

# Precision Instrumentation Amplifier with Signal Processing Amplifiers

# AD8295

#### **FEATURES**

Saves board space Includes precision in-amp, 2 op amps, and 2 matched resistors 4 mm × 4 mm LFCSP No heat slug for more routing room Differential output fully specified In-amp specifications Gain set with 1 external resistor (gain range: 1 to 1000) 8 nV/√Hz @ 1 kHz, maximum input voltage noise 90 dB minimum CMRR (G = 1) 0.8 nA maximum input bias current 1.2 MHz, -3 dB bandwidth (G = 1) 2 V/µs slew rate Wide power supply range: ±2.3 V to ±18 V 1 ppm/°C, 0.03% resistor matching

#### **APPLICATIONS**

Industrial process controls Wheatstone bridges Precision data acquisition systems Medical instrumentation Strain gages Transducer interfaces Differential output

#### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The AD8295 contains all the components necessary for a precision instrumentation amplifier front end in one small 4 mm  $\times$  4 mm package. It contains a high performance instrumentation amplifier, two general-purpose operational amplifiers, and two precisely matched 10 k $\Omega$  resistors.

The AD8295 is designed to make PCB routing easy and efficient. The AD8295 components are arranged in a logical way so that typical application circuits have short routes and few vias. Unlike most chip scale packages, the AD8295 does not have an exposed metal pad on the back of the part, which frees additional space for routing and vias. The AD8295 comes in a 4 mm  $\times$  4 mm LFCSP that requires half the board space of an 8-pin SOIC package.



#### Table 1. Instrumentation Amplifiers by Category

		1	1 0	1
General Purpose	Zero Drift	Military Grade	Low Power	High Speed PGA
AD82201	AD82311	AD620	AD6271	AD8250
AD8221	AD85531	AD621	AD6231	AD8251
AD8222	AD85551	AD524	AD82231	AD8253
AD8224 <sup>1</sup>	AD8556 <sup>1</sup>	AD526		
AD8228	AD8557 <sup>1</sup>	AD624		
AD8295	AD82931			

<sup>1</sup>Rail-to-rail output.

The AD8295 includes a high performance, programmable gain instrumentation amplifier. Gain is set from 1 to 1000 with a single resistor. The low noise and excellent common-mode rejection of the AD8295 enable the part to easily detect small signals even in the presence of large common-mode interference. For a similar instrumentation amplifier without the associated signal conditioning circuitry, see the AD8221 or AD8222 data sheet.

The AD8295 operates on both single and dual supplies and is well suited for applications where  $\pm 10$  V input voltages are encountered. Performance is specified over the entire industrial temperature range of  $-40^{\circ}$ C to  $+85^{\circ}$ C for all grades. The AD8295 is operational from  $-40^{\circ}$ C to  $+125^{\circ}$ C; see the Typical Performance Characteristics section for expected operation up to  $125^{\circ}$ C.

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### **REVISION HISTORY**

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### **SPECIFICATIONS**

# INSTRUMENTATION AMPLIFIER SPECIFICATIONS, SINGLE-ENDED AND DIFFERENTIAL OUTPUT CONFIGURATIONS

 $V_{S} = \pm 15 V$ ,  $V_{REF} = 0 V$ ,  $T_{A} = 25^{\circ}C$ , G = 1,  $R_{L} = 2 k\Omega$ , unless otherwise noted. The differential configuration is shown in Figure 59.

