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### LTC2499

**DESCRIPTION** 24-Bit 8-/16-Channel  $\Delta \Sigma$  ADC with Easy Drive Input Current Cancellation and <sup>2</sup>C Interface

### **FEATURES**

- **n** Up to Eight Differential or 16 Single-Ended Inputs
- Easy Drive<sup>™</sup> Technology Enables Rail-to-Rail **Inputs with Zero Differential Input Current**
- **n** Directly Digitizes High Impedance Sensors with **Full Accuracy**
- <sup>n</sup> **2-Wire I2C Interface with 27 Addresses Plus One Global Address for Synchronization**
- $\blacksquare$  **600nV RMS Noise**
- **n Integrated High Accuracy Temperature Sensor**
- GND to V<sub>CC</sub> Input/Reference Common Mode Range
- **Programmable 50Hz, 60Hz or Simultaneous** 50Hz/60Hz Rejection Mode
- 2ppm INL, No Missing Codes
- 1ppm Offset and 15ppm Full-Scale Error
- 2x Speed/Reduced Power Mode (15Hz Using Internal Oscillator and 80µA at 7.5Hz Output)
- $\blacksquare$  No Latency: Digital Filter Settles in a Single Cycle, Even After a New Channel Is Selected
- Single Supply 2.7V to 5.5V Operation (0.8mW)
- Internal Oscillator
- Tiny 5mm  $\times$  7mm QFN Package

# APPLICATIONS

- Direct Sensor Digitizer
- Direct Temperature Measurement
- $\blacksquare$  Instrumentation
- Industrial Process Control

# TYPICAL APPLICATION

**Data Acquisition System with Temperature Compensation**



#### differential input current. This allows large external source impedances and rail-to-rail input signals to be directly digitized while maintaining exceptional DC accuracy. The LTC2499 includes a high accuracy, temperature

sensor and an integrated oscillator. This device can be configured to measure an external signal (from combinations of 16 analog input channels operating in singleended or differential modes) or its internal temperature sensor. The integrated temperature sensor offers 1/30th°C resolution and 2°C absolute accuracy.

The LTC®2499 is a 16-channel (eight differential), 24-bit, No Latency  $\Delta\Sigma$ <sup>™</sup> ADC with Easy Drive technology and a 2-wire, I2C interface. The patented sampling scheme eliminates dynamic input current errors and the shortcomings of on-chip buffering through automatic cancellation of

The LTC2499 allows a wide common mode input range (0V to  $V_{CC}$ ), independent of the reference voltage. Any combination of single-ended or differential inputs can be selected and the first conversion, after a new channel is selected, is valid. Access to the multiplexer output enables optional external amplifiers to be shared between all analog inputs and auto calibration continuously removes their associated offset and drift.

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### ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS





### PIN CONFIGURATION



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#### **1<sup>2</sup>C TIMING CHARACTERISTICS** The  $\bullet$  denotes the specifications which apply over the full operating **temperature range, otherwise specifications are at**  $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ **. (Note 3, 15)**



**Note 1:** Stresses beyond those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to any Absolute Maximum Rating condition for extended periods may affect device reliability and lifetime.

**Note 2:** All voltage values are with respect to GND.

**Note 3:** Unless otherwise specified:  $V_{CC} = 2.7V$  to 5.5V

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V_{REFCM} = V_{REF}/2, F_S = 0.5V_{REF}
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 $V_{IN} = IN^+ - IN^-, V_{IN(CM)} = (IN^+ - IN^-)/2,$ 

where  $IN<sup>+</sup>$  and  $IN<sup>-</sup>$  are the selected input channels. **Note 4:** Use internal conversion clock or external conversion clock source

with  $f_{FOSC}$  = 307.2kHz unless otherwise specified.

**Note 5:** Guaranteed by design, not subject to test.

**Note 6:** Integral nonlinearity is defined as the deviation of a code from a straight line passing through the actual endpoints of the transfer curve. The deviation is measured from the center of the quantization band.

**Note 7:** 50Hz mode (internal oscillator) or f<sub>EOSC</sub> = 256kHz ±2% (external oscillator).

**Note 8:** 60Hz mode (internal oscillator) or f<sub>EOSC</sub> = 307.2kHz ±2% (external oscillator).

**Note 9:** Simultaneous 50Hz/60Hz mode (internal oscillator) or  $f_{FOSC}$  = 280kHz ±2% (external oscillator).

**Note 10:** The external oscillator is connected to the  $f_0$  pin. The external oscillator frequency,  $f_{EOSC}$ , is expressed in kHz.

