

## FEATURES

- **Sample Rate: 3MSPs**
- **72dB S/(N + D) and 82dB SFDR at Nyquist**
- **$\pm 0.35\text{LSB}$  INL and  $\pm 0.25\text{LSB}$  DNL (Typ)**
- **Power Dissipation: 150mW**
- External or Internal Reference Operation
- True Differential Inputs Reject Common Mode Noise
- 40MHz Full Power Bandwidth Sampling
- $\pm 2.5\text{V}$  Bipolar Input Range
- No Pipeline Delay
- 28-Pin SSOP Package

## APPLICATIONS

- Telecommunications
- Digital Signal Processing
- Multiplexed Data Acquisition Systems
- High Speed Data Acquisition
- Spectrum Analysis
- Imaging Systems

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## DESCRIPTION

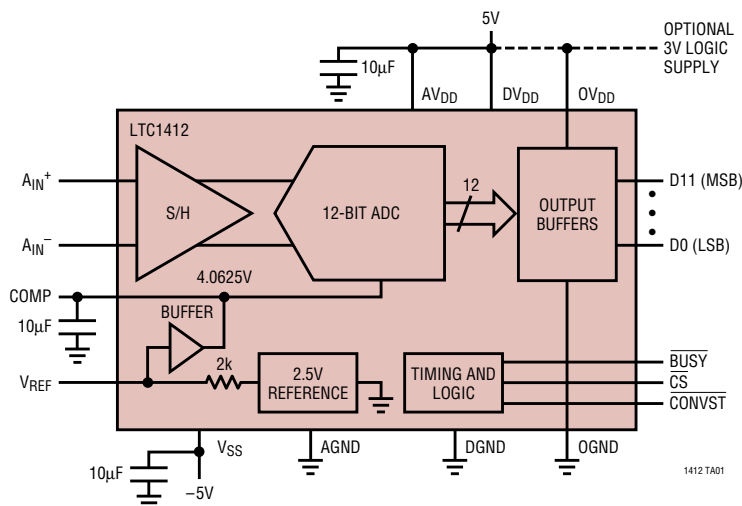
The LTC<sup>®</sup>1412 is a 12-bit, 3MSPs, sampling A/D converter. This high performance device includes a high dynamic range sample-and-hold and a precision reference. Operating from  $\pm 5\text{V}$  supplies it draws only 150mW.

The  $\pm 2.5\text{V}$  input range is optimized for low noise and low distortion. Most high performance op amps also perform best over this range, allowing direct coupling to the analog inputs and eliminating the need for special translation circuitry. Outstanding AC performance includes 72dB S/(N + D) and 82dB SFDR at the Nyquist input frequency of 1.5MHz.

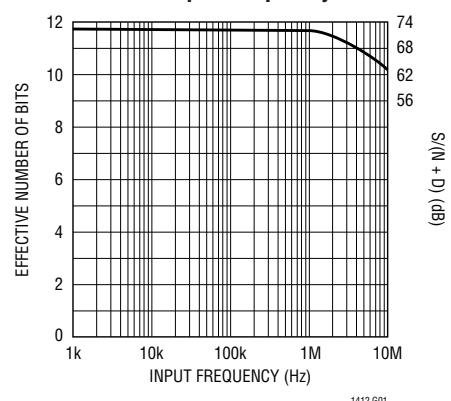
The unique differential input sample-and-hold can acquire single-ended or differential input signals up to its 40MHz bandwidth. The 60dB common mode rejection allows users to eliminate ground loops and common mode noise by measuring signals differentially from the source.

The ADC has a high speed 12-bit parallel output port. There is no pipeline delay in the conversion results. A separate convert start input and converter status signal (**BUSY**) ease connections to FIFOs, DSPs and microprocessors. A digital output driver power supply pin allows direct connection to 3V logic.

## TYPICAL APPLICATION



**Effective Bits and Signal-to-Noise + Distortion  
vs Input Frequency**

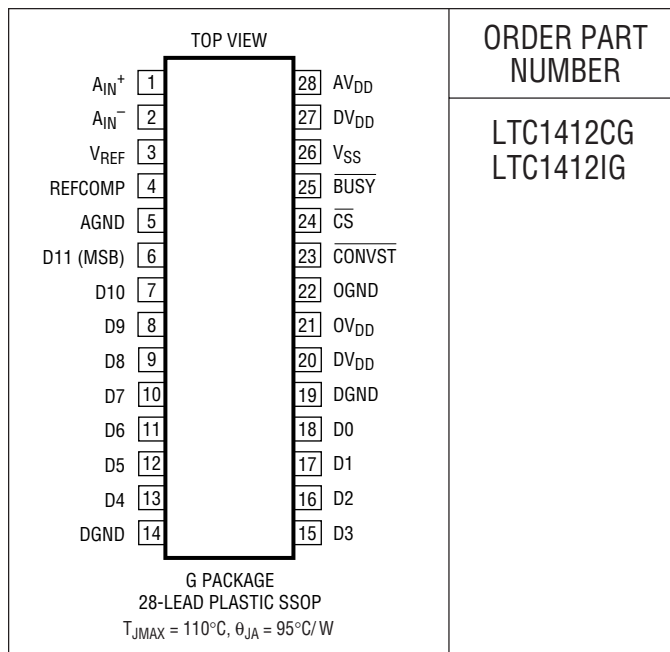


## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

$AV_{DD} = DV_{DD} = V_{DD}$  (Notes 1, 2)

|                                               |                                            |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Supply Voltage ( $V_{DD}$ )                   | 6V                                         |
| Negative Supply Voltage ( $V_{SS}$ )          | -6V                                        |
| Total Supply Voltage ( $V_{DD}$ to $V_{SS}$ ) | 12V                                        |
| Analog Input Voltage                          |                                            |
| (Note 3)                                      | ( $V_{SS} - 0.3V$ ) to ( $V_{DD} + 0.3V$ ) |
| Digital Input Voltage (Note 4)                | ( $V_{SS} - 0.3V$ ) to 10V                 |
| Digital Output Voltage                        | ( $V_{SS} - 0.3V$ ) to ( $V_{DD} + 0.3V$ ) |
| Power Dissipation                             | 500mW                                      |
| Operating Temperature Range                   |                                            |
| LTC1412C                                      | 0°C to 70°C                                |
| LTC1412I                                      | -40°C to 85°C                              |
| Storage Temperature Range                     | -65°C to 150°C                             |
| Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec)          | 300°C                                      |

## PACKAGE/ORDER INFORMATION



ORDER PART  
NUMBER

LTC1412CG  
LTC1412IG

Consult factory for Military grade parts.

## CONVERTER CHARACTERISTICS With internal reference (Notes 5, 6)

| PARAMETER                     | CONDITIONS                | MIN | TYP   | MAX | UNITS  |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----|-------|-----|--------|
| Resolution (No Missing Codes) |                           | 12  |       |     | Bits   |
| Integral Linearity Error      | (Note 7)                  |     | ±0.35 | ±1  | LSB    |
| Differential Linearity Error  |                           |     | ±0.25 | ±1  | LSB    |
| Offset Error                  | (Note 8)                  |     | ±2    | ±6  | LSB    |
|                               |                           |     |       | ±8  | LSB    |
| Full-Scale Error              |                           |     |       | ±15 | LSB    |
| Full-Scale Tempco             | I <sub>OUT(REF)</sub> = 0 |     | ±15   |     | ppm/°C |

## ANALOG INPUT (Note 5)

| SYMBOL              | PARAMETER                                  | CONDITIONS                                                         | MIN | TYP     | MAX | UNITS             |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------|-----|-------------------|
| V <sub>IN</sub>     | Analog Input Range (Note 9)                | 4.75V ≤ V <sub>DD</sub> ≤ 5.25V, -5.25V ≤ V <sub>SS</sub> ≤ -4.75V |     | ±2.5    |     | V                 |
| I <sub>IN</sub>     | Analog Input Leakage Current               | CS = High                                                          |     |         | ±1  | μA                |
| C <sub>IN</sub>     | Analog Input Capacitance                   | Between Conversions<br>During Conversions                          |     | 10<br>4 |     | pF<br>pF          |
| t <sub>ACQ</sub>    | Sample-and-Hold Acquisition Time           |                                                                    |     | 20      | 50  | ns                |
| t <sub>AP</sub>     | Sample-and-Hold Aperture Delay Time        |                                                                    |     | -0.5    |     | ns                |
| t <sub>jitter</sub> | Sample-and-Hold Aperture Delay Time Jitter |                                                                    |     | 1       |     | ps <sub>RMS</sub> |
| CMRR                | Analog Input Common Mode Rejection Ratio   | -2.5V < (A <sub>IN</sub> <sup>-</sup> = A <sub>IN</sub> ) < 2.5V   |     | 63      |     | dB                |

