



# 8th-Order, Lowpass, Elliptic, Switched-Capacitor Filters

MAX293/MAX294/MAX297

## General Description

The MAX293/MAX294/MAX297 are easy-to-use, 8th-order, lowpass, elliptic, switched-capacitor filters that can be set up with corner frequencies from 0.1Hz to 25kHz (MAX293/MAX294) or from 0.1Hz to 50kHz (MAX297).

The MAX293/MAX297's 1.5 transition ratio provides sharp rolloff and -80dB of stopband rejection. The MAX294's 1.2 transition ratio provides the steepest rolloff and -58dB of stopband rejection. All three filters have fixed responses, so the design task is limited to selecting the clock frequency that controls the filter's corner frequency.

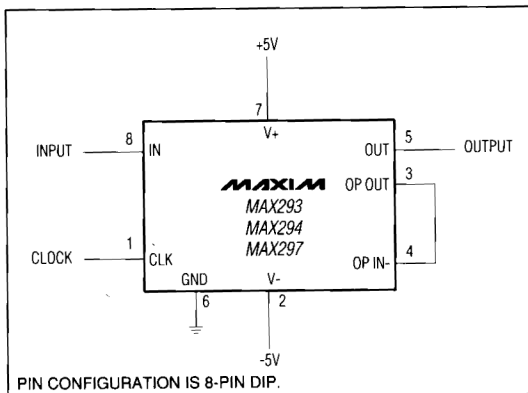
An external capacitor is used to generate a clock using the internal oscillator, or an external clock signal can be used. An uncommitted op amp (noninverting input grounded) is provided for building a continuous-time lowpass filter for post-filtering or anti-aliasing. Steep rolloff and high order make these filters ideal for anti-aliasing applications that require maximum bandwidth, and for communication applications that require filtering signals in close proximity within the frequency domain.

The MAX293/MAX294/MAX297 are available in 8-pin DIP and 16-pin wide SO packages, delivering aggressive performance from a tiny area.

## Applications

- Data-Acquisition Systems
- Anti-Aliasing
- DAC Post-Filtering
- Voice/Data Signal Filtering

## Typical Operating Circuit



## Features

- ◆ 8th-Order Lowpass Elliptic Filters
- ◆ Clock-Tunable Corner-Frequency Range:  
0.1Hz to 25kHz (MAX293/MAX294)  
0.1Hz to 50kHz (MAX297)
- ◆ No External Resistors or Capacitors Required
- ◆ Internal or External Clock
- ◆ Clock to Corner Frequency Ratio:  
100:1 (MAX293/294)  
50:1 (MAX297)
- ◆ Operate with a Single +5V Supply or Dual  $\pm 5V$  Supplies
- ◆ Uncommitted Op Amp for Anti-Aliasing or Clock-Noise Filtering
- ◆ 8-Pin DIP and 16-Pin Wide SO Packages

## Ordering Information

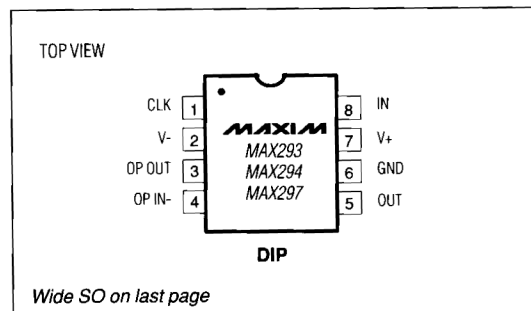
| PART      | TEMP. RANGE     | PIN-PACKAGE   |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------|
| MAX293CPA | 0°C to +70°C    | 8 Plastic DIP |
| MAX293CWE | 0°C to +70°C    | 16 Wide SO    |
| MAX293C/D | 0°C to +70°C    | Dice*         |
| MAX293EPA | -40°C to +85°C  | 8 Plastic DIP |
| MAX293EWE | -40°C to +85°C  | 16 Wide SO    |
| MAX293MJA | -55°C to +125°C | 8 CERDIP**    |
| MAX294CPA | 0°C to +70°C    | 8 Plastic DIP |
| MAX294CWE | 0°C to +70°C    | 16 Wide SO    |
| MAX294C/D | 0°C to +70°C    | Dice*         |

