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LMP848x Precision 76-V High-Side Current Sense Amplifiers With Voltage Output

Technical

Documents

1 Features

- Typical Values, T_A = 25°C
- · Bidirectional or Unidirectional Sensing
- Common Mode Voltage Range 4.0 V to 76 V
- Supply Voltage Range 4.5 V to 76 V
- Fixed Gains 20, 60 and 100 V/V
- Gain Accuracy ±0.1%
- Offset ±80 µV
- Bandwidth (-3dB) 270 kHz
- Quiescent Current < 100 µA
- Buffered High-Current Output > 5 mA
- Input Bias Current 7 μA
- PSRR (DC) 122 dB
- CMRR (DC) 124 dB
- Temperature Range –40°C to 125°C
- 8-Pin VSSOP Package

2 Applications

- High-Side Current Sense
- Vehicle Current Measurement
- Telecommunications
- Motor Controls
- Laser or LED Drivers
- Energy Management
- Solar Panel Monitoring

Typical Application Schematic



3 Description

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The LMP8480 and LMP8481 are precision high-side current sense amplifiers that amplify a small differential voltage developed across a current sense resistor in the presence of high input common-mode voltages. These amplifiers are designed for bidirectional (LMP8481) or unidirectional (LMP8480) current applications and will accept input signals with common-mode voltage range from 4 V to 76 V with a bandwidth of 270 kHz. Since the operating power supply range overlaps the input common-mode voltage range, the LMP848x can be powered by the same voltage that is being monitored. This benefit eliminates the need for an intermediate supply voltage to be routed to the point of load where the current is being monitored, resulting in reduced component count and board space.

The LMP848x family consists of fixed gains of 20, 60 and 100 for applications that demand high accuracy over temperature. The low-input offset voltage allows the use of smaller sense resistors without sacrificing system error. The wide operating temperature range of -40°C to 125°C makes the LMP848x an ideal choice for automotive, telecommunications, industrial, and consumer applications. The LMP8480 and LMP8481 are pin-for-pin replacements for the MAX4080 and MAX4081, offering improved offset voltage, wider reference adjust range and higher output drive capabilities. The LMP8480 and LMP8481 are available in a 8-pin VSSOP package.

Device Information ⁽¹⁾					
PART NUMBER PACKAGE BODY SIZE (NON					
LMP8480	VSSOP (8)	3.00 mm x 3.00 mm			
LMP8481	VSSOP (8)	3.00 mm x 3.00 mm			

(1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the datasheet.



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5 Device Comparison Table

DEVICE NAME	GAIN	POLARITY
LMP8480-T	x20	Unidirectional
LMP8480-S	x60	Unidirectional
LMP8480-H	x100	Unidirectional
LMP8481-T	x20	Bidirectional or Unidirectional
LMP8481-S	x60	Bidirectional or Unidirectional
LMP8481-H	x100	Bidirectional or Unidirectional







Pin Functions

PIN		1/0		DECODIDION			
NAME	NO.	I/O	DESCRIPTION				
R _{SP}	1	I	Positive current sense input				
VCC	2	Р	Positive supply voltage				
NC	3	_	No Connection – Not internally	No Connection – Not internally Connected.			
GND	4	Р	Ground				
V _{OUT}	5	0	Output				
NC or R _{EFA}	6	I	LMP8480: No Connection	LMP8481: Reference Voltage "B" Input			
NC or R _{EFB}	7	I	LMP8480: No Connection LMP8481: Reference Voltage "A" Input				
R _{SN}	8	I	Negative current sense input				

7 Specifications

7.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)⁽³⁾

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
Supply Voltage (V _{CC} to GND) -0.3		85	V	
R_{SP} or R_{SN} to GND	R _{SP} or R _{SN} to GND –0.3 85		V	
V _{OUT} to GND		-0.3 to the lesser of	(V _{CC} + 0.3) or +20	V
V _{REF} Pins	Other V _{REF} pin tied to ground	-0.3	12	V
(LMP8481 Only)	Applied to both V _{REF} Pins tied together	-0.3	6	V
Differential Input Volta	ge	-85	85	V
Current into output pin		-20 ⁽⁴⁾	20	mA
Current into any other	pins	-5 ⁽⁴⁾	5	mA
Operating Temperature		-40	125	°C
Junction Temperature		-40	150	°C
Storage temperature		-65	150	°C

(1) The maximum power dissipation must be derated at elevated temperatures and is dictated by $T_{J(MAX)}$, θ_{JA} , and the ambient temperature, T_A . The maximum allowable power dissipation $P_{DMAX} = (T_{J(MAX)} - T_A)/\theta_{JA}$ or the number given in *Absolute Maximum Ratings*, whichever is lower.

(2) If Military/Aerospace specified devices are required, contact the Texas Instruments Sales Office/ Distributors for availability and specifications.

