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Evaluating the **AD5344** 12-Bit, Quad-Channel Voltage Output Digital-to-Analog Converter (DAC)

FEATURES

- Full featured evaluation board ([EVAL-AD5344DBZ](#)) in conjunction with *nano*DAC motherboard ([EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ](#))
- On-board references
- Various link options
- PC control in conjunction with Analog Devices, Inc., system demonstration platform (SDP)

EVALUATION KIT CONTENTS

- [EVAL-AD5344DBZ](#) evaluation board
- [EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ](#) motherboard
- USB cable

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

- [EVAL-AD5344DBZ](#) evaluation software

HARDWARE REQUIRED

- [EVAL-SDP-CB1Z](#) controller board ([SDP-B](#) controller board), must be purchased separately

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This user guide details the operation of the [EVAL-AD5344DBZ](#) for the [AD5344](#) quad-channel, voltage output DAC. The [AD5344](#) operates from a single 2.5 V to 5.5 V supply.

The [EVAL-AD5344DBZ](#) is designed to quickly prototype [AD5344](#) circuits and reduce design time. The [EVAL-AD5344DBZ](#) interfaces with the USB port of a PC via the [SDP-B](#) controller board. Software can be downloaded via the [EVAL-AD5344DBZ](#) product page that allows users to program the [AD5344](#).

The [EVAL-AD5344DBZ](#) evaluation board requires the [SDP-B](#) controller board, which is available for order on the Analog Devices website.

Full specifications for the [AD5344](#) are listed in the [AD5344](#) data sheet available from Analog Devices and should be consulted in conjunction with this user guide when using the evaluation board.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE [EVAL-AD5344DBZ](#), [EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ](#), AND [EVAL-SDP-CB1Z](#)

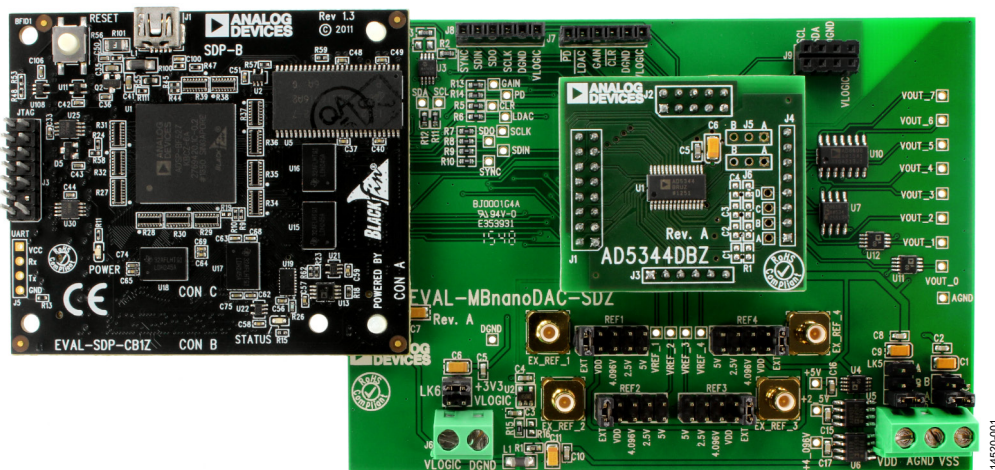


Figure 1.

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EVALUATION BOARD HARDWARE

POWER SUPPLIES

The nanoDAC® EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ motherboard supports single and dual power supplies.

The EVAL-AD5344DBZ evaluation board can be powered from either the SDP-B port or externally by the J5 and J6 connectors, described in Table 1.

Both AGND and DGND inputs are provided on the evaluation board. The AGND and DGND planes are connected at one location on the EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ. It is recommended that AGND and DGND do not connect elsewhere in the system to avoid ground loop problems.

All supplies are decoupled to ground with 10 µF tantalum capacitors and 0.1 µF ceramic capacitors.

Table 1. Power Supply Connectors

Connector	Label	Voltage
J5, Pin 1 (J5-1)	VDD	Analog positive power supply, V_{DD} ; 5.5 V single and dual supply
J5, Pin 2 (J5-2)	AGND	Analog ground
J5, Pin 3 (J5-3)	VSS	Analog negative power supply, V_{SS} ; -5.5 V dual supply
J6, Pin 1 (J6-1)	VLOGIC	Digital supply from 1.8 V to V_{DD} ;
J6, Pin 2 (J6-2)	DGND	Digital ground

LINK OPTIONS

A number of link options are incorporated in the EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ and must be set for the required operating conditions before using the evaluation board. Table 2 describes the positions of the links that control the evaluation board via the SDP-B controller board using a PC and external power supplies. The positions listed in Table 2 through Table 4 match the evaluation board imprints, see Figure 10.

