ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Supply Voltage (VDD, PVDD, HPVDD,

Note 1: Package thermal resistances were obtained using the method described in JEDEC specification JESD51-7 using a fourlayer board. For detailed information on package thermal considerations, refer to **www.maxim-ic.com/thermal-tutorial**.

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

(VDD = PVDD = CPVDD = HPVDD = HP_EN = VLDO_EN (MAX9789 only) = +5V, VGND = VPGND = VCPGND = SPKR_EN = VLDO_SET (MAX9789 only) = 0V, I_{LDO_OUT} (MAX9789 only) = 0, C1 = C2 = C_{BIAS} = 1µF. R_L = ∞, unless otherwise specified, V_{GAIN1} = 0, $V_{\text{GAIN2}} = 5V \left(\text{A}_{\text{VSP}} = 10 \text{dB}, \overline{\text{A}_{\text{VHP}}} = 3.5 \text{dB} \right)$, $T_A = T_{\text{MIN}}$ to T_{MAX} , unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $T_A = +25^{\circ}$ C.) (Note 2)

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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

 $(V_{DD} = PV_{DD} = CPV_{DD} = HPV_{DD} = HP_EN = V_{LDOEN}$ (MAX9789 only) = +5V, V_{GND} = V_{PGND} = V_{CPGND} = $\overline{SPKR_EN} = V_{LDO:SET}$ $(MAX9789 \text{ only}) = 0V$, I_{LDO} OUT $(MAX9789 \text{ only}) = 0$, $C1 = C2 = C_{BIAS} = 1pF$. $R_L = \infty$, unless otherwise specified, V_{GAIN1} = 0, $V_{\text{GAIN2}} = 5V \left(\text{A}_{\text{VSP}} = 10 \text{dB}, \overline{\text{A}_{\text{VHP}}} = 3.5 \text{dB} \right)$, $T_{\text{A}} = T_{\text{MIN}}$ to T_{MAX} , unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $T_{\text{A}} = +25^{\circ} \text{C}$.) (Note 2)

Note 2: All devices are 100% production tested at room temperature. All temperature limits are guaranteed by design.

Note 3: Specified at room temperature with an 8Ω resistive load connected across BTL output for speaker amplifier. Specified at room temperature with a 32Ω resistive load connected between HPR, HPL, and GND for headphone amplifier. Speaker and headphone mode transitions are controlled by **SPKR_EN** and HP_EN control pins, respectively.

Note 4: Amplifier inputs AC-coupled to GND.

Note 5: Maximum value is due to test limitations.

Note 6: V_{LDO} $\text{OUT} = V_{\text{LDO}}$ $\text{OUTNOMINAL} - 2\%$.

Typical Operating Characteristics

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Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

 $(V_{DD} = PV_{DD} = CPV_{DD} = HPV_{DD} = LDO_EN = +5V$, $V_{GND} = V_{PGND} = V_{CPGND} = V_{LDO_SET} = 0V$, C1 = C2 = C_{BIAS} = C_{IN} = 1µF. R_L = ∞ , unless otherwise specified, GAIN1 = 0, GAIN2 = 1 (A_{VSP} = 10dB, A_{VHP} = 3.5dB), measurement BW = 20kHz AES17, T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise noted. Headphone mode: $\overline{\text{SPKR_EN}} = 1$, HP_EN = 0. Speaker mode: $\overline{\text{SPKR_EN}} = 0$, HP_EN = 1.)

OUTPUT POWER PER CHANNEL (W)

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FREQUENCY (Hz)

 ∞ , unless otherwise specified, GAIN1 = 0, GAIN2 = 1 (A_{VSP} = 10dB, A_{VHP} = 3.5dB), measurement BW = 20kHz AES17, T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise noted. Headphone mode: $\overline{\text{SPKR_EN}} = 1$, HP_EN = 0. Speaker mode: $\overline{\text{SPKR_EN}} = 0$, HP_EN = 1.)

20ms/div

SPEAKER STARTUP WAVEFORM

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TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION PLUS NOISE vs. FREQUENCY (HEADPHONE MODE)

Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

(VDD = PVDD = CPVDD = HPVDD = LDO_EN = +5V, VGND = VPGND = VCPGND = VLDO_SET = 0V, C1 = C2 = CBIAS = CIN = 1µF. RL = ∞, unless otherwise specified, GAIN1 = 0, GAIN2 = 1 (AVSP = 10dB, AVHP = 3.5dB), measurement BW = 20kHz AES17, TA = +25°C, unless otherwise noted. Headphone mode: $\overline{\text{SPKR_EN}} = 1$, HP_EN = 0. Speaker mode: $\overline{\text{SPKR_EN}} = 0$, HP_EN = 1.)

