

LT1792

#### Low Noise, Precision, JFET Input Op Amp

#### FEATURES

- 100% Tested Low Voltage Noise: 6nV/√Hz Max
- A Grade 100% Temperature Tested
- Voltage Gain: 1.2 Million Min
- Offset Voltage Over Temp: 800µV Max
- Gain-Bandwidth Product: 5.6MHz Typ
- Guaranteed Specifications with ±5V Supplies

#### **APPLICATIONS**

- Photocurrent Amplifiers
- Hydrophone Amplifiers
- High Sensitivity Piezoelectric Accelerometers
- Low Voltage and Current Noise Instrumentation Amplifier Front Ends
- Two and Three Op Amp Instrumentation Amplifiers
- Active Filters

#### DESCRIPTION

The LT<sup>®</sup>1792 achieves a new standard of excellence in noise performance for a JFET op amp. The  $4.2nV/\sqrt{Hz}$  voltage noise combined with low current noise and picoampere bias currents make the LT1792 an ideal choice for amplifying low level signals from high impedance capacitive transducers.

The LT1792 is unconditionally stable for gains of 1 or more, even with load capacitances up to 1000pF. Other key features are  $600\mu V V_{OS}$  and a voltage gain of over 4 million. Each individual amplifier is 100% tested for voltage noise, slew rate and gain bandwidth.

The design of the LT1792 has been optimized to achieve true precision performance with an industry standard pinout in the SO-8 package. Specifications are also provided for  $\pm$ 5V supplies.

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## TYPICAL APPLICATION

Low Noise Hydrophone Amplifier with DC Servo



1792 TA01

DC OUTPUT  $\leq$  2.5mV FOR T<sub>A</sub> < 70°C OUTPUT VOLTAGE NOISE = 128nV/\Hz AT 1kHz (GAIN = 20) C1  $\approx$  C<sub>T</sub>  $\approx$  100pF TO 5000pF; R4C2 > R8C<sub>T</sub>; \*OPTIONAL

#### **1kHz Input Noise Voltage Distribution**





#### ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (Note 1)

Supply Voltage	±20V
Differential Input Voltage	±40V
Input Voltage (Equal to Supply Voltage).	±20V
Output Short-Circuit Duration	Indefinite
Operating Temperature Range	-40°C to 85°C

Specified Temperature Range	
Commercial (Note 8)	. −40°C to 85°C
Industrial	. −40°C to 85°C
Storage Temperature Range	-65°C to 150°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec) .	300°C

### PACKAGE/ORDER INFORMATION



Consult factory for Military grade parts.

# **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS** $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ , $V_S = \pm 15V$ , $V_{CM} = 0V$ , unless otherwise noted. (Note 9)

			LT17	92AC/LT1	792AI	LT1			
SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS (Note 2)	MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
V <sub>OS</sub>	Input Offset Voltage			0.2	0.6		0.2	0.8	mV
		$V_{S} = \pm 5V$		0.4	1.0		0.4	1.3	mV
l <sub>os</sub>	Input Offset Current	Warmed Up (Note 3)		100	400		100	400	рА
IB	Input Bias Current	Warmed Up (Note 3)		300	800		300	800	рА
e <sub>n</sub>	Input Noise Voltage	0.1Hz to 10Hz		2.4			2.4		μV <sub>P-P</sub>
	Input Noise Voltage Density	f <sub>0</sub> = 10Hz		8.3			8.3		nV/√Hz
		f <sub>0</sub> = 1000Hz		4.2	6.0		4.2	6.0	nV/√Hz
i <sub>n</sub>	Input Noise Current Density	f <sub>0</sub> = 10Hz, f <sub>0</sub> = 1000Hz (Note 4)		10			10		fA/√Hz
R <sub>IN</sub>	Input Resistance Differential Mode Common Mode	V <sub>CM</sub> = -10V to 8V V <sub>CM</sub> = 8V to 11V		10 <sup>11</sup> 10 <sup>11</sup> 10 <sup>10</sup>			10 <sup>11</sup> 10 <sup>11</sup> 10 <sup>10</sup>		Ω Ω Ω
C <sub>IN</sub>	Input Capacitance	$V_{S} = \pm 5V$		14 27			14 27		pF pF
V <sub>CM</sub>	Input Voltage Range (Note 5)		13.0 -10.5	13.5 -11.0		13.0 -10.5	13.5 -11.0		V V
CMRR	Common Mode Rejection Ratio	V <sub>CM</sub> = -10V to 13V	85	105		82	100		dB
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	V <sub>S</sub> = ±4.5V to ±20V	88	105		83	98		dB



