

# TLC5617, TLC5617A PROGRAMMABLE DUAL 10-BIT DIGITAL-TO-ANALOG CONVERTERS

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- Programmable Settling Time to 0.5 LSB  
2.5  $\mu$ s or 12.5  $\mu$ s Typ
- Two 10-Bit CMOS Voltage Output DACs in  
an 8 Pin Package
- Simultaneous Updates for DAC A  
and DAC B
- Single Supply Operation
- 3-Wire Serial Interface
- High-Impedance Reference Inputs
- Voltage Output Range . . . 2 Times the  
Reference Input Voltage
- Software Power Down Mode
- Internal Power-On Reset
- TMS320 and SPI Compatible
- Low Power Consumption:
  - 3 mW Typ in Slow Mode
  - 8 mW Typ in Fast Mode
- Input Data Update Rate of 1.21 MHz
- Monotonic Over Temperature

## applications

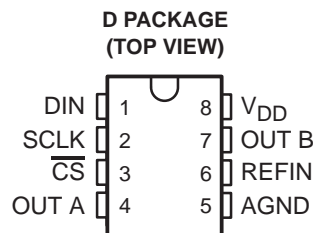
- Battery Powered Test Instruments
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The TLC5617 and TLC5617A are dual 10-bit voltage output digital-to-analog converters (DAC) with buffered reference inputs (high impedance). The DACs have an output voltage range that is two times the reference voltage, and the DACs are monotonic. The devices are simple to use, running from a single supply of 5 V. A power-on reset function is incorporated to ensure repeatable start-up conditions.

Digital control of the TLC5617 is over a 3-wire CMOS compatible serial bus. The device receives a 16-bit word for programming and producing the analog output. The digital inputs feature Schmitt triggers for high noise immunity. Digital communication protocols include the SPI™, QSPI™, and Microwire™ standards.

Two versions of this device are available. The TLC5617 does not have any internal state machine and is dependent on all external timing signals. The TLC5617A has an internal state machine that will count the number of clocks from the falling edge of  $\overline{CS}$  and then updates and disables the device from accepting further data inputs. The TLC5617A is recommended for TMS320 and SPI processors and the TLC5617 is recommended only for use in SPI or 3-wire serial port processors. The TLC5617A is backward compatible and designed to work in TLC5617 designed systems.

The 8-terminal small-outline D package allows digital control of analog functions in space-critical applications. The TLC5617C is characterized for operation from 0°C to 70°C. The TLC5617I is characterized for operation from –40°C to 85°C.



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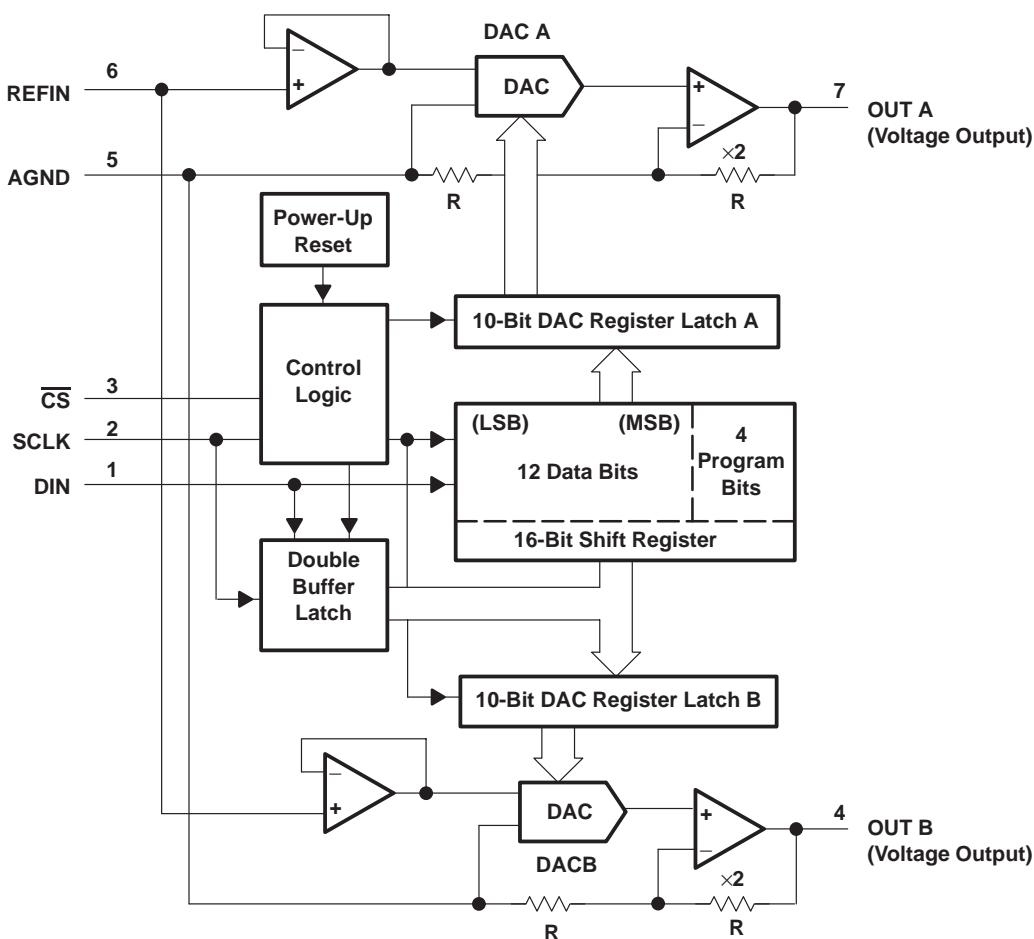
## AVAILABLE OPTIONS

PACKAGE	
T <sub>A</sub>	SMALL OUTLINE† (D)
0°C to 70°C	TLC5617CD TLC5617ACD
-40°C to 85°C	TLC5617ID TLC5617AID

† Available in tape and reel as the TLC5617CDR and the TLC5617IDR

DEVICE	COMPATIBILITY
TLC5617	SPI, QSPI, and Microwire
TLC5617A	TMS320Cxx, SPI, QSPI, and Microwire

## functional block diagram



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### Terminal Functions

TERMINAL NAME	NO.	I/O	DESCRIPTION
AGND	5		Analog ground
$\overline{\text{CS}}$	3	I	Chip select, active low
DIN	1	I	Serial data input
OUT A	4	O	DAC A analog output
OUT B	7	O	DAC B analog output
REFIN	6	I	Reference voltage input
SCLK	2	I	Serial clock input
V <sub>DD</sub>	8		Positive power supply

### absolute maximum ratings over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)†

Supply voltage (V <sub>DD</sub> to AGND)	7 V
Digital input voltage range to AGND	– 0.3 V to V <sub>DD</sub> + 0.3 V
Reference input voltage range to AGND	– 0.3 V to V <sub>DD</sub> + 0.3 V
Output voltage at OUT from external source	V <sub>DD</sub> + 0.3 V
Continuous current at any terminal	±20 mA
Operating free-air temperature range, T <sub>A</sub> : TLC5617C	0°C to 70°C
TLC5617I	–40°C to 85°C
Storage temperature range, T <sub>stg</sub>	–65°C to 150°C
Lead temperature 1,6 mm (1/16 inch) from case for 10 seconds	260°C

† Stresses beyond those listed under “absolute maximum ratings” may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under “recommended operating conditions” is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

### recommended operating conditions

		MIN	NOM	MAX	UNIT
Supply voltage, V <sub>DD</sub>		4.5	5	5.5	V
High-level digital input voltage, V <sub>IH</sub>	V <sub>DD</sub> = 5 V	0.7 V <sub>DD</sub>			V
Low-level digital input voltage, V <sub>IL</sub>	V <sub>DD</sub> = 5 V	0.3 V <sub>DD</sub>			V
Reference voltage, V <sub>ref</sub> to REFIN terminal		1	2.048	V <sub>DD</sub> – 1.1	V
Load resistance, R <sub>L</sub>		2			kΩ
Operating free-air temperature, T <sub>A</sub>	TLC5617C	0		70	°C
	TLC5617I	–40		85	°C



