_General Description

The MAX4238/MAX4239 are low-noise, low-drift, ultrahigh precision amplifiers that offer near-zero DC offset and drift through the use of patented autocorrelating zeroing techniques. This method constantly measures and compensates the input offset, eliminating drift over time and temperature and the effect of 1/f noise. Both devices feature rail-to-rail outputs, operate from a single 2.7V to 5.5V supply, and consume only 600µA. An activelow shutdown mode decreases supply current to 0.1µA.

The MAX4238 is unity-gain stable with a gain-bandwidth product of 1MHz, while the decompensated MAX4239 is stable with A_V \geq 10V/V and a GBWP of 6.5MHz. The MAX4238/MAX4239 are available in 8-pin narrow SO, 6-pin TDFN and SOT23 packages.

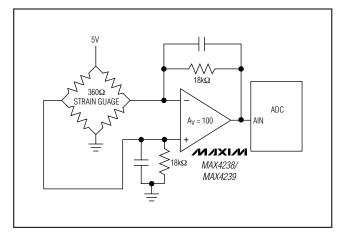
Applications

- Thermocouples
- Strain Gauges
- **Electronic Scales**

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- Medical Instrumentation
- Instrumentation Amplifiers

Typical Application Circuit



_Features

- ◆ Ultra-Low, 0.1µV Offset Voltage 2.0µV (max) at +25°C 2.5µV (max) at -40°C to +85°C 3.5µV (max) at -40°C to +125°C
- Low 10nV/°C Drift
- Specified over the -40°C to +125°C Automotive Temperature Range
- ♦ Low Noise: 1.5µV_{P-P} from DC to 10Hz
- ♦ 150dB AVOL, 140dB PSRR, 140dB CMRR
- High Gain-Bandwidth Product 1MHz (MAX4238) 6.5MHz (MAX4239)
- 0.1µA Shutdown Mode
- Rail-to-Rail Output (R_L = 1kΩ)
- ♦ Low 600µA Supply Current
- Ground-Sensing Input
- Single 2.7V to 5.5V Supply Voltage Range
- Available in a Space-Saving 6-Pin SOT23 and TDFN Packages

_Ordering Information

PART	PIN- PACKAGE	TOP MARK	PKG CODE
MAX4238AUT-T	6 SOT23-6	AAZZ	U6F-6
MAX4238ASA	8 SO	—	S8-4
MAX4238ATT+T	6 TDFN-EP*	+ANG	T633-2
MAX4239AUT-T	6 SOT23-6	ABAA	U6F-6
MAX4239ASA	8 SO	—	S8-4
MAX4239ATT+T	6 TDFN-EP*	+ANH	T633-2

Note: All devices are specified over the -40°C to +125°C operating temperature range.

+Denotes lead-free package.

*EP = Exposed paddle.

Selector Guide

PART	MINIMUM STABLE GAIN	GAIN BANDWIDTH (MHz)
MAX4238	1V/V	1
MAX4239	10V/V	6.5

Pin Configurations appear at end of data sheet.

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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Power-Supply Voltage (V _{CC} to GND)	6V
All Other Pins(GND - 0.	
Output Short-Circuit Duration	, , ,
(OUT shorted to V _{CC} or GND)	Continuous
Continuous Power Dissipation ($T_A = +70^{\circ}C$)	
6-Pin Plastic SOT23	
(derate 9.1mW/°C above +70°C)	727mW

8-Pin Plastic SO (derate 5.88mW/°C above +70°C)471mW 6-Pin TDFN-EP (derate 18.2mW above +70°C)1454mW	
Operating Temperature Range	
Junction Temperature+150°C	
Storage Temperature Range65°C to +150°C	
Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s)+300°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.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

