Precision, Dual-Channel Instrumentation Amplifier

AD8222

FEATURES

- Two channels in small 4 mm × 4 mm LFCSP
- Gain set with 1 resistor per amplifier (G = 1 to 10,000)
- Low noise
  - 8 nV/√Hz @ 1 kHz
  - 0.25 µV p-p (0.1 Hz to 10 Hz)
- High accuracy dc performance (B grade)
  - 60 µV maximum input offset voltage
  - 0.3 µV/°C maximum input offset drift
  - 1.0 nA maximum input bias current
  - 126 dB minimum CMRR (G = 100)
- Excellent ac performance
  - 150 kHz bandwidth (G = 100)
  - 13 µs settling time to 0.001%
- Differential output option (single channel)
  - Fully specified
  - Adjustable common-mode output
- Supply range: ±2.3 V to ±18 V

APPLICATIONS

- Multichannel data acquisition for
  - ECG and medical instrumentation
  - Industrial process controls
  - Wheatstone bridge sensors
- Differential drives for
  - High resolution input ADCs
  - Remote sensors

FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM

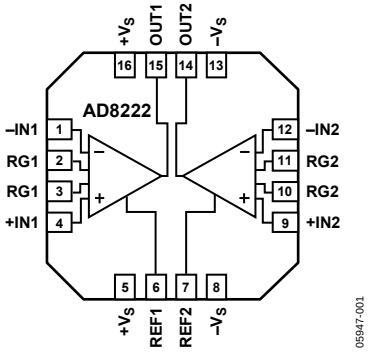

Figure 1. 4mm × 4 mm LFCSP

Table 1. In Amps and Differential Amplifier by Category

High Performance	Low Cost	High Voltage	Mil Grade	Low Power	Digital Prog Gain
AD8221 AD8220[1] AD8222	AD8553[1] AD623[1]	AD628 AD629	AD620 AD621 AD524 AD526 AD624	AD627[1]	AD8555[1] AD8556[1] AD8557[1]

[1] Rail-to-rail output.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The AD8222 is a dual-channel, high performance instrumentation amplifier that requires only one external resistor per amplifier to set gains of 1 to 10,000.

The AD8222 is the first dual-instrumentation amplifier in the small 4 mm × 4mm LFCSP. It requires the same board area as a typical single instrumentation amplifier. The smaller package allows a 2× increase in channel density and a lower cost per channel, all with no compromise in performance.

The AD8222 can also be configured as a single-channel, differential output instrumentation amplifier. Differential outputs provide high noise immunity, which can be useful when the output signal must travel through a noisy environment, such as with remote sensors. The configuration can also be used to drive differential input ADCs.

The AD8222 maintains a minimum CMRR of 80 dB to 4 kHz for all grades at G = 1. High CMRR over frequency allows the AD8222 to reject wideband interference and line harmonics, greatly simplifying filter requirements. The AD8222 also has a typical CMRR drift over temperature of just 0.07 µV/V/°C at G = 1.

The AD8222 operates on both single and dual supplies and only requires 2.2 mA maximum supply current for both amplifiers. It is specified over the industrial temperature range of −40°C to +85°C and is fully RoHS compliant.

For a single-channel version, see the AD8221.

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SPECIFICATIONS

V_S = ±15 V, V_{REF} = 0 V, T_A = 25°C, G = 1, R_L = 2 kΩ, unless otherwise noted.

Table 2. Single-Ended and Differential[1] Output Configuration

		A Grade			B Grade			
Parameter	**Conditions**	**Min**	**Typ**	**Max**	**Min**	**Typ**	**Max**	**Unit**
COMMON-MODE REJECTION RATIO (CMRR)	V_{CM} = −10 V to +10 V							
CMRR DC to 60 Hz	1 kΩ source imbalance							
G = 1		80			86			dB
G = 10		100			106			dB
G = 100		120			126			dB
G = 1000		130			140			dB
CMRR at 4 kHz								
G = 1		80			80			dB
G = 10		90			100			dB
G = 100		100			110			dB
G = 1000		100			110			dB
CMRR Drift	T = −40°C to +85°C, G = 1		0.07			0.07		µV/V/°C
NOISE								
Voltage Noise, 1 kHz	RTI Noise = $\sqrt{(e_{NI}^2 + (e_{NO}/G)^2)}$							
Input Voltage Noise, e_{NI}	V_{IN+}, V_{IN-}, V_{REF} = 0 V			8			8	nV/√Hz
Output Voltage Noise, e_{NO}	V_{IN+}, V_{IN-}, V_{REF} = 0 V			75			75	nV/√Hz
RTI	f = 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz							
G = 1			2			2		µV p-p
G = 10			0.5			0.5		µV p-p
G = 100 to 1000			0.25			0.25		µV p-p
Current Noise	f = 1 kHz		40			40		fA/√Hz
	f = 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz		6			6		pA p-p
VOLTAGE OFFSET	RTI V_{OS} = (V_{OSI}) + (V_{OSO}/G)							
Input Offset, V_{OSI}	V_S = ±5 V to ±15 V			120			60	µV
Overtemperature	T = −40°C to +85°C			150			80	µV
Average TC				0.4			0.3	µV/°C
Output Offset, V_{OSO}	V_S = ±5 V to ±15 V			500			350	µV
Overtemperature	T = −40°C to +85°C			0.8			0.5	mV
Average TC				9			5	µV/°C
Offset RTI vs. Supply (PSR)	V_S = ±2.3 V to ±18 V							
G = 1		90	110		94	110		dB
G = 10		110	120		114	130		dB
G = 100		124	130		130	140		dB
G = 1000		130	140		140	150		dB
INPUT CURRENT (PER CHANNEL)								
Input Bias Current			0.5	2.0		0.2	1.0	nA
Over temperature	T = −40°C to +85°C			3.0			1.5	nA
Average TC			1			1		pA/°C
Input Offset Current			0.2	1		0.1	0.5	nA
Overtemperature	T = −40°C to +85°C			1.5			0.6	nA
Average TC			1			0.5	2	pA/°C
REFERENCE INPUT								
R_{IN}			20			20		kΩ
I_{IN}	V_{IN+}, V_{IN-}, V_{REF} = 0 V		50	60		50	60	µA
Voltage Range		$-V_S$		$+V_S$	$-V_S$		$+V_S$	V
Gain to Output			1 ± 0.0001			1 ± 0.0001		V/V

Parameter	Conditions	A Grade			B Grade			Unit
		Min	Typ	Max	Min	Typ	Max	
GAIN	G = 1 + (49.4 kΩ/R_G)							
Gain Range		1		10000	1		10000	V/V
Gain Error	V_{OUT} ± 10 V							
G = 1				0.05			0.02	%
G = 10				0.3			0.15	%
G = 100				0.3			0.15	%
G = 1000				0.3			0.15	%
Gain Nonlinearity	V_{OUT} = −10 V to +10 V							
G = 1			3	10		1	5	ppm
G = 10			7	20		7	20	ppm
G = 100			7	20		7	20	ppm
Gain vs. Temperature								
G = 1			3	10		2	5	ppm/°C
G > 1[2]				−50			−50	ppm/°C
INPUT								
Input Impedance								
Differential			100‖2			100‖2		GΩ‖pF
Common Mode			100‖2			100‖2		GΩ‖pF
Input Operating Voltage Range[3]	V_S = ±2.3 V to ±5 V	$-V_S$ + 1.9		$+V_S$ − 1.1	$-V_S$ + 1.9		$+V_S$ − 1.1	V
Overtemperature	T = −40°C to +85°C	$-V_S$ + 2.0		$+V_S$ − 1.2	$-V_S$ + 2.0		$+V_S$ − 1.2	V
Input Operating Voltage Range[3]	V_S = ±5 V to ±18 V	$-V_S$ + 1.9		$+V_S$ − 1.2	$-V_S$ + 1.9		$+V_S$ − 1.2	V
Overtemperature	T = −40°C to +85°C	$-V_S$ + 2.0		$+V_S$ − 1.2	$-V_S$ + 2.0		$+V_S$ − 1.2	V
OUTPUT	R_L = 10 kΩ							
Output Swing	V_S = ±2.3 V to ±5 V	$-V_S$ + 1.1		$+V_S$ − 1.2	$-V_S$ + 1.1		$+V_S$ − 1.2	V
Overtemperature	T = −40°C to +85°C	$-V_S$ + 1.4		$+V_S$ − 1.3	$-V_S$ + 1.4		$+V_S$ − 1.3	V
Output Swing	V_S = ±5 V to ±18 V	$-V_S$ + 1.2		$+V_S$ − 1.4	$-V_S$ + 1.2		$+V_S$ − 1.4	V
Overtemperature	T = −40°C to +85°C	$-V_S$ + 1.6		$+V_S$ − 1.5	$-V_S$ + 1.6		$+V_S$ − 1.5	V
Short-Circuit Current			18			18		mA
POWER SUPPLY								
Operating Range	V_S = ±2.3 V to ±18 V	±2.3		±18	±2.3		±18	V
Quiescent Current (per Amplifier)			0.9	1.1		0.9	1.1	mA
Overtemperature	T = −40°C to +85°C		1	1.2		1	1.2	mA
TEMPERATURE RANGE								
Specified Performance		−40		+85	−40		+85	°C
Operational[4]		−40		+125	−40		+125	°C

[1] Refers to differential configuration shown in Figure 49.
[2] Does not include the effects of external resistor R_G.
[3] One input grounded. G = 1.
[4] See Typical Performance Characteristics for expected operation between 85°C to 125°C.

V_S = ±15 V, V_{REF} = 0 V, T_A = 25°C, R_L = 2 kΩ, unless otherwise noted.

