



# 5.0Gbps PCI Express Passive Switches

## General Description

The MAX4888A/MAX4889A high-speed passive switches route PCI Express® (PCIe) data between two possible destinations. The MAX4888A is a quad single-pole/double-throw (4 x SPDT) switch ideally suited for switching two half lanes of PCIe data between two destinations. The MAX4889A is an octal single-pole/double-throw (8 x SPDT) switch ideal for switching four half lanes of PCIe data between four destinations. The MAX4888A/MAX4889A feature a single digital control input (SEL) to switch signal paths.

The MAX4888A/MAX4889A are fully specified to operate from a single +3.0V to +3.6V power supply††. The MAX4888A is available in a 3.5mm x 5.5mm, 28-pin TQFN package. The MAX4889A is available in a 3.5mm x 9.0mm, 42-pin TQFN package. Both devices operate over the -40°C to +85°C temperature range.

## Features

- ◆ Single +3.0V to +3.6V Power-Supply Voltage
- ◆ Low Same-Pair Skew of 7ps
- ◆ Low 120μA (Max) Quiescent Current
- ◆ Supports PCIe Gen I and Gen II Data Rates
- ◆ Flow-Through Pin Configuration for Ease of Layout
- ◆ Industry-Compatible Pinout
- ◆ Lead-Free Packaging

## Applications

Desktop Computers  
Servers/Storage Area Networks  
Laptops

## Ordering Information/Selector Guide

| PART         | TEMP RANGE     | PIN-PACKAGE | CONFIGURATION   |
|--------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| MAX4888AETI+ | -40°C to +85°C | 28 TQFN-EP* | Two Half Lanes  |
| MAX4889AETO+ | -40°C to +85°C | 42 TQFN-EP* | Four Half Lanes |

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

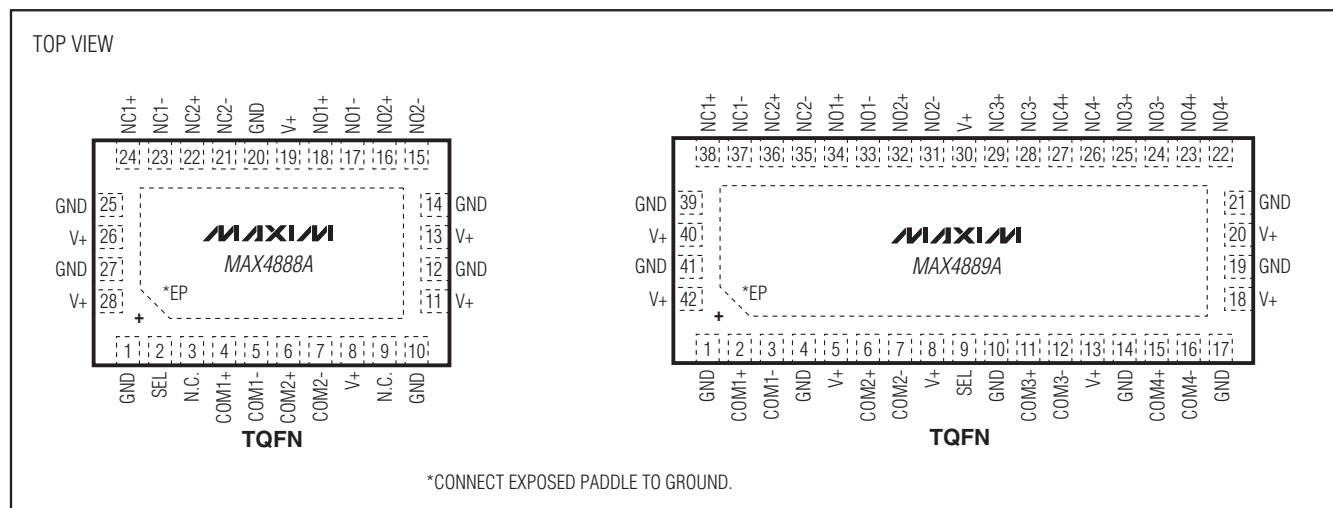
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Typical Application Circuit appears at end of data sheet.

## Pin Configurations



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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

(All voltages referenced to GND, unless otherwise noted.)

|                                             |                           |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| V+                                          | .....-0.3V to +4V         |
| SEL, COM__, NO__, NC__ (Note 1)             | .....-0.3V to (V+ + 0.3V) |
| I COM__ - NO__ I, I COM__ - NC__ I (Note 1) | .....0 to +2V             |
| Continuous Current (COM__ to NO__/NC__)     | .....±70mA                |
| Peak Current (COM__ to NO__/NC__)           | .....±70mA                |
| (pulsed at 1ms, 10% duty cycle)             | .....±70mA                |
| Continuous Current (SEL)                    | .....±30mA                |
| Peak Current (SEL)                          | .....±30mA                |
| (pulsed at 1ms, 10% duty cycle)             | .....±150mA               |

Continuous Power Dissipation (T<sub>A</sub> = +70°C)

28-Pin TQFN (derate 20.8mW/°C above +70°C) ....1666.7mW

42-Pin TQFN (derate 35.7mW/°C above +70°C) ....2857.1mW

Operating Temperature Range .....-40°C to +85°C

Storage Temperature Range .....-65°C to +150°C

Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s) .....+300°C

Junction Temperature .....+150°C

**Note 1:** Signals on SEL, NO\_\_, NC\_\_ or COM\_\_ exceeding V+ or GND are clamped by internal diodes. Limit forward-diode current to maximum current rating.

