

INA4235 48V, Quad Channel, 16-Bit, Ultra - Precise, Current, Voltage, Power, and Energy Monitor With an I²C Interface

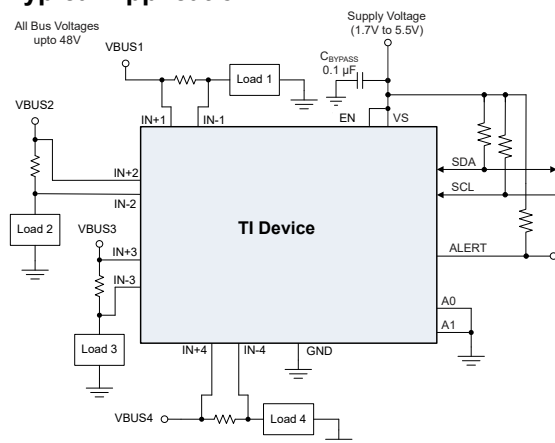
1 Features

- High-side or low-side current sensing
- Operates from a 1.7V to 5.5V power supply
- Reports current, voltage, power, and energy
- Programmable full scale range: 20mV / 80mV
- Input common mode range: –0.3V to 48V
- Current monitoring accuracy:
 - 16-bit ADC resolution
 - 0.1% gain error (maximum)
 - 10 μ V offset (maximum)
- Power monitoring accuracy:
 - 0.2% full scale (maximum)
- Energy monitoring accuracy:
 - 0.7% full scale (maximum)
- Low input bias currents: 5nA (maximum)
- Low disable current: 50nA (maximum)
- Configurable averaging options
- Alert limits for over and under current events
- 1.2V compliant I²C, SMBus interface
- 16-pin selectable addresses
- DSBGA-16 Package (1.5mm × 1.5mm)

2 Applications

- [Notebook computers](#)
- [Security cameras](#)
- [Retail automation](#)
- [Power management](#)
- [Battery cell monitors and balancers](#)
- [Rack servers](#)

Typical Application



3 Description

The INA4235 device is a quad channel 16-bit digital current monitor with an I²C/SMBus-compatible interface that is compliant with digital bus voltages from 1.2V to 5V. The device monitors the voltage across an external sense resistor and reports values for shunt voltage, bus voltage, current, power, and energy for each channel.

The INA4235 features programmable ADC conversion times and averaging that is common for all channels. Each channel has a programmable calibration value with an internal multiplier that enables direct readouts of current in amperes, power in watts, and energy in joules. Each channel monitors the bus voltage present on the IN– pin and can alert on overcurrent and undercurrent conditions, as well as on overvoltage and undervoltage conditions. High input impedance while in current measurement mode allows use of larger current sense resistors needed to measure small value system currents.

The INA4235 senses current on common-mode bus voltages that can vary from –0.3V to 48V, independent of the supply voltage. The device operates from a single 1.7V to 5.5V supply, drawing a typical supply current of 400 μ A in normal operation. The device can be placed in a low-power standby mode where the typical operating current is 2.5 μ A and can be fully disabled using the enable pin to achieve an supply current less than 50nA. The device is specified over the operating temperature range between –40°C and 125°C and features up to 16 programmable addresses.

Package Information

| PART NUMBER | PACKAGE ⁽¹⁾ | PACKAGE SIZE ⁽²⁾ |
|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| INA4235 | YBJ (DSBGA, 16) | 1.5mm × 1.5mm |

- (1) For all available packages, see [Section 13](#).
- (2) The package size (length × width) is a nominal value and includes pins, where applicable.



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4 Pin Configuration and Functions

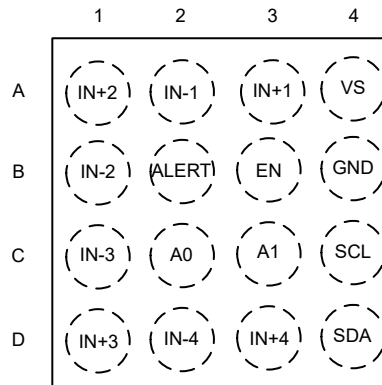


Figure 4-1. YBJ Package 16-Bump DSBGA (Top View)

Table 4-1. Pin Functions

| PIN | | | |
|-------|-------------|----------------------|--|
| NAME | YBJ (DSBGA) | TYPE | DESCRIPTION |
| A0 | C2 | Digital input | Address pin. Connect to GND, SCL, SDA, or VS. Table 6-1 lists the pin settings and corresponding addresses. |
| A1 | C3 | Digital input | Address pin. Connect to GND, SCL, SDA, or VS. Table 6-1 lists the pin settings and corresponding addresses. |
| ALERT | B2 | Digital output | Multifunctional alert, open-drain output. This pin alerts to report fault conditions or can be configured to notify host when a conversion is complete. |
| EN | B3 | Digital input | Enable pin. A logic high level enables the device; a logic low level disables the device. |
| GND | B4 | Ground | Ground for both analog and digital. |
| IN-1 | A2 | Analog input | Channel 1 current sensing negative input. For high-side applications, connect to load side of sense resistor. For low-side applications, connect to ground side of sense resistor. Bus voltage measurements are made with respect to this pin. |
| IN+1 | A3 | Analog input | Channel 1 current sensing positive input. For high-side applications, connect to bus voltage side of sense resistor. For low-side applications, connect to load side of sense resistor. |
| IN-2 | B1 | Analog input | Channel 2 current sensing negative input. For high-side applications, connect to load side of sense resistor. For low-side applications, connect to ground side of sense resistor. Bus voltage measurements are made with respect to this pin. |
| IN+2 | A1 | Analog input | Channel 2 current sensing positive input. For high-side applications, connect to bus voltage side of sense resistor. For low-side applications, connect to load side of sense resistor. |
| IN-3 | C1 | Analog input | Channel 3 current sensing negative input. For high-side applications, connect to load side of sense resistor. For low-side applications, connect to ground side of sense resistor. Bus voltage measurements are made with respect to this pin. |
| IN+3 | D1 | Analog input | Channel 3 current sensing positive input. For high-side applications, connect to bus voltage side of sense resistor. For low-side applications, connect to load side of sense resistor. |
| IN-4 | D2 | Analog input | Channel 4 current sensing negative input. For high-side applications, connect to load side of sense resistor. For low-side applications, connect to ground side of sense resistor. Bus voltage measurements are made with respect to this pin. |
| IN+4 | D3 | Analog input | Channel 4 current sensing positive input. For high-side applications, connect to bus voltage side of sense resistor. For low-side applications, connect to load side of sense resistor. |
| SCL | C4 | Digital input | Serial bus clock line, open-drain input. |
| SDA | D4 | Digital input/output | Serial bus data line, open-drain input/output |
| VS | A4 | Power Supply | Power supply, 1.7V to 5.5V |

5 Specifications

5.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

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

| | | MIN | MAX | UNIT |
|--------------------|--|-----------|-----|------|
| V_s | Supply Voltage | | 6 | V |
| V_{IN+}, V_{IN-} | Differential (V_{IN+}) - (V_{IN-}) | -26 | 26 | V |
| | Common - mode | GND – 0.3 | 50 | V |
| V_{IO} | SDA, SCL, ALERT, A0, A1, EN | GND – 0.3 | 6 | V |
| | Input current into any pin | | 5 | mA |
| | Open-drain digital output current (SDA, ALERT) | | 10 | mA |
| T_A | Operating Temperature | -55 | 150 | °C |
| T_J | Junction temperature | | 150 | °C |
| T_{stg} | Storage temperature | -65 | 150 | °C |

- (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

| | | | VALUE | UNIT |
|-------------|-------------------------|---|-------|------|
| $V_{(ESD)}$ | Electrostatic discharge | Human body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001, all pins ⁽¹⁾ | ±3000 | V |
| | | Charged device model (CDM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-002, all pins ⁽²⁾ | ±1000 | |

- (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)

| | | MIN | NOM | MAX | UNIT |
|----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----|-----|------|
| V_{CM} | Common-mode input range | GND – 0.3 | | 48 | V |
| V_S | Operating supply range | 1.7 | | 5.5 | V |
| T_A | Ambient temperature | -40 | | 125 | °C |

5.4 Thermal Information

| THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾ | | INA4235 | UNIT |
|-------------------------------|--|---------|------|
| | | DSBGA | |
| | | 16 PINS | |
| $R_{\theta JA}$ | Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance | 82.9 | °C/W |
| $R_{\theta JC(top)}$ | Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance | 0.5 | °C/W |
| $R_{\theta JB}$ | Junction-to-board thermal resistance | 21.7 | °C/W |
| Ψ_{JT} | Junction-to-top characterization parameter | 0.3 | °C/W |
| Υ_{JB} | Junction-to-board characterization parameter | 21.1 | °C/W |
| $R_{\theta JC(bot)}$ | Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance | N/A | °C/W |

- (1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the [Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics](#) application note.

5.5 Electrical Characteristics

at $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_S = 3.3\text{V}$, $V_{\text{SENSE}} = V_{\text{IN}+} - V_{\text{IN}-} = 0\text{mV}$, $V_{\text{IN}-} = V_{\text{BUS}} = 12\text{V}$, for all channels (unless otherwise noted)

| PARAMETER | | TEST CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT |
|----------------------------|---|---|----------|-------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| INPUT | | | | | | |
| CMRR | Common-mode rejection | $V_{\text{CM}} = -0.3\text{V to } 48\text{V}$, $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to } 125^\circ\text{C}$ | 130 | 150 | | dB |
| | Shunt voltage input range | ADCRANGE = 0 | -81.9175 | | 81.92 | mV |
| | | ADCRANGE = 1 | -20.4794 | | 20.48 | mV |
| V_{os} | Shunt offset voltage | $V_{\text{CM}} = 12\text{V}$ | | ± 2 | ± 10 | μV |
| dV_{os}/dT | Shunt offset voltage drift | $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to } 125^\circ\text{C}$ | | ± 1 | ± 25 | $\text{nV}/^\circ\text{C}$ |
| V_{os_b} | IN- bus offset Voltage | | | ± 1 | ± 7.5 | mV |
| dV_{os_b}/dT | IN- bus offset voltage drift | $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to } 125^\circ\text{C}$ | | ± 10 | ± 30 | $\mu\text{V}/^\circ\text{C}$ |
| PSRR_{SH} | Power supply rejection ratio (Current measurements) | $V_S = 1.7\text{V to } 5.5\text{V}$, $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to } 125^\circ\text{C}$ | | ± 0.2 | ± 2 | $\mu\text{V}/\text{V}$ |
| PSRR_{BUS} | Power supply rejection ratio (Voltage measurements) | $V_S = 1.7\text{V to } 5.5\text{V}$, $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to } 125^\circ\text{C}$ | | ± 0.5 | ± 2 | mV/V |
| $Z_{\text{IN}-}$ | IN- input impedance | Bus Voltage Measurement Mode | | 1.05 | | M Ω |
| I_B | Input bias current | IN+, IN-, Current Measurement Mode | | 0.1 | 5 | nA |
| DC ACCURACY | | | | | | |
| R_{DIFF} | Differential Input Impedance (IN+ to IN-) | $V_{\text{IN}+} - V_{\text{IN}-} < 82\text{mV}$ | | 140 | | k Ω |
| | ADC Resolution | $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to } 125^\circ\text{C}$ | | 16 | | Bits |
| | 1 LSB step size | Shunt Voltage, ADCRANGE = 0 | | 2.5 | | μV |
| | | Shunt Voltage, ADCRANGE = 1 | | 625 | | nV |
| | | Bus Voltage | | 1.6 | | mV |
| | ADC Conversion-time ($T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to } 125^\circ\text{C}$) | CT bit = 000 | | 140 | | μs |
| | | CT bit = 001 | | 204 | | μs |
| | | CT bit = 010 | | 332 | | μs |
| | | CT bit = 011 | | 588 | | μs |
| | | CT bit = 100 | | 1.100 | | ms |
| | | CT bit = 101 | | 2.116 | | ms |
| | | CT bit = 110 | | 4.156 | | ms |
| | | CT bit = 111 | | 8.244 | | ms |
| | Internal Oscillator Frequency | $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ | | 500 | | kHz |
| | Internal Oscillator Tolerance | $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ | | | 0.5 | % |
| | | $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to } +125^\circ\text{C}$ | | | 1 | % |
| G_{SERR} | Shunt voltage gain error | | | ± 0.015 | ± 0.1 | % |
| G_{S_DRFT} | Shunt voltage gain error drift | $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to } +125^\circ\text{C}$ | | 8 | 25 | $\text{ppm}/^\circ\text{C}$ |
| G_{BERR} | $V_{\text{IN}-}$ voltage gain error | | | ± 0.015 | ± 0.1 | % |
| G_{B_DRFT} | $V_{\text{IN}-}$ voltage gain error drift | $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to } +125^\circ\text{C}$ | | 8 | 25 | $\text{ppm}/^\circ\text{C}$ |
| P_{TME} | Power total measurement error | At full scale voltage and current | | ± 0.03 | ± 0.2 | % |
| E_{TME} | Energy total measurement error | At full scale voltage and current | | ± 0.1 | ± 0.7 | % |
| INL | Integral Non-Linearity | ADCRANGE = 0, Linear best fit, $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to } +125^\circ\text{C}$ | | ± 2 | ± 6 | m% |
| DNL | Differential Non-Linearity | | | ± 0.1 | | LSB |

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| PARAMETER | | TEST CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---|------|-----|----------|---------------|
| ENABLE | | | | | | |
| I_{EN} | Input leakage current | $0\text{V} \leq V_{\text{EN}} \leq V_S$ | | 1 | 50 | nA |
| V_{IH} | Logic input level, high | $V_S = 1.7\text{V to } 3.6\text{V}$, $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to } +125^\circ\text{C}$ | 1.1 | | 5.5 | V |
| V_{IH} | Logic input level, high | $V_S = 3.6\text{V to } 5.5\text{V}$, $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to } +125^\circ\text{C}$ | 1.3 | | 5.5 | V |
| V_{IL} | Logic input level, low | $V_S = 1.7\text{V to } 5.5\text{V}$, $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to } +125^\circ\text{C}$ | 0 | | 0.4 | V |
| V_{HYS} | Hysteresis | | | 50 | | mV |
| POWER SUPPLY | | | | | | |
| I_Q | Quiescent current | | | 400 | 500 | μA |
| | | I_Q vs temperature, $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to } +125^\circ\text{C}$ | | | 600 | μA |
| | | Shutdown | | 2.5 | 4 | μA |
| I_Q | Quiescent current disabled | $V_{\text{EN}} = 0\text{V}$ | | 5 | 50 | nA |
| V_{POR} | Power-on reset threshold | V_S falling | 0.95 | | | V |
| SMBUS | | | | | | |
| | SMBUS timeout | | | 28 | 35 | ms |
| | Input capacitance | | | 3 | | pF |
| DIGITAL INTERFACE | | | | | | |
| V_{IH} | Logic input level, high | $V_S = 1.7\text{V to } 5.5\text{V}$, $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to } +125^\circ\text{C}$ | 0.9 | | 5.5 | V |
| V_{IL} | Logic input level, low | $V_S = 1.7\text{V to } 5.5\text{V}$, $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to } +125^\circ\text{C}$ | 0 | | 0.4 | V |
| V_{HYS} | Hysteresis | | | 130 | | mV |
| V_{OL} | Logic output level, low | $I_{\text{OL}} = 3\text{mA}$, $V_S = 1.7\text{V to } 5.5\text{V}$, $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to } +125^\circ\text{C}$ | 0 | | 0.3 | V |
| | Digital leakage input current | $0 \leq V_{\text{INPUT}} \leq V_S$ | | | ± 50 | nA |