Table 3. Single-Ended Output Configuration—Dynamic Performance (Both Amplifiers)

		A Grade			B Grade			
Parameter	**Conditions**	**Min**	**Typ**	**Max**	**Min**	**Typ**	**Max**	**Unit**
DYNAMIC RESPONSE								
Small Signal –3 dB Bandwidth								
G = 1			1200			1200		kHz
G = 10			750			750		kHz
G = 100			140			140		kHz
G =1000			15			15		kHz
Settling Time 0.01%	10 V step							
G = 1 to 100			10			10		µs
G = 1000			80			80		µs
Settling Time 0.001%	10 V step							
G = 1 to 100			13			13		µs
G = 1000			110			110		µs
Slew Rate								
	G = 1	1.5	2		1.5	2		V/µs
	G = 5 to 1000	2	2.5		2	2.5		V/µs

Table 4. Differential Output Configuration[1]—Dynamic Performance

		A Grade			B Grade			
Parameter	**Conditions**	**Min**	**Typ**	**Max**	**Min**	**Typ**	**Max**	**Unit**
DYNAMIC RESPONSE								
Small Signal –3 dB Bandwidth								
G = 1			1000			1000		kHz
G = 10			650			650		kHz
G = 100			140			140		kHz
G =1000			15			15		kHz
Settling Time 0.01%	10 V step							
G = 1 to 100			15			15		µs
G = 1000			80			80		µs
Settling Time 0.001%	10 V step							
G = 1 to 100			18			18		µs
G = 1000			110			110		µs
Slew Rate								
	G = 1	1.5	2		1.5	2		V/µs
	G = 5 to 1000	2	2.5		2	2.5		V/µs

[1] Refers to differential configuration shown in Figure 49.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Table 5.

Parameter	Rating
Supply Voltage	±18 V
Output Short-Circuit Current	Indefinite
Input Voltage (Common Mode)	$\pm V_S$
Differential Input Voltage	$\pm V_S$
Storage Temperature Range	−65°C to +130°C
Operational Temperature Range	−40°C to +125°C
Package Glass Transition Temperature (T_G)	130°C
ESD (Human Body Model)	1 kV
ESD (Charge Device Model)	1 kV

Stresses above those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only; functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational section of this specification is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions may affect device reliability.

THERMAL RESISTANCE

Table 6.

Thermal Pad	θ_{JA}	Unit
Soldered to Board	48	°C/W
Not Soldered to Board	86	°C/W

The θ_{JA} values in Table 6 assume a 4-layer JEDEC standard board. If the thermal pad is soldered to the board, then it is also assumed it is connected to a plane. θ_{JC} at the exposed pad is 4.4°C/W.

Maximum Power Dissipation

The maximum safe power dissipation for the AD8222 is limited by the associated rise in junction temperature (T_J) on the die. At approximately 130°C, which is the glass transition temperature, the plastic changes its properties. Even temporarily exceeding this temperature limit may change the stresses that the package exerts on the die, permanently shifting the parametric performance of the amplifiers. Exceeding a temperature of 130°C for an extended period can result in a loss of functionality.

ESD CAUTION

ESD (electrostatic discharge) sensitive device. Electrostatic charges as high as 4000 V readily accumulate on the human body and test equipment and can discharge without detection. Although this product features proprietary ESD protection circuitry, permanent damage may occur on devices subjected to high energy electrostatic discharges. Therefore, proper ESD precautions are recommended to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.

PIN CONFIGURATION AND FUNCTION DESCRIPTIONS

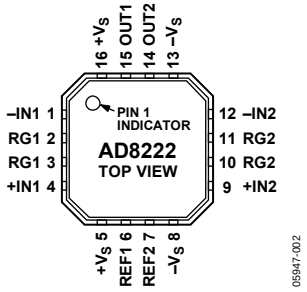


Figure 2. Pin Configuration

Table 7. Pin Function Descriptions

Pin No	Mnemonic	Description
1	−IN1	Negative Input In-Amp 1
2	RG1	Gain Resistor In-Amp 1
3	RG1	Gain Resistor In-Amp 1
4	+IN1	Positive Input In-Amp 1
5	$+V_S$	Positive Supply
6	REF1	Reference Adjust In-Amp 1
7	REF2	Reference Adjust In-Amp 2
8	$-V_S$	Negative Supply
9	+IN2	Positive Input In-Amp 2
10	RG2	Gain Resistor In-Amp 2
11	RG2	Gain Resistor In-Amp 2
12	−IN2	Negative Input In-Amp 2
13	$-V_S$	Negative Supply
14	OUT2	Output In-Amp 2
15	OUT1	Output In-Amp 1
16	$+V_S$	Positive Supply

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

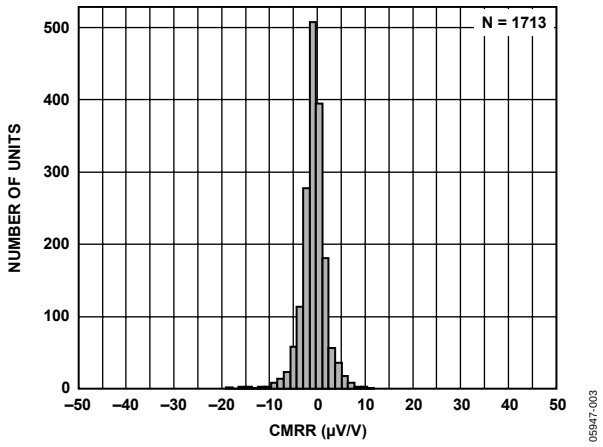
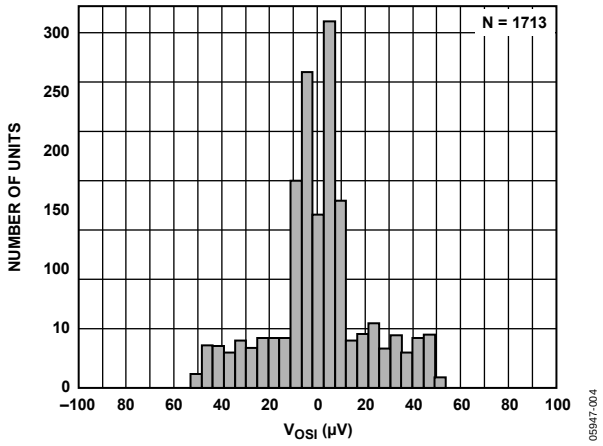


Figure 3. Typical Distribution for CMRR (G = 1)



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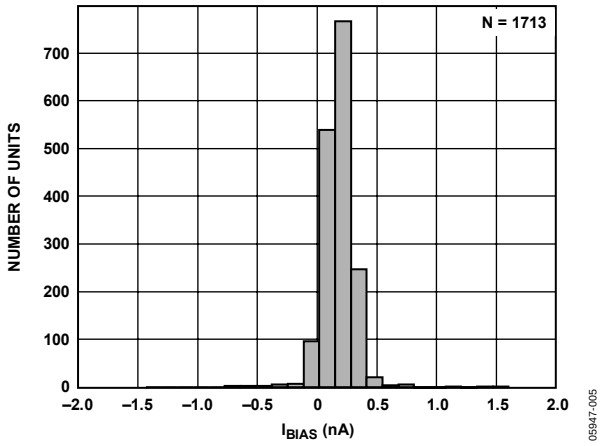

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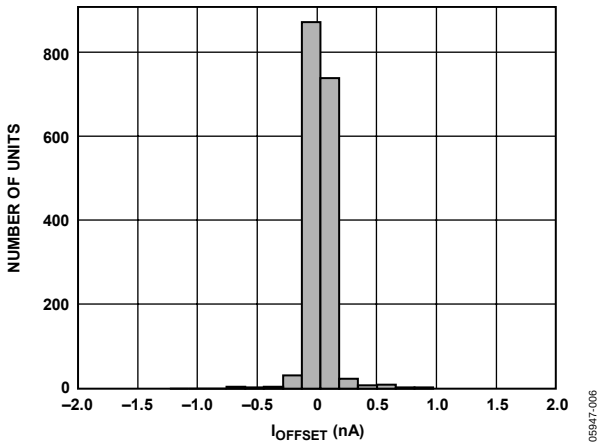

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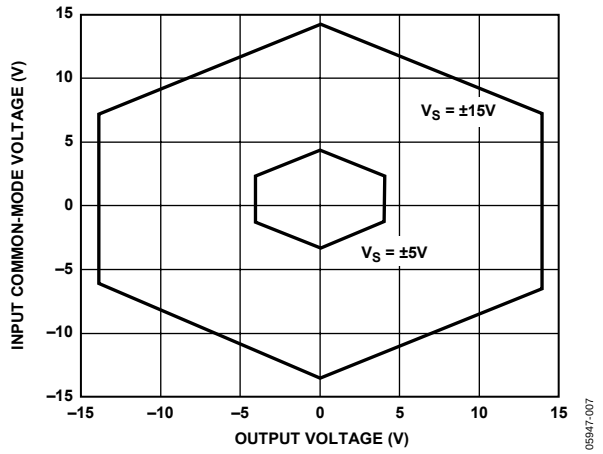

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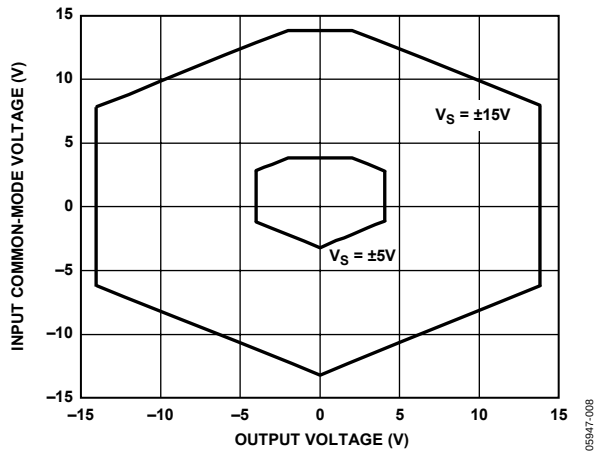

