



# 32-Channel, Current-Input Analog-to-Digital Converter

#### **FEATURES**

- SINGLE-CHIP SOLUTION TO DIRECTLY MEASURE 32 LOW-LEVEL CURRENTS
- HIGH-PRECISION, TRUE INTEGRATING FUNCTION
- INTEGRAL LINEARITY: ±0.025% of Reading ±1.0ppm of FSR
- VERY LOW NOISE: 5.3ppm of FSR
- LOW POWER: 7mW/channel
- ADJUSTABLE FULL-SCALE RANGE
- ADJUSTABLE DATA RATE: Up to 6kSPS
   Integration Times Down to 166.5μs
- DAISY-CHAINABLE SERIAL INTERFACE

#### **APPLICATIONS**

- CT SCANNER DAS
- PHOTODIODE SENSORS
- X-RAY DETECTION SYSTEMS
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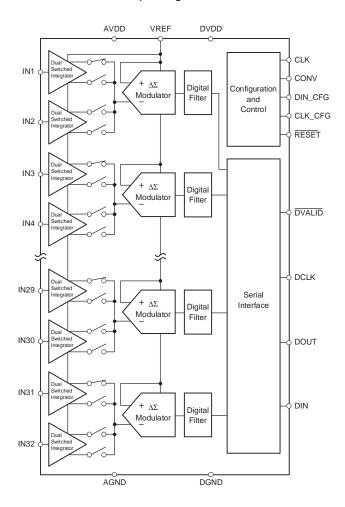
#### DESCRIPTION

The DDC232 is a 20-bit, 32-channel, current-input analog-to-digital (A/D) converter. It combines both current-to-voltage and A/D conversion so that 32 separate low-level current output devices, such as photodiodes, can be directly connected to its inputs and digitized.

For each of the 32 inputs, the DDC232 provides a dual-switched integrator front-end. This configuration allows for continuous current integration: while one integrator is being digitized by the onboard A/D converter, the other is integrating the input current. Adjustable integration times range from 166 $\mu$ s to 1s, allowing currents from fAs to  $\mu$ As to be continuously measured with outstanding precision.

The DDC232 has a serial interface designed for daisy-chaining in multi-device systems. Simply connect the output of one device to the input of the next to create the chain. Common clocking feeds all the devices in the chain so that the digital overhead in a multi-DDC232 system is minimal.

The DDC232 uses a +5V analog supply and a +2.7V to +3.6V digital supply. Operating over the temperature range of 0°C to +70°C, the DDC232 is offered in a BGA-64 package.



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### **PACKAGE/ORDERING INFORMATION**

For the most current package and ordering information, see the Package Option Addendum at the end of this document.

# **ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**(1)

AVDD to AGND	-0.3V to +6V
DVDD to DGND	-0.3V to +3.6V
AGND to DGND	±0.2V
VREF Input to AGND	2.0V to AVDD + 0.3V
Analog Input to AGND	-0.3V to +0.7V
Digital Input Voltage to DGND	-0.3V to DVDD + 0.3V
Digital Output Voltage to DGND	-0.3V to AVDD + 0.3V
Operating Temperature	0°C to +70°C
Storage Temperature	−60°C to +150°C
Junction Temperature (T <sub>J</sub> )	+150°C

<sup>(1)</sup> Stresses above these ratings may cause permanent damage. Exposure to absolute maximum conditions for extended periods may degrade device reliability. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those specified is not implied.



# **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

At  $T_A$  = +25°C, AVDD = +5V, DVDD = +3.0V, VREF = +4.096V,  $t_{INT}$  = 333 $\mu$ s in Low-Power mode (CLK = 5MHz), Range = 7, and continuous mode operation, unless otherwise noted.

			DDC232C			DDC232CH	(	
PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
ANALOG INPUT RANGE								
Range 1		45	50	55	45	50	55	pC
Range 2		90	100	110	90	100	110	pC
Range 3		135	150	165	135	150	165	pC
Range 4		180	200	220	180	200	220	pC
Range 5		225	250	275	225	250	275	pC
Range 6		270	300	330	270	300	330	pC
Range 7		315	350	385	315	350	385	pC
Negative Full-Scale Range		-0.4% of P	ositive Full-S	Scale Range	-0.4% of P	ositive Full-	Scale Range	pC
DYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS								
Data Rate	Low-Power Mode		3	3.125		3	3.125	kSPS
	High-Speed Mode	١	Not Supporte	ed		6	6.2	kSPS
Integration Time, t <sub>INT</sub>	Continuous Mode, Low-Power Mode	320		1,000,000	320		1,000,000	μs
	Continuous Mode, High-Speed Mode	١	Not Supporte	ed	162		1,000,000	μs
	Non-Continuous Mode	50			50			μs
System Clock (CLK)	Low-Power Mode, Clk_4x = 0	1		5	1		5	MHz
	High-Speed Mode, Clk_4x = 0	1		10	1		10	MHz
	Low-Power Mode, Clk_4x = 1	4		20	4		20	MHz
	High-Speed Mode, Clk_4x = 1	4		40	4		40	MHz
Data Clock (DCLK)				20			20	MHz
Configuration Clock (CLK_CFG)				20			20	MHz
ACCURACY								
Noise, Low-Level Input(1)	$C_{SENSOR}^{(2)} = 50pF$		5.3	7				ppm of FSR(3), rms
Integral Linearity Error <sup>(4)</sup>		±0.025% Re	ading ± 1.0	opm FSR, typ				
		±0.05% Rea	iding ± 1.5pp	om FSR, max				
Resolution	Format = 1	20			20			Bits
	Format = 0	16			16			Bits
Input Bias Current			±0.1	±10		±0.1	±10	pA
Range Error Match <sup>(5)</sup>			0.1	0.5		0.1	0.5	% of FSR
Range Sensitivity to VREF	VREF = 4.096 ±0.1V		1:1			1:1		
Offset Error			±200	±1000		±200	±1000	ppm of FSR
Offset Error Match(5)			±100			±100		ppm of FSR
DC Bias Voltage(6)	Low-Level Input (< 1% FSR)		±0.1	±2		±0.1	±2	mV
Power-Supply Rejection Ratio	at DC		100	±800		100	±800	ppm of FSR/V

- (1) Input is less than 1% of full-scale.
- (2) C<sub>SENSOR</sub> is the capacitance seen at the DDC232 inputs from wiring, photodiode, etc.
   (3) FSR is Full-Scale Range.

- (4) A best-fit line is used in measuring nonlinearity.(5) Matching between side A and side B of the same input.
- Voltage produced by the DDC232 at its input that is applied to the sensor.



# **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)**

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			DDC232C			DDC232CI	(	
PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
PERFORMANCE OVER TEMPERATUR	RE							
Offset Drift			±0.5	5(7)		±0.5	5(7)	ppm of FSR/°C
Offset Drift Stability			±0.2	2(7)		±0.2	2(7)	ppm of FSR/minute
DC Bias Voltage Drift(8)			±3			±3		μV/°C
Input Bias Current Drift	$T_A = +25^{\circ}C \text{ to } +45^{\circ}C$		0.01	1 (7)		0.01	1(7)	pA/°C
Range Drift <sup>(9)</sup>			25	50		25	50	ppm/°C
Range Drift Match <sup>(10)</sup>			±5			±5		ppm/°C
REFERENCE								
Voltage		4.000	4.096	4.200	4.000	4.096	4.200	V
Input Current(11)	Average Value with $t_{\text{INT}} = 333 \mu s$		325			325		μΑ
	Average Value with $t_{\text{INT}} = 166.5 \mu s$		650			650		μА
DIGITAL INPUT/OUTPUT								
Logic Levels								
V <sub>IH</sub>		(0.8)DVDD		DVDD + 0.1	(0.8)DVDD		DVDD + 0.1	V
V <sub>IL</sub>		-0.1		(0.2)DVDD	-0.1		(0.2)DVDD	V
V <sub>OH</sub>	$I_{OH} = -500\mu A$	DVDD - 0.4			DVDD - 0.4			V
V <sub>OL</sub>	$I_{OL} = 500 \mu A$			0.4			0.4	V
Input Current (I <sub>IN</sub> )	$0 < V_{IN} < DVDD$			±10			±10	μΑ
Data Format <sup>(12)</sup>		S	traight Bina	iry	S	traight Bina	ary	
POWER-SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS								
Analog Power-Supply Voltage (AVDD)		4.75	5.0	5.25	4.75	5.0	5.25	V
Digital Power-Supply Voltage (DVDD)		2.7	3.0	3.6	2.7	3.0	3.6	V
Supply Current								
Analog Current	Low-Power Mode		41			41		mA
	High-Speed Mode	N	lot Supporte	ed		60		mA
Digital Current	Low-Power Mode		3.7			3.7		mA
	High-Speed Mode	N	lot Supporte	ed		7.0		mA
Total Power Dissipation	Low-Power Mode		224	288		224	288	mW
	High-Speed Mode	N	lot Supporte	ed		320		mW
Per Channel Power Dissipation	Low-Power Mode		7	9		7	9	mW/Channel
	High-Speed Mode	N	lot Supporte	ed		10		mW/Channel

