General Description

The MAX3160E evaluation kit (EV kit) circuit demonstrates the RS-232/RS-485/RS-422 multiprotocol transceivers using the MAX3160E IC. The circuit can be configured to operate as a dual transceiver in RS-232 mode or as a single transceiver in RS-485/RS-422 mode. The MAX3160E RS-232 data rates can reach 1Mbps, while RS-485/RS-422 data rates can reach 10Mbps. The configurable slew-rate limiting feature reduces data rates for either protocol to achieve reduced EMI.

In RS-485/RS-422 mode, the EV kit demonstrates full-duplex or half-duplex communication. The MAX3160E drivers feature short-circuit and thermal protection as well as fail-safe circuitry for open, shorted, or unconnected RS-485/RS-422 receiver inputs. The MAX3160E EV kit operates from a single 3V to 5.5VDC supply capable of providing 100mA.

Features

- 3V to 5.5V Single-Supply Operation
- Configurable Multiprotocol Operation
  - 2Tx/2Rx RS-232 Transceivers
  - Single RS-485/RS-422 Transceiver
- 10Mbps RS-485/RS-422 Data Rates and 1Mbps RS-232 Data Rates
- Configurable RS-232/RS-485 Transmitter Slew Rates
- Configurable Full-Duplex/Half-Duplex RS-485/RS-422 Operation
- Fully Assembled and Tested

Component List

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<th>DESIGNATION</th>
<th>QTY</th>
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<td>C1, C2, C3, C5</td>
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<td>C6</td>
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<td>J1</td>
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<td>DB9 male right-angle connector</td>
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<td>JU1–JU4, JU9, JU10</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>2-pin headers</td>
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<td>JU5–JU8</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3-pin headers</td>
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<td>R1–R4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>100kΩ ±5% resistors (0603)</td>
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<td>R5, R6</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>120Ω ±1% resistors (1206)</td>
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<td>U1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>MAX3160EEAP+ (20-pin SSOP)</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>Shunts (JU1–JU10)</td>
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<td>PCB: MAX3160E Evaluation Kit+</td>
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Ordering Information

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<th>PART</th>
<th>TEMP RANGE</th>
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<td>MAX3160EEVKIT+</td>
<td>0°C to +70°C*</td>
<td>20 SSOP</td>
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*Denotes a lead-free and RoHS-compliant EV kit.
*This limited temperature range applies to the EV kit PCB only. The MAX3160E IC temperature range is -40°C to +85°C.

Component Supplier

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Note: Indicate that you are using the MAX3160E when contacting this component supplier.
Evaluates: MAX3160E

**MAX3160E Evaluation Kit**

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**Quick Start**

**Recommended Equipment**

- 3.3V, 0.5A DC power supply
- Logic function generator
- Oscilloscope

**Procedure**

The MAX3160E EV kit is fully assembled and tested. Follow the steps below to verify board operation. **Caution: Do not turn on the power supply until all connections are completed.**

1. Verify that shunts are installed across pins 1-2 of jumpers JU5, JU6, JU7, and JU8 (data communications equipment (DCE) mode).
2. Verify that a shunt is installed on jumpers JU3 (RS-232 mode) and JU4 (full-duplex mode).
3. Verify that shunts are not installed on jumpers JU1 (MAX3160E enabled), JU2 (fast mode), and JU9 and JU10 (RS-485/RS-422 differential I/O not terminated).
4. Set the DC power supply output to 3.3V and disable the output.
5. Set the logic function generator to a 3.3VP-P, 500kHz, 1.65VDC offset square wave and disable the output. Terminate the function generator as needed.
6. Connect the DC power-supply positive output to the VCC pad on the EV kit.
7. Connect the supply ground to the GND pad next to VCC on the EV kit.
8. Connect the logic function generator output to the DI/T1IN PCB pad and connect ground to the GND PCB pad.
9. Enable the power-supply output and then the function generator output.
10. Use the oscilloscope to measure the transmitter output \( Z(B)/T1OUT \) at pin 3 of jumper JU5. Verify that the waveform is a 500kHz square wave and is approximately \( \pm 5\text{VP-P} \).