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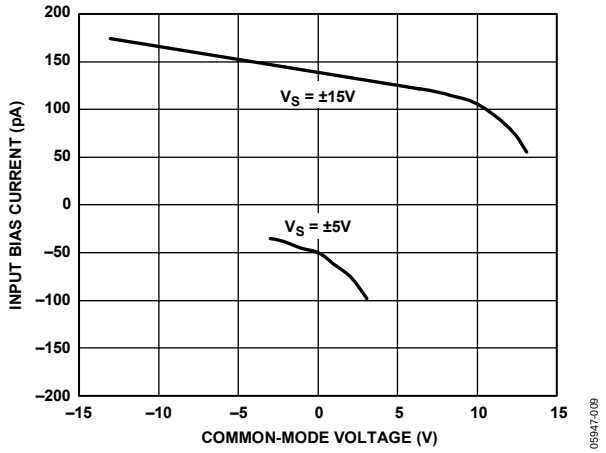

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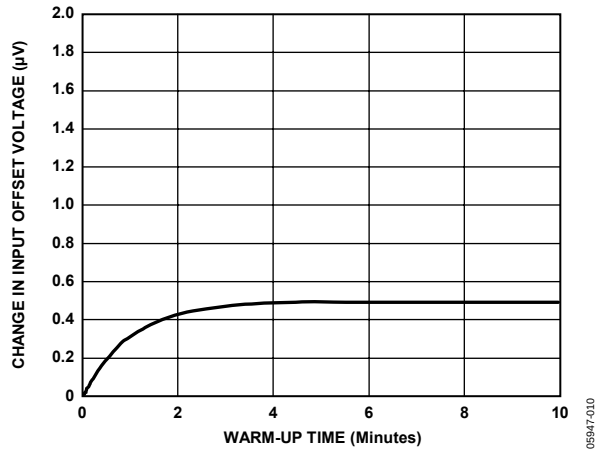

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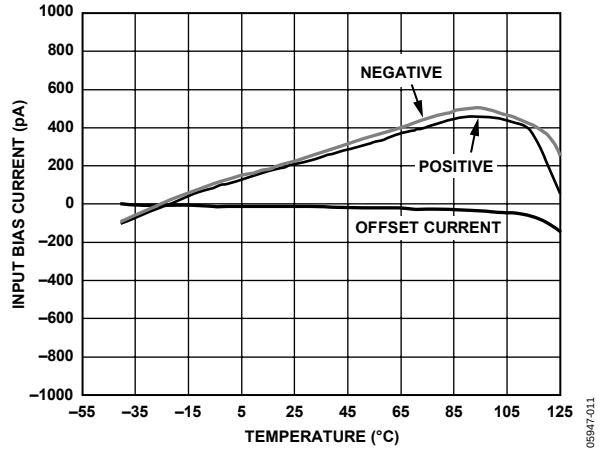

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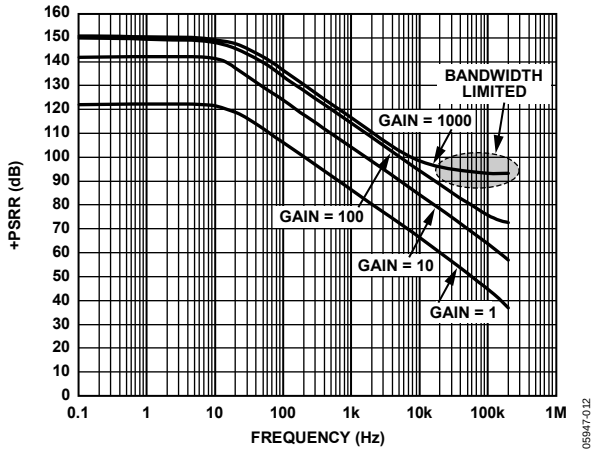

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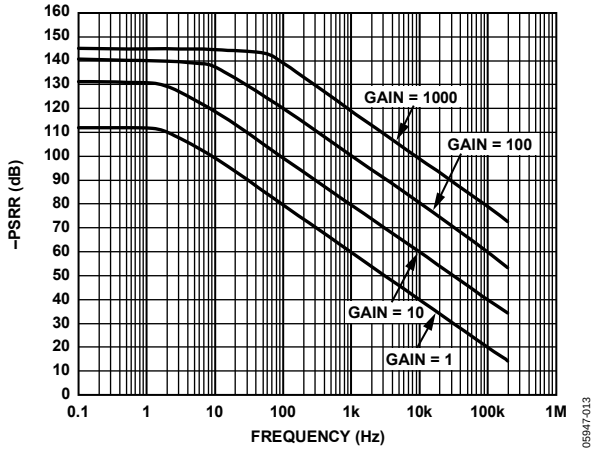

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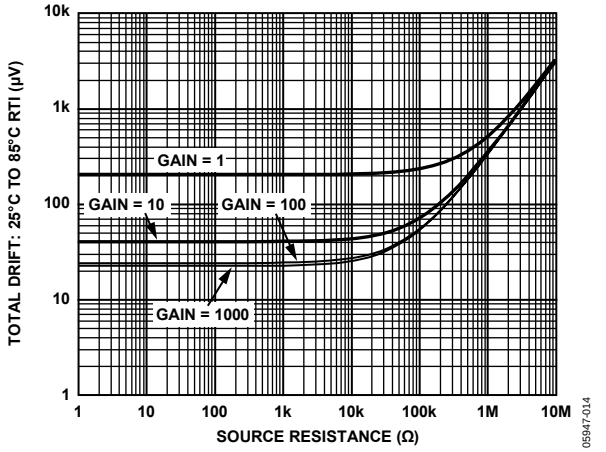

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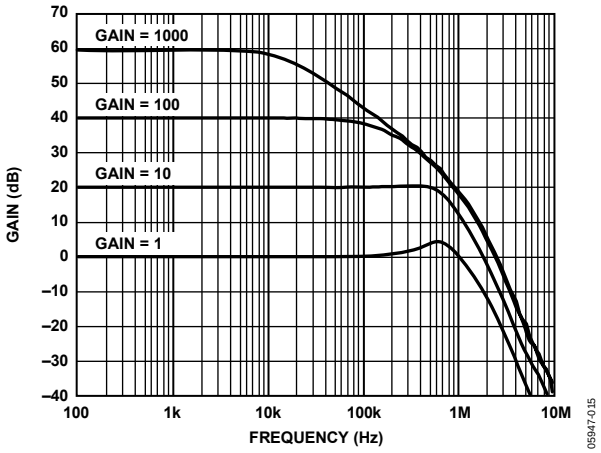

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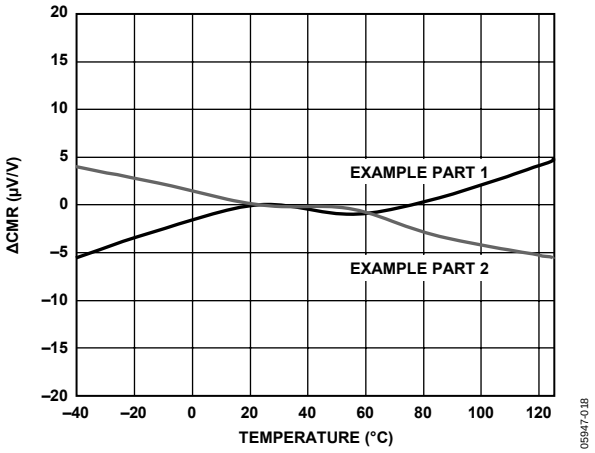

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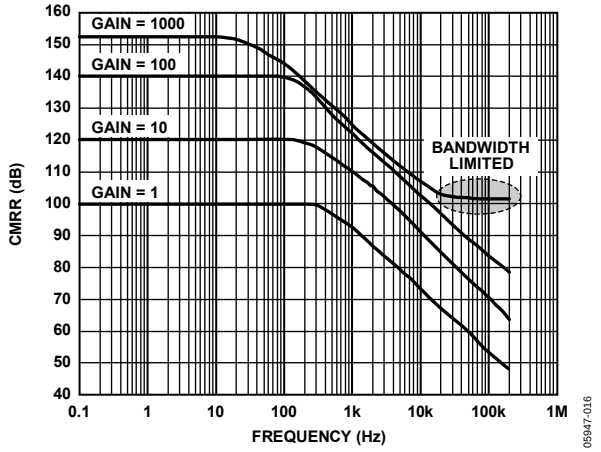

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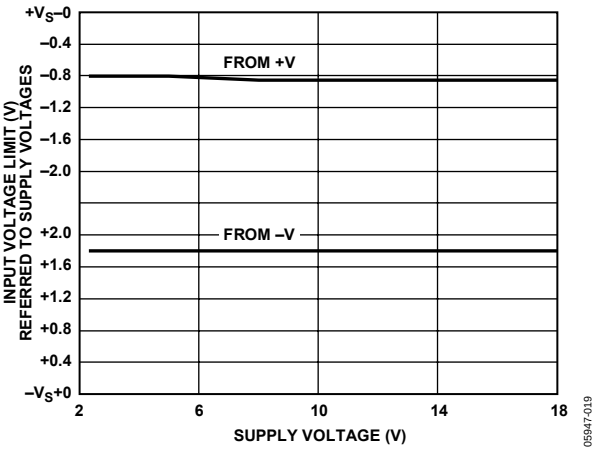