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+ = +3.0V to +3.6V, T<sub>A</sub> = -40°C to +85°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at V+ = +3.3V, T<sub>A</sub> = +25°C.) (Note 2)

| PARAMETER                                         | SYMBOL                                                                                      | CONDITIONS                                                                                                            | MIN | TYP        | MAX | UNITS |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------------|-----|-------|
| <b>ANALOG SWITCH</b>                              |                                                                                             |                                                                                                                       |     |            |     |       |
| Analog-Signal Range                               | V <sub>COM_</sub> ,<br>V <sub>NO_</sub> , V <sub>NC_</sub>                                  |                                                                                                                       |     | (V+ - 1.2) |     | V     |
| Voltage Between COM and NO/NC                     | I V <sub>COM_</sub> -<br>V <sub>NO_</sub> I,<br>I V <sub>COM_</sub> -<br>V <sub>NC_</sub> I |                                                                                                                       | 0   |            | 1.8 | V     |
| On-Resistance                                     | R <sub>ON</sub>                                                                             | V+ = +3.0V, I <sub>COM_</sub> = 15mA,<br>V <sub>NO_</sub> or V <sub>NC_</sub> = 0V, +1.8V                             |     | 7          |     | Ω     |
| On-Resistance Match Between Pairs of Same Channel | R <sub>ON</sub>                                                                             | V+ = +3.0V, I <sub>COM_</sub> = 15mA,<br>V <sub>NO_</sub> or V <sub>NC_</sub> = 0V (Notes 3, 4)                       |     | 0.1        | 1   | Ω     |
| On-Resistance Match Between Channels              | R <sub>ON</sub>                                                                             | V+ = +3.0V, I <sub>COM_</sub> = 15mA,<br>V <sub>NO_</sub> or V <sub>NC_</sub> = 0V (Notes 3, 4)                       |     | 0.6        | 2   | Ω     |
| On-Resistance Flatness                            | R <sub>FLAT(ON)</sub>                                                                       | V+ = +3.0V, I <sub>COM_</sub> = 15mA<br>V <sub>NO_</sub> or V <sub>NC_</sub> = 0V, +1.8V (Notes 4, 5)                 |     | 0.06       | 2   | Ω     |
| NO_ or NC_ Off-Leakage Current                    | I <sub>NO_(OFF)</sub><br>I <sub>NC_(OFF)</sub>                                              | V+ = +3.6V, V <sub>COM_</sub> = 0V, +1.8V,<br>V <sub>NO_</sub> or V <sub>NC_</sub> = +1.8V, 0V                        | -1  |            | +1  | μA    |
| COM_ On-Leakage Current                           | I <sub>COM_(ON)</sub>                                                                       | V+ = +3.6V, V <sub>COM_</sub> = 0V, +1.8V,<br>V <sub>NO_</sub> or V <sub>NC_</sub> = V <sub>COM_</sub> or unconnected | -1  |            | +1  | μA    |

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## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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| PARAMETER                     | SYMBOL        | CONDITIONS                                                               |                      | MIN  | TYP | MAX  | UNITS |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------|-----|------|-------|
| DYNAMIC                       |               |                                                                          |                      |      |     |      |       |
| Turn-On Time                  | tON           | VNO_ or VNC_ = +1.0V, RL = 50Ω, Figure 1                                 |                      | 90   | 250 |      | ns    |
| Turn-Off Time                 | tOFF          | VNO_ or VNC_ = +1.0V, RL = 50Ω, Figure 1                                 |                      | 10   | 50  |      | ns    |
| Propagation Delay             | tPD           | RS = RL = 50Ω, unbalanced, Figure 2                                      |                      | 50   |     |      | ps    |
| Output Skew Between Pairs     | tSK1          | RS = RL = 50Ω, unbalanced; skew between any two pairs, Figure 2          |                      | 50   |     |      | ps    |
| Output Skew Between Same Pair | tSK2          | RS = RL = 50Ω, unbalanced; skew between two lines on same pair, Figure 2 |                      | 10   |     |      | ps    |
| On-Loss                       | GLOS          | RS = RL = 50Ω, unbalanced, Figure 3                                      | 1MHz < f < 100MHz    | -0.5 |     |      | dB    |
|                               |               |                                                                          | 500MHz < f < 1.25GHz | -1.4 |     |      |       |
| Crosstalk                     | VCT1          | Crosstalk between any two pairs, RS = RL = 50Ω, unbalanced, Figure 3     | f = 50MHz            | -53  |     |      | dB    |
|                               |               |                                                                          | f = 1.25GHz          | -32  |     |      |       |
| Signaling Data Rate           | BR            | RS = RL = 50Ω                                                            |                      | 5.0  |     |      | Gbps  |
| Off-Isolation                 | VISO          | Signal = 0dBm, RS = RL = 50Ω, Figure 3                                   | f = 10MHz            | -56  |     |      | dB    |
|                               |               |                                                                          | f = 1.25GHz          | -26  |     |      |       |
| NO_/NC_ Off-Capacitance       | CNO_/NC_(OFF) | Figure 4                                                                 |                      | 1    |     |      | pF    |
| COM_ On-Capacitance           | CCOM_(ON)     | Figure 4                                                                 |                      | 2    |     |      | pF    |
| LOGIC INPUT                   |               |                                                                          |                      |      |     |      |       |
| Input-Logic Low               | VIL           |                                                                          |                      |      | 0.5 |      | V     |
| Input-Logic High              | VIH           |                                                                          |                      | 1.4  |     |      | V     |
| Input-Logic Hysteresis        | VHYST         |                                                                          |                      | 100  |     |      | mV    |
| Input Leakage Current         | IIN           | VSEL = 0V or V+                                                          |                      | -1   |     | +1   | μA    |
| POWER SUPPLY                  |               |                                                                          |                      |      |     |      |       |
| Power-Supply Range            | V+            |                                                                          |                      | 1.65 |     | 3.60 | V     |
| V+ Supply Current             | I+            | VSEL = 0V or V+                                                          | MAX4888A             |      | 60  |      | μA    |
|                               |               |                                                                          | MAX4889A             |      | 120 |      |       |
| Input Leakage Current         | IIN           | VSEL = 0V or V+                                                          |                      | -1   |     | +1   | μA    |
| ESD PROTECTION                |               |                                                                          |                      |      |     |      |       |
| COM_+, COM_-                  |               | Human Body Model                                                         |                      |      | ±6  |      | kV    |

**Note 2:** All units are 100% production tested at T<sub>A</sub> = +85°C. Limits over the operating temperature range are guaranteed by design and characterization and are not production tested.