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

(4) When the input voltage (VIN) at any pin exceeds power supplies (VIN < GND or VIN > VS), the current at that pin must not exceed 5 mA, and the voltage (VIN) has to be within the *Absolute Maximum Ratings* for that pin. The 20-mA package input current rating limits the number of pins that can safely exceed the power supplies with current flow to four pins.

7.2 ESD Ratings

		VALUE	UNIT
	Human-body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001 ⁽¹⁾	±2000	
V _(ESD) Electrostatic di	charge Charged-device model (CDM), per JEDEC specification JESD22-C101 ⁽²⁾	±750	V

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

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

7.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

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

		MIN MAX	UNIT
Supply Voltage (V _{CC})		4.5 76	V
Common Mode Voltag	ge	4.0 76	V
	V_{REFA} and V_{REFB} tied together	–0.3 to the lesser of (V _{CC} – 1.5) or +6	V
Reference Input (LMP8481 Only)	Single V_{REF} pin with other V_{REF} pin grounded	-0.3 or +12 where the average of the two V _{REF} pins is less than the lesser of $(V_{CC} - 1.5)$ or +6	V

(1) Exceeding the Recommended Operating Conditions for extended periods of time may effect device reliability or cause parametric shifts.

7.4 Thermal Information

	LMP8480	LMP8480, LMP8481		
THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾	DGK	UNIT		
	8 P	INS		
R _{0JA} Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	185	70	°C/W	

(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the IC Package Thermal Metrics application report, SPRA953.



7.5 Electrical Characteristics

Unless otherwise specified, all limits specified for at $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C, $V_{CC} = 4.5$ V to 76 V, 4.5V V_{CM} 76 V, $R_L = 100$ k, $V_{SENSE} = (V_{RSP} - V_{RSN}) = 0$ V.⁽¹⁾

	PARAMETER	TEST	CONDITIONS	MIN ⁽²⁾	TYP ⁽³⁾	MAX ⁽²⁾	UNIT
		$VCC = V_{RSP} = 48$	T _A = 25°C		±80	±265	
V _{OS}	Input Offset Voltage (RTI)	V, ΔV = 100 mV	$-40^{\circ}C \le T_A \le 125^{\circ}C$			±900	μV
TCV _{OS}	Input Offset Voltage Drift ⁽⁴⁾				±6		μV°C
	Input Bias Current ⁽⁵⁾	$V_{CC} = V_{RSP} = 76 V$, Per Input		6.3		
I _B		V _{CC} = V _{RSP} = 76 V 125°C	, Per Input, −40°C ≤ T_A ≤			12	μA
	Input Leakage Current	$V_{CC} = 0, V_{RSP} = 86$	V, Both inputs together		0.01		μA
I _{LEAK}		$V_{CC} = 0, V_{RSP} = 86$ -40°C ≤ T _A ≤ 125°	V, Both inputs together, C			2	μA
			-T Version, $-40^{\circ}C \le T_A \le 125^{\circ}C$			667	
V _{SENSE(MA}	Differential Input Voltage Across Sense Resistor ⁽⁶⁾	N 40	-F Version, $-40^{\circ}C \le T_A \le 125^{\circ}C$			267	
X)		V _{CC} = 16	-S Version, $-40^{\circ}C \le T_A \le 125^{\circ}C$			222	mV
			-H Version, $-40^{\circ}C \le T_A \le 125^{\circ}C$			133	
		-T Version			20		V/V
	Gain	-T Version, $-40^{\circ}C \le T_A \le 125^{\circ}C$		19.8		20.2	
٨		-S Version			60		
A _V		-S Version, $-40^{\circ}C \le T_A \le 125^{\circ}C$ -H Version		59.5		60.5	
					100		
		-H Version, -40°C	≤ T _A ≤ 125°C	99.2		100.8	
	Gain Error	$V_{CC} = V_{RSP} = 48$	$T_A = 25^{\circ}C$			±0.6%	
	Gain End	V	$-40^{\circ}C \le T_A \le 125^{\circ}C$			±0.8%	
		V_{RSP} = 48 V, V_{CC} = 4.5 to 76 V			122		
DC PSRR	DC Power Supply Rejection Ratio	V _{RSP} = 48 V, V _{CC} = ≤ 125°C	= 4.5 to 76 V, –40°C \leq T _A	100			dB
		V_{CC} = 48 V, V_{RSP} = 4.5 to 76 V			124		
DC CMRR	DC Common Mode Rejection Ratio	V_{CC} = 48 V, V_{RSP} = 4.5 to 76 V, -40°C ≤ T _A ≤ 125°C		100			dB
		V _{CC} = 48 V, V _{RSP} = 4 to 76 V			124		dB
CMVR	Input Common Mode Voltage Range	CMRR > 100 dB, $-40^{\circ}C \le T_{A} \le 125^{\circ}C$		4		76	V
R _{OUT}	Output Resistance / Load Regulation	V _{SENSE} = 100 mV			0.1		
V _{OMAX}	Maximum Output Voltage (Headroom) $(V_{OMAX} = V_{CC} - V_{OUT})$	V _{CC} = 4.5 V, V _{RSP} I _{OUT} (sourcing) 500	= 48 V, V _{SENSE} = +1 V,) μΑ		230	500	mV

