

DACx1401 Single-Channel, 16-Bit and 12-Bit, High-Voltage Output DACs With Precision Internal Reference

1 Features

- Exceptional performance: 1LSB INL/DNL (maximum)
- Ultra-low glitch energy: 1nV-s
- Wide power supply:
	- Unipolar mode: +4.5V to +41.5V
	- Bipolar mode: ±4.5V to ±21.5V
- 14 user-programmable output ranges
	- $-$ ±5V, ±10V, ±20V
	- 0V to 5V, 0V to 10V, 0V to 20V, 0V to 40V
	- 20% overrange (except ±20V and 0V to 40V)
- Integrated 10ppm/°C, 2.5V precision reference
- Reliability features:
	- Cyclic redundancy check (CRC)
	- Fault pin
- 50MHz, 4-wire SPI-compatible interface
	- Readback
	- Daisy-chain
- Temperature range: –55°C to +125°C
- Packages:
	- 20-pin TSSOP (PW)
	- 16-pin WQFN (RTE)

2 Applications

- [Semiconductor test and ATE](http://www.ti.com/solution/semiconductor-test)
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3 Description

The 16-bit DAC81401 and 12-bit DAC61401 (DACx1401) devices are a pin-compatible family of single-channel, buffered, high-voltage-output digitalto-analog converters (DACs) with an integrated 2.5V internal reference. These devices are specified monotonic and provide an exceptional linearity of less than 1LSB (maximum).

The DACx1401 offer bipolar output voltages of ±20V, ±10V, ±5V, and full-scale unipolar output voltages of 40V, 10V, and 5V. The DAC output range is programmable.

The DACx1401 incorporate a power-on-reset (POR) circuit that powers up the DAC output and keeps the devices in power-down mode until the outputs enable.

Communication to the devices is done through a high-speed, 4-wire serial interface compatible with industry-standard microprocessors and microcontrollers supporting 1.7V to 5.5V operation.

The DACx1401 are characterized for operation over the temperature range of –55°C to +125°C, and are available in a small 16-pin QFN and 20-pin TSSOP package.

Device Information PART NUMBER RESOLUTION PACKAGE(1) DAC61401 | 12-bit PW (TSSOP, 20) RTE (WQFN, 16) DAC81401 16-bit PW (TSSOP, 20) RTE (WQFN, 16)

(1) For more information, see [Section 11](#page-42-0).

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5 Specifications

5.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

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

(1) Operation outside the *Absolute Maximum Ratings* may cause permanent device damage. *Absolute Maximum Ratings* do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those listed under *Recommended Operating Conditions*. If used outside the *Recommended Operating Conditions* but within the *Absolute Maximum Ratings*, the device may not be fully functional, and this may affect device reliability, functionality, performance, and shorten the device lifetime.

5.2 ESD Ratings

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

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

5.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

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

5.4 Thermal Information

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

5.5 Electrical Characteristics

all minimum and maximum values at T_A = –40°C to +125°C; all typical values at T_A = 25°C, A_{VDD} = 4.5V to 41.5V, A_{VSS} = –21.5V to 0V, V_{DD} = 5.0V, V_{REFIO} = 2.5V (external reference), IOV_{DD} = 1.7V, V $_{\rm SENSEN}$ = 0V, DAC output unloaded, CCOMP unconnected, and digital inputs at IOV $_{\text{DD}}$ or GND (unless otherwise noted)

(1) End point fit between codes. 16bit: 512 to 65024 for A_{VDD} ≥ 5.5V, 512 to 63488 for A_{VDD} ≤ 5.5V, 0.2V headroom between V_{REFIO} and A_{VDD}; 12bit: 32 to 4064 for A_{VDD} ≥ 5.5V, 32 to 3968 for A_{VDD} ≤ 5.5V, 0.2V headroom between V_{REFIO} and A_{VDD}.

(2) Full-scale code written to the DAC for A_{VDD} ≥ 5.5V. 16bit: code 63488 written to the DAC for A_{VDD} ≤ 5.5V; 12bit: code 3968 written to the DAC for $A_{VDD} \leq 5.5V$.

