

# Low-Cost, UCSP/SOT23, Micropower, High-Side Current-Sense Amplifier with Voltage Output

### **General Description**

The MAX4372 low-cost, precision, high-side current-sense amplifier is available in a tiny, space-saving SOT23-5-pin package. Offered in three gain versions (T = 20V/V, F = 50V/V, and H = 100V/V), this device operates from a single 2.7V to 28V supply and consumes only  $30\mu A$ . It features a voltage output that eliminates the need for gain-setting resistors and is ideal for today's notebook computers, cell phones, and other systems where battery/DC current monitoring is critical.

High-side current monitoring is especially useful in battery-powered systems since it does not interfere with the ground path of the battery charger. The input common-mode range of 0 to 28V is independent of the supply voltage and ensures that the current-sense feedback remains viable even when connected to a 2-cell battery pack in deep discharge.

The user can set the full-scale current reading by choosing the device (T, F, or H) with the desired voltage gain and selecting the appropriate external sense resistor. This capability offers a high level of integration and flexibility, resulting in a simple and compact current-sense solution. For higher bandwidth applications, refer to the MAX4173T/F/H data sheet.

## **Applications**

Power-Management Systems

General-System/Board-Level Current Monitoring

Notebook Computers

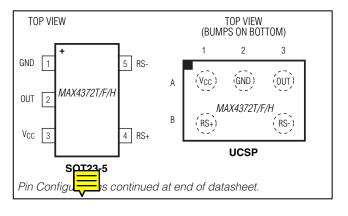
Portable/Battery-Powered Systems

Smart-Battery Packs/Chargers

Cell Phones

Precision-Current Sources

## Pin Configurations



#### **Features**

- **♦ Low-Cost, Compact Current-Sense Solution**
- ♦ 30µA Supply Current
- ♦ 2.7V to 28V Operating Supply
- ♦ 0.18% Full-Scale Accuracy
- ♦ 0.3mV Input Offset Voltage
- ♦ Low 1.5Ω Output Impedance
- ◆ Three Gain Versions Available 20V/V (MAX4372T) 50V/V (MAX4372F) 100V/V (MAX4372H)
- ♦ High Accuracy +2V to +28V Common-Mode Range, Functional Down to 0V, Independent of Supply Voltage
- ◆ Available in a Space-Saving 5-Pin SOT23 Package and 3 x 2 UCSP™ (1mm x 1.5mm) Package

### **Ordering Information**

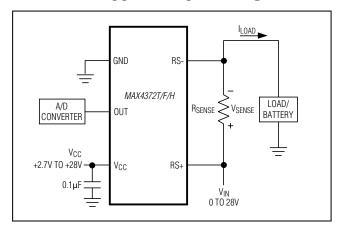
| PART          | TEMP RANGE     | PIN-PACKAGE | TOP<br>MARK |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| MAX4372TEUK+T | -40°C to +85°C | 5 SOT23-5   | ADIU        |
| MAX4372TESA+T | -40°C to +85°C | 8 SO        | _           |
| MAX4372TEBT+T | -40°C to +85°C | 3 x 2 UCSP  | ACX         |

+Denotes a lead(Pb)-free/RoHS-compliant package. T = Tape and reel.

**Note:** Gain values are as follows: 20V/V for the T version, 50V/V for the F version, and 100V/V for the H version.

Ordering Information continued at end of datasheet.

## **Typical Operating Circuit**



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#### **ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**

| V <sub>CC</sub> , RS+, RS- to GND0.3V to +30V OUT to GND0.3V to +15V Differential Input Voltage (V <sub>RS+</sub> - V <sub>RS-</sub> )±0.3V | Operating Temperature Range40°C to +85°C Storage Temperature Range65°C to +150°C Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s)+300°C |
|---|--|
| Current into Any Pin±10mA Continuous Power Dissipation (T <sub>A</sub> = +70°C)   | Soldering Temperature (reflow)+300°C   |
| 5-Pin SOT23 (derate 3.9mW/°C above +70°C)312.6mW  |  |
| 8-Pin SO (derate 7.4mW/°C above +70°C)588.2mW   |  |
| 3 x 2 UCSP (derate 3.4mW/°C above +70°C)273.2mW   |  |
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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**

