MAX3802

3.2Gbps Quad Adaptive Cable Equalizer with Cable Driver

General Description

The MAX3802 has four independent adaptive cable equalizers and cable drivers on a single chip. It is designed for coaxial and twin-axial cable point-to-point scrambled-data communication applications. The driver features differential current-mode logic (CML) inputs and outputs. The equalizer includes differential CML data inputs and outputs and a TTL loss-of-signal ($\overline{LOS}$) output.

The adaptive cable equalizer can equalize differential or single-ended signals at data rates up to 3.2Gbps. It automatically adjusts to attenuation caused by skineffect losses of 30dB at 1.6GHz. The equalizer effectively extends the usable length of copper cable in high-frequency interconnect applications.

Applications

- High-Speed Links in Communications and Data Systems
- Backplane and Twin-Axial Cable Interconnects
- Category 5 UTP-Based Systems

Pin Configuration appears at end of data sheet.

Features

- Single 3.3V Operation
- Four Independent Equalizers and Drivers
- 725mW at 3.3V Typical Power Dissipation
- Data Rates Up to 3.2Gbps
- Equalizer Automatically Adjusts for Different Cable Lengths
- 0 to 30dB Equalization at 1.6GHz (3.2Gbps)
- Loss-of-Signal ($\overline{LOS}$) Indicator
- On-Chip Input and Output Terminations
- Low External Component Count
- 0°C to +85°C Operating Temperature Range
- ESD Protection on Cable Inputs and Outputs

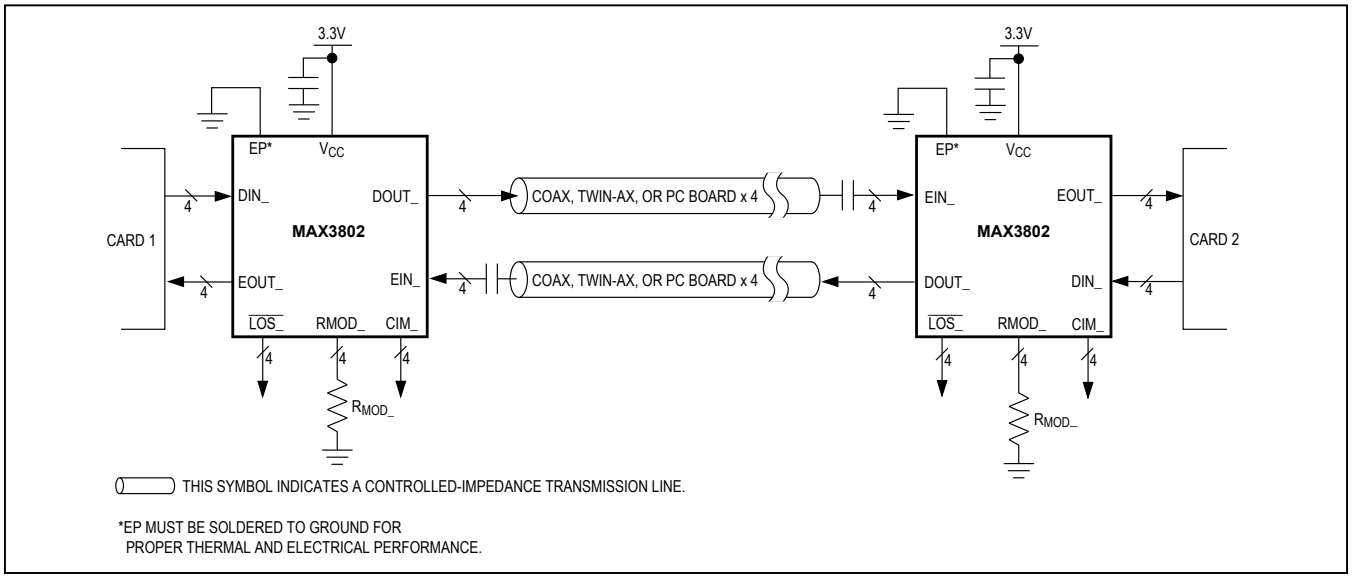
Ordering Information

PART	TEMP RANGE	PIN-PACKAGE
MAX3802UTK+	0°C to +85°C	68 TQFN-EP*

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

**EP = Exposed pad.*

Typical Application Circuit



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Absolute Maximum Ratings

Supply Voltage, V_{CC} .....-0.5V to +6.0V
Voltage at $\overline{LOS\_}$, CIM_, and RMOD_ .....-0.5V to (V_{CC} + 0.5V)
Voltage at EIN_+, EIN_-,
DIN_+, and DIN_-.....(V_{CC} - 1V) to (V_{CC} + 0.5V)
Current Out of EOUT_+, EOUT_-,
DOUT_+, and DOUT_-.....25mA

Continuous Power Dissipation (T_A = +70°C)
68-Pin TQFN (derate 50mW/°C above +70°C).....4W
Operating Ambient Temperature Range.....0°C to +85°C
Storage Ambient Temperature Range..... -55°C to +150°C
Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s) .....+300°C

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.