(3) Temporary overload condition protection. Junction temperature can be exceeded during current limit. Operation greater than the specified maximum junction temperature can impair device reliability.

(4) Specified by design and characterization, not production tested.

(5) Time to exit power down mode to normal operation. Measured from last rising edge of SYNC to 90% of DAC final value.

5.6 Timing Requirements - Write, IOV_{DD} = 1.7V to 2.7V

all specifications at T_A = –40°C to +125°C, input signals are specified with t_R = t_F = 1ns/V (10% to 90% of IOV_{DD}) and timed from a voltage level of (V_{IL} + V_{IH}) / 2, SDO loaded with 20pF, 1.7V ≤ IOV_{DD} < 2.7V

5.7 Timing Requirements - Write, IOV_{DD} = 2.7V to 5.5V

all specifications at T_A = –40°C to +125°C, input signals are specified with t_R = t_F = 1ns/V (10% to 90% of IOV_{DD}) and timed from a voltage level of $(V_{\text{IL}} + V_{\text{IH}})$ / 2, SDO loaded with 20pF, 2.7V ≤ IOV_{DD} ≤ 5.5V

5.8 Timing Requirements - Read and Daisy Chain, FSDO = 0, IOV_{DD} = 1.7V to 2.7V

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5.9 Timing Requirements - Read and Daisy Chain, FSDO = 1, IOV_{DD} = 1.7V to 2.7V

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5.10 Timing Requirements - Read and Daisy Chain, FSDO = 0, IOV_{DD} = 2.7V to 5.5V

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5.12 Timing Diagrams

Figure 5-1. Serial Interface Write Timing Diagram

Figure 5-2. Serial Interface Read Timing Diagram

Figure 5-3. DAC Wait Time in Update Mode

5.13 Typical Characteristics

at T_A = 25°C, V_{DD} = 5.0V, IOV_{DD} = 1.8V, external reference, unipolar ranges: AV_{SS} = 0V and AV_{DD} ≥ V_{MAX} + 1.5V for the DAC range, bipolar ranges: AV_{SS} ≤ V_{MIN} - 1.5V and AV_{DD} ≥ V_{MAX} + 1.5V for the DAC range, and DAC output unloaded (unless otherwise noted)

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6 Detailed Description

6.1 Overview

The 16-bit DAC81401 and 12-bit DAC61401 (DACx1401) are a pin-compatible family of single-channel, buffered, high-voltage output DACs. The DACx1401 offer bipolar output voltages of ±20V, ±10V, and ±5V, and full-scale unipolar output voltages of 40V, 10V, and 5V. The DAC output range is programmable. These devices are monotonic and provide exceptional linearity of less than 1LSB (maximum).

The DACx1401 integrate a 2.5V internal reference with maximum 10ppm/℃ drift. The internal power-on reset circuit is designed to power the DAC output in power-down mode. The DAC remains in this mode until the output is enabled. The VSENSEP pin can sense the load voltage, while the CCOMP pin is used to connect an external compensation capacitor to support capacitive load larger than 2nF.

The digital interface of the DACx1401 uses a 4-wire serial peripheral interface (SPI) that operates at clock rates of up to 50MHz supporting 1.7V to 5.5V operation.

6.2 Functional Block Diagram

6.3 Feature Description

6.3.1 Digital-to-Analog Converter (DAC) Architecture

The DACx1401 devices consist of an R-2R ladder digital-to-analog converter (DAC) with ground buffer and a rail-to-rail output buffer amplifier. This device also includes an internal 2.5V reference. If the internal reference is not used, the reference voltage can be provided externally. Section 6.2 shows a simplified block diagram of the device architecture.

6.3.2 R-2R Ladder DAC

The DAC architecture consists of a voltage-output, segmented, R-2R ladder shown in [Figure 6-1](#page-22-0). The device incorporates a dedicated reference buffer that provides constant input impedance with code at the VREFIO pin. The output of the reference buffers drives the R-2R ladder. A production trim process provides excellent linearity and low glitch.