#### Table 2.

			A Grade			B Grad	e	
Parameter	Test Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
COMMON-MODE REJECTION RATIO (CMRR)	$V_{CM} = -10 V \text{ to } +10 V$							
CMRR, DC to 60 Hz	1 kΩ source imbalance							
G = 1		80			90			dB
G = 10		100			110			dB
G = 100		120			130			dB
G = 1000		130			140			dB
CMRR at 8 kHz								
G = 1		80			80			dB
G = 10		90			100			dB
G = 100		100			120			dB
G = 1000		110			120			dB
NOISE								
Voltage Noise, 1 kHz	RTI noise = $\sqrt{(e_{NI}^2 + (e_{NO}/G)^2)}$							
Input Voltage Noise, e <sub>NI</sub>	$V_{IN+}, V_{IN-}, V_{REF} = 0 V$			8			8	nV/√Hz
Output Voltage Noise, e <sub>NO</sub>	$V_{IN+}, V_{IN-}, V_{REF} = 0 V$			75			75	nV/√Hz
RTI	f = 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz							
G = 1			2			2		μV p-р
G = 10			0.5			0.5		μV p-p
G = 100 to 1000			0.25			0.25		μV p-p
Current Noise	f = 1 kHz		40			40		fA/√Hz
	f = 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz		6			6		pA p-p
VOLTAGE OFFSET	$RTIV_{OS} = (V_{OSI}) + (V_{OSO}/G)$							
Input Offset, Vosi	$V_s = \pm 5 V \text{ to } \pm 15 V$			120			60	μV
Over Temperature	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to $+85^{\circ}C$			150			80	μV
Average TC				0.4			0.3	μV/°C
Output Offset, Voso	$V_s = \pm 5 V \text{ to } \pm 15 V$			500			350	μV
Over Temperature	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to $+85^{\circ}C$			0.8			0.5	mV
Average TC				9			5	μV/°C
Offset RTI vs. Supply (PSR)	$V_{s} = \pm 2.3 \text{ V to } \pm 18 \text{ V}$							
G = 1		90	110		94	110		dB
G = 10		110	120		114	130		dB
G = 100		124	130		130	140		dB
G = 1000		130	140		140	150		dB
INPUT CURRENT								
Input Bias Current			0.5	2.0		0.2	0.8	nA
Over Temperature	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to $+85^{\circ}C$			3.0			1.5	nA
Average TC			1			1		pA/°C
Input Offset Current			0.2	1		0.1	0.5	nA
Over Temperature	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to $+85^{\circ}C$			1.5			0.6	nA
Average TC			1			0.5	2	pA/°C

			A Grade			B Grade	•		
Parameter	Test Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Min	Тур	Max	Unit	
GAIN	$G = 1 + (49.4 \text{ k}\Omega/\text{R}_{G})$			-					
Gain Range		1		1000	1		1000	V/V	
Gain Error	V <sub>OUT</sub> ± 10 V			1000			1000	•,•	
G = 1	•001 = 10 •			0.05			0.02	%	
G = 10				0.3			0.02	%	
G = 100 G = 100				0.3			0.1	%	
G = 1000 G = 1000				0.3			0.1	%	
Gain Nonlinearity	$V_{OUT} = -10 V \text{ to } +10 V$			0.5			0.1	70	
G = 1	$v_{001} = -10 v_{10} + 10 v_{10}$		3	10		1	5	nnm	
G = 10			5 7	20		7	20	ppm	
G = 10 G = 100			7 7	20		7	20	ppm	
			/	20		/	20	ppm	
Gain vs. Temperature				~			1	10 10 100 /0	
G = 1				5			1	ppm/°	
G > 1		_		-50			-50	ppm/°	
DYNAMIC RESPONSE (SINGLE-									
ENDED CONFIGURATION)									
Small Signal –3 dB Bandwidth			4000						
G = 1			1200			1200		kHz	
G = 10			750			750		kHz	
G = 100			140			140		kHz	
G = 1000			15			15		kHz	
Settling Time 0.01%	10 V step								
G = 1 to 100			10			10		μs	
G = 1000			80			80		μs	
Settling Time 0.001%	10 V step								
G = 1 to 100			13			13		μs	
G = 1000			110			110		μs	
Slew Rate									
G = 1		1.5	2		1.5	2		V/µs	
G = 5 to 1000		2	2.5		2	2.5		V/µs	
DYNAMIC RESPONSE (DIFFERENTIAL									
OUTPUT CONFIGURATION)									
Small Signal –3 dB Bandwidth									
G = 1			1200			1200		kHz	
G = 10			1000			1000		kHz	
G = 100			140			140		kHz	
G = 1000			15			15		kHz	
Settling Time 0.01%	10 V step								
G = 1 to 100			10			10		μs	
G = 1000			80			80		μs	
Settling Time 0.001%	10 V step								
G = 1  to  100			13			13		μs	
G = 1000			110			110		μs	
Slew Rate								~~~	
G = 1		1.5	С		1 5	r		Mure	
			2		1.5	2		V/µs	
G = 5 to 1000		2	2.5		2	2.5		V/µs	
REFERENCE INPUT									
R <sub>IN</sub>			20	~~		20		kΩ	
l <sub>IN</sub>	$V_{\text{IN+}}, V_{\text{IN-}}, V_{\text{REF}} = 0 \text{ V}$		50	60		50	60	μA	
Voltage Range		-Vs		+Vs	-Vs		+Vs	V	
Gain to Output	1	1 ± 0.0001			$1 \pm 0.000$	)1		V/V	

