

General Description

The MAX12555 is a 3.3V, 14-bit, 95Msps analog-to-digital converter (ADC) featuring a fully differential wideband track-and-hold (T/H) input amplifier, driving a low-noise internal quantizer. The analog input stage accepts single-ended or differential signals. The MAX12555 is optimized for high dynamic performance, low power, and small size. Excellent dynamic performance is maintained from baseband to input frequencies of 175MHz and beyond, making the MAX12555 ideal for intermediate-frequency (IF) sampling applications.

Powered from a single 3.3V supply, the MAX12555 consumes only 497mW while delivering a typical 72dB signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) performance at a 175MHz input frequency. In addition to low operating power, the MAX12555 features a 300μ W power-down mode to conserve power during idle periods.

A flexible reference structure allows the MAX12555 to use the internal 2.048V bandgap reference or accept an externally applied reference. The reference structure allows the full-scale analog input range to be adjusted from $\pm 0.35V$ to $\pm 1.10V$. The MAX12555 provides a common-mode reference to simplify design and reduce external component count in differential analog input circuits.

The MAX12555 supports either a single-ended or differential input clock. Wide variations in the clock duty cycle are compensated with the ADC's internal dutycycle equalizer (DCE).

ADC conversion results are available through a 14-bit, parallel, CMOS-compatible output bus. The digital output format is pin selectable to be either two's complement or Gray code. A data-valid indicator eliminates external components that are normally required for reliable digital interfacing. A separate digital power input accepts a wide 1.7V to 3.6V supply, allowing the MAX12555 to interface with various logic levels.

The MAX12555 is available in a 6mm x 6mm x 0.8mm, 40-pin thin QFN package with exposed paddle (EP), and is specified for the extended industrial (-40°C to +85°C) temperature range.

See the *Pin-Compatible Versions* table for a complete family of 14-bit and 12-bit high-speed ADCs.

Applications

IF and Baseband Communication Receivers Cellular, Point-to-Point Microwave, HFC, WLAN

Medical Imaging Including Positron Emission Tomography (PET)

Video Imaging

M/X/M

Portable Instrumentation

Low-Power Data Acquisition

_Features

- Direct IF Sampling Up to 400MHz
- Excellent Dynamic Performance 74dB/72dB SNR at f_{IN} = 3MHz/175MHz 87.4dBc/76.2dBc SFDR at f_{IN} = 3MHz/175MHz
- Low Noise Floor: 74.6dBFS
- ◆ 3.3V Low-Power Operation 465mW (Single-Ended Clock Mode) 497mW (Differential Clock Mode) 300µW (Power-Down Mode)
- Fully Differential or Single-Ended Analog Input
- Adjustable Full-Scale Analog Input Range ±0.35V to ±1.10V
- Common-Mode Reference
- CMOS-Compatible Outputs in Two's Complement or Gray Code
- Data-Valid Indicator Simplifies Digital Interface
- Data Out-of-Range Indicator
- Miniature, 6mm x 6mm x 0.8mm 40-Pin Thin QFN Package with Exposed Paddle
- Evaluation Kit Available (Order MAX12555EVKIT)

Ordering Information

PART*	PIN-PACKAGE	PKG CODE
MAX12555ETL	40 Thin QFN	T4066-3
MAX12555ETL+	40 Thin QFN	T4066-3

+Denotes lead-free package.

*All devices specified over the -40°C to +85°C operating range.

_Pin-Compatible Versions

PART	SAMPLING RATE (Msps)	RESOLUTION (BITS)	TARGET APPLICATION
MAX12555	95	14	IF/Baseband
MAX12554	80	14	IF/Baseband
MAX12553	65	14	IF/Baseband
MAX19538	95	12	IF/Baseband
MAX1209	80	12	IF
MAX1211	65	12	IF
MAX1208	80	12	Baseband
MAX1207	65	12	Baseband
MAX1206	40	12	Baseband

Pin Configuration appears at end of data sheet.

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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

 V_{DD} to GND-0.3V to +3.6V OV_{DD} to GND-0.3V to the lower of (V_{DD} + 0.3V) and +3.6V INP, INN to GND ...-0.3V to the lower of (V_{DD} + 0.3V) and +3.6V REFIN, REFOUT, REFP, REFN, COM

to GND.....-0.3V to the lower of (V_DD + 0.3V) and +3.6V CLKP, CLKN, CLKTYP, G/T, DCE,

PD to GND-0.3V to the lower of (V_{DD} + 0.3V) and +3.6V D13–D0, DAV, DOR to GND.....-0.3V to (OV_{DD} + 0.3V) Continuous Power Dissipation (T_A = +70°C) 40-Pin Thin QFN 6mm x 6mm x 0.8mm (derated 26.3mW/°C above +70°C).....2105.3mW Operating Temperature Range-40°C to +85°C

Junction Temperature+150°C Storage Temperature Range-65°C to +150°C Lead Temperature (soldering 10s)+300°C

Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

 $(V_{DD} = 3.3V, OV_{DD} = 1.8V, GND = 0, REFIN = REFOUT (internal reference), V_{IN} = -0.5dBFS, CLKTYP = high, DCE = high, PD = low, G/T = low, f_{CLK} = 95MHz (50% duty cycle, 1.4V_{P-P} square wave), T_A = -40°C to +85°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T_A = +25°C.) (Note 1)$

