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DAC081C081, DAC081C085

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DAC081C08x 8-Bit Micro Power Digital-to-Analog Converter With An I ²C-Compatible Interface

1 Features

- Ensured Monotonicity to 8-bits
- Low Power Operation: 156 µA Maximum at 3.3 V
- Extended Power Supply Range (2.7 V to 5.5 V)
- I²C-Compatible 2-Wire Interface Which Supports Standard (100-kHz), Fast (400-kHz), and High-Speed (3.4-MHz) Modes
- Rail-to-Rail Voltage Output
- Very Small Package
- Resolution 8 Bits
- INL ±0.6 LSB (Maximum)
- DNL \pm 0.1 LSB (Maximum)
- Settling Time 4.5 μs (Maximum)
- Zero Code Error +10 mV (Maximum)
- Full-Scale Error −0.7 %FS (Maximum)
- Supply Power
	- Normal
		- 380 μW (3 V)
		- 730 μW (5 V) Typical
	- Power Down
		- 0.5 μW (3 V)
		- $-$ 0.9 μW (5 V) Typical

2 Applications

- Industrial Process Control
- Portable Instruments
- Digital Gain and Offset Adjustments
- Programmable Voltage and Current Sources
- **Test Equipment**

3 Description

The DAC081C08x device is an 8-bit, single-channel, voltage-output digital-to-analog converter (DAC) that operates from a 2.7-V to 5.5-V supply. The output amplifier allows rail-to-rail output swing and has an 4.5-µsec settling time. The DAC081C081 uses the supply voltage as the reference to provide the widest dynamic output range and typically consumes 132 µA while operating at 5 V. It is available in 6-lead SOT and WSON packages and provides three address options (pin selectable).

As an alternative, the DAC081C085 provides nine l²C addressing options and uses an external reference. It has the same performance and settling time as the DAC081C081. It is available in an 8-lead VSSOP.

The DAC081C081 and DAC081C085 use a 2-wire, I²C-compatible serial interface that operates in all three speed modes, including high-speed mode (3.4 MHz). An external address selection pin allows up to three DAC081C081 or nine DAC081C085 devices per 2-wire bus. Pin-compatible alternatives to the DAC081C081 are available that provide additional address options.

Table 1. Device Information(1)

(1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the data sheet.

Figure 1. Block Diagram

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4 Revision History

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5 Description (continued)

The DAC081C081 and DAC081C085 each have a 16-bit register that controls the mode of operation, the powerdown condition, and the output voltage. A power-on reset circuit ensures that the DAC output powers up to zero volts. A power-down feature reduces power consumption to less than a microWatt. Their low power consumption and small packages make these DACs an excellent choice for use in battery-operated equipment. Each DAC operates over the extended industrial temperature range of −40°C to +125°C.

The DAC081C081 and DAC081C085 are each part of a family of pin-compatible DACs that also provide 12- and 10-bit resolution. For 12-bit DACs see the DAC121C081 and DAC121C085. For 10-bit DACs see the DAC101C081 and DAC101C085.

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7 Specifications

7.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

See (1)(2)(3)

(1) Stresses beyond those listed under *Absolute Maximum Ratings* may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, which do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under *Recommended Operating Conditions*. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

All voltages are measured with respect to $GND = 0$ V, unless otherwise specified.

- (3) If Military/Aerospace specified devices are required, please contact the TI Sales Office/Distributors for availability and specifications.
- (4) When the input voltage at any pin exceeds 5.5 V or is less than GND, the current at that pin should be limited to 10 mA. The 20-mA maximum package input current rating limits the number of pins that can safely exceed the power supplies with an input current of 10 mA to two.
- (5) The absolute maximum junction temperature (T_Jmax) for this device is 150°C. The maximum allowable power dissipation is dictated by T_Jmax, the junction-to-ambient thermal resistance (R_{0JA}), and the ambient temperature (T_A), and can be calculated using the formula P_D MAX = (T_Jmax - T_A) / R_{θJA}. The values for maximum power dissipation will be reached only when the device is operated in a severe fault condition (for example, when input or output pins are driven beyond the operating ratings, or the power supply polarity is reversed).

7.2 ESD Ratings

7.3 Recommended Operating Conditions $S_{\alpha\alpha}$ (1)

(1) All voltages are measured with respect to $GND = 0$ V, unless otherwise specified.

