

ADC12L030/ADC12L032/ADC12L034/ADC12L038 3.3V Self-Calibrating 12-Bit Plus Sign Serial I/O A/D Converters with MUX and Sample/Hold

General Description

NOTE: These products are now obsolete.

The ADC12L030 family is 12-bit plus sign successive approximation A/D converters with serial I/O and configurable input multiplexers. These devices are fully tested with a single 3.3V power supply. The ADC12L032, ADC12L034 and ADC12L038 have 2, 4 and 8 channel multiplexers, respectively. Differential multiplexer outputs and A/D inputs are available at the MUXOUT1, MUXOUT2, A/DIN1 and A/DIN2 pins. The ADC12L030 has a two channel multiplexer with the multiplexer outputs and A/D inputs internally connected. On request, these A/Ds go through a self calibration process that adjusts linearity, zero and full-scale errors to less than ±1 ⁄² LSB each.

The analog inputs can be configured to operate in various combinations of single-ended, differential, or pseudodifferential modes. A fully differential unipolar analog input range (0V to +3.3V) can be accommodated with a single +3.3V supply. In the differential modes, valid outputs are obtained even when the negative inputs are greater than the positive because of the 12-bit plus sign two's compliment output data format.

The serial I/O is configured to comply with NSC's MICROWIRE™ and Motorola's SPI standards. For voltage references, see the LM4040, LM4050 or LM4041 data sheets.

The ADC12L032 and the ADC12L034 are not recommended for new designs and are presented for reference only.

Features

- 0V to 3.3V analog input range with single 3.3V supply
- Serial I/O (MICROWIRE and SPI Compatible) ■ 2 or 8 channel differential or single-ended multiplexer
- Power down mode
- **Programmable acquisition time**
- Variable digital output word length and format
- No zero or full scale adjustment required

Key Specifications

- Resolution 12-bit plus sign
- 12-bit plus sign conversion time 8.8 µs (min)
- 12-bit plus sign sampling rate 73 kHz (max)
- Integral linearity error

±1 LSB (max)
- \blacksquare Single supply $3.3V \pm 10\%$
- Power consumption, active 15 mW (max)
- Power consumption, pwr down $40 \mu W$ (typ)

Applications

- Portable Medical instruments
- Portable computing
- Portable Test equipment

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Connection Diagrams

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Pin Descriptions

- CCLK The clock applied to this input controls the successive approximation conversion and the acquisition time. The rise and fall times of the clock edges should not be longer than 1 µs.
- SCLK This serial data clock input clocks out the serial data. The rising edge at this pin loads the information at the DI pin into the multiplexer address and mode select shift register. This address controls which channel of the analog input multiplexer (MUX) is selected and the mode of operation for the A/D. With \overline{CS} low the falling edge of SCLK shifts the data resulting from the previous ADC conversion out at DO, with the exception of the first bit of data. When \overline{CS} is low continuously, the first bit of the data is clocked out on the rising edge of EOC (end of conversion). When \overline{CS} is toggled, the falling edge of $\overline{\text{CS}}$ always clocks out the first bit of data. $\overline{\text{CS}}$ should be brought low while SCLK is low. The rise and fall times of the clock edges should not be longer than 1 μ s.
- DI The data applied to this serial data input pin is shifted into the multiplexer address and mode select register on the rising edge of SCLK. Tables [2,](#page-20-0) [3,](#page-20-0) [4,](#page-21-0) [5](#page-21-0) show the assignment of the multiplexer address and the mode select data.
- DO This pin is the active push/pull output pin when \overline{CS} is Low. When \overline{CS} is High this output is off (high impedance). The A/D conversion result (DB0–DB12) and converter status data are clocked out on this pin at the falling edge of SCLK. The word length and format of this result can vary (see [Table](#page-19-0) 1). The word length and format are controlled by the data shifted into the multiplexer address and mode select register (see [Table](#page-21-0) 5).
- EOC This active push/pull output indicates the status of the ADC. When low the A/D is busy with a conversion, auto-calibration, auto-zero or power down cycle. The rising edge of EOC signals the end of one of these cycles.
- CS When a logic low is applied to this chip select pin, the rising edge of SCLK shifts the data at DI into the address register and brings DO out of the high impedance state. With \overline{CS} low, the falling edge of SCLK shifts the data resulting from the previous ADC conversion out at DO, with the exception of the first bit of data. When \overline{CS} is low continuously, the first bit of the data is clocked out on the rising edge of EOC (end of conversion). When \overline{CS} is toggled the falling edge of \overline{CS} always clocks out the first bit of data. \overline{CS} should be brought low while SCLK is low. The falling edge of \overline{CS} halts a conversion in progress (the data in the output latches may be corrupted) and starts the sequence for a new conversion. Therefore, when \overline{CS} is brought low during a conversion in progress the data output at that time should be ignored. \overline{CS} may also be left continuously low, in which case it is imperative that the correct number of SCLK cycles be applied to the ADC in order to remain synchronous. After the ADC supply power is applied, the ADC expects to see 13 clock

cycles for each I/O sequence. After that, the number of clock cycles the ADC expects is the same as the digital output word length, which can be modified by the user. See [Table](#page-21-0) 5.

DOR This data output ready pin is an active push/pull output. It is low when the conversion result is being shifted out and goes high to signal that all the data has been shifted out.

CONV A logic low is required on this pin to program any mode or change the ADC's configuration. (See the [Table](#page-21-0) 5, Mode Programming). When this pin is high, the ADC is placed into the read data only mode. While in this mode, bringing CS low and pulsing SCLK will only clock out any data stored in the ADCs output shift register. The data at DI will be neglected, a new conversion will not be started and the ADC will remain in the mode and/or configuration previously programmed. Read data only cannot be performed while a conversion, Auto-Cal or Auto-Zero is in progress.