			A Grade			B Grade		
Parameter	Test Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
INPUT								
Input Impedance								
Differential			100  2			100  2		GΩ∥pF
Common Mode			100  2			100  2		GΩ∥pF
Input Operating Voltage Range <sup>1</sup>	$V_s = \pm 2.3 \text{ V}$ to $\pm 5 \text{ V}$	$-V_{s} + 1.9$		$+V_{s} - 1.1$	$-V_{s} + 1.9$		+V <sub>s</sub> - 1.1	V
Over Temperature	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +85^{\circ}C$	$-V_{s} + 2.0$		+Vs - 1.2	$-V_{s} + 2.0$		+Vs - 1.2	V
Input Operating Voltage Range <sup>1</sup>	$V_s = \pm 5 V$ to $\pm 18 V$	$-V_{s} + 1.9$		$+V_{s} - 1.2$	$-V_{s} + 1.9$		$+V_{s} - 1.2$	V
Over Temperature	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +85^{\circ}C$	$-V_{s} + 2.0$		+Vs - 1.2	$-V_{s} + 2.0$		+Vs - 1.2	V
OUTPUT	$R_L = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$							
Output Swing	$V_s = \pm 2.3 \text{ V}$ to $\pm 5 \text{ V}$	-Vs + 1.1		+Vs - 1.2	$-V_{s} + 1.1$		+Vs - 1.2	V
Over Temperature	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +85^{\circ}C$	$-V_{s} + 1.4$		$+V_{s} - 1.3$	$-V_{s} + 1.4$		+V <sub>s</sub> - 1.3	V
Output Swing	$V_s = \pm 5 V \text{ to } \pm 18 V$	$-V_{s} + 1.2$		+Vs - 1.4	$-V_{s} + 1.2$		+Vs - 1.4	V
Over Temperature	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +85^{\circ}C$	$-V_{s} + 1.6$		$+V_{s} - 1.5$	$-V_{s} + 1.6$		+Vs - 1.5	V
Short-Circuit Current			18			18		mA

<sup>1</sup> One input grounded; G = 1.

### **OP AMP SPECIFICATIONS**

 $V_{\text{S}}$  = ±15 V,  $T_{\text{A}}$  = 25°C,  $R_{\text{L}}$  = 2 kΩ, unless otherwise noted.

Table 3.

			A Grade			B Grade		
Parameter	Test Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
INPUT CHARACTERISTICS								
Offset Voltage, Vos			40			20		μV
Average TC	$T_{A} = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +85^{\circ}C$		4			2		μV/°C
Input Bias Current <sup>1</sup>			10			8		nA
	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C$		20			16		nA
	$T_A = +85^{\circ}C$		10			8		nA
Input Offset Current			2			0.5		nA
Over Temperature	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +85^{\circ}C$		2			0.5		nA
Input Voltage Range		-Vs + 1.2		+Vs - 1.2	-Vs + 1.2		+Vs - 1.2	V
Open-Loop Gain		100	125		116	125		dB
Common-Mode Rejection Ratio		100			100			dB
Power Supply Rejection Ratio		90	110		94	110		dB
Voltage Noise Density			40			40		nV/√H
Voltage Noise	f = 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz		2.2			2.2		μV p-p
DYNAMIC PERFORMANCE								
Gain Bandwidth Product			1			1		MHz
Slew Rate			2.6			2.6		V/µs
OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS								
Output Swing	$V_{s} = \pm 2.3 V \text{ to } \pm 5 V$	-Vs + 1.1		+Vs - 1.2	-Vs + 1.1		+Vs - 1.2	V
Over Temperature	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +85^{\circ}C$	$-V_{s} + 1.4$		+Vs - 1.3	$-V_{s} + 1.4$		+Vs - 1.3	V
Output Swing	$V_s = \pm 5 V \text{ to } \pm 18 V$	-Vs + 1.2		+Vs - 1.4	-Vs + 1.2		+Vs - 1.4	V
Over Temperature	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +85^{\circ}C$	$-V_{s} + 1.6$		+Vs - 1.5	-Vs + 1.6		+Vs – 1.5	V
Short-Circuit Current			18			18		mA

<sup>1</sup> Op amp uses an npn input stage, so input bias current always flows into the inputs.

### **INTERNAL RESISTOR NETWORK**

When used with internal Op Amp A1,  $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C, unless otherwise noted. Use in external op amp feedback loops is not recommended.

#### Table 4.

		A Grade			B Grade			
Parameter	Test Conditions	Min	Тур	Мах	Min	Тур	Мах	Unit
Nominal Resistor Value			20			20		kΩ
Resistor Matching				0.1			0.03	%
Matching Temperature Coefficient	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +85^{\circ}C$			5			1	ppm/°C
Absolute Resistor Accuracy				0.2			0.1	%
Absolute Temperature Coefficient	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +85^{\circ}C$			-50			-50	ppm/°C

### POWER AND TEMPERATURE SPECIFICATIONS

 $V_{\text{S}}=\pm15$  V,  $V_{\text{REF}}$  = 0 V,  $T_{\text{A}}$  = 25°C, unless otherwise noted.

