



## MAX3222/MAX3232/ MAX3237/MAX3241\*

## 3.0V to 5.5V, Low-Power, Up to 1Mbps, True RS-232 Transceivers

### General Description

The MAX3222/MAX3232/MAX3237/MAX3241 transceivers have a proprietary low-dropout transmitter output stage enabling true RS-232 performance from a 3.0V to 5.5V supply with a dual charge pump. The devices require only four small 0.1 $\mu$ F external charge-pump capacitors. The MAX3222, MAX3232, and MAX3241 are guaranteed to run at data rates of 120kbps while maintaining RS-232 output levels. The MAX3237 is guaranteed to run at data rates of 250kbps in normal operating mode and 1Mbps in the MegaBaud™ operating mode.

The MAX3222/MAX3232 have 2 receivers and 2 drivers. The MAX3222 and MAX3232 are pin, package, and functionally compatible with the industry-standard MAX242 and MAX232, respectively.

The MAX3241 has 5 receivers and 3 drivers, while the MAX3237 has 3 receivers and 5 drivers. Receivers R1 (MAX3237/MAX3241) and R2 (MAX3241) have extra outputs in addition to their standard outputs. These extra outputs are always active, allowing external devices to be monitored without forward biasing the protection diodes in circuitry that may have  $V_{CC}$  completely removed.

The MAX3222, MAX3232, and MAX3241 are available in space-saving TSSOP and SSOP packages with operating temperatures of either -40°C to +85°C or 0°C to 70°C.

### Applications

- Battery-Powered Equipment
- Hand-Held Equipment
- Peripherals
- Datacom Equipment

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**Typical Operating Circuits appear at end of data sheet.**

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### Benefits and Features

- Integrated Features Saves Board Space and Simplifies Design
  - Charge Pump Circuitry Eliminates the Need for a Bipolar  $\pm$ 12V Supply
  - Wide Single-Supply Operation From +3V to +5.5V Supply
  - Always-On Extra Outputs Enable Monitoring of External Devices
- Power Saving Extends Battery Life
  - 1 $\mu$ A Supply Current in Shutdown Mode While Receiver is Active (MAX3222, MAX3237, MAX3241)

### Ordering Information

| PART        | TEMP RANGE   | PIN-PACKAGE    | PKG CODE |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| MAX3222CUP+ | 0°C to +70°C | 20 TSSOP       | U20+2    |
| MAX3222CAP+ | 0°C to +70°C | 20 SSOP        | A20+1    |
| MAX3222CWN+ | 0°C to +70°C | 18 SO          | W18+1    |
| MAX3222CPN+ | 0°C to +70°C | 18 Plastic Dip | P18+5    |

+Denotes lead-free package.

### Pin Configurations



### Absolute Maximum Ratings

|                        |                                   |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| V <sub>CC</sub> .....  | -0.3V to +6V                      |
| V+ (Note 1).....       | -0.3V to +7V                      |
| V- (Note 1).....       | +0.3V to -7V                      |
| V+ + V- (Note 1).....  | +13V                              |
| Input Voltages         |                                   |
| T_IN, SHDN, EN.....    | -0.3V to +6V                      |
| MBAUD.....             | -0.3V to (V <sub>CC</sub> + 0.3V) |
| R_IN.....              | ±25V                              |
| Output Voltages        |                                   |
| T_OUT.....             | ±13.2V                            |
| R_OUT.....             | -0.3V to (V <sub>CC</sub> + 0.3V) |
| Short-Circuit Duration |                                   |
| T_OUT.....             | Continuous                        |

|   |                |                 |
|---|----------------|-----------------|
| Continuous Power Dissipation (T <sub>A</sub> = +70°C) |                |                 |
| 16-Pin TSSOP (derate 6.7mW/°C above +70°C).....       | 533mW          |                 |
| 16-Pin Narrow SO (derate 8.70mW/°C above +70°C)....   | 696mW          |                 |
| 16-Pin Wide SO (derate 9.52mW/°C above +70°C) ...     | 762mW          |                 |
| 16-Pin Plastic DIP (derate 10.53mW/°C above +70°C)..  | 842mW          |                 |
| 18-Pin SO (derate 9.52mW/°C above +70°C).....         | 762mW          |                 |
| 18-Pin Plastic DIP (derate 11.11mW/°C above +70°C)... | 889mW          |                 |
| 20-Pin SSOP (derate 7.00mW/°C above +70°C).....       | 559mW          |                 |
| 20-Pin TSSOP (derate 8.0mW/°C above +70°C).....       | 640mW          |                 |
| 28-Pin TSSOP (derate 8.7mW/°C above +70°C).....       | 696mW          |                 |
| 28-Pin SSOP (derate 9.52mW/°C above +70°C).....       | 762mW          |                 |
| 28-Pin SO (derate 12.50mW/°C above +70°C).....        | 1W             |                 |
| Operating Temperature Ranges                          |                |                 |
| MAX32_C.....  | 0°C to +70°C   |                 |
| MAX32_E.....  | -40°C to +85°C |                 |
| Storage Temperature Range.....                        |                | -65°C to +150°C |
| Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s).....                |                | +300°C          |

