

ADS4449 Quad-Channel, 14-Bit, 250-MSPS, Low-Power ADC

1 Features

- Quad Channel
- 14-Bit Resolution
- Maximum Sampling Data Rate: 250 MSPS
- Power Dissipation:
	- 365 mW per Channel
- Spectral Performance at 170-MHz IF (typ):
	- SNR: 69 dBFS
	- SFDR: 86 dBc
- DDR LVDS Digital Output Interface
- Internal Dither
- Package: 144-Terminal NFBGA (10.00 mm × 10.00 mm)

2 Applications

- Multi-Carrier GSM Cellular Infrastructure Base **Stations**
- RADAR and Smart Antenna Arrays
- Multi-Carrier Multi-Mode Cellular Infrastructure Base Stations
- Active Antenna Arrays for Wireless Infrastructures
- Communications Test Equipment

3 Description

The ADS4449 is a high-linearity, quad-channel, 14-bit, 250-MSPS, analog-to-digital converter (ADC). Designed for low power consumption and high spurious-free dynamic range (SFDR), the device has low-noise performance and outstanding SFDR over a large input frequency range.

Device Information

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

Spectrum for 170-MHz Input Frequency

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4 Revision History

NOTE: Page numbers for previous revisions may differ from page numbers in the current version.

5 Pin Configuration and Functions

Figure 5-1. ZCR Package, 144-Pin NFBGA, Top View

Table 5-1. Pin Functions

6 Specifications

6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted) (1)

(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 *Section 6.3*. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

(2) When AVDD is turned off, TI recommends switching off the input clock (or ensuring the voltage on CLKP and CLKM is less than | 0.3 V |). This recommendation prevents the ESD protection diodes at the clock input terminals from turning on.

6.2 ESD Ratings

(1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

(2) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions (continued)

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

(1) When input clock sample rate is below 200 MSPS Low Sample Rate Mode is required.

(2) Prolonged use at this junction temperature may increase the device failure-in-time (FIT) rate.

6.4 Thermal Information

(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the *Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics* application report, [SPRA953](https://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/spra953).

6.5 Electrical Characteristics

Typical values are at T_A = 25°C, full temperature range is T_{MIN} = –40°C to T_{MAX} = 85°C, ADC clock frequency = 250 MHz, 50% clock duty cycle, AVDD33V = 3.3 V, AVDD = 1.9 V, DRVDD = 1.8 V, and –1-dBFS differential input, unless otherwise noted.

6.5 Electrical Characteristics (continued)

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(1) A 185-MHz, full-scale, sine-wave input signal is applied to all four channels.

(2) There are two sources of gain error: internal reference inaccuracy and channel gain error.

(3) Phase and amplitude imbalances onboard must be minimized to obtain good performance.

(4) The minimum value across temperature is ensured by bench characterization.

6.6 Digital Characteristics

The dc specifications refer to the condition where the digital outputs are not switching, but are permanently at a valid logic level 0 or 1. AVDD33 = 3.3 V, AVDD = 1.9 V, and DRVDD = 1.8 V, unless otherwise noted.

(1) RESET, SDATA, and SCLK have an internal 150-kΩ pull-down resistor.

(2) SEN has an internal 150-kΩ pull-up resistor to DRVDD.

(3) with an external 100-Ω termination.

6.7 Timing Requirements

Typical values are at 25°C, AVDD33 = 3.3 V, AVDD = 1.9 V, DRVDD = 1.8 V, sine-wave input clock, C_{LOAD} = 3.3 pF⁽²⁾, and R $_{\text{LOAD}}$ = 100 $\Omega^{(3)}$, unless otherwise noted.

Minimum and maximum values are across the full temperature range of $T_{MIN} = -40^{\circ}C$ to $T_{MAX} = 85^{\circ}C$.

