DESCRIPTION

Demonstration circuit 854 supports a family of 16/14-Bit 130Msps ADCs. Each assembly features one of the following devices: LTC2208, LTC2208-14 high speed, high dynamic range ADCs.

This Demonstration circuit only supports CMOS operation. For demonstration of LVDS output signaling, please see DC996.

Other members of this family include the LTC2207 which is 105Msps 16-Bit CMOS-only version of this device, as well as lower speed versions and single-ended clock versions. These 7x7mm QFN devices are supported by Demonstration circuits 918 and 919 (for single-ended clock input).

Several versions of the 854B demo board supporting the LTC2208 16-Bit and LTC2208-14 14-Bit series of A/D converters are listed in Table 1. Depending on the required resolution, sample rate and input frequency, the DC854 is supplied with the appropriate ADC and with an optimized input circuit. The circuitry on the analog inputs is optimized for analog input frequencies below 70MHz or from 70MHz to 140MHz. For higher input frequencies, contact the factory for support.

Design files for this circuit board are available. Call the LTC factory.

Table 1. DC854C Variants

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<tr>
<th>DC854 VARIANTS</th>
<th>ADC PART NUMBER</th>
<th>RESOLUTION*</th>
<th>MAXIMUM SAMPLE RATE</th>
<th>INPUT FREQUENCY</th>
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Table 2. Performance Summary (T_A = 25°C)

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<th>PARAMETER</th>
<th>CONDITION</th>
<th>VALUE</th>
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<td>Supply Voltage</td>
<td>Depending on sampling rate and the A/D converter provided, this supply must provide up to 500mA.</td>
<td>Optimized for 3.3V [3.15V to 3.45V min/max]</td>
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<td>Analog input range</td>
<td>Depending on PGA Pin Voltage</td>
<td>1.5Vpp to 2.25Vpp</td>
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<td>Logic Input Voltages</td>
<td>Minimum Logic High</td>
<td>2.4V</td>
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<td>Maximum Logic Low</td>
<td>0.8V</td>
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<tr>
<td>Logic Output Voltage</td>
<td>Minimum Logic High @ -1.6mA</td>
<td>2.3V (33Ω Series terminations)</td>
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<tr>
<td>(74VCX245 output buffer, V_{cc} = 2.5V)</td>
<td>Maximum Logic Low @ 1.6mA</td>
<td>0.7V (33Ω Series terminations)</td>
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<td>Sampling Frequency (Convert Clock Frequency)</td>
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<td>Convert Clock Level</td>
<td>50 Ω Source Impedance, AC coupled or ground referenced (Convert Clock input is capacitor coupled on board and terminated with 50Ω.)</td>
<td>2Vp-p to 2.5Vp-p Sine Wave or Square wave</td>
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QUICK START PROCEDURE

Demonstration circuit 854 is easy to set up to evaluate the performance of most members of the LTC2208 family of A/D converters. Refer to Figure 1 for proper measurement equipment setup and follow the procedure below:

SETUP

If a DC718 QuickDAACS Data Analysis and Collection System was supplied with the DC854 demonstration circuit, follow the DC718 Quick Start Guide to install the required software and for connecting the DC718 to the DC854 and to a PC running Windows98, 2000 or XP.
DC854 DEMONSTRATION CIRCUIT BOARD JUMPERS

The DC854 demonstration circuit board should have the following jumper settings as default: (as per figure 1)

- JP1: Output clock polarity: GND
- JP3: PGA: GND 2.25V range
- JP4: RAND: GND Not randomized
- JP5: SHDN: GND Not Shutdown
- JP6: DITH: GND No internal dithering
APPlying Power and Signals to the DC854 Demonstration Circuit

If a DC718 is used to acquire data from the DC854, the DC718 must FIRST be connected to a powered USB port or provided an external 6-9V BEFORE applying +3.3V across the pins marked “+3.3V” and “PWR GND” on the DC854. The DC854 demonstration circuit requires up to 500mA depending on the sampling rate and the A/D converter supplied.