- (1) Electrical Table values apply only for factory testing conditions at the temperature indicated. Factory testing conditions result in very limited self-heating of the device such that $T_J = T_A$. **No** specification of parametric performance is indicated in the electrical tables under conditions of internal self-heating where $T_J > T_A$.
- (2) All limits are specified by testing, design, or statistical analysis.
- (3) Typical values represent the most likely parametric norm at the time of characterization. Actual typical values may vary over time and will also depend on the application and configuration. The typical values are not tested and are not ensured on shipped production material.
- (4) Offset voltage temperature drift is determined by dividing the change in V_{OS} at the temperature extremes by the total temperature change.
- (5) Positive Bias Current corresponds to current flowing into the device.
- (6) This parameter is specified by design and/or characterization and is not tested in production.

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Electrical Characteristics (continued)

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	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN ⁽²⁾	TYP ⁽³⁾	MAX ⁽²⁾	UNIT	
		$V_{CC} = V_{RSP} = 48 \text{ V}, V_{SENSE} = -1 \text{ V},$ $I_{OUT} \text{ (sinking)} = 10 \ \mu\text{A}$		3			
					15		
V	Minimum Output Voltage	$V_{CC} = V_{RSP} = 4.5 \text{ V}, V_{SENSE} = -1 \text{ V},$ $I_{OUT} \text{ (sinking)} = 10 \ \mu\text{A}$		3		m)/	
V _{OMIN}	Minimum Output Voltage	$V_{CC} = V_{RSP} = 48 \text{ V}, V_{SENSE} = -1 \text{ V},$ $I_{OUT} \text{ (sinking)} = 100 \mu\text{A}$		18		mV	
					55		
		$V_{CC} = V_{RSP} = 4.5 \text{ V}, V_{SENSE} = -1 \text{ V},$ $I_{OUT} \text{ (sinking)} = 100 \ \mu\text{A}$		18			
V _{OLOAD}	Output voltage with load	V_{CC} = 28 V, V_{RSP} =28 V, V_{SENSE} = 600 mV, I _{OUT} (sourcing) = 500 μ A		12		V	
V _{OLREG}	Output Load Regulation	$V_{CC} = 20, V_{RSP} = 16, V_{OUT} = 12, \Delta I_L = 200$ na to 8 mA		0.001%			
		V_{OUT} = 2 V, R_L = 10 M, V_{CC} = V_{RSP} = 76 V		88			
I _{CC}	Supply Current	$V_{OUT} = 2 \text{ V}, \text{ R}_{L} = 10 \text{ M}, \text{ V}_{CC} = \text{V}_{RSP} = 76 \text{ V}, -40^{\circ}\text{C} \le \text{T}_{A} \le 125^{\circ}\text{C}$			155	μA	
BW	-3 dB Bandwidth	$R_L = 10 \text{ M}, C_L = 20 \text{ pF}$		270		kHz	
SR	Slew rate ⁽⁷⁾	V_{SENSE} from 10 mV to 80 mV, R_{L} = 10 M, C_{L} = 20 pF		1		V/µs	
e _{ni}	Input Referred Voltage Noise	f = 1 kHz		95		nV/√Hz	
t _{SETTLE}	Output Settling Time to 1% of Final Value	V_{SENSE} = 10 mV to 100 mV and 100 mV to 10 mV		20		μs	
t _{PU}	Power-up Time	$V_{CC} = V_{RSP} = 48 \text{ V}, \text{ VS}_{ENSE} = 100 \text{ mV},$ output to 1% of final value		50		μs	
t _{RECOVERY}	Saturation Recovery Time	Output settles to 1% of final value, the device will not experience phase reversal when overdriven.		50		μs	
C _{LOAD}	Max Output Capacitance Load	No sustained oscillations		500		pF	

(7) The number specified is the average of rising and falling slew rates and measured at 90% to 10%.

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7.6 Typical Characteristics

Unless otherwise specified, $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$, $V_{CC} = 4.5$ V to 76 V, 4.5 V < V_{CM} < 76 V, $R_L = 100k$, $V_{SENSE} = (V_{RSP} - V_{RSN}) = 0$ V, for all gain options.



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Typical Characteristics (continued)

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Typical Characteristics (continued)

Unless otherwise specified, $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$, $V_{CC} = 4.5$ V to 76 V, 4.5 V < V_{CM} < 76 V, $R_L = 100k$, $V_{SENSE} = (V_{RSP} - V_{RSN}) = 0$ V, for all gain options.





