



## WIDEBAND, LOW NOISE, LOW DISTORTION FULLY DIFFERENTIAL AMPLIFIER WITH RAIL-TO-RAIL OUTPUTS

### FEATURES

- Fully Differential Architecture With Rail-to-Rail Outputs
- Centered Input Common-mode Range
- Minimum Gain of 1 V/V (0 dB)
- Bandwidth: 620 MHz
- Slew Rate: 570 V/ $\mu$ s
- 0.1% Settling Time: 7 ns
- HD<sub>2</sub>: -115 dBc at 100 kHz, V<sub>OD</sub> = 8 V<sub>PP</sub>
- HD<sub>3</sub>: -123 dBc at 100 kHz, V<sub>OD</sub> = 8 V<sub>PP</sub>
- Input Voltage Noise: 2 nV/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  (f > 10 kHz)
- Output Common-Mode Control
- Power Supply:
  - Voltage: 3.3 V ( $\pm 1.5$  V) to 5 V ( $\pm 2.5$  V)
  - Current: 14.2 mA
- Power-Down Capability: 15  $\mu$ A

### APPLICATIONS

- 5-V and 3.3-V Data Acquisition Systems
- High Linearity ADC Amplifier
- Wireless Communication
- Test and Measurement
- Voice Processing Systems

### RELATED PRODUCTS

Device	BW (MHZ)	Slew Rate (V/ $\mu$ sec)	THD (dBc)	V <sub>N</sub> (nV/Hz)
THS4509	2000	6600	-102 at 10 MHz	1.9
THS4500	370	2800	-82 at 8 MHz	7
THS4130	150	52	-97 at 250 kHz	1.3

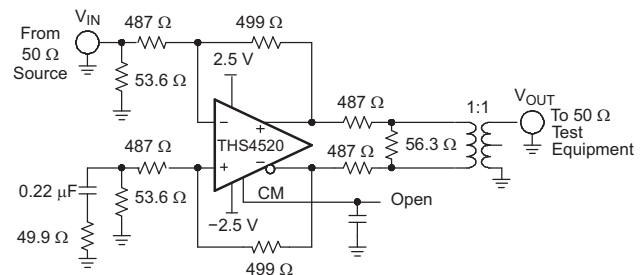
### DESCRIPTION

The THS4520 is a wideband, fully differential operational amplifier designed for 5-V data acquisition systems. It has very low noise at 2 nV/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ , and low harmonic distortion of -115 dBc HD<sub>2</sub> and -123 dBc HD<sub>3</sub> at 100 kHz with 8 V<sub>PP</sub>, and 1-k $\Omega$  load. The slew rate is 570 V/ $\mu$ s, and with a settling time of 7 ns to 0.1% (2-V step), it is ideal for data acquisition applications. It is designed for unity gain stability.

To allow for dc coupling to ADCs, its unique output common-mode control circuit maintains the output common-mode voltage within 0.25 mV offset (typical) from the set voltage. The common-mode set point defaults to mid-supply by internal circuitry, which may be over-driven from an external source.

The input and output are optimized for best performance with their common-mode voltages set to mid-supply. Along with high performance at low power supply voltage, this makes for extremely high performance single supply 5-V and 3.3-V data acquisition systems.

The THS4520 is offered in a Quad 16-pin leadless QFN package (RGT), and is characterized for operation over the full industrial temperature range from -40°C to 85°C.



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ESD damage can range from subtle performance degradation to complete device failure. Precision integrated circuits may be more susceptible to damage because very small parametric changes could cause the device not to meet its published specifications.

### ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

		UNIT
$V_{S-}$ to $V_{S+}$	Supply voltage	6 V
$V_I$	Input voltage	$\pm V_S$
$V_{ID}$	Differential input voltage	4 V
$I_O$	Output current <sup>(1)</sup>	200 mA
Continuous power dissipation		See Dissipation Rating Table
$T_J$	Maximum junction temperature	150°C
	Maximum junction temperature, continuous operation, long term reliability	125°C
$T_A$	Operating free-air temperature range	−40°C to 85°C
$T_{stg}$	Storage temperature range	−65°C to 150°C
Lead temperature 1,6 mm (1/16 inch) from case for 10 seconds		300°C
ESD ratings	HBM	2000
	CDM	1500
	MM	100

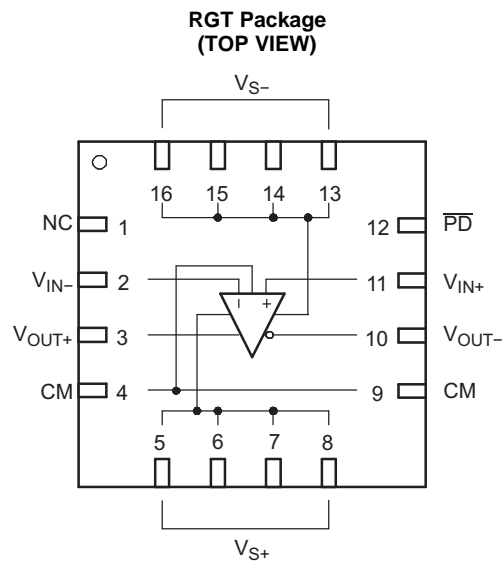
(1) The THS4520 incorporates a (QFN) exposed thermal pad on the underside of the chip. See TI technical brief [SLMA002](#) and [SLMA004](#) for more information about utilizing the QFN thermally enhanced package.

### DISSIPATION RATINGS TABLE PER PACKAGE

PACKAGE <sup>(1)</sup>	$\theta_{JC}$	$\theta_{JA}$	POWER RATING	
			$T_A \leq 25^\circ\text{C}$	$T_A = 85^\circ\text{C}$
RGT (16)	2.4°C/W	39.5°C/W	2.3 W	225 mW

(1) For the most current package and ordering information, see the Package Option Addendum at the end of this document, or see the TI Web site at [www.ti.com](http://www.ti.com).

**DEVICE INFORMATION**



**TERMINAL FUNCTIONS**

TERMINAL (RGT PACKAGE)		DESCRIPTION
NO.	NAME	
1	NC	No internal connection
2	V <sub>IN-</sub>	Inverting amplifier input
3	V <sub>OUT+</sub>	Non-inverted amplifier output
4, 9	CM	Common-mode voltage input
5, 6, 7, 8	V <sub>S+</sub>	Positive amplifier power supply input
10	V <sub>OUT-</sub>	Inverted amplifier output
11	V <sub>IN+</sub>	Non-inverting amplifier input
12	$\overline{\text{PD}}$	Powerdown, $\overline{\text{PD}}$ = logic low puts part into low power mode, $\overline{\text{PD}}$ = logic high or open for normal operation. If the PD pin is open (unterminated) the device will default to the enabled state.
13, 14, 15, 16	V <sub>S-</sub>	Negative amplifier power supply input

**SPECIFICATIONS;  $V_{S+} - V_{S-} = 5\text{ V}$ :**

Test conditions unless otherwise noted:  $V_{S+} = +2.5\text{ V}$ ,  $V_{S-} = -2.5\text{ V}$ ,  $G = 0\text{ dB}$ ,  $CM = \text{open}$ ,  $V_O = 2\text{ V}_{PP}$ ,  $R_F = 499\ \Omega$ ,  $R_L = 200\ \Omega$  Differential,  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$  Single-Ended Input, Differential Output, Input and Output Referenced to mid-supply

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT	TEST LEVEL <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>AC PERFORMANCE</b>							
Small-Signal Bandwidth	G = 0 dB, $V_O = 100\text{ mV}_{PP}$			620		MHz	C
	G = 6 dB, $V_O = 100\text{ mV}_{PP}$			450		MHz	
	G = 10 dB, $V_O = 100\text{ mV}_{PP}$			330		MHz	
	G = 20 dB, $V_O = 100\text{ mV}_{PP}$			120		MHz	
Gain-Bandwidth Product	G = 20 dB			1200		MHz	
Bandwidth for 0.1 dB flatness	G = 10 dB, $V_O = 2\text{ V}_{PP}$			30		MHz	
Large-Signal Bandwidth	G = 10 dB, $V_O = 2\text{ V}_{PP}$			132		MHz	
Slew Rate (Differential)	2-V Step			570		V/ $\mu\text{s}$	
Rise Time				4		ns	
Fall Time				4			
Settling Time to 1%				6.2			
Settling Time to 0.1%				7			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Order Harmonic Distortion	f = 100 kHz, $R_L = 1\text{ k}\Omega$	$V_{OD} = 8\text{ V}_{PP}$		-115		dBc	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Order Harmonic Distortion	f = 100 kHz, $R_L = 1\text{ k}\Omega$	$V_{OD} = 8\text{ V}_{PP}$		-123		dBc	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Order Intermodulation Distortion	1-kHz Tone Spacing, $R_L = 1\text{ k}\Omega$ , $V_{OD} = 4\text{ V}_{PP}/\text{Tone}$	$f_C = 100\text{ kHz}$		-135		dBc	
Input Voltage Noise	f > 10 kHz			2		nV/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	
Input Current Noise	f > 10 kHz			2		pA/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	
<b>DC PERFORMANCE</b>							
Open-Loop Voltage Gain ( $A_{OL}$ )				112		dB	C
Input Offset Voltage	$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$			$\pm 0.25$	$\pm 2.5$	mV	A
	$T_A = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to $85^\circ\text{C}$			$\pm 0.25$	$\pm 3$	mV	
Input Bias Current	$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$			6.5	10	$\mu\text{A}$	A
	$T_A = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to $85^\circ\text{C}$			6.4	11	$\mu\text{A}$	
Input Offset Current	$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$			$\pm 0.2$	$\pm 2.5$	$\mu\text{A}$	A
	$T_A = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to $85^\circ\text{C}$			$\pm 0.2$	$\pm 3$	$\mu\text{A}$	
<b>INPUT</b>							
Common-Mode Input Range High				1.75		V	B
Common-Mode Input Range Low				-1.3			
Common-Mode Rejection Ratio				84		dB	

(1) Test levels: (A) 100% tested at 25°C. Overtemperature limits by characterization and simulation. (B) Limits set by characterization and simulation. (C) Typical value only for information.