 $(2.7V \le V_{CC} \le 5.5V, V_{CM} = GND = 0V, V_{OUT} = V_{CC}/2, R_L = 10k\Omega$ connected to $V_{CC}/2, \overline{SHDN} = V_{CC}, T_A = +25^{\circ}C$, unless otherwise noted.)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS		MIN	ТҮР	МАХ	UNITS	
Input Offset Voltage	VOS	(Note 1)			0.1	2	μV	
Long-Term Offset Drift					50		nV/1000hr	
Input Bias Current	Ι _Β	(Note 2)			1		рА	
Input Offset Current	los	(Note 2)			2		рА	
Peak-to-Peak Input Noise Voltage	enP-P	$R_S = 100\Omega$, 0.01Hz to 10Hz			1.5		μV _{P-P}	
Input Voltage-Noise Density	en	f = 1kHz			30		NV/√Hz	
Common-Mode Input Voltage Range	V _{CM}	Inferred from CMRR test		GND - 0.1		V _{CC} - 1.3	V	
Common-Mode Rejection Ratio	CMRR	$-0.1V \le V_{CM} \le V_{CC} - 1.3V$ (N	Note 1)	120	140		dB	
Power-Supply Rejection Ratio	PSRR	$2.7V \le V_{CC} \le 5.5V$ (Note 1)		120	140		dB	
Large-Signal Voltage Gain	Avol	$0.05V \le V_{OUT} \le V_{CC} - 0.05V$ (Note 1)	$R_L = 10k\Omega$	125	150			
		0.1V ≤ V _{OUT} ≤ V _{CC} - 0.1V (Note 1)	$R_L = 1k\Omega$	125	145		dB	
	V _{OH} /V _{OL}	$R_L = 10k\Omega$	V _{CC} - V _{OH}		4	10	mV	
			Vol		4	10		
Output Voltage Swing		$P_{\rm L} = 1k\Omega$	V _{CC} - V _{OH}		35	50		
		$H_{L} = 1KS2$	$R_L = 1k\Omega$ Vol		35	50		
Output Short-Circuit Current		To either supply			40		mA	
Output Leakage Current		$0 \le V_{OUT} \le V_{CC}, \overline{SHDN} = G$	$0 \le V_{OUT} \le V_{CC}, \overline{SHDN} = GND (Note 2)$		0.01	1	μΑ	
Slew Rate		$V_{CC} = 5V, C_L = 100pF,$	MAX4238		0.35		N/h	
Slew Rate		V _{OUT} = 2V step	MAX4239		1.6		V/µs	
Gain-Bandwidth Product	GBWP	$R_{L} = 10k\Omega, C_{L} = 100pF,$	MAX4238		1		MHz	
		measured at f = 100kHz	MAX4239		6.5			
Minimum Stable Closed-Loop		$R_{L} = 10 k \Omega, C_{L} = 100 pF,$	MAX4238		1		V/V	
Gain		phase margin = 60°	MAX4239		10		v/ v	

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

 $(2.7V \le V_{CC} \le 5.5V, V_{CM} = GND = 0V, V_{OUT} = V_{CC}/2, R_L = 10k\Omega$ connected to $V_{CC}/2, \overline{SHDN} = V_{CC}, T_A = +25^{\circ}C$, unless otherwise noted.)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Mavimum Classed Loop Cain		$R_{L} = 10k\Omega, C_{L} = 100pF,$	MAX4238		1000		V/V
Maximum Closed-Loop Gain		phase margin = 60°	MAX4239		6700		
			0.1% (10 bit)		0.5		
Cottling Time		1V stop	0.025% (12 bit)		1.0		
Settling Time		-1V step	0.006% (14 bit)		1.7		ms
			0.0015% (16 bit)		2.3		
			0.1% (10 bit)		3.3		ms
		A _V = 10	0.025% (12 bit)		4.1		
Overload Recovery Time		(Note 4)	0.006% (14 bit)		4.9		
			0.0015% (16 bit)		5.7		
		A _V = 10	0.1% (10 bit)		1.8		ms
Ctartura Tiraa			0.025% (12 bit)		2.6		
Startup Time			0.006% (14 bit)		3.4		
			0.0015% (16 bit)		4.3		
Supply Voltage Range	Vcc	Inferred by PSRR test		2.7		5.5	V
Cupply Current	le e	$\overline{\text{SHDN}} = V_{CC}$, no load, $V_{CC} = 5.5V$		(600	850	μA
Supply Current	Icc	$\overline{\text{SHDN}} = \text{GND}, \text{V}_{\text{CC}} = 5.5\text{V}$			0.1	1	
Shutdown Logic-High	VIH			2.2			V
Shutdown Logic-Low	VIL					0.8	V
Shutdown Input Current		$0V \le V \overline{SHDN} \le V_{CC}$			0.1	1	μA