**Note 11:** The converter uses its internal oscillator.

**Note 12:** The output noise includes the contribution of the internal calibration operations.

**Note 13:** Guaranteed by design and test correlation.

**Note 14:**  $C_B$  = capacitance of one bus line in  $pF(10pF \le C_B \le 400pF)$ .

**Note 15:** All values refer to V<sub>IH(MIN)</sub> and V<sub>IL(MAX)</sub> levels.

**Note 16:** Refer to Applications Information section for Performance vs Data Rate graphs.



OUTPUT READING (µV)

 $-2.4$   $-1.8$   $-1.2$   $-0.6$  0 0.6 1.2 1.8

0.6

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–3

6 4

2  $\Omega$ 



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OUTPUT READING (µV)

 $-2.4$   $-1.8$   $-1.2$   $-0.6$  0 0.6 1.2 1.8

0.6

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–3

6 4

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**On-Chip Oscillator Frequency vs Temperature** TEMPERATURE (°C) –45 –30 –15 30 45 300 FREQUENCY (kHz) 304 310 2499 G19 302 308 306 0 15 60 75 90  $V_{CC} = 4.1V$  $V_{REF} = 2.5V$  $V_{IN} = 0V$ VIN(CM) = GND  $\mathsf{f}_\mathsf{O}$  = GND





**PSRR vs Frequency at V<sub>CC</sub> PSRR vs Frequency at V<sub>CC</sub>** 



**PSRR vs Frequency at V<sub>CC</sub>** 





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LINEAR



2499 G32

VIN(CM) (V)



2499 G31

VREF (V)





### PIN FUNCTIONS

**GND (Pins 1, 4, 6, 31, 32, 33, 34):** Ground. Multiple ground pins internally connected for optimum ground current flow and  $V_{CC}$  decoupling. Connect each one of these pins to a common ground plane through a low impedance connection. All seven pins must be connected to ground for proper operation.

**SCL (Pin 2):** Serial Clock Pin of the I<sup>2</sup>C Interface. The LTC2499 can only act as a slave and the SCL pin only accepts an external serial clock. Data is shifted into the SDA pin on the rising edges of the SCL clock and output through the SDA pin on the falling edges of the SCL clock.

**SDA (Pin 3):** Bidirectional Serial Data Line of the I<sup>2</sup>C Interface. In the transmitter mode (read), the conversion result is output through the SDA pin, while in the receiver mode (write), the device channel select and configuration bits are input through the SDA pin. The pin is high impedance during the data input mode and is an open drain output (requires an appropriate pull-up device to  $V_{CC}$ ) during the data output mode.

**NC (Pin 5):** No Connect. This pin can be left floating or tied to GND.



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**COM (Pin 7):** The Common Negative Input (IN– ) for All Single-Ended Multiplexer Configurations. The voltage on CH0-CH15 and COM pins can have any value between GND – 0.3V to  $V_{CC}$  + 0.3V. Within these limits, the two selected inputs (IN<sup>+</sup> and IN<sup>-</sup>) provide a bipolar input range  $(V_{IN} = IN^+ - IN^-)$  from  $-0.5 \cdot V_{REF}$  to 0.5  $\cdot V_{REF}$ . Outside this input range, the converter produces unique overrange and underrange output codes.

**CH0 to CH15 (Pin 8-Pin 23):** Analog Inputs. May be programmed for single-ended or differential mode.

**MUXOUTP (Pin 24):** Positive Multiplexer Output. Connect to the input of external buffer/amplifier or short directly to ADCINP.

**ADCINP (Pin 25):** Positive ADC Input. Connect to the output of a buffer/amplifier driven by MUXOUTP or short directly to MUXOUTP.

**ADCINN (Pin 26):** Negative ADC Input. Connect to the output of a buffer/amplifier driven by MUXOUTN or short directly to MUXOUTN

**MUXOUTN (Pin 27):** Negative Multiplexer Output. Connect to the input of an external buffer/amplifier or short directly to ADCINN.

**VCC (Pin 28):** Positive Supply Voltage. Bypass to GND with a 10µF tantalum capacitor in parallel with a 0.1µF ceramic capacitor as close to the part as possible.

**REF<sup>+</sup> , REF– (Pin 29, Pin 30):** Differential Reference Input. The voltage on these pins can have any value between GND and  $V_{CC}$  as long as the reference positive input, REF+, remains more positive than the negative reference input,  $\mathsf{REF}\text{-},$  by at least 0.1V. The differential voltage  $(\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{REF}}\text{=}\mathsf{REF}^+$ – REF– ) sets the full-scale range for all input channels. When performing an on-chip measurement, the minimum value of REF = 2V.

**f<sub>0</sub>** (Pin 35): Frequency Control Pin. Digital input that controls the internal conversion clock rate. When  $f_0$  is connected to GND, the converter uses its internal oscillator running at 307.2kHz. The conversion clock may also be overridden by driving the  $f_0$  pin with an external clock in order to change the output rate and the digital filter rejection null.

**CA0, CA1, CA2 (Pins 36, 37, 38):** Chip Address Control Pins. These pins are configured as a three-state (LOW, HIGH, floating) address control bits for the device  $1^2C$ address.