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			LT17	92AC/LT1	792AI	LT1792C/LT1792I			
SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	ТҮР	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
A <sub>VOL</sub>	Large-Signal Voltage Gain	$V_0 = \pm 12V, R_L = 10k$ $V_0 = \pm 10V, R_L = 1k$	1200 600	4800 4000		1000 500	4500 3000		V/mV V/mV
V <sub>OUT</sub>	Output Voltage Swing	$R_{L} = 10k$ $R_{L} = 1k$	±13.0 ±12.0	±13.2 ±12.3		±13.0 ±12.0	±13.2 ±12.3		V V
SR	Slew Rate	$R_L \ge 2k$ (Note 7)	2.3	3.4		2.3	3.4		V/µs
GBW	Gain-Bandwidth Product	f <sub>0</sub> = 100kHz	4.0	5.6		4.0	5.6		MHz
I <sub>S</sub>	Supply Current	$V_{S} = \pm 5V$		4.2 4.2	5.20 5.15		4.2 4.2	5.20 5.15	mA mA
	Offset Voltage Adjustment Range	R <sub>POT</sub> (to V <sub>EE</sub> ) = 10k		10			10		mV

# The $\bullet$ denotes specifications which apply over the temperature range 0°C $\leq$ T<sub>A</sub> $\leq$ 70°C. V<sub>S</sub> = ±15V, V<sub>CM</sub> = 0V, unless otherwise noted. (Note 9)

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS (Note 2)		MIN	LT1792A( Typ	C Max	MIN	LT1792C Typ	MAX	UNITS
V <sub>OS</sub>	Input Offset Voltage	$V_{S} = \pm 5V$	•		0.4 0.6	0.8 1.2		0.8 1.2	2.7 3.2	mV mV
$\Delta V_{0S} \over \Delta Temp$	Average Input Offset Voltage Drift	(Note 6)	•		4	10		7	40	μV/°C
I <sub>OS</sub>	Input Offset Current		•		180	500		180	500	рА
IB	Input Bias Current		•		500	1800		500	1800	рА
V <sub>CM</sub>	Input Voltage Range		•	12.9 -10.0	13.4 -10.8		12.9 -10.0	13.4 -10.8		V V
CMRR	Common Mode Rejection Ratio	V <sub>CM</sub> = -10V to 12.9V	•	81	104		79	99		dB
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	$V_{\rm S}$ = ±4.5V to ±20V	•	85	99		81	97		dB
A <sub>VOL</sub>	Large-Signal Voltage Gain	$V_0 = \pm 12V, R_L = 10k$ $V_0 = \pm 10V, R_L = 1k$	•	900 500	3600 2600		800 400	3400 2400		V/mV V/mV
V <sub>OUT</sub>	Output Voltage Swing	$R_L = 10k$ $R_L = 1k$	•	±12.9 ±11.9	±13.2 ±12.15		±12.9 ±11.9	±13.2 ±12.15		V V
SR	Slew Rate	$R_L \ge 2k$ (Note 7)	•	2.1	3.1		2.1	3.1		V/µs
GBW	Gain-Bandwidth Product	f <sub>0</sub> = 100kHz	•	3.2	4.5		3.2	4.5		MHz
ls	Supply Current	$V_{S} = \pm 5V$	•		4.2 4.2	5.30 5.25		4.2 4.2	5.30 5.25	mA mA



**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS** The  $\bullet$  denotes specifications which apply over the temperature range  $-40^{\circ}C \le T_A \le 85^{\circ}C$ . V<sub>S</sub> = ±15V, V<sub>CM</sub> = 0V, unless otherwise noted. (Notes 8, 9)

