## FEATURES

128 Position
$10 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 50 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 100 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$
Power Shutdown: Less than $1 \mu \mathrm{~A}$
3-Wire SPI Compatible Serial Data Input
+5 V to +30 V Single Supply Operation $\pm 5 \mathrm{~V}$ to $\pm 15 \mathrm{~V}$ Dual Supply Operation Midscale Preset

## APPLICATIONS

# Mechanical Potentiometer Replacement Instrumentation: Gain, Offset Adjustment Programmable Voltage-to-Current Conversion Programmable Filters, Delays, Time Constants <br> Line Impedance Matching <br> Power Supply Adjustment 

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The AD 7376 provides a single channel, 128-position digitallycontrolled variable resistor (VR) device. This device performs the same electronic adjustment function as a potentiometer or variable resistor. These products were optimized for instrument and test equipment applications where a combination of high voltage with a choice between bandwidth or power dissipation are available as a result of the wide selection of end-to-end terminal resistance values. T he AD 7376 contains a fixed resistor with a wiper contact that taps the fixed resistor value at a point determined by a digital code loaded into the SPI-compatible serial-input register. T he resistance between the wiper and either endpoint of the fixed resistor varies linearly with respect to the digital code transferred into the VR latch. T he variable resistor offers a completely programmable value of resistance between the A terminal and the wiper or the $B$ terminal and the wiper. The fixed $A$ to $B$ terminal resistance of $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 50 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ or $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ has a nominal temperature coefficient of $-300 \mathrm{ppm} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
The VR has its own VR latch which holds its programmed resistance value. The VR latch is updated from an internal serial-toparallel shift register which is loaded from a standard 3-wire serial-input digital interface. Seven data bits make up the data word clocked into the serial data input register (SDI). Only the last seven bits of the data word loaded are transferred into the 7-bit VR latch when the $\overline{\mathrm{CS}}$ strobe is returned to logic high. A serial data output pin (SDO) at the opposite end of the serial register allows simple daisy-chaining in multiple VR applications without additional external decoding logic.
The reset ( $\overline{\mathrm{RS}}$ ) pin forces the wiper to the midscale position by loading $40_{H}$ into the VR latch. The $\overline{\text { SHDN }}$ pin forces the resistor
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## FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM


to an end-to-end open circuit condition on the A terminal and shorts the wiper to the $B$ terminal, achieving a microwatt power shutdown state. When shutdown is returned to logic high, the previous latch settings put the wiper in the same resistance setting prior to shutdown as long as power to $\mathrm{V}_{D D}$ is not removed. T he digital interface is still active in shutdown so that code changes can be made that will produce a new wiper position when the device is taken out of shutdown.

T he AD 7376 is available in both surface mount (SOL-16) and the 14-lead plastic DIP package. F or ultracompact solutions selected models are available in the thin TSSOP package. All parts are guaranteed to operate over the extended industrial temperature range of $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. F or operation at lower supply voltages ( +3 V to +5 V ), see the AD 8400/AD 8402/ AD 8403 products.


Figure 1. Detail Timing Diagram
The last seven data bits clocked into the serial input register will be transferred to the VR 7-bit latch when $\overline{\mathrm{CS}}$ returns to logic high. Extra data bits are ignored.

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## AD7376- SPECIFICATIONS

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS $\begin{gathered}\left(\mathrm{V}_{D O} / \mathrm{V}_{5 S}= \pm 15 \mathrm{~V} \pm 10 \% \text { or } \pm 5 \mathrm{~V} \pm 10 \%, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{A}}=+\mathrm{V}_{D D}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{B}}=\mathrm{V}_{S S} / 0 \mathrm{~V},-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}<\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}<+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .\right. \\ \text { otherwise noted. })\end{gathered}$

