



Zero Drift, Digitally Programmable Instrumentation Amplifier Evaluation Board

AD8231-EVALZ

FEATURES

- Two AD8231 circuits
- In-amp and op amp
- Differential output
- Easy to switch jumpers
- Decoupled supply lines

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The AD8231-EVALZ has two AD8231s mounted on it. Z1 is the AD8231 on the left side of the board. It is configured to allow access of the in-amp and op amp separately. Z2 is the AD8231 on the right side of the board. It is set up as a differential output configuration.

Inputs, outputs, references, and the supplies are routed to test points for easy connectivity. $\overline{\text{SDN}}$, $\overline{\text{CS}}$, and the gain select pins (A0 to A2) are routed to jumpers. These jumpers control both AD8231s. When a jumper is in the high position, its corresponding pin is connected to V_S . When the jumper is in the low position, it is connected to ground.

The PCB has four layers. The top and bottom layers are used for routing, and the two internal layers are power and ground planes.

EVALUATION BOARD

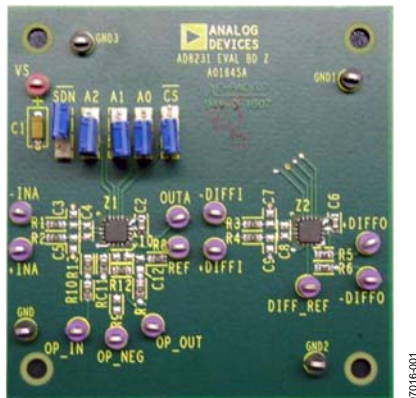


Figure 1.

QUICK START

Set the jumpers as shown in Table 1. These jumper settings ensure the part is enabled and in a gain of 1.

Table 1. Quick Start Jumper Settings

Function	Setting
$\overline{\text{SDN}}$	High
A2	Low
A1	Low
A0	Low
$\overline{\text{CS}}$	Low

Connect the ground lead to GND and connect a 5 V supply to $+V_S$. Connect a 1 V source to $-I_{\text{NA}}$, and connect a 2 V source to $+I_{\text{NA}}$. 3.5 V should now appear at OUT_A .

The output equation for the AD8231 with a gain of 1 is $V_{+I_{\text{NA}}} - V_{-I_{\text{NA}}} + V_{\text{REF}} = V_{\text{OUT}}$. As shipped, the evaluation board has the in-amp reference pin driven to half the supply voltage. Therefore, the output voltage is $2 \text{ V} - 1 \text{ V} + 2.5 \text{ V} = 3.5 \text{ V}$.

DUAL SUPPLIES

The supplies on the AD8231-EVALZ are labeled V_S and GND because most applications are single supply. However, dual supplies can also be used with this evaluation board, as long as the difference between the two supplies is less than 6 V. Simply connect the negative supply to the GND terminal. For example, connect $+2.5 \text{ V}$ to $+V_S$ and -2.5 V to GND. Any voltage connected to GND also appears at the GND1, GND2, and GND3 terminals; therefore, take care when connecting external equipment.

CONFIGURING THE OP AMP

By default, the op amp in Z1 is configured as a unity-gain buffer driving the in-amp reference pin. A resistor divider at the op amp input sets the voltage at midsupply. When using this op amp for other applications, remove R8 and drive the in-amp REF pin with a different source.