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS (Note 2)		LT179 Min	92AC/LT1 TYP	792AI Max	LT1 Min	792C/LT1 TYP	792I Max	UNITS
V <sub>OS</sub>	Input Offset Voltage	V <sub>S</sub> = ±5V	•		0.5 0.8	1.0 1.4		1.2 1.5	3.7 4.2	mV mV
$\Delta V_{0S} \over \Delta Temp$	Average Input Offset Voltage Drift	(Note 6)	•		4	10		7	40	µV/°C
I <sub>OS</sub>	Input Offset Current		•		300	800		300	800	pА
I <sub>B</sub>	Input Bias Current		•		1200	4000		1200	4000	pА
V <sub>CM</sub>	Input Voltage Range		•	12.6 -10.0	13.0 -10.5		12.6 -10.0	13.0 -10.5		V V
CMRR	Common Mode Rejection Ratio	V <sub>CM</sub> = -10V to 12.6V		80	103		78	98		dB
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	$V_{\rm S}$ = ±4.5V to ±20V	•	83	98		79	96		dB
A <sub>VOL</sub>	Large-Signal Voltage Gain	$V_0 = \pm 12V, R_L = 10k$ $V_0 = \pm 10V, R_L = 1k$	•	850 400	3300 2200		750 300	3000 2000		V/mV V/mV
V <sub>OUT</sub>	Output Voltage Swing	$R_{L} = 10k$ $R_{L} = 1k$	•	±12.8 ±11.8	±13.1 ±12.1		±12.8 ±11.8	±13.1 ±12.1		V V
SR	Slew Rate	$R_L \ge 2k$		2.0	3.0		2.0	3.0		V/µs
GBW	Gain-Bandwidth Product	f <sub>0</sub> = 100kHz		2.9	4.3		2.9	4.3		MHz
I <sub>S</sub>	Supply Current	$V_{S} = \pm 5V$	•		4.2 4.2	5.40 5.35		4.2 4.2	5.40 5.35	mA mA

Note 1: Absolute Maximum Ratings are those values beyond which the life of a device may be impaired.

Note 2: Typical parameters are defined as the 60% yield of parameter distributions of individual amplifiers.

**Note 3:** Warmed-up  $I_B$  and  $I_{OS}$  readings are extrapolated to a chip temperature of 32°C from 25°C measurements and 32°C characterization data.

Note 4: Current noise is calculated from the formula:

 $i_n = (2qI_B)^{1/2}$ 

where  $q = 1.6 \cdot 10^{-19}$  coulomb. The noise of source resistors up to 200M swamps the contribution of current noise.

**Note 5:** Input voltage range functionality is assured by testing offset voltage at the input voltage range limits to a maximum of 2.3mV (A grade), to 2.8mV (C grade).

Note 6: This parameter is not 100% tested.

**Note 7:** Slew rate is measured in  $A_V = -1$ ; input signal is  $\pm 7.5V$ , output measured at  $\pm 2.5V$ .

Note 8: The LT1792AC and LT1792C are guaranteed to meet specified performance from 0°C to 70°C and are designed, characterized and expected to meet these extended temperature limits, but are not tested at -40°C and 85°C. The LT1792I is guaranteed to meet the extended temperature limits. The LT1792AC and LT1792AI grade are 100% temperature tested for the specified temperature range.

Note 9: The LT1792 is measured in an automated tester in less than one second after application of power. Depending on the package used, power dissipation, heat sinking, and air flow conditions, the fully warmed-up chip temperature can be 10°C to 50°C higher than the ambient temperature.



#### TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS



Input Bias and Offset Current Over the Common Mode Range



Common Mode Rejection Ratio vs Frequency







Input Bias and Offset Current vs Chip Temperature



Common Mode Limit vs Temperature



Power Supply Rejection Ratio vs Frequency



Voltage Gain vs Frequency





## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS



Small-Signal Transient Response



**Capacitive Load Handling** 

50

40

30

20

10

0

0.1

OVERSHOOT (%)

 $V_{\rm S} = \pm 15V$ 

 $A_V = 10$  $R_F = 10k$ 

 $C_F = 20pF$ 

 $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$   $R_L \ge 10k$   $V_0 = 100mV_{P-P}$ 

 $A_V = 1$ 

 $A_{V} = 10$ 

10

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Large-Signal Transient Response