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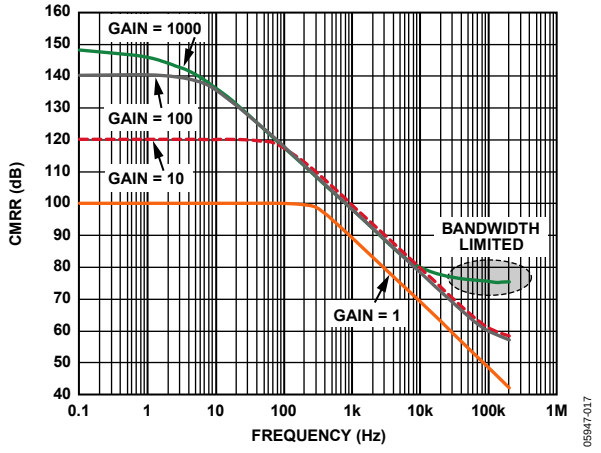

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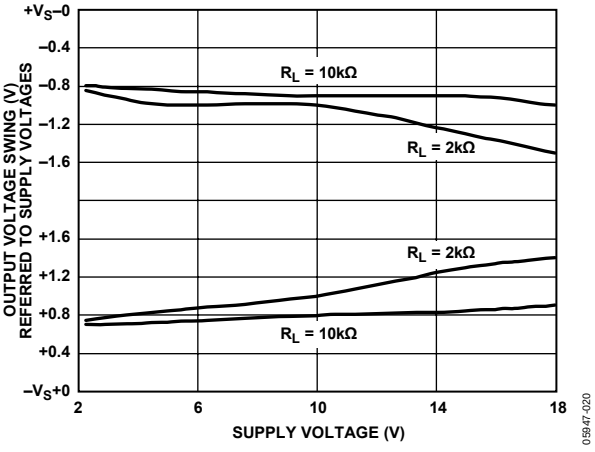

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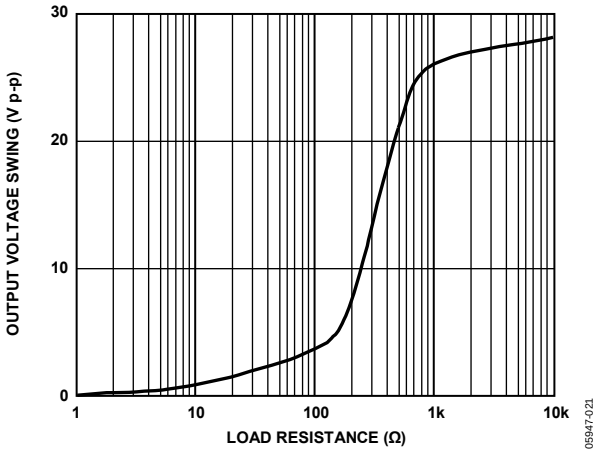

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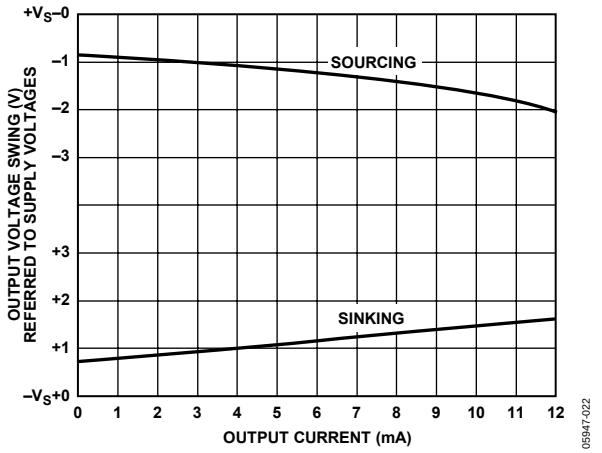

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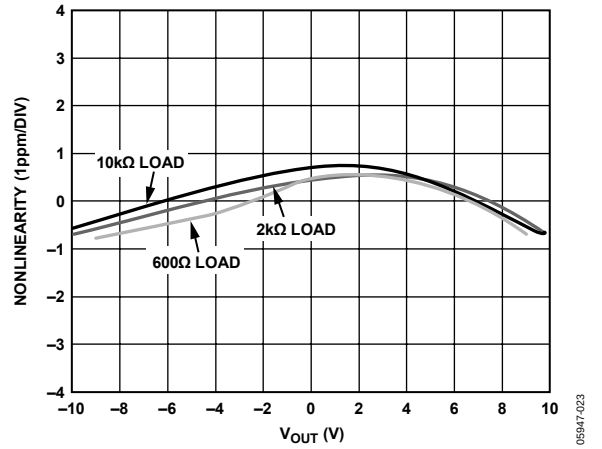

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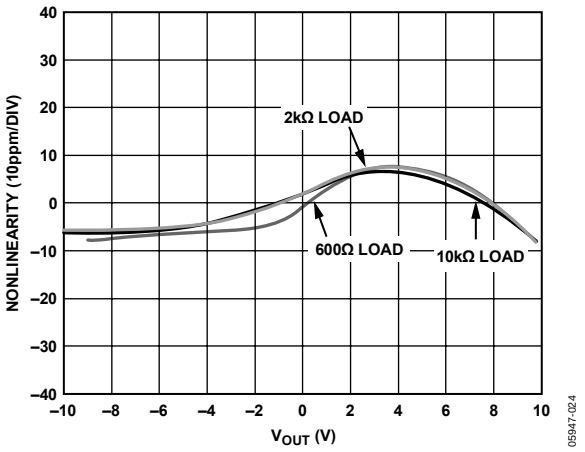

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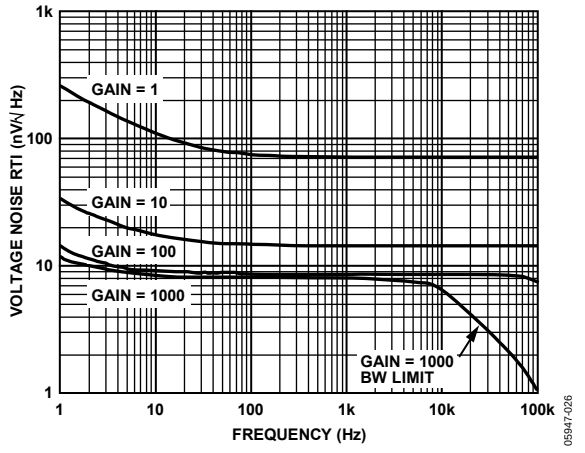


Figure 25. Voltage Noise Spectral Density vs. Frequency (G = 1 to 1000)

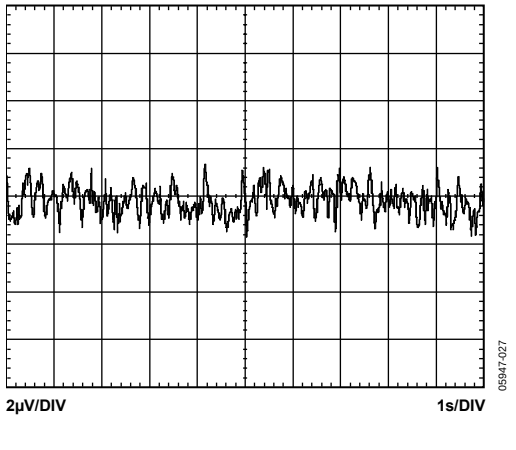
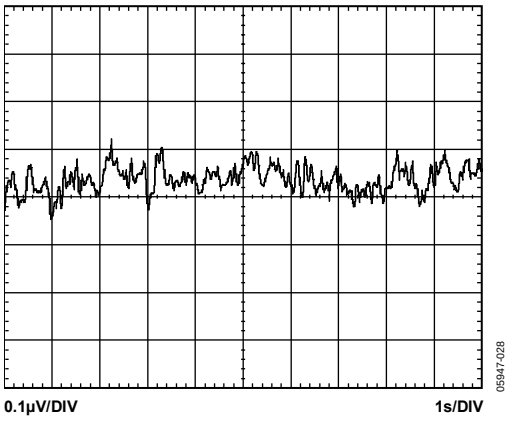


Figure 26. 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz RTI Voltage Noise (G = 1)



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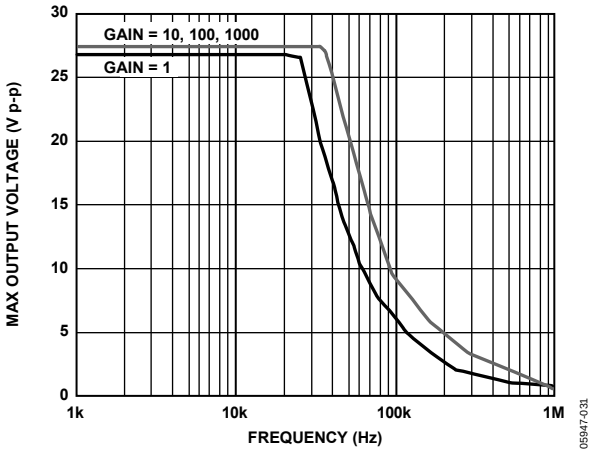
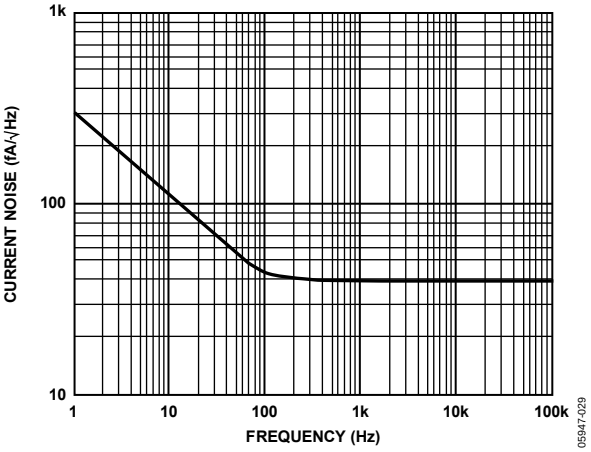