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

 $(2.7V \le V_{CC} \le 5.5V, V_{CM} = GND = 0V, V_{OUT} = V_{CC}/2, R_L = 10k\Omega$ connected to $V_{CC}/2, \overline{SHDN} = V_{CC}, T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to $+125^{\circ}C$, unless otherwise noted.) (Note 5)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS		CONDITIONS MIN TYP				
			$T_A = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +85^{\circ}C$			2.5		
Input Offset Voltage	Vos	(Note 1)	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } + 125^{\circ}C$			3.5	μV	
Input Offset Drift	TCVOS	(Note 1)			10		nV/°C	
Common-Mode Input Voltage Range	VCM	Inferred from (CMRR test	GND - 0.05		V _{CC} - 1.4	V	
Common Mode Poinction Patio	CMRR	GND - 0.05V ≤ V _{CM} ≤ V _{CC} -	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +85^{\circ}C$	115				
Common-Mode Rejection Ratio	CIVIRR	1.4V (Note 1)	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +125^{\circ}C$	90			dB	
Power-Supply Rejection Ratio	PSRR	$2.7V \le V_{CC} \le 3$	5.5V (Note 1)	120			dB	
Large-Signal Voltage Gain		$R_L = 10kΩ,$ 0.1V ≤ V _{OUT}	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to $+85^{\circ}C$	125			dB	
	Avol	≤ V _{CC} - 0.1V (Note 1)	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to $+125^{\circ}C$	95				
		R _L = 1kΩ (Note 1)	$\begin{array}{l} 0.1 V \leq V_{OUT} \leq V_{CC} - 0.1 V, \\ T_A = -40^\circ C \mbox{ to } +85^\circ C \end{array}$	120			dB	
			$\begin{array}{l} 0.2 V \leq V_{OUT} \leq V_{CC} - 0.2 V, \\ T_{A} = -40^{\circ} C \text{ to } +125^{\circ} C \end{array}$	80				
	V _{OH} /V _{OL}	$R_L = 10k\Omega$	V _{CC} - V _{OH}			20	1	
Output Voltage Swing			V _{OL}			20		
Output voltage Swilly		$R_L = 1k\Omega$	V _{CC} - V _{OH}			100	mV	
			V _{OL}			100		
Output Leakage Current		$0V \le V_{OUT} \le V_{CC}$, $\overline{SHDN} = GND$ (Note 3)				2	μA	
Supply Voltage Range	V _{CC}	Inferred by PSRR test		2.7		5.5	V	
Supply Ourrent		$\overline{SHDN} = V_{CC}, \text{ no load, } V_{CC} = 5.5V$ $\overline{SHDN} = GND, V_{CC} = 5.5V$				900		
Supply Current	Icc					2	μA	
Shutdown Logic High	VIH			2.2			V	
Shutdown Logic Low	VIL					0.7	V	
Shutdown Input Current		$0V \le V_{\overline{SHDN}} \le V_{CC}$				2	μA	

Note 1: Guaranteed by design. Thermocouple and leakage effects preclude measurement of this parameter during production testing. Devices are screened during production testing to eliminate defective units.

Note 2: IN+ and IN- are gates to CMOS transistors with typical input bias current of 1pA. CMOS leakage is so small that it is impractical to test and guarantee in production. Devices are screened during production testing to eliminate defective units.
 Note 3: Leakage does not include leakage through feedback resistors.