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Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

 $(V_{DD} = PV_{DD} = CPV_{DD} = HPV_{DD} = LDO_EN = +5V$, $V_{GND} = V_{PGND} = V_{CPGND} = V_{LDO_SET} = 0V$, $C1 = C2 = C_{B|AS} = C_{IN} = 1 \mu F$. R_L ∞ , unless otherwise specified, GAIN1 = 0, GAIN2 = 1 (A_{VSP} = 10dB, A_{VHP} = 3.5dB), measurement BW = 20kHz AES17, T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise noted. Headphone mode: SPKR_EN = 1, HP_EN = 0. Speaker mode: SPKR_EN = 0, HP_EN = 1.)

Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

 $(V_{DD} = PV_{DD} = CPV_{DD} = HPV_{DD} = LDO_EN = +5V$, $V_{GND} = V_{PGND} = V_{CPGND} = V_{LDOSET} = 0V$, $C1 = C2 = C_{BIAS} = C_{IN} = 1 \mu F$. R_L = ∞ , unless otherwise specified, GAIN1 = 0, GAIN2 = 1 (A_{VSP} = 10dB, A_{VHP} = 3.5dB), measurement BW = 20kHz AES17, T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise noted. Headphone mode: $\overline{\text{SPKR_EN}} = 1$, HP_EN = 0. Speaker mode: $\overline{\text{SPKR_EN}} = 0$, HP_EN = 1.)

SHUTDOWN CURRENT vs. SUPPLY VOLTAGE

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LDO OUTPUT VOLTAGE ACCURACY

LDO OUTPUT VOLTAGE ACCURACY vs. TEMPERATURE

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Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

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FREQUENCY (Hz)

10 100 1k 10k 100k

-120

200ms/div

Pin Description

Detailed Description

The MAX9789/MAX9790 combine a 2W BTL speaker amplifier with an 100mW DirectDrive headphone amplifier. These devices feature comprehensive click-and-pop suppression and programmable four-level speaker amplifier gain control. The MAX9789/MAX9790 feature high +90dB PSRR, low 0.002% THD+N, industry-leading clickand-pop performance, low-power shutdown mode, and excellent RF immunity. The MAX9789 incorporates an integrated LDO that serves as a clean power supply for a CODEC or other circuits.

The MAX9789/MAX9790 is Microsoft Windows Vista compliant. See Table 1 for a comparison of the Microsoft Windows Vista premium mobile specifications and MAX9789/MAX9790 specifications.

The speaker amplifiers use BTL architecture, doubling the voltage drive to the speakers and eliminating the need for DC-blocking capacitors. The output consists of two signals, identical in magnitude, but 180° out of phase.

The headphone amplifiers use Maxim's DirectDrive architecture to eliminate the bulky output DC-blocking capacitors required by traditional headphone amplifiers. A charge pump inverts a positive supply (CPV_{DD}) to create a negative supply (CPVSS). The headphone amplifiers operate from these bipolar supplies with their outputs biased about GND. The benefit of the GND bias is that the amplifier outputs no longer have a DC component (typically V_{DD} / 2). This feature eliminates the large DC-blocking capacitors required with conventional headphone amplifiers to conserve board space and system cost, as well as improve low-frequency response.

The MAX9789/MAX9790 feature programmable speaker amplifier gain, allowing the speaker gain to be set by the logic voltages applied to GAIN1 and GAIN2, while the headphone amplifiers feature a fixed 3.5dB gain. Both amplifiers feature an undervoltage lockout that prevents operation from an insufficient power supply and click-and-pop suppression that eliminates audible transients on startup and shutdown. The amplifiers include thermal overload and short-circuit protection. An additional feature of the speaker amplifiers is that there is no phase inversion from input to output.

Low-Dropout Linear Regulator (MAX9789 Only)

The MAX9789's low-dropout (LDO) linear regulator can be used to provide a clean power supply to a CODEC or other circuitry. The LDO can be enabled independently of the audio amplifiers. Set LDO $EN = V_{DD}$ to enable the LDO or set LDO_EN = GND to disable the LDO. The LDO is capable of providing up to 120mA continuous current and features Maxim's Dual Mode™ feedback, easily enabling a fixed 4.75V output or a user-adjustable output. When LDO_SET is connected to GND, the output is internally set to 4.75V. The output voltage can be adjusted from 1.21V to 4.75V by connecting two external resistors as a voltage divider, at LDO_SET (Figure 1).