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	ТҮР	MAX	UNITS
DC ACCURACY (Note 2)	·	·				
Resolution			14			Bits
Integral Nonlinearity	INL	f _{IN} = 3MHz		±1.6		LSB
Differential Nonlinearity	DNL	$f_{IN} = 3MHz$		±0.65		LSB
Offset Error		$V_{\text{REFIN}} = 2.048 V$		±0.1	±0.78	%FS
Gain Error		$V_{REFIN} = 2.048 V$		±0.35	±5.3	%FS
ANALOG INPUT (INP, INN)						
Differential Input Voltage Range	VDIFF	Differential or single-ended inputs		±1.024		V
Common-Mode Input Voltage				V _{DD} / 2		V
Input Capacitance	CPAR	Fixed capacitance to ground		2		рF
(Figure 3)	CSAMPLE	Switched capacitance		4.5		рг
CONVERSION RATE						
Maximum Clock Frequency	fCLK		95			MHz
Minimum Clock Frequency					5	MHz
Data Latency		Figure 6		8.0		Clock cycles
DYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS (Differential Ir	nputs) (Note 2)	1			
Small-Signal Noise Floor	SSNF	Input at less than -35dBFS		-74.6		dBFS
		f _{IN} = 3MHz at -0.5dBFS (Notes 3, 4)	69.8	74		
		f _{IN} = 47.5MHz at -0.5dBFS		73.6		
Signal-to-Noise Ratio	SNR	f _{IN} = 70MHz at -0.5dBFS (Notes 3, 4)	69.6	73.4		dB
		f _{IN} = 175MHz at -0.5dBFS (Notes 3, 4)	68.7	72		
		f _{IN} = 3MHz at -0.5dBFS (Notes 3, 4)	68.7	73.6		
Cignal to Naise and Distortion	SINAD	f _{IN} = 47.5MHz at -0.5dBFS		73.2		alD
Signal-to-Noise and Distortion	SINAD	f _{IN} = 70MHz at -0.5dBFS (Notes 3, 4)	68.3	72.1		dB
		f _{IN} = 175MHz at -0.5dBFS (Notes 3, 4)	65.3	70.3		
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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	ТҮР	MAX	UNITS
		f _{IN} = 3MHz at -0.5dBFS (Notes 3, 4)	74.5	87.4		
		f _{IN} = 47.5MHz at -0.5dBFS		86		
Spurious-Free Dynamic Range	SFDR	f _{IN} = 70MHz at -0.5dBFS (Notes 3, 4)	73.3	79		dBc
		f _{IN} = 175MHz at -0.5dBFS (Notes 3, 4)	67.8	76.2		
		f _{IN} = 3MHz at -0.5dBFS		-84	-73.7	
Tatal I I ama ania Diatantian	TUD	$f_{IN} = 47.5 MHz at -0.5 dBFS$		-83.2		
Total Harmonic Distortion	THD	f _{IN} = 70MHz at -0.5dBFS (Notes 3, 4)		-77.8	-72.4	dBc
		f _{IN} = 175MHz at -0.5dBFS (Notes 3, 4)		-75.5	-67.2	
		f _{IN} = 3MHz at -0.5dBFS		-88.1		
0	1150	f _{IN} = 47.5MHz at -0.5dBFS		-90		
Second Harmonic	HD2	f _{IN} = 70MHz at -0.5dBFS		-92.5		dBc
		f _{IN} = 175MHz at -0.5dBFS		-84.2		
		f _{IN} = 3MHz at -0.5dBFS		-90		
-	1100	f _{IN} = 47.5MHz at -0.5dBFS		-88.9		
Third Harmonic	HD3	f _{IN} = 70MHz at -0.5dBFS		-79.2		dBc
		f _{IN} = 175MHz at -0.5dBFS		-76.5		
		$f_{IN1} = 68.5MHz$ at -7dBFS $f_{IN2} = 71.5MHz$ at -7dBFS		-79		
Intermodulation Distortion	IMD	$f_{IN1} = 172.5MHz \text{ at } -7dBFS$ $f_{IN2} = 177.5MHz \text{ at } -7dBFS$		-75		dBc
		$f_{IN1} = 68.5MHz$ at -7dBFS $f_{IN2} = 71.5MHz$ at -7dBFS		-80		
Third-Order Intermodulation	IM3	$f_{IN1} = 172.5MHz \text{ at } -7dBFS$ $f_{IN2} = 177.5MHz \text{ at } -7dBFS$		-76		dBc
Two-Tone Spurious-Free	0500	$f_{IN1} = 68.5MHz$ at -7dBFS $f_{IN2} = 71.5MHz$ at -7dBFS		80		
Dynamic Range	SFDRTT	$f_{IN1} = 172.5MHz \text{ at -7dBFS}$ $f_{IN2} = 177.5MHz \text{ at -7dBFS}$		76		dBc
Aperture Delay	t _{AD}	Figure 4		1.2		ns
Aperture Jitter	taj	Figure 4		<0.2		psRMS
Output Noise	nout	INP = INN = COM		1.07		LSBRMS
Overdrive Recovery Time		±10% beyond full scale		1		Clock cycles

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	ТҮР	MAX	UNITS
INTERNAL REFERENCE (REFIN	= REFOUT; \	/REFP, VREFN, and V _{COM} are generated int	ernally)			•
REFOUT Output Voltage	VREFOUT		1.980	2.048	2.066	V
COM Output Voltage	VCOM	V _{DD} / 2		1.65		V
Differential-Reference Output Voltage	VREF	VREF = VREFP - VREFN = VREFIN x 3/4		1.536		V
REFOUT Load Regulation		-1.0mA < I _{REFOUT} < +0.1mA		35		mV/mA
REFOUT Temperature Coefficient	TCREF			+50		ppm/°C
REFOUT Short-Circuit Current		Short to V _{DD} —sinking		0.24		~^
REFOUT Short-Circuit Current		Short to GND—sourcing		2.1		mA
BUFFERED EXTERNAL REFEREN	CE (REFIN di	iven externally; V _{REFIN} = 2.048V, V _{REFP} , V _{RE}	_{FN} , and V _{CC}	M are ger	nerated in	ternally)
REFIN Input Voltage	VREFIN			2.048		V
REFP Output Voltage	VREFP	(V _{DD} / 2) + (V _{REFIN} x 3/8)		2.418		V
REFN Output Voltage	VREFN	(V _{DD} / 2) - (V _{REFIN} x 3/8)		0.882		V
COM Output Voltage	VCOM	V _{DD} / 2	1.60	1.65	1.70	V
Differential-Reference Output Voltage	V _{REF}	$V_{REF} = V_{REFP} - V_{REN} = V_{REFIN} \times 3/4$	1.454		1.604	V
Differential-Reference Temperature Coefficient				±25		ppm/°C
REFIN Input Resistance				>50		MΩ
UNBUFFERED EXTERNAL REFER	ENCE (REFIN	$N = GND; V_{REFP}, V_{REFN}$, and V_{COM} are applied	d externally	')		
COM Input Voltage	VCOM	V _{DD} / 2		1.65		V
REFP Input Voltage		VREFP - VCOM		0.768		V
REFN Input Voltage		VREFN - VCOM		-0.768		V
Differential-Reference Input Voltage	V _{REF}	$V_{REF} = V_{REFP} - V_{REFN} = V_{REFIN} \times 3/4$		1.536		V
REFP Sink Current	IREFP	V _{REFP} = 2.418V		1.4		mA
REFN Source Current	IREFN	V _{REFN} = 0.882V		1.0		mA
COM Sink Current	Ісом	V _{COM} = 1.650V		1.0		mA
REFP, REFN Capacitance				13		рF
COM Capacitance				6		рF
CLOCK INPUTS (CLKP, CLKN)						
Single-Ended Input High Threshold	VIH	CLKTYP = GND, CLKN = GND	0.8 x V _{DD}			V
Single-Ended Input Low Threshold	VIL	CLKTYP = GND, CLKN = GND			0.2 x V _{DD}	V
Minimum Differential Input Voltage Swing		CLKTYP = high		0.2		VP-P