See Note (1)			MIN	NOM	MAX	UNIT
t _A	Aperture delay		0.7	1.2	1.6	ns
	Aperture delay matching	Between any two channels of the same device		±70		ps
	Variation of aperture delay	Between two devices at the same temperature and DRVDD supply		±150		ps
tJ	Aperture jitter			140		fs rms
	Wake up time	Time to valid data after coming out of global power down		100		μs
		Time to valid data after coming out of channel power down		10		
	ADC latency (4) (5)	Default latency in 14-bit mode		10		Output clock cycles
		Digital gain enabled		13		
		Digital gain and offset correction enabled		14		
	OUTPUT TIMING(6)					
$t_{\scriptstyle\text{SU}}$	Data setup time ⁽⁷⁾ (8) (9)	Data valid to CLKOUTxxP zero-crossing	0.6	0.85		ns
t _Η	Data hold time (7) (8) (9)	CLKOUTxxP zero-crossing to data becoming invalid	0.6	0.84		ns
	LVDS bit clock duty cycle	Differential clock duty cycle (CLKOUTxxP - CLKOUTxxM)		50%		
t _{PDI}	Clock propagation delay ⁽⁵⁾	Input clock falling edge cross-over to output clock falling edge cross-over, 184 MSPS ≤ sampling frequency \leq 250 MSPS	$0.25 \times t_S + t_{delay}$		ns	
t _{delay}	Delay time	Input clock falling edge cross-over to output clock falling edge cross-over, 184 MSPS ≤ sampling frequency \leq 250 MSPS	6.9	8.65	10.5	ns
t _{RISE} , t FALL	Data rise and fall time	Rise time measured from -100 mV to 100 mV		0.1		ns
^t CLKRISE, t_{CLKFALL}	Output clock rise and fall time	Rise time measured from -100 mV to 100 mV		0.1		ns

(1) Timing parameters are ensured by design and characterization and are not tested in production.

 (C) C_{LOAD} is the effective external single-ended load capacitance between each output terminal and ground.

(3) R_{LOAD} is the differential load resistance between the LVDS output pair.

(4) ADC latency is given for channels B and D. For channels A and C, latency reduces by half of the output clock cycles.

(5) Overall latency = ADC latency + t_{PDI} .

(6) Measurements are done with a transmission line of 100-Ω characteristic impedance between the device and load. Setup and hold time specifications take into account the effect of jitter on the output data and clock.

(7) Data valid refers to a logic high of 100 mV and a logic low of –100 mV.

(8) Note that these numbers are taken with delayed output clocks by writing the following registers: **address A9h, value 02h; and address ACh, value 60h**. Refer to the section. By default after reset, minimum setup time and minimum hold times are 520 ps each.

(9) The setup and hold times of a channel are measured with respect to the same channel output clock.

6.8 Timing Characteristics, Serial interface

6.9 Typical Characteristics

At 25°C, AVDD = 1.9 V, AVDD3V = 3.3 V, DRVDD = 1.8 V, rated sampling frequency, 0-dB gain, sine-wave input clock, 1.5-V_{PP} differential clock amplitude, 50% clock duty cycle, -1-dBFS differential analog input, DDR LVDS output interface, and 32k-point FFT, unless otherwise noted.

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7 Parameter Measurement Information

7.1 LVDS Output Timing

Figure 7-1 shows a timing diagram of the LVDS output voltage levels. Figure 7-2 shows the latency described in the *[Section 6.7](#page-9-0)* table.

Figure 7-2. Latency Timing

All 14 data bits of one channel are included in the digital output interface at the same time, as shown in [Figure](#page-19-0) [7-3](#page-19-0). Channel A and C data are output on the rising edge of the output clock while channels B and D are output on the falling edge of the output clock.

Figure 7-3. LVDS Output Interface Timing

8 Detailed Description

8.1 Overview

The ADS4449 belong to TI's low-power family of quad-channel, 14-bit, analog-to-digital converters (ADCs). High performance is maintained while power is reduced for power-sensitive applications. In addition to its low power and high performance, the ADS4449 has a number of digital features and operating modes to enable design flexibility.

At every falling edge of the input clock, the analog input signal for each channel is sampled simultaneously. The sampled signal in each channel is converted by a pipeline of low-resolution stages. In each stage, the sampledand-held signal is converted by a high-speed, low-resolution, flash sub-ADC. The difference (residue) between the stage input and quantized equivalent is gained and propagates to the next stage. At every clock, each subsequent stage resolves the sampled input with greater accuracy. The digital outputs from all stages are combined in a digital correction logic block and are digitally processed to create the final code, after a data latency of 10 clock cycles. The digital output is available in a double data rate (DDR) low-voltage differential signaling (LVDS) interface and is coded in binary twos complement format.

The ADS4449 can be configured with a serial programming interface (SPI), as described in the *[Section 8.5.1](#page-26-0)* section. In addition, the device has control terminals that control power-down.