Figure 6-1. DACx1401 R-2R Ladder DAC

6.3.3 Programmable Gain Output Buffer

The voltage output stage, as conceptualized in Figure 6-2, provides the voltage output according to the DAC code and the output range setting.

Figure 6-2. DACx1401 Voltage Output

The DAC output range can be programmed. Table 6-1 shows the range and corresponding gain.

Table 6-1. Voltage Output Range vs Gain Setting

The output voltage (V_{OUT}) can be expressed as Equation 1 and Equation 2.

For unipolar output mode

$$
V_{\text{OUT}} = V_{\text{REFIO}} \times \text{GAN} \times \frac{\text{CODE}}{2^{\text{N}}} \tag{1}
$$

For bipolar output mode

$$
V_{OUT} = V_{REFIO} \times GAM \times \frac{CODE}{2^{N}} - GAIN \times \frac{V_{REFIO}}{2}
$$
 (2)

Where:

- CODE is the decimal equivalent of the code loaded to the DAC register
- N is the bits of resolution: 16-bits for DAC81401, 12-bits for DAC61401
- VREFIO = 2.5V is the reference voltage (internal or external)
- GAIN is the gain factor assigned to each output voltage output range as shown in [Table 6-1](#page-22-0)

The output amplifiers can drive up to ±15mA with 1.5V supply headroom while maintaining the specified total unadjusted error (TUE) specification for the device. The output stage has short-circuit current protection that limits the output current to 40mA. The device is designed to drive capacitive loads up to 2nF with the CCOMP pin unconnected. For capacitive loads greater than 2nF, an external compensation capacitor (470pF typical) must be connected between the CCOMP and VOUT pins to keep the output voltage stable, but at the expense of reduced bandwidth and increased settling time. With the external compensation capacitor, the device is able to drive capacitive loads up to 1μ F ([Section 5.5\)](#page-4-0).

6.3.4 Sense Pins

The VSENSEP pin is provided to enable sensing of the load by connecting to points electrically closer to the load. This configuration allows the internal output amplifier to make sure that the correct voltage is applied across the load, as long as headroom is available on the power supply. The VSENSEP pin is used to correct for resistive drops on the system board, and are connected to VOUT at the pin. In some cases, both VOUT and VSENSEP are brought out through separate lines and connected remotely together at the load. In such cases, if the VSENSEP line is cut, then the amplifier loop is broken. Use a 5kΩ resistor between the VOUT and VSENSEP pins to maintain proper amplifier operation.

At device start up, the power-on reset circuit makes sure that all registers are at default values. The voltage output buffer is in a Hi-Z state. However, the VSENSEP pin connects to the amplifier inputs through an internal 40kΩ feedback resistor [\(Figure 6-2](#page-22-0)). If the VOUT and VSENSEP pins are connected together, the VOUT pin is also connected to the same node through the feedback resistor. This node is protected by internal circuitry and settles to a value between GND and the reference input.

6.3.5 DAC Register Structure

Data written to the DAC data registers are initially stored in the DAC buffer registers. The transfer of data from the DAC buffer registers to the active registers occurs immediately (asynchronous update). After the active registers are updated, the DAC output changes to the new values. After a power-on or reset event, the DAC data register sets to zero code, the DAC output amplifier powers down, and the DAC output connects to ground.

6.3.5.1 Output Update

The DAC double-buffered architecture enables data updates without disturbing the analog output. Data updates are performed asynchronously. In the update mode, a minimum wait time of 2.4µs (t_{DACWAIT}) is required between DAC output updates.

During update mode, a DAC data register write results in an immediate update of the DAC active register and the DAC output on a $\overline{\text{SYNC}}$ rising edge. The wait time is governed by $\overline{\text{SYNC}}$ timing ([Figure 5-3](#page-12-0)).

6.3.5.2 Software Clear

The DAC output is set in clear mode through the SOFT-CLR bit in the TRIGGER register. In clear mode, the DAC data register is set to either zero code if configured for unipolar range operation or midscale code if set for bipolar range operation. A clear command forces the DAC to clear the contents of the buffer and active registers to the clear code.