**Note 3:** ΔRON = RON(MAX) - RON(MIN).

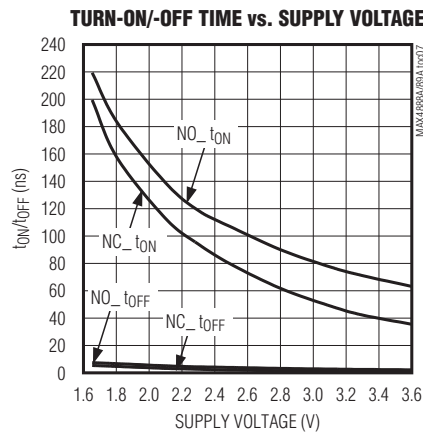
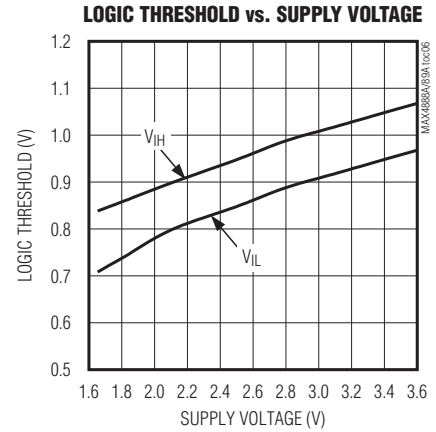
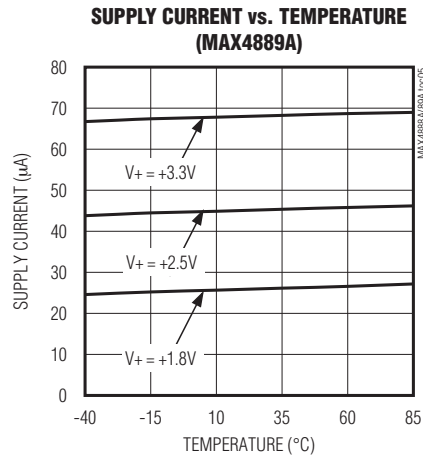
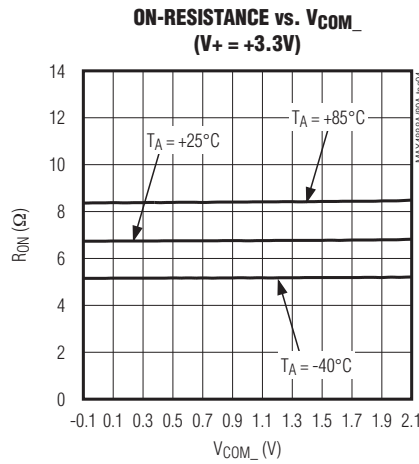
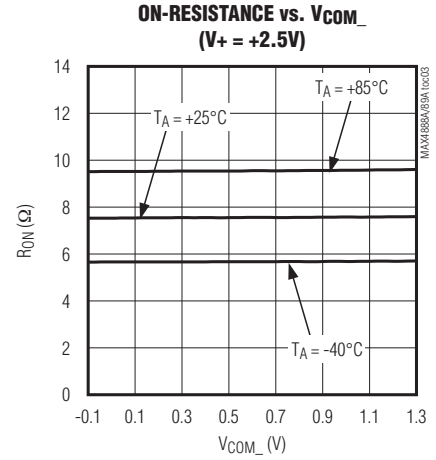
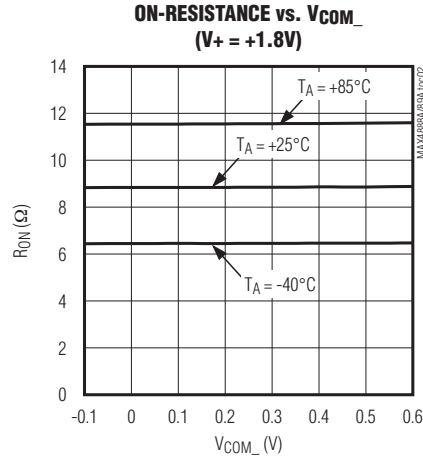
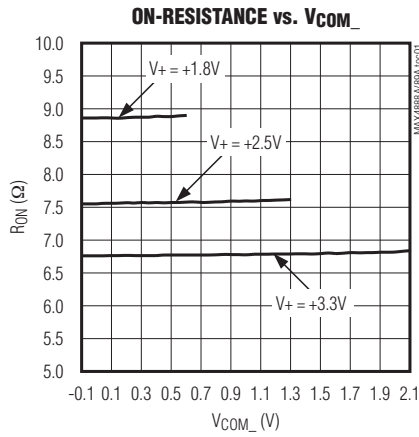
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**Note 5:** Flatness is defined as the difference between the maximum and minimum value of on-resistance as measured over the specified analog signal range.

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## Typical Operating Characteristics

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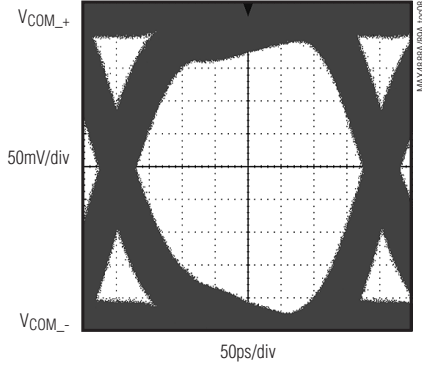


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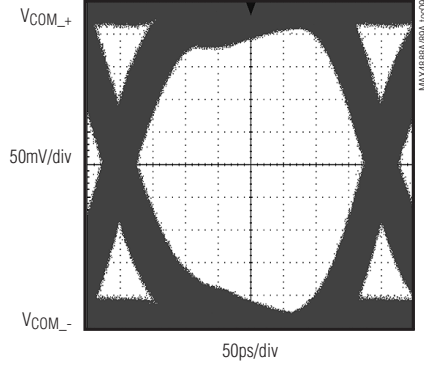
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**EYE DIAGRAM**  
( $V_+ = +1.8\text{V}$ ,  $f = 1.25\text{GHz}$ ,  
600mV<sub>p-p</sub> PRBS SIGNAL,  $R_S = R_L = 50\Omega$ )†



