

Evaluation Board for the **AD5327** 12-Bit, Quad Channel, Voltage Output Digital-to-Analog Converter (DAC)

FEATURES

Full featured evaluation board in conjunction with *nanoDAC* motherboard (**EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ**)

On-board references

Various link options

PC control in conjunction with Analog Devices, Inc., [system demonstration platform \(SDP\)](#)

PACKAGE CONTENTS

EVAL-AD5327DBZ evaluation board

EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ motherboard

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

EVAL-AD5327DBZ evaluation software

HARDWARE REQUIRED

EVAL-SDP-CB1Z board (**SDP-B** controller board), must be purchased separately

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This user guide details the operation of the evaluation board for the **AD5327** quad channel, voltage output DAC.

The evaluation board is designed to help users quickly prototype new **AD5327** circuits and reduce design time. The **AD5327** operates from a single 2.5 V to 5.5 V supply.

For full details, see the **AD5327** data sheet, which must be consulted in conjunction with this user guide when using the **EVAL-AD5327DBZ** evaluation board.

The evaluation board interfaces to the USB port of a PC via the **SDP-B** board. Software is supplied with the evaluation board to allow the user to program the **AD5327**.

This evaluation board requires the **SDP-B** controller board (**EVAL-SDP-CB1Z**), which is available for order on the Analog Devices website www.analog.com.

EVAL-AD5327DBZ, EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ, AND SDP-B BOARDS

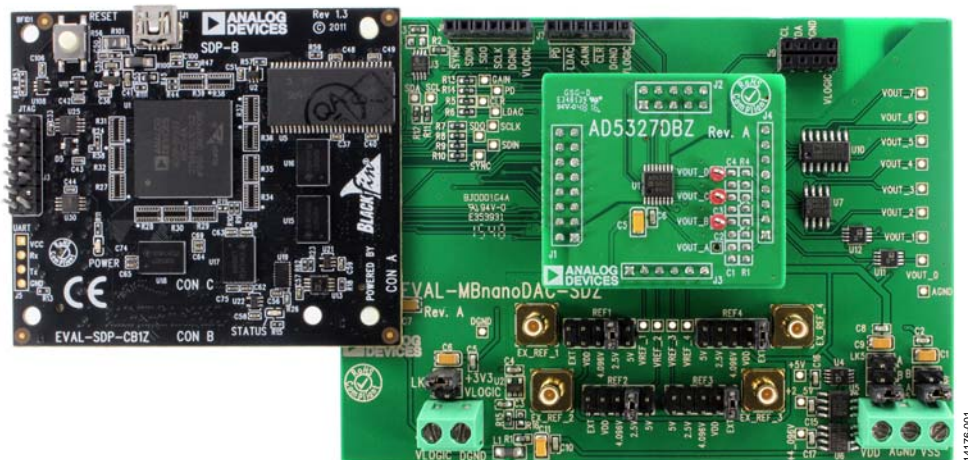


Figure 1.

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REVISION HISTORY

3/2017—Revision 0: Initial Version

EVALUATION BOARD HARDWARE

POWER SUPPLIES

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

The EVAL-AD5327DBZ evaluation board can be powered either from the SDP-B port or externally by the J5 and J6 connectors, as described in Table 1.

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

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

Table 1. Power Supply Connectors

Connector No.	Label	Voltage
J5, Pin 1 (J5-1)	VDD	Analog positive power supply, V_{DD} Single and dual supply, 5.5 V
J5, Pin 2 (J5-2)	AGND	Analog ground
J5, Pin 3 (J5-3)	VSS	Analog negative power supply, V_{SS} Dual supply, -5.5 V
J6, Pin 1 (J6-1)	VLOGIC	Digital supply from 1.8 V to V_{DD}
J6, Pin 2 (J6-2)	DGND	Digital ground

Table 3. Link Functions

Link No.	Function
REF1, REF2, REF3, REF4	These links select the reference source. Position EXT selects an off-board voltage reference via the appropriate EXT_REF_x connector. Position VDD selects V_{DD} as the reference source. Position 4.096V selects the on-board 4.096 V reference as the reference source. Position 2.5V selects the on-board 2.5 V reference as the reference source. Position 5V selects the on-board 5 V reference as the reference source.
LK5	This link selects the positive DAC analog voltage source. Position A selects the internal voltage source from the SDP-B board. Position B selects the internal voltage source 3.3 V from the ADP121 on the motherboard. Position C selects an external supply voltage, V_{DD} .
LK6	This link selects the VLOGIC voltage source. Position +3V3 selects the digital voltage source from the SDP-B board (3.3 V). Position VLOGIC selects an external digital supply voltage V_{LOGIC} .
LK7	This link selects the negative DAC analog voltage source. Position A selects V_{SS} . Position B selects AGND.

LINK OPTIONS

Various link options are incorporated in the EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ and must be set for the required operating conditions before using the evaluation board. Table 2 describes the positions of the links to control the evaluation board via the SDP-B board using a PC and external power supplies. The functions of these link options are described in detail in Table 3.

The positions listed in Table 2 and Table 3 match the evaluation board imprints (see Figure 11).