**Exposed Pad (Pin 39):** Ground. This pin is ground and must be soldered to the PCB ground plane. For prototyping purposes, this pin may remain floating.

### FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM





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#### **CONVERTER OPERATION**

#### **Converter Operation Cycle**

The LTC2499 is a multichannel, low power, delta-sigma analog-to-digital converter with a 2-wire,  $1^2C$  interface, Its operation is made up of four states (see Figure 1). The converter operating cycle begins with the conversion, followed by the sleep state and ends with the data input/ output cycle .

Initially, at power-up, the LTC2499 performs a conversion. Once the conversion is complete, the device enters the sleep state. While in the sleep state, power consumption is reduced by two orders of magnitude. The part remains in the sleep state as long it is not addressed for a read/ write operation. The conversion result is held indefinitely in a static shift register while the part is in the sleep state.

The device will not acknowledge an external request during the conversion state. After a conversion is finished, the device is ready to accept a read/write request. Once the LTC2499 is addressed for a read operation, the device begins outputting the conversion result under the control of the serial clock (SCL). There is no latency in the conversion result. The data output is 32 bits long and contains a 24-bit plus sign conversion result. Data is updated on the falling edges of SCL allowing the user to reliably latch data on the rising edge of SCL. A new conversion is initiated by a STOP condition following a valid write operation or an incomplete read operation. The conversion automatically begins at the conclusion of a complete read cycle (all 32 bits read out of the device).

#### **Ease of Use**

The LTC2499 data output has no latency, filter settling delay, or redundant data associated with the conversion cycle. There is a one-to-one correspondence between the conversion and the output data. Therefore, multiplexing multiple analog inputs is straightforward. Each conversion, immediately following a newly selected input or mode, is valid and accurate to the full specifications of the device.

The LTC2499 automatically performs offset and full-scale calibration every conversion cycle independent of the input channel selected. This calibration is transparent to the user and has no effect on the operation cycle described above.



**Figure 1. State Transition Table**

The advantage of continuous calibration is extreme stability of offset and full-scale readings with respect to time, supply voltage variation, input channel and temperature drift.

#### **Easy Drive Input Current Cancellation**

2499fe The LTC2499 combines a high precision, delta-sigma ADC with an automatic, differential, input current cancellation front end. A proprietary front-end passive sampling network transparently removes the differential input current. This enables external RC networks and high impedance sensors to directly interface to the LTC2499 without external amplifiers. The remaining common mode input current is eliminated by either balancing the differential input impedances or setting the common mode input equal to the common mode reference (see the Automatic Differential Input Current Cancellation section). This unique architecture does not require on-chip buffers, thereby enabling signals to swing beyond ground and  $V_{CC}$ . Moreover, the cancellation does not interfere with the transparent offset



and full-scale auto-calibration and the absolute accuracy (full scale  $+$  offset  $+$  linearity  $+$  drift) is maintained even with external RC networks.

#### **Power-Up Sequence**

The LTC2499 automatically enters an internal reset state when the power supply voltage  $V_{CC}$  drops below approximately 2.0V. This feature guarantees the integrity of the conversion result and input channel selection.

When  $V_{CC}$  rises above this threshold, the converter creates an internal power-on reset (POR) signal with a duration of approximately 4ms. The POR signal clears all internal registers. The conversion immediately following a POR cycle is performed on the input channel  $IN<sup>+</sup> = CHO$ ,  $IN<sup>-</sup> =$ CH1 with simultaneous 50Hz/60Hz rejection and 1x output rate. The first conversion following a POR cycle is accurate within the specification of the device if the power supply voltage is restored to (2.7V to 5.5V) before the end of the POR interval. A new input channel, rejection mode, speed mode, or temperature selection can be programmed into the device during this first data input/output cycle.

#### **Reference Voltage Range**

This converter accepts a truly differential external reference voltage. The absolute/common mode voltage range for REF<sup>+</sup> and REF<sup>-</sup> pins covers the entire operating range of the device (GND to  $V_{CC}$ ). For correct converter operation,  $V_{REF}$  must be positive (REF<sup>+</sup> > REF<sup>-</sup>).

The LTC2499 differential reference input range is 0.1V to V<sub>CC</sub>. For the simplest operation, REF<sup>+</sup> can be shorted to V<sub>CC</sub> and REF– can be shorted to GND. The converter output noise is determined by the thermal noise of the front-end circuits and, as such, its value in nanovolts is nearly constant with reference voltage. A decrease in reference voltage will not significantly improve the converter's effective resolution. On the other hand, a decreased reference will improve the converter's overall INL performance.

#### **Input Voltage Range**

The LTC2499 input measurement range is  $-0.5 \cdot V_{REF}$ to  $+0.5 \cdot V_{RFF}$  in both differential and single-ended configurations as shown in Figure 38. Highest linearity is achieved with fully differential drive and a constant common-mode voltage (Figure 38b). Other drive schemes may incur an INL error of approximately 50ppm. This error can be calibrated out using a three point calibration and a second-order curve fit.