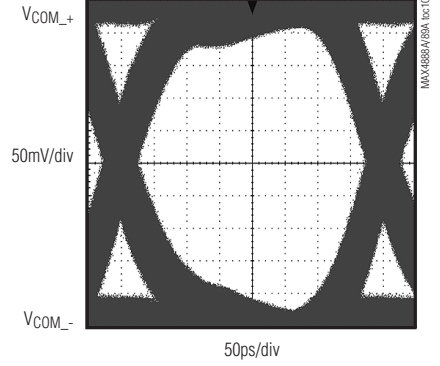
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**EYE DIAGRAM**  
( $V_+ = +2.5\text{V}$ ,  $f = 1.25\text{GHz}$ ,  
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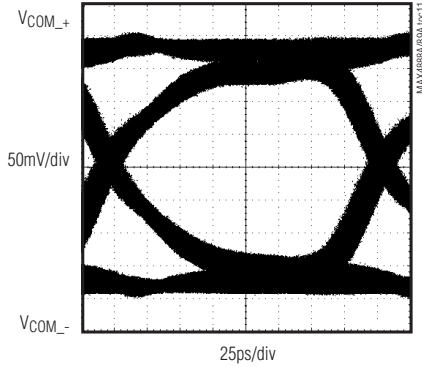
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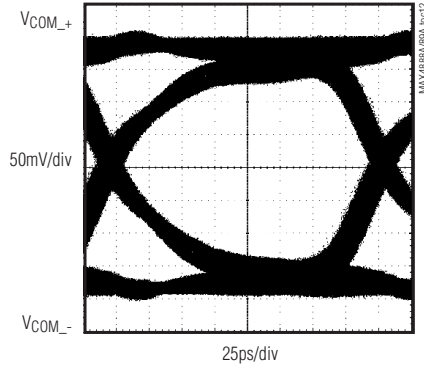
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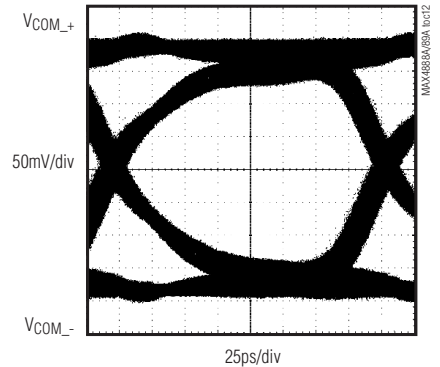
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### Pin Description

| PIN                       |                                  | NAME  | FUNCTION                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MAX4888A                  | MAX4889A                         |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 1, 10, 12, 14, 20, 25, 27 | 1, 4, 10, 14, 17, 19, 21, 39, 41 | GND   | Ground                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2                         | 9                                | SEL   | Digital Control Input                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 3, 9                      | —                                | N.C.  | No Connection. Not internally connected.                                                                                                                                                               |
| 4                         | 2                                | COM1+ | Analog Switch 1. Common Positive Terminal.                                                                                                                                                             |
| 5                         | 3                                | COM1- | Analog Switch 1. Common Negative Terminal.                                                                                                                                                             |
| 6                         | 6                                | COM2+ | Analog Switch 2. Common Positive Terminal.                                                                                                                                                             |
| 7                         | 7                                | COM2- | Analog Switch 2. Common Negative Terminal.                                                                                                                                                             |
| 8, 11, 13, 19, 26, 28     | 5, 8, 13, 18, 20, 30, 40, 42     | V+    | Positive-Supply Voltage Input. Connect V+ to a +3.0V to +3.6V supply voltage. Bypass V+ to GND with a 0.1µF capacitor placed as close to the device as possible (See the <i>Board Layout</i> section). |
| 15                        | 31                               | NO2-  | Analog Switch 2. Normally Open Negative Terminal.                                                                                                                                                      |
| 16                        | 32                               | NO2+  | Analog Switch 2. Normally Open Positive Terminal.                                                                                                                                                      |
| 17                        | 33                               | NO1-  | Analog Switch 1. Normally Open Negative Terminal.                                                                                                                                                      |
| 18                        | 34                               | NO1+  | Analog Switch 1. Normally Open Positive Terminal.                                                                                                                                                      |
| 21                        | 35                               | NC2-  | Analog Switch 2. Normally Closed Negative Terminal.                                                                                                                                                    |
| 22                        | 36                               | NC2+  | Analog Switch 2. Normally Closed Positive Terminal.                                                                                                                                                    |
| 23                        | 37                               | NC1-  | Analog Switch 1. Normally Closed Negative Terminal.                                                                                                                                                    |
| 24                        | 38                               | NC1+  | Analog Switch 1. Normally Closed Positive Terminal.                                                                                                                                                    |
| —                         | 11                               | COM3+ | Analog Switch 3. Common Positive Terminal.                                                                                                                                                             |
| —                         | 12                               | COM3- | Analog Switch 3. Common Negative Terminal.                                                                                                                                                             |
| —                         | 15                               | COM4+ | Analog Switch 4. Common Positive Terminal.                                                                                                                                                             |
| —                         | 16                               | COM4- | Analog Switch 4. Common Negative Terminal.                                                                                                                                                             |
| —                         | 22                               | NO4-  | Analog Switch 4. Normally Open Negative Terminal.                                                                                                                                                      |
| —                         | 23                               | NO4+  | Analog Switch 4. Normally Open Positive Terminal.                                                                                                                                                      |
| —                         | 24                               | NO3-  | Analog Switch 3. Normally Open Negative Terminal.                                                                                                                                                      |
| —                         | 25                               | NO3+  | Analog Switch 3. Normally Open Positive Terminal.                                                                                                                                                      |
| —                         | 26                               | NC4-  | Analog Switch 4. Normally Closed Negative Terminal.                                                                                                                                                    |
| —                         | 27                               | NC4+  | Analog Switch 4. Normally Closed Positive Terminal.                                                                                                                                                    |
| —                         | 28                               | NC3-  | Analog Switch 3. Normally Closed Negative Terminal.                                                                                                                                                    |
| —                         | 29                               | NC3+  | Analog Switch 3. Normally Closed Positive Terminal.                                                                                                                                                    |
| —                         | —                                | EP    | Exposed Paddle. Connect EP to GND.                                                                                                                                                                     |