#### Table 5.

			A Grad	e		B Grade	3	
Parameter	Test Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
POWER SUPPLY								
Operating Range		±2.3		±18	±2.3		±18	V
Quiescent Current	In-amp + two op amps		2	2.3		2	2.3	mA
Over Temperature	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +85^{\circ}C$			2.5			2.5	mA
TEMPERATURE RANGE								
Specified Performance		-40		+85	-40		+85	°C
Operational Performance <sup>1</sup>		-40		+125	-40		+125	°C

<sup>1</sup> See the Typical Performance Characteristics section for expected operation from 85°C to 125°C.

### **ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**

#### Table 6.

Parameter	Rating
Supply Voltage	±18 V
Output Short-Circuit Current	Indefinite
Input Voltage	
Common-Mode	$\pm V_S$
Differential	±Vs
Storage Temperature Range	-65°C to +130°C
Operating Temperature Range <sup>1</sup>	-40°C to +125°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec)	300°C
Junction Temperature	130°C
ESD (Human Body Model)	2000 V
ESD (Charge Device Model)	500 V
ESD (Machine Model)	200 V

 $^1$  Temperature range for specified performance is  $-40^\circ C$  to  $+85^\circ C$ . See the Typical Performance Characteristics section for expected operation from  $85^\circ C$  to  $125^\circ C$ .

Stresses above those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only; functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational section of this specification is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

### THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS

Specifications are provided for a device in free air.

#### Table 7.

Package	θιΑ	Unit
16-Lead LFCSP_VQ	86	°C/W

#### **ESD CAUTION**



**ESD** (electrostatic discharge) sensitive device. Charged devices and circuit boards can discharge without detection. Although this product features patented or proprietary protection circuitry, damage may occur on devices subjected to high energy ESD. Therefore, proper ESD precautions should be taken to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.

## **PIN CONFIGURATION AND FUNCTION DESCRIPTIONS**



#### **Table 8. Pin Function Descriptions**

Pin No.	Mnemonic	Description
1	-IN	In-Amp Negative Input.
2, 3	R <sub>G</sub>	In-Amp Gain-Setting Resistor Terminals.
4	+IN	In-Amp Positive Input.
5	-Vs	Negative Supply.
6	REF	In-Amp Reference Terminal. Drive with a low impedance source. Output is referred to this pin.
7	A1 OUT	Op Amp A1 Output.
8	A1 R2	Resistor R2 Terminal. Connected internally to Op Amp A1 inverting input.
9	A1 –IN	Op Amp A1 Inverting Input. Midpoint of resistor divider.
10	A1 R1	Resistor R1 Terminal. Connected internally to Op Amp A1 inverting input.
11	A1 +IN	Op Amp A1 Noninverting Input.
12	A2 OUT	Op Amp A2 Output.
13	A2 –IN	Op Amp A2 Inverting Input.
14	A2 +IN	Op Amp A2 Noninverting Input.
15	OUT	In-Amp Output.
16	+Vs	Positive Supply.

### **TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS**

### IN-AMP

 $V_{\text{S}}=\pm15$  V, REF = 0 V,  $T_{\text{A}}$  = 25°C,  $R_{\text{L}}$  = 10 kΩ, unless otherwise noted.









Figure 9. Input Common-Mode Range vs. Output Voltage, G = 100,  $V_5 = \pm 2.5 V$ ,  $\pm 5 V$ , REF = 0 V



Figure 10. Input Common-Mode Range vs. Output Voltage, G = 100,  $V_S = \pm 15 V$ , REF = 0 V



Figure 11. Input Bias Current vs. Common-Mode Voltage



Figure 12. Change in Input Offset Voltage vs. Warm-Up Time





Figure 14. Positive PSRR vs. Frequency, RTI, G = 1 to 1000



200 150 100 GAIN ERROR (ppm) 50 0 -50 -100 -150 -200 120 140 -40 -20 0 20 40 60 80 100 07343-064 TEMPERATURE (°C)

Figure 16. Gain Error vs. Temperature, G = 1















1s/DIV 15/DIV

07343-032

1M

07343-033

20µs/DIV

VMM

100k



Figure 29. Current Noise Spectral Density vs. Frequency

Figure 32. Large Signal Pulse Response and Settling Time, G = 1



Figure 33. Large Signal Pulse Response and Settling Time, G = 10



Figure 34. Large Signal Pulse Response and Settling Time, G = 100



Figure 35. Large Signal Pulse Response and Settling Time, G = 1000



Figure 36. Small Signal Pulse Response, G = 1,  $R_L = 2 k\Omega$ ,  $C_L = 100 pF$ 



