General Description

The MAX72C and MAX723 CMOS power-supply ICs create dual regulated DC outputs for small, battery-operated microprocessor systems. Each device generates a main output (3V or 5V, selectable) and a negative auxiliary output that is adjustable for LCDS. Each device accepts two input voltages. Power can come from a main battery (two or three alkaline or NiCd), or an unregulated DC source such as an AC-DC wall adapter.

The MAX72C/MAX723 provide three improvements over prior-art devices. Physical size is reduced; the high-switching frequencies (up to 0.5MHz), made possible by MOSFET power transistors, allow for thin (<5mm diameter) surface-mount magnetics. Efficiency is also improved to 87% (10% better than with low-voltage regulators made in bipolar technology). And supply current is reduced to 60μA by CMOS construction and a unique constant-off-time pulse-frequency modulation (PFM) control scheme.

The MAX72C and MAX723 differ only in the lower fixed output voltage of the main regulator, with a 3.3V output for the MAX72C and a 3.0V output for the MAX723.

For flash memory or PCMCIA applications that require a +12V output voltage, refer to the MAX717-721 data sheet.

Applications

- Palmtop Computers
- LCD Contrast Control
- Portable Data-Collection Equipment
- Portable Data Communicators
- Medical Instrumentation
- Bar-Code Scanners

Features

- Low 0.9V to 5.5V Battery Input Range
- Unregulated 7V to 20V DC Input Range
- Dual Regulated Outputs
  - Main Output: 3.3V/5V
  - Auxiliary Output: 0V to -100V
- 87% Efficiency at 200mA
- Efficient PRAM Keep-Alive: 80% at 1mA
- 8W/in² Power Density
- 60μA Quiescent Current
- 20μA Shutdown Mode with VREF Alive
- 500kHz Maximum Switching Frequency
- ±1.5% VREF Tolerance (Over Temp.)
- Detect Output Power Failures
- 16-Pin Narrow SO Packages

Ordering Information

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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS
- Supply Voltage (V+ to GND): +7V, -0.3V
- Switch Voltage (LX3 to GND): +7V, -0.3V
- Linear Regulator Voltage (LIN to GND): +20V, -0.3V
- Auxiliary Pin Voltages:
  - VREF, VFB, ILOAD, VSS, VSS:
  - 3.5V ± 0.3V
- Feedback Input Current (VFB, ILOAD):
  - ≤ 10mA
- Reference Current (VREF):
  - ≤ 2.5mA
- Continuous Power Dissipation (T_A = +70°C):
  - 696mW
- Operating Temperature Ranges:
  - MAX72_C: 0°C to +70°C
  - MAX72_ESE: -40°C to +85°C
- Junction Temperature:
  - +150°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
(Circuit of Figure 1, VBATT1 = VBATT2 = 2.5V, ILOAD = 0mA, TA = T_MIN to T_MAX, unless otherwise noted.)

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<td>2V &lt; VBATT1 &lt; 3V, 0mA &lt; ILOAD &lt; 200mA, DC SOURCE = 0V (Note 1)</td>
<td>3.5 = 3V</td>
<td>MAX722</td>
<td>3.17</td>
<td>3.3</td>
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<td>-18</td>
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<td>3.5 = 0V or 3V</td>
<td>±2</td>
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<td>FBN Input Bias Current</td>
<td>FBN forced to 0V</td>
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<td>Minimum Start-Up Supply Voltage (DCSOURCE)</td>
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<td>7.6</td>
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<td>170</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>230</td>
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<td>DHI Source Current</td>
<td>3.5 = 3V</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>DLOW On Resistance</td>
<td>3.5 = 3V</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>Quiescent Supply Current from 3Vout (Note 2)</td>
<td>NECON = 0V, 3.5 = 3V, FB3 forced to 3.47V (MAX722) &amp; 3.15V (MAX723)</td>
<td>60</td>
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<td>Battery Quiescent Current (VBATT1 + VBATT2)</td>
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<td>Reference Voltage</td>
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<td>3/5 = 0V or 3V, falling edge, referred to no-load output voltage</td>
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<td>Power-Fail Hysteresis</td>
<td>3/5 = 0V or 3V</td>
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<td>PFO Output Voltage Low</td>
<td>I_{MIN} = 2mA, 3/5 = NEGO = 0V</td>
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<td>PFO Output Current High</td>
<td>PFO = 4.8V, 3/5 = 0V</td>
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<td>Logic Input Voltage Low</td>
<td>Measured at NEGON, SHDN, 3/5</td>
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<td>Logic Input Voltage High</td>
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<td>Logic Input Current</td>
<td>A ±100 nA</td>
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**Note 1:** The main SMPS output voltage at full load current is guaranteed by measuring LX3 switch on resistance and peak current limit threshold.