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	ТҮР	MAX	UNITS
Differential Input Common-Mode Voltage		CLKTYP = high		V _{DD} / 2		V
Input Resistance	RCLK	Figure 5		5		kΩ
Input Capacitance	CCLK			2		pF
DIGITAL INPUTS (CLKTYP, DCE	G/T, PD)					
Input High Threshold	VIH		0.8 x OV _{DD}			V
Input Low Threshold	VIL				0.2 x OV _{DD}	V
Input Leakage Current		$V_{IH} = OV_{DD}$			±5	μA
Input Leakage Guirent		$V_{IL} = 0$			±5	μΛ
Input Capacitance	CDIN			5		рF
DIGITAL OUTPUTS (D13-D0, DA	V, DOR)					
Output-Voltage Low	Vol	D13–D0, DOR, I _{SINK} = 200µA			0.2	V
Output-voltage Low	VOL	DAV, $I_{SINK} = 600 \mu A$			0.2	v
		D13–D0, DOR, I _{SOURCE} = 200µA	OV _{DD} - 0.2			
Output-Voltage High	V _{OH}	DAV, ISOURCE = 600µA	OV _{DD} - 0.2			V
Tri-State Leakage Current	ILEAK	(Note 5)			±5	μA
D13–D0, DOR Tri-State Output Capacitance	Соит	(Note 5)		3		pF
DAV Tri-State Output Capacitance	C _{DAV}	(Note 5)		6		pF
POWER REQUIREMENTS		•				
Analog Supply Voltage	V _{DD}		3.15	3.3	3.60	V
Digital Output Supply Voltage	OV _{DD}		1.7	1.8	V _{DD} + 0.3V	V
		Normal operating mode, $f_{IN} = 175MHz$ at -0.5dBFS, CLKTYP = GND, single-ended clock		141		
Analog Supply Current	IVDD	Normal operating mode, f _{IN} = 175MHz at -0.5dBFS, CLKTYP = OV _{DD} , differential clock		150.6	165	mA
		Power-down mode clock idle, $PD = OV_{DD}$		0.1		

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	ТҮР	MAX	UNITS
		Normal operating mode, f _{IN} = 175MHz at -0.5dBFS, CLKTYP = GND, single-ended clock		465		
Analog Power Dissipation	P _{DISS}	Normal operating mode, f _{IN} = 175MHz at -0.5dBFS, CLKTYP = OV _{DD} , differential clock		497	545	mW
		Power-down mode clock idle, $PD = OV_{DD}$		0.3		
Digital Output Supply Current	Iovdd	Normal operating mode, f_{IN} = 175MHz at -0.5dBFS, OV_{DD} = 1.8V, $C_L \approx 5 pF$		10.2		mA
		Power-down mode clock idle, $PD = OV_{DD}$		8		μA
TIMING CHARACTERISTICS (Fig	ure 6)					
Clock Pulse-Width High	tсн			5.2		ns
Clock Pulse-Width Low	tCL			5.2		ns
Data-Valid Delay	t _{DAV}	$C_L = 5pF$ (Note 6)		5.2		ns
Data Setup Time Before Rising Edge of DAV	t SETUP	C _L = 5pF (Notes 6, 7)	5.5			ns
Data Hold Time After Rising Edge of DAV	^t HOLD	C _L = 5pF (Notes 6, 7)	4.0			ns
Wake-Up Time from Power-Down	t WAKE	$V_{\text{REFIN}} = 2.048 V$		10		ms

Note 1: Specifications \geq +25°C guaranteed by production test; <+25°C guaranteed by design and characterization.

Note 2: See definitions in the Parameter Definitions section at the end of this data sheet.

Note 3: Specifications guaranteed by design and characterization. Devices tested for performance during production test.

Note 4: Due to test-equipment-jitter limitations at 175MHz, 0.06% of the spectrum on each side of the fundamental is excluded from the spectral analysis.

Note 5: During power-down, D13–D0, DOR, and DAV are high impedance.

Note 6: Digital outputs settle to V_{IH} or V_{IL} .

Note 7: Guaranteed by design and characterization.

Typical Operating Characteristics

(V_{DD} = 3.3V, OV_{DD} = 1.8V, GND = 0, REFIN = REFOUT (internal reference), V_{IN} = -0.5dBFS, CLKTYP = high, DCE = high, PD = low, G/T = low, f_{CLK} ≈ 95MHz (50% duty cycle, 1.4VP-P square wave), T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.)



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_Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

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SNR. SINAD SFDR. -THD POWER DISSIPATION vs. SAMPLING RATE vs. SAMPLING RATE vs. SAMPLING RATE 76 600 100 $f_{IN} = 70 MHz$ f_{IN} = 70MHz DIFFERENTIAL CLOCK 74 95 550 $C_L\approx 5 p F$ -(MM) 90 72 500 <u>_</u> SNR, SINAD (dB) SFDR, -THD (dBc) POWER DISSIPATION 85 70 450 ----٠., 68 80 400 ۲. 75 66 350 64 70 300 62 SNR 65 250 SFDR ANALOG + DIGITAL POWER ---- SINAD •••••-THD ---- ANALOG POWER 60 60 200 25 45 125 25 45 105 125 45 65 105 125 65 85 105 65 85 25 85 f_{CLK} (MHz) f_{CLK} (MHz) f_{CLK} (MHz) SNR, SINAD SFDR, -THD **POWER DISSIPATION** vs. SAMPLING RATE vs. SAMPLING RATE vs. SAMPLING RATE 600 76 100 f_{IN} = 175MHz $f_{IN} = 175MHz$ DIFFERENTIAL CLOCK - f_{IN} = 175MHz 74 95 550 $C_L \approx 5 pF$ 90 500 72 POWER DISSIPATION (mW) SFDR, -THD (dBc) SNR, SINAD (dB) 70 85 450 - - -----٠. . 80 68 400 2 75 66 350 64 70 300 62 65 250 SNR SFDR ANALOG + DIGITAL POWER ---- SINAD i, ---- ANALOG POWER 60 60 200 25 45 65 85 105 125 25 45 65 85 105 125 25 45 65 85 105 125 f_{CLK} (MHz) f_{CLK} (MHz) f_{CLK} (MHz) SNR, SINAD SFDR, -THD **POWER DISSIPATION** vs. ANALOG INPUT FREQUENCY vs. ANALOG INPUT FREQUENCY vs. ANALOG INPUT FREQUENCY 76 100 600 DIFFERENTIAL CLOCK $C_L\approx 5 p F$ 74 95 550 (mM) 500 450 400 350 300 72 90 SINAD (dB) -THD (dBc) 70 85 80 68 SFDR, SNR, 66 75 • -64 70 62 65 250 SNR ANALOG + DIGITAL POWER SEDR ---- SINAD --- ANALOG POWER ------THD 60 200 60 0 50 100 150 200 250 300 350 400 0 50 100 150 200 250 300 350 400 0 50 100 150 200 250 300 350 400 ANALOG INPUT FREQUENCY (MHz) ANALOG INPUT FREQUENCY (MHz) ANALOG INPUT FREQUENCY (MHz)



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Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

 $(V_{DD} = 3.3V, OV_{DD} = 1.8V, GND = 0, REFIN = REFOUT (internal reference), V_{IN} = -0.5dBFS, CLKTYP = high, DCE = high, PD = low, G/T = low, f_{CLK} \approx 95MHz$ (50% duty cycle, 1.4VP-P square wave), T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.)