6.3.5.2.1 Software Reset Mode

The DACx1401 implements a software reset feature. A device software reset is initiated by writing reserved code 0b1010 to SOFT-RESET in the TRIGGER register. The software reset command is triggered on the SYNC rising edge of the instruction.

6.3.6 Internal Reference

The device includes a precision 2.5V band-gap reference with a maximum temperature drift of 10ppm/°C. The internal reference is in power-down mode by default.

The internal reference voltage is available at the VREFIO pin and can source up to 5mA. To filter noise, place a minimum 150nF capacitor between the reference output and ground.

External reference operation is also supported. The external reference is applied to the VREFIO pin. If using an external reference, power down the internal reference.

6.3.7 Power-Supply Sequence

The DACx1401 has an internal power-on reset (POR) circuitry for both the digital and analog VDD and positive power AVDD supplies. This circuitry makes sure that the internal logic and power-on state of the DAC power up to the proper state independent of the supply sequence.

6.3.7.1 Power-On Reset (POR)

The device incorporates a power-on reset function. After the supplies reach the minimum specified values, a POR event is issued. Additionally, a POR event can be initiated by a SOFT-RESET command.

A POR event causes all registers to initialize to default values, and communication with the device is valid only after a 1ms POR delay. After a POR event, the device is set to power-down mode, where the DAC and internal reference are powered down and the DAC output is connected to ground through a 10kΩ internal resistor.

6.3.8 Thermal Alarm

The device incorporates a thermal shutdown that is triggered when the die temperature exceeds 140°C. A thermal shutdown sets the TEMP-ALM bit in the STATUS register, and causes the DAC output to power-down. However, the internal reference remains powered on. The FAULT pin can be configured to monitor a thermal shutdown condition by setting the TEMPALM-EN bit in the SPICONFIG register. After a thermal shutdown is triggered, the device stays in shutdown even after the device temperature lowers.

The die temperature must fall to less than 140°C before the device can be returned to normal operation. To resume normal operation, the thermal alarm must be cleared through the ALM-RESET bit in the TRIGGER register while the DAC channel is in power-down mode.

6.4 Device Functional Modes

6.4.1 Power Down Mode

The device output amplifiers and internal reference power-down status can be individually configured and monitored though the DAC-PWDWN bit. Setting DAC in power-down mode disables the output amplifier and clamps the output pin to ground through an internal 10kΩ resistor.

The DAC data registers are not cleared when the DAC goes into power-down mode. Upon return to normal operation, the DAC output voltages return to the same respective voltages prior to the device entering powerdown mode. The DAC data registers can be updated while in power-down mode, which allows for changing the power-on voltage, if required.

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After a power-on or reset event, the DAC output and the internal reference are in power-down mode. The entire device can be configured into power-down or active modes through the DEV-PWDWN bit.

6.5 Programming

The DACx1401 is controlled through a flexible four-wire serial interface that is compatible with SPI type interfaces used on many microcontrollers and DSP controllers. The interface provides read and write access to all registers of the DACx1401 device. Additionally, the interface can be configured to daisy-chain multiple devices for write operations.

6.5.1 Stand-Alone Operation

A serial interface access cycle is initiated by asserting the SYNC pin low. The serial clock, SCLK, can be a continuous or gated clock. SDIN data are clocked in SCLK falling edges. A regular serial interface access cycle is 24 bits long with error checking disabled and 32 bits long with error checking enabled. Therefore, the SYNC pin must stay low for at least 24 or 32 SCLK falling edges. The access cycle ends when the SYNC pin is deasserted high. If the access cycle contains less than the minimum clock edges, the communication is ignored. If the access cycle contains more than the minimum clock edges, only the first 24 or 32 bits are used by the device. When SYNC is high, the SCLK and SDIN signals are blocked, and SDO is in a Hi-Z state.

