# **General Description**

The MAX5441–MAX5444 are serial-input, voltage-output, 16-bit digital-to-analog converters (DACs) in tiny  $\mu$ MAX<sup>®</sup> packages, 50% smaller than comparable DACs in 8-pin SOs. They operate from low +3V (MAX5443/ MAX5444) or +5V (MAX5441/MAX5442) single supplies. They provide 16-bit performance (±2LSB INL and ±1LSB DNL) over temperature without any adjustments. Unbuffered DAC outputs result in a low supply current of 120µA and a low offset error of 2LSB.

The DAC output ranges from 0 to V<sub>REF</sub>. For bipolar operation, matched scaling resistors are provided in the MAX5442/MAX5444 for use with an external precision op amp (such as the MAX400), generating a  $\pm$ V<sub>REF</sub> output swing.

A 16-bit serial word is used to load data into the DAC latch. The 25MHz, 3-wire serial interface is compatible with SPI™/QSPI™/MICROWIRE™, and can interface directly with optocouplers for applications requiring isolation. A power-on reset circuit clears the DAC output to code 0 (MAX5441/MAX5443) or code 32768 (MAX5442 /MAX5444) when power is initially applied.

A logic low on  $\overline{\text{CLR}}$  asynchronously clears the DAC output to code 0 (MAX5441/MAX5443) or code 32768 (MAX5442/MAX5444) independent of the serial interface.

The MAX5441/MAX5443 are available in 8-pin  $\mu\text{MAX}$  packages. The MAX5442/MAX5444 are available in 10-pin  $\mu\text{MAX}$  packages.

### **Applications**

High-Resolution Offset and Gain Adjustment

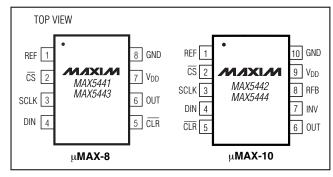
Industrial Process Control

- Automated Test Equipment
- Data-Acquisition Systems

# **Features**

- Ultra-Small 3mm x 5mm 8-Pin µMAX Package
- Low 120µA Supply Current
- Fast 1µs Settling Time
- 25MHz SPI/QSPI/MICROWIRE-Compatible Serial Interface
- VREF Range Extends to VDD
- +5V (MAX5441/MAX5442) or +3V (MAX5443/MAX5444) Single-Supply Operation
- ♦ Full 16-Bit Performance Without Adjustments
- Unbuffered Voltage Output Directly Drives 60kΩ Loads
- Power-On Reset Circuit Clears DAC Output to Code 0 (MAX5441/MAX5443) or Code 32768 (MAX5442/MAX5444)
- Schmitt-Trigger Inputs for Direct Optocoupler Interface
- ♦ Asynchronous CLR

## Pin Configurations



Functional Diagrams appear at end of data sheet.

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## **\_Ordering Information**

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PART	TEMP RANGE	PIN-PACKAGE	INL (LSB)	SUPPLY (V)
MAX5441ACUA	0°C to +70°C	8 µMAX	±2	5
MAX5441AEUA	-40°C to +85°C	8 µMAX	±2	5
MAX5441BCUA	0°C to +70°C	8 µMAX	±4	5
MAX5441BEUA	-40°C to +85°C	8 µMAX	±4	5
MAX5442ACUB	0°C to +70°C	10 µMAX	±2	5
MAX5442AEUB	-40°C to +85°C	10 µMAX	±2	5
MAX5442BCUB	0°C to +70°C	10 µMAX	±4	5
MAX5442BEUB	-40°C to +85°C	10 µMAX	±4	5

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# **ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**

V <sub>DD</sub> to GND   CS, SCLK, DIN, CLR to GND   REF to GND   OUT, INV to GND	0.3V to +6V (V <sub>DD</sub> + 0.3V)
RFB to INV	
RFB to GND	
Maximum Current Into Any Pin	50mA

Continuous Power Dissipation ( $T_A = +70^\circ$	°C)
8-Pin µMAX (derate 4.5mW/°C above +	70°C)362mW
10-Pin µMAX (derate 5.6mW/°C above +	70°C)444mW
Operating Temperature Ranges	
MAX544CU	0°C to +70°C
MAX544EU	40°C to +85°C
Storage Temperature Range	
Maximum Die Temperature	+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**