**SPECIFICATIONS;  $V_{S+} - V_{S-} = 5\text{ V}$ : (continued)**

 Test conditions unless otherwise noted:  $V_{S+} = +2.5\text{ V}$ ,  $V_{S-} = -2.5\text{ V}$ ,  $G = 0\text{ dB}$ ,  $CM = \text{open}$ ,  $V_O = 2 V_{PP}$ ,  $R_F = 499\ \Omega$ ,  $R_L = 200\ \Omega$  Differential,  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$  Single-Ended Input, Differential Output, Input and Output Referenced to mid-supply

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT	TEST LEVEL <sup>(1)</sup>	
<b>OUTPUT</b>							
Maximum Output Voltage High	Each output with 100 $\Omega$ to mid-supply	$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$	1.95	2.16	V	A	
		$T_A = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to $85^\circ\text{C}$	1.9	2.16			
Minimum Output Voltage Low		$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$		-2.16	-1.95		V
		$T_A = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to $85^\circ\text{C}$		-2.16	-1.9		
Differential Output Voltage Swing	$T_A = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to $85^\circ\text{C}$	7.8	8.64		V		
Differential Output Current Drive	$R_L = 10\ \Omega$		105		mA	C	
Output Balance Error	$V_O = 100\text{ mV}$ , $f = 1\text{ MHz}$		-80		dB		
<b>OUTPUT COMMON-MODE VOLTAGE CONTROL</b>							
Small-Signal Bandwidth			230		MHz	C	
Gain			1		V/V		
Output Common-Mode Offset from CM input	$1.25\text{ V} < CM < 3.5\text{ V}$		$\pm 0.25$		mV		
CM Input Bias Current	$1.25\text{ V} < CM < 3.5\text{ V}$		0.6		$\mu\text{A}$		
CM Input Voltage		-1.5		1.5	V		
CM Default Voltage	$CM = 0.5 (V_{S+} + V_{S-})$		0		V		
<b>POWER SUPPLY</b>							
Specified Operating Voltage		3	5	5.25	V	C	
Maximum Quiescent Current	$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$		14.2	15.3	mA	A	
	$T_A = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to $85^\circ\text{C}$		14.2	15.5			
Minimum Quiescent Current	$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$	13.1	14.2		mA		
	$T_A = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to $85^\circ\text{C}$	12.75	14.2				
Power Supply Rejection ( $\pm\text{PSRR}$ )			94		dB	C	
<b>POWERDOWN</b>							
Enable Voltage Threshold	Referenced to $V_{S-}$ For additional information, see the <i>Application Information</i> section of this data sheet.		>1.5		V	C	
Disable Voltage Threshold				<-1.5			V
Powerdown Quiescent Current	$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$		15	70	$\mu\text{A}$	A	
	$T_A = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to $85^\circ\text{C}$		15	75			

**SPECIFICATIONS;  $V_{S+} - V_{S-} = 3.3\text{ V}$ :**

Test conditions unless otherwise noted:  $V_{S+} = +1.65\text{ V}$ ,  $V_{S-} = -1.65\text{ V}$ ,  $G = 0\text{ dB}$ ,  $CM = \text{open}$ ,  $V_O = 1\text{ V}_{PP}$ ,  $R_F = 499\ \Omega$ ,  $R_L = 200\ \Omega$  Differential,  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$  Single-Ended Input, Differential Output, Input and Output Referenced to mid-supply

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	TYP	UNIT	TEST LEVEL <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>AC PERFORMANCE</b>				
Small-Signal Bandwidth	$G = 0\text{ dB}$ , $V_O = 100\text{ mV}_{PP}$	600	MHz	C
	$G = 6\text{ dB}$ , $V_O = 100\text{ mV}_{PP}$	400	MHz	
	$G = 10\text{ dB}$ , $V_O = 100\text{ mV}_{PP}$	310	MHz	
	$G = 20\text{ dB}$ , $V_O = 100\text{ mV}_{PP}$	120	MHz	
Gain-Bandwidth Product	$G = 20\text{ dB}$	1200	MHz	
Bandwidth for 0.1-dB flatness	$G = 6\text{ dB}$ , $V_O = 1\text{ V}_{PP}$	30	MHz	
Large-Signal Bandwidth	$G = 6\text{ dB}$ , $V_O = 1\text{ V}_{PP}$		GHz	
Slew Rate (Differential)	2-V Step	520	V/ $\mu\text{s}$	
Rise Time		4	ns	
Fall Time		4		
Settling Time to 1%		6.6		
Settling Time to 0.1%		7.1		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Order Harmonic Distortion	$f = 100\text{ kHz}$ , $V_{OD} = 4\text{ V}_{PP}$ , $R_L = 1\text{ k}\Omega$	-135	dBc	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Order Harmonic Distortion	$f = 100\text{ kHz}$ , $V_{OD} = 4\text{ V}_{PP}$ , $R_L = 1\text{ k}\Omega$	-146	dBc	
Input Voltage Noise	$f > 10\text{ kHz}$	2	nV/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	
Input Current Noise	$f > 10\text{ kHz}$	2	pA/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	
<b>DC PERFORMANCE</b>				
Open-Loop Voltage Gain ( $A_{OL}$ )		104	dB	C
Input Offset Voltage	$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$	$\pm 0.25$	mV	
Input Bias Current	$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$	6.5	$\mu\text{A}$	
Input Offset Current	$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$	$\pm 0.2$	$\mu\text{A}$	
<b>INPUT</b>				
Common-Mode Input Range High		1.4	V	C
Common-Mode Input Range Low		-0.45		
Common-Mode Rejection Ratio		84	dB	

(1) Test levels: (A) 100% tested at 25°C. Overtemperature limits by characterization and simulation. (B) Limits set by characterization and simulation. (C) Typical value only for information.

**SPECIFICATIONS;  $V_{S+} - V_{S-} = 3.3\text{ V}$ : (continued)**

Test conditions unless otherwise noted:  $V_{S+} = +1.65\text{ V}$ ,  $V_{S-} = -1.65\text{ V}$ ,  $G = 0\text{ dB}$ ,  $CM = \text{open}$ ,  $V_O = 1\text{ V}_{PP}$ ,  $R_F = 499\ \Omega$ ,  $R_L = 200\ \Omega$  Differential,  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$  Single-Ended Input, Differential Output, Input and Output Referenced to mid-supply

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	TYP	UNIT	TEST LEVEL <sup>(1)</sup>	
<b>OUTPUT</b>					
Maximum Output Voltage High	Each output with $100\ \Omega$ to mid-supply	$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$	1.4	V	C
Minimum Output Voltage Low		$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$	-1.4	V	
Differential Output Voltage Swing			5.6	V	
Differential Output Current Drive	$R_L = 10\ \Omega$		78	mA	
Output Balance Error	$V_O = 100\text{ mV}$ , $f = 1\text{ MHz}$		-80	dB	
<b>OUTPUT COMMON-MODE VOLTAGE CONTROL</b>					
Small-Signal Bandwidth			224	MHz	C
Gain			1	V/V	
Output Common-Mode Offset from CM input	$1.25\text{ V} < CM < 3.5\text{ V}$		$\pm 0.25$	mV	
CM Input Bias Current	$1.25\text{ V} < CM < 3.5\text{ V}$		0.6	$\mu\text{A}$	
CM Default Voltage	$CM = 0.5 (V_{S+} + V_{S-})$		0	V	
<b>POWER SUPPLY</b>					
Specified Operating Voltage	$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$		3.3	V	C
Quiescent Current			13	mA	
Power Supply Rejection ( $\pm\text{PSRR}$ )			94	dB	
<b>POWERDOWN</b>					
	Referenced to $V_{S-}$				
Enable Voltage Threshold	For additional information, see the <i>Application Information</i> section of this data sheet.		>1	V	C
Disable Voltage Threshold			<-1	V	
Powerdown Quiescent Current			10	$\mu\text{A}$	

TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

TYPICAL AC PERFORMANCE:  $V_{S+} - V_{S-} = 5\text{ V}$

Test conditions unless otherwise noted:  $V_{S+} = +2.5\text{ V}$ ,  $V_{S-} = -2.5\text{ V}$ , CM = open,  $V_O = 2\text{ V}_{PP}$ ,  $R_F = 499\ \Omega$ ,  $R_L = 200\ \Omega$   
 Differential, G = 0 dB, Single-Ended Input, Input and Output Referenced to Midrail

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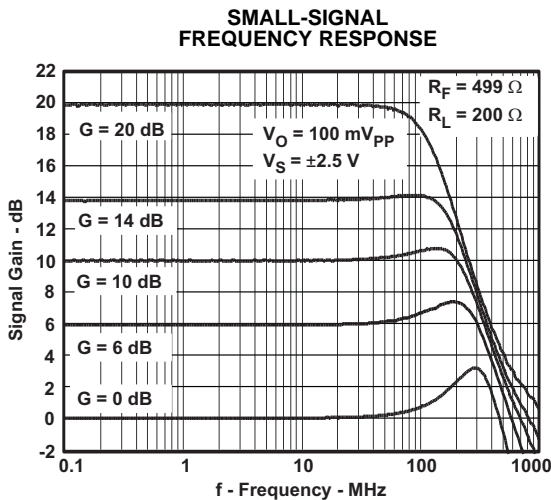