**DYNAMIC ACCURACY** (Note 5)

| SYMBOL    | PARAMETER                             | CONDITIONS                                                 | MIN | TYP  | MAX | UNITS |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------|-----|-------|
| S/(N + D) | Signal-to-Noise Plus Distortion Ratio | 100kHz Input Signal                                        | 70  | 72.5 |     | dB    |
|           |                                       | 1.465MHz Input Signal                                      |     | 72   |     | dB    |
| THD       | Total Harmonic Distortion             | 100kHz Input Signal, First 5 Harmonics                     |     | -90  |     | dB    |
|           |                                       | 1.465MHz Input Signal, First 5 Harmonics                   |     | -80  |     | dB    |
| SFDR      | Spurious Free Dynamic Range           | 1.465MHz Input Signal                                      |     | 82   |     | dB    |
| IMD       | Intermodulation Distortion            | $f_{IN1} = 29.37\text{kHz}$ , $f_{IN2} = 32.446\text{kHz}$ |     | -84  |     | dB    |
|           | Full Power Bandwidth                  |                                                            |     | 40   |     | MHz   |
|           | Full Linear Bandwidth                 | $S/(N + D) \geq 68\text{dB}$                               |     | 4    |     | MHz   |

**INTERNAL REFERENCE CHARACTERISTICS** (Note 5)

| PARAMETER                          | CONDITIONS                                                           | MIN   | TYP   | MAX   | UNITS  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| V <sub>REF</sub> Output Voltage    | I <sub>OUT</sub> = 0                                                 | 2.480 | 2.500 | 2.520 | V      |
| V <sub>REF</sub> Output Tempco     | I <sub>OUT</sub> = 0                                                 |       | ±15   |       | ppm/°C |
| V <sub>REF</sub> Line Regulation   | 4.75V ≤ V <sub>DD</sub> ≤ 5.25V<br>-5.25V ≤ V <sub>SS</sub> ≤ -4.75V |       | 0.01  |       | LSB/V  |
|                                    |                                                                      |       | 0.01  |       | LSB/V  |
| V <sub>REF</sub> Output Resistance | 0.1mA ≤  I <sub>OUT</sub>   ≤ 0.1mA                                  |       | 2     |       | kΩ     |
| COMP Output Voltage                | I <sub>OUT</sub> = 0                                                 |       | 4.06  |       | V      |

**DIGITAL INPUTS AND OUTPUTS** (Note 5)

| SYMBOL              | PARAMETER                         | CONDITIONS                                                             | MIN | TYP  | MAX | UNITS |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------|-----|-------|
| V <sub>IH</sub>     | High Level Input Voltage          | V <sub>DD</sub> = 5.25V                                                | ●   | 2.4  |     | V     |
| V <sub>IL</sub>     | Low Level Input Voltage           | V <sub>DD</sub> = 4.75V                                                | ●   |      | 0.8 | V     |
| I <sub>IN</sub>     | Digital Input Current             | V <sub>IN</sub> = 0V to V <sub>DD</sub>                                | ●   |      | ±10 | μA    |
| C <sub>IN</sub>     | Digital Input Capacitance         |                                                                        |     | 1.4  |     | pF    |
| V <sub>OH</sub>     | High Level Output Voltage         | V <sub>DD</sub> = 4.75V, I <sub>O</sub> = -10μA                        | ●   | 4.75 |     | V     |
|                     |                                   | V <sub>DD</sub> = 4.75V, I <sub>O</sub> = -200μA                       |     | 4.71 |     | V     |
| V <sub>OL</sub>     | Low Level Output Voltage          | V <sub>DD</sub> = 4.75V, I <sub>O</sub> = 160μA                        | ●   | 0.05 | 0.4 | V     |
|                     |                                   | V <sub>DD</sub> = 4.75V, I <sub>O</sub> = 1.6mA                        |     | 0.10 |     | V     |
| I <sub>OZ</sub>     | Hi-Z Output Leakage D11 to D0     | V <sub>OUT</sub> = 0V to V <sub>DD</sub> , $\overline{\text{CS}}$ High | ●   |      | ±10 | μA    |
| C <sub>OZ</sub>     | Hi-Z Output Capacitance D11 to D0 | $\overline{\text{CS}}$ High (Note 9)                                   |     | 7    |     | pF    |
| I <sub>SOURCE</sub> | Output Source Current             | V <sub>OUT</sub> = 0V                                                  |     | -10  |     | mA    |

**POWER REQUIREMENTS** (Note 5)

| SYMBOL          | PARAMETER               | CONDITIONS                  | MIN   | TYP | MAX   | UNITS |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|-----|-------|-------|
| V <sub>DD</sub> | Positive Supply Voltage | (Note 10)                   | 4.75  |     | 5.25  | V     |
| V <sub>SS</sub> | Negative Supply Voltage | (Note 10)                   | -4.75 |     | -5.25 | V     |
| I <sub>DD</sub> | Positive Supply Current | $\overline{\text{CS}}$ High | ●     | 12  | 16    | mA    |
| I <sub>SS</sub> | Negative Supply Current | $\overline{\text{CS}}$ High | ●     | 18  | 28    | mA    |
| P <sub>D</sub>  | Power Dissipation       |                             | ●     | 150 | 220   | mW    |

## TIMING CHARACTERISTICS (Note 5)

| SYMBOL                   | PARAMETER                                                                           | CONDITIONS           | MIN    | TYP        | MAX            | UNITS          |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| $f_{\text{SAMPLE(MAX)}}$ | Maximum Sampling Frequency                                                          |                      | ●      | 3          |                | MHz            |
| $t_{\text{THROUGHPUT}}$  | Throughput Time (Acquisition + Conversion)                                          |                      | ●      |            | 333            | ns             |
| $t_{\text{CONV}}$        | Conversion Time                                                                     |                      | ●      | 240        | 283            | ns             |
| $t_{\text{ACQ}}$         | Acquisition Time                                                                    |                      | ●      | 20         | 50             | ns             |
| $t_1$                    | $\overline{\text{CS}}\downarrow$ to $\overline{\text{CONVST}}\downarrow$ Setup Time | (Notes 9, 10)        | ●      | 5          |                | ns             |
| $t_2$                    | $\overline{\text{CONVST}}$ Low Time                                                 | (Note 10)            | ●      | 20         |                | ns             |
| $t_3$                    | $\overline{\text{CONVST}}$ to $\overline{\text{BUSY}}$ Delay                        | $C_L = 25\text{pF}$  | ●      | 5          | 20             | ns             |
| $t_4$                    | Data Ready Before $\overline{\text{BUSY}}\uparrow$                                  |                      | ●      | -20<br>-25 | 0<br>25        | ns<br>ns       |
| $t_5$                    | Delay Between Conversions                                                           | (Note 10)            | ●      | 50         |                | ns             |
| $t_6$                    | Data Access Time After $\overline{\text{CS}}\downarrow$                             | $C_L = 25\text{pF}$  | ●      | 10         | 35<br>45       | ns<br>ns       |
| $t_7$                    | Bus Relinquish Time                                                                 | LTC1412C<br>LTC1412I | ●<br>● | 8          | 30<br>35<br>40 | ns<br>ns<br>ns |
| $t_8$                    | $\overline{\text{CONVST}}$ High Time                                                |                      | ●      | 20         |                | ns             |
| $t_9$                    | Aperture Delay of Sample-and-Hold                                                   |                      |        | -1         |                | ns             |

The ● denotes specifications which apply over the full operating temperature range; all other limits and typicals  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ .

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

**Note 2:** All voltage values are with respect to ground with DGND and AGND wired together (unless otherwise noted).

**Note 3:** When these pin voltages are taken below  $V_{SS}$  or above  $V_{DD}$ , they will be clamped by internal diodes. This product can handle input currents greater than 100mA below  $V_{SS}$  or above  $V_{DD}$  without latchup.

**Note 4:** When these pin voltages are taken below  $V_{SS}$  they will be clamped by internal diodes. This product can handle input currents greater than 100mA below  $V_{SS}$  without latchup. These pins are not clamped to  $V_{DD}$ .

**Note 5:**  $V_{DD} = 5\text{V}$ ,  $f_{\text{SAMPLE}} = 3\text{MHz}$  and  $t_r = t_f = 5\text{ns}$  unless otherwise specified.

**Note 6:** Linearity, offset and full-scale specifications apply for a single-ended  $A_{IN}$  input with  $A_{IN-}$  grounded.

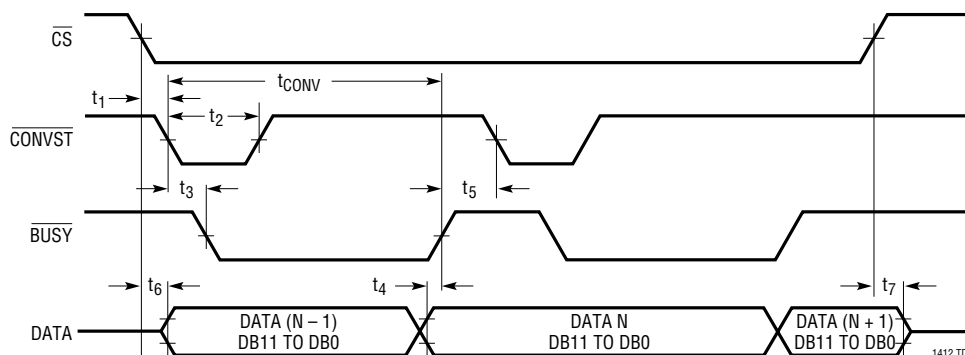
**Note 7:** Integral nonlinearity is defined as the deviation of a code from a straight line passing through the actual endpoints of the transfer curve. The deviation is measured from the center of the quantization band.