8 Detailed Description

8.1 Overview

The LMP8480 and LMP8481 are single-supply, high-side current sense amplifiers with available fixed gains of x20, x60 and x100. The power supply range is 4.5 V to 76 V, while the common-mode input voltage range is capable of 4.0-V to 76-V operation. The supply voltage and common-mode range are completely independent of each other. This makes the LMP848x supply voltage extremely flexible, as the LMP848x's supply voltage can be greater than, equal to, or less than the load source voltage, and allowing the device to be powered from the system supply or the load supply voltage.

The LMP8480 and LMP8481 supply voltage does not have to be larger than the load source voltage. A 76-V load source voltage with a 5-V supply voltage is perfectly acceptable.

8.1.1 Theory of Operation

The LMP8480 and LMP8481 are comprised of two main stages. The first stage is a differential input current to voltage converter, followed by a differential voltage amplifier and level-shifting output stage. Also present is an internal 14 Volt Low-Dropout Regulator (LDO) to power the amplifiers and output stage, as well as a reference divider resistor string to allow the setting of the reference level.

As seen in Figure 18, the current flowing through R_{SENSE} develops a voltage drop called V_{SENSE} . The voltage across the sense resistor, V_{SENSE} , is then applied to the input R_{SP} and R_{SN} pins of the amplifier.

Internally, the voltage on each input pin is converted to a current by the internal precision thin-film input resistors R_{GP} and R_{GN} . A second set of much higher value V_{CM} sense resistors between the inputs provide a sample of the input common-mode voltage for internal use by the differential amplifier.

 V_{SENSE} is applied to the differential amplifier through R_{GP} and R_{GN} . These resistors change the input voltage to a differential current. The differential amplifier then servos the resistor currents through the MOSFETs to maintain a zero balance across the differential amplifier inputs.

With no input signal present, the currents in R_{GP} and R_{GN} are equal. When a signal is applied to V_{SENSE} , the current through R_{GP} and R_{GN} are imbalanced and are no longer equal. The amplifier then servos the MOSFETS to correct this current imbalance, and the extra current required to balance the input currents is then reflected down into the two lower 400-k Ω "tail" resistors. The difference in the currents into the tail resistors is therefore proportional to the amplitude and polarity of V_{SENSE} . The tail resistors, being larger than the input resistors for the same current, then provide voltage gain by changing the current into a proportionally larger voltage. The gain of the first stage is then set by the tail resistor value divided by R_{G} value.

The differential amplifier stage then samples the voltage difference across the two 400-k Ω tail resistors and also applies a further gain-of-five and output level-shifting according to the applied reference voltage (V_{REF}).

The resulting output of the amplifier will be equal to the differential input voltage times the gain of the device, plus any voltage value applied to the two VREF pins.

The resistor values in the schematic are ideal values for clarity and understanding. Table 1 shows the actual values used that account for parallel combinations and loading. This table can be used for calculating the effects of any additional external resistance.

The LMP8480 is identical to the LMP8481, except that both the V_{REF} pins are grounded internally.

Gain Option	R _{GP} and R _{GN} (each)	R _{vcmsense} (each)	R _{TAIL} (each)	Differential Amp FB (each)	V _{REFx} Resistors (each)
20x	98.38 k	491.9 k	393.52 k	1967.6 k	98.38 k
60x	32.793 k	172.165 k	393.52 k	1967.6 k	98.38 k
100x	19.676 k	98.38 k	393.52 k	1967.6 k	98.38 k

Table 1. Actual Internal Resistor Values



8.2 Functional Block Diagrams



Figure 17. LMP8480 Block Diagram



Figure 18. LMP8481 Block Diagram

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8.3 Feature Description

8.3.1 Basic Connections

Figure 19 through Figure 22 show the basic connections for seveal different configurations.



Figure 19. LMP8480 Basic Connections (Unidirectional)

Figure 19 shows the basic connections for the LMP8480 for Unidirectional applications. The output will be at zero with zero sense voltage.



Figure 20. LMP8481 Basic Connections for External 1:1 V_{REF} Input (Bidirectional)

Figure 20 shows the basic connections for the LMP8481 for Bidirectional applications using an external reference input. At zero input voltage, the output will be at the applied reference voltage (V_{REF}), moving positive or negative from the zero reference point.



Figure 21. LMP8481 Basic Connections for Mid-Bias (V_{REF}/2) Input (Bidirectional)



Feature Description (continued)

Figure 21 shows the basic connections for the LMP8481 for Bidirectional applications centering the output at one-half the applied V_{REF} or V_{CC} voltage. If V_{REFA} is connected to V_{CC} , then the output "zero" point will be $V_{CC}/2$. If V_{REFA} is connected to the ADC V_{REF} line, then the "zero" output will be at mid-scale for the ADC.