Table 1. Windows Premium Mobile Vista Specifications vs. MAX9789/MAX9790 Specifications

Note: THD+N, DYNAMIC RANGE, and CROSSTALK should be measured in accordance with AES-17 audio measurements standards.

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The output voltage is set by the following equation:

$$
V_{LDO_OUT} = V_{LDO_SET} \left(1 + \frac{R1}{R2} \right)
$$

where $V_{LDO, SET} = 1.21V$.

To simplify resistor selection:

$$
R1 = R2 \left(\frac{V_{LDO_0}}{1.21} - 1 \right)
$$

Since the input bias current at LDO_SET is typically less than 500nA (max), large resistance values can be used for R1 and R2 to minimize power consumption without compromising accuracy. The parallel combination of R1 and R2 should be less than 1MΩ.

DirectDrive

Conventional single-supply headphone amplifiers have their outputs biased about a nominal DC voltage $(V_{DD} / 2)$ for maximum dynamic range. Large coupling capacitors are needed to block this DC bias from the headphones. Without these capacitors, a significant amount of DC current flows to the headphone, resulting in unnecessary power dissipation and possible damage to both headphone and headphone amplifier.

Maxim's DirectDrive architecture uses a charge pump to create an internal negative supply voltage. It allows the MAX9789/MAX9790 headphone amplifier output to be biased about GND. With no DC component, there is no need for the large DC-blocking capacitors. Instead

Figure 1. Adjustable Output Using External Feedback Resistors.

of two large capacitors (330µF typically required to meet Vista magnitude response specifications), the MAX9789/MAX9790 charge pump requires only two small 1µF ceramic capacitors, conserving board space, reducing cost, and improving the low-frequency response of the headphone amplifier.

Previous attempts to eliminate the output coupling capacitors involved biasing the headphone return (sleeve) to the DC bias voltage of the headphone amplifiers. This method raised some issues:

- The sleeve is typically grounded to the chassis. Using this biasing approach, the sleeve must be isolated from system ground, complicating product design.
- During an ESD strike, the amplifier's ESD structures are the only path to system ground. The amplifier must be able to withstand the full ESD strike.
- When using the headphone jack as a line out to other equipment, the bias voltage on the sleeve may conflict with the ground potential from other equipment, resulting in large ground loop current and possible damage to the amplifiers.

Low-Frequency Response

In addition to the cost and size disadvantages, the DCblocking capacitors limit the low-frequency response of the amplifier and distort the audio signal:

• The impedance of the headphone load and the DCblocking capacitor form a highpass filter with the -3dB point determined by:

$$
f - 3dB = \frac{1}{2\pi R_{\text{L}}C_{\text{OUT}}}
$$

where R_1 is the impedance of the headphone and COUT is the value of the DC-blocking capacitor.

• The highpass filter is required by conventional singleended, single-supply headphone amplifier to block the midrail DC component of the audio signal from the headphones. Depending on the -3dB point, the filter can attenuate low-frequency signals within the audio band. Larger values of C_O reduce the attenuation, but are physically larger, more expensive capacitors. Figure 2 shows the relationship between the size of COUT and the resulting low-frequency attenuation. Note the Vista's magnitude response specification calls for a -3dB point at 20Hz at the headphone jack. The -3dB point at 20Hz for a 32Ω headphone requires a 330µF blocking capacitor (Table 2).

Figure 2. Low-Frequency Attenuation of Common DC-Blocking Capacitor Values

- The voltage coefficient of the capacitor, the change in capacitance due to a change in the voltage across the capacitor, distorts the audio signal. At frequencies around the -3dB point, this effect is maximized and the voltage coefficient appears as frequency-dependent distortion. Figure 3 shows the THD+N introduced by two different capacitor dielectrics. Note that around the -3dB point, THD+N increases dramatically.
- The combination of low-frequency attenuation and frequency-dependent distortion compromises audio reproduction. DirectDrive improves low-frequency reproduction in portable audio equipment that emphasizes low-frequency effects, such as multimedia laptops, MP3, CD, and DVD players (See Table 2).

Table 2. Low-Frequency Rolloff

*Vista requirement for 32Ω load.