DC Electrical Characteristics

(V_{CC} = 3.14V to 3.46V, T_A = 0°C to +85°C. Typical values are at V_{CC} = 3.3V and T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Supply Current	I_{CC}	Includes external load current (Note 1)		220	345	mA
CABLE DRIVER INPUT SPECIFICATIONS						
Input Voltage (Single Ended)	$V_{DIN\_}$+, $V_{DIN\_}$-		V_{CC} - 0.6		V_{CC} + 0.2	V
Input Voltage (Differential)	$V_{DIN\_}$		400		1100	mV_{P-P}
Input Impedance		Single ended	40	50	60	Ω
CABLE DRIVER OUTPUT SPECIFICATIONS						
Output Voltage (Differential)		RMOD_ = 10kΩ (Note 2)	750	825	1000	mV_{P-P}
		RMOD_ = 20kΩ (Note 2)	400	445	550	
Output Impedance		Single ended	50	62.5	75	Ω
CABLE EQUALIZER INPUT SPECIFICATIONS						
Minimum Cable Input (Differential)		3.2Gbps, 30dB cable loss (Note 3)			400	mV_{P-P}
Maximum Cable Input (Differential)				600		mV_{P-P}
Input Impedance			40	50	60	Ω
CABLE EQUALIZER OUTPUT SPECIFICATIONS						
Output Voltage (Differential)		(Note 2)	500		1000	mV_{P-P}
Output Impedance		Single ended	50	62.5	75	Ω
Voltage at $\overline{LOS\_}$		Output high (Note 4)	2.4			V
		Output low (Note 4)			0.4	

AC Electrical Characteristics

(V_{CC} = 3.14V to 3.46V, T_A = 0°C to +85°C. Typical values are at V_{CC} = 3.3V and T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Maximum Input Data Rate			3.2			Gbps
CABLE DRIVER SPECIFICATIONS						
Random Jitter		3.2Gbps input		2.7	4	mUI_{RMS}
Deterministic Jitter		(Notes 6, 9)		20	60	mUI_{P-P}
Output Edge Speed		20% to 80%		60	90	ps
Input Return Loss (Differential)		≤ 2.5GHz		-20		dB
Output Return Loss (Differential)		≤ 2.5GHz		-13		dB
EQUALIZER SPECIFICATIONS						
Residual Jitter (Notes 7, 9)		0dB cable loss (Note 8)		0.10	0.24	UI_{P-P}
		24dB cable loss (Note 8)		0.11	0.20	
		30dB cable loss (Note 8)		0.08	0.20	
Output Edge Speed		20% to 80%		60	90	ps
Input Return Loss (Differential)		≤ 2.5GHz		-16		dB
Output Return Loss (Differential)		≤ 2.5GHz		-14		dB
Equalizer Compensation		1.6GHz (skin-effect losses only)	30			dB
Equalizer Time Constant		(Note 10)		6		µs

Note 1: Equalizer total currents (equalizer with maximum equalization) and R_{MOD} = 10kΩ (maximum driver swing).

Note 2: Input voltage within specification limits, 50Ω to V_{CC} at each output.

Note 3: Minimum cable input for $\overline{LOS}\_$ to deassert high.

Note 4: 100kΩ load to ground. The minimum input signal level that turns off the $\overline{LOS}\_$ alarm depends on the data rate and cable length.

Note 5: AC electrical characteristics are guaranteed by design and characterization.

Note 6: $V_{DIN\_}$ = 400mV$_{P-P}$ to 1100mV$_{P-P}$ (differential), 10kΩ ≤ $R_{MOD\_}$ ≤ 20kΩ, 3.2Gbps 2^{13} -1 PRBS plus 100 consecutive ones and 100 consecutive zeros.

Note 7: Includes random jitter and deterministic jitter for BER of 10^{-12}.

Note 8: Differential cable input voltage = 400mV$_{P-P}$, 3.2Gbps 2^{13} -1 PRBS plus 100 consecutive ones and 100 consecutive zeros.

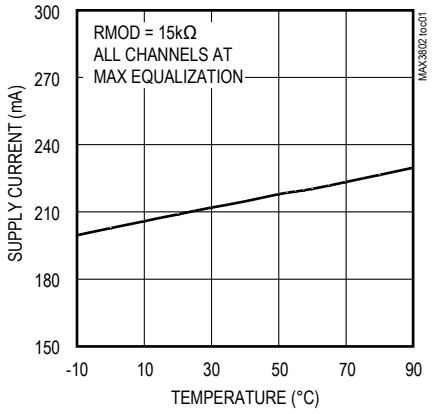
Note 9: Isolation test: three channels driven with identical 3.2Gbps PRBS with maximum input signal to each equalizer and maximum input signal on driver. The measured channel meets the residual and random jitter specifications with an uncorrelated 3.2Gbps PRBS data at minimum input signal level on equalizer and maximum signal level on driver.

Note 10: Equalizer time constant measured from data on to closed-loop operation.

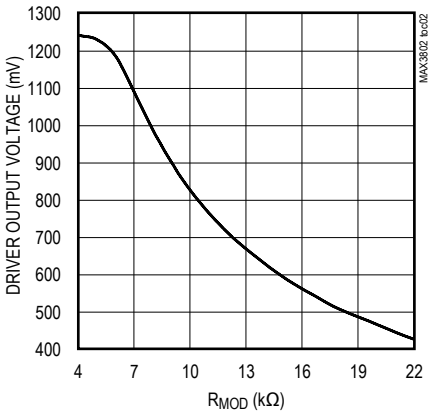
Typical Operating Characteristics

(V_{CC} = 3.3V, T_A = +25°C, all jitter measurements done at 3.2Gbps, 600mV cable input with 213 - 1 PRBS pattern with 100 consecutive ones and 100 consecutive zeros substituted. **Note:** Test pattern produces near-worst-case jitter results. Results vary with pattern, unless otherwise noted.)

