

Two-Channel, 153.6 kSPS, Low-Noise, 16-Bit Delta-Sigma ADC with Internal Voltage Reference

Features

- One Full-Differential or Two Single-Ended Input Channels:
 - Wide Input Voltage Range: 0V to AV_{DD}
 - Internal Conversions Sequencer (Scan mode) for Automatic Multiplexing
 - One-Shot or Continuous Conversion Modes
- Supply Voltage:
 - AV_{DD}/DV_{DD} : 2.7V - 3.6V
- Second-Order $\Delta\Sigma$ Modulator with 5-level Quantizer plus:
 - Third-Order Decimation Filter for Low OSR (32-512)
 - Cascaded of Third-Order and First-Order Filters for High OSR (>512).
- ADC Resolution:
 - MCP3460R: 16-bit
 - Selectable Oversampling Ratio (OSR) Range: 32-98304
- Programmable Data Rate: Up to 153.6 kSPS
- On-Chip Programmable Gain:
 - Gain Option: 1/3x, 1x, 2x, 4x, 8x, 16x, 32x, 64x
- AC Dynamic Performance (50Hz Input w/ OSR = 256):
 - SINAD: 97.2 dB
 - THD: -116 dBc
 - SFDR: 120 dBc (Gain = 1x, 4800 SPS)
- Low-Temperature Drift:
 - Offset Error Drift: 4/Gain nV/°C (AZ_MUX=1)
 - Gain Error Drift: 0.5 ppm/°C (Gain = 1x)
- Low Noise: 2.3 μV_{RMS} (Gain = 16x, 9600 SPS)
- RMS Effective Resolution: 15.4 Bits Minimum (All Gains, All OSR Combinations)
- Voltage Reference Selection:
 - 2.4V Internal Voltage Reference (Buffered) with 15 ppm/°C Drift
 - Differential External Voltage Reference Inputs (Not Buffered) with a 0.1V - AV_{DD}
- Internal Oscillator or External Clock Selection
- Power-Saving Modes: Standby, Sleep, Shutdown, Full-Shutdown
 - Ultra-Low Full-Shutdown Current Consumption (< 2.4 μA)

- Bandgap-Based Internal Temperature Sensor
- 16-Bit Digital Offset and Gain Error Calibration Registers
- Dedicated \overline{IRQ} Pin for Easy Synchronization
- Advanced Security Features:
 - 16-bit CRC for Secure SPI Communications
 - 16-bit CRC and IRQ for Securing Configuration
 - Register-Map Lock with 8-bit Secure Key
 - Monitor Controls for System Diagnostics (via Scan Mode)
- 20 MHz SPI-Compatible Interface with Mode 0,0 and 1,1
- Extended Temperature Range: -40°C to +125°C
- Package Options:
 - 3 mm x 3 mm x 1 mm, 20-Lead VQFN (2LX Package Code)

Applications

- General Purpose Low-to-High Data-Rate, High Precision, $\Delta\Sigma$ ADC Applications
- Medical and Scientific Instrumentation
- Precision-Sensor Applications:
 - Pressure, Strain, and Force measurement
- Temperature Measurement
- Current Measurement
- Factory Automation and Process Controls
 - Portable Instrumentation

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General Description

The MCP3460R is a precision 16-bit single differential-channel (two single-ended) $\Delta\Sigma$ ADC device, with programmable data rates up to 153.6 kSPS.

The MCP3460R device uses a second-order delta-sigma multi-bit modulator with Oversampling Ratio (OSR) from 32 to 98304 and gain settings ranging from 1/3x to 64x. The dual SINC filter implementation can achieve a SINAD of 97.2 dB or up to 153.6 kSPS ADC conversion rate.

MCP3460R offers two selectable conversion modes: Continuous Conversion mode and One-Shot Conversion mode. In One-Shot Conversion mode, the device enters a low-power mode automatically after each conversion is completed, while Continuous Conversion mode offers the capability of non-stop conversions of an individual channel until the ADC is instructed to stop.

The MCP3460R includes an internal input-channel scan-sequencer (Scan mode) which offers automatic scanning of selected input channels and internal system resources such as Temperature, Supply Voltage, Offset Error and Gain Error. A 24-bit Timer can be used to create automatic conversion-loop sequences without the need for MCU communication.

To reduce system component count and total solution cost, the MCP3460R device offers integrated features such as an Internal Voltage Reference, Internal Clock Oscillator, Internal Temperature Sensor and Programmable Gain, which are configurable using the bit settings of the internal configuration registers.

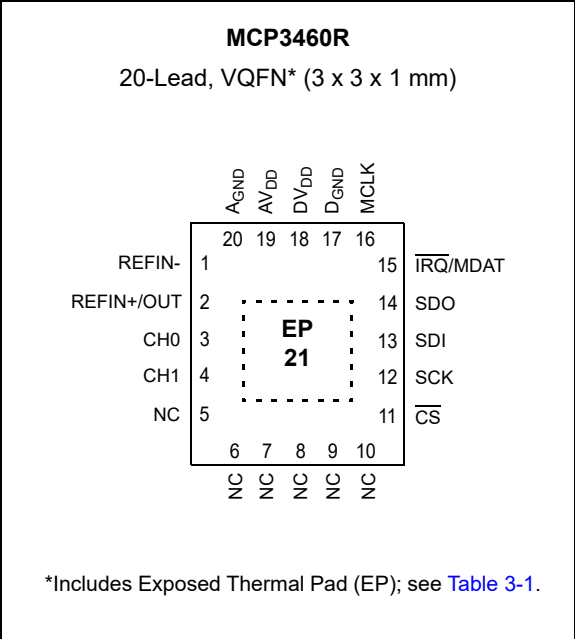
The internal configuration registers are easily accessible via a 20 MHz SPI-compatible serial interface using simple 8-bit SPI Commands and communication protocols for various Continuous Read/Write Modes.

The various data-format options offer flexible user-friendly connectivity with various 8-bit, 16-bit and 32-bit host MCUs.