Charge Pump

The MAX9789/MAX9790 feature a low-noise charge pump. The 550kHz switching frequency is well beyond the audio range, and does not interfere with the audio signals. The switch drivers feature a controlled switching

Figure 3. Distortion Contributed by DC-Blocking Capacitors

speed that minimizes noise generated by switching transients. Limiting the switching speed of the charge pump minimizes the di/dt noise caused by the parasitic bond wire and trace inductance.

BIAS

The MAX9789/MAX9790 feature an internally generated, power-supply independent, common-mode bias voltage of 1.8V referenced to GND. BIAS provides both click-and-pop suppression and sets the DC bias level for the amplifiers. The BIAS pin should be bypassed to GND with a 1µF capacitor. No external load should be applied to BIAS. Any load lowers the BIAS voltage, affecting the overall performance of the device.

Headphone and Speaker Amplifier Gain The MAX9789/MAX9790 feature programmable speaker amplifier gain, set by the logic voltages applied to pins GAIN1 and GAIN2. Table 3 shows the logic combinations that can be applied to pins GAIN1 and GAIN2 and their affects on the speaker amplifier gain. The headphone amplifier gain is fixed at 3.5dB.

Table 3. MAX9789/MAX9790 Programmable Gain Settings

Speaker and Headphone Amplifier Enable

The MAX9789/MAX9790 feature control inputs for the independent enabling of the speaker and headphone amplifiers, allowing both to be active simultaneously if required. Driving SPKR_EN high disables the speaker amplifiers. Driving HP_EN low independently disables the headphone amplifiers. For applications that require only one of the amplifiers to be on at a given time, SPKR_EN and HP_EN can be tied together allowing a single logic voltage to enable either the speaker or the headphone amplifier as shown in Figure 4.

MUTE

The MAX9789/MAX9790 allow for the speaker and headphone amplifiers to be muted. By driving MUTE low, both the speaker and headphone amplifiers are muted. When muted, the speaker outputs remain biased at V_{DD} / 2.

Shutdown The MAX9789/MAX9790 feature a low-power shutdown mode, drawing 0.3µA of supply current. By disabling the speaker, headphone amplifiers and the LDO (for MAX9789), the MAX9789/MAX9790 enter low-power shutdown mode. Set SPKR_EN to V_{DD} and HP_EN and LDO_EN to GND to disable the speaker amplifiers, headphone amplifiers, and LDO, respectively.

Click-and-Pop Suppression

Speaker Amplifier

The MAX9789/MAX9790 speaker amplifiers feature Maxim's comprehensive, industry-leading click-andpop suppression. During startup, the click-and-pop suppression circuitry eliminates any audible transient sources internal to the device. When entering shutdown, the differential speaker outputs ramp to GND quickly and simultaneously.

Figure 4. Enabling Either the Speaker or Headphone Amplifier with a Single Control Pin

Figure 5. Bridge-Tied Load Configuration

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Headphone Amplifier

In conventional single-supply headphone amplifiers, the output-coupling capacitor is a major contributor of audible clicks and pops. Upon startup, the amplifier charges the coupling capacitor to its bias voltage, typically V_{DD} / 2. Likewise, during shutdown, the capacitor is discharged to GND. A DC shift across the capacitor results, which in turn, appears as an audible transient at the headphone. Since the MAX9789/MAX9790 do not require output-coupling capacitors, no audible transient occurs.

Additionally, the MAX9789/MAX9790 features extensive click-and-pop suppression that eliminates any audible transient sources internal to the device. The startup/shutdown waveform in the Typical Operating Characteristics shows that there are minimal spectral components in the audible range at the output.

Applications Information

BTL Speaker Amplifiers

The MAX9789/MAX9790 feature speaker amplifiers designed to drive a load differentially, a configuration referred to as bridge-tied load (BTL). The BTL configuration (Figure 5) offers advantages over the singleended configuration, where one side of the load is connected to ground. Driving the load differentially doubles the output voltage compared to a singleended amplifier operating under similar conditions. The doubling of the output voltage yields four times the output power at the load.

Since the differential outputs are biased at mid-supply, there is no net DC voltage across the load. This eliminates the need for DC-blocking capacitors required for single-ended amplifiers. These capacitors can be large, expensive, consume board space, and degrade low-frequency performance.

