	C _{BYP} = 47nF		14		μ V _{RMS}
Power Supply Rejection Ratio	PSRR	I _{OUT} = 100mA	f = 1kHz	60			dB
			f = 10kHz	60			
			f = 100kHz	45			
			f = 1MHz	40			
BYP Capacitor Range	C _{BYP}	Regulator remains stable		0.001	0.1		μ F
BYP Soft-Start Current		From BYP to GND during startup			50		μ A
EN Input Threshold		V _{IN} from 1.7V to 5.5V	EN rising	0.8	1.2		V
			EN falling	0.4	0.7		
EN Input Leakage Current		V _{EN} from 1.7V to 5.5V	T _J = +25°C	-1	+0.001	+1	μ A
			T _J = +125°C	0.01			
POK Threshold		V _{OUT} when POK switches	V _{OUT} rising	88	91	94	%
			V _{OUT} falling	88			
POK Voltage, Low		I _{POK} = 1mA		10	100		mV
POK Leakage Current		V _{POK} = 5.5V	T _J = +25°C	-0.1	+0.001	+0.1	μ A
			T _J = +125°C	0.01			
Thermal Shutdown Threshold		T _J when output turns on/off	T _J rising	165			°C
			T _J falling	150			

Note 1: Limits over the specified operating temperature and supply voltage range are guaranteed by design and characterization, and production tested at T_J = 25°C only.

Note 2: Dropout voltage is defined as (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}), when V_{OUT} is 95% of its nominal value.

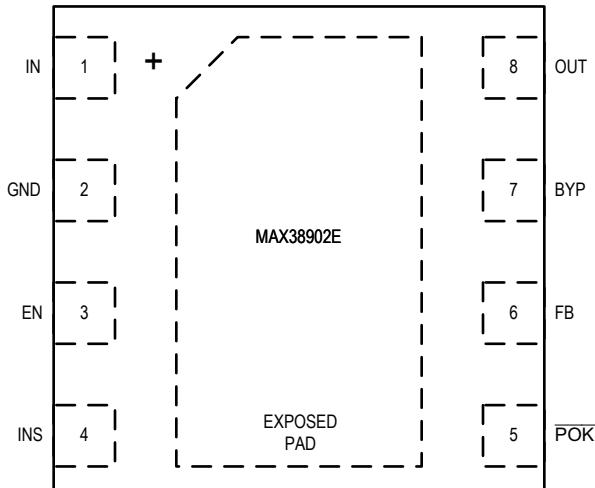
Typical Operating Characteristics

((V_{IN} = 3.6V, V_{OUT} = 2.5V, T_A = 25°C, C_{IN} = 10 μ F, C_{OUT} = 10 μ F, unless otherwise noted.))