| Parameter | Symbol | Conditions | Min | Typ ${ }^{1}$ | Max | Units |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DC CHARACTERISTICS RHEOSTAT M ODE (Specifications Apply to All VRs) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Resistor D ifferential $\mathrm{NL}^{2}$ | R-DNL | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{WB}}, \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{A}}=\mathrm{NC}$ | -1 | $\pm 0.25$ | +1 | LSB |
| Resistor N onlinearity ${ }^{2}$ | R-INL | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{WB}}, \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{A}}=\mathrm{NC}$ | -1 | $\pm 0.5$ | +1 | LSB |
| Nominal Resistor T olerance | $\Delta \mathrm{R}$ | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | -30 |  | 30 |  |
| Resistance T emperature C oefficient | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{AB}} / \Delta \mathrm{T}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{AB}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{DD}}$, Wiper $=$ No Connect |  | -300 |  | ppm/ ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Wiper Resistance | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{w}}$ | $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{W}}= \pm 15 \mathrm{~V} / \mathrm{R}_{\text {NOMINAL }}$ |  | 120 | 200 |  |
| Wiper Resistance | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{w}}$ | $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{W}}= \pm 5 \mathrm{~V} / \mathrm{R}_{\text {NOMINAL }}$ |  | 200 |  | $\Omega$ |
| DC CHARACTERISTICS POTENTIOM ETER DIVIDER MODE (Specifications Apply to All VRs) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Resolution | N |  | 7 |  |  | Bits |
| Integral N onlinearity ${ }^{3}$ | INL |  | -1 | $\pm 0.5$ | +1 | LSB |
| Differential N onlinearity ${ }^{3}$ | DNL |  | -1 | $\pm 0.1$ | +1 | LSB |
| Voltage D ivider T emperature C oefficient | $\Delta \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{w}} / \Delta \mathrm{T}$ | Code $=40{ }_{H}$ |  |  |  | ppm/ ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Full-Scale Error | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {WFSE }}$ | Code $=7 \mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{H}}$ | -2 | -0.5 | +0 | LSB |
| Zero-Scale Error | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {WZSE }}$ | Code $=00_{H}$ | 0 | +0.5 | +1 | LSB |
| RESISTOR TERMINALS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Voltage Range ${ }^{4}$ | $V_{A, B, W}$ |  | $\mathrm{V}_{S S}$ |  | $V_{D D}$ | V |
| Capacitance ${ }^{5} \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{~B}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{\text {A, }} \mathrm{B}$ | $\mathrm{f}=1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{M}$ easured to GND, $\mathrm{Code}=40_{\text {H }}$ |  | 45 |  | pF |
| Capacitance ${ }^{5}$ W | $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{w}}$ | $\mathrm{f}=1 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{M}$ easured to GND, $\operatorname{code}=40_{\text {H }}$ |  | 60 |  | pF |
| Shutdown Supply Current ${ }^{6}$ | $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{A}_{-} \mathrm{SD}}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{A}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{DD}}, \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{B}}=0 \mathrm{~V}$, SHDN $=0$ |  | 0.01 | 1 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Shutdown Wiper Resistance | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{W} \text { _s }}$ | $V_{A}=V_{D D}, V_{B}=0 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{SHDN}=0, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{DD}}=+15 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 170 | 400 | $\Omega$ |
| Common-M ode L eakage | $\mathrm{I}_{\text {CM }}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{A}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{B}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{W}}$ |  | 1 |  | nA |
| DIGITAL INPUTSAND OUTPUTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Input Logic High | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IH }}$ | $V_{\text {DD }}=+5 \mathrm{~V}$ or +15 V | 2.4 |  |  | V |
| Input Logic Low | $V_{\text {IL }}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {D }}=+5 \mathrm{~V}$ or +15 V |  |  | 0.8 | V |
| Output Logic High | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {OH }}$ | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{L}}=2.2 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ to +5 V | 4.9 |  |  | V |
| Output Logic Low ${ }^{7}$ | $V_{\text {OL }}$ | $\mathrm{I}_{\text {OL }}=1.6 \mathrm{~mA}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {LOGIC }}=+5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {DD }}=+15 \mathrm{~V}$ |  |  | 0.4 | V |
| Input Current | $\mathrm{I}_{\text {IL }}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}=0 \mathrm{~V}$ or +15 V |  |  | $\pm 1$ | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Input Capacitance ${ }^{5}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{\text {IL }}$ |  |  | 5 |  | pF |
| POWER SUPPLIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Power Supply Range | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {DD }} \mathrm{N}_{\text {SS }}$ | Dual Supply Range | $\pm 4.5$ |  | $\pm 16.5$ | V |
| Power Supply Range | $V_{D D}$ | Single Supply R ange, $\mathrm{V}_{\text {SS }}=0$ | 4.5 |  | 28 | V |
| Supply Current | $I_{\text {DD }}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IH }}=+5 \mathrm{~V}$ or $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IL }}=0 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {DD }}=+5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 0.0001 | 0.01 | mA |
| Supply C urrent | $I_{\text {DD }}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IH }}=+5 \mathrm{~V}$ or $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IL}}=0 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {DD }}=+15 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 0.75 | 2 | mA |
| Supply Current | $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{SS}}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IH }}=+5 \mathrm{~V}$ or $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IL }}=0 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {SS }}=-5 \mathrm{~V}$ or -15 V |  | 0.02 | 0.1 | mA |
| Power Dissipation ${ }^{8}$ | P DISS | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IH }}=+5 \mathrm{~V}$ or $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IL }}=0 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {DD }}=+15 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {SS }}=-15 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 11 | 30 | mW |
| Power Supply Sensitivity | PSS | $\Delta \mathrm{V}_{\text {DD }}=+5 \mathrm{~V} \pm 10 \%$, or $\Delta \mathrm{V}_{\text {SS }}=-5 \mathrm{~V} \pm 10 \%$ |  | 0.05 | 0.15 | \%/\% |
|  | PSS | $\Delta V_{D D}=+15 \mathrm{~V} \pm 10 \%$ or $\Delta \mathrm{V}_{S S}=-15 \mathrm{~V} \pm 10 \%$ |  | 0.01 | 0.02 | \%/\% |
| DYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS ${ }^{\text {5, 9, }} 10$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bandwidth -3 dB | BW_10K | $\mathrm{R}_{\text {AB }}=10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$, C ode $=40 \mathrm{H}$ |  | 520 |  | kHz |
| Bandwidth -3 dB | BW-50K | $\mathrm{R}_{\text {AB }}=50 \mathrm{k} \Omega$, Code $=40_{\text {H }}$ |  | 125 |  | kHz |
| Bandwidth -3 dB | BW_100K | $\mathrm{R}_{\text {AB }}=100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$, C ode $=40_{\text {H }}$ |  | 60 |  | kHz |
| T otal Harmonic D istortion | TH $\bar{D}_{\text {w }}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{A}}=1 \mathrm{Vrms}, \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{B}}=0 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{f}=1 \mathrm{kHz}$ |  | 0.005 |  |  |
| $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{w}}$ Settling Time | $\mathrm{t}_{5}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{A}}=10 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{B}}=0 \mathrm{~V}, \pm 1 \mathrm{LSB}$ Error Band |  | 4 |  |  |
| Resistor N oise V oltage | $\mathrm{e}_{\text {N_Wb }}$ | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{WB}}=25 \mathrm{k} \Omega, \mathrm{f}=1 \mathrm{kHz}, \overline{\mathrm{RS}}=0$ |  | 14 |  | $\mathrm{n} V \sqrt{\mathrm{~Hz}}$ |
| INTERFACE TIMING CHARACTERISTICS (Applies to All Parts [ N otes 5, 11]) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Input Clock Pulsewidth | $\mathrm{t}_{\text {CH, }}, \mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{CL}}$ | Clock Level High or Low | 120 |  |  | ns |
| D ata Setup Time | $\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{DS}}$ |  | 30 |  |  | ns |
| D ata Hold T ime | $t_{\text {DH }}$ |  | 20 |  |  | ns |
| CLK to SDO Propagation Delay ${ }^{12}$ | $\mathrm{t}_{\text {PD }}$ | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{L}}=2.2 \mathrm{k} \Omega, \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{L}}<20 \mathrm{pF}$ | 10 |  | 100 | ns |
| $\overline{\mathrm{CS}}$ Setup Time | $\mathrm{t}_{\text {css }}$ |  | 120 |  |  | ns |
| $\overline{\mathrm{CS}}$ High Pulsewidth | $\mathrm{t}_{\text {csw }}$ |  | 150 |  |  | ns |
| Reset Pulsewidth | $\mathrm{t}_{\text {RS }}$ |  | 120 |  |  | ns |
| CLK R ise to $\overline{\mathrm{CS}}$ Rise Hold Time | $\mathrm{t}_{\text {CSH }}$ |  | 120 |  |  | ns |
| $\overline{\mathrm{CS}}$ R ise to Clock R ise Setup | $\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{CS} 1}$ |  | 120 |  |  | ns |