8.2 Functional Block Diagram

8.3 Feature Description

8.3.1 Overrange Indication (OVRxx)

After reset, all serial interface register "ALWAYS WRITE 1". Bits must be set to 1. Afterwards, 13-bit data are output on the Dxx13P, Dxx13M to Dxx1P, Dxx1M terminals and overrange information is output on the Dxx0P and Dxx0M terminals (where xx = channels A and B or channels C and D).

When the DIS OVR ON LSB bit is set to 1, 14-bit data are output on the Dxx13P, Dxx13M to Dxx0P, Dxx0M terminals without overrange information on the LSB bits.

The OVR timing diagram (13-bit data with OVR) is shown in Figure 8-1. In 14-bit mode, OVR is disabled by setting the DIS OVR ON LSB bit to 1, as shown in Figure 8-2.

Figure 8-1. 13-Bit Data with OVR (Register Bits ALWAYS WRITE 1 = 1 and DIS OVR ON LSB = 0)

Figure 8-2. 14-Bit Mode (Register Bits ALWAYS WRITE 1 = 1 and DIS OVR ON LSB = 1)

Normal overrange indication (OVR) shows the event of the device digital output being saturated when the input signal exceeds the ADC full-scale range. Normal OVR has the same latency as digital output data. However, an overrange event can be indicated earlier (than normal latency) by using the fast OVR mode. The fast OVR mode (enabled by default) is triggered seven clock cycles after the overrange condition that occurred at the ADC input. The fast OVR thresholds are programmable with the FAST OVR THRESH PROG bits (refer to [Table 8-3](#page-28-0), register address C3h). At any time, either normal or fast OVR mode can be programmed on the Dxx0P and Dxx0M terminals.

8.3.2 Gain for SFDR and SNR Trade-Off

The device includes gain settings that can be used to obtain improved SFDR performance. The gain is programmable from 0 dB to 6 dB (in 0.5-dB steps) using the DIGITAL GAIN CH X register bits. For each gain setting, the analog input full-scale range scales proportionally, as shown in Table 8-1.

SFDR improvement is achieved at the expense of SNR; for each gain setting, SNR degrades by approximately 0.5 dB to 1 dB. SNR degradation is diminished at high input frequencies. As a result, fine gain is very useful at high input frequencies because SFDR improvement is significant with marginal degradation in SNR. Therefore, fine gain can be used to trade-off between SFDR and SNR.

After a reset, the gain function is disabled. To use fine gain:

- First, program the DIGITAL ENABLE bits to enable digital functions.
- This setting enables the gain for all four channels and places the device in a 0-dB gain mode.
- For other gain settings, program the DIGITAL GAIN CH X register bits.

8.4 Device Functional Modes

8.4.1 Special Performance Modes

Best performance can be achieved by writing certain modes depending upon source impedance, band of operation and sampling speed. Table 8-2 summarizes the different these modes.

(1) See the *[Section 8.5.1](#page-26-0)* section for details.

(2) High SNR mode improves SNR typically by 1 dB at 170 MHz input frequency. See the *[Section 8.4.3](#page-25-0)* section.

8.4.2 Digital Output Information

The device provides 14-bit digital data for each channel and two output clocks in LVDS mode. Output terminals are shared by a pair of channels that are accompanied by one dedicated output clock.

8.4.2.1 DDR LVDS Outputs

In the LVDS interface mode, the data bits and clock are output using LVDS levels. The data bits of two channels are multiplexed and output on each LVDS differential pair of terminals; see [Figure 8-3](#page-24-0) and [Figure 8-4.](#page-24-0)

DC[13:0]P, DC[13:0]M

DD[13:0]P, DD[13:0]M

DC[13:0]P, DC[13:0]M

DCD[13:0]P, DCD[13:0]M

DD[13:0]P, DD[13:0]M

Figure 8-4. DDR LVDS Interface Timing Diagram

Sample N \longrightarrow Sample N + 1 \longrightarrow Sample N + 2

DD[13:0]P, DD[13:0]M

DC[13:0]P, DC[13:0]M

8.4.2.1.1 LVDS Output Data and Clock Buffers

The equivalent circuit of each LVDS output buffer is shown in Figure 8-5. After reset, the buffer presents an output impedance of 100 Ω to match with the external 100-Ω termination.

The V_{DIFF} voltage is nominally 350 mV, resulting in an output swing of ±350 mV with 100- Ω external termination. The V_{DIEF} voltage is programmable using the LVDS SWING register bits (refer to [Table 8-3,](#page-28-0) register address 01h). The buffer output impedance behaves similar to a source-side series termination. By absorbing reflections from the receiver end, the source-side termination helps improve signal integrity.