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## Test Circuits/Timing Diagrams

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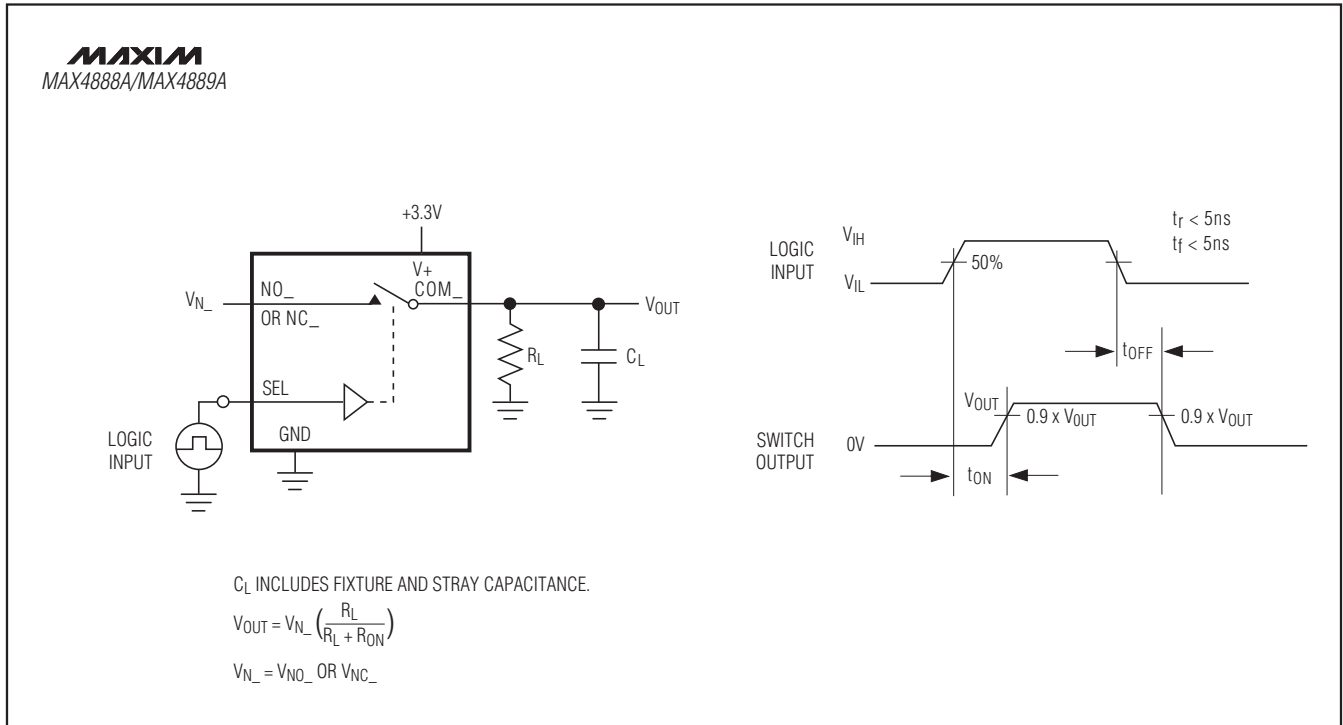


Figure 1. Switching Time

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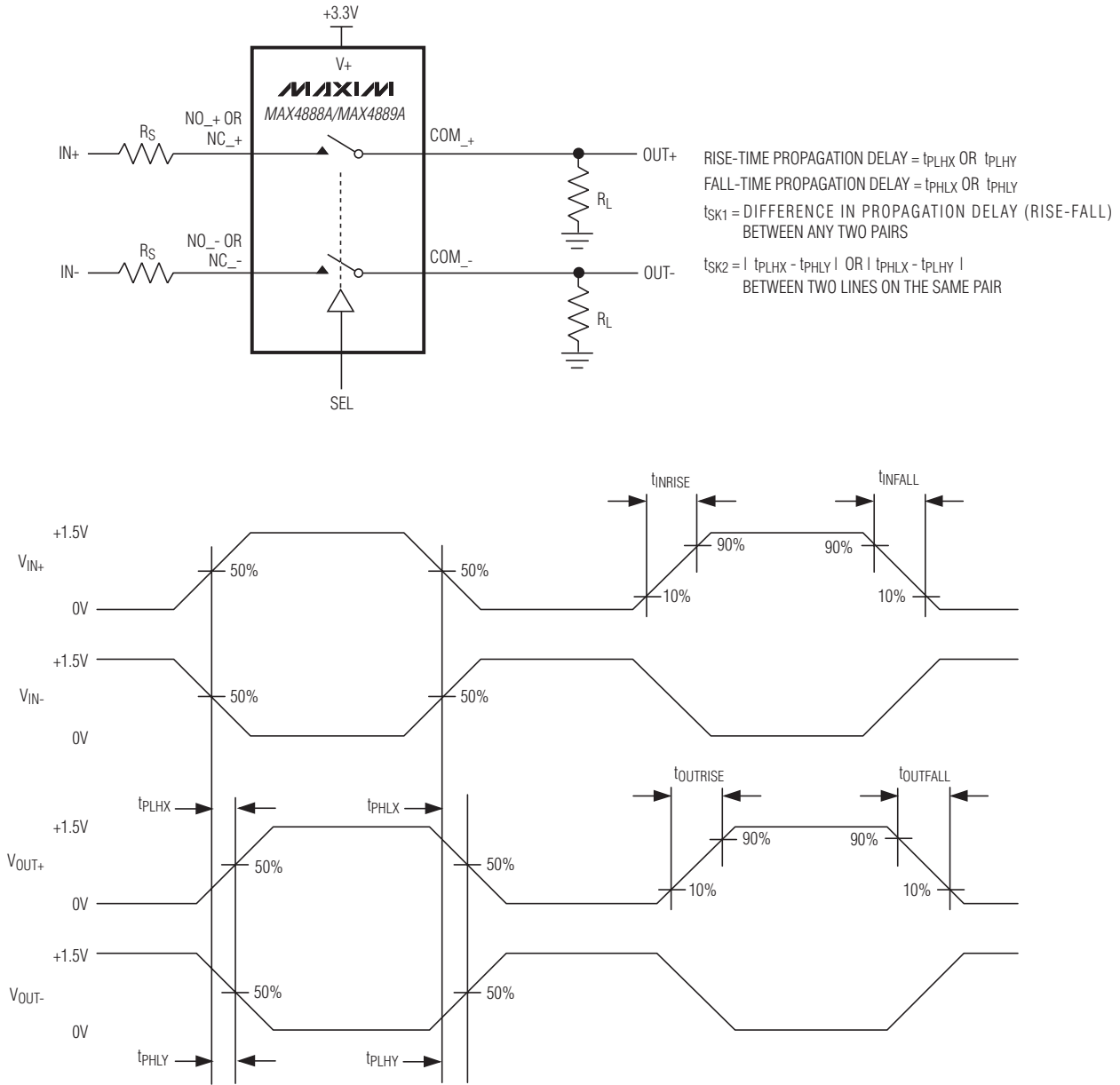