Figure 37. Small Signal Pulse Response, G = 10,  $R_L = 2 k\Omega$ ,  $C_L = 100 pF$ 



Figure 38. Small Signal Pulse Response, G = 100,  $R_L = 2 k\Omega$ ,  $C_L = 100 pF$ 



Figure 39. Small Signal Pulse Response, G = 1000,  $R_L = 2 k\Omega$ ,  $C_L = 100 pF$ 





Figure 41. Settling Time vs. Gain for a 10 V Step

### **OP AMPS**

 $V_S = \pm 15$  V,  $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C,  $R_L = 10$  k $\Omega$ , Op Amp A1 and Op Amp A2, unless otherwise noted.









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### SYSTEM

 $V_{\text{S}}=\pm 15$  V,  $V_{\text{REF}}$  = 0 V,  $T_{\text{A}}$  = 25°C, unless otherwise noted.



Figure 49. Differential Output Configuration, Gain vs. Frequency







### THEORY OF OPERATION

As shown in Figure 52, the AD8295 contains a precision instrumentation amplifier, two uncommitted op amps, and a precision resistor array. These components allow many common applications to be wired using simple pin-strapping, directly at the IC. This not only saves printed circuit board (PCB) space but also improves circuit performance because both temperature drift and resistor tolerance errors are reduced.



Figure 52. Functional Block Diagram

#### **UNCOMMITTED OP AMPS**

The AD8295 has two uncommitted op amps that can be used independently. These op amps allow simple pin-strapping for many common applications circuits.

Op Amp A1 has its inverting input connected to a precision 2:1 voltage divider resistor network. Because this network is internal to the IC, these resistors are closely matched and also track each other, with temperature variations. Op Amp A1 and the associated resistor network can be used to create either a noninverting gain stage of 2 or an inverting gain stage of -1 with excellent gain accuracy and gain drift.

Op Amp A2 is a more conventional op amp, with standard inverting and noninverting inputs and an output.

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#### **Gain Selection**

The transfer function of the AD8295 is

 $V_{OUT} = G \times (V_{IN+} - V_{IN-}) + V_{REF}$ 

where placing a resistor across the  $R_G$  terminals sets the gain of the AD8295 according to the following equation:

$$G = 1 + \frac{49.4 \text{ k}\Omega}{R_G}$$

Resistor values can be obtained by referring to Table 9 or by using the following gain equation:

$$R_G = \frac{49.4 \,\mathrm{k}\Omega}{G - 1}$$

Table 9. G	ains Achieved	Using	1%]	Resistors
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1% Standard Table Value of $R_{G}$	Calculated Gain			
49.9 kΩ	1.990			
12.4 kΩ	4.984			
5.49 kΩ	9.998			
2.61 kΩ	19.93			
1.00 kΩ	50.40			
499 Ω	100			
249 Ω	199.4			
100 Ω	495			
49.9 Ω	991			

The AD8295 defaults to G = 1 when no gain resistor is used. Gain accuracy is a combination of both the R<sub>G</sub> accuracy and the accuracy listed in the specifications in Table 2, including accuracy over temperature. Gain error and gain drift are kept to a minimum when the gain resistor is not used.

#### Common-Mode Input Voltage Range

The AD8295 in-amp architecture applies gain internally and then removes the common-mode voltage. Therefore, internal nodes in the AD8295 experience a combination of both the gained signal and the common-mode signal. This combined signal can be limited by the voltage supplies even when the individual input and output signals are not. Figure 7 through Figure 10 show the allowable common-mode input voltage ranges for various output voltages and supply voltages.

If Figure 7 through Figure 10 indicate that internal voltage limiting may be an issue, the common-mode range can be improved by lowering the gain in the instrumentation amplifier by one half and applying a second G = 2 stage. Figure 53 shows how to do this amplification with the internal circuitry of the AD8295, requiring no additional external components.



Figure 53. Applying Gain in a Later Stage Allows Wider Input Common-Mode Range

#### **Reference Terminal**

The output voltage of the AD8295 instrumentation amplifier is developed with respect to the potential on the reference terminal. This is useful when the output signal needs to be offset to a precise dc level.

The reference pin input can be driven slightly beyond the rails. The REF pin is protected with ESD diodes, and the REF voltage should not exceed either  $+V_s$  or  $-V_s$  by more than 0.3 V.

For best performance, the source impedance to the REF terminal should be kept below 1  $\Omega$ . Additional impedance at the REF terminal can significantly degrade the CMRR of the amplifier. When the reference source has significant output impedance (for example, a resistive voltage divider), buffer the signal before driving the REF pin. Internal Op Amp A1 or A2 can be used for this purpose, as shown in Figure 54.