Figure 30. Large Signal Frequency Response



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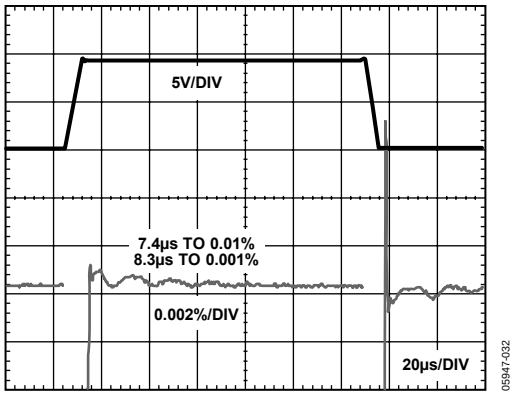
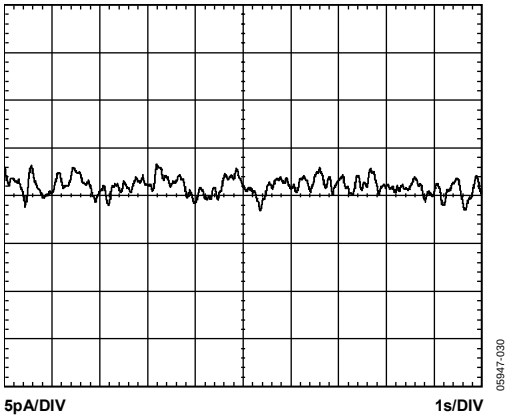


Figure 31. Large Signal Pulse Response and Settling Time (G = 1)



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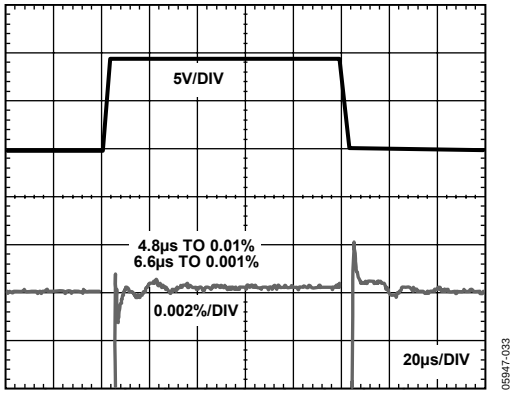

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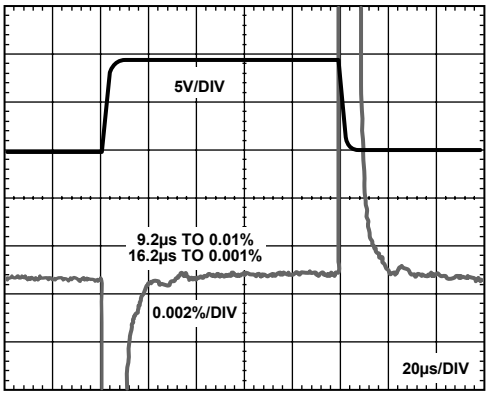
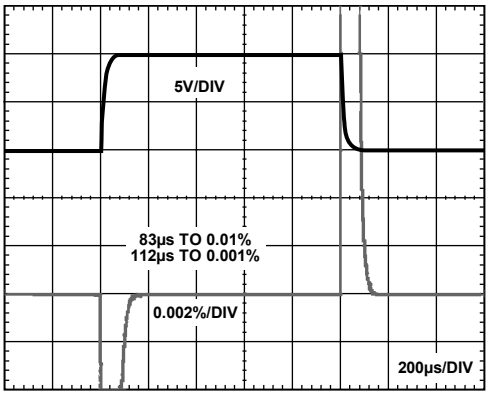


Figure 33. Large Signal Pulse Response and Settling Time (G = 100)



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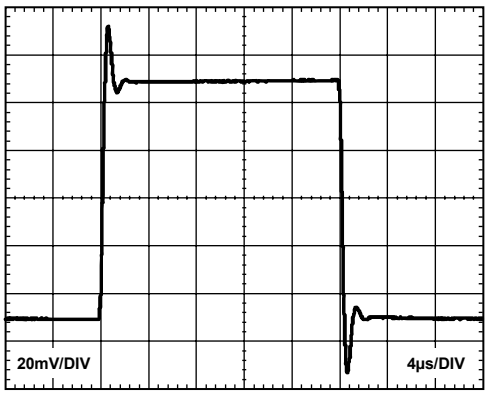
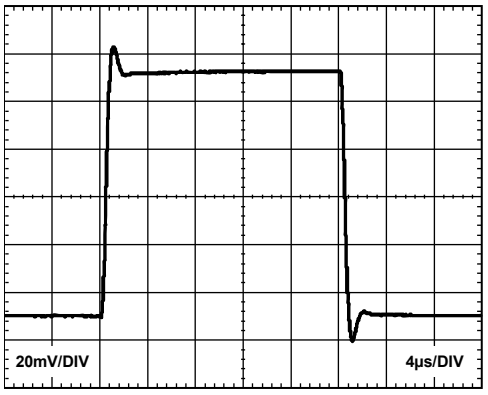


Figure 35. Small Signal Response, G = 1, R_L = 2 kΩ, C_L = 100 pF



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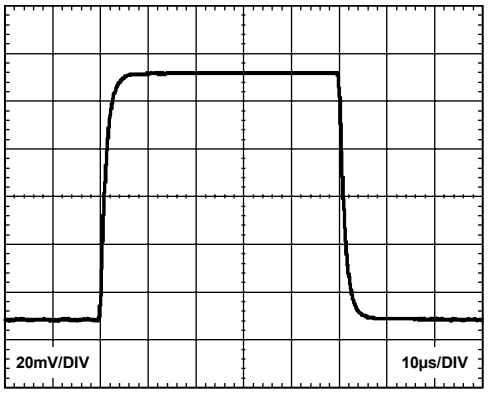

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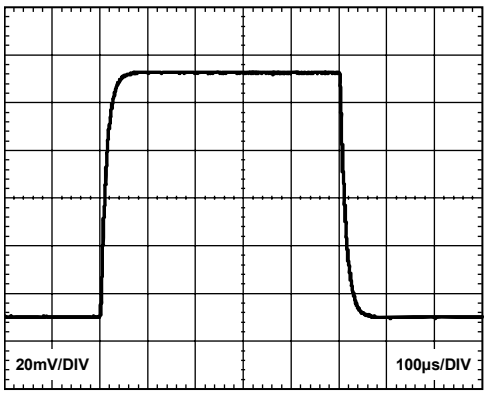

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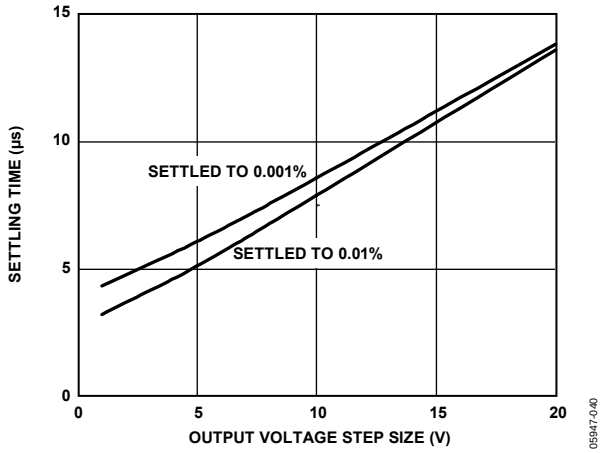

Figure 39. Settling Time vs. Step Size (G = 1)