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

Link No.	Position
REF1	2.5V
REF2	2.5V
REF3	EXT
REF4	EXT
LK5	C
LK6	+3V3
LK7	B

EVALUATION BOARD SOFTWARE QUICK START PROCEDURES

INSTALLING THE SOFTWARE

The [AD5327](#) evaluation software is compatible with Windows® Vista (64-bit/32-bit) and Windows 7 (64-bit/32-bit).

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

To install the [AD5327](#) evaluation software, take the following steps:

1. Start the Windows operating system.
2. Download the installation software from the [EVAL-AD5327DBZ](#) evaluation board page.
3. Run the **setup.exe** file from the installer folder if it does not open automatically.
4. After the installation is complete, power up the evaluation board as described in the Power Supplies section.
5. Connect the [EVAL-AD5327DBZ](#) evaluation board to the [SDP-B](#) controller board and connect the [SDP-B](#) board to the PC using the USB cable included in the evaluation kit.
6. When the software detects the [EVAL-AD5327DBZ](#), proceed through any dialog boxes that appear to finalize the installation.

RUNNING THE SOFTWARE

To run the program, do the following:

1. Connect the evaluation board to the [SDP-B](#) board and connect the USB cable between the [SDP-B](#) board and the PC.
2. Power up the evaluation board as described in the Power Supplies section.
3. From the **Start** menu, click **All Programs, Analog Devices, AD5328 Evaluation Software**.

If the [SDP-B](#) board is not connected to the USB port when the software is launched, a connectivity error displays (see Figure 2). Connect the evaluation board to the USB port of the PC and wait a few seconds. When the [SDP-B](#) board is detected, the display is updated (see Figure 3).

Alternatively, the software can be used without an evaluation board. The software runs in simulation mode displaying expected outputs based on the input data. The main window of the [AD5327](#) evaluation software then opens, as shown in Figure 4.

