Low Noise, Low Distortion
Fully Differential Input/Output Amplifier/Driver

**FEATURES**
- Fully Differential Input and Output
- Wide Supply Range: 2.375V to 12.6V
- Rail-to-Rail Output Swing
- Low Noise: 3nV/√Hz
- Low Distortion, 2Vpp, 1MHz: –94dBc
- Adjustable Output Common Mode Voltage
- Unity-Gain Stable
- Gain-Bandwidth: 70MHz
- Slew Rate: 65V/μs
- Large Output Current: 85mA
- DC Voltage Offset <2mV Max
- Open-Loop Gain: 100V/mV
- Low Power Shutdown
- 8-Pin MSOP or 3mm × 3mm DFN Package

**APPLICATIONS**
- Differential Input A/D Converter Driver
- Single-Ended to Differential Conversion
- Differential Amplification with Common Mode Translation
- Rail-to-Rail Differential Line Driver/Receiver
- Low Voltage, Low Noise, Differential Signal Processing

**DESCRIPTION**

The LT®-1994 is a high precision, very low noise, low distortion, fully differential input/output amplifier optimized for 3V, single-supply operation. The LT1994’s output common mode voltage is independent of the input common mode voltage, and is adjustable by applying a voltage on the \( V_{OCM} \) pin. A separate internal common mode feedback path provides accurate output phase balancing and reduced even-order harmonics. This makes the LT1994 ideal for level shifting ground referenced signals for driving differential input, single-supply ADCs.

The LT1994 output can swing rail-to-rail and is capable of sourcing and sinking up to 85mA. In addition to the low distortion characteristics, the LT1994 has a low input referred voltage noise of 3nV/√Hz. This part maintains its performance for supply voltages as low as 2.375V. It draws only 13.3mA of supply current and has a hardware shutdown feature that reduces current consumption to 225μA.

The LT1994 is available in an 8-pin MSOP or 8-pin DFN package.

**TYPICAL APPLICATION**

A/D Preamplifier: Single-Ended Input to Differential Output with Common Mode Level Shifting

![A/D Preamplifier Circuit Diagram](image)

**LT1994 Driving an LTC1403A-1 1MHz Sine Wave, 8192 Point FFT Plot**

![FFT Plot](image)
**LT1994**

**ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS** (Note 1)

- Total Supply Voltage (V+ to V−) ....................... 12.6V
- Input Voltage (Note 2) ........................................ ±VS
- Input Current (Note 2) ....................................... ±10mA
- Input Current (V_{OCM}, SHDN) .......................... ±10mA
- V_{OCM}, SHDN .................................................. ±VS
- Output Short-Circuit Duration (Note 3) .............. Indefinite
- Operating Temperature Range (Note 4)
  - LT1994C ................................................ −40°C to 85°C
  - LT1994I ................................................ −40°C to 85°C
  - LT1994H ............................................. −40°C to 125°C
  - LT1994MP ........................................... −55°C to 125°C

**Specified Temperature Range** (Note 5)
- LT1994C ................................................ 0°C to 70°C
- LT1994I ................................................ −40°C to 85°C
- LT1994H ............................................. −40°C to 125°C
- LT1994MP ........................................... −55°C to 125°C
- Junction Temperature ........................................ 150°C
- Storage Temperature Range ......................... −65°C to 150°C

**PIN CONFIGURATION**

- DD PACKAGE
  - 8-Lead (3mm × 3mm) Plastic DFN
  - T_{JMAX} = 150°C, θ_{JA} = 43°C/W
  - Exposed Pad (Pin 9) is GND, must be soldered to V−

- MS8 PACKAGE
  - 8-Lead Plastic MSOP
  - T_{JMAX} = 150°C, θ_{JA} = 140°C/W

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Consult LTC Marketing for parts specified with wider operating temperature ranges. *The temperature grade is identified by a label on the shipping container.
Consult LTC Marketing for information on non-standard lead based finish parts.