**Note 1:** V+ and V- can have a maximum magnitude of 7V, but their absolute difference cannot exceed 13V.

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

(V<sub>CC</sub> = +3.0V to +5.5V, C1–C4 = 0.1µF (Note 2), T<sub>A</sub> = T<sub>MIN</sub> to T<sub>MAX</sub>, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T<sub>A</sub> = +25°C.)

| PARAMETER                                | CONDITIONS  | MIN                         | TYP                   | MAX  | UNITS |    |
|--|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------|-------|----|
| <b>DC CHARACTERISTICS</b>                |   |                             |                       |      |       |    |
| V <sub>CC</sub> Power-Supply Current     | No load, V <sub>CC</sub> = 3.3V or 5.0V, T <sub>A</sub> = +25°C | MAX3222/MAX3232/<br>MAX3241 |                       | 0.3  | 1.0   | mA |
|  |   | MAX3237                     |                       | 0.5  | 2.0   |    |
| Shutdown Supply Current                  | SHDN = GND, T <sub>A</sub> = +25°C                              |                             | 1.0                   | 10   | µA    |    |
| <b>LOGIC INPUTS AND RECEIVER OUTPUTS</b> |   |                             |                       |      |       |    |
| Input Logic Threshold Low (Note 3)       | T_IN, EN, SHDN, MBAUD   |                             |                       | 0.8  | V     |    |
| Input Logic Threshold High (Note 3)      | V <sub>CC</sub> = 3.3V  | 2.0                         |                       |      | V     |    |
|  | V <sub>CC</sub> = 5.0V  | 2.4                         |                       |      |       |    |
| Input Leakage Current                    | T_IN, EN, SHDN, MBAUD   |                             | ±0.01                 | ±1.0 | µA    |    |
| Output Leakage Current                   | Receivers disabled  |                             | ±0.05                 | ±10  | µA    |    |
| Output Voltage Low                       | I <sub>OUT</sub> = 1.6mA  |                             |                       | 0.4  | V     |    |
| Output Voltage High                      | I <sub>OUT</sub> = -1.0mA                                       | V <sub>CC</sub> - 0.6       | V <sub>CC</sub> - 0.1 |      | V     |    |
| <b>RECEIVER INPUTS</b>                   |   |                             |                       |      |       |    |
| Input Voltage Range                      |   | -25                         |                       | 25   | V     |    |
| Input Threshold Low                      | T <sub>A</sub> = +25°C  | V <sub>CC</sub> = 3.3V      | 0.6                   | 1.2  | V     |    |
|  |   | V <sub>CC</sub> = 5.0V      | 0.8                   | 1.5  |       |    |
| Input Threshold High                     | T <sub>A</sub> = +25°C  | V <sub>CC</sub> = 3.3V      |                       | 1.5  | 2.4   | V  |
|  |   | V <sub>CC</sub> = 5.0V      |                       | 1.8  | 2.4   |    |

### Electrical Characteristics (continued)

( $V_{CC} = +3.0V$  to  $+5.5V$ ,  $C1-C4 = 0.1\mu F$  (Note 2),  $T_A = T_{MIN}$  to  $T_{MAX}$ , unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at  $T_A = +25^\circ C$ .)

| PARAMETER                           | CONDITIONS   | MIN       | TYP       | MAX      | UNITS      |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Input Hysteresis                    |  |           | 0.3       |          | V          |
| Input Resistance                    | $T_A = +25^\circ C$  | 3         | 5         | 7        | k $\Omega$ |
| <b>TRANSMITTER OUTPUTS</b>          |  |           |           |          |            |
| Output Voltage Swing                | All transmitter outputs loaded with 3k $\Omega$ to ground  | $\pm 5.0$ | $\pm 5.4$ |          | V          |
| Output Resistance                   | $V_{CC} = V+ = V- = 0V$ , $V_{OUT} = \pm 2V$   | 300       | 10M       |          | $\Omega$   |
| Output Short-Circuit Current        |  |           | $\pm 35$  | $\pm 60$ | mA         |
| Output Leakage Current              | $V_{OUT} = \pm 12V$ , $V_{CC} = 0V$ or 3V to 5.5V, transmitters disabled   |           |           | $\pm 25$ | $\mu A$    |
| <b>MOUSE DRIVEABILITY (MAX3241)</b> |  |           |           |          |            |
| Transmitter Output Voltage          | $T1IN = T2IN = GND$ , $T3IN = V_{CC}$ ,<br>$T3OUT$ loaded with 3k $\Omega$ to GND,<br>$T1OUT$ and $T2OUT$ loaded with 2.5mA each | $\pm 5.0$ |           |          | V          |

### Timing Characteristics—MAX3222/MAX3232/MAX3241

( $V_{CC} = +3.0V$  to  $+5.5V$ ,  $C1-C4 = 0.1\mu F$  (Note 2),  $T_A = T_{MIN}$  to  $T_{MAX}$ , unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at  $T_A = +25^\circ C$ .)

