

## Evaluation Board for the **AD5245** Digital Potentiometer

### FEATURES

Full featured evaluation board used in conjunction with  
 low voltage digiPOT motherboard (EVAL-MB-LV-SDZ)  
 Multiple test circuits  
 Multiple ac/dc input signals  
 PC control via a separately purchased system demonstration  
 platform (**SDP-B** or **SDP-S**)  
 PC software for control

### EVALUATION KIT CONTENTS

**EVAL-AD5245DBZ** evaluation board

**EVAL-MB-LV-SDZ** motherboard

CD that includes

- Self-installing software that allows users to control the board and exercise all functions of the device
- Electronic version of the **AD5245** data sheet
- Electronic version of the **EVAL-AD5245DBZ** user guide

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This user guide describes the evaluation boards for evaluating the **AD5245**, a single-channel, 256-position, I<sup>2</sup>C-compatible digital potentiometer.

The **AD5245** supports single-supply 2.7 V to 5.5 V operation, making the device suitable for battery-powered applications and many applications requiring superior low temperature coefficient performance.

In addition, the **AD5245** uses a versatile I<sup>2</sup>C-compatible serial interface that operates in fast mode, allowing speeds of up to 400 kHz. This interface can be used to read back the wiper register.

The **EVAL-AD5245DBZ** daughter board and the EVAL-MB-LV-SDZ motherboard can operate in single-supply mode and incorporate an internal power supply from the USB.

Complete specifications for the **AD5245** can be found in the **AD5245** data sheet, which is available from [www.analog.com](http://www.analog.com) and should be consulted in conjunction with this user guide when using the evaluation board.

### PHOTOGRAPH OF **EVAL-AD5245DBZ** WITH MOTHERBOARD AND SDP-B

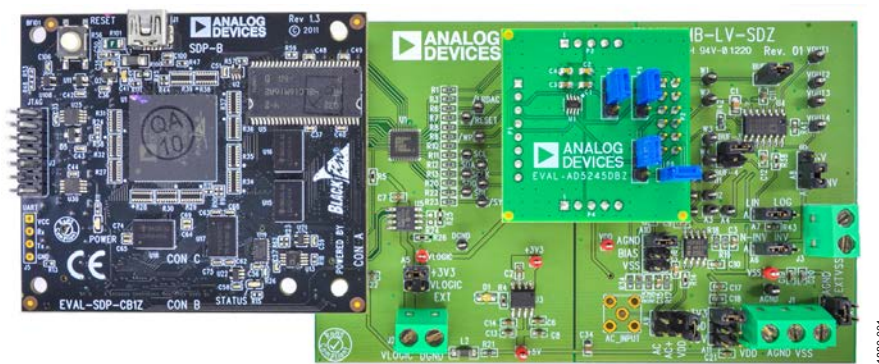


Figure 1. Digital Picture of Evaluation Board with Low Voltage DigiPOT Motherboard and System Demonstration Platform

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REVISION HISTORY

5/14—Revision 0: Initial Version

## EVALUATION BOARD HARDWARE

### POWER SUPPLIES

The EVAL-MB-LV-SDZ supports using single power supplies.

The evaluation board can be powered either from the SDP port or externally by the J1 and J2 connectors, as described in Table 1.

All supplies are decoupled to ground using 10  $\mu$ F tantalum and 0.1  $\mu$ F ceramic capacitors.

### LINK OPTIONS

Several link and switch options are incorporated on the EVAL-MB-LV-SDZ and [EVAL-AD5245DBZ](#) boards and must be set up before using the evaluation system. The functions of these link options are described in detail in Table 2 through Table 5. By default, the evaluation system is set up to be controlled by a PC via the SDP board.

**Table 1. Connector Functions**

Connector No.	Label	Description	Voltage	
			Min	Max
J1-1	VDD	Analog positive power supply, $V_{DD}$	2.7 V	5.5 V
J1-2	AGND	Analog ground		
J2-1	VLOGIC	Digital supply	2.7 V	$V_{DD}$
J2-2	DGND	Digital ground		

**Table 2. Link Functions**

Link No.	Power Supply	Options	Default Position
A5	$V_{LOGIC}$	Digital supply select options: 3.3 V (from the SDP board) VLOGIC EXT (external supply from the J2 connector)	3.3 V
A11	$V_{DD}$	Positive power supply select options: 5 V (from the SDP board) 3.3 V (from the SDP board) VDD (external supply from the J1 connector)	3.3 V
A12	GND	AGND	AGND

## TEST CIRCUITS

The EVAL-AD5245DBZ and EVAL-MB-LV-SDZ incorporate several test circuits to evaluate the performance of the AD5245.

### DAC

The RDAC can be operated as a digital-to-analog converter (DAC), as shown in Figure 2.

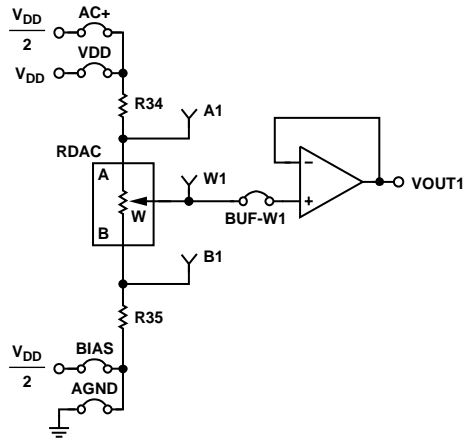


Figure 2. DAC

Table 4 shows the options available for the voltage references.

The output voltage is defined in Equation 1.

$$V_{OUT} = (V_A - V_B) \times \frac{RDAC}{256} \quad (1)$$

where:

RDAC is the code loaded in the RDAC register.

$V_A$  is the voltage applied to the A terminal (A9 link).

$V_B$  is the voltage applied to the B terminal (A10 link).

However, by using the R34 and R35 external resistors, you can reduce the voltage of the voltage references. In this case, use the A1 and B1 test points to measure the voltage applied to the A and B terminals and recalculate  $V_A$  and  $V_B$  in Equation 1.