For more information on lead free part marking, go to: [http://www.linear.com/leadfree/](http://www.linear.com/leadfree/)
For more information on tape and reel specifications, go to: [http://www.linear.com/tapeandreel/](http://www.linear.com/tapeandreel/)
## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The * denotes the specifications which apply over the full operating temperature range, otherwise specifications are at $T_A = 25^\circ C$, $V^+ = 3V$, $V^- = 0V$, $V_{CM} = V_{OCM} = V_{ICM} = V_{ICM} =$ mid-supply, $V_{SHDN} = OPEN$, $R_I = R_F = 499\Omega$, $R_I = 800\Omega$ to a mid-supply voltage (See Figure 1) unless otherwise noted. $V_0$ is defined ($V^+ − V^-$). $V_{OUTCM}$ is defined as $(V_{OUT^+} + V_{OUT^-})/2$. $V_{ICM}$ is defined as $(V_{IN^+} + V_{IN^-})/2$. $V_{OUTDIFF}$ is defined as $(V_{OUT^+} − V_{OUT^-})$. $V_{INDIFF}$ is defined as $(V_{IN^+} − V_{IN^-})$.

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**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

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**LINEAR TECHNOLOGY**
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**Note 1:** Stresses beyond those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to any Absolute Maximum Rating condition for extended periods may affect device reliability and lifetime.

**Note 2:** The inputs are protected by a pair of back-to-back diodes. If the differential input voltage exceeds 1V, the input current should be limited to less than 10mA.

**Note 3:** A heat sink may be required to keep the junction temperature below the absolute maximum rating when the output is shorted indefinitely.

**Note 4:** The LT1994C/LT1994I are guaranteed functional over the operating temperature range $−40°C$ to $85°C$. The LT1994H is guaranteed functional over the operating temperature range $−40°C$ to $125°C$. The LT1994MP is guaranteed functional over the operating temperature range $−55°C$ to $125°C$.

**Note 5:** The LT1994C is guaranteed to meet specified performance from $0°C$ to $70°C$. The LT1994C is designed, characterized, and expected to meet specified performance from $−40°C$ to $85°C$ but is not tested or QA sampled at these temperatures. The LT1994I is guaranteed to meet specified performance from $−40°C$ to $85°C$. The LT1994H is guaranteed to meet specified performance from $−40°C$ to $125°C$. The LT1994MP is guaranteed to meet specified performance from $−55°C$ to $125°C$.

**Note 6:** Input bias current is defined as the average of the input currents flowing into Pin 1 and Pin 8 ($I_{IN}^+$ and $I_{IN}^−$). Input Offset current is defined as the difference of the input currents flowing into Pin 8 and Pin 1 ($I_{OS} = I_{OB}^+ − I_{OB}^−$).

**Note 7:** Input Common Mode Range is tested using the Test Circuit of Figure 1 ($R_F = R_I$) by applying a single ended $2V_P−P 1kHz$ signal to $V_{INP}$ ($V_{INM} = 0$), and measuring the output distortion (THD) at the common mode Voltage Range limits listed in the Electrical Characteristics table, and confirming the output THD is better than $−40dB$. The voltage range for the output common mode range (Pin 2) is tested using the Test Circuit of Figure 1 ($R_F = R_I$) by applying a $0.5V$ peak, $1kHz$ signal to the $V_{OCM}$ Pin 2 (with $V_{INP} = V_{INM} = 0$) and measuring the output distortion (THD) at $V_{OUTCM}$ with $V_{OCM}$ biased $0.5V$ from the $V_{OCM}$ pin range limits listed in the Electrical Characteristics Table, and confirming the THD is better than $−40dB$.

**Note 8:** Input CMRR is defined as the ratio of the change in the input common mode voltage at the pins $I_{IN}^+$ or $I_{IN}^−$ to the change in differential input referred voltage offset. Output CMRR is defined as the ratio of the change in the voltage at the $V_{OCM}$ pin to the change in differential input referred voltage offset.

**Note 9:** Differential Power Supply Rejection (PSRR) is defined as the ratio of the change in supply voltage to the change in differential input referred voltage offset. Common Mode Power Supply Rejection (PSRRCM) is defined as the ratio of the change in supply voltage to the change in the common mode offset, $V_{OUTCM} − V_{OCM}$.

**Note 10:** Output swings are measured as differences between the output and the respective power supply rail.

**Note 11:** Extended operation with the output shorted may cause junction temperatures to exceed the $150°C$ limit and is not recommended.
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Differential Input Referred Voltage Offset vs Temperature

Common Mode Voltage Offset vs Temperature

Input Bias Current and Input Offset Current vs Temperature

Gain Bandwidth vs Temperature

Frequency Response vs Supply Voltage

Frequency Response vs Load Capacitance

Output Impedance vs Frequency

Output Balance vs Frequency

Differential Power Supply Rejection vs Frequency
Large-Signal Step Response Output with Large Input Overdrive

Supply Current vs Supply Voltage

Supply Current vs SHDN Voltage

Shutdown Supply Current vs Supply Voltage
PIN FUNCTIONS

IN+, IN– (Pins 1, 8): Noninverting and Inverting Input Pins of the Amplifier, Respectively. For best performance, it is highly recommended that stray capacitance be kept to an absolute minimum by keeping printed circuit connections as short as possible, and if necessary, stripping back nearby surrounding ground plane away from these pins.

