

Precision Sensor Signal Conditioner with Overvoltage Protection

General Description

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The device architecture includes a programmable sensor excitation, a 32-step programmable-gain amplifier (PGA), a 2K x 8 bits internal flash memory, four 16-bit DACs, and an on-chip temperature sensor. In addition to offset and span compensation, the device provides a unique temperature-compensation method for offset TC and FSO TC to provide a remarkable degree of flexibility while minimizing manufacturing costs.

The device is packaged in a 16-pin TSSOP and covers the automotive AEC-Q100 Grade 1 temperature range of -40° C to $+125^{\circ}$ C.

Applications

Benefits and Features

- ◆ Complete Signal Conditioning in a Single IC Package
	- \diamond Provides Amplification, Calibration, and Temperature Compensation
	- \diamond Accommodates Sensor Output Sensitivities from 1mV/V to 200mV/V
	- \diamond Overvoltage Protection to 45V
	- \diamond Reverse-Voltage Protection to 45V
- ♦ High-Precision Compensation Reduces Downstream Circuit Complexity
	- \diamond Fully Analog Signal Path
	- \diamond 16-Bit Offset and Span-Calibration Resolution
	- \diamond On-Chip Lookup Table Supports Multipoint Calibration Temperature Correction
- ♦ Supports Both Current and Voltage-Bridge Excitation
- ◆ Fast 85µs Step Response
- ♦ Sensor Fault Detection
- ◆ Simple PCB Layout
- ◆ Single-Pin Digital Programming
- \triangle No External Trim Components Required

Pressure Sensors Strain Gauges Pressure Calibrators and Controllers Resistive Element Sensors Humidity Sensors

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For related parts and recommended products to use with this part, refer to www.maxim-ic.com/MAX1454.related.

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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

(Voltages referenced to GND.)

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

PACKAGE THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS (Note 1)

TSSOP

Junction-to-Ambient Thermal Resistance (θ_{JA}) 90°C/W Junction-to-Case Thermal Resistance (θ_{JC})27°C/W

Note 1: Package thermal resistances were obtained using the method described in JEDEC specification JESD51-7, using a fourlayer board. For detailed information on package thermal considerations, refer to www.maxim-ic.com/thermal-tutorial.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

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Note 2: All units are production tested at $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$ and $+125^{\circ}C$. Specifications over temperature are guaranteed by design.

Note 3: Excludes sensor or load current. Analog mode with voltage excitation on BDR pin, FSODAC = 0x8000.

Note 4: Specification is guaranteed by design.

Note 5: All electronics temperature errors are compensated together with sensor errors.

Note 6: The sensor and the device must be at the same temperature during calibration and use.

Note 7: This is the maximum allowable sensor offset.

Note 8: This is the sensor's sensitivity normalized to its drive voltage, assuming a desired full-span output of V_{DDX} - 1V and a nominal bridge voltage of $V_{\text{DDX}}/2$.

Note 9: Bit weight is ratiometric to V_{DDX} .

Note 10: Programming of the flash memory at room temperature is recommended.

Note 11: No commands can be executed until the erase operation has completed. During erase operations, all commands sent to the device are ignored.

Typical Operating Characteristics Typical Operating Characteristics

Pin Configuration

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Detailed Description

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The device architecture includes a programmable sensor excitation, a 32-step PGA, a 2K x 8 bits internal flash memory, four 16-bit DACs, and an on-chip temperature sensor. In addition to offset and span compensation, the device provides a unique temperature-compensation method for offset TC and FSO TC, which was developed to provide a remarkable degree of flexibility while minimizing manufacturing costs.

The device uses four 16-bit DACs (offset, FSO, offset TC, and FSO TC) with coefficients ranging from 0x0000 to 0xFFFF. The offset DAC and FSO DAC are referenced to V_{DDX} (76µV resolution when $V_{\text{DDX}} = 5V$). The offset TC DAC and FSO TC DAC are referenced to the bridge voltage (38μ V resolution when bridge voltage is $2.5V$).