PD When this power down pin is high, the A/D is powered down; when PD is low the A/D is powered up. The A/D takes a maximum of 700 µs to power up after the command is given.

- CH0–CH7 These are the analog inputs of the MUX. A channel input is selected by the address infor-mation at the DI pin (see Tables [2,](#page-20-0) [3,](#page-20-0) [4](#page-21-0)). The voltage applied to these inputs should not exceed V_{A^+} or go below GND. Exceeding this range on an unselected channel will corrupt the reading of a selected channel.
- COM This analog input pin is used as a pseudo ground when the analog multiplexer is single-ended.
- MUXOUT1, MUXOUT2 These are the multiplexer output pins. A/DIN1, A/DIN2
- These are the converter input pins. MUXOUT1 is usually tied to A/DIN1. MUXOUT2 is usually tied to A/DIN2. If external circuitry is placed between MUXOUT1 and A/DIN1, or MUXOUT2 and A/DIN2 it may be necessary to protect these pins. The voltage at these pins should not exceed V_A^+ or go below AGND (see [Figure](#page-19-0) 6). V_{BEF} + This is the positive analog voltage reference
	- input. In order to maintain accuracy the voltage range of $V_{REF} = (V_{REF}+) - (V_{REF}-)$ is 1 V_{DC} to 3.3 V_{DC} and V_{REF} + cannot exceed V_{A} +.
- V_{REF}− The negative voltage reference input. To maintain accuracy, this voltage must not go below GND or exceed $(V_{BEF}+)$ – 1V. (See [Figure](#page-18-0) 5).
- V_A+ , V_D+ These analog and digital power supply pins are not connected together on the chip and should be tied to the same power supply but bypassed separately (see [Figure](#page-18-0) 5). The operating voltage range of V_{A} + and V_{D} + is 3.0 V_{DC} to 5.5 V_{DC} .
- DGND Digital ground pin (see [Figure](#page-18-0) 5).
- AGND Analog ground pin (see [Figure](#page-18-0) 5).

Absolute Maximum Ratings

(Notes [1, 2\)](#page-7-0)

If Military/Aerospace specified devices are required, please contact the National Semiconductor Sales Office/ Distributors for availability and specifications.

Operating Ratings (Notes [1, 2\)](#page-7-0)

Package Thermal Resistance

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Converter Electrical Characteristics

The following specifications apply for V⁺ = V_A+ = V_D+ = +3.3 V_{DC}, V_{REF}+ = +2.500 V_{DC}, V_{REF}- = 0 V_{DC}, 12-bit + sign conversion mode, f_{CK} = f_{SK} = 5 MHz, R_S = 25Ω, source impedance for V_{REF}+ and V_{REF}− ≤ 25Ω, fully-differential input with fixed 1.250V common-mode voltage, and 10(t_{CK}) acquisition time unless otherwise specified. **Boldface limits apply for T_A = T_J** = T_{MIN} to T_{MAX} ; all other limits $T_A = T_J = 25^{\circ}$ C. (Notes [7, 8, 9\)](#page-7-0)

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Converter Electrical Characteristics (Continued)

The following specifications apply for V⁺ = V_A+ = V_D+ = +3.3 V_{DC}, V_{REF}+ = +2.500 V_{DC}, V_{REF}- = 0 V_{DC}, 12-bit + sign conversion mode, f_{CK} = f_{SK} = 5 MHz, R_S = 25Ω, source impedance for V_{REF}+ and V_{REF}− ≤ 25Ω, fully-differential input with fixed 1.250V common-mode voltage, and 10(t_{CK}) acquisition time unless otherwise specified. **Boldface limits apply for T_A = T_J** = T_{MIN} to T_{MAX} ; all other limits $T_A = T_J = 25^{\circ}$ C. (Notes [7, 8, 9\)](#page-7-0)

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DC and Logic Electrical Characteristics

The following specifications apply for V⁺ = V_A+ = V_D+ = +3.3 V_{DC}, V_{REF}+ = +2.500 V_{DC}, V_{REF}- = 0 V_{DC}, 12-bit + sign conversion mode, $f_{CK} = f_{SK} = 5$ MHz, $R_S = 25Ω$, source impedance for V_{REF} and V_{REF} ≤ 25Ω, fully-differential input with fixed 1.250V common-mode voltage, and $10(t_{CK})$ acquisition time unless otherwise specified. **Boldface limits apply for T_A = T_J** = T_{MIN} to T_{MAX} ; all other limits $T_A = T_J = 25^{\circ}$ C. (Notes [7, 8, 9\)](#page-7-0)

AC Electrical Characteristics

The following specifications apply for V⁺ = V_A+ = V_D+ = +3.3 V_{DC}, V_{REF}+ = +2.500 V_{DC}, V_{REF}- = 0 V_{DC}, 12-bit + sign conversion mode, $t_r = t_f = 3$ ns, $f_{CK} = f_{SK} = 5$ MHz, $R_S = 25\Omega$, source impedance for V_{REF}+ and V_{REF}− ≤ 25 Ω , fully-differential input with fixed 1.250V common-mode voltage, and 10(t_{CK}) acquisition time unless otherwise specified. **Boldface limits apply for** $T_A = T_J = T_{MIN}$ to T_{MAX} ; all other limits $T_A = T_J = 25^{\circ}$ C. [\(Note 17\)](#page-8-0)

AC Electrical Characteristics (Continued)

