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General Description

The MAX12529 is a dual, 96Msps, 12-bit analog-to-digital converter (ADC) featuring fully differential wideband track-and-hold (T/H) inputs, driving internal quantizers. The MAX12529 is optimized for low power, small size, and high dynamic performance in intermediate frequency (IF) and baseband sampling applications. This dual ADC operates from a single 3.3V supply, consuming only 980mW while delivering a typical 69.7dB signal-tonoise ratio (SNR) performance at a 175MHz input frequency. The T/H input stages accept single-ended or differential inputs up to 350MHz. In addition to low operating power, the MAX12529 features a 0.66mW powerdown mode to conserve power during idle periods.

A flexible reference structure allows the MAX12529 to use the internal 2.048V bandgap reference or accept an externally applied reference and allows the reference to be shared between the two ADCs. The reference structure allows the full-scale analog input range to be adjusted from $\pm 0.35V$ to $\pm 1.15V$. The MAX12529 provides a common-mode reference to simplify design and reduce external component count in differential analog input circuits.

The MAX12529 supports either a single-ended or differential input clock. User-selectable divide-by-two (DIV2) and divide-by-four (DIV4) modes allow for design flexibility and help eliminate the negative effects of clock jitter. Wide variations in the clock duty cycle are compensated with the ADC's internal duty-cycle equalizer (DCE).

The MAX12529 features two parallel, 12-bit-wide, CMOS-compatible outputs. The digital output format is pin-selectable to be either two's complement or Gray code. A separate power-supply input for the digital outputs accepts a 1.7V to 3.6V voltage for flexible interfacing with various logic levels. The MAX12529 is available in a 10mm x 10mm x 0.8mm, 68-pin thin QFN package with exposed paddle (EP), and is specified for the extended (-40°C to +85°C) temperature range.

Applications

IF and Baseband Communication Receivers Cellular, LMDS, Point-to-Point Microwave, MMDS, HFC, WLAN

I/Q Receivers

Medical Imaging

Portable Instrumentation

Digital Set-Top Boxes

Low-Power Data Acquisition

_Features

- Direct IF Sampling Up to 350MHz
- Excellent Dynamic Performance
 70.1dB/69.7dB SNR at f_{IN} = 70MHz/175MHz
 83.2dBc/78.9dBc SFDR at f_{IN} = 70MHz/175MHz
- 3.3V Low-Power Operation
 980mW (Differential Clock Mode)
 952mW (Single-Ended Clock Mode)
- Fully Differential or Single-Ended Analog Input
- Adjustable Differential Analog Input Voltage
- ♦ 750MHz Input Bandwidth
- Internal, External, or Shared Reference
- Differential or Single-Ended Clock
- ♦ Accepts 25% to 75% Clock Duty Cycle
- User-Selectable DIV2 and DIV4 Clock Modes
- Power-Down Mode
- CMOS Outputs in Two's Complement or Gray Code
- Out-of-Range and Data-Valid Indicators
- Compact, 68-Pin Thin QFN Package (10mm x 10mm x 0.8mm)
- Evaluation Kit Available (Order MAX12529EVKIT)

Ordering Information

PART	TEMP RANGE	PIN-PACKAGE	PKG CODE
MAX12529ETK-D	-40°C to +85°C	68 Thin QFN-EP*	T6800-4
MAX12529ETK+D	-40°C to +85°C	68 Thin QFN-EP*	T6800-4

*EP = Exposed paddle.

+Denotes lead-free package.

D = Dry pack.

Selector Guide

PART	SAMPLING RATE (Msps)	RESOLUTION (Bits)
MAX12559	96	14
MAX12558	80	14
MAX12557	65	14
MAX12529	96	12
MAX12528	80	12
MAX12527	65	12

Pin Configuration appears at end of data sheet.

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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

V_{DD} to GND0.3V to +3.6V	DIFFCLK/SECLK, G/T, PD, SHREF, DIV2,
OV _{DD} to GND0.3V to the lower of (V _{DD} + 0.3V) and +3.6V	DIV4 to GND0.3V to the lower of (V _{DD} + 0.3V) and +3.6V
INAP, INAN to GND0.3V to the lower of (V _{DD} + 0.3V) and +3.6V	D0A–D11A, D0B–D11B, DAV,
INBP, INBN to GND0.3V to the lower of (V _{DD} + 0.3V) and +3.6V	DORA, DORB to GND0.3V to (OV _{DD} + 0.3V)
CLKP, CLKN to	Continuous Power Dissipation (T _A = +70°C)
GND0.3V to the lower of (V _{DD} + 0.3V) and +3.6V	68-Pin Thin QFN 10mm x 10mm x 0.8mm
REFIN, REFOUT	(derate 70mW/°C above +70°C)4000mW
to GND0.3V to the lower of (V _{DD} + 0.3V) and +3.6V	Thermal Resistance θjc0.4°C/W
REFAP, REFAN,	Operating Temperature Range40°C to +85°C
COMA to GND0.3V to the lower of (V _{DD} + 0.3V) and +3.6V	Junction Temperature+150°C
REFBP, REFBN,	Storage Temperature Range65°C to +150°C
COMB to GND0.3V to the lower of (V _{DD} + 0.3V) and +3.6V	Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s)+300°C

Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

 $(V_{DD} = 3.3V, OV_{DD} = 2.0V, GND = 0, REFIN = REFOUT (internal reference), C_L \approx 10pF at digital outputs, A_{IN} = -1dBFS (differential), DIFFCLK/SECLK = OV_{DD}, PD = GND, SHREF = GND, DIV2 = GND, DIV4 = GND, G/T = GND, f_{CLK} = 96MHz (50% duty cycle), T_A = -40°C to +85°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T_A = +25°C.) (Note 1)$

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	ТҮР	MAX	UNITS	
DC ACCURACY		•					
Resolution			12			Bits	
Integral Nonlinearity	INL	$f_{IN} = 3MHz$		±0.65	±3.4	LSB	
Differential Nonlinearity	DNL	f _{IN} = 3MHz, no missing codes over temperature		±0.4	±0.8	LSB	
Offset Error				±0.04	±0.7	%FSR	
Gain Error		External reference, V _{REFIN} = 2.048V		±0.4	±4.7	%FSR	
ANALOG INPUTS (INAP, INAN, I	NBP, INBN)						
Differential Input Voltage Range	VDIFF	Differential or single-ended inputs		±1.024		V	
Common-Mode Input Voltage				V _{DD} / 2		V	
Analog Input Resistance	R _{IN}	Each input, Figure 3		2.3		kΩ	
Angles land Organitation	Cpar	Fixed capacitance to ground, each input, Figure 3	2 4.5			~ ~ ~ ~	
Analog Input Capacitance	CSAMPLE	Switched capacitance, each input, Figure 3			рF		
CONVERSION RATE		•					
Maximum Clock Frequency	fCLK		96			MHz	
Minimum Clock Frequency					5	MHz	
Data Latency		Figure 5		8		Clock Cycles	
DYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS	V _{IN} = -1dBFS	5)					
Small-Signal Noise Floor	SSNF	Input at -35dBFS	70.9	72.2		dBFS	
		$f_{IN} = 3MHz$	68.6	70.8			
Signal to Noise Patio	SNR	f _{IN} = 48MHz		70.6		dB	
Signal-to-Noise Ratio		f _{IN} = 70MHz		70.1		uр	
		$f_{IN} = 175 MHz$	67.4	69.7			

