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- Remote Sensor Placement (Decoupling the LDC than other competitive solutions.
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- Supply Voltage, Analog: 4.75 to 5.25 V
- Supply Voltage, IO: 1.8 to 5.25 V **Device Information[\(1\)](#page-0-0)**
- Supply Current (Without LC Tank): 1.7 mA
- R_P Resolution: 16-bit
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- LC Frequency Range: 5 kHz to 5 MHz

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- Rotational Position Sensor
- Linear Position Sensor
- Pedal Position Sensor
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Pin Functions

(1) DO: Digital Output, DI: Digital Input, P: Power, A: Analog

6 Specifications

6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted) $⁽¹⁾$ </sup>

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

6.2 Handling Ratings

(1) AEC Q100-002 indicates HBM stressing is done in accordance with the ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001 specification.

6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

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

6.4 Thermal Information

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

6.5 Electrical Characteristics

Unless otherwise specified, all limits ensured for $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C, $V_{DD} = 5$ V, $V_{10} = 3.3$ V

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6.6 Timing Requirements

Unless otherwise noted, all limits specified at T_A = 25°C, V_{DD} = 5 V, V_{IO} = 3.3 V, 10-pF capacitive load in parallel with a 10-kΩ load on the SDO. Specified by design; not production tested. See [Figure 1](#page-5-1)

Figure 1. Write Timing Diagram

Figure 2. Read Timing Diagram

6.7 Typical Characteristics

7 Detailed Description

7.1 Overview

The LDC1000-Q1 device is an inductance-to-digital converter that simultaneously measures the impedance and resonant frequency of an LC resonator. The device accomplishes this task by regulating the oscillation amplitude in a closed-loop configuration to a constant level, while monitoring the energy dissipated by the resonator. By monitoring the amount of power injected into the resonator, the LDC1000-Q1 device can determine the value of R_P . When the value is determined, the device returns this as a digital value which is inversely proportional to R_P . In addition, the LDC1000-Q1 device also measure the oscillation frequency of the LC circuit. This frequency is used to determine the inductance of the LC circuit. The device outputs a digital value that is inversely proportional to frequency.

The threshold detector block provides a comparator with hysteresis. With the threshold registers programed and comparator enabled, the proximity data register is compared with threshold registers and INTB pin indicates the output.

The device has a simple 4-wire SPI interface. The INTB pin provides multiple functions which are programmable with SPI.

The device has separate analog and I/O supplies. The analog supply operates at 5 V and the I/O operates at 1.8 to 5 V. The integrated LDO requires a 56-nF capacitor connected from the CLDO pin to GND.

7.2 Functional Block Diagram

7.3 Feature Description

7.3.1 Inductive Sensing

An alternating current (AC) flowing through a coil generates an AC magnetic field. If a conductive material, such as a metal target, is brought into the vicinity of the coil, this magnetic field induces circulating currents (eddy currents) on the surface of the target. These eddy currents are a function of the distance, size, and composition of the target. These eddy currents then generate a magnetic field that opposes the original field generated by the coil. This mechanism is best compared to a transformer, where the coil is the primary core and the eddy current is the secondary core. The inductive coupling between both cores depends on distance and shape. Hence the resistance and inductance of the secondary core (eddy current), shows up as a distant dependent resistive and inductive component on the primary side (coil). [Figure 5](#page-8-0) through [Figure 8](#page-9-0) show a simplified circuit model.

Figure 5. Inductor with a Metal Target

Eddy currents generated on the surface of the target can be modeled as a transformer as shown in [Figure 6](#page-8-1). The coupling between the primary and secondary coils is a function of the distance and characteristics of the conductor. In [Figure 6](#page-8-1), the inductance L_s is the inductance of the coil, and r_s is the parasitic series resistance of the coil. The inductance L(d), which is a function of distance, *d*, is the coupled inductance of the metal target. Likewise, R(d) is the parasitic resistance of the eddy currents.

Figure 6. Metal Target Modeled as L and R With Circulating Eddy Currents

Generating an alternating magnetic field with just an inductor consumes a large amount of power. This power consumption can be reduced by adding a parallel capacitor, turning the right part of [Figure 6](#page-8-1) into a resonator as shown in [Figure 7](#page-8-2). In this manner the power consumption is reduced to the eddy and inductor losses $r_s + R(d)$ only.