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## Pin Configurations



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### ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Supply Voltage (V+ to V-)                        | ..... 12V   |
| Input Voltage at Any Pin                         | ..... (V- - 0.3V) ≤ V <sub>IN</sub> ≤ (V+ + 0.3V) |
| Continuous Power Dissipation                     |   |
| 8-Pin Plastic DIP (derate 9.09mW/°C above +70°C) | ... 727mW   |
| 16-Pin Wide SO (derate 9.52mW/°C above +70°C)    | ... 762mW   |
| 8-Pin CERDIP (derate 8.00mW/°C above +70°C)      | ... 640mW   |

|                                      |                       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Operating Temperature Ranges:        |                       |
| MAX29_C_                             | ..... 0°C to +70°C    |
| MAX29_E_                             | ..... -40°C to +85°C  |
| MAX29_MJA                            | ..... -55°C to +125°C |
| Storage Temperature Range            | ..... -65°C to +160°C |
| Lead Temperature (soldering, 10 sec) | ..... +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

(V+ = 5V, V- = -5V, filter output measured at OUT pin, 20kΩ load resistor to ground at OUT, f<sub>CLK</sub> = 100kHz (MAX293/MAX294) or f<sub>CLK</sub> = 50kHz (MAX297) T<sub>A</sub> = T<sub>MIN</sub> to T<sub>MAX</sub>, unless otherwise noted.)

| PARAMETER                                   | CONDITIONS                            | MIN                                   | TYP     | MAX   | UNITS  |    |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|-------|--------|----|
| <b>FILTER CHARACTERISTICS</b>               |                                       |                                       |         |       |        |    |
| Corner-Frequency Range                      | MAX293/MAX294                         |                                       | 0.1-25k |       | Hz     |    |
|   | MAX297                                |                                       | 0.1-50k |       |        |    |
| Clock to Corner Frequency Ratio             | MAX293/MAX294                         |                                       | 100:1   |       |        |    |
|   | MAX297                                |                                       | 50:1    |       |        |    |
| Clock to Corner Frequency Tempco            | MAX293                                |                                       | 8       |       | ppm/°C |    |
|   | MAX294                                |                                       | 7       |       |        |    |
|   | MAX297                                |                                       | 4       |       |        |    |
| Insertion Gain Relative to DC Gain (Note 1) | MAX293                                | f <sub>IN</sub> = 0.381F <sub>O</sub> | 0.12    | -0.10 | -0.17  | dB |
|   |                                       | f <sub>IN</sub> = 0.594F <sub>O</sub> | 0.12    | 0.02  | -0.17  |    |
|   |                                       | f <sub>IN</sub> = 0.759F <sub>O</sub> | 0.12    | -0.11 | -0.17  |    |
|   |                                       | f <sub>IN</sub> = 0.866F <sub>O</sub> | 0.12    | -0.03 | -0.17  |    |
|   |                                       | f <sub>IN</sub> = 0.939F <sub>O</sub> | 0.12    | -0.11 | -0.17  |    |
|   |                                       | f <sub>IN</sub> = 0.993F <sub>O</sub> | 0.22    | 0.04  | -0.17  |    |
|   |                                       | f <sub>IN</sub> = 1.000F <sub>O</sub> | 0.22    | 0.01  | -0.17  |    |
|   |                                       | f <sub>IN</sub> = 1.500F <sub>O</sub> | -73     | -78   |        |    |
|   |                                       | f <sub>IN</sub> = 1.610F <sub>O</sub> | -80     | -87   |        |    |
|   |                                       | f <sub>IN</sub> = 2.020F <sub>O</sub> | -80     | -84   |        |    |
|   | f <sub>IN</sub> = 4.020F <sub>O</sub> | -80                                   | -84     |       |        |    |
|   | MAX294                                | f <sub>IN</sub> = 0.425F <sub>O</sub> | 0.10    | -0.11 | -0.17  |    |
|   |                                       | f <sub>IN</sub> = 0.644F <sub>O</sub> | 0.10    | 0.02  | -0.17  |    |
|   |                                       | f <sub>IN</sub> = 0.802F <sub>O</sub> | 0.10    | -0.10 | -0.17  |    |
|   |                                       | f <sub>IN</sub> = 0.895F <sub>O</sub> | 0.10    | -0.03 | -0.17  |    |
|   |                                       | f <sub>IN</sub> = 0.946F <sub>O</sub> | 0.10    | -0.07 | -0.17  |    |
|   |                                       | f <sub>IN</sub> = 0.994F <sub>O</sub> | 0.36    | 0.16  | -0.17  |    |
|   |                                       | f <sub>IN</sub> = 1.000F <sub>O</sub> | 0.36    | 0.13  | -0.17  |    |
|   |                                       | f <sub>IN</sub> = 1.200F <sub>O</sub> | -49     | -54   |        |    |
|   |                                       | f <sub>IN</sub> = 1.270F <sub>O</sub> | -57     | -62   |        |    |
| f <sub>IN</sub> = 1.530F <sub>O</sub>       |                                       | -57                                   | -60     |       |        |    |
| f <sub>IN</sub> = 2.840F <sub>O</sub>       | -57                                   | -60                                   |         |       |        |    |