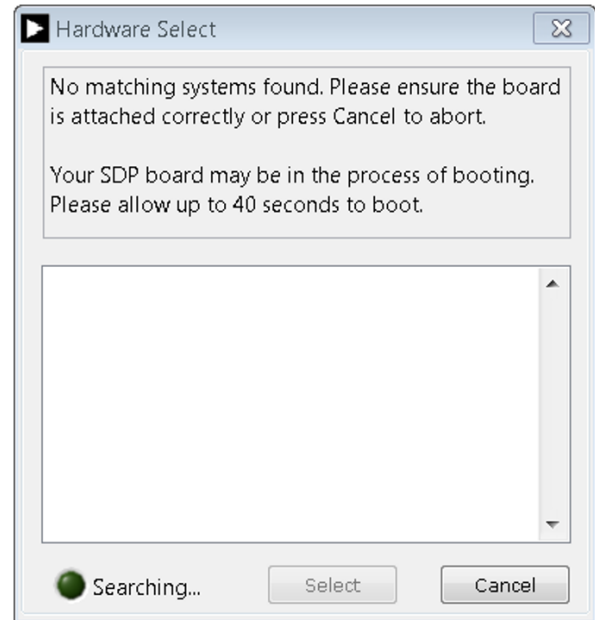


Figure 2. Connectivity Error

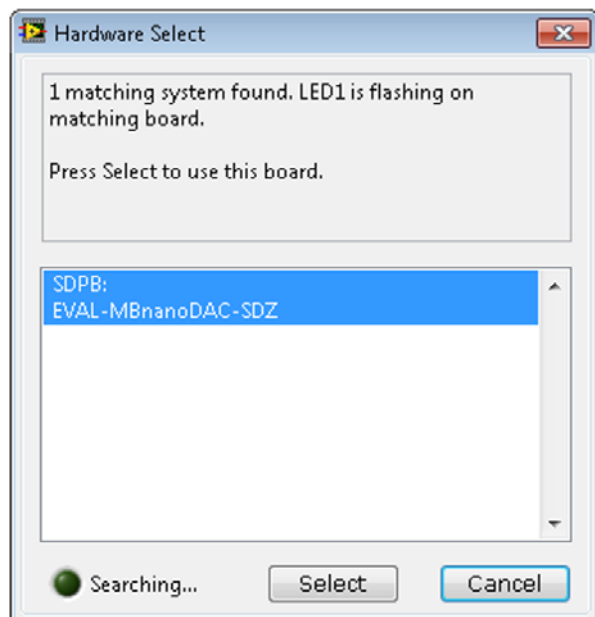


Figure 3. Hardware Select

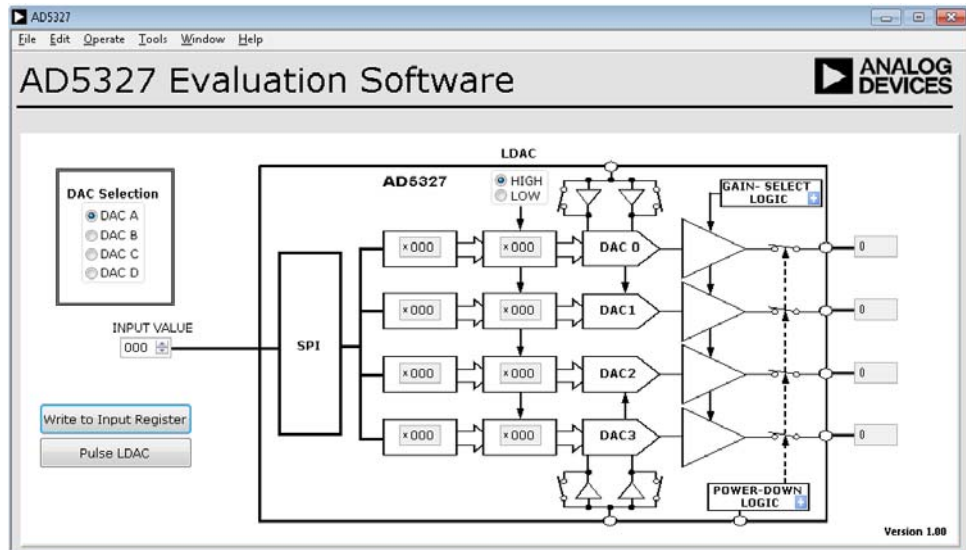


Figure 4. AD5327 Evaluation Board Software Main Window

SOFTWARE OPERATION

The software for the AD5327 allows the user to program values to the input and DAC registers of each DAC individually.

Write to Input Register

Click **Write to Input Register** to load the code of the input data control to the input register of the selected DAC in the **DAC Selection** box.

LDAC Control

Click **Pulse LDAC** to bring the $\overline{\text{LDAC}}$ pin low and then back to high. Doing this copies the data from the input registers to the DAC registers, and the outputs update accordingly.

Alternatively, set the $\overline{\text{LDAC}}$ pin high or low by clicking **HIGH** or **LOW** in the LDAC box.

Power-Down Control

The selected DAC on the **DAC Selection** box can be powered down individually. Click the blue progressive disclosure button on the **POWER-DOWN LOGIC** block to access the **Powerdown Config** window, as shown in Figure 5. When the power-down setting for the DAC is selected, click **OK** to write the appropriate values to the AD5327.

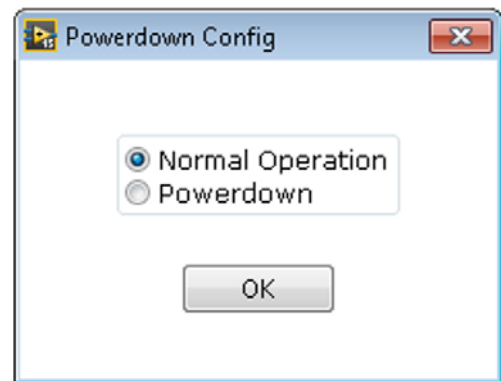


Figure 5. Powerdown Config Window

Gain Control

The gain of all the DACs is set simultaneously. Click the blue progressive disclosure button on the **GAIN- SELECT LOGIC** block to access the **Gain Control** window. Select **X1** in the **GAIN** box for a full-scale output of 2.5 V, or select **X2** for a full-scale output of 5 V.