**Note 8:** Bipolar offset is the offset voltage measured from  $-0.5\text{LSB}$  when the output code flickers between 0000 0000 0000 and 1111 1111 1111.

**Note 9:** Guaranteed by design, not subject to test.

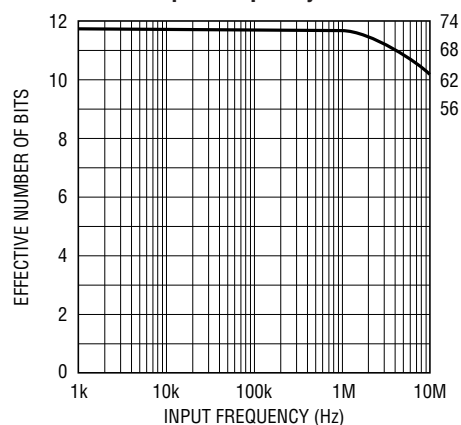
**Note 10:** Recommended operating conditions.

## TIMING DIAGRAM

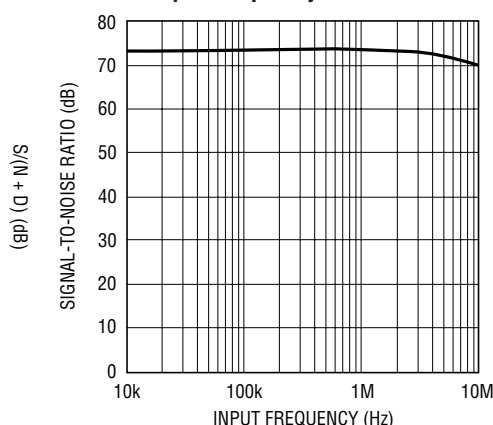


# TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

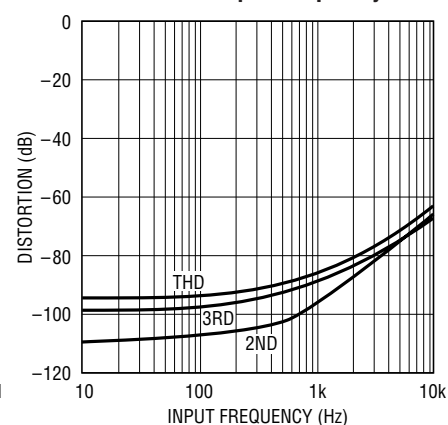
**S/(N + D) and Effective Number of Bits vs Input Frequency**



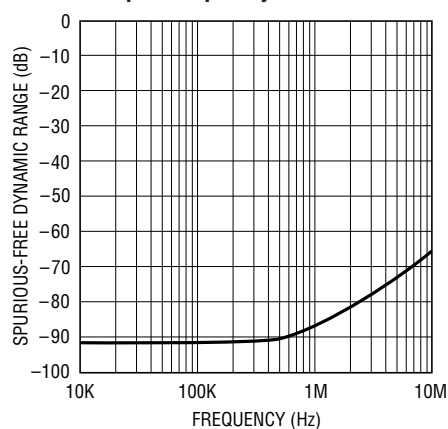
**Signal-to-Noise Ratio vs Input Frequency**



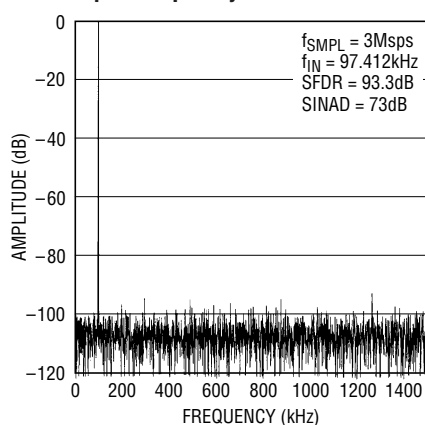
**Distortion vs Input Frequency**



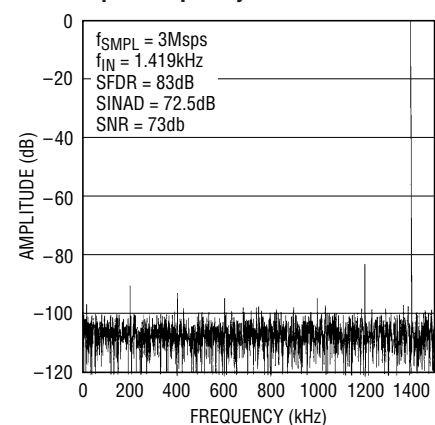
**Spurious-Free Dynamic Range vs Input Frequency**



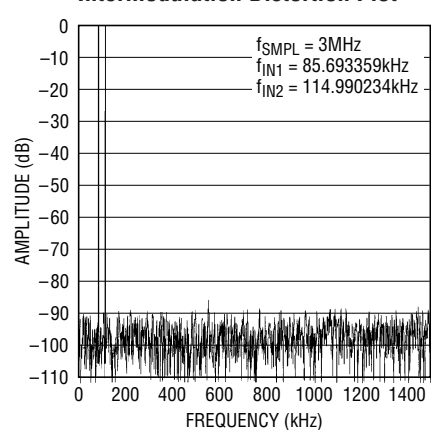
**Nonaveraged, 4096 Point FFT, Input Frequency = 100kHz**



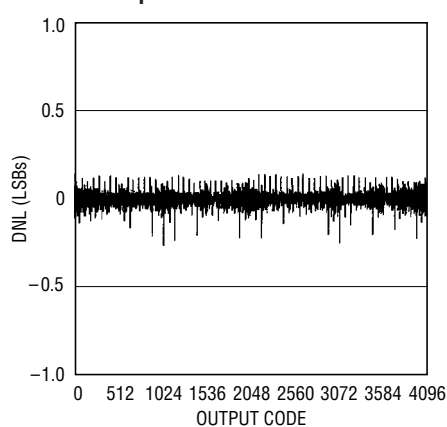
**Nonaveraged, 4096 Point FFT, Input Frequency = 1.45kHz**



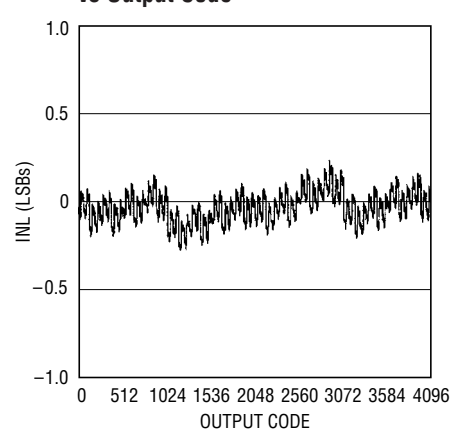
**Intermodulation Distortion Plot**



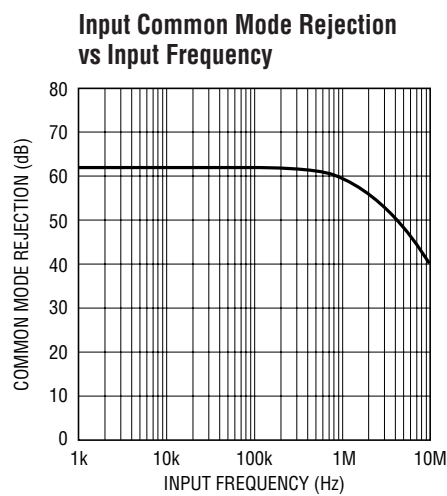
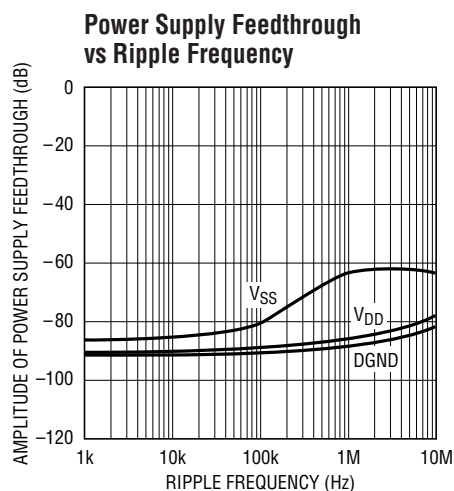
**Differential Nonlinearity vs Output Code**



**Integral Nonlinearity vs Output Code**



## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS



## PIN FUNCTIONS

**A<sub>IN</sub><sup>+</sup> (Pin 1):** Positive Analog Input.  $\pm 2.5\text{V}$  input range when A<sub>IN</sub><sup>-</sup> is grounded.  $\pm 2.5\text{V}$  differential if A<sub>IN</sub><sup>-</sup> is driven.

**A<sub>IN</sub><sup>-</sup> (Pin 2):** Negative Analog Input. Can be grounded or driven differentially with A<sub>IN</sub><sup>+</sup>.