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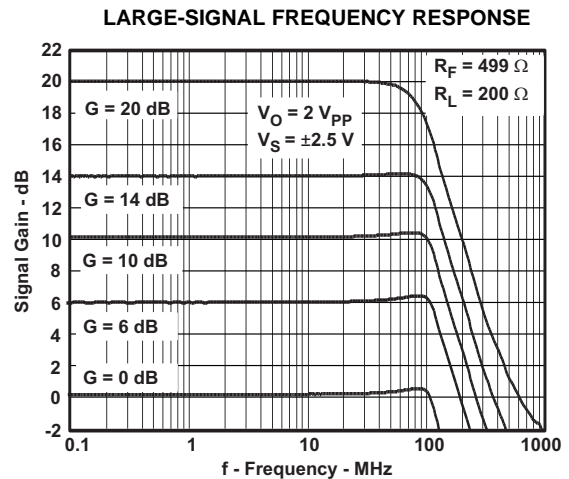


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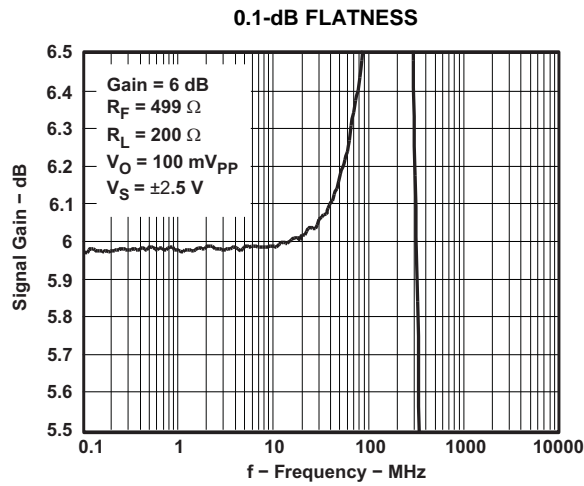


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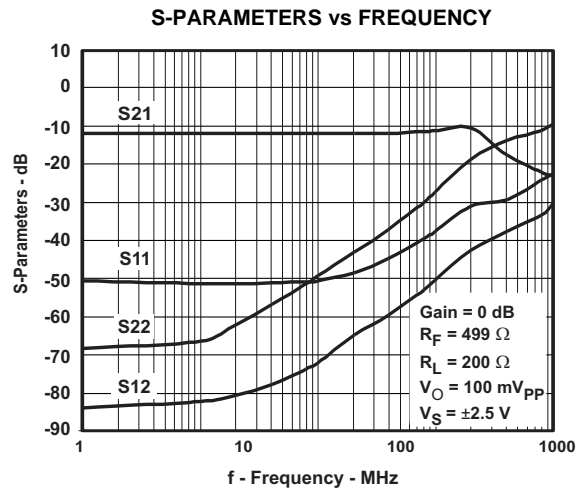


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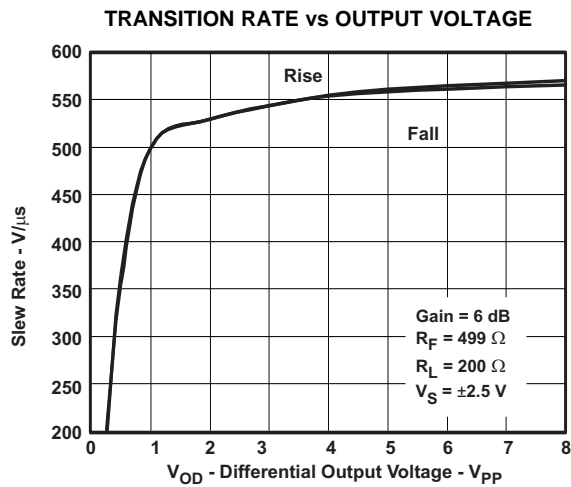


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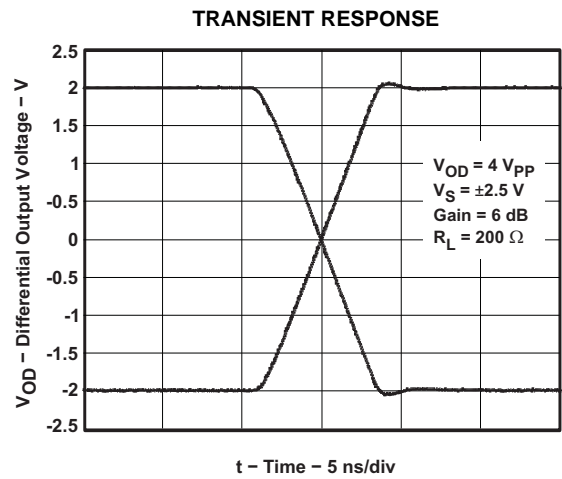


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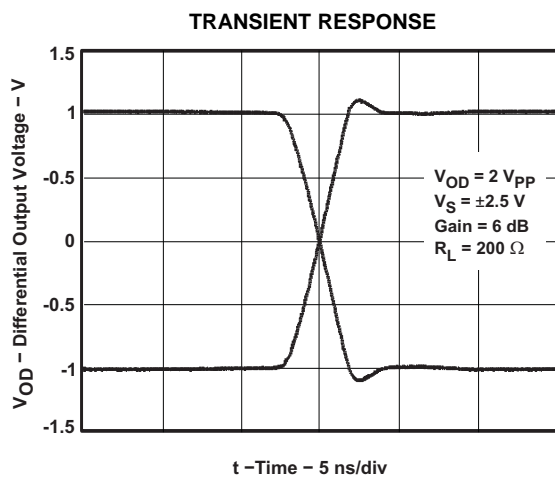


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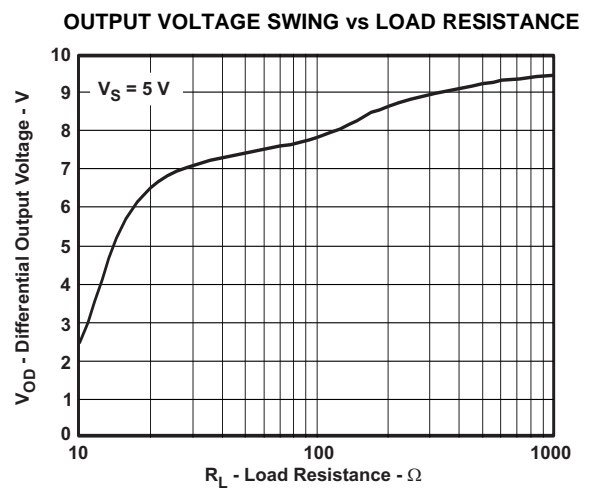


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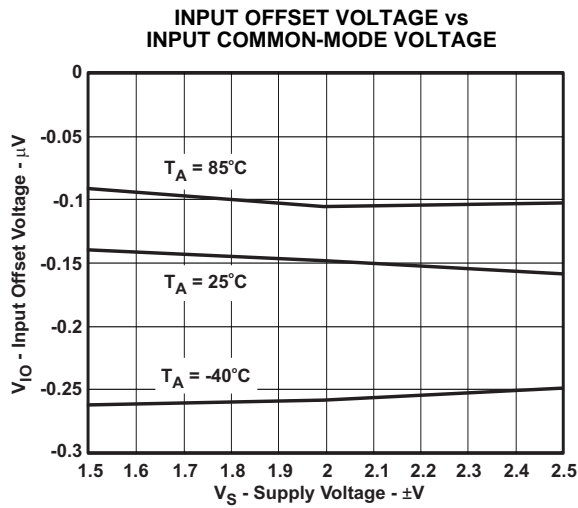


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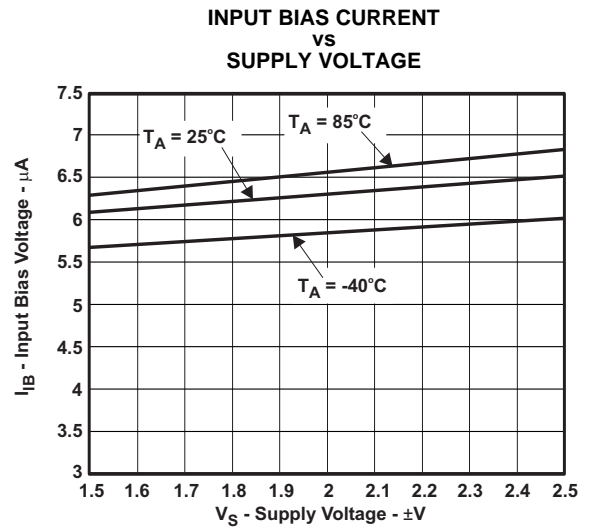


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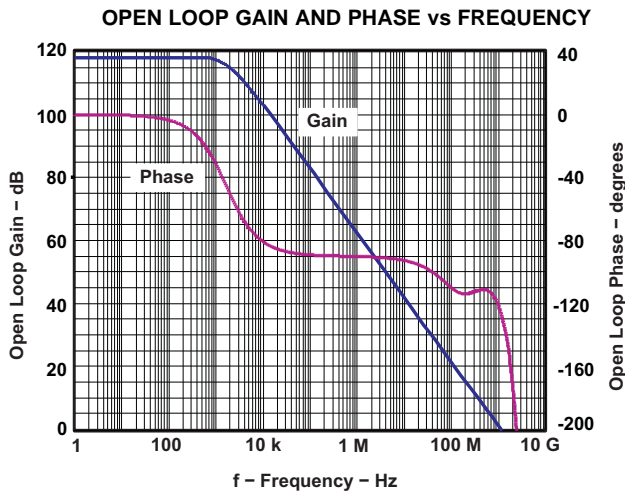