5.6 Timing Requirements (I²C)

| | | MIN | NOM | MAX | UNIT |
|---|--|------|-----|------|------|
| I²C BUS (FAST MODE) | | | | | |
| F _(SCL) | I ² C clock frequency | 1 | | 400 | kHz |
| t _(BUF) | Bus free time between STOP and START conditions | 600 | | | ns |
| t _(HDSTA) | Hold time after a repeated START condition. After this period, the first clock is generated. | 100 | | | ns |
| t _(SUSTA) | Repeated START condition setup time | 100 | | | ns |
| t _(SUSTO) | STOP condition setup time | 100 | | | ns |
| t _(HDDAT) | Data hold time | 10 | | 900 | ns |
| t _(SUDAT) | Data setup time | 100 | | | ns |
| t _(LOW) | SCL clock low period | 1300 | | | ns |
| t _(HIGH) | SCL clock high period | 600 | | | ns |
| t _F | Data fall time | | | 300 | ns |
| t _F | Clock fall time | | | 300 | ns |
| t _R | Clock rise time | | | 300 | ns |
| t _R | Clock rise time (SCLK ≤ 100 kHz) | | | 1000 | ns |
| I²C BUS (HIGH-SPEED MODE) | | | | | |
| F _(SCL) | I ² C clock frequency | 10 | | 2940 | kHz |
| t _(BUF) | Bus free time between STOP and START conditions | 160 | | | ns |
| t _(HDSTA) | Hold time after a repeated START condition. After this period, the first clock is generated. | 100 | | | ns |
| t _(SUSTA) | Repeated START condition setup time | 100 | | | ns |
| t _(SUSTO) | STOP condition setup time | 100 | | | ns |
| t _(HDDAT) | Data hold time | 10 | | 125 | ns |
| t _(SUDAT) | Data setup time | 20 | | | ns |
| t _(LOW) | SCL clock low period | 200 | | | ns |
| t _(HIGH) | SCL clock high period | 60 | | | ns |
| t _F | Data fall time | | | 80 | ns |
| t _F | Clock fall time | | | 40 | ns |
| t _R | Clock rise time | | | 40 | ns |

5.7 Timing Diagram

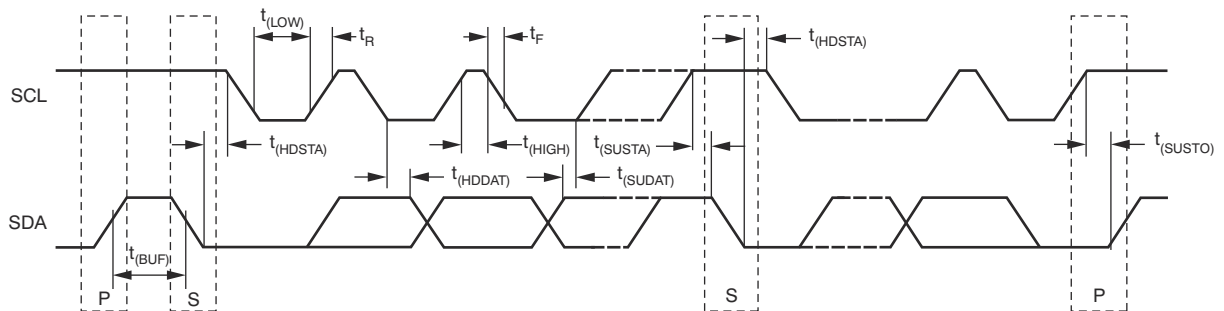
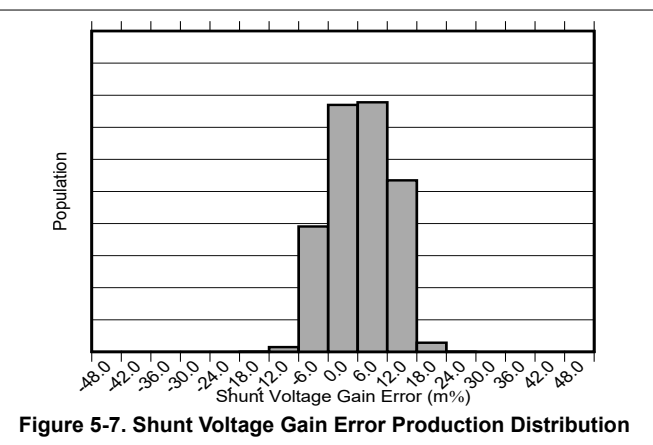
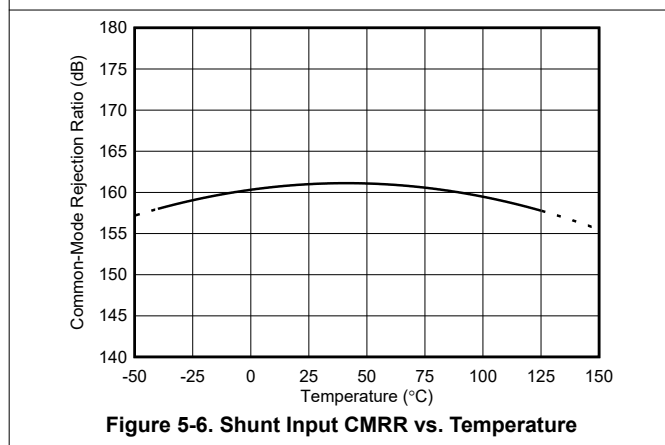
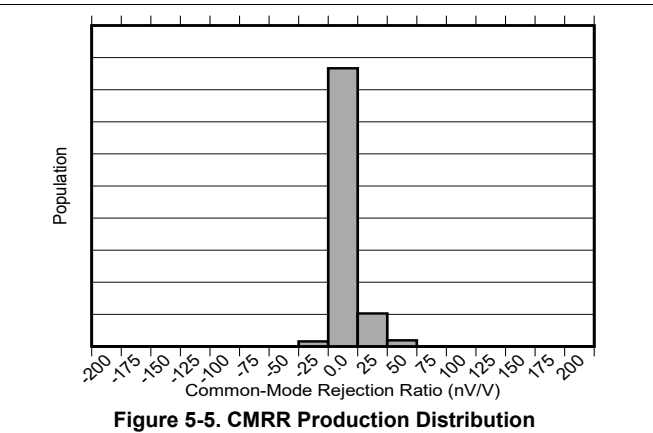
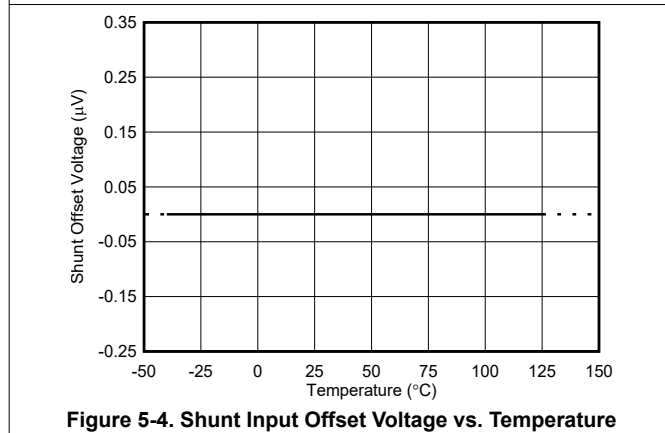
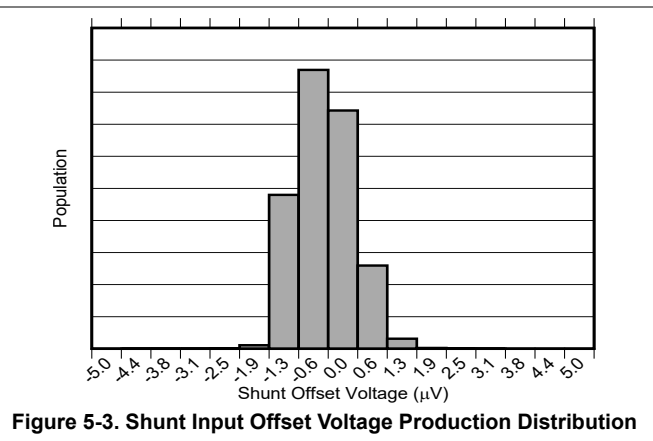
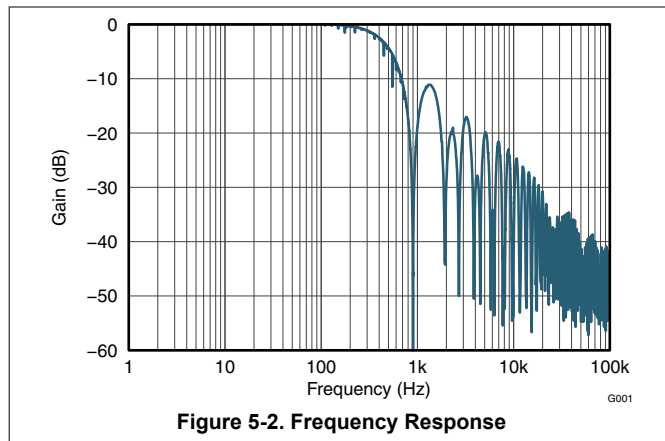


Figure 5-1. I²C Timing Diagram

5.8 Typical Characteristics

at $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_{VS} = 3.3\text{V}$, $V_{CM} = 12\text{V}$, and $V_{SENSE} = (V_{IN+} - V_{IN-}) = 0\text{mV}$ (unless otherwise noted)



5.8 Typical Characteristics (continued)

at $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_{VS} = 3.3\text{V}$, $V_{CM} = 12\text{V}$, and $V_{SENSE} = (V_{IN+} - V_{IN-}) = 0\text{mV}$ (unless otherwise noted)

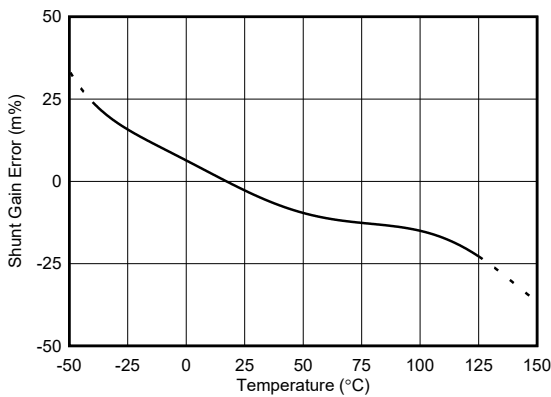


Figure 5-8. Shunt Gain Error vs. Temperature

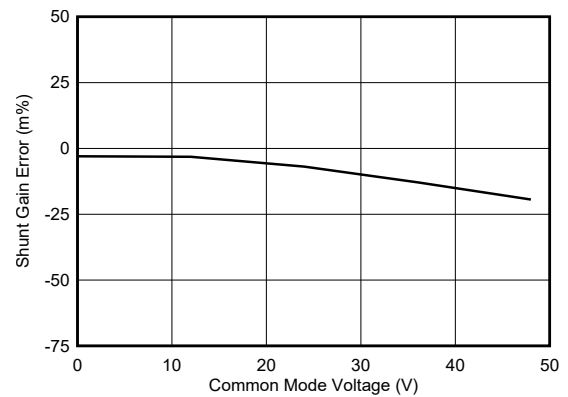


Figure 5-9. Shunt Gain Error vs. Common-Mode Voltage

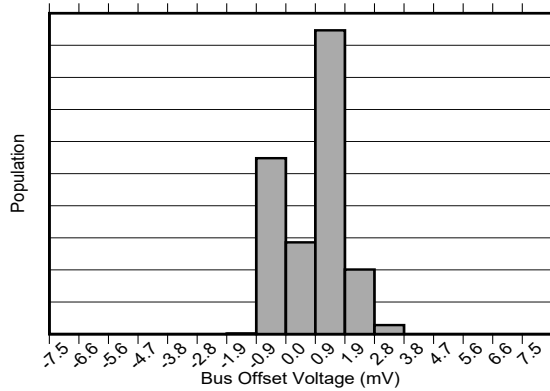


Figure 5-10. Bus Offset Voltage (V_{IN-}) Production Distribution

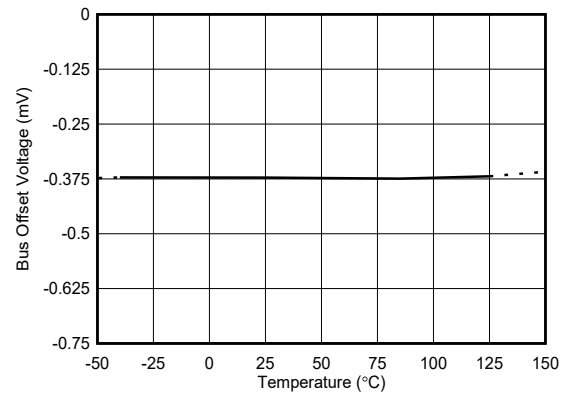


Figure 5-11. Bus Offset Voltage (V_{IN-}) vs. Temperature

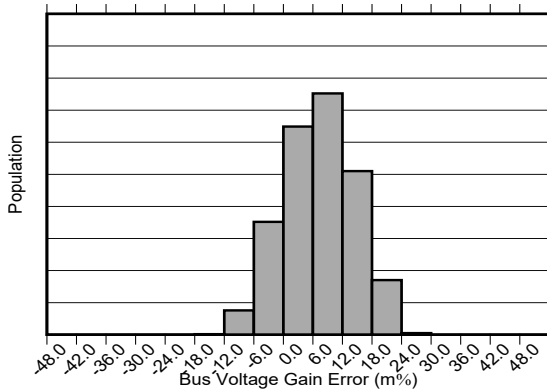


Figure 5-12. Bus Voltage (V_{IN-}) Gain Error Production Distribution

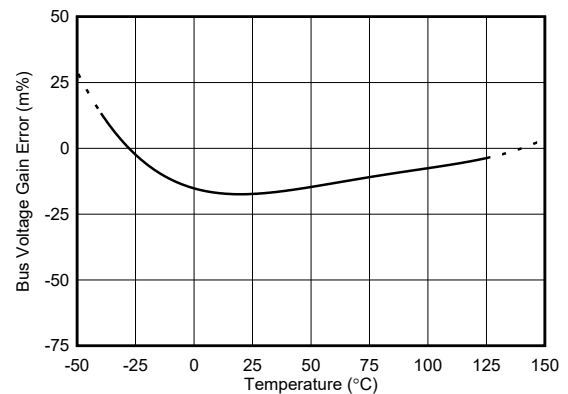


Figure 5-13. Bus Voltage (V_{IN-}) Gain Error vs. Temperature

5.8 Typical Characteristics (continued)

at $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_{VS} = 3.3\text{V}$, $V_{CM} = 12\text{V}$, and $V_{SENSE} = (V_{IN+} - V_{IN-}) = 0\text{mV}$ (unless otherwise noted)