SUPPLY CURRENT vs. TEMPERATURE



CABLE DRIVER OUTPUT vs. R_{MOD}



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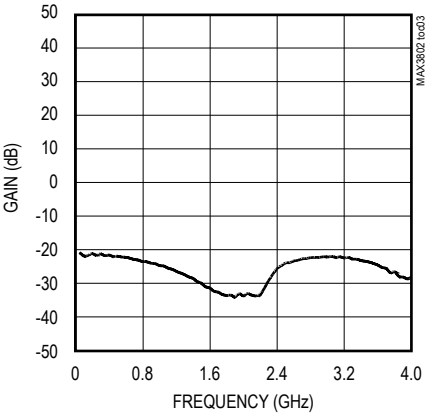
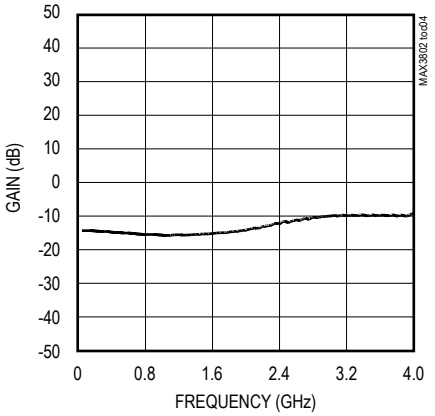
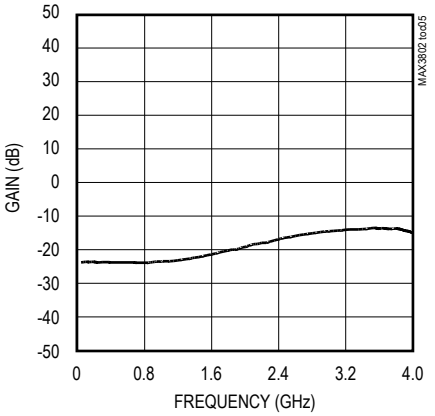


DRIVER OUTPUT RETURN LOSS (S22)



EQUALIZER INPUT RETURN LOSS (S11)



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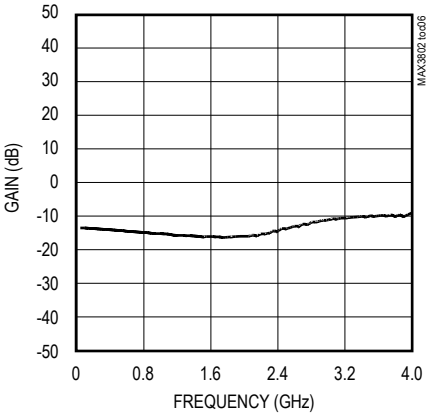
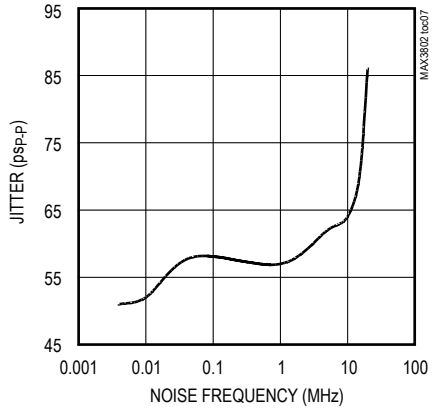


EQUALIZER RESIDUAL JITTER vs. POWER-SUPPLY NOISE (100mV$_{P-P}$ SINE WAVE) (40ft OF TENSOLITE TWIN-AX, 400mV$_{P-P}$ DIFFERENTIAL INPUT)



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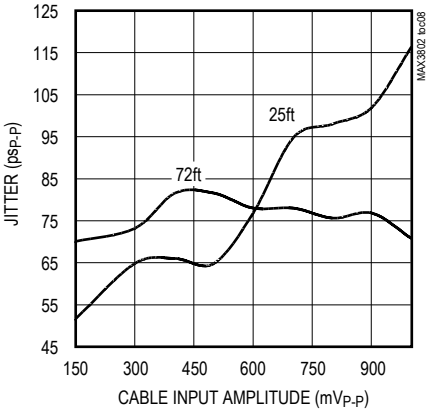

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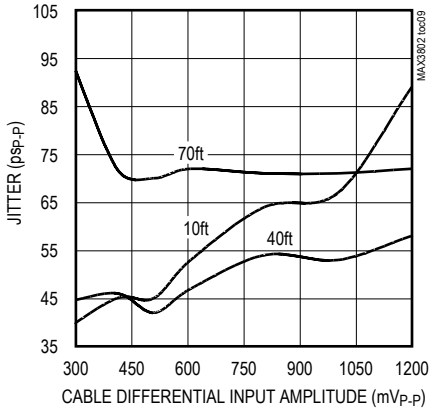

Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

(V_{CC} = 3.3V, T_A = +25°C, all jitter measurements done at 3.2Gbps, 600mV cable input with 213 - 1 PRBS pattern with 100 consecutive ones and 100 consecutive zeros substituted. **Note:** Test pattern produces near-worst-case jitter results. Results vary with pattern, unless otherwise noted.)