The user can select from one to 110 temperature points to compensate their sensor. This allows the latitude to compensate a sensor with a simple 1st-order linear correction or to match an unusual temperature curve. Programming up to 110 independent 16-bit flash memory locations corrects performance in 1.5° C temperature increments, over a range of -40 $^{\circ}$ C to +125 $^{\circ}$ C. For sensors that exhibit a characteristic temperature performance, a select number of calibration points can be used with a number of preset values that define the temperature curve. For full temperature compensation, the sensor and the device must be at the same temperature. In cases where the sensor is at a different temperature than the device, the device can use the sensor excitation voltage to provide 1st-order temperature compensation.

The single-pin, multiplexed, serial digital input/output (DIO) communication architecture, and the ability to timeshare its activity with the sensor's output signal, enables output sensing and calibration programming on a single line.

The device allows complete calibration and sensor verification to be performed at a single test station. Once calibration coefficients have been stored in the device, the customer can retest to verify performance as part of a regular QA audit, or to generate final test data on individual sensors.

The device ([Figure 1\)](#page-7-0) provides an analog amplification path for the sensor signal. It also uses an analog architecture for 1st-order temperature correction. A digitally controlled analog path is then used for nonlinear temperature correction. Calibration and correction is achieved by varying the offset and gain of a PGA, and by varying the sensor bridge excitation current or voltage. The PGA utilizes a switched-capacitor CMOS

Figure 1. Functional Diagram

technology, with an input-referred offset-trimming range of more than ± 150 mV. The PGA provides gain values from 6V/V to 2048V/V in 32 steps.

The device includes an internal 2K x 8-bit flash memory to store calibration coefficients and user data. The internal memory contains the following information as 16-bitwide words:

- Configuration Register 1 (CONFIG1)
- Configuration Register 2 (CONFIG2)
- Offset calibration coefficient (ODAC) table
- Offset Temperature Coefficient register (OTCDAC)
- Full-span output calibration coefficient (FSODAC) table
- FSO Temperature Coefficient register (FSOTCDAC)
- Power-Up Configuration register (PWRUPCFG)
- 256 bytes (2048 bits) uncommitted for customer programming of manufacturing data (e.g., serial number and date)

Offset Correction

Initial offset correction is accomplished at the input stage of the signal-gain amplifiers by a coarse offset setting. Final offset correction occurs through the use of a temperature-indexed lookup table with 176 16-bit entries. The on-chip temperature sensor provides a unique 16-bit offset-trim value from the table with an indexing resolution of approximately 1.5 $^{\circ}$ C, from -40 $^{\circ}$ C to +125 $^{\circ}$ C. Every 4ms (programmable through the CONFIG2 register), the on-chip temperature sensor provides indexing into the offset lookup table in flash memory, with the resulting value transferred to the offset DAC register. The resulting voltage is fed into a summing junction at the PGA output, compensating the sensor offset with a resolution of $\pm 76\mu$ V ($\pm 0.0019\%$ FSO). If the offset TC DAC is set to zero, then the maximum temperature error is typically one degree of temperature drift of the sensor, given the offset DAC has corrected the sensor at every 1.5°C.

FSO Correction Two functional blocks control the FSO gain calibration. First, a coarse gain is set by digitally selecting the gain of the PGA. Second, FSO DAC (and FSO TC DAC in current excitation mode) sets the sensor bridge current or voltage with the digital input obtained from the flash memory. FSO correction occurs through the use of a temperature-indexed lookup table with 176 16-bit entries. The on-chip temperature sensor provides a unique FSO

trim from the table with one 16-bit value at every 1.5° C, from -40° C to $+125^{\circ}$ C.

Linear and Nonlinear Temperature Compensation

In most applications, the device and the sensor are at the same temperature, and coefficients in the offset and FSO lookup table correct both linear and nonlinear temperature errors to an accuracy approaching the sensor's repeatability error. In these applications, the offset TC DAC and FSO TC DACs should be set to nominal values.