Figure 54. Driving the Reference Pin

Noise at the reference feeds directly to the output. Therefore, in Figure 54, Capacitor C is added to filter out any high frequency noise on the positive power supply line. For very clean supplies, the capacitor may not be needed. The filter frequency is a tradeoff between noise rejection and start-up time, and is given by the following equation:

$$f_{LOWPASS} = \frac{1}{2\pi C \frac{R_A R_B}{R_A + R_B}}$$

### LAYOUT

The AD8295 is a high precision device. To ensure optimum performance at the PCB level, care must be taken in the board layout. The AD8295 pins are arranged in a logical manner to aid in this task. Unlike most LFCSP packages, the AD8295 package was designed without the thermal pad to allow routes and vias directly beneath the chip.

Careful board layout maximizes system performance. Traces from the gain setting resistor to the R<sub>G</sub> pins should be kept as short as possible to minimize parasitic inductance. To ensure the most accurate output, the trace from the REF pin should either be connected to the local ground of the AD8295 or to a voltage that is referenced to the local ground of the AD8295.

### Common-Mode Rejection over Frequency

The AD8295 has a higher CMRR over frequency than typical in-amps, which gives it greater immunity to disturbances such as line noise and its associated harmonics. The AD8295 pinout and hidden paddle package were designed so that the board designer can take full advantage of this performance with a well-implemented layout.

Poor layout can cause some of the common-mode signal to be converted to a differential signal before it reaches the in-amp. Such conversions occur when one input path has a frequency response that is different from the other. To keep CMRR across frequency high, the input source impedance and capacitance of each path should be closely matched. Additional source resistance in the input path (for example, for input protection) should be placed close to the in-amp inputs to minimize their interaction with parasitic capacitance from the PCB traces.

Parasitic capacitance at the gain setting pins can also affect CMRR over frequency. The traces to the R<sub>G</sub> resistor should be kept as short as possible. If the board design has a component at the gain setting pins (for example, a switch or jumper), the part should be chosen so that the parasitic capacitance is as small as possible.

#### **Unused Op Amps**

When not in use, the internal op amps should be connected in a unity-gain configuration, with the noninverting input connected to a bias point in the input range of the op amp. These connections ensure that the AD8295 op amp uses minimum power and does not disturb the internal power supplies of the AD8295. These connections are shown as dotted lines in several of the applications figures.

#### Reference

The output voltage of the instrumentation amplifier section of the AD8295 is developed with respect to the potential on the reference terminal (REF); care should be taken to tie the REF pin to the appropriate local ground.

#### **Power Supplies**

A stable dc voltage should be used to power the instrumentation amplifier. Noise on the supply pins can adversely affect performance. See the PSRR performance curves in Figure 14 and Figure 15 for more information.

A 0.1  $\mu$ F capacitor should be placed as close as possible to each supply pin. An additional capacitor, a 10  $\mu$ F tantalum for the lower frequencies, can be used farther away from the IC. In most cases, the 10  $\mu$ F bypass capacitor can be shared by other integrated circuits on the same PCB.



Figure 55. Supply Decoupling, REF, and Output Referred to Local Ground

#### INPUT PROTECTION

All terminals of the AD8295 are protected against ESD by diodes at the inputs. If voltages beyond the supplies are anticipated, resistors should be placed in series with the inputs to limit the current. Resistors should be chosen so that current does not exceed 6 mA into the internal ESD diodes in the overload condition. These resistors can be the same as those used for RFI protection. (See the RF Interference section for more information.)

For applications where the AD8295 encounters extreme overload voltages, as in cardiac defibrillators, external series resistors and low leakage diode clamps, such as BAV199Ls, FJH1100s, or SP720s can be used.

### **INPUT BIAS CURRENT RETURN PATH**

The input bias currents of the AD8295 must have a return path to common. When the source, such as a thermocouple, cannot provide a return current path, one should be created, as shown in Figure 56. Otherwise, the input currents charge up the input capacitance until the in-amp is turned off or saturated.



### **RF INTERFERENCE**

RF interference is often a problem when amplifiers are used in applications where there are strong RF signals. The precision circuits in the AD8295 can rectify the RF signals so that they appear as a dc offset voltage error. To avoid this rectification, place a low-pass filter before the input. Figure 57 shows such a network in front of the instrumentation amplifier. The filter limits both the differential and common-mode bandwidth, as shown in the following equations:

$$f_{FILTER}(Diff) = \frac{1}{2\pi R(2C_D + C_C)}$$
$$f_{FILTER}(CM) = \frac{1}{2\pi RC_C}$$

where  $C_D \ge 10C_C$ .