The analog inputs are truly differential with an absolute, common mode range for the CH0-CH15 and COM input pins extending from GND – 0.3V to  $V_{CC}$  + 0.3V. Outside these limits, the ESD protection devices begin to turn on and the errors due to input leakage current increase rapidly. Within these limits, the LTC2499 converts the bipolar differential input signal  $V_{IN} = IN^+ - IN^-$  (where  $IN^+$  and  $IN^$ are the selected input channels), from  $-$  FS =  $-$  0.5  $\bullet$  V<sub>RFF</sub> to + FS = 0.5  $\bullet$  V<sub>REF</sub> where V<sub>REF</sub> = REF<sup>+</sup> - REF<sup>-</sup>. Outside this range, the converter indicates the overrange or the underrange condition using distinct output codes (see Table 1).

Signals applied to the input (CH0-CH15, COM) may extend 300mV below ground and above  $V_{CC}$ . In order to limit any fault current, resistors of up to 5k may be added in series with the input. The effect of series resistance on the converter accuracy can be evaluated from the curves presented in the Input Current/Reference Current sections. In addition, series resistors will introduce a temperature dependent error due to input leakage current. A 1nA input leakage current will develop a 1ppm offset error on a 5k resistor if  $V_{\text{RFF}} = 5V$ . This error has a very strong temperature dependency.

#### **MUXOUT/ADCIN**

The outputs of the multiplexer (MUXOUTP/MUXOUTN) and the inputs to the ADC (ADCINP/ADCINN) can be used to perform input signal conditioning on any of the selected input channels or simply shorted together for direct digitization. If an external amplifier is used, the LTC2499



automatically calibrates both the offset and drift of this circuit and the Easy Drive sampling scheme enables a wide variety of amplifiers to be used.

In order to achieve optimum performance, if an external amplifier is not used, short these pins directly together (ADCINP to MUXOUTP and ADCINN to MUXOUTN) and minimize their capacitance to ground.

#### **I <sup>2</sup>C INTERFACE**

The LTC2499 communicates through an I2C interface. The <sup>2</sup>C interface is a 2-wire open-drain interface supporting multiple devices and multiple masters on a single bus. The connected devices can only pull the data line (SDA) LOW and can never drive it HIGH. SDA is required to be externally connected to the supply through a pull-up resistor. When the data line is not being driven, it is HIGH. Data on the  $1<sup>2</sup>C$  bus can be transferred at rates up to 100kbits/s in the standard mode and up to 400kbits/s in the fast mode. The  $V_{CC}$  power should not be removed from the device when the  $1^2C$  bus is active to avoid loading the  $1^2C$  bus lines through the internal ESD protection diodes.

Each device on the  $1^2C$  bus is recognized by a unique address stored in that device and can operate either as a transmitter or receiver, depending on the function of the device. In addition to transmitters and receivers, devices can also be considered as masters or slaves when performing data transfers. A master is the device which initiates a data transfer on the bus and generates the clock signals to permit that transfer. Devices addressed by the master are considered a slave.

The LTC2499 can only be addressed as a slave. Once addressed, it can receive configuration bits (channel selection, rejection mode, speed mode) or transmit the last conversion result. The serial clock line, SCL, is always an input to the LTC2499 and the serial data line SDA is bidirectional. The device supports the standard mode and the fast mode for data transfer speeds up to 400kbits/s. Figure 2 shows the definition of the  $1^2C$  timing.

#### **The START and STOP Conditions**

A START (S) condition is generated by transitioning SDA from HIGH to LOW while SCL is HIGH. The bus is considered to be busy after the START condition. When the data transfer is finished, a STOP (P) condition is generated by transitioning SDA from LOW to HIGH while SCL is HIGH. The bus is free after a STOP is generated. START and STOP conditions are always generated by the master.

When the bus is in use, it stays busy if a repeated START (Sr) is generated instead of a STOP condition. The repeated START timing is functionally identical to the START and is used for writing and reading from the device before the initiation of a new conversion.

#### **Data Transferring**

After the START condition, the  $1^2C$  bus is busy and data transfer can begin between the master and the addressed slave. Data is transferred over the bus in groups of nine bits, one byte followed by one acknowledge (ACK) bit. The master releases the SDA line during the ninth SCL clock cycle. The slave device can issue an ACK by pulling SDA



**Figure 2. Definition of Timing for Fast/Standard Mode Devices on the I2C Bus**



LOW or issue a Not Acknowledge (NACK) by leaving the SDA line high impedance (the external pull-up resistor will hold the line HIGH). Change of data only occurs while the clock line (SCL) is LOW.

#### **DATA FORMAT**

After a START condition, the master sends a 7-bit address followed by a read/write (R/W) bit. The R/W bit is 1 for a read request and 0 for a write request. If the 7-bit address matches the hard wired LTC2499's address (one of 27 pin-selectable addresses) the device is selected. When the device is addressed during the conversion state, it will not acknowledge R/W requests and will issue a NACK by leaving the SDA line HIGH. If the conversion is complete, the LTC2499 issues an ACK by pulling the SDA line LOW.