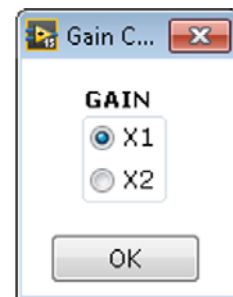


Figure 6. Gain Control Window

EVALUATION BOARD SCHEMATICS AND ARTWORK

EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ MOTHERBOARD

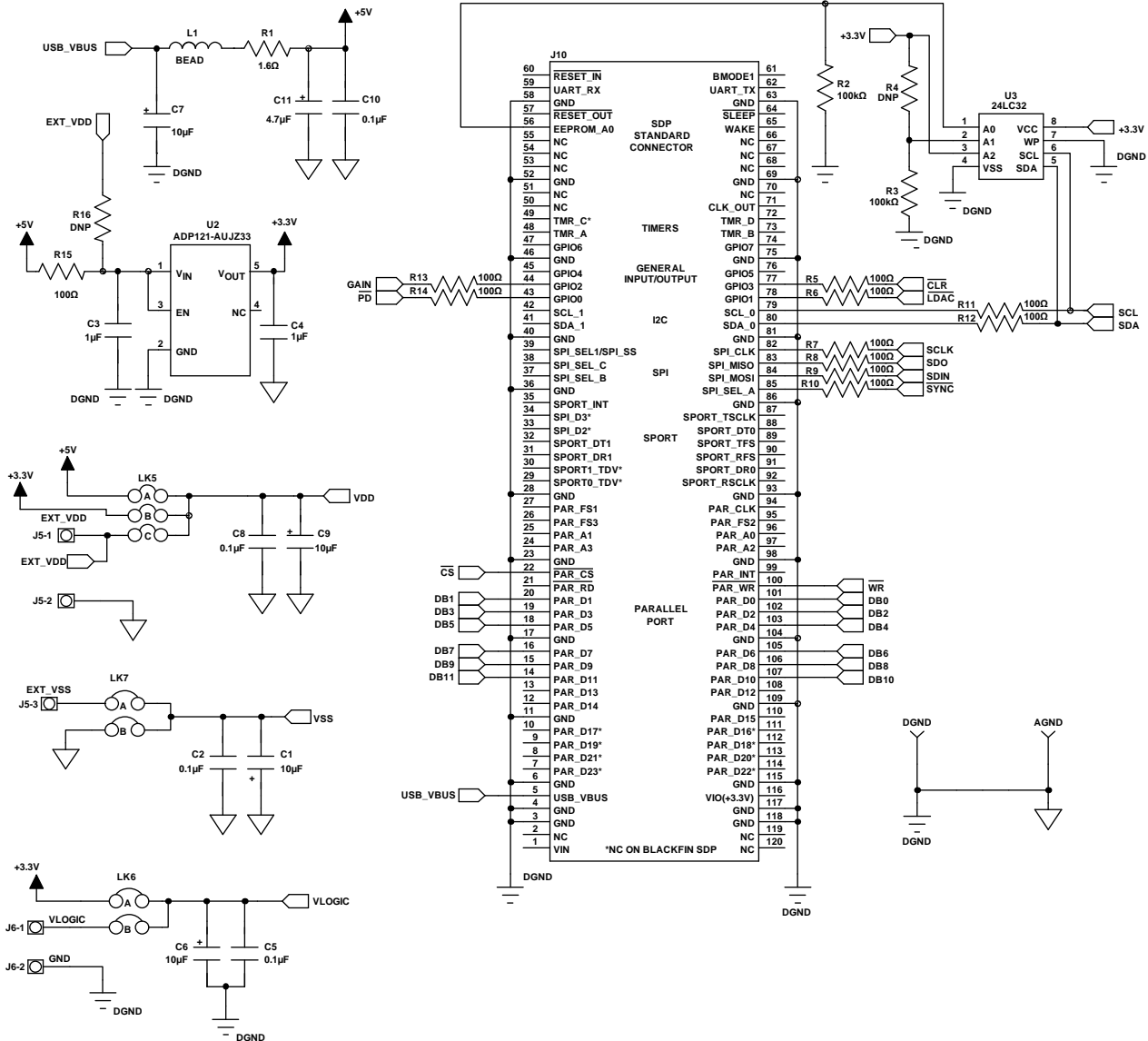


Figure 7. EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ SDP Connector and Power Supply

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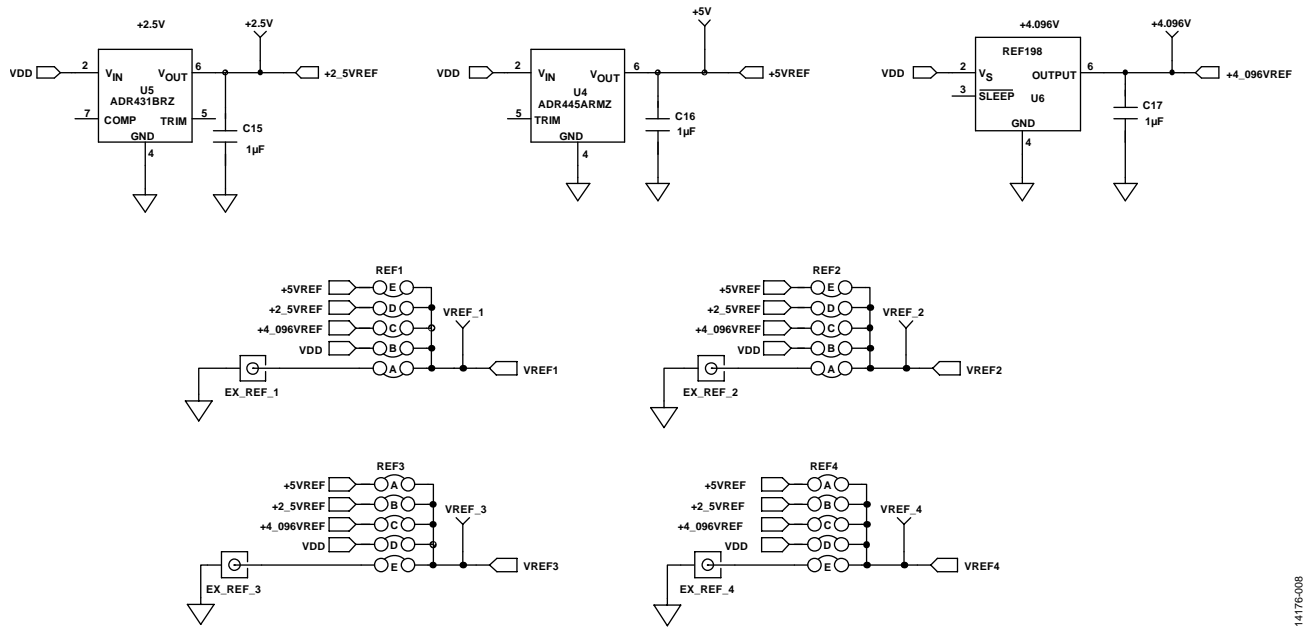


Figure 8. EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ Reference Voltage Selector Circuit