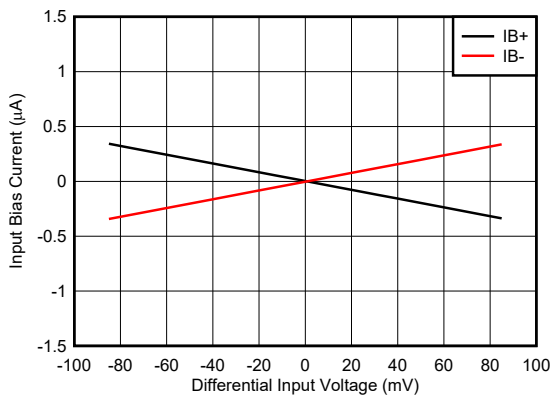


Figure 5-14. Input Bias Current vs. Differential Voltage

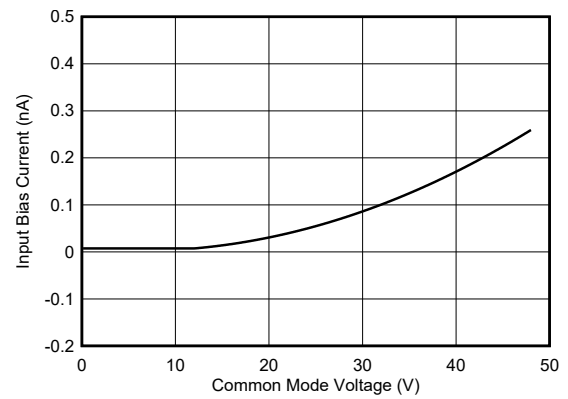


Figure 5-15. Input Bias Current vs. Common-Mode Voltage (IB+, IB-)

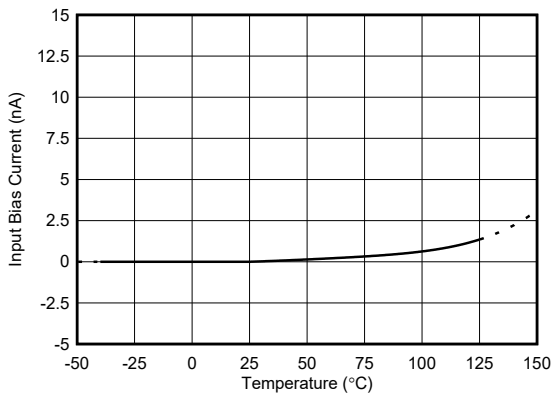


Figure 5-16. Input Bias Current vs. Temperature

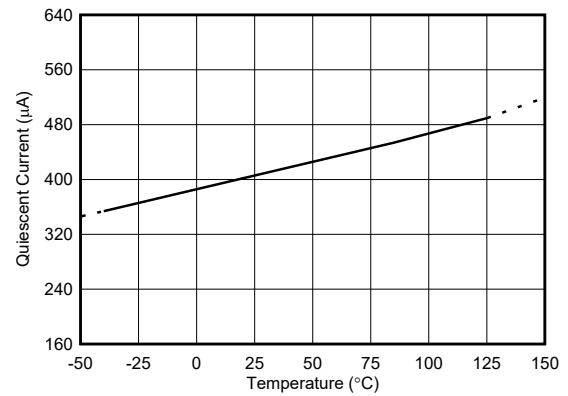


Figure 5-17. Quiescent Current vs. Temperature

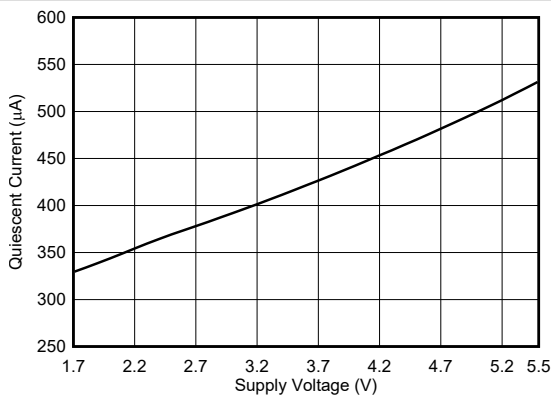


Figure 5-18. Quiescent Current vs. Supply Voltage

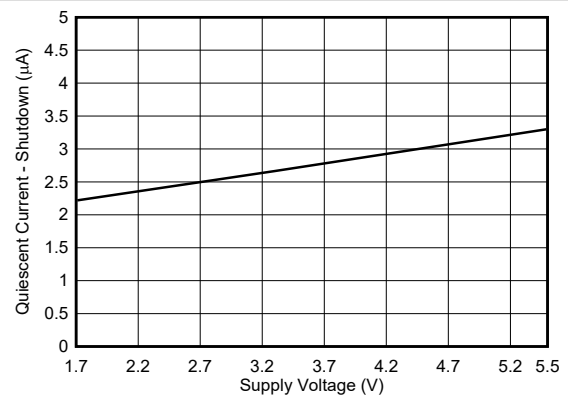


Figure 5-19. Quiescent Current - Shutdown vs. Supply Voltage

5.8 Typical Characteristics (continued)

at $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_{VS} = 3.3\text{V}$, $V_{CM} = 12\text{V}$, and $V_{SENSE} = (V_{IN+} - V_{IN-}) = 0\text{mV}$ (unless otherwise noted)

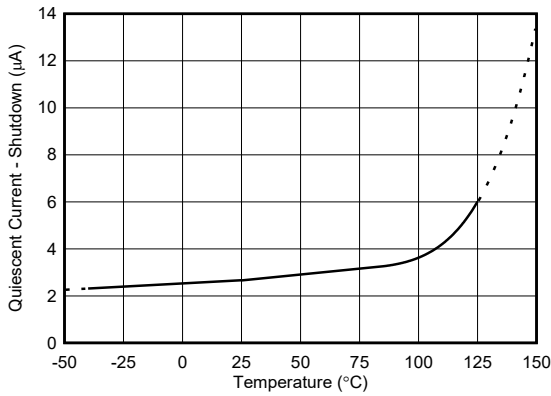


Figure 5-20. Quiescent Current - Shutdown vs. Temperature

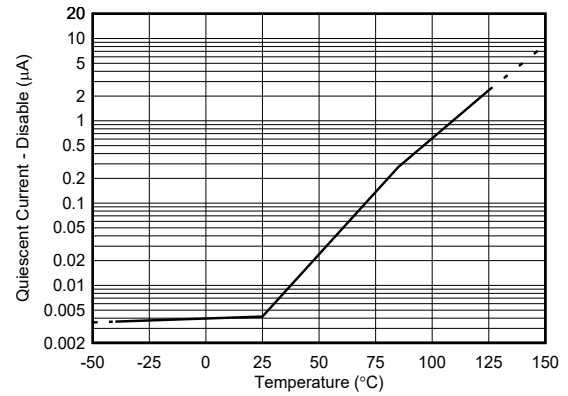


Figure 5-21. Quiescent Current - Disabled vs. Temperature

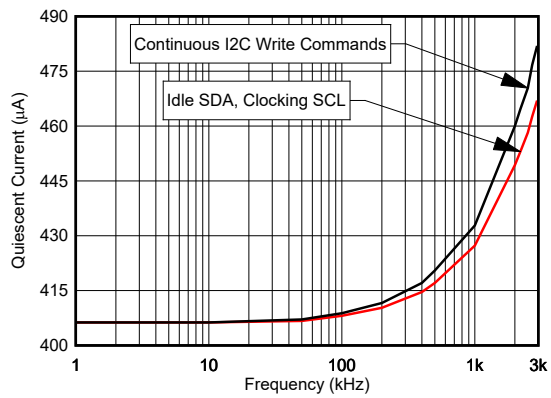


Figure 5-22. Quiescent Current vs. Clock(SCL) Frequency

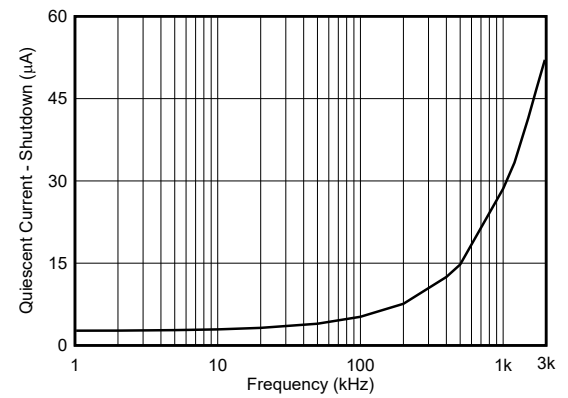


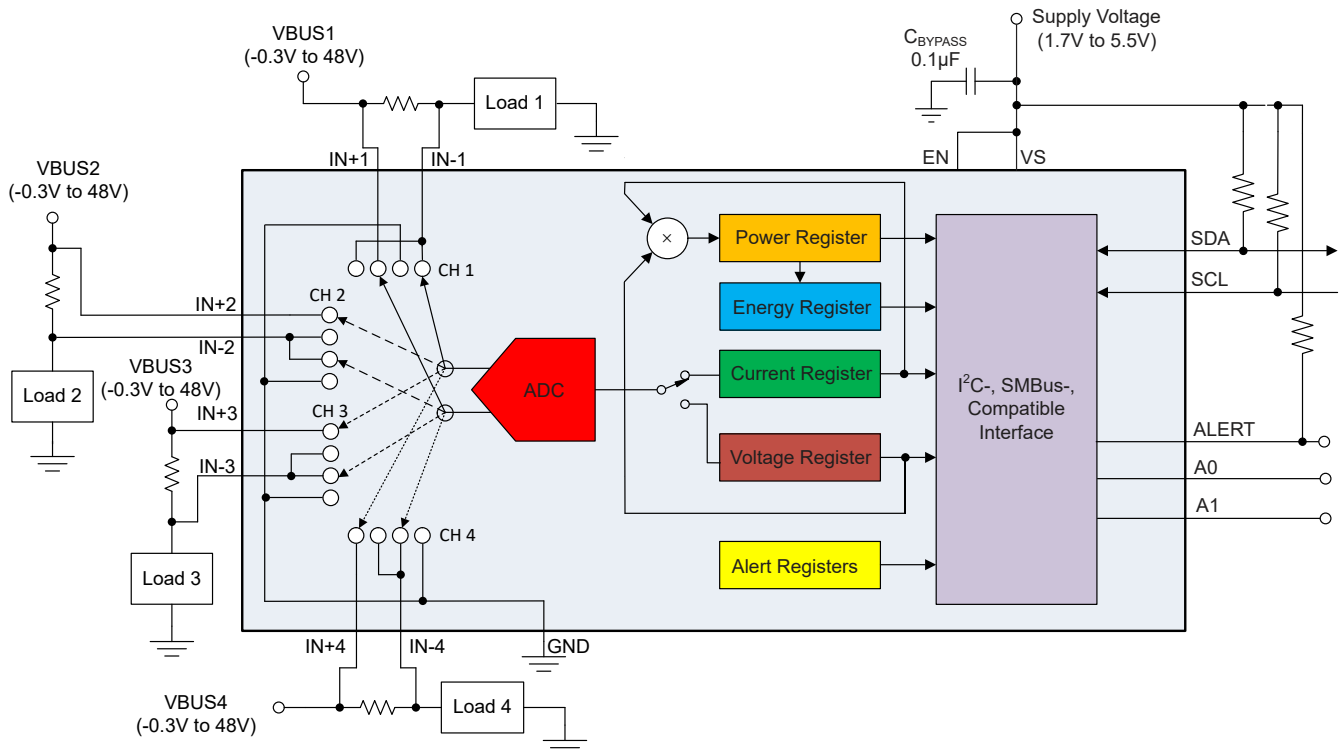
Figure 5-23. Quiescent Current - Shutdown vs. SCL Frequency

6 Detailed Description

6.1 Overview

The INA4235 is a multichannel digital current-sense amplifier with an I²C- and SMBus-compatible interface. The device reports current, voltage, power, and energy for each of the channels and features programmable out-of-range limits to issue alerts when selected parameters are outside the normal range of operation. The integrated analog-to-digital converter (ADC) can be set to different averaging modes and configured for continuous-versus-triggered operation. [Device Registers](#) provides detailed register information for the INA4235.

6.2 Functional Block Diagram



6.3 Feature Description

6.3.1 Integrated Analog-to-Digital Converter (ADC)

The INA4235 integrates a low offset 16-bit delta-sigma ($\Delta\Sigma$) ADC. This ADC is multiplexed for each channel to process both the shunt voltage and bus voltage measurements. Bus voltage measurements are made with respect to IN- and GND. The shunt voltage measurement is a differential measurement of the voltage developed when the load current flows through a shunt resistor between the IN+ and IN- pins for each channel. The shunt voltage measurement has a maximum offset voltage of only 10 μ V and a maximum gain error of 0.1%. The low offset voltage of the shunt voltage measurement allows for increased accuracy at light load conditions for a given shunt resistor value. Another advantage of low offset is the ability to sense a lower voltage drop across the sense resistor accurately, thus allowing for a lower-value shunt resistor. Lower-value shunt resistors reduce power loss in the current-sense circuit and help improve the power efficiency of the end application.

There are no special considerations for power-supply sequencing because the bus common-mode at the IN+ and IN- pins and power-supply voltage at the VS pin are independent of each other; therefore, the bus common-mode voltage can be present with the supply voltage off, and so forth.

6.3.2 Internal Measurement and Calculation Engine

The internal round robin measurement scheme for the INA4235 is shown in [Figure 6-1](#). For each channel the current, power, and energy registers are calculated from the shunt and bus voltage measurements and are not directly affected by ADC conversion times. Register values are updated for each channel before preceding to the

next channel. When averaging is enabled, the registers for each channel updates once the number of averages is complete. Fault conditions are compared immediately after conversions or calculations based on the ADC conversion time and are independent of the number of averages set. Reducing the conversion times result in faster alert responses but at lower effective resolutions due to noise. Longer conversion times slow the alert response but are less sensitive to noise. Channels or measurements that are disabled are skipped in the round robin cycle. The conversion ready flag is set at the end of conversions after the selected number of averages are met.

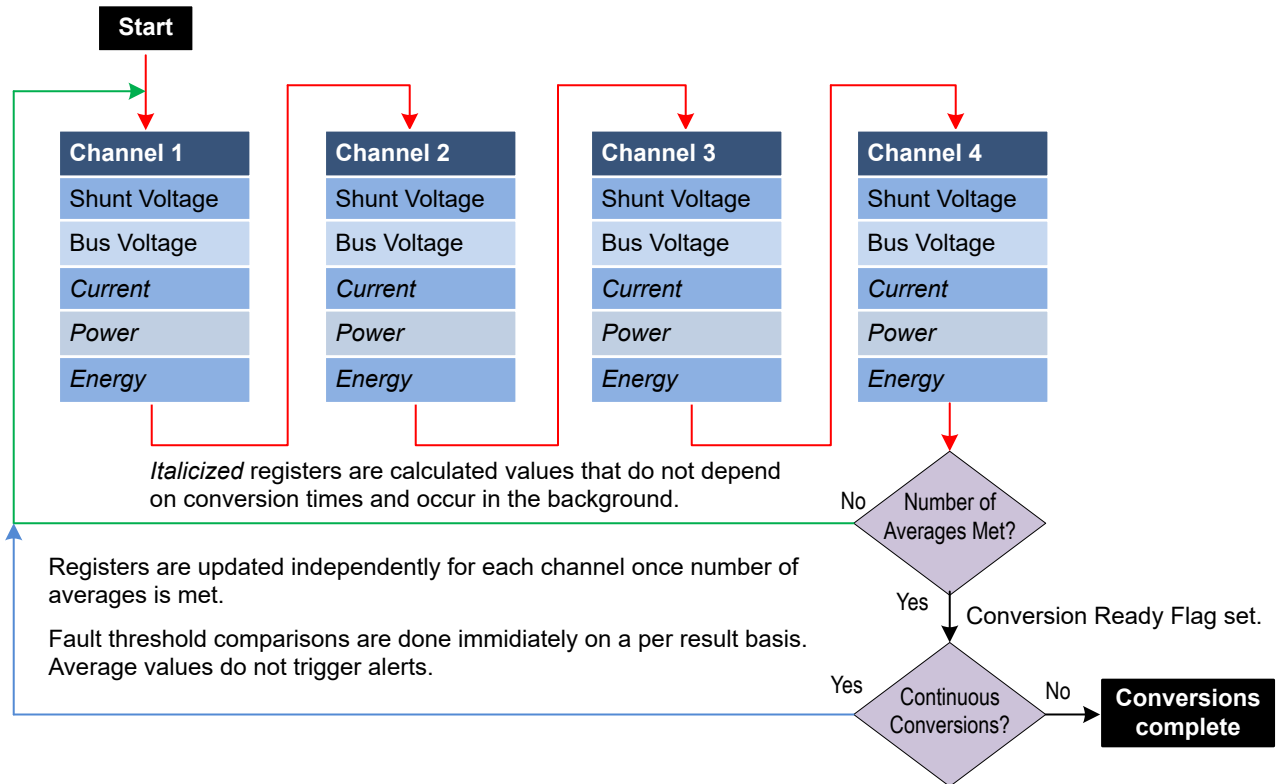


Figure 6-1. Internal Measurement and Calculation Scheme

Current is calculated from the shunt voltage measurements and the value entered in the corresponding calibration register. Power is calculated based on the previous current calculation and the latest bus voltage measurement. Energy is accumulated by adding the previous power calculation multiplied by the current timebase interval. If the value loaded into the corresponding calibration register is zero, current, power, and energy values are reported as zero also. When the averaging is enabled, register values are updated once the number of averages are met. These calculations are performed in the background and do not add to the overall conversion time.

