

General Description

The MAX917–MAX920 nanopower comparators in space-saving SOT23 packages feature Beyond-the-Rails™ inputs and are guaranteed to operate down to +1.8V. The MAX917/MAX918 feature an on-board 1.245V ±1.5% reference and draw an ultra-low supply current of only 750nA, while the MAX919/MAX920 (without reference) require just 380nA of supply current. These features make the MAX917–MAX920 family of comparators ideal for all 2-cell battery applications,

The unique design of the output stage limits supply-current surges while switching, virtually eliminating the supply glitches typical of many other comparators. This design also minimizes overall power consumption under dynamic conditions. The MAX917/MAX919 have a push-pull output stage that sinks and sources current. Large internal output drivers allow rail-to-rail output swing with loads up to 8mA. The MAX918/MAX920 have an open-drain output stage that makes them suit*Features*

- ♦ **Ultra-Low Supply Current 380nA per Comparator (MAX919/MAX920) 750nA per Comparator with Reference (MAX917/MAX918)**
	- ♦ **Guaranteed to Operate Down to +1.8V**
	- ♦ **Internal 1.245V ±1.5% Reference (MAX917/MAX918)**
	- ♦ **Input Voltage Range Extends 200mV Beyond-the-Rails**
	- ♦ **CMOS Push-Pull Output with ±8mA Drive Capability (MAX917/MAX919)**
	- ♦ **Open-Drain Output Versions Available (MAX918/MAX920)**
	- ♦ **Crowbar-Current-Free Switching**
	- ♦ **Internal Hysteresis for Clean Switching**
	- ♦ **No Phase Reversal for Overdriven Inputs**
	- ♦ **Space-Saving SOT23 Package**

Ordering Information

Note: All devices are specified over the -40°C to +85°C operating temperature range.

+*Denotes a lead(Pb)-free/RoHS-compliant package.*

/V denotes an automotive qualified part.

Pin Configurations

Selector Guide

Typical Application Circuit appears at end of data sheet.

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Applications

- 2-Cell Battery Monitoring/Management
- Ultra-Low-Power Systems

able for mixed-voltage system design.

Mobile Communications

including monitoring/management.

- Notebooks and PDAs
- Threshold Detectors/Discriminators
- Sensing at Ground or Supply Line
- Telemetry and Remote Systems
- Medical Instruments

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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

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—MAX917/MAX918

(V_{CC} = +5V, V_{EE} = 0V, V_{IN+} = V_{REF}, T_A = -40°C to +85°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T_A = +25°C.) (Note 1)

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS—MAX917/MAX918 (continued)

(V_{CC} = +5V, V_{EE} = 0V, V_{IN+} = V_{REF}, T_A = -40°C to +85°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T_A = +25°C.) (Note 1)

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS—MAX919/MAX920

(V_{CC} = +5V, V_{FF} = 0V, V_{CM} = 0V, T_A = -40°C to +85°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T_A = +25°C.) (Note 1)

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS—MAX919/MAX920 (continued)

(V_{CC} = +5V, V_{EE} = 0V, V_{CM} = 0V, T_A = -40°C to +85°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T_A = +25°C.) (Note 1)

Note 1: All specifications are 100% tested at $T_A = +25^{\circ}$ C. Specification limits over temperature ($T_A = T_{MIN}$ to T_{MAX}) are guaranteed by design, not production tested.

Note 2: V_{OS} is defined as the center of the hysteresis band at the input.

Note 3: The hysteresis-related trip points are defined as the edges of the hysteresis band, measured with respect to the center of the band (i.e., V_{OS}) (Figure 2).

Note 4: Specified with an input overdrive (V_{OVERDRIVE}) of 100mV, and load capacitance of C_L = 15pF. V_{OVERDRIVE} is defined above and beyond the offset voltage and hysteresis of the comparator input. For the MAX917/MAX918, reference voltage error should also be added.