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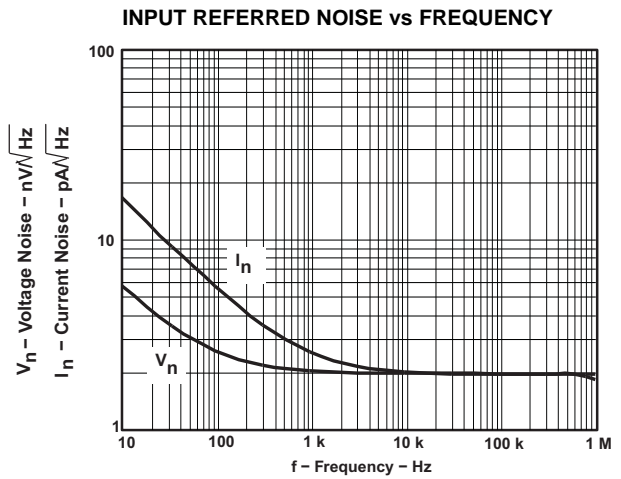


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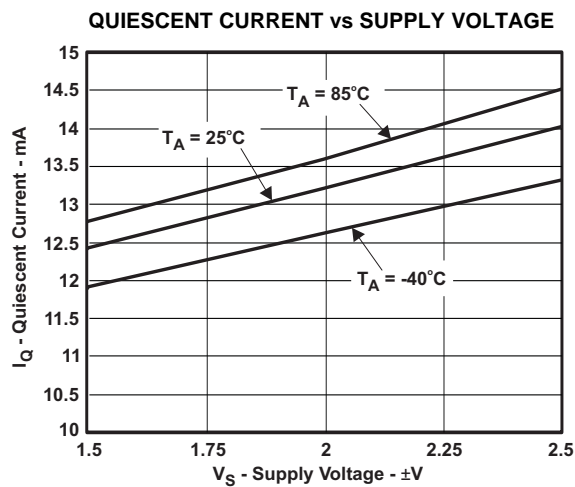


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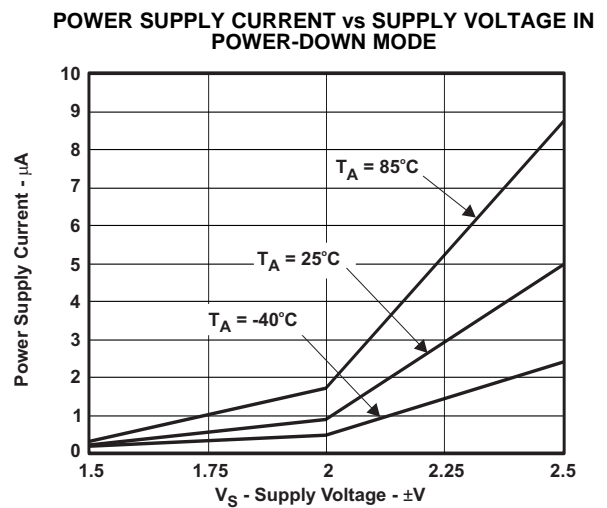


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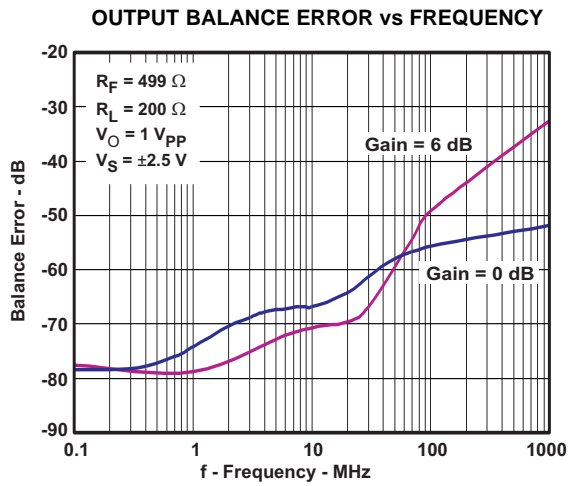


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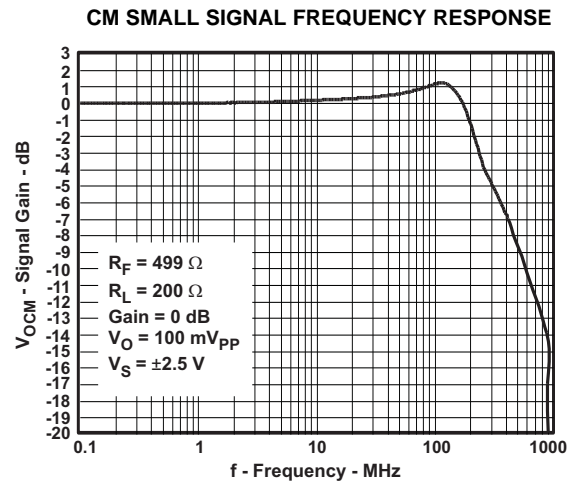


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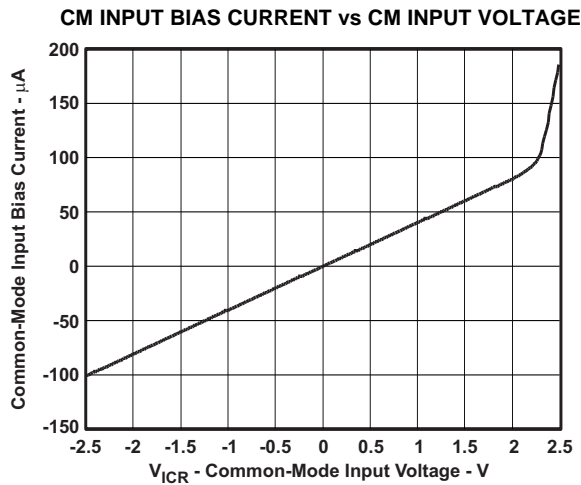


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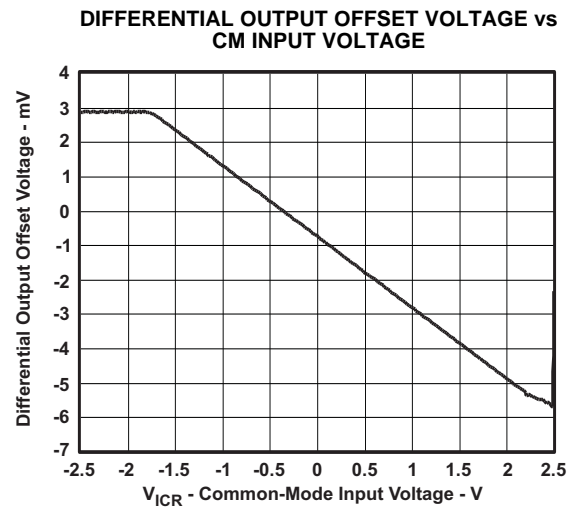


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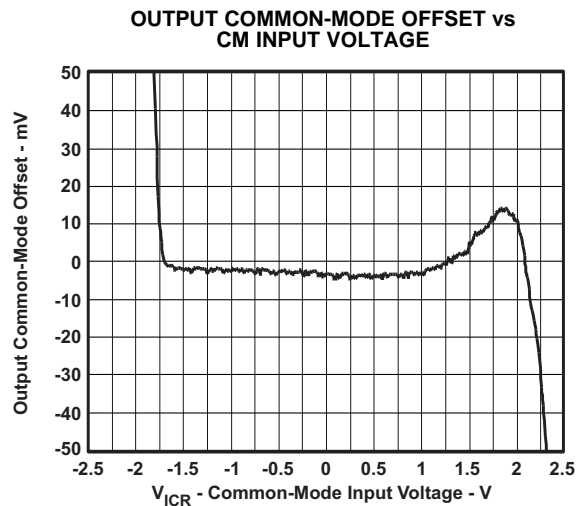


Figure 19.

**TYPICAL AC PERFORMANCE:  $V_{S+} - V_{S-} = 3.3\text{ V}$**

Test conditions unless otherwise noted:  $V_{S+} = 1.65\text{ V}$ ,  $V_{S-} = -1.65\text{ V}$ , CM = open,  $V_{OD} = 1\text{ V}_{PP}$ ,  $R_F = 499\ \Omega$ ,  $R_L = 200\ \Omega$   
Differential, G = 0 dB, Single-Ended Input, Input and Output Referenced to Midrail

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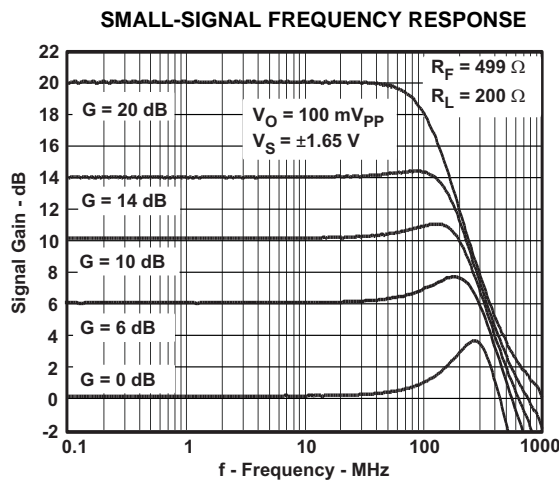


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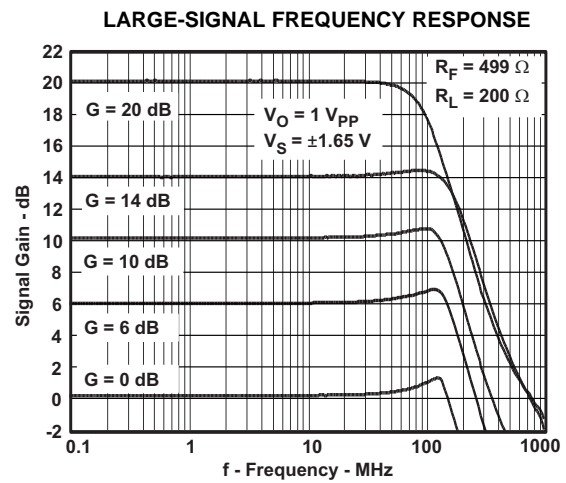