(2) The inputs are protected as shown below. Input voltage magnitudes up to 5.5 V, regardless of V_A, will not cause errors in the conversion result. For example, if V_A is 3 V, the digital input pins can be driven with a 5V logic device.

7.4 Thermal Information

(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the *Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics* application report, SPRA953.

(2) Soldering process must comply with Reflow Temperature Profile specifications. Refer to http://www.ti.com/packaging. Reflow temperature profiles are different for lead-free packages.

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7.5 Electrical Characteristics

The following specifications apply for V_A = 2.7 V to 5.5 V, V_{REF} = V_A, C_L = 200 pF to GND, input code range 3 to 252. All Maximum and Minimum limits apply for T_{MIN} ≤ T_A ≤ T_{MAX} and all Typical limits are at T_A = 25°C, unless otherwise specified.

(1) Typical figures are at T^J = 25°C, and represent most likely parametric norms. Test limits are specified to TI's AOQL (Average Outgoing Quality Level).

(2) This parameter is ensured by design and/or characterization and is not tested in production.

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Electrical Characteristics (continued)

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7.6 AC and Timing Characteristics

The following specifications apply for V_A = 2.7 V to 5.5 V, V_{REF} = V_A, R_L = Infinity, C_L = 200 pF to GND. All Maximum and Minimum limits apply for T_{MIN} ≤ T_A ≤ T_{MAX} and all Typical limits are at T_A = 25°C, unless otherwise specified.

(1) C_b refers to the capacitance of one bus line. C_b is expressed in pF units.

(2) Typical figures are at T_J = 25°C, and represent most likely parametric norms. Test limits are specified to TI's AOQL (Average Outgoing Quality Level).

(3) This parameter is ensured by design and/or characterization and is not tested in production.

(4) Applies to the Multiplying DAC configuration. In this configuration, the reference is used as the analog input. The value loaded in the DAC Register will digitally attenuate the signal at Vout.

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AC and Timing Characteristics (continued)

The following specifications apply for V_A = 2.7 V to 5.5 V, V_{REF} = V_A, R_L = Infinity, C_L = 200 pF to GND. All Maximum and Minimum limits apply for T_{MIN} ≤ T_A ≤ T_{MAX} and all Typical limits are at T_A = 25°C, unless otherwise specified.

(5) Spike suppression filtering on SCL and SDA will supress spikes that are less than 50ns for standard-fast mode and less than 10ns for hs-mode.

Figure 2. Input / Output Transfer Characteristic

Figure 3. Serial Timing Diagram

7.7 Typical Characteristics

 $V_{REF} = V_A$, $f_{SCL} = 3.4$ MHz, $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C, Input Code Range 3 to 252, unless otherwise stated.

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Typical Characteristics (continued)

 $V_{REF} = V_A$, $f_{SCL} = 3.4$ MHz, $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C, Input Code Range 3 to 252, unless otherwise stated.

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8 Detailed Description

8.1 Overview

The DAC081C081 is fabricated on a CMOS process with an architecture that consists of switches and resistor strings that are followed by an output buffer.

8.2 Functional Block Diagram

8.3 Feature Description

8.3.1 DAC Section

For simplicity, a single resistor string is shown in Figure 21. This string consists of 256 equal-valued resistors with a switch at each junction of two resistors, plus a switch to ground. The code loaded into the DAC register determines which switch is closed, connecting the proper node to the amplifier. The input coding is straight binary with an ideal output voltage of Equation 1:

 $V_{\text{OUT}} = V_{\text{REF}} \times (D / 256)$

where

• D is the decimal equivalent of the binary code that is loaded into the DAC register. (1)

D can take on any integer value between 0 and 255. This configuration ensures that the DAC is monotonic.

Feature Description (continued)

Figure 21. DAC Resistor String

8.3.2 Output Amplifier

The output amplifier is rail-to-rail, providing an output voltage range of 0 V to V_A when the reference is V_A. All amplifiers, even rail-to-rail types, exhibit a loss of linearity as the output approaches the supply rails (0V and V_A , in this case). For this reason, linearity is specified over less than the full output range of the DAC. However, if the reference is less than V_A , there is only a loss in linearity in the lowest codes. The output capabilities of the amplifier are described in the *Electrical Characteristics*.

The output amplifiers are capable of driving a load of 2 k Ω in parallel with 1500 pF to ground or to V_A. The zerocode and full-scale outputs for given load currents are available in the *Electrical Characteristics*.