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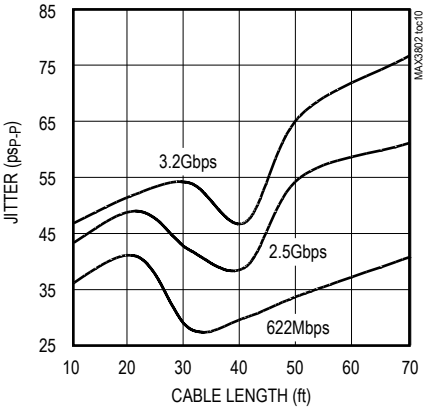

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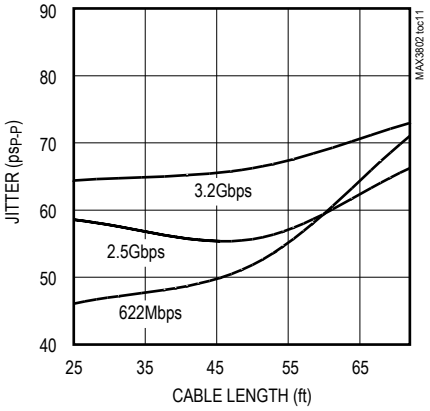

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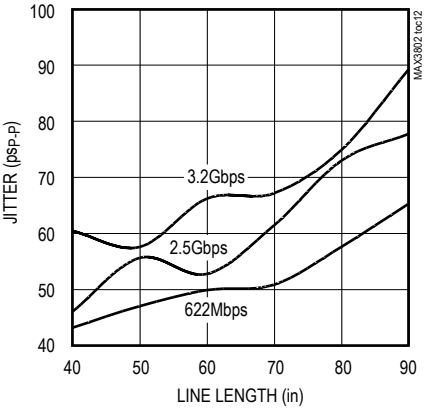
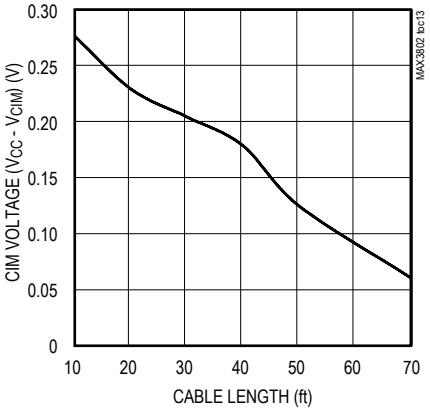
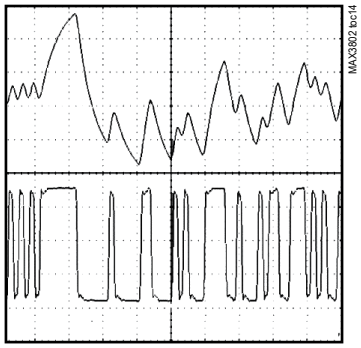


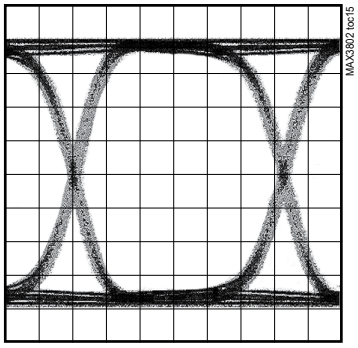
CIM VOLTAGE vs. CABLE LENGTH (TENSOLITE TWIN-AX, 400mVP-P DIFFERENTIAL)



EQUALIZER INPUT AFTER 115ft OF CABLE (TOP) EQUALIZER OUTPUT (BOTTOM)



EQUALIZER OUTPUT EYE DIAGRAM AFTER 155ft OF 50Ω GORE-89 CABLE (400mVP-P)



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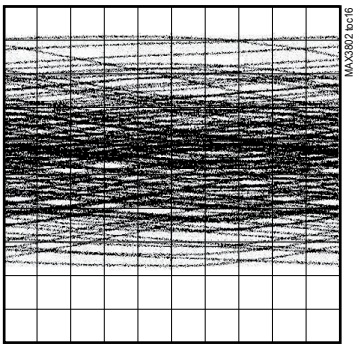
CABLE OUTPUT EYE DIAGRAM AFTER 70ft OF TENSOLITE TWIN-AX CABLE (2^7 - 1 PRBS NO EQUALIZATION)



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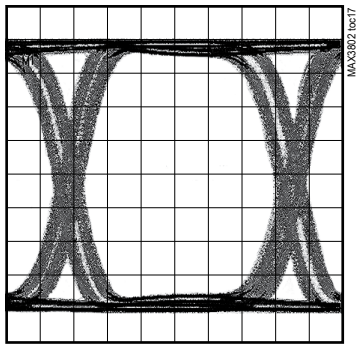

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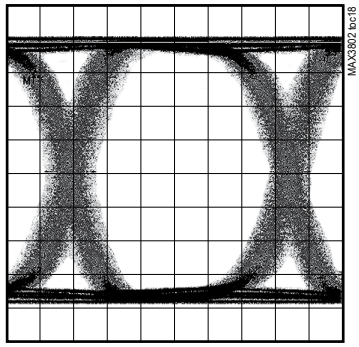
EQUALIZER OUTPUT EYE DIAGRAM AFTER 72ft OF 75Ω RG179 CABLE (300mVP-P SINGLE ENDED, 2^{23} - 1 PRBS)