 $(V_{RS+} = 0 \text{ to } 28V, V_{CC} = 2.7V \text{ to } 28V, V_{SENSE} = 0V, R_{LOAD} = 1M\Omega, T_A = T_{MIN} \text{ to } T_{MAX}, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T_A = +25°C.) (Note 1)$ 

| PARAMETER                           | SYMBOL                              | CONDITIONS  |                   | MIN | TYP   | MAX  | UNITS   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------|-----|-------|------|---------|
| Operating Voltage Range (Note 2)    | Vcc                                 |   |                   | 2.7 |       | 28   | V       |
| Common-Mode Input Range (Note 3)    | VCMR                                |   |                   | 0   |       | 28   | V       |
| Common-Mode Rejection               | CMR                                 | V <sub>RS+</sub> > 2V   |                   |     | 85    |      | dB      |
| Supply Current                      | Icc                                 | VRS+ > 2V, VSENSE =   | 5mV               |     | 30    | 60   | μΑ      |
| Leakage Current                     | I <sub>RS+</sub> , I <sub>RS-</sub> | $V_{CC} = 0V, V_{RS+} = 28V$  | /                 |     | 0.05  | 1.2  | μΑ      |
|                                     | Inc                                 | V <sub>RS+</sub> > 2V   |                   | 0   |       | 1    |         |
| Input Bias Current                  | I <sub>RS+</sub>                    | V <sub>RS+</sub> ≤ 2V   |                   | -25 |       | 2    |         |
| iliput bias Current                 | Ino                                 | V <sub>RS+</sub> > 2V   |                   | 0   |       | 2    | μΑ      |
|                                     | I <sub>RS</sub> -                   | V <sub>RS+</sub> ≤ 2V   |                   | -50 |       | 2    |         |
| Full-Scale Sense Voltage            | VSENSE                              | Gain = 20V/V or 50V/V   | V                 |     | 150   |      | mV      |
| (Note 4)                            | VSENSE                              | Gain = 100V/V   |                   |     | 100   |      | ] IIIV  |
|                                     |                                     | T <sub>A</sub> = +25°C<br>V <sub>CC</sub> = V <sub>RS+</sub> = 12V                          | MAX4372_ESA       |     | 0.3   | ±0.8 |         |
| Input Offset Voltage                | Vos                                 |   | MAX4372_EUK, _EBT |     | 0.3   | ±1.3 | ±1.1 mV |
| (Note 5)                            | VOS                                 | TA = TMIN to TMAX   | MAX4372_ESA       |     |       | ±1.1 |         |
|                                     |                                     | $V_{CC} = V_{RS+} = 12V$  | MAX4372_EUK, _EBT |     |       | ±1.9 |         |
| Full-Scale Accuracy<br>(Note 5)     |                                     | V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 100mV, V <sub>CC</sub><br>V <sub>RS+</sub> = 12V, T <sub>A</sub> = +25 | ,                 |     | ±0.18 | ±3   | %       |
|                                     |                                     | V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 100mV, V <sub>C0</sub><br>V <sub>RS+</sub> = 12V (Note 7)              | c = 12V,          |     |       | ±6   |         |
| Total OUT Voltage Error<br>(Note 6) |                                     | Vsense = 100mV, Vcc<br>Vrs+ = 28V (Note 7)  | C = 28V,          |     | ±0.15 | ±7   | 0/      |
|                                     |                                     | V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 100mV, V <sub>CC</sub> = 12V,<br>V <sub>RS+</sub> = 0.1V (Note 7)      |                   |     | ±1    | ±28  | . %     |
|                                     |                                     | V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 6.25mV, V <sub>C</sub><br>V <sub>RS+</sub> = 12V (Note 8)              | cc = 12V,         |     | ±0.15 |      |         |



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## **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)**