8.3.3 Reference Voltage

The DAC081C081 uses the supply (V_A) as the reference. With that said, V_A must be treated as a reference. The Analog output will only be as clean as the reference (V_A) . It is recommended that the reference be driven by a voltage source with low output impedance.

The DAC081C085 comes with an external reference supply pin (V_{REF}) . For the DAC081C085, it is important that V_{RFF} be kept as clean as possible.

The *Application and Implementation* section describes a handful of ways to drive the reference appropriately. Refer to *Using References as Power Supplies* for details.

8.3.4 Power-On Reset

The power-on reset circuit controls the output voltage of the DAC during power up. Upon application of power, the DAC register is filled with zeros and the output voltage is 0 Volts. The output remains at 0 V until a valid write sequence is made to the DAC.

When resetting the device, it is crucial that the V_A supply be lowered to a maximum of 200 mV before the supply is raised again to power up the device. Dropping the supply to within 200 mV of GND during a reset will ensure the ADC performs as specified.

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Feature Description (continued)

8.3.5 Simultaneous Reset

The broadcast address allows the I²C master to write a single word to multiple DACs simultaneously. Provided that all of the DACs exist on a single I^2C bus, every DAC will update when the broadcast address is used to address the bus. This feature allows the master to reset all of the DACs on a shared I²C bus to a specific digital code. For instance, if the master writes a power-down code to the bus with the broadcast address, all of the DACs will power-down simultaneously.

8.3.6 Additional Timing Information: toutz

The t_{outz} specification is provided to aid the design of the I²C bus. After the SCL bus is driven low by the I²C master, the SDA bus will be held for a short time by the DAC081C081. This time is referred to as t_{outz} . The following figure illustrates the relationship between the fall of SCL, at the 30% threshold, to the time when the DAC begins to transition the SDA bus. The t_{outz} specification only applies when the DAC is in control of the SDA bus. The DAC is only in control of the bus during an ACK by the DAC081C081 or a data byte read from the DAC (see Figure 26).

Figure 22. Data Output Timing

The t_{outz} specification is typically 87 ns in standard-fast mode and 38 ns in Hs-Mode.

8.4 Device Functional Modes

8.4.1 Power-Down Modes

The DAC081C081 has three power-down modes. In power-down mode, the supply current drops to 0.13 µA at 3 V and 0.15 µA at 5 V (typical). The DAC081C081 is put into power-down mode by writing a one to PD1 and/or PD0. The outputs can be set to high impedance, terminated by 2.5 kΩ to GND, or terminated by 100 kΩ to GND (see Figure 27).

The bias generator, output amplifier, resistor string, and other linear circuitry are all shut down in any of the power-down modes. When the DAC081C081 is powered down, the value written to the DAC register, including the power-down bits, is saved. While the DAC is in power-down, the saved DAC register contents can be read back. When the DAC is brought out of power-down mode, the DAC register contents will be overwritten and V_{OUT} will be updated with the new 8-bit data value.

The time to exit power-down (wake-up time) is typically 0.8 µs at 3 V and 0.5 µs at 5 V.

8.5 Programming

8.5.1 Serial Interface

The I²C-compatible interface operates in all three speed modes. Standard mode (100 kHz) and fast mode (400 kHz) are functionally the same and will be referred to as standard-fast mode in this document. High-speed mode (3.4 MHz) is an extension of standard-fast mode and will be referred to as Hs-mode in this document. The following diagrams describe the timing relationships of the clock (SCL) and data (SDA) signals. Pullup resistors or current sources are required on the SCL and SDA busses to pull them high when they are not being driven low. A logic zero is transmitted by driving the output low. A logic high is transmitted by releasing the output and allowing it to be pulled up externally. The appropriate pullup resistor values will depend upon the total bus capacitance and operating speed.

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Programming (continued)

8.5.2 Basic I ²C Protocol

The I²C interface is bidirectional and allows multiple devices to operate on the same bus. To facilitate this bus configuration, each device has a unique hardware address which is referred to as the *slave address*. To communicate with a particular device on the bus, the controller (master) sends the slave address and listens for a response from the slave. This response is referred to as an acknowledge bit. If a slave on the bus is addressed correctly, it acknowledges (ACKs) the master by driving the SDA bus low. If the address doesn't match a device's slave address, it not-acknowledges (NACKs) the master by letting SDA be pulled high. ACKs also occur on the bus when data is being transmitted. When the master is writing data, the slave ACKs after every data byte is successfully received. When the master is reading data, the master ACKs after every data byte is received to let the slave know it wants to receive another data byte. When the master wants to stop reading, it NACKs after the last data byte and creates a Stop condition on the bus.