 $(V_{DD} = +3V (MAX5443/MAX5444) \text{ or } +5V (MAX5441/MAX5442), V_{REF} = +2.5V, C_L = 10pF, GND = 0, R_L = \infty, T_A = T_{MIN} \text{ to } T_{MAX}, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T_A = +25^{\circ}C.)$ 

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
STATIC PERFORMANCE	ALOG SECT	ION	•			
Resolution	N		16			Bits
Differential Nonlinearity	DNL	Guaranteed monotonic		±0.5	±1	LSB
Integral Naplingerity	INL	MAX544_A		±0.5	±2	LSB
Integral Nonlinearity		MAX544_B	±0.5 =		±4	- LSB
Zero-Code Offset Error	ZSE				±2	LSB
Zero-Code Tempco	ZS <sub>TC</sub>			±0.05		ppm/°C
Gain Error (Note 1)					±10	LSB
Gain-Error Tempco				±0.1		ppm/°C
DAC Output Resistance	Rout	(Note 2)		6.2		kΩ
Rippler Register Metabing		R <sub>FB</sub> /R <sub>INV</sub>		1		%
Bipolar Resistor Matching		Ratio error			±0.015	/0
Bipolar Zero Offset Error					±20	LSB
Bipolar Zero Tempco	BZSTC			±0.5		ppm/°C
Power-Supply Rejection	PSR	$+2.7V \le V_{DD} \le +3.3V (MAX5443/MAX5444)$			±1	LSB
rower-supply nejection	ron	$+4.5V \le V_{DD} \le +5.5V (MAX5441/MAX5442)$			±1	LOD
REFERENCE INPUT						
Reference Input Range	VREF	(Note 3)	2.0		VDD	V
Reference Input Resistance	Page	Unipolar mode	10			kΩ
(Note 4)	R <sub>REF</sub>	Bipolar mode	6			N82
DYNAMIC PERFORMANCE—	ANALOG SE	CTION	•			
Voltage-Output Slew Rate	SR	(Note 5)		15		V/µs
Output Settling Time		To $\pm 1/_2$ LSB of FS		1		μs
DAC Glitch Impulse		Major-carry transition		7		nV-s
Digital Feedthrough		Code = 0000 hex; $\overline{CS} = V_{DD}$ ; SCLK, DIN = 0 to $V_{DD}$ levels		0.2		nV-s

### ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

 $(V_{DD} = +3V (MAX5443/MAX5444) \text{ or } +5V (MAX5441/MAX5442), V_{REF} = +2.5V, C_L = 10pF, GND = 0, R_L = ∞, T_A = T_{MIN}$  to T<sub>MAX</sub>, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T<sub>A</sub> = +25°C.)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
DYNAMIC PERFORMANCE-R	FERENCE	SECTION		1			
Reference -3dB Bandwidth	BW	Code = FFFF hex			1		MHz
Reference Feedthrough		Code = 0000 hex, V <sub>RE</sub>	$F = 1V_{P-P}$ at 100kHz		1		mV <sub>P-P</sub>
Signal-to-Noise Ratio	SNR				92		dB
	0	Code = 0000 hex			70		
Reference Input Capacitance	CINREF	Code = FFFF hex		170			pF
STATIC PERFORMANCE-DIG	TAL INPUT	S		1			
Input High Voltage	Vih			2.4			V
Input Low Voltage	VIL					0.8	V
Input Current	lin					±1	μA
Input Capacitance	Cin	(Note 6)			3	10	pF
Hysteresis Voltage	V <sub>H</sub>				0.15		V
POWER SUPPLY		L					
Positive Supply Pange (Note 7)	\/	MAX5443/MAX5444		2.7		3.6	V
Positive Supply Range (Note 7)	V <sub>DD</sub>	MAX5441/MAX5442	MAX5441/MAX5442			5.5	
Positive Supply Current	IDD	All digital inputs at $V_{DD}$ or GND			0.12	0.20	mA
Power Dissipation		All digital inputs at	MAX5443/MAX5444		0.36		m\//
Power Dissipation			MAX5441/MAX5442		0.60		- mW