Figure 7. LC Tank Connected to Oscillator

The LDC1000-Q1 device does not directly measure the series resistance. Instead, the device measures the equivalent parallel resonance impedance R_P (see [Figure 8](#page-9-0)). This representation is equivalent to the representation shown in [Figure 8](#page-9-0), where the parallel resonance impedance $R_P(d)$ is given by [Equation 1.](#page-9-1)

 $R_P(d) = (1 / ([r_s + R(d)]) \times ([L_s + L(d)]) / C$ (1) $R_P = (1 / r_s) \times (L / C)$) \times (L / C) (2)

[Figure 9](#page-9-2) shows the variation in R_P as a function of distance for a 14-mm diameter PCB coil (23 turns, 4-mil trace width, 4-mil spacing between trace,1-oz copper thickness, FR4). The target metal used is a stainless steel 2-mm thick.

Figure 9. Typical R^P versus Distance With a 14-mm PCB Coil

7.3.2 Measuring Parallel Resonance Impedance and Inductance with LDC1000-Q1

The LDC1000-Q1 device is an inductance-to-digital converter that simultaneously measures the impedance and resonant frequency of an LC resonator. The device accomplishes this task by regulating the oscillation amplitude in a closed-loop configuration to a constant level, while monitoring the energy dissipated by the resonator. By monitoring the amount of power injected into the resonator, the LDC1000-Q1 device can determine the value of R_P . The device returns this value as a digital value which is inversely proportional to R_P . In addition, the LDC1000-Q1 device can also measure the oscillation frequency of the LC circuit. This frequency is used to determine the inductance of the LC circuit. The oscillation frequency is returned as a digital value.

The LDC1000-Q1 device supports a wide range of LC combinations with oscillation frequencies ranging from 5 kHz to 5 MHz and R_P ranging from 798 Ω to 3.93 MΩ. This range of R_P can be viewed as the maximum input range of an ADC. As shown in [Figure 9](#page-9-2), the range of R_P is typically much smaller than maximum input range supported by the LDC1000-Q1 device. To achieve better resolution in the desired sensing range, the LDC1000- Q1 device offers a programmable input range through the Rp_MIN and Rp_MAX registers. See the *[Calculation](#page-25-2) [of Rp_Min and Rp_Max](#page-25-2)* section for how to set these registers.

When the resonance impedance of the sensor, R_P , drops below the programed R_P MIN, the R_P output of the LDC will clip at the full scale output. An example occurrence of this situation is when a target comes too close to the coil.

Use [Equation 3](#page-10-0) to calculate the resonance impedance from the digital output code.

 $R_P = (Rp_MAX \times Rp_MIN) / (Rp_MIN \times (1 - Y) + Rp_MAX \times Y),$ in Ω .

Where:

- $Y =$ Proximity Data / 2¹⁵
- Proximity data is the LDC output, register address 0x21 and 0x22. (3)

Example: If Proximity data (address 0x22 to 0x21) is 5000, Rp_MIN is 2.394 kΩ, and Rp_MAX is 38.785 kΩ, the resonance impedance is given by:

[Figure 11](#page-10-1) and [Figure 12](#page-10-1) show the change in RMS noise versus distance and a histogram of noise, with the target at an 0.8-mm distance from the sensor coil. Data was collected with a 14-mm PCB coil (23 turns, 4-mil trace width, 4-mil spacing between trace,1-oz copper thickness, FR4) with a sensing range of 0.125 mm to 1.125 mm. At a distance of 0.8 mm, the RMS noise is approximately 250 nm.

NOTE

Although the LDC1000-Q1 device has high resolution, the absolute accuracy depends on offset and gain correction which can be achieved by two-point calibration.