Typical Operating Characteristics

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SUPPLY VOLTAGE (V)

Typical Operating Characteristics (continued) $(V_{CC} = +5V, V_{EE} = 0V, C_L = 15pF, V_{OVERDRIVE} = 100mV, T_A = +25°C$, unless otherwise noted.) **MAX917/MAX919 MAX917/MAX919 SHORT-CIRCUIT SINK CURRENT SHORT-CIRCUIT SOURCE CURRENT OUTPUT-VOLTAGE HIGH vs. vs. TEMPERATURE vs. TEMPERATURE SOURCE CURRENT AND TEMPERATURE** 120 140 0.6 MAX917-920 toc12 MAX917-920 toc11 MAX917-920 toc10 $V_{CC} = 5V$ 120 100 0.5 $V_{CC} = 5V$ SOURCE CURRENT (mA) SOURCE CURRENT (mA) 100 SINK CURRENT (mA) SINK CURRENT (mA) 80 0.4 $V_{\text{CC}} - V_{\text{OH}}(V)$ $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$ $\mathsf{V_{\text{CC}}}$ - $\mathsf{V_{\text{OH}}}\left(\mathsf{V}\right)$ 80 60 0.3 $= +85$ 60 $V_{\text{CC}} = 3V$ 40 $V_{\text{CC}} = 3\dot{V}$ 0.2 40 $-40°$ 20 0.1 20 $V_{\text{CC}} = 1.8V$ $V_{CC} = 1.8V$ 0 $\mathbf 0$ 0 0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 -40 10 -15 35 60 85 -40 10 -15 35 60 85 TEMPERATURE (°C) TEMPERATURE (°C) SOURCE CURRENT (mA) **MAX917/MAX918 OFFSET VOLTAGE vs. TEMPERATURE HYSTERESIS VOLTAGE vs. TEMPERATUREREFERENCE VOLTAGE vs. TEMPERATURE** 5.0 0.10 1.246 MAX917-920 toc13 MAX917-920 toc14 MAX917-920 toc15 $V_{\text{CC}} = 5V$ $V_{CC} = 1.8V$ 0.09 4.5 1.245 $V_{CC} = 3V$ REFERENCE VOLTAGE (V) 0.08 VHB (mV) 4.0 VOS (mV) 1.244 0.07 $V_{\text{CC}} = 3V$ $V_{CC} = 1.8V$ 0.06 3.5 1.243 0.05 3.0 1.242 0.04 $V_{CC} = 5V$ 0.03 -40 2.5 -40 1.241 -40 -40 10 -15 35 60 85 -40 10 -15 35 60 85 -40 10 -15 35 60 85 TEMPERATURE (°C) TEMPERATURE (°C) TEMPERATURE (°C) **MAX917/MAX918 MAX917/MAX918 MAX917/MAX918 REFERENCE VOLTAGE vs. REFERENCE OUTPUT VOLTAGE vs. REFERENCE OUTPUT VOLTAGE vs. SUPPLY VOLTAGE REFERENCE SOURCE CURRENT REFERENCE SINK CURRENT** 1.2460 1.2440 1.2460 MAX917-920 toc16 MAX917-920 toc17 MAX917-920 toc18 $V_{C}C = 1.8$ $V_{CC} = 3V$ 1.2435 1.2455 1.2455 REFERENCE VOLTAGE (V) REFERENCE VOLTAGE (V) $V_{CC} = 1.8V$ 1.2430 1.2450 VREF (V) VREF (V) $V_{\text{CC}} = 3$ 1.2450 $V_{\text{CC}} = 5V$ 1.2425 1.2445 $V_{CC} = 5V$ 1.2445 1.2420 1.2440

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SOURCE CURRENT (nA)

1.2415

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OUT (2V/div)

200μs/div

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OUT (2V/div) IN+ (50mV/ div)

OUT (2V/div)

 $IN₊$ (50mV/ div)

OUT (1V/div)

Functional Diagrams

Pin Description

Detailed Description

The MAX917/MAX918 feature an on-board 1.245V ±1.5% reference, yet draw an ultra-low supply current of 750nA. The MAX919/MAX920 (without reference) consume just 380nA of supply current. All four devices are guaranteed to operate down to $+1.8V$. Their common-mode input voltage range extends 200mV beyond-the-rails. Internal hysteresis ensures clean output switching, even with slow-moving input signals. Large internal output drivers allow rail-to-rail output swing with up to ±8mA loads.

The output stage employs a unique design that minimizes supply-current surges while switching, virtually eliminating the supply glitches typical of many other comparators. The MAX917/MAX919 have a push-pull output stage that sinks as well as sources current. The MAX918/MAX920 have an open-drain output stage that can be pulled beyond V_{CC} to an absolute maximum of 6V above VEE. These open-drain versions are ideal for implementing wire-ORed output logic functions.