### AC Signal Attenuation

The RDAC can be used to attenuate an ac signal, which must be provided externally using the AC\_INPUT connector, as shown in Figure 3.

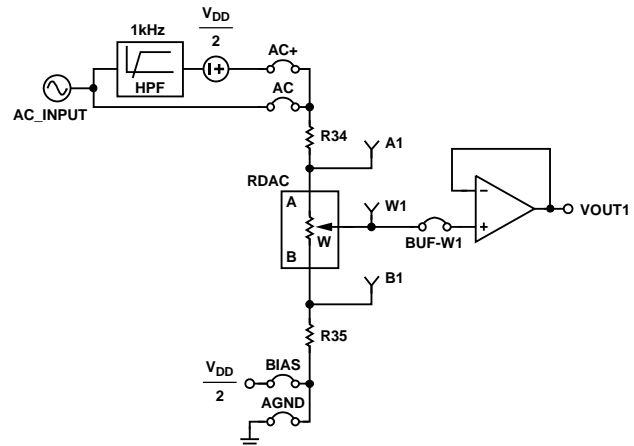


Figure 3. AC Signal Attenuator

Depending on the voltage supply rails and the dc offset voltage of the ac signal, various configurations can be used, as described in Table 3.

Table 3. AC Signal Attenuation Link Options

Link	Options	Conditions
A9	AC+	No dc offset voltage. AC signal is outside the voltage supply rails due to the dc offset voltage. DC offset voltage $\neq V_{DD}/2$ . <sup>1</sup>
	AC	All other conditions.
A10	BIAS AGND	Use in conjunction with AC+ link. <sup>1</sup> All other conditions.

<sup>1</sup> Recommended to ensure optimal total harmonic distortion (THD) performance.

The signal attenuation is defined in Equation 2.

$$Attenuation \text{ (dB)} = 20 \times \log \left( \frac{R_{WB} + R_W}{R_{END-TO-END}} \right) \quad (2)$$

where:

$R_{WB}$  is the resistance between the W and B terminals.

$R_W$  is the wiper resistance.

$R_{END-TO-END}$  is the end-to-end resistance value.

Table 4. DAC Voltage References

Terminal	Link Settings		Description
	Daughter Board	Motherboard	
A1	P6: A1 position	A9: AC+ position A9: VDD position	Connects Terminal A1 to $V_{DD}/2$ Connects Terminal A1 to $V_{DD}$
W1	P5: W1 position	BUF-W1: inserted	Connects Terminal W1 to an output buffer
B1	P7: B1 position	A10: BIAS position A10: AGND position	Connects Terminal B1 to $V_{DD}/2$ Connects Terminal B1 to analog ground
	P8: inserted		Closes the feedback loop of the second op amp in the AD8618

### Signal Amplifier

The RDAC can be operated as an inverting or noninverting signal amplifier and can support linear or pseudologarithmic gain. Table 5 shows the available configurations.

The noninverting amplifier with linear gain is shown in Figure 4, and the gain is defined in Equation 3.

$$G = 1 + \frac{R_{WB}}{R38} \quad (3)$$

where  $R_{WB}$  is the resistance between the W and B terminals.

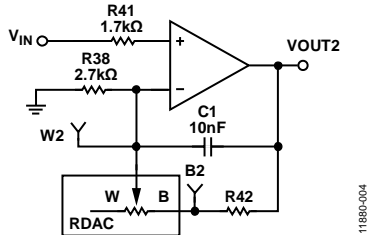


Figure 4. Noninverting Amplifier with Linear Gain

The noninverting amplifier with pseudologarithmic gain is shown in Figure 5, and the gain is defined in Equation 4.

$$G = 1 + \frac{R_{WB}}{R_{AW}} \quad (4)$$

where:

$R_{WB}$  is the resistance between the W and B terminals.

$R_{AW}$  is the resistance between the A and W terminals.

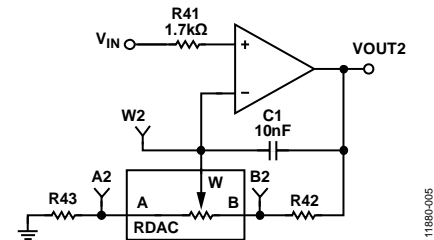


Figure 5. Noninverting Amplifier with Pseudologarithmic Gain

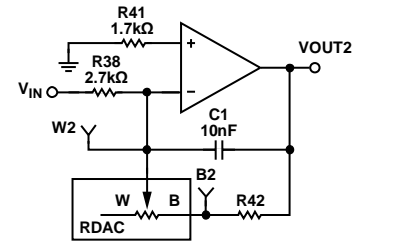
$R43$  and  $R42$  can be used to set the maximum and minimum gain limits.

The inverting amplifier with linear gain is shown in Figure 6, and the gain is defined in Equation 5.

$$G = -\frac{R_{WB}}{R38} \quad (5)$$

where  $R_{WB}$  is the resistance between the W and B terminals.

Note that the input signal,  $V_{IN}$ , must be negative.



NOTES  
1. THE INPUT SIGNAL,  $V_{IN}$ , MUST BE NEGATIVE.

Figure 6. Inverting Amplifier with Linear Gain

Table 5. Amplifier Selection Link Settings

Amplifier	Gain	Link Settings		$V_{IN}$ Range
		Daughter Board	Motherboard	
Noninverting	Linear	P5: A2 position, P6: W2 position, P7: B2 position, P8: not inserted	A7: LIN position, A6: N-INV position, A8: N-INV position	0 V to $V_{DD}$
	Pseudologarithmic	P5: A2 position, P6: W2 position, P7: B2 position, P8: not inserted	A7: LOG position, A6: N-INV position, A8: N-INV position	0 V to $V_{DD}$
Inverting	Linear	P5: A2 position, P6: W2 position, P7: B2 position, P8: not inserted	A7: LIN position, A6: INV position, A8: INV position	$-V_{DD}$ to 0 V

## EVALUATION BOARD SOFTWARE

### INSTALLING THE SOFTWARE

The EVAL-AD5245DBZ kit includes evaluation board software provided on a CD. The software is compatible with Windows® XP, Windows Vista, and Windows 7 (both 32-bit and 64-bit versions).