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_Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)



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OFFSET ERROR vs. TEMPERATURE



GAIN ERROR vs. TEMPERATURE



Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

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Pin Description

PIN	NAME	FUNCTION
1	REFP	Positive Reference I/O. The full-scale analog input range is \pm (V _{REFP} - V _{REFN}) x 2/3. Bypass REFP to GND with a 0.1µF capacitor. Connect a 1µF capacitor in parallel with a 10µF capacitor between REFP and REFN. Place the 1µF REFP to REFN capacitor as close to the device as possible on the same side of the PC board.
2	REFN	Negative Reference I/O. The full-scale analog input range is $\pm(V_{REFP} - V_{REFN}) \times 2/3$. Bypass REFN to GND with a 0.1µF capacitor. Connect a 1µF capacitor in parallel with a 10µF capacitor between REFP and REFN. Place the 1µF REFP to REFN capacitor as close to the device as possible on the same side of the PC board.
3	COM	Common-Mode Voltage I/O. Bypass COM to GND with a 2.2µF capacitor. Place the 2.2µF COM to GND capacitor as close to the device as possible . This 2.2µF capacitor can be placed on the opposite side of the PC board and connected to the MAX12555 through a via.
4, 7, 16, 35	GND	Ground. Connect all ground pins and EP together.
5	INP	Positive Analog Input
6	INN	Negative Analog Input
8	DCE	Duty-Cycle Equalizer Input. Connect DCE low (GND) to disable the internal duty-cycle equalizer. Connect DCE high (OV _{DD} or V _{DD}) to enable the internal duty-cycle equalizer.
9	CLKN	Negative Clock Input. In differential clock input mode (CLKTYP = OV _{DD} or V _{DD}), connect the differential clock signal between CLKP and CLKN. In single-ended clock mode (CLKTYP = GND), apply the single-ended clock signal to CLKP and connect CLKN to GND.
10	CLKP	Positive Clock Input. In differential clock input mode (CLKTYP = OV _{DD} or V _{DD}), connect the differential clock signal between CLKP and CLKN. In single-ended clock mode (CLKTYP = GND), apply the single-ended clock signal to CLKP and connect CLKN to GND.
11	CLKTYP	Clock-Type Definition Input. Connect CLKTYP to GND to define the single-ended clock input. Connect CLKTYP to OV _{DD} or V _{DD} to define the differential clock input.
12–15, 36	V _{DD}	Analog Power Input. Connect V _{DD} to a 3.15V to 3.60V power supply. Bypass V _{DD} to GND with a parallel capacitor combination of \geq 2.2µF and 0.1µF. Connect all V _{DD} pins to the same potential.
17, 34	OV _{DD}	Output-Driver Power Input. Connect OV_{DD} to a 1.7V to V_{DD} power supply. Bypass OV_{DD} to GND with a parallel capacitor combination of $\geq 2.2 \mu F$ and $0.1 \mu F$.
18	DOR	Data Out-of-Range Indicator. The DOR digital output indicates when the analog input voltage is out of range. When DOR is high, the analog input is beyond its full-scale range. When DOR is low, the analog input is within its full-scale range (Figure 6).
19	D13	CMOS Digital Output Bit 13 (MSB)
20	D12	CMOS Digital Output Bit 12
21	D11	CMOS Digital Output Bit 11
22	D10	CMOS Digital Output Bit 10
23	D9	CMOS Digital Output Bit 9
24	D8	CMOS Digital Output Bit 8
25	D7	CMOS Digital Output Bit 7
26	D6	CMOS Digital Output Bit 6
27	D5	CMOS Digital Output Bit 5

Pin Description (continued)

PIN	NAME	FUNCTION
28	D4	CMOS Digital Output Bit 4
29	D3	CMOS Digital Output Bit 3
30	D2	CMOS Digital Output Bit 2
31	D1	CMOS Digital Output Bit 1
32	D0	CMOS Digital Output Bit 0 (LSB)
33	DAV	Data-Valid Output. DAV is a single-ended version of the input clock that is compensated to correct for any input clock duty-cycle variations. DAV is typically used to latch the MAX12555 output data into an external back-end digital circuit.
37	PD	Power-Down Input. Force PD high for power-down mode. Force PD low for normal operation.
38	REFOUT	Internal Reference Voltage Output. For internal reference operation, connect REFOUT directly to REFIN or use a resistive divider from REFOUT to set the voltage at REFIN. Bypass REFOUT to GND with a ≥0.1µF capacitor.
39	REFIN	Reference Input. In internal reference mode and buffered external reference mode, bypass REFIN to GND with a $\ge 0.1 \mu$ F capacitor. In these modes, V _{REFP} - V _{REFN} = V _{REFIN} x 3/4. For unbuffered external reference mode operation, connect REFIN to GND.
40	G/T	Output-Format-Select Input. Connect G/\overline{T} to GND for the two's-complement digital output format. Connect G/\overline{T} to OV_{DD} or V_{DD} for the Gray code digital output format.
_	EP	Exposed Paddle. The MAX12555 relies on the exposed paddle connection for a low-inductance ground connection. Connect EP to GND to achieve specified performance. Use multiple vias to connect the top-side PC board ground plane to the bottom-side PC board ground plane.



Figure 1. Pipeline Architecture—Stage Blocks



Figure 2. Simplified Functional Diagram

Detailed Description

The MAX12555 uses a 10-stage, fully differential, pipelined architecture (Figure 1) that allows for high-speed conversion while minimizing power consumption. Samples taken at the inputs move progressively through the pipeline stages every half clock cycle. From input to output, the total clock-cycle latency is 8.0 clock cycles.

Each pipeline converter stage converts its input voltage into a digital output code. At every stage, except the last, the error between the input voltage and the digital output code is multiplied and passed along to the next pipeline stage. Digital error correction compensates for ADC comparator offsets in each pipeline stage and ensures no missing codes. Figure 2 shows the MAX12555 functional diagram.

Input Track-and-Hold (T/H) Circuit

Figure 3 displays a simplified functional diagram of the input T/H circuit. This input T/H circuit allows for high analog input frequencies of 175MHz and beyond and supports a common-mode input voltage of V_{DD} / 2 ±0.5V.

The MAX12555 sampling clock controls the ADC's switched-capacitor T/H architecture (Figure 3) allowing the analog input signal to be stored as a charge on the sampling capacitors. These switches are closed (track) when the sampling clock is high and open (hold) when the sampling clock is low (Figure 4). The analog input signal source must be capable of providing the dynamic current necessary to charge and discharge the sampling capacitors. To avoid signal degradation, these



Figure 3. Simplified Input T/H Circuit

capacitors must be charged to one-half LSB accuracy within one-half of a clock cycle.

The analog input of the MAX12555 supports differential or single-ended input drive. For optimum performance with differential inputs, balance the input impedance of INP and INN and set the common-mode voltage to mid-supply (V_{DD} / 2). The MAX12555 provides the optimum common-mode voltage of V_{DD} / 2 through the COM output when operating in internal reference mode and buffered external reference mode. This COM output voltage can be used to bias the input network as shown in Figures 10, 11, and 12.