**Note 2:** Supply current from 3VOUT is measured with an ammeter between the main output 3VOUT and FB3. The current correlates directly with actual battery supply current, but is reduced in value according to the step-up rate and efficiency.

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**Figure 1. Standard Application Circuit**
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EFFICIENCY vs. LOAD CURRENT, MAIN SMPS IN 5V MODE

EFFICIENCY vs. LOAD CURRENT, MAIN SMPS IN 3.3V MODE

EFFICIENCY vs. LOAD CURRENT, AUXILIARY SMPS

LOAD CURRENT CAPABILITY vs. BATTERY VOLTAGE, MAIN SMPS

SWITCHING FREQUENCY vs. LOAD CURRENT

BATTERY QUIESCENT CURRENT vs. BATTERY VOLTAGE, MAIN SMPS = 5V

BATTERY QUIESCENT CURRENT vs. BATTERY VOLTAGE, MAIN SMPS = 3.3V, AUX SMPS = -17V

SHUTDOWN BATTERY CURRENT vs. BATTERY VOLTAGE
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Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

START-UP BATTERY VOLTAGE vs. LOAD CURRENT

REFERENCE VOLTAGE LOAD REGULATION

MAIN SMPS LOAD-TRANSIENT RESPONSE

DC-SOURCE SWITCHOVER - SMPS TO LINEAR

MAIN SMPS START-UP DELAY TIME

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<td>SHDN</td>
<td>Shutdown Input disables both SMPSs when low, but the reference remains alive. If the linear regulator's powered up, SHDN is overridden</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>NECON</td>
<td>Negative SMPS On/Off Control Input that enables the auxiliary negative SMPS when high</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>3V5</td>
<td>Selects the main output voltage setting - 5V when low</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>FFO</td>
<td>Power Fail Output - an open-drain output that goes low to indicate that the main output is out of regulation by 6% or more</td>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>VREF</td>
<td>250V Reference Voltage Output. Bypass with 0.22μF capacitor to AGND (0.1μF if there is no external reference load). Maximum load capability is 250μA source, 20μA sink</td>
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<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>AGND</td>
<td>Quiet Analog Ground</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>FB3</td>
<td>Feedback Input for the main SMPS</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>FBN</td>
<td>Feedback Input for the auxiliary negative SMPS</td>
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<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>CS+</td>
<td>Positive Current-Sense Input for the auxiliary SMPS controller 200mV corresponds with the maximum current limit threshold</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>CS-</td>
<td>Negative Current-Sense Input</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>DH1</td>
<td>Driver for the auxiliary SMPS PNP. Open-drain P-channel output</td>
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<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>DDOW</td>
<td>Driver for the auxiliary SMPS PNP. Open-drain N-channel output. This output provides a controlled current sink to drive the PNP (set by an external limiting resistor)</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td>LIN</td>
<td>Linear-Regulator Controller Output drives the external PNP pass transistor. Open-drain N-channel output. The main SMPS automatically shuts off when the voltage at LIN reaches 7.3V, and turns back on when LIN falls to 6.5V</td>
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<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>GND</td>
<td>Power Ground</td>
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<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>LX3</td>
<td>1.2A, 0.4Ω N-channel power MOSFET drain for the main SMPS</td>
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## Detailed Description

### Operating Principle

The MAX722/MAX723 combine two switch-mode power-supply (SMPS) regulators, a linear regulator, a precision voltage reference, and a power-fail detector (Figure 2). For maximum integration, the MAX722/MAX723 ICs contain internal N-channel power MOSFETs for the main low-voltage boost converter. This MOSFET is a "sense-FET" type for best efficiency, and has a very low gate-threshold voltage to guarantee start-up under low battery-voltage conditions (1.2V typ with 100mA load). The negative auxiliary controller exploits an external PNP transistor for the higher voltage requirement.