| PARAMETER                    | CONDITIONS  | MIN                     | TYP | MAX | UNITS      |
|------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-----|-----|------------|
| Maximum Data Rate            | $R_L = 3k\Omega$ , $C_L = 1000pF$ , one transmitter switching   | 120                     | 235 |     | kbps       |
| Receiver Propagation Delay   | $R_{IN}$ to $R_{OUT}$ , $C_L = 150pF$   | $t_{PHL}$               | 0.3 |     | $\mu s$    |
|                              |   | $t_{PLH}$               | 0.3 |     |            |
| Receiver Output Enable Time  | Normal operation  |                         | 200 |     | ns         |
| Receiver Output Disable Time | Normal operation  |                         | 200 |     | ns         |
| Transmitter Skew             | $ t_{PHL} - t_{PLH} $   |                         | 300 |     | ns         |
| Receiver Skew                | $ t_{PHL} - t_{PLH} $   |                         | 300 |     | ns         |
| Transition-Region Slew Rate  | $V_{CC} = 3.3V$ , $R_L = 3k\Omega$ to 7k $\Omega$ ,<br>$+3V$ to $-3V$ or $-3V$ to $+3V$ ,<br>$T_A = +25^\circ C$ , one transmitter<br>switching | $C_L = 150pF$ to 1000pF | 6   | 30  | V/ $\mu s$ |
|                              |   | $C_L = 150pF$ to 2500pF | 4   | 30  |            |

### Timing Characteristics—MAX3237

( $V_{CC} = +3.0V$  to  $+5.5V$ ,  $C_1$ – $C_4 = 0.1\mu F$  (Note 2),  $T_A = T_{MIN}$  to  $T_{MAX}$ , unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at  $T_A = +25^\circ C$ .)

| PARAMETER                    | CONDITIONS  |   | MIN              | TYP | MAX | UNITS     |
|------------------------------|---|---|------------------|-----|-----|-----------|
| Maximum Data Rate            | $R_L = 3k\Omega$ , $C_L = 1000pF$ , one transmitter switching, MBAUD = GND                                  |   | 250              |     |     | kbps      |
|                              | $V_{CC} = 3.0V$ to $4.5V$ , $R_L = 3k\Omega$ , $C_L = 250pF$ , one transmitter switching, MBAUD = $V_{CC}$  |   | 1000             |     |     |           |
|                              | $V_{CC} = 4.5V$ to $5.5V$ , $R_L = 3k\Omega$ , $C_L = 1000pF$ , one transmitter switching, MBAUD = $V_{CC}$ |   | 1000             |     |     |           |
| Receiver Propagation Delay   | $R_{IN}$ to $R_{OUT}$ , $C_L = 150pF$   | $t_{PHL}$                               | 0.15             |     |     | $\mu s$   |
|                              |   | $t_{PLH}$                               | 0.15             |     |     |           |
| Receiver Output Enable Time  | Normal operation  |   | 200              |     |     | ns        |
| Receiver Output Disable Time | Normal operation  |   | 200              |     |     | ns        |
| Transmitter Skew             | $ t_{PHL} - t_{PLH} $ , MBAUD = GND   |   | 100              |     |     | ns        |
|                              | $ t_{PHL} - t_{PLH} $ , MBAUD = $V_{CC}$  |   | 25               |     |     | ns        |
| Receiver Skew                | $ t_{PHL} - t_{PLH} $   |   | 50               |     |     | ns        |
| Transition-Region Slew Rate  | $V_{CC} = 3.3V$ , $R_L = 3\Omega$ to $7k\Omega$ , $+3V$ to $-3V$ or $-3V$ to $+3V$ , $T_A = +25^\circ C$    | $C_L = 150pF$ to $1000pF$               | MBAUD = GND      | 6   | 30  | $V/\mu s$ |
|                              |   |   | MBAUD = $V_{CC}$ | 24  | 150 |           |
|                              |   | $C_L = 150pF$ to $2500pF$ , MBAUD = GND | 4                | 30  |     |           |

**Note 2:** MAX3222/MAX3232/MAX3241:  $C_1$ – $C_4 = 0.1\mu F$  tested at  $3.3V \pm 10\%$ ;  $C_1 = 0.047\mu F$ ,  $C_2$ – $C_4 = 0.33\mu F$  tested at  $5.0V \pm 10\%$ .  
MAX3237:  $C_1$ – $C_4 = 0.1\mu F$  tested at  $3.3V \pm 5\%$ ;  $C_1$ – $C_4 = 0.22\mu F$  tested at  $3.3V \pm 10\%$ ;  $C_1 = 0.047\mu F$ ,  $C_2$ – $C_4 = 0.33\mu F$  tested at  $5.0V \pm 10\%$ .

**Note 3:** Transmitter input hysteresis is typically 250mV.

### Typical Operating Characteristics

( $V_{CC} = +3.3V$ , 235kbps data rate,  $0.1\mu F$  capacitors, all transmitters loaded with  $3k\Omega$ ,  $T_A = +25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.)



Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

( $V_{CC} = +3.3V$ , 235kbps data rate,  $0.1\mu F$  capacitors, all transmitters loaded with  $3k\Omega$ ,  $T_A = +25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.)