6.3.3 Low Bias Current

When performing a current measurement, the INA4235 features very low input bias current which provides several benefits. The low input bias current of the INA4235 reduces the current consumed by the device in both active and shutdown state. Another benefit of low bias current is that low bias current allows the use of input filters to reject high-frequency noise before the signal is converted to digital data. In traditional digital current-sense monitors, the addition of input filters comes at the cost of reduced accuracy. However, as a result of the low bias current, the reduction in accuracy due to input filters is minimized. An additional benefit of low bias current is the ability to use a larger shunt resistor to accurately sense smaller currents. Use of a larger value for the shunt resistor allows the device to accurately monitor currents in the sub-mA range.

The bias current in the INA4235 is the smallest when the sensed current is zero. As the current starts to increase, the differential voltage drop across the shunt resistor increases which results in an increase in the bias current (see [Figure 5-14](#)).

The INA4235 has low bias current only when making a current measurement. When bus voltage measurements are made, the impedance of the IN- pins decrease. During bus voltage measurements the IN- pins are connected to an internal resistor divider with an impedance of approximately 1M Ω . Configuring the internal multiplexer to perform only current measurements allows the device to always have low bias current.

6.3.4 Low Voltage Supply and Wide Common-Mode Voltage Range

The supply voltage range of the INA4235 is 1.7V to 5.5V. The ability to operate at 1.7V enables the device to be used in 1.8V supply rails. Even with a supply voltage of 1.7V, the device can monitor currents on voltage rails as high as 48V. This wide common-mode range of operation allows the device to be used in many applications where the common-mode voltage exceeds the supply voltage rail.

6.3.5 ALERT Pin

The INA4235 has four [Alert Configuration Registers](#) that can be assigned to the four channels as needed. Each alert register has a channel assignment field as well as an alert mask field. The alert mask field allows the selection from one of the five available functions for the alert response. Based on the function being monitored, a value can then be entered into the [Alert Limit Registers](#) to set the corresponding threshold value that asserts the ALERT pin.

The ALERT pin allows for one of several available alert functions to be monitored to determine if a user-defined threshold has been exceeded. The five alert functions that can be monitored are:

- Shunt voltage overlimit (SOL)
- Shunt voltage underlimit (SUL)
- Bus voltage overlimit (BOL)
- Bus voltage underlimit (BUL)
- Power overlimit (POL)

The ALERT pin is an open-drain output. This pin is asserted when the alert function selected in the Alert Configuration registers exceeds the value programmed into the Alert Limit register. Up to four alert functions can be enabled and monitored at a time.

The conversion-ready state of the device can also be monitored at the ALERT pin to inform the user when the device has completed the previous conversion and is ready to begin a new conversion. The conversion ready flag (CVRF) bit can be monitored at the ALERT pin along with one of the alert functions.

If the alert function is not used, the ALERT pin can be left floating without impacting the operation of the device.

The alert function compares the programmed alert limit value to the result of each corresponding conversion. Therefore, an alert can be issued during a conversion cycle where the averaged value of the signal does not exceed the alert limit. Triggering an alert based on this intermediate conversion allows for out-of-range events to be detected faster than the averaged output data registers are updated. This fast detection can be used to create alert limits for quickly changing conditions through the use of the alert function, as well as to create limits to longer-duration conditions through software monitoring of the averaged output values.

6.4 Device Functional Modes

6.4.1 Continuous Versus Triggered Operation

The INA4235 has two operating modes, continuous and triggered, that determine how the ADC operates after these conversions. When the INA4235 is in the normal operating mode (that is, the MODE bits of the CONFIG1 register are set to '111'), the device continuously converts a shunt voltage reading followed by a bus voltage reading for each channel.

In triggered mode, writing any of the triggered convert modes into the [Section 7.1.1](#) (that is, the MODE bits of the CONFIG1 register are set to 001, 010, or 011) triggers a single-shot conversion of the selected parameters.

This action produces a single set of measurements. To trigger another single-shot conversion, the Configuration register must be written to again, even if the mode does not change.

Although the INA4235 can be read at any time, and the data from the last conversion remain available, the conversion ready flag bit (CVRF bit, FLAGS register) is provided to help coordinate single-shot or triggered conversions. The CVRF bit is set after all conversions, averaging, and multiplication operations are complete for a single round robin cycle.

The CVRF bit clears under these conditions:

1. Writing to the CONFIG1 register, except when configuring the MODE bits for power-down mode; or
2. Reading the FLAGS register.

6.4.2 Device Low Power Modes

In addition to the two operating modes (continuous and triggered), the INA4235 also has two low power modes. In shutdown the device reduces the quiescent current and input bias current but is able to process I²C bus communications. In this state the quiescent current is reduced to less than 4 μ A. Full recovery from shut-down mode requires 40 μ s. The device remains in shut-down mode until one of the active modes settings are written into the Configuration register. An even lower power mode is the disabled mode, which is initiated by forcing a logic low on the enable pin. In this mode the quiescent current is the lowest, with the device only drawing 50nA (max) of supply current, but the device does not recognize any I²C bus communications in this state. Also the device configuration gets reset when in the disabled state and needs to be reprogrammed when enabled. Recovery from the disabled state requires 100 μ s.

6.4.3 Power-On Reset

Power-on reset (POR) is asserted when V_S drops below 0.95V (typical) at which point all of the registers are reset to the default values. The default power-up register values are shown in the reset column for each register description.

6.4.4 Averaging and Conversion Time Considerations

The INA4235 has programmable conversion times for both the shunt voltage and bus voltage measurements that are applied across all channels. The conversion times for these measurements can be selected from as fast as 140 μ s to as long as 8.244ms. The conversion time settings, along with the programmable averaging mode, allow the INA4235 to be configured to optimize the available timing requirements in a given application. The INA4235 can also be configured with a different conversion time setting for the shunt and bus voltage measurements. This type of approach is common in applications where the bus voltage tends to be relatively stable. This situation allows for the time spent measuring the bus voltage to be reduced relative to the shunt voltage measurement.

There are trade-offs associated with the conversion time settings and the averaging mode used. The averaging feature can significantly improve the measurement accuracy by effectively filtering the signal. This approach allows the INA4235 to reduce noise in the measurement that can be caused by noise coupling into the signal. A greater number of averages enables the INA4235 to be more effective in reducing the noise component of the measurement.

The conversion times selected can also have an effect on the measurement accuracy. [Figure 6-2](#) shows multiple conversion times to illustrate the effect of noise on the measurement. To achieve the highest accuracy measurement possible, use a combination of the longest allowable conversion times and highest number of averages, based on the timing requirements of the system.

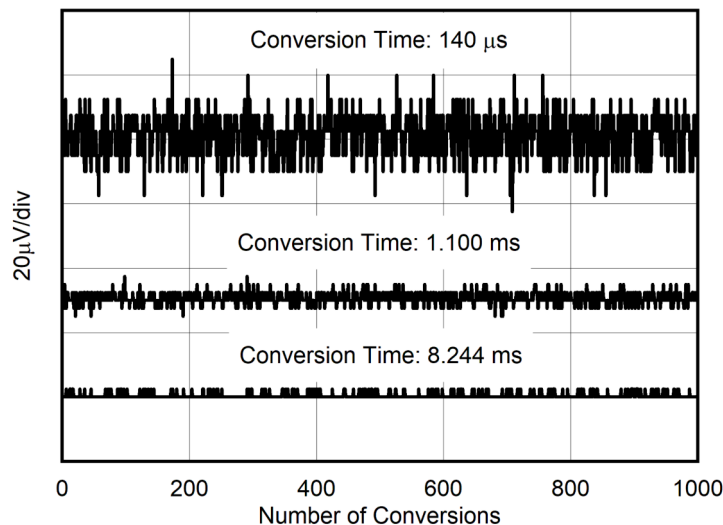


Figure 6-2. Noise vs. Conversion Time

6.5 Programming

6.5.1 I²C Serial Interface

The INA4235 operates only as a target on both the SMBus and I²C interfaces. Connections to the bus are made through the open-drain SDA and SCL lines. The SDA and SCL pins feature integrated spike suppression filters and Schmitt triggers to minimize the effects of input spikes and bus noise. Although the device integrates spike suppression into the digital I/O lines, proper layout techniques help minimize the amount of coupling into the communication lines. This noise introduction can occur from capacitive coupling signal edges between the two communication lines themselves or from other switching noise sources present in the system. Routing traces in parallel with ground in between layers on a printed circuit board (PCB) typically reduces the effects of coupling between the communication lines. Shielded communication lines reduce the possibility of unintended noise coupling into the digital I/O lines that can be incorrectly interpreted as start or stop commands.

The INA4235 supports the transmission protocol for fast mode (1kHz to 400kHz) and high-speed mode (1kHz to 2.94MHz). All data bytes are transmitted most significant byte first and follow the SMBus 3.0 transfer protocol.

To communicate with the INA4235, the controller must first address targets through a target address byte. The target address byte consists of seven address bits and a direction bit that indicates whether the action is to be a read or write operation.

The device has two address pins, A0 and A1. [Table 6-1](#) lists the pin connections required for each of the 16 possible addresses. The device samples the state of pins A0 and A1 on every bus communication. Establish the pin state before any activity on the interface occurs.

Table 6-1. Address Pins and Target Addresses

| A1 | A0 | TARGET DEVICE ADDRESS |
|-----|-----|-----------------------|
| GND | GND | 1000000 |
| GND | VS | 1000001 |
| GND | SDA | 1000010 |
| GND | SCL | 1000011 |
| VS | GND | 1000100 |
| VS | VS | 1000101 |
| VS | SDA | 1000110 |
| VS | SCL | 1000111 |
| SDA | GND | 1001000 |

Table 6-1. Address Pins and Target Addresses (continued)

| A1 | A0 | TARGET DEVICE ADDRESS |
|-----|-----|-----------------------|
| SDA | VS | 1001001 |
| SDA | SDA | 1001010 |
| SDA | SCL | 1001011 |
| SCL | GND | 1001100 |
| SCL | VS | 1001101 |
| SCL | SDA | 1001110 |
| SCL | SCL | 1001111 |

6.5.2 Writing to and Reading Through the I²C Serial Interface

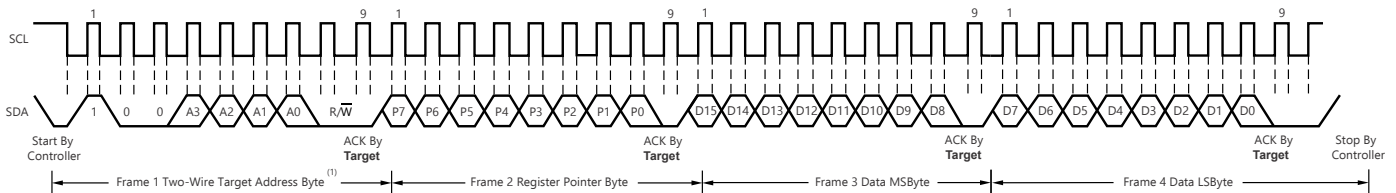
Accessing a specific register on the INA4235 is accomplished by writing the appropriate value to the register pointer. Refer to [Register Maps](#) for a complete list of registers and corresponding addresses. The value for the register pointer (see [Figure 6-5](#)) is the first byte transferred after the target address byte with the R/W bit low. Every write operation to the device requires a value for the register pointer.

Writing to a register begins with the first byte transmitted by the controller. This byte is the target address, with the R/W bit low. The device then acknowledges receipt of a valid address. The next byte transmitted by the controller is the address of the register to be accessed. This register address value updates the register pointer to the desired internal device register. The next two bytes are written to the register addressed by the register pointer. The device acknowledges receipt of each data byte. The controller can terminate data transfer by generating a start or stop condition.

When reading from the device, the last value stored in the register pointer by a write operation determines which register is read during a read operation. To change the register pointer for a read operation, a new value must be written to the register pointer. This write is accomplished by issuing a target address byte with the R/W bit low, followed by the register pointer byte. No additional data are required. The controller then generates a start condition and sends the address byte for the target with the R/W bit high to initiate the read command. The next byte is transmitted by the target and is the most significant byte of the register indicated by the register pointer. This byte is followed by an *Acknowledge* from the controller; then the target transmits the least significant byte. The controller can or can not acknowledge receipt of the second data byte. The controller can terminate data transfer by generating a *Not-Acknowledge* after receiving any data byte, or generating a start or stop condition. If repeated reads from the same register are desired, continually sending the register pointer bytes is not necessary. The device retains the register pointer value until the value is changed by the next write operation.

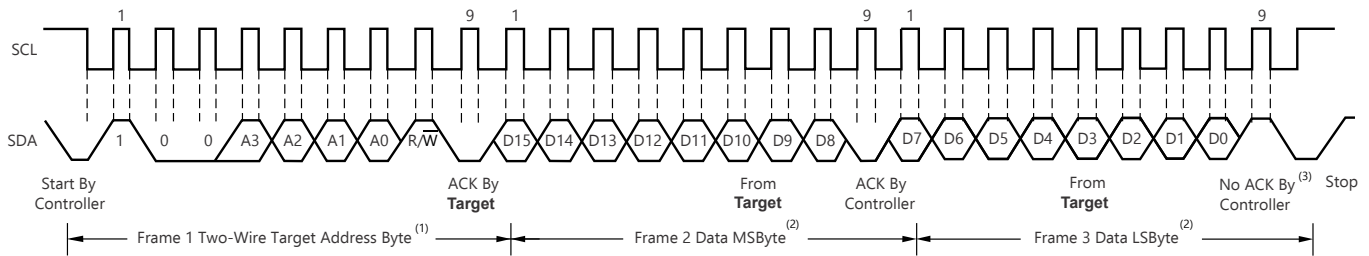
[Figure 6-3](#) shows the write operation timing diagram. [Figure 6-4](#) shows the read operation timing diagram. These diagrams are shown for reading/writing to 16 bit registers.