All communication on the bus begins with either a start condition or a repeated start condition. The protocol for starting the bus varies between standard-fast mode and Hs-mode. In standard-fast mode, the master generates a start condition by driving SDA from high to low while SCL is high. In Hs-mode, starting the bus is more complicated. Please refer to *High-Speed (Hs) Mode* for the full details of a Hs-mode start condition. A repeated start is generated to either address a different device, or switch between read and write modes. The master generates a repeated start condition by driving SDA low while SCL is high. Following the repeated start, the master sends out the slave address and a read/write bit as shown in Figure 23. The bus continues to operate in the same speed mode as before the repeated start condition.

All communication on the bus ends with a stop condition. In either standard-fast mode or Hs-Mode, a stop condition occurs when SDA is pulled from low to high while SCL is high. After a stop condition, the bus remains idle until a master generates a start condition.

Please refer to the Phillips I²C Specification (Version 2.1 Jan, 2000) for a detailed description of the serial interface.

8.5.3 Standard-Fast Mode

In standard-fast mode, the master generates a start condition by driving SDA from high to low while SCL is high. The start condition is always followed by a 7-bit slave address and a read/write bit. After these eight bits have been transmitted by the master, SDA is released by the master and the DAC081C081 either ACKs or NACKs the address. If the slave address matches, the DAC081C081 ACKs the master. If the address doesn't match, the DAC081C081 NACKs the master.

For a **write** operation, the master follows the ACK by sending the upper eight data bits to the DAC081C081. Then the DAC081C081 ACKs the transfer by driving SDA low. Next, the lower eight data bits are sent by the master. The DAC081C081 then ACKs the transfer. At this point, the DAC output updates to reflect the contents of the 16-bit DAC register. Next, the master either sends another pair of data bytes, generates a stop condition to end communication, or generates a repeated start condition to communicate with another device on the bus.

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Programming (continued)

For a **read** operation, the DAC081C081 sends out the upper eight data bits of the DAC register. This is followed by an ACK by the master. Next, the lower eight data bits of the DAC register are sent to the master. The master then produces a NACK by letting SDA be pulled high. The NACK is followed by a master-generated stop condition to end communication on the bus, or a repeated start to communicate with another device on the bus.

8.5.4 High-Speed (Hs) Mode

For Hs-mode, the sequence of events to begin communication differ slightly from standard-fast mode. Figure 24 describes this in further detail. Initially, the bus begins running in standard-fast mode. The master generates a start condition and sends the 8-bit Hs master code (00001XXX) to the DAC081C081. Next, the DAC081C081 responds with a NACK. Once the SCL line has been pulled to a high level, the master switches to Hs-mode by increasing the bus speed and generating a repeated start condition (driving SDA low while SCL is pulled high). At this point, the master sends the slave address to the DAC081C081, and communication continues as shown above in the "basic operation" diagram (see Figure 23).

When the master generates a repeated start condition while in Hs-mode, the bus stays in Hs-mode awaiting the slave address from the master. The bus continues to run in Hs-mode until a stop condition is generated by the master. When the master generates a stop condition on the bus, the bus must be started in standard-fast mode again before increasing the bus speed and switching to Hs-mode.

Figure 24. Beginning Hs-Mode Communication

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8.5.5 I ²C Slave (Hardware) Address

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The DAC has a seven-bit I²C slave address. For the VSSOP-8 version of the DAC, this address is configured by the ADR0 and ADR1 address selection inputs. For the DAC081C081, the address is configured by the ADR0 address selection input. ADR0 and ADR1 can be grounded, left floating, or tied to V_A . If desired, the address selection inputs can be set to $V_A/2$ rather than left floating. The state of these inputs sets the address the DAC responds to on the I²C bus (see Table 3). In addition to the selectable slave address, there is also a broadcast address (1001000) for all DAC081C081s and DAC081C085s on the 2-wire bus. When the bus is addressed by the broadcast address, all the DAC081C081's and DAC081C085's will respond and update synchronously. Figure 25 and Figure 26 describe how the master device should address the DAC through the I²C-compatible interface.