Table 2. Link Options Setup for SDP Control (Default)

Link Number	Position
REF1	2.5 V
REF2	2.5 V
REF3	2.5 V
REF4	2.5 V
LK5	C
LK6	+3V3
LK7	B

DAUGHTER BOARD LINK OPTIONS

The EVAL-AD5344DBZ daughter board has two link options. The links control the settings of the output voltage channel. The functions of these link options are described in detail in Table 3. Table 4 shows how the links are configured.

Table 3. Channel Settings

Channel	LK1	LK2
A	A	A
B	A	B
C	B	A
D	B	B

Table 4. Link Functions

Link Number	Position
REF1 to REF4	These links select the reference source. Position EXT selects an off board voltage reference via the appropriate EXT_REF connector. Position VDD selects V_{DD} as the reference source. Position 4.096V selects the on-board 4.096 V reference as the reference source. Position 2.5V selects the on-board 2.5 V reference as the reference source. Position 5V selects the on-board 5 V reference as the reference source.
LK5	This link selects the positive DAC analog voltage source. Position A selects the internal voltage source from the SDP-B controller board. Position B selects the internal voltage source 3.3 V from the ADP121 on the motherboard. Position C selects an external supply voltage, V_{DD} .
LK6	This link selects the VLOGIC voltage source. Position +3V3 selects the digital voltage source from the SDP-B controller board (+3V3). Position VLOGIC selects an external digital supply voltage, V_{LOGIC} .
LK7	This link selects the negative DAC analog voltage source. Position A selects V_{SS} . Position B selects AGND.

EVALUATION BOARD SOFTWARE QUICK START PROCEDURES

INSTALLING THE EVAL-AD5344DBZ EVALUATION SOFTWARE

The [EVAL-AD5344DBZ](#) evaluation software is compatible with Windows® Vista (64-bit/32-bit) and Windows 7 (64-bit/32-bit).

Install the software before connecting the [SDP-B](#) controller board to the USB port of the PC to ensure the PC recognizes the [SDP-B](#) controller board when it connects to the PC.

To install the [EVAL-AD5344DBZ](#) evaluation software, take the following steps:

1. Start the Windows operating system.
2. Download the installation software from the [EVAL-AD5344DBZ](#) evaluation board page.
3. Run the **setup.exe** file from the installer file if it does not open automatically.
4. After the installation is complete, power up the evaluation board as described in the Power Supplies section.
5. Connect the [EVAL-AD5344DBZ](#) to the [SDP-B](#) controller board and the [SDP-B](#) controller board to the PC using the USB cable included in the evaluation kit.
6. When the software detects the [EVAL-AD5344DBZ](#), proceed through any dialog boxes that appear to finalize the installation.

RUNNING THE SOFTWARE

To run the [EVAL-AD5344DBZ](#) evaluation software, proceed with the following steps:

1. Connect the [EVAL-AD5344DBZ](#) to the [SDP-B](#) controller board and connect the USB cable from the [SDP-B](#) controller board to the PC.
2. Power up the evaluation board as described in the Power Supplies section.
3. Click **Start > All Programs > Analog Devices > AD5344 Evaluation Software** to locate the evaluation board.

If the [SDP-B](#) controller board does not connect to the USB port when the software launches, a connectivity error displays (see Figure 2).

Connect the [SDP-B](#) controller board to the USB port of the PC and wait a few seconds. Once the [SDP-B](#) controller board and the [EVAL-AD5344DBZ](#) daughter board are detected, the display updates (see Figure 3).