Pin Configuration

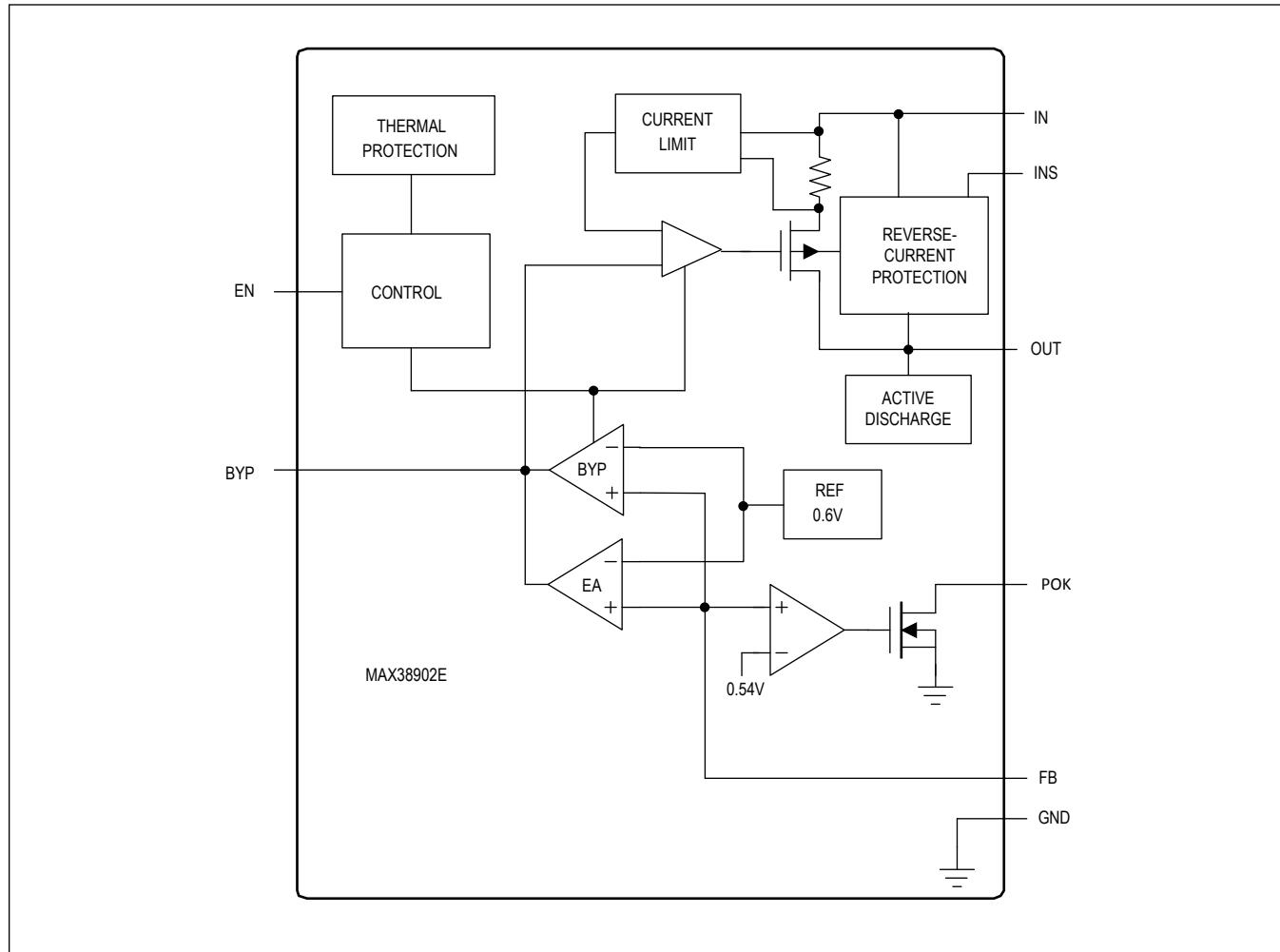
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Pin Description

PIN	NAME	FUNCTION
1	IN	Regulator Supply Input. Connect to a voltage between 1.7V and 5.5V and bypass with a 10 μ F capacitor from IN to GND.
2	GND	Regulator Ground. Bring IN and OUT bypass capacitor GND connections to this pin for best performance.
3	EN	Enable Input. Connect this pin to a logic signal to enable (V_{EN} high) or disable (V_{EN} low) the regulator output. Connect to IN to keep the output enabled whenever a valid supply voltage is present. When EN is pulled low or disabled, the output is shorted to GND through an 800 Ω active discharge circuit.
4	INS	Input Sense Pin. Connect INS to IN.
5	POK	Power-On Reset Output. Connect a pullup resistor from this pin to a supply to create a reset signal that goes low after the regulator output has reached its regulation voltage.
6	FB	Feedback Divider Input. Connect a resistor divider string from OUT to GND with the mid-point tied to this pin to set the output voltage. In the Typical Operating Circuit , $V_{OUT} = 0.6V \times (1 + R3/R2)$.
7	BYP	Bypass Capacitor Input. Connect a 0.001 μ F to 0.1 μ F capacitor between OUT and BYP to reduce output noise and set the regulator soft-start rate.
8	OUT	Regulator Output. Sources up to 500mA at the output regulation voltage. Bypass with a 10 μ F (4 μ F minimum including voltage derating) low ESR ($< 0.03\Omega$) capacitor to GND.
EP	EP	Exposed Pad. Connect the exposed pad to a ground plane with low thermal resistance to ambient to provide best heat sinking.

Functional Diagrams



Detailed Description

The MAX38902E, low noise linear regulator delivers up to 500mA of output current, with only 14 μ V_{RMS} of output noise in a 10Hz to 100kHz bandwidth. This regulator maintains its output voltage over a wide input range, requiring only 100mV of input-to-output headroom at full load.

The MAX38902E maintains a low 600 μ A typical supply current, independent of the load current and drop-out voltage. The regulator control circuitry includes a programmable soft-start circuit, short-circuit, reverse input current, and thermal overload protection. Other features include an enable input and power-okay (POK) output (see [Typical Operating Circuit](#)).

Enable (EN)

The MAX38902E includes an enable input (EN). Pull EN low to shut down the output, or drive EN high to enable the output. If a separate shutdown signal is not available, connect EN to IN.

Bypass (BYP)

The capacitor connected from BYP to OUT filters the noise of the reference, feedback resistors and regulator input stage, and provides a high-speed feedback path for improved transient response. A 0.01 μ F capacitor rolls-off input noise at around 32Hz.