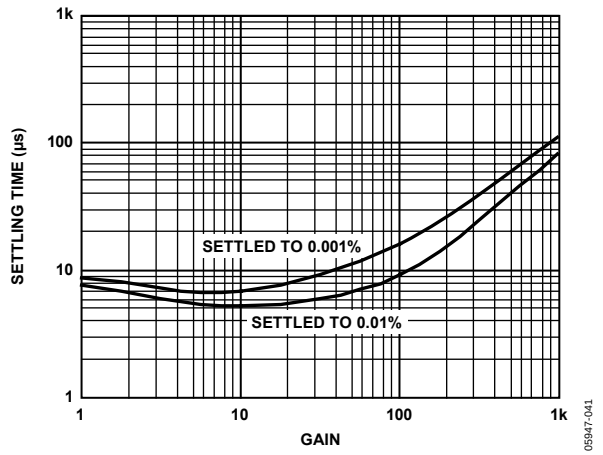

Figure 40. Settling Time vs. Gain for a 10 V Step

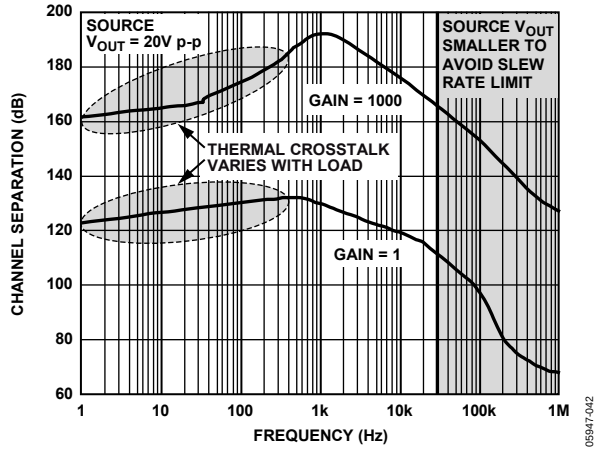

Figure 41. Channel Separation vs. Frequency, R_L = 2 kΩ, Source Channel at G = 1

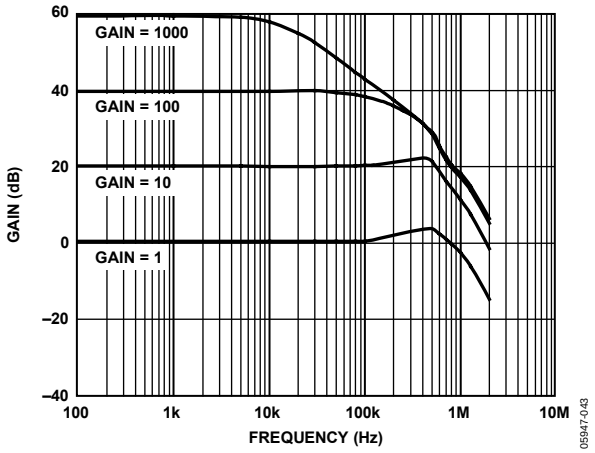

Figure 42. Differential Output Configuration: Gain vs. Frequency

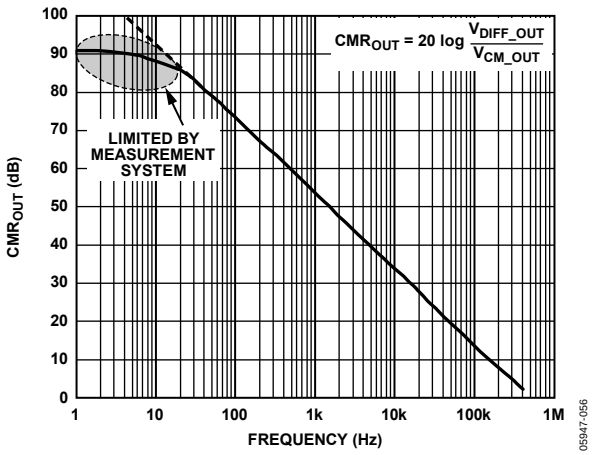

Figure 43. Differential Output Configuration: Common-Mode Output vs. Frequency

THEORY OF OPERATION

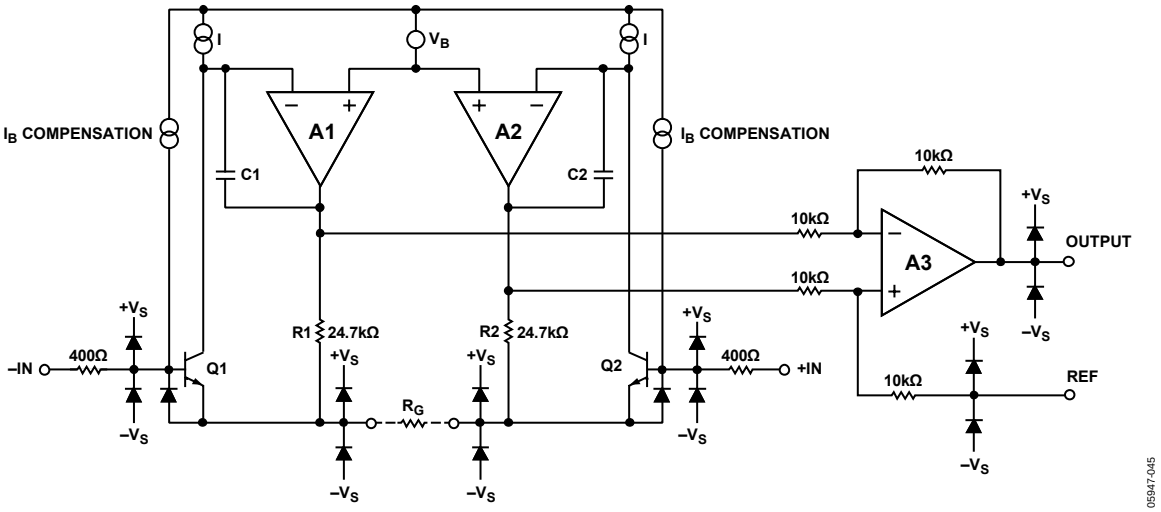

Figure 44. Simplified Schematic

AMPLIFIER ARCHITECTURE

The two instrumentation amplifiers of the AD8222 are based on the classic three op amp topology. Figure 44 shows a simplified schematic of one of the amplifiers. Input Transistors Q1 and Q2 are biased at a fixed current. Any differential input signal forces the output voltages of A1 and A2 to change so that the differential voltage also appears across R_G. The current that flows through R_G must also flow through R1 and R2, resulting in a precisely amplified version of the differential input signal between the outputs of A1 and A2. Topologically, Q1, A1, and R1 and Q2, A2, and R2 can be viewed as precision current feedback amplifiers. The common-mode signal and the amplified differential signal are applied to a difference amplifier that rejects the common-mode voltage. The difference amplifier employs innovations that result in low output offset voltage as well as low output offset voltage drift.

Because the input amplifiers employ a current feedback architecture, the gain-bandwidth product of the AD8222 increases with gain, resulting in a system that does not suffer from the expected bandwidth loss of voltage feedback architectures at higher gains.

The transfer function of the AD8222 is

$$V_{OUT} = G(V_{IN+} - V_{IN-}) + V_{REF}$$

where

$$G = 1 + \frac{49.4\ \text{k}\Omega}{R_G}$$

GAIN SELECTION

Placing a resistor across the R_G terminals sets the gain of the AD8222, which can be calculated by referring to Table 8 or by using the following gain equation.

$$R_G = \frac{49.4\ \text{k}\Omega}{G - 1}$$

Table 8. Gains Achieved Using 1% Resistors

1% Standard Table Value of R_G (Ω)	Calculated Gain
49.9 k	1.990
12.4 k	4.984
5.49 k	9.998
2.61 k	19.93
1.00 k	50.40
499	100.0
249	199.4
100	495.0
49.9	991.0

The AD8222 defaults to G = 1 when no gain resistor is used. The tolerance and gain drift of the R_G resistor should be added to the AD8222's specifications to determine the total gain accuracy of the system. When the gain resistor is not used, gain error and gain drift are kept to a minimum.

REFERENCE TERMINAL

The output voltage of the AD8222 is developed with respect to the potential on the reference terminal. This is useful when the output signal needs to be offset to a precise midsupply level. For example, a voltage source can be tied to the REF pin to level-shift the output so that the AD8222 can drive a single-supply ADC. The REF pin is protected with ESD diodes and should not exceed either $+V_S$ or $-V_S$ by more than 0.3 V.

For best performance, source impedance to the REF terminal should be kept below 1 Ω. As shown in Figure 44, the reference terminal, REF, is at one end of a 10 kΩ resistor. Additional impedance at the REF terminal adds to this 10 kΩ resistor and results in amplification of the signal connected to the positive input. The amplification from the additional R_{REF} can be computed by

$$\frac{2\left(10\ \text{k}\Omega + R_{REF}\right)}{20\ \text{k}\Omega + R_{REF}}$$

Only the positive signal path is amplified; the negative path is unaffected. This uneven amplification degrades the amplifier's CMRR.

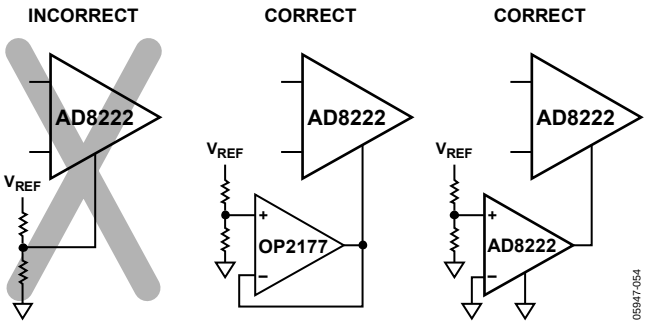

Figure 45. Driving the Reference Pin

LAYOUT

The AD8222 is a high precision device. To ensure optimum performance at the PC board level, care must be taken in the design of the board layout. The AD8222 pinout is arranged in a logical manner to aid in this task.

Package Considerations

The AD8222 comes in a 4 mm × 4 mm LFCSP. Beware of blindly copying the footprint from another 4 mm × 4 mm LFCSP part; it may not have the same thermal pad size and leads. Refer to the Outline Dimensions section to verify that the PCB symbol has the correct dimensions. Space between the leads and thermal pad should be kept as wide as possible for the best bias current performance.

Thermal Pad

The AD8222's 4 mm × 4 mm LFCSP comes with a thermal pad. This pad is connected internally to $-V_S$. The pad can either be left unconnected or connected to the negative supply rail.

To preserve maximum pin compatibility with future dual instrumentation amplifiers, leave the pad unconnected. This can be done by not soldering the paddle at all or by soldering the part to a landing that is a not connected to any other net. For high vibration applications, a landing is recommended.

Because the AD8222 dissipates little power, heat dissipation is rarely an issue. If improved heat dissipation is desired (for example, when driving heavy loads), connect the thermal pad to the negative supply rail. For the best heat dissipation performance, the negative supply rail should be a plane in the board. See the section for thermal coefficients with and without the pad soldered.

Common-Mode Rejection over Frequency

The AD8222 has a higher CMRR over frequency than typical in-amps, which gives it greater immunity to disturbances, such as line noise and its associated harmonics. A well-implemented layout is required to maintain this high performance. Input source impedances should be matched closely. Source resistance should be placed close to the inputs so that it interacts with as little parasitic capacitance as possible.