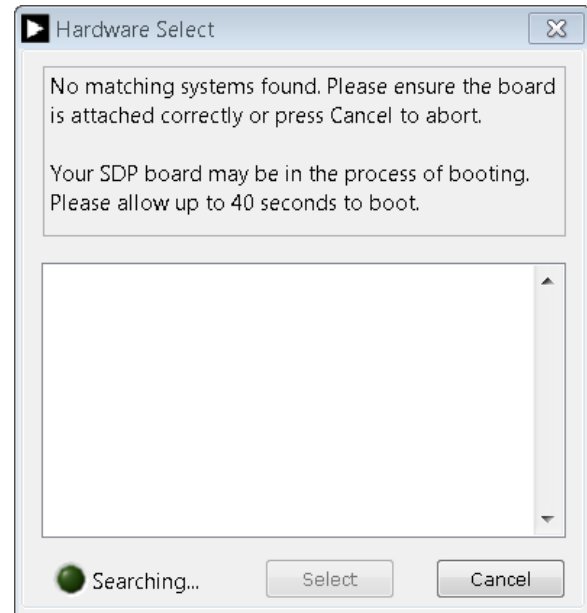


Figure 2. Connectivity Error

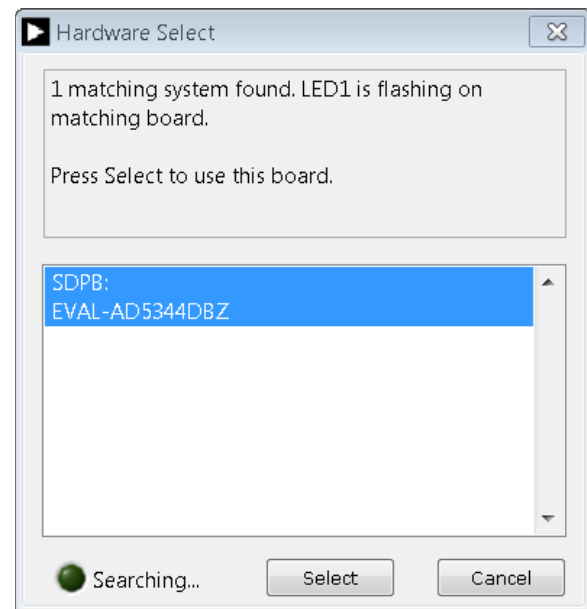


Figure 3. Hardware Select

Alternatively, the [EVAL-AD5344DBZ](#) evaluation software can be used without an evaluation board. The [EVAL-AD5344DBZ](#) evaluation software runs in simulation mode displaying expected outputs based on the input data. The main window of the [EVAL-AD5344DBZ](#) evaluation software then opens, shown in Figure 4.

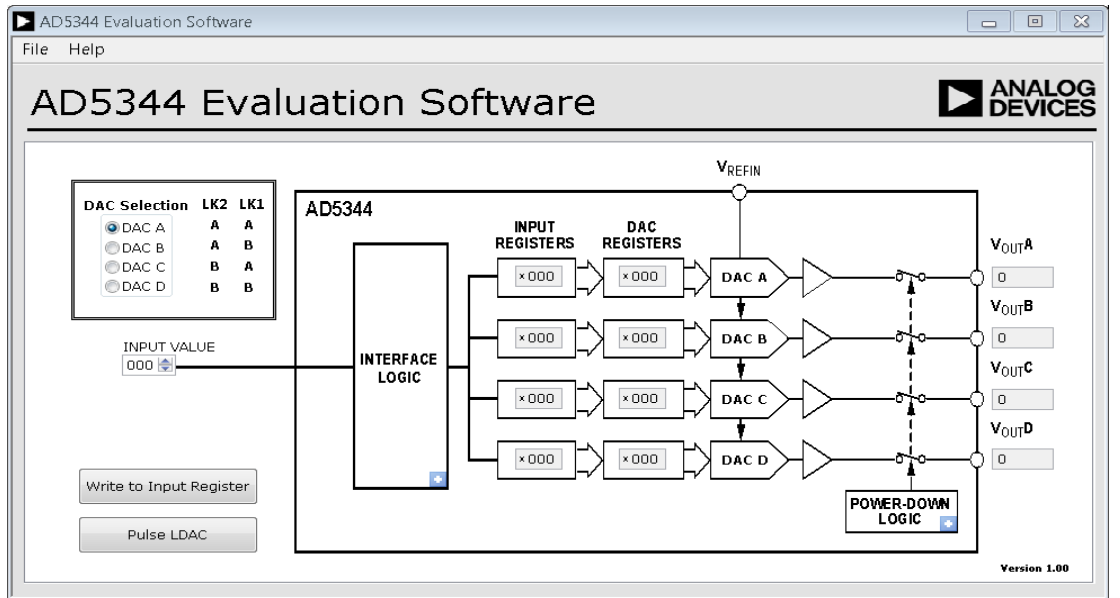


Figure 4. AD5344 Evaluation Board Software Main Window

SOFTWARE OPERATION

The EVAL-AD5344DBZ evaluation software allows the user to program values to the input and DAC registers of each DAC individually (see Figure 4). Ensure the LK1 position and LK2 position on the daughter board match the DAC selected on the DAC Selection pane on the GUI.

Write to DAC Register

Select the **Write to DAC Register** button to load the code of the input data control to the DAC register of the DAC. Ensure LK1 and LK2 are set up correctly.

LDAC Control

Select the **Pulse LDAC** button to bring the LDAC pin low and then high, copying the data from the input registers to the DAC registers, and updating the outputs accordingly.

Alternatively, set the LDAC pin high or low by clicking the blue progressive disclosure button on the INTERFACE LOGIC block. A window opens that allows the user to click the appropriate LDAC setting, shown in Figure 4.

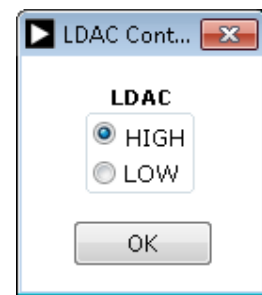


Figure 5. LDAC Control

Power-Down Control

All of the DACs can be powered down simultaneously. Click on the blue progressive disclosure buttons to access the **POWER-DOWN LOGIC** block. When the power-down setting for the DAC is selected, click the **OK** button to write the appropriate values to the AD5344.