Install the software before connecting the SDP board to the USB port of the PC to ensure that the SDP board is recognized when it is connected to the PC.

1. Start the Windows operating system and insert the CD.
2. The installation software opens automatically. If it does not, run the **setup.exe** file from the CD.
3. After the installation is complete, power up the evaluation board as described in the Power Supplies section.
4. Connect the EVAL-AD5245DBZ and EVAL-MB-LV-SDZ to the SDP board and the SDP board to the PC.
5. When the software detects the evaluation board, follow the instructions that appear to finalize the installation.

### RUNNING THE SOFTWARE

To run the program, do the following:

1. Click **Start > All Programs > Analog Devices > AD5245 > AD5245 Eval Board**. (To uninstall the program, click **Start > Control Panel > Add or Remove Programs > AD5245 Eval Board**.)

2. If the SDP board is not connected to the USB port when the software is launched, a connectivity error displays (see Figure 7). If a connectivity error is displayed, connect the evaluation board to the USB port of the PC and wait a few seconds, and then click **Rescan** and follow the instructions that appear on-screen.

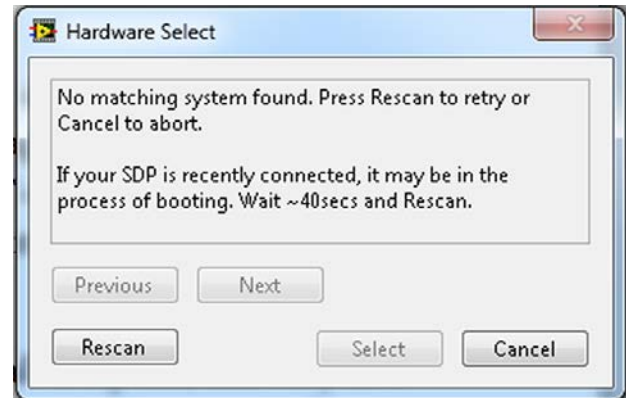


Figure 7. Pop-Up Window Error

The main window of the EVAL-AD5245DBZ software then opens, as shown in Figure 8.

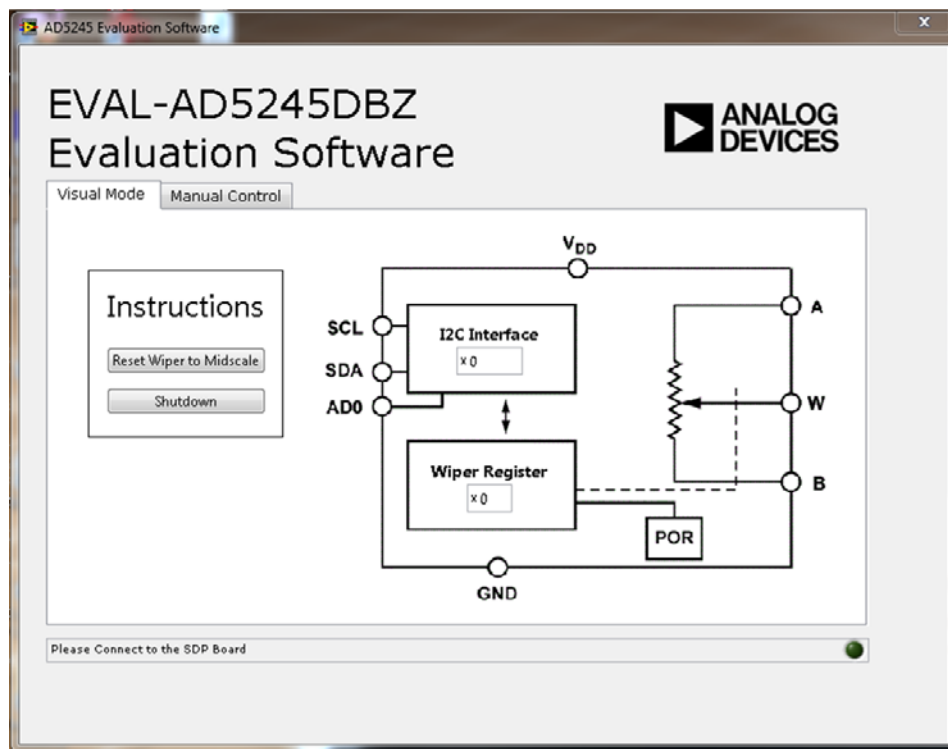


Figure 8. EVAL-AD5245DBZ Software Main Window, Visual Mode Tab

## OPERATING THE SOFTWARE

The main window of the [EVAL-AD5245DBZ](#) software is divided into two tabs: **Visual Mode** and **Manual Control**.

### Visual Mode Tab

The **Visual Mode** tab, as shown in Figure 8, is divided into two sections, with a block diagram on the right and command buttons on the left.

The block diagram allows updating the control register status. Each register value can easily be updated by changing the value in its respective block within the diagram.

### Manual Control Tab

The **Manual Control** tab, as shown in Figure 9, allows customizing an I<sup>2</sup>C data-word by manually switching each serial data-word (D7 to D0) from 0 to 1 or from 1 to 0, as desired, and then clicking **Write Registers**. Data can also be read by clicking **Read Registers**.

Exiting the window closes the program.