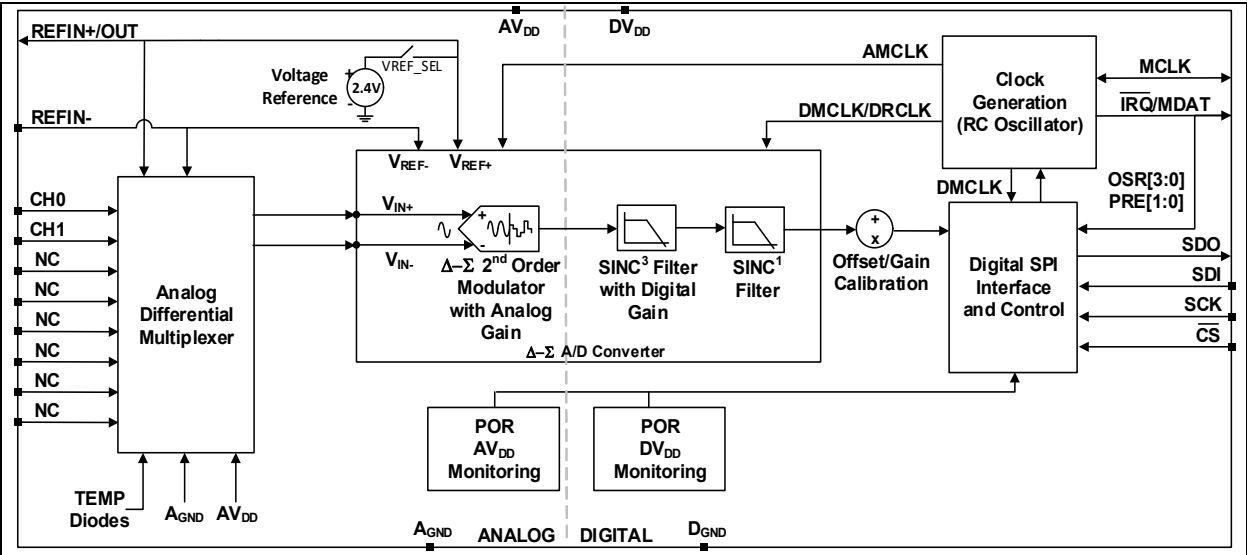
An internal 16-bit Cyclic-Redundancy-Checksum engine (CRC-16) protects the data integrity of the internal register settings (Register-Map Lock) and SPI communications.

The device operates from an analog/digital supply of 2.7V to 3.6V and is available in a 3 mm x 3 mm x 1 mm, 20-Lead VQFN (2LX Package Code) which is specified over an Extended Temperature Range of -40°C to +125°C.

Package Type



Functional Block Diagram



1.0 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Absolute Maximum Ratings^(†)

DV _{DD} , AV _{DD}	-0.3 to 4.0V
Digital Inputs and Outputs w.r.t. D _{GND}	-0.3V to DV _{DD} + 0.3V
Analog Inputs w.r.t. A _{GND}	-0.3V to AV _{DD} + 0.3V
Current at Input Pins	±5 mA
Current at Output and Supply Pins	±20 mA
Storage Temperature	-65°C to +150°C
Ambient Temperature with Power Applied	-65°C to +125°C
Soldering Temperature of Leads (10 seconds)	+300°C
Maximum Junction Temperature (T _J)	+150°C
ESD on All Pins (HBM)	≥ 6.0 kV

† **Notice:** Stresses above those listed under “Absolute Maximum Ratings” may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only and functional operation of the device at those or any other conditions, above those indicated in the operational listings of this specification, is not implied. Exposure to maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Electrical Specifications: Unless otherwise indicated, all parameters apply at AV_{DD} = 2.7V to 3.6V, DV_{DD} = 2.7V to AV_{DD} + 0.1V, MCLK = 4.9152 MHz, V_{REF} = AV_{DD}, ADC_MODE[1:0] = 11. All other register map bits to their default conditions, T_A = -40°C to +125°C, V_{IN} = -0.5 dBFS at 50 Hz.

Parameters	Sym.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Conditions
Supply Requirements						
Analog Operating Voltage	AV _{DD}	2.7	—	3.6	V	
Digital Operating Voltage	DV _{DD}	2.7	—	AV _{DD} + 0.1	V	DV _{DD} ≤ 3.6V
Analog Operating Current	AI _{DD}	—	0.56	0.81	mA	BOOST[1:0] = 00, 0.5x
		—	0.69	0.96	mA	BOOST[1:0] = 01, 0.66x
		—	0.93	1.3	mA	BOOST[1:0] = 10, 1x
		—	1.65	2.2	mA	BOOST[1:0] = 11, 2x
Analog Operating Current	AI _{DD}	—	—	0.96	mA	BOOST[1:0] = 00, 0.5x, V _{REF} = 2.4V internal
		—	—	1.2	mA	BOOST[1:0] = 01, 0.66x, V _{REF} = 2.4V internal
		—	—	1.6	mA	BOOST[1:0] = 10, 1x, V _{REF} = 2.4V internal
		—	—	2.5	mA	BOOST[1:0] = 11, 2x, V _{REF} = 2.4V internal
Digital Operating Current	DI _{DD}	—	0.25	0.37	mA	(Note 8)

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 - 3: REFIN- must be connected to ground for single-ended measurements.
 - 4: Full-Scale Range (FSR) = 2 x V_{REF}/GAIN.
 - 5: This input impedance is due to the internal input sampling capacitor and frequency. This impedance is measured between the two input pins of the channel selected with the input multiplexer.
 - 6: Applies to all analog gains. Offset and gain errors depend on analog gain settings. See [Section 2.0 “Typical Performance Curves”](#).
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Parameters	Sym.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Conditions
Analog Partial-Shutdown Current	AI_{DDS_PS}	—	—	22	μA	CONFIG0 = 0x00
Digital Partial-Shutdown Current	DI_{DDS_PS}	—	—	17	μA	CONFIG0 = 0x00
Analog Full-Shutdown Current	AI_{DDS_FS}	—	—	0.4	μA	CONFIG0 = 0x00 with Full-Shutdown Fast-CMD
Digital Full-Shutdown Current	DI_{DDS_FS}	—	—	2	μA	CONFIG0 = 0x00 with Full-Shutdown Fast-CMD
Power-on Reset (POR) Threshold Voltage	V_{POR_A}	—	1.75	—	V	For analog circuits
	V_{POR_D}	—	1.2	—	V	For digital circuits
POR Hysteresis	V_{POR_HYS}	—	150	—	mV	
POR Reset Time	t_{POR}	—	1	—	μs	