The following specifications apply for V⁺ = V_A+ = V_D+ = +3.3 V_{DC}, V_{REF}+ = +2.500 V_{DC}, V_{REF}- = 0 V_{DC}, 12-bit + sign conversion mode, $t_r = t_f = 3$ ns, $t_{CK} = t_{SK} = 5$ MHz, R_S = 25Ω, source impedance for V_{REF}+ and V_{REF}− ≤ 25Ω, fully-differential input with fixed 1.250V common-mode voltage, and 10(t_{CK}) acquisition time unless otherwise specified. **Boldface limits apply for** $T_A = T_J = T_{MIN}$ to T_{MAX} ; all other limits $T_A = T_J = 25^{\circ}$ C. [\(Note 17\)](#page-8-0)

AC Electrical Characteristics (Continued)

The following specifications apply for V⁺ = V_A+ = V_D+ = +3.3 V_{DC}, V_{REF}+ = +2.500 V_{DC}, V_{REF}- = 0 V_{DC}, 12-bit + sign conversion mode, $t_r = t_f = 3$ ns, $f_{CK} = f_{SK} = 5$ MHz, R_S = 25Ω, source impedance for V_{REF}+ and V_{REF}− ≤ 25Ω, fully-differential input with fixed 1.250V common-mode voltage, and 10(t_{CK}) acquisition time unless otherwise specified. **Boldface limits apply for** $T_A = T_I = T_{M1N}$ to T_{MAX} ; all other limits $T_A = T_I = 25^\circ \text{C}$. [\(Note 17\)](#page-8-0)

Note 1: Absolute Maximum Ratings indicate limits beyond which damage to the device may occur. Operating Ratings indicate conditions for which the device is functional, but do not guarantee specific performance limits. For guaranteed specifications and test conditions, see the Electrical Characteristics. The guaranteed specifications apply only for the test conditions listed. Some performance characteristics may degrade when the device is not operated under the listed test conditions.

Note 2: All voltages are measured with respect to GND, unless otherwise specified.

Note 3: When the input voltage (V_{IN}) at any pin exceeds the power supplies (V_{IN} < GND or V_{IN} > V_A+ or V_D+), the current at that pin should be limited to 20 mA. The 120 mA maximum package input current rating limits the number of pins that can safely exceed the power supplies with an input current of 20 mA to four.

Note 4: The maximum power dissipation must be derated at elevated temperatures and is dictated by T_Jmax, θ_{JA} and the ambient temperature, Τ_A. The maximum allowable power dissipation at any temperature is $P_D = (T_Jmax - T_A)/\theta_{JA}$ or the number given in the Absolute Maximum Ratings, whichever is lower. For this device, T_J max = 150 $^{\circ}$ C.

Note 5: The human body model is a 100 pF capacitor discharged through a 1.5 kΩ resistor into each pin.

Note 6: See AN450 "Surface Mounting Methods and Their Effect on Product Reliability" or the section titled "Surface Mount" found in any post 1986 National Semiconductor Linear Data Book for other methods of soldering surface mount devices.

Note 7: Two on-chip diodes are tied to each analog input through a series resistor as shown below. Input voltage magnitude up to 5V above V_A+ or 5V below GND will not damage this device. However, errors in the A/D conversion can occur (if these diodes are forward biased by more than 50 mV) if the input voltage magnitude of selected or unselected analog input go above V_A+ or below GND by more than 50 mV. As an example, if V_A+ is 3.0 V_{DC}, full-scale input voltage must be ≤3.05 V_{DC} to ensure accurate conversions.

Note 8: To guarantee accuracy, it is required that the V_A+ and V_D+ be connected together to the same power supply with separate bypass capacitors at each V⁺ pin.

Note 9: With the test condition for V_{REF} (V_{REF}+ − V_{REF}−) given as +2.500V the 12-bit LSB is 610 µV and the 8-bit LSB is 9.8 mV.

Note 10: Typical figures are at $T_J = T_A = 25^\circ C$ and represent most likely parametric norm.

Note 11: Tested limits are guaranteed to National's AOQL (Average Outgoing Quality Level).

Note 12: Positive integral linearity error is defined as the deviation of the analog value, expressed in LSBs, from the straight line that passes through positive full-scale and zero. For negative integral linearity error, the straight line passes through negative full-scale and zero (see [Figure](#page-9-0) 2 and Figure 3).

Note 13: Zero error is a measure of the deviation from the mid-scale voltage (a code of zero), expressed in LSB. It is the worst-case value of the code transitions between 1 to 0 and 0 to $+1$ (see [Figure](#page-9-0) 4).

Note 14: Total unadjusted error includes offset, full-scale, linearity and multiplexer errors.

Note 15: The DC common-mode error is measured in the differential multiplexer mode with the assigned positive and negative input channels shorted together.

AC Electrical Characteristics (Continued)

Note 16: Channel leakage current is measured after the channel selection.

Note 17: Timing specifications are tested at the TTL logic levels, V_{IL} = 0.4V for a falling edge and V_{IH} = 2.4V for a rising edge. TRI-STATE output voltage is forced to 1.4V.

Note 18: The ADC12L030 family's self-calibration technique ensures linearity and offset errors as specified, but noise inherent in the self-calibration process will result in a maximum repeatability uncertainty of 0.2 LSB.

Note 19: If SCLK and CCLK are driven from the same clock source, then t_A is 6, 10, 18 or 34 clock periods minimum and maximum.

Note 20: The "12-Bit Conversion of Offset" and "12-Bit Conversion of Full-Scale" modes are intended to test the functionality of the device. Therefore, the output data from these modes are not an indication of the accuracy of a conversion result.