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| PARAMETER                          | SYMBOL          | CONDITIONS  |  | MIN | TYP   | MAX  | UNITS |  |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---|--|-----|-------|------|-------|--|
| OUT Low Voltage                    | .,              | Vcc = 2.7V,   | I <sub>OUT</sub> = 10μA                                  |     | 2.6   |      | mV    |  |
| (MAX4372T, MAX4372F)               | V <sub>OL</sub> | Vsense = -10mV<br>Vrs+ = 28V  | I <sub>OUT</sub> = 100μA                                 |     | 9     | 65   | 1111  |  |
| OUT Low Voltage                    | \/              | $V_{CC} = 2.7V$   | I <sub>OUT</sub> = 10μA                                  |     | 2.6   |      | mV    |  |
| (MAX4372H)                         | V <sub>OL</sub> | $V_{SENSE} = -10 \text{mV}$<br>$V_{RS+} = 12 \text{V}$  | I <sub>OUT</sub> = 100μA                                 |     | 9     | 65   | 1111  |  |
| OUT High Voltage                   | VCC - VOH       | $V_{RS+} = 28V, V_{CC} = 2V_{SENSE} = 250$ mV   | $2.7V$ , $I_{OUT} = -500\mu A$ ,                         |     | 0.1   | 0.25 | V     |  |
|                                    |                 |   | VSENSE = 20mV,<br>gain = 20V/V                           |     | 275   |      | kHz   |  |
| -3dB Bandwidth                     | BW              | V <sub>RS+</sub> = 12V,<br>V <sub>CC</sub> = 12V,   | V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 20mV,<br>gain = 50V/V               |     | 200   |      |       |  |
|                                    |                 | C <sub>LOAD</sub> = 10pF  | V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 20mV,<br>gain = 100V/V              |     | 110   |      |       |  |
|                                    |                 |   | V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 6.25mV                              |     | 50    |      |       |  |
|                                    |                 | MAX4372T  |  |     | 20    |      |       |  |
| Gain                               | Gain            |   | MAX4372F   |     | 50    |      | V/V   |  |
|                                    |                 | MAX4372H  | MAX4372H   |     | 100   |      |       |  |
| Gain Accuracy                      |                 | V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 20mV   | T <sub>A</sub> = +25°C                                   |     | ±0.25 | ±2.5 | %     |  |
| Gairi Accuracy                     |                 | to 100mV,V <sub>RS+</sub> =12V  | $T_A = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +85^{\circ}C$            |     |       | ±5.5 | /0    |  |
| OUT Settling Time to 1% of         |                 | Gain = 20V/V,<br>V <sub>CC</sub> = 12V,   | $V_{SENSE} = 6.25 \text{mV} \text{ to}$<br>100 \text{mV} |     | 20    |      | 110   |  |
| Final Value                        |                 | $V_{RS+} = 12V,$<br>$C_{LOAD} = 10pF$   | VSENSE = 100mV to 6.25mV                                 |     | 20    |      | μs    |  |
| Capacitive-Load Stability          |                 | No sustained oscilla  | No sustained oscillations                                |     | 1000  |      | pF    |  |
| OUT Output Resistance              | Rout            | Vsense = 100mV  |  |     | 1.5   |      | Ω     |  |
| Power-Supply Rejection             | PSR             | V <sub>OUT</sub> = 2V, V <sub>RS+</sub> > 2V  |  | 75  | 85    |      | dB    |  |
| Power-Up Time to 1% of Final Value |                 | V <sub>C</sub> C = 12V, V <sub>RS+</sub> = 12V,<br>V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 100mV, C <sub>LOAD</sub> = 10pF |  |     | 0.5   |      | ms    |  |
| Saturation Recovery Time (Note 9)  |                 | V <sub>CC</sub> = 12V, V <sub>RS+</sub> = 12V, C <sub>LOAD</sub> = 10pF                                 |  |     | 0.1   |      | ms    |  |

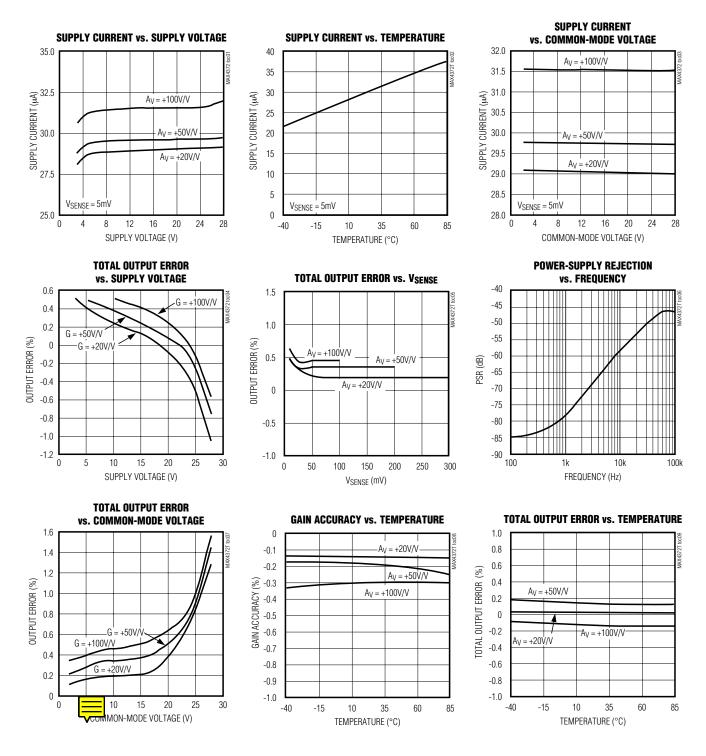
- Note 1: All devices are 100% production tested at  $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$ . All temperature limits are guaranteed by design.
- Note 2: Guaranteed by PSR test.
- Note 3: Guaranteed by OUT Voltage Error test.
- Note 4: Output voltage is internally clamped not to exceed 12V.
- Note 5: Vos is extrapolated from the gain accuracy tests.
- Note 6: Total OUT voltage error is the sum of gain and offset voltage errors.
- Note 7: Measured at  $I_{OUT} = -500\mu A$  ( $R_{LOAD} = 4k\Omega$  for gain = 20V/V,  $R_{LOAD} = 10k\Omega$  for gain = 50V/V,  $R_{LOAD} = 20k\Omega$  for gain = 100V/V).
- **Note 8:** 6.25mV = 1/16 of 100mV full-scale voltage (C/16).
- Note 9: The device will not reverse phase when overdriven.



