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# Follows Data Sheet +3V, 8-Bit ADC with 1µA Power-Down

# General Description

The MAX152 high-speed, microprocessor (µP)-compatible, 8-bit analog-to-digital converter (ADC) uses a half-flash technique to achieve a 1.8µs conversion time, and digitizes at a rate of 400k samples per second (ksps). It operates with single +3V or dual ±3V supplies and accepts either unipolar or bipolar inputs. A POWERDOWN pin reduces current consumption to a typical value of 1µA. The part returns from powerdown and acquires an input signal in less than 900ns, providing large reductions in supply current in applications with burst-mode input signals.

The MAX152 is DC and dynamically tested. Its µP interface appears as a memory location or input/output port that requires no external interface logic. The data outputs use latched, three-state buffered circuitry for direct connection to a µP data bus or system input port. The ADC's input/reference arrangement enables ratiometric operation. A fullyassembled evaluation kit provides a proven PC board layout to speed prototyping and design.

### Applications

Cellular Telephones Portable Radios Battery-Powered Systems Burst-Mode Data Acquisition **Digital Signal Processing** Telecommunications High-Speed Servo Loops



### Functional Diagram

- Features
- Single +3.0V to +3.6V Supply
- ♦ 1.8µs Conversion Time
- Power-Up in 900ns
- Internal Track/Hold
- ♦ 400ksps Throughput
- Low Power: 1.5mA (Operating Mode) (Power-Down Mode) 1µA
- ♦ 300kHz Full-Power Bandwidth
- 20-Pin DIP, SO and SSOP Packages
- No External Clock Required
- Unipolar/Bipolar Inputs
- Ratiometric Reference Inputs
- 2.7V Version Available Contact Factory

### **Ordering Information**

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PART	TEMP. RANGE	PIN-PACKAGE
MAX152CPP	0°C to +70°C	20 Plastic DIP
MAX152CWP	0°C to +70°C	20 Wide SO
MAX152CAP	0°C to +70°C	20 SSOP
MAX152C/D	0°C to +70°C	Dice*
MAX152EPP	-40°C to +85°C	20 Plastic DIP
MAX152EWP	-40°C to +85°C	20 Wide SO
MAX152EAP	-40°C to +85°C	20 SSOP
MAX152MJP	-55°C to +125°C	20 CERDIP**
* Contact factory	for dice specifications	

\*\* Contact factory for availability and processing to MIL-STD-883.

### Pin Configuration



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# ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

V <sub>DD</sub> to GND	0.3V to +7V
V <sub>SS</sub> to GND	+0.3V to -7V
Digital Input Voltage to GND	0.3V, (V <sub>DD</sub> + 0.3V)
Digital Output Voltage to GND	0.3V, (V <sub>DD</sub> + 0.3V)
VREF+ to GND(VSS	- 0.3V) to (V <sub>DD</sub> + 0.3V)
VREF- to GND(VSS	- 0.3V) to (V <sub>DD</sub> + 0.3V)
VIN to GND(VSS	- 0.3V) to (V <sub>DD</sub> + 0.3V)

Continuous Power Dissipation ( $T_{\Delta} = +70^{\circ}$ C)
Plastic DIP (derate 11.11mW/°C above +70°C)
Wide SO (derate 10.00mW/°C above +70°C)800mW
SSOP (derate 8.00mW/°C above +70°C)640mW
CERDIP (derate 11.11mW/°C above +70°C)
Operating Temperature Ranges:
MAX152C0°C to +70°C
MAX152E40°C to +85°C
MAX152MJP55°C to +125°C
Storage Temperature Range65°C to +150°C

Lead Temperature (soldering, 10sec) .....+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.