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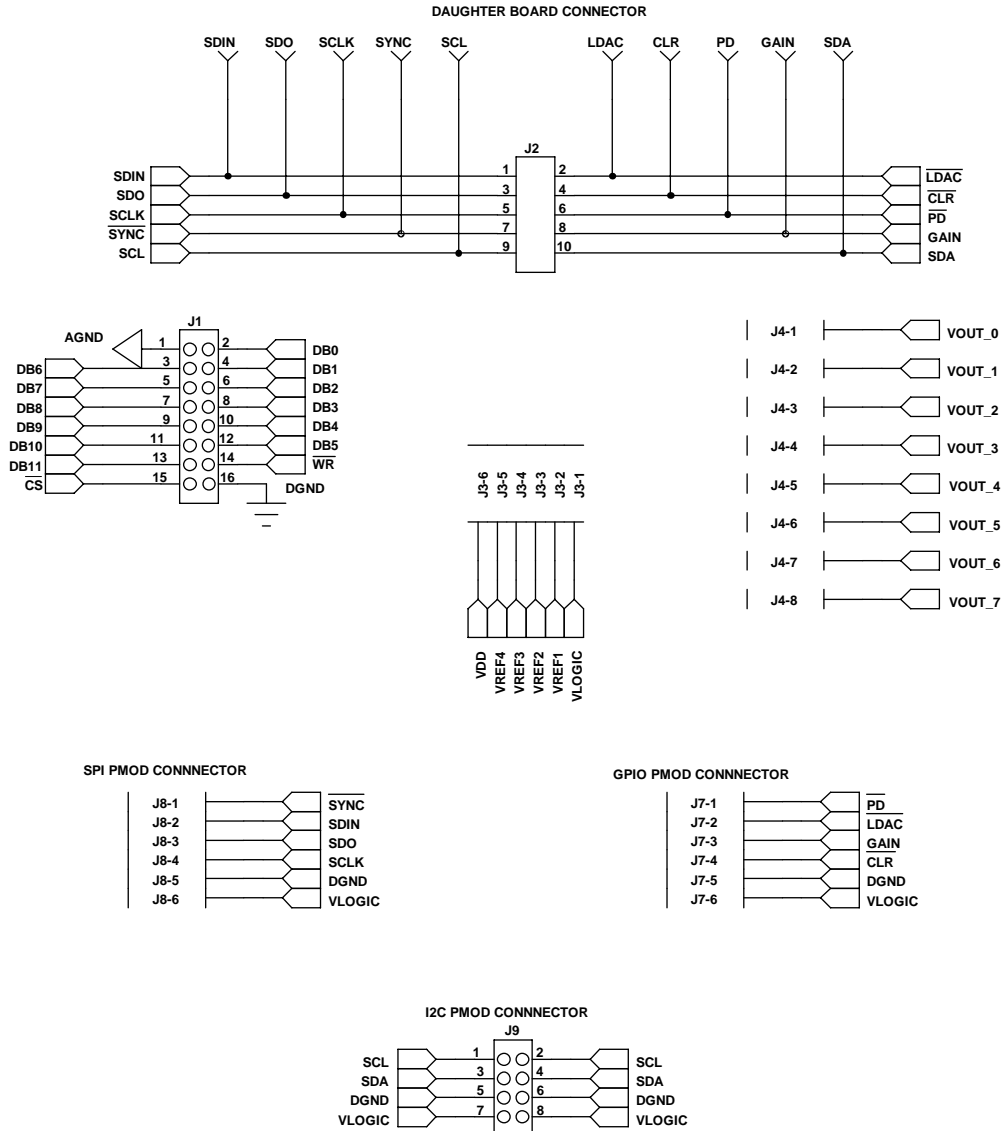


Figure 9. EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ Connectors to EVAL-AD5327DBZ Serial Interface

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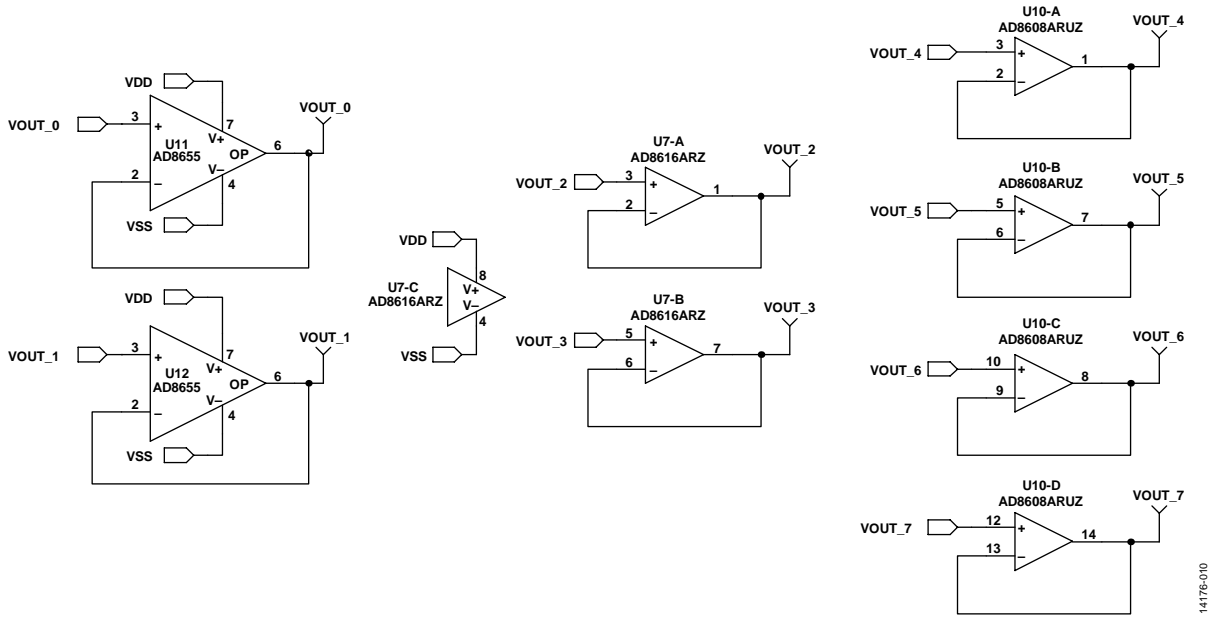