Slew Rate and Gain-Bandwidth **Product vs Temperature** 



THD and Noise vs Frequency for **Inverting Gain** 



#### 125°C 25 .55°Ċ $V_{S} = \pm 5V TO \pm 20V$

SO-8 PACKAGE

N8 PACKAGE

4

6

1792 G15

5

2

3

TIME AFTER POWER ON (MINUTES)

(>) -1.2 -1.4 -1.6 2.0 1.8 1.6 1.6 1.6 1.4 1.2 2500  $V^{-}+10$ -10 -8 -2 0 2 4 6 10 -6 -4 8 ISINK ISOURCE OUTPUT CURRENT (mA) 1792 G12

Warm-Up Drift

 $V_S = \pm 15V$ 

 $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ 

90

75

60

45

30

15

0

0

1

CHANGE IN OFFSET VOLTAGE (µV)

125°Ċ

**Output Voltage Swing** 

vs Load Current

 $V^{+} - 0.8$ 

-1.0



CAPACITIVE LOAD (pF)

100



1792 G13

1000

10000



#### TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS



#### **APPLICATIONS INFORMATION**

The LT1792 may be inserted directly into OPA124, AD743, AD745, AD645, AD544 and AD820 sockets with improved noise performance. Offset nulling will be compatible with these devices with the wiper of the potentiometer tied to the negative supply (Figure 1a). No appreciable change in offset voltage drift with temperature will occur when the device is nulled with a potentiometer ranging from 10k to 200k. Finer adjustments can be made with resistors in series with the potentiometer (Figure 1b).

Being a low voltage noise JFET op amp, the LT1792 can replace many bipolar op amps that are used in amplifying low level signals from high impedance transducers. The





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best bipolar op amps, with higher current noise, will eventually lose out to the LT1792 when transducer impedance increases. The low voltage noise of the LT1792 allows it to surpass most single JFET op amps available. For the best performance versus area available anywhere, the LT1792 is offered in the SO-8 surface mount package with no degradation in performance.

The low voltage and current noise offered by the LT1792 makes it useful in a wide range of applications, especially where high impedance, capacitive transducers are used such as hydrophones, precision accelerometers and photo diodes. The total output noise in such a system is the gain times the RMS sum of the op amp input referred voltage noise, the thermal noise of the transducer, and the op amp bias current noise times the transducer impedance. Figure 2 shows total input voltage noise versus source resistance. In a low source resistance (<5k) application the op amp voltage noise will dominate the total noise. This means the LT1792 will beat out any JFET op amp, only the lowest noise bipolar op amps have the edge at low source resistances. As the source resistance increases from 5k to 50k, the LT1792 will match the best bipolar op amps for noise performance, since the thermal noise of the transducer (4kTR) begins to dominate the total noise. A further increase in source resistance, above 50k, is where the op amp's current noise component  $(2qI_{B})$ R<sub>TRANS</sub>) will eventually dominate the total noise. At these high source resistances, the LT1792 will out perform the lowest noise bipolar op amp due to the inherently low



Figure 2. Comparison of LT1792 and LT1007 Total Output 1kHz Voltage Noise Versus Source Resistance

current noise of FET input op amps. Clearly, the LT1792 will extend the range of high impedance transducers that can be used for high signal-to-noise ratios. This makes the LT1792 the best choice for high impedance, capacitive transducers.

The high input impedance JFET front end makes the LT1792 suitable in applications where very high charge sensitivity is required. Figure 3 illustrates the LT1792 in its inverting and noninverting modes of operation. A charge amplifier is shown in the inverting mode example; here the gain depends on the principal of charge conservation at