### TIMING CHARACTERISTICS

 $(V_{DD} = +2.7V \text{ to } +3.3V \text{ (MA5443/MAX5444)}, V_{DD} = +4.5V \text{ to } +5.5V \text{ (MAX5441/MAX5442)}, V_{REF} = +2.5V, GND = 0, CMOS inputs, T_A = T_{MIN} \text{ to } T_{MAX}$ , unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T\_A = +25°C.) (Figure 1)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
SCLK Frequency	fclk				25	MHz
SCLK Pulse Width High	tсн		20			ns
SCLK Pulse Width Low	tCL		20			ns
CS Low to SCLK High Setup	tCSS0		15			ns
CS High to SCLK High Setup	tCSS1		15			ns
SCLK High to $\overline{CS}$ Low Hold	tCSH0	(Note 6)	35			ns
SCLK High to CS High Hold	tCSH1		20			ns
DIN to SCLK High Setup	tDS		15			ns
DIN to SCLK High Hold	tDH		0			ns
CLR Pulse Width Low	tCLW		20			ns
V <sub>DD</sub> High to <del>CS</del> Low (power-up delay)				20		μs

Note 1: Gain error tested at VREF = +2.0V, +2.5V, and +3.0V (MAX5443/MAX5444) or VREF = +2.0V, +2.5V, +3.0V, and +5.5V (MAX5441/ MAX5442).

Note 2: ROUT tolerance is typically ±20%.

Note 3: Min/max range guaranteed by gain-error test. Operation outside min/max limits will result in degraded performance.

**Note 4:** Reference input resistance is code-dependent, minimum at 8555hex in unipolar mode, 4555hex in bipolar mode.

Note 5: Slew-rate value is measured from 10% to 90%.

**Note 6:** Guaranteed by design. Not production tested.

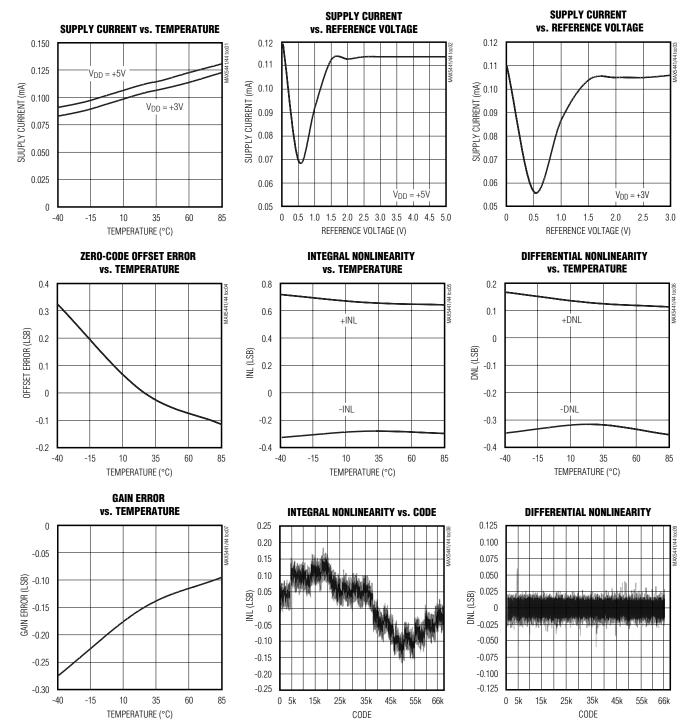
Note 7: Guaranteed by power-supply rejection test and Timing Characteristics.



# **Typical Operating Characteristics**

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 $(V_{DD} = +3V (MAX5443/MAX5444) \text{ or } +5V (MAX5441/MAX5442), V_{REF} = +2.5V, GND = 0, R_L = \infty, T_A = T_{MIN} \text{ to } T_{MAX}, \text{ unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at } T_A = +25^{\circ}C.)$ 