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### static DAC specifications

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Resolution			10			bits
Integral nonlinearity (INL), end point adjusted		$V_{ref}(\text{REFIN}) = 2.048\text{ V}$ , See Note 1			$\pm 1$	LSB
Differential nonlinearity (DNL)		$V_{ref}(\text{REFIN}) = 2.048\text{ V}$ , See Note 2		$\pm 0.1$	$\pm 0.5$	LSB
EZS	Zero-scale error (offset error at zero scale)	$V_{ref}(\text{REFIN}) = 2.048\text{ V}$ , See Note 3			$\pm 3$	LSB
Zero-scale-error temperature coefficient		$V_{ref}(\text{REFIN}) = 2.048\text{ V}$ , See Note 4		3		ppm/°C
EG	Gain error	$V_{ref}(\text{REFIN}) = 2.048\text{ V}$ , See Note 5			$\pm 3$	LSB
Gain error temperature coefficient		$V_{ref}(\text{REFIN}) = 2.048\text{ V}$ , See Note 6		1		ppm/°C
PSRR	Power-supply rejection ratio	See Notes 7 and 8	Slow	Zero scale	80	dB
	Gain			80		
	Zero scale		Fast	Zero scale	80	
				Gain	80	

- NOTES:
1. The relative accuracy or integral nonlinearity (INL) sometimes referred to as linearity error, is the maximum deviation of the output from the line between zero and full scale excluding the effects of zero code and full-scale errors.
  2. The differential nonlinearity (DNL) sometimes referred to as differential error, is the difference between the measured and ideal 1 LSB amplitude change of any two adjacent codes. Monotonic means the output voltage changes in the same direction (or remains constant) as a change in the digital input code.
  3. Zero-scale error is the deviation from zero voltage output when the digital input code is zero.
  4. Zero-scale-error temperature coefficient is given by:  $EZS\ TC = [EZS(T_{max}) - EZS(T_{min})]/V_{ref} \times 10^6 / (T_{max} - T_{min})$ .
  5. Gain error is the deviation from the ideal output ( $V_{ref} - 1\text{ LSB}$ ) with an output load of 10 kΩ excluding the effects of the zero-error.
  6. Gain temperature coefficient is given by:  $EG\ TC = [EG(T_{max}) - EG(T_{min})]/V_{ref} \times 10^6 / (T_{max} - T_{min})$ .
  7. Zero-scale-error rejection ratio (EZS-RR) is measured by varying the  $V_{DD}$  from 4.5 V to 5.5 V dc and measuring the proportion of this signal imposed on the zero-code output voltage.
  8. Gain-error rejection ratio (EG-RR) is measured by varying the  $V_{DD}$  from 4.5 V to 5.5 V dc and measuring the proportion of this signal imposed on the full-scale output voltage after subtracting the zero scale change.

### OUT A and OUT B output specifications

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
$V_O$	Voltage output	$R_L = 10\text{ k}\Omega$	0		$V_{DD} - 0.4$	V
Output load regulation accuracy		$V_O(\text{OUT}) = 2\text{ V}$ , $R_L$ from 10 kΩ to 2 kΩ			0.5	LSB
$I_{OSC}$	Output short circuit current	$V_O(\text{OUT A})$ or $V_O(\text{OUT B})$ to $V_{DD}$ or AGND		20		mA
$I_{O(\text{sink})}$	Output sink current	$V_O(\text{OUT}) > 0.25\text{ V}$		5		mA
$I_{O(\text{source})}$	Output source current	$V_O(\text{OUT}) < 4.75\text{ V}$		5		mA

### reference input (REFIN)

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
$V_i$	Input voltage		0		$V_{DD} - 2$	V
$R_i$	Input resistance		10			MΩ
$C_i$	Input capacitance			5		pF
Reference feedthrough		REFIN = 1 $V_{pp}$ at 1 kHz + 1.024 V dc (see Note 9)		-80		dB
Reference input bandwidth (f-3dB)		REFIN = 0.2 $V_{pp}$ + 1.024 V dc	Slow	0.5		MHz
			Fast	1		

NOTE 9: Reference feedthrough is measured at the DAC output with an input code = 00 hex and a  $V_{ref}(\text{REFIN})$  input = 1.024 V dc + 1  $V_{pp}$  at 1 kHz.



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### digital inputs (DIN, SCLK, $\overline{\text{CS}}$ )

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
$I_{IH}$	High-level digital input current	$V_I = V_{DD}$			$\pm 1$	$\mu\text{A}$
$I_{IL}$	Low-level digital input current	$V_I = 0\text{ V}$			$\pm 1$	$\mu\text{A}$
$C_i$	Input capacitance			8		pF

### power supply

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Supply voltage, $V_{DD}$			4.5	5	5.5	V
$I_{DD}$	Power supply current	$V_{DD} = 5.5\text{ V}$ , No load, All inputs = 0 V or $V_{DD}$	Slow	0.6	1	mA
			Fast	1.6	2.5	
Power down supply current		D13 = 0 (see Table 3)		1		$\mu\text{A}$

**operating characteristics over recommended operating free-air temperature range,  $V_{DD} = 5\text{ V} \pm 5\%$ ,  $V_{ref}(\text{REFIN}) = 2.048\text{ V}$  (unless otherwise noted)**

### analog output dynamic performance

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
SR	Output slew rate	$C_L = 100\text{ pF}$ , $R_L = 10\text{ k}\Omega$ , Code 32 to Code 1024, $V_{ref}(\text{REFIN}) = 2.048\text{ V}$ , $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $V_O$ from 10% to 90%	Slow	0.3	0.5	V/ $\mu\text{s}$
			Fast	2.4	3	
$t_s$	Output settling time	$T_o \pm 0.5\text{ LSB}$ , $R_L = 10\text{ k}\Omega$ , $C_L = 100\text{ pF}$ , See Note 10	Slow	12.5		$\mu\text{s}$
			Fast	2.5		
$t_{s(c)}$	Output settling time, code to code	$T_o \pm 0.5\text{ LSB}$ , $R_L = 10\text{ k}\Omega$ , $C_L = 100\text{ pF}$ , See Note 11	Slow	2		$\mu\text{s}$
			Fast	2		
Glitch energy		DIN = All 0s to all 1s, $f(\text{SCLK}) = 100\text{ kHz}$ , $\overline{\text{CS}} = V_{DD}$		5		nV-s
S/(N+D)	Signal to noise + distortion	$V_{ref}(\text{REFIN}) = 1\text{ V}_{pp}$ at 1 kHz and 10 kHz + 1.024 V dc, Input code = 10 0000 0000	Slow	78		dB
			Fast	81		

NOTES: 10. Settling time is the time for the output signal to remain within  $\pm 0.5\text{ LSB}$  of the final measured value for a digital input code change of 020 hex to 3FF hex or 3FF hex to 020 hex.

11. Settling time is the time for the output signal to remain within  $\pm 0.5\text{ LSB}$  of the final measured value for a digital input code change of one count.