Figure 2. Propagation Delay and Output Skew

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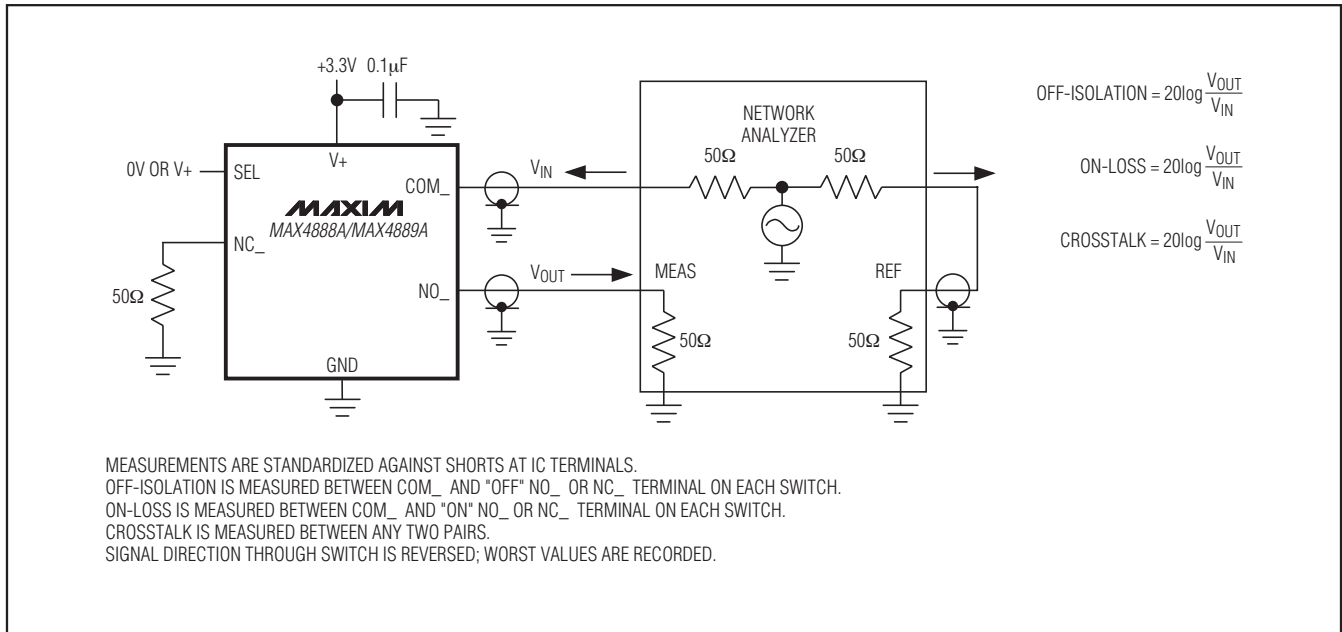


Figure 3. On-Loss, Off-Isolation, and Crosstalk

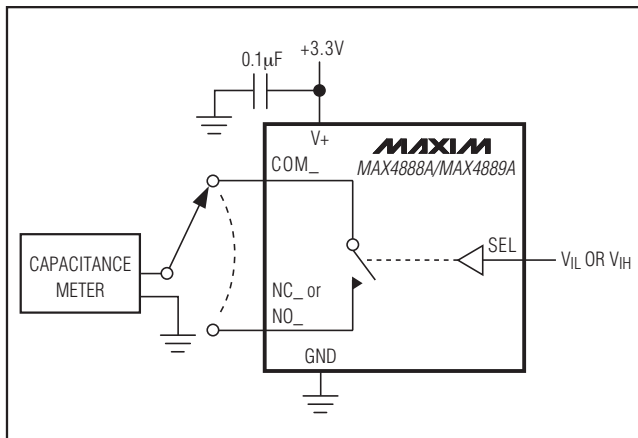


Figure 4. Channel Off-/On-Capacitance

## Detailed Description

The MAX4888A/MAX4889A high-speed passive switches route PCIe data between two possible destinations. The MAX4888A/MAX4889A are ideal for routing PCIe signals to change the system configuration. For example, in a graphics application, the MAX4888A/MAX4889A create

two sets of eight lanes from a single 16-lane bus. The MAX4888A/MAX4889A feature a single digital control input (SEL) to switch signal paths.

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### Digital Control Input (SEL)

The MAX4888A/MAX4889A provide a single digital control input (SEL) to select the signal path between the COM\_ and NO\_/NC\_ channels. The truth tables for the MAX4888A/MAX4889A are depicted in the *Functional Diagrams/Truth Table* section. Drive SEL rail-to-rail to minimize power consumption.