**V<sub>REF</sub> (Pin 3):** 2.5V Reference Output.

**REFCOMP (Pin 4):** 4.06V Reference Bypass Pin. Bypass to AGND with 10 $\mu\text{F}$  ceramic (or 10 $\mu\text{F}$  tantalum in parallel with 0.1 $\mu\text{F}$  ceramic).

**AGND (Pin 5):** Analog Ground.

**D11 to D4 (Pins 6 to 13):** Three-State Data Outputs.

**DGND (Pin 14):** Digital Ground for Internal Logic.

**D3 to D0 (Pins 15 to 18):** Three-State Data Outputs.

**DGND (Pin 19):** Digital Ground for Internal Logic.

**DV<sub>DD</sub> (Pin 20):** 5V Positive Supply. Tie to Pin 28. Bypass to AGND with 0.1 $\mu\text{F}$  ceramic.

**OV<sub>DD</sub> (Pin 21):** Positive Supply for the Output Drivers. Tie to Pin 28 when driving 5V logic. Tie to 3V when driving 3V logic.

**OGND (Pin 22):** Digital Ground for the Output Drivers.

**CONVST (Pin 23):** Conversion Start Signal. This active low signal starts a conversion on its falling edge.

**CS (Pin 24):** Chip Select. This input must be low for the ADC to recognize the CONVST inputs.

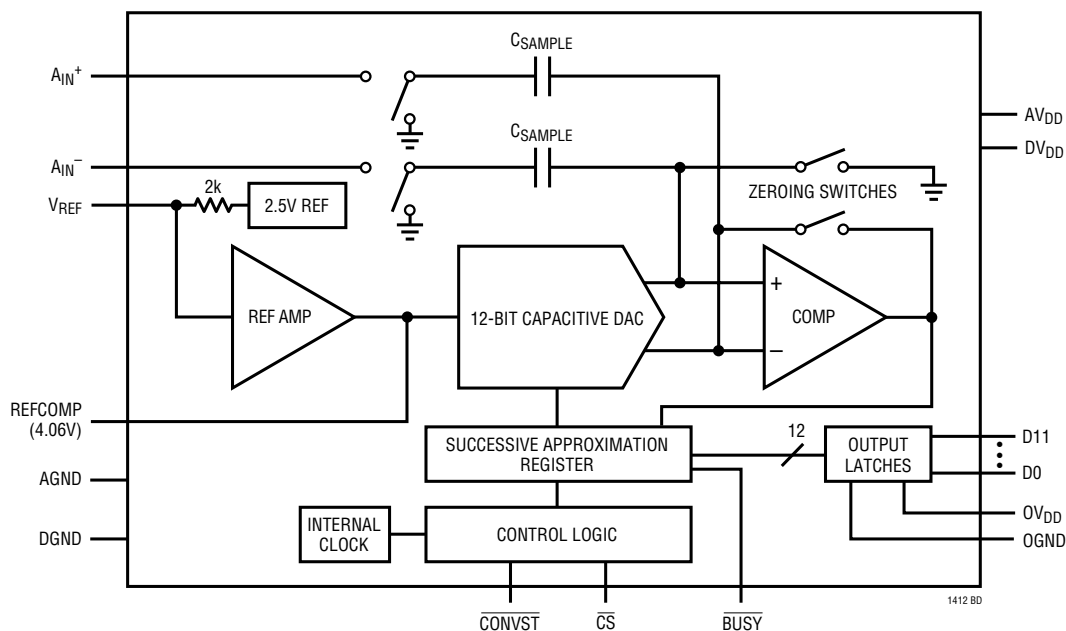
**BUSY (Pin 25):** The BUSY Output Shows the Converter Status. It is low when a conversion is in progress.

**V<sub>SS</sub> (Pin 26):** -5V Negative Supply. Bypass to AGND with 10 $\mu\text{F}$  ceramic (or 10 $\mu\text{F}$  tantalum in parallel with 0.1 $\mu\text{F}$  ceramic).

**DV<sub>DD</sub> (Pin 27):** 5V Positive Supply. Tie to Pin 28.

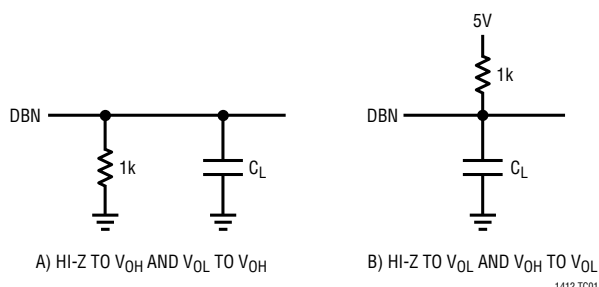
**AV<sub>DD</sub> (Pin 28):** 5V Positive Supply. Bypass to AGND with 10 $\mu\text{F}$  ceramic (or 10 $\mu\text{F}$  tantalum in parallel with 0.1 $\mu\text{F}$  ceramic).

## FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM

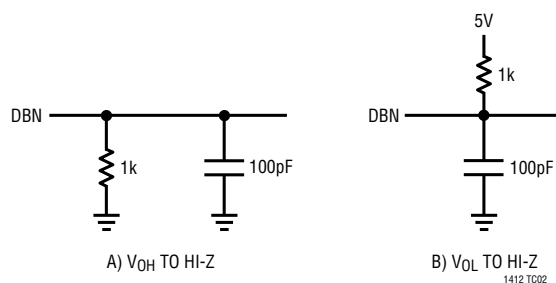


## TEST CIRCUITS

Load Circuits for Access Timing



Load Circuits for Output Float Delay



## APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

### Conversion Details

The LTC1412 uses a successive approximation algorithm and an internal sample-and-hold circuit to convert an analog signal to a 12-bit parallel output. The ADC is complete with a precision reference and an internal clock. The control logic provides easy interface to microprocessors and DSPs. (Please refer to the Digital Interface section for the data format.)

Conversion start is controlled by the  $\overline{CS}$  and  $\overline{CONVST}$  inputs. At the start of the conversion the successive

approximation register (SAR) is reset. Once a conversion cycle has begun it cannot be restarted.

During the conversion, the internal differential 12-bit capacitive DAC output is sequenced by the SAR from the most significant bit (MSB) to the least significant bit (LSB). Referring to Figure 1, the  $A_{IN}^{+}$  and  $A_{IN}^{-}$  inputs are connected to the sample-and-hold capacitors ( $C_{SAMPLE}$ ) during the acquire phase and the comparator offset is nulled by the zeroing switches. In this acquire phase, a minimum delay of 50ns will provide enough time for the

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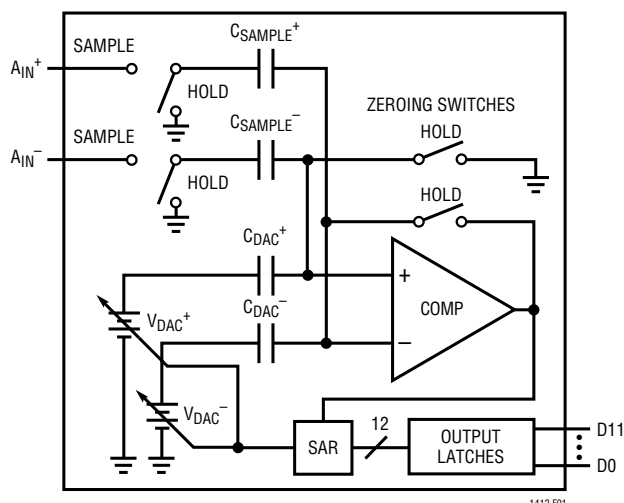


Figure 1. Simplified Block Diagram

sample-and-hold capacitors to acquire the analog signal. During the convert phase the comparator zeroing switches open, putting the comparator into compare mode. The input switches connect the  $C_{SAMPLE}$  capacitors to ground, transferring the differential analog input charge onto the summing junction. This input charge is successively compared with the binary-weighted charges supplied by the differential capacitive DAC. Bit decisions are made by the high speed comparator. At the end of a conversion, the differential DAC output balances the  $A_{IN}^+$  and  $A_{IN}^-$  input charges. The SAR contents (a 12-bit data word) which represents the difference of  $A_{IN}^+$  and  $A_{IN}^-$  are loaded into the 12-bit output latches.

### Dynamic Performance

The LTC1412 has excellent high speed sampling capability. FFT (Fast Four Transform) test techniques are used to test the ADC's frequency response, distortion and noise at the rated throughput. By applying a low distortion sine wave and analyzing the digital output using an FFT algorithm, the ADC's spectral content can be examined for frequencies outside the fundamental. Figure 2 shows a typical LTC1412 FFT plot.