7.3.2.1 Measuring Inductance

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The LDC1000-Q1 device measures the frequency of the oscillation of the sensor by a frequency counter. The frequency counter timing is set by an external clock or crystal. Either the external clock (8 MHz typical) from a microcontroller can be provided on the TBCLK/XIN pin or a crystal can be connected on the TBCLK/XIN and XOUT pins. The clock mode is controlled through clock configuration register (address 0x05). The sensor resonance frequency is derived from the frequency-counter register value (see the *[Frequency Counter LSB](#page-23-0) [\(offset = 0x23\) \[reset = NA\]](#page-23-0)* section through the *[Frequency Counter MSB \(offset = 0x25\) \[reset = NA\]](#page-24-0)* section) as shown in [Equation 7.](#page-11-1)

 $f_{\text{sensor}} = (1/3) \times (f_{\text{ext}} / f_{\text{count}}) \times t_{\text{res}}$

where

- f_{sensor} is the sensor frequency
- f_{ext} is the frequency of the external clock or crystal
- fcount is the value obtained from the Frequency Counter Data register (see the *[Frequency Counter LSB \(offset =](#page-23-0) [0x23\) \[reset = NA\]](#page-23-0)* section through the *[Frequency Counter MSB \(offset = 0x25\) \[reset = NA\]](#page-24-0)* section)
- t_{res} is the programmed response time (see the *[LDC Configuration \(offset = 0x04\) \[reset = 0x1B\]](#page-19-0)* section) (7)

The inductance in H can be calculated with [Equation 8.](#page-11-2)

L=1 / [C \times (2 \times $\pi \times f_{\text{sensor}}$)²]

where

• C is the parallel capacitance of the resonator (8)

7.3.2.1.1 Example

If the following values are selected, $f_{ext} = 6$ Mhz, $t_{res} = 6144$, C = 10 0pF, and measured $f_{count} = 3000$ (decimal) (see the *[Frequency Counter LSB \(offset = 0x23\) \[reset = NA\]](#page-23-0)* section through the *[Frequency Counter MSB \(offset](#page-24-0) [= 0x25\) \[reset = NA\]](#page-24-0)* section) then:

 $f_{\text{sensor}} = 1/3 \times (6000000 / 3000) \times (6144) = 4.096 \text{ MHz}$ (9)

Now use [Equation 10.](#page-11-3)

$$
L = 1 / [C \times (2 \times \pi \times f_{\text{sensor}})^2]
$$

where

$$
\bullet \quad L = 15.098 \text{ }\mu\text{H} \tag{10}
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The accuracy of measurement largely depends upon the choice of the external time-base clock (TBCLK) or the crystal oscillator (XIN and XOUT).

7.4 Device Functional Modes

7.4.1 INTB Pin Modes

The INTB pin is a configurable output pin which can be used to drive an interrupt on an MCU. The LDC1000-Q1 device provides three different modes on the INTB pin which include:

- 1. Comparator mode
- 2. Wake-up mode
- 3. DRDY mode

The LDC1000-Q1 device has a built-in high trigger and low trigger threshold registers that can be a comparator with programmable hysteresis or a special mode that is used to wake-up an MCU. The following sections describe these modes in detail.

7.4.1.1 Comparator Mode

In the comparator mode, the INTB pin is asserted or de-asserted when the proximity register value increases above the threshold high registers or decreases below the threshold low registers respectively. In this mode, the function of the LDC1000-Q1 device is a proximity switch with programmable hysteresis.

Device Functional Modes (continued)

Figure 13. Behavior of the INTB Pin in Comparator Mode

7.4.1.2 Wake-Up Mode

In wake-up mode, the INTB pin is asserted when proximity register value increases above the threshold high registers and is deasserted when wake-up mode is disabled in the INTB pin mode register.

This mode can wake-up an MCU that is in sleep mode to conserve power.

Figure 14. Behavior of the INTB Pin in Wake-Up Mode

7.4.1.3 DRDYB Mode

In DRDY mode (default), the INTB pin is asserted every time the conversion data is available and is deasserted when the read command on register 0x21 is registered internally. If the read command is in progress, the pin is pulsed instead.

Device Functional Modes (continued)

Figure 15. Behavior of the INTB Pin in DRDYB Mode

7.5 Programming

7.5.1 Digital Interface

The LDC1000-Q1 device uses a 4-wire SPI interface to access control and data registers. The LDC1000-Q1 device is an SPI slave device and does not initiate any transactions.

7.5.1.1 SPI Description

A typical serial interface transaction begins with an 8-bit instruction that is comprised of a read-write (R/W) bit $(MSB, R = 1)$ and a 7-bit address of the register followed by a data field that is typically 8 bits. However, the data field can be extended to a multiple of 8 bits by providing sufficient SPI clocks. See the *[Extended SPI](#page-14-0) [Transactions](#page-14-0)* section.

