MAX40242 Evaluation Kit Evaluates: MAX40242

General Description

The MAX40242 evaluation kit (EV kit) provides a proven design to evaluate the MAX40242 low-input bias current, low-noise operational amplifier (op amp) in an 8-pin µMAX® package. The EV kit circuit is preconfigured as noninverting amplifiers, but can be adapted to other topologies by changing a few components. The component pads accommodate 0805 packages, making them easy to solder and replace. The EV kit comes with a MAX40242ANA+ installed.

Features

- Accommodates Multiple Op-Amp Configurations
- **Rail-to-Rail Outputs**
- Accommodates Easy-to-Use 0805 Components
- 2.7V to 20V Single Supply or ±1.35V to ±10V Dual Supplies
- Proven PCB Layout
- **Fully Assembled and Tested**

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Quick Start

Required Equipment

- MAX40242 EV kit
- +5V, 10mA DC power supply (PS1)
- Two precision voltage sources
- Two digital multimeters (DMMs)

Procedure

The EV kit is fully assembled and tested. Follow the steps below to verify board operation. **Caution: Do not turn on power supplies until all connections are completed** and turn on V_{DD}, V_{SS} supplies before turning on **voltage sources on the input pins.**

- 1) Verify that the jumpers are in their default position, as shown in [Table 1.](#page-1-0)
- 2) Connect the positive terminal of the +5V supply to V_{DD} and the negative terminal to GND test points.
- 3) Connect the positive terminal of the precision voltage source to INAP. Connect the negative terminal of the precision voltage source to GND.

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- 4) Connect the positive terminal of the second precision voltage source to the INBP pad. Connect the negative terminal of the precision voltage source to GND.
- 5) Connect the Multimeters to monitor the voltages on OUTA and OUTB. With the 9kΩ feedback resistors and 1kΩ series resistors, the gain of each noninverting amplifier is +10V/V.
- 6) Turn on the +5V power supply.
- 7) Apply 100mV from the precision voltage sources. Observe the output at OUTA and OUTB on the DMMs. Both should read approximately +1V.
- 8) Apply 450mV from the precision voltage sources. Both OUTA and OUTB should read approximately +4.5V.

Once the above steps are confirmed, the EV kit is tested for functionality.

Detailed Description of Hardware

The MAX40242 EV kit provides a proven layout for the MAX40242 low input bias current, low-noise dual op amp.

The IC is a single-supply dual op amp whose primary application is operating in the noninverting configuration; however, the IC can operate with a dual supply as long as the voltage across the V_{DD} and GND pins of the IC do not exceed the absolute maximum ratings. When operating with a single supply, short V_{SS} to GND.

Op-Amp Configurations

The IC is a single-supply dual op amp ideal for differential sensing, noninverting amplification, buffering, and filtering. A few common configurations are shown in the next few sections.

The following sections explain how to configure one of the device's op amps (op-amp A). To configure the device's second op amp (op-amp B), the same equations can be used after modifying the component reference designators. For op-amp B, the equations should be modified by

Table 1. Jumper Descriptions (JU1–JU8)

**Default position.*

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adding 10 to the number portion of the reference designators (e.g., for the noninverting configuration, equation R1 becomes R11 and R5 becomes R15).

Noninverting Configuration

The EV kit comes preconfigured as a noninverting amplifier. The gain is set by the ratio of R5 and R1. The EV kit comes preconfigured for a gain of 10V/V. The output voltage for the noninverting configuration is given by the equation below:

$$
V_{\text{OUTA}} = \left(1 + \frac{R5}{R1}\right) V_{\text{INAP}}
$$

Differential Amplifier

To configure the EV kit as a differential amplifier, replace R1–R3, and R5 with appropriate resistors. When $R1 = R2$ and $R3 = R5$, the CMRR of the differential amplifier is determined by the matching of the resistor ratios R1/ R2 and R3/R5.

where:

$$
GAIN = \frac{R5}{R1} = \frac{R3}{R2}
$$

 $V_{\text{OUTA}} = \text{GAIN} (V_{\text{INAP}} - V_{\text{INAM}})$

Sallen-Key Filter Configuration

The Sallen-Key filter topology is ideal for filtering sensor signals with a second-order filter and acting as a buffer. Schematic complexity is reduced by combining the filter and buffer operations. The EV kit can be configured in a Sallen-Key topology by replacing and populating a few components. The Sallen-Key topology is typically configured as a unity-gain buffer, which can be done by replacing R1 and R5 with open and 0 Ω resistors, respectively and short JU2. The noninverting signal is applied to the INAP test point with JU2 short and short pins 1-2 on JU3 or do the same on the INBP pad similarly. The filter component pads are R2–R4, and R8, where some have to be populated with resistors and others with capacitors. We will go into detail below on these details.

Lowpass Sallen-Key Filter

To configure the Sallen-Key as a lowpass filter, populate the R2 and R8 pads with resistors, and populate the R3 and R4 pads with capacitors. The corner frequency and Q are then given by:

$$
f_{C} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{R_{R2}R_{R8}C_{R3}C_{R4}}}
$$

$$
Q = \frac{\sqrt{R_{R2}R_{R8}C_{R3}C_{R4}}}{C_{R3}(R_{R2} + R_{R8})}
$$

Highpass Sallen-Key Filter

To configure the Sallen-Key as a highpass filter, populate the R3 and R4 pads with resistors and populate the R2 and R8 pads with capacitors. The corner frequency and Q are then given by:

$$
f_C = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{R_{R3}R_{R4}C_{R2}C_{R8}}}
$$

$$
Q = \frac{\sqrt{R_{R3}R_{R4}C_{R2}C_{R8}}}{R_{R4}(C_{R2} + C_{R8})}
$$

Transimpedance Application

To configure op-amp U1-A as a transimpedance amplifier (TIA), replace R1 with photo-diode with bias accordingly and shunt on pins 2-3 on jumper JU3. The output voltage of the TIA is the input current multiplied by the feedback resistor:

$$
V_{OUT} = (I_{IN} + I_{BIAS}) \times R4 + V_{OS}
$$

where R4 is installed as a 9kΩ resistor, I_{IN} is defined as the input current source applied by photo-diode or a current source, I_{BIAS} is the input bias current, and V_{OS} is the input offset voltage of the op amp. Use capacitor C8 (and C7, if applicable) to stabilize the op amp by rolling off high-frequency gain due to a large cable capacitance. Similarly, we can configure op-amp U1-B for transimpedance application.

Capacitive Loads

Some applications require driving large capacitive loads. To improve the stability of the amplifier, replace R6 (R16 for U1-B) with a suitable resistor value to improve amplifier phase margin. The R6/C9 (R16/C19 for U1-B) filter can also be used as an anti-alias filter, or to limit amplifier output noise by reducing its output bandwidth.

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MAX40242 EV Kit Bill of Materials

MAX40242 EV Kit Schematic

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MAX40242 EV Kit PCB Layouts

MAX40242 EV Kit Component Placement Guide—Component Side

MAX40242 EV Kit PCB Layout—Component Side

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