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### **FEATURES**

**Low offset: 2.5 μV maximum Low offset voltage drift: 0.015 μV/°C maximum Low noise 5.6 nV/√Hz at f = 1 kHz, AV = +100 97 nV p-p at f = 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz, AV = +100 Open-loop voltage gain: 130 dB minimum CMRR: 135 dB minimum PSRR: 130 dB minimum Gain bandwidth product: 4 MHz Single-supply operation: 2.2 V to 5.5 V Dual-supply operation: ±1.1 V to ±2.75 V Rail-to-rail input and output Unity-gain stable** 

#### **APPLICATIONS**

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**Thermocouple/thermopile Load cell and bridge transducer Precision instrumentation Electronic scales Medical instrumentation Handheld test equipment** 

#### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The [ADA4528-1](http://www.analog.com/ada4528-1) is an ultralow noise, zero-drift operational amplifier featuring rail-to-rail input and output swing. With an offset voltage of 2.5 μV, offset voltage drift of 0.015  $\mu$ V/°C, and typical noise of 97 nV p-p (0.1 Hz to 10 Hz,  $A_V = +100$ ), the [ADA4528-1](http://www.analog.com/ada4528-1) is well suited for applications in which error sources cannot be tolerated.

The [ADA4528-1](http://www.analog.com/ada4528-1) has a wide operating supply range of 2.2 V to 5.5 V, high gain, and excellent CMRR and PSRR specifications that make it ideal for precision amplification of low level signals, such as position and pressure sensors, strain gages, and medical instrumentation.

The [ADA4528-1](http://www.analog.com/ada4528-1) is specified over the extended industrial temperature range (−40°C to +125°C) and is available in an 8-lead MSOP and an 8-lead LFCSP package.

For more information on the [ADA4528-1,](http://www.analog.com/ada4528-1) refer to [AN-1114](http://www.analog.com/an-1114) *Lowest Noise Zero-Drift Amplifier Has 5.6 nV/√Hz Voltage Noise Density.*



# Data Sheet **[ADA4528-1](http://www.analog.com/ada4528-1)**

#### **PIN CONFIGURATIONS**







<sup>1</sup> See [www.analog.com](http://www.analog.com/) for a selection of zero-drift operational amplifiers.

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### **1/11—Revision 0: Initial Version**



## <span id="page-2-0"></span>**SPECIFICATIONS**

## **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS—2.5 V OPERATION**

 $\rm V_S$  = 2.5 V,  $\rm V_{\rm CM}$  = Vs<br>y/2 V,  $\rm T_A$  = 25°C, unless otherwise specified.





## <span id="page-3-0"></span>**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS—5 V OPERATION**

 $V_s = 5$  V,  $V_{CM} = V_{SY}/2$  V,  $T_A = +25$ °C, unless otherwise specified.

#### **Table 3.**



## <span id="page-4-2"></span><span id="page-4-0"></span>ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS



<sup>1</sup> The input pins have clamp diodes to the power supply pins. Limit the input current to 10 mA or less whenever input signals exceed the power supply rail by 0.5 V.

Stresses above those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only; functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational section of this specification is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

## <span id="page-4-1"></span>The Table 4. **The RMAL RESISTANCE**

 $\theta_{JA}$  is specified for the worst-case conditions, that is, a device soldered in a circuit board for surface-mount packages. This was measured using a 4-layer JEDEC thermal board with the exposed pad soldered to the PCB.

#### **Table 5. Thermal Resistance**



### **ESD CAUTION**



ESD (electrostatic discharge) sensitive device. Charged devices and circuit boards can discharge without detection. Although this product features patented or proprietary protection circuitry, damage may occur on devices subjected to high energy ESD. Therefore, proper ESD precautions should be taken to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.

## <span id="page-5-0"></span>TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

 $T_A = 25$ °C, unless otherwise noted.



Figure 5. Input Offset Voltage vs. Common-Mode Voltage





Figure 8. Input Offset Voltage vs. Common-Mode Voltage







Figure 10. Input Bias Current vs. Common-Mode Voltage



Figure 11. Output Voltage (V $_{OL}$ ) to Supply Rail vs. Load Current









Figure 14. Output Voltage ( $V_{OL}$ ) to Supply Rail vs. Load Current

**0.1m**

**OUTPUT VOLTAGE (VOH) TO SUPPLY RAIL (V)**

OUTPUT VOLTAGE (V<sub>OH</sub>) TO SUPPLY RAIL (V)



**LOAD CURRENT (mA)** Figure 15. Output Voltage (V<sub>OH</sub>) to Supply Rail vs. Load Current

**0.001 0.01 100**

**0.1 1 10**

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Figure 18. Output Voltage ( $V_{OH}$ ) to Supply Rail vs. Load Current







Figure 20. Output Voltage ( $V_{OH}$ ) to Supply Rail vs. Temperature









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**TIME (10µs/DIV)**

Figure 44. Positive Settling Time to 0.1%

**TIME (10µs/DIV)**

Figure 41. Positive Settling Time to 0.1%



<span id="page-12-0"></span>Figure 47. Current Noise Density vs. Frequency

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Figure 50. Current Noise Density vs. Frequency



## <span id="page-14-0"></span>APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

The [ADA4528-1](http://www.analog.com/ada4528-1) is a precision, ultralow noise, zero-drift operational amplifier that features a patented chopping technique. This chopping technique offers ultralow input offset voltage of 0.3 μV typical and input offset voltage drift of  $0.002 \mu V$ /°C typical.