EVALUATION BOARD SCHEMATICS AND ARTWORK

EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ MOTHERBOARD

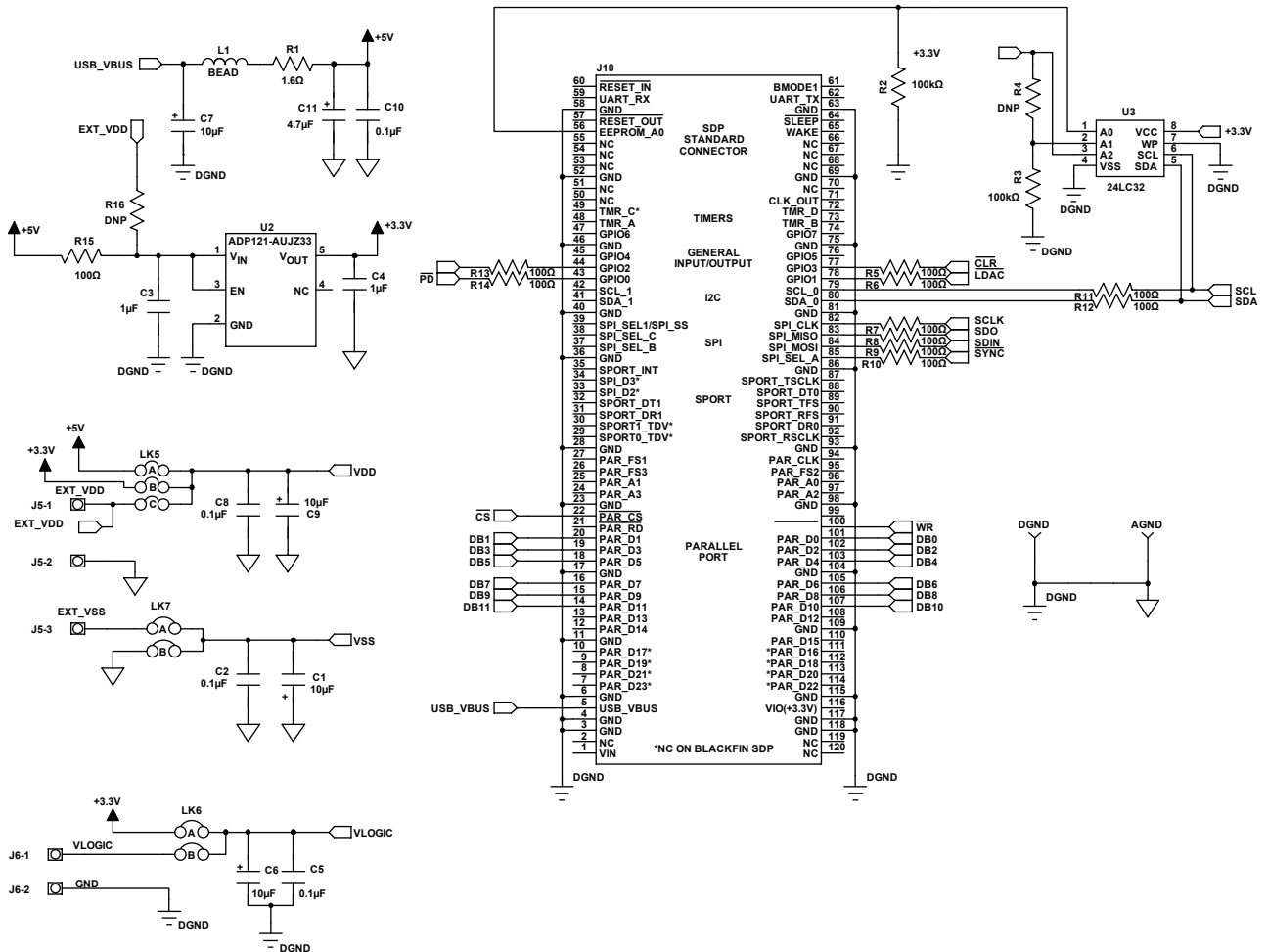


Figure 6. EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ Motherboard, SDP-B Controller Board Connector, and Power Supply