Programming (continued)

Each assertion of the chip select bar (CSB) begins a new register access. The R/W bit in the command field configures the direction of the access. A value of 0 indicates a write operation and a value of 1 indicates a read operation. All output data is driven on the falling edge of the serial clock SCLK, and all input data is sampled on the rising edge of the serial clock SCLK. Data is written into the register on the rising edge of the 16th clock. Deasserting the CSB pin after the 16th clock is required. No data write occurs if the CSB pin is deasserted before the 16th clock.

7.5.1.2 Extended SPI Transactions

A transaction can be extended to multiple registers by keeping the CSB pin asserted beyond the stated 16 clocks. In this mode, the register addresses increment automatically. The CSB pin must be asserted during $8 \times$ (1+ *N*) clock cycles of SCLK, where *N* is the amount of bytes to write or read during the transaction.

During an extended read access, the SDO pin outputs register contents every 8 clock cycles after the initial 8 clocks of the command field. During an extended write access, the data is written to the registers every 8 clock cycles after the initial 8 clocks of the command field.

Extended transactions can be used to read 16-bits of proximity data and 24-bits of frequency data all in one SPI transaction by initiating a read from register 0x21.

7.6 Register Map

Table 1. Register Map(1)(2)

(1) Values of bits which are unused should be set to default values only.

(2) LEGEND R/W = read/write. R = read only. W = write only

 (3) When the device is in active mode (the PWR_MODE bit is SET), registers 0x01 through 0x05 are read only (R).

7.6.1 Register Description

7.6.1.1 Revision ID (offset = 0x00) [reset = 0x80]

Figure 17. Revision ID Register

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 2. Revision ID Field Descriptions

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7.6.1.2 Rp_MAX (offset = 0x01) [reset = 0x0E]

Figure 18. Rp_MAX Register

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LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 3. Rp_MAX Field Descriptions

7.6.1.3 Rp_MIN (offset = 0x02) [reset = 0x14]

Figure 19. Rp_MIN Register

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Figure 20. Sensor Frequency Register 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 Min Resonating Frequency R/W

7.6.1.5 LDC Configuration (offset = 0x04) [reset = 0x1B]

Figure 21. LDC Configuration Register

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 6. LDC Configuration Field Descriptions

7.6.1.4 Sensor Frequency (offset = 0x03) [reset = 0x45]

7.6.1.6 Clock Configuration (offset = 0x05) [reset = 0x01]

Figure 22. Clock Configuration Register

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/W$ rite; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Table 7. Clock Configuration Field Descriptions

7.6.1.7 Comparator Threshold High LSB (offset = 0x06) [reset = 0xFF]

Figure 23. Comparator Threshold High LSB Register

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 8. Comparator Threshold High LSB Field Descriptions

7.6.1.8 Comparator Threshold High MSB (offset = 0x07) [reset = 0xFF]

Figure 24. Comparator Threshold High MSB Register

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; $-n = value$ after reset

Table 9. Comparator Threshold High MSB Field Descriptions

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7.6.1.9 Comparator Threshold Low LSB (offset = 0x08) [reset = 0x00]

Figure 25. Comparator Threshold Low LSB Register

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Table 10. Comparator Threshold Low LSB Field Descriptions

7.6.1.10 Comparator Threshold Low MSB (offset = 0x09) [reset = 0x00]

Figure 26. Comparator Threshold Low MSB Register

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 11. Comparator Threshold Low MSB Field Descriptions

7.6.1.11 INTB Pin Configuration (offset = 0x0A) [reset = 0x00]

Figure 27. INTB Pin Configuration Register

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 12. INTB Pin Configuration Field Descriptions

7.6.1.12 Power Configuration (offset = 0x0B) [reset = 0x00]

Figure 28. Power Configuration Register

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 13. Power Configuration Field Descriptions

7.6.1.13 Status (offset = 0x20) [reset = NA]

Figure 29. Status Register

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Table 14. Status Field Descriptions

7.6.1.14 Proximity Data LSB (offset = 0x21) [reset = NA]

Figure 30. Proximity Data LSB Register

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 15. Proximity Data LSB Field Descriptions