Parasitics at the RGx pins can also affect CMRR over frequency. The PCB should be laid out so that the parasitic capacitances at each pin match. Traces from the gain setting resistor to the RGx pins should be kept short to minimize parasitic inductance.

Reference

Errors introduced at the reference terminal feed directly to the output. Care should be taken to tie REF to the appropriate local ground.

Power Supplies

A stable dc voltage should be used to power the instrumentation amplifier. Noise on the supply pins can adversely affect performance.

The AD8222 has two positive supply pins (Pin 5 and Pin 16) and two negative supply pins (Pin 8 and Pin 13). While the part functions with only one pin from each supply pair connected, both pins should be connected for specified performance and optimum reliability.

The AD8222 should be decoupled with 0.1 µF bypass capacitors, one for each supply. The positive supply decoupling capacitor should be placed near Pin 16, and the negative supply decoupling capacitor should be placed near Pin 8. Each supply should also be decoupled with a 10 µF tantalum capacitor. The tantalum capacitor can be placed further away from the AD8222 and can generally be shared by other precision integrated circuits. Figure 46 shows an example layout.

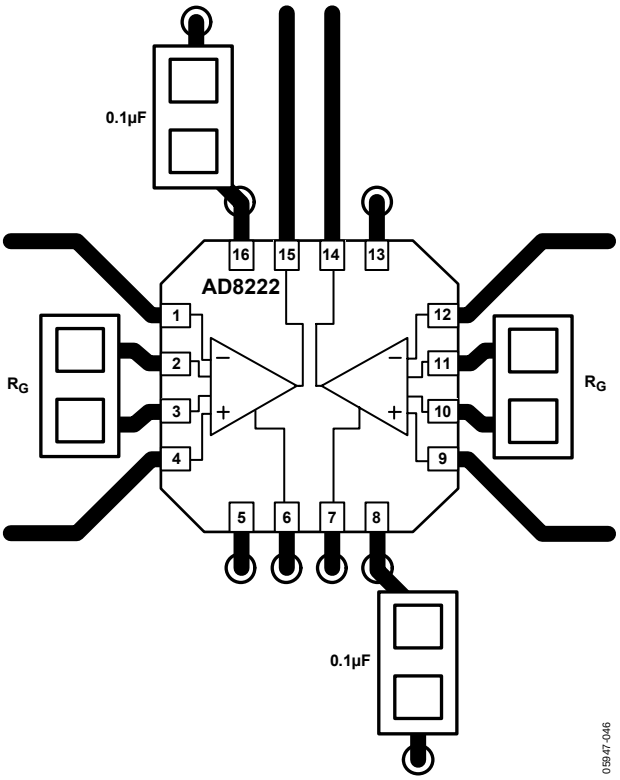

Figure 46. Example Layout

SOLDER WASH

The solder process can leave flux and other contaminants on the board. When these contaminants are between the AD8222 leads and thermal pad, they can create leakage paths that are larger than the AD8222's bias currents. A thorough washing process removes these contaminants and restores the AD8222's excellent bias current performance.

INPUT BIAS CURRENT RETURN PATH

The input bias current of the AD8222 must have a return path to common. When the source, such as a thermocouple, cannot provide a return current path, one should be created, as shown in Figure 47.

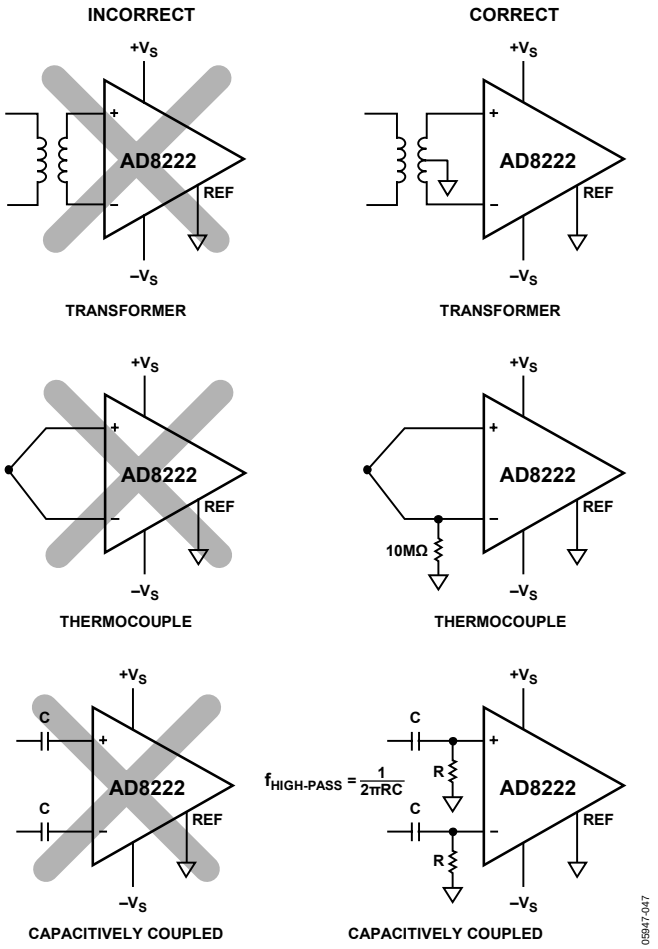

Figure 47. Creating an I_{BIAS} Path

INPUT PROTECTION

All terminals of the AD8222 are protected against ESD (1 kV—human body model). In addition, the input structure allows for dc overload conditions of about 2½ V beyond the supplies.

Input Voltages Beyond the Rails

For larger input voltages, an external resistor should be used in series with each input to limit current during overload conditions. The AD8222 can safely handle a continuous 6 mA current. The limiting resistor can be computed from

$$R_{LIMIT} \geq \frac{V_{IN} - V_{SUPPLY}}{6\text{ mA}} - 400\ \Omega$$

For applications where the AD8222 encounters extreme overload voltages, such as cardiac defibrillators, external series resistors and low leakage diode clamps, such as the BAV199L, the FJH1100s, or the SP720, should be used.

Differential Input Voltages at High Gains

When operating at high gain, large differential input voltages can cause more than 6 mA of current to flow into the inputs. This condition occurs when the differential voltage exceeds the following critical voltage

$$V_{CRITICAL} = (400 + R_G) \times (6\text{ mA})$$

This is true for differential voltages of either polarity.

The maximum allowed differential voltage can be increased by adding an input protection resistor in series with each input. The value of each protection resistor should be

$$R_{PROTECT} = (V_{DIFF\_MAX} - V_{CRITICAL})/6\text{ mA}$$

RF INTERFERENCE

RF rectification is often a problem when amplifiers are used in applications where there are strong RF signals. The disturbance can appear as a small dc offset voltage. High frequency signals can be filtered with a low-pass, RC network placed at the input of the instrumentation amplifier, as shown in Figure 48. The filter limits the input signal bandwidth according to the following relationship.

$$FilterFreq_{Diff} = \frac{1}{2\pi R(2C_D + C_C)}$$

$$FilterFreq_{CM} = \frac{1}{2\pi RC_C}$$

where $C_D \geq 10C_C$.

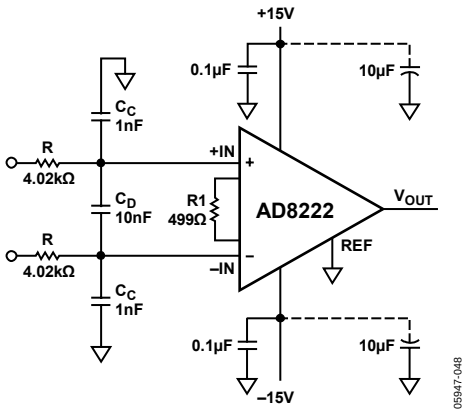

Figure 48. RFI Suppression

Figure 48 shows an example where the differential filter frequency is approximately 2 kHz, and the common-mode filter frequency is approximately 40 kHz.

Values of R and C_C should be chosen to minimize RFI. Mismatch between the R × C_C at the positive input and the R × C_C at negative input degrades the CMRR of the AD8222. By using a value of C_D 10× larger than the value of C_C, the effect of the mismatch is reduced and performance is improved.

COMMON-MODE INPUT VOLTAGE RANGE

The three op amp architecture of the AD8222 applies gain and then removes the common-mode voltage. Therefore, internal nodes in the AD8222 experience a combination of both the gained signal and the common-mode signal. This combined signal can be limited by the voltage supplies even when the individual input and output signals are not. Figure 7 and Figure 8 show the allowable common-mode input voltage ranges for various output voltages, supply voltages, and gains.

APPLICATIONS

DIFFERENTIAL OUTPUT

The differential configuration of the AD8222 has the same excellent dc precision specifications as the single-ended output configuration and is recommended for applications in the frequency range of dc to 100 kHz.

The circuit configuration is shown in Figure 49. The differential output specification in Table 2 and Table 4 refer to this configuration only. The circuit includes an RC filter that maintains the stability of the loop.