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	ТҮР	MAX	UNITS
		f _{IN} = 3MHz	67.2	70.5		
Circulto Naisa Dive Distortion		f _{IN} = 48MHz		69.9		
Signal-to-Noise Plus Distortion	SINAD	f _{IN} = 70MHz		69.7		dB
		$f_{IN} = 175 MHz$	64.9	69.1		
		$f_{IN} = 3MHz$	71.9	84.5		
Spurious Free Dynamic Bango	SFDR	$f_{IN} = 48MHz$		81.7		dBc
Spurious-Free Dynamic Range	SFUR	$f_{IN} = 70MHz$		83.2		UDC
		$f_{IN} = 175 MHz$	68.8	78.9		
		$f_{IN} = 3MHz$		-82.1	-70	
Tatal Llarmania Distortian	THD	$f_{IN} = 48MHz$		-78.7		dDa
Total Harmonic Distortion	IND	f _{IN} = 70MHz		-80.2		dBc
		$f_{IN} = 175 MHz$		-77.9	-66.7	
	HD2	$f_{IN} = 3MHz$		-85.7		
Second Harmonic		$f_{IN} = 48MHz$		-82.4		dBc
Second Harmonic		$f_{IN} = 70MHz$		-86.3		
		$f_{IN} = 175 MHz$		-78.9		
		$f_{IN} = 3MHz$		-89.6		
Third Harmonic	HD3	$f_{IN} = 48MHz$		-86.9		dBc
	ПD3	$f_{IN} = 70MHz$		-84		UDC
		$f_{IN} = 175 MHz$		-88.6		
3rd-Order Intermodulation	IM3	$f_{IN1} = 69MHz$ at $A_{IN1} = -7dBFS$, $f_{IN2} = 72MHz$ at $A_{IN2} = -7dBFS$		-82		dBc
Distortion	IIVIS	$f_{IN1} = 173MHz$ at $A_{IN1} = -7dBFS$, $f_{IN2} = 177MHz$ at $A_{IN2} = -7dBFS$		-87		UDC
Full-Power Bandwidth	FPBW	Input at -0.2dBFS, -3dB rolloff		750		MHz
Aperture Delay	t _{AD}	Figure 5		1.2		ns
Aperture Jitter	taj			< 0.1		ps _{RMS}
Output Noise	nout	INAP = INAN = COMA, INBP = INBN = COMB		0.44		LSB _{RMS}

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	ТҮР	МАХ	UNITS
Overdrive Recovery Time		±10% beyond full scale		1		Clock
						cycle
INTERCHANNEL CHARACTERIS	TICS	Ι	T			r
Crosstalk Rejection		f_{INA} or $f_{INB} = 70$ MHz at -1dBFS		92		dB
		f_{INA} or $f_{INB} = 175$ MHz at -1dBFS		85		
Gain Matching				±0.02	±0.12	dB
Offset Matching				±0.05		%FSR
INTERNAL REFERENCE (REFOU	T)					
REFOUT Output Voltage	VREFOUT		2.000	2.048	2.080	V
REFOUT Load Regulation		-1mA < I _{REFOUT} < +1mA		35		mV/mA
REFOUT Temperature Coefficient	TCREF			55		ppm/°C
		Short to V _{DD} —sinking		0.24		A
REFOUT Short-Circuit Current		Short to GND—sourcing		2.1		mA
BUFFERED REFERENCE MODE VREFAP/VREFAN/VCOMA and VREF	•	iven by REFOUT or an external 2.048V sing V _{COMB} are generated internally)	le-ended r	eference	source;	
REFIN Input Voltage	VREFIN			2.048		V
REFIN Input Resistance	RREFIN			> 50		MΩ
COM_ Output Voltage	V _{COMA} V _{COMB}	$V_{COML} = V_{DD} / 2$	1.60	1.65	1.70	V
REF_P Output Voltage	Vrefap Vrefbp	$V_{\text{REF}_P} = V_{\text{DD}} / 2 + (V_{\text{REFIN}} \times 3/8)$		2.418		V
REF_N Output Voltage	Vrefan Vrefbn	$V_{\text{REF}_N} = V_{\text{DD}} / 2 - (V_{\text{REFIN}} \times 3/8)$		0.882		V
Differential Reference Voltage	Vrefa Vrefb	Vrefa = Vrefap - Vrefan Vrefb = Vrefbp - Vrefbn	1.450	1.536	1.590	V
Differential Reference Temperature Coefficient	TC _{REF}			30		ppm/°C
UNBUFFERED EXTERNAL REFE externally, V _{COMA} = V _{COMB} = V _D		FIN = GND, $V_{REFAP}/V_{REFAN}/V_{COMA}$ and V_{REFAN}	FBP/VREFI	ви/Vсоме	3 are app	lied
REF_P Input Voltage	V _{REFAP} V _{REFBP}	VREF_P - VCOM		+0.768		V
REF_N Input Voltage	Vrefan Vrefbn	VREF_N - VCOM		-0.768		V
COM_ Input Voltage	VCOM	$V_{COM} = V_{DD} / 2$		1.65		V
Differential Reference Voltage	Vrefa Vrefb	VREF_ = VREF_P - VREF_N = VREFIN × 3/4		1.536		V



ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	МАХ	UNITS
REF_P Sink Current	I _{REFAP} I _{REFBP}	V _{REF_P} = 2.418V		1.2		mA
REF_N Source Current	I _{REFAN} Irefbn	V _{REF_N} = 0.882V		0.85		mA
COM_ Sink Current	I _{COMA} I _{COMB}	V _{COM} = 1.65V		0.85		mA
REF_P, REF_N Capacitance	Cref_p, Cref_n			13		pF
COM_ Capacitance	CCOM_			6		pF
CLOCK INPUTS (CLKP, CLKN)						
Single-Ended Input High Threshold	VIH	DIFFCLK/SECLK = GND, CLKN = GND	0.8 x V _{DD}			V
Single-Ended Input Low Threshold	VIL	DIFFCLK/SECLK = GND, CLKN = GND			0.2 x V _{DD}	V
Minimum Differential Clock Input Voltage Swing		DIFFCLK/SECLK = OV _{DD}		0.2		Vp-p
Differential Input Common-Mode Voltage		DIFFCLK/SECLK = OV _{DD}		V _{DD} / 2		V
CLK_ Input Resistance	R _{CLK}	Each input, Figure 4		5		kΩ
CLK_ Input Capacitance	CCLK	Each input		2		pF
DIGITAL INPUTS (DIFFCLK/SECI	K, G/T, PD,	DIV2, DIV4)				
Input High Threshold	VIH		0.8 x OV _{DD}			V
Input Low Threshold	VIL				0.2 x OV _{DD}	V
Input Leakage Current		OV _{DD} applied to input			±5	μA
		Input connected to ground			±5	
Digital Input Capacitance				5		pF
DIGITAL OUTPUTS (D0A-D11A,	D0B-D11B, L					
Output-Voltage Low	V _{OL}	D0A–D11A, D0B–D11B, DORA, DORB: I _{SINK} = 200µA			0.2	V
		DAV: I _{SINK} = 600µA			0.2	
		D0A–D11A, D0B–D11B, DORA, DORB: I _{SOURCE} = 200µA	OV _{DD} - 0.2			
Output-Voltage High	V _{OH}	DAV: ISOURCE = 600µA	OV _{DD} - 0.2			V
Tri-State Leakage Current		OV _{DD} applied to input		±5		
0	LEAK	Input connected to ground				μA

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	ТҮР	MAX	UNITS
D0A–D11A, DORA, D0B–D11B and DORB Tri-State Output Capacitance (Note 2)	Cout			3		pF
DAV Tri-State Output Capacitance (Note 2)	C _{DAV}			6		pF
POWER REQUIREMENTS	•					
Analog Supply Voltage	V _{DD}		3.15	3.30	3.60	V
Digital Output Supply Voltage	OV _{DD}		1.70	2.0	V _{DD}	V
		Normal operating mode $f_{IN} = 175MHz$, single-ended clock (DIFFCLK/SECLK = GND)		288.5		
Analog Supply Current	IVDD	Normal operating mode f _{IN} = 175MHz, differential clock (DIFFCLK/SECLK = OV _{DD})		297	322	mA
		Power-down mode (PD = OV _{DD}) clock idle		0.2		
		Normal operating mode $f_{IN} = 175MHz$, single-ended clock (DIFFCLK/SECLK = GND)		952		
Analog Power Dissipation	Pvdd	Normal operating mode f _{IN} = 175MHz, differential clock (DIFFCLK/SECLK = OV _{DD})		980	1063	mW
		Power-down mode (PD = OV _{DD}) clock idle		0.66		
Digital Output Supply Current		Normal operating mode $f_{IN} = 175MHz, C_L \approx 10pF$		24		mA
Digital Output Supply Cuffent	IOVDD	Power-down mode (PD = OV _{DD}) clock idle		0.001		ШA

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

 $(V_{DD} = 3.3V, OV_{DD} = 2.0V, GND = 0, REFIN = REFOUT (internal reference), C_L \approx 10pF$ at digital outputs, A_{IN} = -1dBFS (differential), DIFFCLK/SECLK = OV_{DD}, PD = GND, SHREF = GND, DIV2 = GND, DIV4 = GND, G/T = GND, f_{CLK} = 96MHz (50% duty cycle), T_A = -40°C to +85°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T_A = +25°C.) (Note 1)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	ТҮР	MAX	UNITS
TIMING CHARACTERISTICS (Fig	ure 5)					
Clock Pulse-Width High	tсн			5.1		ns
Clock Pulse-Width Low	tCL			5.1		ns
Data-Valid Delay	tDAV	(Notes 3, 4)	3.15	5.8	6.65	ns
Data Setup Time Before Rising Edge of DAV	t SETUP	(Notes 3, 4)	3.6			ns
Data Hold Time After Rising Edge of DAV	thold	(Notes 3, 4)	3.55			ns
Data Setup Time Before Falling Edge of Clock	^t DATASETUP	(Notes 3, 4)	2.25			ns
Data Hold Time After Falling Edge of Clock	tdatahold	(Notes 3, 4)	3.25			ns
Wake-Up Time from Power-Down	twake	$V_{\text{REFIN}} = 2.048 V$		10		ms

Note 1: Specifications ≥ +25°C guaranteed by production test, < +25°C guaranteed by design and characterization.