${ }^{1} \mathrm{~T}$ ypicals represent average readings at $+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{DD}}=+15 \mathrm{~V}$, and $\mathrm{V}_{S S}=-15 \mathrm{~V}$.
${ }^{2}$ Resistor position nonlinearity error R-INL is the deviation from an ideal value measured between the maximum resistance and the minimum resistance wiper positions. R-D NL measures the relative step change from ideal between successive tap positions. Parts are guaranteed monotonic. See Figure 27 . T est Circuit.
${ }^{3} I N L$ and DNL are measured at $V_{W}$ with the RDAC configured as a potentiometer divider similar to a voltage output $D / A$ converter. $V_{A}=V_{D D}$ and $V_{B}=0 \mathrm{~V} . \mathrm{DNL}$ specification limits of $\pm 1$ LSB maximum are Guaranteed M onotonic operating conditions. See Figure 26. T est Circuit.
${ }^{4}$ R esistor terminals A, B, W have no limitations on polarity with respect to each other.
${ }^{5} \mathrm{Guaranteed}$ by design and not subject to production test.
${ }^{6} \mathrm{M}$ easured at the A terminal. A terminal is open circuit in shutdown mode.
${ }^{7} I_{\mathrm{OL}}=200 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ for the $50 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ version operating at $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{DD}}=+5 \mathrm{~V}$.
${ }^{8} \mathrm{P}_{\text {DISS }}$ is calculated from ( $I_{D D} \times \mathrm{V}_{D D}$ ). CM OS logic level inputs result in minimum power dissipation.
${ }^{9}$ B andwidth, noise and settling time are dependent on the terminal resistance value chosen. The lowest $R$ value results in the fastest settling time and highest bandwidth. T he highest $R$ value results in the minimum overall power consumption.
${ }^{10} \mathrm{All}$ dynamic characteristics use $\mathrm{V}_{D D}=+15 \mathrm{~V}$ and $\mathrm{V}_{S S}=-15 \mathrm{~V}$.
${ }^{11}$ See timing diagram for location of measured values. All input control voltages are specified with $t_{R}=t_{F}=1 \mathrm{~ns}\left(10 \%\right.$ to $90 \%$ of $\left.V_{D D}\right)$ and timed from a voltage level of 1.6 V . Switching characteristics are measured using both $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{DD}}=+5 \mathrm{~V}$ or +15 V .
${ }^{12}$ Propagation delay depends on value of $V_{D D}, R_{L}$ and $C_{L}$ see Applications section.
Specifications subject to change without notice.

## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

( $T_{A}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted)


PIN CONFIGURATIONS
PDIP \& TSSOP-14 SOL-16



ORDERING GUIDE

| Model | k $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$ | Temperature Range | Package Description | Package Options |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AD 7376AN 10 | 10 | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | PDIP-14 | N-14 |
| AD 7376AR 10 | 10 | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | SOL-16 | R-16 |
| AD 7376ARU 10 | 10 | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | T SSO P-14 | RU-14 |
| AD 7376AN 50 | 50 | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | PDIP-14 | N-14 |
| AD 7376AR50 | 50 | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | SOL-16 | R-16 |
| AD 7376ARU 50 | 50 | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | TSSOP-14 | RU-14 |
| AD 7376AN 100 | 100 | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | PDIP-14 | N-14 |
| AD 7376AR 100 | 100 | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | SOL-16 | R-16 |
| AD 7376ARU 100 | 100 | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | TSSOP-14 | RU-14 |
| AD 7376AN 1M | 1,000 | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | PDIP-14 | N-14 |
| AD 7376AR 1M | 1,000 | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | SOL-16 | R-16 |
| AD 7376ARU1M | 1,000 | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | TSSOP-14 | RU-14 |
| Die Size: $101.6 \mathrm{mil} \times 127.6 \mathrm{mil}, 2.58 \mathrm{~mm} \times 3.24 \mathrm{~mm}$ Number T ransistors: 840 |  |  |  |  |

## CAUTION

ESD (electrostatic discharge) sensitive device. Electrostatic charges as high as 4000 V readily accumulate on the human body and test equipment and can discharge without detection. Although the AD 7376 features proprietary ESD protection circuitry, permanent damage may occur on devices subjected to high energy electrostatic discharges. Therefore, proper ESD precautions are recommended to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.