#### **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

(Unipolar input range,  $V_{DD}$  = 3.0V to 3.6V, GND = 0V,  $V_{SS}$  = GND, VREF+ = 3.0V, VREF- = GND, specifications are given for RD mode (pin 7 = GND),  $T_A$  =  $T_{MIN}$  to  $T_{MAX}$ , unless otherwise noted.)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS			
ACCURACY (Note 1)		l t				1			
Resolution	N		8			Bits			
Total Unadjusted Error	TUE	Unipolar range			±1	LSB			
Differential Nonlinearity	DNL	No-missing-codes guaranteed			±1	LSB			
Zero-Code Error (Note 2)		Unipolar and bipolar modes			±1	LSB			
Full-Scale Error (Note 2)		Unipolar and bipolar modes			±1	LSB			
DYNAMIC PERFORMANCE (Note 3	3)								
Signal-to-Noise Plus	C/(NL D)	MAX152C/E, f <sub>SAMPLE</sub> = 400kHz, f <sub>IN</sub> = 30.273kHz	45						
Distortion Ratio	S/(N+D)	$\begin{array}{l} \mbox{MAX152M, f_{SAMPLE} = 340kHz,} \\ \mbox{f_{IN} = 30.725kHz} \end{array}$	45			- dB			
Total Harmonic Distortion	THE	MAX152C/E, f <sub>SAMPLE</sub> = 400kHz, f <sub>IN</sub> = 30.273kHz			-50	10			
	THD	$\begin{array}{l} \mbox{MAX152M, fsample} = 340\mbox{kHz,} \\ \mbox{f}_{\rm IN} = 30.725\mbox{kHz} \end{array}$			-50	dB			
		MAX152C/E, f <sub>SAMPLE</sub> = 400kHz, f <sub>IN</sub> = 30.273kHz	50			10			
Spurious-Free Dynamic Range		$\begin{array}{l} \mbox{MAX152M, f}_{SAMPLE} = 340 \mbox{Hz}, \\ \mbox{f}_{IN} &= 30.725 \mbox{Hz} \end{array}$	50			dB			
Input Full-Power Bandwidth		$V_{IN} = 3.0V_{p-p}$		0.3		MHz			
Maximum Input Slew Rate, Tracking			0.28	0.5		V/µs			
ANALOG INPUT									
Input Voltage Range	V <sub>IN</sub>		VREF-		VREF+	V			
Input Leakage Current	I <sub>IN</sub>	$V_{SS} < V_{IN} < V_{DD}$			±3	μA			
Input Capacitance	C <sub>IN</sub>			22		pF			
REFERENCE INPUT		·				-			
Reference Resistance	RREF		1	2	4	kΩ			
VREF+ Input Voltage Range			VREF-		V <sub>DD</sub>	V			
VREF- Input Voltage Range			V <sub>SS</sub>		VREF+	V			