The LTC2499 has two registers. The output register (32 bits long) contains the last conversion result. The input register (16 bits long) sets the input channel, selects the temperature sensor, rejection mode, and speed mode.

#### **DATA OUTPUT FORMAT**

The output register contains the last conversion result. After each conversion is completed, the device automatically enters the sleep state where the supply current is reduced to 1µA. When the LTC2499 is addressed for a read operation, it acknowledges (by pulling SDA LOW) and acts as a transmitter. The master/receiver can read up to four bytes from the LTC2499. After a complete read operation (4 bytes), a new conversion is initiated. The device will NACK subsequent read operations while a conversion is being performed.

The data output stream is 32 bits long and is shifted out on the falling edges of SCL (see Figure 3a). The first bit is the conversion result sign bit (SIG) (see Tables 1 and 2). This bit is HIGH if  $V_{IN} \ge 0$  and LOW if  $V_{IN} < 0$  (where  $V_{IN}$ corresponds to the selected input signal  $IN<sup>+</sup> - IN<sup>-</sup>$ ). The second bit is the most significant bit (MSB) of the result. The first two bits (SIG and MSB) can be used to indicate over and under range conditions (see Table 2). If both bits are HIGH, the differential input voltage is equal to or above +FS. If both bits are set LOW, the input voltage is below –FS. The function of these bits is summarized in Table 2. The 24 bits following the MSB bit are the conversion result in binary two's, complement format. The remaining six bits are sub LSBs below the 24-bit level.



#### **Table 1. Output Data Format**

\*The differential input voltage  $V_{IN} = IN^+ - IN^-$ .

\*\*The full-scale voltage FS = 0.5 • V<sub>REF</sub>. Sub LSBs are below the 24-bit level. They may be included in averaging, or discarded without loss of resolution.

<sup>†</sup>The sign bit changes state during the 0 output code when the device is operating in the 2x speed mode.

\*\*\*The underrange code is Ox3FFFFxxx in 2x mode.



As long as the voltage on the selected input channels (IN<sup>+</sup> and IN<sup>–</sup>) remains between –0.3V and V<sub>CC</sub> + 0.3V (absolute maximum operating range) a conversion result is generated for any differential input voltage  $V_{IN}$  from  $-FS = -0.5$ •  $V_{REF}$  to +FS = 0.5 •  $V_{REF}$ . For differential input voltages greater than +FS, the conversion result is clamped to the value corresponding to +FS. For differential input voltages below –FS, the conversion result is clamped to the value –FS – 1LSB.

#### **Table 2. LTC2499 Status Bits**



#### **INPUT DATA FORMAT**

The serial input word to the LTC2499 is 13 bits long and is written into the device input register in two 8-bit words. The first word (SGL, ODD, A2, A1, A0) is used to select the input channel. The second word of data (IM, FA, FB, SPD) is used to select the frequency rejection, speed mode (1x, 2x), and temperature measurement.

After power-up, the device initiates an internal reset cycle which sets the input channel to CHO-CH1 (IN+ = CH0, IN<sup>-</sup> = CH1), the frequency rejection to simultaneous 50Hz/60Hz, and 1x output rate (auto-calibration enabled). The first conversion automatically begins at power-up using this default configuration. Once the conversion is complete, up to two words may be written into the device.

The first three bits of the first input word consist of two preamble bits and one enable bit. Valid settings for these three bits are 000, 100, and 101. Other combinations should be avoided.



#### **Figure 3a. Timing Diagram for Reading from the LTC2499**



#### **Figure 3b. Timing Diagram for Writing to the LTC2499**



If the first three bits are 000 or 100, the following data is ignored (don't care) and the previously selected input channel remains valid for the next conversion

If the first three bits shifted into the device are 101, then the next five bits select the input channel for the next conversion cycle (see Table 3).

The first input bit (SGL) following the 101 sequence determines if the input selection is differential (SGL = 0) or single-ended (SGL = 1). For  $SGL = 0$ , two adjacent channels can be selected to form a differential input. For SGL = 1, one of 16 channels is selected as the positive input. The negative input is COM for all single-ended operations.

#### **Table 3. Channel Selection**



\*Default at power-up



The remaining four bits (ODD, A2, A1, A0) determine which channel(s) is/are selected and the polarity (for a differential input).

Once the first word is written into the device, a second word may be input in order to select a configuration mode. The first bit of the second word is the enable bit for the conversion configuration (EN2). If this bit is set to 0, then the next conversion is performed using the previously selected converter configuration.