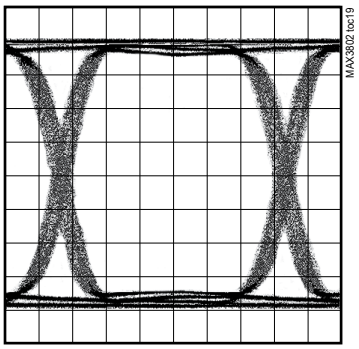


48ps/div (3.2Gbps)

Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

(V_{CC} = 3.3V, T_A = +25°C, all jitter measurements done at 3.2Gbps, 600mV cable input with 213 - 1 PRBS pattern with 100 consecutive ones and 100 consecutive zeros substituted. **Note:** Test pattern produces near-worst-case jitter results. Results vary with pattern, unless otherwise noted.)

QUALIZER OUTPUT EYE DIAGRAM AFTER 60in OF FR-4 6mil STRIPLINE (DIFFERENTIAL, 2^7 - 1 PRBS)



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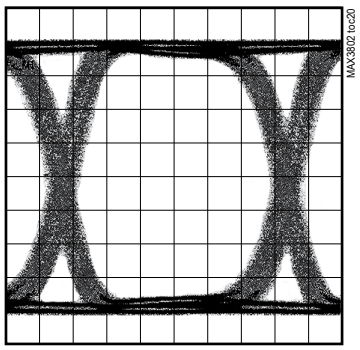

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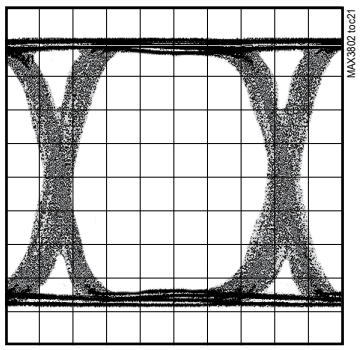
EQUALIZER OUTPUT EYE DIAGRAM AFTER 50ft OF MADISON 14887 SHIELDED TWISTED-PAIR CABLE (2^7 - 1 PRBS)



60ps/div (2.5Gbps)

Pin Description

PIN	NAME	FUNCTION
1, 4, 6, 9	$V_{CCE}1$	3.3V Supply Voltage for Equalizer 1
2	EIN1-	Negative Equalizer 1 Input, CML
3	EIN1+	Positive Equalizer 1 Input, CML
5	CIM1	Cable Integrity Monitor 1 Output
7	EOUT1-	Negative Equalizer 1 Output, CML
8	EOUT1+	Positive Equalizer 1 Output, CML
10	RMOD1	Driver 1 Output Modulation Adjust
11, 14	$V_{CCD}1$	3.3V Supply Voltage for Driver 1
12	DOUT1-	Negative Driver 1 Output, CML
13	DOUT1+	Positive Driver 1 Output, CML
15	DIN1-	Negative Driver 1 Input, CML
16	DIN1+	Positive Driver 1 Input, CML
17	$\overline{LOS1}$	Equalizer 1 Loss-of-Signal, TTL, Active Low
18, 21, 23, 26	$V_{CCE}2$	3.3V Supply Voltage for Equalizer 2
19	EIN2-	Negative Equalizer 2 Input, CML
20	EIN2+	Positive Equalizer 2 Input, CML
22	CIM2	Cable Integrity Monitor 2 Output
24	EOUT2-	Negative Equalizer 2 Output, CML
25	EOUT2+	Positive Equalizer 2 Output, CML
27	RMOD2	Driver 2 Output Modulation Adjust
28, 31	$V_{CCD}2$	3.3V Supply Voltage for Driver 2
29	DOUT2-	Negative Driver 2 Output, CML
30	DOUT2+	Positive Driver 2 Output, CML

Pin Description (continued)

PIN	NAME	FUNCTION
32	DIN2-	Negative Driver 2 Input, CML
33	DIN2+	Positive Driver 2 Input, CML
34	$\overline{LOS2}$	Equalizer 2 Loss-of-Signal, TTL, Active Low
35, 38, 40, 43	$V_{CCE}3$	3.3V Supply Voltage for Equalizer 3
36	EIN3-	Negative Equalizer 3 Input, CML
37	EIN3+	Positive Equalizer 3 Input, CML
39	CIM3	Cable Integrity Monitor 3 Output
41	EOUT3-	Negative Equalizer 3 Output, CML
42	EOUT3+	Positive Equalizer 3 Output, CML
44	RMOD3	Driver 3 Output Modulation Adjust
45, 48	$V_{CCD}3$	3.3V Supply Voltage for Driver 3
46	DOUT3-	Negative Driver 3 Output, CML
47	DOUT3+	Positive Driver 3 Output, CML
49	DIN3-	Negative Driver 3 Input, CML
50	DIN3+	Positive Driver 3 Input, CML
51	$\overline{LOS3}$	Equalizer 3 Loss-of-Signal, TTL, Active Low
52, 55, 57, 60	$V_{CCE}4$	3.3V Supply Voltage for Equalizer 4
53	EIN4-	Negative Equalizer 4 Input, CML
54	EIN4+	Positive Equalizer 4 Input, CML
56	CIM4	Cable Integrity Monitor 4 Output
58	EOUT4-	Negative Equalizer 4 Output, CML
59	EOUT4+	Positive Equalizer 4 Output, CML
61	RMOD4	Driver 4 Output Modulation Adjust
62, 65	$V_{CCD}4$	3.3V Supply Voltage for Driver 4
63	DOUT4-	Negative Driver 4 Output, CML
64	DOUT4+	Positive Driver 4 Output, CML
66	DIN4-	Negative Driver 4 Input, CML
67	DIN4+	Positive Driver 4 Input, CML
68	$\overline{LOS4}$	Equalizer 4 Loss-of-Signal, TTL, Active Low
EP	Exposed Pad	Ground. Must be soldered to the circuit board ground for proper thermal and electrical performance (see *EP Package*).