### **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)**

(Unipolar input range,  $V_{DD}$  = 3.0V to 3.6V, GND = 0V,  $V_{SS}$  = GND, VREF+ = 3.0V, VREF- = GND, specifications are given for RD mode (pin 7 = GND),  $T_A$  =  $T_{MIN}$  to  $T_{MAX}$ , unless otherwise noted.)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	c	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT		
LOGIC INPUTS							1	
	1/	CS, WR, RD, PWRDN		2.0			v	
Input High Voltage	V <sub>INH</sub>	MODE					V	
	Maria	CS, WR, RD, PW			0.66	v		
Input Low Voltage	V <sub>INL</sub>	MODE			0.8			
		CS, RD, PWRDN			±1			
Input High Current	l <sub>INH</sub>	WR			±3	μA		
		MODE			15	100		
Input Low Current	I <sub>INL</sub>	CS, WR, RD, PW	<b>/RDN</b> , MODE			±1	μA	
Input Capacitance (Note 4)	CIN	CS, WR, RD, PW	<b>/RDN</b> , MODE		5	8	рF	
LOGIC OUTPUTS	1			1				
		INT, D0-D7, I <sub>SINK</sub>	ς = 20μΑ			0.1		
Output Low Voltage	V <sub>OL</sub>	INT, D0-D7, I <sub>SINK</sub>	ς = 400μΑ			0.4	V	
		RDY, I <sub>SINK</sub> = 1mA	ł			0.4		
o	N	INT, D0-D7, I <sub>SOU</sub>	V <sub>DD</sub> -0.	1				
Output High Voltage	V <sub>OH</sub>	$\overline{INT}$ , D0-D7, $I_{SOURCE} = 400 \mu A$		V <sub>DD</sub> -0.4	4		- V	
Floating-State Current	I <sub>LKG</sub>	D0-D7, RDY				±3	μA	
Floating Capacitance (Note 4)	C <sub>OUT</sub>	D0-D7, RDY			5	8	pF	
POWER REQUIREMENTS								
Positive Supply Voltage	V <sub>DD</sub>			3.0		3.6	V	
Namativa Comales Valtana	V	Unipolar operation			GND			
Negative Supply Voltage	V <sub>SS</sub>	Bipolar operation	n (Note 2)	-3.6		-3.0	V	
Positive Supply Current		V <sub>DD</sub> = 3.6V	$\frac{MAX152C}{PWRDN} = V_{DD} = 0,$		2.5	5		
		VDD = 3.0V	$\frac{MAX152E/M, \ \overline{\textbf{CS}}}{\overline{\textbf{PWRDN}}} = V_{DD} = 0,$		2.5	6	<b>–</b>	
		V	$\frac{MAX152C}{PWRDN} = V_{DD} = 0,$		1.5	3		
		vDD = 3.0v	$\frac{MAX152E/M, \ \overline{\textbf{CS}} = \overline{\textbf{RD}} = 0, \\ \overline{\textbf{PWRDN}} = V_{DD}$		1.5	3.5		
Power-Down V <sub>DD</sub> Current (Note 5)		$\overline{\textbf{CS}} = \overline{\textbf{RD}} = V_{DD},$ $\overline{\textbf{PWRDN}} = 0$	MAX152C/E/M		1	50	μA	
Negative Supply Current	I <sub>SS</sub>	$\overline{\mathbf{CS}} = \overline{\mathbf{RD}} = 0, \overline{\mathbf{PV}}$	VRDN = V <sub>DD</sub>		1	50	μA	
Power-Down V <sub>SS</sub> Current		$\overline{CS} = \overline{RD} = V_{DD}$	$\mathbf{PWRDN} = 0$		1	25	μA	
Power-Supply Rejection	PSR	$V_{DD} = 3.3V \pm 10\%$			±1/16	±1/4	LSE	

Note 1: Accuracy measurements performed at V<sub>DD</sub> = 3.0V, unipolar mode. Operation over supply range is guaranteed by power-supply rejection test.
Note 2: Bipolar tests are performed with VREF+ = +1.5V, VREF- = -1.5V, V<sub>SS</sub> = -3.0V.
Note 3: Unipolar input range, V<sub>IN</sub> = 3.0V<sub>P-P</sub>, WR-RD mode, V<sub>DD</sub> = 3.0V
Note 4: Guaranteed by design.
Note 5: Power-down current increases if control inputs are not driven to ground or V<sub>DD</sub>.

# **TIMING CHARACTERISTICS**

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(Unipolar input range,  $V_{DD}$  = 3V,  $V_{SS}$  = 0V,  $T_A$  = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.) (Note 6)