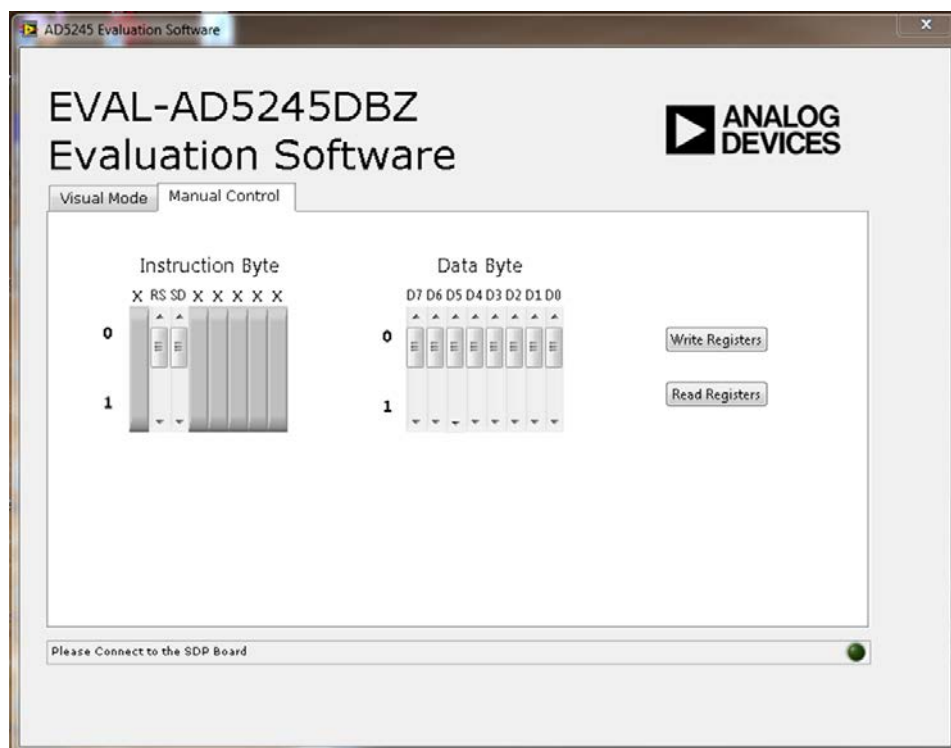


Figure 9. [EVAL-AD5245DBZ](#) Software Main Window, Manual Control Tab

# EVALUATION BOARD SCHEMATICS AND ARTWORK

## MOTHERBOARD

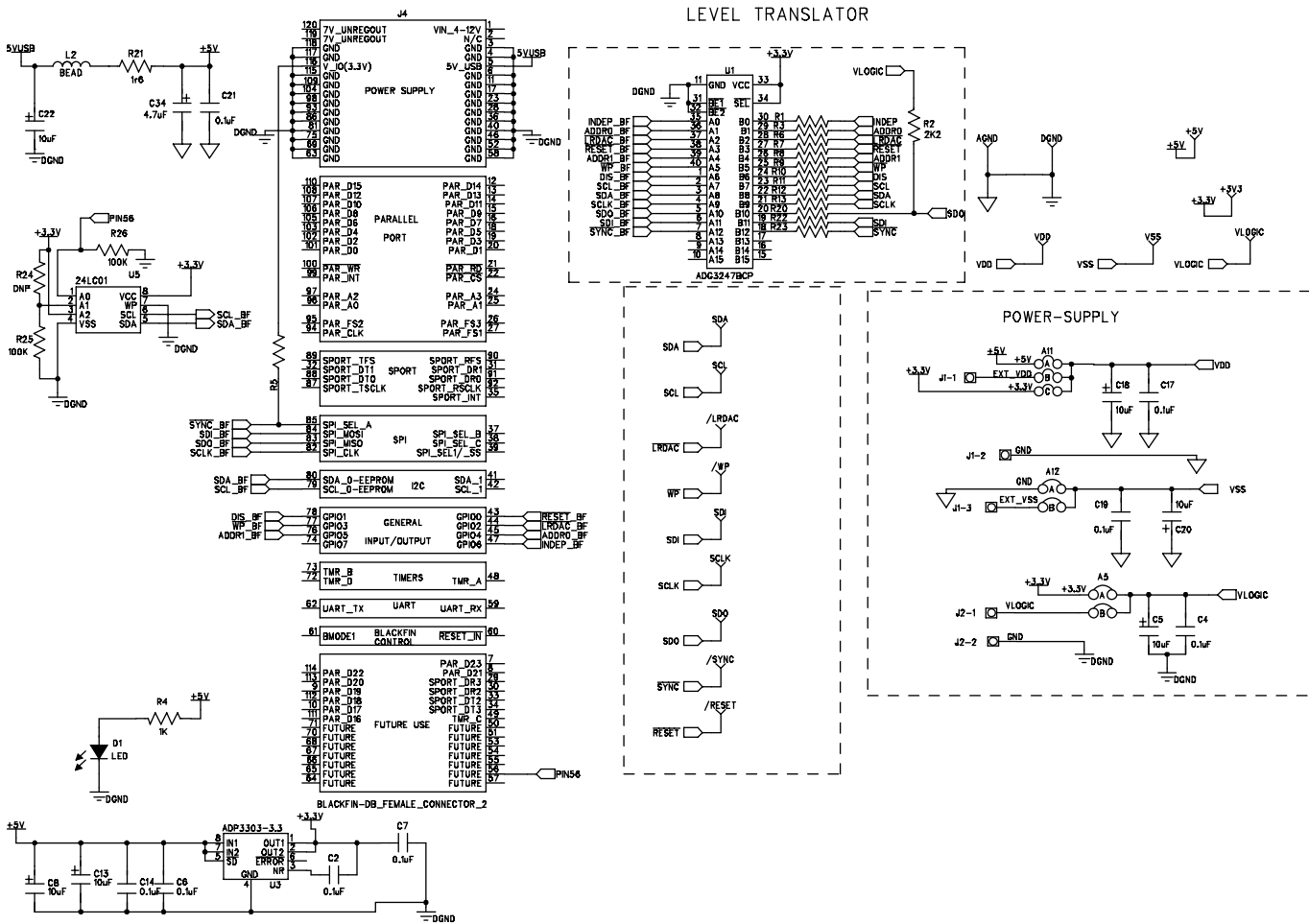


Figure 10. SDP Connector and Power Supply