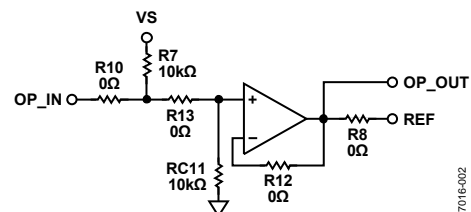


Figure 2. Default Op Amp Configuration

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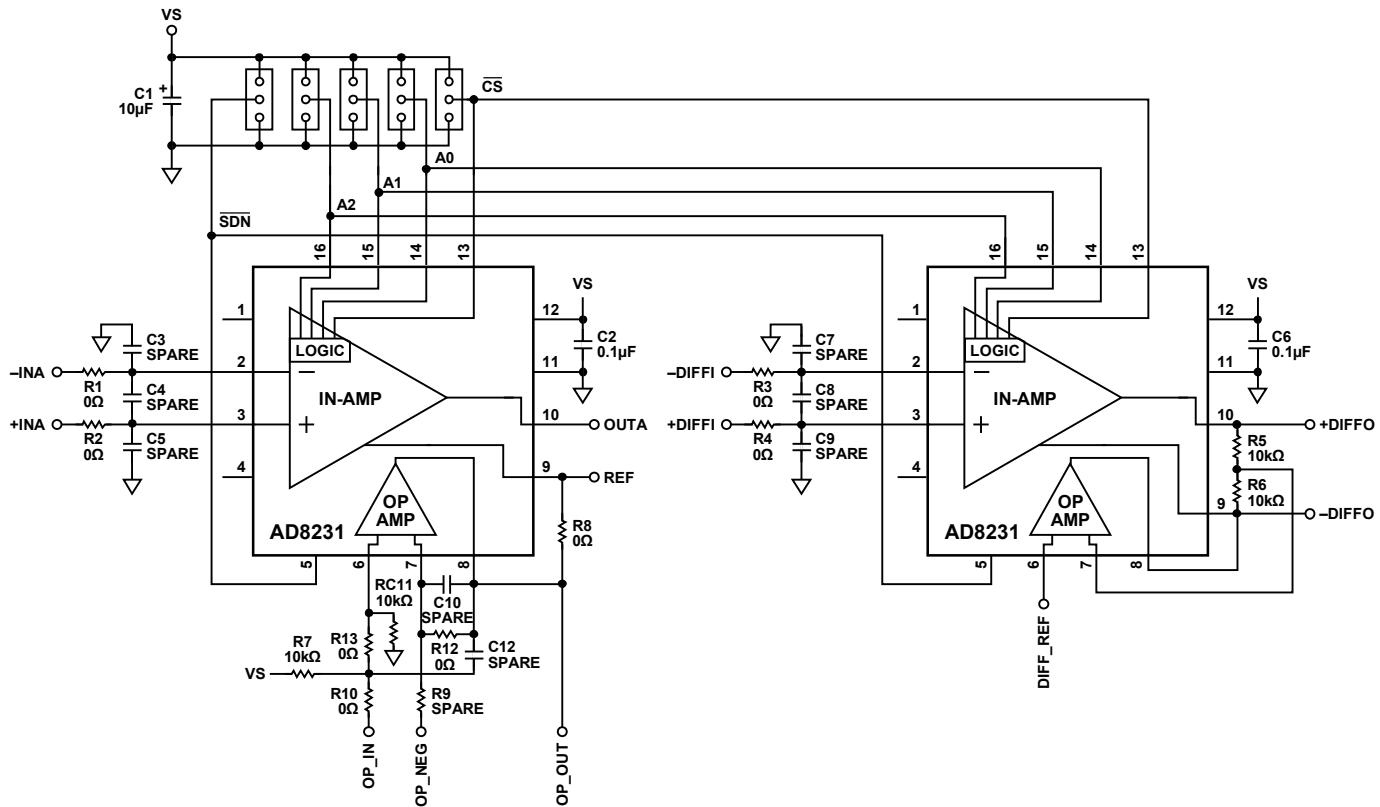


Figure 3. AD8231-EVALZ Schematic

Additional 0603 component pads have been placed and routed to allow several other types of op amp configurations. Figure 4 shows how to put the op amp in either an inverting or noninverting gain configuration. To make a noninverting configuration, drive the OP_IN pin with the incoming signal and the OP_NEG pin with a bias voltage. For an inverting configuration, drive the OP_NEG pin with the incoming signal and the OP_IN pin with a bias voltage.

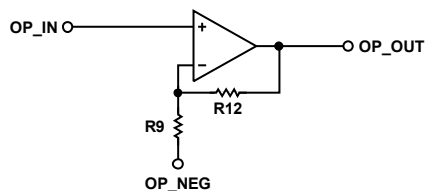


Figure 4. Inverting or Noninverting Configuration

The op amp can also be configured for filtering. Figure 5 shows how to make a Sallen-Key filter.

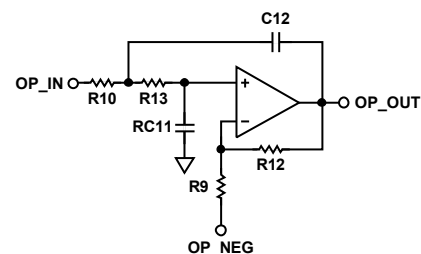


Figure 5. Sallen-Key Filter

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¹ Z = RoHS Compliant Part.

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