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## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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| PARAMETER   | CONDITIONS                                  | MIN                 | TYP    | MAX   | UNITS |    |
|---|---|---------------------|--------|-------|-------|----|
| Insertion Gain Relative to DC Gain (Note 1) (continued) | MAX297                                      | fIN = 0.377F0       | 0.10   | -0.11 | -0.17 | dB |
|   |   | fIN = 0.591F0       | 0.10   | 0.03  | -0.17 |    |
|   |   | fIN = 0.754F0       | 0.10   | -0.12 | -0.17 |    |
|   |   | fIN = 0.873F0       | 0.10   | 0.02  | -0.17 |    |
|   |   | fIN = 0.944F0       | 0.10   | -0.07 | -0.17 |    |
|   |   | fIN = 0.996F0       | 0.30   | 0.11  | -0.17 |    |
|   |   | fIN = 1.000F0       | 0.30   | 0.10  | -0.17 |    |
|   |   | fIN = 1.500F0       | -73    | -79   |       |    |
|   |   | fIN = 1.610F0       | -80    | -87   |       |    |
|   |   | fIN = 2.020F0       | -80    | -84   |       |    |
|   | fIN = 4.000F0                               | -80                 | -85    |       |       |    |
| Passband Ripple   | MAX293                                      |                     | 0.15   |       | dB    |    |
|   | MAX294                                      |                     | 0.27   |       |       |    |
|   | MAX297                                      |                     | 0.23   |       |       |    |
| Output DC Swing   |   | ±4                  |        |       | V     |    |
| Output Offset Voltage                                   | IN = GND                                    |                     | ±150   | ±400  | mV    |    |
| DC Insertion Gain with Output Offset Removed            |   | -0.15               | ±0.01  | 0.15  | dB    |    |
| Total Harmonic Distortion plus Noise                    | TA = +25°C                                  | MAX293              |        | -71   | dB    |    |
|   |   | MAX294              |        | -69   |       |    |
|   |   | MAX297              |        | -77   |       |    |
| Clock Feedthrough                                       | TA = +25°C                                  |                     | 5.0    |       | mVp-p |    |
| Output Drive Capability                                 |   | 20                  | 10     |       | kΩ    |    |
| <b>CLOCK</b>  |   |                     |        |       |       |    |
| Internal Oscillator Frequency                           | COSC = 1000pF                               | 29                  | 35     | 43    | kHz   |    |
| Internal Oscillator Current Source/Sink                 | VCLK = 0V or 5V                             |                     | ±70    | ±120  | μA    |    |
| Clock Input (Note 2)                                    | High  | 4.0                 |        |       | V     |    |
|   | Low   |                     |        | 1.0   |       |    |
| <b>UNCOMMITTED OP AMP</b>                               |   |                     |        |       |       |    |
| Input Offset Voltage                                    |   |                     | ±10    | ±50   | mV    |    |
| Output Drive Capability                                 |   | 20                  | 10     |       | kΩ    |    |
| Output DC Swing   |   | ±4                  |        |       | V     |    |
| Gain-Bandwidth Product                                  |   |                     | 4      |       | MHz   |    |
| <b>POWER REQUIREMENTS</b>                               |   |                     |        |       |       |    |
| Supply Voltage  | Dual Supply                                 |                     | ±2.375 | ±5.5  | V     |    |
|   | Single Supply                               | V- = 0V, GND = V+/2 | 4.75   | 11.0  |       |    |
| Supply Current  | V+ = 5V, V- = -5V, VCLK = 0V to 5V          |                     | 15.0   | 22.0  | mA    |    |
|   | V+ = 2.375V, V- = -2.375V, VCLK = -2V to 2V |                     | 7.0    | 12.0  |       |    |

**Note 1:** Test frequencies selected at ripple peaks and troughs.

**Note 2:** Guaranteed by design.

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## Typical Operating Characteristics

(V+ = 5V, V- = -5V, f<sub>CLK</sub> = 100kHz (MAX293/MAX294) or f<sub>CLK</sub> = 50kHz (MAX297), T<sub>A</sub> = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.)