Reference Output (REFOUT)

An internal bandgap reference is the basis for all the internal voltages and bias currents used in the MAX12555. The power-down logic input (PD) enables and disables the reference circuit. The reference circuit requires 10ms to power up and settle when power is applied to the MAX12555 or when PD transitions from high to low. REFOUT has approximately $17k\Omega$ to GND when the MAX12555 is in power-down.

The internal bandgap reference and its buffer generate V_{REFOUT} to be 2.048V. The reference temperature coefficient is typically +50ppm/°C. Connect an external \geq 0.1µF bypass capacitor from REFOUT to GND for stability.





Figure 4. T/H Aperture Timing

REFOUT sources up to 1.0mA and sinks up to 0.1mA for external circuits with a load regulation of 35mV/mA. Short-circuit protection limits I_{REFOUT} to a 2.1mA source current when shorted to GND and a 0.24mA sink current when shorted to V_{DD}.

Analog Inputs and Reference Configurations

The MAX12555 full-scale analog input range is adjustable from $\pm 0.35V$ to $\pm 1.10V$ with a V_{DD} / 2 $\pm 0.5V$ common-mode input range. The MAX12555 provides three modes of reference operation. The voltage at REFIN (V_{REFIN}) sets the reference operation mode (Table 1).

To operate the MAX12555 with the internal reference, connect REFOUT to REFIN either with a direct short or through a resistive divider. In this mode, COM, REFP, and REFN are low-impedance outputs with V_{COM} = V_{DD} / 2, V_{REFP} = V_{DD} / 2 + V_{REFIN} × 3/8, and V_{REFN} = V_{DD} / 2 - V_{REFIN} × 3/8. The REFIN input impedance is very large (>50M Ω). When driving REFIN through a

Table 1. Reference Modes

resistive divider, use resistances $\geq 10k\Omega$ to avoid loading REFOUT.

Buffered external reference mode is virtually identical to internal reference mode except that the reference source is derived from an external reference and not the MAX12555 REFOUT. In buffered external reference mode, apply a stable 0.7V to 2.2V source at REFIN. In this mode, COM, REFP, and REFN are low-impedance outputs with V_{COM} = V_{DD} / 2, V_{REFP} = V_{DD} / 2 + V_{REFIN} x 3/8, and V_{REFN} = V_{DD} / 2 - V_{REFIN} x 3/8.

To operate the MAX12555 in unbuffered external reference mode, connect REFIN to GND. Connecting REFIN to GND deactivates the on-chip reference buffers for COM, REFP, and REFN. With the respective buffers deactivated, COM, REFP, and REFN become high-impedance inputs and must be driven through separate, external reference sources. Drive V_{COM} to V_{DD} / 2 \pm 5%, and drive REFP and REFN so V_{COM} = (V_{REFP} + V_{REFN}) / 2. The full-scale analog input range is \pm (V_{REFP} - V_{REFN}) x 2/3.

VREFIN	REFERENCE MODE
35% V _{REFOUT} to 100% VREFOUT	Internal Reference Mode. Drive REFIN with REFOUT either through a direct short or a resistive divider. The full-scale analog input range is ±V _{REFIN} / 2: V _{COM} = V _{DD} / 2 V _{REFP} = V _{DD} / 2 + V _{REFIN} × 3/8 V _{REFN} = V _{DD} / 2 - V _{REFIN} × 3/8
0.7V to 2.2V	Buffered External Reference Mode. Apply an external 0.7V to 2.2V reference voltage to REFIN. The full-scale analog input range is ±V _{REFIN} / 2: V _{COM} = V _{DD} / 2 V _{REFP} = V _{DD} / 2 + V _{REFIN} × 3/8 V _{REFN} = V _{DD} / 2 - V _{REFIN} × 3/8
<0.4V	Unbuffered External Reference Mode. Drive REFP, REFN, and COM with external reference sources. The full-scale analog input range is $\pm(V_{REFP} - V_{REFN}) \times 2/3$.

All three modes of reference operation require the same bypass capacitor combinations. Bypass COM with a 2.2 μ F capacitor to GND. Bypass REFP and REFN each with a 0.1 μ F capacitor to GND. Bypass REFP to REFN with a 1 μ F capacitor in parallel with a 10 μ F capacitor. **Place the 1\muF capacitor as close to the device as possible on the same side of the PC board.** Bypass REFIN and REFOUT to GND with a 0.1 μ F capacitor.

For detailed circuit suggestions, see Figure 13 and Figure 14.

Clock Input and Clock Control Lines (CLKP, CLKN, CLKTYP)

The MAX12555 accepts both differential and singleended clock inputs. For single-ended clock input operation, connect CLKTYP to GND, CLKN to GND, and drive CLKP with the external single-ended clock signal. For differential clock input operation, connect CLKTYP to OV_{DD} or V_{DD}, and drive CLKP and CLKN with the external differential clock signal. To reduce clock jitter, the external single-ended clock must have sharp falling edges. Consider the clock input as an analog input and route it away from any other analog inputs and digital signal lines.

CLKP and CLKN are high impedance when the MAX12555 is powered down (Figure 5).

Low clock jitter is required for the specified SNR performance of the MAX12555. Analog input sampling occurs on the falling edge of the clock signal, requiring this edge to have the lowest possible jitter. Jitter limits the maximum SNR performance of any ADC according to the following relationship:

$$SNR = 20 \times \log \left(\frac{1}{2 \times \pi f_{IN} \times t_{J}}\right)$$

where f_{IN} represents the analog input frequency and t_J is the total system clock jitter. Clock jitter is especially critical for undersampling applications. For example, assuming that clock jitter is the only noise source, to obtain the specified 72dB of SNR with a 175MHz input frequency, the system must have less than 0.23ps of clock jitter. In actuality, there are other noise sources such as thermal noise and quantization noise that contribute to the system noise, requiring the clock jitter to be less than 0.14ps to obtain the specified 72dB of SNR at 175MHz.



Figure 5. Simplified Clock Input Circuit

Clock Duty-Cycle Equalizer (DCE)

Connect DCE high to enable the clock duty-cycle equalizer (DCE = OV_{DD} or V_{DD}). Connect DCE low to disable the clock duty-cycle equalizer (DCE = GND). With the clock duty-cycle equalizer enabled, the MAX12555 is insensitive to the duty cycle of the signal applied to CLKP and CLKN. Duty cycles from 35% to 65% are acceptable with the clock duty-cycle equalizer enabled.

The clock duty-cycle equalizer uses a delay-locked loop (DLL) to create internal timing signals that are duty-cycle independent. Due to this DLL, the MAX12555 requires approximately 100 clock cycles to acquire and lock to new clock frequencies.

Although not recommended, disabling the clock dutycycle equalizer reduces the analog supply current by 1.6mA. With the clock duty-cycle equalizer disabled, the MAX12555's dynamic performance varies depending on the duty cycle of the signal applied to CLKP and CLKN.