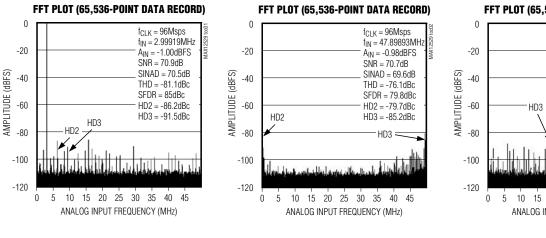
Note 2: During power-down, D0A–D11A, D0B–D11B, DORA, DORB, and DAV are high impedance.

Note 3: Data outputs settle to VIH or VIL.

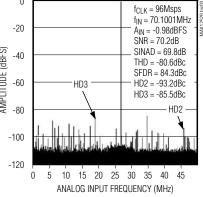
Note 4: Guaranteed by design and characterization.

Typical Operating Characteristics

 $(V_{DD} = 3.3V, OV_{DD} = 2.0V, GND = 0, REFIN = REFOUT (internal reference mode), C_L \approx 5pF at digital outputs, A_{IN} = -1dBFS (differential), DIFFCLK/SECLK = OV_{DD}, PD = GND, G/T = GND, f_{CLK} = 96MHz (50% duty cycle), T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.)$

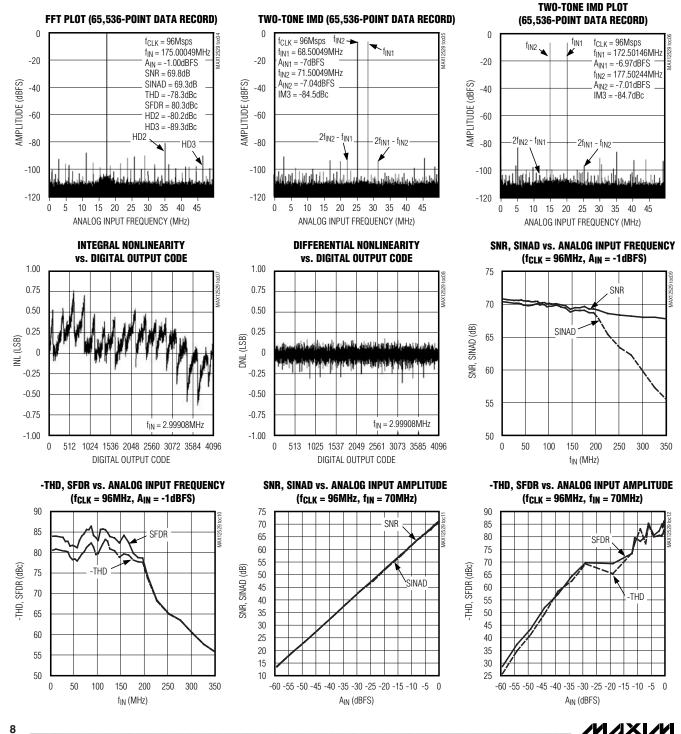


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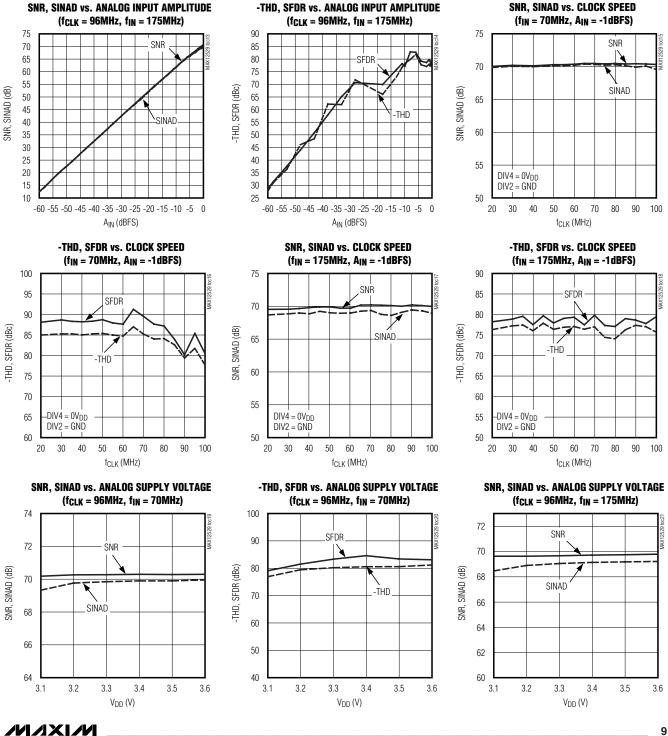
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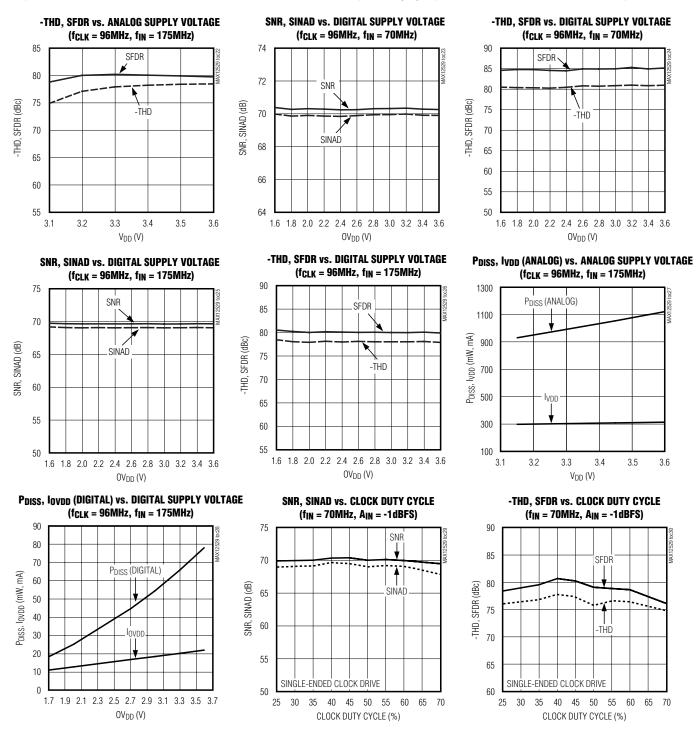
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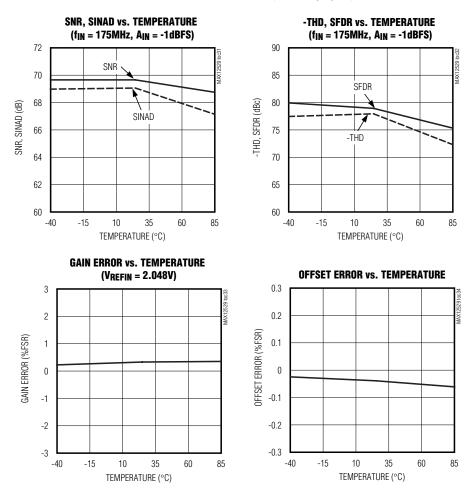
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Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