Table 6-2 describes the format for an error-checking-disabled access cycle (24-bits long). The first byte input to SDIN is the instruction cycle. The instruction cycle identifies the request as a read or write command and the 6-bit address that is to be accessed. The last 16 bits in the cycle form the data cycle.

Table 6-2. Serial Interface Access Cycle

Read operations require that the SDO pin is first enabled by setting the SDO-EN bit in the SPICONFIG register. A read operation is initiated by issuing a read command access cycle. After the read command, a second access cycle must be issued to get the requested data. The output data format is shown in Table 6-3. Data are clocked out on the SDO pin either on the falling edge or rising edge of SCLK according to the FSDO bit in the SPICONFIG register.

6.5.2 Daisy-Chain Operation

For systems that contain several DACx1401 devices, the SDO pin can be used to daisy-chain devices together. The daisy-chain feature is useful in reducing the number of serial interface lines. The SDO pin must be enabled by setting the SDO-EN bit in the SPICONFIG register before initiating daisy-chain operation.

The first falling edge on the SYNC pin starts the operation cycle (see Figure 6-4). If more than 24 clock pulses are applied while the SYNC pin is kept low, the data ripple out of the shift register and are clocked out on the SDO pin, either on the falling edge or rising edge of SCLK according to the FSDO bit. By connecting the SDO output of the first device to the SDI input of the next device in the chain, a multiple-device interface is constructed (Figure 6-3).

Figure 6-3. Daisy-Chain Setup

Each device in the system requires 24 clock pulses. As a result the total number of clock cycles must be equal to 24 × N, where N is the total number of devices in the daisy chain. When the serial transfer to all devices is complete the SYNC signal is taken high. This action transfers the data from the SPI shift registers to the internal register of each device in the daisy chain, and prevents any further data from being clocked into the input shift register.

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Figure 6-4. Serial Interface Daisy-Chain Write Cycle

SDO

6.5.3 Frame Error Checking

If the device is used in a noisy environment, error checking can be used to check the integrity of SPI data communication between the device and the host processor. This feature is enabled by setting the CRC-EN bit in the SPICONFIG register.

The error checking scheme is based on the CRC-8-ATM (HEC) polynomial: $x^8 + x^2 + x + 1$ (100000111). When error checking is enabled, the serial interface access cycle width is 32 bits. The normal 24-bit SPI data are appended with an 8-bit CRC polynomial by the host processor before feeding the data to the device. In all serial interface readback operations, the CRC polynomial is output on the SDO pin as part of the 32-bit cycle.

Table 6-4. Error Checking Serial Interface Access Cycle

The device decodes the 32-bit access cycle to compute the CRC remainder on $\overline{\text{SYNC}}$ rising edges. If no error exists, the CRC remainder is zero and data are accepted by the device.

A write operation failing the CRC check causes the data to be ignored by the device. After the write command, a second access cycle can be issued to determine the error checking results (CRC-ERROR bit) on the SDO pin.

If there is a CRC error, the CRC-ALM bit of the STATUS register is set to 1. The FAULT pin can be configured to monitor a CRC error by setting the CRCALM-EN bit in the SPICONFIG register.

Table 6-5. Write Operation Error Checking Cycle

A read operation must be followed by a second access cycle to get the requested data on the SDO pin. The error check result (CRC-ERROR bit) from the read command is output on the SDO pin.

As in the case of a write operation failing the CRC check, the CRC-ALM bit of the STATUS register is set to 1, and the FAULT pin, if configured for CRC alerts, is set low.

Table 6-6. Read Operation Error Checking Cycle

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7 Register Map

Table 7-1 lists the memory-mapped registers for the device. Consider all register addresses not listed as reserved locations and do not modify the register contents.

(1) Reset code for DAC81401.

(2) Reset code for DAC61401.

7.1 Registers

Table 7-2 lists the memory-mapped registers for the device. All register offset addresses not listed in Table 7-2 are reserved locations. Do not modify the register contents.

7.1.1 NOP Register (Offset = 00h) [reset = 0000h]

NOP is shown in Figure 7-1 and described in Table 7-3.