Keep in mind that the address selection inputs (ADR0 and ADR1) are only sampled until the DAC is correctly addressed with a non-broadcast address. At this point, the ADR0 and ADR1 inputs TRI-STATE and the slave address is *locked*. Changes to ADR0 and ADR1 will not update the selected slave address until the device is power-cycled.

Table 3. Slave Addresses

(1) Pin-compatible alternatives to the DAC101C081 options are available with additional address options.

(2) These addresses should not be used by other l^2C devices on the l^2C bus. Using these addresses can cause the DAC081C081/085 to not respond when addressed by the assigned Slave Address.

8.5.6 Writing to the DAC Register

To write to the DAC, the master addresses the part with the correct slave address (A6-A0) and writes a *zero* to the read/write bit. If addressed correctly, the DAC returns an ACK to the master. The master then sends out the upper data byte. The DAC responds by sending an ACK to the master. Next, the master sends the lower data byte to the DAC. The DAC responds by sending an ACK again. At this point, the master either sends the upper byte of the next data word to be converted by the DAC, generates a Stop condition to end communication, or generates a repeated start condition to begin communication with another device on the bus. Until generating a stop condition, the master can continuously write the upper and lower data bytes to the DAC register. This allows for a maximum DAC conversion rate of 188.9 kilo-conversions per second in Hs-mode.

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8.5.7 Reading from the DAC Register

To read from the DAC register, the master addresses the part with the correct slave address (A6-A0) and writes a *one* to the read/write bit. If addressed correctly, the DAC returns an ACK to the master. Next, the DAC sends out the upper data byte. The master responds by sending an ACK to the DAC to indicate that it wants to receive another data byte. Then the DAC sends the lower data byte to the master. Assuming only one 16-bit data word is read, the master sends a NACK after receiving the lower data byte. At this point, the master either generates a stop condition to end communication, or a repeated start condition to begin communication with another device on the bus.

Figure 26. Typical Read from the DAC Register

8.6 Registers

8.6.1 DAC Register

The DAC register, Figure 27, has sixteen bits. The first two bits are always zero. The next two bits determine the mode of operation (normal mode or one of three power-down modes). The final twelve bits of the shift register are the data bits. The data format is straight binary (MSB first, LSB last), with twelve 0's corresponding to an output of 0V and twelve 1's corresponding to a full-scale output of $V_A - 1$ LSB. When writing to the DAC Register, V_{OUT} will update on the rising edge of the ACK following the lower data byte.

9 Application and Implementation

NOTE

Information in the following applications sections is not part of the TI component specification, and TI does not warrant its accuracy or completeness. TI's customers are responsible for determining suitability of components for their purposes. Customers should validate and test their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

9.1 Application Information

9.1.1 Bipolar Operation

The DAC081C081 is designed for single-supply operation and thus has a unipolar output. However, a bipolar output may be obtained with the circuit in Figure 28. This circuit will provide an output voltage range of ±5 Volts. A rail-to-rail amplifier should be used if the amplifier supplies are limited to ± 5 V.

Figure 28. Bipolar Operation

The output voltage of this circuit for any code is found to be

 $V_{\rm O} = (V_{\rm A} \times (D / 256) \times ((R1 + R2) / R1) - V_{\rm A} \times R2 / R1)$

where

• D is the input code in decimal form. (2)

With $V_A = 5V$ and R1 = R2,

 $V_{\rm O} = (10 \times D / 256) - 5 \text{ V}$ (3)

A list of rail-to-rail amplifiers suitable for this application are indicated in Table 4.

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9.1.2 DSP/Microprocessor Interfacing

Interfacing the DAC081C081 to microprocessors and DSPs is quite simple. The following guidelines are offered to simplify the design process.

9.1.2.1 Interfacing to the 2-Wire Bus

Figure 29 shows a microcontroller interfacing to the DAC081C081 through the 2-wire bus. Pullup resistors (Rp) should be chosen to create an appropriate bus rise time and to limit the current that will be sunk by the opendrain outputs of the devices on the bus. Please refer to the I²C Specification for further details. Typical pullup values to use in standard-fast mode bus applications are 2 kΩ to 10 kΩ. SCL and SDA series resisters (R_S) near the DAC081C081 are optional. If high-voltage spikes are expected on the 2-wire bus, series resistors should be used to filter the voltage on SDA and SCL. The value of the series resistance must be picked to ensure the V_{II} threshold can be achieved. If used, R_S is typically 51 Ω.