Figure 8-5. LVDS Buffer Equivalent Circuit

8.4.2.1.2 Output Data Format

The device transmits data in binary twos complement format. In the event of an input voltage overdrive, the digital outputs go to the appropriate full-scale level. For a positive overdrive, the output code is 3FFh. For a negative input overdrive, the output code is 400h.

8.4.3 Using High SNR Mode Register Settings

The HIGH SNR MODE register settings can be used to further improve the SNR. However, there is a trade off between improved SNR and degraded THD when these settings are used. These settings shut down the internal spectrum-cleaning algorithm, resulting in THD performance degradation. Figure 8-6 and Figure 8-7 show the effect of using HIGH SNR MODE. SNR improves by approximately 1 dB and THD degrades by 3 dB.

Figure 8-8 shows SNR versus input frequency with and without these settings.

Figure 8-8. SNR vs Input Frequency with High SNR Mode

To obtain best performance, TI recommends keeping termination impedance between INP and INM low (for instance, at 50 Ω differential). This setting helps absorb the kickback noise component of the spectrum-cleaning algorithm. However, when higher termination impedances (such as 100 Ω) are required, shutting down the spectrum-cleaning algorithm by using the HIGH SNR MODE register settings can be helpful.

8.4.4 Input Common Mode

To ensure a low-noise, common-mode reference, the VCM terminal should be filtered with a 0.1-µF, lowinductance capacitor connected to ground. The VCM terminal is designed to directly bias the ADC inputs (refer to [Figure 9-4](#page-43-0) to [Figure 9-7\)](#page-44-0).

Each ADC input terminal sinks a common-mode current of approximately 1.5 µA per MSPS of clock frequency. When a differential amplifier is used to drive the ADC (with dc-coupling), ensure that the output common-mode of the amplifier is within the acceptable input common-mode range of the ADC inputs (VCM \pm 25 mV).

8.5 Programming

8.5.1 Serial Interface

The device has a set of internal registers that can be accessed by the serial interface formed by the SEN (serial interface enable), SCLK (serial interface clock), SDATA (serial interface input data), and SDOUT (serial interface readback data) terminals. Serially shifting bits into the device is enabled when SEN is low. Serial data (SDATA) are latched at every SCLK falling edge when SEN is active (low). Serial data are loaded into the register at every 16th SCLK falling edge when SEN is low. When the word length exceeds a multiple of 16 bits, the excess bits are ignored. Data can be loaded in multiples of 16-bit words within a single active SEN pulse. The first eight bits form the register address and the remaining eight bits are the register data. The interface can function with SCLK frequencies from 20 MHz down to very low speeds (of a few hertz) and also with a non-50% SCLK duty cycle.

8.5.1.1 Register Initialization

After power-up, the internal registers must be initialized to the default values. This initialization can be accomplished in one of two ways:

- 1. Either through a hardware reset by applying a high pulse on the RESET terminal (of widths greater than 10ns), as shown in [Figure 6-1;](#page-10-0) or
- 2. By applying a software reset. When using the serial interface, set the RESET bit (D1 in register 00h) high. This setting initializes the internal registers to the default values and then self-resets the RESET bit low. In this case, the RESET terminal is kept low.

8.5.1.2 Serial Register Readout

The device includes a mode where the contents of the internal registers can be read back, as shown in Figure 8-9. This readback mode can be useful as a diagnostic check to verify the serial interface communication between the external controller and ADC.

- 1. Set the READOUT register bit to 1. This setting disables any further writes to the registers except register address 00h.
- 2. Initiate a serial interface cycle specifying the address of the register (A[7:0]) whose content must be read.
- 3. The device outputs the contents (D[7:0]) of the selected register on the SDOUT terminal (terminal G10).
- 4. The external controller can latch the contents at the SCLK falling edge.
- 5. To enable register writes, reset the READOUT register bit to 0.

Note that the contents of register 00h cannot be read back because the register contains RESET and READOUT bits. When the READOUT bit is disabled, the SDOUT terminal is in a high-impedance state. If serial readout is not used, the SDOUT terminal must not be connected (must float).

b) Read contents of Register 45h. This register is initialized with 04h.

Figure 8-9. Serial Readout Timing Diagram

SDOUT comes out at the SCLK rising edge with an approximate delay ($t_{SD-DE|AY}$) of 8 ns, as shown in Figure 8-10.