			ALL GRADES			$\begin{tabular}{lllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$		$\begin{tabular}{lllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$		UNITS
PARAMETER	SYMBOL	OL CONDITIONS		$T_A = +25^{\circ}C$ MIN TYP MAX						
Conversion Time (WR-RD Mode)	t <sub>CWR</sub>	$t_{RD} < t_{INTL}, C_L = 100 pF$			1.8		2.06		2.4	μs
Conversion Time (RD Mode)	t <sub>CRD</sub>				2.0		2.3		2.6	μs
Power-Up Time	t <sub>UP</sub>				0.9		1.2		1.4	μs
CS to RD, WR Setup Time	t <sub>CSS</sub>		0			0		0		ns
CS to RD, WR Hold Time	t <sub>CSH</sub>		0			0		0		ns
CS to RDY Delay	t <sub>RDY</sub>	$C_L = 50 pF,$ $R_L = 5.1 k\Omega$ to $V_{DD}$			100		120		140	ns
Data Access Time (RD Mode) (Note 7)	t <sub>ACC0</sub>	C <sub>L</sub> = 100pF			t <sub>CRD</sub> +100		t <sub>CRD</sub> +130		t <sub>CRD</sub> +150	ns
RD to INT Delay (RD Mode)	t <sub>INTH</sub>	C <sub>L</sub> = 50pF		100	160		170		180	ns
Data Hold Time (Note 8)	t <sub>DH</sub>				100		130		150	ns
Delay Time Between Conversions	t <sub>P</sub>		450			600		700		ns
WR Pulse Width	t <sub>WR</sub>		0.6		10	0.66	10	0.8	10	μs
Delay Time Between WR and RD Pulses	t <sub>RD</sub>		0.8			0.9		1.0		μs
RD Pulse Width	t <sub>READ1</sub>	WR-RD mode, determined by t <sub>ACC1</sub> (Figure 6)	400			500		600		ns
Data Access Time (Note 7)	t <sub>ACC1</sub>	WR-RD mode, $t_{RD} < t_{INTL}$ , $C_L = 100 pF$ (Figure 6)			400		500		600	ns
$\overline{\textbf{RD}}$ to $\overline{\textbf{INT}}$ Delay	t <sub>RI</sub>				300		340		400	ns
WR to INT Delay	t <sub>INTL</sub>	$C_L = 50 pF$		0.7	1.45		1.6		1.8	μs
RD Pulse Width	t <sub>READ2</sub>	$\begin{array}{l} \text{WR-RD mode,} \\ t_{\text{RD}} > t_{\text{INTL}}, \\ \text{determined by } t_{\text{ACC2}} \\ (\text{Figure 5}) \end{array}$	180			220		250		ns
Data Access Time (Note 7)	t <sub>ACC2</sub>	WR-RD mode, $t_{RD} < t_{INTL}$ , $C_L = 100pF$ (Figure 5)			180		220		250	ns
$\overline{\textbf{WR}}$ to $\overline{\textbf{INT}}$ Delay	t <sub>IHWR</sub>	Stand-alone mode, C <sub>L</sub> = 50pF			180		200		240	ns
Data Access Time After INT (Note 7)	t <sub>ID</sub>	Stand-alone mode, C <sub>L</sub> = 100pF			100		130		150	ns

Note 6: Input control signals are specified with  $t_{\Gamma} = t_f = 5ns$ , 10% to 90% of +3.0V, and timed from a voltage level of 1.3V. Timing delays get shorter at higher supply voltages. See the Converson Time vs. Supply Voltage graph in the Typical Operating Characteristics to extrapolate timing delays at other power-supply voltages. Note 7: See Figure 1 for load circuit. Parameter defined as the time required for the output to cross 0.66V or 2.0V.

Note 8: See Figure 2 for load circuit. Parameter defined as the time required for the data lines to change 0.5V.





Pin Description

NAME	FUNCTION
V <sub>IN</sub>	Analog Input. Range is VREF-≤V <sub>IN</sub> ≤VREF+.
D0	Three-State Data Output (LSB)
D1-D3	Three-State Data Outputs
WR/RDY	Write Control Input/Ready Status Output*
MODE	Mode Selection Input is internally pulled low with a 15µA current source. MODE = 0 activates read mode MODE = 1 activates write-read mode*
RD	Read Input must be low to access data.*
INT	Interrupt Output goes low to indicate end of conversion.*
GND	Ground
VREF-	Lower limit of reference span. Sets the zero-code voltage. Range is $V_{SS} \leq VREF - < VREF +$ .
VREF+	Upper limit to reference span. Sets the full-scale input voltage. Range is VREF- < VREF+ $\leq$ V <sub>DD</sub> .
CS	Chip-Select Input must be low for the device recognize WR or RD inputs.
D4-D6	Three-State Data Outputs
D7	Three-State Data Output (MSB)
PWRDN	Powerdown Input reduces supply current when low.
$V_{SS}$	Negative Supply. Unipolar: $V_{SS} = 0V$ , Bipolar: $V_{SS} = -3V$ .
V <sub>DD</sub>	Positive Supply, +3V.
	ViN   D0   D1-D3   WR/RDY   MODE   RD   RD   INT   GND   VREF-   VREF+   CS   D4-D6   D7   PWRDN   Vss

\*See Digital Inferface Section.