### Pulse-Frequency Modulation

A unique minimum-off-time, current-limited, pulse-frequency modulation (PFM) control scheme is a key feature of both the main and auxiliary regulators (Figure 3). This PFM scheme combines the advantages of a pulse-width modulation scheme (PWM) (high output power and efficiency) with those of a traditional PFM pulse-skipping (ultra low quiescent currents). There is no oscillator, switching is accomplished through a constant peak-current limit in the switch, which allows the inductor current to self-oscillate between this peak limit and some lesser value. Switching frequency is governed by a pair of one-shots that set a minimum off-time (1μs) and a maximum on-time (4μs). Under light loads, the inductor current rises to about one-half the current limit (for best light-load efficiency). Under heavy loads, the peak inductor current rises until it hits the current limit, whereupon the MOSFET switch turns off for the minimum off-time set by a one-shot. A switch to continuous-conduction mode results, which minimizes peak currents and component stresses for a given load. The only disadvantage of this architecture compared to full PWM operation is the variable-frequency switching noise. However, the noise does not exceed the current-limit times the filter capacitor equivalent series resistance (ESR), unlike conventional pulse-skippers.

### Main 3V/5V Switch-Mode Regulator

The main output voltage can be selected to 3.3V or 5V with logic control, or it can be left in one mode or the other by tying 3V5 to ground or FB3. Efficiency varies depending on the battery and load, and is typically better than 80% over a 1mA to 200mA load range. The device is internally bootstrapped; power is derived from the output voltage (via FB3) or the battery (CS+ input), whichever is higher. When the output is set at 5V instead of 3.3V, the higher internal supply voltage results in lower switch transistor on-resistance and slightly greater output power. Bootstrapping allows the battery voltage to sag.
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Figure 2. MAX722 Block Diagram

to less than 1V once the system is started. Therefore, the battery-voltage range is from \( V_{out} + V_{fdrop} \) to less than 1V (where \( V_{fdrop} \) is the forward drop of the Schottky rectifier). If the battery voltage exceeds the programmed output voltage, the output will follow the battery voltage. In many systems this is acceptable; however, the output voltage must not be forced above 7V.

The main regulator's peak current limit is internally fixed at 1A \( \pm 0.2A \). The switching frequency depends on load and input voltage, and can range as high as 500kHz for the main SMPS.

Auxiliary Negative Switch-Mode Controller

The auxiliary controller operates similarly to the main regulator, except that the power transistor and sense resistor are external, and the maximum on-time is set at 8µs. Maximum possible output power is limited by the choice of external power transistor and sense resistor. A common 2N2907 works well as the switch transistor, but a high-gain fast PNP, such as the Zetex ZTX749 (preferred, but 25V BVCEO) or ZTX750 (40V BVCEO), provides typically 5% better efficiency.

The DH1 and DLOW outputs provide a voltage source pull-up (DH1) and a current-sink pull-down (DLOW, set by the 4.7kΩ resistor). This drive method is optimal for PNP transistors, so no external base speed-up capacitors are needed.

If the auxiliary regulator is always powered from a +5V source (such as the main output) or other relatively high-voltage input, a logic-level P-channel MOSFET in place of the PNP can provide typically > 80% efficiency (Figure 4).

The output voltage is set by R4 and R5 of Figure 1:

\[
\text{NEGOUT} = -\text{VREF(R4/R5)}
\]

NEGOUT can be made adjustable by making R4 a potentiometer, or by disconnecting VREF and driving R5 with a digital-to-analog converter or PWM signal.
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The auxiliary SMPS peak current limit is set at 200mV/R1 (170mV worst-case low). The equations below calculate R1 based on design parameters. If the peak current limit is less than (NEGOUT) (1μsec/L), the circuit will operate in discontinuous-conduction mode. This is usually the case when low-voltage batteries and high LCD contrast voltages are employed. At low-output voltage settings, the circuit may enter continuous-conduction mode.

