

RELIABILITY REPORT  
FOR  
MAX1599ETA+  
PLASTIC ENCAPSULATED DEVICES

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**MAXIM INTEGRATED PRODUCTS**

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## Conclusion

The MAX1599ETA+ successfully meets the quality and reliability standards required of all Maxim products. In addition, Maxim's continuous reliability monitoring program ensures that all outgoing product will continue to meet Maxim's quality and reliability standards.

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### I. Device Description

#### A. General

The MAX1561/MAX1599 step-up converters drive up to six white LEDs with a constant current to provide backlight in cell phones, PDAs, and other hand-held devices. The step-up converter topology allows series connection of the white LEDs so the LED currents are identical for uniform brightness. This configuration eliminates the need for ballast resistors and expensive factory calibration. The MAX1561/MAX1599 include an internal, high-voltage, low-RDS(ON) N-channel MOSFET switch for high efficiency and maximum battery life. A single Dual Mode™ input provides a simple means of brightness adjustment and on/off control. Fast 1MHz (500kHz for the MAX1599) current-mode, pulse-width modulated (PWM) operation allows for small input and output capacitors and a small inductor while minimizing ripple on the input supply/battery. Programmable soft-start eliminates inrush current during startup. Both devices are available in a space-saving, 8-pin 3mm x 3mm thin DFN package with exposed paddle (EP).

**II. Manufacturing Information**

A. Description/Function:	High-Efficiency, 26V Step-Up Converters for Two to Six White LEDs
B. Process:	B8
C. Number of Device Transistors:	
D. Fabrication Location:	California or Texas
E. Assembly Location:	China, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand
F. Date of Initial Production:	October 24, 2003

**III. Packaging Information**

A. Package Type:	8-pin TDFN 3x3
B. Lead Frame:	Copper
C. Lead Finish:	100% matte Tin
D. Die Attach:	Conductive
E. Bondwire:	Au (1.3 mil dia.)
F. Mold Material:	Epoxy with silica filler
G. Assembly Diagram:	#05-9000-0073
H. Flammability Rating:	Class UL94-V0
I. Classification of Moisture Sensitivity per JEDEC standard J-STD-020-C	Level 1
J. Single Layer Theta Ja:	54°C/W
K. Single Layer Theta Jc:	8.3°C/W
L. Multi Layer Theta Ja:	41°C/W
M. Multi Layer Theta Jc:	8.3°C/W

**IV. Die Information**

A. Dimensions:	59 X 79 mils
B. Passivation:	Si <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> /SiO <sub>2</sub> (Silicon nitride/ Silicon dioxide)
C. Interconnect:	Al/0.5%Cu with Ti/TiN Barrier
D. Backside Metallization:	None
E. Minimum Metal Width:	0.8 microns (as drawn)
F. Minimum Metal Spacing:	0.8 microns (as drawn)
G. Bondpad Dimensions:	5 mil. Sq.
H. Isolation Dielectric:	SiO <sub>2</sub>
I. Die Separation Method:	Wafer Saw

## V. Quality Assurance Information

- A. Quality Assurance Contacts: Don Lipps (Manager, Reliability Engineering)  
Bryan Preeshl (Managing Director of QA)
- B. Outgoing Inspection Level: 0.1% for all electrical parameters guaranteed by the Datasheet.  
0.1% For all Visual Defects.
- C. Observed Outgoing Defect Rate: < 50 ppm
- D. Sampling Plan: Mil-Std-105D

## VI. Reliability Evaluation

### A. Accelerated Life Test

The results of the 135°C biased (static) life test are shown in Table 1. Using these results, the Failure Rate ( $\lambda$ ) is calculated as follows:

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\text{MTTF}} = \frac{1.83}{192 \times 4340 \times 48 \times 2} \quad (\text{Chi square value for MTTF upper limit})$$

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

$$\lambda = 22.9 \times 10^{-9}$$

$\lambda = 22.9$  F.I.T. (60% confidence level @ 25°C)

The following failure rate represents data collected from Maxim's reliability monitor program. Maxim performs quarterly life test monitors on its processes. This data is published in the Reliability Report found at <http://www.maxim-ic.com/qa/reliability/monitor>. Cumulative monitor data for the B8 Process results in a FIT Rate of 0.06 @ 25C and 0.99 @ 55C (0.8 eV, 60% UCL)

### B. Moisture Resistance Tests

The industry standard 85°C/85%RH or HAST testing is monitored per device process once a quarter.

### C. E.S.D. and Latch-Up Testing

The PM76-1 die type has been found to have all pins able to withstand a HBM transient pulse of +/-400V per Mil-Std 883 Method 3015.7. Latch-Up testing has shown that this device withstands a current of +/-250mA.

**Table 1**  
Reliability Evaluation Test Results

**MAX1599ETA+**

TEST ITEM	TEST CONDITION	FAILURE IDENTIFICATION	SAMPLE SIZE	NUMBER OF FAILURES
<b>Static Life Test</b> (Note 1)				
	Ta = 135°C Biased Time = 192 hrs.	DC Parameters & functionality	48	0
<b>Moisture Testing</b> (Note 2)				
HAST	Ta = 130°C RH = 85% Biased Time = 96hrs.	DC Parameters & functionality	77	0
<b>Mechanical Stress</b> (Note 2)				
Temperature Cycle	-65°C/150°C 1000 Cycles Method 1010	DC Parameters & functionality	77	0

Note 1: Life Test Data may represent plastic DIP qualification lots.

Note 2: Generic Package/Process data