TEMPERATURE (°C)

Typical Performance Characteristics The following curves apply for 12-bit + sign mode after auto-calibration unless otherwise specified. The performance for 8-bit + sign mode is equal to or better than shown. [\(Note](#page-7-0) [9\)](#page-7-0) (Continued)

Test Circuits

Leakage Current

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Note: In order for all 9 bits of status information to be accessible the last conversion programmed before Cycle N needs to have a resolution of 8 bits plus sign, 12 bits, 12 bits plus sign, or greater.

Timing Diagrams (Continued)

FIGURE 6. Protecting the MUXOUT1, MUXOUT2, A/DIN1 and A/DIN2 Analog Pins

Format and Set-Up Tables

TABLE 1. Data Out Formats

DO Formats			DB0 DB1		DB ₂	DB ₃	DB4			DB5 DB6 DB7								DB8 DB9 DB10 DB11 DB12 DB13 DB14 DB15 DB16	
with Sign	MSB First	17 Bits	X	X	X	X	Sign MSB		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	$\overline{2}$		LSB
		13 Bits		Sign MSB	10	9	8	$\overline{}$	6	5	4	3	2		LSB				
		9 Bits	Sign	MSB	6	5	4	3	2		LSB								
	LSB First	17 Bits	LSB		2	3	4	5	6	$\overline{7}$	8	9	10	MSB	Sign	X	X	X	X
		13 Bits	LSB		2	3	4	5	6	$\overline{ }$	8	9	10	MSB	Sign				
		9 Bits	LSB		2	3	4	5	6	MSB	Sign								
without Sign	MSB First	16 Bits	Ω	0	Ω	Ω	MSB	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2		LSB	
		12 Bits MSB		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2		LSB					
		8 Bits MSB		6	5	4	3	2		LSB									
	LSB First	16 Bits	LSB		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	MSB	Ω	0	Ω	0	
		12 Bits	LSB		2	3	4	5	6	$\overline{7}$	8	9	10	MSB					
		8 Bits	LSB		2	3	4	5	6	MSB									

 $X = High or Low state.$

Format and Set-Up Tables (Continued)

TABLE 2. ADC12L038 Multiplexer Addressing

TABLE 3. ADC12L034 Multiplexer Addressing

Format and Set-Up Tables (Continued)

The ADC12L030 does not have A/DIN1, A/DIN2, MUXOUT1 and MUXOUT2 pins.

TABLE 5. Mode Programming

 $X = Don't Care$

The A/D powers up with no Auto-Cal, no Auto-Zero, 10 CCLK acquisition time, 12-bit + sign conversion, power up, 12- or

13-bit MSB first and user mode.

Format and Set-Up Tables (Continued)

TABLE 6. Conversion/Read Data Only Mode Programming

$\overline{\text{cs}}$	CONV	PD	Mode				
			See Table 5 for Mode				
	н		Read Only (Previous DO Format) No Conversion				
н	x		Idle				
x	Χ		Power Down				
$X = Don't Care$							

TABLE 7. Status Register

Application Information

1.0 DIGITAL INTERFACE

1.1 Interface Concepts

The example in Figure 7 shows a typical sequence of events after the power is applied to the ADC12L030/2/4/8:

FIGURE 7. Typical Power Supply Power Up Sequence

The first instruction input to the A/D via DI initiates Auto-Cal. The data output on DO at that time is meaningless and is completely random. To determine whether the Auto-Cal has been completed, a read status instruction is issued to the A/D. Again the data output at that time has no significance since the Auto-Cal procedure modifies the data in the output shift register. To retrieve the status information, an additional read status instruction is issued to the A/D. At this time the status data is available on DO. If the Cal signal in the status word is low Auto-Cal has been completed. Therefore, the next instruction issued can start a conversion. The data output at this time is again status information. To keep noise from corrupting the A/D conversion, the status can not be read during a conversion. If \overline{CS} is brought low during a conversion, that conversion is prematurely ended. EOC can be used to determine the end of a conversion or the A/D controller can keep track in software of when it would be appropriate to communicate to the A/D again. Once it has been determined that the A/D has completed a conversion

another instruction can be transmitted to the A/D. The data from this conversion can be accessed when the next instruction is issued to the A/D.

Note, when \overline{CS} is low continuously it is important to transmit the exact number of SCLK cycles, as shown in the timing diagrams. Not doing so will desynchronize the serial communication to the A/D (see Section 1.3).

1.2 Changing Configuration

The configuration of the ADC12L030/2/4/8 on power up defaults to 12-bit plus sign resolution, 12- or 13-bit MSB First, 10 CCLK acquisition time, user mode, no Auto-Cal, no Auto-Zero, and power up mode. Changing the acquisition time and turning the sign bit on and off requires an 8-bit instruction to be issued to the ADC. This instruction will not start a conversion. The instructions that select a multiplexer address and format the output data do start a conversion. Figure 8 describes an example of changing the configuration of the ADC12L030/2/4/8.

During I/O sequence 1, the instruction at DI configures the ADC12L030/2/4/8 to do a conversion with 12-bit +sign resolution. Notice that when the 6 CCLK Acquisition and Data Out without Sign instructions are issued to the ADC, I/O sequences 2 and 3, a new conversion is not started. The data output during these instructions is from conversion N which was started during I/O sequence 1. The Configuration Modification timing diagram describes in detail the sequence of events necessary for a Data Out without Sign, Data Out with Sign, or 6/10/18/34 CCLK Acquisition time mode selection. [Table](#page-21-0) 5 describes the actual data necessary to be input to the ADC to accomplish this configuration modification. The next instruction, shown in Figure 8, issued to the A/D starts conversion N+1 with 8 bits of resolution formatted MSB first. Again the data output during this I/O cycle is the data from conversion N.