Figure 10. EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ Output Amplifier Circuit

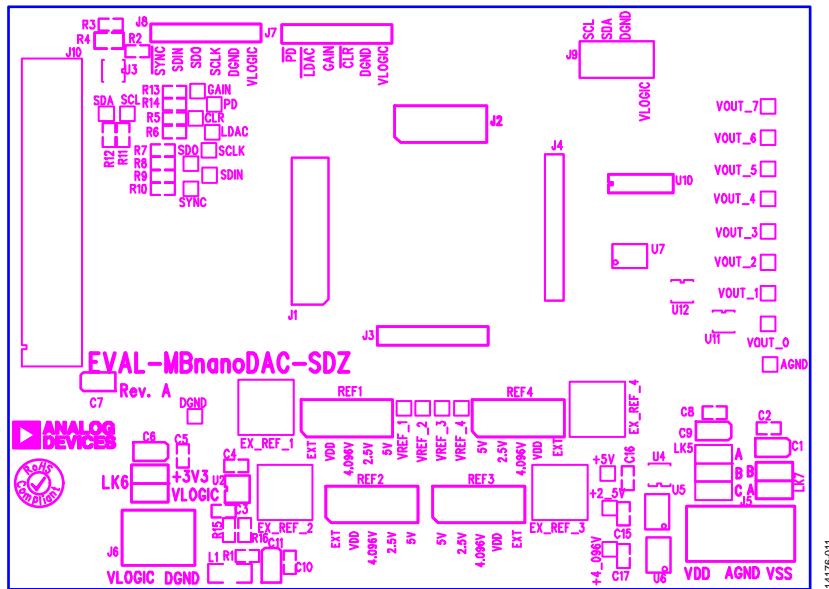
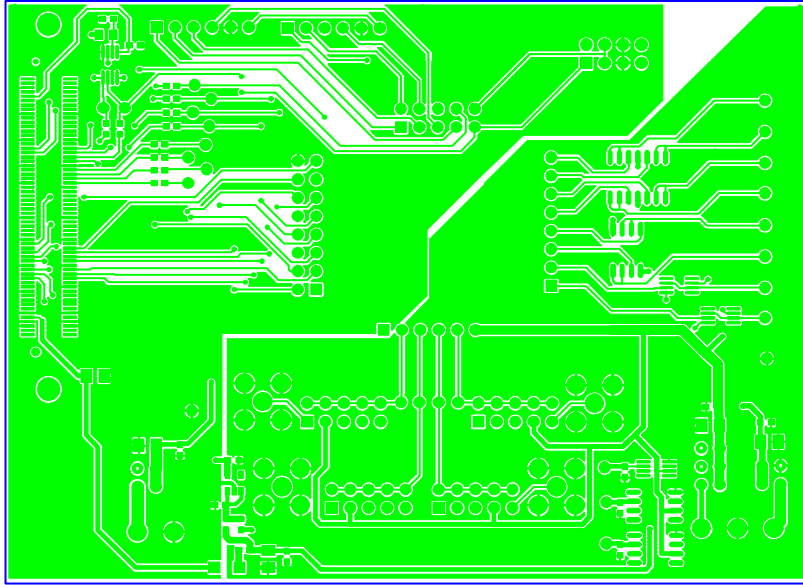
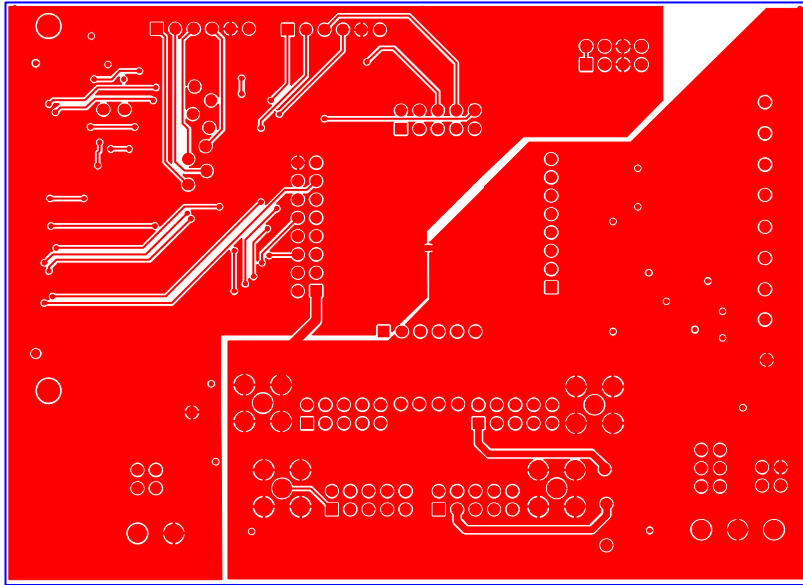