- (7) Ensured by design, not production tested.(8) Voltage produced by the DDC232 at its input that is applied to the sensor.
- (9) Range drift does not include external reference drift.
- (10) Matching between side A and side B of the same input.
- (11) Input reference current decreases with increasing t<sub>INT</sub> (see the *Voltage Reference* section, page 10).
- (12) Data format is Straight Binary with a small offset. The number of bits in the output word is controlled by the Format bit.



# **PIN CONFIGURATION**

'iew				Colu	umns					
	Н	G	F	Е	D	С	В	Α		
	IN21	IN22	IN23	IN24	IN25	IN26	IN27	IN28	1	
	IN5	IN6	IN7	IN8	IN9	IN10	IN11	IN12	2	
	IN17	IN18	IN19	IN20	IN29	IN30	IN31	IN32	3	
	IN1	IN2	IN3	IN4	IN13	IN14	IN15	IN16	4	Rows
	QGND	AGND	AGND	AGND	AGND	AGND	AGND	AGND	5	S
	AGND	AVDD	AVDD	AVDD	AGND	DGND	VREF	VREF	6	
	DVALID	DIN_CFG	CLK_CFG	DGND	DGND	RESET	DVDD	DGND	7	
	DCLK	DGND	CLK	NC ○	DOUT	DGND	DIN	CONV	8	

# **PIN DESCRIPTIONS**

PIN	LOCATION	FUNCTION	DESCRIPTION
IN1-32	Rows 1–4	Analog Input	Analog Inputs for Channels 1 to 32
QGND	H5	Analog	Quiet Analog Ground
AGND	G5, F5, E5, D5, C5, B5, A5, D6, H6	Analog	Analog Ground
DGND	A7, C6, D7, E7, C8, G8	Digital	Digital Ground
AVDD	E6, F6, G6	Analog	Analog Power Supply, +5V Nominal
VREF	A6, B6	Analog Input	External Voltage Reference Input, +4.096V Nominal
DVALID	H7	Digital Output	Data Valid Output, Active Low
DIN_CFG	G7	Digital Input	Configuration Register Data Input
CLK_CFG	F7	Digital Input	Configuration Register Clock Input
RESET	C7	Digital Input	Digital Reset, Active Low
DVDD	В7	Digital	Digital Power Supply, 3.3V Nominal
CONV	A8	Digital Input	Conversion Control Input; 0 = Integrate on Side B, 1 = Integrate on Side A
DIN	B8	Digital Input	Serial Data Input
DOUT	D8	Digital Output	Serial Data Output
NC	E8	No Connect	Do not connect; must be left floating.
CLK	F8	Digital Input	Master Clock Input
DCLK	H8	Digital Input	Serial Data Clock Input



# **TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

At  $T_A = 25$ °C, unless otherwise indicated.

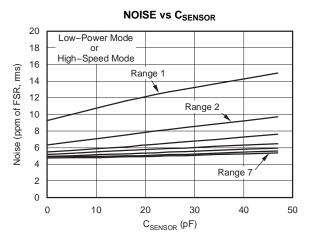


Figure 1.

# NOISE vs C<sub>SENSOR</sub>

		Noise (ppm of FSR, rms)								
C <sub>SENSOR</sub> (pF)	Range 1	Range 2	Range 3	Range 4	Range 5	Range 6	Range 7			
0	9.3	6.3	5.5	5.2	5.0	4.9	4.8			
22	12.4	8.0	6.4	5.8	5.4	5.1	5.0			
47	15.0	9.7	7.6	6.5	6.0	5.6	5.3			



#### THEORY OF OPERATION

The block diagram of the DDC232 is shown in Figure 2. The device contains 32 identical input channels that perform function the integration current-to-voltage followed by multiplexed A/D conversion. Each input has two integrators so that the current-to-voltage integration can be continuous in time. The output of the 64 integrators are switched to 16 delta-sigma ( $\Delta\Sigma$ ) converters via multiplexers. With the DDC232 in the continuous integration mode, the output of the integrators from one side of the inputs will be

digitized while the other 32 integrators are in the integration mode. This integration and A/D conversion process is controlled by the system clock, CLK. The results from side A and side B of each signal input are stored in a serial output shift register. The DVALID output goes low when the shift register contains valid data.

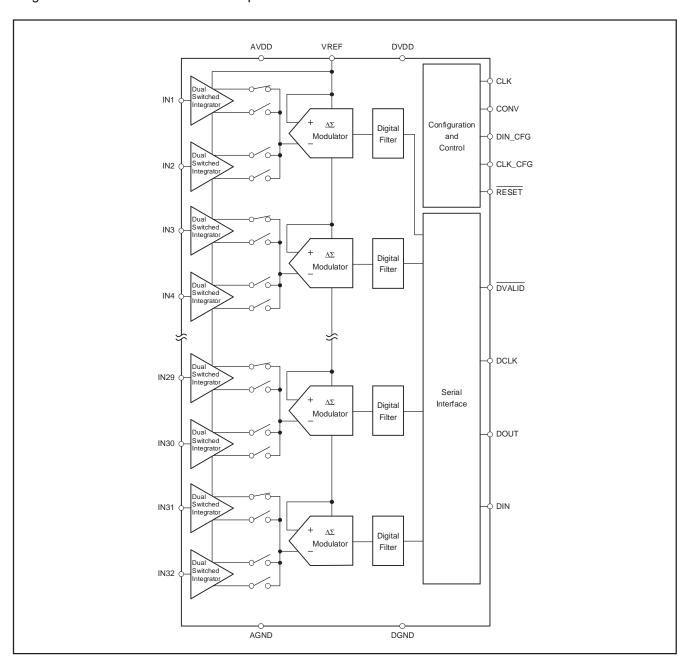


Figure 2. DDC232 Block Diagram



#### **DEVICE OPERATION**

#### **Basic Integration Cycle**

The topology of the front end of the DDC232 is an analog integrator as shown in Figure 3. In this diagram, only input IN1 is shown. The input stage consists of an operational amplifier, a selectable feedback capacitor network  $(C_F)$ , and several switches that implement the integration cycle. The timing relationships of all of the switches shown in Figure 3 are illustrated in Figure 4. Figure 4 conceptualizes the operation of the integrator input stage of the DDC232 and should not be used as an exact timing tool for design.

See Figure 5 for the block diagrams of the reset, integrate, wait, and convert states of the integrator section of the DDC232. This internal switching network is controlled externally with the convert pin (CONV), and the system clock (CLK). For the best noise performance, CONV must be synchronized with the rising edge of CLK. It is recommended that CONV toggle within ±10ns of the rising edge of CLK.

The noninverting inputs of the integrators are connected to ground. Consequently, the DDC232 analog ground should be as clean as possible. The internal and external capacitors ( $C_F$ ), are shown in parallel between the inverting input and output of the operational amplifier. At the beginning of a conversion, the switches  $S_{A/D},\ S_{INTA},\ S_{INTB},\ S_{REF1},\ S_{REF2},\ and\ S_{RESET}$  are set (see Figure 4).