Figure 6. System Timing Diagram

System-Timing Requirements

Figure 6 shows the relationship between the clock, analog inputs, DAV indicator, DOR indicator, and the resulting output data. The analog input is sampled on the falling edge of the clock signal and the resulting data appears at the digital outputs 8.0 clock cycles later.

The DAV indicator is synchronized with the digital output and optimized for use in latching data into digital back-end circuitry. Alternatively, digital back-end circuitry can be latched with the rising edge of the conversion clock (CLKP-CLKN).

Data-Valid Output (DAV)

DAV is a single-ended version of the input clock (CLKP) with a delay (t_{DAV}). Output data changes on the falling edge of DAV, and DAV rises once output data is valid (Figure 6).

The state of the duty-cycle equalizer input (DCE) changes the waveform at DAV. With the duty-cycle equalizer disabled (DCE = low), the DAV signal is a single-ended version of CLKP delayed by 5.2ns (tDAV).

With the duty-cycle equalizer enabled (DCE = high), the DAV signal has a fixed pulse width that is independent of CLKP. In either case, with DCE high or low, output data at D13–D0 and DOR are valid from 5.5ns before the rising edge of DAV to 4.0ns after the rising edge of DAV, and the falling edge of DAV is synchronized to have a 5.2ns (t_{DAV}) delay from the falling edge of CLKP.

DAV is high impedance when the MAX12555 is in power-down (PD = high). DAV is capable of sinking and sourcing 600μ A and has three times the drive strength of D13–D0 and DOR. DAV is typically used to latch the MAX12555 output data into an external backend digital circuit.

Keep the capacitive load on DAV as low as possible (<25pF) to avoid large digital currents feeding back into the analog portion of the MAX12555 and degrading its dynamic performance. An external buffer on DAV isolates it from heavy capacitive loads. Refer to the MAX12555 evaluation kit schematic for an example of DAV driving back-end digital circuitry through an external buffer.

Data Out-of-Range Indicator (DOR)

The DOR digital output indicates when the analog input voltage is out of range. When DOR is high, the analog input is out of range. When DOR is low, the analog input is within range. The valid differential input range is from (VREFP - VREFN) \times 3/4 to (VREFN - VREFP) \times 3/4. Signals outside this valid differential range cause DOR to assert high as shown in Table 2 and Figure 6.

DOR is synchronized with DAV and transitions along with the output data D13–D0. There is an 8.0 clock-cycle latency in the DOR function as is with the output data (Figure 6).

DOR is high impedance when the MAX12555 is in power-down (PD = high). DOR enters a high-impedance state within 10ns after the rising edge of PD and becomes active 10ns after PD's falling edge.

Digital Output Data (D13–D0), Output Format (G/T) The MAX12555 provides a 14-bit, parallel, tri-state output bus. D13–D0 and DOR update on the falling edge of DAV and are valid on the rising edge of DAV.

The MAX12555 output data format is either Gray code or two's complement, depending on the logic input G/\overline{T} . With G/\overline{T} high, the output data format is Gray code. With G/\overline{T} low, the output data format is two's complement. See Figure 9 for a binary-to-Gray and Gray-to-binary code-conversion example.

The following equations, Table 2, Figure 7, and Figure 8 define the relationship between the digital output and the analog input:

$$V_{INP} - V_{INN} = (V_{REFP} - V_{REFN}) \times \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{CODE_{10} - 8192}{16384}$$

for Gray code ($G/\overline{T} = 1$).

 $V_{\text{INP}} - V_{\text{INN}} = (V_{\text{REFP}} - V_{\text{REFN}}) \times \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{\text{CODE}_{10}}{16384}$

for two's complement $(G/\overline{T} = 0)$.

where CODE₁₀ is the decimal equivalent of the digital output code as shown in Table 2.

Digital outputs D13–D0 are high impedance when the MAX12555 is in power-down (PD = high). D13–D0 transition high 10ns after the rising edge of PD and become active 10ns after PD's falling edge.

Keep the capacitive load on the MAX12555 digital outputs D13–D0 as low as possible (<15pF) to avoid large digital currents feeding back into the analog portion of the MAX12555 and degrading its dynamic performance. The addition of external digital buffers on the digital outputs isolates the MAX12555 from heavy capacitive loading. To improve the dynamic performance of the MAX12555, add 220 Ω resistors in series with the digital outputs close to the MAX12555. Refer to the MAX12555 evaluation kit schematic for an example of the digital outputs driving a digital buffer through 220 Ω series resistors.

Power-Down Input (PD)

The MAX12555 has two power modes that are controlled with the power-down digital input (PD). With PD low, the MAX12555 is in normal operating mode. With PD high, the MAX12555 is in power-down mode.

The power-down mode allows the MAX12555 to efficiently use power by transitioning to a low-power state when conversions are not required. Additionally, the MAX12555 parallel output bus is high impedance in power-down mode, allowing other devices on the bus to be accessed.

	GRA OUTP (G	GRAY-CODE OUTPUT CODE (G/T = 1)			NO'S-C OUTP (G	TWO'S-COMPLEMENT OUTPUT CODE (G/T = 0)		:
BINARY D13 D0	DOR	HEXADECIMAL EQUIVALENT OF D13 D0	DECIMAL EQUIVALENT OF D13 D0 (CODE ₁₀)	BINARY D13 D0	DOR	HEXADECIMAL EQUIVALENT OF D13 D0	DECIMAL EQUIVALENT OF D13 D0 (CODE ₁₀)	VINP - VINN VREFP = 2.418V VREFN = 0.882V
10 0000 0000 0000	-	0x2000	+16383	01 1111 1111 1111	-	0x1FFF	+8191	>+1.023875V (DATA OUT OF RANGE)
10 0000 0000 0000	0	0×2000	+16383	01 1111 1111 1111	0	0×1FFF	+8191	+1.023875V
10 0000 0000 0001	0	0×2001	+16382	01 1111 1111 1110	0	0x1FFE	+8190	+1.023750V
11 0000 0000 0011	0	0×3003	+8194	00 0000 0000 0010	0	0×0002	+2	+0.000250V
11 0000 0000 0001	0	0x3001	+8193	00 0000 0000 0001	0	0×0001	+1	+0.000125V
11 0000 0000 0000	0	000E×0	+8192	0000 0000 0000 00	0	0×0000	0	+0.000000.0+
01 0000 0000 0000	0	0×1000	+8191	11 1111 1111 1111	0	0×3FFF	- 1	-0.000125V
01 0000 0000 0001	0	0×1001	+8190	11 1111 1111 1110	0	0×3FFE	-2	-0.000250V
00 0000 0000 0001	0	0×0001	+1	10 0000 0000 0001	0	0x2001	-8191	-1.023875V
00 0000 0000 0000 00	0	0×0000	0	10 0000 0000 0000	0	0×2000	-8192	-1.024000V
0000 0000 0000 00	-	000000	0	10 0000 0000 0000	-	0x2000	-8192	<-1.024000V (DATA OUT OF RANGE)

Table 2. Output Codes vs. Input Voltage

14-Bit, 95Msps, 3.3V ADC



Figure 7. Two's-Complement Transfer Function $(G/\overline{T} = 0)$

In power-down mode, all internal circuits are off, the analog supply current reduces to 0.1mA, and the digital supply current reduces to 0.008mA. The following list shows the state of the analog inputs and digital outputs in power-down mode:

- INP, INN analog inputs are disconnected from the internal input amplifier (Figure 3).
- REFOUT has approximately $17k\Omega$ to GND.
- REFP, COM, REFN go high impedance with respect to V_{DD} and GND, but there is an internal 4kΩ resistor between REFP and COM, as well as an internal 4kΩ resistor between REFN and COM.
- D13–D0, DOR, and DAV go high impedance.
- CLKP, CLKN go high impedance (Figure 5).