Input Stage Circuitry

The input common-mode voltage range extends from $VEE - 0.2V$ to $VCC + 0.2V$. These comparators operate at any differential input voltage within these limits. Input bias current is typically ± 0.15 nA if the input voltage is between the supply rails. Comparator inputs are protected from overvoltage by internal ESD protection diodes connected to the supply rails. As the input voltage exceeds the supply rails, these ESD protection diodes become forward biased and begin to conduct.

Output Stage Circuitry

The MAX917–MAX920 contain a unique break-beforemake output stage capable of rail-to-rail operation with up to ±8mA loads. Many comparators consume orders of magnitude more current during switching than during steady-state operation. However, with this family of comparators, the supply-current change during an output transition is extremely small. In the *Typical Operating Characteristics*, the Supply Current vs. Output Transition Frequency graphs show the minimal supplycurrent increase as the output switching frequency approaches 1kHz. This characteristic reduces the need for power-supply filter capacitors to reduce glitches created by comparator switching currents. In batterypowered applications, this characteristic results in a substantial increase in battery life.

Reference (MAX917/MAX918)

The internal reference in the MAX917/MAX918 has an output voltage of $+1.245V$ with respect to VFF. Its typical temperature coefficient is 95ppm/°C over the full -40°C to +85°C temperature range. The reference is a PNP emitter-follower driven by a 120nA current source (Figure 1). The output impedance of the voltage reference is typically 200k Ω , preventing the reference from driving large loads. The reference can be bypassed with a low-leakage capacitor. The reference is stable for any capacitive load. For applications requiring a lower output impedance, buffer the reference with a low-input-leakage op amp, such as the MAX406.

Applications Information

Low-Voltage, Low-Power Operation

The MAX917–MAX920 are ideally suited for use with most battery-powered systems. Table 1 lists a variety of battery types, capacities, and approximate operating times for the MAX917–MAX920, assuming nominal conditions.

Figure 1. MAX917/MAX918 Voltage Reference Output Equivalent Circuit

Internal Hysteresis

Many comparators oscillate in the linear region of operation because of noise or undesired parasitic feedback. This tends to occur when the voltage on one input is equal or very close to the voltage on the other input. The MAX917–MAX920 have internal hysteresis to counter parasitic effects and noise.

The hysteresis in a comparator creates two trip points: one for the rising input voltage $(VTHR)$ and one for the falling input voltage (V_{THF}) (Figure 2). The difference between the trip points is the hysteresis (V_{HB}) . When the comparator's input voltages are equal, the hysteresis effectively causes one comparator input to move quickly past the other, thus taking the input out of the region where oscillation occurs. Figure 2 illustrates the case in which IN- has a fixed voltage applied, and IN+ is varied. If the inputs were reversed, the figure would be the same, except with an inverted output.

Table 1. Battery Applications Using MAX917–MAX920

Figure 2. Threshold Hysteresis Band

Additional Hysteresis (MAX917/MAX919) The MAX917/MAX919 have a 4mV internal hysteresis band (VHB). Additional hysteresis can be generated with three resistors using positive feedback (Figure 3). Unfortunately, this method also slows hysteresis response time. Use the following procedure to calculate resistor values.

- 1) Select R3. Leakage current at IN is under 2nA, so the current through R3 should be at least 0.2µA to minimize errors caused by leakage current. The current through R3 at the trip point is $(V_{REF} - V_{OUT})/R3$. Considering the two possible output states in solving for R3 yields two formulas: $R3 = V_{REF}/I_{R3}$ or R3 = (VCC - VREF)/IR3. Use the smaller of the two resulting resistor values. For example, when using the MAX917 (V_{REF} = 1.245V) and V_{CC} = 5V, and if we choose $I_{R3} = 1\mu A$, then the two resistor values are 1.2MΩ and 3.8MΩ. Choose a 1.2MΩ standard value for R3.
- 2) Choose the hysteresis band required (VHB). For this example, choose 50mV.
- 3) Calculate R1 according to the following equation:

 $R1 = R3$ (V_{HB} / V_{CC})