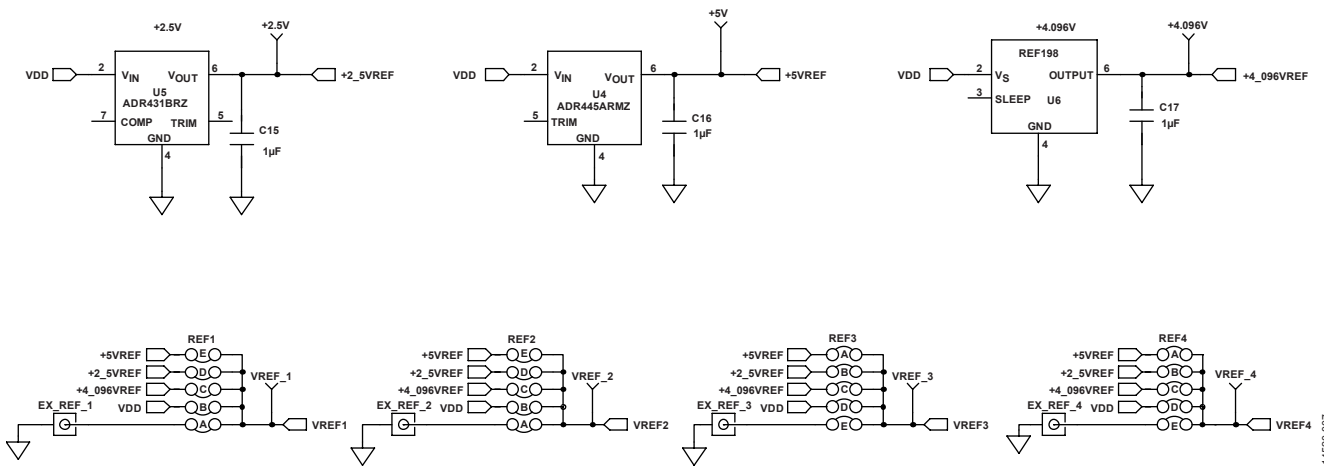


Figure 7. EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ Motherboard Reference Voltage Selector Circuit

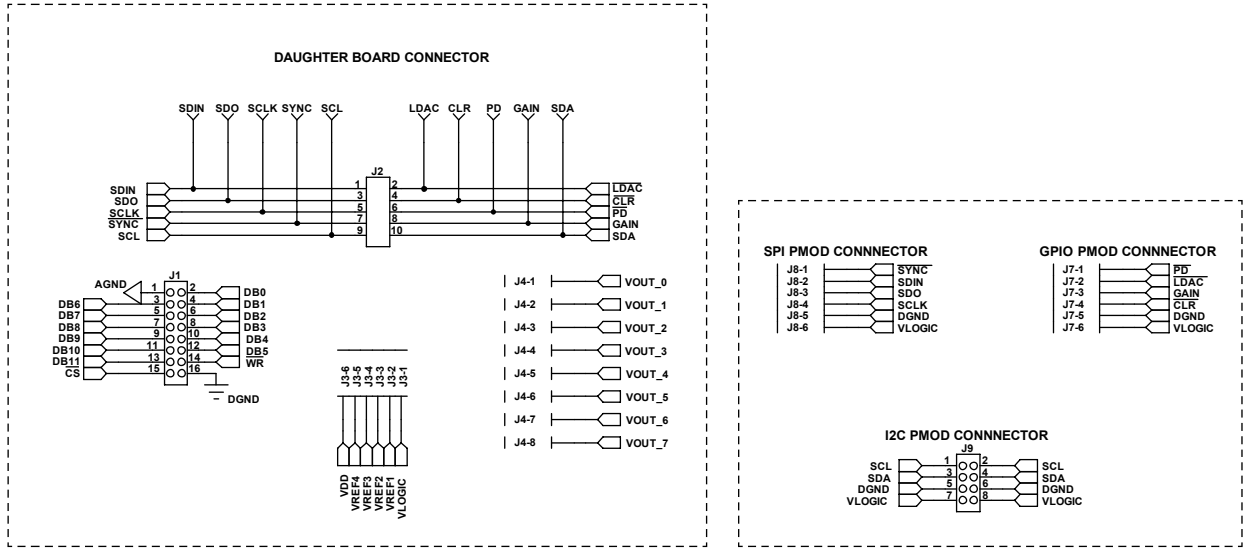


Figure 8. EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ Motherboard Connectors to Daughter Board and Serial Interface

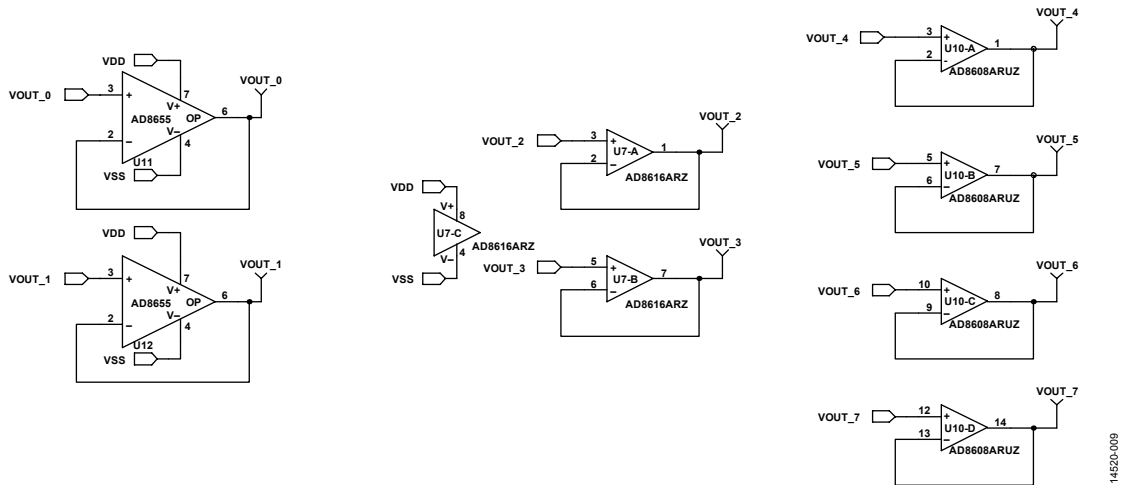


Figure 9. EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ Motherboard Output Amplifier Circuit