**Detailed Description**

The MAX3160E EV kit demonstrates the MAX3160E RS-232/RS-485/RS-422 multiprotocol transceiver IC. The EV kit operates from a 3V to 5.5VDC source capable of supplying 100mA. The EV kit features jumpers to configure the communication protocol to RS-232 operation or RS-485/RS-422 operation. In RS-232 mode operation, the MAX3160E communicates at data rates up to 1Mbps. In RS-485/RS-422 mode operation, the differential driver and receiver operate in full-duplex or half-duplex mode and communicate at data rates up to 10Mbps. The MAX3160E receiver represents a 1/8 unit load on the RS-485/RS-422 bus. Resistors R5 and R6 provide a configurable termination for the RS-485/RS-422 bus.

PCB pads and DB9 connector J1 are available for interfacing with an RS-232/RS-485/RS-422 serial line. See Table 5 and Figures 1, 2, and 3 for the respective signal pins or pads.

**Jumper Selection**

**Enable**

The MAX3160E EV kit features jumper JU1 to enable the MAX3160E or place the IC in shutdown mode, thus reducing quiescent current. A SHDN PCB pad is also provided for the shutdown signal to interface with an external controller. See Table 1 for configuring jumper JU1.

**Table 1. MAX3160E Enable (Jumper JU1)**

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<th>SHUNT POSITION</th>
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<th>EV KIT FUNCTION</th>
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<tr>
<td>Installed</td>
<td>Connected to GND</td>
<td>MAX3160E shutdown</td>
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<tr>
<td>Not installed</td>
<td>Connected to VCC through resistor R1</td>
<td>MAX3160E enabled</td>
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**Slew-Rate Selection**

Jumper JU2 on the EV kit configures the MAX3160E communication slew-rate mode. Slew-rate limited-mode operation minimizes EMI radiation, while fast-mode operation optimizes maximum data rates for either protocol. See Table 2 for configuring jumper JU2 and refer to the MAX3160E IC data sheet for more information on slew-rate configuration.

**Table 2. Slew Rate (Jumper JU2)**

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<td>Installed</td>
<td>Connected to GND</td>
<td>Slow-rate limited mode; RS-232/RS-485/RS-422 250kbps maximum data rate</td>
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<tr>
<td>Not installed</td>
<td>Connected to VCC through resistor R2</td>
<td>Fast mode. RS-232 1Mbps maximum data rate; RS-485/RS-422 10Mbps maximum data rate</td>
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RS-232/RS-485/RS-422 Protocol Selection
EV kit jumper JU3 sets the communication protocol to either RS-232 or RS-485/RS-422. See Table 3 for configuring jumper JU3. For additional protocol-configuration information, refer to the Functional Diagrams section of the MAX3160E IC data sheet.

RS-485/RS-422 Communication Mode
EV kit jumper JU4 configures the MAX3160E IC’s RS-485/RS-422 communication mode to full duplex or half duplex. To receive RS-485 data, disable the RS-485 outputs by driving the DE485/T2IN PCB pad low. See Table 4 to configure jumper JU4 for the desired mode of communication.

DTE/DCE Connections
The EV kit features jumpers JU5, JU6, JU7, and JU8 to configure the RS-232 connector J1 as a data terminal equipment (DTE) or as a data communications equipment (DCE) connector. See Table 5 for configuring the respective jumpers for DTE or DCE connection mode.

RS-485/RS-422 Termination
EV kit jumpers JU9 and JU10 configure the RS-485/RS-422 termination. JU9 sets the input termination with resistor R6. JU10 sets the output termination with resistor R5. See Table 6 for the RS-485/RS-422 termination options.

EV Kit I/O Connections
The MAX3160E EV kit features PCB pads for interfacing with logic signals. PCB pads and a DB9 connector (J1) are available to interface with an RS-232/RS-485/RS-422 serial line. See Figures 1 or 2 for RS-232 or RS-485/RS-422 transceiver functional modes. The RS-232/RS-485/RS-422 input range is ±25V and the output range is ±5V.
Figure 1. MAX3160E EV Kit I/O Function in RS-232 Mode

Figure 2. MAX3160E EV Kit I/O Function in RS-485/RS-422 Mode (Full Duplex)
Figure 3. MAX3160E EV Kit Schematic


Figure 4. MAX3160E EV Kit Component Placement Guide—Component Side

Figure 5. MAX3160E EV Kit PCB Layout—Component Side
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Figure 6. MAX3160E EV Kit PCB Layout—Solder Side