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the input of the LT1792. The charge across the transducer capacitance, C<sub>S</sub>, is transferred to the feedback capacitor  $C_F$ , resulting in a change in voltage, dV, equal to dQ/ $C_F$ . The gain therefore is  $C_F/C_S$ . For unity gain, the  $C_F$  should equal the transducer capacitance plus the input capacitance of the LT1792 and  $R_F$  should equal  $R_S$ . In the noninverting mode example, the transducer current is converted to a change in voltage by the transducer capacitance; this voltage is then buffered by the LT1792 with a gain of 1 + R1/R2. A DC path is provided by  $R_S$ , which is either the transducer impedance or an external resistor. Since R<sub>S</sub> is usually several orders of magnitude greater than the parallel combination of R1 and R2, R<sub>B</sub> is added to balance the DC offset caused by the noninverting input bias current and R<sub>S</sub>. The input bias currents, although small at room temperature, can create significant errors at higher temperature, especially with transducer resistances of up to 100M or more. The optimum value for  $R_S$  is determined by equating the thermal noise (4kTR<sub>S</sub>) to the current noise times  $R_S$ , [(2ql<sub>B</sub>) •  $R_S$ ], resulting in  $R_B = 2V_T/I_B$  ( $V_T = 26mV$  at 25°C). A parallel capacitor,  $C_B$ , is used to cancel the phase shift caused by the op amp input capacitance and R<sub>B</sub>.

#### **Reduced Power Supply Operation**

The LT1792 can be operated from  $\pm 5V$  supplies for lower power dissipation resulting in lower I<sub>B</sub> and noise at the

expense of reduced dynamic range. To illustrate this benefit, let's take the following example:

An LT1792CS8 operates at an ambient temperature of 25°C with  $\pm$ 15V supplies, dissipating 159mW of power (typical supply current = 5.3mA). The SO-8 package has a  $\theta_{JA}$  of 190°C/W, which results in a die temperature increase of 30.2°C or a room temperature die operating temperature of 55.2°C. At  $\pm$ 5V supplies, the die temperature increases by only one third of the previous amount or 10.1°C resulting in a typical die operating temperature of only 35.1°C. A 20 degree reduction of die temperature is achieved at the expense of a 20V reduction in dynamic range.

To take full advantage of a wide input common mode range, the LT1792 was designed to eliminate phase reversal. Referring to the photographs shown in Figure 4, the LT1792 is shown operating in the follower mode ( $A_V = 1$ ) at ±5V supplies with the input swinging ±5.2V. The output of the LT1792 clips cleanly and recovers with no phase reversal. This has the benefit of preventing lock-up in servo systems and minimizing distortion components.

#### **High Speed Operation**

The low noise performance of the LT1792 was achieved by making the input JFET differential pair large to maximize the first stage gain. Increasing the JFET geometry

LT1792 Output



INPUT: ±5.2V Sine Wave

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Figure 4. Voltage Follower with Input Exceeding the Common Mode Range (  $V_S$  =  $\pm 5V)$ 



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also increases the parasitic gate capacitance, which if left unchecked, can result in increased overshoot and ringing. When the feedback around the op amp is resistive (R<sub>F</sub>), a pole will be created with R<sub>F</sub>, the source resistance and capacitance (R<sub>S</sub>, C<sub>S</sub>), and the amplifier input capacitance (C<sub>IN</sub> = 27pF). In low gain configurations and with R<sub>S</sub> and R<sub>F</sub> in the kilohm range (Figure 5), this pole can create excess phase shift and even oscillation. A small capacitor (C<sub>F</sub>) in parallel with R<sub>F</sub> eliminates this problem. With R<sub>S</sub>(C<sub>S</sub> + C<sub>IN</sub>) = R<sub>F</sub>C<sub>F</sub>, the effect of the feedback pole is completely removed.



#### TYPICAL APPLICATIONS



#### Accelerometer Amplifier with DC Servo

#### 10Hz Fourth Order Chebyshev Lowpass Filter (0.01dB Ripple)





#### TYPICAL APPLICATIONS



Low Noise Light Sensor with DC Servo

#### Paralleling Amplifiers to Reduce Voltage Noise





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#### TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

**Light Balance Detection Circuit** 



PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

Dimensions in inches (millimeters) unless otherwise noted.

**Unity-Gain Buffer with Extended** 



#### **RELATED PARTS**

PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
LT1113	Low Noise Dual JFET Op Amp	Dual Version of LT1792, $V_{NOISE} = 4.5 \text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
LT1169	Low Noise Dual JFET Op Amp	Dual Version of LT1793, $I_B$ = 10pA, $V_{NOISE}$ = 6nV/ $\sqrt{Hz}$
LT1793	Low Noise Single Op Amp	Lower I <sub>B</sub> Version of LT1792, I <sub>B</sub> = 10pA, V <sub>NOISE</sub> = 6nV/ $\sqrt{Hz}$