VOCM (Pin 2): Output Common Mode Reference Voltage. The VOCM pin is the midpoint of an internal resistive voltage divider between the supplies, developing a (default) mid-supply voltage potential to maximize output signal swing. VOCM has a Thevenin equivalent resistance of approximately 40k and can be overdriven by an external voltage reference. The voltage on VOCM sets the output common mode voltage level (which is defined as the average of the voltages on the OUT+ and OUT– pins). VOCM should be bypassed with a high quality ceramic bypass capacitor of at least 0.1μF (unless connected directly to a low impedance, low noise ground plane) to minimize common mode noise from being converted to differential noise by impedance mismatches both externally and internally to the IC.

V+, V– (Pins 3, 6): Power Supply Pins. For single-supply applications (Pin 6 grounded) it is recommended that high quality 1μF and 0.1μF ceramic bypass capacitors be placed from the positive supply pin (Pin 3) to the negative supply pin (Pin 6) with minimal routing. Pin 6 should be directly tied to a low impedance ground plane. For dual power supplies, it is recommended that high quality, 0.1μF ceramic capacitors are used to bypass Pin 3 to ground and Pin 6 to ground. It is also highly recommended that high quality 1μF and 0.1μF ceramic bypass capacitors be placed across the power supply pins (Pins 3 and 6) with minimal routing.

OUT+, OUT– (Pins 4, 5): Output Pins. Each pin can drive approximately 100Ω to ground with a short-circuit current limit of up to ±85mA. Each amplifier output is designed to drive a load capacitance of 25pF. This basically means the amplifier can drive 25pF from each output to ground or 12.5pF differentially. Larger capacitive loads should be decoupled with at least 25Ω resistors from each output.

SHDN (Pin 7): When Pin 7 (SHDN) is floating or when Pin 7 is directly tied to V+, the LT1994 is in the normal operating mode. When Pin 7 is pulled a minimum of 2.1V below V+, the LT1994 enters into a low power shutdown state. Refer to the SHDN pin section under Applications Information for a description of the LT1994 output impedance in the shutdown state.
Functional Description

The LT1994 is a small outline, wideband, low noise and low distortion fully-differential amplifier with accurate output-phase balancing. The LT1994 is optimized to drive low voltage, single-supply, differential input analog-to-digital converters (ADCs). The LT1994’s output is capable of swinging rail-to-rail on supplies as low as 2.5V, which makes the amplifier ideal for converting ground referenced, single-ended signals into V_{OCM} referenced differential signals in preparation for driving low voltage, single-supply, differential input ADCs. Unlike traditional op amps which have a single output, the LT1994 has two outputs to process signals differentially. This allows for two times the signal swing in low voltage systems when compared to single-ended output amplifiers. The balanced differential nature of the amplifier also provides even-order harmonic distortion cancellation, and less susceptibility to common mode noise (like power supply noise). The LT1994 can be used as a single-ended input to differential output amplifier, or as a differential input to differential output amplifier.

The LT1994’s output common mode voltage, defined as the average of the two output voltages, is independent of the input common mode voltage, and is adjusted by applying a voltage on the V_{OCM} pin. If the pin is left open, there is an internal resistive voltage divider, which develops a potential halfway between the V^+ and V^- pins. The V_{OCM} pin will have an equivalent Thevenin equivalent resistance of 40kΩ, and a Thevenin equivalent voltage of half supply. Whenever this pin is not hard tied to a low impedance ground plane, it is recommended that a high quality ceramic capacitor is used to bypass the V_{OCM} pin to a low impedance ground plane (see Layout Considerations in this document). The LT1994’s internal common mode feedback path forces accurate output phase balancing to reduce even order harmonics, and centers each individual output about the potential set by the V_{OCM} pin.

\[ V_{OUTCM} = V_{OCM} = \frac{V_{OUT^+} + V_{OUT^-}}{2} \]

The outputs (OUT^+ and OUT^-) of the LT1994 are capable of swinging rail-to-rail. They can source or sink up to approximately 85mA of current. Each output is rated to drive approximately 25pF to ground (12.5pF differentially). Higher load capacitances should be decoupled with at least 25Ω of series capacitance from each output.