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## Typical Operating Characteristics

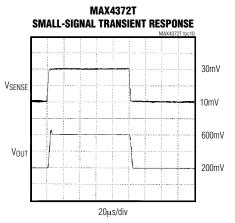
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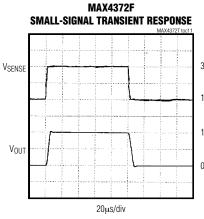


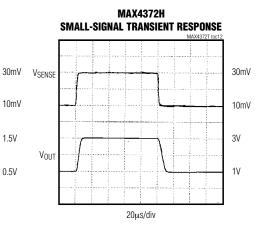
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\_Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

 $(V_{CC} = 12V, V_{RS+} = 12V, V_{SENSE} = 100 \text{mV}, T_A = +25 ^{\circ}\text{C}, \text{ unless otherwise noted.})$ 







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LARGE-SIGNAL TRANSIENT RESPONSE

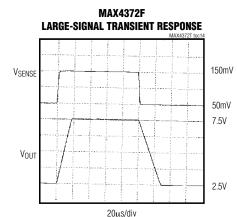
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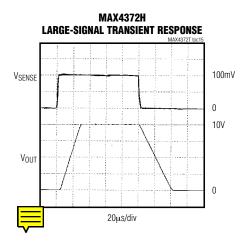
VSENSE

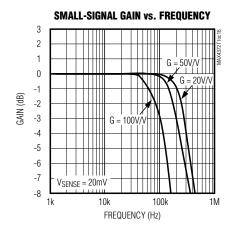
VOUT

150mV

20µs/div







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### **Pin/Bump Description**

| P     | IN      | BUMP | NAME | FUNCTION  |  |
|-------|---------|------|------|---|--|
| SOT23 | so      | UCSP | NAME |   |  |
| 1     | 3       | A2   | GND  | Ground  |  |
| 2     | 4       | А3   | OUT  | Output Voltage. V <sub>OUT</sub> is proportional to the magnitude of V <sub>SENSE</sub> (V <sub>RS+</sub> - V <sub>RS-</sub> ). |  |
| 3     | 1       | A1   | Vcc  | Supply Voltage. Use at least a 0.1 $\mu F$ capacitor to decouple $V_{CC}$ from fast transients.                                 |  |
| 4     | 8       | B1   | RS+  | Power Connection to the External Sense Resistor   |  |
| 5     | 6       | В3   | RS-  | Load-Side Connection to the External Sense Resistor   |  |
| _     | 2, 5, 7 | _    | N.C. | No Connection. Not internally connected.  |  |

## **Detailed Description**

The MAX4372 high-side current-sense amplifier features a 0 to 28V input common-mode range that is independent of supply voltage. This feature allows the monitoring of current flow out of a battery in deep discharge, and also enables high-side current sensing at voltages far in excess of the supply voltage (VCC).