Detailed Description

The MAX3802 has four independent adaptive equalizers (receivers) and four independent drivers. Disconnecting the power pins of unused equalizers and drivers lowers the power consumption of the MAX3802. Equalizer and driver descriptions apply to the four identical sections.

Cable Driver

The cable driver accepts differential or single-ended CML input data at rates up to 3.2Gbps. The maximum CML output of the driver can be adjusted over a typical range of 445mV to 825mV by changing the value of the $R_{MOD\_}$ resistor between 10kΩ and 20kΩ (resistor connected between RMOD_ pin and ground).

Adaptive Cable Equalizer

The adaptive cable equalizer is capable of equalizing differential or single-ended CML input data at rates up to 3.2Gbps. It automatically adjusts to attenuation levels of 30dB at 1.6GHz (due to skin-effect losses in copper cable). The equalizer consists of a CML input buffer, a flat-response amplifier, a skin-effect compensation amplifier, a current-steering network, a dual power-detector feedback loop, an output limiting amplifier, and a CML output buffer (Figure 1).

General Theory of Operation

The shape of the power spectrum of a random bit stream can be described by the square of the wellknown sinc function, where $\text{sinc}(f) = \sin(\pi f)/(\pi f)$ for $f \neq 0$. For sufficiently long bit patterns (nonrandom bit stream), $\text{sinc}^2(f)$ is a good approximation. From the shape of the $\text{sinc}^2(f)$ function, the ratio of the power densities at any two frequencies can be estimated. The MAX3802 adaptive equalizer employs this principle by incorporating a feedback loop that continuously monitors the power at high- and low-