The slew rate of the output voltage during startup is also determined by the BYP capacitor. A 0.01 μ F capacitor sets the slew rate to 5V/ms. This startup rate results in a 50mA slew current drawn from the input at start-up to charge the 10 μ F output capacitance.

The BYP capacitor value can be adjusted from 0.001 μ F to 0.1 μ F to change the startup slew rate according to the following formula:

$$\text{STARTUPSLEWRATE} = \frac{5V}{\text{ms}} \times \frac{0.01 \mu F}{C_{\text{BYP}}}$$

where C_{BYP} is in μ F.

Note that this slew rate applies only at startup. That recovery from a short-circuit will occur at a slew rate approximately 500 times slower.

Also note that, being a low-frequency filter node, BYP is sensitive to leakage. BYP leakage currents above 10nA cause measurable inaccuracy at the output and should be avoided.

Protection Features

The MAX38902E is fully protected from an output short-circuit by a current-limiting and thermal overload circuit. If the output is shorted to GND, the output current is limited to 700mA (typ). Under these conditions, the part quickly heats up. When the junction temperature reaches 165°C, a thermal limit circuit shuts off the output device. When the junction cools to 150°C, the output turns back on in an attempt to reestablish regulation. While the fault persists, the output current cycles on and off, as the junction temperature slews between 150°C and 165°C.

The MAX38902E is also protected against reverse current when the output voltage is higher than the input. In the event that extra output capacitance is used at the output, a power-down transient at the input would normally cause a large reverse current through a conventional regulator. The MAX38902E includes a reverse voltage detector that trips when IN drops 10mV below OUT, shutting off the regulator and opening the PMOS body diode connection, preventing any reverse current.

Active Discharge

When EN is pulled low, the MAX38902E connects an 800 Ω resistor from OUT to GND in order to discharge the output capacitors. This feature reduces the time required to discharge the output capacitor, which simplifies system power sequencing.

Output Voltage Configuration

The MAX38902E uses external feedback resistors to set the output regulation voltage, as shown in the [Typical Operating Circuit](#). The output can be set from 0.8V to 5.0V. Set the lower feedback resistor R2 to 300k Ω or less to minimize FB

input bias current error. Then, calculate the value of the upper feedback resistor R3 as follows:

$$R3 = R2 \times \left(\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{FB}} - 1 \right)$$

where V_{FB} is the feedback regulation voltage of 0.6V. To set the output voltage to 2.5V, for example, R3 should be:

$$R3 = 300\text{k}\Omega \times \left(\frac{2.5\text{V}}{0.6\text{V}} - 1 \right)$$

Power-OK

The MAX38902E includes an additional open-drain output, \overline{POK} , that goes low to indicate the output voltage is in regulation. Connect a pullup resistor from this pin to an external supply. During startup, \overline{POK} stays high until the output voltage rises to 91% (typ) of its regulation level. If an overload occurs at the output, or the output is shutdown, \overline{POK} goes high.

Input Capacitor

A 10 μ F ceramic capacitor is recommended for the input. Select a capacitor that maintains its capacitance over temperature and DC bias. Capacitors with X5R or X7R temperature characteristics generally perform well.

Output Capacitor

A minimum of 4 μ F capacitance is required at OUT to ensure stability. Select a ceramic capacitor that maintains its capacitance (4 μ F minimum) over temperature and DC bias. Capacitors with X5R or X7R temperature characteristics generally perform well.

Thermal Considerations

The MAX38902E is packaged in an 8-pin 2mm x 2mm TDFN package with an exposed paddle. The exposed paddle is the main path for heat to leave the IC, and therefore must be connected to a ground plane with thermal vias to allow heat to dissipate from the device. Thermal properties of the IC package are given in the [Package Information](#) section.

Ordering Information

PART NUMBER	TEMPERATURE RANGE	PIN-PACKAGE	OUTPUT VOLTAGE SETTING
MAX38902EATA+	-40°C to +125°C	8 TDFN	External Resistor Feedback with \overline{POK} output

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

Revision History

REVISION NUMBER	REVISION DATE	DESCRIPTION	PAGES CHANGED
0	12/18	Initial release	—
1	1/19	Updated <i>Typical Operating Circuit, Absolute Maximum Ratings, Electrical Characteristics, Pin Configuration, Pin Description, and Functional Diagram</i>	1–3, 5, 6
2	2/25	Updated Functional Block Diagram, General Description, Benefits and Features, Electrical Characteristics, and Pin Description; Added Active Discharge Section	1, 3, 5–7