Current flows through the sense resistor, generating a sense voltage (Figure 1). Since A1's inverting input is high impedance, the voltage on the negative terminal equals  $V_{IN}$  -  $V_{SENSE}$ . A1 forces its positive terminal to match its negative terminal; therefore, the voltage across  $R_{G1}$  ( $V_{IN}$  -  $V_{1}$ ) equals  $V_{SENSE}$ . This creates a current to flow through  $R_{G1}$  equal to  $V_{SENSE}$  /  $R_{G1}$ . The transistor and current mirror amplify the current by a factor of  $\beta$ . This makes the current flowing out of the current mirror equal to:

$$I_M = \beta V_{SENSE} / RG_1$$

A2's positive terminal presents high impedance, so this current flows through RGD, with the following result:

R1 and R2 set the closed-loop gain for A2, which amplifies V2+, yielding:

$$VOUT = RGD \cdot \beta \cdot VSENSE / RG1 (1 + R2 / R1)$$

The gain of the device equals:

$$\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{SENSE}}$$
 = RGD •  $\beta$  (1 + R2 / R1) / RG1

## **Applications Information**

#### **Recommended Component Values**

The MAX4372 operates over a wide variety of current ranges with different sense resistors. Table 1 lists common residues for typical operation of the MAX4372.

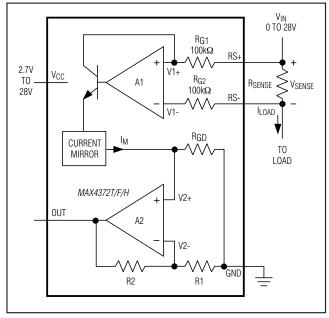


Figure 1. Functional Diagram

#### **Choosing RSENSE**

Given the gain and maximum load current, select RSENSE such that VOUT does not exceed VCC - 0.25V or 10V. To measure lower currents more accurately, use a high value for RSENSE. A higher value develops a higher sense voltage, which overcomes offset voltage errors of the internal current amplifier.

In applications monitoring very high current, ensure RSENSE is able to dissipate its own I<sup>2</sup>R losses. If the resistor's rated power dissipation is exceeded, its value may drift or it may fail altogether, causing a differential voltage across the terminals in excess of the absolute maximum ratings.

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**Table 1. Recommended Component Values** 

| FULL-SCALE LOAD<br>CURRENT,<br>ILOAD (A) | CURRENT-SENSE<br>RESISTOR,<br>RSENSE (mΩ) | GAIN<br>(V/V) | FULL-SCALE OUTPUT VOLTAGE (FULL-SCALE VSENSE = 100mV), VOUT (V) |
|--|---|---------------|---|
|  |   | 20            | 2.0   |
| 0.1                                      | 1000                                      | 50            | 5.0   |
|  |   | 100           | 10.0  |
|  |   | 20            | 2.0   |
| 1  | 100 <u>50</u><br>100                      | 50            | 5.0   |
|  |   | 100           | 10.0  |
|  |   | 20            | 2.0   |
| 5  | 20  | 50            | 5.0   |
|  |   | 100           | 10.0  |
|  |   | 20            | 2.0   |
| 10                                       | 10  | 50            | 5.0   |
|  |   | 100           | 10.0  |

#### Using a PC Board Trace as RSENSE

If the cost of RSENSE is an issue and accuracy is not critical, use the alternative solution shown in Figure 2. This solution uses copper PC board traces to create a sense resistor. The resistivity of a 0.1-inch-wide trace of 2-ounce copper is about  $30m\Omega/\text{ft}$ . The resistance temperature coefficient of copper is fairly high (approximately 0.4%/°C), so systems that experience a wide temperature variance must compensate for this effect. In addition, self-heating will introduce a nonlinearity error. Do not exceed the maximum power dissipation of the copper trace.

For example, the MAX4372T (with a maximum load current of 10A and an RSENSE of  $5m\Omega$ ) creates a full-scale VSENSE of 50mV that yields a maximum VOUT of 1V. RSENSE, in this case, requires about 2 inches of 0.1-inch-wide copper trace.

#### **UCSP Applications Information**

For the latest application details on UCSP construction, dimensions, tape carrier information, printed circuit board techniques, bump-pad layout, and recommended reflow temperature profile, as well as the latest information on reliability testing results, go to the Maxim's website at www.maxim-ic.com/ucsp to find the Application Note: UCSP—A Wafer-Level Chip-Scale Package.