In applications where the sensor and the device are at different temperatures, the FSO and offset DAC lookup tables cannot be used. Writing 16-bit calibration coefficients into the offset TC and FSO TC registers compensates 1st-order temperature errors. The piezoresistive sensor is powered by a current source, resulting in a temperature-dependent bridge voltage due to the sensor's temperature coefficient of resistance (TCR). The reference inputs of the offset TC DAC and FSO TC DAC are connected to the bridge voltage, causing their outputs to change as a function of temperature. When properly programmed, they provide 1st-order temperature compensation of the input signal. Only two test temperatures are required for linear temperature compensation.

The device uses a 10k Ω internal feedback resistor (RISRC) for FSO temperature compensation. Since the required feedback resistor value is sensor dependent, the device offers the ability to adjust the current-mirror ratio (CMRATIO) of the bridge driver. By selecting one of four CMRATIO settings in the CONFIG1 register, the bridge driver's feedback loop can be optimized for silicon piezoresistive sensors typically ranging from $2k\Omega$ to 10k Ω .

Internal Temperature Sensor/ADC

The signal conditioner uses an internal temperature sensor to generate an 8-bit temperature index. An ADC converts the integrated temperature-sensor output to an 8-bit value every 4ms (programmable through the CONFIG2 register). This digitized value is then transferred into the temperature index register.

The typical transfer function for the temperature index is as follows:

TEMPINDEX = 0.6561 x temperature (°C) + 53.6

where TEMPINDEX is truncated to an 8-bit integer value. Typical values for the temperature index register are given in [Table 13](#page-16-0).

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This index determines which FSO and offset DAC settings get loaded from the flash memory. The temperature-indexing boundaries are outside of the specified [Absolute Maximum Ratings](#page-1-0) to eliminate indexing wrap-around errors. The minimum indexing value is 0x00, corresponding to approximately -82°C. All temperatures below this value generate the index 0x00. The maximum indexing value is 0xAF, corresponding to approximately $+185^{\circ}$ C. All temperatures higher than $+185^{\circ}$ C generate the index 0xAF.

Overvoltage, Undervoltage, Reverse-Voltage Protection

Overvoltage protection shuts down the device when the supply voltage is typically above 5.75V. A power-on reset prevents erroneous operation with supply voltages below 2.4V. Reverse voltage protects the device from negative voltages due to transients, reverse battery, etc. These protections allow the device to withstand any supply voltage from -45V to +45V.

Sensor Fault Detection

When enabled, the fault-detection circuitry on the device detects faults on the sensor inputs (IN+ and IN-). If either one of the sensor inputs is below the input low threshold (20% of V_{BDR}) or above the input high threshold (80% of V_{BDR}), a fault signal is asserted internally. If the part is in analog mode, the internal fault signal causes the voltage on the OUT/DIO pin to clip to a fixed DC level (typically 150mV). Enable or disable fault detection through the CONFIG2 register, bit 6 (ENFDET).

Internal Calibration Registers (ICRs)

The device has six 16-bit ICRs (ODAC, FSODAC, OTCDAC, FSOTCDAC, CONFIG1, and CONFIG2) that are loaded from flash memory, or loaded from the serial digital interface when in the digital programming mode. Data can be loaded into the ICRs under two different modes of operations (fixed analog operation and calibration operation).

Fixed Analog Operation

- The device has been calibrated.
- Power is applied to the device.
- The power-on-reset functions have completed.
- The digital listening mode times out and the device goes into the fixed analog mode.
- The internal temperature sensor stores the 8-bit TEMPINDEX value.
- Registers CONFIG1, CONFIG2, ODAC, FSODAC, OTCDAC, and FSOTCDAC are loaded from flash memory.
- After each time the DAC refresh timer reaches its set time period, the internal-temperature ADC updates the 8-bit TEMPINDEX value and the ODAC and FSODAC registers are refreshed from the temperature-indexed flash memory locations.