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Mono Speaker Configuration

The MAX9789 stereo BTL Class AB speaker amplifier can be configured to drive a mono speaker. Rather than combining the CODEC's left- and right-input signals in a resistive network prior to one channel of the speaker amplifier input, the transducer itself can be connected to the BTL speaker amplifier output as shown in Figure 6. When compared to the resistive network implementation, the configuration in Figure 6 will:

- 1) Eliminate noise pickup by eliminating the highimpedance node at the CODEC's left- and rightsignal mixing point. SNR performance will be improved as a result.
- 2) Eliminate gain error by eliminating any resistive mismatch between the external resistance used to sum the left and right signals and the MAX9789 internal resistance.

Power Dissipation and Heat Sinking

Under normal operating conditions, the MAX9789/ MAX9790 can dissipate a significant amount of power. The maximum power dissipation for each package is given in the Absolute Maximum Ratings section under Continuous Power Dissipation, or can be calculated by the following equation:

$$
P_{DISSPKG(MAX)} = \frac{T_{J(MAX)} - T_A}{\theta_{JA}}
$$

where $T_{J(MAX)}$ is +150°C, T_A is the ambient temperature, and $θ$, α is the reciprocal of the derating factor in °C/W as specified in the Absolute Maximum Ratings section. For example, $θ$ _{JA} for the 32-pin TQFN-EP package is +40.2°C/W for a multilayer PC board.

Output Power (Speaker Amplifier)

The increase in power delivered by the BTL configuration directly results in an increase in internal power dissipation over the single-ended configuration. The maximum power dissipation for a given V_{DD} and load is given by the following equation:

$$
P_{\text{DISS(MAX)}} = \frac{2 V_{\text{DD}}{}^2}{\pi^2 R_{\text{L}}}
$$

If the power dissipation for a given application exceeds the maximum allowed for a given package, either reduce V_{DD}, increase load impedance, decrease the ambient temperature, or add heat sinking to the device. Large output, supply, and ground PC board traces improve the maximum power dissipation in the package.

Thermal-overload protection limits total power dissipation in these devices. When the junction temperature exceeds +150°C, the thermal-protection circuitry disables the amplifier output stage. The amplifiers are enabled once the junction temperature cools by +15°C. This results in a pulsing output under continuous thermal-overload conditions as the device heats and cools.

Power Supplies

The MAX9789/MAX9790 have separate supply pins for each portion of the device, allowing for the optimum combination of headroom and power dissipation and noise immunity. The speaker amplifiers are powered from PV_{DD}. PV_{DD} ranges from 4.5V to 5.5V. The headphone amplifiers are powered from HPV_{DD} and PVss. HPV_{DD} is the positive supply of the headphone amplifiers and ranges from 3V to 5.5V. PVSS is the negative supply of the headphone amplifiers. Connect PV_{SS} to CPVSS. The charge pump is powered by CPV_{DD}. CPVDD ranges from 3V to 5.5V and should be the same potential as HPV_{DD}. The charge pump inverts the voltage at CPV_{DD}, and the resulting voltage appears at CPV_{SS}. The internal LDO and the remainder of the device is powered by V_{DD}.

Component Selection

Supply Bypassing

The MAX9789/MAX9790 have separate supply pins for each portion of the device, allowing for the optimum combination of headroom and power dissipation and noise immunity.

Speaker Amplifier Power-Supply Input (PV_{DD}) The speaker amplifiers are powered from PV_{DD}. PV_{DD} ranges from 4.5V to 5.5V. Bypass PV_{DD} with a 0.1μ F capacitor to PGND. Note additional bulk capacitance is required at the device if long input traces between PV_{DD} and the power source are used.

Headphone Amplifier Power-Supply Input (HPV_{DD} and PV_{SS})

The headphone amplifiers are powered from HPV_{DD} and PV $_{SS}$. HPV $_{DD}$ is the positive supply of the headphone amplifiers and ranges from 3.0V to 5.5V. Bypass HPV_{DD} with a 10µF capacitor to PGND. PVSS is the negative supply of the headphone amplifiers. Bypass PV_{SS} with a 1µF capacitor to PGND. Connect PV_{SS} to CPV_{SS}. The charge pump is powered by CPV_{DD}. CPVDD ranges from 3.0V to 5.5V and should be the same potential as HPV_{DD}. Bypass CPV_{DD} with a 1µF capacitor to PGND. The charge pump inverts the voltage at CPV_{DD}, and the resulting voltage appears at CPV_{SS}. A 1µF capacitor must be connected between C1N and C1P.