Input Pin Protection

The LT1994’s input stage is protected against differential input voltages that exceed 1V by two pairs of back-to-back diodes that protect against emitter base breakdown of the input transistors. In addition, the input pins have steering diodes to either power supply. If the input pair is overdriven, the current should be limited to under 10mA to prevent damage to the IC. The LT1994 also has steering diodes to either power supply on the V_{OCM} and SHDN pins (Pins 2 and 7) and if exposed to voltages that exceed either supply, they too should be current limited to under 10mA.

SHDN Pin

If the SHDN pin (Pin 7) is pulled 2.1V below the positive supply, an internal current is generated that is used to power down the LT1994. The pin will have the Thevenin equivalent impedance of approximately 55kΩ to V^+. If the pin is left unconnected, an internal pull-up resistor of 120kΩ will keep the part in normal active operation. Care should be taken to control leakage currents at this pin to under 1μA to prevent leakage currents from inadvertently putting the LT1994 into shutdown. In shutdown, all biasing current sources are shut off, and the output pins OUT^+ and OUT^- will each appear as open collectors with a nonlinear capacitor in parallel, and steering diodes to either supply. Because of the nonlinear capacitance, the outputs still have the ability to sink and source small amounts of transient current if exposed to significant voltage transients. The inputs (IN^+ and IN^-) have anti-parallel diodes that can conduct if voltage transients at the input exceed 1V. The inputs also have steering diodes to either supply. The turn-on and turn-off time between the shutdown and active states are on the order of 1μs but depends on the circuit configuration.
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**General Amplifier Applications**

As levels of integration have increased and, correspondingly, system supply voltages decreased, there has been a need for ADCs to process signals differentially in order to maintain good signal-to-noise ratios. These ADCs are typically supplied from a single-supply voltage that can be as low as 2.5V and will have an optimal common mode input range near mid-supply. The LT1994 makes interfacing to these ADCs trivial, by providing both single-ended to differential conversion as well as common mode level shifting. Figure 1 shows a general single-supply application with perfectly matched feedback networks from OUT+ and OUT−. The gain to \( V_{OUTD} \) from \( V_{INM} \) and \( V_{INP} \) is:

\[
V_{OUTD} = V_{OUT+} - V_{OUT-} = \frac{R_F}{R_I} \cdot (V_{INP} - V_{INM})
\]

Note from the above equation that the differential output voltage \( (V_{OUT+} - V_{OUT-}) \) is completely independent of input and output common mode voltages, or the voltage at the common mode pin. This makes the LT1994 ideally suited pre-amplification, level shifting, and conversion of single-ended signals to differential output signals in preparation for driving differential input ADCs.

**Effects of Resistor Pair Mismatch**

Figure 2 shows a circuit diagram that takes into consideration that real world resistors will not perfectly match. Assuming infinite open-loop gain, the differential output relationship is given by the equation:

\[
V_{OUTD} = V_{OUT+} - V_{OUT-} = \frac{R_F}{R_I} \cdot V_{INDIFF} + \frac{\Delta \beta}{\beta_{AVG}} \cdot V_{OCM} - \frac{\Delta \beta}{\beta_{AVG}} \cdot V_{OCM},
\]

where:

- \( R_F \) is the average of \( R_{F1} \) and \( R_{F2} \), and \( R_I \) is the average of \( R_{I1} \) and \( R_{I2} \).
- \( \beta_{AVG} \) is defined as the average feedback factor (or gain) from the outputs to their respective inputs:

\[
\beta_{AVG} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{R_{F2}}{R_{F2} + R_{F1}} + \frac{R_{I1}}{R_{I1} + R_{F1}} \right)
\]

\( \Delta \beta \) is defined as the difference in feedback factors:

\[
\Delta \beta = \frac{R_{F2}}{R_{F2} + R_{F1}} - \frac{R_{I1}}{R_{I1} + R_{F1}}
\]
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$V_{ICM}$ is defined as the average of the two input voltages, $V_{INP}$ and $V_{INM}$ (also called the input common mode voltage):

$$V_{ICM} = \frac{1}{2} (V_{INP} + V_{INM})$$

and $V_{INDIFF}$ is defined as the difference of the input voltages:

$$V_{INDIFF} = V_{INP} - V_{INM}$$

When the feedback ratios mismatch ($\Delta \beta$), common mode to differential conversion occurs.