FIGURE 8. Changing the ADC's Conversion Configuration

The number of SCLKs applied to the A/D during any conversion I/O sequence should vary in accord with the data out word format chosen during the previous conversion I/O sequence. The various formats and resolutions available are shown in [Table](#page-19-0) 1. In Figure 8, since 8-bit without sign MSB first format was chosen during I/O sequence 4, the number of SCLKs required during I/O sequence 5 is 8. In the following I/O sequence the format changes to 12-bit without sine MSB first; therefore the number of SCLKs required during I/O sequence 6 changes accordingly to 12.

1.3 CS Low Continuously Considerations

When \overline{CS} is continuously low, it is important to transmit the exact number of SCLK pulses that the ADC expects. Not doing so will desynchronize the serial communications to the ADC. When the supply power is first applied to the ADC, it will expect to see 13 SCLK pulses for each I/O transmission. The number of SCLK pulses that the ADC expects to see is the same as the digital output word length. The digital output word length is controlled by the Data Out (DO) format. The DO format maybe changed any time a conversion is started or when the sign bit is turned on or off. The table below details out the number of clock periods required for different

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DO formats:

If erroneous SCLK pulses desynchronize the communications, the simplest way to recover is by cycling the power supply to the device. Not being able to easily resynchronize the device is a shortcoming of leaving \overline{CS} low continuously.

The number of clock pulses required for an I/O exchange may be different for the case when CS is left low continuously vs. the case when CS is cycled. Take the I/O sequence detailed in [Figure](#page-23-0) ⁷ (Typical Power Supply Sequence) as an example. The table below lists the number of SCLK pulses required for each instruction:

1.4 Analog Input Channel Selection

The data input on DI also selects the channel configuration for a particular A/D conversion (See Tables [2,](#page-20-0) [3,](#page-20-0) [4,](#page-21-0) [5](#page-21-0)). In [Figure](#page-23-0) 8 the only times when the channel configuration could be modified would be during I/O sequences 1, 4, 5 and 6. Input channels are reselected before the start of each new conversion. Shown below is the data bit stream required on DI, during I/O sequence number 4 in [Figure](#page-23-0) 8, to set CH1 as the positive input and CH0 as the negative input for the different versions of ADCs:

Where X can be a logic high (H) or low (L).

1.5 Power Up/Down

The ADC may be powered down by taking the PD pin HIGH or by the instruction input on DI (see Tables [5,](#page-21-0) [6](#page-22-0), and the Power Up/Down timing diagrams). When the ADC is powered down in this way, the A/D conversion circuitry is deactivated, but the digital I/O circuitry is kept active. Hardware power up/down is controlled by the state of the PD pin. Software power up/down is controlled by the instruction issued to the ADC. If a software power up instruction is issued to the ADC while a hardware power down is in effect

(PD pin high) the device will remain in the power-down state. If a software power down instruction is issued to the ADC while a hardware power up is in effect (PD pin low), the device will power down. When the device is powered down by software, it may be powered up by either issuing a software power up instruction or by taking PD pin high and then low. If the power down command is issued during an A/D conversion, that conversion is disrupted. Therefore, the data output after power up cannot be relied on.

1.6 User Mode and Test Mode

An instruction may be issued to the ADC to put it into test mode, which is used by the manufacturer to verify complete functionality of the device. During test mode CH0–CH7 become active outputs. If the device is inadvertently put into the test mode with $\overline{\text{CS}}$ low continuously, the serial communications may be desynchronized. Synchronization may be regained by cycling the power supply voltage to the device. Cycling the power supply voltage will also set the device into user mode. If \overline{CS} is used in the serial interface, the ADC may be queried to see what mode it is in. This is done by issuing a "read STATUS register" instruction to the ADC. When bit 9 of the status register is high the ADC is in test mode; when bit 9 is low the ADC is in user mode. As an alternative to cycling the power supply, an instruction sequence may be used to return the device to user mode. This instruction sequence must be issued to the ADC using \overline{CS} . The following table lists the instructions required to return the device to user mode. Note that this **entire sequence**, including both Test Mode and User Mode values, should be sent to recover from the test mode.

X = Don't Care

1.7 Reading the Data Without Starting a Conversion

The data from a particular conversion may be accessed without starting a new conversion by ensuring that the CONV line is taken high during the I/O sequence. See the Read Data timing diagrams. [Table](#page-22-0) 6 describes the operation of the CONV pin.

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE ANALOG MULTIPLEXER

For the ADC12L038, the analog input multiplexer can be configured with 4 differential channels or 8 single ended channels with the COM input as the zero reference or any combination thereof (see [Figure](#page-25-0) 9). The difference between

the voltages on the V_{REF}^+ and V_{REF}^- pins determines the input voltage span (V $_{\mathsf{REF}}$). The analog input voltage range is 0 to V_A^+ . Negative digital output codes result when V_{IN}^- > V_{IN} ⁺. The actual voltage at V_{IN}^- or V_{IN}^+ cannot go below AGND.

CH0, CH2, CH4, and CH6 can be assigned to the MUX-OUT1 pin in the differential configuration, while CH1, CH3, CH5, and CH7 can be assigned to the MUXOUT2 pin. In the differential configuration, the analog inputs are paired as follows: CH0 with CH1, CH2 with CH3, CH4 with CH5 and CH6 with CH7. The A/DIN1 and A/DIN2 pins can be assigned positive or negative polarity.

With the single-ended multiplexer configuration CH0 through CH7 can be assigned to the MUXOUT1 pin. The COM pin is always assigned to the MUXOUT2 pin. A/DIN1 is assigned as the positive input; A/DIN2 is assigned as the negative input. (See Figure 10).