Figure 22. LMP8481 Connections for Unidirectional Configuration (Equivalent to LMP8480 Unidirectional)

Figure 22 shows the how to connect the LMP8481 for Bidirectional applications, thus making it equivalent to the LMP8480 in Figure 19.

8.3.2 Selection of the Sense Resistor

The accuracy of the current measurement depends heavily on the accuracy of the shunt resistor R_{SENSE}. Its value depends on the application and is a compromise between small-signal accuracy, maximum permissible voltage drop and allowable power dissipation in the current measurement circuit.

The use of a "4-terminal" or "Kelvin" sense resistor is highly recommended. See the Layout Guidelines.

For best results, the value of the resistor is calculated from the maximum expected load current I_{LMAX} and the expected maximum output swing V_{OUTMAX} , plus a few percent of headroom. See the *Maximum Output Voltage* section for details about the maximum output voltage limits.

High values of R_{SENSE} provide better accuracy at lower currents by minimizing the effects of amplifier offset. Low values of R_{SENSE} minimize load voltage loss, but at the expense of accuracy at low currents. A compromise between low current accuracy and load circuit losses must generally be made.

The maximum V_{SENSE} voltage that must be generated across the R_{SENSE} resistor will be:

 $V_{SENSE} = V_{OUTMAX} / A_V$

(1)

(2)

(3)

NOTE

The maximum V_{SENSE} voltage should be no more than 667 mV.

From this maximum V_{SENSE} voltage, the R_{SENSE} value can be calculated from:

 $R_{SENSE} = V_{SENSE} / I_{LMAX}$

Take care not exceed the maximum power dissipation of the resistor. The maximum sense resistor power dissipation will be:

 $P_{\text{RSENSE}} = V_{\text{SENSE}} \times I_{\text{LMAX}}$

TI recommends using a 2-3x minimum safety margin in selecting the power rating of the resistor.

8.3.3 Using PCB Traces as Sense Resistors

While it may be tempting to use a known length of PCB trace resistance as a sense resistor, it is not recommended.

The temperature coefficient of copper is typically 3300-4000 ppm/°K, which can vary over PCB process variations and require measurement correction (possibly requiring ambient temperature measurements).

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Feature Description (continued)

A typical surface mount sense resistor tempco is in the 50 ppm to 500 ppm/°C range offering more measurement consistency and accuracy over the copper trace. Special low-tempco resistors are available in the 0.1 to 50 ppm range, but at a higher cost.

8.3.4 V_{REFA} and V_{REFB} Pins (LMP8481 Only)

The voltage applied to the V_{REFA} and V_{REFB} pins controls the output zero reference level. Depending on how the pins are configured, the output reference level can be set to GND, or V_{CC}/2, or external V_{REF}/2, or the average of two different input references.

The reference inputs consist of a pair of divider resistors with equal values to a common summing point, V_{REF} ' as shown in Figure 23. Assuming V_{SENSE} is zero, the output will be at the same value as V_{REF} '.

Figure 23. V_{REF} Input Resistor Network

 V_{REF} is the voltage at the resistor tap-point that will be directly applied to the output as an offset. With the two V_{REF} inputs tied together, the output zero voltage will have a 1:1 ratio relationship with V_{REF} .

$V_{OUT} = ((V_{RSP} - V_{RSN}) \times AV) + V_{REF'}$	(4)
Where:	
$V_{REF'} = V_{REFA} = V_{REFB}$ (Equal Inputs)	(5)
or:	

V_{REF'} = (V_{REFA} + V_{REFB}) / 2 (Different Inputs)

8.3.4.1 One-to-One (1:1) Reference Input

To directly set the reference level, the two inputs are connected to the external reference voltage. The applied VREF will be reflected 1:1 on the output.

VREFA

VREFB

V_{REF} 2.5V

100 kΩ

100 kΩ

VREF





(6)



Feature Description (continued)

8.3.4.2 Setting Output to One-Half V_{CC} or external V_{REF}

For mid-range operation V_{REFB} should be tied to ground and V_{REFA} can be tied to V_{CC} or an external A/D reference voltage. The output will be set to one-half the reference voltage. For example, a 5-V reference would result in a 2.5-V output "zero" reference.



Figure 25. Applying a Divided Reference Voltage

$$V_{REF'} = (V_{REFA} - V_{REFB}) / 2$$

(7)

When the reference pins are biased at different voltages, the output will be referenced to the average of the two applied voltages.

The reference pins should always be driven from clean, stable sources, such as A/D reference lines or clean supply lines. Any noise or drifts on the reference inputs are directly reflected in the output. Take care if the power supply is used as the reference source so as to not introduce supply noise, drift or sags into the measurement.