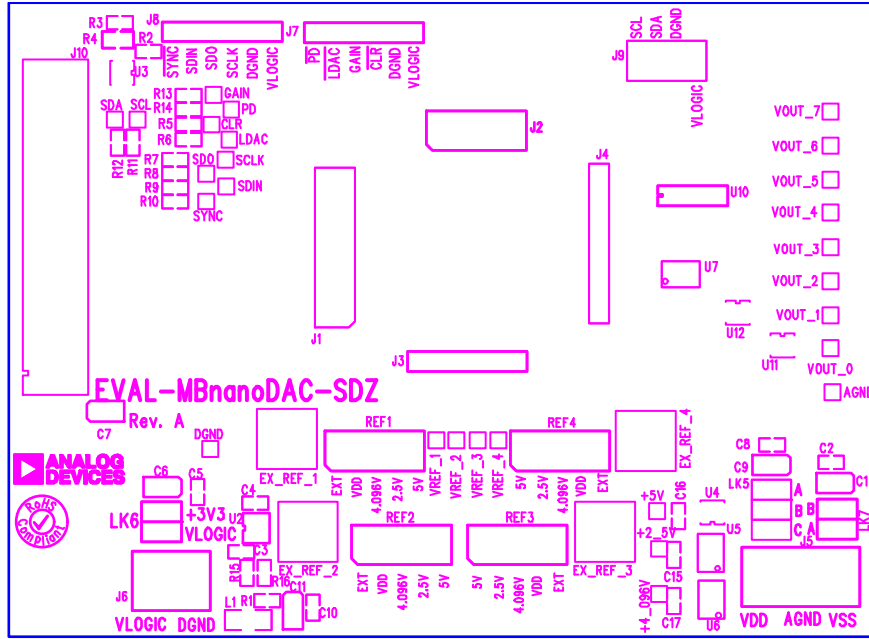


Figure 10. EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ Motherboard Component Placement

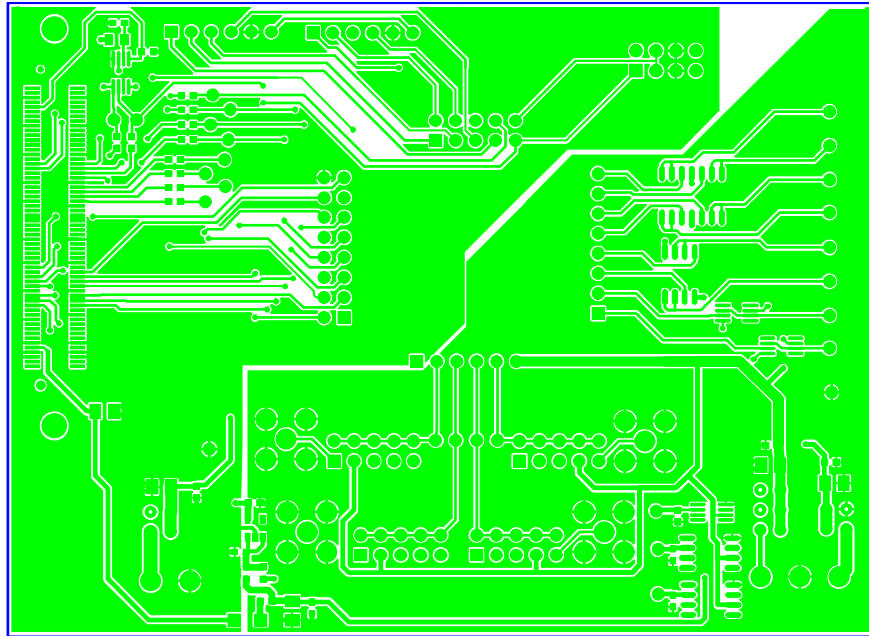


Figure 11. EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ Motherboard Top Side Routing

