

RELIABILITY REPORT
FOR
MAX1698EUB+
PLASTIC ENCAPSULATED DEVICES

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MAXIM INTEGRATED PRODUCTS

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Conclusion

The MAX1698EUB+ 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 MAX1698 and MAX1698A are efficient drivers for white or color LEDs. They are ideal for large LED backlit displays in PDAs and laptop computers. Numerous benefits include greater simplicity, lower cost, higher efficiency, longer bulb life, and greater reliability when compared to fluorescent (CCFL) and electroluminescent (EL) lamps. The MAX1698/MAX1698A are switch-mode boost controllers in which LED current, rather than output voltage, is regulated. The devices drive series-connected LEDs with a controlled current that is measured with a typically 15 Ω sense resistor, not an expensive fractional-ohm value. LED current control and dimming are accomplished with an adjust input (ADJ). For larger light output, multiple LED banks can be connected in parallel with up to 5W total output power. The MAX1698A has a higher, and more accurately specified, CS current limit than the MAX1698 for higherpower applications of 5W or more. Both devices are supplied in a space-saving 10-pin μ MAX package that occupies half the space of an 8-pin SO. An evaluation kit (MAX1698EVKIT) is available to speed designs.

II. Manufacturing Information

A. Description/Function:	High-Efficiency Step-Up Current Regulator for LEDs
B. Process:	B12
C. Number of Device Transistors:	
D. Fabrication Location:	Oregon, California or Texas
E. Assembly Location:	Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand
F. Date of Initial Production:	January 22, 2000

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:	#05-2301-0016
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:	180°C/W
K. Single Layer Theta Jc:	41.9°C/W
L. Multi Layer Theta Ja:	113.1°C/W
M. Multi Layer Theta Jc:	41.9°C/W

IV. Die Information

A. Dimensions:	61 X 87 mils
B. Passivation:	Si ₃ N ₄ /SiO ₂ (Silicon nitride/ Silicon dioxide)
C. Interconnect:	Al/0.5%Cu with Ti/TiN Barrier
D. Backside Metallization:	None
E. Minimum Metal Width:	1.2 microns (as drawn)
F. Minimum Metal Spacing:	1.2 microns (as drawn)
G. Bondpad Dimensions:	5 mil. Sq.
H. Isolation Dielectric:	SiO ₂
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 (λ) is calculated as follows:

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\text{MTTF}} = \frac{6.21}{192 \times 4340 \times 80 \times 2} \quad (\text{Chi square value for MTTF upper limit})$$

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

$$\lambda = 45.5 \times 10^{-9}$$
$$\lambda = 45.5 \text{ F.I.T. (60\% confidence level @ 25°C)}$$

The following failure rate represents data collected from Maxim's reliability monitor program. Maxim performs quarterly life test monitors on its processes. This data is published in the Reliability Report found at <http://www.maxim-ic.com/qa/reliability/monitor>. Cumulative monitor data for the B12 Process results in a FIT Rate of 0.06 @ 25C and 1.06 @ 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 PY10-1 die type has been found to have all pins able to withstand a HBM transient pulse of +/-400 V per Mil-Std 883 Method 3015.7. 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
Static Life Test (Note 1)				
	Ta = 135°C Biased Time = 192 hrs.	DC Parameters & functionality	80	2
Moisture Testing (Note 2)				
HAST	Ta = 130°C RH = 85% Biased Time = 96hrs.	DC Parameters & functionality	77	0
Mechanical Stress (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