Figure 2. Wiper To End Terminal Percent Resistance vs. Code


Figure 5. Nominal Resistance vs. Temperature


Figure 8. Potentiometer Divider Nonlinearity Error vs. Supply Voltage


Figure 3. Resistance Step Position Nonlinearity Error vs. Code


Figure 6. Resistance Linearity vs. Conduction Current


Figure 9. $\Delta V_{W B} / \Delta T$ Potentiometer Mode Tempco


Figure 4. Relative Resistance Step Change from Ideal vs. Code


Figure 7. Resistance Nonlinearity Error vs. Supply Voltage


Figure 10. Wiper Contact Resistance vs. Temperature

|  | AD7376 |
| :---: | :---: |



Figure 11. Potentiometer Divider Nonlinearity Error vs. Code


Figure 14. $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ Gain vs. Frequency vs. Code


Figure 17. $50 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ Gain vs. Frequency vs. Code


Figure 12. Potentiometer Divider Differential Nonlinearity Error vs. Code


Figure 15. $1 M \Omega$ Gain vs. Frequency vs. Code


Figure 18. Large Signal Settling Time


Figure 13. $\Delta R_{\text {WB }} / \Delta T$ Rheostat Mode Tempco


Figure 16. Midscale Transition Glitch


Figure 19. Total Harmonic Distortion Plus Noise vs. Frequency


Figure 20. $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ Gain vs. Frequency vs. Code


Figure 23. Gain Flatness vs Frequency vs. Nominal Resistance $R_{A B}$


Figure 26. Supply Current ( $I_{D D}, I_{S S}$ ) vs. Temperature


Figure 21. -3dB Bandwidth vs. Nominal Resistance


Figure 24. Power Supply Rejection vs. Frequency


Figure 27. $I_{A_{-} S D}$ Shutdown Current vs. Temperature


Figure 22. Clock Feedthrough


Figure 25. Incremental Wiper Contact Resistance vs. Common-Mode Voltage


Figure 28. $I_{D D}$ Supply Current vs. Input Clock Frequency


Figure 29. Input Logic Threshold Voltage vs. $V_{D D}$ Supply Voltage


Figure 30. Supply Current (I $I_{D D}$ vs. Logic Voltage

## PARAMETRIC TEST CIRCUITS



Figure 31. Potentiometer Divider Nonlinearity Error Test Circuit (INL, DNL)


Figure 32. Resistor Position Nonlinearity Error (Rheostat Operation; R-INL, R-DNL)


Figure 33. Wiper Resistance Test Circuit


Figure 34. Power Supply Sensitivity Test Circuit (PSS, PSRR)


Figure 35. Inverting Programmable Gain Test Circuit


Figure 36. Noninverting Programmable Gain Test Circuit


Figure 37. Gain vs. Frequency Test Circuit


Figure 38. Incremental ON Resistance Test Circuit


Figure 39. Common-Mode Leakage Current Test Circuit

## OPERATION

The AD 7376 provides a 128-position digitally-controlled variable resistor (VR) device. C hanging the programmed VR settings is accomplished by clocking in a 7-bit serial data word into the SDI (Serial D ata Input) pin, while $\overline{\mathrm{CS}}$ is active low. When $\overline{\mathrm{CS}}$ returns high the last seven bits are transferred into the RDAC latch setting the new wiper position. T he exact timing requirements are shown in Figure 1.
The AD 7376 resets to a midscale by asserting the $\overline{\mathrm{RS}}$ pin, simplifying initial conditions at power-up. Both parts have a power shutdown $\overline{\text { SHDN }}$ pin which places the RDAC in a zero power consumption state where terminal $A$ is open circuited and the wiper $W$ is connected to $B$, resulting in only leakage currents being consumed in the VR structure. In shutdown mode the VR latch settings are maintained so that, returning to operational mode from power shutdown, the VR settings return to their previous resistance values.