Calibration Operation (Registers Updated by Serial Communications)

- Power is applied to the device.
- The power-on-reset functions have completed.
- The digital listening mode detects serial communication.
- The registers can then be loaded from the serial digital interface by use of serial commands. See the [Serial-Interface Command Format](#page-11-0) section.
- (Optionally) After calibration, the device can be set to run in fixed analog operation using a software command. Note that the configuration and DAC registers refresh from flash memory upon entering fixed analog mode.

Internal Flash Memory

The internal flash memory is organized as a 2K by 8-bit memory. It is divided into four pages with 512 bytes per page. Each page can be individually erased. The memory structure is arranged as shown in [Table 1](#page-10-0). The lookup tables for ODAC and FSODAC are also shown, with the respective TEMPINDEX pointer. The ODAC table occupies a segment from address 0x000 to address 0x15F, and the FSODAC table occupies a segment from 0x200 to 0x35F.

The flash memory is configured as an 8-bit wide array so each of the 16-bit registers is stored as two 8-bit quantities. The configuration registers and the FSOTCDAC and OTCDAC registers are loaded from the preassigned locations in the flash memory. The ODAC and FSODAC registers are loaded from memory lookup tables using an index pointer that is a function of temperature.

Maxim programs all flash memory locations to 0xFF, except for the reserved locations, 0x400 and 0x401. Values stored at 0x400 and 0x401 should be kept at the factory-programmed defaults.

Table 1. Flash Memory Address Map

*Do not change values stored at locations 0x400 and 0x401 from the factory defaults.

Communications Protocol

The DIO serial interface is used for asynchronous serial data communications between the device and a host calibration test system. The device automatically detects the baud rate of the host computer when the host transmits the initialization sequence. Baud rates between 4800bps and 38,400bps can be detected and used regardless of the internal oscillator frequency setting. Data format is always 1 start bit, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, and no parity. Communications are only allowed when the device is in digital mode.

Initialization Sequence

Sending the initialization sequence shown below enables the device to establish the baud rate that initializes the serial port. The initialization sequence is 1 byte transmission of 01hex, as follows: 1111111101000000011111111. The first start bit **0** initiates the baud-rate synchronization sequence. The 8 data bits 01hex (LSB first) follow this and then the stop bit, which is indicated above as a 1, terminates the baud-rate synchronization sequence. This initialization sequence on OUT/DIO should occur after a period of 2ms after stable power is applied to the device. This allows time for the power-on-reset function to complete.

Serial-Interface Command Format

All communication commands into the device follow a defined format utilizing an interface register set (IRS). The IRS is an 8-bit command that contains both an interface register set data (IRSD) nibble (4 bits) and an interface register set address (IRSA) nibble (4 bits). All internal calibration registers and flash memory locations are accessed for read and write through this interface register set. The IRS byte command is structured as follows:

where:

 IRSA[3:0] is the 4-bit interface register set address and indicates which register receives the data nibble IRSD[3:0];

 IRSA[0] is the first bit on the serial interface after the start bit;

IRSD[3:0] is the 4-bit interface register set data;

 IRSD[0] is the 5th bit received on the serial interface after the start bit

The IRSA address decoding is shown in [Table 14.](#page-16-1)

Special Command Sequences

A special command register to internal logic (CRIL[3:0]) causes execution of special command sequences within the device. These command sequences are listed as CRIL command codes, as shown in [Table 15](#page-17-0).

Write Examples

A 16-bit write to any of the internal calibration registers is performed as follows:

- 1) Write the 16 data bits to DHR[15:0] using 4 byte accesses into the interface register set.
- 2) Write the address of the target internal calibration register to ICRA[3:0].
- 3) Write the load internal calibration register (LdICR) command to CRIL[3:0]. When a LdICR command is issued to the CRIL register, the calibration register loaded depends on the address in the internal calibration register address (ICRA). [Table 16](#page-17-1) specifies which calibration register is decoded.