At the completion of an A/D conversion, the charge on the integration capacitor ( $C_F$ ) is reset with  $S_{REF1}$  and  $S_{RESET}$  (see Figure 4 and Figure 5a). This is done during reset. In this manner, the selected capacitor is charged to the reference voltage, VREF. Once the integration capacitor is charged,  $S_{REF1}$  and  $S_{RESET}$  are switched so that VREF is no longer connected to the amplifier circuit while it waits to begin integrating (see Figure 5b). With the rising edge of CONV,  $S_{INTA}$  closes, which begins the integration of side A. This process puts the integrator stage into its integrate mode (see Figure 5c).

Charge from the input signal is collected on the integration capacitor, causing the voltage output of the amplifier to decrease. The falling edge of CONV stops the integration by switching the input signal from side A to side B (S<sub>INTA</sub> and S<sub>INTB</sub>). Prior to the falling edge of CONV, the signal on side B was converted by the A/D converter and reset during the time that side A was integrating. With the falling edge of CONV, side B starts integrating the input signal. At this point, the output voltage of the side A operational amplifier is presented to the input of the  $\Delta\Sigma$  A/D converter (see Figure 5d).

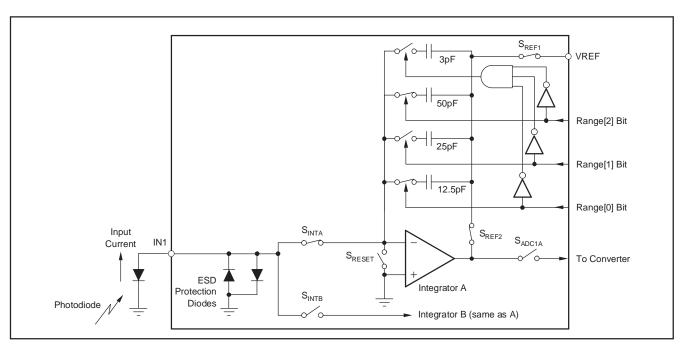


Figure 3. Basic Integration Configuration for Input 1



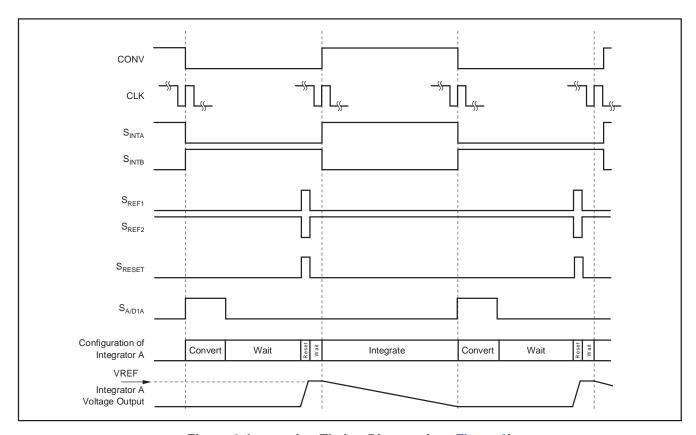


Figure 4. Integration Timing Diagram (see Figure 3)

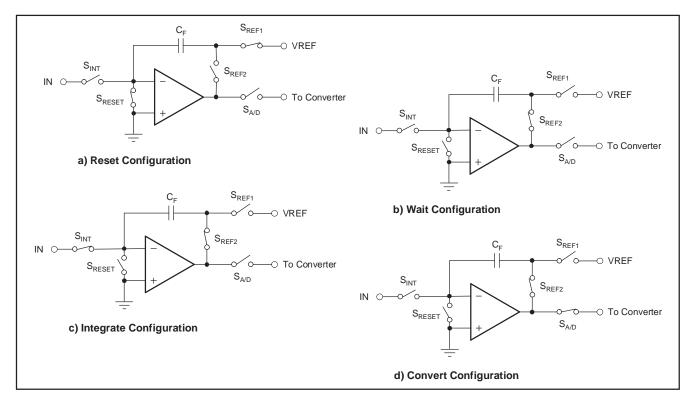


Figure 5. Diagrams for the Four Configurations of the Front-End Integrators



#### **Integration Capacitors**

There are seven different capacitors available on-chip for both sides of every channel in the DDC232. These internal capacitors are trimmed in production to achieve the specified performance for range error of the DDC232. The range control bits (Range[2:0]) change the capacitor value for all integrators. Consequently, all inputs and both sides of each input will always have the same full-scale range. Table 1 shows the capacitor value selected for each range selection.

**Table 1. Range Selection** 

Range[2]	Range[1]	Range[0]	C <sub>F</sub> (pF, typ)	INPUT RANGE (pC, typ)
0	0	0	3	-0.04 to 12.5
0	0	1	12.5	-0.2 to 50
0	1	0	25	-0.4 to 100
0	1	1	37.5	-0.6 to 150
1	0	0	50	-0.8 to 200
1	0	1	62.5	-0.1 to 250
1	1	0	75	-1.2 to 300
1	1	1	87.5	-1.4 to 350

#### **Voltage Reference**

The external voltage reference is used to reset the integration capacitors before an integration cycle begins. It is also used by the  $\Delta\Sigma$  converter while the converter is measuring the voltage stored on the integrators after an integration cycle ends. During this sampling, the external reference must supply the charge needed by the  $\Delta\Sigma$  converter. For an integration time of 333µs, this charge translates to an

average VREF current of approximately 325 $\mu$ A. The amount of charge needed by the  $\Delta\Sigma$  converter is independent of the integration time; therefore, increasing the integration time lowers the average current. For example, an integration time of 800 $\mu$ s lowers the average VREF current to **TBD** $\mu$ A.

It is critical that VREF be stable during the different modes of operation (see Figure 5). The  $\Delta\Sigma$  converter measures the voltage on the integrator with respect to VREF. Since the integrator capacitors are initially reset to VREF, any drop in VREF from the time the capacitors are reset to the time when the converter measures the integrator output will introduce an offset. It is also important that VREF be stable over longer periods of time because changes in VREF correspond directly to changes in the full-scale range. Finally, VREF should introduce as little additional noise as possible.

For these reasons, it is strongly recommended that the external reference source be buffered with an operational amplifier, as shown in Figure 6. In this circuit, the voltage reference is generated by a +4.096V reference. A low-pass filter to reduce noise connects the reference to an operational amplifier configured as a buffer. This amplifier should have low noise and input/output common-mode ranges that support VREF. Even though the circuit in Figure 6 might appear to be unstable due to the large output capacitors, it works well for most operational amplifiers. It is *not* recommended that series resistance be placed in the output lead to improve stability since this can cause a drop in VREF, which produces large offsets.

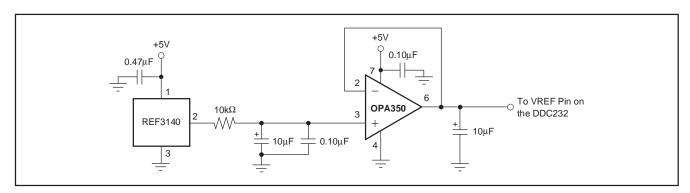


Figure 6. Recommended External Voltage Reference Circuit for Best Low-Noise Operation



#### **Frequency Response**

The frequency response of the DDC232 is set by the front end integrators and is that of a traditional continuous time integrator, as shown in Figure 7. By adjusting  $t_{\text{INT}}$ , the user can change the 3dB bandwidth and the location of the notches in the response. The frequency response of the  $\Delta\Sigma$  converter that follows the front end integrator is of no consequence because the converter samples a held signal from the integrators. That is, the input to the  $\Delta\Sigma$  converter is always a DC signal. Since the output of the front end integrators are sampled, aliasing can occur. Whenever the frequency of the input signal exceeds one-half of the sampling rate, the signal will fold back down to lower frequencies.

