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## 1:2 Single-Ended, Low Cost, Active RF Splitter

## Data Sheet

## FEATURES

Ideal for CATV and terrestrial applications<br>Excellent frequency response<br>$1.6 \mathrm{GHz},-3 \mathrm{~dB}$ bandwidth<br>1 dB flatness to 1.0 GHz<br>Low noise figure: 4.0 dB<br>Low distortion<br>Composite second order (CSO): -62 dBc<br>Composite triple beat (CTB): -72 dBc<br>1 dB compression point of $\mathbf{8 . 2 5 \mathrm { dBm }}$<br>2.8 dB of gain per output channel<br>$\mathbf{2 5 ~ d B}$ output-to-output isolation, $50 \mathbf{~ M H z}$ to $1000 \mathbf{~ M H z}$<br>$75 \Omega$ input and outputs<br>Integrated output resistors<br>Small package size: 16 -lead, $\mathbf{3} \mathbf{m m} \times 3 \mathrm{~mm}$ LFCSP

## APPLICATIONS

## Set-top boxes

Residential gateways

## CATV distribution systems

## Splitter modules

Digital cable ready (DCR) TVs

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The ADA4304-2 is a $75 \Omega$ active splitter for use in applications where a lossless signal split is required. Typical applications include multituner digital set-top boxes, cable splitter modules, multituner/digital cable ready (DCR) televisions, and home gateways where traditional solutions require discrete passive splitter modules with separate fixed gain amplifiers.
The ADA4304-2 is fabricated using Analog Devices, Inc. proprietary silicon-germanium (SiGe), complementary bipolar process, enabling it to achieve very low levels of distortion with a noise figure of 4 dB . The part provides a low cost alternative that simplifies designs and improves system performance by integrating a signal splitter element and a gain block into a single IC. The ADA4304-2 is available in a 16 -lead LFCSP and operates in the extended industrial temperature range of $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

## FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM



Figure 1.


Figure 2. Gain $\left(S_{21}, S_{31}\right)$ vs. Frequency

## COMPARABLE PARTS

View a parametric search of comparable parts.

## DOCUMENTATION

## Data Sheet

- ADA4304-2: 1:2 Single-Ended, Low Cost, Active RF Splitter Data Sheet


## REFERENCE MATERIALS $\square$

## Product Selection Guide

- RF Source Booklet


## DESIGN RESOURCES

- ADA4304-2 Material Declaration
- PCN-PDN Information
- Quality And Reliability
- Symbols and Footprints


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ADA4304-2

## SPECIFICATIONS

$\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=5 \mathrm{~V}, 75 \Omega$ system, $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted.
Table 1.