Figure 40. AD7376 Equivalent RDAC Circuit

## PROGRAMMING THE VARIABLE RESISTOR <br> Rheostat Operation

The nominal resistance of the RDAC between terminals A and B are available with values of $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 50 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ and $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$. The final three characters of the part number determine the nominal resistance value, e.g., $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega=10 ; 50 \mathrm{k} \Omega=50 ; 100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ $=100 ; 1 \mathrm{M} \Omega=1 \mathrm{M}$. The nominal resistance ( $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{AB}}$ ) of the VR has 128 contact points accessed by the wiper terminal, plus the B terminal contact. The 7-bit data word in the RDAC latch is decoded to select one of the 128 possible settings. The wiper's first connection starts at the B terminal for data $00_{H}$. This B -terminal connection has a wiper contact resistance of $120 \Omega$. T he second connection (10 k $\Omega$ part) is the first tap point located at $198 \Omega\left(=\mathrm{R}_{B A}\right.$ [nominal resistance] $\left./ 128+\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{W}}=78 \Omega+120 \Omega\right)$ for data $01_{H}$. The third connection is the next tap point representing $156+120=276 \Omega$ for data $02_{\mathrm{H}}$. Each LSB data value increase moves the wiper up the resistor ladder until the last tap point is reached at $10041 \Omega$. The wiper does not directly connect to the $B$ terminal. See Figure 40 for a simplified diagram of the equivalent RDAC circuit.
The general transfer equation that determines the digitally programmed output resistance between $W$ and $B$ is:

$$
\begin{equation*}
R_{W B}(D)=(D) / 128 \times R_{B A}+R_{W} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $D$ is the data contained in the 7-bit VR latch, and $R_{B A}$ is the nominal end-to-end resistance.
For example, when $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{B}}=0 \mathrm{~V}$ and A -terminal is open circuit, the following output resistance values will be set for the following VR latch codes (applies to the $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ potentiometer).

Table I.

| D <br> (DEC) | $\mathbf{R}_{\text {WB }}$ <br> $(\boldsymbol{\Omega})$ | Output State |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 127 | 10041 | Full-Scale |
| 64 | 5120 | M idscale ( $\overline{\text { RS }}=0$ C ondition) |
| 1 | 276 | 1 LSB |
| 0 | 198 | Zero-Scale (Wiper C ontact Resistance) |

N ote that in the zero-scale condition a finite wiper resistance of $120 \Omega$ is present. C are should be taken to limit the current flow between $W$ and $B$ in this state to a maximum value of 5 mA to avoid degradation or possible destruction of the internal switch contact.
Like the mechanical potentiometer the RDAC replaces, it is totally symmetrical. T he resistance between the wiper $W$ and terminal A also produces a digitally controlled resistance $R_{\text {wA }}$. When these terminals are used the B-terminal should be tied to the wiper. Setting the resistance value for $\mathrm{R}_{\text {WA }}$ starts at a maximum value of resistance and decreases as the data loaded in the latch is increased in value. The general transfer equation for this operation is:

$$
\begin{equation*}
R_{W A}(D)=(128-D) / 128 \times R_{B A}+R_{W} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $D$ is the data contained in the 7-bit RDAC latch, and $R_{B A}$ is the nominal end-to-end resistance. For example, when $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{A}}=0 \mathrm{~V}$ and $B$-terminal is tied to the wiper $W$ the following output resistance values will be set for the following RDAC latch codes.

Table II.

| D <br> (DEC) | $\mathbf{R}_{\text {WA }}$ <br> $(\boldsymbol{\Omega})$ | Output State |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 127 | 74 | Full-Scale |
| 64 | 5035 | M idscale ( $\overline{\mathrm{RS}}$ = 0 C ondition) |
| 1 | 9996 | 1 LSB |
| 0 | 10035 | Zero-Scale |

The typical distribution of $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{BA}}$ from device to device matching is process lot dependent having a $\pm 30 \%$ variation. The change in RBA with temperature has a $-300 \mathrm{ppm} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ temperature coefficient.