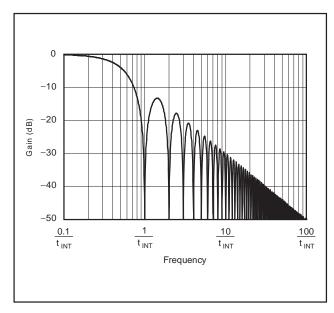


Figure 7. TFrequency Response

#### **CONFIGURATION REGISTER**

Some aspects of device operation are controlled by the onboard configuration register. The DIN\_CFG, CLK\_CFG, and RESET pins are used to write to this register. When beginning a write operation, hold CONV low and strobe RESET; see Figure 8. Then begin shifting in the configuration data on DIN\_CFG. Data is written to the configuration register most significant bit first. The data is internally latched on the falling edge of CLK\_CFG. Partial writes to the configuration register are not allowed—make sure to send all 12 bits when updating the register.

Optional readback of the configuration register is available immediately after the write sequence. During readback, the 12-bit configuration data followed by a 4-bit revision id and the test pattern are shifted out on the DOUT pin on the rising edge of DCLK.

**NOTE**: with Format = 1, the test pattern is 304 bits with only the last 72 bits non-zero. This sequence of outputs is repeated twice for each DDC232 and daisy-chaining is supported in configuration readback. Table 2 shows the test pattern configuration during readback. Table 3 shows the timing for the configuration register read and write operations. Strobe CONV to begin normal operation.

**Table 2. Test Pattern During Readback** 

Format BIT	TEST PATTERN (Hex)	TOTAL READBACK BITS
0	30F066012480F6h	512
1	30F066012480F69055h	640



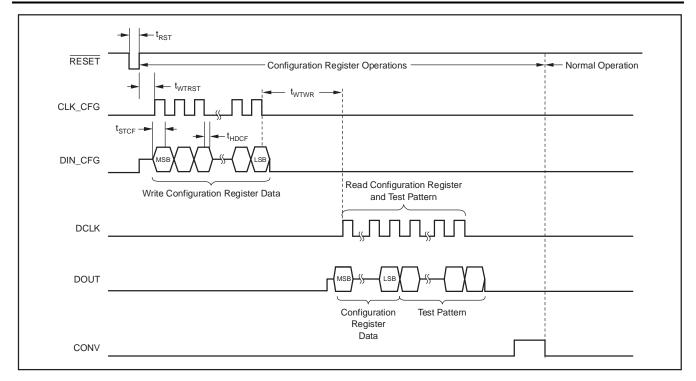


Figure 8. Configuration Register Write and Read Operations

Table 3. Timing for the Configuration Register Read/Write

SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
t <sub>WTRST</sub>	Wait Required from Reset High to First Rising Edge of CLK_CFG	2			μs
t <sub>WTWR</sub>	Wait Required from Last CLK-CFG of Write Operation to First CLK_CFG of Read Operation	2			μs
t <sub>STCF</sub>	Set-Up Time from DIN_CFG to Falling Edge of CLK_CFG	10			ns
t <sub>HDCF</sub>	Hold Time for DIN_CFG After Falling Edge of CLK_CFG	10			ns
t <sub>RST</sub>	Pulse Width for RESET Active	1			μs



**Configuration Register** 

Bit 11	Bit 10	Bit 9	Bit 8	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0
		1		i		1		1	ı		
Range[2]	Range[1]	Range[0]	Format	Pwr/Spd	Clk_4x	0	0	0	0	0	Test

Bits 11–9 Range[2:0] Analog Input Range

 000: 12.5pC
 100: 200pC

 001: 50pC
 101: 250pC

 010: 100pC
 110: 300pC

011: 150pC 111: 350pC (default)

Bit 8 Format

0 = 16-Bit Output

1 = 20-Bit Output (default)

Format selects how many bits are used in the data output word.

Bit 7 Pwr/Spd

0 = Low-Power Mode (default)

1 = High-Speed Mode (DDC232CK Only)

Pwr/Spd BIT	MODE	TYPICAL POWER/CHANNEL (mW)	MAXIMUM CLK FREQUENCY (MHz) <sup>(1)</sup>	MAXIMUM DATA RATE (kHz)
0	Low-Power	7	5	3.125
1 (2)	High-Speed (2)	10	10	6

(1) Assumes  $Clk_4x = 0$ .

(2) Only the DDC232CK supports High-Speed mode.

Bit 6 Clk\_4x (System Clock Divider)

0 = Internal Clock Divider = 1 (default)

1 = Internal Clock Divider = 4

The Clk\_4x input enables an internal divider on the system clock. When Clk\_4x = 1, the system clock is divided by 4. This allows a 4X faster system clock, which in turn provides a finer quantization of the integration time because the CONV signal needs to be synchronized with the system clock for the best performance.

Clk_4x BIT	CLK DIVIDER VALUE	CLK FREQUENCY	INTERNAL CLOCK FREQUENCY
0	1	5MHz	5MHz
1	4	20MHz	5MHz

Bits 5–1 00000

Bit 0 Test Mode

0 = Test Mode Off (default)

1 = Test Mode On

When Test Mode is used, the inputs (IN1 through IN32) are disconnected from the DDC232 integrators to enable the user to measure a zero input signal regardless of the current supplied to the inputs. The test mode works with both the continuous and non-continuous modes.



#### DIGITAL INTERFACE

The digital interface of the DDC232 outputs the digital results via a synchronous serial interface consisting of a data clock (DCLK), a valid data pin (DVALID), a serial data output pin (DOUT), and a serial data input pin (DIN). The integration and conversion process is fundamentally independent of the data retrieval process. Consequently, the CLK and DCLK frequencies need not be the same, for best performance, it recommended that they be derived from the same clocking source to keep their phase relationship constant. DIN is only used when multiple converters are cascaded and should be tied to DGND otherwise. Depending on t<sub>INT</sub>, CLK, and DCLK, it is possible to daisy-chain multiple converters. This greatly simplifies the interconnection and routing of the digital outputs in those applications where a large number of converters are needed. Configuration of the DDC232 is set by a dedicated register addressed using the DIN\_CFG and CLK\_CFG pins.

### System and Data Clocks (CLK and CONV)

The system clock is supplied to CLK and the data clock is supplied to DCLK. Make sure the clock signals are clean—avoid overshoot or ringing. For best performance, generate both clocks from the same clock source. DCLK should be disabled by taking it low after the data has been shifted out or while CONV is transitioning.

When using multiple DDC232s, pay close attention to the DCLK distribution on the printed circuit board (PCB). In particular, make sure to minimize skew in the DCLK signal because this can lead to timing violations in the serial interface specifications. See the *Cascading Multiple Converters* section for more details.

#### Data Valid (DVALID)

The DVALID signal indicates that data is ready. Data retrieval may begin after DVALID goes low. This signal is generated using an internal clock divided down from the system clock, CLK. The phase relationship between this internal clock and CLK is set when power is first applied and is random. Since the user must synchronize CONV with CLK, the DVALID signal will have a random phase relationship

with CONV. This uncertainty is  $\pm$  1/f<sub>CLK</sub>. Polling DVALID eliminates any concern about this relationship. If data read back is timed from CONV, wait the maximum value of  $t_7$  or  $t_8$  to insure data is valid.

#### Reset (RESET)

The DDC232 is reset asynchronously by taking the RESET input low, as shown in Figure 9. Make sure the release pulse is at least 1µs wide. After resetting the DDC232, wait at least four conversions before using the data. It is very important that RESET is glitch-free to avoid unintentional resets.

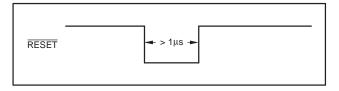


Figure 9. Reset Timing

#### Conversion Rate

The conversion rate of the DDC232 is set by a combination of the integration time (determined by the user) and the speed of the A/D conversion process. The A/D conversion time is primarily a function of the system clock (CLK) speed. One A/D conversion cycle encompasses the conversion of two signals (one side of each dual integrator feeding the modulator) and the reset time for each of the integrators involved in the two conversions. In most situations, the A/D conversion time is shorter than the integration time. If this condition exists, the DDC232 will operate in the continuous mode. When the DDC232 is in the continuous mode, the sensor output is continuously integrated by one of the two sides of each input.