### digital input timing requirements

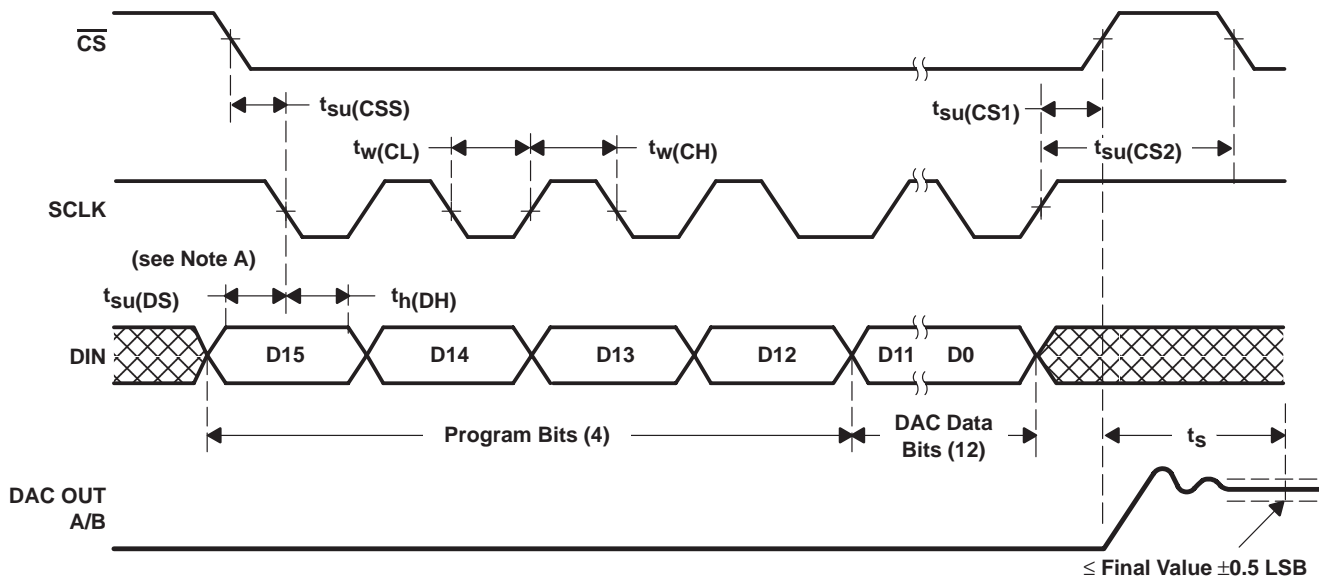
		MIN	NOM	MAX	UNIT
$t_{su}(\text{DS})$	Setup time, DIN before SCLK low	5			ns
$t_h(\text{DH})$	Hold time, DIN valid after SCLK low	5			ns
$t_{su}(\text{CSS})$	Setup time, $\overline{\text{CS}}$ low to SCLK low	5			ns
$t_{su}(\text{CS1})$	Setup time, SCLK $\uparrow$ to $\overline{\text{CS}}$ $\uparrow$ , external end-of-write	10			ns
$t_{su}(\text{CS2})$	Setup time, SCLK $\uparrow$ to $\overline{\text{CS}}$ $\downarrow$ , start of next write cycle	5			ns
$t_w(\text{CL})$	Pulse duration, SCLK low	25			ns
$t_w(\text{CH})$	Pulse duration, SCLK high	25			ns



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## PARAMETER MEASUREMENT INFORMATION



NOTE A: SCLK must go high after the 16th falling clock edge.

Figure 1. Timing Diagram for the TLC5617A

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OUTPUT SINK CURRENT (FAST MODE)  
vs  
OUTPUT LOAD VOLTAGE

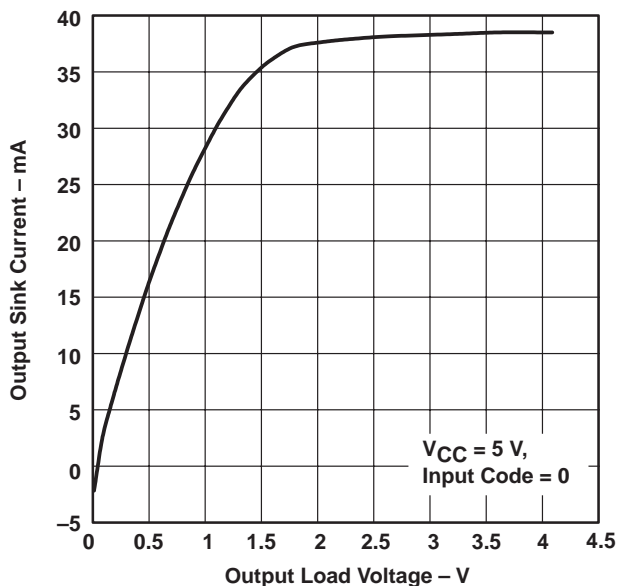


Figure 2

OUTPUT SOURCE CURRENT (FAST MODE)  
vs  
OUTPUT LOAD VOLTAGE

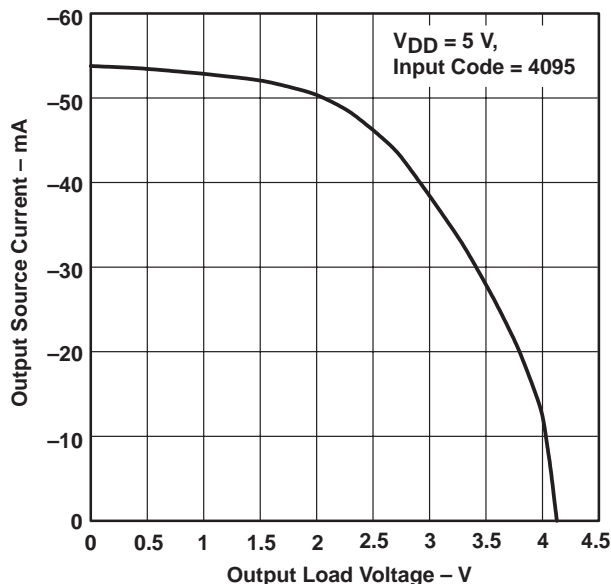


Figure 3



TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

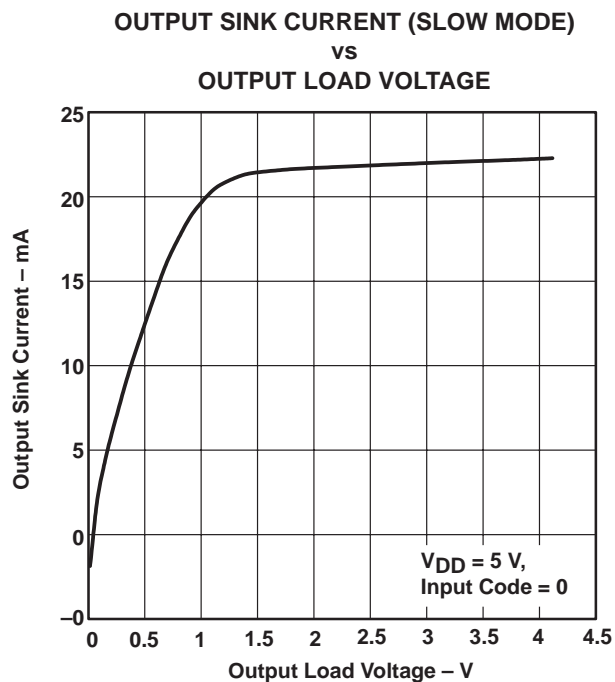


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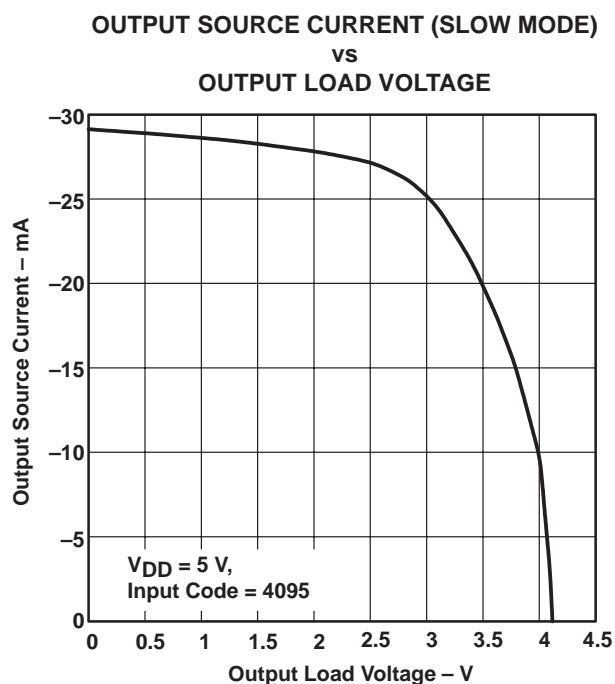