Setting the differential input to zero ($V_{INDIFF} = 0$), the degree of common mode to differential conversion is given by the equation:

$$V_{OUTDIFF} = V_{OUT}^+ - V_{OUT}^- =$$

$$(V_{ICM} - V_{OCM}) \cdot \frac{\Delta \beta}{\beta_{AVG}}$$

$$V_{INDIFF} = 0$$

In general, the degree of feedback pair mismatch is a source of common mode to differential conversion of both signals and noise. Using 1% resistors or better will provide about 28dB of common mode rejection. Using 0.1% resistors will provide about 48dB of common mode rejection. A low impedance ground plane should be used as a reference for both the input signal source and the $V_{OCM}$ pin. A direct short of $V_{OCM}$ to this ground plane or bypassing the $V_{OCM}$ with a high quality 0.1μF ceramic capacitor to this ground plane will further mitigate against common mode signals from being converted to differential.

Input Impedance and Loading Effects

The input impedance looking into the $V_{INP}$ or $V_{INM}$ input of Figure 1 depends on whether or not the sources $V_{INP}$ and $V_{INM}$ are fully differential. For balanced input sources ($V_{INP} = -V_{INM}$), the input impedance seen at either input is simply:

$$R_{INP} = R_{INM} = R_I$$

For single-ended inputs, because of the signal imbalance at the input, the input impedance actually increases over the balanced differential case. The input impedance looking into either input is:

$$R_{INP} = R_{INM} = R_I \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{R_F}{R_I + R_F}} \right)$$

Input signal sources with non-zero output impedances can also cause feedback imbalance between the pair of feedback networks. For the best performance, it is recommended that the source’s output imbalance be compensated for. If input impedance matching is required by the source, $R_1$ should be chosen (see Figure 3):

$$R_1 = \frac{R_{INM} \cdot R_S}{R_{INM} - R_S}$$

According to Figure 3, the input impedance looking into the differential amp ($R_{INM}$) reflects the single-ended source case, thus:

$$R_{INM} = \frac{R_I}{1 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{R_F}{R_I + R_F}}$$

$R_2$ is chosen to balance $R_1 || R_S$:

$$R_2 = \frac{R_1 \cdot R_S}{R_1 + R_S}$$

Figure 3. Optimal Compensation for Signal-Source Impedance
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**Input Common Mode Voltage Range**

The LT1994’s input common mode voltage ($V_{ICM}$) is defined as the average of the two input voltages, $V_{IN^+}$ and $V_{IN^-}$. It extends from $V^-$ to approximately 1.25V below $V^+$. The input common mode range depends on the circuit configuration (gain), $V_{OCM}$ and $V_{CM}$ (refer to Figure 4). For fully differential input applications, where $V_{INP} = -V_{INM}$, the common mode input is approximately:

$$V_{ICM} = \frac{V_{IN^+} + V_{IN^-}}{2} \approx V_{OCM} \cdot \left(\frac{R_I}{R_I + R_F}\right) + V_{CM} \cdot \left(\frac{R_F}{R_F + R_I}\right)$$

With singled-ended inputs, there is an input signal component to the input common mode voltage. Applying only $V_{INP}$ (setting $V_{INM}$ to zero), the input common voltage is approximately:

$$V_{ICM} = \frac{V_{IN^+} + V_{IN^-}}{2} \approx V_{OCM} \cdot \left(\frac{R_I}{R_I + R_F}\right) + V_{CM} \cdot \left(\frac{R_F}{R_F + R_I}\right) + \frac{V_{INP}}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{R_F}{R_F + R_I}\right)$$

**Output Common Mode Voltage Range**

The output common mode voltage is defined as the average of the two outputs:

$$V_{OUTCM} = V_{OCM} = \frac{V_{OUT^+} + V_{OUT^-}}{2}$$

The $V_{OCM}$ sets this average by an internal common mode feedback loop which internally forces $V_{OUT^+} = -V_{OUT^-}$. The output common mode range extends from approximately 1.1V above $V^-$ to approximately 0.8V below $V^+$. The $V_{OCM}$ pin sits in the middle of an 80k$\Omega$ to 80k$\Omega$ voltage divider that sets the default mid-supply open-circuit potential.