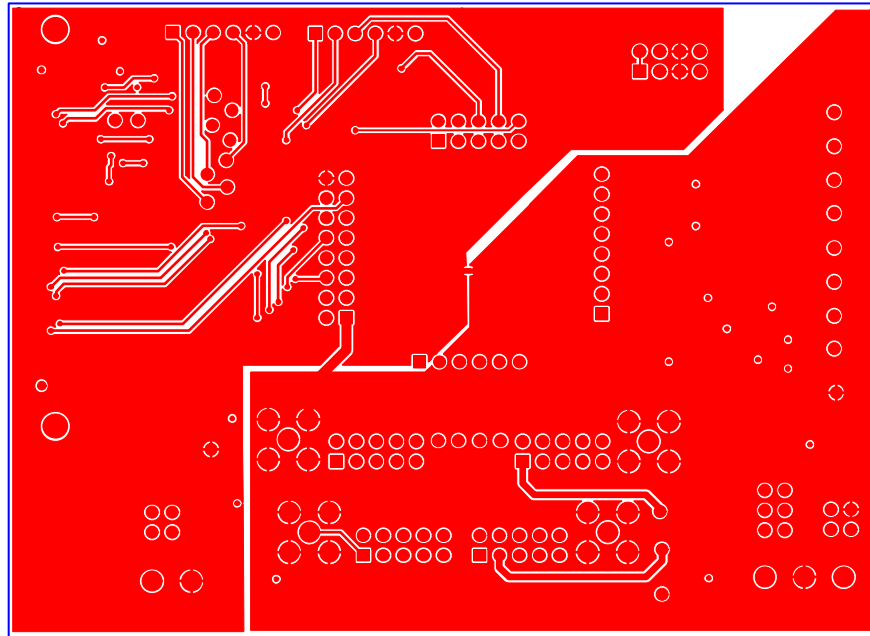


Figure 12. EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ Motherboard Bottom Side Routing