| Parameter | Conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DYNAMIC PERFORMANCE <br> Bandwidth (-3 dB) <br> Specified Frequency Range Gain ( $\mathrm{S}_{21}, \mathrm{~S}_{31}$ ) <br> 1 dB Gain Flatness | $\mathrm{f}=100 \mathrm{MHz}$; see Figure 17 and Figure 18 | 54 | $\begin{aligned} & 1600 \\ & 2.8 \\ & 1000 \end{aligned}$ | 865 | MHz <br> MHz <br> dB <br> MHz |
| NOISE/DISTORTION PERFORMANCE <br> Noise Figure ${ }^{1}$ <br> Output IP3 <br> Output IP2 <br> Composite Triple Beat (CTB) <br> Composite Second Order (CSO) <br> Cross Modulation (CXM) | @ 54 MHz <br> @ 550 MHz <br> @ 865 MHz $\begin{aligned} & f_{1}=97.25 \mathrm{MHz}, f_{2}=103.25 \mathrm{MHz} \\ & f_{1}=97.25 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{f}_{2}=103.25 \mathrm{MHz} \end{aligned}$ <br> 135 channels, $15 \mathrm{dBmV} /$ channel, $\mathrm{f}=865 \mathrm{MHz}$ <br> 135 channels, $15 \mathrm{dBmV} /$ channel, $\mathrm{f}=865 \mathrm{MHz}$ <br> 135 channels, $15 \mathrm{dBmV} /$ channel, $100 \%$ modulation <br> @ $15.75 \mathrm{kHz}, \mathrm{f}=865 \mathrm{MHz}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 4.0 \\ & 4.5 \\ & 4.6 \\ & 26 \\ & 44.5 \\ & -72 \\ & -62 \\ & -69 \end{aligned}$ |  | dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dBm <br> dBm <br> dBc <br> dBc <br> dBc |
| INPUT CHARACTERISTICS Input Return Loss ( $\mathrm{S}_{11}$ ) Output-to-Input Isolation ( $\mathrm{S}_{12}, \mathrm{~S}_{13}$ ) | See Figure 17, Figure 18, and Figure 19 <br> @ 54 MHz <br> @ 550 MHz <br> @ 865 MHz <br> Either output, 54 MHz to 865 MHz <br> @ 54 MHz <br> @ 550 MHz <br> @ 865 MHz |  | $\begin{aligned} & -15 \\ & -35.5 \\ & -13.3 \\ & -32 \\ & -32 \\ & -33 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -11 \\ & -22 \\ & -8 \\ & -30 \\ & -29 \\ & -31 \end{aligned}$ | dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dB |
| OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS <br> Output Return Loss ( $\mathrm{S}_{22}, \mathrm{~S}_{33}$ ) <br> Output-to-Output Isolation $\left(\mathrm{S}_{23}, \mathrm{~S}_{32}\right)$ <br> 1 dB Compression ( $\mathrm{P}_{1 \mathrm{~dB}}$ ) | See Figure 17, Figure 18, and Figure 19 Either output, 54 MHz to 865 MHz <br> @ 54 MHz <br> @ 550 MHz <br> @ 865 MHz <br> Either output, 54 MHz to 865 MHz <br> @ 54 MHz <br> @ 550 MHz <br> @ 865 MHz <br> Output referred, $\mathrm{f}=100 \mathrm{MHz}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & -26.7 \\ & -22 \\ & -20 \\ & -26.7 \\ & -25.1 \\ & -25 \\ & 8.25 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -21 \\ & -15 \\ & -12 \end{aligned}$ | dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dBm |
| POWER SUPPLY <br> Nominal Supply Voltage Quiescent Supply Current |  | 4.75 | $\begin{aligned} & 5.0 \\ & 88 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5.25 \\ & 105 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{V} \\ & \mathrm{~mA} \end{aligned}$ |

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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Table 2.

| Parameter | Rating |
| :--- | :--- |
| Supply Voltage | 5.5 V |
| Power Dissipation | See Figure 3 |
| Storage Temperature Range | $-65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Operating Temperature Range | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec ) | $300^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Junction Temperature | $150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |

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

## THERMAL RESISTANCE

$\theta_{J A}$ is specified for the device (including exposed pad) soldered to a high thermal conductivity 2 s 2 p circuit board, as described in EIA/JESD 51-7.

Table 3. Thermal Resistance

| Package Type | $\theta_{\mathrm{JA}}$ | Unit |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 16-Lead LFCSP (Exposed Pad) | 98 | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{W}$ |

## Maximum Power Dissipation

The maximum safe power dissipation in the ADA4304-2 package is limited by the associated rise in junction temperature $\left(\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{J}}\right)$ on the die. At approximately $150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, which is the glass transition temperature, the plastic changes its properties. Even temporarily exceeding this temperature limit can change the stresses that the package exerts on the die, permanently shifting the parametric performance of the ADA4304-2. Exceeding a junction temperature of $150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for an extended period can result in changes in the silicon devices, potentially causing failure.

The power dissipated in the package $\left(\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{D}}\right)$ is essentially equal to the quiescent power dissipation; the supply voltage ( $\mathrm{V}_{S}$ ) times the quiescent current ( $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{s}}$ ). In Table 1, the maximum power dissipation of the ADA4304-2 can be calculated as

$$
P_{D(M A X)}=5.25 \mathrm{~V} \times 105 \mathrm{~mA}=551 \mathrm{~mW}
$$

Airflow increases heat dissipation, effectively reducing $\theta_{\text {JA }}$. In addition, more metal directly in contact with the package leads/exposed pad from metal traces, through-holes, ground, and power planes reduces the $\theta_{J A}$.

Figure 3 shows the maximum safe power dissipation in the package vs. the ambient temperature for the 16-lead LFCSP ( $98^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{W}$ ) on a JEDEC standard 4-layer board.


Figure 3. Maximum Power Dissipation vs. Temperature for a 4-Layer Board

## ESD CAUTION



ESD (electrostatic discharge) sensitive device. Charged devices and circuit boards can discharge without detection. Although this product features patented or proprietary protection circuitry, damage may occur on devices subjected to high energy ESD Therefore, proper ESD precautions should be taken to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.