Encode Clock

NOTE: This is not a logic compatible input. It is terminated with 50 Ohms. Apply an encode clock to the SMA connector on the DC854 demonstration circuit board marked “J3 ENCODE INPUT”. The transformer is terminated on the secondary side with 100 ohms, and further terminated at the ADC (at C11).

For the best noise performance, the ENCODE INPUT must be driven with a very low jitter source. When using a sinusoidal generator, the amplitude should often be as large as possible, up to 3V_p-p or 13dBm. Using band pass filters on the clock and the analog input will improve the noise performance by reducing the wideband noise power of the signals. Data sheet FFT plots are taken with 10 pole LC filters made by TTE (Los Angeles, CA) to suppress signal generator harmonics, non-harmonically related spurrs and broad band noise. Low phase noise Agilent 8644B generators are used with TTE band pass filters for both the Clock input and the Analog input.

Apply the analog input signal of interest to the SMA connectors on the DC854 demonstration circuit board marked “J2 ANALOG INPUT”. These inputs are capacitive coupled to Balun transformers ETC1-1-13, or directly coupled through Flux coupled transformers ETC1-1T.

An internally generated conversion clock output is available on pin 3 of J1 and the data samples are available on Pins 7-37 for 16-Bits (or 7-33 for 14-Bits) of J1 which can be collected via a logic analyzer, cabled to a development system through a SHORT 2 to 4 inch long 40-pin ribbon cable or collected by the DC718 QuickEval-II Data Acquisition Board using the PScope System Software provided or downloaded from the Linear Technology website at http://www.linear.com/software/. If a DC718 was provided, follow the DC718 Quick Start Guide and the instructions below.

To start the data collection software if “PScope.exe”, is installed (by default) in \Program Files\LTC\PScope\, double click the PScope Icon or bring up the run window under the start menu and browse to the PScope directory and select PScope.
Configure PScope for the appropriate variant of the DC854 demonstration circuit by selecting the correct A/D Converter as installed on the DC854. Under the “Configure” menu, go to “Device.” Under the “Device” pull down menu, select device, LTC2208, through LTC2208-14. Select the part in the Device List and PScope will automatically blank the last two LSBs when using a DC854 supplied with a 14-Bit part. If you are operating with a version of PScope that does not include LTC2208 in the device menu, you may manually configure as:

User configure

16-Bit (or 14-Bit if using LTC2208-14)

Alignment: Left-16

**Bipolar (2’s complement)**

Positive clock edge

Type: CMOS

If everything is hooked up properly, powered and a suitable convert clock is present, clicking the “Collect” button should result in time and frequency plots displayed in the PScope window. Additional information and help for PScope is available in the DC718 Quick Start Guide and in the online help available within the PScope program itself.

**ANALOG INPUT NETWORK**

For optimal distortion and noise performance the RC network on the analog inputs should be optimized for different analog input frequencies. At this point in time, the circuit in Fig. 3 for input frequencies below 70MHz. For input frequencies from 70MHz to 140MHz, the circuit in Fig. 2 is used. These two input networks cover a broad bandwidth and are not optimized for operation at a specific input frequency.

In almost all cases, filters will be required on both analog input and encode clock to provide data sheet SNR.

This Demo board has provision for additional components that may be used to implement a band pass filter, or more optimal return loss in a given frequency range. The default population is a simple network as shown below.

In some cases, 3-10dB pads may be required to obtain low distortion.

If your generator cannot deliver full scale signals without distortion, you may benefit from a medium power amplifier based on a Gallium Arsenide Gain block prior to the final filter. This is particularly true at higher frequencies where IC based operational amplifiers may be unable to deliver the combination of low noise figure and High IP3 point required. A high order filter can be used prior to this final amplifier, and a relatively lower Q filter used between the amplifier and the demo circuit.

For advice on drive circuits, band-pass filter population or for input frequencies greater than 140 MHz contact the factory for support.
Figure 2. Analog Front End Circuit For 70MHz+

Figure 3. Analog Front End Circuit For 1MHz < A_{IN} < 70MHz

For input frequencies less than 5MHz, or greater than 150MHz, other input networks may be more appropriate. Please consult the factory for suggestions on drivers and networks if your signal sources extend outside these ranges, or if you experience difficulties driving these suggested networks.