### Signal-to-Noise Ratio

The signal-to-noise plus distortion ratio  $[S/(N + D)]$  is the ratio between the RMS amplitude of the fundamental input frequency to the RMS amplitude of all other frequency components at the A/D output. The output is band limited

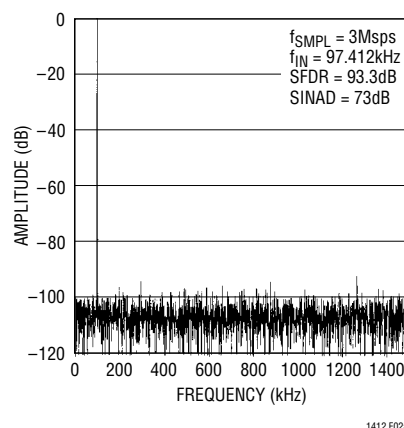


Figure 2a. LTC1412 Nonaveraged, 4096 Point FFT, Input Frequency = 100kHz

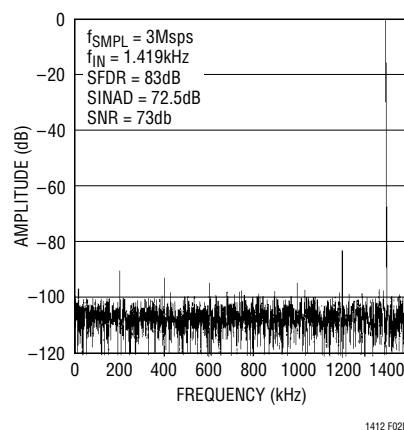


Figure 2b. LTC1412 Nonaveraged, 4096 Point FFT, Input Frequency = 1.45MHz

to frequencies from above DC and below half the sampling frequency. Figure 2 shows a typical spectral content with a 3MHz sampling rate and a 100kHz input. The dynamic performance is excellent for input frequencies up to and beyond the Nyquist limit of 1.5MHz.

### Effective Number of Bits

The Effective Number of Bits (ENOBs) is a measurement of the resolution of an ADC and is directly related to the  $S/(N + D)$  by the equation:

$$N = [S/(N + D) - 1.76]/6.02$$

where  $N$  is the effective number of bits of resolution and  $S/(N + D)$  is expressed in dB. At the maximum sampling rate of 3MHz the LTC1412 maintains near ideal ENOBs up to the Nyquist input frequency of 1.5MHz. Refer to Figure 3.

## APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

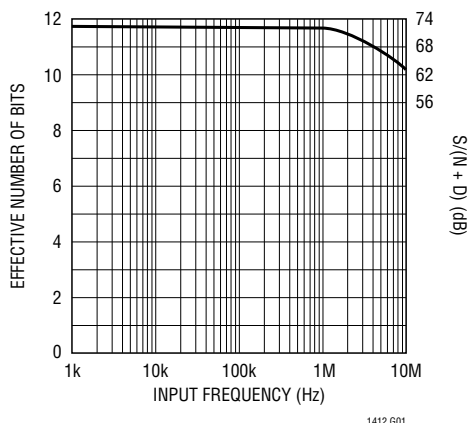


Figure 3. Effective Bits and Signal/(Noise + Distortion) vs Input Frequency

### Total Harmonic Distortion

Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) is the ratio of the RMS sum of all harmonics of the input signal to the fundamental itself. The out-of-band harmonics alias into the frequency band between DC and half the sampling frequency. THD is expressed as:

$$THD = 20 \log \frac{\sqrt{V_2^2 + V_3^2 + V_4^2 + \dots + V_n^2}}{V_1}$$

where  $V_1$  is the RMS amplitude of the fundamental frequency and  $V_2$  through  $V_n$  are the amplitudes of the second through Nth harmonics. THD vs input frequency is shown in Figure 4. The LTC1412 has good distortion performance up to the Nyquist frequency and beyond.

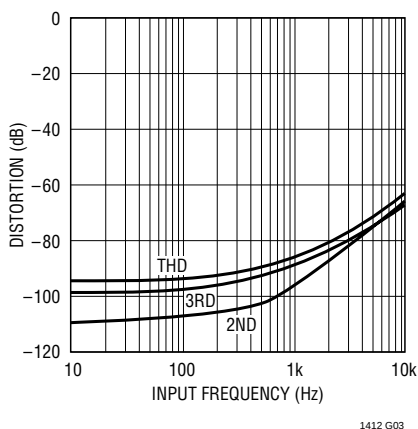


Figure 4. Distortion vs Input Frequency

### Intermodulation Distortion

If the ADC input signal consists of more than one spectral component, the ADC transfer function nonlinearity can

produce intermodulation distortion (IMD) in addition to THD. IMD is the change in one sinusoidal input caused by the presence of another sinusoidal input at a different frequency.

If two pure sine waves of frequencies  $f_a$  and  $f_b$  are applied to the ADC input, nonlinearities in the ADC transfer function can create distortion products at the sum and difference frequencies of  $m f_a \pm n f_b$ , where  $m$  and  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3$ , etc. For example, the 2nd order IMD terms include  $(f_a + f_b)$ . If the two input sine waves are equal in magnitude, the value (in decibels) of the 2nd order IMD products can be expressed by the following formula:

$$IMD(f_a + f_b) = 20 \log \frac{\text{Amplitude at } (f_a \pm f_b)}{\text{Amplitude at } f_a}$$

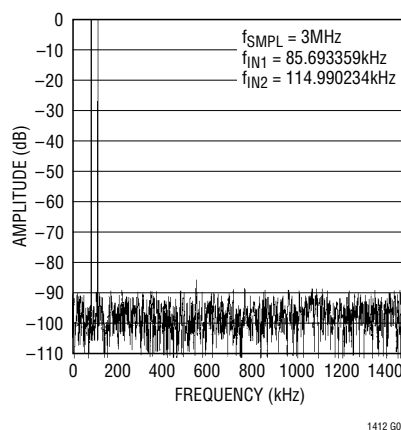


Figure 5. Intermodulation Distortion Plot

### Peak Harmonic or Spurious Noise

The peak harmonic or spurious noise is the largest spectral component excluding the input signal and DC. This value is expressed in decibels relative to the RMS value of a full-scale input signal.

### Full Power and Full Linear Bandwidth

The full power bandwidth is that input frequency at which the amplitude of the reconstructed fundamental is reduced by 3dB for a full-scale input signal.

The full linear bandwidth is the input frequency at which the  $S/(N + D)$  has dropped to 68dB (11 effective bits). The LTC1412 has been designed to optimize input bandwidth, allowing the ADC to undersample input signals with fre-

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quencies above the converter's Nyquist Frequency. The noise floor stays very low at high frequencies;  $S/(N + D)$  becomes dominated by distortion at frequencies far beyond Nyquist.

### Driving the Analog Input

The differential analog inputs of the LTC1412 are easy to drive. The inputs may be driven differentially or as a single-ended input (i.e., the  $A_{IN}^-$  input is grounded). The  $A_{IN}^+$  and  $A_{IN}^-$  inputs are sampled at the same instant. Any unwanted signal that is common mode to both inputs will be reduced by the common mode rejection of the sample-and-hold circuit. The inputs draw only one small current spike while charging the sample-and-hold capacitors at the end of conversion. During conversion, the analog inputs draw only a small leakage current. If the source impedance of the driving circuit is low then the LTC1412 inputs can be driven directly. As source impedance increases so will acquisition time (see Figure 6). For minimum acquisition time, with high source impedance, a buffer amplifier must be used. The only requirement is that the amplifier driving the analog input(s) must settle after the small current spike before the next conversion starts (settling time must be 50ns for full throughput rate).

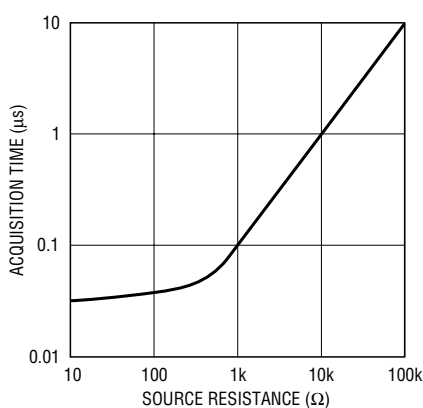


Figure 6. Acquisition Time vs Source Resistance

### Choosing an Input Amplifier

Choosing an input amplifier is easy if a few requirements are taken into consideration. First, to limit the magnitude of the voltage spike seen by the amplifier from charging the sampling capacitor, choose an amplifier that has a low output impedance ( $<100\Omega$ ) at the closed-loop bandwidth

frequency. For example, if an amplifier is used in a gain of 1 and has a unity-gain bandwidth of 50MHz, then the output impedance at 50MHz should be less than  $100\Omega$ . The second requirement is that the closed-loop bandwidth must be greater than 40MHz to ensure adequate small-signal settling for full throughput rate. If slower op amps are used, more settling time can be provided by increasing the time between conversions.

The best choice for an op amp to drive the LTC1412 will depend on the application. Generally applications fall into two categories: AC applications where dynamic specifications are most critical and time domain applications where DC accuracy and settling time are most critical. The following list is a summary of the op amps that are suitable for driving the LTC1412. More detailed information is available in the Linear Technology Databooks and on the LinearView™ CD-ROM.

**LT®1223:** 100MHz Video Current Feedback Amplifier. 6mA supply current.  $\pm 5V$  to  $\pm 15V$  supplies. Low Noise. Good for AC applications.

**LT1227:** 140MHz Video Current Feedback Amplifier. 10mA supply current.  $\pm 5V$  to  $\pm 15V$  supplies. Low Noise. Best for AC applications.