The wake-up time from power-down mode is dominated by the time required to charge the capacitors at REFP, REFN, and COM. In internal reference mode and buffered external reference mode, the wake-up time is typically 10ms with the recommended capacitor array (Figure 13). When operating in unbuffered external reference mode, the wake-up time is dependent on the external reference drivers.



Figure 8. Gray-Code Transfer Function $(G/\overline{T} = 1)$

Applications Information

Using Transformer Coupling

In general, the MAX12555 provides better SFDR and THD performance with fully differential input signals as opposed to single-ended input drive. In differential input mode, even-order harmonics are lower as both inputs are balanced, and each of the ADC inputs only requires half the signal swing compared to singleended input mode.

An RF transformer (Figure 10) provides an excellent solution to convert a single-ended input source signal to a fully differential signal, required by the MAX12555 for optimum performance. Connecting the center tap of the transformer to COM provides a V_{DD} / 2 DC level shift to the input. Although a 1:1 transformer is shown, a step-up transformer can be selected to reduce the drive requirements. A reduced signal swing from the input driver, such as an op amp, can also improve the overall distortion. The configuration of Figure 10 is good for frequencies up to Nyquist ($f_{CLK} / 2$).

The circuit of Figure 11 converts a single-ended input signal to fully differential just as Figure 10. However, Figure 11 utilizes an additional transformer to improve the common-mode rejection, allowing high-frequency









Figure 10. Transformer-Coupled Input Drive for Input Frequencies Up to Nyquist



Figure 12. Single-Ended, AC-Coupled Input Drive



Figure 11. Transformer-Coupled Input Drive for Input Frequencies Beyond Nyquist

signals beyond the Nyquist frequency. The two sets of termination resistors provide an equivalent 50 Ω termination to the signal source. The second set of termination resistors connects to COM, providing the correct input common-mode voltage. Two 0 Ω resistors in series with the analog inputs allow high IF input frequencies. These 0 Ω resistors can be replaced with low-value resistors to limit the input bandwidth.

Single-Ended, AC-Coupled Input Signal

Figure 12 shows an AC-coupled, single-ended input application. The MAX4108 provides high speed, high bandwidth, low noise, and low distortion to maintain the input signal integrity.



Figure 13. External Buffered Reference Driving Multiple ADCs

Buffered External Reference Drives Multiple ADCs

The buffered external reference mode allows for more control over the MAX12555 reference voltage and allows multiple converters to use a common reference. The REFIN input impedance is $>50M\Omega$.

Figure 13 uses the MAX6029EUK21 precision 2.048V reference as a common reference for multiple converters. The 2.048V output of the MAX6029 passes through a one-pole 10Hz lowpass filter to the MAX4230. The MAX4230 buffers the 2.048V reference and provides additional 10Hz lowpass filtering before its output is applied to the REFIN input of the MAX12555.



Unbuffered External Reference Drives Multiple ADCs

The unbuffered external reference mode allows for precise control over the MAX12555 reference and allows multiple converters to use a common reference. Connecting REFIN to GND disables the internal reference, allowing REFP, REFN, and COM to be driven directly by a set of external reference sources. Figure 14 uses the MAX6029EUK30 precision 3.000V reference as a common reference for multiple converters. A seven-component resistive divider chain follows the MAX6029 voltage reference. The 0.47µF capacitor along this chain creates a 10Hz lowpass filter. Three MAX4230 operational amplifiers buffer taps along this resistor chain providing 2.413V, 1.647V, and 0.880V to the MAX12555's REFP, COM, REFN reference inputs,



respectively. The feedback around the MAX4230 op amps provides additional 10Hz lowpass filtering. The 2.413V and 0.880V reference voltages set the full-scale analog input range to $\pm 1.022V = \pm (V_{REFP} - V_{REFN}) \times 2/3$. A common power source for all active components removes any concern regarding power-supply sequencing when powering up or down.

Grounding, Bypassing, and Board Layout

The MAX12555 requires high-speed board layout design techniques. Refer to the MAX12555 evaluation kit data sheet for a board layout reference. Locate all bypass capacitors as close to the device as possible, preferably on the same side of the board as the ADC, using surface-mount devices for minimum inductance. Bypass V_{DD} to GND with a 0.1 μ F ceramic capacitor in parallel with a 2.2 μ F ceramic capacitor. Bypass OV_{DD} to GND with a 0.1 μ F ceramic capacitor in parallel with a 2.2 μ F ceramic capacitor in parallel with a 2.2 μ F ceramic capacitor.

Multilayer boards with ample ground and power planes produce the highest level of signal integrity. All MAX12555 GNDs and the exposed back-side paddle must be connected to the same ground plane. The MAX12555 relies on the exposed back-side paddle connection for a low-inductance ground connection. Use multiple vias to connect the top-side ground to the bottom-side ground. Isolate the ground plane from any noisy digital system ground planes such as a DSP or output buffer ground.

Route high-speed digital signal traces away from the sensitive analog traces. Keep all signal lines short and free of 90° turns.

Ensure that the differential analog input network layout is symmetric and that all parasitics are balanced equally. Refer to the MAX12555 evaluation kit data sheet for an example of symmetric input layout.

Parameter Definitions

Integral Nonlinearity (INL)

Integral nonlinearity is the deviation of the values on an actual transfer function from a straight line. For the MAX12555, this straight line is between the end points of the transfer function, once offset and gain errors have been nullified. INL deviations are measured at every step of the transfer function and the worst-case deviation is reported in the *Electrical Characteristics* table.

Differential Nonlinearity (DNL)

Differential nonlinearity is the difference between an actual step width and the ideal value of 1 LSB. A DNL error specification of less than 1 LSB guarantees no

missing codes and a monotonic transfer function. For the MAX12555, DNL deviations are measured at every step of the transfer function and the worst-case deviation is reported in the *Electrical Characteristics* table.