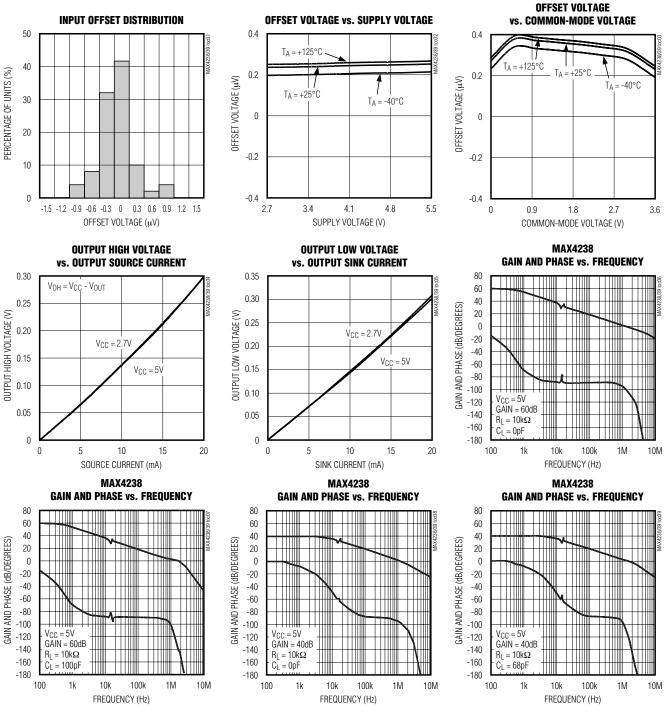
Note 4: Overload recovery time is the time required for the device to recover from saturation when the output has been driven to either rail.

Note 5: Specifications are 100% tested at $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$, unless otherwise noted. Limits over temperature are guaranteed by design.

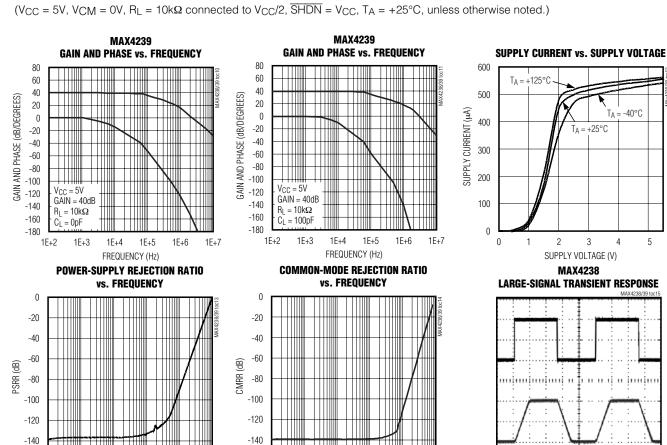


Typical Operating Characteristics

 $(V_{CC} = 5V, V_{CM} = 0V, R_L = 10k\Omega$ connected to $V_{CC}/2$, $\overline{SHDN} = V_{CC}, T_A = +25^{\circ}C$, unless otherwise noted.)



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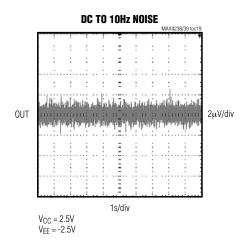
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-140 -160 -160 0.01 0.1 10 100 1000 0.01 0.1 10 100 1000 1 1 $A_V = 1V/V$ FREQUENCY (kHz) FREQUENCY (kHz) $R_L=2k\boldsymbol{\Omega}$ $C_L = 100 pF$ MAX4239 **MAX4238 SMALL-SIGNAL TRANSIENT RESPONSE SMALL-SIGNAL TRANSIENT RESPONSE** IN IN 50mV/div 0 50mV/div OUT 50mV/div OUT 500mV/div 0 10µs/div 10µs/div $\begin{array}{l} A_V = 1 V/V \\ R_L = 2 k \Omega \end{array}$ $A_V = 10V/V$ $R_L = 2k\Omega$ $C_L = 100 pF$ $C_L = 100 p F$

IN 1V/div

Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

 $(V_{CC} = 5V, V_{CM} = 0V, R_L = 10k\Omega$ connected to $V_{CC}/2$, $\overline{SHDN} = V_{CC}, T_A = +25^{\circ}C$, unless otherwise noted.)