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Table 7-3. NOP Register Field Descriptions

7.1.2 DEVICEID Register (Offset = 01h) [reset = 0A70h or 0930h]

The device ID is shown in Figure 7-2 and described in Table 7-4.

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Figure 7-2. DEVICEID Register

7.1.3 STATUS Register (Offset = 02h) [reset = 0000h]

The status register is shown in Figure 7-3 and described in Table 7-5.

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Table 7-5. STATUS Register Field Descriptions

7.1.4 SPICONFIG Register (Offset = 03h) [reset = 0AA4h]

The SPI configuration register is shown in Figure 7-4 and described in Table 7-6.

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Table 7-6. SPICONFIG Register Field Descriptions

7.1.5 GENCONFIG Register (Offset = 04h) [reset = 0000h]

The general configuration register is shown in Figure 7-5 and described in Table 7-7.

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Table 7-7. GENCONFIG Register Field Descriptions

7.1.6 DACPWDWN Register (Offset = 09h) [reset = FFFFh]

The DAC power-down register is shown in Figure 7-6 and described in Table 7-8.

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Figure 7-6. DACPWDWN Register

Table 7-8. DACPWDWN Register Field Descriptions

7.1.7 DACRANGE Register (Offset = 0Ah) [reset = 0000h]

The DAC range register is shown in Figure 7-7 and described in Table 7-9.

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Table 7-9. DACRANGE Register Field Descriptions

7.1.8 TRIGGER Register (Offset = 0Eh) [reset = 0000h]

The trigger register is shown in Figure 7-8 and described in Table 7-10.

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Table 7-10. TRIGGER Register Field Descriptions

7.1.9 DAC Register (Offset = 10h) [reset = 0000h]

The DAC data register is shown in Figure 7-9 and described in Table 7-11.

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Figure 7-9. DAC Register

Table 7-11. DAC Register Field Descriptions

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, as well as validating and testing their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

8.1 Application Information

A primary application of the DACx1401 is programmable power supplies commonly used in automated test and laboratory equipment. With an excellent linearity of ±1 LSB INL and inherently monotonic design, the DACx1401 meets the requirement of high precision and provides a wide range of programmable voltage.

8.2 Typical Application

The DACx1401 output (VOUT) is capable of providing from –20V to +40V. However, some applications require even higher voltages. Figure 8-1 shows a simplified diagram to design the high-voltage requirement for this application using the DACx1401 with an external high-voltage gain stage.

Figure 8-1. High-Voltage Gain-Stage Block Diagram

8.2.1 Design Requirements

- Voltage range: ±40V, 0V to 80V
- Minimum external power supplies: HV+ and HV–

8.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

The DACx1401 devices are a great choice for this application because of the exceptional linearity and noise performance.

The DACx1401 are capable of providing output voltage 0V to 40V, or ±20V. In high-voltage applications where the voltage requirement is beyond 0V to 40V or ±20V, a high-voltage gain stage can be used to get a voltage ranging from 0V to 80V, or ±40V. This high-voltage gain stage requires an external high-voltage power supply.

8.2.2.1 Key Components

- U1, U2—OPA593 85V, low-offset, low-noise, 10MHz, 250mA output current, precision operational amplifier
- U3—OPA189 36V, low-offset, low-drift, low-noise, 14MHz precision operational amplifier
- D1, D2, D4, D5, D7, D8—Schottky diode 100V, 150mA, 0.7V forward voltage, fast switching
- D3, D6-85V standoff voltage, high-current, bidirectional TVS
- R1, R2—low temperature coefficient and high accuracy (< 0.01%) thin film resistors
- R5, R6—low temperature coefficient and high accuracy (< 0.01%) thin film resistors

8.2.2.2 Compensation Capacitor

The 470pF compensation capacitor is optional and the CCOMP pin can be left floating. This compensation capacitor is only required if the load capacitor at the DACx1401 VOUT node is greater than 2nF.