It is possible to set different resistor divider ratios by adding external resistors in series with the internal 100-K resistors, though the temperature coefficient (tempco) of the external resistors may not tightly track the internal resistors and there will be slight errors over temperature.

The LMP8480 is identical to the LMP8481, except that both the V_{REF} pins are grounded internally. The LMP8481 can replace the LMP8480 if both V_{REF} pins are grounded.

8.3.5 Reference Input Voltage Limits (LMP8481 Only)

The maximum voltage on either reference input pin is limited to VCC or 12 V, whichever is less.

The average voltage on the two V_{REF} pins, and thus the actual output reference voltage level, is limited to a maximum of 1.5 V below VCC, or 6 V, whichever is less. Beware that supply voltages of less than 7.5 V will have a diminishing V_{REF} maximum.

Both V_{REFA} and V_{REFB} may both be grounded to provide a ground referenced output (thus functionally duplicating the LMP8480).

It should be noted that there can be a dynamic error in the V_{REF} to output level matching of up to 100 μ V/V. Normally this is not an issue for fixed references, but if the reference voltage is dynamically adjusted during operation, this error needs to be taken into account during calibration routines. This error will vary in both amplitude and polarity part-to-part, but the slope will generally be linear.

8.3.6 Low-Side Current Sensing

The LMP8480 and LMP8481 are not recommended for low-side current sensing at ground level. The voltage on either input pin must be a minimum of 4.0 V above the ground pin for proper operation. The output level may not be valid for common-mode voltages below 4 V. This should be taken into consideration for monitoring or feedback applications where the load-supply voltage may dip below 4 V or be switched completely off.

Feature Description (continued)

8.3.7 Input Series Resistance

Because the input stage uses precision resistors to convert the voltage on the input pin to a current, any resistance added in series with the input pins will change the gain. If a resistance is added in series with an input, the gain of that input will not track that of the other input, causing a constant gain error.

TI does not recommend using external resistances to alter the gain, as external resistors will not have the same thermal matching as the internal thin film resistors.

If resistors are purposely added for filtering, resistance should be added equally to both inputs and the user should be aware that the gain will change slightly. See the end of the *Theory of Operation* section for the internal resistor values. External resistances should be kept below 10 ohms.

8.3.8 Minimum Output Voltage

The amplifier output cannot swing to exactly 0 V. There will always be a minimum output voltage set by the output transistor saturation and input offset errors. This will create a minimum output swing around the zero current reading due to the output saturation. The user should be aware of this when designing any servo loops or data acquisition systems that may assume 0 V = 0 A. If a true zero is required, the LMP8481 should be used with a VREF set slightly above ground (> 50 mV). See the *Swinging Output Below Ground* section for a possible solution to this issue.

8.3.9 Swinging Output Below Ground

If a negative supply is available, a pulldown resistor can be added from the output to the negative voltage to allow the output to swing a few millivolts below ground. This will now allow the ADC to resolve true zero and recover codes that would normally be lost to the negative output saturation limit.

 V_{CC} = +4.5V to +76V

Figure 26. Output Pulldown Resistor Example

A minimum of 50 μ A should be sourced ("pulled") from the output to a negative voltage. The pulldown resistor can be calculated from:

$$R_{PD} = -V_S/50 \ \mu A$$

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For example, if a -5-V supply is available, a pulldown resistor of 5 V/50 μ A = 100 k Ω should be used. This will allow the output to swing to about 10 mV below ground.

This technique may also reduce the maximum positive swing voltage. Do not forget to include the parallel loading effects of the pulldown any output load. TI recommends not to exceed -100 mV on the output. Source currents greater than 100 µA should be avoided to prevent self-heating at high-supply voltages. Pulldown resistor values should not be so low as to heavily load the output during positive output excursions. This mode of operation is not directly specified and is not ensured.



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Feature Description (continued)

8.3.10 Maximum Output Voltage

The LMP8481 has an internal precision 14-V low-dropout regulator which limits the maximum amplifier output swing to about 250 mV below V_{CC} or 13.7 V (whichever is less). This effectively clamps the maximum output to slightly less than 13.7 V even with a V_{CC} greater than 14 V. See *Typical Application With Resistive Divider* for more information.

8.4 Device Functional Modes

8.4.1 Unidirectional vs Bidirectional Operation

Unidirectional operation is where the load current only flows in one direction (V_{SENSE} is always positive). Application examples would be PA monitoring, non-inductive load monitoring and laser or LED drivers. This allows the output zero reference to be true zero volts on the output. The LMP8480 is designed for unidirectional applications where the setting of VREF is not required. See the *Unidirectional Application With LMP8480* for more details.

Bidirectional operation is where the load current can flow in both directions (V_{SENSE} can be positive or negative). Application examples would be battery-charging or regenerative motor monitoring. The LMP8481 is designed for bidirectional applications and has a pair of VREF pins to allow the setting of the output zero reference level (V_{REF}). See the *Unidirectional Application With LMP8480* section for more details.