In the event that the A/D conversion takes longer than the integration time, the DDC232 will switch into a non-continuous mode. In non-continuous mode, the A/D converter is not able to keep pace with the speed of the integration process. Consequently, the integration process is periodically halted until the digitizing process catches up. These two basic modes of operation for the DDC232—continuous and non-continuous modes—are described below.



# Continuous and Non-Continuous Operational Modes

Figure 10 shows the state diagram of the DDC232. In all, there are eight states. Table 4 provides a brief explanation of each state.

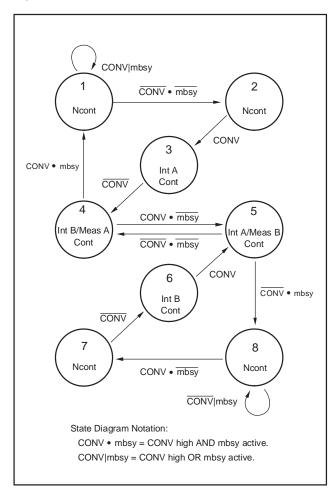


Figure 10. Integrate/Measure State Diagram

Four signals are used to control progression around the state diagram: CONV, mbsy, and their complements. The state machine uses the level as opposed to the edges of CONV to control the progression. mbsy is an internally-generated signal not available to the user. It is active whenever a measurement/reset/auto-zero (m/r/az) cycle is in progress.

During the continuous (cont) mode, mbsy is not active when CONV toggles. The non-integrating side is always ready to begin integrating when the other side finishes its integration. Consequently, monitoring the current status of CONV is all that is needed to know the current state. Cont mode operation corresponds to states 3–6. Two of the states, 3 and 6, only perform an integration (no m/r/az cycle).

mbsy becomes important when operating in the non-continuous (ncont) mode (states 1, 2, 7, and 8). Whenever CONV is toggled while mbsy is active, the DDC232 will enter or remain in either ncont state 1 (or 8). After mbsy goes inactive, state 2 (or 7) is entered. This state prepares the appropriate side for integration. In the ncont states, the inputs to the DDC232 are grounded.

One interesting observation from the state diagram is that the integrations always alternate between sides A and B. This relationship holds for any CONV pattern and is independent of the mode. States 2 and 7 insure this relationship during the ncont mode.

When power is first applied to the DDC232, the beginning state is either 1 or 8, depending on the initial level of CONV. For CONV held high at power-up, the beginning state is 1. Conversely, for CONV held low at power-up, the beginning state is 8. In general, there is a symmetry in the state diagram between states 1–8, 2–7, 3–6, and 4–5. Inverting CONV results in the states progressing through their symmetrical match.

**Table 4. State Descriptions** 

STATE	MODE	DESCRIPTION
1	Ncont	Complete m/r/az of side A, then side B (if previous state is state 4). Initial power-up state when CONV is initially held High.
2	Ncont	Prepare side A for integration.
3	Cont	Integrate on side A.
4	Cont	Integrate on side B; m/r/az on side A.
5	Cont	Integrate on side A; m/r/az on side B.
6	Cont	Integrate on side B.
7	Ncont	Prepare side B for integration.
8	Ncont	Complete m/r/az of side B, then side A (if previous state is state 5). Initial power-up state when CONV is initially held Low.



#### TIMING EXAMPLES

#### **Continuous Mode**

A few timing diagrams help illustrate the operation of the integrate/measure state machine. These diagrams are shown in Figure 11 through Figure 16. Table 5 gives generalized timing specifications in units of CLK periods for Clk\_4x = 0. If Clk\_4x = 1, these values increase by a factor of 4 because of the internal clock divider. Values (in  $\mu$ s) for Table 5 can be easily found for a given CLK.

Figure 11 shows a few integration cycles beginning with initial power-up for a cont mode example. The top signal is CONV and is supplied by the user. The next line indicates the current state in the state

diagram. The following two traces show when integrations and measurement cycles are underway. The internal signal mbsy is shown next. Finally, <a href="DVALID">DVALID</a> is given. As described in the data sheet, <a href="DVALID">DVALID</a> goes active low when data is ready to be retrieved from the DDC232. It stays low until DCLK is taken high and then back low by the user. The text below the <a href="DVALID">DVALID</a> pulse indicates the side of the data available to be read and arrows help match the data to the corresponding integration.

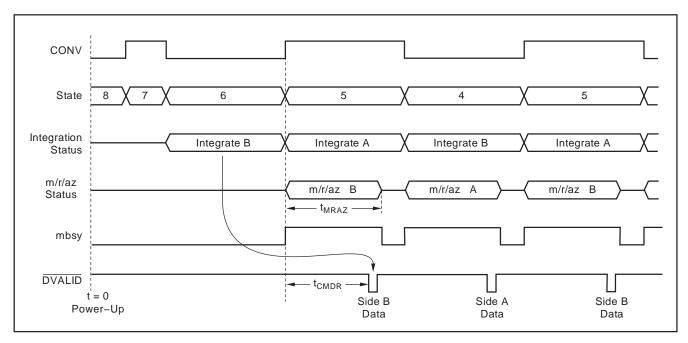


Figure 11. Continuous Mode Timing

**Table 5. Timing Specifications Generalized in CLK Periods** 

		VALUE (CLK periods with Clk_4x = 0)					
SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	Low-Power Mode	High-Speed Mode				
t <sub>MRAZ</sub>	Cont mode m/r/az cycle	1552 ± 2	1612 ± 2				
t <sub>CMDR</sub>	Cont mode data ready	1382 ± 2	1382 ± 2				
t <sub>NCDR1</sub>	1st ncont mode data ready	TBD	TBD				
t <sub>NCDR2</sub>	2nd ncont mode data ready	TBD	TBD				
t <sub>NCMRAZ</sub>	Ncont mode m/r/az cycle	TBD	TBD				



In Figure 11, the first state is ncont state 8. The DDC232 always powers up in the ncont mode. In this case, the first state is 8 because CONV is initially low. After the first two states, cont mode operation is reached and the states begin toggling between 4 and 5. From now on, the input is being continuously integrated, either on side A or side B. The time needed for the m/r/az cycle,  $t_{MRAZ}$ , is the same time

that determines the boundary between the cont and ncont modes described earlier in the Overview section.  $\overline{\text{DVALID}}$  goes low after CONV toggles in time  $t_{\text{CMDR}}$ , indicating that data is ready to be retrieved.

See Figure 12 for the timing diagram of the internal operations occurring during continuous mode operation. Table 6 gives the timing specifications of the internal operations occurring during continuous mode operation.

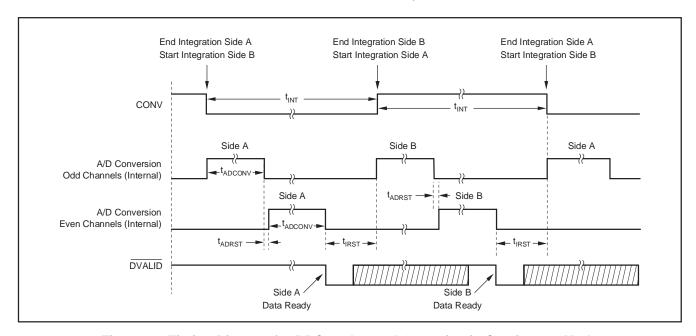


Figure 12. Timing Diagram for DDC232 Internal Operation in Continuous Mode

Table 6. Timing for the Internal Operation in Continuous Mode

			Low-Power Mode (CLK = 5MHz)			High-Speed Mode (CLK = 9.6MHz)			
SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION		TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS	
t <sub>INT</sub>	Integration Period (continuous mode)			1,000,000	162		1,000,000	μs	
t <sub>ADCONV</sub>	A/D Conversion Time (internally controlled)		135.6			TBD		μs	
t <sub>ADRST</sub>	A/D Conversion Reset Time (internally controlled)		3.2			TBD		μs	
t <sub>IRST</sub>	Integrator Reset Time (internally controlled)		36			TBD		μs	



#### **Non-Continuous Mode**

Figure 13 and Figure 14 illustrate operation in non-continuous mode.