Register bytes are sent most-significant byte first, followed by the least significant byte.



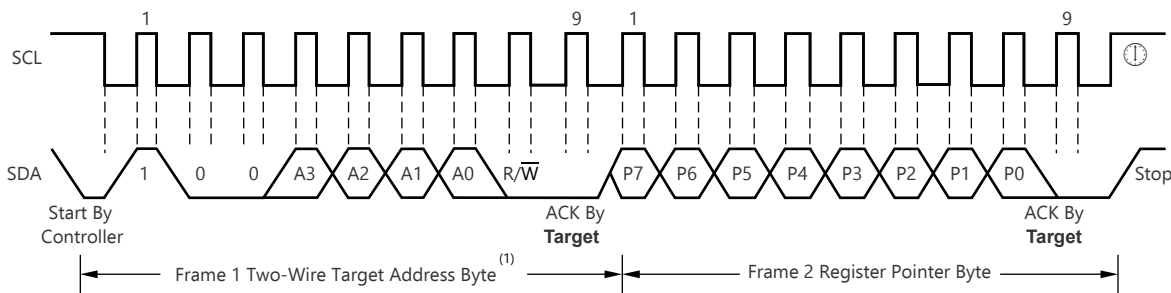
- The value of the Target Address byte is determined by the setting of the A0 address pin. Refer to [Table 6-1](#).
- The device does not support packet error checking (PEC) or perform clock stretching.

Figure 6-3. Timing Diagram for Write Word Format



- A. The value of the Target Address byte is determined by the setting of the A0 address pin. Refer to [Table 6-1](#).
- B. Read data is from the last register pointer location. If a new register is desired, the register pointer must be updated. See [Figure 6-5](#).
- C. ACK by the controller can also be sent.
- D. The device does not support packet error checking (PEC) or perform clock stretching.

Figure 6-4. Timing Diagram for Read Word Format



- A. The value of the Target Address byte is determined by the setting of the A0 address pin. Refer to [Table 6-1](#).

Figure 6-5. Typical Register Pointer Set

6.5.3 High-Speed I²C Mode

When the bus is idle, both the SDA and SCL lines are pulled high by the pullup resistors. The controller generates a start condition followed by a valid serial byte containing high-speed (HS) controller code 00001XXX. This transmission is made in fast (400kHz) or standard (100kHz) (F/S) mode at no more than 400kHz. The device does not acknowledge the HS controller code, but does recognize the code and switches the internal filters to support 2.94MHz operation.

The controller then generates a repeated start condition (a repeated start condition has the same timing as the start condition). After this repeated start condition, the protocol is the same as F/S mode, except that transmission speeds up to 2.94MHz are allowed. Instead of using a stop condition, use repeated start conditions to maintain the bus in HS-mode. A stop condition ends the HS-mode and switches all the internal filters of the device to support the F/S mode.

6.5.4 General Call Reset

A general call reset to multiple devices is implemented by addressing the general call address 0000 000, with the last R/W bit set to 0. This is then followed by the following data byte 0000 0110 (06h).

On receiving this 2-byte sequence, all devices designed to respond to the general call address are reset. All INA4235 devices on the bus perform a soft reset operation and return to the default power-up conditions

6.5.5 SMBus Alert Response

The INA4235 is designed to respond to the SMBus Alert Response address. The SMBus Alert Response provides a quick fault identification for simple targets. When an Alert occurs, the controller can broadcast the Alert Response target address (0001 100) with the Read/Write bit set high. Following this Alert Response, any target that generates an alert is identified by acknowledging the Alert Response and sending the address on the bus.

The Alert Response can activate several different target devices simultaneously, similar to the I²C General Call. If more than one target attempts to respond, bus arbitration rules apply. The device that is not prioritized during arbitration does not generate an acknowledge. The device continues to hold the Alert line lows until the device is prioritized as a result of the arbitration.

7 Register Maps

7.1 Device Registers

Table 7-1 lists the INA4235 registers. All register locations not listed in the table are considered as reserved locations and the register contents must not be modified.

Table 7-1. INA4235 Register Overview

| Register Name | Address | Register Type | Register Size (bits) | Default Value |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| CONFIG1 | 0x20 | R/W | 16 | 0xF127 |
| CONFIG2 | 0x21 | R/W | 16 | 0x0000 |
| CALIBRATION_(CH1 - CH4) | 0x05,0x0D, 0x15, 0x1D | R/W | 16 | 0x0000 |
| ALERT_CONFIG(1 - 4) | 0x07, 0x0F, 0x17, 0x1F | R/W | 16 | 0x0000 |
| ALERT_LIMIT(1 - 4) | 0x06, 0x0E, 0x16, 0x1E | R/W | 16 | 0x0000 |
| SHUNT_VOLTAGE_(CH1 - CH4) | 0x00, 0x08, 0x10, 0x18 | R | 16 | 0x0000 |
| BUS_VOLTAGE_(CH1 - CH4) | 0x01, 0x09, 0x11,0x19 | R | 16 | 0x0000 |
| CURRENT_(CH1 - CH4) | 0x02, 0x0A, 0x12, 0x1A | R | 16 | 0x0000 |
| POWER_(CH1 - Ch4) | 0x03, 0x0B, 0x13, 0x1B | R | 16 | 0x0000 |
| ENERGY_(CH1 - CH4) | 0x04, 0x0C, 0x14, 0x1C | R | 32 | 0x0000 |
| FLAGS | 0x22 | R | 16 | 0x0000 |
| MANUFACTURER_ID | 0x7E | R | 16 | 0x5449 ("TI" in ASCII) |
| DEVICE_ID | 0x7F | R | 16 | 0x4350 |

Complex bit access types are encoded to fit into small table cells. Table 7-2 shows the codes that are used for access types in this section.

Table 7-2. Device Access Type Codes

| Access Type | Code | Description |
|-------------|------|-------------|
| Read Type | | |
| R | R | Read |
| Write Type | | |
| W | W | Write |

7.1.1 CONFIG1 Register (Address = 0x20h) [reset = F127h]

The configuration register is shown in Table 7-3.

Table 7-3. CONFIG1 Register Field Descriptions

| Bit | Field | Type | Reset | Description |
|-------|----------------|------|-------|---|
| 15-12 | ACTIVE_CHANNEL | R/W | 1111b | These 4 bits determine which channels are active. Set this bit to '1' to enable each channel. Disabled channels are skipped in the round robin cycle. Bit15 = Channel 4 measurement enable/disable. Bit14 = Channel 3 measurement enable/disable. Bit13 = Channel 2 measurement enable/disable. Bit12 = Channel 1 measurement enable/disable. Power up default: 1111b = All channels active |

Table 7-3. CONFIG1 Register Field Descriptions (continued)

| Bit | Field | Type | Reset | Description |
|------|--------|------|-------|---|
| 11-9 | AVG | R/W | 000b | <p>Sets the number of ADC conversion results to be averaged. The read-back registers are updated after averaging is completed.</p> <p>000b = 1 001b = 4 010b = 16 011b = 64 100b = 128 101b = 256 110b = 512 111b = 1024</p> |
| 8-6 | VBUSCT | R/W | 100b | <p>Sets the conversion time of the VBUS measurement</p> <p>000b = 140µs 001b = 204µs 010b = 332µs 011b = 588µs 100b = 1100µs 101b = 2116µs 110b = 4156µs 111b = 8244µs</p> |
| 5-3 | VSHCT | R/W | 100b | <p>Sets the conversion time of the SHUNT measurement</p> <p>000b = 140µs 001b = 204µs 010b = 332µs 011b = 588µs 100b = 1100µs 101b = 2116µs 110b = 4156µs 111b = 8244µs</p> |
| 2-0 | MODE | R/W | 111b | <p>Operating mode, modes can be selected to operate the device either in Shutdown mode, continuous mode or triggered mode. The mode also allows user to select mux settings to set continuous or triggered mode on bus voltage, shunt voltage measurement.</p> <p>000b = Shutdown 001b = Shunt voltage triggered, single shot 010b = Bus voltage triggered, single shot 011b = Shunt voltage and Bus voltage triggered, single shot 100b = Shutdown 101b = Continuous shunt voltage 110b = Continuous bus voltage 111b = Continuous shunt and bus voltage</p> |

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7.1.2 CONFIG2 Register

The configuration register is shown in [Table 7-4](#).

Table 7-4. CONFIG2 Register Field Descriptions

| Bit | Field | Type | Reset | Description |
|-------|----------|------|-------|---|
| 15 | RST | R/W | 0b | <p>Set this bit to '1' to generate a system reset that is the same as power-on reset.</p> <p>Resets all registers to default values and then self-clears.</p> |
| 14-12 | Reserved | R | 000b | These bits always read 0. |

Table 7-4. CONFIG2 Register Field Descriptions (continued)

| Bit | Field | Type | Reset | Description |
|------|-------------|------|-------|---|
| 11-8 | ACC_RST | R/W | 0000b | Writing a one to these bits resets the energy registers and clears any overflow flags. Bit11 = Channel 4 energy reset, overflow clear. Bit10 = Channel 3 energy reset, overflow clear. Bit9 = Channel 2 energy reset, overflow clear. Bit8 = Channel 1 energy reset, overflow clear. Power up default: 0000b = All channels active Bits are reset back to 0 after write. |
| 7 | CNVR_MASK | R/W | 0b | Setting this bit high configures the ALERT pin to be asserted when conversions are complete. 0b = Disable conversion ready flag on ALERT pin 1b = Enables conversion ready flag on ALERT pin ALERT remains asserted until the CVRF field in the flags register is read. |
| 6 | ENOF_MASK | R/W | 0b | When set to 1, the Alert pin toggles when an energy overflow condition occurs on any of the enabled channels |
| 5 | ALERT_LATCH | R/W | 0b | When set to 1 the state of the Alert pin latches during fault conditions. To clear the alert the alert flags register must be read and the fault condition removed. |
| 4 | ALERT_POL | R/W | 0b | When this bit is set to 1, the alert pin toggles from low to high during a fault condition. When set to 0 (default), the alert pin toggles from high to low during faults. |
| 3-0 | RANGE | R/W | 0000b | Enables the selection of the shunt full scale input range for each channel. Bit3 = Channel 4 range selection. Bit2 = Channel 3 range selection. Bit1 = Channel 2 range selection. Bit0 = Channel 1 range selection. range selection bit = 0 selects $\pm 81.92\text{mV}$ range selection bit = 1 selects $\pm 20.48\text{mV}$ 0000b = all channels set to $\pm 81.92\text{mV}$ range |

Return to the [Summary Table](#).

7.1.3 CALIBRATION Registers

The calibration registers shown in [Table 7-5](#) must be programmed to receive valid current, power, and energy results after initial power up, power cycle events, or on device enable.

Table 7-5. INA4235 Calibration Registers

| Address | Register Name | Register Type | Register Size (bits) |
|---------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 0x05 | CALIBRATION_CH1 | R/W | 16 |
| 0x0D | CALIBRATION_CH2 | R/W | 16 |
| 0x15 | CALIBRATION_CH3 | R/W | 16 |
| 0x1D | CALIBRATION_CH4 | R/W | 16 |

This register provides the device with the value of the shunt resistor that are present to create the measured differential voltage. This register also sets the resolution of the Current Register. Programming this register sets the Current_LSB and the Power_LSB.

Table 7-6. Calibration Register Field Descriptions

| Bit | Field | Type | Reset | Description |
|------|-----------|------|-------|--|
| 15 | Reserved | R | 0h | |
| 14-0 | SHUNT_CAL | R/W | 0000h | Programmed value needed for doing the shunt voltage to current conversion. |

Return to the [Summary Table](#).

7.1.4 Alert Configuration Registers

The alert configuration registers are shown in [Table 7-7](#).

Table 7-7. INA4235 ALERT_CONFIG Registers

| Address | Register Name | Register Type | Register Size (bits) |
|---------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 0x07 | ALERT1 | R/W | 16 |
| 0x0F | ALERT2 | R/W | 16 |
| 0x17 | ALERT3 | R/W | 16 |
| 0x1F | ALERT4 | R/W | 16 |

The format of each alert configuration register is shown in [Table 7-8](#).

These registers configure what triggers an alert for each of the channels. The alert mask field sets the active alert. Up to 4 alerts can be assigned to a given channel or spread equally across all channels depending on the needs of the application.

Table 7-8. Alert Configuration Register Field Descriptions

| Bit | Field | Type | Reset | Description |
|--------|------------|------|---------------|---|
| 15 - 4 | Reserved | R | 000000000000b | Reserved |
| 4-3 | CHANNEL | R/W | 00b | Selects 00b = Channel 1 01b = Channel 2 10b = Channel 3 11b = Channel 4 |
| 2-0 | ALERT_MASK | R/W | 000b | Sets the active alert for the assigned channel 000b = reserved, no effect 001b = Shunt Voltage over limit (SOL) 010b = Shunt Voltage under limit (SUL) 011b = Bus Voltage over limit (BOL) 100b = Bus Voltage under limit (BUL) 101b = Power over limit (POL) 110b = reserved, no effect 111b = reserved, no effect |

The alert configuration registers set what triggers an alert for each of the channels. The alert mask field sets the active alert. Up to 4 alerts can be assigned to a given channel or spread as required across all channels depending on the application.

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7.1.5 Alert Limit Registers

The alert limit registers shown in [Table 7-9](#) must be programmed to set the desired fault limit threshold.

Table 7-9. INA4235 ALERT_LIMIT Registers

| Address | Register Name | Register Type | Reset | Register Size (bits) |
|---------|---------------|---------------|-------|----------------------|
| 0x06 | LIMIT1 | R/W | 0000h | 16 |
| 0x0E | LIMIT2 | R/W | 0000h | 16 |
| 0x16 | LIMIT3 | R/W | 0000h | 16 |
| 0x1E | LIMIT4 | R/W | 0000h | 16 |

The format of the alert limit register follows the format of the corresponding result register.

Shunt voltage limits are represented as signed 16 bit, bus voltage limits are unsigned 15 bit, and power limits are unsigned 16 bit values.

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7.1.6 Shunt Voltage Registers

The Shunt Voltage Registers store the current shunt voltage reading, V_{SHUNT} . The shunt voltage measurement for each channel has a unique address as shown in [Table 7-10](#).

Table 7-10. INA4235 SHUNT_VOLTAGE Registers

| Address | Register Name | Register Type | Register Size (bits) |
|---------|-------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 0x00 | SHUNT_VOLTAGE_CH1 | R | 16 |
| 0x08 | SHUNT_VOLTAGE_CH2 | R | 16 |
| 0x10 | SHUNT_VOLTAGE_CH3 | R | 16 |
| 0x18 | SHUNT_VOLTAGE_CH4 | R | 16 |

The format of each shunt voltage register is shown in [Table 7-11](#).

If averaging is enabled, these registers contain the averaged shunt voltage value.

Table 7-11. Shunt Voltage Register Field Description

| Bit | Field | Type | Reset | Description |
|------|--------|------|-------|--|
| 15-0 | VSHUNT | R | 0000h | Differential voltage measured across the shunt output. 2's complement value. |

Negative numbers are represented in two's complement format. Generate the two's complement of a negative number by complementing the absolute value binary number and adding 1. An MSB = '1' denotes a negative number.