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Parameters	Sym.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Conditions
Analog Inputs						
Input Voltage at Input Pin	CH_N	$A_{GND} - 0.1$	—	$AV_{DD} + 0.1$	V	Analog inputs are measured with respect to A_{GND}
Differential Input Range	V_{IN}	$-V_{REF}/GAIN$	—	$+V_{REF}/GAIN$	V	
Differential Input Impedance (Note 5)	Z_{IN}	—	510	—	k Ω	GAIN = 0.33x, proportional to 1/AMCLK
		—	260	—	k Ω	GAIN = 1x, proportional to 1/AMCLK
		—	150	—	k Ω	GAIN = 2x, proportional to 1/AMCLK
		—	80	—	k Ω	GAIN = 4x, proportional to 1/AMCLK
		—	40	—	k Ω	GAIN = 8x, proportional to 1/AMCLK
		—	20	—	k Ω	GAIN $\geq 16x$, proportional to 1/AMCLK
Analog Input Leakage Current During ADC Shutdown	I_{LI_A}	—	± 10	—	nA	
Internal Voltage Reference						
Internal V_{REF} Absolute Voltage	I_{VREF}	-2%	2.4	+2%	V	$VREF_SEL = 1$, $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$ only
Internal V_{REF} Temperature Coefficient	T_{CREFE}	—	15	40	ppm/ $^{\circ}C$	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to $+125^{\circ}C$, Extended Temperature Range (Note 2)
Internal V_{REF} Temperature Coefficient	T_{CREFI}	—	9	40	ppm/ $^{\circ}C$	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to $+85^{\circ}C$, Industrial Temperature Range (Note 2)
Voltage Reference Buffer Short-Circuit Current	I_{REF_SC}	—	—	8	mA	$REFIN+/OUT$ shorted to A_{GND} , $VREF_SEL = 1$ (Note 9)
Internal Reference Settling Time	t_{VREF_SET}	—	12	—	ms	Settling to 10 ppm from final value, bypass capacitor 1 μF (Note 2), (Note 11)
Internal V_{REF} Output Noise	$VREF_Noise$	—	14.3	—	μV	$VREF_SEL = 1$, $AZ_VREF = 1$ (chopper on), $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$ only (Note 2)

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Parameters	Sym.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Conditions
External Voltage Reference Input						
Reference Voltage Range ($V_{REF+} - V_{REF-}$)	V_{REF}	0.6	—	AV_{DD}	V	$VREF_SEL = 0$
External Noninverting Input Voltage Reference	V_{REF+}	$V_{REF-} + 0.6$	—	AV_{DD}	V	
External Inverting Input Voltage Reference	V_{REF-}	A_{GND}	—	$V_{REF+} - 0.6$	V	
DC Performance						
No Missing Code Resolution	Resolution	16	—	—	Bits	$OSR \geq 256$ (Note 1)
Offset Error	V_{OS}	-900/GAIN	—	900/GAIN	μV	$AZ_MUX = 0$ (Note 6)
		$-(0.05 + 0.8/GAIN)$	—	$0.05 + 0.8/GAIN$		$AZ_MUX = 1$ (Notes 2, 6)
Offset Error Temperature Coefficient	V_{OS_DRIFT}	—	70/GAIN	300/GAIN	$nV/^{\circ}C$	$AZ_MUX = 0$ (Notes 2, 6)
		—	4/GAIN	16/GAIN		$AZ_MUX = 1$ (Notes 2, 6)
Gain Error	G_E	-3	—	+3	%	(Note 6)
Gain Error Temperature Coefficient	G_{E_DRIFT}	—	0.5	2	$ppm/^{\circ}C$	GAIN: 1x, 2x, 4x (Note 2)
			1	4		GAIN: 8x (Note 2)
			2	8		GAIN: 0.33x, 16x (Note 2)
Integral Nonlinearity (Note 7)	INL	-10	—	+10	ppm FSR	GAIN = 0.33x (Note 2)
		-7	—	+7		GAIN = 1x (Note 2)
		-7	—	+7		GAIN = 2x (Note 2)
		-10	—	+10		GAIN = 4x (Note 2)
		-20	—	+20		GAIN = 8x (Note 2)
		-32	—	+32		GAIN = 16x (Note 2)
AV_{DD} Power Supply Rejection Ratio	DC PSRR	—	-76 – 20 x LOG (GAIN)	—	dB	AV_{DD} varies from 2.7V to 3.6V, $V_{IN} = 0V$
DV_{DD} Power Supply Rejection Ratio	DC PSRR	—	-110	—	dB	DV_{DD} varies from 2.7V to 3.6V, $V_{IN} = 0V$
DC Common-Mode Rejection Ratio	DC CMRR	—	-126	—	dB	V_{INCOM} varies from 0V to AV_{DD} , $V_{IN} = 0V$

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Parameters	Sym.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Conditions
AC Performance						
Signal-to-Noise and Distortion Ratio	SINAD	96.9	97.2	—	dB	$AV_{DD} = DV_{DD} = V_{REF} = 3.3V$ and $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ (Note 2)
		95.4	95.8	—	dB	$AV_{DD} = DV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $V_{REF} = 2.4V$ internal, bypass capacitor $0.1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ and $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ (Note 2)
Signal-to-Noise Ratio	SNR	97	97.3	—	dBc	$AV_{DD} = DV_{DD} = V_{REF} = 3.3V$ and $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ (Note 2)
		95.7	96	—	dBc	$AV_{DD} = DV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $V_{REF} = 2.4V$ internal, bypass capacitor $0.1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ and $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ (Note 2)
Total Harmonic Distortion	THD	—	-116	-110	dB	$AV_{DD} = DV_{DD} = V_{REF} = 3.3V$ and $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$, includes the first 10 harmonics (Note 2)
		—	-110	-105	dB	$AV_{DD} = DV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $V_{REF} = 2.4V$ internal, bypass capacitor $0.1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ and $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$, includes the first 10 harmonics (Note 2)
Spurious-Free Dynamic Range	SFDR	110	120	—	dBc	$AV_{DD} = DV_{DD} = V_{REF} = 3.3V$ and $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ (Note 2)
		107	112.5	—	dBc	$AV_{DD} = DV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $V_{REF} = 2.4V$ internal, bypass capacitor $0.1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ and $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ (Note 2)
Input Channel Crosstalk	CTALK	—	-130	—	dB	$V_{IN} = 0V$, Perturbation = 0 dB at 50 Hz , applies to all perturbation channels and all input channels
AC Power Supply Rejection Ratio	AC PSRR	—	-75 – 20 x LOG (GAIN)	—	dB	$V_{IN} = 0V$, $DV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $AV_{DD} = 3.3V + 0.3V_P$, 50 Hz
AC Common-Mode Rejection Ratio	AC CMRR	—	-122	—	dB	$V_{INCOM} = 0\text{ dB}$ at 50 Hz , $V_{IN} = 0V$