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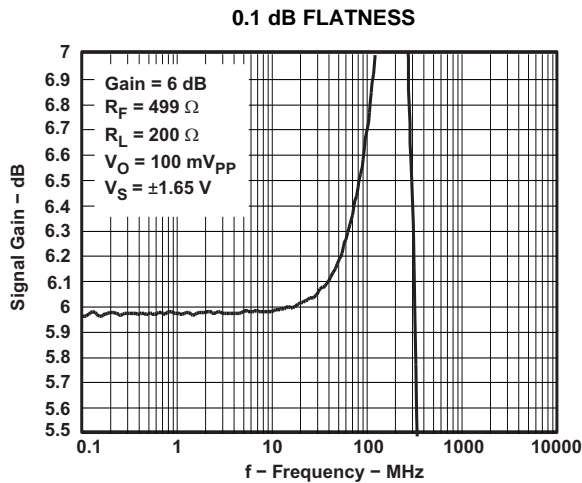


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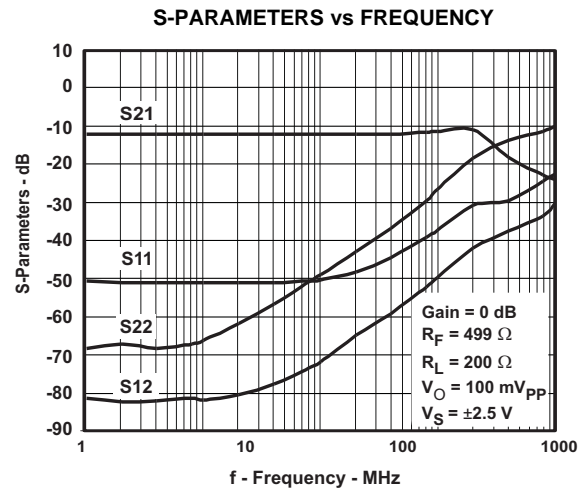


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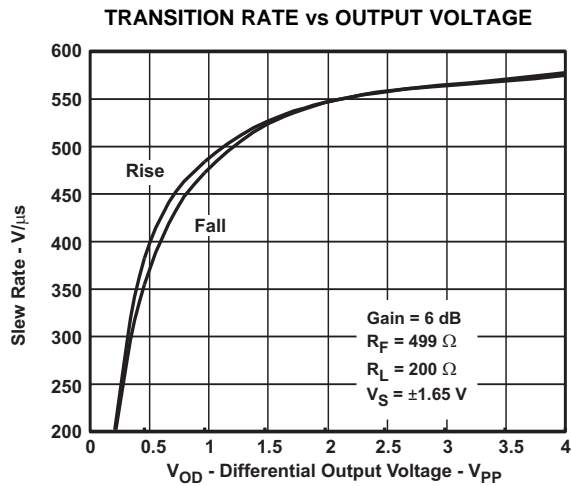


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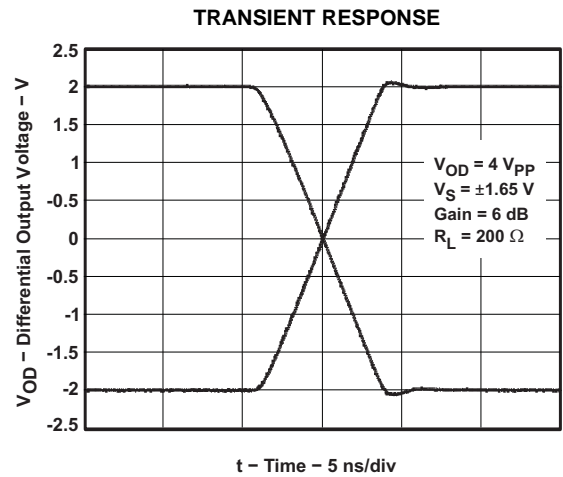


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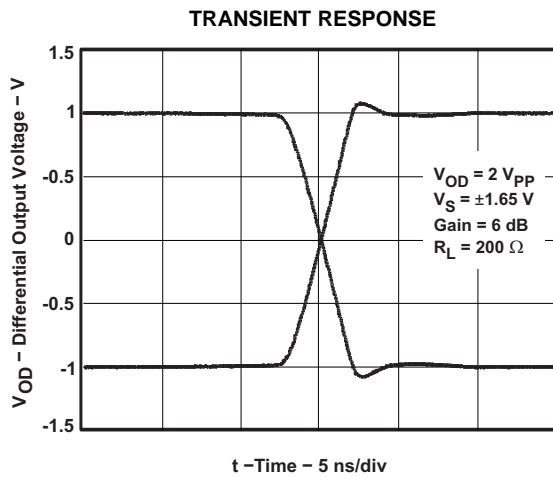


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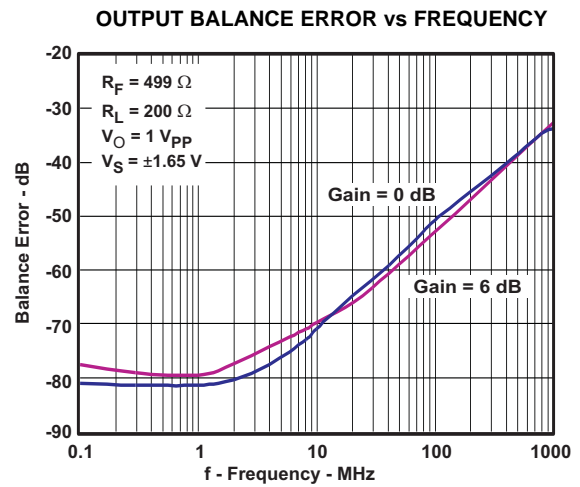


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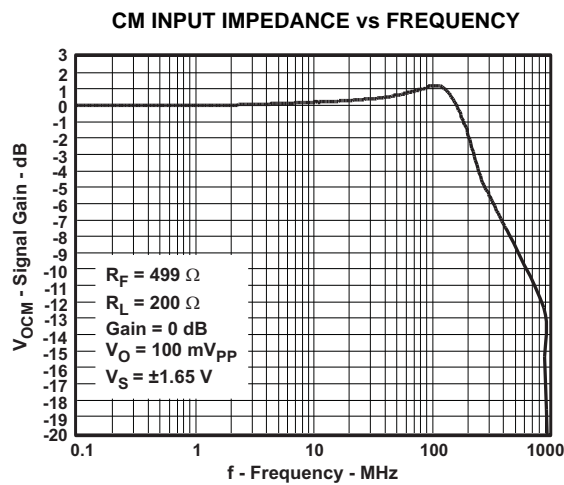
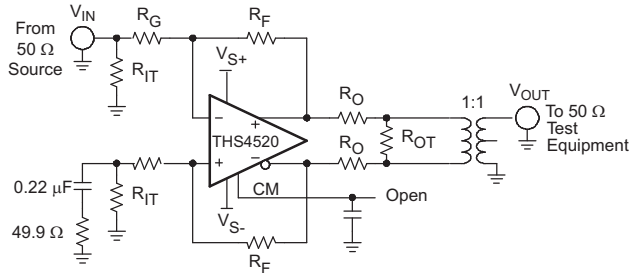


Figure 28.

**TEST CIRCUITS**

The THS4520 is tested with the following test circuits built on the EVM. For simplicity, power supply decoupling is not shown – see layout in the applications section for recommendations.



**Figure 29. General Test Circuit for Device Testing and Characterization**

Depending on the test conditions, component values are changed per the following tables, or as otherwise noted. The signal generators used are ac coupled 50-ohm sources and a 0.22-ohmF capacitor and a 49.9-ohm resistor to ground are inserted across RIT on the alternate input to balance the circuit. A split power supply is used to ease the interface to common test equipment, but the amplifier can be operated single-supply as described in the applications section with no impact on performance.

**Table 1. Gain Component Values**

GAIN	RF	RG	RIT
0 dB	499 ohm	487 ohm	53.6 ohm
6 dB	499 ohm	243 ohm	57.6 ohm
10 dB	499 ohm	147 ohm	63.4 ohm
14 dB	499 ohm	88.7 ohm	71.5 ohm
20 dB	499 ohm	34.8 ohm	115 ohm

**Note:** The gain setting includes 50-ohm source impedance. Components are chosen to achieve gain and 50-ohm input termination.

**Table 2. Load Component Values**

RL	RO	ROT	Atten.
100 ohm	25 ohm	open	6 dB
200 ohm	86.6 ohm	69.8 ohm	16.8 dB
499 ohm	237 ohm	56.2 ohm	25.5 dB
1 k ohm	487 ohm	52.3 ohm	31.8 dB

**Note:** The total load includes 50-ohm termination by the test equipment. Components are chosen to achieve load and 50-ohm line termination through a 1:1 transformer.

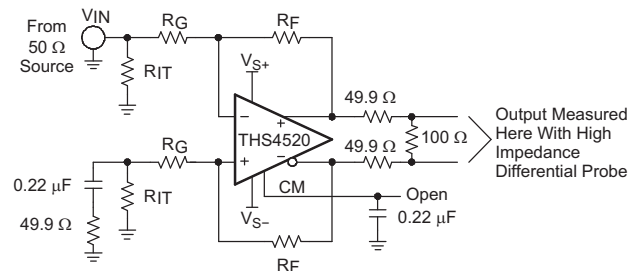
Due to the voltage divider on the output formed by the load component values, the amplifier's output is attenuated in test. The column *Atten* in Table 2 shows the attenuation expected from the resistor divider. When using a transformer at the output the signal will have slightly more loss, and the numbers will be approximate.