Figure 8-10. Sdout Delay Timing

8.6 Register Maps

Table 8-3 summarizes the device registers.

8.6.1 Register Description

8.6.1.1 Register Address 00h (Default = 00h)

8.6.1.2 Register Address 01h (Default = 00h)

8.6.1.3 Register Address 25h (Default = 00h)

8.6.1.4 Register Address 2bh (Default = 00h)

8.6.1.5 Register Address 31h (Default = 00h)

8.6.1.6 Register Address 37h (Default = 00h)

8.6.1.7 Register Address 3dh (Default = 00h)

Bits 4-0 Always write 0

8.6.1.8 Register Address 3fh (Default = 00h)

Bits 7-6 Always write 0

Bits 5-0 CUSTOM PATTERN D[13:8]

Set the custom pattern using these bits for all four channels.

8.6.1.9 Register Address 40h (Default = 00h)

Bits 7-0 CUSTOM PATTERN D[7:0]

Set the custom pattern using these bits for all four channels.

8.6.1.10 Register Address 42h (Default = 00h)

8.6.1.11 Register Address 45h (Default = 00h)

8.6.1.12 Register Address 4ah (Defalut = 00h)

Use this bit to put Channel A into Low Sampling Rate Mode when sampling at a rate below 200MSPS.

8.6.1.13 Register Address 62h (Default = 00h)

8.6.1.14 Register Address 7ah (Default = 00h)

se this bit to put Channel D into Low Sampling Rate Mode when sampling at a rate below 200MSPS.

8.6.1.15 Register Address 92h (Default = 00h)

Bits 7-1 Always write 0

Bit 0 LSR CH C: Enables Low Sampling Rate Mode for channel C

Use this bit to put Channel C into Low Sampling Rate Mode when sampling at a rate below 200MSPS.

8.6.1.16 Register Address A9h (Default = 00h)

Bits 3-0 CLOCKOUT DELAY PROG CH AB

These bits program the clock out delay for channels A and B, see [Table 8-4.](#page-37-0)

8.6.1.17 Register Address Ach (Default = 00h)

This bit is set to 0 by default. User **must** set it to 1 after reset or power-up.

8.6.1.18 Register Address C3h (Default = 00h)

Bits 7-0 FAST OVR THRESH PROG

The device has a fast OVR mode that indicates an overload condition at the ADC input. The input voltage level at which the overload is detected is referred to as the threshold and is programmable using the FAST OVR THRESH PROG bits.

FAST OVR is triggered seven output clock cycles after the overload condition occurs. To enable the FAST OVR programmability, enable the EN FAST OVR THRESH register bit. The threshold at which fast OVR is triggered is (full-scale × [the decimal value of the FAST OVR THRESH PROG bits] / 255).

After reset, when EN FAST OVR THRESH PROG is set, the default value of the FAST OVR THRESH PROG bits is 230 (decimal).

8.6.1.19 Register Address C4h (Default = 00h)

Bit 7 EN FAST OVR THRESH

This bit enables the device to be programmed to select the fast OVR threshold.

Bits 6-0 Always write 0

8.6.1.20 Register Address Cfh (Default = 00h)

Bits 7-4 Always write 0 Bit 3 OFFSET CORR EN2

This bit must be set to '1' when the OFFSET CORR EN1 bit is selected.

Bits 2-0 Always write 0

8.6.1.21 Register Address D6h (Default = 00h)

Bits 7 Always write 1

This bit is set to 0 by default. User **must** set it to 1 after reset or power-up.

Bits 6-0 Always write 0

8.6.1.22 Register Address D7h (Default = 00h)

8.6.1.23 Register Address F1h (Default = 00h)

8.6.1.24 Register Address 58h (Default = 00h)

8.6.1.25 Register Address 59h (Default = 00h)

Bits 7 Always write 1

This bit is set to 0 by default. User **must** set it to 1 after reset or power-up.

Bits 6-0 Always write 0

8.6.1.26 Register Address 70h (Default = 00h)

8.6.1.27 Register Address 71h (Default = 00h)

Bits 7 Always write 1

This bit is set to 0 by default. User **must** set it to 1 after reset or power-up.

Bits 6-0 Always write 0

8.6.1.28 Register Address 88h (Default = 00h)

8.6.1.29 Register Address 89h (Default = 00h)

Bits 7 Always write 1

This bit is set to 0 by default. User **must** set it to 1 after reset or power-up.