A new configuration can be loaded into the device by setting  $EN2 = 1$  (see Table 4). The first bit (IM) is used to select the internal temperature sensor. If  $IM = 1$ , the following conversion will be performed on the internal temperature sensor rather than the selected input channel. The next two bits (FA and FB) are used to set the rejection frequency. The final bit (SPD) is used to select either the

1x output rate if SPD = 0 (auto-calibration is enabled and the offset is continuously calibrated and removed from the final conversion result) or the 2x output rate if SPD = 1 (offset calibration disabled, multiplexing output rates up to 15Hz with no latency). When  $IM = 1$  (temperature measurement) SPD will be ignored and the device will operate in 1x mode.

The configuration remains valid until a new input word with  $EN = 1$  (the first three bits are 101 for the first word) and  $EN2 = 1$  (for the second write byte) is shifted into the device.

#### **Rejection Mode (FA, FB)**

The LTC2499 includes a high accuracy on-chip oscillator with no required external components. Coupled with an integrated fourth order digital lowpass filter, the LTC2499





rejects line frequency noise. In the default mode, the LTC2499 simultaneously rejects 50Hz and 60Hz by at least 87dB. If more rejection is required, the LTC2499 can be configured to reject 50Hz or 60Hz to better than 110dB.

#### **Speed Mode (SPD)**

Every conversion cycle, two conversions are combined to remove the offset (default mode). This result is free from offset and drift. In applications where the offset is not critical, the auto-calibration feature can be disabled with the benefit of twice the output rate.

While operating in the  $2x$  mode (SPD = 1), the linearity and full-scale errors are unchanged from the 1x mode performance. In both the 1x and 2x mode there is no latency. This enables input steps or multiplexer changes to settle in a single conversion cycle, easing system overhead and increasing the effective conversion rate. During temperature measurements, the 1x mode is always used independent of the value of SPD.

#### **Temperature Sensor**

The LTC2499 includes an integrated temperature sensor. The temperature sensor is selected by setting  $IM = 1$ . During temperature readings, MUXOUTN/MUXOUTP remains connected to the selected input channel. The ADC internally connects to the temperature sensor and performs a conversion.



**Figure 4. Internal PTAT Digital Output vs Temperature Figure 5. Absolute Temperature Error**

The digital output is proportional to the absolute temperature of the device. This feature allows the converter to perform cold junction compensation for external thermocouples or continuously remove the temperature effects of external sensors.

The internal temperature sensor output is 28mV at 27°C (300 $\textdegree$ K), with a slope of 93.5µV/ $\textdegree$ C independent of V<sub>RFF</sub> (see Figures 4 and 5). Slope calibration is not required if the reference voltage ( $V_{\text{RFE}}$ ) is known. A 5V reference has a slope of 314 LSBs<sub>24</sub>/°C. The temperature is calculated from the output code (where DATAOUT $_{24}$  is the decimal representation of the 24-bit result) for a 5V reference using the following formula:

$$
T_K = \frac{\text{DATAOUT}_{24}}{314} \text{ in Kelvin}
$$

If a different value of  $V_{RFF}$  is used, the temperature output is:

$$
T_{K} = \frac{\text{DATAOUT}_{24} \cdot V_{REF}}{1570} \text{ in Kelvin}
$$

If the value of  $V_{REF}$  is not known, the slope is determined by measuring the temperature sensor at a known temperature  $T_N$  (in K) and using the following formula:

$$
SLOPE = \frac{DATAOUT_{24}}{T_N}
$$





This value of slope can be used to calculate further temperature readings using:

$$
T_K = \frac{\text{DATAOUT}_{24}}{\text{SLOPE}}
$$

All Kelvin temperature readings can be converted to  $T_C$ (°C) using the fundamental equation:

$$
T_C = T_K - 273
$$

#### **Initiating a New Conversion**

When the LTC2499 finishes a conversion, it automatically enters the sleep state. Once in the sleep state, the device is ready for a read operation. After the device acknowledges a read request, the device exits the sleep state and enters the data output state. The data output state concludes and the LTC2499 starts a new conversion once a STOP condition is issued by the master or all 32 bits of data are read out of the device.

During the data read cycle, a STOP command may be issued by the master controller in order to start a new conversion and abort the data transfer. This STOP command must be issued during the ninth clock cycle of a byte read when the bus is free (the ACK/NACK cycle).

#### **LTC2499 Address**

The LTC2499 has three address pins (CA0, CA1, CA2). Each may be tied HIGH, LOW, or left floating enabling one of 27 possible addresses (see Table 5).

In addition to the configurable addresses listed in Table 5, the LTC2499 also contains a global address (1110111) which may be used for synchronizing multiple LTC2499s or other LTC24XX delta-sigma I2C devices (see Synchronizing Multiple LTC2499s with a Global Address Call section).

#### **Operation Sequence**

The LTC2499 acts as a transmitter or receiver, as shown in Figure 6. The device may be programmed to perform several functions. These include input channel selection, measure the internal temperature, selecting the line frequency rejection (50Hz, 60Hz, or simultaneous 50Hz and 60Hz), and a 2x speed mode.