## Pin Description

| PIN     |        |         |                       |            | NAME                     | FUNCTION  |
|---------|--------|---------|-----------------------|------------|--------------------------|---|
| MAX3222 |        | MAX3232 | MAX3237               | MAX3241    |                          |   |
| DIP/SO  | SSOP   |         |                       |            |                          |   |
| 1       | 1      | —       | 13                    | 23         | $\overline{\text{EN}}$   | Receiver Enable. Active low.  |
| 2       | 2      | 1       | 28                    | 28         | C1+                      | Positive Terminal of Voltage-Doubler Charge-Pump Capacitor  |
| 3       | 3      | 2       | 27                    | 27         | V+                       | +5.5V Generated by the Charge Pump  |
| 4       | 4      | 3       | 25                    | 24         | C1-                      | Negative Terminal of Voltage-Doubler Charge-Pump Capacitor  |
| 5       | 5      | 4       | 1                     | 1          | C2+                      | Positive Terminal of Inverting Charge-Pump Capacitor  |
| 6       | 6      | 5       | 3                     | 2          | C2-                      | Negative Terminal of Inverting Charge-Pump Capacitor  |
| 7       | 7      | 6       | 4                     | 3          | V-                       | -5.5V Generated by the Charge Pump  |
| 8, 15   | 8, 17  | 7, 14   | 5, 6, 7,<br>10, 12    | 9, 10, 11  | T_OUT                    | RS-232 Transmitter Outputs  |
| 9, 14   | 9, 16  | 8, 13   | 8, 9, 11              | 4–8        | R_IN                     | RS-232 Receiver Inputs  |
| 10, 13  | 10, 15 | 9, 12   | 18, 20, 21            | 15–19      | R_OUT                    | TTL/CMOS Receiver Outputs   |
| 11, 12  | 12, 13 | 10, 11  | 17, 19, 22,<br>23, 24 | 12, 13, 14 | T_IN                     | TTL/CMOS Transmitter Inputs   |
| 16      | 18     | 15      | 2                     | 25         | GND                      | Ground  |
| 17      | 19     | 16      | 26                    | 26         | V <sub>CC</sub>          | +3.0V to +5.5V Supply Voltage   |
| 18      | 20     | —       | 14                    | 22         | $\overline{\text{SHDN}}$ | Shutdown Control. Active low.   |
| —       | 11, 14 | —       | —                     | —          | N.C.                     | No Connection   |
| —       | —      | —       | 15                    | —          | MBAUD                    | MegaBaud Control Input. Connect to GND for normal operation; connect to V <sub>CC</sub> for 1Mbps transmission rates. |
| —       | —      | —       | 16                    | 20, 21     | R_OUTB                   | Noninverting Complementary Receiver Outputs. Always active.   |



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Figure 2. Detection of RS-232 Activity when the UART and Interface are Shut Down; Comparison of MAX3237/MAX3241 (b) with Previous Transceivers (a).

## RS-232 Receivers

The receivers convert RS-232 signals to CMOS-logic output levels. The MAX3222/MAX3237/MAX3241 receivers have inverting three-state outputs. In shutdown, the receivers can be active or inactive (Table 1).

The complementary outputs on the MAX3237 (R1OUTB) and the MAX3241 (R1OUTB, R2OUTB) are always active, regardless of the state of  $\overline{EN}$  or  $\overline{SHDN}$ . This allows for Ring Indicator applications without forward biasing other devices connected to the receiver outputs. This is ideal for systems where V<sub>CC</sub> is set to 0V in shutdown to accommodate peripherals, such as UARTs (Figure 2).

## MAX3222/MAX3237/MAX3241 Shutdown Mode

Supply current falls to less than 1μA in shutdown mode ( $\overline{SHDN}$  = low). When shut down, the device's charge pumps are turned off, V<sub>+</sub> is pulled down to V<sub>CC</sub>, V<sub>-</sub> is pulled to ground, and the transmitter outputs are disabled (high impedance). The time required to exit shutdown is typically 100μs, as shown in Figure 3. Connect  $\overline{SHDN}$  to V<sub>CC</sub> if the shutdown mode is not used.  $\overline{SHDN}$  has no effect on R<sub>\_OUT</sub> or R<sub>\_OUTB</sub>.

## MAX3222/MAX3237/MAX3241 Enable Control

The inverting receiver outputs (R<sub>\_OUT</sub>) are put into a high-impedance state when  $\overline{EN}$  is high. The complementary outputs R1OUTB and R2OUTB are always active, regardless of the state of  $\overline{EN}$  and  $\overline{SHDN}$  (Table 1).  $\overline{EN}$  has no effect on T<sub>\_OUT</sub>.

## Applications Information

### Capacitor Selection

The capacitor type used for C<sub>1</sub>–C<sub>4</sub> is not critical for proper operation; polarized or nonpolarized capacitors can be used. The charge pump requires 0.1μF capacitors for 3.3V operation. For other supply voltages, refer to Table 2 for required capacitor values. Do not use values lower than those listed in Table 2. Increasing the capacitor values (e.g., by a factor of 2) reduces ripple on the transmitter outputs and slightly reduces power consumption. C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>, and C<sub>4</sub> can be increased without changing C<sub>1</sub>'s value. However, do not increase C<sub>1</sub> without also increasing the values of C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>, and C<sub>4</sub>, to maintain the proper ratios (C<sub>1</sub> to the other capacitors).