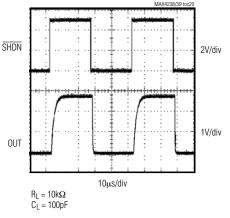
PIN		NAME	FUNCTION		
TDFN	SOT23	SO	NAME	FUNCTION	
1	1	6	OUT	Amplifier Output	
2	2	4	GND	Ground	
3	3	3	IN+	Noninverting Input	
4	4	2	IN-	Inverting Input	
5	5	1	SHDN	Shutdown Input. Active-low shutdown, connect to V _{CC} for normal operation.	
6	6	7	V _{CC}	Positive Power Supply	
	_	5, 8	N.C.	No Connection. Not internally connected.	
EP	_		EP	Exposed Pad. Connect EP to GND.	

Pin Description

Detailed Description

The MAX4238/MAX4239 are high-precision amplifiers that have less than 2.5μ V of input-referred offset and low 1/f noise. These characteristics are achieved through a patented autozeroing technique that samples and cancels the input offset and noise of the amplifier. The pseudorandom clock frequency varies from 10kHz to 15kHz, reducing intermodulation distortion present in chopper-stabilized amplifiers.

SHUTDOWN WAVEFORM



MAX4238/MAX4239

Offset Error Sources

To achieve very low offset, several sources of error common to autozero-type amplifiers need to be considered. The first contributor is the settling of the sampling capacitor. This type of error is independent of inputsource impedance, or the size of the external gain-setting resistors. Maxim uses a patented design technique to avoid large changes in the voltage on the sampling capacitor to reduce settling time errors.

The second error contributor, which is present in both autozero and chopper-type amplifiers, is the charge injection from the switches. The charge injection appears as current spikes at the input, and combined with the impedance seen at the amplifier's input, contributes to input offset voltage. Minimize this feedthrough by reducing the size of the gain-setting resistors and the input-source impedance. A capacitor in parallel with the feedback resistor reduces the amount of clock feedthrough to the output by limiting the closed-loop bandwidth of the device.

The design of the MAX4238/MAX4239 minimizes the effects of settling and charge injection to allow specification of an input offset voltage of 0.1μ V (typ) and less than 2.5μ V over temperature (-40°C to +85°C).

1/f Noise

1/f noise, inherent in all semiconductor devices, is inversely proportional to frequency. 1/f noise increases 3dB/octave and dominates amplifier noise at lower frequencies. This noise appears as a constantly changing voltage in series with any signal being measured. The MAX4238/MAX4239 treat 1/f noise as a slow varying offset error, inherently canceling the 1/f noise.

Output Overload Recovery

Autozeroing amplifiers typically require a substantial amount of time to recover from an output overload. This is due to the time it takes for the null amplifier to correct the main amplifier to a valid output. The MAX4238/ MAX4239 require only 3.3ms to recover from an output overload (see *Electrical Characteristics* and *Typical Operating Characteristics*).

Shutdown

The MAX4238/MAX4239 feature a low-power (0.1 μ A) shutdown mode. When SHDN is pulled low, the clock stops and the device output enters a high-impedance state. Connect SHDN to V_{CC} for normal operation.

Applications Information

Minimum and Maximum Gain Configurations

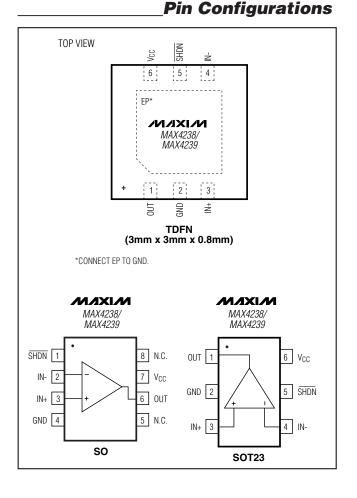
The MAX4238 is a unity-gain stable amplifier with a gainbandwidth product (GBWP) of 1MHz. The MAX4239 is decompensated for a GBWP of 6.5MHz and is stable with a gain of 10V/V. Unlike conventional operational amplifiers, the MAX4238/MAX4239 have a maximum gain specification. To maintain stability, set the gain of the MAX4238 between $A_V = 1000V/V$ to 1V/V, and set the gain of the MAX4239 between $A_V = 6700V/V$ and 10V/V.