In single-supply applications, where the LT1994 is used to interface to an ADC, the optimal common mode input range to the ADC is often determined by the ADC’s reference. If the ADC makes a reference available for setting the input common mode voltage, it can be directly tied to the $V_{OCM}$ pin, but must be capable of driving a 40k equivalent resistance that is tied to a mid-supply potential. If an external reference drives the $V_{OCM}$ pin, it should still be bypassed with a high quality 0.1$\mu$F capacitor to a low impedance ground plane to filter any thermal noise and to prevent common mode signals on this pin from being inadvertently converted to differential signals.

**Noise Considerations**

The LT1994’s input referred voltage noise is on the order of 3nV/\sqrt{Hz}. Its input referred current noise is on the order of 2.5pA/\sqrt{Hz}. In addition to the noise generated by the amplifier, the surrounding feedback resistors also contribute noise. The output noise generated by both the amplifier and the feedback components is given by the equation:

$$\varepsilon_{no} = \sqrt{\left(\varepsilon_{ni} \cdot \left[1 + \frac{R_F}{R_I}\right]\right)^2 + 2 \cdot \left(\varepsilon_{nR} \cdot \frac{R_F}{R_I}\right)^2 + 2 \cdot \varepsilon_{nR}^2}$$

![Figure 4. Circuit for Common Mode Range](image-url)
A plot of this equation and a plot of the noise generated by the feedback components are shown in Figure 6.

The LT1994’s input referred voltage noise contributes the equivalent noise of a 560Ω resistor. When the feedback network is comprised of resistors whose values are less than this, the LT1994’s output noise is voltage noise dominant (See Figure 6):

\[ e_{no} = e_{ni} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{R_F}{R_I}\right) \]

Feedback networks consisting of resistors with values greater than about 10kΩ will result in output noise which is amplifier current noise dominant.

\[ e_{no} = \sqrt{2} \cdot I_n \cdot R_F \]

Lower resistor values always result in lower noise at the penalty of increased distortion due to increased loading of the feedback network on the output. Higher resistor values will result in higher output noise, but improved distortion due to less loading on the output.

Figure 6 shows the noise voltage that will appear differentially between the outputs. The common mode output noise voltage does not add to this differential noise. For optimum noise and distortion performance, use a differential output configuration.

**Power Dissipation Considerations**

The LT1994 is housed in either an 8-lead MSOP package \((\theta_{JA} = 140°C/W)\) or an 8-lead DD package \((\theta_{JA} = 43°C/W)\). The LT1994 combines high speed and large output current with a small die and small package so there is a need to be sure the die temperature does not exceed 150°C. In the 8-lead MSOP, LT1994 has its \(V^-\) lead fused to the frame so it is possible to lower the package thermal impedance by connecting the \(V^-\) pin to a large ground plane or metal trace. Metal trace and plated through holes can be used to spread the heat generated by the device to the backside of the PC board. For example, an 8-lead MSOP on a 3/32” FR-4 board with 540mm² of 2oz. copper on both sides of the PC board tied to the \(V^-\) pin can drop the \(\theta_{JA}\) from 140°C/W to 110°C/W (see Table 1).

The underside of the DD package has exposed metal \((4mm^2)\) from the lead frame where the die is attached. This provides for the direct transfer of heat from the die junction to the printed circuit board to help control the maximum operating junction temperature. The dual-in-line pin arrangement allows for extended metal beyond the ends of the package on the topside (component side) of a circuit board. Table 1 summarizes for the MSOP package, the thermal resistance from the die junction-to-ambient that can be obtained using various amounts of topside, and backside metal (2oz. copper). On multilayer boards, further reductions can be obtained using additional metal on inner PCB layers connected through vias beneath the package.
In general, the die temperature can be estimated from the ambient temperature $T_A$, and the device power dissipation $P_D$:

$$T_J = T_A + P_D \cdot \theta_{JA}$$

The power dissipation in the IC is a function of the supply voltage, the output voltage, and the load resistance. For fully differential output amplifiers at a given supply voltage ($\pm V_{CC}$), and a given differential load ($R_{LOAD}$), the worst-case power dissipation $P_{D(MAX)}$ occurs at the worst-case quiescent current ($I_{Q(MAX)} = 20.5$mA) and when the load current is given by the expression:

$$I_{LOAD} = \frac{V_{CC}}{R_{LOAD}}$$

The worst-case power dissipation in the LT1994 at

$$I_{LOAD} = \frac{V_{CC}}{R_{LOAD}}$$

is:

$$P_{D(MAX)} = 2 \cdot V_{CC} \cdot \left(I_{LOAD} + I_{Q(MAX)}\right) - I_{LOAD}^2 \cdot$$

$$R_{LOAD} = \frac{V_{CC}^2}{R_{LOAD}} + 2 \cdot V_{CC} \cdot I_{Q(MAX)}$$

Example: A LT1994 is mounted on a circuit board in a MSOP-8 package ($\theta_{JA} = 140^\circ$C/W), and is running off of $\pm 5$V supplies driving an equivalent load (external load plus feedback network) of $75 \Omega$. The worst-case power that would be dissipated in the device occurs when:

$$P_{D(MAX)} = \frac{V_{CC}^2}{R_{LOAD}} + 2 \cdot V_{CC} \cdot I_{Q(MAX)}$$

$$= \frac{5V^2}{75\Omega} + 2 \cdot 5V \cdot 17.5MA = 0.54W$$

The maximum ambient temperature the 8-lead MSOP is allowed to operate under these conditions is:

$$T_A = T_{J(MAX)} - P_D \cdot \theta_{JA} = 150^\circ - (0.54W) \cdot (140^\circ$C/W) = 75^\circ$$

To operate the device at higher ambient temperature, connect more copper to the $V^-$ pin to reduce the thermal resistance of the package as indicated in Table 1.

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Layout Considerations

Because the LT1994 is a high speed amplifier, it is sensitive to both stray capacitance and stray inductance. Components connected to the LT1994 should be connected with as short and direct connections as possible. A low noise, low impedance ground plane is critical for the highest performance. In single-supply applications, high quality surface mount $1\mu$F and $0.1\mu$F ceramic bypass capacitors with minimum PCB trace should be used directly across the power supplies $V^+$ to $V^-$. In split supply applications, high quality surface mount $1\mu$F and $0.1\mu$F ceramic bypass capacitors should be placed across the power supplies $V^+$ to $V^-$, and individual high quality surface mount $0.1\mu$F bypass capacitors should be used from each supply to ground with direct (short) connections.

Any stray parasitic capacitance to ground at the summing junctions, $IN^+$ and $IN^-$ should be kept to an absolute minimum even if it means stripping back the ground plane away from any trace attached to this node. This becomes especially true when the feedback resistor network uses resistor values $>500\Omega$ in circuits with $R_F = R_i$. Excessive peaking in the frequency response can be mitigated by adding small amounts of feedback capacitance around $RF$ ($2pF$ to $5pF$). Always keep in mind the differential nature of the LT1994, and that it is critical that the output impedances seen by both outputs (stray or intended) should be as balanced and symmetric as possible. This will help preserve the natural balance of the LT1994, which minimizes the generation of even order harmonics, and preserves the rejection of common mode signals and noise.

It is highly recommended that the $V_{OCM}$ pin be either hard tied to a low impedance ground plane (in split supply applications) or bypassed to ground with a high quality
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0.1μF ceramic capacitor in single-supply applications. This will help prevent thermal noise from the internal 80kΩ - 80kΩ voltage divider (25nV/√Hz) and other external sources of noise from being converted to differential noise due to mismatches in the feedback networks. It is also recommended that the resistive feedback networks be comprised of 1% resistors (or better) to enhance the output common mode rejection. This will also prevent $V_{OCM}$ input referred common mode noise of the common mode amplifier path (which cannot be filtered) from being converted to differential noise, degrading the differential noise performance.

SIMPLIFIED SCHEMATIC
TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

Differential 1st Order Lowpass Filter

Maximum –3dB frequency \(f_{3dB}\) 2MHz
Stopband attenuation: –6dB at 2 • \(f_{3dB}\) and 14dB at 5 • \(f_{3dB}\)

Example: The specified –3dB frequency is 1MHz Gain = 4
1. Using \(f_{3dB} = 1000kHz\), \(C_{11_{abs}} = 400pF\)
2. Nearest standard 5% value to 400pF is 390pF and \(C_{11} = C_{12} = 390pF\)
3. Using \(f_{3dB} = 1000kHz\), \(C_{11} = 390pF\) and Gain = 4, \(R_{21} = R_{22} = 412\Omega\) and \(R_{11} = R_{12} = 102\Omega\) (nearest 1% value)

Differential 2nd Order Butterworth Lowpass Filter

Maximum –3dB frequency \(f_{3dB}\) 1MHz
Stopband attenuation: –12dB at 2 • \(f_{3dB}\) and –28dB at 5 • \(f_{3dB}\)