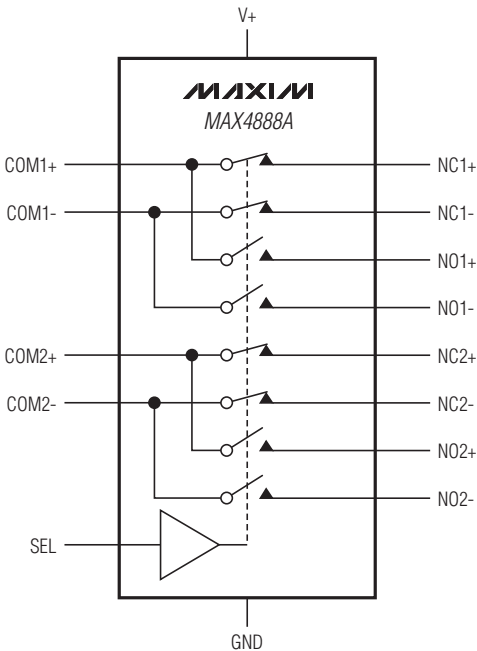
### Analog Signal Levels

The MAX4888A/MAX4889A accept standard PCIe signals to a maximum of  $V+ - 1.2V$ . Signals on the COM\_+ channels are routed to either the NO\_+ or NC\_+ channels, and signals on the COM\_- channels are routed to either the NO\_- or NC\_- channels. The MAX4888A/MAX4889A are bidirectional switches, allowing COM\_, NO\_, and NC\_ to be used as either inputs or outputs.

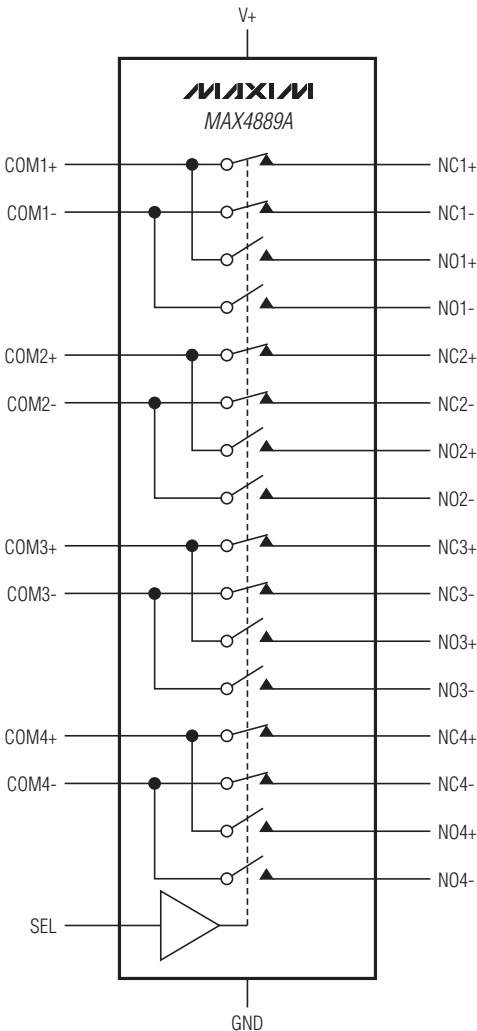
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Functional Diagrams/Truth Table



| SEL | COM_TO NC__ | COM_TO NO__ |
|-----|-------------|-------------|
| 0   | ON          | OFF         |
| 1   | OFF         | ON          |



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## Applications Information

### PCIe Switching

The MAX4888A/MAX4889A primary applications are aimed at reallocating PCIe lanes (see Figure 5). For example, in graphics applications, several manufacturers have found that it is possible to improve performance by a factor of nearly two by splitting a single 16-lane PCIe bus into two 8-lane buses. Two of the more prominent examples are SLI™ (Scaled Link Interface) and CrossFire™. The MAX4889A permits a computer motherboard to operate properly with a single 16-lane graphics card, and can later be updated to dual cards. The same motherboard can be used with dual cards where the user sets a jumper or a bit through software to switch between single- or dual-card operation. Common mode below 1V operation requirement.

### Board Layout

High-speed switches require proper layout and design procedures for optimum performance. Keep design-controlled impedance PCB traces as short as possible or follow impedance layouts per the PCIe specification. Ensure that power-supply bypass capacitors are placed as close to the device as possible. Multiple bypass capacitors are recommended. Connect all grounds and the exposed pad to large ground planes. Common mode below 1V operation requirement.

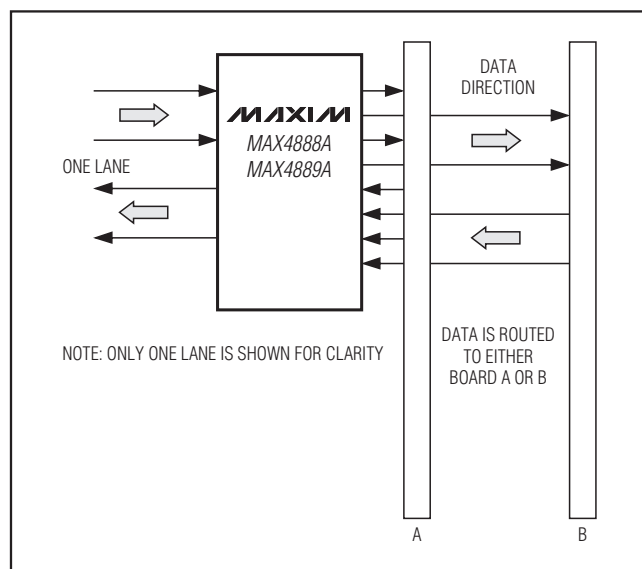


Figure 5. The MAX4888A/MAX4889A Used as a Single-Lane Switch

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### ESD Protection

As with all Maxim devices, ESD-protection structures are incorporated on all pins to protect against electrostatic discharges encountered during handling and assembly. The COM\_+ and COM\_- lines have extra protection against static electricity. Maxim's engineers have developed state-of-the-art structures to protect these pins against ESD of  $\pm 6\text{kV}$  without damage. The ESD structures withstand  $\pm 6\text{kV}$  of ESD in all states: normal operation, state output mode, and powered down.

### Human Body Model

The MAX4889A COM\_+ and COM\_- pins are characterized for  $\pm 6\text{kV}$  ESD protection using the Human Body Model (MIL-STD-883, Method 3015). Figure 6 shows the Human Body Model and Figure 7 shows the current waveform it generates when discharged into low impedance. This model consists of a 100pF capacitor charged to the ESD voltage of interest, which is then discharged into the device through a resistor.