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Parameters	Sym.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Conditions
ADC Timing Parameters						
Sampling Frequency	DMCLK	See Table			MHz	See Figure 4-1
Output Data Rate	DRCLK	See Table			kSPS	See Figure 4-1
Data Conversion Time	T_{CONV}	See Table			ms	See Figure 4-1
ADC Start-up Delay	T_{ADC_SETUP}	—	256	—	DMCLK periods	ADC_MODE[1:0] bits change from '0x' to '1x'
		—	0	—	DMCLK periods	ADC_MODE[1:0] bits change from '10' to '11'
Conversion-Start Pulse Low Time	T_{STP}	—	1	—	DMCLK periods	
Scan Mode Time Delays	T_{DLY_SCAN}	0	—	512	DMCLK periods	Time delay between sampling channels
	T_{TIMER_SCAN}	0	—	16777215	DMCLK periods	Time interval between Scan cycles
Data-Ready Pulse Low Time	T_{DRL}	—	—	OSR-16	DMCLK periods	See Figure 5-16
Data-Ready Pulse High Time	T_{DRH}	16	—	—	DMCLK periods	See Figure 5-16
Data-Transfer Time to DR (Data Ready)	t_{DODR}	—	—	50	ns	
Modulator Output Valid from AMCLK High	t_{DOMDAT}	—	—	100	ns	$2.7V \leq DV_{DD} \leq 3.6V$
External Main Clock Input (CLK_SEL[1] = 0)						
Main Clock Input Frequency Range	f_{MCLK_EXT}	1	—	20	MHz	$DV_{DD} \geq 2.7V$
Main Clock Input Duty Cycle	f_{MCLK_DUTY}	45	—	55	%	
Internal Clock Oscillator						
Internal Main Clock Frequency	f_{MCLK_INT}	3.3	—	6.6	MHz	CLK_SEL[1] = 1
Internal Oscillator Start-up Time	$t_{OSC_STARTUP}$	—	10	—	μs	CLK_SEL[1] changes from '0' to '1', time to stabilize the clock frequency to $\pm 1 kHz$ of the final value (Note 10)
Internal Oscillator Current Consumption	I_{DD_OSC}	—	30	—	μA	Should be added to DI_{DD} when CLK_SEL[1:0] = 1x
Internal Temperature Sensor						
Temperature Measurement Accuracy	T_{Acc}	—	± 5	—	$^{\circ}C$	See Section 5.1.1 "Internal Temperature Sensor"

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TEMPERATURE SPECIFICATIONS

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Parameters	Sym.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Conditions
Temperature Ranges						
Specified Temperature Range	T_A	-40	—	+125	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	
Operating Temperature Range	T_A	-40	—	+125	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	
Storage Temperature Range	T_A	-65	—	+150	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	
Thermal Package Resistance						
Thermal Resistance, 20-Lead VQFN	θ_{JA}	—	56.8	—	$^{\circ}\text{C/W}$	

Note 1: The internal Junction Temperature (T_J) must not exceed the absolute maximum specification of $+150^{\circ}\text{C}$.

TABLE 1-1: SPI SERIAL INTERFACE TIMING SPECIFICATIONS FOR $DV_{DD} = 2.7\text{V}$ TO 3.6V

Electrical Specifications: $DV_{DD} = 2.7\text{V}$ to 3.6V , $T_A = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$, $C_{LOAD} = 30\text{ pF}$. See [Figure 1-1](#).

Parameters	Sym.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Conditions
Serial Clock Frequency	f_{SCK}	—	—	20	MHz	
$\overline{\text{CS}}$ Setup Time	t_{CSS}	25	—	—	ns	
$\overline{\text{CS}}$ Hold Time	t_{CSH}	50	—	—	ns	
$\overline{\text{CS}}$ Disable Time	t_{CSD}	50	—	—	ns	
Data Setup Time	t_{SU}	5	—	—	ns	
Data Hold Time	t_{HD}	10	—	—	ns	
Serial Clock High Time	t_{HI}	20	—	—	ns	
Serial Clock Low Time	t_{LO}	20	—	—	ns	
Serial Clock Delay Time	t_{CLD}	50	—	—	ns	
Serial Clock Enable Time	t_{CLE}	50	—	—	ns	
Output Valid from SCK Low	t_{DO}	—	—	25	ns	
Output Hold Time	t_{HO}	0	—	—	ns	
Output Disable Time	t_{DIS}	—	—	25	ns	Measured with a 1.5 mA pull-up current source on SDO pin
POR $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ Disable Time	t_{CSIRQ}	—	—	52	ns	Measured with a 1.5 mA pull-up current source on $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ pin
Output Valid from $\overline{\text{CS}}$ Low	t_{CSSDO}	—	—	25	ns	SDO toggles to logic low at each communication start ($\overline{\text{CS}}$ falling edge)

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TABLE 1-2: DIGITAL I/O DC SPECIFICATIONS

Electrical Specifications: Unless otherwise indicated, all parameters apply at $DV_{DD} = 2.7V$ to $3.6V$, $T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to $+125^{\circ}C$.						
Parameters	Sym.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Conditions
Schmitt Trigger High-Level Input Voltage	V_{IH}	$0.7 \times DV_{DD}$	—	—	V	
Schmitt Trigger Low-Level Input Voltage	V_{IL}	—	—	$0.3 \times DV_{DD}$	V	
Hysteresis of Schmitt Trigger Inputs	V_{HYS}	—	200	—	mV	
Low-Level Output Voltage	V_{OL}	—	—	$0.2 \times DV_{DD}$	V	$I_{OL} = +1.5\text{ mA}$
High-Level Output Voltage	V_{OH}	$0.8 \times DV_{DD}$	—	—	V	$I_{OH} = -1.5\text{ mA}$
Input Leakage Current	I_{LI_D}	—	—	1	μA	Pins configured as inputs or high-impedance outputs