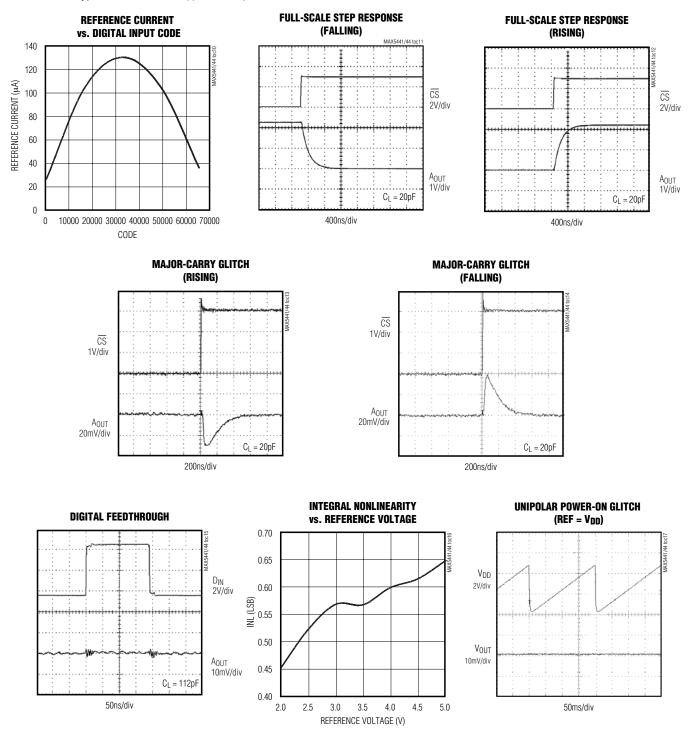


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# Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

 $(V_{DD} = +3V (MAX5443/MAX5444) \text{ or } +5V (MAX5441/MAX5442), V_{REF} = +2.5V, GND = 0, R_L = \infty, T_A = T_{MIN} \text{ to } T_{MAX}, \text{ unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at } T_A = +25^{\circ}C.)$ 



# Pin Description

PI	N		
MAX5441 MAX5443	MAX5442 MAX5444	NAME	FUNCTION
1	1	REF	Voltage Reference Input
2	2	CS	Chip-Select Input
3	3	SCLK	Serial Clock Input. Duty cycle must be between 40% and 60%.
4	4	DIN	Serial Data Input
5	5	CLR	Clear Input. Logic low asynchronously clears the DAC to code 0 (MAX5441/MAX5443) or code 32768 (MAX5442/MAX5444).
6	6	OUT	DAC Output Voltage
_	7	INV	Junction of Internal Scaling Resistors. Connect to external op amp's inverting input in bipolar mode.
_	8	RFB	Feedback Resistor. Connect to external op amp's output in bipolar mode.
7	9	V <sub>DD</sub>	Supply Voltage. Use +3V for MAX5443/MAX5444 and +5V for MAX5441/MAX5442.
8	10	GND	Ground