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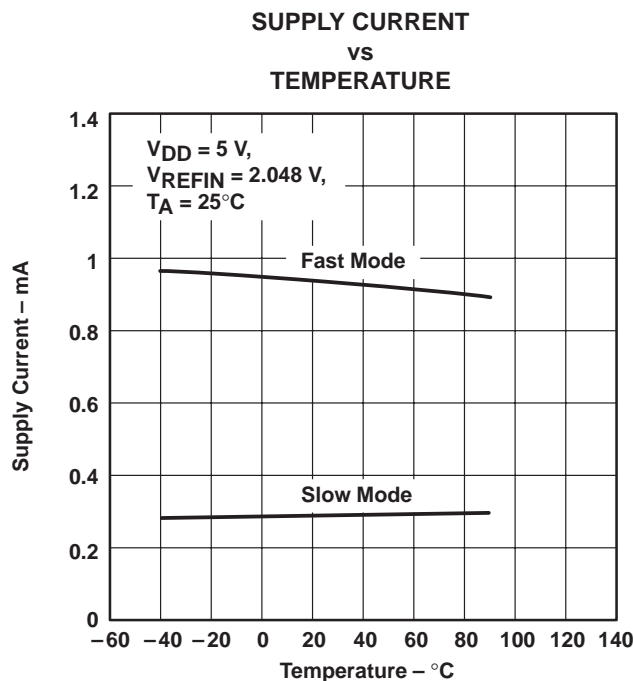


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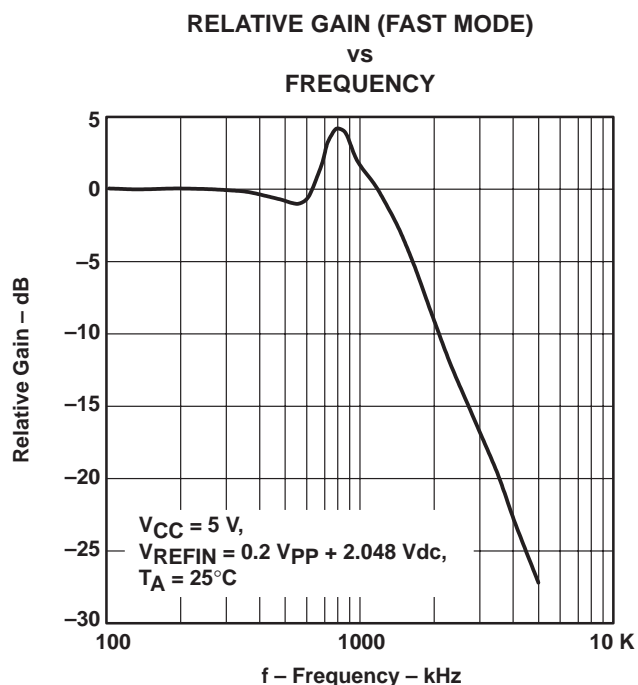


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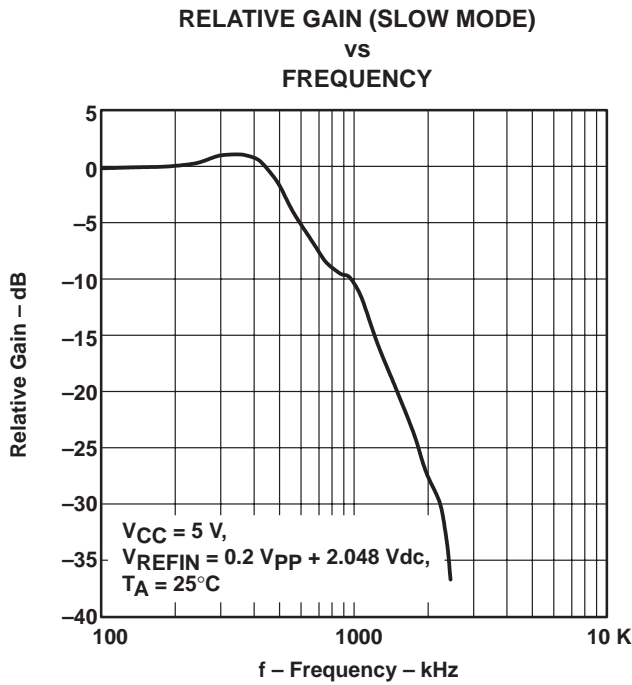


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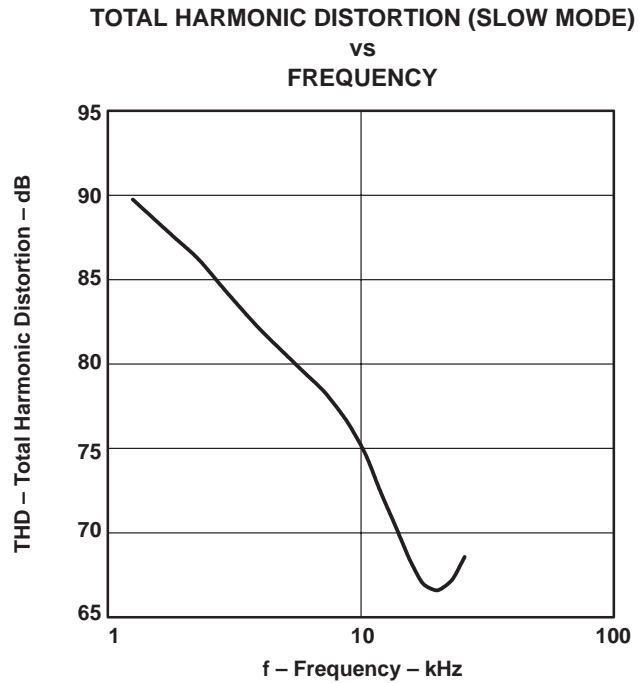


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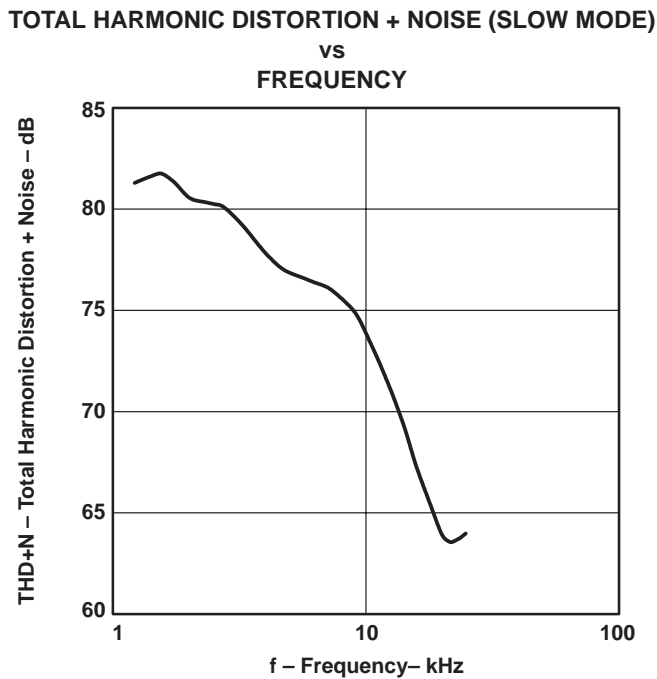