## DAC + FLOATING DAC + BW

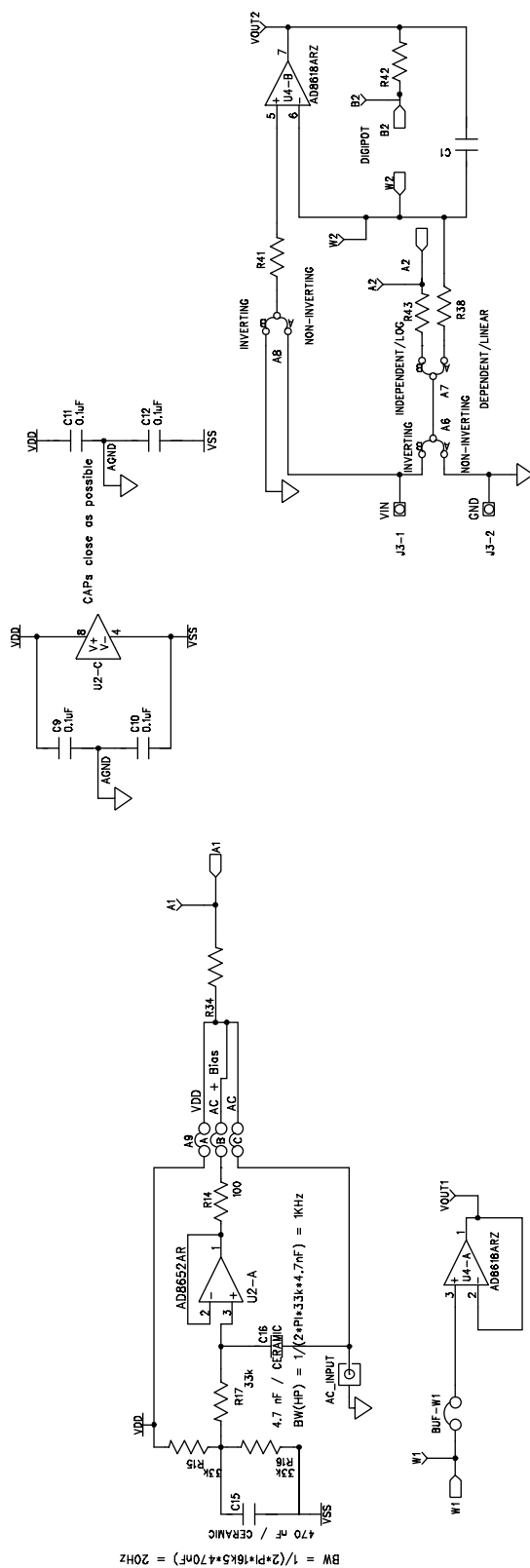


Figure 11. Schematic of Test Circuits

## INVERTING AND NON-INVERTING WITH LINEAR AND PSEUDO-LOG GAIN



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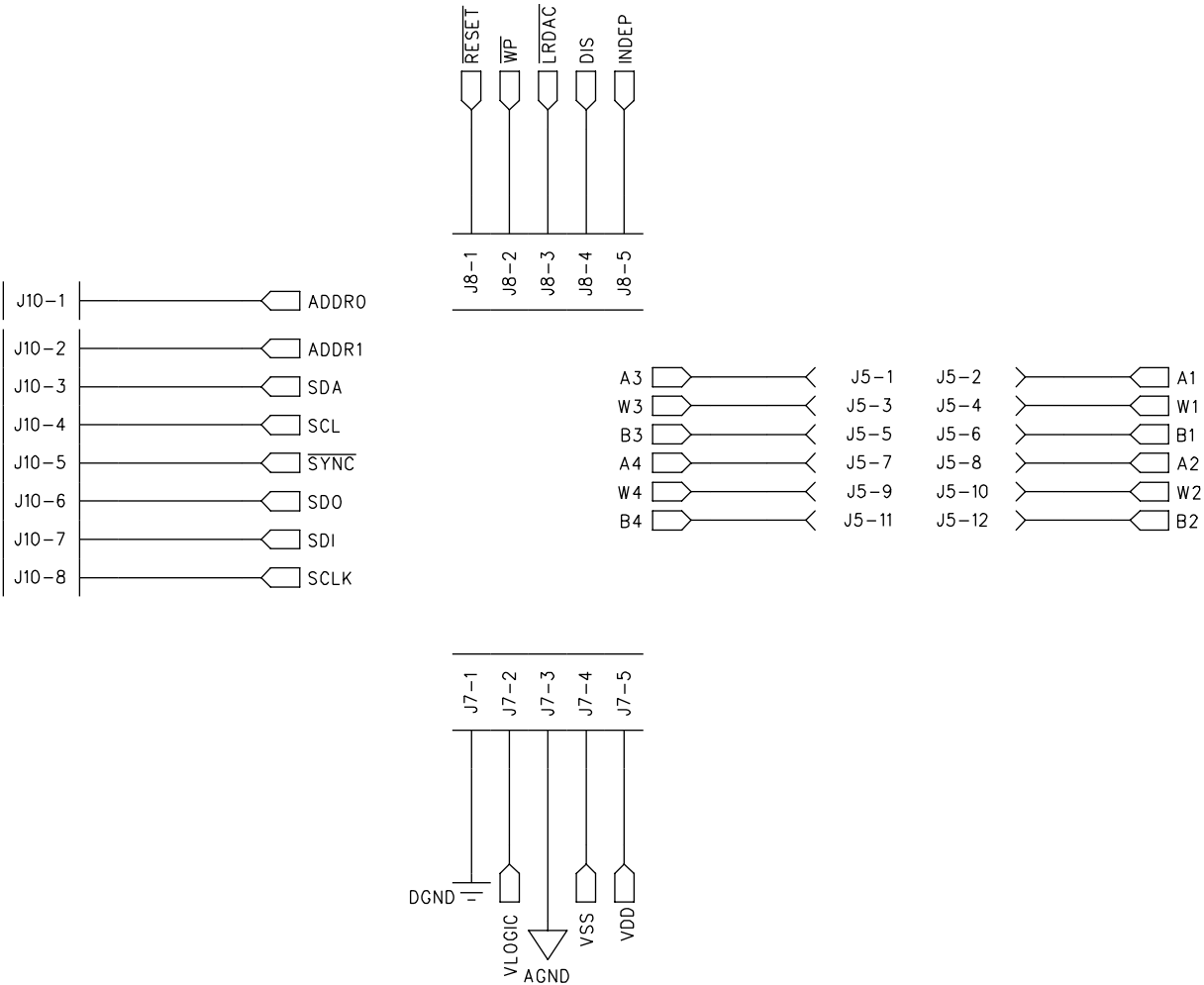