The Multiplexer assignment tables for the ADC12L030,2,4,8 (Tables [2,](#page-20-0) [3,](#page-20-0) [4](#page-21-0)) summarize the aforementioned functions for the different versions of A/Ds.

> **8 Single-Ended Channels with COM as Zero Reference**

> > CHO

 $CH₁$ CH₂

CH₃

 $CH4$ CH₅

CH₆

CH₇

COM

FIGURE 9.

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A/DIN1 and A/DIN2 can be assigned as the + or - input

A/DIN1 is + input A/DIN2 is − input

FIGURE 10.

FIGURE 11. Single-Ended Biasing

2.1 Biasing for Various Multiplexer Configurations

Figure 11 is an example of biasing the device for singleended operation. The sign bit is always low. The digital output range is 0 0000 0000 0000 to 0 1111 1111 1111. One LSB is equal to 610 µV (2.5V/4096 LSBs).

For pseudo-differential signed operation the biasing circuit shown in [Figure](#page-27-0) 13 shows a signal AC coupled to the ADC. This gives a digital output range of −4096 to +4095. With a 1.25V reference, 1 LSB is equal to 305 µV. Although the ADC is not production tested with a 1.25V reference, linearity error typically will not change more than 0.3 LSB. With the ADC set to an acquisition time of 10 clock periods the input biasing resistor needs to be 600Ω or less. Notice though that the input coupling capacitor needs to be made fairly large to bring down the high pass corner. Increasing the acquisition time to 34 clock periods (with a 5 MHz CCLK frequency) would allow the 600Ω to increase to 6k, which with a 1 μ F coupling capacitor would set the high pass corner at 26 Hz. The value of R1 will depend on the value of R2.

An alternative method for biasing pseudo-differential operation is to use the +1.25V from the LM4040 to bias any amplifier circuits driving the ADC as shown in Figure 12. The value of the resistor pull-up biasing the LM4040-2.5 will depend upon the current required by the op amp biasing circuitry.

Fully differential operation is shown in [Figure](#page-27-0) 14. One LSB for this case is equal to $(2.5V/4096) = 610$ mV.

FIGURE 13. Pseudo-Differential Biasing with the Signal Source AC Coupled Directly into the ADC

3.0 REFERENCE VOLTAGE

The difference in the voltages applied to the V_{REF}^+ and V_{REF} ⁻ defines the analog input span (the difference between the voltage applied between two multiplexer inputs or the voltage applied to one of the multiplexer inputs and analog ground), over which 4095 positive and 4096 negative codes exist. The voltage sources driving $\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{REF}}{}^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$ or $\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{REF}}{}^{\scriptscriptstyle -}$ must have very low output impedance and noise.

The ADC12L030/2/4/8 can be used in either ratiometric or absolute reference applications. In ratiometric systems, the analog input voltage is proportional to the voltage used for the ADC's reference voltage. When this voltage is the system power supply, the V_{REF}^+ pin is connected to V_A^+ and V_{REF} ⁻ is connected to ground. This technique relaxes the system reference stability requirements because the analog input voltage and the ADC reference voltage move together. This maintains the same output code for given input conditions. For absolute accuracy, where the analog input voltage varies between very specific voltage limits, a time and temperature stable voltage source can be connected to the reference inputs. Typically, the reference voltage's magnitude will require an initial adjustment to null reference voltage induced full-scale errors.

Below are recommended references along with some key specifications.

The reference voltage inputs are not fully differential. The ADC12L030/2/4/8 will not generate correct conversions or comparisons if V_{REF} ⁺ is taken below V_{REF} ⁻. Correct conversions result when V_{REF} ⁺ and V_{REF} ⁻ differ by 1V and remain, at all times, between ground and V_A^+ . The V_{REF} common mode range, $(V_{REF}^+ + V_{REF}^-)/2$, is restricted to $(0.1 \times V_A^+)$ to (0.6 x V_A^+). Therefore, with $V_A^+ = 3.3V$ the center of the reference ladder should not go below 0.33V or above 1.98V. Figure 15 is a graphic representation of the voltage restrictions on V_{REF} ⁺ and V_{REF} ⁻.

FIGURE 15. V_{REF} Operating Range

4.0 ANALOG INPUT VOLTAGE RANGE

The ADC12L030/2/4/8's fully differential ADC generate a two's complement output that is found by using the equations shown below:

for (12-bit) resolution the Output Code =

$$
\frac{(V_{IN}^+ - V_{IN}^-)(4096)}{(V_{REF}^+ - V_{REF}^-)}
$$

for (8-bit) resolution the Output Code =

$$
\frac{\left(V_{\text{IN}}{}^{+}-V_{\text{IN}}{}^{-}\right) (256)}{\left(V_{\text{REF}}{}^{+}-V_{\text{REF}}{}^{-}\right)}
$$

Round off to the nearest integer value between −4096 to 4095 for 12-bit resolution and between −256 to 255 for 8-bit resolution if the result of the above equation is not a whole number.

Examples are shown in the table below:

5.0 INPUT CURRENT

At the start of the acquisition window (t_A) a charging current flows into or out of the analog input pins (A/DIN1 and A/DIN2) depending on the input voltage polarity. The analog input pins are CH0–CH7 and COM when A/DIN1 is tied to MUXOUT1 and A/DIN2 is tied to MUXOUT2. The peak value of this input current will depend on the actual input voltage applied, the source impedance and the internal multiplexer switch on resistance. With MUXOUT1 tied to A/DIN1 and MUXOUT2 tied to A/DIN2 the internal multiplexer switch on resistance is typically 1.6 kΩ. The A/DIN1 and A/DIN2 mux on resistance is typically 750Ω.