Figure 2. Load Circuits for Data-Hold Time Test

# Detailed Description Converter Operation

The MAX152 uses a half-flash conversion technique (see *Functional Diagram*) in which two 4-bit flash ADC sections achieve an 8-bit result. Using 15 comparators, the flash ADC compares the unknown input voltage to the reference ladder and provides the upper 4 data bits.

An internal digital-to-analog converter (DAC) uses the 4 most significant bits (MSBs) to generate the analog result from the first flash conversion and a residue voltage that is the difference between the unknown input and the DAC voltage. The residue is then compared again with the flash comparators to obtain the lower 4 data bits (LSBs).

The MAX152 is characterized for operation between +3.0V and +3.6V. Conversion times decrease as the supply voltage increases. The supply current decreases rapidly with decreasing supply voltage. (See *Typical Operating Characteristics.*)

#### Power-Down Mode

In burst-mode or low sample-rate applications, the MAX152 can be shut down between conversions, reducing supply current to microamp levels (see *Typical Operating Characteristics*). A logic low on the **PWRDN** pin shuts the device down, reducing supply current to typically 1µA when powered from a single 3V supply. A logic high on **PWRDN** wakes up the MAX152. A new conversion can be started within 900ns of the **PWRDN** pin being driven high (this includes both the power-up delay and the track/hold acquisition time). If power-down mode is not required, connect **PWRDN** to V<sub>DD</sub>.

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Once the MAX152 is in power-down mode, lowest supply current is drawn with MODE low (RD mode) due to an internal pull-down resistor at this pin. In addition, for minimum current consumption, other digital inputs should remain high in power-down. Refer to the *Reference* section for information on reducing reference current during power-down.

### Digital Interface

The MAX152 has two basic interface modes set by the status of the MODE input pin. When MODE is low, the converter is in the RD mode; when MODE is high, the converter is set up for the WR-RD mode.

#### Read Mode (MODE = 0)

In RD mode, conversion control and data access are controlled by the  $\overline{RD}$  input (Figure 3). The comparator inputs track the analog input voltage for the duration of tp. A conversion is initiated by driving  $\overline{RD}$  low. With µPs that can be forced into a wait state, hold  $\overline{RD}$  low until output data appears. The µP starts the conversion, waits, and then reads data with a single read instruction.

 $\overline{WR}$ /RDY is configured as a status output (RDY) in RD mode, where it can drive the ready or wait input of a µP. RDY is an open-collector output (with no internal pull-up) that goes low after the falling edge of  $\overline{CS}$  and goes high at the end of the conversion. If not used, the  $\overline{WR}$ /RDY pin can be left unconnected. The  $\overline{INT}$  output goes low at the end of the conversion and returns high on the rising edge of  $\overline{CS}$  or  $\overline{RD}$ .



Figure 3. RD Mode Timing (MODE = 0)

# Write-Read Mode (MODE = 1)

Figures 4 and 5 show the operating sequence for the write-read (WR-RD) mode. The comparator inputs track the analog input voltage for the duration of tP. The conversion is initiated by a falling edge of  $\overline{WR}$ . When  $\overline{WR}$  returns high, the 4 MSBs' flash result is latched into the output buffers and the 4 LSBs' conversion begins.  $\overline{INT}$  goes low, indicating conversion end, and the lower 4 data bits are latched into the output buffers. The data is then accessible after  $\overline{RD}$  goes low (see *Timing Characteristics*).