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_____Pin Description

PIN	NAME	FUNCTION
1, 4, 5, 9, 13, 14, 17	GND	Converter Ground. Connect all ground pins and the exposed paddle (EP) together.
2	INAP	Channel A Positive Analog Input
3	INAN	Channel A Negative Analog Input
6	COMA	Channel A Common-Mode Voltage I/O. Bypass COMA to GND with a 0.1µF capacitor.
7	REFAP	Channel A Positive Reference I/O. Channel A conversion range is $\pm 2/3 \times (V_{REFAP} - V_{REFAN})$. Bypass REFAP with a 0.1µF capacitor to GND. Connect a 10µF and a 1µF bypass capacitor between REFAP and REFAN. Place the 1µF REFAP-to-REFAN capacitor as close to the device as possible on the same side of the PC board.
8	REFAN	Channel A Negative Reference I/O. Channel A conversion range is $\pm 2/3 \times (V_{REFAP} - V_{REFAN})$. Bypass REFAN with a 0.1µF capacitor to GND. Connect a 10µF and a 1µF bypass capacitor between REFAP and REFAN. Place the 1µF REFAP-to-REFAN capacitor as close to the device as possible on the same side of the PC board.
10	REFBN	Channel B Negative Reference I/O. Channel B conversion range is $\pm 2/3 \times (V_{REFBP} - V_{REFBN})$. Bypass REFBN with a 0.1µF capacitor to GND. Connect a 10µF and a 1µF bypass capacitor between REFBP and REFBN. Place the 1µF REFBP-to-REFBN capacitor as close to the device as possible on the same side of the PC board.
11	REFBP	Channel B Positive Reference I/O. Channel B conversion range is $\pm 2/3 \times (V_{REFBP} - V_{REFBN})$. Bypass REFBP with a 0.1µF capacitor to GND. Connect a 10µF and a 1µF bypass capacitor between REFBP and REFBN. Place the 1µF REFBP-to-REFBN capacitor as close to the device as possible on the same side of the PC board.
12	COMB	Channel B Common-Mode Voltage I/O. Bypass COMB to GND with a 0.1µF capacitor.
15	INBN	Channel B Negative Analog Input
16	INBP	Channel B Positive Analog Input
18	DIFFCLK/ SECLK	Differential/Single-Ended Input Clock Drive. This input selects between single-ended or differential clock input drives. DIFFCLK/SECLK = GND: Selects single-ended clock input drive. DIFFCLK/SECLK = OV _{DD} : Selects differential clock input drive.
19	CLKN	Negative Clock Input. In differential clock input mode (DIFFCLK/SECLK = OV _{DD}), connect a differential clock signal between CLKP and CLKN. In single-ended clock mode (DIFFCLK/SECLK = GND), apply the clock signal to CLKP and connect CLKN to GND.
20	CLKP	Positive Clock Input. In differential clock input mode (DIFFCLK/SECLK = OV _{DD}), connect a differential clock signal between CLKP and CLKN. In single-ended clock mode (DIFFCLK/SECLK = GND), apply the single-ended clock signal to CLKP and connect CLKN to GND.
21	DIV2	Divide-by-Two Clock-Divider Digital Control Input. See Table 2 for details.
22	DIV4	Divide-by-Four Clock-Divider Digital Control Input. See Table 2 for details.
23–26, 61, 62, 63	V _{DD}	Analog Power Input. Connect V _{DD} to a 3.15V to 3.60V power supply. Bypass V _{DD} to GND with a parallel capacitor combination of \geq 10µF and 0.1µF. Connect all V _{DD} pins to the same potential.
27, 43, 60	OV _{DD}	Output-Driver Power Input. Connect OV _{DD} to a 1.7V to V _{DD} power supply. Bypass OV _{DD} to GND with a parallel capacitor combination of \ge 10µF and 0.1µF.
28, 29, 45, 46	N.C.	No Connection

Pin Description (continued)

PIN	NAME	FUNCTION
30	D0B	Channel B CMOS Digital Output, Bit 0 (LSB)
31	D1B	Channel B CMOS Digital Output, Bit 1
32	D2B	Channel B CMOS Digital Output, Bit 2
33	D3B	Channel B CMOS Digital Output, Bit 3
34	D4B	Channel B CMOS Digital Output, Bit 4
35	D5B	Channel B CMOS Digital Output, Bit 5
36	D6B	Channel B CMOS Digital Output, Bit 6
37	D7B	Channel B CMOS Digital Output, Bit 7
38	D8B	Channel B CMOS Digital Output, Bit 8
39	D9B	Channel B CMOS Digital Output, Bit 9
40	D10B	Channel B CMOS Digital Output, Bit 10
41	D11B	Channel B CMOS Digital Output, Bit 11 (MSB)
42	DORB	Channel B Data Out-of-Range Indicator. The DORB digital output indicates when the channel B analog input voltage is out of range. DORB = 1: Digital outputs exceed full-scale range. DORB = 0: Digital outputs are within full-scale range.
44	DAV	Data-Valid Digital Output. The rising edge of DAV indicates that data is present on the digital outputs. The MAX12529 evaluation kit utilizes DAV to latch data into any external back-end digital logic.
47	D0A	Channel A CMOS Digital Output, Bit 0 (LSB)
48	D1A	Channel A CMOS Digital Output, Bit 1
49	D2A	Channel A CMOS Digital Output, Bit 2
50	D3A	Channel A CMOS Digital Output, Bit 3
51	D4A	Channel A CMOS Digital Output, Bit 4
52	D5A	Channel A CMOS Digital Output, Bit 5
53	D6A	Channel A CMOS Digital Output, Bit 6
54	D7A	Channel A CMOS Digital Output, Bit 7
55	D8A	Channel A CMOS Digital Output, Bit 8
56	D9A	Channel A CMOS Digital Output, Bit 9
57	D10A	Channel A CMOS Digital Output, Bit 10
58	D11A	Channel A CMOS Digital Output, Bit 11 (MSB)
59	DORA	Channel A Data Out-of-Range Indicator. The DORA digital output indicates when the channel A analog input voltage is out of range. DORA = 1: Digital outputs exceed full-scale range. DORA = 0: Digital outputs are within full-scale range.
64	G/T	Output Format Select Digital Input. $G/\overline{T} = GND$: Two's-complement output format selected. $G/\overline{T} = OV_{DD}$: Gray-code output format selected.
65	PD	Power-Down Digital Input. PD = GND: ADCs are fully operational. PD = OV _{DD} : ADCs are powered down.

Pin Description (continued)

PIN	NAME	FUNCTION
66	SHREF	Shared Reference Digital Input. SHREF = V_{DD} : Shared reference enabled. SHREF = GND: Shared reference disabled. When sharing the reference, externally connect REFAP and REFBP together to ensure that V_{REFAP} equals V_{REFBP} . Similarly, when sharing the reference, externally connect REFAN to REFBN together to ensure that $V_{REFAN} = V_{REFBN}$.
67	REFOUT	Internal Reference Voltage Output. The REFOUT output voltage is 2.048V and REFOUT can deliver 1mA. For internal reference operation, connect REFOUT directly to REFIN or use a resistive divider from REFOUT to set the voltage at REFIN. Bypass REFOUT to GND with a \ge 0.1µF capacitor . For external reference operation, REFOUT is not required and must be bypassed to GND with a \ge 0.1µF capacitor.
68	REFIN	Single-Ended Reference Analog Input. For internal reference and buffered external reference operation, apply a 0.7V to 2.3V DC reference voltage to REFIN. Bypass REFIN to GND with a 4.7µF capacitor. Within its specified operating voltage, REFIN has a > $50M\Omega$ input impedance, and the differential reference voltage (V _{REF_P} - V _{REF_N}) is generated from REFIN. For unbuffered external reference operation, connect REFIN to GND. In this mode REF_P, REF_N, and COM_ are high-impedance inputs that accept the external reference voltages.
_	EP	Exposed Paddle. EP is internally connected to GND. Externally connect EP to GND to achieve specified dynamic performance.

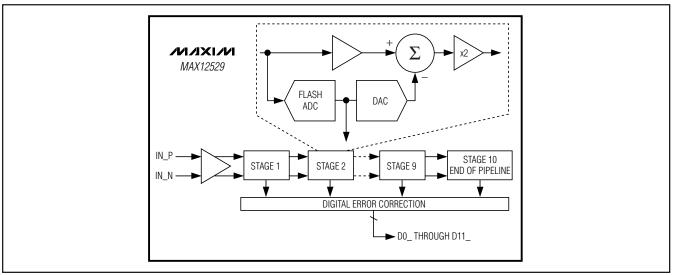


Figure 1. Pipeline Architecture—Stage Blocks

Detailed Description

The MAX12529 uses a 10-stage, fully differential, pipelined architecture (Figure 1) that allows for high-speed conversion while minimizing power consumption. Samples taken at the inputs move progressively through the pipeline stages every half clock cycle. From input to output the total latency is 8 clock cycles.