6.0 INPUT SOURCE RESISTANCE

For low impedance voltage sources ($<600\Omega$), the input charging current will decay, before the end of the S/H's acquisition time of 2 μ s (10 CCLK periods with $f_C = 5$ MHz), to a value that will not introduce any conversion errors. For high source impedances, the S/H's acquisition time can be increased to 18 or 34 CCLK periods. For less ADC resolution and/or slower CCLK frequencies the S/H's acquisition time may be decreased to 6 CCLK periods. To determine the number of clock periods (N $_{\rm c}$) required for the acquisition time with a specific source impedance for the various resolutions the following equations can be used:

12 Bit + Sign $N_C = [R_S + 2.3] \times I_C \times 0.824$

8 Bit + Sign $N_C = [R_S + 2.3] \times I_C \times 0.57$

Where f_C is the conversion clock (CCLK) frequency in MHz and R_S is the external source resistance in k Ω . As an example, operating with a resolution of 12 Bits+sign, a 5 MHz clock frequency and maximum acquisition time of 34 conversion clock periods the ADC's analog inputs can handle a source impedance as high as 6 k Ω . The acquisition time may also be extended to compensate for the settling or response time of external circuitry connected between the MUXOUT and A/DIN pins.

An acquisition is started by a falling edge of SCLK and ends with a rising edge of CCLK (see Timing Diagrams). If SCLK and CCLK are asynchronous one extra CCLK clock period may be inserted into the programmed acquisition time for synchronization. Therefore, with asynchronous SCLK and CCLK, the acquisition time will change from conversion to conversion.

7.0 INPUT BYPASS CAPACITANCE

External capacitors (0.01 µF–0.1 µF) can be connected between the analog input pins, CH0–CH7, and analog ground to filter any noise caused by inductive pickup associated with long input leads. These capacitors will not degrade the conversion accuracy.

8.0 NOISE

The leads to each of the analog multiplexer input pins should be kept as short as possible. This will minimize input noise and clock frequency coupling that can cause conversion errors. Input filtering can be used to reduce the effects of the noise sources.

9.0 POWER SUPPLIES

Noise spikes on the V_A^+ and V_D^+ supply lines can cause conversion errors; the comparator will respond to the noise. The ADC is especially sensitive to any power supply spikes that occur during the auto-zero or linearity correction. The minimum power supply bypassing capacitors recommended are low inductance tantalum capacitors of 10 µF or greater paralleled with 0.1 µF monolithic ceramic capacitors. More or different bypassing may be necessary depending on the overall system requirements. Separate bypass capacitors should be used for the V_A^+ and V_D^+ supplies and placed as close as possible to these pins.

10.0 GROUNDING

The ADC12L030/2/4/8's performance can be maximized through proper grounding techniques. These include the use of separate analog and digital areas of the board with analog and digital components and traces located only in their respective areas. Bypass capacitors of 0.01 µF and 0.1 µF surface mount capacitors and a 10 µF are recommended at each of the power supply pins for best performance. These capacitors should be located as close to the bypassed pin as practical, especially the smaller value capacitors.

11.0 CLOCK SIGNAL LINE ISOLATION

The ADC12L030/2/4/8's performance is optimized by routing the analog input/output and reference signal conductors as far as possible from the conductors that carry the clock signals to the CCLK and SCLK pins. Maintaining a separation of at least 7 to 10 times the height of the clock trace above its reference plane is recommended.

12.0 THE CALIBRATION CYCLE

A calibration cycle needs to be started after the power supplies, reference, and clock have been given enough time to stabilize after initial turn on. During the calibration cycle, correction values are determined for the offset voltage of the sampled data comparator and any linearity and gain errors. These values are stored in internal RAM and used during an analog-to-digital conversion to bring the overall full-scale, offset, and linearity errors down to the specified limits. Fullscale error typically changes ±0.4 LSB over temperature and linearity error changes even less; therefore it should be necessary to go through the calibration cycle only once after power up if the Power Supply Voltage and the ambient temperature do not change significantly (see the curves in the Typical Performance Characteristics).

13.0 THE AUTO-ZERO CYCLE

To correct for any change in the zero (offset) error of the A/D, the auto-zero cycle can be used. It may be necessary to do an auto-zero cycle whenever the ambient temperature or the

power supply voltage change significantly. (See the curves titled "Zero Error Change vs. Ambient Temperature" and "Zero Error Change vs. Supply Voltage" in the Typical Performance Characteristics.)

14.0 DYNAMIC PERFORMANCE

Many applications require the A/D converter to digitize AC signals, but the standard DC integral and differential nonlinearity specifications will not accurately predict the A/D converter's performance with AC input signals. The important specifications for AC applications reflect the converter's ability to digitize AC signals without significant spectral errors and without adding noise to the digitized signal. Dynamic characteristics such as signal-to-noise (S/N), signal-to-noise + distortion ratio ($S/(N + D)$), effective bits, full power bandwidth, aperture time and aperture jitter are quantitative measures of the A/D converter's capability.

An A/D converter's AC performance can be measured using Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) methods. A sinusoidal waveform is applied to the A/D converter's input, and the transform is then performed on the digitized waveform. $S/(N + D)$ and S/N are calculated from the resulting FFT data, and a spectral plot may also be obtained. Typical values for S/N are shown in the table of Electrical Characteristics, and spectral plots of $S/(N + D)$ are included in the typical performance curves..

The A/D converter's noise and distortion levels will change with the frequency of the input signal, with more distortion and noise occurring at higher signal frequencies. This can be seen in the $S/(N + D)$ versus frequency curves. These curves will also give an indication of the full power bandwidth (the frequency at which the $S/(N + D)$ or S/N drops 3 dB).