Figure 57. RFI Suppression

Lower cutoff frequencies improve RFI robustness. Accuracy of the  $C_C$  capacitors is important, because any mismatch between the  $R \times C_C$  at the positive input and the  $R \times C_C$  at the negative input degrades the CMRR of the AD8295. Keeping  $C_D$  at least 10 times larger than  $C_C$  is recommended.

#### **DIFFERENTIAL OUTPUT**

The AD8295 can be pin-strapped to provide a differential output; the simplified schematic is shown in Figure 58 and the full pin connection is shown in Figure 59. This configuration uses the instrumentation amplifier to maintain the differential voltage, while the op amp maintains the common-mode voltage. Because the in-amp precisely controls the output relative to its reference pin, this circuit has the same excellent dc performance as the single-ended output configuration. The transfer function for the differential and common-mode outputs are as follows:

$$V_{DIFF_OUT} = V_{OUT+} - V_{OUT-} = G \times (V_{IN+} - V_{IN-})$$
$$V_{CM_OUT} = (V_{OUT+} + V_{OUT-})/2 = V_{REF}$$

where:

$$G = 1 + \frac{49.4 \text{ k}\Omega}{R_G}$$

This configuration is fully specified (see Table 2, Figure 49, and Figure 50). DC performance is the same as for the single-ended configuration; ac performance is slightly different.



Figure 58. Differential Output Using an Op Amp





An alternative differential output configuration, which also requires no external components, is shown in Figure 60. Unlike the previous circuit, this configuration uses an inverting op amp configuration to double the gain from the instrumentation amplifier. Because this configuration requires less gain from the instrumentation amplifier, it can have a wider frequency response and a wider input common-mode range vs. output voltage. However, because it does not take advantage of feedback at the reference pin of the instrumentation amplifier, dc performance includes the errors from the op amp and the resistor network. When using the internal precision components of the AD8295, these errors have a minimal effect on overall accuracy. This configuration is not specified in this data sheet.



Figure 60. Alternative Differential Output Configuration

### APPLICATIONS INFORMATION creating a reference voltage at midscale

A reference voltage other than ground is often useful, for example, when driving a single-supply ADC. Creating a reference voltage derived from a voltage divider is straightforward with the AD8295 (see Figure 61). In this configuration, Op Amp A2 is used to provide a buffered Vs/2 reference for the in-amp section. This configuration is very similar to the one described in the Reference Terminal section.

Note that the internal resistors of Op Amp A1 are not used to provide  $V_s/2$ . Instead, external 1% (or better) resistors are used. Because the negative input of Op Amp A1 is permanently connected to the junction of internal resistors R1 and R2, Op Amp A1 operates as a low voltage clamp, preventing the resistor string from providing a convenient  $V_s/2$  voltage.

Noise at the reference feeds directly to the output, so if the reference voltage is derived from a noisy source, filtering is required. In Figure 61, Capacitor C1 has been added to filter out high frequency noise on the positive power supply line. The 10 uF capacitor and the 100 k $\Omega$  resistors shown in Figure 61 roll off noise starting at 0.3 Hz. The filter frequency is a trade-off between noise rejection and start-up time.



Figure 61. Single-Supply Connection with Buffered Reference

# HIGH ACCURACY G = -1 CONFIGURATION WITH LOW-PASS FILTER

The circuit in Figure 62 uses Op Amp A1 and the resistor string to provide a precise G = -1 configuration. Because no external resistors are used to set the gain, gain accuracy and gain drift depend only on the internally matched resistors, yielding excellent performance.

Adding a capacitor across Resistor R2 is a simple way to provide a single-pole low-pass filter that rolls off at 20 dB per decade. This capacitor is shown as C1 in Figure 62.



Figure 62. Single-Pole Output Filter Using a Single External Capacitor

If the connections to Pin 10 and Pin 11 in Figure 62 are changed so that Pin 10 connects to ground and Pin 11 connects to the in-amp output, the result is a G = 2 circuit, also with excellent gain accuracy and drift. In the G = 2 configuration, Capacitor C1 lowers the gain from 2 to 1 at higher frequencies.

### 2-POLE SALLEN-KEY FILTER

Figure 63 shows the in-amp output section of the AD8295 being low-pass filtered using a 2-pole Sallen-Key filter. The filter section consists of Op Amp A2, External Resistors R1 and R2, as well as Capacitors C1 and C2. Resistor R3 compensates for input offset current errors and is equal to the parallel combination of R1 and R2. The ratio of capacitance between C1 and C2 sets the filter quality factor, Q. For most applications, a filter Q of 0.5 to 0.7 provides a good trade-off between performance and stability. High Q, non-polarized capacitors, such as NPO ceramic, should be used. The exact pole frequencies are dependent on the tolerance of the resistors and capacitors used.