Each pipeline converter stage converts its input voltage to a digital output code. At every stage, except the last, the error between the input voltage and the digital output code is multiplied and passed along to the next pipeline stage. Digital error correction compensates for ADC comparator offsets in each pipeline stage and ensures no missing codes. Figure 2 shows the MAX12529 functional diagram.



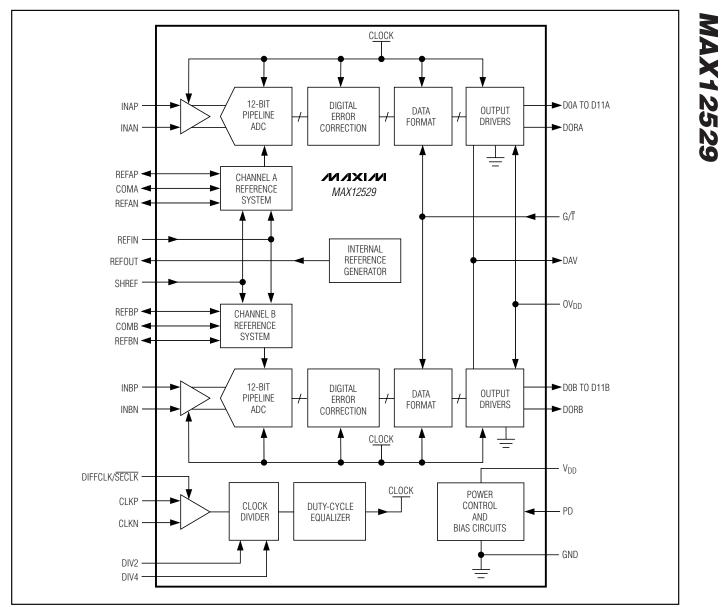


Figure 2. Functional Diagram

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*C_{SAMPLE} 4.5pF

*CSAMPLE

4.5pF

f_{CLK} x C_{SAMPLE}

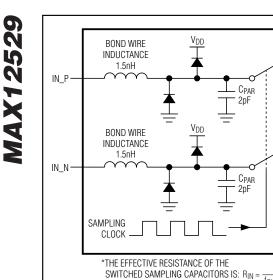


Figure 3. Internal T/H Circuit

Analog Inputs and Input Track-and-Hold (T/H) Amplifier

Figure 3 displays a simplified functional diagram of the input T/H circuit. This input T/H circuit allows for high analog input frequencies of 175MHz and beyond and supports a V_{DD} / 2 common-mode input voltage.

The MAX12529 sampling clock controls the switchedcapacitor input T/H architecture (Figure 3) allowing the analog input signals to be stored as charge on the sampling capacitors. These switches are closed (track mode) when the sampling clock is high and open (hold mode) when the sampling clock is low (Figure 4). The analog input signal source must be able to provide the dynamic currents necessary to charge and discharge the sampling capacitors. To avoid signal degradation, these capacitors must be charged to one-half LSB accuracy within one-half of a clock cycle. The analog input of the MAX12529 supports differential or singleended input drive. For optimum performance with differential inputs, balance the input impedance of IN P and IN_N and set the common-mode voltage to mid-supply (V_{DD} / 2). The MAX12529 provides the optimum common-mode voltage of VDD / 2 through the COM output when operating in internal reference mode and buffered external reference mode. This COM output voltage can be used to bias the input network as shown in Figures 9, 10, and 11.

Reference Output

An internal bandgap reference is the basis for all the internal voltages and bias currents used in the

VREFIN	REFERENCE MODE		
35% V _{REFOUT} to 100% V _{REFOUT}	Internal Reference Mode. REFIN is driven by REFOUT either through a direct short or a resistive divider. V _{COM} = V _{DD} / 2 V _{REF} P = V _{DD} / 2 + 3/8 x V _{REFIN} V _{REF} N = V _{DD} / 2 - 3/8 x V _{REFIN}		
0.7V to 2.3V	Buffered External Reference Mode. An external 0.7V to 2.3V reference voltage is applied to REFIN. V _{COM} = V _{DD} / 2 V _{REF} P = V _{DD} / 2 + 3/8 × V _{REFIN} V _{REF} N = V _{DD} / 2 - 3/8 × V _{REFIN}		
 < 0.5V Unbuffered External Reference Mode. REF_P, REF_N, and COM_ are driven by external reference sources. The full-scale analog input range is ±(V_{REF_P} - V_{REF_N}) 			

Table 1. Reference Modes

MAX12529. The power-down logic input (PD) enables and disables the reference circuit. REFOUT has approximately $17k\Omega$ to GND when the MAX12529 is powered down. The reference circuit requires 10ms to power up and settle to its final value when power is applied to the MAX12529 or when PD transitions from high to low.

The internal bandgap reference produces a buffered reference voltage of 2.048V ±1% at the REFOUT pin with a ±50ppm/°C temperature coefficient. Connect an external \geq 0.1µF bypass capacitor from REFOUT to GND for stability. REFOUT sources up to 1mA and sinks up to 0.1mA for external circuits with a 35mV/mA load regulation. Short-circuit protection limits IREFOUT to a 2.1mA source current when shorted to GND and a 0.24mA sink current when shorted to VDD. Similar to REFOUT, REFIN should be bypassed with a 4.7µF capacitor to GND.

Reference Configurations

The MAX12529 full-scale analog input range is $\pm 2/3 \times$ V_{REF} with a V_{DD} / 2 ± 0.5 V common-mode input range. V_{REF} is the voltage difference between REFAP (REFBP) and REFAN (REFBN). The MAX12529 provides three modes of reference operation. The voltage at REFIN (V_{REFIN}) selects the reference operation mode (Table 1).

Connect REFOUT to REFIN either with a direct short or through a resistive divider to enter internal reference mode. COM_, REF_P, and REF_N are low-impedance outputs with V_{COM} = V_{DD} / 2, V_{REF_P} = V_{DD} / 2 + 3/8 x V_{REFIN}, and V_{REF_N} = V_{DD} / 2 - 3/8 x V_{REFIN}. Bypass REF_P, REF_N, and COM_ each with a 0.1µF capacitor to GND. Bypass REF_P to REF_N with a 10µF capacitor.



Bypass REFIN and REFOUT to GND with a 0.1µF capacitor. The REFIN input impedance is very large (> 50M Ω). When driving REFIN through a resistive divider, use resistances ≥ 10k Ω to avoid loading REFOUT.

Buffered external reference mode is virtually identical to the internal reference mode except that the reference source is derived from an external reference and not the MAX12529's internal bandgap reference. In buffered external reference mode, apply a stable reference voltage source between 0.7V to 2.3V at REFIN. Pins COM_, REF_P, and REF_N are low-impedance outputs with VCOM_ = VDD / 2, VREF_P = VDD / 2 + 3/8 x VREFIN, and VREF_N = VDD / 2 - 3/8 x VREFIN. Bypass REF_P, REF_N, and COM_ each with a 0.1µF capacitor to GND. Bypass REF_P to REF_N with a 10µF capacitor.

Connect REFIN to GND to enter unbuffered external reference mode. Connecting REFIN to GND deactivates the on-chip reference buffers for COM_, REF_P, and REF_N. With their buffers deactivated, COM_, REF_P, and REF_N become high-impedance inputs and must be driven with separate, external reference sources. Drive V_{COM} to V_{DD} / 2 ±5%, and drive REF_P and REF_N so V_{COM} = (V_{REF}P_ + V_{REF}N_) / 2. The analog input range is \pm (V_{REF}P_ - V_{REF}N) × 2/3. Bypass REF_P, REF_N, and COM_ each with a 0.1µF capacitor.

For all reference modes, bypass REFOUT with a 0.1μ F and REFIN with a 4.7μ F capacitor to GND.

The MAX12529 also features a shared reference mode, in which the user can achieve better channel-to-channel matching. When sharing the reference (SHREF = V_{DD}), externally connect REFAP and REFBP together to ensure that V_{REFAP} = V_{REFBP}. Similarly, when sharing the reference, externally connect REFAN to REFBN together to ensure that V_{REFAN} = V_{REFBN}.

Connect SHREF to GND to disable the shared reference mode of the MAX12529. In this independent reference mode, a better channel-to-channel isolation is achieved.

For detailed circuit suggestions and how to drive the ADC in buffered/unbuffered external reference mode, see the *Applications Information* section.