When using the minimum required capacitor values, make sure the capacitor value does not degrade excessively with temperature. If in doubt, use capacitors with a higher nominal value. The capacitor's equivalent series resistance (ESR), which usually rises at low temperatures, influences the amount of ripple on V<sub>+</sub> and V<sub>-</sub>.

**Table 1. MAX3222/MAX3237/MAX3241 Shutdown and Enable Control Truth Table**

| $\overline{\text{SHDN}}$ | $\overline{\text{EN}}$ | T_OUT  | R_OUT  | R_OUTB<br>(MAX3237/<br>MAX3241) |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------|--------|---------------------------------|
| 0                        | 0                      | High-Z | Active | Active                          |
| 0                        | 1                      | High-Z | High-Z | Active                          |
| 1                        | 0                      | Active | Active | Active                          |
| 1                        | 1                      | Active | High-Z | Active                          |

**Table 2. Required Minimum Capacitor Values**

| V <sub>CC</sub><br>(V)         | C1<br>( $\mu\text{F}$ ) | C2, C3, C4<br>( $\mu\text{F}$ ) |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>MAX3222/MAX3232/MAX3241</b> |                         |                                 |
| 3.0 to 3.6                     | 0.1                     | 0.1                             |
| 4.5 to 5.5                     | 0.047                   | 0.33                            |
| 3.0 to 5.5                     | 0.1                     | 0.47                            |
| <b>MAX3237</b>                 |                         |                                 |
| 3.0 to 3.6                     | 0.22                    | 0.22                            |
| 3.15 to 3.6                    | 0.1                     | 0.1                             |
| 4.5 to 5.5                     | 0.047                   | 0.33                            |
| 3.0 to 5.5                     | 0.22                    | 1.0                             |



Figure 3. Transmitter Outputs when Exiting Shutdown or Powering Up

**Power-Supply Decoupling**

In most circumstances, a 0.1 $\mu\text{F}$  bypass capacitor is adequate. In applications that are sensitive to power-supply noise, decouple V<sub>CC</sub> to ground with a capacitor of the same value as charge-pump capacitor C1. Connect bypass capacitors as close to the IC as possible.

**Operation Down to 2.7V**

Transmitter outputs will meet EIA/TIA-562 levels of  $\pm 3.7\text{V}$  with supply voltages as low as 2.7V.

**Transmitter Outputs when Exiting Shutdown**

Figure 3 shows two transmitter outputs when exiting shutdown mode. As they become active, the two transmitter outputs are shown going to opposite RS-232 levels (one transmitter input is high, the other is low). Each transmitter is loaded with 3k $\Omega$  in parallel with 2500pF. The transmitter outputs display no ringing or undesirable transients as they come out of shutdown. Note that the transmitters are enabled only when the magnitude of V<sub>-</sub> exceeds approximately 3V.

**Mouse Driveability**

The MAX3241 has been specifically designed to power serial mice while operating from low-voltage power supplies. It has been tested with leading mouse brands from manufacturers such as Microsoft and Logitech. The MAX3241 successfully drove all serial mice tested and met their respective current and voltage requirements. Figure 4a shows the transmitter output voltages under increasing load current at 3.0V. Figure 4b shows a typical mouse connection using the MAX3241.



Figure 4a. MAX3241 Transmitter Output Voltage vs. Load Current per Transmitter



Figure 4b. Mouse Driver Test Circuit

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Figure 5. Loopback Test Circuit

High Data Rates

The MAX3222/MAX3232/MAX3241 maintain the RS-232  $\pm 5.0V$  minimum transmitter output voltage even at high data rates. Figure 5 shows a transmitter loopback test circuit. Figure 6 shows a loopback test result at 120kbps, and Figure 7 shows the same test at 235kbps. For Figure 6, all transmitters were driven simultaneously at 120kbps into RS-232 loads in parallel with 1000pF. For Figure 7, a single transmitter was driven at 235kbps, and all transmitters were loaded with an RS-232 receiver in parallel with 1000pF.

The MAX3237 maintains the RS-232  $\pm 5.0V$  minimum transmitter output voltage at data rates up to 1Mbps. Figure 8 shows a loopback test result at 1Mbps with  $MBAUD = V_{CC}$ . For Figure 8, all transmitters were loaded with an RS-232 receiver in parallel with 250pF.