Figure 4. WR-RD Mode Timing  $(t_{RD} > t_{INTL})$  (MODE = 1)



Figure 5. WR-RD Mode Timing ( $t_{RD} < t_{INTL}$ ), Fastest Operating Mode (MODE = 1)



Figure 6. Stand-Alone Mode Timing ( $\overline{CS} = \overline{RD} = 0$ ) (MODE = 1)

A minimum acquisition time (tp) is required from  $\overline{\text{INT}}$  going low to the start of another conversion ( $\overline{\text{WR}}$  going low).

Options for reading data from the converter include the following:

#### **Using Internal Delay**

The  $\mu$ P waits for the  $\overline{INT}$  output to go low before reading the data (Figure 4).  $\overline{INT}$  goes low after the rising edge of  $\overline{WR}$ , indicating that the conversion is complete and the result is available in the output latch. With  $\overline{CS}$  low, data outputs D0-D7 can be accessed by pulling  $\overline{RD}$  low.  $\overline{INT}$  is then reset by the rising edge of  $\overline{CS}$  or  $\overline{RD}$ .

#### Fastest Conversion: Reading Before Delay

An external method of controlling the conversion time is shown in Figure 5. The internally generated delay tINTL varies slightly with temperature and supply voltage, and can be overridden with  $\overline{RD}$  to achieve the fastest conversion time.  $\overline{RD}$  is brought low after the rising edge of  $\overline{WR}$ , but before  $\overline{INT}$  goes low. This completes the conversion and enables the output buffers (D0-D7) that contain the conversion result.  $\overline{INT}$  also goes low after the falling edge of  $\overline{RD}$  and is reset on the rising edge of  $\overline{RD}$  or  $\overline{CS}$ . The total conversion time is therefore: tCWR = tWR (600ns) + tRD (800ns) + tACC1 (400ns) = 1800ns.

#### Stand-Alone Operation

Besides the two standard WR-RD mode options, standalone operation can be achieved by connecting  $\overline{CS}$ and  $\overline{RD}$  low (Figure 6). A conversion is initiated by pulling  $\overline{WR}$  low. Output data can be read by either edge of the next  $\overline{WR}$  pulse.



Figure 7a. Power Supply as Reference



Figure 7b. External Reference, +2.5V Full Scale



Figure 7c. Input Not Referenced to GND



Figure 7d. An N-channel MOSFET switches off the reference load during power-down.

# Analog Considerations

### Reference

Figures 7a-7c show some reference connections. VREF+ and VREF- inputs set the full-scale and zeroinput voltages of the ADC. The voltage at VREFdefines the input that produces an output code of all zeros, and the voltage at VREF+ defines the input that produces an output code of all ones.

The internal resistance from VREF+ to VREF- may be as low as 1k $\Omega$ , and current will flow through it even when the MAX152 is shut down. Figure 7d shows how an N-channel MOSFET may be connected to VREF- to break this path during power-down. The FET should have an on resistance < 2 $\Omega$  with a 3V gate drive.

Although VREF+ is frequently connected to VDD, this circuit uses a low current, low-dropout, 2.5V voltage reference – the MAX872. Since the MAX872 cannot continuously furnish enough current for the reference resistance, this circuit is intended for applications where the MAX152 is normally in standby and is turned on in order to make measurements at intervals greater than 20µs. The capacitor C1 connected to VREF+ is slowly charged by the MAX872 during the standby period and furnishes the reference current during the short measurement period.

The 2.2µF value of C1 is chosen so that its voltage drops by less than 1/2LSB during the conversion process. Larger capacitors reduce the error still further. Use ceramic or tantalum capacitors for C1.

When VREF- is switched, as in Figure 7d, a new conversion can be initiated after waiting a time equal to the power-up delay ( $t_{UP}$ ) plus the turn-on time of the N-channel FET.

### Bypassing

A  $4.7\mu$ F electrolytic in parallel with a  $0.1\mu$ F ceramic capacitor should be used to bypass V<sub>DD</sub> to GND. These capacitors should have minimal lead length.