EVAL-AD5344DBZ DAUGHTER BOARD

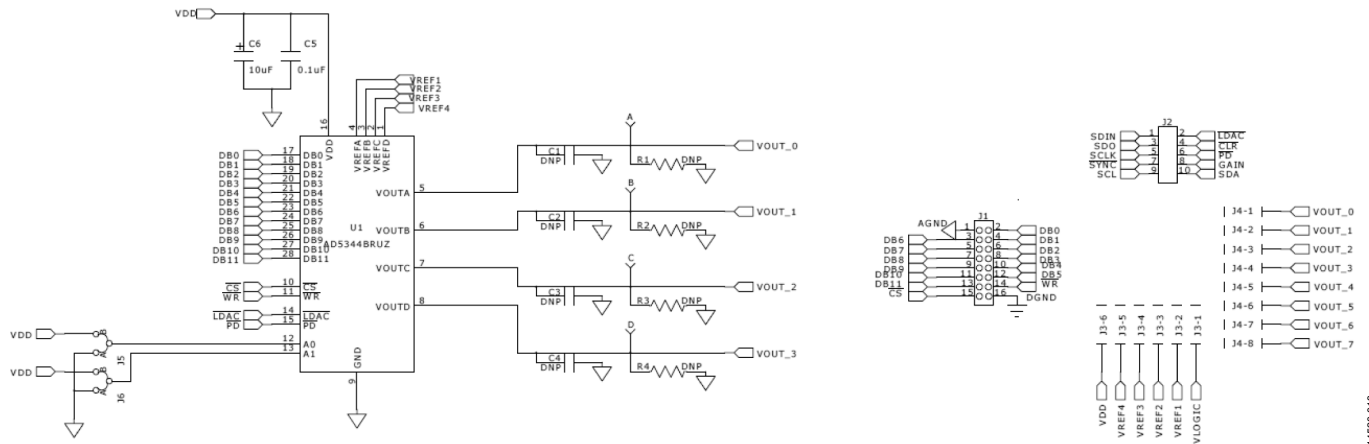


Figure 13. EVAL-AD5344DBZ Daughter Board Schematics

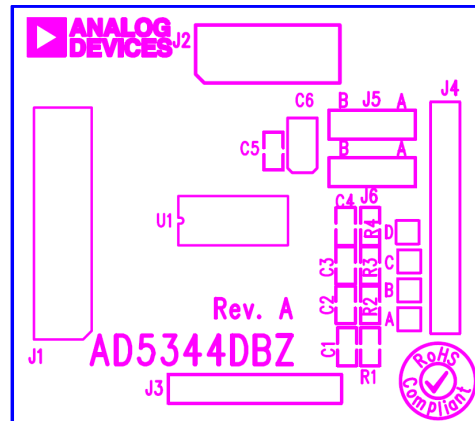


Figure 14. EVAL-AD5344DBZ Daughter Board Component Placement

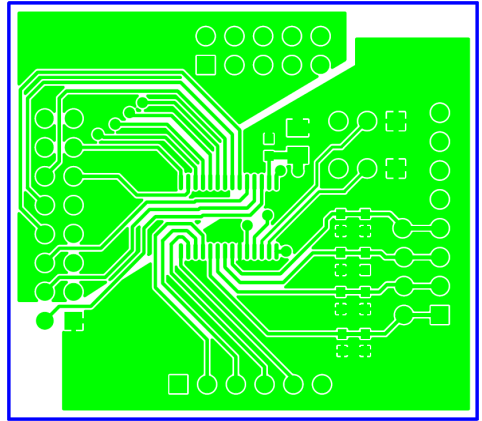


Figure 15. EVAL-AD5344DBZ Daughter Board Top Side Routing

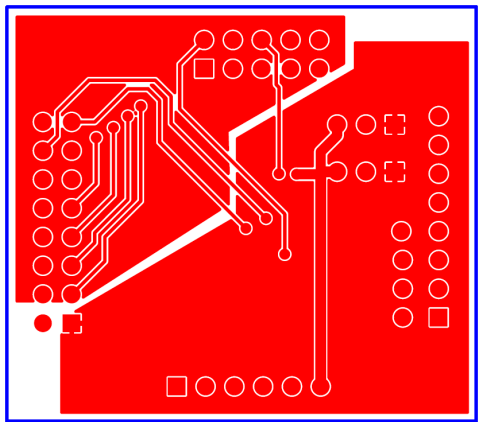


Figure 16. EVAL-AD5344DBZ Daughter Board Bottom Side Routing

ORDERING INFORMATION

BILL OF MATERIALS

Table 5. EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ Motherboard

Reference Designator	Description	Supplier ¹ /Part Number
C1, C6, C7, C9	6.3 V tantalum capacitors (Case A), 10 μ F, \pm 20%	FEC 1190107
C2, C5, C8, C10, C15 to C17	50V, X7R ceramic capacitors, 0.1 μ F, \pm 10%	FEC 1759122
C3, C4	10V, X5R ceramic capacitors, 1 μ F, \pm 10%	GRM188R61A105KA61D ²
C11	6.3 V tantalum capacitor (Case A), 4.7 μ F, \pm 20%	FEC 1432350
EXT_REF_1 to EXT_REF_4	Straight PCB mount SMB jacks, 50 Ω	FEC 1206013
J1	Header, 2.54 mm, 2 \times 8-way	FEC 2308428
J2	Header, 2.54 mm, 2 \times 5-way	FEC 9689583
J3, J7, J8	Headers, 2.54 mm, 1 \times 6-way	FEC 9689508
J4	Header, 2.54 mm, 1 \times 8-way	FEC 1766172
J5	3-pin terminal block	FEC 1667472
J6	2-pin terminal block	FEC 151789
J9	Header, 2.54 mm, 2 \times 4-way	FEC 1667509
J10	120-way connector	FEC 1324660
L1	Inductor, SMD, 600 Ω	FEC 9526862
LK5	6-pin (3 \times 2-way) 0.1" header and shorting block	FEC 148-535 and FEC 150-411 (36-pin strip)
LK6, LK7	4-pin (2 \times 2-way) 0.1" header and shorting blocks	FEC 148-535 and FEC 150-411 (36-pin strip)
REF1 to REF4	10-pin (5 \times 2-way) 0.1" header and shorting blocks	FEC 1022227 and FEC 150-411
R1	Resistor, surge, 1.6 Ω , 1%, 0603	FEC 1627674
R2, R3	SMD resistors, 100 k Ω , 1%, 0603	FEC 9330402
R5 to R15	SMD resistors, 100 Ω , 1%, 0603	FEC 9330364
U2	3.3 V linear regulator	ADP121-AUJZ33R7
U3	32 k Ω I ² C Serial EEPROM	FEC 1331330
U4	5 V Reference MSOP	ADR445ARMZ
U5	Ultralow noise XFET [®] voltage reference	ADR431BRZ
U6	4.096 V reference	REF198ESZ
U7	Dual op amp	AD8616ARZ
U10	Quad op amp	AD8608ARMZ-R7
U11, U12	Op amp	AD8655ARMZ

¹ FEC refers to Farnell Electronic Component Distributors.

² GRM refers to Murata Manufacturing Company.

Table 6. EVAL-AD5344DBZ Daughter Board

Reference Designator	Description	Supplier ¹ /Part Number
A	Red test point, do not insert	Not applicable
B	Red test point, do not insert	Not applicable
C	Red test point, do not insert	Not applicable
C1	Not inserted	Not applicable
C2	Not inserted	Not applicable
C3	Not inserted	Not applicable
C4	Not inserted	Not applicable
C5	50 V X7R ceramic capacitor	FEC 1759122
C6	6.3 V tantalum capacitor (Case A)	FEC 1190107
D	Red test point, do not insert	Not applicable
J1	16-pin (2 × 8-way) header, inserted from solder side	FEC 2308428
J2	10-pin (2 × 5-way) straight header, 2.54 mm pitch, inserted from solder side	FEC 9689583
J3	6-pin (1 × 6-way) straight header, 2.54 mm pitch, inserted from solder side	FEC 9689508
J4	Header, 2.54 mm, PCB, 1 × 8-way, inserted from solder side	FEC 1766172
J5	Jumper block using a 3-pin SIP header	FEC 1022248 and FEC 150410
J6	Jumper block using a 3-pin SIP header	FEC 1022248 and FEC 150410
R1	Not inserted	Not applicable
R2	Not inserted	Not applicable
R3	Not inserted	Not applicable
R4	Not inserted	Not applicable
U1	Quad 12-bit DAC	AD5344BRUZ

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¹PC refers to a communication protocol originally developed by Philips Semiconductors (now NXP Semiconductors).

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