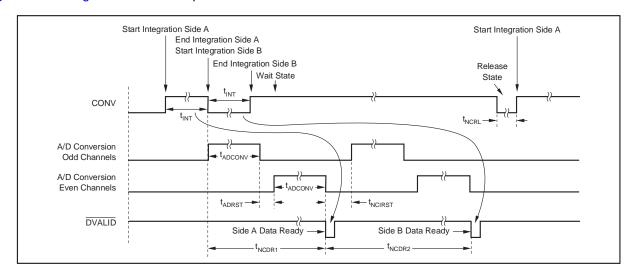


Figure 13. Conversion Detail for the Internal Operation of Non-Continuous Mode with Side A Integrated First

Table 7. DDC232 Internal Timing in Non-Continuous Mode

		CLK:			
SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
t <sub>INT</sub>	Integration Time (non-continuous mode)	TBD		1,000,000	μs
t <sub>ADCONV</sub>	A/D Conversion Time (internally controlled)		135.6		μs
t <sub>ADRST</sub>	A/D Conversion Reset Time (internally controlled)		3.2		μs
t <sub>NCIRST</sub>	Non-Continuous Mode Integrator Reset Time (internally controlled)		TBD		μs
t <sub>NCRL</sub>	Release Time	TBD			μs
t <sub>NCDR1</sub>	1st Non-Continuous Mode Data Ready		TBD		
t <sub>NCDR2</sub>	2nd Non-Continuous Mode Data Ready		TBD		

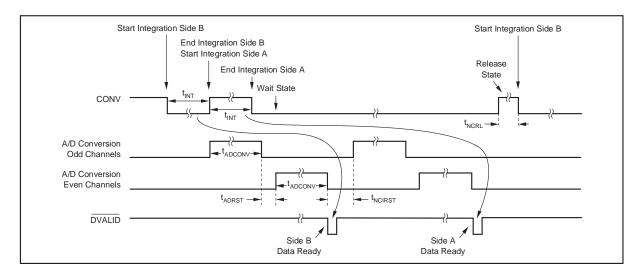


Figure 14. Internal Operation Timing Diagram Non-Continuous Mode with Side B Integrated First



#### **Changing Between Modes**

Changing from cont to ncont mode occurs whenever  $t_{\rm INT} < t_{\rm MRAZ}$ . Figure 15 shows an example of this transition. In this figure, cont mode is entered when the integration on side A is completed before the m/r/az cycle on side B is complete. The DDC232 completes the measurement on sides B and A during states 8 and 7 with the input signal shorted to ground. Ncont integration begins with state 6.

Changing from ncont to cont mode occurs when t<sub>INT</sub>

is increased so that  $t_{\text{INT}}$  is always  $\geq t_{\text{MRAZ}}$  as shown in Figure 16 (see Figure 13 and Table 7, page 18). With a longer  $t_{\text{INT}}$ , the m/r/az cycle has enough time to finish before the next integration begins and continuous integration of the input signal is possible. For the special case of the very first integration when changing to the cont mode,  $t_{\text{INT}}$  can be  $< t_{\text{MRAZ}}$ . This is allowed because there is no simultaneous m/r/az cycle on the side B during state 3—therefore, there is no need to wait for it to finish before ending the integration on side A.

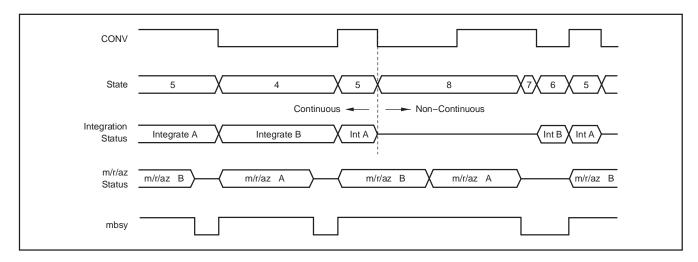


Figure 15. Changing from Continuous Mode to Non-Continuous Mode

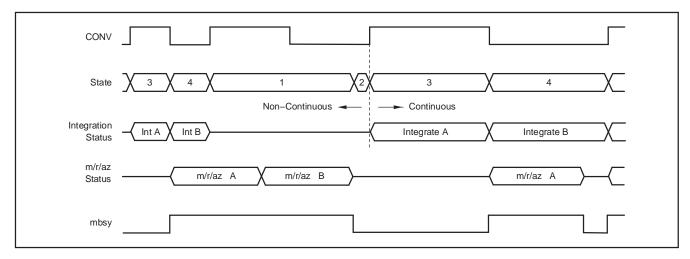


Figure 16. Changing from Non-Continuous Mode to Continuous Mode



#### **DATA FORMAT**

The serial output data is provided in an offset binary code as shown in Table 8. The Format bit in the configuration register selects how many bits are used in the output word. When Format = 1, 20 bits are used. When Format = 0, the lower 4 bits are truncated so that only 16 bits are used. Note that the LSB size is 16 times bigger when Format = 0. An offset is included in the output to allow slightly negative inputs (for example, from board leakages) from clipping the reading. This offset approximately 0.4% of the positive full-scale.

#### **DATA RETRIEVAL**

In both the continuous and non-continuous modes of operation, the data from the last conversion is available for retrieval on the falling edge of  $\overline{\text{DVALID}}$  (see Figure 17 and Table 9). Data is shifted out on the falling edge of the data clock, DCLK.

Make sure not to retrieve data around changes in CONV because this can introduce noise. Stop activity on DCLK at least 10µs before or after a CONV transition.

Table 8. Ideal Output Code<sup>(1)</sup> vs Input Signal

INPUT SIGNAL	IDEAL OUTPUT CODE FORMAT = 1	IDEAL OUTPUT CODE FORMAT = 0
≥ 100% FS	1111 1111 1111 1111 1111	1111 1111 1111 1111
0.001531% FS	0000 0001 0000 0001 0000	0000 0001 0000 0001
0.001436% FS	0000 0001 0000 0000 1111	0000 0001 0000 0000
0.000191% FS	0000 0001 0000 0000 0010	0000 0001 0000 0000
0.000096% FS	0000 0001 0000 0000 0001	0000 0001 0000 0000
0% FS	0000 0001 0000 0000 0000	0000 0001 0000 0000
-0.3955% FS	0000 0000 0000 0000 0000	0000 0000 0000 0000

(1) Excludes the effects of noise, INL, offset, and gain errors.

Setting the Format bit = 0 (16-bit output word) will reduce the time needed to retrieve data by 20% since there are fewer bits to shift out. This can be useful in multichannel systems requiring only 16 bits of resolution.

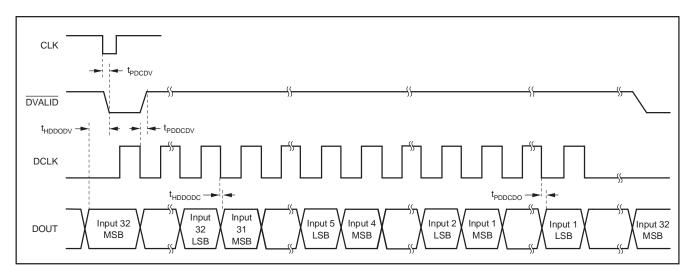


Figure 17. Digital Interface Timing Diagram for Data Retrieval From a Single DDC232

Table 9. Timing for DDC232 Data Retrieval

SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
t <sub>PDCDV</sub>	Propagation Delay from Falling Edge of CLK to DVALID Low	10			ns
t <sub>PDDCDV</sub>	Propagation Delay from Falling Edge of DCLK to DVALID High	5			ns
t <sub>HDDODV</sub>	Hold Time that DOUT is Valid Before the Falling Edge of DVALID		400		ns
t <sub>HDDODC</sub>	Hold Time that DOUT is Valid After Falling Edge of DCLK	4			ns
t <sub>PDDCDO</sub> <sup>(1)</sup>	Propagation Delay from Falling Edge of DCLK to Valid DOUT			25	ns

(1) With a maximum load of one DDC232 (4pF typical) with an additional load of 5pF.