Figure 12. Schematic of Connectors to Daughter Board

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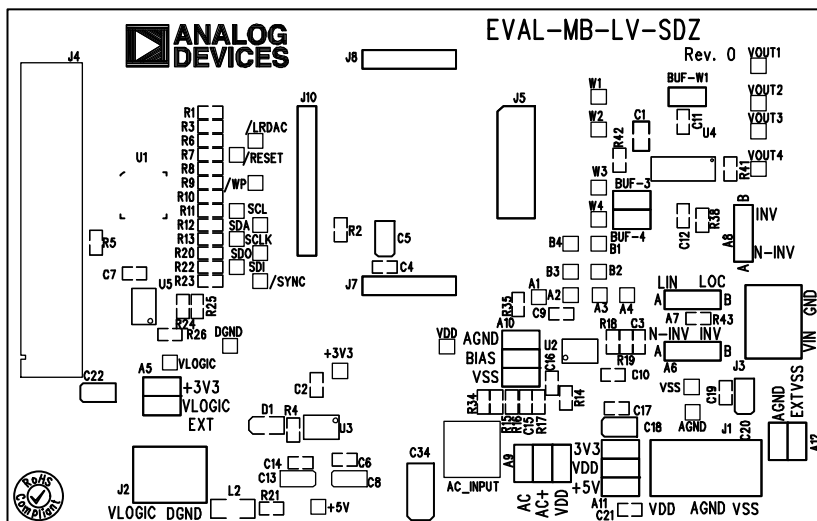