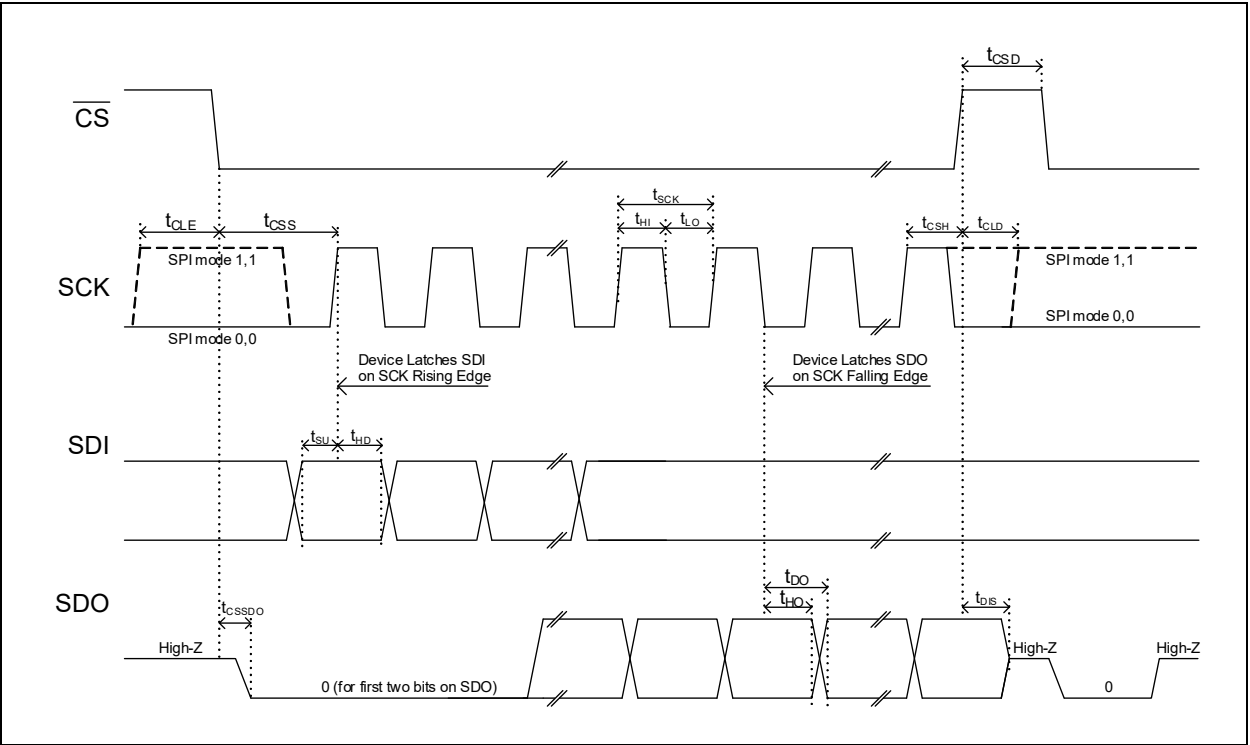


FIGURE 1-1: Serial Output Timing Diagram.

2.0 TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CURVES

Note: The graphs and tables provided following this note are a statistical summary based on a limited number of samples and are provided for informational purposes only. The performance characteristics listed herein are not tested or guaranteed. In some graphs or tables, the data presented may be outside the specified operating range (e.g., outside specified power supply range) and therefore outside the warranted range.

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, $AV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $DV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$, $MCLK = 4.9152\text{ MHz}$, $V_{IN} = -0.5\text{ dBFS}$ at 50 Hz , $V_{REF} = AV_{DD}$, $ADC_MODE = 11$. All other registers are set to default value. Histogram ticks are centered at their bin center.

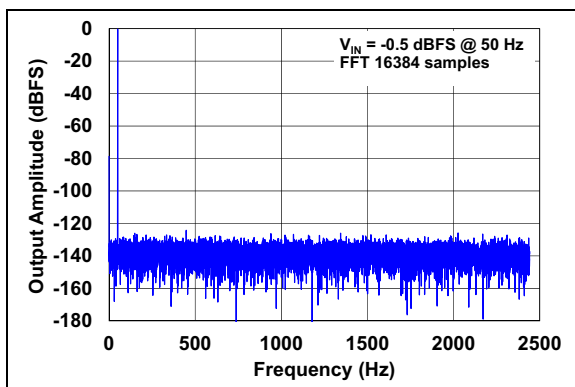


FIGURE 2-1: FFT Output Spectrum, $f_{in} = 50\text{ Hz}$ Input.

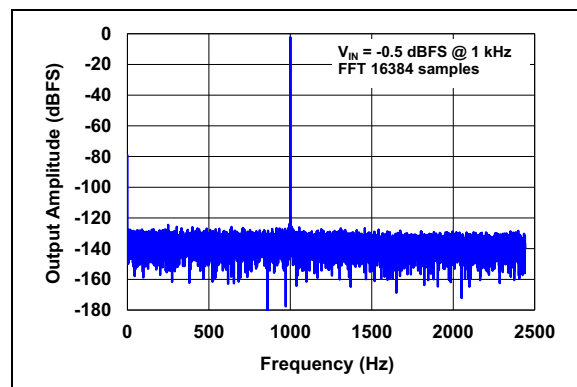


FIGURE 2-4: FFT Output Spectrum, $f_{in} = 1\text{ kHz}$ (Internal V_{REF}).

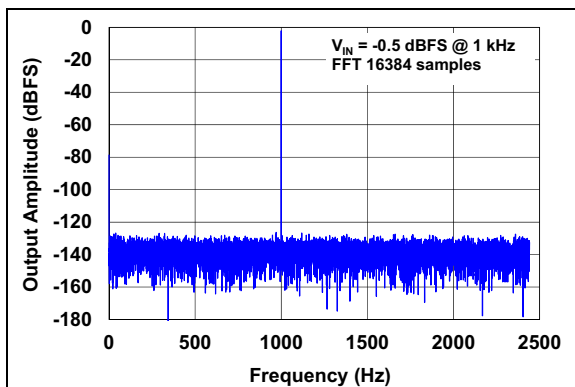


FIGURE 2-2: FFT Output Spectrum, $f_{in} = 1\text{ kHz}$ Input.

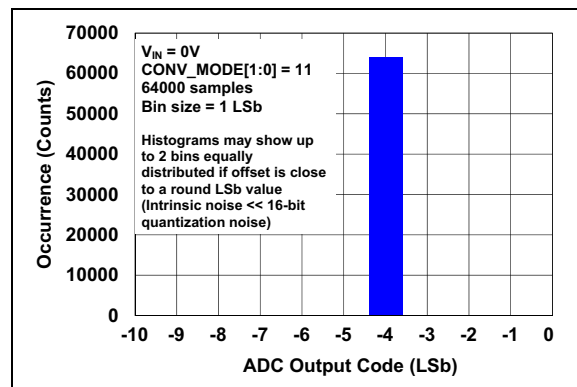


FIGURE 2-5: Output Noise Histogram.