Offset Error

Offset error is a figure of merit that indicates how well the actual transfer function matches the ideal transfer function at a single point. Ideally the midscale MAX12555 transition occurs at 0.5 LSB above midscale. The offset error is the amount of deviation between the measured midscale transition point and the ideal midscale transition point. MAX12555

Gain Error

Gain error is a figure of merit that indicates how well the slope of the actual transfer function matches the slope of the ideal transfer function. The slope of the actual transfer function is measured between two data points: positive full scale and negative full scale. Ideally, the positive full-scale MAX12555 transition occurs at 1.5 LSBs below positive full scale, and the negative full-scale transition occurs at 0.5 LSB above negative full scale. The gain error is the difference of the measured transition points minus the difference of the ideal transition points.

Small-Signal Noise Floor (SSNF)

Small-signal noise floor is the integrated noise and distortion power in the Nyquist band for small-signal inputs. The DC offset is excluded from this noise calculation. For this converter, a small signal is defined as a single tone with an amplitude less than -35dBFS. This parameter captures the thermal and quantization noise characteristics of the converter and is used to help calculate the overall noise figure of a receive channel. Go to www.maxim-ic.com for application notes on thermal + quantization noise floor.

Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR)

For a waveform perfectly reconstructed from digital samples, the theoretical maximum SNR is the ratio of the full-scale analog input (RMS value) to the RMS quantization error (residual error). The ideal, theoretical minimum analog-to-digital noise is caused by quantization error only and results directly from the ADC's resolution (N bits):

$SNR[max] = 6.02 \times N + 1.76$

In reality, there are other noise sources besides quantization noise: thermal noise, reference noise, clock jitter, etc. SNR is computed by taking the ratio of the RMS signal to the RMS noise. RMS noise includes all spectral components to the Nyquist frequency excluding the



fundamental, the first six harmonics (HD2-HD7), and the DC offset:

$$SNR = 20 \times log \left(\frac{SIGNAL_{RMS}}{NOISE_{RMS}} \right)$$

Signal-to-Noise Plus Distortion (SINAD)

SINAD is computed by taking the ratio of the RMS signal to the RMS noise plus the RMS distortion. RMS noise includes all spectral components to the Nyquist frequency excluding the fundamental, the first six harmonics (HD2–HD7), and the DC offset. RMS distortion includes the first six harmonics (HD2–HD7):

$$SINAD = 20 \times \log \left(\frac{SIGNAL_{RMS}}{\sqrt{NOISE_{RMS}^2 + DISTORTION_{RMS}^2}} \right)$$

Effective Number of Bits (ENOB)

ENOB specifies the dynamic performance of an ADC at a specific input frequency and sampling rate. An ideal ADC's error consists of quantization noise only. ENOB for a full-scale sinusoidal input waveform is computed from:

$$\mathsf{ENOB} = \left(\frac{\mathsf{SINAD} - 1.76}{6.02}\right)$$

Single-Tone Spurious-Free Dynamic Range (SFDR)

SFDR is the ratio expressed in decibels of the RMS amplitude of the fundamental (maximum signal component) to the RMS amplitude of the next-largest spurious component, excluding DC offset.

Total Harmonic Distortion (THD)

THD is the ratio of the RMS sum of the first six harmonics of the input signal to the fundamental itself. This is expressed as:

$$THD = 20 \times \log \left(\frac{\sqrt{V_2^2 + V_3^2 + V_4^2 + V_5^2 + V_6^2 + V_7^2}}{V_1} \right)$$

where V_1 is the fundamental amplitude, and V_2 through V_7 are the amplitudes of the 2nd- through 7th-order harmonics (HD2–HD7).

Intermodulation Distortion (IMD)

IMD is the ratio of the RMS sum of the intermodulation products to the RMS sum of the two fundamental input tones. This is expressed as:

$$\mathsf{IMD} = 20 \times \log \left(\frac{\sqrt{\mathsf{V_{IM1}}^2 + \mathsf{V_{IM2}}^2 + \dots + \mathsf{V_{IM13}}^2 + \mathsf{V_{IM14}}^2}}{\sqrt{\mathsf{V_1}^2 + \mathsf{V_2}^2}} \right)$$

The fundamental input tone amplitudes (V₁ and V₂) are at -7dBFS. Fourteen intermodulation products (V_{IM}) are used in the MAX12555 IMD calculation. The intermodulation products are the amplitudes of the output spectrum at the following frequencies, where f_{IN1} and f_{IN2} are the fundamental input tone frequencies:

- Second-order intermodulation products: fIN1 + fIN2, fIN2 - fIN1
- Third-order intermodulation products: $2 \times f_{IN1} - f_{IN2}$, $2 \times f_{IN2} - f_{IN1}$, $2 \times f_{IN1} + f_{IN2}$, $2 \times f_{IN2} + f_{IN1}$
- Fourth-order intermodulation products: 3 x fIN1 - fIN2, 3 x fIN2 - fIN1, 3 x fIN1 + fIN2, 3 x fIN2 + fIN1
- Fifth-order intermodulation products: 3 x f_{IN1} - 2 x f_{IN2}, 3 x f_{IN2} - 2 x f_{IN1}, 3 x f_{IN1} + 2 x f_{IN2}, 3 x f_{IN2} + 2 x f_{IN1}

Third-Order Intermodulation (IM3)

IM3 is the total power of the third-order intermodulation products to the Nyquist frequency relative to the total input power of the two input tones f_{IN1} and f_{IN2} . The individual input tone levels are at -7dBFS. The third-order intermodulation products are 2 x f_{IN1} - f_{IN2} , 2 x f_{IN2} - f_{IN1} , 2 x f_{IN1} + f_{IN2} , 2 x f_{IN2} + f_{IN1} .

Two-Tone Spurious-Free Dynamic Range (SFDR_{TT})

SFDRTT represents the ratio, expressed in decibels, of the RMS amplitude of either input tone to the RMS amplitude of the next-largest spurious component in the spectrum, excluding DC offset. This spurious component can occur anywhere in the spectrum up to Nyquist and is usually an intermodulation product or a harmonic.

Aperture Delay

The MAX12555 samples data on the falling edge of its sampling clock. In actuality, there is a small delay between the falling edge of the sampling clock and the actual sampling instant. Aperture delay (t_{AD}) is the time defined between the falling edge of the sampling clock and the instant when an actual sample is taken (Figure 4).



Aperture Jitter

Figure 4 depicts the aperture jitter (t_{AJ}) , which is the sample-to-sample variation in the aperture delay.

Output Noise (nout)

The output noise (n_{OUT}) parameter is similar to the thermal + quantization noise parameter and is an indication of the ADC's overall noise performance.

No fundamental input tone is used to test for n_{OUT}; INP, INN, and COM are connected together and 1024k data points collected. n_{OUT} is computed by taking the RMS value of the collected data points after the mean is removed.

Overdrive Recovery Time

Overdrive recovery time is the time required for the ADC to recover from an input transient that exceeds the full-scale limits. The MAX12555 specifies overdrive recovery time using an input transient that exceeds the full-scale limits by $\pm 10\%$.

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Pin Configuration

Package Information

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