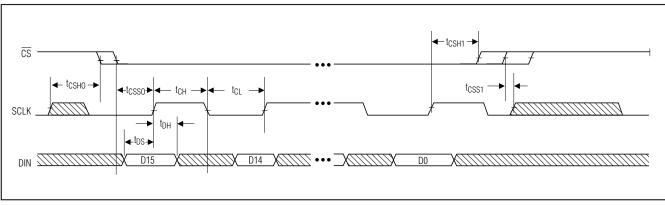


Figure 1. Timing Diagram

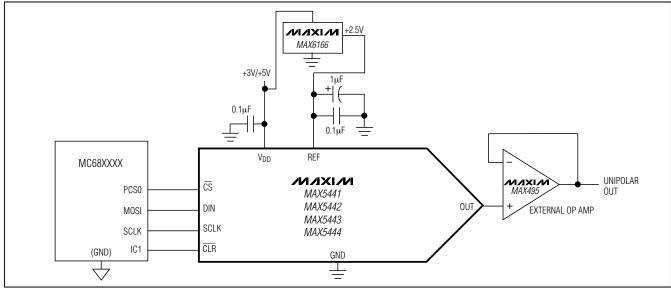


Figure 2a. Typical Operating Circuit—Unipolar Output

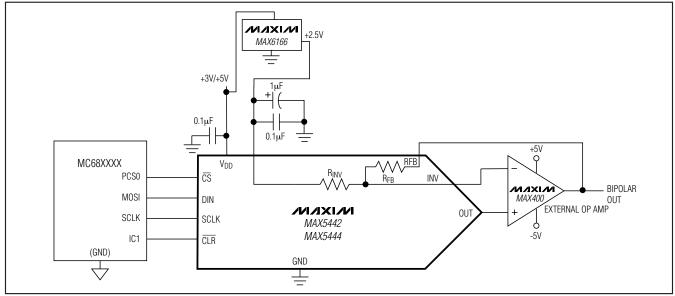


Figure 2b. Typical Operating Circuit—Bipolar Output

## **Detailed Description**

The MAX5441–MAX5444 voltage-output, 16-bit digitalto-analog converters (DACs) offer full 16-bit performance with less than 2LSB integral linearity error and less than 1LSB differential linearity error, thus ensuring monotonic performance. Serial data transfer minimizes the number of package pins required. The MAX5441–MAX5444 are composed of two matched DAC sections, with a 12-bit inverted R-2R DAC forming the 12 LSBs and the four MSBs derived from 15 identically matched resistors. This architecture allows the lowest glitch energy to be transferred to the DAC output on major-carry transitions. It also lowers the DAC output impedance by a factor of eight compared



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to a standard R-2R ladder, allowing unbuffered operation in medium-load applications.

The MAX5442/MAX5444 provide matched bipolar offset resistors, which connect to an external op amp for bipolar output swings (Figure 2b).

#### **Digital Interface**

The MAX5441–MAX5444 digital interface is a standard 3-wire connection compatible with SPI/QSPI/ MICROWIRE interfaces. The chip-select input ( $\overline{CS}$ ) frames the serial data loading at the data-input pin (DIN). Immediately following  $\overline{CS}$ 's high-to-low transition, the data is shifted synchronously and latched into the input register on the rising edge of the serial clock input (SCLK). After 16 data bits have been loaded into the serial input register, it transfers its contents to the DAC latch on  $\overline{CS}$ 's low-to-high transition (Figure 3). Note that if  $\overline{CS}$  is not kept low during the entire 16 SCLK cycles, data will be corrupted. In this case, reload the DAC latch with a new 16-bit word.

#### **Clearing the DAC**

A 20ns (min) logic-low pulse on CLR asynchronously clears the DAC buffer to code 0 in the MAX5441/ MAX5443 and to code 32768 in the MAX5442/ MAX5444.

#### **External Reference**

The MAX5441–MAX5444 operate with external voltage references from 2V to  $V_{DD}$ . The reference voltage determines the DAC's full-scale output voltage.

#### **Power-On Reset**

The power-on reset circuit sets the output of the MAX5441/MAX5443 to code 0 and the output of the

MAX5442/MAX5444 to code 32768 when V<sub>DD</sub> is first applied. This ensures that unwanted DAC output voltages will not occur immediately following a system power-up, such as after a loss of power.

# **Applications Information**

#### **Reference and Ground Inputs**

The MAX5441-MAX5444 operate with external voltage references from 2V to VDD, and maintain 16-bit performance if certain guidelines are followed when selecting and applying the reference. Ideally, the reference's temperature coefficient should be less than 0.1ppm/°C to maintain 16-bit accuracy to within 1LSB over the -40°C to +85°C extended temperature range. Since this converter is designed as an inverted R-2R voltage-mode DAC, the input resistance seen by the voltage reference is code-dependent. In unipolar mode, the worst-case input-resistance variation is from  $11.5k\Omega$  (at code 8555hex) to  $200k\Omega$  (at code 0000hex). The maximum change in load current for a 2.5V reference is 2.5V / 11.5k  $\Omega$  = 217µA; therefore, the required load regulation is 7ppm/mA for a maximum error of 0.1LSB. This implies a reference output impedance of less than  $18m\Omega$ . In addition, the impedance of the signal path from the voltage reference to the reference input must be kept low because it contributes directly to the load-regulation error.