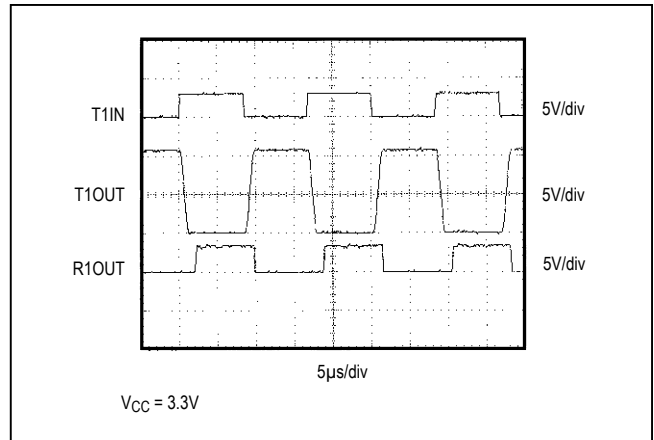


Figure 6. MAX3241 Loopback Test Result at 120kbps

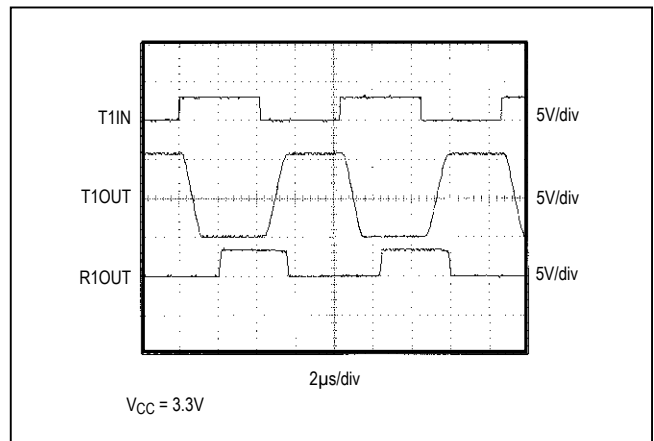


Figure 7. MAX3241 Loopback Test Result at 235kbps

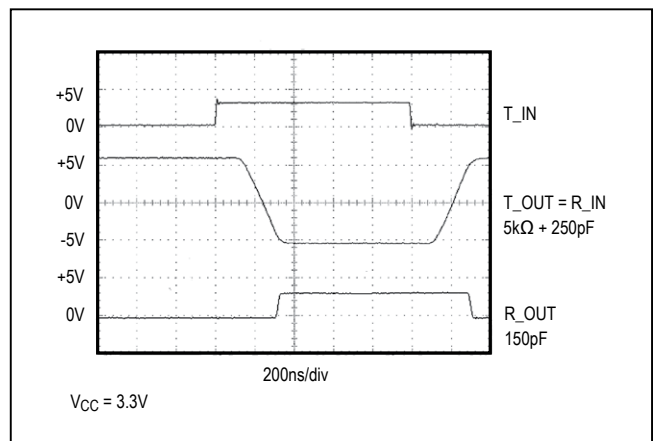


Figure 8. MAX3237 Loopback Test Result at 1000kbps  
( $MBAUD = V_{CC}$ )

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## Interconnection with 3V and 5V Logic

The MAX3222/MAX3232/MAX3237/MAX3241 can directly interface with various 5V logic families, including ACT and HCT CMOS. See Table 3 for more information on possible combinations of interconnections.

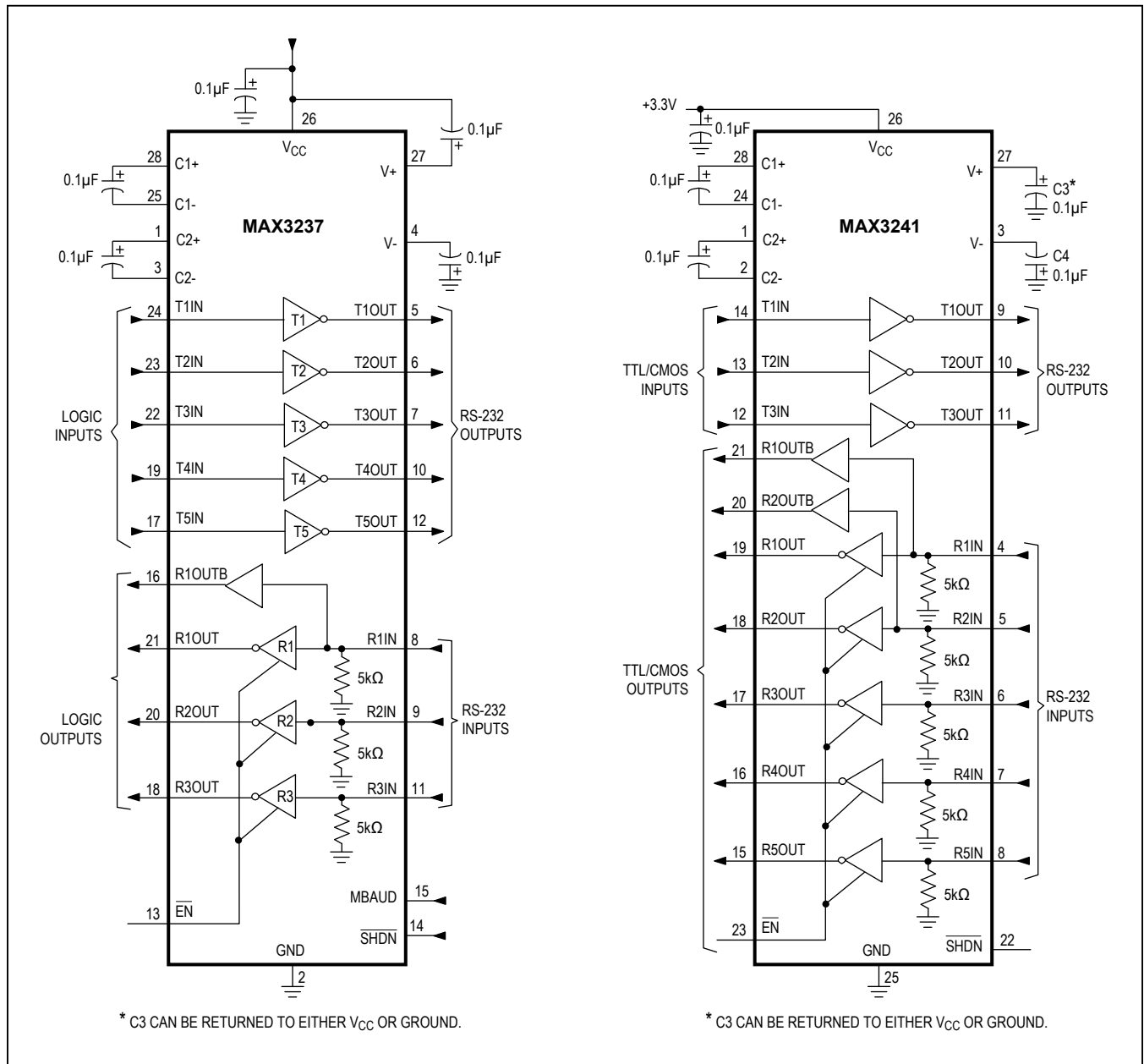
**Table 3. Logic-Family Compatibility with Various Supply Voltages**