**Frequency Response**

The general circuit shown in Figure 29 is modified as shown in Figure 30, and is used to measure the frequency response of the device.

A network analyzer is used as the signal source and as the measurement device. The output impedance of the network analyzer is 50 ohm. RIT and RG are chosen to impedance match to 50 ohm, and to maintain the proper gain. To balance the amplifier, a 0.22-ohmF capacitor and 49.9-ohm resistor to ground are inserted across RIT on the alternate input.

The output is probed using a high-impedance differential probe across the 100-ohm resistor. The gain is referred to the amplifier output by adding back the 6-dB loss due to the voltage divider on the output.

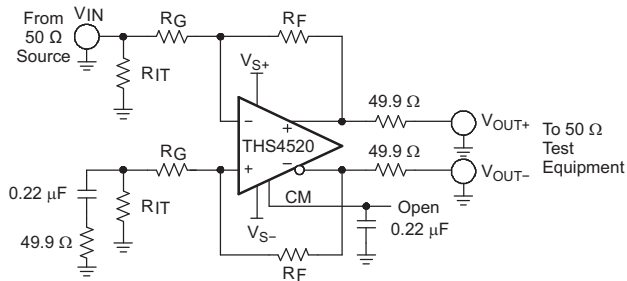


**Figure 30. Frequency Response Test Circuit**

**S-Parameter, Slew Rate, Transient Response, Settling Time, Output Voltage**

The circuit shown in [Figure 31](#) is used to measure s-parameters, slew rate, transient response, settling time, and output voltage swing.

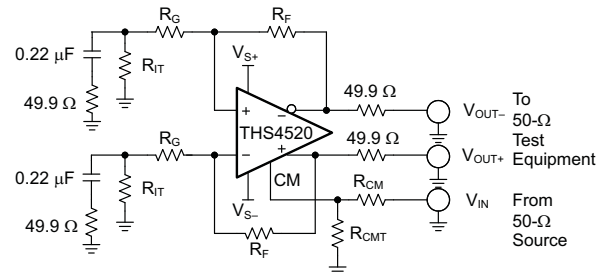
Because S21 is measured single-ended at the load with 50-Ω double termination, add 12 dB to see the amplifier's output as a differential signal.



**Figure 31. S-Parameter, SR, Transient Response, Settling Time, V<sub>OUT</sub> Swing**

**CM Input**

The circuit shown in [Figure 32](#) is used to measure the frequency response of the CM input. Frequency response is measured single-ended at V<sub>OUT+</sub> or V<sub>OUT-</sub> with the input injected at V<sub>IN</sub>, R<sub>CM</sub> = 0 Ω and R<sub>CMT</sub> = 49.9 Ω.



**Figure 32. CM Input Test Circuit**

APPLICATION INFORMATION

APPLICATIONS

The following circuits show application information for the THS4520. For simplicity, power supply decoupling capacitors are not shown in these diagrams. For more detail on the use and operation of fully differential op amps see application report *Fully-Differential Amplifiers (SLOA054)*.

Differential Input to Differential Output Amplifier

The THS4520 is a fully differential op amp, and can be used to amplify differential input signals to differential output signals. A basic block diagram of the circuit is shown in [Figure 33](#) (CM input not shown). The gain of the circuit is set by  $R_F$  divided by  $R_G$ .

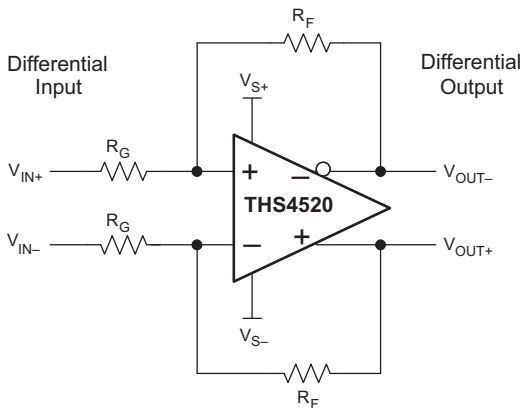


Figure 33. Differential Input to Differential Output Amplifier

Depending on the source and load, input and output termination can be accomplished by adding  $R_{IT}$  and  $R_O$ .

Single-Ended Input to Differential Output Amplifier

The THS4520 can be used to amplify and convert single-ended input signals to differential output signals. A basic block diagram of the circuit is shown in [Figure 34](#) (CM input not shown). The gain of the circuit is again set by  $R_F$  divided by  $R_G$ .

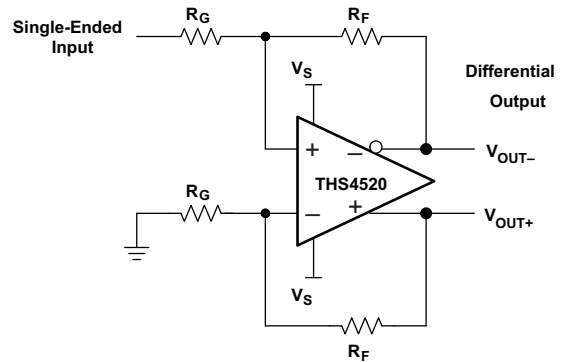


Figure 34. Single-Ended Input to Differential Output Amplifier

Input Common-Mode Voltage Range

The input common-mode voltage of a fully differential op amp is the voltage at the '+' and '-' input pins of the op amp.

It is important to not violate the input common-mode voltage range ( $V_{ICR}$ ) of the op amp. Assuming the op amp is in linear operation, the differential voltage across the input pins is only a few millivolts at most. So finding the voltage at one input pin determines the input common-mode voltage of the op amp.

Treating the negative input as a summing node, the voltage is given by [Equation 1](#):

$$V_{IC} = \left( V_{OUT+} \times \frac{R_G}{R_G + R_F} \right) + \left( V_{IN-} \times \frac{R_F}{R_G + R_F} \right) \tag{1}$$

To determine the  $V_{ICR}$  of the op amp, the voltage at the negative input is evaluated at the extremes of  $V_{OUT+}$ .

As the gain of the op amp increases, the input common-mode voltage becomes closer and closer to the input common-mode voltage of the source.

Setting the Output Common-Mode Voltage

The output common-mode voltage is set by the voltage at the CM pin(s). The internal common-mode control circuit maintains the output common-mode voltage within 0.25-mV offset (typical) from the set voltage, when set within  $\pm 0.5$  V of mid-supply. If left unconnected, the common-mode set point is set to mid-supply by internal circuitry, which may be over-driven from an external source. [Figure 35](#) is representative of the CM input. The internal CM circuit has about 230 MHz of bandwidth, which is



required for best performance, but it is intended to be a DC bias input pin. Bypass capacitors are recommended on this pin to reduce noise at the output. The external current required to overdrive the internal resistor divider is given by Equation 2:

$$I_{EXT} = \frac{2V_{CM} - (V_{S+} - V_{S-})}{50 \text{ k}\Omega} \quad (2)$$

where  $V_{CM}$  is the voltage applied to the CM pin.

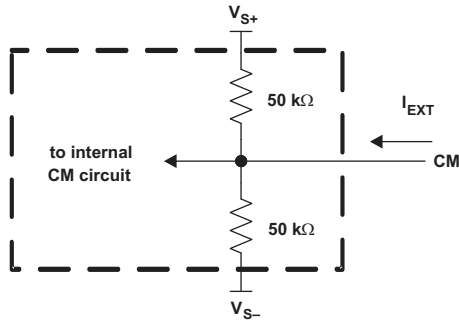


Figure 35. CM Input Circuit

### Powerdown Operation: Device Enable/Disable Thresholds

The enable/disable thresholds of the THS4520 are dependent upon the power supplies, and the thresholds are always referenced to the lower power supply rail. The device is enabled or disabled for the following conditions:

- Device enabled:  $V_{PD} > V_{S-} + 0.8 \times (V_{S+} - V_{S-})$
- Device disabled:  $V_{PD} < V_{S-} + 0.2 \times (V_{S+} - V_{S-})$

If the  $\overline{PD}$  pin is left open, the device will default to the enabled state.

Table 3 shows the thresholds for some common power supply configurations:

Table 3. Power Supply Configurations

Power Supply ( $V_{S+}$ , $V_{S-}$ )	Enable Threshold (V)	Disable Threshold (V)	Comment
$\pm 2.5$ V	1.5	-1.5	Shown in data table
$\pm 1.65$ V	1	-1	Shown in data table
(4 V, -1 V)	3	0	Split, unbalanced supplies
(5 V, gnd)	4	1	Single-sided supply
(3.3 V, gnd)	2.64	0.66	Single-sided supply
(3 V, gnd)	2.4	0.6	Single-sided supply

### Single-Supply Operation (3 V to 5 V)

To facilitate testing with common lab equipment, the THS4520 EVM allows split-supply operation, and the characterization data presented in this data sheet was taken with split-supply power inputs. The device can easily be used with a single-supply power input without degrading the performance. Figure 36, Figure 37, and Figure 38 show DC and AC-coupled single-supply circuits with single-ended inputs. These configurations all allow the input and output common-mode voltage to be set to mid-supply allowing for optimum performance. The information presented here can also be applied to differential input sources.

In Figure 36, the source is referenced to the same voltage as the CM pin ( $V_{CM}$ ).  $V_{CM}$  is set by the internal circuit to mid-supply.  $R_T$  along with the input impedance of the amplifier circuit provides input termination, which is also referenced to  $V_{CM}$ .

Note  $R_S$  and  $R_T$  are added to the alternate input from the signal input to balance the amplifier. Alternately, one resistor can be used equal to the combined value  $R_G + R_S || R_T$  on this input. This is also true of the circuits shown in Figure 37 and Figure 38.