Effective number of bits can also be useful in describing the A/D's noise and distortion performance. An ideal A/D converter will have some amount of quantization noise, determined by its resolution, and no distortion, which will yield an optimum $S/(N + D)$ ratio given by the following equation:

$$
S/(N + D) = (6.02 \times n + 1.76)
$$
 dB

where "n" is the A/D's resolution in bits.

Since the ideal A/D converter has no distortion, the effective bits of a real A/D converter, therefore, can be found by::

 n (effective) = ENOB = $(S/(N + D) - 1.76 / 6.02)$

As an example, this device with a $\pm 2.5V$, 10 kHz sine wave input signal will typically have a S/N of 78 dB, which is equivalent to 12.6 effective bits.

15.0 AN RS232 SERIAL INTERFACE

Shown below is a schematic for an RS232 interface to any IBM and compatible PCs. The DTR, RTS, and CTS RS232 signal lines are buffered via level translators and connected to the ADC12L038's DI, SCLK, and DO pins, respectively. The D flip flop drive the \overline{CS} control line.

01183045 Note: V_A^+ , V_D^+ , and V_{REF}^+ on the ADC12L038 each have 0.01 µF and 0.1 µF chip caps, and 10 µF tantalum caps. All logic devices are bypassed with 0.1 µF caps. The DS14C335 has an internal DC-DC converter that generates the necessary TIA/EIA-232-E output levels from a 3.3V supply. There are four 0.47 µF capacitors required for the DC-DC converter that are not shown in the above schematic.

The assignment of the RS232 port is shown below

A sample program, written in Microsoft™ QuickBasic, is shown on the next page. The program prompts for data mode select instruction to be sent to the A/D. This can be found from the Mode Programming table shown earlier. The data should be entered in "1"s and "0"s as shown in the table with DI0 first. Next the program prompts for the number of SCLKs required for the programmed mode select instruction. For instance, to send all "0"s to the A/D, selects CH0 as the +input, CH1 as the −input, 12-bit conversion, and 13-bit MSB first data output format (if the sign bit was not turned off by a previous instruction). This would require 13 SCLK periods since the output data format is 13 bits. The device powers up with No Auto-Cal, No Auto-Zero, 10 CCLK Acquisition Time,

12-bit conversion, data out with sign, 12- or 13-bit MSB First, power up, and user mode. Auto-Cal, Auto-Zero, Power UP and Power Down instructions do not change these default settings. The following power up sequence should be followed:

- 1. Run the program
- 2. Prior to responding to the prompt apply the power to the ADC12L038
- 3. Respond to the program prompts

It is recommended that the first instruction issued to the ADC12L038 be Auto-Cal (see Section 1.1).

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Application Information (Continued)

'variables DOL=Data Out word length, DI=Data string for A/D DI input, D0=A/D result string 'SET CS# HIGH 'set RTS HIGH OUT &H3FC, (&H2 OR INP (&H3FC)) OUT &H3FC, (&HFE AND INP (&H3FC)) 'SET DTR LOW OUT &H3FC, (&HFD AND INP (&H3FC)) 'SET RTS LOW OUT &H3FC, (&HEF AND INP (&H3FC)) 'set B4 low 10 LINE INPUT "DI data for ADC12038 (see Mode Table on data sheet)"; DI\$ INPUT "ADC12038 output word length (8,9,12,13,16 or 17)"; DOL 20 'SET CS# HIGH OUT &H3FC, (&H2 OR INP (&H3FC)) 'set RTS HIGH 'SET DTR LOW OUT &H3FC, (&HFE AND INP (&H3FC)) OUT &H3FC, (&HFD AND INP (&H3FC)) 'SET RTS LOW 'SET CS# LOW 'set RTS HIGH OUT &H3FC, (&H2 OR INP (&H3FC)) OUT &H3FC, (&H1 OR INP (&H3FC)) 'SET DTR HIGH OUT &H3FC, (&HFD AND INP (&H3FC)) 'SET RTS LOW DO = "$ 'reset DO variable 'SET DTR HIGH OUT &H3FC, (&H1 OR INP (&H3FC)) OUT &H3FC, (&HFD AND INP (&H3FC)) 'SCLK low FOR N=1 TO 8 $Temp$=MID$(DI$, N, 1)$ IF Temp\$="O"THEN OUT &H3FC, (&H1 OR INP(&H3FC)) ELSE OUT &H3FC, (&HFE AND INP (&H3FC)) END IF 'out DI OUT &H3FC, (&H2 OR INP (&H3FC)) 'SCLK high IF (INP (&H3FE) AND 16)=16 THEN DO=DO$$ +" $O"$ **ELSE** D0\$=D0\$+"1" 'Input DO END IF OUT &H3FC, (&H1 OR INP (&H3FC)) 'SET DTR HIGH 'SCLK low OUT &H3FC, (&HFD AND INP (&H3FC)) NEXT N IF DOL>8 THEN FOR N=9 TO DOL OUT &H3FC, (&H1 OR INP (&H3FC)) 'SET DTR HIGH OUT &H3FC, (&HFD AND INP (&H3FC)) 'SCLK low 'SCLK high OUT &H3FC, (&H2 OR INP (&H3FC)) IF (INP(&H3FE) AND &H16)=&H16 THEN $D0$ = D0$ + "0"$ **ELSE** DO\$=DO\$+"1" END IF NEXT N END IF OUT &H3FC, (&HFA AND INP(&H3FC)) SCLK low and DI high FOR N=1 TO 500 NEXT N PRINT DO\$ INPUT "Enter "C" to convert else "RETURN" to alter DI data"; s\$ IF $s\$ =" C " OR $s\$ =" c " THEN GOTO 20 **ELSE** GOTO 10 END IF ${\tt END}$

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