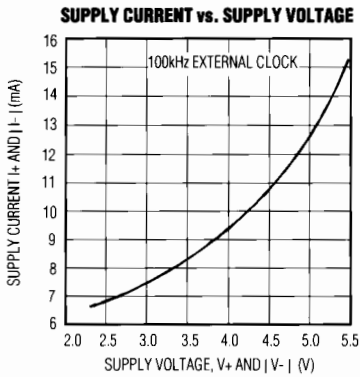
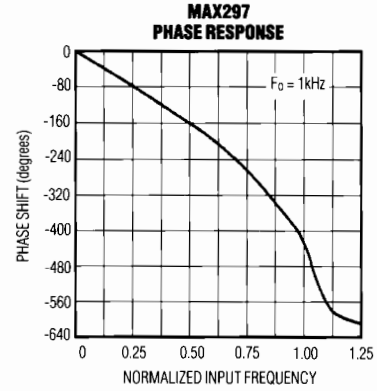


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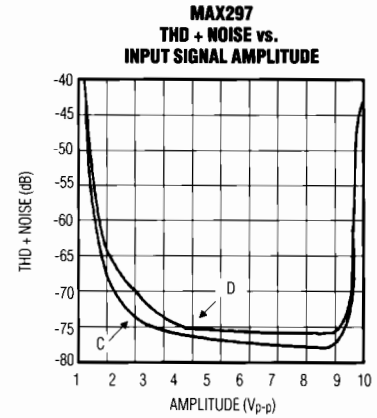
( $V_+ = 5V$ ,  $V_- = -5V$ ,  $f_{CLK} = 100kHz$  (MAX293/MAX294) or  $f_{CLK} = 50kHz$  (MAX297),  $T_A = +25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.)

MAX293/MAX294/MAX297



| LABEL | $f_{CLK}$ (Hz) | $F_o$ (kHz) | INPUT FREQ. (Hz) | MEASUREMENT BANDWIDTH (kHz) |
|-------|----------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| A     | 200k           | 2           | 200              | 30                          |
| B     | 1M             | 10          | 1k               | 80                          |
| C     | 200k           | 4           | 400              | 30                          |
| D     | 1M             | 20          | 2k               | 80                          |

( $V_+ = 5V$ ,  $V_- = -5V$ ,  $R_{LOAD} = 20k\Omega$ ,  $T_A = +25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.)



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### Pin Description

| 8-PIN DIP | PIN                |  | NAME   | FUNCTION  |
|-----------|--------------------|--|--------|---|
|           | 16-PIN SO          |  |        |   |
|           | 1,2,7,8,9,10,15,16 |  | N.C.   | No Connect—not internally connected   |
| 1         | 3                  |  | CLK    | Clock Input—use internal or external clock.   |
| 2         | 4                  |  | V-     | Negative Supply pin. Dual supplies: -2.375V to -5.5V. Single supply: V- = 0V.                 |
| 3         | 5                  |  | OP OUT | Uncommitted Op-Amp Output   |
| 4         | 6                  |  | OP IN- | Inverting Input to the uncommitted op amp. The noninverting op amp is internally tied to GND. |
| 5         | 11                 |  | OUT    | Filter Output   |
| 6         | 12                 |  | GND    | Ground. In single-supply operation, GND must be biased to the mid-supply voltage level.       |
| 7         | 13                 |  | V+     | Positive Supply pin. Dual supplies: +2.375V to +5.5V. Single supply: +4.75V to +11.0V.        |
| 8         | 14                 |  | IN     | Filter Input  |

### Detailed Description

The MAX293/MAX294/MAX297 8th-order (eight-pole), elliptic, switched-capacitor, lowpass filters provide the steepest possible rolloff with frequency of the four common filter types (Butterworth, Bessel, Chebyshev, elliptic). The high Q value of the poles near the passband edge combined with stopband zeros allows for the sharp attenuation characteristic of elliptic filters. The MAX293/MAX297 have a 1.5 transition ratio and typically -78dB and -79dB of stopband rejection, respectively; the MAX294 has a 1.2 transition ratio (providing the steepest rolloff) and typically -58dB of stopband rejection.