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9 Application and Implementation

NOTE

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9.1 Application Information

The LMP848x amplifies the voltage developed across a current-sensing resistor when current passes through it. Flexible offset inputs allow adjusting the functionality of the output for multiple configurations, as discussed throughout this section.

9.1.1 Input Common-Mode and Differential Voltage Range

The input common-mode range, where "common-mode range" is defined as the voltage from ground to the voltage on R_{SP} input, should be in the range of 4.0 V to 76 V. Operation below 4.0 V on either input pin will introduce severe gain error and nonlinearities.

The maximum differential voltage (defined as the voltage difference between R_{SP} and R_{SN}) should be 667 mV or less. The theoretical maximum input is 700 mV (14 V / 20).

Taking the inputs below 4 V will not damage the device, but the output conditions during this time are not predictable and are not ensured.

If the load voltage (Vcm) is expected to fall below 4 V as part of normal operation, preparations must be made for invalid output levels during this time.

9.2 Typical Applications

9.2.1 Unidirectional Application With LMP8480



Figure 27. Unidirectional Application with LMP8480

9.2.1.1 Design Requirements

The LMP8480 is designed for unidirectional current sense applications. The output of the amplifier will be equal to the differential input voltage times the fixed device gain.

9.2.1.2 Detailed Design Procedure

The output voltage can be calculated from:

$$VOUT = ((V_{RSP} - V_{RSN}) \times Av)$$



Typical Applications (continued)

It should be noted that the minimum "zero" reading will be limited by the lower output swing and input offset. The LMP8480 is functionally identical to the LMP8481, but with the V_{REFA} and V_{REFB} nodes grounded internally. The LMP8481 can replace the LMP8480 if both the V_{REF} inputs (pins 6 and 7) are grounded.

9.2.1.3 Application Curve



Figure 28. Unidirectional Transfer Function for Gain-of-20 Option

9.2.2 Bidirectional Current Sensing Using LMP8481



Figure 29. Bidirectional Current Sensing Using LMP8481

9.2.2.1 Design Requirements

Bidirectional operation is required where the measured load current can be positive or negative. Because V_{SENSE} can be positive or negative, and the output cannot swing negative, the "zero" output level must be level-shifted above ground to a known zero reference point. The LMP8481 allows for the setting this reference point.

9.2.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

The V_{REFA} and V_{REFB} pins set the zero reference point. The output "zero" reference point is set by applying a voltage to the REFA and/or REFB pins. See the *Unidirectional Application With LMP8480* section. V_{REFA} and V_{REFB} Pins (LMP8481 Only) shows the output transfer function with a 1.2-V reference applied to the Gain-of-20 option.

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Typical Applications (continued)

9.2.2.3 Application Curve



Figure 30. Bidirectional Transfer Function Using 1.2-V Reference Voltage

9.2.3 Typical Application With Resistive Divider

Take care if the output is driving an A/D input with a maximum A/D maximum input voltage lower than the amplifier supply voltage, as the output can swing higher than the planned load maximum due to input transients or shorts on the load and overload or possibly damage the A/D input.

A resistive attenuator, as shown in Figure 31, can be used to match the maximum swing to the input range of the A/D.



Figure 31. Typical Application With Resistive Divider Example



10 Power Supply Recommendations

10.1 Power Supply Decoupling

In order to decouple the LMP848x from AC noise on the power supply, TI recommends using a 0.1- μ F bypass capacitor between the V_{CC} and GND pins. This capacitor should be placed as close as possible to the supply pins. In some cases, an additional 10- μ F bypass capacitor may further reduce the supply noise.

Do not forget that these bypass capacitors must be rated for the full supply and / or load source voltage. TI recommends that the working voltage of the capacitor (WVDC) should be at least two times the maximum expected circuit voltage.

11 Layout

11.1 Layout Guidelines

The traces leading to and from the sense resistor can be significant error sources. With small value sense resistors (< 100 m Ω), any trace resistance shared with the load current can cause significant errors.

The amplifier inputs should be directly connected to the sense resistor pads using "Kelvin" or "4-wire" connection techniques. The traces should be one continuous piece of copper from the sense resistor pad to the amplifier input pin pad, and ideally on the same copper layer with minimal vias or connectors. This can be important around the sense resistor if it is generating any significant heat gradients.

To minimize noise pickup and thermal errors, the input traces should be treated as a differential signal pair and routed tightly together with a direct path to the input pins. The input traces should be run away from noise sources, such as digital lines, switching supplies or motor drive lines. Remember that these traces can contain high voltage, and should have the appropriate trace routing clearances.

Since the sense traces only carry the amplifier bias current (about 7 µA at room temperature), the connecting input traces can be thinner, signal level traces. Excessive Resistance in the trace should also be avoided.