The transfer function for the differential output is:

$$V_{DIFF\_OUT} = V_{+OUT} - V_{-OUT} = (V_{+IN} - V_{-IN}) \times G$$

where

$$G = 1 + \frac{49.4\ \text{k}\Omega}{R_G}$$

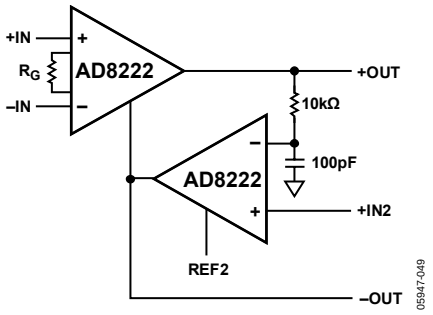

Figure 49. Differential Circuit Schematic

Setting the Common-Mode Voltage

The output common-mode voltage is set by the average of +IN2 and REF2. The transfer function is

$$V_{CM\_OUT} = (V_{+OUT} + V_{-OUT})/2 = (V_{+IN2} + V_{REF2})/2$$

+IN2 and REF2 have different properties that allow the reference voltage to be easily set for a wide variety of applications. +IN2 has high impedance but cannot swing to the supply rails of the part. REF2 must be driven with a low impedance but can go 300 mV beyond the supply rails.

A common application sets the common-mode output voltage to the midscale of a differential ADC. In this case, the ADC reference voltage would be sent to the +IN2 terminal, and ground would be connected to the REF2 terminal. This would produce a common-mode output voltage of half the ADC reference voltage.

2-Channel Differential Output Using a Dual Op Amp

Another differential output topology is shown in Figure 50. Instead of a second in-amp, ½ of a dual OP2177 op amp creates the inverted output. Because the OP2177 comes in an MSOP, this configuration allows the creation of a dual channel, precision differential output in-amp with little board area.

Errors from the op amp are common to both outputs and are thus common mode. Errors from mismatched resistors also create a common-mode dc offset. Because these errors are common mode, they will likely be rejected by the next device in the signal chain.

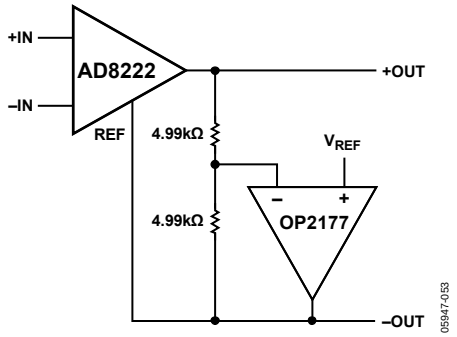

Figure 50. Differential Output Using Op Amp

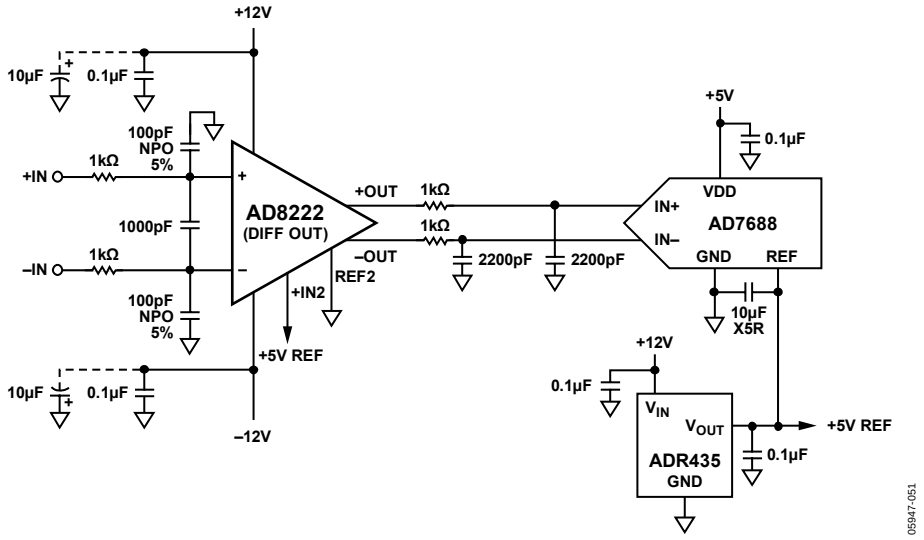

Figure 51. Driving a Differential ADC

DRIVING A DIFFERENTIAL INPUT ADC

The AD8222 can be configured in differential output mode to drive a differential analog-to-digital converter. Figure 51 illustrates several of the concepts.

First Antialiasing Filter

The 1 kΩ resistor, 1000 pF capacitor, and 100 pF capacitors in front of the in-amp form a 76 kHz filter. This is the first of two antialiasing filters in the circuit and helps to reduce the noise of the system. The 100 pF capacitors protect against common-mode RFI signals. Note that they are 5% COG/NPO types. These capacitors match well over time and temperature, which keeps the system's CMRR high over frequency.

Second Antialiasing Filter

A 1 kΩ resistor and 2200 pF capacitor are located between each AD8222 output and ADC input. They create a 72 kHz low-pass filter for another stage of antialiasing protection.

These four elements also help distortion performance. The 2200 pF capacitor provides charge to the switched capacitor front end of the ADC, while the 1 kΩ resistor shields the AD8222 from driving any sharp current changes. If the application requires a lower frequency antialiasing filter and is distortion sensitive, increase the value of the capacitor rather than the resistor.

The 1 kΩ resistors can also protect an ADC from overvoltages. Because the AD8222 runs on wider supply voltages than a typical ADC, there is a possibility of overdriving the ADC. This is not an issue with a PulSAR® converter, such as the AD7688. Its input can handle a 130 mA overdrive, which is much higher than the short-circuit limit of the AD8222. However, other converters have less robust inputs and may need the added protection.

Reference

The ADR435 supplies a reference voltage to both the ADC and the AD8222. Because REF2 on the AD8222 is grounded, the common-mode output voltage is precisely half the reference voltage, exactly where it needs to be for the ADC.

PRECISION STRAIN GAUGE

The low offset and high CMRR over frequency of the AD8222 make it an excellent candidate for both ac and dc bridge measurements. As shown in Figure 52, the bridge can be connected to the inputs of the amplifier directly.

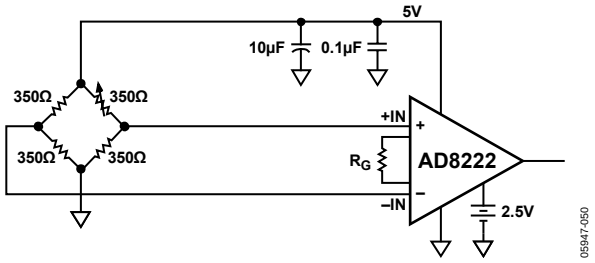

Figure 52. Precision Strain Gauge

DRIVING CABLING

All cables have a certain capacitance per unit length, which varies widely with cable type. The capacitive load from the cable may cause peaking in the AD8222's output response. To reduce the peaking, use a resistor between the AD8222 and the cable. Because cable capacitance and desired output response vary widely, this resistor is best determined empirically. A good starting point is 50 Ω.

The AD8222 operates at a low enough frequency that transmission line effects are rarely an issue; therefore, the resistor need not match the characteristic impedance of the cable.

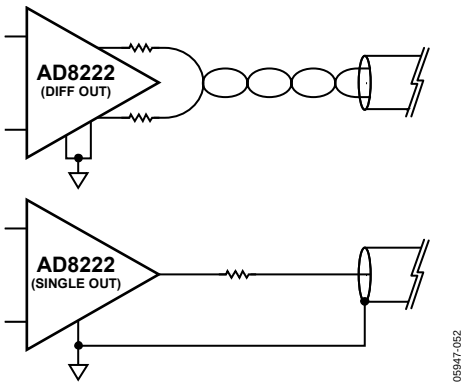

Figure 53. Driving a Cable

OUTLINE DIMENSIONS

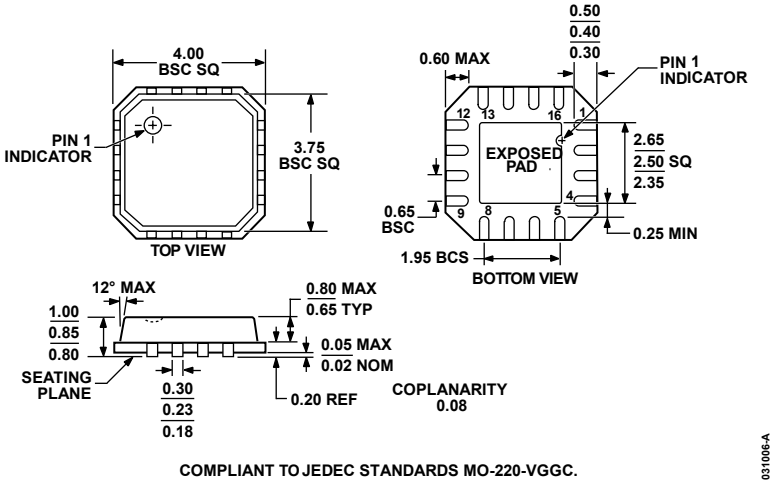

Figure 54. 16-Lead Lead Frame Chip Scale Package [LFCSP_VQ]
4 mm × 4 mm Body, Very Thin Quad
(CP-16-13)
Dimensions are shown in millimeters

ORDERING GUIDE

Model	Temperature Range	Product Description	Package Option
AD8222ACPZ-R7[1]	−40°C to +85°C	16-Lead LFCSP_VQ	CP-16-13
AD8222ACPZ-RL[1]	−40°C to +85°C	16-Lead LFCSP_VQ	CP-16-13
AD8222ACPZ-WP[1]	−40°C to +85°C	16-Lead LFCSP_VQ	CP-16-13
AD8222BCPZ-R7[1]	−40°C to +85°C	16-Lead LFCSP_VQ	CP-16-13
AD8222BCPZ-RL[1]	−40°C to +85°C	16-Lead LFCSP_VQ	CP-16-13
AD8222BCPZ-WP[1]	−40°C to +85°C	16-Lead LFCSP_VQ	CP-16-13
AD8222-EVAL		Evaluation Board	

[1] Z = Pb-free part.

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