8.2.2.3 Gain Stage

The gain stage amplifies the DAC output voltage by 4 ×. This gain stage uses the OPA593 (U1), which supports an output voltage from 0V to 85V or ±42.5V. At the gain stage output, obtain 0V to 80V ±40V by programming the DAC output 0V to 20V or ±10V, respectively. For a given gain-stage output, calculate the DAC output by the Equation 3:

$$
VOUT = \frac{VOUT_HV}{4}
$$

Where:

- VOUT: output voltage of DACx1401
- VOUT HV: output of the gain stage (U1) in block diagram

The gain stage output vs DAC output plot is provided in [Figure 8-2](#page-38-0) and [Figure 8-3](#page-38-0) for both unipolar and bipolar modes, respectively.

8.2.2.4 Attenuation and Buffer Stage

To avoid any unintended I-R drop, connect VOUT and VSENSEP close to the load, and the voltage value for VSESNEP and VOUT must be same. Therefore, the gain stage output voltage is first buffered (U2) and then attenuated by a factor of 4 × with resistor divider R5 and R6.

VSENSEP has an input impedance of approximately $50k\Omega$, and the resistor divider voltage cannot be connected directly, which causes erroneous voltage due to loading. This voltage output is first buffered (U3) and then connected to VSENSEP node of DACx1401 to close the internal feedback loop with VOUT.

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8.2.2.5 External Power Supply

An external high-voltage power supply is required for the OPA593 used in the gain stage (U1) and attenuation stage (U2). The power supply must meet the headroom and footroom requirements as per the [OPA593 data](https://www.ti.com/lit/ds/symlink/opa593.pdf?ts=1679285716005&ref_url=https%253A%252F%252Fwww.google.com%252F) [sheet](https://www.ti.com/lit/ds/symlink/opa593.pdf?ts=1679285716005&ref_url=https%253A%252F%252Fwww.google.com%252F). These external power supplies needs to be provided from high voltage supply source. Typical values used for HV+ and HV– are +41V and –41V, or 81V and 0V, respectively.

$$
HV + = max (VOUT_HV) + headroom (OPA593)
$$
 (4)

 $HV - = min (VOUT_HV) - footroom (OPA593)$ (5)

Where VOUT HV is output of the gain stage (U1) in block diagram.

8.2.2.6 Protection Design

If the device output pins are exposed to industrial transient testing without external protection components, the internal diode structures of the DACx1401 become forward biased and conduct current. If the conducted current is large, as is common in high-voltage industrial transient tests, the structures become permanently damaged and impact the device functionality.

The gain-stage output and attenuation-stage input includes an external electrical-overstress protection circuit for short-circuit events. Protection is achieved by the transient voltage suppressor (TVS) diodes D3 and D6, and clamp-to-rail diodes D1, D2, D4, D5.

The combined effects of both TVS and clamp-to-rail diodes limits the current flowing into the device internal diode structures to prevent permanent damage. If the Schottky diode clamps VOUT to ±1.5V from the rail, then the peak current entering the device is equal to 80mA, assuming R1 = 10Ω and the diode FB is 0.7V. Also include TVS diodes D3 and D6 at the gain-stage output and attenuation-stage input nodes to provide a discharge path for the energy sent to these nodes through diodes D3 and D6, and the internal diode structures. In the absence of these diodes, when current is diverted to these nodes, the decoupling capacitors charge, slowly increasing the voltage at these nodes, which can exceed the threshold limits of HV+ and HV–.

8.2.2.7 Design Accuracy

The gain stage output has an error contributed by mostly from:

• Offset voltage of U1 (OPA593): ±100µV offset voltage of OPA593 has a small error contribution to the static device performance. The error contribution from offset voltage is calculated to be 0.00025%FSR using Equation 6, considering a 40V span for the gain stage output.

$$
error\left(\%FSR\right) = \frac{\text{offset voltage}}{\text{gain stage voltage span}} \times 100\tag{6}
$$

• Gain resistors R1 and R2: Mismatch in ratio of R1 and R2 causes a gain error at the gain stage output. The error contribution due to mismatch in the ratio R1 and R2, is calculated to be 0.02%FSR using Equation 7.

$$
error\left(\%FSR\right) = \left(1 - \frac{\left(1 \pm \Delta R2\right)}{\left(1 \pm \Delta R1\right)}\right) \times 100\tag{7}
$$

The calculated error contributions from U1, R1, and R3 show that the final gain stage output is just as accurate as the DACx1401.