Bits 6-0 Always write 0

8.6.1.30 Register Address A0h (Default = 00h)

8.6.1.31 Register Address A1h (Default = 00h)

This bit is set to 0 by default. User **must** set it to 1 after reset or power-up.

Bits 6-0 Always write 0

8.6.1.32 Register Address Feh (Default = 00h)

Bit 1 PDN CH B: Power-down channel B

Channel B is powered down.

Bit 0 PDN CH A: Power-down channel A

Channel A is powered down.

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

Typical applications involving transformer-coupled circuits are discussed in this section. Transformers (such as ADT1-1WT or WBC1-1) can be used up to 250 MHz to achieve good phase and amplitude balances at ADC inputs. While designing the dc driving circuits, the ADC input impedance must be considered. Figure 9-1 shows that ADC input impedance is represented by parallel combination of resistance and capacitance.

A. $X = A$, B, C, or D.

B. $Z_{IN} = R_{IN} || (1 / j \omega C_{IN})$.

Figure 9-1. ADC Equivalent Input Impedance

Figure 9-2 and Figure 9-3 show how input impedance (ZIN= RIN|| CIN) varies over input frequency.

9.2 Typical Application

Depending on the input frequency, sampling rate, and input amplitude, one of these metrics plays a dominant part in limiting performance. At very high input frequencies, SFDR is determined largely by the device sampling circuit nonlinearity. At low input amplitudes, the quantizer nonlinearity typically limits performance. Glitches are caused by opening and closing the sampling switches. The driving circuit should present a low source impedance to absorb these glitches, otherwise these glitches may limit performance. A low impedance path between the analog input terminals and VCM is required from the common-mode switching currents perspective as well. This impedance can be achieved by using two resistors from each input terminated to the common-

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mode voltage (VCM). The device includes an internal R-C filter from each input to ground. The purpose of this filter is to absorb the sampling glitches inside the device itself. The R-C component values are also optimized to support high input bandwidth (up to 500 MHz). However, using an external R-LC-R filter as a part of drive circuit can improve glitch filtering, thus further resulting in better performance. In addition, the drive circuit may have to be designed to provide a low insertion loss over the desired frequency range and matched source impedance. In doing so, the ADC input impedance (shown in [Figure 9-2](#page-42-0) and [Figure 9-3\)](#page-42-0) must be considered.

9.2.1 Design Requirements

For optimum performance, the analog inputs must be driven differentially. An optional 5-Ω to 15-Ω resistor inseries with each input pin can be kept to damp out ringing caused by package parasitic. The drive circuit may have to be designed to minimize the impact of kick-back noise generated by sampling switches opening and closing inside the ADC, as well as ensuring low insertion loss over the desired frequency range and matched impedance to the source.

9.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

Two example driving circuits with a 50-Ω source impedance are shown in Figure 9-4 and Figure 9-5. The driving circuit in Figure 9-4 is optimized for input frequencies in the second Nyquist zone (centered at 185 MHz), whereas the circuit in Figure 9-5 is optimized for input frequencies in third Nyquist zone (centered at 310 MHz).

Note that both drive circuits are terminated by 50 Ω near the ADC side. This termination is accomplished with a 25-Ω resistor from each input to the 1.15-V common-mode (VCM) from the device. This architecture allows the analog inputs to be biased around the required common-mode voltage.

The mismatch in the transformer parasitic capacitance (between the windings) results in degraded even-order harmonic performance. Connecting two identical RF transformers back-to-back helps minimize this mismatch and good performance is obtained for high-frequency input signals.

TI recommends terminating the drive circuit by a 50-Ω (or lower) impedance near the ADC for best performance. However, in some applications higher impedances be required to terminate the drive circuit. Two example driving circuits with 100-Ω differential termination are shown in Figure 9-6 and Figure 9-7. In these example circuits, the 1:2 transformer (T1) is used to transform the 50-Ω source impedance into a differential 100 Ω at the input of the band-pass filter. In Figure 9-6, the parallel combination of two 68-Ω resistors and one 120-nH inductor and two 100-Ω resistors is used (100 Ω is the effective impedance in pass-band) for better performance.

Figure 9-6. Driving Circuit for a 100-Ω Source Impedance and Input Frequencies in the Second Nyquist Zone

Figure 9-7. Driving Circuit for a 100-Ω Source Impedance and Input Frequencies in the Third Nyquist Zone

9.2.3 Application Curves

Figure 10 and Figure 11 below show performance obtained at 170-MHz and 230-MHz input frequencies respectively using appropriate driving circuit.