For this example, insert the values

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R1 = 1.2 M\Omega (50 mV/5V) = 12 k\Omega
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- 4) Choose the trip point for V_{IN} rising (V_{THR}) such that VTHR > VREF **·** (R1 + R3)/R3 (VTHF is the trip point for V_{IN} falling). This is the threshold voltage at which the comparator switches its output from low to high as V_{IN} rises above the trip point. For this example, choose 3V.
- 5) Calculate R2 as follows:

R2 = 1/[VTHR/(VREF **·** R1) - (1 / R1) - (1 / R3)]

Figure 3. MAX917/MAX919 Additional Hysteresis

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\mathsf{R2} = 1/[3.0 \text{V}/(1.2 \text{V} \cdot 12 \text{k}\Omega) - (1 / 12 \text{k}\Omega) - (1 / 1.2 \text{M}\Omega)] = 8.05 \text{k}\Omega
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For this example, choose an $8.2k\Omega$ standard value.

6) Verify the trip voltages and hysteresis as follows: VIN rising: VTHR = VREF **·** R1 [(1 / R1) + (1 / R2) $+ (1 / R3)$]

VIN falling: VTHF = VTHR - (R1 **·** VCC / R3) Hysteresis = VTHR - VTHF

Additional Hysteresis (MAX918/MAX920)

The MAX918/MAX920 have a 4mV internal hysteresis band. They have open-drain outputs and require an external pullup resistor (Figure 4). Additional hysteresis can be generated using positive feedback, but the formulas differ slightly from those of the MAX917/ MAX919. Use the following procedure to calculate resistor values.

- 1) Select R3 according to the formulas R3 = $V_{REF}/1\mu A$ or R3 = $(V_{CC} - V_{REF})/1\mu A - R4$. Use the smaller of the two resulting resistor values.
- 2) Choose the hysteresis band required (V_{HB}).
- 3) Calculate R1 according to the following equation:

 $R1 = (R3 + R4)$ (V_{HB}/V_{CC})

- 4) Choose the trip point for V_{IN} rising (V_{THF}) (V_{THF} is the trip point for V_{IN} falling). This is the threshold voltage at which the comparator switches its output from low to high as V_{IN} rises above the trip point.
- 5) Calculate R2 as follows:

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R2 = 1 / \left[V_{\text{THR}} / \left(V_{\text{REF}} \cdot R1 \right) - \left(\frac{1}{R1} \right) - \frac{1}{R3} \right]
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6) Verify the trip voltages and hysteresis as follows:

 V_{IN} rising: $V_{THR} = V_{REF} \times R1 \left(\frac{1}{R1}\right)$ 1 R2 1 I_N rising: V_{THR} = V_{REF} \times R1 $\left(\frac{1}{R1} + \frac{1}{R2} + \frac{1}{R3}\right)$

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V_{IN} \; \mathsf{falling} \colon V_{THF} =
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V_{REF}
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 × R1 $\left(\frac{1}{R1} + \frac{1}{R2} + \frac{1}{R3 + R4}\right) - \frac{R1}{R3 + R4}$ × V_{CC}

Hysteresis = VTHR - VTHF

Board Layout and Bypassing

Power-supply bypass capacitors are not typically needed, but use 100nF bypass capacitors close to the device's supply pins when supply impedance is high, supply leads are long, or excessive noise is expected on the supply lines. Minimize signal trace lengths to reduce stray capacitance. A ground plane and surface-mount components are recommended.

Figure 4. MAX918/MAX920 Additional Hysteresis

Zero-Crossing Detector

Figure 5 shows a zero-crossing detector application. The MAX919's inverting input is connected to ground, and its noninverting input is connected to a 100mVP-P signal source. As the signal at the noninverting input crosses 0V, the comparator's output changes state.

Logic-Level Translator

The *Typical Application Circuit* shows an application that converts 5V logic to 3V logic levels. The MAX920 is powered by the +5V supply voltage, and the pullup resistor for the MAX920's open-drain output is connected to the +3V supply voltage. This configuration allows the full 5V logic swing without creating overvoltage on the 3V logic inputs. For 3V to 5V logic-level translations, simply connect the $+3V$ supply voltage to V_{CC} and the +5V supply voltage to the pullup resistor.

Figure 5. Zero-Crossing Detector

Typical Application Circuit

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Package Information

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