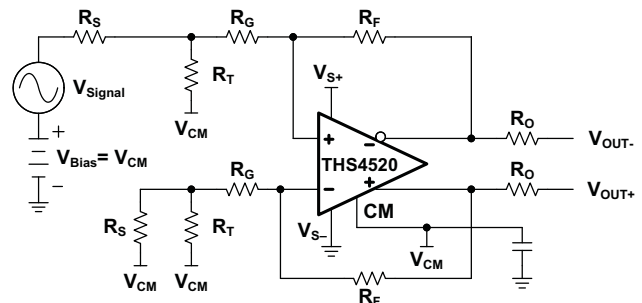


Figure 36. THS4520 DC Coupled Single-Supply with Input Biased to  $V_{CM}$

In Figure 37 the source is referenced to ground and so is the input termination resistor.  $R_{PU}$  is added to the circuit to avoid violating the  $V_{ICR}$  of the op amp. The proper value of resistor to add can be calculated from Equation 3:

$$R_{PU} = \frac{(V_{IC} - V_{S+})}{V_{CM} \left( \frac{1}{R_F} \right) - V_{IC} \left( \frac{1}{R_{IN}} + \frac{1}{R_F} \right)} \quad (3)$$

$V_{IC}$  is the desired input common-mode voltage,  $V_{CM} = CM$ , and  $R_{IN} = R_G + R_S || R_T$ . To set to mid-supply, make the value of  $R_{PU} = R_G + R_S || R_T$ .

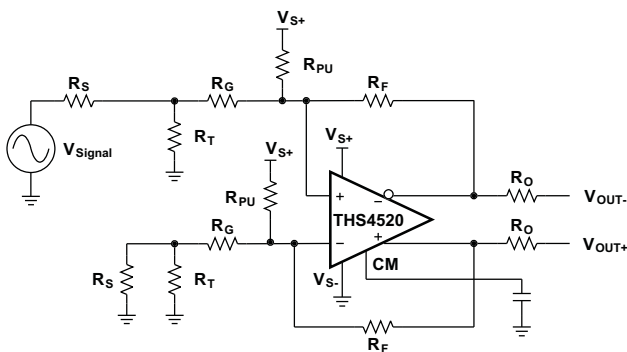
Table 4 is a modification of Table 1 to add the proper values with  $R_{PU}$  assuming a 50- $\Omega$  source impedance and setting the input and output common-mode voltage to mid-supply.

There are two drawbacks to this configuration. One is it requires additional current from the power supply. Using the values shown for a gain of 0 dB requires 10 mA more current with 5-V supply, and 6.5 mA more current with 3.3-V supply.

The other drawback is this configuration also increases the noise gain of the circuit. In the 10-dB gain case, noise gain increases by a factor of 1.7.

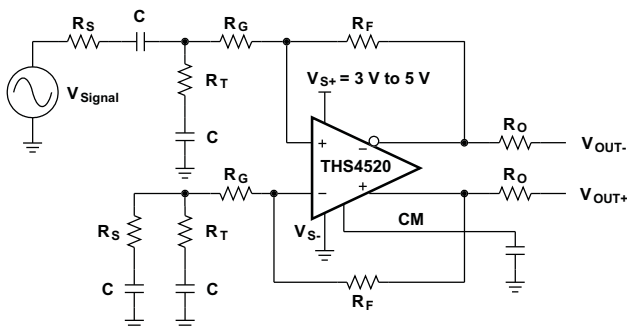
**Table 4. RPU Values for Various Gains**

Gain	R <sub>F</sub>	R <sub>G</sub>	R <sub>IT</sub>	R <sub>PU</sub>
0 dB	499 Ω	487 Ω	54.9 Ω	511 Ω
6 dB	499 Ω	243 Ω	59 Ω	270 Ω
10 dB	499 Ω	150 Ω	68.1 Ω	178 Ω
14 dB	499 Ω	93.1 Ω	82.5 Ω	124 Ω
20 dB	499 Ω	40.2 Ω	221 Ω	80.6 Ω



**Figure 37. THS4520 DC Coupled Single-Supply with R<sub>PU</sub> Used to Set V<sub>IC</sub>**

Figure 38 shows AC coupling to the source. Using capacitors in series with the termination resistors allows the amplifier to self-bias both input and output to mid-supply.

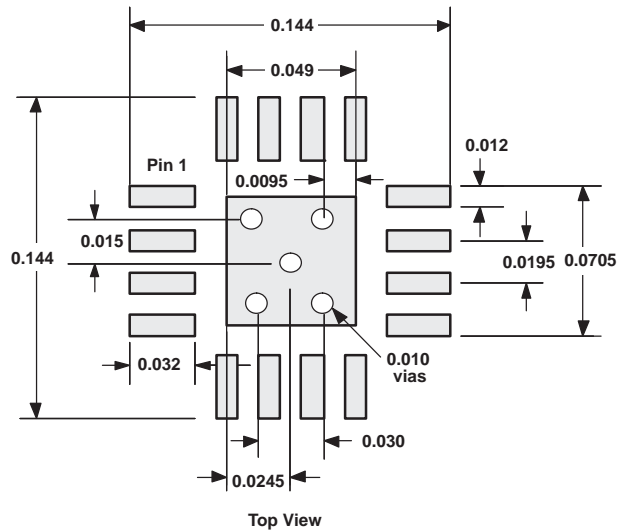


**Figure 38. THS4520 AC Coupled Single-Supply**

**Layout Recommendations**

It is recommended to follow the layout of the external components near the amplifier, ground plane construction, and power routing of the EVM as closely as possible. General guidelines are:

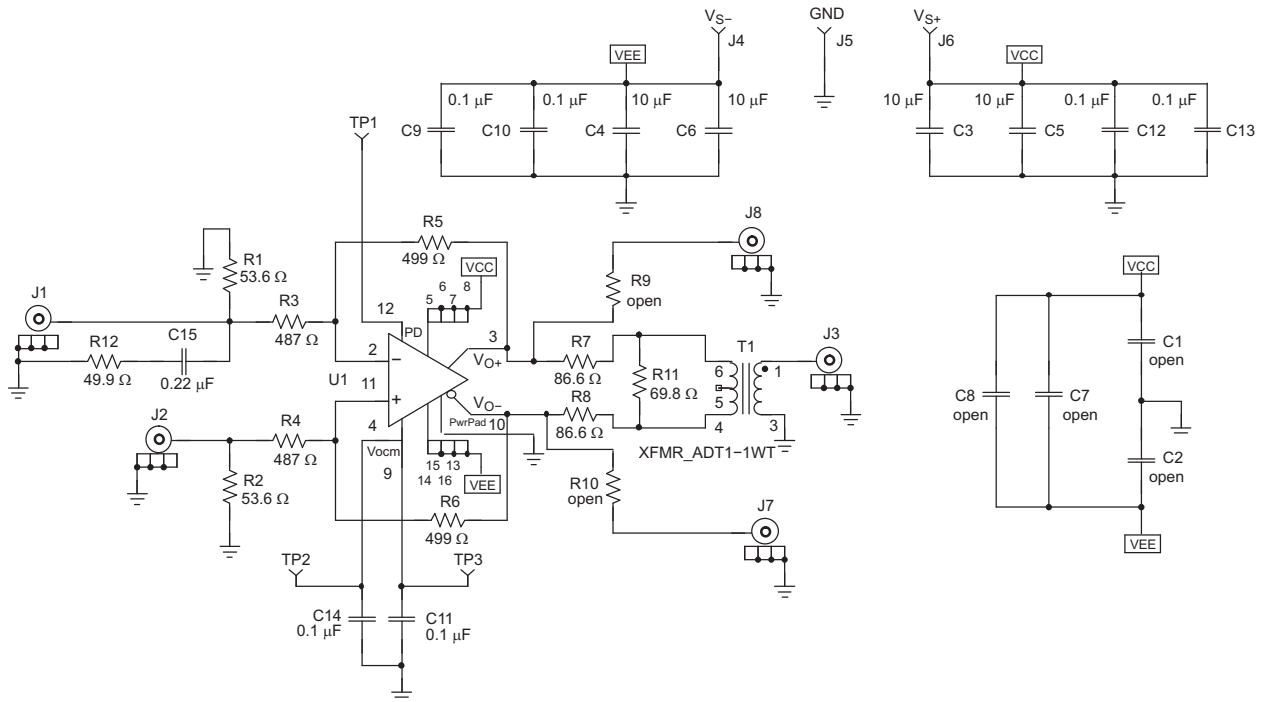
1. Signal routing should be direct and as short as possible into and out of the op amp circuit.
2. The feedback path should be short and direct avoiding vias.
3. Ground or power planes should be removed from directly under the amplifier's input and output pins.
4. An output resistor is recommended on each output, as near to the output pin as possible.
5. Two 10-μF and two 0.1-μF power-supply decoupling capacitors should be placed as near to the power-supply pins as possible.
6. Two 0.1-μF capacitors should be placed between the CM input pins and ground. This limits noise coupled into the pins. One each should be placed to ground near pin 4 and pin 9.
7. It is recommended to split the ground plane on layer 2 (L2) as shown below and to use a solid ground on layer 3 (L3). A single-point connection should be used between each split section on L2 and L3.
8. A single-point connection to ground on L2 is recommended for the input termination resistors R1 and R2. This should be applied to the input gain resistors if termination is not used.
9. The THS4520 recommended PCB footprint is shown in Figure 39.