9.2.4 Enabling 14-Bit Resolution

By default after reset, the device outputs 11-bit data on the Dxx13P, Dxx13M and Dxx3P, Dxx3M terminals and OVR information on the Dxx0P, Dxx0M terminals. When the ALWAYS WRITE 1 bits are set, the ADC outputs 13 bit data on the Dxx13P, Dxx13M and Dxx1P, Dxx1M terminals and OVR information on the Dxx0P, Dxx0M terminals. To enable 14-bit resolution, the DIS OVR ON LSB register bit must be set to 1 as indicated in Table 9-1.

Table 9-1. ADC Configuration

9.2.5 Analog Input

The analog input consists of a switched-capacitor-based differential sample-and-hold architecture. This differential topology results in very good ac performance even for high input frequencies at high sampling rates.

The INP and INM terminals must be externally biased around a common-mode voltage of 1.15 V, available on the VCM terminal. For a full-scale differential input, each input terminal (INP, INM) must swing symmetrically between VCM + 0.5 V and VCM – 0.5 V, resulting in a 2-V_{PP} differential input swing.

The input sampling circuit has a high 3-dB bandwidth that extends up to 500 MHz when a 50-Ω source drives the ADC analog inputs.

9.2.6 Drive Circuit Requirements

This configuration improves the common-mode noise immunity and even-order harmonic rejection. A 5-Ω to 15- Ω resistor in series with each input terminal is recommended to damp out ringing caused by package parasitics.

Glitches are caused by opening and closing the sampling switches. The driving circuit should present a low source impedance to absorb these glitches, otherwise these glitches may limit performance. A low impedance path between the analog input terminals and VCM is required from the common-mode switching currents perspective as well. This impedance can be achieved by using two resistors from each input terminated to the common-mode voltage (VCM).

The device includes an internal R-C filter from each input to ground. The purpose of this filter is to absorb the sampling glitches inside the device itself. The R-C component values are also optimized to support high input bandwidth (up to 500 MHz). However, using an external R-LC-R filter (refer to [Figure 9-4, Figure 9-5](#page-43-0), [Figure 9-6,](#page-44-0) [Figure 9-7](#page-44-0), and [Figure 9-10](#page-46-0)) improves glitch filtering, thus further resulting in better performance.

In addition, the drive circuit may have to be designed to provide a low insertion loss over the desired frequency range and matched source impedance. In doing so, the ADC input impedance must be considered. [Figure 9-1,](#page-42-0) [Figure 9-2](#page-42-0), and [Figure 9-3](#page-42-0) show the impedance $(Z_{\text{IN}} = R_{\text{IN}} || C_{\text{IN}})$ at the ADC input terminals.

Spurious-free dynamic range (SFDR) performance can be limited because of several reasons (such as the effect of sampling glitches, sampling circuit nonlinearity, and quantizer nonlinearity that follows the sampling circuit). Depending on the input frequency, sampling rate, and input amplitude, one of these metrics plays a dominant part in limiting performance. At very high input frequencies, SFDR is determined largely by the device sampling circuit nonlinearity. At low input amplitudes, the quantizer nonlinearity typically limits performance.

9.2.7 Clock Input

The device clock inputs can be driven differentially with a sine, LVPECL, or LVDS source with little or no difference in performance between them. The common-mode voltage of the clock inputs is set to 0.95 V using internal 5-kΩ resistors, as shown in Figure 9-10. This setting allows the use of transformer-coupled drive circuits for sine-wave clock or ac-coupling for LVPECL, LVDS, and LVCMOS clock sources (see Figure 9-11, [Figure](#page-47-0) [9-12,](#page-47-0) and [Figure 9-13\)](#page-47-0).

For best performance, the clock inputs must be driven differentially, thereby reducing susceptibility to commonmode noise. TI recommends keeping the differential voltage between clock inputs less than 1.8 V_{PP} to obtain best performance. A clock source with very low jitter is recommended for high input frequency sampling. Bandpass filtering of the clock source can help reduce the effects of jitter. With a non-50% duty cycle clock input, performance does not change.

NOTE: C_{EQ} is 1 pF to 3 pF and is the equivalent input capacitance of the clock buffer.