Clock Duty-Cycle Equalizer

The MAX12529 has an internal clock duty-cycle equalizer, which makes the converter insensitive to the duty cycle of the signal applied to CLKP and CLKN. The converters allow clock duty-cycle variations from 25% to 75% without negatively impacting the dynamic performance.

The clock duty-cycle equalizer uses a delay-locked loop (DLL) to create internal timing signals that are

duty-cycle independent. Due to this DLL, the MAX12529 requires approximately 100 clock cycles to acquire and lock to new clock frequencies.

Clock Input and Clock Control Lines The MAX12529 accepts both differential and singleended clock inputs with a wide 25% to 75% input clock duty cycle. For single-ended clock input operation, connect DIFFCLK/SECLK and CLKN to GND. Apply an external single-ended clock signal to CLKP. To reduce clock jitter, the external single-ended clock must have sharp falling edges. For differential clock input operation, connect DIFFCLK/SECLK to OV_{DD}. Apply an external differential clock signal to CLKP and CLKN. Consider the clock input as an analog input and route it away from any other analog inputs and digital signal lines. CLKP and CLKN enter high impedance when the MAX12529 is powered down (Figure 4).

Low clock jitter is required for the specified SNR performance of the MAX12529. The analog inputs are sampled on the falling (rising) edge of CLKP (CLKN), requiring this edge to have the lowest possible jitter. Jitter limits the maximum SNR performance of any ADC according to the following relationship:

$$SNR = 20 \times log \left(\frac{1}{2 \times \pi \times f_{IN} \times t_J}\right)$$

where f_{IN} represents the analog input frequency and t_J is the total system clock jitter. Clock jitter is especially critical for undersampling applications. For instance, assuming that clock jitter is the only noise source, to obtain the specified 69.5dB of SNR with an input frequency of 175MHz, the system must have less than 0.31ps of clock jitter. However, in reality there are other noise sources such as thermal noise and quantization noise that contribute to the system noise requiring the clock jitter to be less than 0.2ps to obtain the specified 69.5dB of SNR at 175MHz.

Clock-Divider Control Inputs (DIV2, DIV4)

The MAX12529 features three different modes of sampling/clock operation (see Table 2). Pulling both control lines low, the clock-divider function is disabled and the converters sample at full clock speed. Pulling DIV4 low and DIV2 high enables the divide-by-two feature, which sets the sampling speed to one-half the selected clock frequency. In divide-by-four mode, the converter sampling speed is set to one-fourth the clock speed of the MAX12529. Divide-by-four mode is achieved by applying a high level to DIV4 and a low level to DIV2. The option to select either one-half or one-fourth of the clock speed for

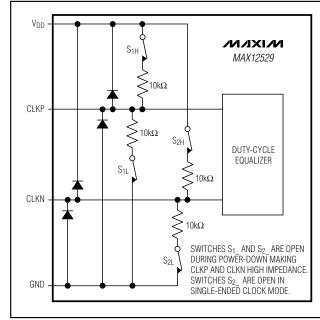


Figure 4. Simplified Clock Input Circuit

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sampling provides design flexibility, relaxes clock requirements, and can minimize clock jitter.

System Timing Requirements

Figure 5 shows the timing relationship between the clock, analog inputs, DAV indicator, DOR_ indicators, and the resulting output data. The analog input is sampled on the falling (rising) edge of CLKP (CLKN) and the resulting data appears at the digital outputs 8 clock cycles later.

The DAV indicator is synchronized with the digital output and optimized for use in latching data into digital back-end circuitry. Alternatively, digital back-end cir-

DIV4	DIV2	FUNCTION
0	0	Clock Divider Disabled fSAMPLE = fCLK
0	1	Divide-by-Two Clock Divider fSAMPLE = f _{CLK} / 2
1	0	Divide-by-Four Clock Divider fSAMPLE = fCLK / 4

Table 2. Clock-Divider Control Inputs

cuitry can be latched with the rising edge of the conversion clock (CLKP - CLKN).

Not Allowed

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Data-Valid Output

/N/IXI/N

DAV is a single-ended version of the input clock that is compensated to correct for any input clock duty-cycle variations. The MAX12529 output data changes on the falling edge of DAV, and DAV rises once the output data is valid. The falling edge of DAV is synchronized to have a 5.8ns delay from the falling edge of the input clock. Output data at D0A/B–D11A/B and DORA/B are valid from 3.6ns before the rising edge of DAV to 3.55ns after the rising edge of DAV.

DAV enters high impedance when the MAX12529 is powered down (PD = OV_{DD}). DAV enters its highimpedance state 10ns after the rising edge of PD and becomes active again 10ns after PD transitions low.

DAV can sink and source 600µA and has three times the driving capabilities of D0A/B–D11A/B and DORA/B. DAV is typically used to latch the MAX12529 output data into an external digital back-end circuit. Keep the capacitive load on DAV as low as possible (< 15pF) to avoid large digital currents feeding back into the analog portion of the MAX12529, thereby degrading its dynamic performance. Buffering DAV externally isolates it from heavy

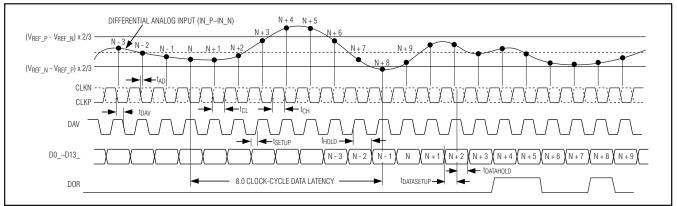


Figure 5. System Timing Diagram

capacitive loads. Refer to the MAX12529 EV kit schematic for recommendations of how to drive the DAV signal through an external buffer.

Data Out-of-Range Indicator

The DORA and DORB digital outputs indicate when the analog input voltage is out of range. When DOR_ is high, the analog input is out of range. When DOR_ is low, the analog input is within range. The valid differential input range is from (V_{REF_P} - V_{REF_N}) \times 2/3 to (V_{REF_N} - V_{REF_P}) \times 2/3. Signals outside of this valid differential range cause DOR_ to assert high as shown in Table 1.

DOR is synchronized with DAV and transitions along with the output data D11_-D0_. There is an 8 clockcycle latency in the DOR function as is with the output data (Figure 5). DOR_ is high impedance when the MAX12529 is in power-down (PD = high). DOR_ enters a high-impedance state within 10ns after the rising edge of PD and becomes active 10ns after PD's falling edge.

Digital Output Data and Output Format Selection The MAX12529 provides two 12-bit, parallel, tri-state output buses. D0A/B–D11A/B and DORA/B update on

Table 3. Output Codes vs. Input Voltage

the falling edge of DAV and are valid on the rising edge of DAV.

The MAX12529 output data format is either Gray code or two's complement depending on the logic input G/\overline{T} . With G/\overline{T} high, the output data format is Gray code. With G/\overline{T} low, the output data format is set to two's complement. See Figure 8 for a binary-to-Gray and Gray-tobinary code conversion example.

The following equations, Table 3, Figure 6, and Figure 7 define the relationship between the digital output and the analog input.

Gray Code $(G/\overline{T} = 1)$:

Two's Complement $(G/\overline{T} = 0)$:

$$V_{IN_P} - V_{IN_N} = 2/3 \times (V_{REF_P} - V_{REF_N}) \times 2 \times CODE_{10} / 4096$$

where $CODE_{10}$ is the decimal equivalent of the digital output code as shown in Table 3.