ADC Buffer Amplifier

The low offset, fast settling time, and 1/f noise cancellation of the MAX4238/MAX4239 make these devices ideal for ADC buffers. The MAX4238/MAX4239 are well suited for low-speed, high-accuracy applications such as strain gauges (see *Typical Application Circuit*).

Error Budget Example

When using the MAX4238/MAX4239 as an ADC buffer, the temperature drift should be taken into account when determining the maximum input signal. With a typical offset drift of 10nV/°C, the drift over a 10°C range is 100nV. Setting this equal to 1/2LSB in a 16-bit system yields a full-scale range of 13mV. With a single 2.7V supply, an acceptable closed-loop gain is $A_V = 200$. This provides sufficient gain while maintaining headroom.

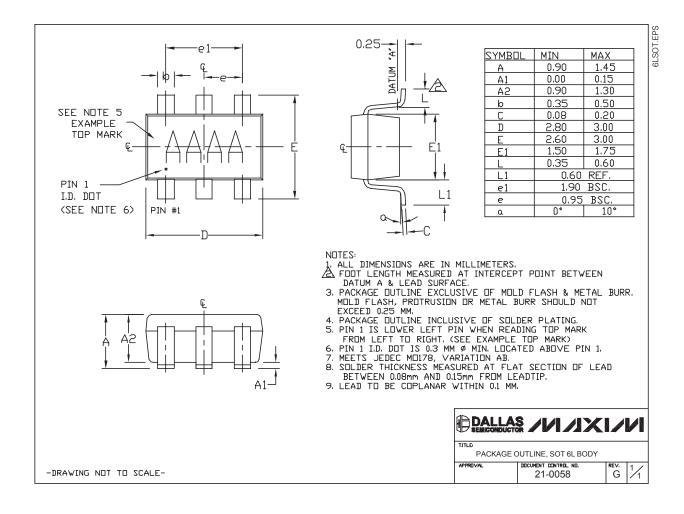


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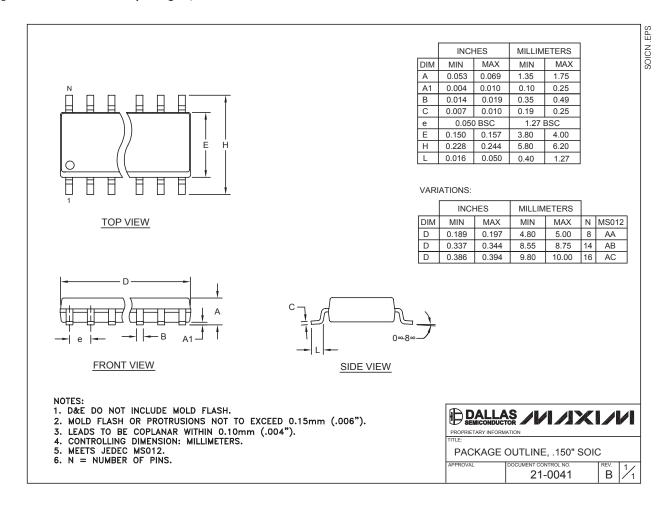
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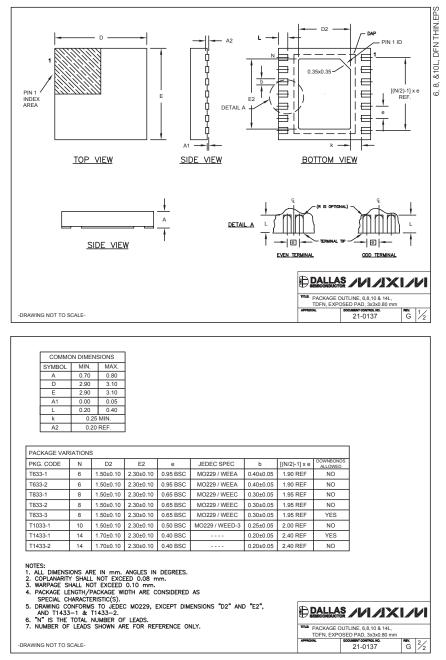
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