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Industry's First 12-bit DAC with Integrated EEPROM in 6-pin SOT-23 Package Available Through Mouser Electronics

Microchip Technology's 12-bit DAC Ideal for Space-Constrained Portable and Battery-Powered Applications

Mansfield, Texas, USA –February 5, 2008 – Mouser Electronics, Inc., known for its rapid introduction of the newest products, today announced it is stocking the MCP4725 12-bit Digital-to-Analog Converter (DAC) from Microchip Technology Inc. [NASDAQ: MCHP], a leading supplier of microcontroller and analog semiconductors. The device is the industry's first 12-bit DAC to combine integrated EEPROM and 12-bit resolution in a miniature, 6-pin SOT-23 package.

The low-power, single-channel DAC has a buffered voltage output and is ideal for space-constrained portable and battery-powered applications found in a variety of markets. Non-volatile EEPROM enables MCP4725 DAC settings to be recalled at power up, meaning a microcontroller is not required if the DAC output does not need to change. This provides flexibility for system designers and helps reduce cost, power consumption, and design footprint.

The highly accurate DAC has extended battery life due to a low power consumption of just 0.06 microamperes in shutdown. The onboard precision output amplifier enables a rail-to-rail analog output, allowing the DAC output to fully utilize the entire voltage range. The MCP4725 is ideal for use in a variety of applications ranging from personal media players, digital cameras, and GPS devices to handheld instruments, LED lamps, and security systems.

The MCP4725 Evaluation Board (Part # MCP4725EV) is available to help quickly evaluate the MCP4725 in various applications. The board works for Microchip's PICkit™ Serial Analyzer (Part # DV164122) for fine tuning applications or independently with an application board.

"By immediately stocking the newest technologies like the MCP4725 DAC from Microchip, our design engineering customer base can develop with the newest products on the market, allowing them to differentiate their products in the marketplace," said Mike Scott, Mouser's Vice President of Active Products.

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About Microchip Technology

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