Component Calculation:
\(R_{11} = R_{12}, R_{21} = R_{22}\)

\(f_{3dB} \leq 2MHz\) and \(\text{Gain} \leq \frac{2MHz}{f_{3dB}}\)

1. Calculate an absolute value for \(C_{11}\) \((C_{11_{abs}})\) using a specified –3dB frequency

\[C_{11_{abs}} = \frac{4 \times 10^5}{f_{3dB}^2} (\text{C11_{abs} in pF and f3dB in kHz})\]

2. Select a standard 5% capacitor value nearest the absolute value for \(C_{11}\)

3. Calculate \(R_{11}\) and \(R_{21}\) using the standard 5% \(C_{11}\) value, \(f_{3dB}\) and desired gain

\(R_{11}\) and \(R_{21}\) equations (\(C_{11}\) in pF and \(f_{3dB}\) in kHz)

\[R_{21} = \frac{159.2 \times 10^6}{C_{11} \cdot f_{3dB}}\]

\[R_{11} = \frac{R_{21}}{\text{Gain}}\]

Component Calculation:
\(R_{11} = R_{12}, R_{21} = R_{22}, R_{31} = R_{32}, C_{21} = C_{22}, C_{11} = 10 \times C_{21}, R_{1} = R_{11}, R_{2} = R_{21}, R_{3} = R_{31}, C_{2} = C_{21}\) and \(C_{1} = C_{11}\)

1. Calculate an absolute value for \(C_{2}\) \((C_{2_{abs}})\) using a specified –3dB frequency

\[C_{2_{abs}} = \frac{4 \times 10^5}{f_{3dB}^2} (\text{C2_{abs} in pF and f3dB in kHz})\] (Note 2)

2. Select a standard 5% capacitor value nearest the absolute value for \(C_{2}\) \((C_{1} = 10 \times C_{2})\)
3. Calculate R3, R2 and R1 using the standard 5% C2 value, the specified f3dB and the specified passband gain (Gn)

\[ f_{3dB} \leq 1\text{MHz and Gain} \leq 8.8 \text{ or } \frac{1\text{MHz}}{f_{3dB}} \]

R1, R2 and R3 equations (C2 in pF and f3dB in kHz)

\[
R_3 = \frac{1.121 - \sqrt{(1.131 - 0.127 \cdot \text{Gn})}}{\text{Gn} + 1} \cdot C_2 \cdot f_{3dB} \cdot 10^8 \quad \text{(Note 1)}
\]

\[
R_2 = \frac{1.266 \cdot 10^{15}}{R_3 \cdot C_2^2 \cdot f_{3dB}^2}
\]

\[
R_1 = \frac{R_2}{\text{Gn}}
\]

Example: The specified –3dB frequency is 1MHz Gain = 1

1. Using \( f_{3dB} = 1000\text{kHz} \), \( C_{2\text{abs}} = 400\text{pF} \)

2. Nearest standard 5% value to 400pF is 390pF and \( C_2^1 = C_2^2 = 390\text{pF} \) and \( C_1^1 = 3900\text{pF} \)

3. Using \( f_{3dB} = 1000\text{kHz} \), \( C_2 = 390\text{pF} \) and \( \text{Gain} = 1 \), \( R_1 = 549\Omega \), \( R_2 = 549\Omega \) and \( R_3 = 15.4\Omega \) (nearest 1% values). \( R_1^1 = R_2^1 = 549\Omega \), \( R_2^1 = R_2^2 = 549\Omega \) and \( R_3^1 = R_3^2 = 15.4\Omega \).

Note 1: The equations for R1, R2, R3 are ideal and do not account for the finite gain bandwidth product (GBW) of the LT1994 (70MHz). The maximum gain is set by the C1/C2 ratio (which for convenience is set equal to ten).

Note 2: The calculated value of a capacitor is chosen to produce input resistors less than 600Ω. If a higher value input resistance is required then multiply all resistor values and divide all capacitor values by the same number.
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

DD Package
8-Lead Plastic DFN (3mm × 3mm)
(Reference LTC DWG # 05-08-1698)

MS8 Package
8-Lead Plastic MSOP
(Reference LTC DWG # 05-08-1660 Rev F)
TYPICAL APPLICATION

RFID Receiver Front-End, 1kHz < ~3dB BW < 2MHz
(Baseband Gain = 5)

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