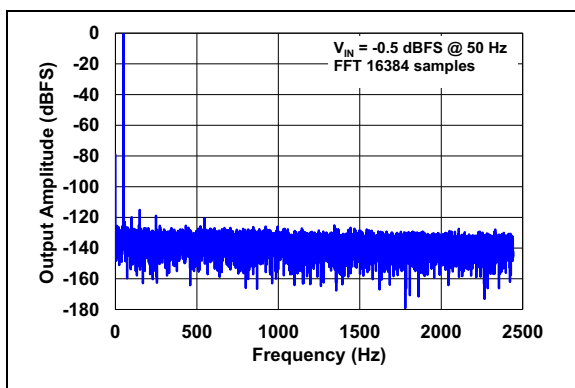


FIGURE 2-3: FFT Output Spectrum, $f_{in} = 50\text{ Hz}$ (Internal V_{REF}).

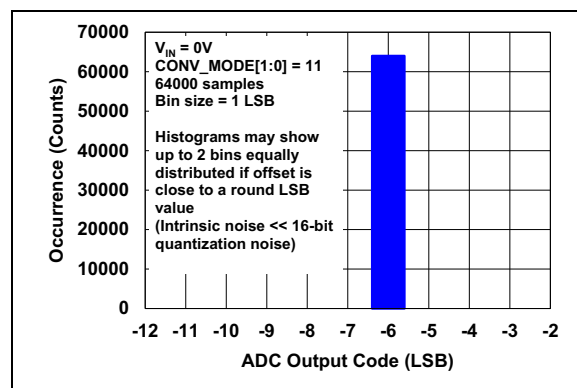


FIGURE 2-6: Output Noise Histogram (Internal V_{REF}).

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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, $AV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $DV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $T_A = +25^\circ C$, $MCLK = 4.9152\text{ MHz}$, $V_{IN} = -0.5\text{ dBFS}$ at 50 Hz , $V_{REF} = AV_{DD}$, $ADC_MODE = 11$. All other registers are set to default value. Histogram ticks are centered at their bin center.

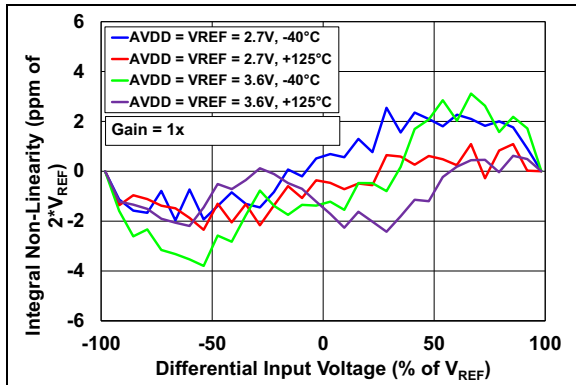


FIGURE 2-7: INL vs. Input Voltage.

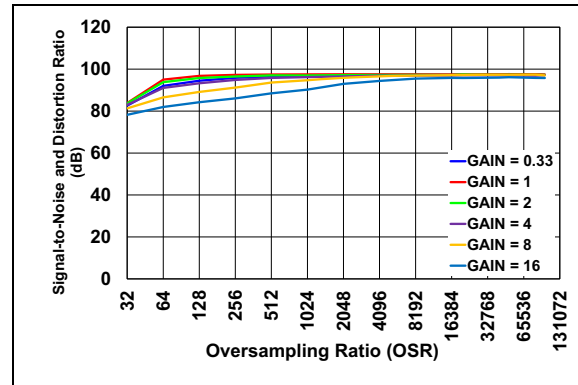


FIGURE 2-10: SINAD vs. OSR.

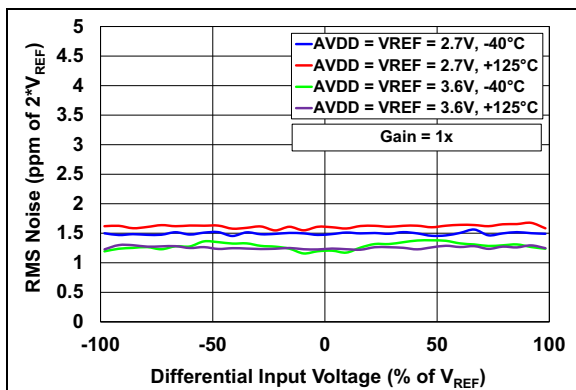


FIGURE 2-8: Output Noise vs. Input Voltage.

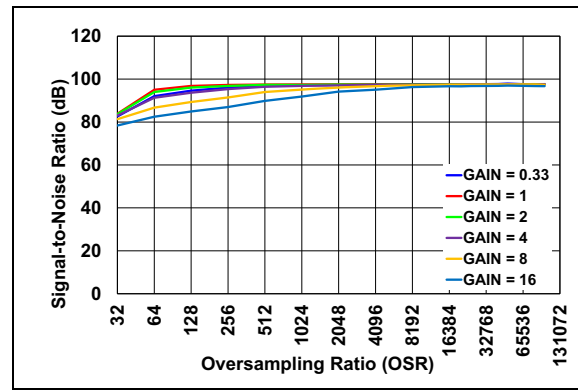


FIGURE 2-11: SNR vs. OSR.

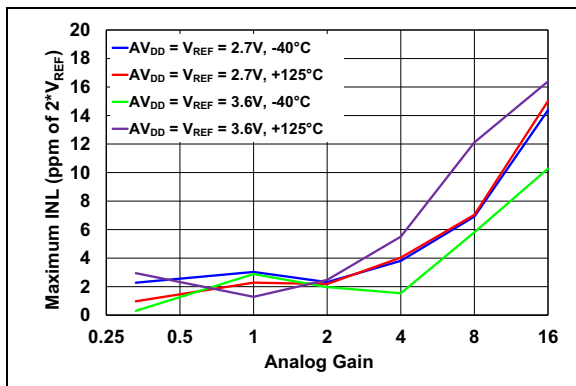


FIGURE 2-9: Maximum INL vs. Gain.

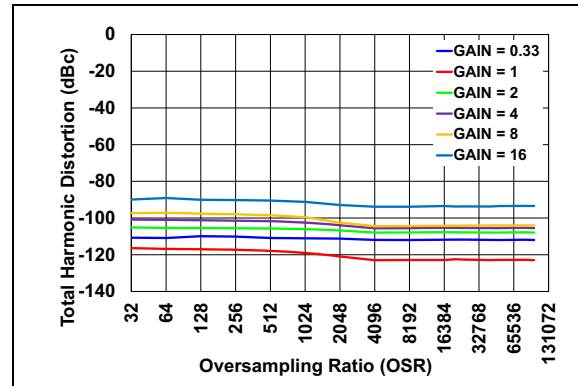


FIGURE 2-12: THD vs. OSR.