Figure 29. Serial Interface Connection Diagram

9.1.2.2 Interfacing to a Hs-mode Bus

Interfacing to a Hs-mode bus is very similar to interfacing to a standard-fast mode bus. In Hs-mode, the specified rise time of SCL is shortened. To create a faster rise time, the master device (microcontroller) can drive the SCL bus high and low. In other words, the microcontroller can drive the line high rather than leaving it to the pullup resistor. It is also possible to decrease the value of the pullup resistors or increase the pullup current to meet the tighter timing specs. Please refer to the I²C Specification for further details.

9.2 Typical Application

Figure 30. Pressure Sensor Gain Adjust

9.2.1 Design Requirements

A positive supply only data acquisition system capable of digitizing a pressure sensor output. In addition to digitizing the pressure sensor output, the system designer can use the DAC081C081 to correct for gain errors in the pressure sensor output by adjusting the bias voltage to the bridge pressure sensor.

9.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

As shown in Equation 4, the output of the pressure sensor is relative to the imbalance of the resistive bridge times the output of the DAC081C081, thus providing the desired gain correction.

Pressure Sensor Output = $(DAC_Output \times [(R2 / (R1 + R2) - (R4 / (R3 + R4))]$ (4)

Likewise for the ADC161S626, Equation 5 shows that the ADC output is function of the pressure sensor output times relative to the ratio of the ADC input divided by the DAC081C081 output voltage.

ADC161S626 Output = (Pressure Sensor Output \times 100 /(2 \times VREF)) \times 2¹⁶ 16 (5)

9.2.3 Application Curve

Figure 31. INL vs Input Code

10 Power Supply Recommendations

10.1 Using References as Power Supplies

While the simplicity of the DAC081C081 implies ease of use, it is important to recognize that the path from the reference input (V_A for the DAC081C081 and V_{REF} for the DAC081C085) to V_{OUT} will have essentially zero Power Supply Rejection Ratio (PSRR). Therefore, it is necessary to provide a noise-free supply voltage to the reference. In order to use the full dynamic range of the DAC081C085, the supply pin (V_A) and V_{RFF} can be connected together and share the same supply voltage. Since the DAC081C081 consumes very little power, a reference source may be used as the supply voltage. The advantages of using a reference source over a voltage regulator are accuracy and stability. Some low noise regulators can also be used. Listed below are a few reference and power supply options for the DAC081C081. When using the DAC081C081, it is important to treat the analog supply (V_A) as the reference.

10.1.1 LM4132

The LM4132, with its 0.05% accuracy over temperature, is a good choice as a reference source for the DAC081C081. The 4.096-V version is useful if a 0 to 4.095-V output range is desirable or acceptable. Bypassing the LM4132 V_{IN} pin with a 0.1-µF capacitor and the V_{OUT} pin with a 2.2-µF capacitor will improve stability and reduce output noise. The LM4132 comes in a space-saving 5-pin SOT23.

Figure 32. The LM4132 as a Power Supply

10.1.2 LM4050

Available with accuracy of 0.44%, the LM4050 shunt reference is also a good choice as a reference for the DAC081C081. It is available in 4.096-V and 5-V versions and comes in a space-saving 3-pin SOT23.

Figure 33. The LM4050 as a Power Supply

The minimum resistor value in the circuit of Figure 33 must be chosen such that the maximum current through the LM4050 does not exceed its 15-mA rating. The conditions for maximum current include the input voltage at its maximum, the LM4050 voltage at its minimum, and the DAC081C081 drawing zero current. The maximum resistor value must allow the LM4050 to draw more than its minimum current for regulation plus the maximum DAC081C081 current in full operation. The conditions for minimum current include the input voltage at its minimum, the LM4050 voltage at its maximum, the resistor value at its maximum due to tolerance, and the DAC081C081 draws its maximum current. These conditions can be summarized as

$$
R(min) = (V_{IN}(max) - V_{Z}(min)) / l_{Z}(max)
$$
\n(6)

and

 $R(max) = (V_{IN}(min) - V_{Z}(max)) / ((I_{DAC}(max) + I_{Z}(min)))$

where

- V_z (min) and V_z (max) are the nominal LM4050 output voltages \pm the LM4050 output tolerance over temperature,
- I_7 (max) is the maximum allowable current through the LM4050,
- I_z (min) is the minimum current required by the LM4050 for proper regulation,
- and I_{DAC} (max) is the maximum DAC081C081 supply current. (7)

10.1.3 LP3985

The LP3985 is a low noise, ultra low dropout voltage regulator with a 3% accuracy over temperature. It is a good choice for applications that do not require a precision reference for the DAC081C081. It comes in 3-V, 3.3-V and 5-V versions, among others, and sports a low 30-µV noise specification at low frequencies. Since low frequency noise is relatively difficult to filter, this specification could be important for some applications. The LP3985 comes in a space-saving 5-pin SOT-23 and 5-bump DSBGA packages.