#### **Continuous Read**

**Table 5. Address Assignment**

2499fe In applications where the input channel/configuration does not need to change for each cycle, the conversion can be continuously performed and read without a write cycle (see Figure 7). The configuration/input channel remains unchanged from the last value written into the device. If the device has not been written to since power-up, the configuration is set to the default value. At the end of a read operation, a new conversion automatically begins. At the conclusion of the conversion cycle, the next result may be read using the method described above. If the conversion cycle is not concluded and a valid address







**Figure 7. Consecutive Reading with the Same Input/Configuration**



**Figure 8. Write, Read, START Conversion**



**Figure 9. Start a New Conversion Without Reading Old Conversion Result**



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selects the device, the LTC2499 generates a NACK signal indicating the conversion cycle is in progress.

#### **Continuous Read/Write**

Once the conversion cycle is concluded, the LTC2499 can be written to and then read from using the repeated START (Sr) command.

Figure 8 shows a cycle which begins with a data write, a repeated START, followed by a read and concluded with a STOP command. The following conversion begins after all 32 bits are read out of the device or after a STOP command. The following conversion will be performed using the newly programmed data. In cases where the same speed (1x/2x mode) and rejection frequency (50Hz, 60Hz, 50Hz and 60Hz) is used but the channel is changed, a STOP or repeated START may be issued after the first byte (channel selection data) is written into the device.

#### **Discarding a Conversion Result and Initiating a New Conversion with Optional Write**

At the conclusion of a conversion cycle, a write cycle can be initiated. Once the write cycle is acknowledged, a STOP command will start a new conversion. If a new input channel or conversion configuration is required, this data can be written into the device and a STOP command will initiate the next conversion (see Figure 9).

#### **Synchronizing Multiple LTC2499s with a Global Address Call**

In applications where several LTC2499s (or other I2C delta-sigma ADCs from Linear Technology Corporation) are used on the same I2C bus, all converters can be synchronized through the use of a global address call. Prior to issuing the global address call, all converters must have completed a conversion cycle. The master then issues a START, followed by the global address 1110111, and a write request. All converters will be selected and acknowledge the request. The master then sends a write byte (optional) followed by the STOP command. This will update the channel selection (optional) converter configuration (optional) and simultaneously initiate a START of conversion for all delta-sigma ADCs on the bus (see Figure 10). In order to synchronize multiple converters without changing the channel or configuration, a STOP may be issued after acknowledgement of the global write command. Global read commands are not allowed and the converters will NACK a global read request.



**Figure 10. Synchronize Multiple LTC2499s with a Global Address Call**



#### **Driving the Input and Reference**

The input and reference pins of the LTC2499 are connected directly to a switched capacitor network. Depending on the relationship between the differential input voltage and the differential reference voltage, these capacitors are switched between these four pins. Each time a capacitor is switched between two of these pins, a small amount of charge is transferred. A simplified equivalent circuit is shown in Figure 11.

When using the LTC2499's internal oscillator, the input capacitor array is switched at 123kHz. The effect of the charge transfer depends on the circuitry driving the input/ reference pins. If the total external RC time constant is less than 580ns the errors introduced by the sampling process are negligible since complete settling occurs.

Typically, the reference inputs are driven from a low impedance source. In this case, complete settling occurs even with large external bypass capacitors. The inputs (CH0-CH15, COM), on the other hand, are typically driven from larger source resistances. Source resistances up to 10k may interface directly to the LTC2499 and settle completely; however, the addition of external capacitors at the input terminals in order to filter unwanted noise (anti-aliasing) results in incomplete settling.

The LTC2499 offers two methods of removing these errors. The first is an automatic differential input current cancellation (Easy Drive) and the second is the insertion of an external buffer between the MUXOUT and ADCIN pins, thus isolating the input switching from the source resistance.

#### **Automatic Differential Input Current Cancellation**

In applications where the sensor output impedance is low (up to 10kΩ with no external bypass capacitor or up to 500Ω with 0.001µF bypass), complete settling of the input occurs. In this case, no errors are introduced and direct digitization is possible.

For many applications, the sensor output impedance combined with external input bypass capacitors produces RC time constants much greater than the 580ns required for 1ppm accuracy. For example, a 10kΩ bridge driving a 0.1µF capacitor has a time constant an order of magnitude greater than the required maximum.

The LTC2499 uses a proprietary switching algorithm that forces the average differential input current to zero independent of external settling errors. This allows direct digitization of high impedance sensors without the need for buffers.

The switching algorithm forces the average input current on the positive input (l $_{\mathsf{IN}}^{\mathsf{+}}$ ) to be equal to the average input current on the negative input  $(I_{\mathsf{IN}}^-)$ . Over the complete conversion cycle, the average differential input current







 $(I_{IN}^+ - I_{IN}^-)$  is zero. While the differential input current is zero, the common mode input current  $(\mathsf{l}_{\mathsf{IN}}^+ + \mathsf{l}_{\mathsf{IN}}^-)/2$  is proportional to the difference between the common mode input voltage  $(V_{IN(CM)})$  and the common mode reference voltage  $(V_{REF(CM)})$ .