8.2.3 Application Curves

8.3 Initialization Set Up

To check the basic functionality and working of the DACx1401, follow the steps as described here:

- Power up the device with supply values AVDD = 15V, AVSS = $-15V$, VDD = 5V and IOVDD = 3.3V (these are just recommendation and can be different as per device operating conditions)
- Write SPI frame in the following sequence:
	- Write 0x0A04 to the SPI_CONFIG (0x03) register to power up the device
	- Write 0x0000 to the GEN_CONFIG (0x04) register to power up the internal reference
	- Write 0xFFFE to the DAC_PWDWN (0x09) register to power up the DAC output
	- Write 0x0005 to the DACRANGE (0x0A) register to configure the DAC in ±5V range, default output range is 0V to 5V
	- Write 0x0000, 0x7FFF or 0xFFFF to the DAC (0x10) register to configure the DACx1401 VOUT to 2.5V, 0V, or 2.5V

8.4 Power Supply Recommendations

The device requires four power-supply inputs: IOVDD, VDD, AVDD, and AVSS. Connect a 0.1µF ceramic capacitor close to each power-supply pin. In addition, a 4.7µF or 10µF bulk capacitor is recommended for each power supply. Choose tantalum or aluminum types for the bulk capacitors.

External reference voltage of 2.5V can be supplied to VREFIO pin provided VDD supply is powered up beforehand.

The digital pins of the DACx1401 (SCLK, SDI, SYNC and SDO) are not fail safe. Pull the digital pins to logic level high with IOVDD supply or after IOVDD supply, but not before.

There is no sequencing requirement for the power supplies. The DAC output range is configurable; therefore, sufficient power-supply headroom is required to achieve linearity at codes close to the power-supply rails. When sourcing or sinking current from or to the DAC output, account for the effects of power dissipation on the temperature of the device, and the device must not exceed the maximum junction temperature.

8.5 Layout

8.5.1 Layout Guidelines

Printed circuit board (PCB) layout plays a significant role in achieving desired ac and dc performance from the device and this kind of precision analog component requires careful layout, adequate bypassing, and clean, well-regulated power supplies. As a general rule, place digital traces as far away from analog traces as possible.

Place bypass capacitor and additional capacitor close to the device. The recommended capacitors for this device are listed below:

- 0.1 μ F capacitor close to the device and another 1 μ F to 10 μ F capacitor for AVDD
- 0.1µF capacitor close to the device and another 1µF to 10µF capacitor for AVSS
- 0.1µF capacitor close to the device and another 1µF to 10µF capacitor for VDD
- 0.1µF capacitor close to the device and another 1µF capacitor (optional) for IOVDD
- 0.15µF capacitor at VREFIO pin for internal reference noise filtering

For best power-supply bypassing, place the bypass capacitors close to the respective power-supply pins. Provide unbroken ground reference planes for the digital signal traces, especially for the SPI signals. The FAULT signal is static line; therefore, this line can lay on the analog side of the ground plane. Figure 8-8 and [Figure 8-9](#page-41-0) show example layouts.

8.5.2 Layout Examples

Figure 8-8. Layout Example: PW (TSSOP)

Figure 8-9. Layout Example: RTE (WQFN)

9 Device and Documentation Support

9.1 Receiving Notification of Documentation Updates

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9.5 Glossary

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

10 Revision History

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11 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

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PACKAGE OUTLINE

PW0020A TSSOP - 1.2 mm max height

SMALL OUTLINE PACKAGE

NOTES:

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- 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.
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- 5. Reference JEDEC registration MO-153.

EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

PW0020A 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

PW0020A TSSOP - 1.2 mm max height

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NOTES: (continued)

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