| SYSTEM POWER-SUPPLY VOLTAGE (V) | MAX32__ V <sub>CC</sub> SUPPLY VOLTAGE (V) | COMPATIBILITY  |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| 3.3                             | 3.3  | Compatible with all CMOS families.   |
| 5                               | 5  | Compatible with all TTL and CMOS-logic families  |
| 5                               | 3.3  | Compatible with ACT and HCT CMOS, and with TTL. Incompatible with AC, HC, and CD4000 CMOS. |

## Typical Operating Circuits



Typical Operating Circuits (continued)



Pin Configurations (continued)

TOP VIEW



MAX3222/MAX3232/  
MAX3237/MAX3241

3.0V to 5.5V, Low-Power, Up to 1Mbps,  
True RS-232 Transceivers

Ordering Information (continued)

| PART               | TEMP RANGE     | PIN-PACKAGE    | PKG CODE |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| MAX3222EUP+        | -40°C to +85°C | 20 TSSOP       | U20+2    |
| MAX3222EAP+        | -40°C to +85°C | 20 SSOP        | A20+1    |
| MAX3222EWN+        | -40°C to +85°C | 18 SO          | W18+1    |
| MAX3222EPN+        | -40°C to +85°C | 18 Plastic Dip | P18+5    |
| MAX3222C/D         | 0°C to +70°C   | Dice*          | —        |
| MAX3232CAE+        | 0°C to +70°C   | 16 SSOP        | A16+2    |
| <b>MAX3232CUE+</b> | 0°C to +70°C   | 16 TSSOP       | U16+1    |
| MAX3232CSE+        | 0°C to +70°C   | 16 Narrow SO   | S16+1    |
| MAX3232CWE+        | 0°C to +70°C   | 16 Wide SO     | W16+1    |
| MAX3232CPE+        | 0°C to +70°C   | 16 Plastic DIP | P16+1    |
| MAX3232EUE+        | -40°C to +85°C | 16 TSSOP       | U16+1    |
| MAX3232ESE+        | -40°C to +85°C | 16 Narrow SO   | S16+5    |

| PART               | TEMP RANGE     | PIN-PACKAGE    | PKG CODE |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| MAX3232EWE+        | -40°C to +85°C | 16 Wide SO     | W16+1    |
| MAX3232EPE+        | -40°C to +85°C | 16 Plastic DIP | P16+1    |
| <b>MAX3237CAI+</b> | 0°C to +70°C   | 16 SSOP        | A28+2    |
| MAX3237EAI+        | -40°C to +85°C | 28 SSOP        | A28+1    |
| <b>MAX3241CUI+</b> | 0°C to +70°C   | 28 TSSOP       | U28+2    |
| MAX3241CAI+        | 0°C to +70°C   | 28 SSOP        | A28+1    |
| MAX3241CWI+        | 0°C to +70°C   | 28 SO          | W28+6    |
| MAX3241EUI+        | -40°C to +85°C | 28 TSSOP       | U28+2    |
| MAX3241EAI+        | -40°C to +85°C | 28 SSOP        | A28+1    |
| MAX3241EWI+        | -40°C to +85°C | 28 SO          | W28+6    |

\*Dice are tested at  $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ , DC parameters only.  
+Denotes lead-free package.