Figure 11. EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ Component Placement



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Figure 12. EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ Top Side Routing



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Figure 13. EVAL-MBnanoDAC-SDZ Bottom Side Routing

EVAL-AD5327RDBZ DAUGHTER BOARD

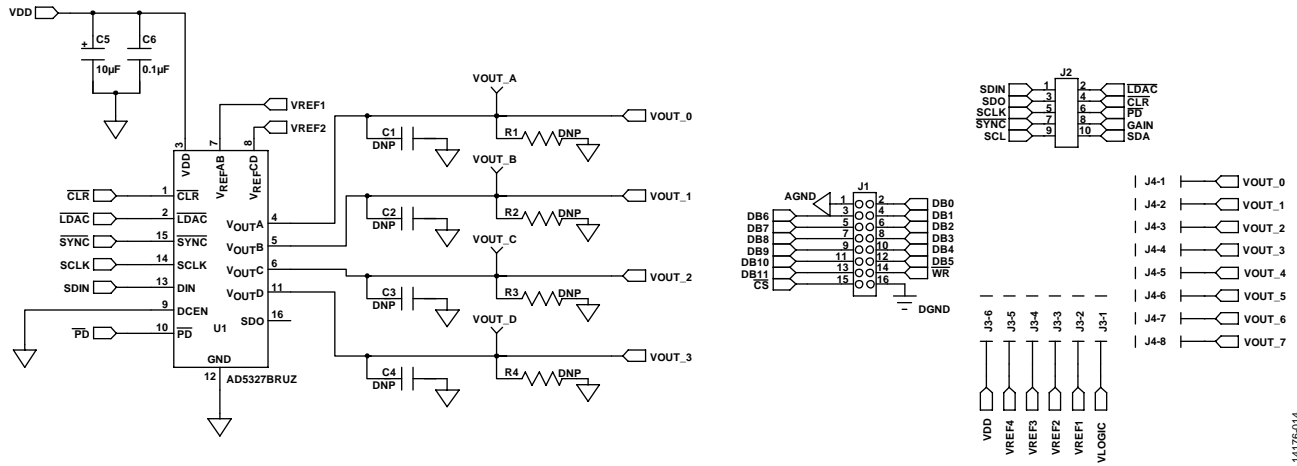


Figure 14. EVAL-AD5327RDBZ Daughter Board Schematic

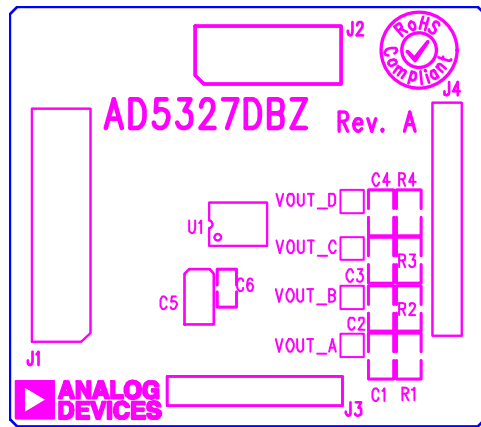


Figure 15. EVAL-AD5327RDBZ Component Placement

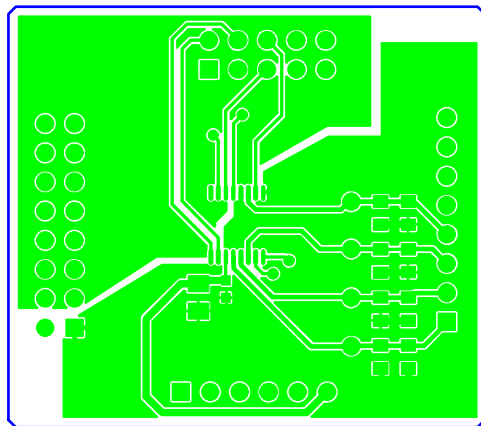


Figure 16. EVAL-AD5327DBZ Top Side Routing

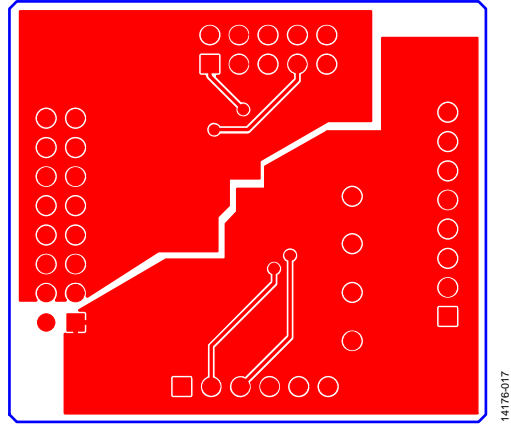


Figure 17. EVAL-AD5327DBZ Bottom Side Routing

ORDERING INFORMATION

BILL OF MATERIALS

Table 4. Motherboard

Qty	Reference Designator	Description	Stock Code/Part Number ^{1, 2}
4	C1, C6, C7, C9	6.3 V, tantalum capacitor (Case A), 10 μ F, \pm 20%	FEC 1190107
7	C2, C5, C8, C10, C15, C16, C17	50 V, X7R, ceramic capacitor, 0.1 μ F, \pm 10%	FEC 1759122
2	C3, C4	10 V, X5R, ceramic capacitor, 1 μ F, \pm 10%	GRM188R61A105KA61D
1	C11	6.3 V, tantalum capacitor (Case A), 4.7 μ F, \pm 20%	FEC 1432350
4	EXT_REF_1 to EXT_REF_4	Straight PCB mount SMB jack, 50 Ω	FEC 1206013
1	J1	Header, 2.54 mm, 2 \times 8-way	FEC 2308428
1	J2	Header, 2.54 mm, 2 \times 5-way	FEC 9689583
3	J3, J7, J8	Header, 2.54 mm, 1 \times 6-way	FEC 9689508
1	J4	Header, 2.54 mm, 1 \times 8-way	FEC 1766172
1	J5	3-pin terminal block	FEC 1667472
1	J6	2-pin terminal block	FEC 151789
1	J9	Header, 2.54 mm, 2 \times 4-way	FEC 1667509
1	J10	120-way connector	FEC 1324660
1	L1	Inductor, SMD, 600 Ω	FEC 9526862
1	LK5	6-pin (3 \times 2), 0.1 inch header and shorting block	FEC 148-535 and 150-411 (36-pin strip)
2	LK6, LK7	4-pin (2 \times 2), 0.1 inch header and shorting block	FEC 148-535 and 150-411 (36-pin strip)
4	REF1, REF2, REF3, REF4	10-pin (5 \times 2), 0.1 inch header and shorting block	FEC 1022227 and 150-411
