

RELIABILITY REPORT  
FOR  
MAX15020ATP+  
PLASTIC ENCAPSULATED DEVICES

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**MAXIM INTEGRATED PRODUCTS**

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## Conclusion

The MAX15020ATP+ 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 MAX15020 high-voltage step-down DC-DC converter operates over an input voltage range of 7.5V to 40V. The device integrates a 0.2 high-side switch and is capable of delivering 2A load current with excellent load and line regulation. The output is dynamically adjustable from 0.5V to 36V through the use of an external reference input (REFIN). The MAX15020 consumes only 6 $\mu$ A in shutdown mode. The device utilizes feed-forward voltage-mode architecture for good noise immunity in the high-voltage switching environment and offers external compensation for maximum flexibility. The switching frequency is selectable to 300kHz or 500kHz and can be synchronized to an external clock signal of 100kHz to 500kHz by using the SYNC input. The IC features a maximum duty cycle of 95% (typ) at 300kHz. The device includes configurable undervoltage lockout (UVLO) and soft-start. Protection features include cycle-by-cycle current limit, hiccup-mode for output short-circuit protection, and thermal shutdown. The MAX15020 is available in a 20-pin TQFN 5mm x 5mm package and is rated for operation over the -40°C to +125°C temperature range.

## II. Manufacturing Information

A. Description/Function:	2A, 40V Step-Down DC-DC Converter with Dynamic Output-Voltage Programming
B. Process:	BCD8
C. Number of Device Transistors:	
D. Fabrication Location:	Oregon
E. Assembly Location:	UTL Thailand
F. Date of Initial Production:	April 20, 2007

## III. Packaging Information

A. Package Type:	20-pin TQFN 5x5
B. Lead Frame:	Copper
C. Lead Finish:	100% matte Tin
D. Die Attach:	Conductive Epoxy
E. Bondwire:	Gold (1 mil dia.)
F. Mold Material:	Epoxy with silica filler
G. Assembly Diagram:	#05-9000-2521
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:	47°C/W
K. Single Layer Theta Jc:	1.7°C/W
L. Multi Layer Theta Ja:	29°C/W
M. Multi Layer Theta Jc:	1.7°C/W

## IV. Die Information

A. Dimensions:	138 X 129 mils
B. Passivation:	Si <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> /SiO <sub>2</sub> (Silicon nitride/ Silicon dioxide)
C. Interconnect:	Aluminum/Si (Si = 1%)
D. Backside Metallization:	None
E. Minimum Metal Width:	3.0 microns (as drawn)
F. Minimum Metal Spacing:	3.0 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 BCD8 Process results in a FIT Rate of 2.3 @ 25C and 39.6 @ 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 NQ02 die type has been found to have all pins able to withstand a HBM transient pulse of <500 V per JEDEC JESD22-A114-D. Latch-Up testing has shown that this device withstands a current of +/-250 mA.

**Table 1**  
Reliability Evaluation Test Results

**MAX15020ATP+**

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