IRS[7:0] = IRSD[3:0], IRSA[3:0]

Figure 2. OUT/DIO Output Data Format

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Erasing and Writing the Flash Memory

The internal flash memory needs to be erased (bytes set to FFhex) prior to programming the desired contents.

The internal flash memory can be entirely erased with the ERASE command, or partially erased with the PageErase command (see [Table 15\)](#page-17-0). It is necessary to wait 32ms after issuing the ERASE or PageErase command before sending the next command.

After the memory has been erased (value of every byte $=$ FFhex), the user can program its contents using the following procedure:

- 1) Write the 8 data bits to DHR[7:0] using 2 byte accesses into the interface register set.
- 2) Write the address of the target internal memory location to IEEA[10:0] using 3 byte accesses into the interface register set.
- 3) Write the flash memory write command (EEPW) to CRIL[3:0].

Caution: It is not recommended to change values of flash memory locations 0x400 and 0x401. Changing the values at these locations (through a memory write or page/total erasure) can cause the device to lose its factory trim settings, which can affect device performance.

Multiplexed Analog and Serial Digital Output

When an RdIRS command is written to CRIL[3:0], OUT/ DIO is configured as a digital output and the contents of the register designated by IRSP[3:0] are sent out as a byte framed by a start bit. Once the tester finishes sending the RdIRS command, it must three-state its connection to OUT/DIO to allow the device to drive the OUT/DIO line. The device three-states OUT/DIO high for a programmable number of byte times (determined by READDLY[1:0]) and then sends out the data byte (with a start and stop bit). The sequence is shown in [Figure 2.](#page-11-1)

The data returned on an RdIRS command depends on the address in IRSP. [Table 17](#page-17-2) defines what is returned for the various addresses.

When an RdAlg command is written to CRIL[3:0] the analog signal designated by ALOC[4:0] is asserted on the OUT/DIO pin. The duration of the analog signal is determined by ATIM[3:0], after which the pin reverts to a digital I/O. The host computer or calibration system must three-state its connection to OUT/DIO after asserting the stop bit. Do not load the OUT/DIO line when reading nonbuffered internal signals.

The analog output sequence is shown in [Figure 3.](#page-12-0) The digital serial interface and analog output are internally multiplexed onto OUT/DIO. The duration of the analog signal is controlled by ATIM[3:0], as given in [Table 18](#page-18-0).

The analog signal driven onto the OUT/DIO pin is determined by the value in the ALOC register. The signals are specified in [Table 19](#page-18-1).

Burst Mode Operation

The device supports burst mode operation for reading/ writing blocks of data from/to flash memory addresses 0x000 to 0x3FF. Addresses 0x400 and 0x401 cannot be accessed with burst mode. First, program the starting address of the flash memory into IEEA[10:0]. Next, enable burst mode by writing a 1 to the burst mode enable bit (BURSTEN). In burst mode, an internal counter is used to increment the memory address with every read/write operation. With the 0-to-1 transition of BURSTEN, the memory address stored in IEEA[10:0] is latched into the internal counter as the starting address. Once the burst enable is high, the internal counter takes precedence over the memory address bits. All the memory read/ write operations happen on the address indicated by the internal counter.

Figure 3. Analog Output Timing

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To write to a flash memory location in burst mode, the user simply writes DHR[3:0], followed by DHR[7:4]. Since the internal counter keeps track of the memory address, there is no need to send address information to the part. After DHR[7:4] is written, a write command to the flash memory is automatically generated, the data in DHR[7:0] is written to the memory, and the address counter is incremented. If the user wishes to skip certain memory locations, first exit burst mode (by writing a 0 to BURSTEN), then program a new starting address. The user can now reenable burst mode again.