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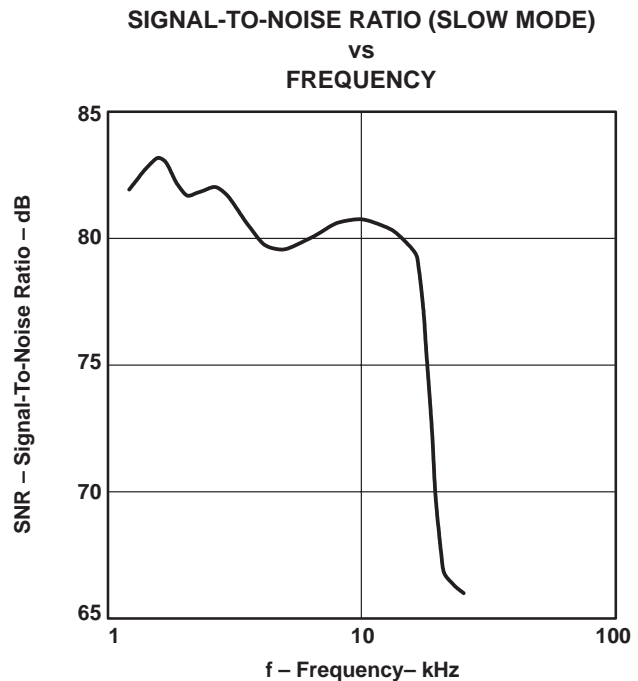


Figure 11



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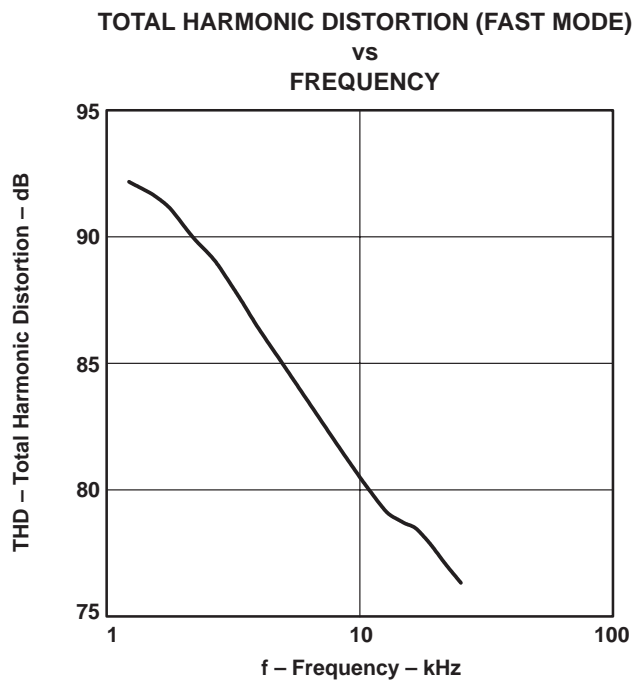


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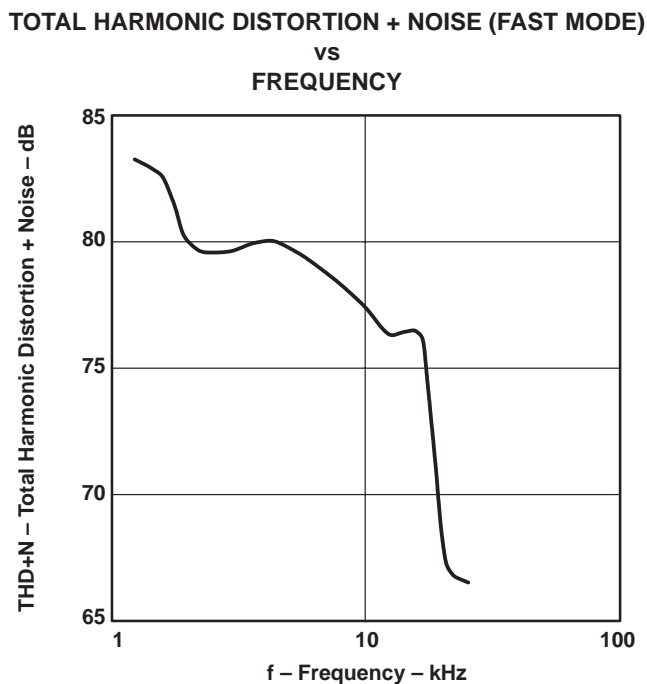


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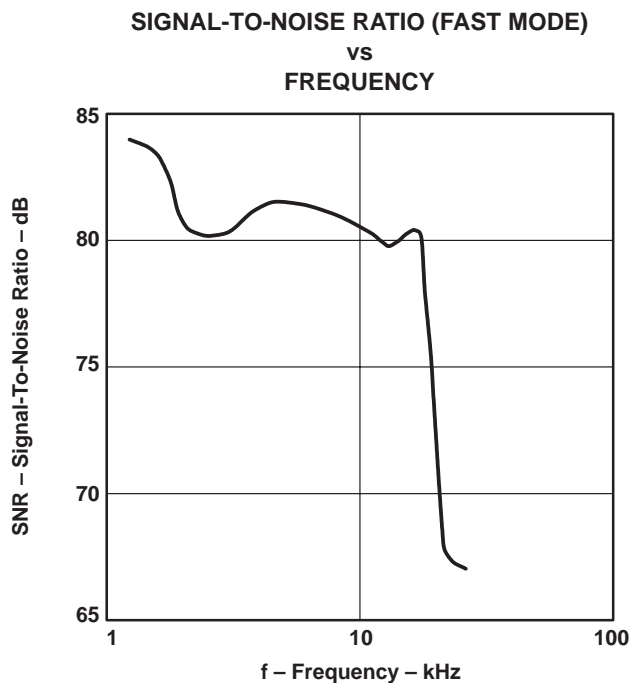


Figure 14

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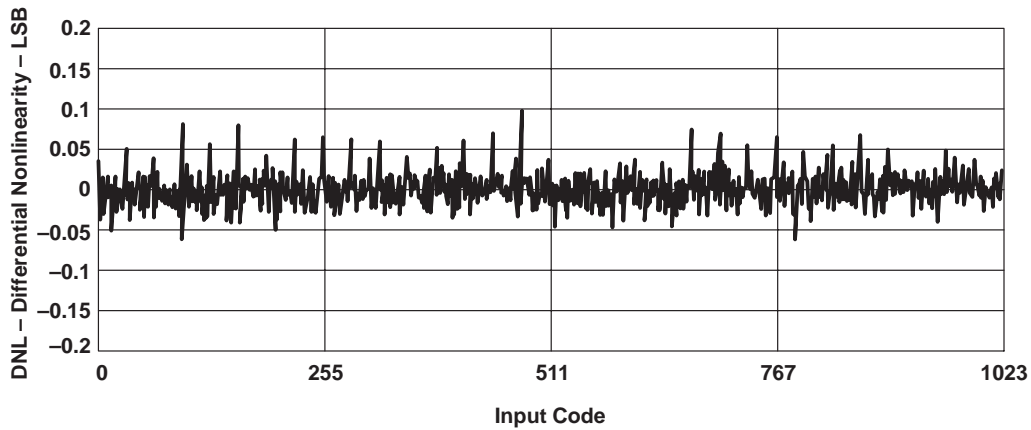


Figure 15. Differential Nonlinearity With Input Code

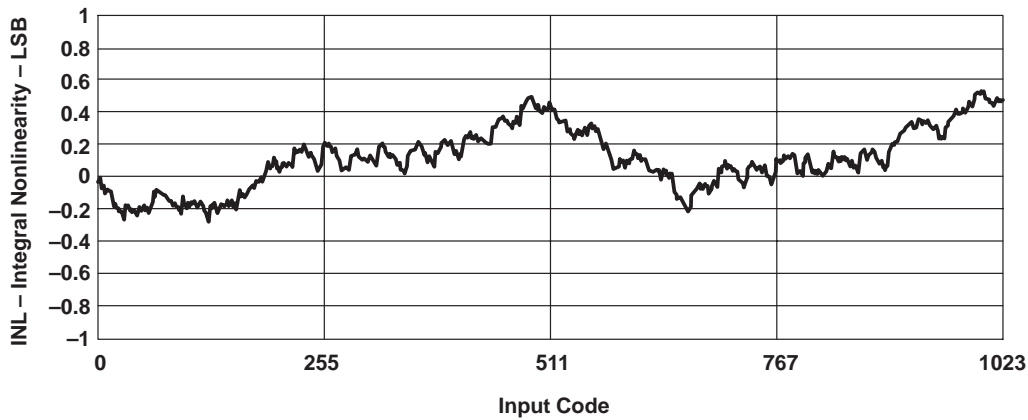


Figure 16. Integral Nonlinearity With Input Code

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

### general function

The TLC5617 uses a resistor string network buffered with an op amp to convert 10-bit digital data to analog voltage levels (see functional block diagram and Figure 17). The output of the TLC5617 is the same polarity as the reference input (see Table 1).