1	R1	Resistor, surge, 1.6 Ω , 1%, 0603	FEC 1627674
2	R2, R3	SMD resistor, 100 k Ω , 1%, 0603	FEC 9330402
11	R5 to R15	SMD resistor, 100 Ω , 1%, 0603	FEC 9330364
1	U2	3.3 V linear regulator	Analog Devices ADP121-AUJZ33R7
1	U3	32 kb I ² C serial EEPROM	FEC 1331330
1	U4	5 V reference, 8-lead MSOP	Analog Devices ADR445ARMZ
1	U5	Ultralow noise XFET [®] voltage reference	Analog Devices ADR431BRZ
1	U6	4.096 V reference	Analog Devices REF198ESZ
1	U7	Dual op amp	Analog Devices AD8616ARZ
1	U10	Quad op amp	Analog Devices AD8608ARMZ
2	U11, U12	Op amp	Analog Devices AD8655ARMZ

¹ FEC refers to Farnell electronic component distributors.

² GRM refers to Murata manufacturing company.

Table 5. Daughter Board

Qty	Reference Designator	Description	Stock Code/Part Number ¹
1	C1	Not applicable	Not inserted
1	C2	Not applicable	Not inserted
1	C3	Not applicable	Not inserted
1	C4	Not applicable	Not inserted
1	C5	6.3 V, tantalum capacitor (Case A), 10 μ F, \pm 20%	FEC 1190107
1	C6	50 V, X7R, ceramic capacitor, 0.1 μ F, \pm 10%	FEC 1759122
1	J1	16-pin (2 \times 8) header	FEC 2308428 inserted from solder side
1	J2	10-pin (2 \times 5) straight header, 2.54 mm pitch	FEC 9689583 inserted from solder side
1	J3	6-pin (1 \times 6) straight header, 2.54 mm pitch	FEC 9689508 inserted from solder side
1	J4	Header, 2.54 mm, PCB, 1 \times 8-way	FEC 1766172 inserted from solder side
1	R1	Not applicable	Not inserted
1	R2	Not applicable	Not inserted
1	R3	Not applicable	Not inserted
1	R4	Not applicable	Not inserted
1	U1	12-bit DAC	Analog Devices AD5327BRUZ
1	VOUT_A	Red test point	Do not insert
1	VOUT_B	Red test point	FEC 8731144 (pack)
1	VOUT_C	Red test point	FEC 8731144 (pack)
1	VOUT_D	Red test point	FEC 8731144 (pack)

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²C refers to a communications protocol originally developed by Philips Semiconductors (now NXP Semiconductors)



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