Figure 34. Using the LP3985 Regulator

An input capacitance of 1 µF without any ESR requirement is required at the LP3985 input, while a 1-µF ceramic capacitor with an ESR requirement of 5 mΩ to 500 mΩ is required at the output. Careful interpretation and understanding of the capacitor specification is required to ensure correct device operation.

Using References as Power Supplies (continued)

10.1.4 LP2980

The LP2980 is an ultra low dropout regulator with a 0.5% or 1.0% accuracy over temperature, depending upon grade. It is available in 3-V, 3.3-V and 5-V versions, among others.

Figure 35. Using the LP2980 Regulator

Like any low dropout regulator, the LP2980 requires an output capacitor for loop stability. This output capacitor must be at least 1 µF over temperature, but values of 2.2 µF or more will provide even better performance. The ESR of this capacitor should be within the range specified in the LP2980 data sheet. Surface-mount solid tantalum capacitors offer a good combination of small size and ESR. Ceramic capacitors are attractive due to their small size but generally have ESR values that are too low for use with the LP2980. Aluminum electrolytic capacitors are typically not a good choice due to their large size and have ESR values that may be too high at low temperatures.

11 Layout

11.1 Layout Guidelines

For best accuracy and minimum noise, the printed-circuit-board containing the DAC081C081 should have separate analog and digital areas. The areas are defined by the locations of the analog and digital power planes. Both of these planes should be located on the same board layer. There should be a single ground plane. A single ground plane is preferred if digital return current does not flow through the analog ground area. Frequently a single ground plane design will use a *fencing* technique to prevent the mixing of analog and digital ground current. Separate ground planes should only be used when the fencing technique is inadequate. The separate ground planes must be connected in one place, preferably near the DAC081C081. Special care is required to ensure that digital signals with fast edge rates do not pass over split ground planes. They must always have a continuous return path below their traces.

The DAC081C081 power supply should be bypassed with a 4.7ν F and a 0.1ν F capacitor as close as possible to the device with the 0.1 µF right at the device supply pin. The 4.7-µF capacitor should be a tantalum type and the 0.1-µF capacitor should be a low ESL, low ESR type. The power supply for the DAC081C081 should only be used for analog circuits.

Avoid crossover of analog and digital signals and keep the clock and data lines on the component side of the board. These clock and data lines should have controlled impedances.

11.2 Layout Example

Figure 36. Typical Layout

STRUMENTS

12 Device and Documentation Support

12.1 Device Support

12.1.1 Development Support

For development support, see the following:

- 12-Bit Micro Power Digital-to-Analog Converter with an I2C-Compatible Interface, DAC121C081
- 12-Bit Micro Pwr DAC w/ I2C-Compatible Interface & External Reference, DAC121C085
- 10-Bit Micro Power Digital-to-Analog Converter with an I2C-Compatible Interface, DAC101C081
- 10-Bit Micro Pwr DAC w/ I2C-Compatible Interface & External Reference, DAC101C085