The output code is given by:  $2(V_{REFIN}) \frac{CODE}{1024}$

An internal circuit resets the DAC register to all 0s on power up.

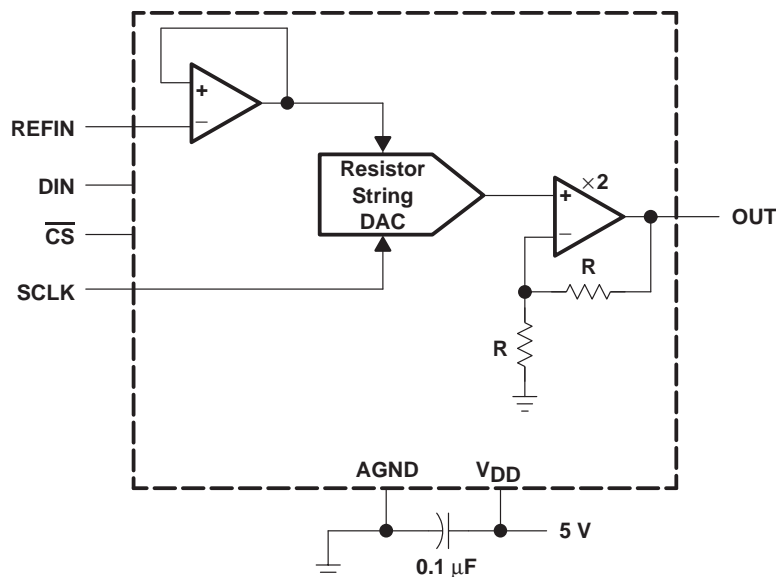


Figure 17. TLC5617 Typical Operating Circuit

Table 1. Binary Code Table (0 V to 2 V<sub>REFIN</sub> Output), Gain = 2

INPUT†			OUTPUT
1111	1111	11(00)	$2(V_{REFIN}) \frac{1023}{1024}$
	:		:
1000	0000	01(00)	$2(V_{REFIN}) \frac{513}{1024}$
1000	0000	00(00)	$2(V_{REFIN}) \frac{512}{1024} = V_{REFIN}$
0111	1111	11(00)	$2(V_{REFIN}) \frac{511}{1024}$
	:		:
0000	0000	01(00)	$2(V_{REFIN}) \frac{1}{1024}$
0000	0000	00(00)	0 V

† A 10-bit data word with two sub-LSB 0s must be written since the DAC input latch is 12 bits wide.

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#### buffer amplifier

The output buffer has a rail-to-rail output with short circuit protection and can drive a 2-k $\Omega$  load with a 100-pF load capacitance. Settling time is a software selectable 12.5  $\mu$ s or 2.5  $\mu$ s typical to within  $\pm 0.5$  LSB of the final value.

#### external reference

The reference voltage input is buffered which makes the DAC input resistance not code dependent. Therefore, the REFIN input resistance is 10 M $\Omega$  and the REFIN input capacitance is typically 5 pF, independent of input code. The reference voltage determines the DAC full-scale output.

#### logic interface

The logic inputs function with CMOS logic levels. Most of the standard high-speed CMOS logic families may be used.

#### serial clock and update rate

Figure 1 shows the TLC5617 timing. The maximum serial clock rate is

$$f_{(\text{SCLK})\text{max}} = \frac{1}{t_{w(\text{CH})\text{min}} + t_{w(\text{CL})\text{min}}} = 20 \text{ MHz}$$

The digital update rate is limited by the chip-select period, which is

$$t_{p(\text{CS})} = 16 \times \left( t_{w(\text{CH})} + t_{w(\text{CL})} \right) + t_{\text{su}(\text{CS}1)}$$

This equals 820-ns or 1.21-MHz update rate. However, the DAC settling time to 10 bits limits the update rate for full-scale input step transitions.



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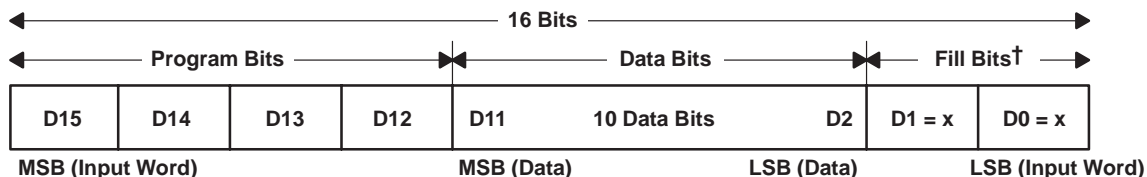
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### serial interface

When chip select ( $\overline{CS}$ ) is low, the input data is read into a 16-bit shift register with the input data clocked in most significant bit first. The falling edge of the SCLK input shifts the data into the input register.

The rising edge of  $\overline{CS}$  then transfers the data to the DAC register. All  $\overline{CS}$  transitions should occur when the SCLK input is low.

The 16 bits of data can be transferred with the sequence shown in Figure 18.



† Two extra (sub-LSB) bits (can be don't care)

**Figure 18. Input Data Word Format**

Table 2 shows the function of program bits D15 – D12.

**Table 2. Program Bits D15 – D12 Function**

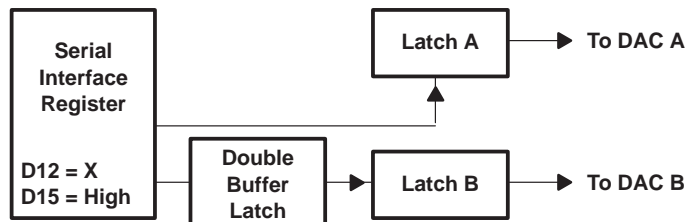
PROGRAM BIT				DEVICE FUNCTION
D15	D14	D13	D12	
1	X	X	X	Write to latch A with serial interface register data and latch B updated with buffer latch data
0	X	X	0	Write to latch B and double buffer latch
0	X	X	1	Write to double buffer latch only
X	1	X	X	12.5 $\mu$ s settling time
X	0	X	X	2.5 $\mu$ s settling time
X	X	0	X	Powered-up operation
X	X	1	X	Powered-down mode

### function of the latch control bits (D15 and D12)

Three data transfers are possible. All transfers occur immediately after  $\overline{CS}$  goes high and are described in the following sections.

#### latch A write, latch B update (D15 = high, D12 = X)

The serial interface register (SIR) data are written to latch A and the double buffer latch contents are written to latch B. The double buffer contents are unaffected. This control bit condition allows simultaneous output updates of both DACs.



**Figure 19. Latch A Write, Latch B Update**

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### latch B and double-buffer 1 write (D15 = low, D12 = low)

The SIR data are written to both latch B and the double buffer. Latch A is unaffected.