In applications where the input common mode voltage is equal to the reference common mode voltage, as in the case of a balanced bridge, both the differential and common mode input current are zero. The accuracy of the converter is not compromised by settling errors.

In applications where the input common mode voltage is constant but different from the reference common mode voltage, the differential input current remains zero while the common mode input current is proportional to the difference between  $V_{\text{IN(CM)}}$  and  $V_{\text{REF(CM)}}$ . For a reference common mode voltage of 2.5V and an input common mode of 1.5V, the common mode input current is approximately 0.74µA (in simultaneous 50Hz/60Hz rejection mode). This common mode input current does not degrade the accuracy if the source impedances tied to IN<sup>+</sup> and IN<sup>-</sup> are matched. Mismatches in source impedance lead to a fixed offset error but do not effect the linearity or full-scale reading. A 1% mismatch in a 1k source resistance leads to a 74µV shift in offset voltage.



**and Amplifier Offsets are Automatically Cancelled**

In applications where the common mode input voltage varies as a function of the input signal level (single-ended type sensors), the common mode input current varies proportionally with input voltage. For the case of balanced input impedances, the common mode input current effects are rejected by the large CMRR of the LTC2499, leading to little degradation in accuracy. Mismatches in source impedances lead to gain errors proportional to the difference between the common mode input and common mode reference. 1% mismatches in 1k source resistances lead to gain errors on the order of 15ppm. Based on the stability of the internal sampling capacitors and the accuracy of the internal oscillator, a one-time calibration will remove this error.

In addition to the input sampling current, the input ESD protection diodes have a temperature dependent leakage current. This current, nominally 1nA (±10nA max), results in a small offset shift. A 1k source resistance will create a 1µV typical and a 10µV maximum offset voltage.

#### **Automatic Offset Calibration of External Buffers/ Amplifiers**

In addition to the Easy Drive input current cancellation, the LTC2499 allows an external amplifier to be inserted between the multiplexer output and the ADC input (see Figure 12). This is useful in applications where balanced source impedances are not possible. One pair of external buffers/amplifiers can be shared between all 17 analog inputs. The LTC2499 performs an internal offset calibration every conversion cycle in order to remove the offset and drift of the ADC. This calibration is performed through a combination of front end switching and digital processing. Since the external amplifier is placed between the multiplexer and the ADC, it is inside this correction loop. This results in automatic offset correction and offset drift removal of the external amplifier.

The LTC6078 is an excellent amplifier for this function. It operates with supply voltages as low as 2.7V and its noise level is 18nV/√Hz. The Easy Drive input technology of the LTC2499 enables an RC network to be added directly to the output of the LTC6078. The capacitor reduces the magnitude of the current spikes seen at the input to the ADC and the resistor isolates the capacitor load from the **Figure 12. External Buffers Provide High Impedance Inputs** 



op amp output enabling stable operation. The LTC6078 can also be biased at supply rails beyond those used by the LTC2499. This allows the external sensor to swing railto-rail (-0.3V to  $V_{CC}$  + 0.3V) without the need of external level-shift circuitry.

#### **Reference Current**

Similar to the analog inputs, the LTC2499 samples the differential reference pins (REF<sup>+</sup> and REF<sup>-</sup>) transferring small amounts of charge to and from these pins, thus producing a dynamic reference current. If incomplete settling occurs (as a function the reference source resistance and reference bypass capacitance) linearity and gain errors are introduced.

For relatively small values of external reference capacitance  $(C_{\text{RFF}}$  < 1nF), the voltage on the sampling capacitor settles for reference impedances of many kΩ (if  $C_{\text{RFF}}$  = 100pF up to 10kΩ will not degrade the performance (see Figures 13 and 14)).

In cases where large bypass capacitors are required on the reference inputs ( $C_{RFF} > .01 \mu F$ ), full-scale and linearity errors are proportional to the value of the reference resistance. Every ohm of reference resistance produces a full-scale error of approximately 0.5ppm (while operating in simultaneous 50Hz/60Hz mode (see Figures 15 and 16)). If the input common mode voltage is equal to the reference common mode voltage, a linearity error of







Figure 13. +FS Error vs R<sub>SOURCE</sub> at V<sub>REF</sub> (Small C<sub>REF</sub>) Figure 14. -FS Error vs R<sub>SOURCE</sub> at V<sub>REF</sub> (Small C<sub>REF</sub>)



Figure 15. +FS Error vs R<sub>SOURCE</sub> at V<sub>REF</sub> (Large C<sub>REF</sub>) Figure 16. -FS Error vs R<sub>SOURCE</sub> at V<sub>REF</sub> (Large C<sub>REF</sub>)