#### **Cascading Multiple Converters**

Multiple DDC232 units can be connected in serial configuration; see Figure 18.

DOUT can be used with DIN to daisy-chain multiple DDC232 devices together to minimize wiring. In this mode of operation, the serial data output is shifted through multiple DDC232s; see Figure 18.

Figure 19 shows the timing diagram when the DIN input is used to daisy-chain several devices. Table 10 gives the timing specification for data retrieval using DIN.

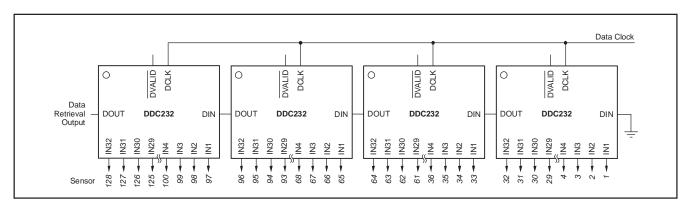


Figure 18. Daisy-Chained DDC232s

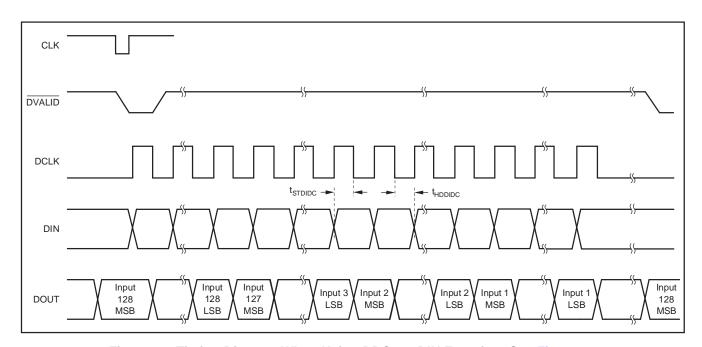


Figure 19. Timing Diagram When Using DDC232 DIN Function; See Figure 18

Table 10. Timing for DDC232 Data Retrieval Using DIN

SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
t <sub>STDIDC</sub>	Set-Up Time from DIN to Falling Edge of DCLK	10			ns
t <sub>HDDIDC</sub>	Hold Time for DIN After Falling Edge of DCLK	10			ns



# RETRIEVAL BEFORE CONV TOGGLES (CONTINUOUS MODE)

Data retrieval before CONV toggles is the most straightforward method. Data retrieval begins soon after  $\overline{\text{DVALID}}$  goes low and finishes before CONV toggles, as shown in Figure 20. For best performance, data retrieval must stop  $t_{\text{SDCV}}$  before CONV toggles. This method is most appropriate for longer integration times. The maximum time available for readback is  $t_{\text{INT}} - t_{\text{CMDR}} - t_{\text{SDCV}}$ . For DCLK = 10MHz and CLK = 5MHz, the maximum number of DDC232s that can be daisy-chained together (FORMAT = 1) is calculated by Equation 1:

$$\frac{t_{INT} - (t_{CMDR} + t_{SDCV})}{(20 \times 32)\tau_{DCLK}}$$
 (1)

NOTE:  $(16 \times 32)\tau_{DCLK}$  is used for FORMAT = 0, where  $t_{DCLK}$  is the period of the data clock. For example, if  $t_{INT}$  = 1000µs and DCLK = 10MHz, the maximum number of DDC232s with FORMAT = 1 is shown in Equation 2:

$$\frac{1000\mu s - 286.8\mu s}{(640)(100ns)} = 11.14 \rightarrow 11 \text{ DDC232}$$
 (2)

(or 13 for FORMAT = 0)

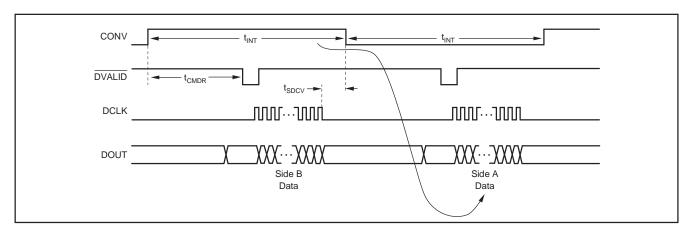


Figure 20. Readback Before CONV Toggles

**Table 11. Timing for Readback** 

		CLK :			
SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
t <sub>SDCV</sub>	Data Retrieval Shutdown Before or After Edge of CONV	10			μs



# RETRIEVAL AFTER CONV TOGGLES (CONTINUOUS MODE)

For shorter integration times, more time is available if data retrieval begins after CONV toggles and ends before the new data is ready. Data retrieval must wait  $t_{\text{SDCV}}$  after CONV toggles before beginning. See Figure 21 for an example of this. The maximum time available for retrieval is  $t_{\text{CMDR}} - (t_{\text{SDCV}} + t_{\text{HDDODV}})$ , regardless of  $t_{\text{INT}}$ . The maximum number of DDC232s that can be daisy-chained together with FORMAT = 1 is calculated by Equation 3:

$$\frac{266\mu s}{(20\times32)\tau_{DCLK}} \tag{3}$$

NOTE:  $(16 \times 32)\tau_{DCLK}$  is for FORMAT = 0.

For DCLK = 10MHz, the maximum number of DDC232s is 4 (or 5 for FORMAT = 0).

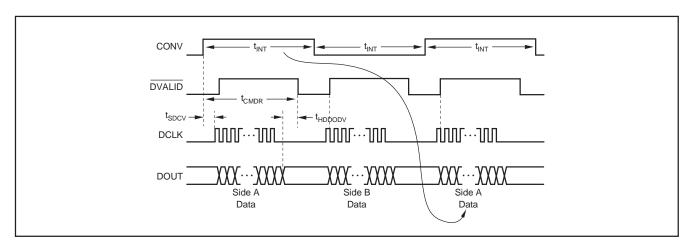


Figure 21. Readback After CONV Toggles



#### RETRIEVAL BEFORE AND AFTER CONV TOGGLES (CONTINUOUS MODE)

For the absolute maximum time for data retrieval, data can be retrieved before and after CONV toggles. Nearly all of  $t_{\rm INT}$  is available for data retrieval. Figure 22 illustrates how this is done by combining the two previous methods. Pause the retrieval during CONV toggling to prevent digital noise, as discussed previously, and finish before the next data is ready. The maximum number of DDC232s that can be daisy-chained together with FORMAT = 1 is:

$$\frac{t_{INT} - (t_{SDCV} + t_{SDCV} + t_{HDDODV})}{(20 \times 32)\tau_{DCLK}}$$
(4)

NOTE:  $(16 \times 32)\tau_{DCLK}$  is used for FORMAT = 0.

For  $t_{\text{INT}}$  = 400 $\mu$ s and DCLK = 10MHz, the maximum number of DDC232s is 5 (or 7 for FORMAT = 0).

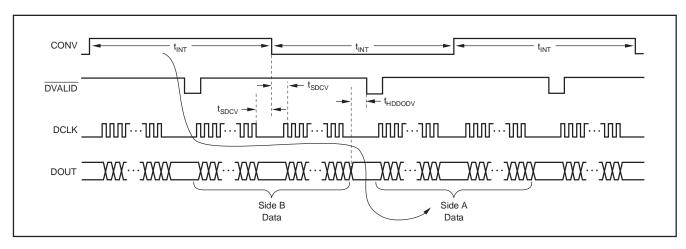


Figure 22. Readback Before and After CONV Toggles



#### **RETRIEVAL: NON-CONTINUOUS MODE**

Retrieving in non-continuous mode is slightly different as compared with the continuous mode. As illustrated in Figure 23,  $\overline{\text{DVALID}}$  goes low in time  $t_{\text{NCDR1}}$  after the first integration completes. If  $t_{\text{INT}}$  is shorter than this time, all of  $t_{\text{NCDR2}}$  is available to retrieve data before the other side data is ready. For  $t_{\text{INT}} > t_{\text{NCDR1}}$ , the first integration data is ready before the second integration completes. Data retrieval must be delayed until the second integration completes, leaving less time available for retrieval.