**Discontinuous-conduction case:**

\[
I_{\text{PEAK}} = (2) (I_{\text{LOAD}})(1 + \frac{\text{NEGOUT} + \text{VD}}{\text{VBATT} - \text{VSW}})
\]

\[R1 = 200\text{mV}/I_{\text{PEAK}}\]

where VD is the forward voltage of the rectifier D2 and VSW is the average saturation voltage of the switch transistor Q1, including the drop across R1.

**Discontinuous-mode example, -17V at 9mA from 2 AA batteries:**

\[
I_{\text{PEAK}} = (2) (9\text{mA})(1 + \frac{17V + 0.5V}{2V - 0.3V}) = 203\text{mA}
\]

\[R1 = 170\text{mV}/203\text{mA} = 0.83\Omega \text{ or less.}\]

**Continuous-conduction case:**

\[
I_{\text{PEAK}} = (I_{\text{LOAD}})\left(\frac{\text{NEGOUT} + \text{VD}}{\text{VBATT} - \text{VSW} + 1}\right) + \frac{(\text{NEGOUT} + \text{VD})}{(1\mu\text{s})}
\]

**Continuous-mode example, -5V at 50mA from 3 AA batteries:**

\[
I_{\text{PEAK}} = 50\text{mA}\left(\frac{5V + 0.5V}{2.7V - 0.3V} + 1\right) + \frac{(5V + 0.5V)}{(2\text{μs}/47\mu\text{H})} = 223\text{mA}
\]

**Powering the Auxiliary LCD Supply**

The auxiliary output is not automatically powered from the linear regulator like the main output. The main battery will continue to drain if the auxiliary supply is not turned off when an external DC source is applied. There are several alternative solutions:

1. Power the LCD supply from the main output all the time. This leads to compounded efficiency losses, but is simple. These compounded losses are actually not crippling in many cases, especially if the main output is set...
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at 5V and the P-channel solution (Figure 4) is employed. For example, the overall efficiency for 2.5V to 5V at 50mA plus -17V at 5mA, when compounded by the P-channel circuit, is 61% vs. 84% for the non-compounded case (with PNP transistor).

2. Power the LCD supply from the main output in linear regulator mode, but power it from the battery when the DC source is absent. This provides the best overall efficiency, but requires a relay or MOSFET switch to make the switchover (Figure 5). In most applications, the battery voltage is too low to use P-channel devices for the switchover, but a high-side supply, such as the MAX633 charge-pump regulator (Figure 6) or the system +12V supply, works well with N-channel switches. Switchover can also be accomplished using special AC/DC adapter plugs and jacks with built-in mechanical switches.

3. Use a battery charger that can supply a load while it charges the battery, such as the MAX713. This approach also eliminates the PNP pass transistor for the linear regulator.

**Linear Regulator**

The linear regulator output drives the base of an external PNP pass transistor through an open-drain output. This design relies on a relatively slow PNP transistor for AC stability, so use a transistor with less than 10MHz fT, or add a 1µF base-emitter capacitor. The base-emitter resistor should not be higher than 1kΩ unless a low-leakage PNP is used for the pass transistor.

When constructed with a 2N2955 PNP transistor, the typical output current capability is greater than 1A.

When the linear regulator operates, the main SMPS is disabled so as not to drain the battery. This mode cannot be programmed, but occurs automatically when LIN is pulled high by the external DC source.

**Voltage Reference**

The precision voltage reference is suitable for driving external loads such as a low-battery detection comparator or an analog-to-digital converter. It has guaranteed 250μA source- and 20μA sink-current capability. The reference is kept alive even in shutdown mode. If the reference drives an external load, bypass it with 0.22μF to ground. If the reference is unloaded, bypass it with a 0.1µF capacitor, minimum.

**Power-Fail Status Output**

The power-fail detector output (PFO) is an active-low, open-drain type. Although a true open-drain type, which can be wire-ORed with external logic, PFO is protected against ESD damage by reverse-biased clamp diodes connecting to V+. If PFO is pulled up to external supply voltages above the main output voltage level, the pull-up resistor must limit the current through the ESD protection diode to 25mA or less to maintain regulation of the outputs.