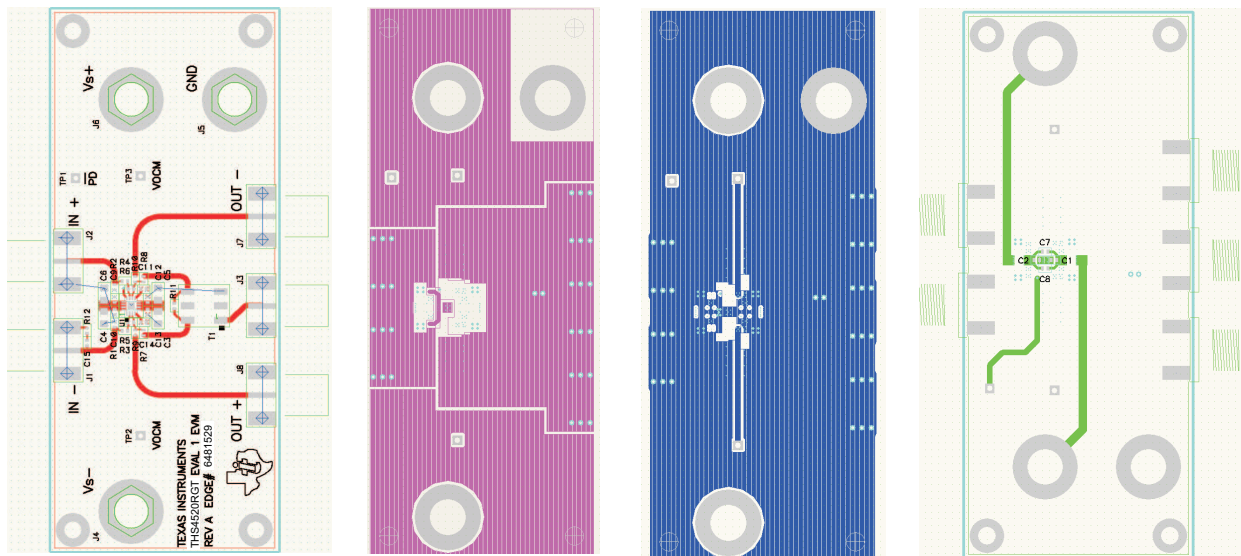
**Figure 39. QFN Etch and Via Pattern**

**THS4520 EVM**

Figure 40 is the THS4520 EVAL1 EVM schematic, layers 1 through 4 of the PCB are shown Figure 41, and Table 5 is the bill of material for the EVM as supplied from TI.



**Figure 40. THS4520 EVAL1 EVM Schematic**



**Figure 41. THS4520 EVAL1 EVM Layer 1 through 4**

**Table 5. THS4520 EVAL1 EVM Bill of Materials**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	SMD SIZE	REFERENCE DESIGNATOR	PCB QTY	MANUFACTURER'S PART NUMBER
1	CAP, 10.0 $\mu$ F, Ceramic, X5R, 6.3V	0805	C3, C4, C5, C6	4	(AVX) 08056D106KAT2A
2	CAP, 0.1 $\mu$ F, Ceramic, X5R, 10V	0402	C9, C10, C11, C12, C13, C14	6	(AVX) 0402ZD104KAT2A
3	CAP, 0.22 $\Omega$ F, Ceramic, X5R, 6.3V	0402	C15	1	(AVX) 04026D224KAT2A
4	OPEN	0402	C1, C2, C7, C8	4	
5	OPEN	0402	R9, R10	2	
6	Resistor, 49.9 $\Omega$ , 1/16W, 1%	0402	R12	1	(KOA) RK73H1ETTP49R9F
7	Resistor, 53.6 $\Omega$ , 1/16W, 1%	0402	R1, R2	2	(KOA) RK73H1ETTP53R6F
8	Resistor, 69.8 $\Omega$ , 1/16W, 1%	0402	R11	1	(KOA) RK73H1ETTP69R8F
9	Resistor, 86.6 $\Omega$ , 1/16W, 1%	0402	R7, R8	2	(KOA) RK73H1ETTP86R6F
10	Resistor, 487 $\Omega$ , 1/16W, 1%	0402	R3, R4	2	(KOA) RK73H1ETTP4870F
11	Resistor, 499 $\Omega$ , 1/16W, 1%	0402	R5, R6	2	(KOA) RK73H1ETTP4990F
12	Transformer, RF		T1	1	(MINI-CIRCUITS) ADT1-1WT
13	Jack, banana receptance, 0.25" diameter hole		J4, J5, J6	3	(HH SMITH) 101
14	OPEN		J1, J7, J8	3	
15	Connector, edge, SMA PCB Jack		J2, J3	2	(JOHNSON) 142-0701-801
16	Test point, Red		TP1, TP2, TP3	3	(KEYSTONE) 5000
17	IC, THS4520		U1	1	(TI) THS4520RGT
18	Standoff, 4-40 HEX, 0.625" length			4	(KEYSTONE) 1808
19	SCREW, PHILLIPS, 4-40, 0.250"			4	SHR-0440-016-SN
20	Printed circuit board			1	(TI) EDGE# 6481529

**EVM WARNINGS AND RESTRICTIONS**

It is important to operate this EVM within the input voltage range of 3 V to 5 V and the output voltage range of 3 V to 5 V.

Exceeding the specified input range may cause unexpected operation and/or irreversible damage to the EVM. If there are questions concerning the input range, please contact a TI field representative prior to connecting the input power.

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During normal operation, some circuit components may have case temperatures greater than 85°C. The EVM is designed to operate properly with certain components above 85°C as long as the input and output ranges are maintained. These components include but are not limited to linear regulators, switching transistors, pass transistors, and current sense resistors. These types of devices can be identified using the EVM schematic located in the EVM User's Guide. When placing measurement probes near these devices during operation, please be aware that these devices may be very warm to the touch.

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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>
THS4520RGTR	ACTIVE	QFN	RGT	16	3000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR
THS4520RGTRG4	ACTIVE	QFN	RGT	16	3000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR
THS4520RGTT	ACTIVE	QFN	RGT	16	250	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR
THS4520RGTTG4	ACTIVE	QFN	RGT	16	250	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR

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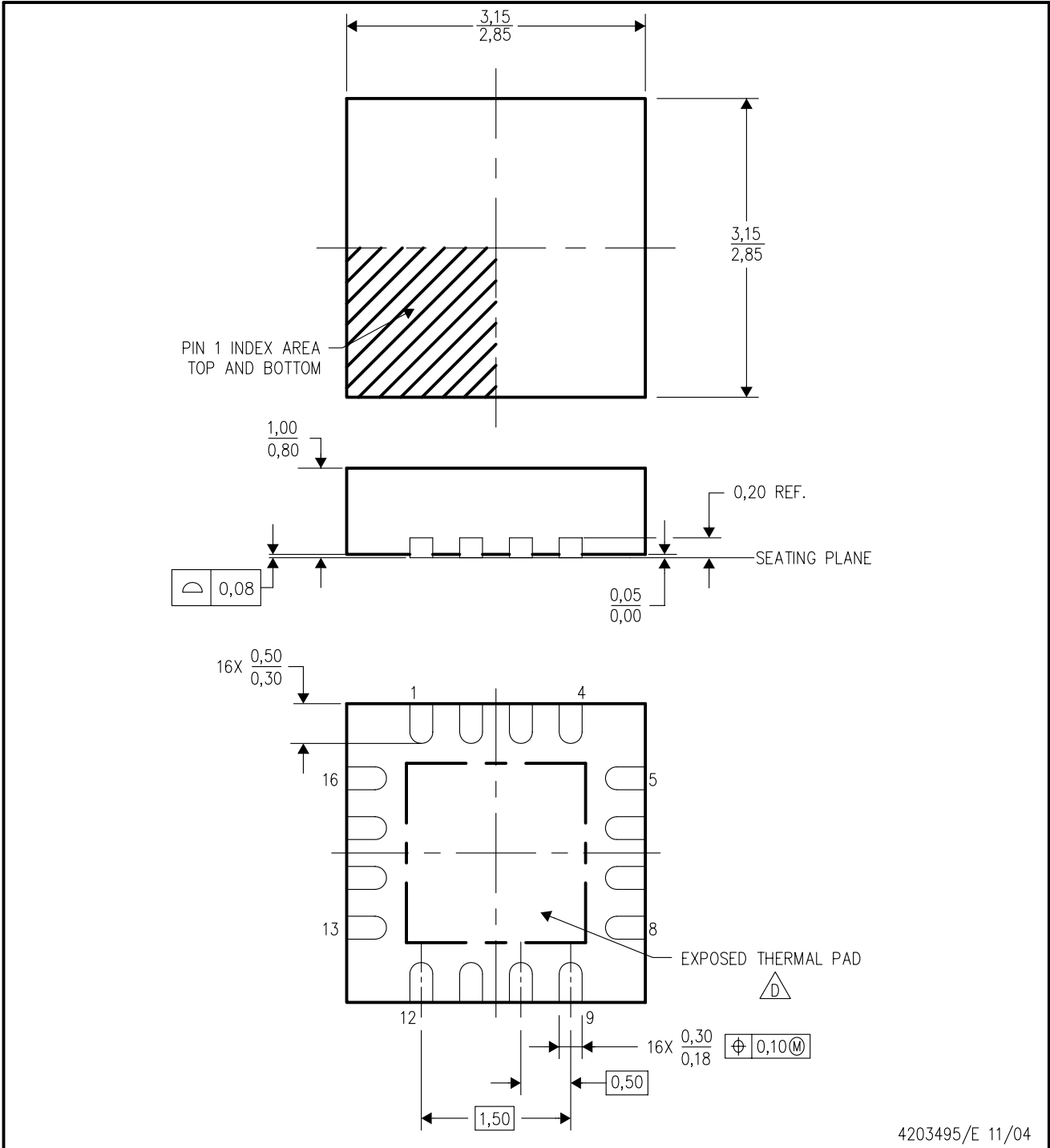
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  - B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
  - C. Quad Flatpack, No-leads (QFN) package configuration.
  - D. The package thermal pad must be soldered to the board for thermal and mechanical performance. See the Product Data Sheet for details regarding the exposed thermal pad dimensions.
  - E. Falls within JEDEC MO-220.

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