Power Supply and LDO Input (V_{DD})

The internal LDO and the remainder of the device is powered by V_{DD}. V_{DD} ranges from 4.5V to 5.5V. Bypass V_{DD} with a 0.1µF capacitor to GND and two 1µF capacitors in parallel to GND. Note additional bulk capacitance is required at the device if long input traces between VDD and the power source are used.

Input Filtering

The input capacitor (C_{IN}) , in conjunction with the amplifier input resistance (R_{IN}) , forms a highpass filter that removes the DC bias from the incoming signal. The ACcoupling capacitor allows the amplifier to bias the signal to an optimum DC level. Assuming zero source impedance, the -3dB point of the highpass filter is given by:

$$
f - 3dB = \frac{1}{2\pi R_{IN}C_{IN}}
$$

RIN is the amplifier's internal input resistance value given in the *Electrical Characteristics*. Choose C_{IN} such that f-3dB is well below the lowest frequency of interest. Setting f-3dB too high affects the amplifier's low frequency response. Use capacitors with adequately low voltage coefficient dielectrics, such as 1206-sized X7R ceramic capacitors. Capacitors with higher voltage coefficients result in increased distortion at low frequencies (see Figure 7).

Figure 7. Input Coupling Capacitor-Induced THD+N vs. Frequency (Headphone Mode)

BIAS Capacitor

BIAS is the output of the internally generated DC bias voltage. The BIAS bypass capacitor, C_{BIAS} improves PSRR and THD+N by reducing power supply and other noise sources at the common-mode bias node, and also generates the clickless/popless, startup/shutdown DC bias waveforms for the speaker and headphone amplifiers. Bypass BIAS with a 1µF capacitor to GND.

Charge-Pump Capacitor Selection

Use capacitors with an ESR less than 100mΩ for optimum performance. Low ESR ceramic capacitors minimize the output resistance of the charge pump. For best performance over the extended temperature range, select capacitors with an X7R dielectric.

Flying Capacitor (C1)

The value of the flying capacitor (C1) affects the load regulation and output resistance of the charge pump. A C1 value that is too small degrades the device's ability to provide sufficient current drive, which leads to a loss of output voltage. Connect a 1µF capacitor between C1P and C1N.

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Output Capacitor (C2)

The output capacitor value and ESR directly affect the ripple at CPV_{SS}. Increasing the value of C₂ reduces output ripple. Likewise, decreasing the ESR of C2 reduces both ripple and output resistance. Lower capacitance values can be used in systems with low maximum output power levels.

CPVDD Bypass Capacitor (C3)

The CPV_{DD} bypass capacitor (C3) lowers the output impedance of the power supply and reduces the impact of the MAX9789/MAX9790's charge-pump switching transients. Bypass CPV_{DD} with 1μ F, the same value as C1, and place it physically close to the CPV_{DD} and CPGND pins.

Layout and Grounding

Proper layout and grounding are essential for optimum performance. Use large traces for the power-supply inputs and amplifier outputs to minimize losses due to parasitic trace resistance, as well as route heat away from the device. Good grounding improves audio performance, minimizes crosstalk between channels, and prevents switching noise from coupling into the audio signal. Connect PGND and GND together at a single point on the PC board. Route PGND and all traces that carry switching transients away from GND and the traces and components in the audio signal path.

Connect C2 and C3 to the PGND plane. Connect PVSS and CPV_{SS} together at C2. Place the charge-pump capacitors (C1, C2, and C3) as close as possible to the device. Bypass PV_{DD} with a 0.1 μ F capacitor to PGND. Place the bypass capacitors as close as possible to the device.

Use large, low-resistance output traces. As load impedance decreases, the current drawn from the device outputs increase. At higher current, the resistance of the output traces decrease the power delivered to the load. For example, if 2W is delivered from the speaker output to a 4Ω load through a 100mΩ trace, 49mW is consumed in the trace. If power is delivered through a 10mΩ trace, only 5mW is consumed in the trace. Large output, supply and GND traces also improve the power dissipation of the device.

The MAX9789/MAX9790 thin QFN package features an exposed thermal pad on its underside. This pad lowers the package's thermal resistance by providing a direct heat conduction path from the die to the printed circuit board. Connect the exposed thermal pad to GND by using a large pad and multiple vias to the GND plane.

Block Diagrams

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System Diagrams

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Pin Configurations

Simplified Block Diagrams (continued)

Chip Information

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