**LT1229/LT1230:** Dual and Quad 100MHz Current Feedback Amplifiers.  $\pm 2V$  to  $\pm 15V$  supplies. Low Noise. Good AC specifications, 6mA supply current each amplifier.

**LT1360:** 50MHz Voltage Feedback Amplifier. 3.8mA supply current.  $\pm 5V$  to  $\pm 15V$  supplies. Good AC and DC specifications. 70ns settling to 0.5LSB.

**LT1363:** 70MHz, 1000V/ $\mu s$  Op Amps. 6.3mA supply current. Good AC and DC specifications. 60ns settling to 0.5LSB.

**LT1364/LT1365:** Dual and Quad 70MHz, 1000V/ $\mu s$  Op Amps. 6.3mA supply current per amplifier. 60ns settling to 0.5LSB.

### Input Filtering

The noise and the distortion of the input amplifier and other circuitry must be considered since they will add to the LTC1412 noise and distortion. The small-signal band-

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width of the sample-and-hold circuit is 40MHz. Any noise or distortion products that are present at the analog inputs will be summed over this entire bandwidth. Noisy input circuitry should be filtered prior to the analog inputs to minimize noise. A simple 1-pole RC filter is sufficient for many applications.

For example, Figure 7 shows a 500pF capacitor from  $A_{IN}^+$  to ground and a 100 $\Omega$  source resistor to limit the input bandwidth to 3.2MHz. The 500pF capacitor also acts as a charge reservoir for the input sample-and-hold and isolates the ADC input from sampling glitch-sensitive circuitry. High quality capacitors and resistors should be used since these components can add distortion. NPO and silver mica type dielectric capacitors have excellent linearity. Carbon surface mount resistors can also generate distortion from self heating and from damage that may occur during soldering. Metal film surface mount resistors are much less susceptible to both problems.

When high amplitude unwanted signals are close in frequency to the desired signal frequency, a multiple pole

filter is required. Figure 7b shows a simple implementation using an LTC1560-1 fifth-order elliptic continuous time filter.

### Input Range

The  $\pm 2.5V$  input range of the LTC1412 is optimized for low noise and low distortion. Most op amps also perform best over this same range, allowing direct coupling to the analog inputs and eliminating the need for special translation circuitry.

Some applications may require other input ranges. The LTC1412 differential inputs and reference circuitry can accommodate other input ranges often with little or no additional circuitry. The following sections describe the reference and input circuitry and how they affect the input range.

### Internal Reference

The LTC1412 has an on-chip, temperature compensated, curvature corrected, bandgap reference that is factory trimmed to 2.500V. It is connected internally to a reference amplifier and is available at  $V_{REF}$  (Pin 3), see Figure 8a. A 2k resistor is in series with the output so that it can be easily overdriven by an external reference or other circuitry, see Figure 8b. The reference amplifier gains the voltage at the  $V_{REF}$  pin by 1.625 to create the required internal reference voltage. This provides buffering between the  $V_{REF}$  pin and the high speed capacitive DAC. The reference amplifier compensation pin, REFCOMP (Pin 4) must be bypassed with a capacitor to ground. The reference amplifier is stable with capacitors of 1 $\mu F$  or greater. For the best noise performance, a 10 $\mu F$  ceramic or 10 $\mu F$  tantalum in parallel with a 0.1 $\mu F$  ceramic is recommended.

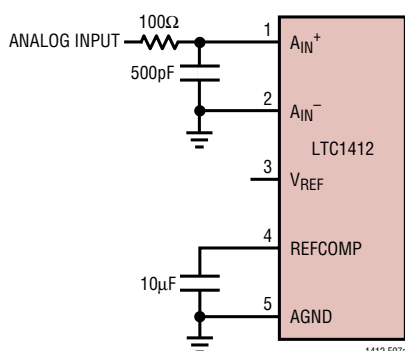


Figure 7a. RC Input Filter

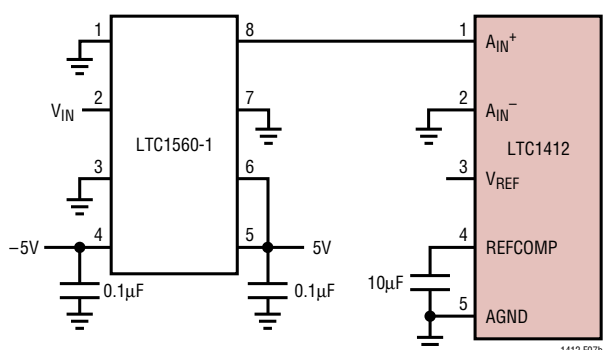


Figure 7b. 1MHz Fifth-Order Elliptic Lowpass Filter

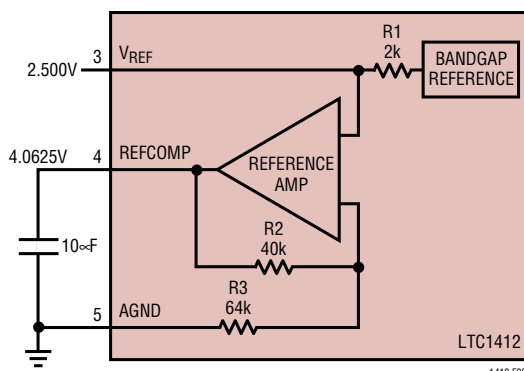


Figure 8a. LTC1412 Reference Circuit

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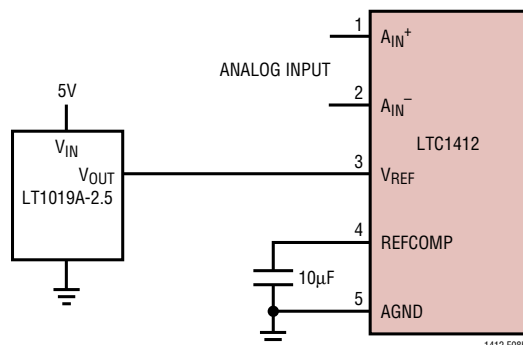
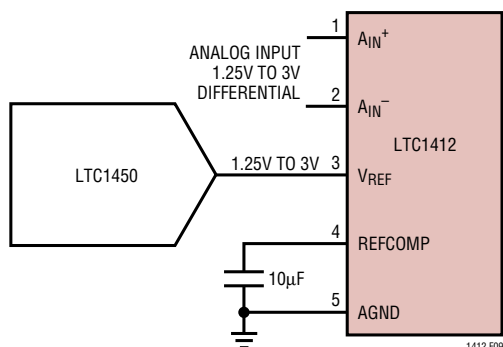


Figure 8b. Using the LT1019-2.5 as an External Reference

The  $V_{REF}$  pin can be driven with a DAC or other means shown in Figure 9. This is useful in applications where the peak input signal amplitude may vary. The input span of the ADC can then be adjusted to match the peak input signal, maximizing the signal-to-noise ratio. The filtering of the internal LTC1412 reference amplifier will limit the bandwidth and settling time of this circuit. A settling time of 5ms should be allowed for after a reference adjustment.

Figure 9. Driving  $V_{REF}$  with a DAC

## Differential Inputs

The LTC1412 has a unique differential sample-and-hold circuit that allows rail-to-rail inputs. The ADC will always convert the difference of  $A_{IN}^+ - (A_{IN}^-)$  independent of the common mode voltage. The common mode rejection holds up to extremely high frequencies, see Figure 10. The only requirement is that both inputs cannot exceed the  $AV_{DD}$  or  $AV_{SS}$  power supply voltages. Integral nonlinearity errors (INL) and differential nonlinearity errors (DNL) are independent of the common mode voltage, however, the bipolar zero error (BZE) will vary. The change in BZE is typically less than 0.1% of the common mode voltage. Dynamic performance is also affected by the common

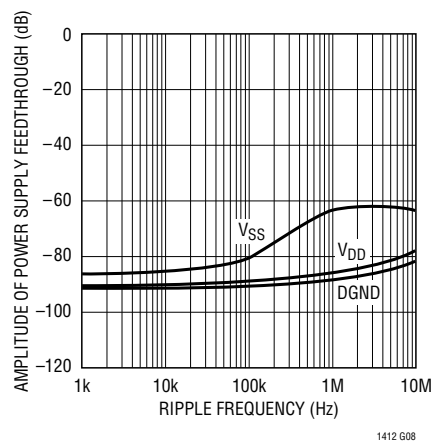


Figure 10. CMRR vs Input Frequency

mode voltage. THD will degrade as the inputs approach either power supply rail, from  $-86\text{dB}$  with a common mode of  $0\text{V}$  to  $-75\text{dB}$  with a common mode of  $2.5\text{V}$  or  $-2.5\text{V}$ .

## Full-Scale and Offset Adjustment

Figure 11a shows the ideal input/output characteristics for the LTC1412. The code transitions occur midway between successive integer LSB values (i.e.,  $-FS/2 + 0.5\text{LSB}$ ,  $-FS/2 + 1.5\text{LSB}$ ,  $-FS/2 + 2.5\text{LSB}$ , ...,  $FS/2 - 1.5\text{LSB}$ ,  $FS/2 - 0.5\text{LSB}$ ). The output is two's complement binary with  $1\text{LSB} = FS - (-FS)/4096 = 5\text{V}/4096 = 1.22\text{mV}$ .