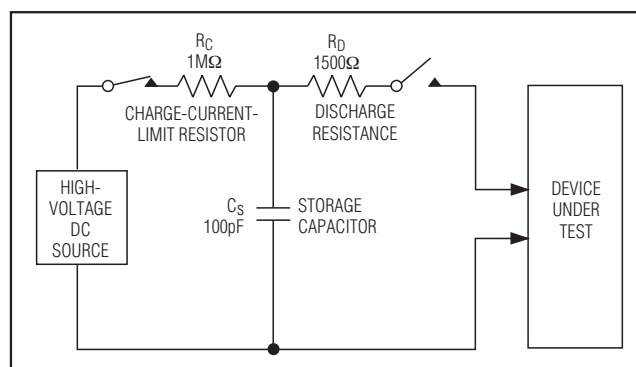


Figure 6. Human Body ESD Test Model

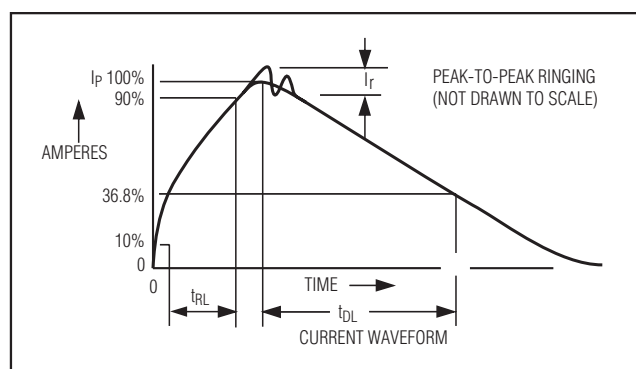


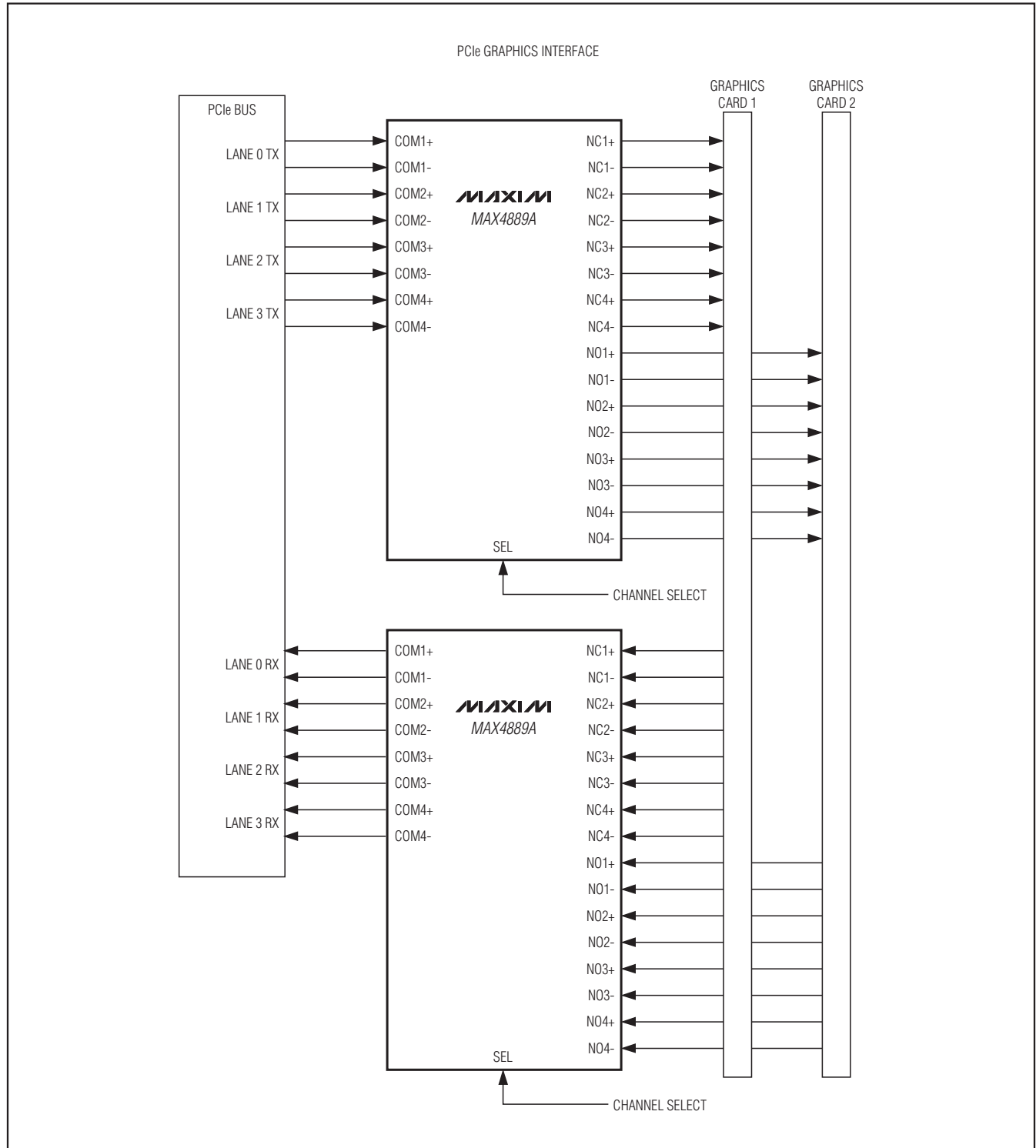
Figure 7. Human Body Model Current Waveform

## Chip Information

PROCESS: CMOS

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## Typical Application Circuit



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### Revision History

| REVISION<br>NUMBER | REVISION<br>DATE | DESCRIPTION                         | PAGES CHANGED        |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 0                  | 4/07             | Initial release                     | —                    |
| 2                  | 5/09             | Updated voltage range, style edits. | 1, 2, 3, 5–9, 13, 14 |

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