The requirement for a low-impedance voltage reference is met with capacitor bypassing at the reference inputs and ground. A  $0.1\mu F$  ceramic capacitor with short leads between REF and GND provides high-frequency bypassing. A surface-mount ceramic chip capacitor is preferred because it has the lowest inductance. An

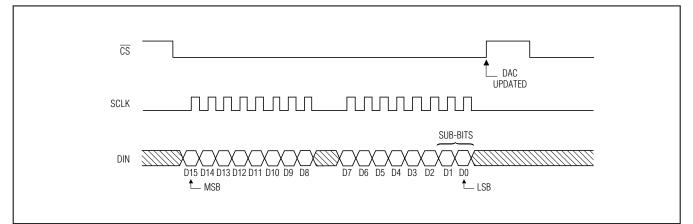


Figure 3. MAX5441–MAX5444 3-Wire Interface Timing Diagram

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additional 1 $\mu$ F between REF and GND provides low-frequency bypassing. A low-ESR tantalum, film, or organic semiconductor capacitor works well. Leaded capacitors are acceptable because impedance is not as critical at lower frequencies. The circuit can benefit from even larger bypassing capacitors, depending on the stability of the external reference with capacitive loading.

#### **Unbuffered Operation**

Unbuffered operation reduces power consumption as well as offset error contributed by the external output buffer. The R-2R DAC output is available directly at OUT, allowing 16-bit performance from +V<sub>REF</sub> to GND without degradation at zero-scale. The DAC's output impedance is also low enough to drive medium loads (R<sub>L</sub> > 60k $\Omega$ ) without degradation of INL or DNL; only the gain error is increased by externally loading the DAC output.

#### **External Output Buffer Amplifier**

The requirements on the external output buffer amplifier change whether the DAC is used in the unipolar or bipolar mode of operation. In unipolar mode, the output amplifier is used in a voltage-follower connection. In bipolar mode (MAX5442/MAX5444 only), the amplifier operates with the internal scaling resistors (Figure 2b). In each mode, the DAC's output resistance is constant and is independent of input code; however, the output amplifier's input impedance should still be as high as possible to minimize gain errors. The DAC's output capacitance is also independent of input code, thus simplifying stability requirements on the external amplifier.

In bipolar mode, a precision amplifier operating with dual power supplies (such as the MAX400) provides the  $\pm$ V<sub>REF</sub> output range. In single-supply applications, precision amplifiers with input common-mode ranges including GND are available; however, their output swings do not normally include the negative rail (GND) without significant degradation of performance. A single-supply op amp, such as the MAX495, is suitable if the application does not use codes near zero.

Since the LSBs for a 16-bit DAC are extremely small (38.15µV for V<sub>REF</sub> = 2.5V), pay close attention to the external amplifier's input specification. The input offset voltage can degrade the zero-scale error and might require an output offset trim to maintain full accuracy if the offset voltage is greater than 1/2LSB. Similarly, the input bias current multiplied by the DAC output resistance (typically 6.25k $\Omega$ ) contributes to the zero-scale error. Temperature effects also must be taken into consideration. Over the -40°C to +85°C extended temperature range, the offset voltage temperature coefficient (referenced to +25°C) must be less than 0.24µV/°C to

add less than 1/2LSB of zero-scale error. The external amplifier's input resistance forms a resistive divider with the DAC output resistance, which results in a gain error. To contribute less than 1/2LSB of gain error, the input resistance typically must be greater than:

$$6.25k\Omega \times 2^{17} = 819M\Omega$$

The settling time is affected by the buffer input capacitance, the DAC's output capacitance, and PC board capacitance. The typical DAC output voltage settling time is 1µs for a full-scale step. Settling time can be significantly less for smaller step changes. Assuming a single time-constant exponential settling response, a full-scale step takes 12 time constants to settle to within 1/2LSB of the final output voltage. The time constant is equal to the DAC output resistance multiplied by the total output capacitance. The DAC output capacitance is typically 10pF. Any additional output capacitance will increase the settling time.

The external buffer amplifier's gain-bandwidth product is important because it increases the settling time by adding another time constant to the output response. The effective time constant of two cascaded systems, each with a single time-constant response, is approximately the root square sum of the two time constants. The DAC output's time constant is 1µs / 12 = 83ns, ignoring the effect of additional capacitance. If the time constant of an external amplifier with 1MHz bandwidth is 1 /  $2\pi$  (1MHz) = 159ns, then the effective time constant of the combined system is:

$$\sqrt{\left[\left(83ns\right)^2 + \left(159ns\right)^2\right]} = 180ns$$

This suggests that the settling time to within 1/2LSB of the final output voltage, including the external buffer amplifier, will be approximately  $12 \times 180$ ns = 2.15µs.