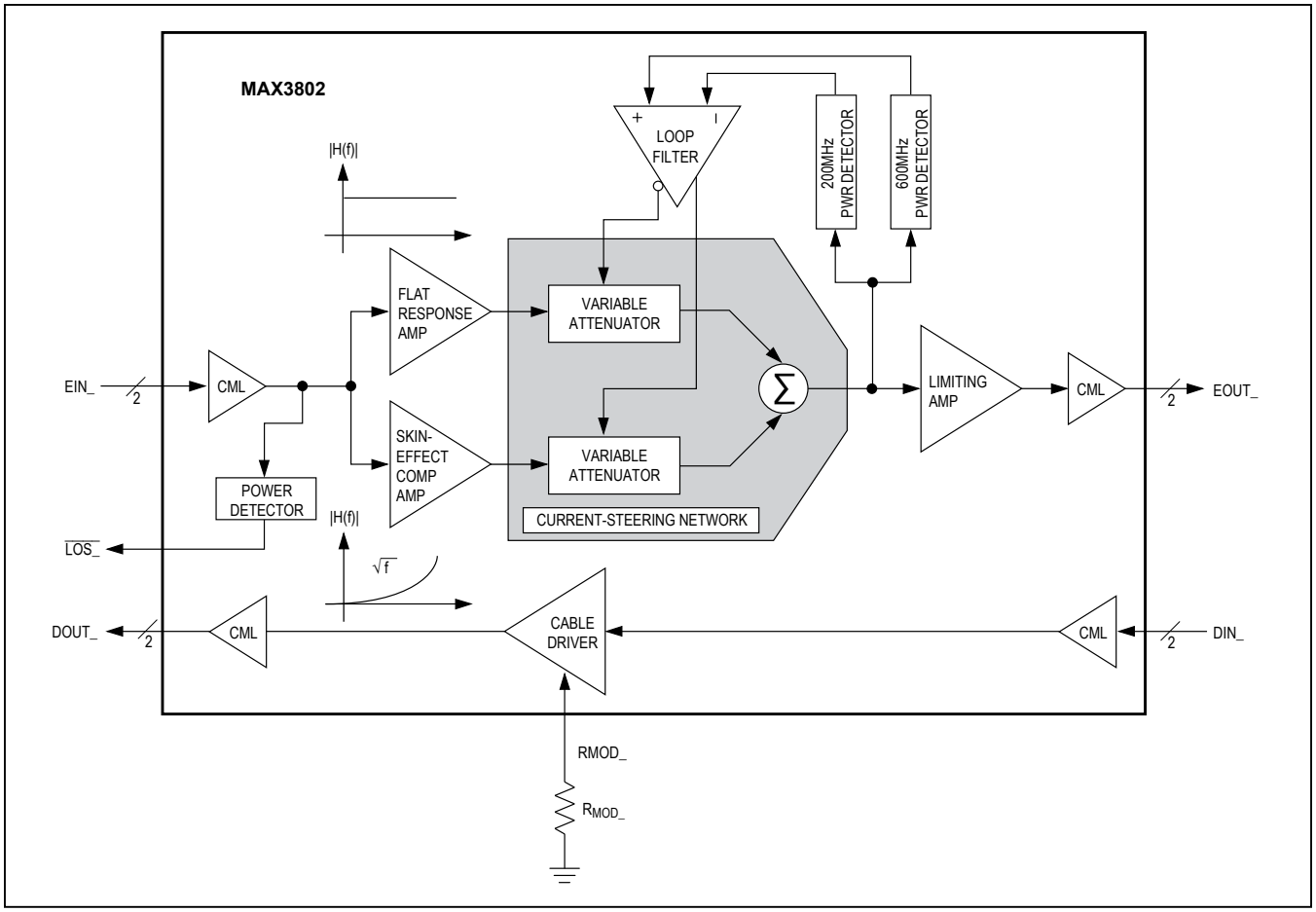


Figure 1. MAX3802 Functional Diagram

frequency bands and dynamically adjusts the equalizer to maintain the correct power ratio.

CML Input and Output Buffers

The input and output buffers are implemented using CML. Equivalent circuits are shown in Figures 2 and 3. For details on interfacing with CML, refer to Maxim Application Note HFAN-01.0, *Interfacing Between CML, PECL, and LVDS*.

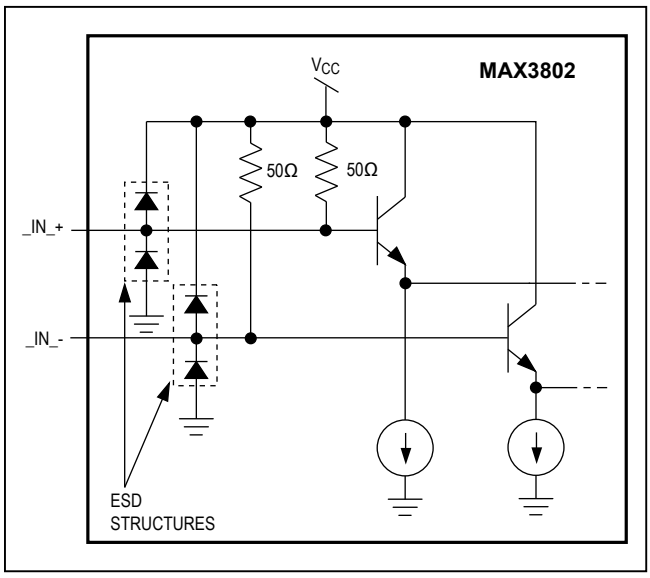


Figure 2. CML Input Structure

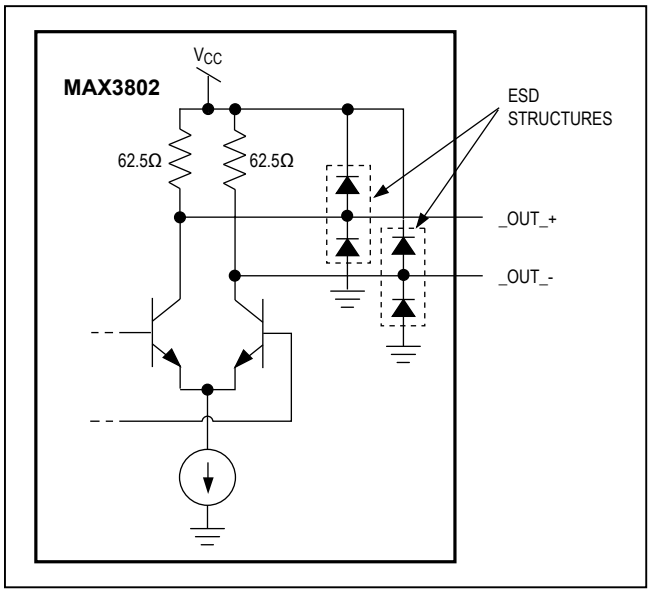


Figure 3. CML Output Structure

Flat-Response and Skin-Effect Compensation Amplifiers

The buffered input waveform is fed equally to two amplifiers—the flat-response amplifier and the skineffect compensation amplifier. The flat-response amplifier has a constant gain over the entire frequency range of the device, and the skin-effect compensation amplifier has a gain characteristic that approximates the inverse of the skin-effect attenuation in copper cable. The skin-effect attenuation, in dB per unit length, is proportional to the square root of the frequency. The output currents from the amplifiers are supplied to the current-steering network.

Current-Steering Network

The function of the current-steering network is to combine adjustable quantities of the output currents from the flat-response and skin-effect compensation amplifiers in order to achieve a desired current ratio. The ratio adjustment is controlled by the dual power-detector feedback loop.

The current-steering network is implemented with a pair of variable attenuators that feed into a current-summing node. The variable attenuators are used to attenuate the output currents of the flat-response and skin-effect compensation amplifiers under control of the dual power-detector feedback loop. The outputs of the two attenuators are combined at the summing node and then fed to the output-limiting amplifier and the feedback loop.

Dual Power-Detector Feedback Loop

The outputs of the current-steering network are applied to the inputs of 200MHz and 600MHz power detectors. The outputs of the power detectors are applied to the loop-filter amplifier. This amplifier controls the variable attenuators in the current-steering network.