3V-Powered EIA/TIA-232 and EIA/TIA-562 Transceivers from Maxim

| PART    | POWER-SUPPLY VOLTAGE (V) | NO. OF TRANSMITTERS/RECEIVERS | NO. OF RECEIVERS ACTIVE IN SHUTDOWN | GUARANTEED DATA RATE (kbps) | EIA/TIA-232 OR 562 | FEATURES   |
|---------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--|
| MAX212  | 3.0 to 3.6               | 3/5                           | 5                                   | 120                         | 232                | Drives mice  |
| MAX218  | 1.8 to 4.25              | 2/2                           | 2                                   | 120                         | 232                | Operates directly from batteries without a voltage regulator           |
| MAX562  | 2.7 to 5.25              | 3/5                           | 5                                   | 230                         | 562                | Wide supply range  |
| MAX563  | 3.0 to 3.6               | 2/2                           | 2                                   | 230                         | 562                | 0.1µF capacitors   |
| MAX3212 | 2.7 to 3.6               | 3/5                           | 5                                   | 235                         | 232                | AutoShutdown, complementary receiver, drives mice, transient detection |
| MAX3222 | 3.0 to 5.5               | 2/2                           | 2                                   | 120                         | 232                | 0.1µF capacitors   |
| MAX3223 | 3.0 to 5.5               | 2/2                           | 2                                   | 120                         | 232                | 0.1µF capacitors, AutoShutdown   |
| MAX3232 | 3.0 to 5.5               | 2/2                           | N/A                                 | 120                         | 232                | 0.1µF capacitors   |
| MAX3237 | 3.0 to 5.5               | 5/3                           | 3                                   | 250/1000                    | 232                | 0.1µF capacitors, 1 complementary receiver, MegaBaud operation         |
| MAX3241 | 3.0 to 5.5               | 3/5                           | 5                                   | 120                         | 232                | 0.1µF capacitors, 2 complementary receivers, drives mice               |
| MAX3243 | 3.0 to 5.5               | 3/5                           | 1                                   | 120                         | 232                | 0.1µF capacitors, AutoShutdown, complementary receiver, drives mice    |

## Package Information

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| PACKAGE TYPE   | PACKAGE CODE | OUTLINE NO.             | LAND PATTERN NO.        | THERMAL RESISTANCE (SINGLE LAYER BOARD) |                      | THERMAL RESISTANCE (MULTI LAYER BOARD) |                      |
|----------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|----------------------|--|----------------------|
|                |              |                         |                         | $\theta_{JA}$ (°C/W)                    | $\theta_{JC}$ (°C/W) | $\theta_{JA}$ (°C/W)                   | $\theta_{JC}$ (°C/W) |
| 20 TSSOP       | U20+2        | <a href="#">21-0066</a> | <a href="#">90-0116</a> | 91                                      | 20                   | 73.8                                   | 20                   |
| 20 SSOP        | A20+1        | <a href="#">21-0056</a> | <a href="#">90-0094</a> | 125                                     | 33                   | 84                                     | 32                   |
| 18 SO          | W18+1        | <a href="#">21-0042</a> | <a href="#">90-0181</a> | 105                                     | 22                   | 67                                     | 23                   |
| 18 Plastic Dip | P18+5        | <a href="#">21-0043</a> | —                       | 90                                      | 30                   | NA                                     | NA                   |
| Dice*          | —            | —                       | —                       | —                                       | —                    | —                                      | —                    |
| 16 TSSOP       | U16+1        | <a href="#">21-0066</a> | <a href="#">90-0117</a> | 106                                     | 27                   | 90                                     | 27                   |
| 16 Narrow SO   | S16+1        | <a href="#">21-0041</a> | <a href="#">90-0097</a> | 115                                     | 32                   | 75                                     | 24                   |
| 16 Wide SO     | W16+1        | <a href="#">21-0042</a> | <a href="#">90-0107</a> | 105                                     | 22                   | 71                                     | 23                   |
| 16 Plastic DIP | P16+1        | <a href="#">21-0043</a> | —                       | 95                                      | 35                   | NA                                     | NA                   |
| 16 Narrow SO   | S16+5        | <a href="#">21-0041</a> | <a href="#">90-0097</a> | 115                                     | 32                   | 73                                     | 23                   |
| 16 SSOP        | A16+2        | <a href="#">21-0056</a> | <a href="#">90-0106</a> | 140                                     | 34                   | 86                                     | 33                   |
| 16 SSOP        | A28+2        | <a href="#">21-0056</a> | <a href="#">90-0095</a> | 105                                     | 24                   | 67                                     | 25                   |
| 28 SSOP        | A28+1        | <a href="#">21-0056</a> | <a href="#">90-0095</a> | 110                                     | 25                   | 67.1                                   | 25                   |
| 28 TSSOP       | U28+2        | <a href="#">21-0066</a> | <a href="#">90-0171</a> | 78                                      | 13                   | 71.6                                   | 13                   |
| 28 SO          | W28+6        | <a href="#">21-0042</a> | <a href="#">90-0109</a> | 80                                      | 18                   | 59                                     | 18                   |
| 28 TSSOP       | U28+2        | <a href="#">21-0066</a> | <a href="#">90-0171</a> | 78                                      | 13                   | 71.6                                   | 13                   |

## Revision History

| REVISION NUMBER | REVISION DATE | DESCRIPTION   | PAGES CHANGED |
|-----------------|---------------|---|---------------|
| 7               | 1/07          | General updates   | 1, 15, 16, 17 |
| 8               | 6/18          | Updated <i>Package Information</i> and <i>Ordering Information</i>    | 1, 15, 16, 17 |
| 9               | 4/19          | Added Thermal Resistance data in the <i>Package Information</i> table | 16            |
| 10              | 5/19          | Updated <i>Package Information</i> table                              | 16            |

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