

RELIABILITY REPORT  
FOR  
MAX1678EUA+  
PLASTIC ENCAPSULATED DEVICES

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**MAXIM INTEGRATED PRODUCTS**

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## Conclusion

The MAX1678EUA+ 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 MAX1678 is a high-efficiency, low-voltage, synchronous-rectified, step-up DC-DC converter intended for use in devices powered by 1 to 3-cell alkaline, NiMH, or NiCd batteries or a 1-cell lithium battery. It guarantees a 0.87V start-up voltage and features a low 37 $\mu$ A quiescent supply current. The device includes a 1 , N-channel MOSFET power switch, a synchronous rectifier that acts as the catch diode, a reference, pulse-frequency-modulation (PFM) control circuitry, and circuitry to reduce inductor ringing-all in an ultra-small, 1.1mm-high  $\mu$ MAX<sup>®</sup> package. The output voltage is preset to 3.3V or can be adjusted from +2V to +5.5V using only two resistors. Efficiencies up to 90% are achieved for loads up to 50mA. The device also features an independent undervoltage comparator (PFI/PFO) and a logic-controlled 2 $\mu$ A shutdown mode.

**II. Manufacturing Information**

A. Description/Function:	1 Cell to 2 Cell, Low-Noise, High-Efficiency, Step-Up DC-DC Converter
B. Process:	S12
C. Number of Device Transistors:	
D. Fabrication Location:	Oregon, California or Texas
E. Assembly Location:	Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand
F. Date of Initial Production:	June 29, 1998

**III. Packaging Information**

A. Package Type:	8-pin uMAX
B. Lead Frame:	Copper
C. Lead Finish:	100% matte Tin
D. Die Attach:	Conductive
E. Bondwire:	Au (1 mil dia.)
F. Mold Material:	Epoxy with silica filler
G. Assembly Diagram:	#05-1101-0076
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:	221°C/W
K. Single Layer Theta Jc:	41.9°C/W
L. Multi Layer Theta Ja:	206.3°C/W
M. Multi Layer Theta Jc:	41.9°C/W

**IV. Die Information**

A. Dimensions:	58 X 69 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:	1.2 microns (as drawn)
F. Minimum Metal Spacing:	1.2 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:

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\text{MTTF}} = \frac{1.83}{192 \times 4340 \times 80 \times 2} \quad (\text{Chi square value for MTTF upper limit})$$

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

$$\lambda = 13.7 \times 10^{-9}$$
$$\lambda = 13.7 \text{ F.I.T. (60\% confidence level @ 25°C)}$$

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 S12 Process results in a FIT Rate of 0.17 @ 25C and 3.00 @ 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 PX47 die type has been found to have all pins able to withstand a HBM transient pulse of +/-2500V 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

**MAX1678EUA+**

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	80	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