Example: For a value of $V_{SHUNT} = -80\text{mV}$:

1. Take the absolute value: 80mV
2. Translate this number to a whole decimal number ($80\text{mV} \div 2.5\mu\text{V}$) = 32000
3. Convert this number to binary = 0111 1101 0000 0000
4. Complement the binary result = 1000 0010 1111 1111
5. Add '1' to the complement to create the two's complement result = 1000 0011 0000 0000 = 8300h

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7.1.7 Bus Voltage Registers

The bus voltage registers store the voltage measured at the bus pin for each of the channels. Bus voltage measurements are stored in an unique register addresses as shown in [Table 7-12](#).

Table 7-12. INA4235 BUS_VOLTAGE Registers

| Address | Register Name | Register Type | Register Size (bits) |
|---------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 0x01 | BUS_VOLTAGE_CH1 | R | 16 |
| 0x09 | BUS_VOLTAGE_CH2 | R | 16 |
| 0x11 | BUS_VOLTAGE_CH3 | R | 16 |
| 0x19 | BUS_VOLTAGE_CH4 | R | 16 |

The format of each bus voltage register is shown in [Table 7-13](#).

The bus voltage registers only return positive values. If averaging is enabled, this register displays the averaged value.

Table 7-13. BUS_VOLTAGE Register Field Description

| Bit | Field | Type | Reset | Description |
|------|-------|------|-------|--|
| 15-0 | VBUS | R | 0000h | Bus voltage output. 2's complement value, however always positive. |

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7.1.8 CURRENT Registers

The current registers store the calculated current value for each of the channels. Current measurements are stored in an unique register addresses as shown in [Table 7-14](#).

Table 7-14. INA4235 CURRENT Registers

| Address | Register Name | Register Type | Register Size (bits) |
|---------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 0x02 | CURRENT_CH1 | R | 16 |
| 0x0A | CURRENT_CH2 | R | 16 |
| 0x12 | CURRENT_CH3 | R | 16 |
| 0x1A | CURRENT_CH4 | R | 16 |

The format of each bus current register is shown in [Table 7-15](#).

If averaging is enabled, this register displays the averaged value. The value of the Current Register is calculated by multiplying the decimal value in the Shunt Voltage Register with the decimal value of the Calibration Register.

Table 7-15. CURRENT Register Field Description

| Bit | Field | Type | Reset | Description |
|------|---------|------|-------|---|
| 15-0 | CURRENT | R | 0000h | Calculated current output in Amperes. 2's complement value. |

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7.1.9 POWER Registers

The power registers store the multiplied value of the bus voltage and current for each of the channels. Power measurements are stored in an unique register addresses as shown in [Table 7-16](#).

Table 7-16. INA4235 POWER Registers

| Address | Register Name | Register Type | Register Size (bits) |
|---------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 0x03 | POWER_CH1 | R | 16 |
| 0x0B | POWER_CH2 | R | 16 |
| 0x13 | POWER_CH3 | R | 16 |
| 0x1B | POWER_CH4 | R | 16 |

The format of each bus power register is shown in [Table 7-17](#).

If averaging is enabled, this register displays the averaged value. The Power Register records power in Watts by multiplying the decimal values of the Current Register with the decimal value of the Bus Voltage Register. This is an unsigned result.

Table 7-17. POWER Register Field Description

| Bit | Field | Type | Reset | Description |
|------|-------|------|-------|---|
| 15-0 | POWER | R | 0000h | This bit returns a calculated value of power in the system. This is an unsigned result. |

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7.1.10 Energy Registers

The energy registers accumulate data from the power registers and with the internal precision timebase calculate and store the energy for each of the channels. Energy measurements are stored in a unique register addresses as shown in [Table 7-18](#).

Table 7-18. INA4235 ENERGY Registers

| Address | Register Name | Register Type | Register Size (bits) |
|---------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 0x04 | ENERGY_CH1 | R | 32 |
| 0x0C | ENERGY_CH2 | R | 32 |
| 0x14 | ENERGY_CH3 | R | 32 |
| 0x1C | ENERGY_CH4 | R | 32 |

The format of each bus power register is shown in [Table 7-19](#).

The Energy register records energy in Joules and utilizes the precision oscillator as a timebase. This is an unsigned result.

Table 7-19. Energy Register Field Description

| Bit | Field | Type | Reset | Description |
|------|--------|------|-----------|--|
| 31-0 | ENERGY | R | 00000000h | This bit returns a calculated value of energy in the system. This is an unsigned result. |

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7.1.11 Flags Register

The Flags Register is shown in [Table 7-20](#).

Table 7-20. Flags Register Field Descriptions

| Bit | Field | Type | Reset | Description |
|-----|--------------|------|-------|---|
| 15 | LIMIT4_ALERT | R | 0b | Indicates the fourth alert limit has been exceeded. This alert is independent of channel. |
| 14 | LIMIT3_ALERT | R | 0b | Indicates the third alert limit has been exceeded. This alert is independent of channel. |
| 13 | LIMIT2_ALERT | R | 0b | Indicates the second alert limit has been exceeded. This alert is independent of channel. |
| 12 | LIMIT1_ALERT | R | 0b | Indicates the first alert limit has been exceeded. This alert is independent of channel. |
| 11 | ENERGYOF_CH4 | R | 0b | Indicates an the energy register has overflowed for channel 4 |
| 10 | ENERGYOF_CH3 | R | 0b | Indicates an the energy register has overflowed for channel 3 |

Table 7-20. Flags Register Field Descriptions (continued)

| Bit | Field | Type | Reset | Description |
|-----|------------------------------|------|---------|---|
| 9 | ENERGYOF_CH2 | R | 0b | Indicates an the energy register has overflowed for channel 2 |
| 8 | ENERGYOF_CH1 | R | 0b | Indicates an the energy register has overflowed for channel 1 |
| 7 | CVRF (Conversion Ready Flag) | R | 0b | Although the device can be read at any time, and the data from the last conversion is available, the Conversion Ready Flag bit is provided to help coordinate one-shot or triggered conversions. The Conversion Ready Flag bit is set after all conversions, averaging, and multiplications are complete. Conversion Ready Flag bit clears under the following conditions: 1.) Writing to the Configuration Register (except for Power-Down selection) 2.) Reading the Flags Register |
| 6 | OVF (Math Over-flow) | R | 0b | This bit is set to '1' if an arithmetic operation results in an overflow error. This bit indicates that current and power data can be invalid. |
| 5-0 | Reserved | - | 000000b | Reserved |

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7.1.12 Manufacturer ID Register (Address = 7Eh)

The manufacturer ID register is shown in [Table 7-21](#).

Table 7-21. MANUFACTURE_ID Register Field Descriptions

| Bit | Field | Type | Reset | Description |
|------|----------------|------|-------|------------------------|
| 15-0 | MANUFACTURE_ID | R | 5449h | Reads back TI in ASCII |

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7.1.13 Device Identification Register (Address = 7Fh)

The DEVICE_ID register is shown in [Table 7-22](#).

Table 7-22. DEVICE_ID Register Field Descriptions

| Bit | Field | Type | Reset | Description |
|------|--------|------|-------|---------------------------------------|
| 15-4 | DIE_ID | R | 0x435 | Stores the device identification bits |
| 3-0 | REV_ID | R | 1h | Device revision identification. |

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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

The INA4235 is a multi-channel current shunt monitor with an I²C- and SMBus-compatible interface. The device monitors a shunt voltage drop to calculate the current and bus voltage at IN- pin to determine power and energy for up to four measurement channels. Programmable calibration value, conversion times, and averaging (combined with an internal multiplier) enable direct readouts of current in amperes, power in watts, and energy in joules.

8.1.1 Device Measurement Range and Resolution

The INA4235 device supports two input ranges for the shunt voltage measurements for each channel. The supported full scale differential input across the IN+ and IN- pins can be either $\pm 81.92\text{mV}$ or $\pm 20.48\text{mV}$ depending on the RANGE field in the [CONFIG2 Register](#) register. The range for the bus voltage measurement at the IN- pins is from 0V to 52.42V, but is limited by process ratings to the maximum operating voltage.

[Table 8-1](#) provides a description of full scale voltage on shunt and bus voltage measurements, along with the associated resolution.

Table 8-1. ADC Full Scale Values

| PARAMETER | FULL SCALE VALUE | RESOLUTION |
|---------------|---|------------------------|
| Shunt voltage | $\pm 81.92\text{mV}$ (ADCRANGE = 0) | 2.5 μV /LSB |
| | $\pm 20.48\text{mV}$ (ADCRANGE = 1) | 625nV/LSB |
| Bus voltage | 0V to 52.4V (Limit usable range to recommended operating voltage) | 1.6mV/LSB |

The device shunt voltage and bus voltage measurements are read through the Shunt Voltage registers and Bus Voltage registers, respectively. The digital output in shunt voltage and bus voltage registers is 16 bits. The shunt voltage measurement can be positive or negative due to bidirectional currents in the system; therefore the data value in shunt voltage register can be positive or negative. The bus voltage register data value is always positive. The output data can be directly converted into voltage by multiplying the digital value by the respective resolution size.

Furthermore, the device provides the flexibility to report calculated current in Amperes, power in Watts, as described in [Current and Power Calculations](#).

8.1.2 Current and Power Calculations

For the INA4235 to report current values in Amperes, a constant conversion value must be written in each of the calibration registers that is dependent on the selected CURRENT_LSB and the shunt resistance used in the application for each channel. The value of the calibration register is calculated based on [Equation 1](#). The term CURRENT_LSB is the chosen LSB step size for the CURRENT register where the current is stored. [Equation 2](#) shows the minimum value of CURRENT_LSB is based on the maximum expected current, and the equation directly defines the maximum resolution of the CURRENT register. While the smallest CURRENT_LSB value yields highest resolution, this value is common for selecting a higher round-number (no higher than 8x) value for the CURRENT_LSB to simplify the conversion of the CURRENT.

The R_{SHUNT} term is the resistance value of the external shunt used to develop the differential voltage across the IN+ and IN– pins. Use [Equation 1](#) for ADCRANGE = 0. For ADCRANGE = 1, the value of SHUNT_CAL must be divided by 4.

$$SHUNT_CAL = \frac{0.00512}{Current_LSB \times R_{SHUNT}} \quad (1)$$

where

- 0.00512 is an internal fixed value used to verify that scaling is maintained properly.
- CURRENT_LSB is a selected value for the current step size in amperes. Must be greater than or equal to CURRENT_LSB (minimum), but less than 8 x CURRENT_LSB(minimum) to reduce resolution loss.
- The value of SHUNT_CAL must be divided by 4 for ADCRANGE = 1.

$$CURRENT_LSB \text{ (minimum)} = \frac{\text{Maximum Expected Current}}{2^{15}} \quad (2)$$

Note that the current is calculated following a shunt voltage measurement based on the value set in the SHUNT_CAL field. If the value loaded into the SHUNT_CAL field is zero, the current value reported through the CURRENT register is also zero.

After programming the SHUNT_CAL field with the calculated value, the measured current in Amperes can be read from the CURRENT register. Use [Equation 3](#) to calculate the final value scaled by the CURRENT_LSB:

$$\text{Current [A]} = CURRENT_LSB \times CURRENT \quad (3)$$

where

- CURRENT is the value read from the CURRENT register

The power value can be read from the POWER register as an unsigned 16-bit value. Use [Equation 4](#) to convert the power to Watts:

$$\text{Power [W]} = 32 \times CURRENT_LSB \times POWER \quad (4)$$

where

- POWER is the value read from the POWER register.
- CURRENT_LSB is chosen lsb size for the selected channel.

The energy values can be read from the each ENERGY register as a 32-bit unsigned value. Use [Equation 5](#) to convert the energy to Joules:

$$\text{Energy [J]} = 32 \times CURRENT_LSB \times ENERGY \quad (5)$$

where

- ENERGY is the value read from the each ENERGY register.
- CURRENT_LSB is chosen lsb size for the selected channel.

8.1.3 ADC Output Data Rate and Noise Performance

The INA4235 noise performance and effective resolution depend on the ADC conversion time. The device also supports digital averaging which can further help decrease digital noise. The flexibility of the device to select ADC conversion time and data averaging offers increased signal-to-noise ratio and achieves the highest dynamic range with lowest offset. The profile of the noise at lower signals levels is dominated by the system noise that is comprised mainly of 1/f noise or white noise. The effective resolution of the ADC can be increased by increasing the conversion time and increasing the number of averages.

Table 8-2 summarizes the output data rate conversion settings supported by the device. The fastest conversion setting is 140µs. Typical noise-free resolution is represented as Effective Number of Bits (ENOB) based on device measured data. The ENOB is calculated based on noise peak-to-peak values, which verifies that full noise distribution is taken into consideration.

Table 8-2. INA4235 Noise performance, current measurement, single channel enabled

| ADC CONVERSION TIME PERIOD [µs] | OUTPUT SAMPLE AVERAGING [SAMPLES] | OUTPUT SAMPLE PERIOD [ms] | NOISE-FREE ENOB (±81.92mV) (ADCRANGE = 0) | NOISE-FREE ENOB (±20.48mV) (ADCRANGE = 1) |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|
| 140 | 1 | 0.14 | 13.1 | 11.1 |
| 204 | 1 | 0.204 | 13.4 | 11.1 |
| 332 | 1 | 0.332 | 14.1 | 11.7 |
| 588 | 1 | 0.588 | 14.7 | 12.2 |
| 1100 | 1 | 1.1 | 14.7 | 12.5 |
| 2116 | 1 | 2.116 | 15.1 | 13.4 |
| 4156 | 1 | 4.156 | 15.7 | 14.1 |
| 8244 | 1 | 8.244 | 16.0 | 14.7 |
| 140 | 4 | 0.56 | 14.1 | 12.1 |
| 204 | 4 | 0.816 | 14.4 | 12.4 |
| 332 | 4 | 1.328 | 15.1 | 12.9 |
| 588 | 4 | 2.352 | 15.7 | 13.4 |
| 1100 | 4 | 4.4 | 15.7 | 13.7 |
| 2116 | 4 | 8.464 | 16.0 | 14.7 |
| 4156 | 4 | 16.624 | 16.0 | 14.7 |
| 8244 | 4 | 32.976 | 16.0 | 15.7 |
| 140 | 16 | 2.24 | 15.1 | 13.1 |
| 204 | 16 | 3.264 | 15.7 | 13.4 |
| 332 | 16 | 5.312 | 15.7 | 14.1 |
| 588 | 16 | 9.408 | 16.0 | 14.4 |
| 1100 | 16 | 17.6 | 16.0 | 15.1 |
| 2116 | 16 | 33.856 | 16.0 | 15.7 |
| 4156 | 16 | 66.496 | 16.0 | 15.7 |
| 8244 | 16 | 131.904 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 140 | 64 | 8.96 | 15.7 | 13.7 |
| 204 | 64 | 13.056 | 16.0 | 14.4 |
| 332 | 64 | 21.248 | 16.0 | 15.1 |
| 588 | 64 | 37.632 | 16.0 | 15.7 |
| 1100 | 64 | 70.4 | 16.0 | 15.7 |
| 2116 | 64 | 135.424 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 4156 | 64 | 265.984 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 8244 | 64 | 527.616 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 140 | 128 | 17.92 | 16.0 | 14.1 |

Table 8-2. INA4235 Noise performance, current measurement, single channel enabled (continued)

| ADC CONVERSION TIME PERIOD [μs] | OUTPUT SAMPLE AVERAGING [SAMPLES] | OUTPUT SAMPLE PERIOD [ms] | NOISE-FREE ENOB (±81.92mV) (ADCRANGE = 0) | NOISE-FREE ENOB (±20.48mV) (ADCRANGE = 1) |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|
| 204 | 128 | 26.112 | 16.0 | 15.1 |
| 332 | 128 | 42.496 | 16.0 | 15.7 |
| 588 | 128 | 75.264 | 16.0 | 15.7 |
| 1100 | 128 | 140.8 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 2116 | 128 | 270.848 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 4156 | 128 | 531.968 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 8244 | 128 | 1055.232 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 140 | 256 | 35.84 | 16.0 | 14.7 |
| 204 | 256 | 52.224 | 16.0 | 15.7 |
| 332 | 256 | 84.992 | 16.0 | 15.7 |
| 588 | 256 | 150.528 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 1100 | 256 | 281.6 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 2116 | 256 | 541.696 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 4156 | 256 | 1063.936 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 8244 | 256 | 2110.464 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 140 | 512 | 71.68 | 16.0 | 15.1 |
| 204 | 512 | 104.448 | 16.0 | 15.7 |
| 332 | 512 | 169.984 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 588 | 512 | 301.056 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 1100 | 512 | 563.2 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 2116 | 512 | 1083.392 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 4156 | 512 | 2127.872 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 8244 | 512 | 4220.928 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 140 | 1024 | 143.36 | 16.0 | 15.7 |
| 204 | 1024 | 208.896 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 332 | 1024 | 339.968 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 588 | 1024 | 602.112 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 1100 | 1024 | 1126.4 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 2116 | 1024 | 2166.784 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 4156 | 1024 | 4255.744 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 8244 | 1024 | 8441.856 | 16.0 | 16.0 |

8.1.4 Filtering and Input Considerations

Measuring current is often noisy and such noise can be difficult to define. The INA4235 offers several options for filtering by allowing the conversion times and number of averages to be selected independently in the Configuration register (0h). The conversion times can be set independently for the shunt voltage and bus voltage measurements to allow added flexibility when configuring the monitoring of the power-supply bus.