The design equations for a Sallen-Key filter can be greatly simplified if the resistors and capacitors are made equal. When C1 = C2 and R1 = R2, Q is 0.5 and the design equation simplifies to

 $f = 1/(2\pi RC)$ 

where R is in ohms and C is in farads.

For example, with  $R1 = R2 = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$ , and C1 = C2 = 2.2 nF,

f = 7.2 kHz

When C1 is not equal to C2 and R1 is not equal to R2, the values of Q and the cutoff frequency are calculated as follows:



Figure 63. 2-Pole Sallen-Key Filter

### **AC-COUPLED INSTRUMENTATION AMPLIFIER**

The circuit in Figure 64 provides a one-pole high-pass filter, using only one external capacitor.

At low frequencies, Capacitor C1 has a high impedance, thus operating Op Amp A1 at high gain ( $G = X_c/20 \text{ k}\Omega$ ). Because of its high gain, Op Amp A1 is able to drive the in-amp reference pin until it forces the output of the in-amp to 0 V. Therefore, no signal appears at the circuit output.

At higher frequencies, the gain of Op Amp A1 drops and the op amp is no longer able to maintain the in-amp output at 0 V. Therefore, at frequencies above the RC filter bandwidth, the in-amp operates in a normal manner, and the signal appears at the output.

The 3 dB corner frequency is set by Internal Resistor R1 and External Capacitor C1 as follows:

 $f = 1/((2\pi \times 20 \text{ k}\Omega) \times C1)$ 

The precision of R1 (better than 0.2%) means that the filter bandwidth depends mainly on the tolerance of Capacitor C1.

At low frequencies, Op Amp A1 drives the appropriate voltage on the reference pin to null out the original signal. Voltage supplies should be chosen so that Op Amp A1 has enough output headroom to produce the nulling voltage.



Figure 64. AC-Coupled Connection

### **DRIVING DIFFERENTIAL ADCs**

Figure 65 shows how to configure the AD8295 to drive a differential ADC. The circuit shown uses very little board space and consumes little power. With the AD7690, this configuration gives excellent dc performance and a THD of 83 dB (10 kHz input). For applications that need better distortion performance, a dedicated ADC driver, such as the ADA4941-1 or ADA4922-1 is recommended.

The 500  $\Omega$  resistors and the 2.2 nF capacitors form a low-pass, antialiasing filter at 144 kHz. The four elements of the filter also prevent the switching transients produced by a typical SAR converter from destabilizing the AD8295. The capacitors provide charge to the switched capacitor front end of the ADC, and the resistors shield the AD8295 from driving any sharp current

changes. If the application requires a lower frequency antialiasing filter than the one shown, increasing the capacitor values produces much better distortion results than increasing the resistor values.

The 500  $\Omega$  resistors also give the ADC protection against overvoltage. Because the AD8295 runs on wider supply voltages than a typical ADC, there is a possibility of overdriving some converters. This is not an issue with a PulSAR\* ADC, such as the AD7690, because its input can handle a 130 mA overdrive, which is much higher than the short-circuit limit of the AD8295. However, other converters have less robust inputs and may benefit from the resistive protection.



Figure 65. Driving a Differential ADC

### **OUTLINE DIMENSIONS**



Figure 66. 16-Lead Lead Frame Chip Scale Package [LFCSP\_V 4 mm × 4 mm Body, Very Thin Quad, with Hidden Paddle CP-16-19 Dimensions shown in millimeters

### **ORDERING GUIDE**

Model	Temperature Range	Package Description	Package Option
AD8295ACPZ-R71	–40°C to +85°C	16-Lead LFCSP_VQ, 7-Inch Tape and Reel	CP-16-19
AD8295ACPZ-RL <sup>1</sup>	–40°C to +85°C	16-Lead LFCSP_VQ, 13-Inch Tape and Reel	CP-16-19
AD8295ACPZ-WP1	–40°C to +85°C	16-Lead LFCSP_VQ, Waffle Pack	CP-16-19
AD8295BCPZ-R71	–40°C to +85°C	16-Lead LFCSP_VQ, 7-Inch Tape and Reel	CP-16-19
AD8295BCPZ-RL <sup>1</sup>	–40°C to +85°C	16-Lead LFCSP_VQ, 13-Inch Tape and Reel	CP-16-19
AD8295BCPZ-WP1	–40°C to +85°C	16-Lead LFCSP_VQ, Waffle Pack	CP-16-19

 $^{1}$  Z = RoHS Compliant Part.

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