#### **Digital Inputs and Interface Logic**

The digital interface for the 16-bit DAC is based on a 3-wire standard that is compatible with SPI, QSPI, and MICROWIRE interfaces. The three digital inputs ( $\overline{CS}$ , DIN, and SCLK) load the digital input data serially into the DAC.

A 20ns (min) logic-low pulse on  $\overline{\text{CLR}}$  clears the data in the DAC buffer.

All of the digital inputs include Schmitt-trigger buffers to accept slow-transition interfaces. This means that optocouplers can interface directly to the MAX5441– MAX5444 without additional external logic. The digital inputs are compatible with TTL/CMOS-logic levels.

#### **Unipolar Configuration**

Figure 2a shows the MAX5441–MAX5444 configured for unipolar operation with an external op amp. The op amp is set for unity gain, and Table 1 lists the codes for this circuit. The bipolar MAX5442/MAX5444 can also be used in unipolar configuration by connecting RFB and INV to REF. This allows the DAC to power-up to midscale.

#### **Bipolar Configuration**

Figure 2b shows the MAX5442/MAX5444 configured for bipolar operation with an external op amp. The op amp is set for unity gain with an offset of  $-1/2V_{REF}$ . Table 2 lists the offset binary codes for this circuit.

#### Power-Supply Bypassing and Ground Management

Bypass  $V_{DD}$  with a 0.1µF ceramic capacitor connected between  $V_{DD}$  and GND. Mount the capacitor with short leads close to the device (less than 0.25 inches).

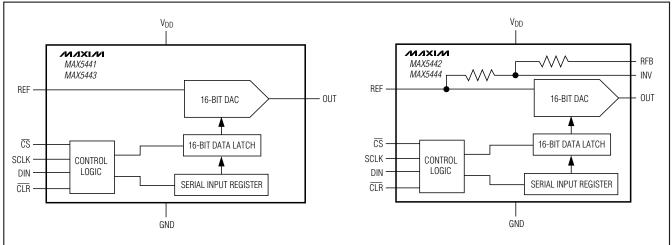
### Table 1. Unipolar Code Table

DAC LATCH CONTENTS		ANALOG OUTPUT, VOUT		
MSB	LSB			
1111 1111 1	1111 1111	V <sub>REF</sub> × (65,535 / 65,536)		
1000 0000 0	0000 0000	$V_{\text{REF}} \times (32,768 / 65,536) = 1/2 V_{\text{REF}}$		
0000 0000 0	000 0001	V <sub>REF</sub> × (1 / 65,536)		
0000 0000 0	0000 0000	0		

### Table 2. Bipolar Code Table

DAC LATCH	CONTENTS	ANALOG OUTPUT, VOUT
MSB	LSB	ANALOG OUTPOT, VOUT
1111 1111	1111 1111	+V <sub>REF</sub> × (32,767 / 32,768)
1000 0000	0000 0001	+V <sub>REF</sub> × (1 / 32,768)
1000 0000	0000 0000	0
0111 1111	1111 1111	-V <sub>REF</sub> × (1 / 32,768)
0000 0000	0000 0000	-V <sub>REF</sub> × (32,768 / 32,768) = -V <sub>REF</sub>

# **Functional Diagrams**



# \_Ordering Information (continued)

PART	TEMP RANGE	PIN-PACKAGE	INL (LSB)	SUPPLY (V)
MAX5443ACUA	0°C to +70°C	8 µMAX	±2	3
MAX5443AEUA	-40°C to +85°C	8 µMAX	±2	3
MAX5443BCUA	0°C to +70°C	8 µMAX	±4	3
MAX5443BEUA	-40°C to +85°C	8 µMAX	±4	3
MAX5444ACUB	0°C to +70°C	10 µMAX	±2	3
MAX5444AEUB	-40°C to +85°C	10 µMAX	±2	3
MAX5444BCUB	0°C to +70°C	10 µMAX	±4	3
MAX5444BEUB	-40°C to +85°C	10 µMAX	±4	3

## Chip Information

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### **Package Information**

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8 µMAX	U8-1	<u>21-0036</u>
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# **Revision History**

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2	10/07	Changed timing diagram	6

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