## PROGRAMMING THE POTENTIOMETER DIVIDER Voltage Output Operation

T he digital potentiometer easily generates an output voltage proportional to the input voltage applied to a given terminal. For example connecting A-terminal to +5 V and B -terminal to ground produces an output voltage at the wiper which can be any value starting at zero volts up to 1 LSB less than +5 V . E ach LSB of voltage is equal to the voltage applied across terminal $A B$ divided by the 128 -position resolution of the potentiometer divider. The general equation defining the output voltage with respect to ground for any given input voltage applied to terminals AB is:

$$
V_{W}(D)=D / 128 \times V_{A B}+V_{B}
$$

Operation of the digital potentiometer in the divider mode results in more accurate operation over temperature. H ere the output voltage is dependent on the ratio of the internal resistors, not the absolute value; therefore, the drift improves to $5 \mathrm{ppm} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.


Figure 41. Block Diagram

## DIGITAL INTERFACING

The AD 7376 contains a standard three-wire serial input control interface. The three inputs are clock (CLK ), $\overline{\mathrm{CS}}$ and serial data input (SDI). The positive-edge sensitive CLK input requires
clean transitions to avoid clocking incorrect data into the serial input register. Standard logic families work well. If mechanical switches are used for product evaluation they should be debounced by a flip-flop or other suitable means. When $\overline{\mathrm{CS}}$ is taken active low the clock loads data into the serial register on each positive clock edge, see T able III. The last seven bits clocked into the serial register will be transferred to the 7-bit RDAC latch, see Figure 41. Extra data bits are ignored. The serial-data-output (SDO) pin contains an open drain n-channel FET. T his output requires a pull-up resistor in order to transfer data to the next package's SDI pin. This allows for daisy chaining several RDAC s from a single processor serial data line. Clock period needs to be increased when using a pull-up resistor to the SDI pin of the following device in the series. C apacitive loading at the daisy chain node SD 0-SDI between devices must be accounted for to successfully transfer data. When daisy chaining is used, the $\overline{\mathrm{CS}}$ should be kept low until all the bits of every package are clocked into their respective serial registers insuring that the data bits are in the proper decoding location. This would require 14 bits of data when two AD 7376 RDACs are daisy chained. D uring shutdown ( $\overline{\mathrm{SHDN}}$ ) the SDO output pin is forced to the off (logic high state) to disable power dissipation in the pull up resistor. See Figure 42 for equivalent SD 0 output circuit schematic.

Table III. Input Logic C ontrol Truth Table

| CLK | $\overline{\mathbf{C S}}$ | $\overline{\mathbf{R S}}$ | $\overline{\mathbf{S H D N}}$ | Register Activity |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| L | L | H | H | Enables SR, enables SD O pin. |
| P | L | H | H | Shifts one bit in from the SD I <br> pin. The seventh previously <br> entered bit is shifted out of the <br> SD O pin. |
| X | P | H | H | L oads SR data into 7-bit RD AC <br> latch. |
| X | H | H | H | N o Operation. |
| X | X | L | H | Sets 7-bit RD AC latch to mid- <br> Scale, wiper centered, and SD O <br> latch cleared. |
| X | H | P | H | Latches 7-bit RD AC latch to <br> 40H. |
| X | H | H | L | Opens circuits resistor A-terminal, <br> connects W to B, turns off SD O <br> output transistor. |

NOTE
$P=$ positive edge, $X=$ don't care, $S R=$ shift register.

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The data setup and data hold times in the specification table determine the data valid time requirements. T he last seven bits of the data word entered into the serial register are held when $\overline{\mathrm{CS}}$ returns high. At the same time $\overline{\mathrm{CS}}$ goes high it transfers the 7-bit data to the VR latch.


Figure 42. Detail SDO Output Schematic of the AD7376
All digital inputs are protected with a series input resistor and parallel Zener ESD structure shown in Figure 43. Applies to digital input pins $\overline{\mathrm{CS}}, \mathrm{SD}$ I, SD O, $\overline{\mathrm{RS}}, \overline{\mathrm{SHDN}}, \mathrm{CLK}$


Figure 43. Equivalent ESD Protection Circuit


Figure 44. Equivalent ESD Protection Analog Pins

## OUTLINE DIMENSIONS

Dimensions shown in inches and (mm).



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