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, $AV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $DV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $T_A = +25^\circ C$, $MCLK = 4.9152\text{ MHz}$, $V_{IN} = -0.5\text{ dBFS}$ at 50 Hz , $V_{REF} = AV_{DD}$, $ADC_MODE = 11$. All other registers are set to default value. Histogram ticks are centered at their bin center.

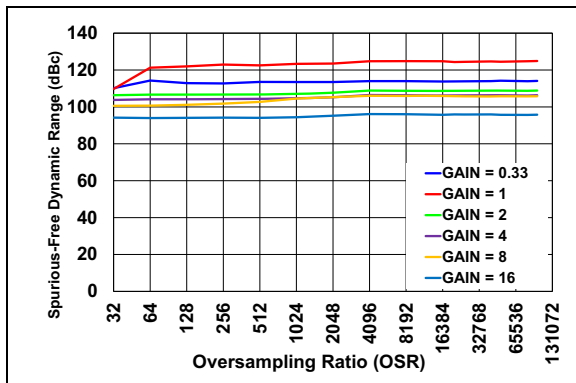


FIGURE 2-13: SFDR vs. OSR, External V_{REF} .

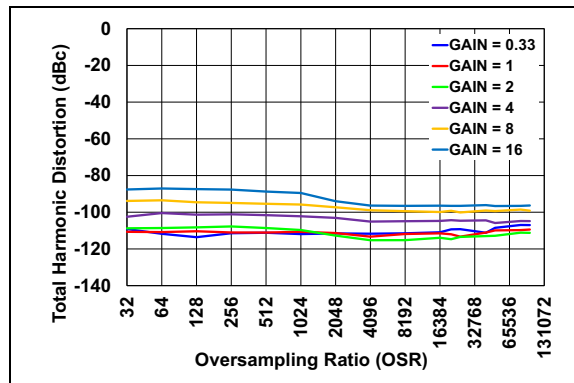


FIGURE 2-16: SFDR vs. OSR.

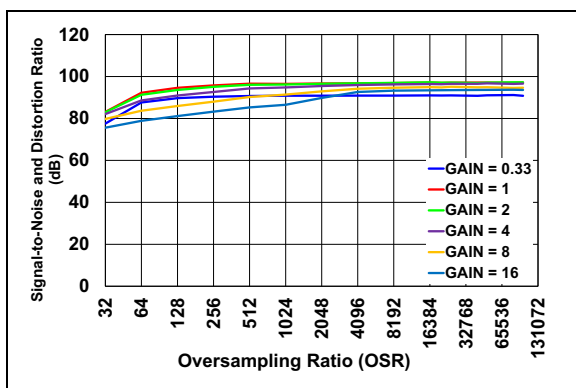


FIGURE 2-14: SINAD vs. OSR, Internal V_{REF} .

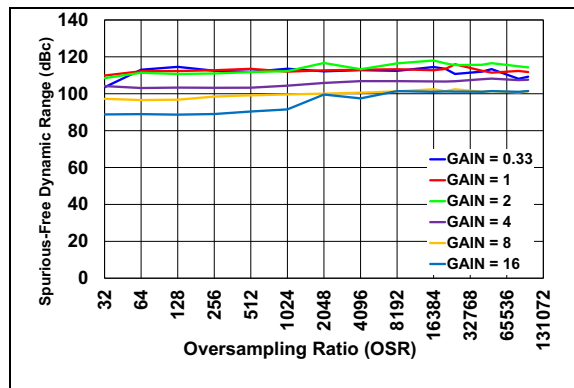


FIGURE 2-17: SFDR vs. OSR, Internal V_{REF} .

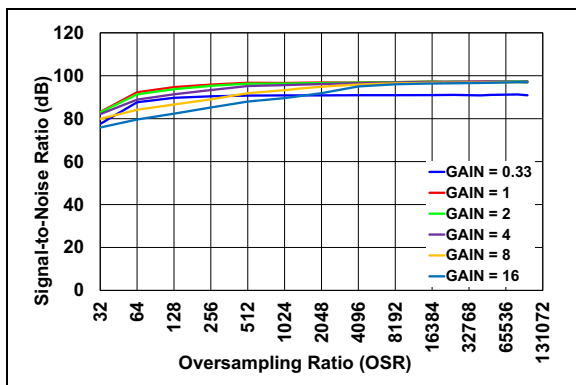


FIGURE 2-15: SNR vs. OSR, Internal V_{REF} .

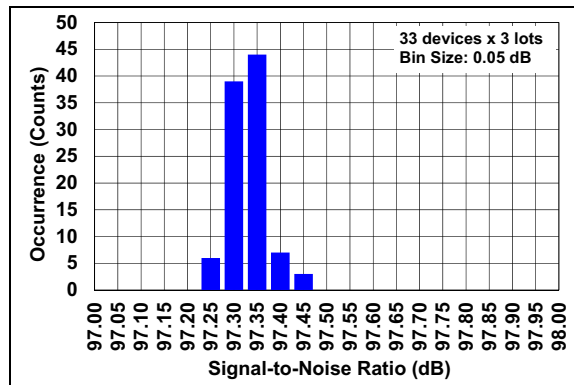


FIGURE 2-18: SNR Distribution Histogram.

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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, $AV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $DV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$, $MCLK = 4.9152\text{ MHz}$, $V_{IN} = -0.5\text{ dBFS}$ at 50 Hz , $V_{REF} = AV_{DD}$, $ADC_MODE = 11$. All other registers are set to default value. Histogram ticks are centered at their bin center.

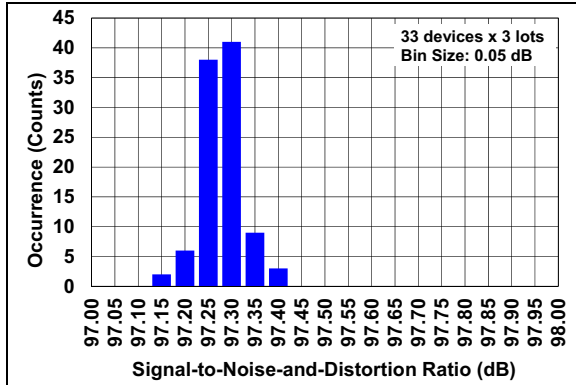


FIGURE 2-19: SINAD Distribution Histogram.