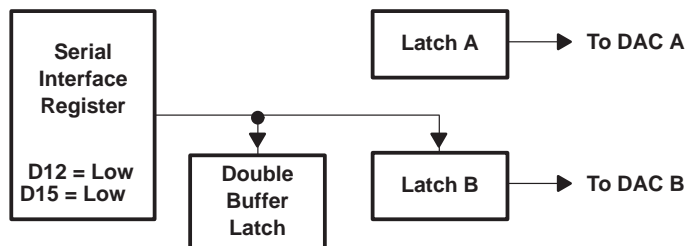


Figure 20. Latch B and Double-Buffer Write

### double-buffer-only write (D15 = low, D12 = high)

The SIR data are written to the double buffer only. Latch A and B contents are unaffected.

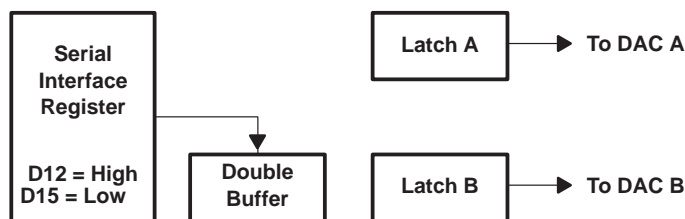


Figure 21. Double-Buffer-Only Write

### purpose and use of the buffer

Normally only one DAC output can change after a write. The double buffer allows both DAC outputs to change after a single write. This is achieved by the two following steps.

1. A double-buffer-only write is executed to store the new DAC B data without changing the DAC A and B outputs.
2. Following the previous step a write to latch A is executed. This writes the SIR data to latch A and also writes the double-buffer contents to latch B. Thus both DACs receive their new data at the same time and so both DAC outputs begin to change at the same time.

Unless a double-buffer-only write is issued, the latch B and double-buffer contents are identical. Thus, following a write to latch A or B with another write to latch A does not change the latch B contents.

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### operational examples

#### changing the latch A data from zero to full code

Assuming that latch A starts at zero code (e.g., after power up), the latch can be filled with 1s by writing (bit D15 on the left, D0 on the right)

1X0X 1111 1111 11XX

to the serial interface. Bit D14 can be zero to select slow mode or one to select fast mode. The other Xs can be zero or one (don't care).

The latch B contents and the DAC B output are not changed by this write unless the double-buffer contents are different from the latch B contents. This can only be true if the last write was a double-buffer-only write.

#### changing the latch B data from zero to full code

Assuming that latch B starts at zero code (e.g., after power-up), the latch can be filled with 1s by writing (bit D15 on the left, D0 on the right).

0X00 1111 1111 11XX

to the serial interface. Bit D14 can be zero to select slow mode or one to select fast mode. The other Xs can be zero or one (don't care). The data (bits D0 to D11) are written to both the double buffer and latch B.

The latch A contents and the DAC A output are not changed by this write.

#### double-buffered change of both DAC outputs

Assuming that DACs A and B start at zero code (e.g., after power-up), if DAC A is to be driven to mid-scale and DAC B to full-scale, and if the outputs are to begin rising at the same time, this can be achieved as follows:

First,

0d01 1111 1111 11XX

is written (bit D15 on the left, D0 on the right) to the serial interface. This loads the full-scale code into the double buffer latch but does not change the latch B contents and the DAC B output voltage. The latch A contents and the DAC A output are also unaffected by this write operation.

Changing from fast to slow mode or slow to fast mode changes the supply current which can glitch the outputs, and so D14 (designated by d in the data word) should be set to maintain the speed mode set by the previous write. The other Xs can be ones or zeros (don't care).

Next,

1X0X 1000 0000 00XX

is written (bit D15 on the left, D0 on the right) to the serial interface. Bit D14 can be zero to select slow mode or one to select fast mode. The other Xs can be zero or one (don't care). This writes the mid-scale code (1000000000XX) to latch A and also copies the full-scale code from the double buffer to latch B. Both DAC outputs thus begin to rise after the second write.

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### DSP serial interface

Utilizing a simple 3-wire serial interface, the TLC5617A can be interfaced to TMS320 compatible serial ports. The 5617A has an internal state machine that counts 16 clocks after receiving a falling edge of CS and then disable further clocking in of data until the next falling edge is received on CS. Therefore the CS can be connected directly to the FS pins of the serial port and only the leading falling edge of the DSP will be used to start the write process. The TLC5617A is designed to be used with the TMS320Cxx DSP in burst mode serial port transmit operation.

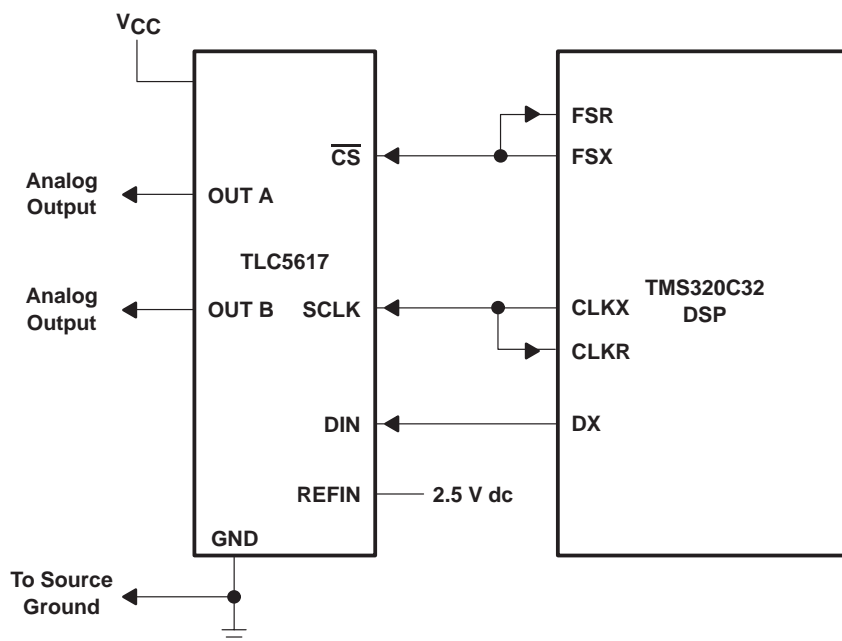


Figure 22. Interfacing The TLC5617 To TMS320C32 DSP

### SPI serial interface

Both the TLC5617 and TLC5617A are compatible with SPI, QSPI, or Microwire serial standards. The hardware connections are shown in Figure 23 and Figure 24. The TLC5617A has an internal state machine that counts 16 clocks after the falling edge of CS and then internally disables the device. The internal edge is ORed together with CS so that the rising edge can be provided to CS prior to the occurrence of the internal edge to also disable the device.

### general serial interface

The TLC5617 3-wire interface is compatible with the SPI, QSPI, and Microwire serial standards. The hardware connections are shown in Figure 23 and Figure 24.

The SPI and Microwire interfaces transfer data in 8-bit bytes, therefore, two write cycles are required to input data to the DAC. The QSPI interface, which has a variable input data length from 8 to 16 bits, can load the DAC input register in one write cycle.



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general serial interface (continued)

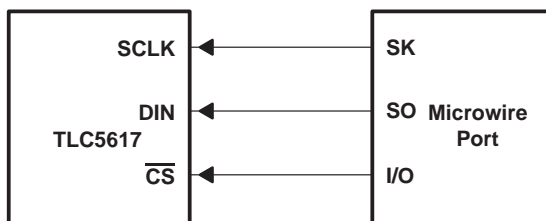


Figure 23. Microwire Connection

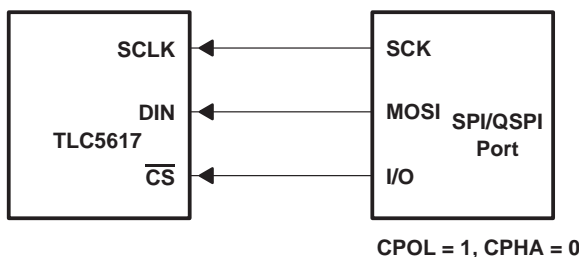


Figure 24. SPI/QSPI Connection

linearity, offset, and gain error using single-end supplies

When an amplifier is operated from a single supply, the voltage offset can still be either positive or negative. With a positive offset, the output voltage changes on the first code change. With a negative offset, the output voltage may not change with the first code depending on the magnitude of the offset voltage.