## PIN CONFIGURATION AND FUNCTION DESCRIPTIONS



Table 4. Pin Function Descriptions

| Pin No. | Mnemonic | Description |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1,2,15,16$ | VCC | Supply Pin. |
| 3,5 to $7,9,11$ | GND | Ground. |
| 4 | VIN | Input. |
| 8,13 | NIC | No Internal Connection. |
| 10 | VOUT2 | Output 2. |
| 12 | VOUT1 | Output 1. |
| 14 | IL | Bias Pin. |
|  | EPAD | Exposed Pad. The exposed pad must be connected to GND. |

## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

$\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=5 \mathrm{~V}, 75 \Omega$ system, $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted.


Figure 5. Composite Second Order (CSO) vs. Frequency


Figure 6. Composite Triple Beat (CTB) vs. Frequency


Figure 7. Cross Modulation (CXM) vs. Frequency


Figure 8. Noise Figure vs. Frequency


Figure 9. Output IP2 vs. Frequency


Figure 10. Output IP3 vs. Frequency


Figure 11. Gain $\left(S_{21}, S_{31}\right)$ vs. Frequency


Figure 12. Output-to-Input Isolation $\left(S_{12}, S_{13}\right)$ vs. Frequency

`Figure 13. Output-to-Output Isolation $\left(S_{23}, S_{32}\right)$ vs. Frequency


Figure 14. Input Return Loss $\left(S_{11}\right)$ vs. Frequency


Figure 15. Output Return Loss $\left(S_{22}, S_{33}\right)$ vs. Frequency


Figure 16. Quiescent Supply Current vs. Temperature

## TEST CIRCUITS



Figure 17. Test Circuit for $S_{11}, S_{12}, S_{21}, S_{22}$ Measurements


Figure 18. Test Circuit for $S_{13}, S_{31}, S_{33}$ Measurements


Figure 19. Test Circuit for $S_{23}, S_{32}$ Measurements

## APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

The ADA4304-2 active splitter is primarily intended for use in the downstream path of television set-top boxes (STBs) that contain multiple tuners. It is typically located directly after the diplexer in a bidirectional CATV customer premise unit. The ADA4304-2 provides a single-ended input and two singleended outputs that allow the delivery of the RF signal to two different signal paths. These paths can include, but are not limited to, a main picture tuner, the picture-in-picture (PIP) tuner, an out-of-band (OOB) tuner, a digital video recorder (DVR), and a cable modem (CM).
The ADA4304-2 exhibits composite second order (CSO) and composite triple beat (CTB) products that are -62 dBc and -72 dBc , respectively. The use of the SiGe bipolar process also allows the ADA4304-2 to achieve a noise figure (NF) of 4 dB .

## CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

The ADA4304-2 consists of a low noise buffer amplifier followed by a resistive power divider. This arrangement provides 2.8 dB of gain relative to the RF signal present at the input of the device. The input and each output must be properly matched to a $75 \Omega$ environment for distortion and noise performance to match the data sheet specifications. AC coupling capacitors of $0.01 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ are recommended for the input and outputs.
A $1 \mu \mathrm{H}$ RF choke (Coilcraft chip inductor 0805LS-102X) is required to correctly bias internal nodes of the ADA4304-2. It should be connected between the 5 V supply and the IL pin (Pin 14). The choke should be placed as close as possible to the ADA4304-2 to minimize parasitic capacitance on the IL pin, which is critical for achieving the specified bandwidth and flatness.

## OUTLINE DIMENSIONS



ORDERING GUIDE

| Model $^{1}$ | Temperature Range | Package Description | Package Option | Ordering Quantity | Branding |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ADA4304-2ACPZ-RL | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 16 -Lead LFCSP | $\mathrm{CP}-16-21$ | 5,000 | H 0 Z |
| ADA4304-2ACPZ-R7 | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $16-$ Lead LFCSP | CP-16-21 | 1,500 | $\mathrm{H} 0 Z$ |
| ADA4304-2ACPZ-R2 | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 16 -Lead LFCSP | CP-16-21 | 250 | $\mathrm{H} 0 Z$ |

${ }^{1} Z=$ RoHS Compliant Part.


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Characterized with $50 \Omega$ noise figure analyzer.