During burst read operations, the device waits for a read command before sending out data whose address is derived from the internal counter. To start burst read mode, first program the flash memory address into IEEA[10:0]. Next, write a 1 to BURSTEN to enable burst mode. The IRSP register must then be programmed to 0 (through an IRSA = 8 command). Then, send the flash memory read (RdEEP) CRIL command to initiate an internal read; the device sends the contents of the flash memory out of the DIO/OUT pin through the serial interface. Similar to the burst write operation, the burst read operation does not skip memory locations. To skip memory locations, first write a zero to BURSTEN to end burst mode. Next, change the memory address bits using the corresponding command bytes. Once the desired starting address is loaded, reenable burst mode to resume burst reading.

Always disable burst mode (IRSD = 0000 when IRSA = 1101) after burst reading/writing all the locations. This is necessary to continue in digital programming mode after all the burst read/writes are complete.

Note: Use burst mode to program a maximum of 1024 locations. Care must be taken to avoid additional writes to prevent unintentionally rewriting locations. The internal address counter wraps around to address 0x000 after reaching address 0x3FF.

Register Map

Table 2. Registers

Table 3. Configuration Register 1 (CONFIG1[15:0])

Table 4. Configuration Register 2 (CONFIG2[15:0])

Table 5. Power-Up Configuration Register (PWRUPCFG[15:0])

Table 6. PGA Setting (PGA[4:0])

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Table 7. Input-Referred Offset Setting (IRO Sign, IRO[3:0])

Table 8. Bridge Driver Current-Mirror Ratio Setting (CMRATIO[1:0])

Table 9. DAC Refresh Rate (REFRATE[1:0])

Table 10. Wait Time for Read Requests (READDLY[1:0])*

*The selected delay time is applied before and after the requested byte is read.

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Table 11. DIGMODETIME Setting* (DIGMODETIME[3:0])

*Wait times specified are based on a typical oscillator frequency of 1MHz. Wait times are proportional to the oscillation frequency. Actual wait times depend on the factory-trimmed oscillator frequency.

**Parts ship with a DIGMODETIME setting of 1111.

Table 14. IRSA Decoding (IRSA[3:0])

Table 12. CTRLREP Setting (CTRLREP[2:0])

*Parts ship with a CTRLREP setting of 111.

Table 13. Temperature Index Typical Values

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Table 15. CRIL Command Codes (CRIL[3:0])

Table 16. ICRA Decoding (ICRA[3:0])

Table 17. IRSP Decoding (IRSP[3:0])

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Table 18. ATIM Definition (ATIM[3:0])

Table 19. ALOC Definition (ALOC[4:0])

Figure 4. Power-Up Flow Chart

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Power-Up Control Sequence

The device uses a power-up state machine to determine whether the device should switch to the fixed analog mode, or enable the digital programming mode ([Figure 4](#page-19-0)).

At power-up, the device loads the PWRUPCFG register to establish a wait time ([Table 11\)](#page-16-2), and the number of control words ([Table 12\)](#page-16-3) required to enter the digital programming mode. If the wait time expires, the device automatically switches to the fixed analog mode. However, if the interface receives the correct number of control words within the established wait times, the device enters the digital programming mode. A serial command enables the device to switch into the fixed analog mode after the part has been programmed.

Note: Setting CTRLREP[2:0] to 111 in the PWRUPCFG flash memory location forces the part into the digital programming mode without the need for control words (an initialization byte is still required). By default, parts shipped from the factory are programmed to start in the digital programming mode.

Sensor Compensation Overview

The device compensates for sensor offset, FSO, and temperature errors by loading the internal calibration registers with the compensation values. These compensation values can be loaded to registers directly through the serial digital interface during calibration, or loaded automatically from flash memory at power-on. During the calibration process, the device is configured, tested, and compensation values are calculated and stored in the internal flash memory. Once programmed, after each power-up, the device autoloads the registers from flash memory and is ready for use without further configuration.