The time available is  $t_{NCDR2} - (t_{INT} - t_{NCDR1})$ . Data from the second integration must be retrieved before the next round of integration begins. This time is highly dependent on the pattern used to generate CONV. As with the continuous mode, data retrieval must halt before and after CONV toggles  $(t_{SDCV})$  and be completed before new data is ready  $(t_{HDDODV})$ .

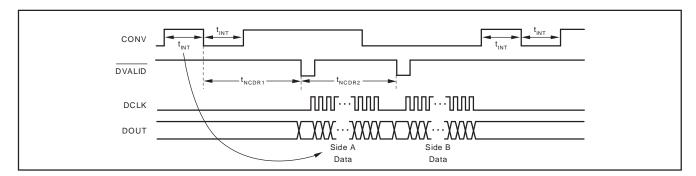


Figure 23. Readback in Non-Continuous Mode



#### **POWER-UP SEQUENCING**

Prior to power-up, all digital and analog inputs must be low. At the time of power-up, all of these signals should remain low until the power supplies have stabilized, as shown in Figure 24. At this time, begin supplying the master clock signal to the CLK pin. Wait for time  $t_{POR}$ , then give a RESET pulse. After releasing RESET, the configuration register must be programmed. Table 12 shows the timing for the power-up sequence.

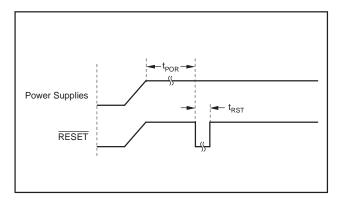


Figure 24. DDC232 Timing Diagram at Power-Up

Table 12. Timing for DDC232 Power-Up Sequence

SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
t <sub>POR</sub>	Wait After Power-Up Until Reset	250			ms
t <sub>RST</sub>	Reset Low Width	1			μs

#### **LAYOUT**

#### **POWER SUPPLIES AND GROUNDING**

Both AVDD and DVDD should be as quiet as possible. It is particularly important to eliminate noise from AVDD that is non-synchronous with the DDC232 operation. Figure 25 illustrates how to supply power to the DDC232. Each supply of the DDC232 should be bypassed with  $10\mu F$  solid tantalum capacitors. It is recommended that both the analog and digital grounds (AGND and DGND) be connected to a single ground plane on the printed circuit board (PCB).

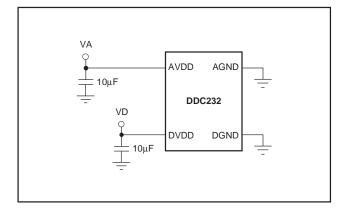


Figure 25. Power-Supply Connections

#### Shielding Analog Signal Paths

As with any precision circuit, careful PCB layout will ensure the best performance. It is essential to make short, direct interconnections and avoid stray wiring capacitance—particularly at the analog input pins and QGND. These analog input pins extremely high-impedance and sensitive to extraneous noise. The QGND pin should be treated as a sensitive analog signal and connected directly to the supply ground with proper shielding. Leakage currents between the PCB traces can exceed the input bias current of the DDC232 if shielding is not implemented. Digital signals should be kept as far as possible from the analog input signals on the PCB.



#### PACKAGE OPTION ADDENDUM

25-Nov-2008

#### **PACKAGING INFORMATION**

Orderable Device	Status <sup>(1)</sup>	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	Package Qty	Eco Plan <sup>(2)</sup>	Lead/Ball Finish	MSL Peak Temp <sup>(3)</sup>
DDC232CGXGR	ACTIVE	NFBGA	GXG	64	1000	TBD	SN/PB	Level-3-240C-168 HR
DDC232CGXGT	ACTIVE	NFBGA	GXG	64	250	TBD	SN/PB	Level-3-240C-168 HR
DDC232CZXGR	ACTIVE	NFBGA	ZXG	64	1000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	SNAGCU	Level-3-260C-168 HR
DDC232CZXGT	ACTIVE	NFBGA	ZXG	64	250	Green (RoHS &	SNAGCU	Level-3-260C-168 HR

(1) The marketing status values are defined as follows:

ACTIVE: Product device recommended for new designs.

LIFEBUY: TI has announced that the device will be discontinued, and a lifetime-buy period is in effect.

**NRND:** Not recommended for new designs. Device is in production to support existing customers, but TI does not recommend using this part in a new design.

PREVIEW: Device has been announced but is not in production. Samples may or may not be available.

**OBSOLETE:** TI has discontinued the production of the device.

(2) Eco Plan - The planned eco-friendly classification: Pb-Free (RoHS), Pb-Free (RoHS Exempt), or Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br) - please check http://www.ti.com/productcontent for the latest availability information and additional product content details.

TBD: The Pb-Free/Green conversion plan has not been defined.

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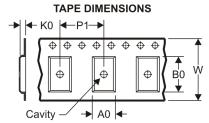
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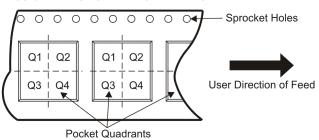
### TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION





A0	Dimension designed to accommodate the component width
B0	Dimension designed to accommodate the component length
K0	Dimension designed to accommodate the component thickness
W	Overall width of the carrier tape
P1	Pitch between successive cavity centers

QUADRANT ASSIGNMENTS FOR PIN 1 ORIENTATION IN TAPE



#### \*All dimensions are nominal

Device		Package Drawing			Reel Diameter (mm)	Reel Width W1 (mm)	A0 (mm)	B0 (mm)	K0 (mm)	P1 (mm)	W (mm)	Pin1 Quadrant
DDC232CGXGR	NFBGA	GXG	64	1000	330.0	16.4	8.3	8.3	2.25	12.0	16.0	Q1
DDC232CGXGT	NFBGA	GXG	64	250	330.0	16.4	8.3	8.3	2.25	12.0	16.0	Q1



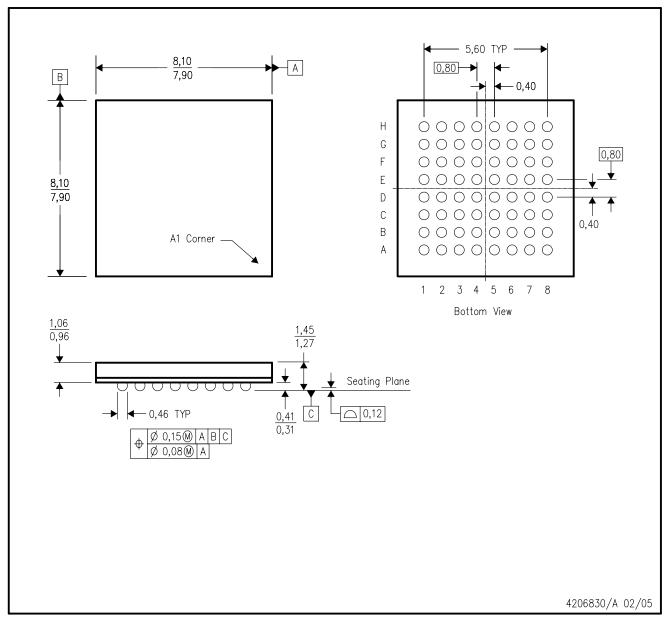


\*All dimensions are nominal

Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Height (mm)
DDC232CGXGR	NFBGA	GXG	64	1000	333.2	345.9	28.6
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# GXG (S-PBGA-N64)

# PLASTIC BALL GRID ARRAY



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