Offset voltage errors due to common-mode voltage swings and power supply variations are also corrected by the chopping technique, resulting in a typical CMRR figure of 158 dB and a PSRR figure of 150 dB at 2.5 V supply voltage. The [ADA4528-1](http://www.analog.com/ada4528-1) has low broadband noise of 5.6 nV/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  (at f = 1 kHz, A<sub>V</sub> = +100, V<sub>SY</sub> = 2.5 V) and no 1/f noise component. These features are ideal for amplification of low level signals in dc or subhertz high precision applications.

### <span id="page-14-1"></span>**INPUT PROTECTION**

The [ADA4528-1](http://www.analog.com/ada4528-1) has internal ESD protection diodes that are connected between the inputs and each supply rail. These diodes protect the input transistors in the event of electrostatic discharge and are reverse-biased during normal operation. This protection scheme allows voltages as high as approximately 300 mV beyond the rails to be applied at the input of either terminal without causing permanent damage. Refer to [Table 4](#page-4-1) in the [Absolute Maximum Ratings](#page-4-2) section.

When either input exceeds one of the supply rails by more than 300 mV, these ESD diodes become forward-biased and large amounts of current begin to flow through them. Without current limiting, this excessive fault current causes permanent damage to the device. If the inputs are expected to be subject to overvoltage conditions, insert a resistor in series with each input to limit the input current to 10 mA maximum. However, consider the resistor thermal noise effect on the entire circuit.

At a 5 V supply voltage, the broadband voltage noise of the [ADA4528-1](http://www.analog.com/ada4528-1) is approximately 6 nV/ $\sqrt{Hz}$  (at unity gain), and a 1 kΩ resistor has thermal noise of 4 nV/ $\sqrt{Hz}$ . Adding a 1 kΩ resistor increases the total noise by 30% root sum square (rss).

## **RAIL-TO-RAIL INPUT AND OUTPUT**

The [ADA4528-1](http://www.analog.com/ada4528-1) features rail-to-rail input and output with a supply voltage from 2.2 V to 5.5 V. [Figure 57](#page-14-1) shows the input and output waveforms of the [ADA4528-1](http://www.analog.com/ada4528-1) configured as a unitygain buffer with a supply voltage of ±2.5 V and a resistive load of 10 kΩ. With an input voltage of ±2.5 V, the [ADA4528-1](http://www.analog.com/ada4528-1) allows the output to swing very close to both rails. Additionally, it does not exhibit phase reversal.



### **NOISE CONSIDERATIONS 1/f noise**

1/f noise, also known as pink noise or flicker noise, is inherent in semiconductor devices and increases as frequency decreases. At low frequency, 1/f noise is a major noise contributor and causes a significant output voltage offset when amplified by the noise gain of the circuit. However, the [ADA4528-1](http://www.analog.com/ada4528-1) eliminates the 1/f noise internally, thus making it an excellent choice for dc or subhertz high precision applications. The 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz amplifier voltage noise is only 97 nV p-p ( $Av = +100$ ) at 2.5 V of supply voltage.

The low frequency 1/f noise appears as a slow varying offset to the [ADA4528-1](http://www.analog.com/ada4528-1) and is greatly reduced by the chopping technique. This allows the [ADA4528-1](http://www.analog.com/ada4528-1) to have a much lower noise at dc and low frequency in comparison to standard low noise amplifiers that are susceptible to 1/f noise. [Figure 46](#page-12-0) and [Figure 49](#page-12-0) show the voltage noise density of the amplifier with no 1/f noise.

#### **Source Resistance**

The [ADA4528-1](http://www.analog.com/ada4528-1) is one of the lowest noise zero drift amplifiers with 5.6 nV/ $\sqrt{Hz}$  of broadband noise at 1 kHz (V<sub>SY</sub> = 2.5 V and  $A_V = +100$ ) currently available in the industry. Therefore, it is important to consider the input source resistance of choice to maintain a total low noise. The total input referred broadband noise ( $e_N$  total) from any amplifier is primarily a function of three types of noise: input voltage noise, input current noise, and thermal (Johnson) noise from the external resistors. These uncorrelated noise sources can be summed up in a root sum squared (rss) manner by using the following equation:

$$
e_N\ total = [e_n^2 + 4\ kTR_S + (i_n \times R_S)^2]^{1/2}
$$

where:

 $e_n$  is the input voltage noise of the amplifier (V/ $\sqrt{Hz}$ ).  $I_n$  is the input current noise of the amplifier (A/ $\sqrt{Hz}$ ). *Rs* is the total input source resistance  $(\Omega)$ . *k* is the Boltzmann's constant (1.38  $\times$  10<sup>-23</sup> J/K). *T* is the temperature in Kelvin (K).