Compensation requires an examination of the sensor performance over the operating pressure and temperature range. A minimum of two test temperatures and two test pressures (zero and full scale) are required to correct the linear component of temperature error to achieve pressure calibration. For higher temperature accuracy, more test temperatures must be used. A typical compensation procedure can be summarized in the following sections.

Initialize the Device

Initialize the device registers with known values (e.g., compensation coefficients of a similar device) or determine values for IRO, PGA gain, FSO DAC, and offset DAC based on sensor parameters (offset, sensitivity, bridge resistance, etc). Select a current-mirror ratio value corresponding to the sensor in use. Initialization is an important step to ensure that the device output remains in range over the full operating conditions. When the device is initialized successfully, the excitation voltage is within the normal range, and the output voltage is around the desired offset value (when zero pressure is applied).

Characterize the Sensor at Test Temperatures

- 1) Set the temperature to the first test temperature point and allow the system to reach equilibrium.
- 2) By changing the FSO DAC through an iterative process, set the bridge voltage to a value that produces the desired output span. Change the offset DAC as necessary.
- 3) Once the desired output span is achieved, change the offset DAC to produce the final offset.
- 4) Record the values of TEMPINDEX, FSODAC, and ODAC. The device flash memory can be used to store the information.
- 5) Change the temperature to the next value and repeat this procedure to determine a unique value for the TEMPINDEX, FSODAC, and ODAC at every test temperature.

Calculate Compensation Coefficients

- 1) **FSO Lookup Table:** Using a fitting function, fit the FSODAC and TEMPINDEX values obtained during the characterization step and generate an array of 176 elements (FSODAC vs. TEMPINDEX array, where $0 \leq$ TEMPINDEX \leq 175).
- 2) Offset Lookup Table: Using a fitting function, fit the ODAC and TEMPINDEX values obtained during the characterization step and generate an array of 176 elements (ODAC vs. TEMPINDEX array).

Program Flash Memory and Final Test

- 1) Program the device by writing to the ODAC and FSODAC lookup tables, and the OTCDAC, FSOTCDAC, CONFIG1, CONFIG2, PWRUPCFG, and user data locations in flash memory.
- 2) While the sensor is still at the last test temperature point, perform a final test to verify the compensation accuracy.

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Applications Information

Typical Ratiometric Operating Circuit

Ratiometric output configuration provides an output that is proportional to the power-supply voltage. This output can then be applied to a ratiometric ADC to produce a digital value independent of supply voltage. Ratiometricity is an important consideration for battery-operated instruments, automotive, and some industrial applications.

The device provides a high-performance ratiometric output with a minimum number of external components [\(Figure 5\)](#page-21-0). These external components include the following:

• Supply bypass capacitor (V_{DDX})

- \bullet 0.1µF output capacitor (V_{DD})
- Optional output capacitor (OUT/DIO)

Typical Nonratiometric Operating Circuit (6V DC $<$ V_{PWR} $<$ 40V DC)

Nonratiometric output configuration enables the sensor power to vary over a wide range. A high-performance voltage reference, such as the MAX15006B, is incorporated in the circuit to provide a stable supply and reference for device operation. A typical nonratiometric circuit is shown in [Figure 6](#page-21-1). Nonratiometric operation is valuable when a wide range of input voltage is to be expected and the system ADC or readout device does not enable ratiometric operation.

Figure 5. Basic Ratiometric Output Configuration

Figure 6. Basic Nonratiometric Output Configuration

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Detailed Block Diagram

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Chip Information

PROCESS: BiCMOS

Ordering Information

+Denotes a lead(Pb)-free/RoHS-compliant package. /V denotes an automotive qualified part.

Package Information

For the latest package outline information and land patterns (footprints), go to **www.maxim-ic.com/packages**. Note that a "+", "#", or "-" in the package code indicates RoHS status only. Package drawings may show a different suffix character, but the drawing pertains to the package regardless of RoHS status.

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