7.6.1.15 Proximity Data MSB (offset = 0x22) [reset = NA]

Figure 31. Proximity Data MSB Register

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Table 16. Proximity Data MSB Field Descriptions

7.6.1.16 Frequency Counter LSB (offset = 0x23) [reset = NA]

Figure 32. Frequency Counter LSB Register

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Table 17. Frequency Counter LSB Field Descriptions

7.6.1.17 Frequency Counter Mid-Byte (offset = 0x24) [reset = NA]

Figure 33. Frequency Counter Mid-Byte Register

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 18. Frequency Counter Mid-Byte Field Descriptions

7.6.1.18 Frequency Counter MSB (offset = 0x25) [reset = NA]

Figure 34. Frequency Counter MSB Register

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Table 19. Frequency Counter MSB Field Descriptions(1)

(1) Care must be taken to ensure that the proximity data[15:0] and Frequency Counter[23:0] registers are all from same conversion. Conversion data is updated to these registers only when a read is initiated on 0x21 register. If the read is delayed between subsequent conversions, these registers are not updated until another read is initiated on 0x21.

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8 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.

8.1 Application Information

8.1.1 Calculation of Rp_Min and Rp_Max

Different sensing applications may have a different ranges of the resonance impedance R_P to measure. The LDC1000-Q1 measurement range of R_P is controlled by setting two registers: Rp_MIN and Rp_MAX. For a given application, R_P must never be outside the range set by these register values, otherwise the measured value will be clipped. For optimal sensor resolution, the range of Rp_MIN to Rp_MAX should not be unnecessarily large. The following procedure is recommended to determine the Rp_MIN and Rp_MAX register values.

8.1.1.1 Rp_MAX

Rp_MAX sets the upper limit of the LDC1000-Q1 resonant impedance input range.

- Configure the sensor such that the eddy-current losses are minimized. As an example, for a proximity sensing application, set the distance between the sensor and the target to the maximum sensing distance.
- Measure the resonant impedance R_P using an impedance analyzer.
- Multiply R_P by 2 and use the next higher value from the register settings listed in [Table 3](#page-17-0).

For example, if R_P is measured at 18 kΩ, 18000 × 2 = 36000. Referring to [Table 3](#page-17-0), 38.785 kΩ is the smallest value larger than 36 kΩ; therefore Rp_MAX should be set to 0x11.

Setting Rp_MAX to a value not listed in [Table 3](#page-17-0) can result in indeterminate behavior.

8.1.1.2 Rp_MIN

Rp_MIN sets the lower limit of the LDC1000-Q1 resonant impedance input range.

- Configure the sensor such that the eddy current losses are maximized. As an example, for a proximity sensing application, set the distance between the sensor and the metal target to the minimum sensing distance.
- Measure the resonant impedance R_P using an impedance analyzer.
- Divide the R_P value by 2 and then select the next lower R_P value from the register settings listed in [Table 4](#page-18-0).

For example, if R_P at 1 mm is measured to be 5 kΩ, 5000 / 2 = 2500. Referring to [Table 4](#page-18-0), 2.394 kΩ is the smallest value smaller than 2.5 k Ω which corresponds to an Rp_MIN value of 0x3B.

Setting Rp_MIN to a value not listed on [Table 4](#page-18-0) can result in indeterminate behavior. In addition, Rp_MIN powers on with a default value of 0x14 which must be set to a value from [Table 4](#page-18-0) prior to powering on the LDC.

8.1.2 Output Data Rate

The output data rate of the LDC1000-Q1 device depends on the sensor frequency, f_{sensor} and the Response Time[2-0] field in the LDC configuration register (address: 0x04).

Output data rate = f_{sensor} / (Response Time[2-0] / 3) in SPS (samples per second) (14)

8.1.2.1 Example

If the following values are selected, $f_{\text{sensor}} = 5$ Mhz and Response Time[2-0] = 192, then:

Output data rate $= 5$ MHz / (192 / 3) $= 78.125$ KSPS (15)

Application Information (continued)

8.1.3 Selecting a Filter Capacitor (CFA and CFB Pins)

The filter capacitor is critical to the operation of the LDC1000-Q1 device. The capacitor should be low leakage, temperature stable, and it must not generate any piezoelectric noise (the dielectrics of many capacitors exhibit piezoelectric characteristics and any such noise is coupled directly through R_P into the converter). The optimal capacitance values range from 20 pF to 100 nF. The value of the capacitor is based on the time constant and resonating frequency of the LC tank.