The total equivalent rms noise over a specific bandwidth is expressed as

 $e_{N,RMS} = e_N$  total  $\sqrt{BW}$ 

where *BW* is the bandwidth in hertz.

This analysis is valid for broadband noise calculation. If the bandwidth of concern includes the chopping frequency, more complicated calculations must be made to include the effect of the noise spike at the chopping frequency (see [Figure 60\)](#page-15-0).

With a low source resistance of  $R_s < 1 \text{ k}\Omega$ , the voltage noise of the amplifier dominates. As source resistance increases, the thermal noise of R<sub>s</sub> dominates. As the source resistance further increases, where  $R_s$  > 100 kΩ, the current noise becomes the main contributor of the total input noise. A good selection table for low noise op amps can be found in the [AN-940](http://www.analog.com/an-940) Application Note, *Low Noise Amplifier Selection Guide for Optimal Noise Performance.* 

#### <span id="page-15-2"></span>**Voltage Noise Density with Different Gain Configurations**

[Figure 58](#page-15-1) shows the voltage noise density vs. closed-loop gain of a zero-drift amplifier from Competitor A. The voltage noise density of the amplifier increases from 11 nV/√Hz to 21 nV/√Hz as closedloop gain decreases from 1000 to 1. [Figure 59](#page-15-2) shows the voltage noise density vs. frequency of the ADA4528-1 for three different gain configurations. The [ADA4528-1](http://www.analog.com/ada4528-1) offers lower input voltage noise density of 6 nV/√Hz to 7 nV/√Hz regardless of gain configurations.



<span id="page-15-1"></span><span id="page-15-0"></span>Figure 58. Competitor A: Voltage Noise Density vs. Closed-Loop Gain



#### **Residual Ripple**

Although the ACFB suppresses the chopping related ripples, there exists higher noise spectrum at the chopping frequency and its harmonics due to the remaining ripples. [Figure 60](#page-15-0) shows the voltage noise density of the [ADA4528-1](http://www.analog.com/ada4528-1) configured in unity gain. A noise spike of 50 nV/ $\sqrt{Hz}$  can be seen at the chopping frequency of 200 kHz. This noise spike is significant when the op amp has a closed-loop frequency that is higher than the chopping frequency. To further suppress the noise to a desired level, it is recommended to have a post filter at the output of the amplifier.



## <span id="page-16-0"></span>**PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD LAYOUT**

The [ADA4528-1](http://www.analog.com/ada4528-1) is a high precision device with ultralow offset voltage and noise. Therefore, care must be taken in the design of the printed circuit board (PCB) layout to achieve optimum performance of the [ADA4528-1](http://www.analog.com/ada4528-1) at board level.

To avoid leakage currents, keep the surface of the board clean and free of moisture. Coating the board surface creates a barrier to moisture accumulation and reduces parasitic resistance on the board. Figure 61. Mismatch in Seebeck Voltages Causes

<span id="page-16-1"></span>Properly bypassing the power supplies and keeping the supply traces short minimizes power supply disturbances caused by output current variation. Connect bypass capacitors as close as possible to the device supply pins. Stray capacitances are a concern at the outputs and the inputs of the amplifier. It is recommended that signal traces be kept at a distance of at least 5 mm from supply lines to minimize coupling.

A potential source of offset error is the Seebeck voltage on the circuit board. The Seebeck voltage occurs at the junction of two dissimilar metals and is a function of the temperature of the junction. The most common metallic junctions on a circuit board are solder-to-board trace and solder-to-component lead. [Figure 61](#page-16-1) shows a cross section of a surface-mount component soldered to a PCB. A variation in temperature across the board (where  $T_{\rm A1} \neq$ T<sub>A2</sub>) causes a mismatch in the Seebeck voltages at the solder joints, thereby resulting in thermal voltage errors that degrade the performance of the ultralow offset voltage of the [ADA4528-1.](http://www.analog.com/ada4528-1)



To minimize these thermocouple effects, orient resistors so that heat sources warm both ends equally. Where possible, the input signal paths should contain matching numbers and types of components to match the number and type of thermocouple junctions. For example, dummy components, such as zero value resistors, can be used to match the thermoelectric error source (real resistors in the opposite input path). Place matching components in close proximity and orient them in the same manner to ensure equal Seebeck voltages, thus cancelling thermal errors. Additionally, use leads that are of equal length to keep thermal conduction in equilibrium. Keep heat sources on the PCB as far away from amplifier input circuitry as is practical.

It is highly recommended to use a ground plane. A ground plane helps distribute heat throughout the board, maintains a constant temperature across the board, and reduces EMI noise pickup.

## <span id="page-17-0"></span>OUTLINE DIMENSIONS



Dimensions shown in millimeters

#### **ORDERING GUIDE**



 $1 Z =$  RoHS Compliant Part.

## **NOTES**

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