LM384
5W Audio Power Amplifier

General Description
The LM384 is a power audio amplifier for consumer applications. In order to hold system cost to a minimum, gain is internally fixed at 34 dB. A unique input stage allows ground referenced input signals. The output automatically self-centers to one-half the supply voltage. The output is short-circuit proof with internal thermal limiting. The package outline is standard dual-in-line. A copper lead frame is used with the center three pins on either side comprising a heat sink. This makes the device easy to use in standard P-C layout. Uses include simple phonograph amplifiers, intercoms, line drivers, teaching machine outputs, alarms, ultrasonic drivers, TV sound systems, AM-FM radio, sound projector systems, etc. See AN-69 for circuit details.

Features
- Wide supply voltage range: 12V to 26V
- Low quiescent power drain
- Voltage gain fixed at 50
- High peak current capability: 1.3A
- Input referenced to GND
- High input impedance: 150kΩ
- Low distortion: 0.25% (P0=4W, RL=8Ω)
- Quiescent output voltage is at one half of the supply voltage
- Standard dual-in-line package

Schematic Diagram
### Absolute Maximum Ratings (Note 1)

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### Electrical Characteristics (Note 2)

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<td>0.25</td>
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**Note 1:** Absolute Maximum Ratings indicate limits beyond which damage to the device may occur. Operating Ratings indicate conditions for which the device is functional, but do not guarantee specific performance limits.

**Note 2:** V + = 22V and T A = 25˚C operating with a Staver V7 heat sink for 30 seconds.

**Note 3:** Rejection ratio referred to the output with C BYPASS = 5 µF, freq = 120 Hz.

**Note 4:** The maximum junction temperature of the LM384 is 150˚C.

**Note 5:** The package is to be derated at 15˚C/W junction to heat sink pins.

**Note 6:** Output is fully protected against a shorted speaker condition at all voltages up to 22V.

### Heat Sink Dimensions

![Staver “V7” Heat Sink](00784304)
Typical Performance Characteristics

Device Dissipation vs Ambient Temperature

Thermal Resistance vs Square Inches

Supply Decoupling vs Frequency

Total Harmonic Distortion vs Output Power

Output Voltage Gain vs Frequency

Total Harmonic Distortion vs Frequency
Typical Performance Characteristics (Continued)

Power Supply Current vs Supply Voltage

Device Dissipation vs Output Power — 16Ω Load

Device Dissipation vs Output Power — 8Ω Load

Device Dissipation vs Output Power — 4Ω Load

Block and Connection Diagrams

Dual-In-Line Package

Note 7: Heatsink Pins

Top View Order Number LM384N See NS Package Number N14A
Typical Applications

Typical 5W Amplifier

Bridge Amplifier

Intercom

*For stability with high current loads
Typical Applications (Continued)

Phase Shift Oscillator

![Diagram of Phase Shift Oscillator with components labeled: V5, 2, 6, 8, 14, 250μF, 0.1μF, 1k, 2.7, f ≈ 4 kHz.](image)
Physical Dimensions inches (millimeters) unless otherwise noted

Molded Dual-In-Line Package (N)
Order Number LM384N
NS Package Number N14A

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