Figure 13. Component Side View

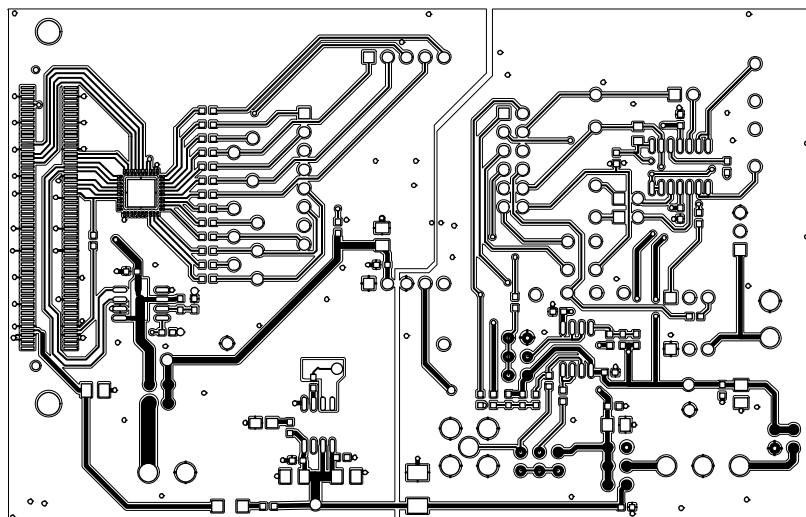


Figure 14. Component Placement Drawing

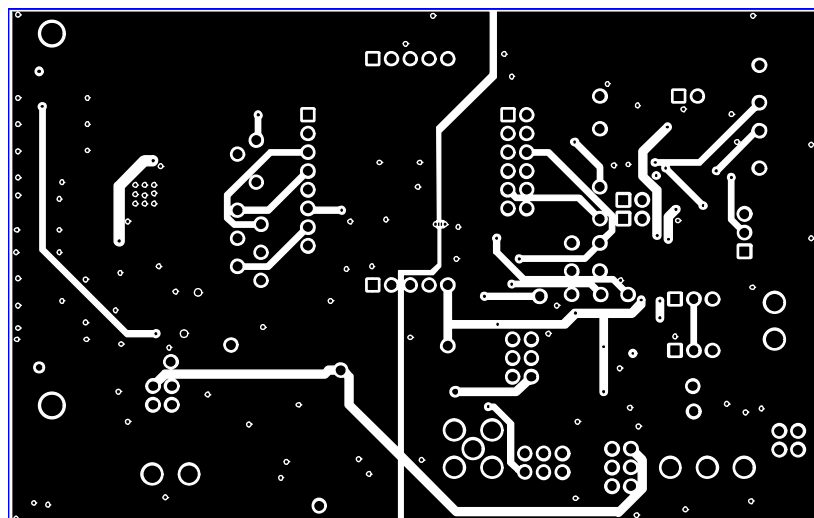


Figure 15. Layer 2 Side PCB Drawing

DAUGHTER BOARD

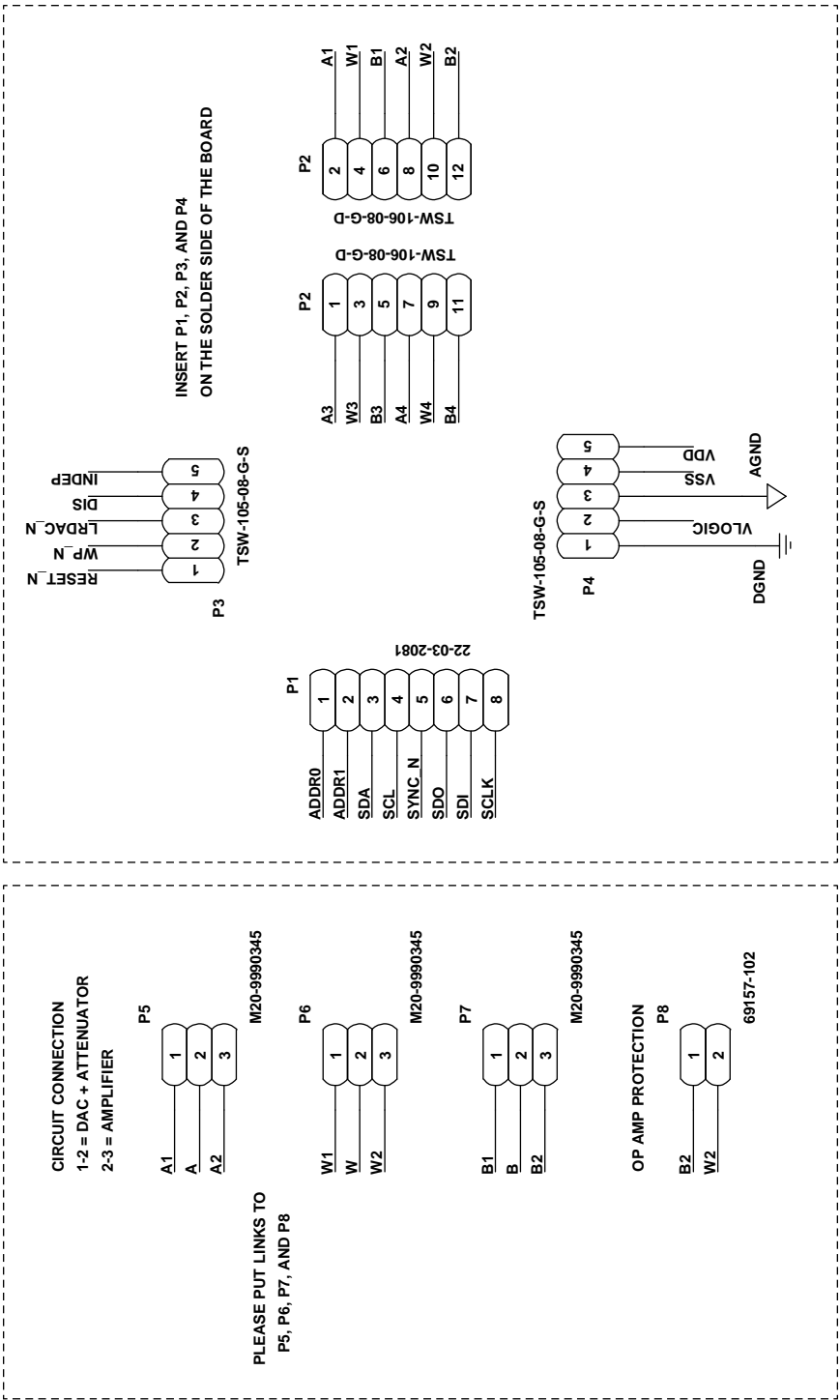
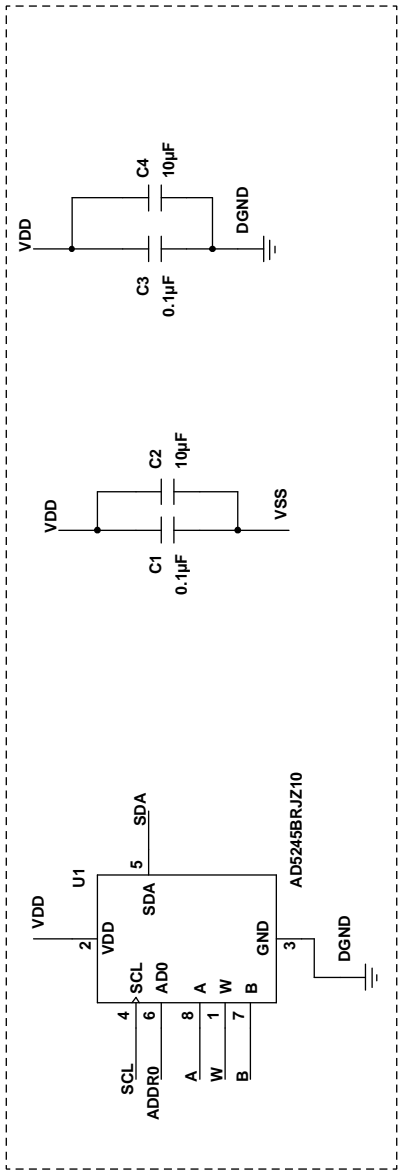