#### Passband Ripple and Corner Frequency

The MAX293/MAX294 operate with a 100:1 clock to corner frequency ratio and a 25kHz maximum corner frequency, with corner frequency defined as the point where the filter output attenuation falls just below the passband ripple (Figure 1). The passband ripple is typically 0.15dB (MAX293) and 0.27dB (MAX294). The MAX297 operates with a 50:1 clock to corner frequency ratio and a 50kHz maximum corner frequency. Its passband ripple is typically 0.23dB.

#### Transition Ratio and Stopband Response

In the frequency domain, the first transmission zero causes the filter's amplitude to drop to a minimum level.



Figure 1. Elliptic Filter Response



Figure 2. 8th-Order Ladder Filter Network

Beyond this zero, the response rises as the frequency increases until the next transmission zero. Several repetitions of this response create the filter's stopband comb shape (Figure 1). The stopband begins at  $f_s$ . At frequencies above  $f_s$ , the filter's gain does not exceed the gain at  $f_s$ . The transition ratio is defined as the ratio of the stopband frequency to the corner frequency.

### Background Information

Most switched-capacitor filters are designed with bi-quadratic sections. Each section implements two filtering poles, and the sections can be cascaded to produce higher-order filters. The advantage to this approach is ease of design. However, this type of design is highly sensitive to component variations if any section's Q is high.

An alternative approach is to emulate a passive network using switched-capacitor integrators with summing and scaling. The passive network can be synthesized using CAD programs, or can be found in many filter books. Figure 2 shows the basic ladder filter structure.

A switched-capacitor filter that emulates a passive ladder filter retains many of its advantages. The filter's component sensitivity is low when compared to a cascaded biquad design because each component affects the entire filter shape, not just one pole pair. That is, a mismatched component in a biquad design will have a concentrated error on its respective poles, while the

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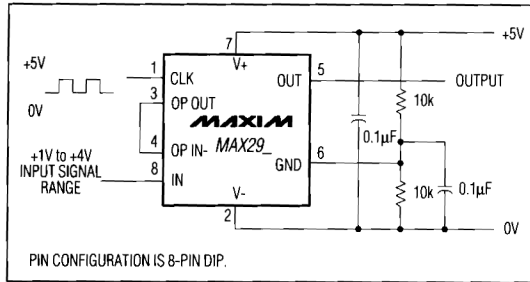


Figure 3. +5V Single-Supply Operation

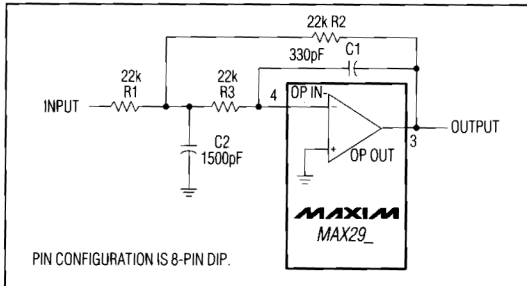


Figure 4. Uncommitted Op Amp Configured as a 2nd-Order Butterworth Lowpass Filter ( $F_o = 10\text{kHz}$ )

same mismatch in a ladder filter design will spread its error over all poles.

### Clock-Signal Requirements

The MAX293/MAX294/MAX297 maximum recommended clock frequency is 2.5MHz, producing a cutoff frequency of 25kHz for the MAX293/MAX294 and 50kHz for the MAX297. The CLK pin can be driven by an external clock or by the internal oscillator with an external capacitor. For external clock applications, the clock circuitry has been designed to interface with +5V CMOS logic. Drive the CLK pin with a CMOS gate powered from 0V and +5V when using either a single supply or dual  $\pm 5\text{V}$  supplies. Varying the rate of an external clock will dynamically adjust the filter's corner frequency.

When using the internal oscillator, the capacitance (COSC) on the CLK pin determines the oscillator frequency:

$$f_{\text{OSC}}(\text{kHz}) = \frac{10^5}{3\text{COSC}(\text{pF})}$$

The stray capacitance at CLK should be minimized, since it will affect the internal oscillator frequency.

## Applications Information

### Power Supplies

The MAX293/MAX294/MAX297 operate from either dual or single power supplies. The dual-supply voltage range is  $\pm 2.375\text{V}$  to  $\pm 5.5\text{V}$  (0.1 $\mu\text{F}$  bypass capacitors from each supply to GND are recommended). When using a single supply, tie the V- pin to ground and bias the GND pin to the mid-supply point using a resistor-divider network, as shown in Figure 3.