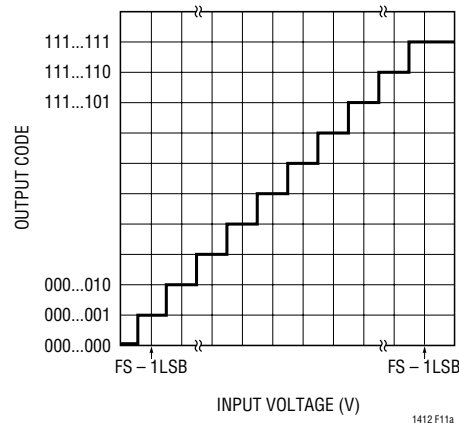


Figure 11a. LTC1412 Transfer Characteristics

In applications where absolute accuracy is important, offset and full-scale errors can be adjusted to zero. Offset error must be adjusted before full-scale error. Figure 11b shows the extra components required for full-scale error adjustment. Zero offset is achieved by adjusting the offset applied to the  $A_{IN}^-$  input. For zero offset error apply

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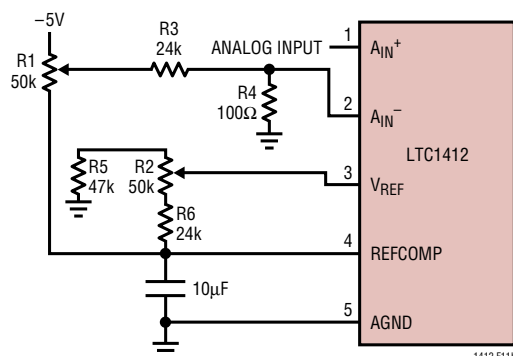


Figure 11b. Offset and Full-Scale Adjust Circuit

$-0.61\text{mV}$  (i.e.,  $-0.5\text{LSB}$ ) at  $A_{IN}^+$  and adjust the offset at the  $A_{IN}^-$  input until the output code flickers between 0000 0000 and 1111 1111 1111. For full-scale adjustment, an input voltage of  $2.49817\text{V}$  ( $\text{FS}/2 - 1.5\text{LSBs}$ ) is applied to  $A_{IN}^+$  and R2 is adjusted until the output code flickers between 0111 1111 1110 and 0111 1111 1111.

## Board Layout and Bypassing

To obtain the best performance from the LTC1412, a printed circuit board with ground plane is required. Layout for the printed circuit board should ensure that digital and analog signal lines are separated as much as possible. In particular, care should be taken not to run any digital line alongside an analog signal line.

An analog ground plane separate from the logic system ground should be established under and around the ADC. Pin 5 (AGND), Pins 19 and 14 (DGND) and Pin 22 (OGND) and all other analog grounds should be connected to this single analog ground point. The REFCOMP bypass capacitor and the  $\text{DV}_{\text{DD}}$  bypass capacitor should also be connected to this analog ground plane, see Figure 12. All analog circuitry grounds should be terminated to this analog ground plane. The ground return from the ground

plane to the power supply should be low impedance. Digital circuitry grounds must be connected to the digital supply common. Low impedance analog and digital power supply lines are essential to low noise operation of the ADC. The traces connecting the pins and bypass capacitors must be kept short and should be made as wide as possible.

The LTC1412 has differential inputs to minimize noise coupling. Common mode noise on the  $A_{IN}^+$  and  $A_{IN}^-$  leads will be rejected by the input CMRR. The  $A_{IN}^-$  input can be used as a ground sense for the  $A_{IN}^+$  input; the LTC1412 will hold and convert the difference voltage between  $A_{IN}^+$  and  $A_{IN}^-$ . The leads to  $A_{IN}^+$  (Pin 1) and  $A_{IN}^-$  (Pin 2) should be kept as short as possible. In applications where this is not possible, the  $A_{IN}^+$  and  $A_{IN}^-$  traces should be run side by side to equalize coupling.

## Supply Bypassing

High quality, low series resistance ceramic,  $10\mu\text{F}$  bypass capacitors should be used at the  $\text{V}_{\text{DD}}$  and REFCOMP pins. Surface mount ceramic capacitors such as Murata GRM235Y5V106Z016 provide excellent bypassing in a small board space. Alternatively  $10\mu\text{F}$  tantalum capacitors in parallel with  $0.1\mu\text{F}$  ceramic capacitors can be used. Bypass capacitors must be located as close to the pins as possible. The traces connecting the pins and the bypass capacitors must be kept short and should be made as wide as possible.

## Example Layout

Figures 13a, 13b, 13c and 13d show the schematic and layout of an evaluation board. The layout demonstrates the proper use of decoupling capacitors and ground plane with a two layer printed circuit board.

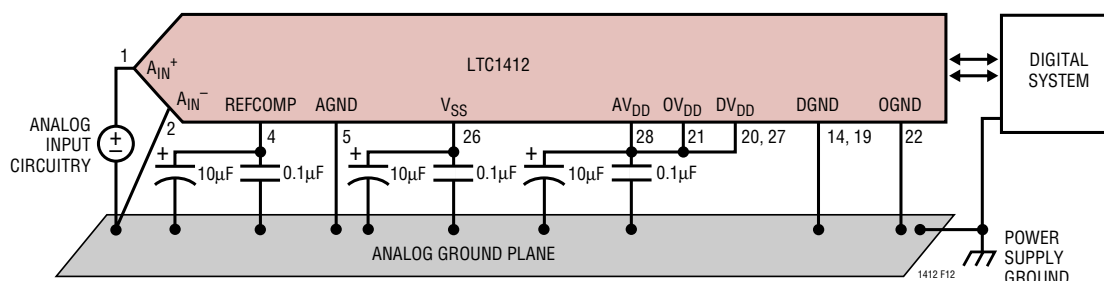
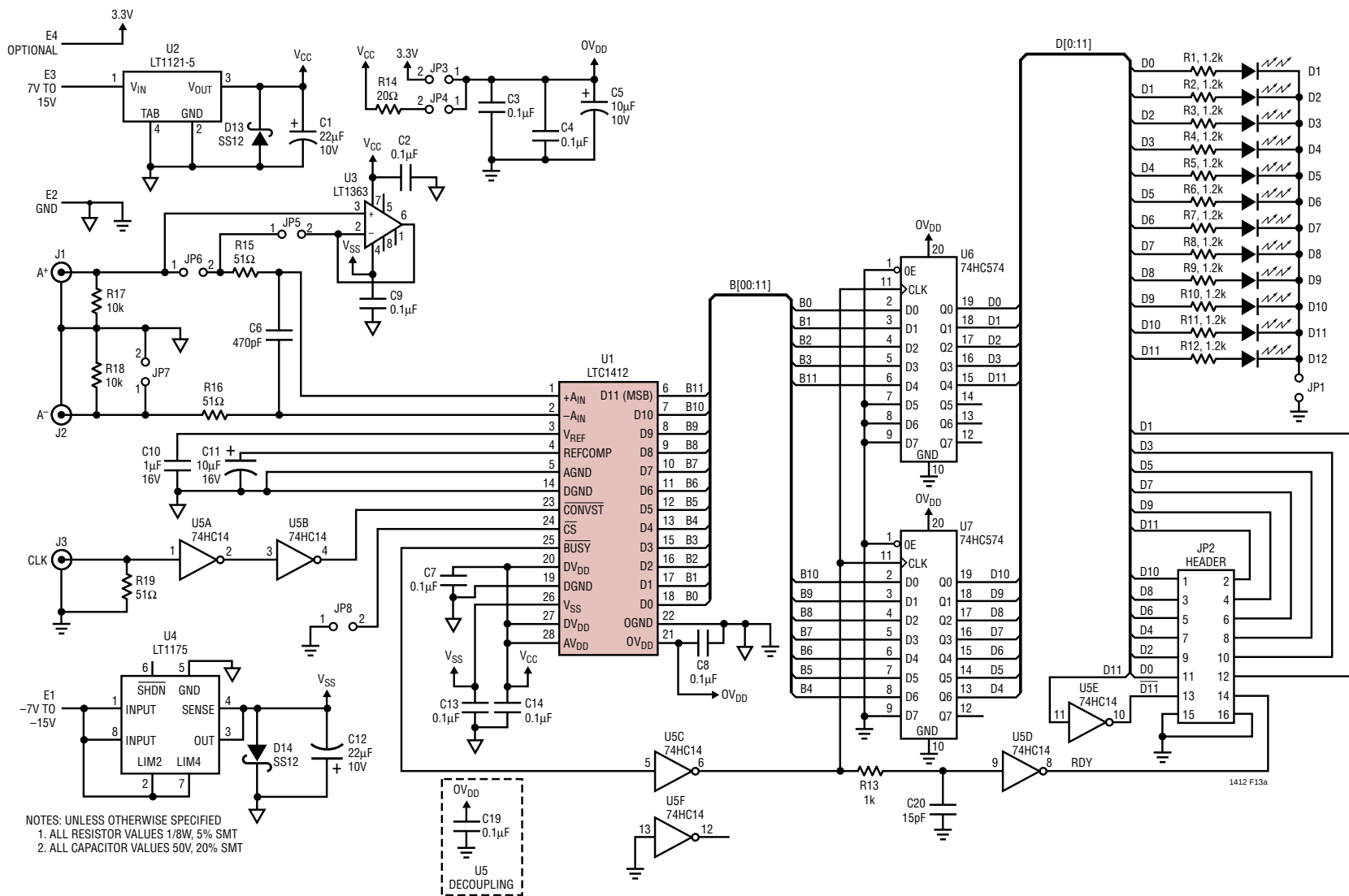