Figure 16. Schematic of Daughter Board

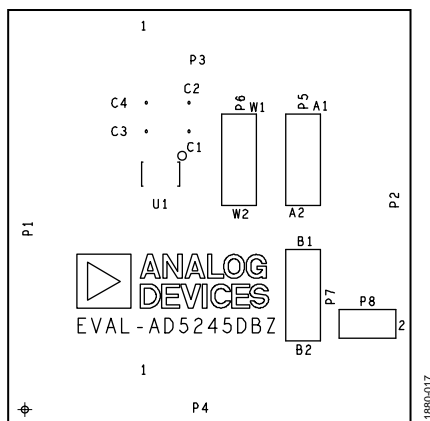


Figure 17. Component Side View

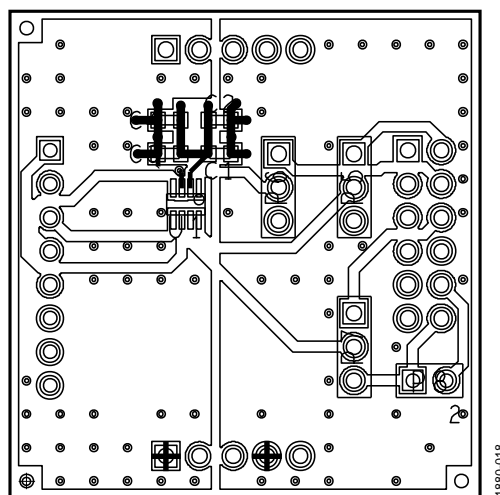


Figure 18. Component Placement Drawing

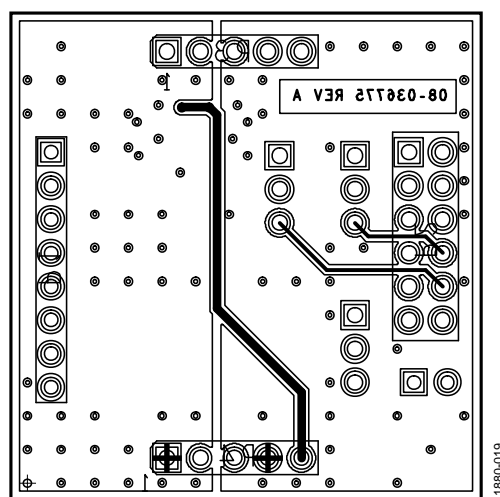


Figure 19. Layer 2 Side PCB Drawing

## BILL OF MATERIALS

Table 6. Motherboard Bill of Materials

Qty	Reference Designator	Description	Supplier <sup>1</sup> /Part Number
3	BUF-3, BUF-4, BUF-W1	2-pin (0.1" pitch) header and shorting shunt	FEC 1022247 and FEC 150411
3	A6, A7, A8	3-pin SIL header and shorting link	FEC 1022248 and FEC 150410
5	A5, A9, A10, A11, A12	6-pin (3 × 2), 0.1" header and shorting block	FEC 148535 and FEC 150411 (36-pin strip)
1	J1	3-pin terminal block (5 mm pitch)	FEC 151790
2	J7, J8	4-pin SIL header	FEC 1098035
1	J4	Receptacle, 0.6 mm, 120-way	Digi-Key H1219-ND
1	J10	8-pin inline header; 100 mil centers	FEC 1098038
1	J5	12-pin (2 × 6), 0.1" pitch header	FEC 1098051
2	J2, J3	2-pin terminal block (5 mm pitch)	FEC 151789
17	R1, R3, R6, R7, R8, R9, R10, R11, R12, R13, R20, R22, R23, R34, R35, R42, R43	SMD resistor, 0 Ω, 0.01, 0603	FEC 9331662
1	R2	SMD resistor, 2.2 kΩ, 0.01, 0603	FEC 1750676
1	R41	SMD resistor, 1.7 kΩ, 1%, 0603	FEC 1170811
1	R21	Resistor, surge, 1.6 Ω, 1%, 0603	FEC 1627674
1	R38	SMD resistor, 2.7 kΩ, 1%, 0603	FEC 1750678
1	R14	SMD resistor, 100 Ω, 1%, 0603	FEC 9330364
1	R4	SMD resistor, 1 kΩ, 0.01, 0603	FEC 9330380
3	R5, R25, R26	SMD resistor, 100 kΩ, 1%, 0603	FEC 9330402
5	R15, R16, R17, R18, R19	SMD resistor, 33 kΩ, 1%, 0603	FEC 9331034
1	C1	SMD capacitor, 100 nF, 10%, 0805	FEC 1650863
8	C4, C9, C10, C11, C12, C17, C19, C21	SMD capacitor, 0.1 μF, ±10%, 0603	FEC 1759122
4	C2, C6, C7, C14	SMD capacitor, 0.1 μF, ±10%, 0603	FEC 3019482
2	C8, C13	SMD capacitor, 10 μF, ±10%	FEC 197130
4	C18, C20, C22, C5	Capacitor, 10 μF, ±20%	FEC 1190107
2	C3, C15	Capacitor, 470 nF, ±10%, 0603	FEC 1414037
1	C16	Capacitor, 4.7 nF, ±10%, 0603	FEC 1414642
1	C34	Capacitor, 4.7 nF, ±20%	FEC 1432350
1	L2	Inductor, SMD, 600Z	FEC 9526862
1	D1	Green SMD LED	FEC 5790852
1	U1	Two-port level translating bus switch	<a href="#">ADG3247BCPZ</a>
1	U2	Dual op amp	<a href="#">AD8652ARZ</a>
1	U3	Precision low dropout voltage regulator	<a href="#">ADP3303ARZ-3.3</a>
1	U4	Operational amplifier	<a href="#">AD8618ARZ</a>
1	U5	I <sup>2</sup> C serial EEPROM, 64k, 2.5 V, MSOP-8	FEC 1331335
18	LRDAC, RESET, SYNC, WP, A1, A2, A3, A4, AGND, B1, VOUT_C1, VOUT_C2, VOUT3, VOUT4, W1, W2, W3, W4	Terminal, PCB, black, PK100, test point	FEC 8731128
5	+3.3V, +5V, EXT_VDD, VLOGIC, EXT_VSS	Terminal, PCB, red, PK100	FEC 8731144

<sup>1</sup> FEC refers to Farnell Electronic Component Distributors; Digi-Key refers to Digi-Key Corporation.

Table 7. Daughter Board Bill of Materials

Qty	Reference Designator	Description	Supplier <sup>1</sup> /Part Number
1	U1	256-position digital potentiometer	<a href="#">AD5245BRJZ10</a>
1	P8	2-pin (0.1" pitch) header and shorting shunt	FEC 1022247 and FEC 150411
3	P5, P6, P7	3-pin SIL header and shorting link	FEC 1022248 and FEC 150410
2	C2, C4	6.3 V, X5R, ceramic capacitor, 10 $\mu$ F, $\pm$ 20%	GRM188R60J106ME47D
2	C1, C3	50 V, X7R, ceramic capacitor, 0.1 $\mu$ F, $\pm$ 10%	GRM188R71H104KA93D
1	P1	Header, 2.54 mm, PCB, 1 $\times$ 8-way	FEC 1766172
1	P2	12-pin (2 $\times$ 6), 0.1" pitch header	FEC 1804099
2	P3, P4	5-pin SIL header	FEC 1929016

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## NOTES

I<sup>2</sup>C refers to a communications protocol originally developed by Philips Semiconductors (now NXP Semiconductors).

**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.

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