### Input-Signal Amplitude Range

The ideal input-signal range is determined by observing at what voltage level the signal-to-noise plus distortion (SINAD) ratio is maximized for a given corner frequency. The *Typical Operating Characteristics* show the MAX293/MAX294/MAX297 THD + Noise response as the input signal's peak-to-peak amplitude is varied.

### Uncommitted Op Amp

The uncommitted op amp has its noninverting input connected to the GND pin, and can be used to build a 1st- or 2nd-order continuous-time lowpass filter. This filter is intended for anti-aliasing applications preceding the switched-capacitor filter, but it can be used as a post-filter to reduce clock noise. Figure 4 shows one of many filters that can be built with this op amp: a 2nd-order Butterworth filter with a 10kHz corner frequency and an input impedance greater than 22k $\Omega$ . Table 1 gives alternative component values for different corner frequencies of the same Butterworth filter.

Table 1. Component Values for Figure 4's Filter

| Corner Freq. (Hz) | R1 (k $\Omega$ ) | R2 (k $\Omega$ ) | R3 (k $\Omega$ ) | C1 (F) | C2 (F)    |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------|-----------|
| 100k              | 10               | 10               | 10               | 68p    | 330p      |
| 50k               | 20               | 20               | 20               | 68p    | 330p      |
| 25k               | 20               | 20               | 20               | 150p   | 680p      |
| 10k               | 22               | 22               | 22               | 330p   | 1.5n      |
| 1k                | 22               | 22               | 22               | 3.3n   | 15n       |
| 100               | 22               | 22               | 22               | 33n    | 150n      |
| 10                | 22               | 22               | 22               | 330n   | 1.5 $\mu$ |

**NOTE:** Some approximations have been made in selecting preferred component values.

The passband error caused by a 2nd-order Butterworth can be calculated using the formula:

$$\text{Gain error} = -10\log \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{f}{f_c} \right)^4 \right] \text{ dB}$$

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As the passband ripple of the MAX293/MAX294/MAX297 elliptic filters is of the order of  $\pm 0.1\text{dB}$ , it is normally appropriate to keep the passband errors of any anti-aliasing filter at or below this level. This is achieved by choosing the corner frequency of Figure 4's Butterworth filter ( $f_{cB}$ ) to be higher than the corner frequency of the elliptic switched-capacitor filter ( $f_{cE}$ ) by a factor of 2.5 or more. A factor of 5 or more is recommended to avoid problems with component tolerances, i.e.  $f_{cB} > 5(f_{cE})$ .

When using the uncommitted op amp as a post-filter to reduce clock noise, keep the filter's input impedance above  $20\text{k}\Omega$  to avoid excessive loading of the switched-capacitor filter. Note that the op amp experiences some clock feedthrough, so it is generally more useful for anti-aliasing than for clock-noise attenuation.

### DAC Post-Filtering

When using the MAX293/MAX294/MAX297 for DAC post-filtering, synchronize the DAC and the filter clocks. If

clocks are not synchronized, beat frequencies will alias into the desired passband. The DAC's clock should be generated by dividing down the switched-capacitor filter's clock.

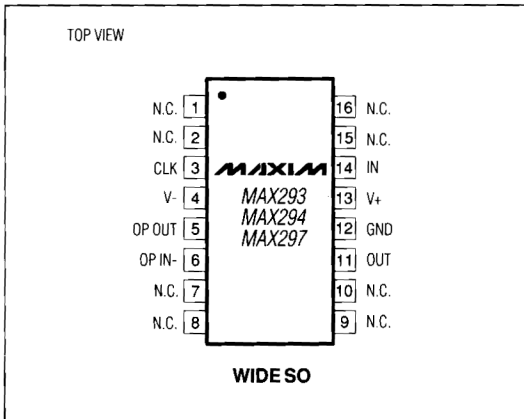
### Harmonic Distortion

Harmonic distortion arises from nonlinearities within the filter. These nonlinearities generate harmonics when a pure sine wave is applied to the filter input. Table 2 lists typical harmonic distortion values for the MAX293/MAX294/MAX297 with a 1kHz 5Vp-p sine wave input signal, a 1MHz clock frequency, and a  $20\text{k}\Omega$  load.

**Table 2. Typical Harmonic Distortion (dB)**

| FILTER | HARMONIC |     |     |     |
|--------|----------|-----|-----|-----|
|        | 2nd      | 3rd | 4th | 5th |
| MAX293 | 70       | 90  | 88  | 92  |
| MAX294 | 67       | 90  | 92  | 94  |
| MAX297 | 84       | 89  | 93  | 99  |

### Pin Configurations (continued)



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