Figure 12. Power Supply Grounding Practice



**Figure 13a. LTC1412 Demonstration Board Features Analog Input Signal Buffer, 3Msps, Parallel Data Output 12-Bit ADC, Data Latches and LED Binary Data Display. Latched Conversion Data is Available on the 16-Pin Header, P2**

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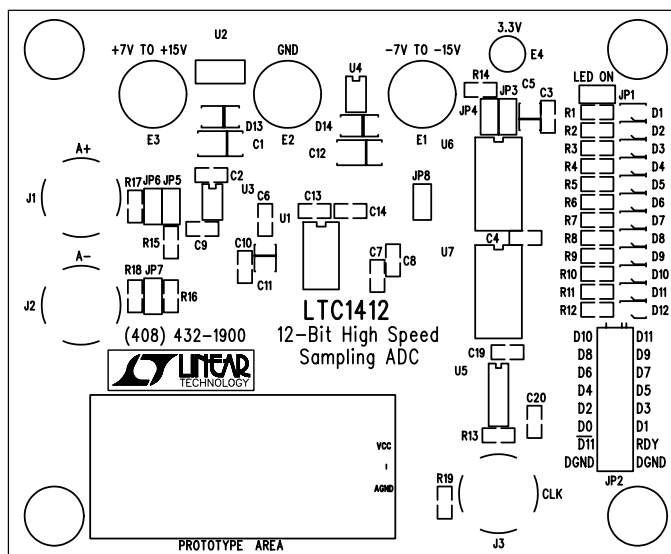


Figure 13b. Component Side Silkscreen

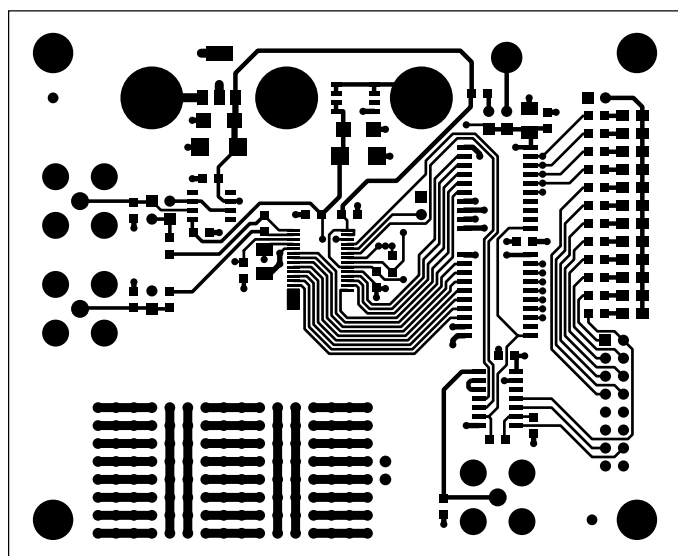


Figure 13c. Component Side

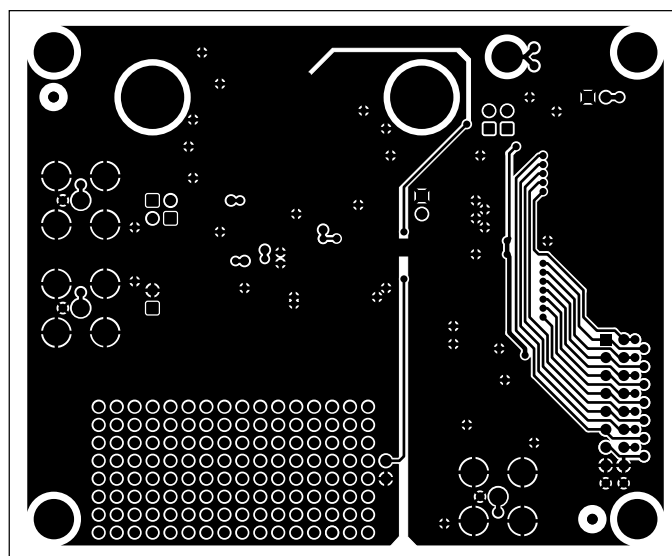
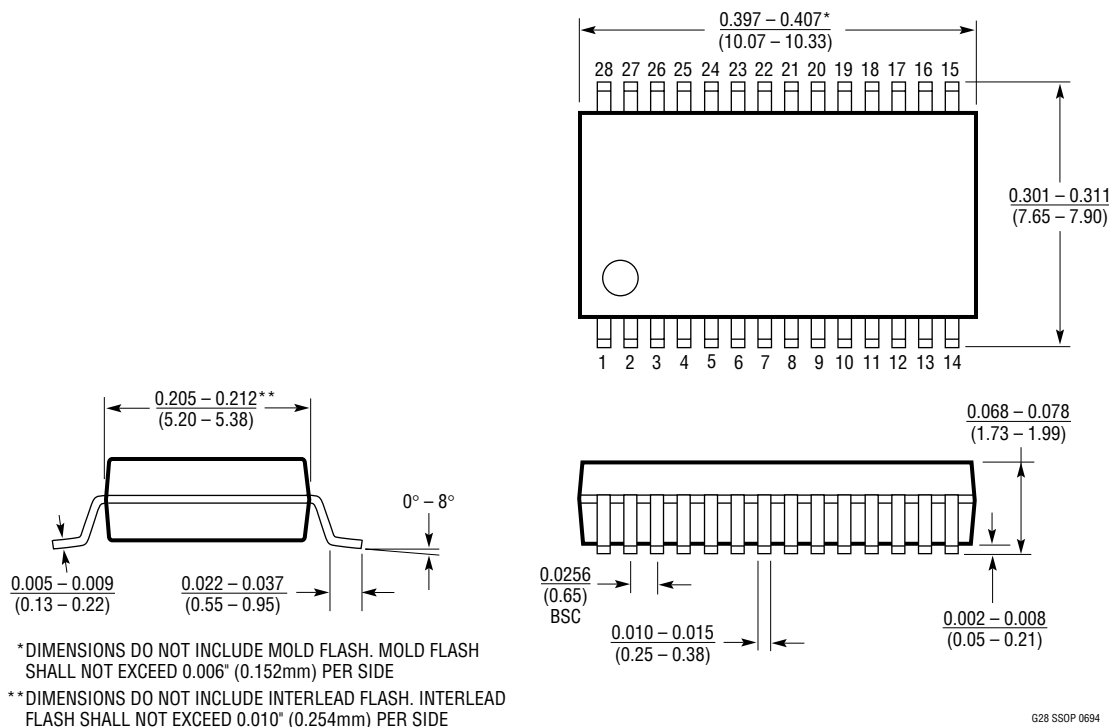


Figure 13d. Solder Side

## PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

Dimensions in inches (millimeters) unless otherwise noted.

### G Package 28-Lead Plastic SSOP (0.209) (LTC DWG # 05-08-1640)



## RELATED PARTS

| PART NUMBER   | RESOLUTION | SPEED    | COMMENTS                                |
|---------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>16-Bit</b> |            |          |                                         |
| LTC1604       | 16         | 333ksps  | $\pm 2.5V$ Input Range, $\pm 5V$ Supply |
| LTC1605       | 16         | 100ksps  | $\pm 10V$ Input Range, Single 5V Supply |
| <b>14-Bit</b> |            |          |                                         |
| LTC1419       | 14         | 800ksps  | 150mW, 81.5dB SINAD and 95dB SFDR       |
| LTC1416       | 14         | 400ksps  | 75mW, Low Power with Excellent AC Specs |
| LTC1418       | 14         | 200ksps  | 15mW, Single 5V, Serial/Parallel I/O    |
| <b>12-Bit</b> |            |          |                                         |
| LTC1410       | 12         | 1.25Msps | 150mW, 71.5dB SINAD and 84dB THD        |
| LTC1415       | 12         | 1.25Msps | 55mW, Single 5V Supply                  |
| LTC1409       | 12         | 800ksps  | 80mW, 71.5dB SINAD and 84dB THD         |
| LTC1279       | 12         | 600ksps  | 60mW, Single 5V or $\pm 5V$ Supply      |
| LTC1404       | 12         | 600ksps  | High Speed Serial I/O in SO-8 Package   |
| LTC1278-5     | 12         | 500ksps  | 75mW, Single 5V or $\pm 5V$ Supply      |
| LTC1278-4     | 12         | 400ksps  | 75mW, Single 5V or $\pm 5V$ Supply      |
| LTC1400       | 12         | 400ksps  | High Speed Serial I/O in SO-8 Package   |