

RELIABILITY REPORT
FOR
MAX16956AUBD+
PLASTIC ENCAPSULATED DEVICES

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Conclusion

The MAX16956AUBD/V+ successfully meets the quality and reliability standards required of all Maxim Integrated products. In addition, Maxim Integrated's continuous reliability monitoring program ensures that all outgoing product will continue to meet Maxim Integrated's quality and reliability standards.

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I. Device Description

A. General

The MAX16956 is a small, synchronous buck converter with integrated high-side and low-side switches. The device is designed to deliver up to 300mA with input voltages from 3.5V to 36V, while using only 1.1 μ A quiescent current at no load (fixed-output versions). Voltage quality can be monitored by observing the active-low RESET signal. The device can operate near dropout by running at 97% duty cycle, making it ideal for automotive applications under cold-crank. The device offers fixed-output voltages of 5V and 3.3V, as well as an adjustable version. The adjustable version allows the user to program the output voltage between 1V and 10V by using a resistor-divider. Frequency is fixed at 2.1MHz, which allows for small external components, reduced output ripple, and minimized AM radio interference. The device offers both forced-PWM and skip modes of operation, with ultra-low quiescent current of 1.1 μ A in skip mode. The device can be ordered with spread-spectrum frequency modulation designed to minimize EMI-radiated emissions due to the switching frequency. The MAX16956 is available in a small (3mm \times 3mm) 10-pin μ MAX® package and operates across the full automotive temperature range of -40°C to +125°C. The device is AEC-Q100 qualified.

II. Manufacturing Information

A. Description/Function:	36V, 300mA, Mini Buck Converter with 1.1 μ A I _Q
B. Process:	S18
C. Number of Device Transistors:	12412
D. Fabrication Location:	California
E. Assembly Location:	Philippines, Thailand
F. Date of Initial Production:	September 11, 2013

III. Packaging Information

A. Package Type:	10-pin uMAX
B. Lead Frame:	Copper
C. Lead Finish:	100% matte Tin
D. Die Attach:	Conductive
E. Bondwire:	Au (1.3 mil dia.)
F. Mold Material:	Epoxy with silica filler
G. Assembly Diagram:	#05-9000-5048
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:	97°C/W
K. Single Layer Theta Jc:	4.8°C/W
L. Multi Layer Theta Ja:	77.6°C/W
M. Multi Layer Theta Jc:	4.8°C/W

IV. Die Information

A. Dimensions:	57.874X53.937 mils
B. Passivation:	Si ₃ N ₄ /SiO ₂ (Silicon nitride/ Silicon dioxide)
C. Interconnect:	Al with Ti/TiN Barrier
D. Backside Metallization:	None
E. Minimum Metal Width:	0.18 μ m
F. Minimum Metal Spacing:	0.18 μ m
G. Bondpad Dimensions:	
H. Isolation Dielectric:	SiO ₂
I. Die Separation Method:	Wafer Saw

V. Quality Assurance Information

- A. Quality Assurance Contacts: Don Lipps (Manager, Reliability Engineering)
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- 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 135C biased (static) life test are shown in Table 1. Using these results, the Failure Rate (λ) is calculated as follows:

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\text{MTTF}} = \frac{1.83}{192 \times 4340 \times 77 \times 2} \quad (\text{Chi square value for MTTF upper limit})$$

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

$$\lambda = 14.3 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$\lambda = 14.3 \text{ F.I.T. (60\% confidence level @ 25°C)}$$

The following failure rate represents data collected from Maxim Integrated's reliability monitor program. Maxim Integrated performs quarterly life test monitors on its processes. This data is published in the Reliability Report found at <http://www.maximintegrated.com/qa/reliability/monitor>. Cumulative monitor data for the S18 Process results in a FIT Rate of 0.05 @ 25C and 0.93 @ 55C (0.8 eV, 60% UCL).

B. E.S.D. and Latch-Up Testing (lot SAMQ3Q001C, D/C 1322)

The AP36-0 die die type has been found to have all pins able to withstand a transient pulse of:

ESD-HBM:	+/- 2500V per JEDEC JESD22-A114
ESD-CDM:	+/- 750V per JEDEC JESD22-C101

Latch-Up testing has shown that this device withstands a current of +/- 100mA and overvoltage per JEDEC JESD78.

Table 1
Reliability Evaluation Test Results

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TEST ITEM	TEST CONDITION	FAILURE IDENTIFICATION	SAMPLE SIZE	NUMBER OF FAILURES	COMMENTS
Static Life Test (Note 1)	Ta = 135°C Biased Time = 192 hrs.	DC Parameters & functionality	77	0	SAMQ3Q001B, D/C 1321

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