A. R_T is the termination resistor (optional).

Figure 9-13. LVDS Clock Driving Circuit

Figure 9-14. Typical LVCMOS Clock Driving Circuit

10 Power Supply Recommendations

The device requires a 1.8-V nominal supply for AVDD and DVDD. There are no specific sequence power-supply requirements during device power-up. AVDD and DVDD can power up in any order.

11 Layout

11.1 Layout Guidelines

The ADS4449 EVM layout can be used as a reference layout to obtain the best performance. A layout diagram of the EVM top layer is provided in Figure 11-1. Some important points to remember during laying out the board are:

- Analog inputs are located on opposite sides of the device pin out to ensure minimum crosstalk on the package level. To minimize crosstalk onboard, the analog inputs should exit the pin out in opposite directions, as shown in the reference layout of Figure 66 as much as possible.
- In the device pin out, the sampling clock is located on a side perpendicular to the analog inputs in order to minimize coupling between them. This configuration is also maintained on the reference layout of Figure 66 as much as possible.
- Digital outputs should be kept away from the analog inputs. When these digital outputs exit the pin out, the digital output traces should not be kept parallel to the analog input traces because this configuration may result in coupling from digital outputs to analog inputs and degrade performance. All digital output traces to the receiver [such as a field-programmable gate array (FPGA) or an application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC)] should be matched in length to avoid skew among outputs.
- At each power-supply pin (AVDD and DVDD), a 0.1-µF decoupling capacitor should be kept close to the device. A separate decoupling capacitor group consisting of a parallel combination of 10-µF, 1-µF, and 0.1-µF capacitors can be kept close to the supply source.

11.2 Layout Example

Figure 11-1. ADS4449 Layout

12 Device and Documentation Support

12.1 Device Nomenclature

SNR is either given in units of dBc (dB to carrier) when the absolute power of the fundamental is used as the reference, or dBFS (dB to full-scale) when the power of the fundamental is extrapolated to the converter full-scale range.

Signal-to-Noise and Distortion (SINAD)

SINAD is the ratio of the power of the fundamental (P_S) to the power of all other spectral components, including noise (P_N) and distortion (P_D) but excluding dc.

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SINAD = 10Log10 \frac{P_S}{P_N + P_D}
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 (2)

SINAD is either given in units of dBc (dB to carrier) when the absolute power of the fundamental is used as the reference, or dBFS (dB to full-scale) when the power of the fundamental is extrapolated to the converter full-scale range.

12.2 Documentation Support

12.2.1 Related Documentation

For related documentation see the following:

- *ADS4449 User Guide*, [SLAU485](https://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SLAU485)
- *Design Considerations for Avoiding Timing Errors during High-Speed ADC, LVDS Data Interface with FPGA*, [SLAA592](https://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SLAA592)
- *Why Oversample when Undersampling can do the Job?*, [SLAA594](https://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SLAA594)

12.3 Receiving Notification of Documentation Updates

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12.6 Electrostatic Discharge Caution

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12.7 Glossary

[TI Glossary](https://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SLYZ022) This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

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(1) The marketing status values are defined as follows:

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PACKAGE MATERIALS INFORMATION

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TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION

QUADRANT ASSIGNMENTS FOR PIN 1 ORIENTATION IN TAPE

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*All dimensions are nominal

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PACKAGE MATERIALS INFORMATION

TRAY

Chamfer on Tray corner indicates Pin 1 orientation of packed units.

*All dimensions are nominal

ZCR 144

10 x 10 mm, 0.8 mm pitch

GENERIC PACKAGE VIEW

NFBGA - 1.5 mm max height
PLASTIC BALL GRID ARRAY

Images above are just a representation of the package family, actual package may vary. Refer to the product data sheet for package details.

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PACKAGE OUTLINE

NFBGA - 1.5 mm max height

PLASTIC BALL GRID ARRAY

NOTES:

- 1. All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Any dimensions in parenthesis are for reference only. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14 5M
- 2. This drawing is subject to change without notice.

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EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

NFBGA - 1.5 mm max height

PLASTIC BALL GRID ARRAY

NOTES (continued)

Final dimensions may vary due to manufacturing tolerance considerations and also routing constraints. Refer to Texas Instruments $3₁$ Literature number SPRAA99 (www.ti.com/lit/spraa9).

EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

NFBGA - 1.5 mm max height

PLASTIC BALL GRID ARRAY

NOTES: (continued)

4. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and rounded corners may offer better paste release.

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