If a ceramic capacitor is used, then a C0G (or NP0) grade dielectric is recommended. The voltage rating should be 10 V or higher. The traces connecting the CFA and CFB pins to the capacitor should be as short as possible to minimize any parasitics.

For optimal performance, the selected filter capacitor, connected between the CFA and CFB pins, must be as small as possible but large enough such that the active filter does not saturate. The size of this capacitor depends on the time constant of the sense coil, which is given by L / r_s (L = inductance, r_s = series resistance of the inductor at oscillation frequency). The larger this time constant, the larger filter capacitor is required. Therefore the time constant reaches the maximum when there is no target present in front of the sensing coil.

Use the following procedure to find the optimal filter capacitance:

- 1. Use with a large filter capacitor. For a ferrite core coil, a value of 10 nF is generally large enough. For an air coil or PCB coil, a value of 100 pF is generally large enough.
- 2. Power on the LDC and set the desired register values.
- 3. Minimize the eddy currents losses by ensuring maximum clearance between the target and the sensing coil.
- 4. Observe the signal on the CFB pin using a scope. Because this node is very sensitive to capacitive loading, the use of an active probe is recommended. As an alternative, a passive probe with a 1-kΩ series resistance between the tip and the CFB pin can be used.
- 5. Vary the values of the filter capacitor until the signal observed on the CFB pin has an amplitude of approximately 1 V_{PP} . This signal scales linearly with the reciprocal of the filter capacitance. For example, if a 100-pF filter capacitor is applied and the signal observed on the CFB pin has a peak-to-peak value of 200 mV, the desired 1-V_{PP} value is obtained using a filter capacitor value that is calculated with [Equation 16.](#page-26-0) $200 \text{ mV} / 1 \text{ V} \times 100 \text{ pF} = 20 \text{ pF}$ (16)

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8.2 Typical Application

Figure 36. Linear Position Sensing

Typical Application (continued)

Figure 37. Angular Position Sensing

8.2.1 Design Requirements

For this design example, use the following as the input parameters.

Table 20. Design Parameters

8.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

8.2.2.1 Sensor and Target

In this example, consider a sensor with the characteristics listed in [Table 21.](#page-28-0)

Table 21. Sensor Characteristics

The target material used is stainless steel.

8.2.2.2 Calculating a Sensor Capacitor

Sensor frequency depends on various factors in the application. In this example, use [Equation 17](#page-29-0) to calculate the sensor frequency in order to achieve an output data rate of 78 KSPS per the design parameter.

Output Data Rate =
$$
\frac{f_{\text{sensor}}}{\left(\frac{\text{Response time}}{3}\right)}
$$
 (17)

With the lowest response time (t_{res}) of 192 and output data rate of 78 KSPS, the calculated sensor frequency using [Equation 17](#page-29-0) is 4.99 MHz.

Use [Equation 18](#page-29-1) to calculate the sensor capacitor as 55 pF with a sensor inductance of 18 μ H.

$$
L = \frac{1}{C \times (2\pi \times f_{\text{sensor}})^2}
$$
(18)

8.2.2.3 Selecting a Filter Capacitor

Use the steps listed in the *[Selecting a Filter Capacitor \(CFA and CFB Pins\)](#page-26-1)* section to calculate a filter capacitor. For this example, the selected capacitor value is 20 pF. The following waveforms were taken on the CFB pin with a 14-mm, 2-layer PCB coil (23 turns, 4-mil trace width, 4-mil spacing between trace, 1-o.z copper thickness, FR4).

8.2.2.4 Setting Rp_MIN and Rp_MAX

To calculate the value for the Rp_MAX register, use the following value: Rp at 8 mm is 12.5 kΩ, 12500 \times 2 = 25000. Then 27.704 kΩ is the nearest value larger than 25 kΩ. Referring to [Table 3,](#page-17-0) this value corresponds to a Rp_MAX value of 0x12.