GRAY-CODE OUTPUT CODE (G/T = 1)			TWO'S-COMPLEMENT OUTPUT CODE $(G/\overline{T} = 0)$					
BINARY D11A–D0A D11B–D0B	DOR	HEXADECIMAL EQUIVALENT OF D11A-D0A D11B-D0B	DECIMAL EQUIVALENT OF D11A-D0A D11B-D0B (CODE ₁₀)	BINARY D11A-D0A D11B-D0B	DOR	HEXADECIMAL EQUIVALENT OF D11A-D0A D11B-D0B	DECIMAL EQUIVALENT OF D11A-D0A D11B-D0B (CODE ₁₀)	VIN_P - VIN_N VREF_P = 2.418V VREF_N = 0.882V
1000 0000 0000	1	0x800	+4095	0111 1111 1111	1	0x7FF	+2047	> +1.0235V (DATA OUT OF RANGE)
1000 0000 0000	0	0x800	+4095	0111 1111 1111	0	0x7FF	+2047	+1.0235V
1000 0000 0001	0	0x801	+4094	0111 1111 1110	0	0x7FE	+2046	+1.0230V
1100 0000 0011	0	0xC03	+2050	0000 0000 0010	0	0x002	+2	+0.0010V
1100 0000 0001	0	0xC01	+2049	0000 0000 0001	0	0x001	+1	+0.0005V
1100 0000 0000	0	0xC00	+2048	0000 0000 0000	0	0x000	0	+0.0000V
0100 0000 0000	0	0x400	+2047	1111 1111 1111	0	0xFFF	-1	-0.0005V
0100 0000 0001	0	0x401	+2046	1111 1111 1110	0	0xFFE	-2	-0.0010V
0000 0000 0001	0	0x001	+1	1000 0000 0001	0	0x801	-2047	-1.0235V
0000 0000 0000	0	0x000	0	1000 0000 0000	0	0x800	-2048	-1.0240V
0000 0000 0000	1	0x000	0	1000 0000 0000	1	0x800	-2048	< -1.0240V (DATA OUT OF RANGE)

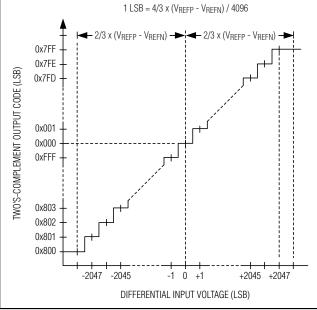


Figure 6. Two's-Complement Transfer Function $(G/\overline{T} = 0)$

The digital outputs D0A/B–D11A/B are high impedance when the MAX12529 is in power-down (PD = 1) mode. D0A/B–D11A/B enter this state 10ns after the rising edge of PD and become active again 10ns after PD transitions low.

Keep the capacitive load on the MAX12529 digital outputs D0A/B–D11A/B as low as possible (< 15pF) to avoid large digital currents feeding back into the analog portion of the MAX12529 and degrading its dynamic performance. Adding external digital buffers on the digital outputs helps isolate the MAX12529 from heavy capacitive loads. To improve the dynamic performance of the MAX12529, add 220 Ω resistors in series with the digital outputs close to the MAX12529. Refer to the MAX12529 EV kit schematic for guidelines of how to drive the digital outputs through 220 Ω series resistors and external digital output buffers.

Power-Down Input

The MAX12529 has two power modes that are controlled with a power-down digital input (PD). With PD low, the MAX12529 is in its normal operating mode. With PD high, the MAX12529 is in power-down mode.

The power-down mode allows the MAX12529 to efficiently use power by transitioning to a low-power state when conversions are not required. Additionally, the MAX12529 parallel output bus goes high-impedance in power-down mode, allowing other devices on the bus to be accessed.

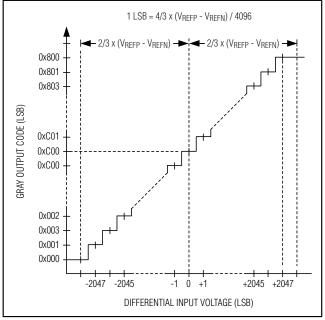


Figure 7. Gray-Code Transfer Function $(G/\overline{T} = 1)$

In power-down mode all internal circuits are off, the analog supply current reduces to less than 100 μ A, and the digital supply current reduces to less than 1 μ A. The following list shows the state of the analog inputs and digital outputs in power-down mode:

- 1) INAP/B and INAN/B analog inputs are disconnected from the internal input amplifier (Figure 3).
- 2) REFOUT has approximately $17k\Omega$ to GND.
- 3) REFAP/B, COMA/B, and REFAN/B enter a highimpedance state with respect to V_{DD} and GND, but there is an internal $4k\Omega$ resistor between REFAP/B and COMA/B, as well as an internal $4k\Omega$ resistor between REFAN/B and COMA/B.
- 4) D0A–D11A, D0B–D11B, DORA, and DORB enter a high-impedance state.
- 5) DAV enters a high-impedance state.
- 6) CLKP and CLKN clock inputs enter a high-impedance state (Figure 4).

The wake-up time from power-down mode is dominated by the time required to charge the capacitors at REF_P, REF_N, and COM. In internal reference mode and buffered external reference mode the wake-up time is typically 10ms. When operating in the unbuffered external reference mode the wake-up time is dependent on the external reference drivers.



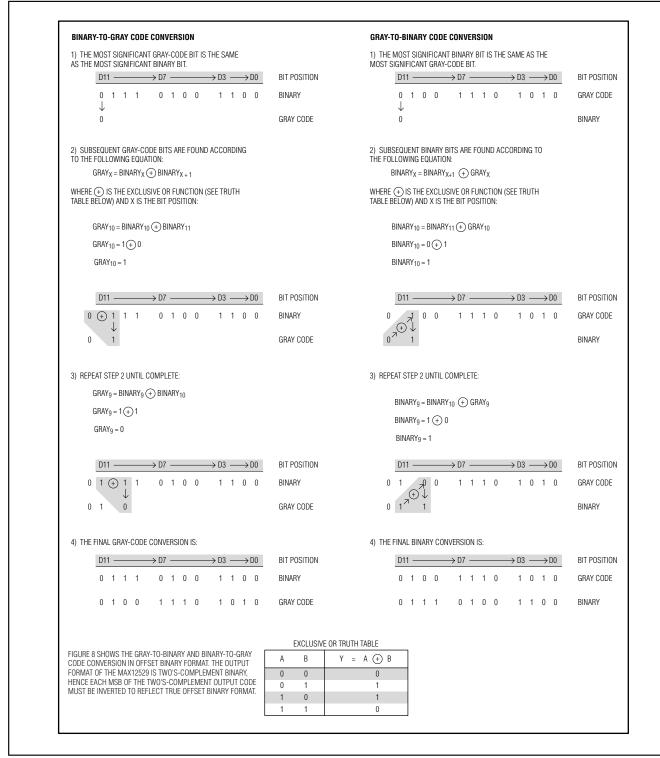


Figure 8. Binary-to-Gray and Gray-to-Binary Code Conversion



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_Applications Information

Using Transformer Coupling

In general, the MAX12529 provides better SFDR and THD with fully differential input signals than singleended input drive, especially for input frequencies above 125MHz. In differential input mode, even-order harmonics are lower as both inputs are balanced, and each of the ADC inputs only requires half the signal swing compared to single-ended input mode.

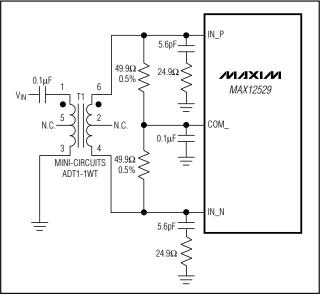


Figure 9. Transformer-Coupled Input Drive for Input Frequencies Up to Nyquist

An RF transformer (Figure 9) provides an excellent solution to convert a single-ended input source signal to a fully differential signal, required by the MAX12529 for optimum performance. Connecting the center tap of the transformer to COM provides a V_{DD} / 2 DC level shift to the input. Although a 1:1 transformer is shown, a step-up transformer can be selected to reduce the drive requirements. A reduced signal swing from the input driver, such as an op amp, can also improve the overall distortion. The configuration of Figure 9 is good for frequencies up to Nyquist (f_{CLK} / 2).