The internal ADC is based on a delta-sigma ($\Delta\Sigma$) front-end with a 500kHz ($\pm 0.5\%$ max) sampling rate. This architecture has good inherent noise rejection; however, transients that occur at or very close to the sampling rate harmonics can cause problems. These signals are at 1MHz and higher and can be managed by incorporating filtering at the device input. The high frequency enables the use of low-value series resistors on the filter with negligible effects on measurement accuracy. In general, filtering the device input is only necessary if there are transients at exact harmonics of the 500kHz ($\pm 0.5\%$ max) sampling rate (greater than 1MHz). Filter using the lowest possible series resistance (typically 100Ω or less) and a ceramic capacitor. Recommended

values for this capacitor are between $0.1\mu\text{F}$ and $1\mu\text{F}$. Figure 8-1 illustrates the device with a filter added at the input.

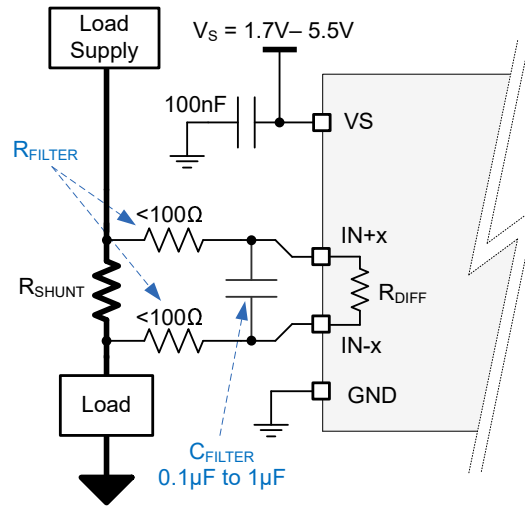


Figure 8-1. Input Filtering

Overload conditions are another consideration for the device inputs. The device inputs are specified to tolerate 26V across the inputs. A large differential scenario can be a short to ground on the load side of the shunt. This type of event can result in the full bus power-supply voltage across the shunt (as long the power supply or energy storage capacitors can support this voltage). Removing a short to ground can result in inductive kickbacks that can exceed the 26V differential and 48V common-mode rating of the device. Inductive kickback voltages are best controlled by Zener-type, transient-absorbing devices (commonly called *transzorb*s) combined with sufficient energy storage capacitance. The [Current Shunt Monitor with Transient Robustness Reference Design](#) describes a high-side, current-shunt monitor used to measure the voltage developed across a current-sensing resistor and how to better protect the current-sense device from transient overvoltage conditions.

In applications that do not have large energy storage electrolytics on one or both sides of the shunt, an input overstress condition can result from an excessive dV/dt of the voltage applied to the input. A hard physical short is the most likely cause of this event, and the excessive dV/dt can activate the ESD protection in systems with large currents. Testing demonstrates that the addition of 10Ω resistors in series with each input of the device sufficiently protects against dV/dt failures up to the 48V rating of the device. Selecting these resistors in the range noted has minimal effect on accuracy.

8.2 Typical Application

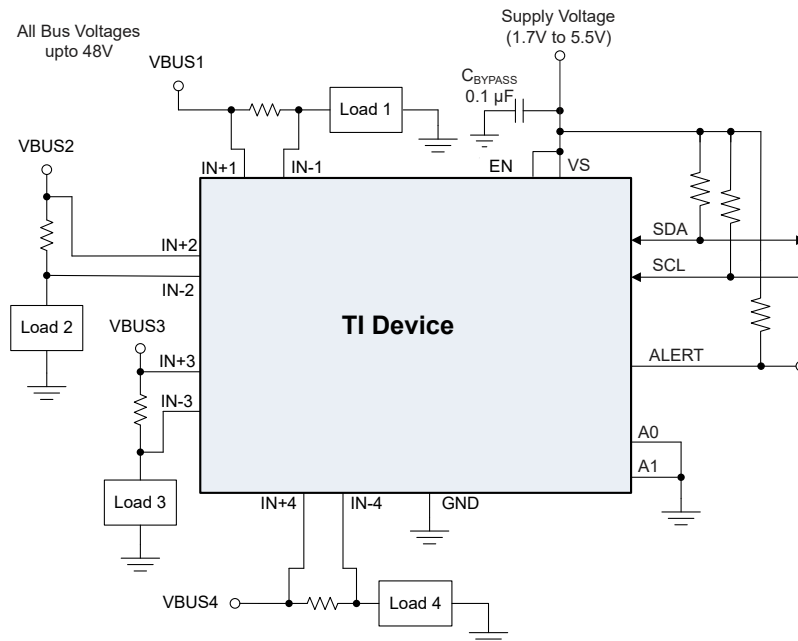


Figure 8-2. Typical High-Side Sensing Circuit Configuration, INA4235

8.2.1 Design Requirements

The INA4235 features 4 channels that measure the voltage developed across a current-sensing resistor (R_{SHUNT}) when current passes through the resistor. The device also measures the bus supply voltage and calculates power and energy for each channel. The device also comes with alert capability, where the alert pin can be programmed to respond to a user-defined event or a conversion ready notification.

Table 8-3 lists the design requirements for a single channel of the circuit shown in Figure 8-2.

Table 8-3. Design Parameters for Channel 1

| DESIGN PARAMETER | EXAMPLE VALUE |
|--|---------------|
| Power-supply voltage (V_S) | 3.3V |
| Bus supply rail (V_{CM}) | 12V |
| Average Current | 6A |
| Overcurrent fault threshold | 9A |
| Maximum current monitored (I_{MAX}) | 10A |
| ADC Range Selection (V_{SENSE_MAX}) | $\pm 81.92mV$ |
| Energy Accumulation Period | 1 hour |

8.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

This design example walks through the process of selecting the shunt resistor, programming the calibration register, setting the correct fault thresholds, and how to properly scale returned values from the device for channel 1 of the device. The configuration of additional channels is similar with calculated values programmed into the registers corresponding to the appropriate channel.

8.2.2.1 Select the Shunt Resistor

Using values from Table 8-3, the maximum value of the shunt resistor is calculated based on the value of the maximum current to be sensed (I_{MAX}) and the maximum allowable sense voltage (V_{SENSE_MAX}) for the chosen ADC range. When operating at the maximum current, the differential input voltage must not exceed the maximum full scale range of the device, V_{SENSE_MAX} . Using Equation 6 for the given design parameters, the

maximum value for R_{SHUNT} is calculated to be 8.192m Ω . The closest standard resistor value that is smaller than the maximum calculated value is 8.0m Ω . Smaller resistors can be used to minimize power loss at the expense of reduced accuracy. The shunt resistor selected must have sufficient wattage to handle the power dissipation at maximum load at the desired operating temperature.

$$R_{SHUNT} < \frac{V_{SENSE_MAX}}{I_{MAX}} \quad (6)$$

8.2.2.2 Configure the Device

The first step to program the INA4235 is to properly set the device configuration registers, CONFIG1 and CONFIG2. On initial power up, the configuration registers are set to the reset values (see [Table 7-3](#) and [Table 7-4](#)). In the default power on state the device is set to measured on the $\pm 81.92\text{mV}$ range with the ADC continuously converting the shunt and bus (voltage at IN $-$) voltages for all channels. If the default power up conditions do not meet the design requirements, these registers need to be set properly after each disable or V_S power cycle event.

8.2.2.3 Program the Shunt Calibration Registers

There are four shunt calibration registers for each channel that need to be correctly programmed after each power up for the device to properly report any result based on current. The first step to calculate the value for the calibration register is to calculate the minimum LSB value for the current by using [Equation 2](#). Applying this equation with the maximum expected current of 10A results in an minimum LSB size of 305.17578 μA . The INA4235 allows selection of the CURRENT_LSB to be up to 8 times larger than the minimum LSB size. For this example a value of 500 μA is used. Applying [Equation 1](#) to the Current_LSB and selected value for the shunt resistor results in a shunt calibration register setting of 1280d (500h). Failure to set the value of the shunt calibration registers results in a zero value for any result based on current for that channel. Programming these registers is not required for reading shunt voltage, bus voltage or setting corresponding alert limits.

8.2.2.4 Set Desired Fault Thresholds

The INA4235 has the ability to assert the alert pin on several different fault conditions as described in [Alert Configuration Registers](#). The desired fault condition to assert the alert pin needs to be selected by appropriately programming the ALERT_MASK field in the Alert Configuration Register. Fault thresholds are set by programming the desired trip threshold into the [Alert Limit Registers](#).

For example, channel 1 can be configured to alert on an over current condition by setting the ALERT1 register CHANNEL field to channel 1(00b) with the ALERT_MASK field set to shunt over voltage (001b). The desired threshold for the over current condition has to be programmed in the Limit1 Register. In this example, the over current threshold is 9.0A and the value of the current sense resistor is 8.0m Ω , which give a shunt voltage limit of 72mV. Once the shunt voltage limit is known, the value for the shunt over voltage limit register is calculated by dividing the shunt voltage limit by the shunt voltage LSB size.

For this case, the calculated value of the alert limit register is 72mV / 2.5 μV = 28800d (7080h).

Values stored in the LIMIT1 to LIMIT4 registers are set to the default values when the device is disabled or V_S is power cycled.

Fault limits programmed into the LIMIT registers can be applied to a single channel or distributed to each of the 4 measurement channels. For example, if monitoring of the bus voltage was also required on channel 1, the CHANNEL field of the ALERT2 register can be also set to channel 1(00b) with the ALERT_MASK field set to monitor over bus conditions (011b). The value for the over voltage fault can be set as desired in the LIMIT2 register.

8.2.2.5 Calculate Returned Values

Parametric values are calculated by multiplying the returned value by the LSB value. [Table 8-4](#) shows the returned values for this application example, assuming the design requirements shown in [Table 8-3](#).

Table 8-4. Register Values

| Register | Contents | LSB Value | Calculated Value |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Shunt_Voltage_CH1 (00h) | 19200d (4B00h) | 2.5μV | 19200 × 2.5μV = 0.048V |
| Bus_Voltage_CH1 (01h) | 7500d (1D4Ch) | 1.6mV | 7500 × 1.6mV = 12V |
| Current_CH1 (02h) | 12000d (2EE0h) | Current LSB = 500μA | 12000 × 500μA = 6A |
| Power_CH1 (03h) | 4500d (1194h) | Current LSB × 32 = 16mW | 4500 × 16mW = 72W |
| Energy_CH1 (04h) | 16200000d (00F73140h) | Current LSB × 32 = 16mJ | 16200000 × 16mJ = 259.2kJ |

Shunt Voltage and Current return values in two's complement format. In two's complement format a negative value in binary is represented by having a 1 in the most significant bit of the returned value. These values can be converted to decimal by first inverting all the bits and adding 1 to obtain the unsigned binary value. This value must then be converted to decimal with the negative sign applied.

8.2.3 Application Curves

Figure 8-3 and Figure 8-4 show the ALERT pin response to a BUS over voltage fault with a conversion time of 140μs for the bus voltage measurements with averaging set to 1. For these scope shots, persistence was enabled on the ALERT channel to show the variation in the alert response for many sequential fault events. The alert response time can change depending on the value of the current before fault occurs as well as the how much the fault condition exceeds the programmed fault threshold. Figure 8-3 shows the response time for an overcurrent fault when the fault condition greatly exceeds the programmed threshold. While Figure 8-4 shows the over voltage response time when the fault slightly exceeds the programmed threshold. Variation in the alert response exists because the external fault event is not synchronized to the internal ADC conversion start. Also the ADC is constantly sampling to get a result, so the response time for fault events starting from zero are slower than fault events starting from values near the set fault threshold. In applications where the alert timing is critical, the worst-case alert response is equal to $2 \times (t_{\text{conv_shunt}} + t_{\text{conv_voltage}}) \times \text{number of channels enabled}$. When alerting on over power conditions, an additional 60μs needed to allow for background math calculations.

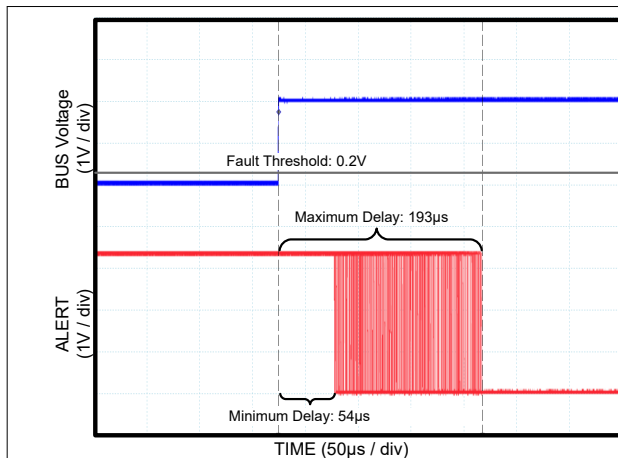


Figure 8-3. Alert Response Time (Sampled Values Significantly Above Threshold)

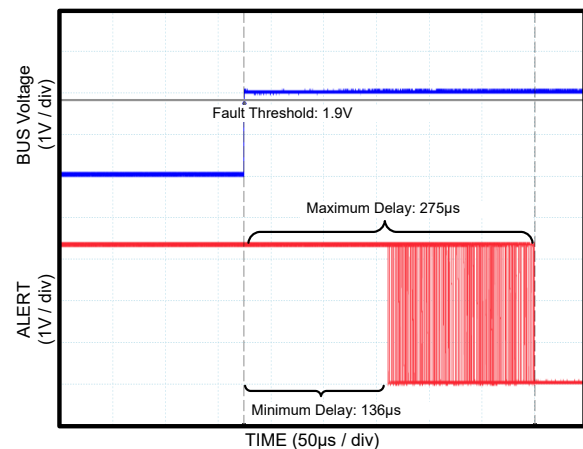


Figure 8-4. Alert Response Time (Sampled Values Slightly Above Threshold)

9 Power Supply Recommendations

Figure 8-2 shows that the device input circuitry can accurately measure signals on common-mode voltages beyond the power-supply voltage, V_S . For example, the voltage applied to the VS power supply pin can be 5V, whereas the bus power-supply voltage being monitored (the common-mode voltage) can be as high as 48V. The device can also withstand the full -0.3V to 48V range at the input pins, regardless of whether the device has power applied or not.