The output amplifier attempts to drive the output to a negative voltage. However, because the most negative supply rail is ground, the output cannot drive below ground and clamps the output at 0 V.

The output voltage remains at zero until the input code value produces a sufficient positive output voltage to overcome the negative offset voltage, resulting in the transfer function shown in Figure 25.

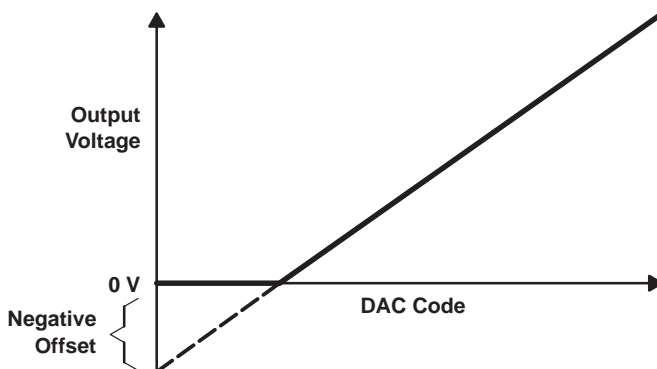


Figure 25. Effect of Negative Offset (Single Supply)

This offset error, not the linearity error, produces this breakpoint. The transfer function would have followed the dotted line if the output buffer could drive below the ground rail.

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### linearity, offset, and gain error using single end supplies (continued)

For a DAC, linearity is measured between zero input code (all inputs 0) and full-scale code (all inputs 1) after offset and full-scale are adjusted out or accounted for in some way. However, single supply operation does not allow for adjustment when the offset is negative due to the breakpoint in the transfer function. So the linearity is measured between full-scale code and the lowest code that produces a positive output voltage. For the TLC5617, the zero-scale (offset) error is plus or minus 3 LSB maximum. The code is calculated from the maximum specification for the negative offset.

### power-supply bypassing and ground management

Printed-circuit boards that use separate analog and digital ground planes offer the best system performance. Wire-wrap boards do not perform well and should not be used. The two ground planes should be connected together at the low-impedance power-supply source. The best ground connection may be achieved by connecting the DAC AGND terminal to the system analog ground plane, making sure that analog ground currents are well managed.

A 0.1- $\mu\text{F}$  ceramic bypass capacitor should be connected between  $V_{DD}$  and AGND and mounted with short leads as close as possible to the device. Use of ferrite beads may further isolate the system analog and digital power supplies.

Figure 26 shows the ground plane layout and bypassing technique.

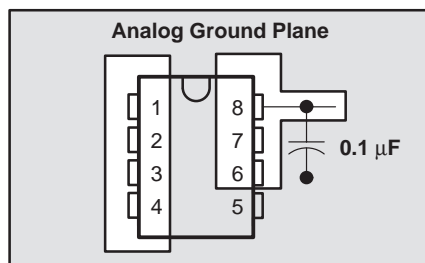


Figure 26. Power-Supply Bypassing

### saving power

Setting the DAC register to all 0s minimizes power consumption by the reference resistor array and the output load when the system is not using the DAC.

### ac considerations/analog feedthrough

Higher frequency analog input signals may couple to the output through internal stray capacitance. Analog feedthrough is tested by holding  $\overline{\text{CS}}$  high, setting the DAC code to all 0s, sweeping the frequency applied to REFIN, and monitoring the DAC output.

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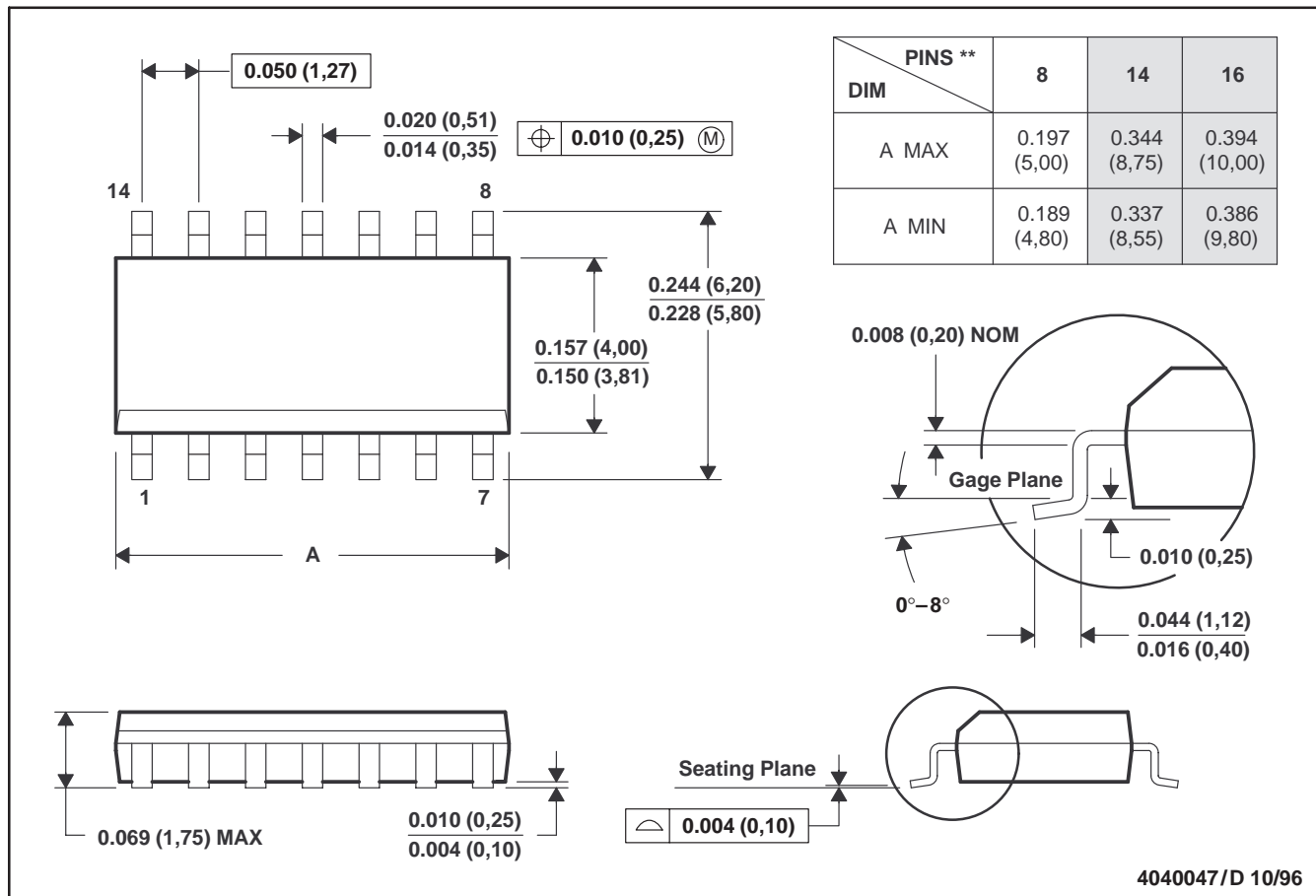
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### MECHANICAL DATA

**D (R-PDSO-G\*\*)**

**PLASTIC SMALL-OUTLINE PACKAGE**

14 PIN SHOWN



- NOTES: A. All linear dimensions are in inches (millimeters).  
 B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.  
 C. Body dimensions do not include mold flash or protrusion, not to exceed 0.006 (0,15).  
 D. Falls within JEDEC MS-012

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