Output Limiting Amplifier

The output limiting amplifier amplifies the signal from the current-steering network to achieve the specified output voltage swing.

Applications Information

Refer to Maxim Application Note HFDN-10.0, *Equalizing Gigabit Copper Cable Links with the MAX3800* (available at www.maximintegrated.com) for additional application information.

Selecting R_{MOD}

The cable driver output amplitude can be adjusted by connecting a resistor (R_{MOD}) with a value from 10kΩ to 20kΩ between the RMOD_ pin and ground. The exact output amplitude of the driver is dependent on several factors.

See the *Typical Operating Characteristics* Cable Driver Output Voltage vs. R_{MOD} for typical values.

Cable Integrity Monitor

The CIM_ output voltage is directly proportional to the output current of the loop amplifier (which controls the current-steering network; see *Detailed Description*). This is an analog voltage output that indicates the amount of equalization being applied.

The amount of equalization (and thus the CIM_ output level) is affected by cable type, cable length, signal bandwidth, etc. See the *Typical Operating Characteristics* CIM Voltage vs. Cable Length for typical values under specific conditions.

Loss-of-Signal ($\overline{LOS\_}$) Output

Loss of signal is indicated by the $\overline{LOS\_}$ output. A low level on $\overline{LOS\_}$ indicates that the equalizer input power has dropped below a threshold. When there is sufficient input voltage to the channel (typically greater than 250mV), $\overline{LOS\_}$ is high. The $\overline{LOS\_}$ output is suitable for indicating problems with the transmission link caused by, for example, a broken cable or a defective driver.

Data Spectrum for Equalizer

The MAX3802 equalizer design requires the data stream be scrambled or coded to provide a rich frequency spectrum for the adaptation algorithm. Scrambled patterns or coded patterns with scrambled content, such as 64b/66b or SONET PRBS, are ideal. Some coded patterns, such as 8b/10b, lack low-frequency energy and can be nonoptimal, requiring the user to characterize the specific application. In the absence of an input signal (nonstandard application), amplified noise may appear at the output due to the large gain of the device.

Single-Ended Operation

For single-ended operation of the cable driver or equalizer, connect the unused input to ground through a series combination of a capacitor (of equal value to other AC-coupling capacitors) and a 50Ω resistor. Note that the MAX3802 is specified for differential operation.

Layout Considerations

The MAX3802's performance can be significantly affected by circuit board layout and design. Use good high-frequency design techniques, including minimizing ground inductance and using controlled-impedance transmission lines for the high-frequency data signals. Power-supply decoupling capacitors should be placed as close as possible to V_{CC}.

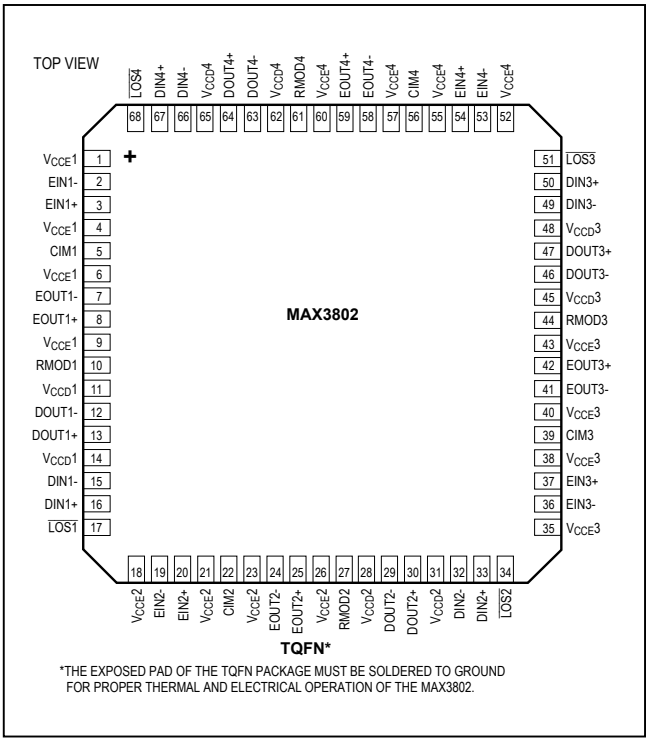
Exposed-Pad Package

The EP on the 68-pin TQFN provides a very low thermal resistance path for heat removal from the IC. The pad is the electrical ground on the MAX3802 and must be soldered to the circuit board ground for proper thermal and electrical performance. Refer to Maxim Application Note HFAN-08.1, *Thermal Considerations for QFN and Other Exposed-Pad Packages* (available at www.maximintegrated. com) for additional application information.

Chip Information

PROCESS: BIPOLAR (silicon germanium)

Pin Configuration



Package Information

For the latest package outline information and land patterns (footprints), go to **www.maximintegrated.com/packages**. Note that a "+", "#", or "-" in the package code indicates RoHS status only. Package drawings may show a different suffix character, but the drawing pertains to the package regardless of RoHS status.

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REVISION NUMBER	REVISION DATE	DESCRIPTION	PAGES CHANGED
0	1/02	Initial release	—
1	5/03	Added package code to *Ordering Information* table; updated package outline	11, 12
2	11/06	Added lead-free package to *Ordering Information* table	1
3	10/14	Updated package from QFN to TQFN	1, 2, 10, 11