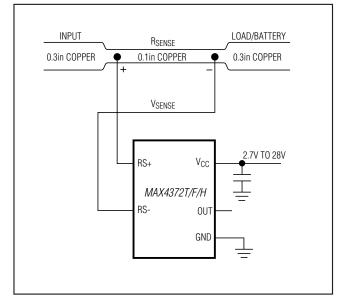


Figure 2. Connections Showing Use of PC Board



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| PART          | TEMP RANGE     | PIN-PACKAGE | TOP<br>MARK |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| MAX4372FEUK+T | -40°C to +85°C | 5 SOT23-5   | ADIV        |
| MAX4372FESA+T | -40°C to +85°C | 8 SO        | _           |
| MAX4372FEBT+T | -40°C to +85°C | 3 x 2 UCSP  | ACY         |
| MAX4372HEUK+T | -40°C to +85°C | 5 SOT23-5   | ADIW        |
| MAX4372HESA+T | -40°C to +85°C | 8 SO        | _           |
| MAX4372HEBT+T | -40°C to +85°C | 3 x 2 UCSP  | ACZ         |

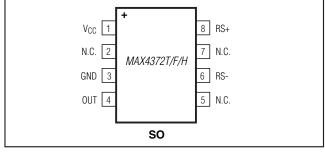
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## **Chip Information**

PROCESS: BICMOS

#### 8 RS+ $V_{CC}$ N.C. 7 N.C. MAX4372T/F/H

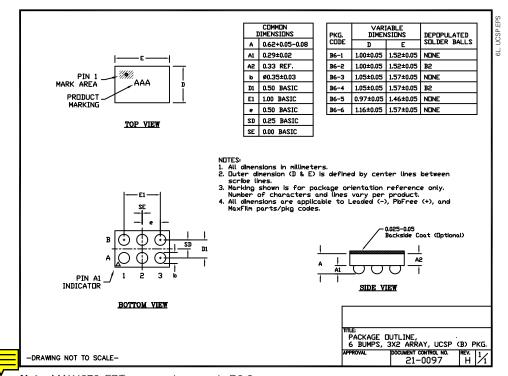
Pin Configurations (continued)



### Package Information

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| PACKAGE TYPE | PACKAGE CODE | OUTLINE NO.    | LAND PATTERN NO. |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| 5 SOT23      | U5+1         | <u>21-0057</u> | <u>90-0174</u>   |
| 8 SO         | S8+2         | <u>21-0041</u> | <u>90-0096</u>   |
| 5 UCSP       | B6+2         | 21-0097        |                  |



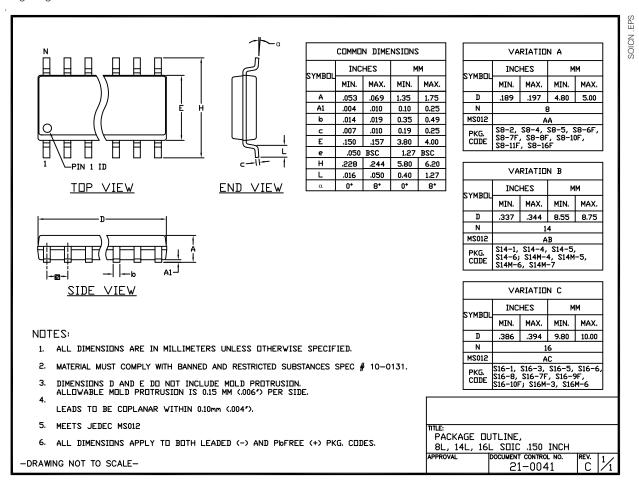
Note: MAX4372\_EBT uses package code B6-2.

T = Tape and reel.

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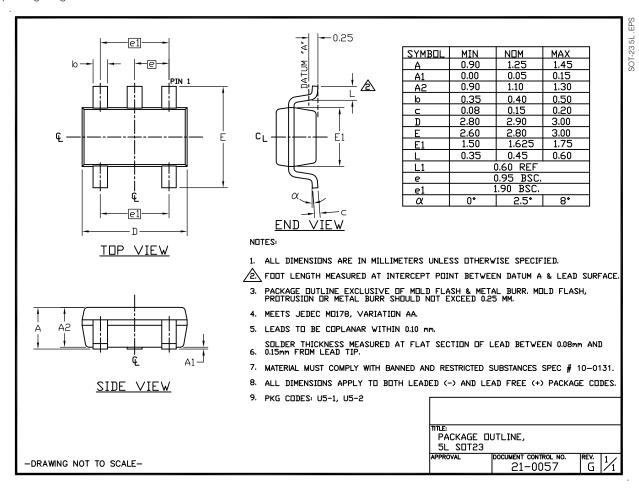




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### **Revision History**

| REVISION<br>NUMBER | REVISION<br>DATE | DESCRIPTION   | PAGES<br>CHANGED |
|--------------------|------------------|---|------------------|
| 4                  | 7/09             | Updated feature in accordance with actual performance of the product                        | 1                |
| 5                  | 5/11             | Updated VRST conditions to synchronize with tested material and added lead-free designation | 1, 2, 3, 8       |



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