The circuit of Figure 10 converts a single-ended input signal to fully differential just as Figure 9. However, Figure 10 utilizes an additional transformer to improve the common-mode rejection allowing high-frequency signals beyond the Nyquist frequency. A set of 75Ω

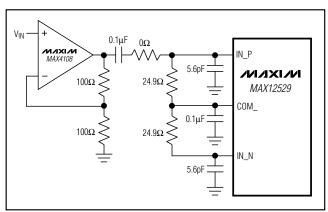


Figure 11. Single-Ended, AC-Coupled Input Drive

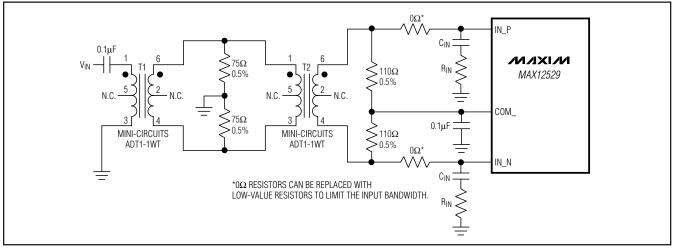


Figure 10. Transformer-Coupled Input Drive for Input Frequencies Beyond Nyquist

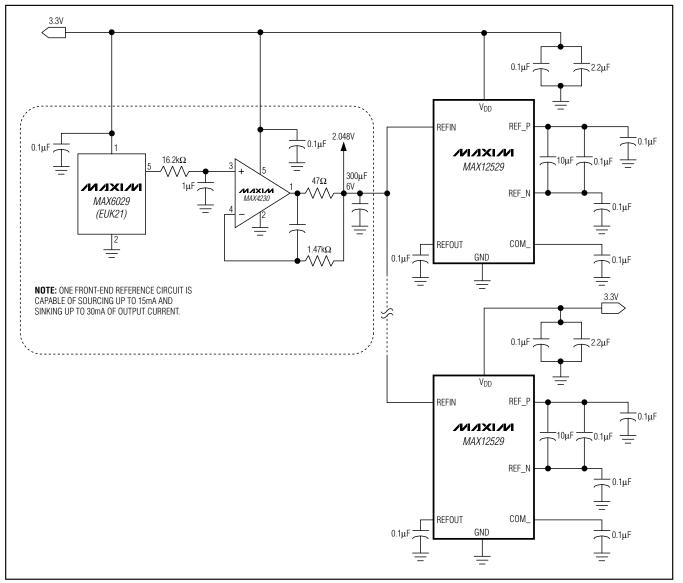


Figure 12. External Buffered (MAX4230) Reference Drive Using a MAX6029 Bandgap Reference

and 110 Ω termination resistors provide an equivalent 50 Ω termination to the signal source. The second set of termination resistors connects to COM_ providing the correct input common-mode voltage. Two 0 Ω resistors in series with the analog inputs allow high IF input frequencies. These 0 Ω resistors can be replaced with low-value resistors to limit the input bandwidth.

The input network in Figure 10 can be modified to enhance the frequency-range specific AC performance of the MAX12529 by simply replacing the input capacitance with a series network of resistor (R_{IN}) and capacitor (C_{IN}). Table 4 displays a selection of resistors and capacitors that are recommended to help improve the already excellent performance of this ADC for specific applications requiring only a certain range of input frequencies.

Single-Ended AC-Coupled Input Signal Figure 11 shows an AC-coupled, single-ended input application. The MAX4108 provides high speed, high bandwidth, low noise, and low distortion to maintain the input signal integrity.



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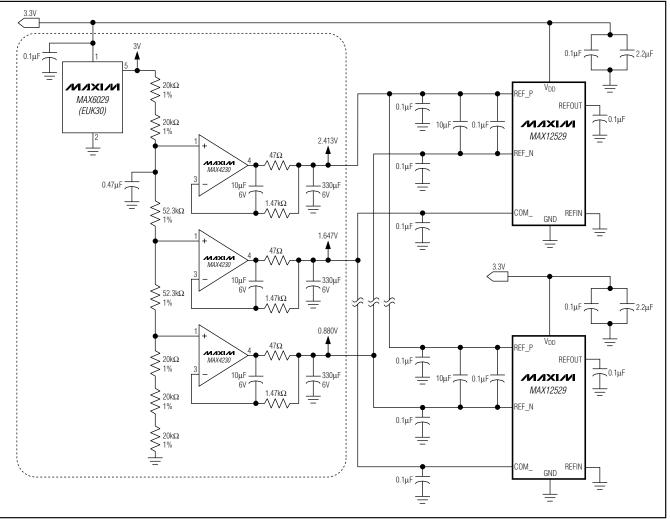


Figure 13. External Unbuffered Reference Driving Multiple ADCs

Table 4. Component Selection toEnhance the Frequency-Range SpecificAC Performance

INPUT FREQUENCY RANGE	C _{IN} COMPONENT VALUES (pF)	R _{IN} COMPONENT VALUES (Ω)
< 10MHz	12 to 22	0
10MHz to 125MHz	12	50
> 125MHz	5.6	0

Buffered External Reference Drives Multiple ADCs

The buffered external reference mode allows for more control over the MAX12529 reference voltage and allows multiple converters to use a common reference. The REFIN input impedance is > $50M\Omega$.

Figure 12 shows the MAX6029 precision 2.048V bandgap reference used as a common reference for multiple converters. The 2.048V output of the MAX6029 passes through a single-pole 10Hz LP filter to the MAX4230.

The MAX4250 buffers the 2.048V reference and provides additional 10Hz LP filtering before its output is applied to the REFIN input of the MAX12529.



Unbuffered External Reference Drives Multiple ADCs

The unbuffered external reference mode allows for precise control over the MAX12529 reference and allows multiple converters to use a common reference. Connecting REFIN to GND disables the internal reference, allowing REF_P, REF_N, and COM_ to be driven directly by a set of external reference sources.

Figure 13 uses a MAX6029 precision 3.000V bandgap reference as a common reference for multiple converters. A seven-component resistive divider chain follows the MAX6029 voltage reference. The 0.47µF capacitor along this chain creates a 10Hz LP filter. Three MAX4230 amplifiers buffer taps along this resistor chain providing 2.413V, 1.647V, and 0.880V to the MAX12529 REF_P, REF_N, and COM_ reference inputs. The feedback around the MAX4230 op amps provides additional 10Hz LP filtering. Reference voltages 2.413V and 0.880V set the full-scale analog input range for the converter to $\pm 1.022V$ (\pm [VREF_P - VREF_N] x 2/3).

Note that one single power supply for all active circuit components removes any concern regarding powersupply sequencing when powering up or down.

Grounding, Bypassing, and _____Board Layout

The MAX12529 requires high-speed board layout design techniques. Refer to the MAX12527/MAX12528/MAX12529/MAX12557/MAX12558/MAX12559 EV kit data sheet for a board layout reference. Locate all bypass capacitors as close to the device as possible, preferably on the same side as the ADC, using surface-mount devices for minimum inductance. Bypass V_{DD} to GND with a 220µF ceramic capacitor in parallel with at least one 10µF, one 4.7µF, and one 0.1µF ceramic capacitor. Bypass OV_{DD} to GND with a 220µF ceramic capacitor. High-frequency bypassing/decoupling capacitors should be located as close as possible to the converter supply pins.

Multilayer boards with ample ground and power planes produce the highest level of signal integrity. All grounds and the exposed backside paddle of the MAX12529 package (package code: T6800-2) must be connected to the same ground plane. The MAX12529 relies on the exposed backside paddle connection for a low-inductance ground connection. Isolate the ground plane from any noisy digital system ground planes such as a DSP or output buffer ground.

Route high-speed digital signal traces away from the sensitive analog traces. Keep all signal lines short and free of 90° turns.

Ensure that the differential, analog input network layout is symmetric and that all parasitic components are balanced equally. Refer to the MAX12529 EV kit data sheet for an example of symmetric input layout.

Parameter Definitions

Integral Nonlinearity (INL)

INL is the deviation of the values on an actual transfer function from a straight line. For the MAX12529, this straight line is between the endpoints of the transfer function, once offset and gain errors have been nullified. INL deviations are measured at every step of the transfer function and the worst-case deviation is reported in the *Electrical Characteristics* table.

Differential Nonlinearity (DNL)

DNL is the difference between an actual step width and the ideal value of 1 LSB. A DNL error specification of less than 1 LSB guarantees no missing codes and a monotonic transfer function. For the MAX12529, DNL deviations are measured at every step of the transfer function and the worst-case deviation is reported in the *Electrical Characteristics* table.

Offset Error

Offset error is a figure of merit that indicates how well the actual transfer function matches the ideal transfer function at a single point. Ideally, the midscale MAX12529 transition occurs at 0.5 LSB above midscale. The offset error is the amount of deviation between the measured midscale transition point and the ideal midscale transition point.

Gain Error

Gain error is a figure of merit that indicates how well the slope of the actual transfer function matches the slope of the ideal transfer function. The slope of the actual transfer function is measured between two data points: positive full scale and negative full scale. Ideally, the positive full-scale MAX12529 transition occurs at 1.5 LSBs below positive full scale, and the negative full-scale transition occurs at 0.5 LSB above negative full scale. The gain error is the difference of the measured transition points minus the difference of the ideal transition points.

Small-Signal Noise Floor (SSNF)

SSNF is the integrated noise and distortion power in the Nyquist band for small-signal inputs. The DC offset is excluded from this noise calculation. For this converter, a small signal is defined as a single tone with an amplitude of -35dBFS. This parameter captures the thermal and quantization noise characteristics of the data converter and can be used to help calculate the overall noise figure of a digital receiver signal path.