The reference inputs should be bypassed with  $0.1 \mu F$  capacitors, as shown in Figures 7a-7c.

### Input Current

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Figure 8 shows the equivalent circuit of the converter input. When the conversion starts and  $\overline{WR}$  is low, V<sub>IN</sub> is connected to sixteen 0.6pF capacitors. During this acquisition phase, the input capacitors charge to the input voltage through the resistance of the internal analog switches. In addition, about 12pF of stray capacitance must be charged. The input can be modeled as an equivalent RC network (Figure 9). As source impedance increases, the capacitors take longer to charge.

The typical 22pF input capacitance allows source resistance as high as  $2.2k\Omega$  without setup problems. For larger resistances, the acquisition time (tp) must be increased.



Figure 8. Equivalent Input Circuit



Figure 9. RC Network Equivalent Input Model

### **Conversion Rate**

The maximum sampling rate ( $f_{Max}$ ) for the MAX152 is achieved in the WR-RD mode ( $t_{RD}$  <  $t_{INTL}$ ) and is calculated as follows:

$$f_{\text{max}} = \frac{1}{t_{\text{WR}} + t_{\text{RD}} + t_{\text{RI}} + t_{\text{P}}}$$

e.g. at  $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$ ,  $V_{DD} = +3.0V$ :

$$f_{max} = \frac{1}{600 \text{ ns} + 800 \text{ ns} + 300 \text{ ns} + 450 \text{ ns}}$$

 $f_{max} = 465 kHz$ 

where  $t_{WR}$  = Write pulse width

t<sub>RD</sub> = Delay between WR and RD pulses

 $t_{RI} = \overline{RD}$  to  $\overline{INT}$  delay

t<sub>P</sub> = Delay time between conversons.

### Signal-to-Noise Ratio and Effective Number of Bits

Signal-to-noise plus distortion ratio (SINAD) is the ratio of the fundamental input frequency's RMS amplitude to the RMS amplitude of all other ADC output signals. The output band is limited to frequencies above DC and below one-half the ADC sample rate.

The theoretical minimum A/D noise is caused by quantization error, and results directly from the ADC's resolution: SNR = (6.02N + 1.76)dB, where N is the number of bits of resolution. Therefore, a perfect 8-bit ADC can do no better than 50dB.

The FFT plot (*Typical Operation Characteristics*) shows the result of sampling a pure 30.27kHz sinusoid at a 400kHz rate. This FFT plot of the output shows the output level in various spectral bands.

The effective resolution, or "effective number of bits," the ADC provides can be measured by transposing the equation that converts resolution to SNR: N = (SINAD - 1.76)/6.02 (see *Typical Operating Characteristics*).

### **Total Harmonic Distortion**

Total harmonic distortion (THD) is the ratio of the RMS sum of all harmonics of the input signal (in the frequency band above DC and below one-half the sample rate) to the fundamental itself. This is expressed as:

$$\text{THD} = 20 \log \left[ \frac{\sqrt{({V_2}^2 + {V_3}^2 + {V_4}^2 + \dots + {V_N}^2)}}{V_1} \right]$$

where  $V_1$  is the fundamental RMS amplitude, and  $V_2$  to  $V_N$  are the amplitudes of the 2nd through Nth harmonics.

### Spurious-Free Dynamic Range

Spurious-free dynamic range is the ratio of the fundamental RMS amplitude to the amplitude of the next largest spectral component (in the frequency band above DC and below one-half the sample rate). Usually the next largest spectral component occurs at some harmonic of the input frequency. However, if the ADC is exceptionally linear, it may occur only at a random peak in the ADC's noise floor. See "Signal to Noise Ratio" plot in *Typical Operating Characteristics*.



TRANSISTOR COUNT: 1856 SUBSTRATE CONNECTED TO VDD



# Package Information

**MAX152** 



+3V, 8-Bit ADC with 1µA Power-Down