To calculate the value for the Rp_MAX register, use the following value: Rp at 1 mm is 5 k Ω , 5000 / 2 = 2500. Then 2.394 kΩ is the nearest value lower than 2.5 kΩ. Referring to [Table 4,](#page-18-0) this value corresponds to Rp_MIN value of 0x3B.

8.2.2.5 Calculating Minimum Sensor Frequency

Use [Equation 19](#page-29-2) to calculate the minimum sensor frequency.

$$
N = 68.94 \times \log_{10}\left(\frac{F}{2500}\right)
$$

where

• N is 227.51 (19)

For this example, round the value of N up to 228. This value must be written into the watchdog timer register, which is used to wake up the internal circuit when the sensor is saturated.

8.2.3 Application Curves

9 Power Supply Recommendations

The LDC1000-Q1 device is designed to operate from an analog supply range of 4.75 to 5.25 V and digital I/O supply range of 1.8 to 5.25 V. The analog supply voltage should be greater than or equal to the digital supply voltage for proper operation of the device. The supply voltage should be well regulated. If the supply is located more than a few inches from the LDC1000-Q1 device, additional bulk capacitance may be required in addition to the ceramic bypass capacitors.

10 Layout

10.1 Layout Guidelines

Use the following guidelines:

- Bypass the V_{DD} and VIO pin to ground with a low ESR ceramic bypass capacitor. A ceramic X7R dielectric capacitor with a value of $0.1 \mu F$ is recommend.
- Place the VDD, VIO, GND, and DGND pins as close to the device as possible. Take care to minimize the loop area formed by the bypass capacitor connection and the V_{DD} , VIO, GND, and DGND pins of the IC. See [Figure 42](#page-32-1) for a PCB layout example.
- Bypass the CLDO pin to the digital ground (DGND) with a ceramic bypass capacitor with a value of 56 nF.
- Connect the filter capacitor that is selected using the procedure listed in the *[Selecting a Filter Capacitor \(CFA](#page-26-1) [and CFB Pins\)](#page-26-1)* section between the CFA and CFB pins. Place the capacitor close to the CFA and CFB pins. Do not use any ground or power planes below the capacitor and the trace connecting the capacitor and the CFx pins.
- Use two separate ground planes for the ground (GND) and digital ground (DGND) for a star connection as recommended. See [Figure 42](#page-32-1) for a PCB layout example.

10.2 Layout Example

Bottom Layer

Figure 42. LDC10xx Board Layout

11 Device and Documentation Support

11.1 Trademarks

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11.2 Electrostatic Discharge Caution

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

11.3 Glossary

[SLYZ022](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SLYZ022) — *TI Glossary*.

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

12 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

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

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

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⁽²⁾ RoHS: TI defines "RoHS" to mean semiconductor products that are compliant with the current EU RoHS requirements for all 10 RoHS substances, including the requirement that RoHS substance do not exceed 0.1% by weight in homogeneous materials. Where designed to be soldered at high temperatures, "RoHS" products are suitable for use in specified lead-free processes. TI may reference these types of products as "Pb-Free".

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⁽⁶⁾ Lead/Ball Finish - Orderable Devices mav have multiple material finish options. Finish options are separated by a vertical ruled line. Lead/Ball Finish values may wrap to two lines if the finish value exceeds the maximum column width.

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_● Catalog: [LDC1000](http://focus.ti.com/docs/prod/folders/print/ldc1000.html)

NOTE: Qualified Version Definitions:

• Catalog - TI's standard catalog product

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TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION

QUADRANT ASSIGNMENTS FOR PIN 1 ORIENTATION IN TAPE

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*All dimensions are nominal

PACKAGE OUTLINE

PW0016A TSSOP - 1.2 mm max height

SMALL OUTLINE PACKAGE

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.
- 3. This dimension does not include mold flash, protrusions, or gate burrs. Mold flash, protrusions, or gate burrs shall not exceed 0.15 mm per side.
- 4. This dimension does not include interlead flash. Interlead flash shall not exceed 0.25 mm per side.
- 5. Reference JEDEC registration MO-153.

EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

PW0016A TSSOP - 1.2 mm max height

SMALL OUTLINE PACKAGE

NOTES: (continued)

6. Publication IPC-7351 may have alternate designs.

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

EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

PW0016A TSSOP - 1.2 mm max height

SMALL OUTLINE PACKAGE

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

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

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