Place the required power-supply bypass capacitors as close as possible to the supply and ground pins of the device to provide stability. A typical value for this supply bypass capacitor is 0.1µF. Applications with noisy or high-impedance power supplies can require additional decoupling capacitors to reject power-supply noise.

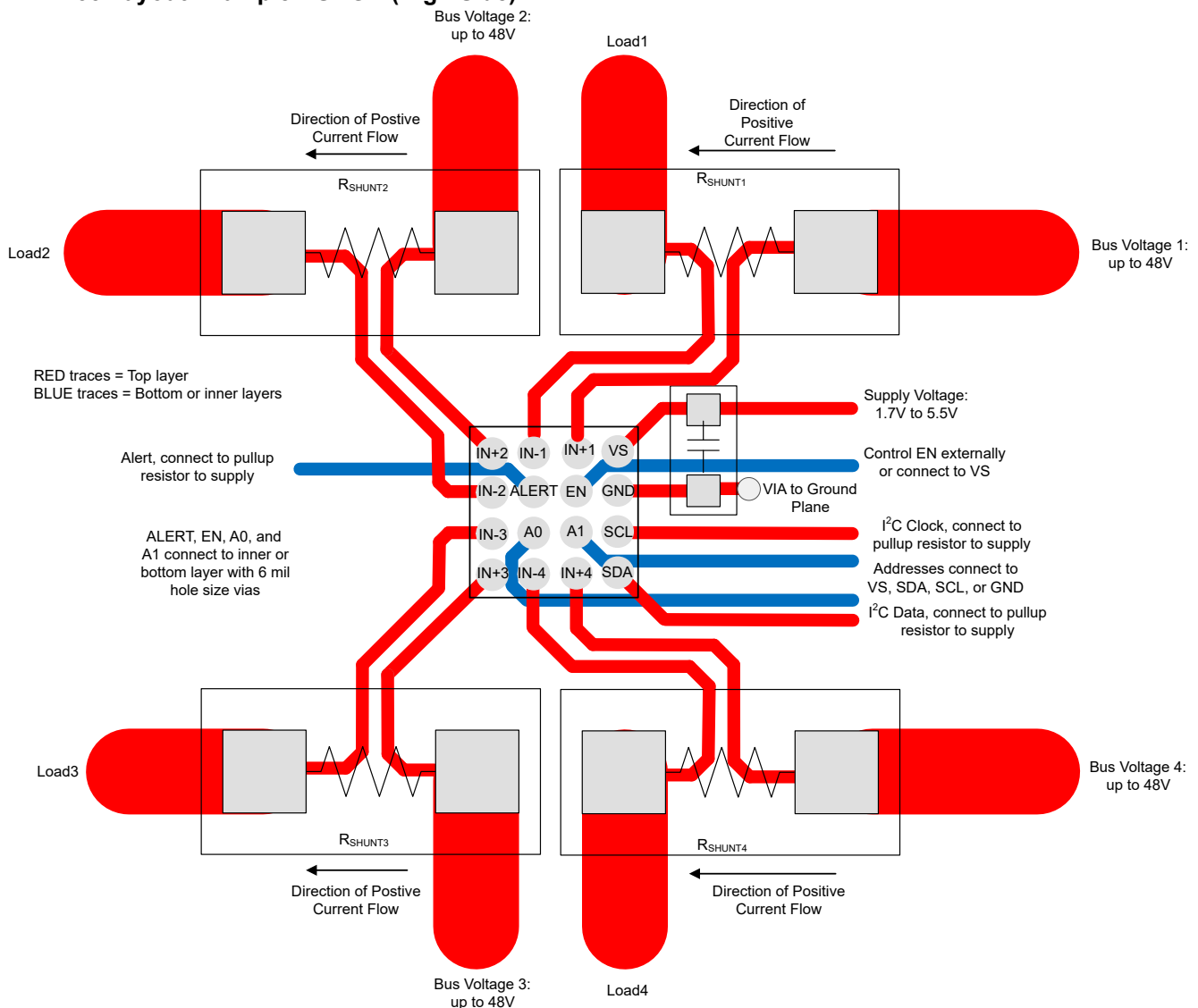
10 Layout

10.1 Layout Guidelines

Connect all input pins (IN+X and IN−X) to the sensing resistor using a Kelvin connection or a 4-wire connection for each channel. These connection techniques verify that only the current-sensing resistor impedance is detected between the input pins. Poor routing of the current-sensing resistor commonly results in additional resistance present between the input pins. Given the very low ohmic value of the current-sensing resistor, any additional high-current carrying impedance causes significant measurement errors. Place the power-supply bypass capacitor as close as possible to the supply and ground pins.

10.2 Layout Example

INA4235 Layout Example DSBGA (High Side)



11 Device and Documentation Support

11.1 Device Support

11.1.1 Development Support

For development support see the following:

[INA234EVM and INA236EVM User's Guide](#)

11.2 Documentation Support

11.2.1 Related Documentation

For related documentation see the following:

- Texas Instruments, [Current Shunt Monitor with Transient Robustness Reference Design](#), Design guide
- Texas Instruments, [INA234EVM and INA236EVM User's Guide](#)

11.3 Receiving Notification of Documentation Updates

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11.7 Glossary

[TI Glossary](#) This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

12 Revision History

| DATE | VERSION | NOTES |
|----------|---------|------------------|
| May 2024 | * | Initial release. |

13 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

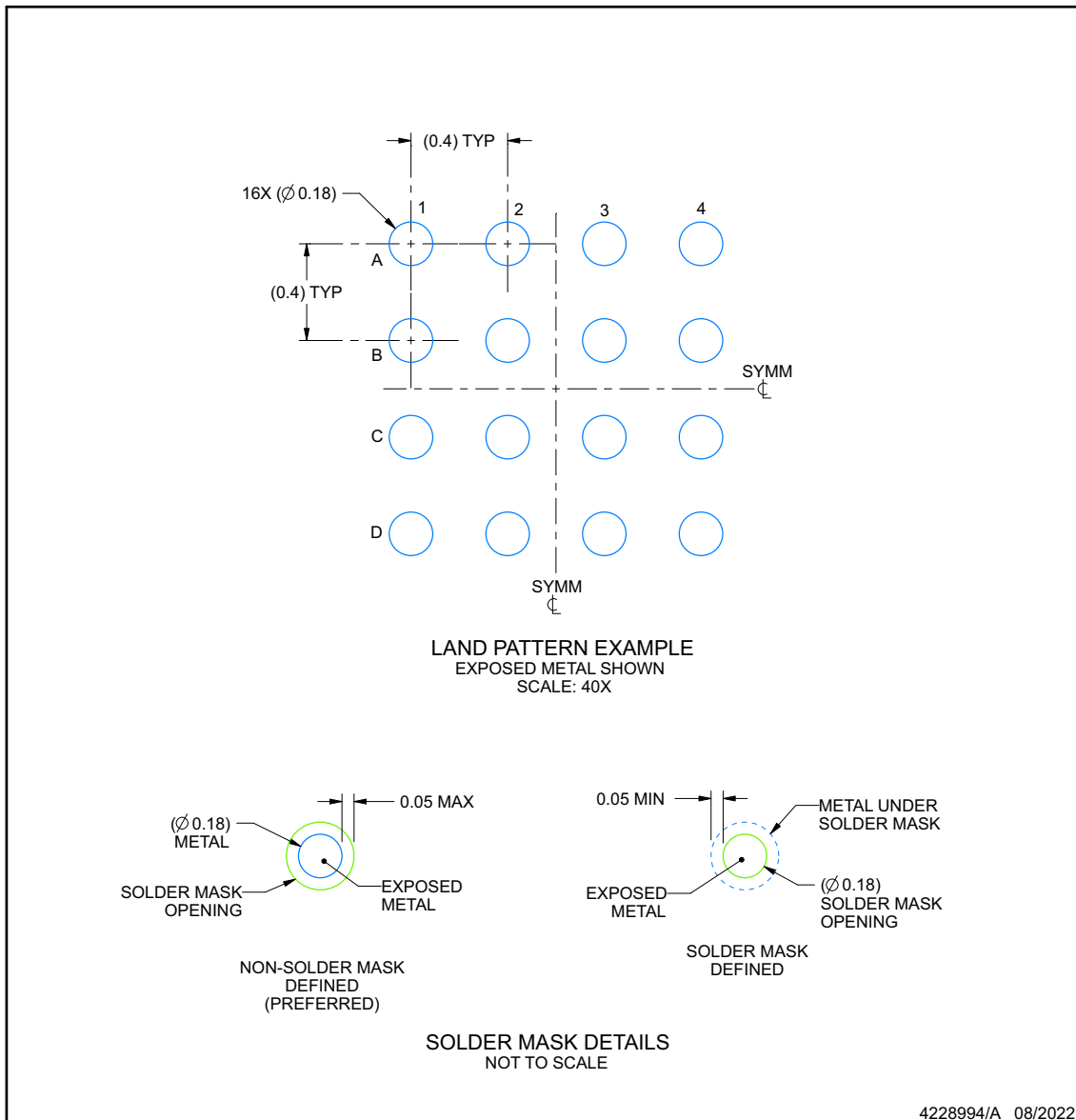
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EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

YBJ0016-C01

DSBGA - 0.35 mm max height

DIE SIZE BALL GRID ARRAY



NOTES: (continued)

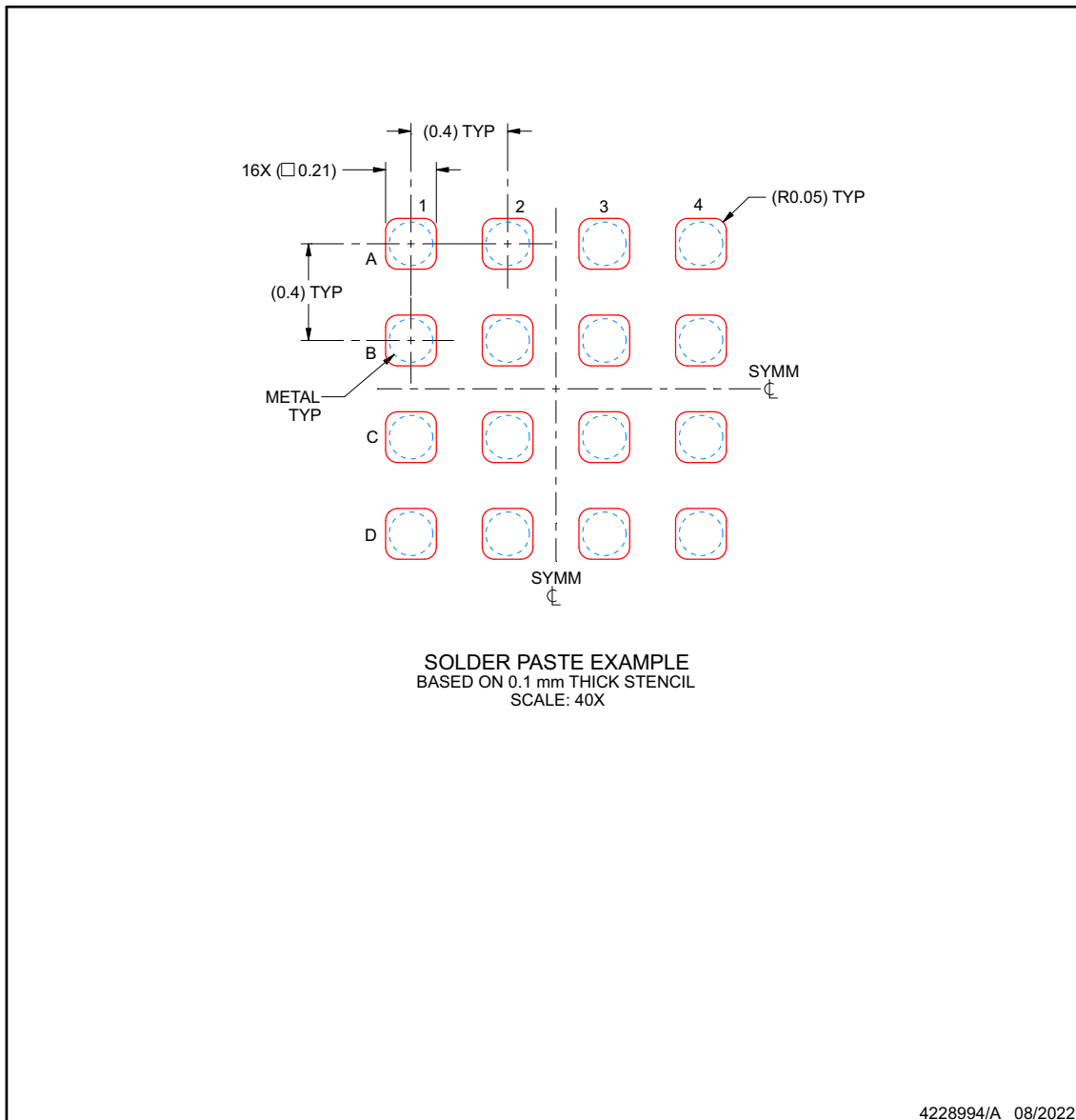
- Final dimensions may vary due to manufacturing tolerance considerations and also routing constraints. See Texas Instruments Literature No. SNVA009 (www.ti.com/lit/snva009).

EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

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DSBGA - 0.35 mm max height

DIE SIZE BALL GRID ARRAY



NOTES: (continued)

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

PACKAGING INFORMATION

| Orderable Device | Status (1) | Package Type | Package Drawing | Pins | Package Qty | Eco Plan (2) | Lead finish/ Ball material (6) | MSL Peak Temp (3) | Op Temp (°C) | Device Marking (4/5) | Samples |
|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------|
| INA4235AIYBJR | ACTIVE | DSBGA | YBJ | 16 | 3000 | RoHS & Green | SNAGCU | Level-1-260C-UNLIM | -40 to 125 | I4235 | Samples |

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

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(5) Multiple Device Markings will be inside parentheses. Only one Device Marking contained in parentheses and separated by a "~" will appear on a device. If a line is indented then it is a continuation of the previous line and the two combined represent the entire Device Marking for that device.

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TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION

QUADRANT ASSIGNMENTS FOR PIN 1 ORIENTATION IN TAPE


*All dimensions are nominal

| Device | Package Type | Package Drawing | Pins | SPQ | Reel Diameter (mm) | Reel Width W1 (mm) | A0 (mm) | B0 (mm) | K0 (mm) | P1 (mm) | W (mm) | Pin1 Quadrant |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------|------|------|--------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------------|
| INA4235AIYBJR | DSBGA | YBJ | 16 | 3000 | 180.0 | 8.4 | 1.68 | 1.68 | 0.39 | 4.0 | 8.0 | Q1 |

TAPE AND REEL BOX DIMENSIONS


*All dimensions are nominal

| Device | Package Type | Package Drawing | Pins | SPQ | Length (mm) | Width (mm) | Height (mm) |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------|------|------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| INA4235AIYBJR | DSBGA | YBJ | 16 | 3000 | 182.0 | 182.0 | 20.0 |

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