12.1.2 Device Nomenclature

12.1.2.1 Specification Definitions

- **DIFFERENTIAL NON-LINEARITY (DNL)** is the measure of the maximum deviation from the ideal step size of 1 LSB, which is V_{RFF} / 256 = V_A / 256.
- **DIGITAL FEEDTHROUGH** is a measure of the energy injected into the analog output of the DAC from the digital inputs when the DAC output is not updated. It is measured with a full-scale code change on the data bus.
- **FULL-SCALE ERROR** is the difference between the actual output voltage with a full scale code (FFFh) loaded into the DAC and the value of V_A x 255 / 256.
- **GAIN ERROR** is the deviation from the ideal slope of the transfer function. It can be calculated from Zero and Full-Scale Errors as GE = FSE - ZE, where GE is Gain error, FSE is Full-Scale Error and ZE is Zero Error.
- **GLITCH IMPULSE**is the energy injected into the analog output when the input code to the DAC register changes. It is specified as the area of the glitch in nanovolt-seconds.
- **INTEGRAL NON-LINEARITY (INL)**is a measure of the deviation of each individual code from a straight line through the input to output transfer function. The deviation of any given code from this straight line is measured from the center of that code value. The end point method is used. INL for this product is specified over a limited range, per the *Electrical Tables*.
- **LEAST SIGNIFICANT BIT (LSB)** is the bit that has the smallest value or weight of all bits in a word. This value is LSB = $\rm V_{REF}$ / 2ⁿ where $\rm V_{REF}$ is the supply voltage for this product, and "n" is the DAC resolution in bits, which is 8 for the DAC081C081.
- **MAXIMUM LOAD CAPACITANCE**is the maximum capacitance that can be driven by the DAC with output stability maintained.
- **MONOTONICITY** is the condition of being monotonic, where the DAC has an output that never decreases when the input code increases.
- **MOST SIGNIFICANT BIT (MSB)** is the bit that has the largest value or weight of all bits in a word. Its value is 1/2 of V_A .
- **MULTIPLYING BANDWIDTH** is the frequency at which the output amplitude falls 3dB below the input sine wave on V_{REFIN} with a full-scale code loaded into the DAC.
- **POWER EFFICIENCY** is the ratio of the output current to the total supply current. The output current comes from the power supply. The difference between the supply and output currents is the power consumed by the device without a load.
- **SETTLING TIME** is the time for the output to settle to within $1/2$ LSB of the final value after the input code is updated.
- **TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION (THD)**is the measure of the harmonics present at the output of the DACs with an ideal sine wave applied to V_{REFIN} . THD is measured in dB.
- **WAKE-UP TIME** is the time for the output to exit power-down mode. This time is measured from the rising edge of SCL during the ACK bit of the lower data byte to the time the output voltage deviates from the

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power-down voltage of 0V.

ZERO CODE ERROR is the output error, or voltage, present at the DAC output after a code of 000h has been entered.

12.2 Related Links

The table below lists quick access links. Categories include technical documents, support and community resources, tools and software, and quick access to sample or buy.

Table 5. Related Links

12.3 Community Resources

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12.4 Trademarks

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12.5 Electrostatic Discharge Caution

These devices have limited built-in ESD protection. The leads should be shorted together or the device placed in conductive foam during storage or handling to prevent electrostatic damage to the MOS gates.

12.6 Glossary

SLYZ022 — *TI Glossary*.

This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

13 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

The following pages include mechanical, packaging, and orderable information. This information is the most current data available for the designated devices. This data is subject to change without notice and revision of this document. For browser-based versions of this data sheet, refer to the left-hand navigation.

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DGK (S-PDSO-G8)

PLASTIC SMALL-OUTLINE PACKAGE

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Body length does not include mold flash, protrusions, or gate burrs. Mold flash, protrusions, or gate burrs shall not exceed 0.15 per end.

- Body width does not include interlead flash. Interlead flash shall not exceed 0.50 per side.
- E. Falls within JEDEC MO-187 variation AA, except interlead flash.

DGK (S-PDSO-G8)

PLASTIC SMALL OUTLINE PACKAGE

NOTES: Α. All linear dimensions are in millimeters.

- B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
- C. Publication IPC-7351 is recommended for alternate designs.
- D. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and also rounding corners will offer better paste release. Customers should contact their board assembly site for stencil design recommendations. Refer to IPC-7525 for other stencil recommendations.
- E. Customers should contact their board fabrication site for solder mask tolerances between and around signal pads.

PACKAGE OUTLINE

DDC0006A SOT-23 - 1.1 max height

SMALL OUTLINE TRANSISTOR

NOTES:

- 1. All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Any dimensions in parenthesis are for reference only. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M.
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3. Reference JEDEC MO-193.

EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

DDC0006A SOT-23 - 1.1 max height

SMALL OUTLINE TRANSISTOR

NOTES: (continued)

4. Publication IPC-7351 may have alternate designs.

5. Solder mask tolerances between and around signal pads can vary based on board fabrication site.

EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

DDC0006A SOT-23 - 1.1 max height

SMALL OUTLINE TRANSISTOR

NOTES: (continued)

6. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and rounded corners may offer better paste release. IPC-7525 may have alternate design recommendations.

7. Board assembly site may have different recommendations for stencil design.

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