The PFO comparator senses when the main output is more than 6% out of regulation, and has 2% hysteresis.
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Control-Logic Inputs
The control inputs (315, NEGON, and SHDN) are high-impedance MOS gates protected against ESD damage by normally reverse-biased clamp diodes. If these inputs are driven from signal sources that exceed the main supply (VCC) voltage, the diode current should be limited to 25μA or less by a series resistor (1MΩ suggested). The logic input thresholds are the same (approximately 1V) in both 3V and 5V modes. Do not leave the control inputs floating.

Substrate Switchover Circuit
The substrate (V+, pin 16) is powered from either the battery (CS+ input) or from the main +3V output, whichever is higher. The substrate serves as the positive supply rail for most internal circuitry, including the reference and the PNP driver (DHI). Do not load V+. V+ must be bypassed to ground with at least 0.1μF.

Inductor Selection
The inductors must have a saturation (incremental) current rating equal to the peak switch current limit, which is 1.2A (worst-case) for the main output and user-adjustable for the auxiliary output. However, it’s generally acceptable to bias the inductor deep into saturation by 20% or more.

Capacitor Selection
A 100μF, 10V SMT tantalum capacitor typically maintains 50mV output ripple when stepping up 2V to 5V at 200mA. Smaller capacitors, down to 10μF, are acceptable for load applications that tolerate higher output ripple.
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For the auxiliary output, a 2.2μF, 25V SMT tantalum capacitor typically provides 100mVp-p output ripple when inverting 3V to -17V at 5mA. Smaller capacitors down to 1μF are acceptable.

The ESR of both bypass and filter capacitors affects efficiency. Best performance is obtained by doubling up on the filter capacitors or using specialized low-ESR capacitors.

The smallest low-ESR SMT tantalum capacitors currently available are Sprague 595D series, which are about half the size of competing products. Sanyo OS-CON organic semiconductor through-hole capacitors also exhibit very low ESR.

Sprague: (603) 224-1961 or (207) 324-4140
Sanyo: (619) 661-6322

Applications Information

Lithium Backup-Battery Circuit

The MAX630 backup battery circuit of Figure 8 provides a low-current supply voltage of 3.3V or 5V to keep the system memory alive when the main battery pack is removed. When PF0 goes low, the system must latch off the MAX722 and latch on the MAX630, periodically testing for the presence main battery's by going back to the original state after some interval. This method also extends the life of the expensive lithium battery by allowing a discharged main battery to "rest," allowing all of its energy to be used. The second rectifier diode allows this circuit to meet Underwriters Laboratories' requirements for preventing accidental charging of lithium batteries.

PF0 remains active in shutdown mode.

PC Layout and Grounding

The MAX722's high peak currents and high-frequency operation make PC layout important for minimizing ground bounce and noise. Use the PC layout of Figures 9 and 10 as a rough guide for component placement and ground connections. The distance between the MAX722's GND and the ground leads of C1 and C5 must be kept to less than 0.2 inches (5mm). If possible, use a ground plane.

3-Cell Applications

Higher input voltages increase the energy transferred with each cycle, due to the reduced input/output differential. Excess ripple due to increased energy transfer is best minimized by reducing the inductor value (10μH suggested). Add extra filtering and recalculate the auxiliary regulator's current limit resistor value according to the equations under the Auxiliary Negative Switch-Mode Controller section.
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**EV Kit General Description**

The MAX722 evaluation kit (EV kit) is an assembled surface-mount demonstration board. The kit embodies the standard 2-cell application circuit of Figure 1, and adds a DIP switch and 3µA pull-up resistors for each control input. A MAX722 comes installed on the board, and it also accomodates a MAX723 footprint. To replace the MAX722 IC, first cut the leads free of the package, then carefully desolder the leads individually.

**Operating Instructions**

For best efficiency, connect heavy-gauge (18AWG) stranded wire from the battery terminals to 2A adjustable supply or 2-cell battery pack.

**EV Kit Component List**

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<td>2.2µF, 35V C3-size SMT tantalum capacitor</td>
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<td>0.22µF 1206-size ceramic capacitor</td>
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<td>47µH, 0.25A SMT inductor</td>
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Figure 9: MAX722 EV Kit PC Layout (Component Layer, Component Side View, 2X Scale)
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Figure 10  MAX722 EV Kit PC Layout (Bottom Layer, Component Side View, 2X Scale)
Figure 11. MAX722 EV Kit Component Placement Diagram
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