The paths of the traces should be identical, including connectors and vias, so that these errors will be equal and cancel.

The sense resistor will heat up as the load increases. As the resistor heats up, the resistance generally goes up, which will cause a change in the readings The sense resistor should have as much heatsinking as possible to remove this heat through the use of heatsinks or large copper areas coupled to the resistor pads. A reading drifting over time after turn-on can usually be traced back to sense resistor heating.

11.2 Layout Example



Figure 32. "Kelvin" or "4-wire" Connection to the Sense Resistor

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12 Device and Documentation Support

12.1 Device Support

12.1.1 Development Support

LMP8480/1 PSPICE Model, SNVM046

LMP8480/1 TINA Reference Design, SNVM048

TINA-TI SPICE-Based Analog Simulation Program, http://www.ti.com/tool/tina-ti

LMP8480/1 Evaluation Boards, product pages

LMP8480/1 Evaluation Board Manual, SNOU031

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Table 2. Related Links

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LMP8481	Click here	Click here	Click here	Click here	Click here

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

12.6 Glossary

SLYZ022 — TI Glossary.

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

13 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

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LMP8480MM-T/NOPB	ACTIVE	VSSOP	DGK	8	1000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU SN	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	AV8A	Samples
LMP8480MME-S/NOPB	ACTIVE	VSSOP	DGK	8	250	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU SN	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	AY8A	Samples
LMP8480MME-T/NOPB	ACTIVE	VSSOP	DGK	8	250	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU SN	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	AV8A	Samples
LMP8480MMX-S/NOPB	ACTIVE	VSSOP	DGK	8	3500	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU SN	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	AY8A	Samples
LMP8480MMX-T/NOPB	ACTIVE	VSSOP	DGK	8	3500	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU SN	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	AV8A	Samples
LMP8481MM-H/NOPB	ACTIVE	VSSOP	DGK	8	1000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU SN	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	AH9A	Samples
LMP8481MM-S/NOPB	ACTIVE	VSSOP	DGK	8	1000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU SN	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	AA9A	Samples
LMP8481MM-T/NOPB	ACTIVE	VSSOP	DGK	8	1000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU SN	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	АТ9А	Samples
LMP8481MME-H/NOPB	ACTIVE	VSSOP	DGK	8	250	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU SN	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	AH9A	Samples
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LMP8480MM-T/NOPB	VSSOP	DGK	8	1000	178.0	12.4	5.3	3.4	1.4	8.0	12.0	Q1
LMP8480MME-S/NOPB	VSSOP	DGK	8	250	178.0	12.4	5.3	3.4	1.4	8.0	12.0	Q1
LMP8480MME-T/NOPB	VSSOP	DGK	8	250	178.0	12.4	5.3	3.4	1.4	8.0	12.0	Q1
LMP8480MMX-S/NOPB	VSSOP	DGK	8	3500	330.0	12.4	5.3	3.4	1.4	8.0	12.0	Q1
LMP8480MMX-T/NOPB	VSSOP	DGK	8	3500	330.0	12.4	5.3	3.4	1.4	8.0	12.0	Q1
LMP8481MM-H/NOPB	VSSOP	DGK	8	1000	178.0	12.4	5.3	3.4	1.4	8.0	12.0	Q1
LMP8481MM-S/NOPB	VSSOP	DGK	8	1000	178.0	12.4	5.3	3.4	1.4	8.0	12.0	Q1
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LMP8480MME-S/NOPB	VSSOP	DGK	8	250	210.0	185.0	35.0
LMP8480MME-T/NOPB	VSSOP	DGK	8	250	210.0	185.0	35.0
LMP8480MMX-S/NOPB	VSSOP	DGK	8	3500	367.0	367.0	35.0
LMP8480MMX-T/NOPB	VSSOP	DGK	8	3500	367.0	367.0	35.0
LMP8481MM-H/NOPB	VSSOP	DGK	8	1000	210.0	185.0	35.0
LMP8481MM-S/NOPB	VSSOP	DGK	8	1000	210.0	185.0	35.0
LMP8481MM-T/NOPB	VSSOP	DGK	8	1000	210.0	185.0	35.0
LMP8481MME-H/NOPB	VSSOP	DGK	8	250	210.0	185.0	35.0
LMP8481MME-S/NOPB	VSSOP	DGK	8	250	210.0	185.0	35.0
LMP8481MME-T/NOPB	VSSOP	DGK	8	250	210.0	185.0	35.0
LMP8481MMX-H/NOPB	VSSOP	DGK	8	3500	367.0	367.0	35.0
LMP8481MMX-S/NOPB	VSSOP	DGK	8	3500	367.0	367.0	35.0
LMP8481MMX-T/NOPB	VSSOP	DGK	8	3500	367.0	367.0	35.0

DGK (S-PDSO-G8)

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