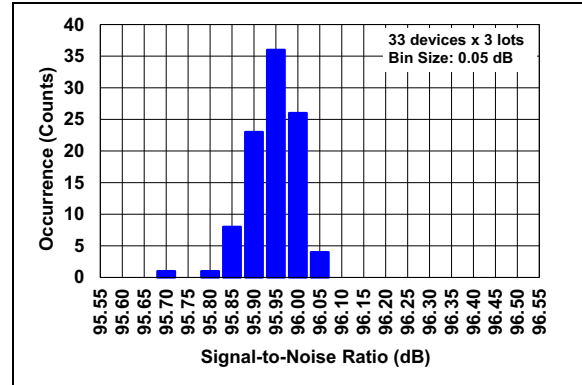


FIGURE 2-22: SNR Distribution Histogram, Internal V_{REF} .

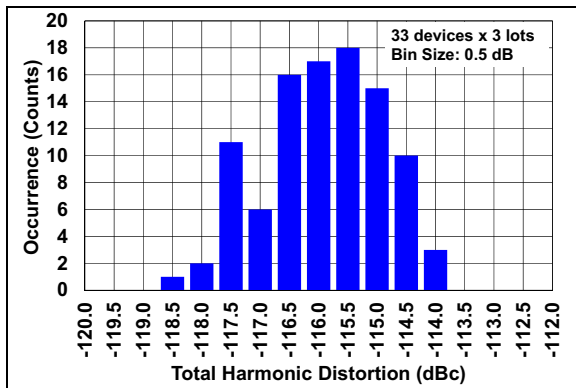


FIGURE 2-20: THD Distribution Histogram.

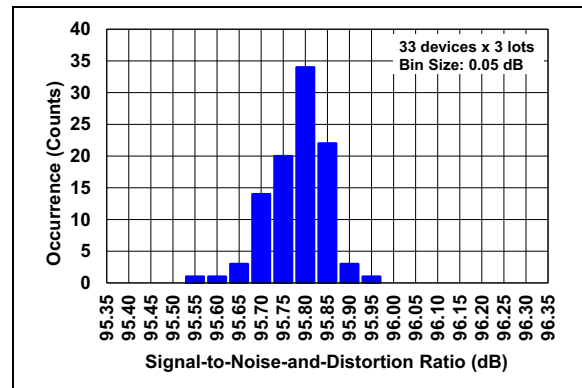


FIGURE 2-23: SINAD Distribution Histogram, Internal V_{REF} .

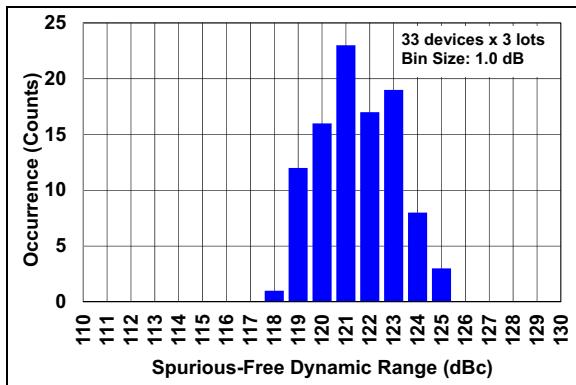


FIGURE 2-21: SFDR Distribution Histogram.

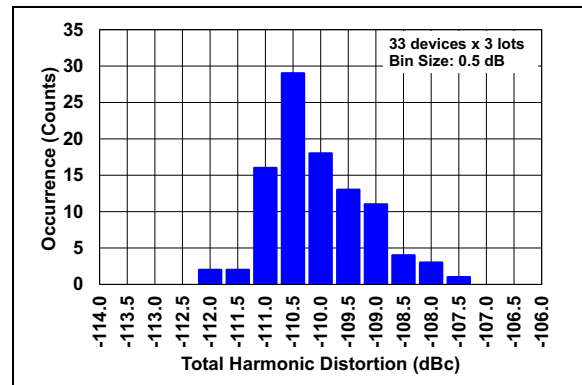


FIGURE 2-24: THD Distribution Histogram, Internal V_{REF} .

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, $AV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $DV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$, $MCLK = 4.9152\text{ MHz}$, $V_{IN} = -0.5\text{ dBFS}$ at 50 Hz, $V_{REF} = AV_{DD}$, $ADC_MODE = 11$. All other registers are set to default value. Histogram ticks are centered at their bin center.

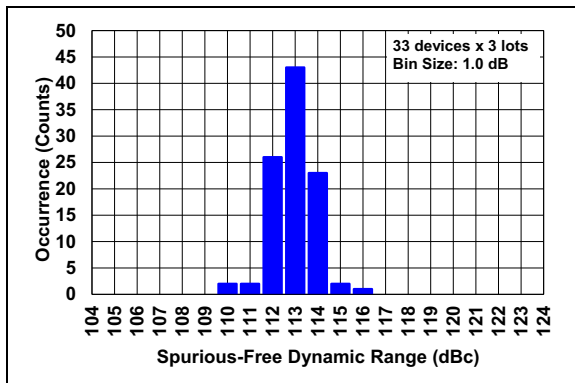


FIGURE 2-25: SFDR Distribution Histogram, Internal V_{REF} .

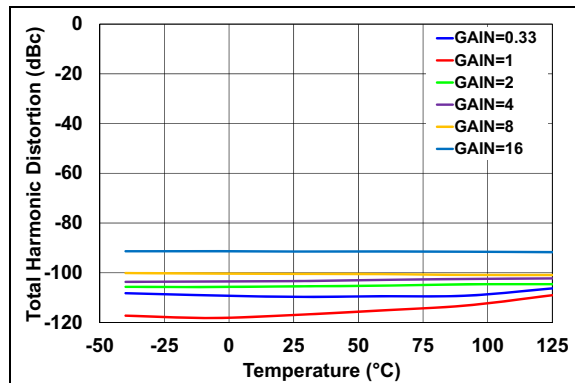


FIGURE 2-28: THD vs. Temperature.

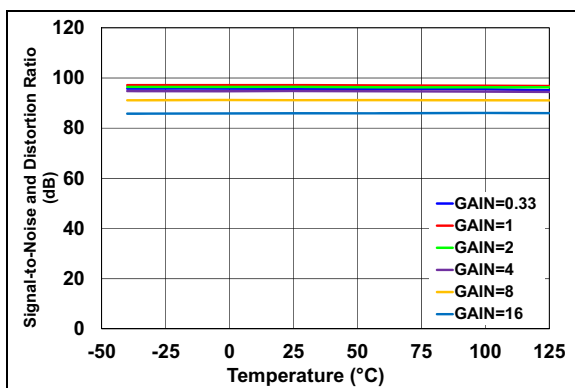


FIGURE 2-26: SINAD vs. Temperature.

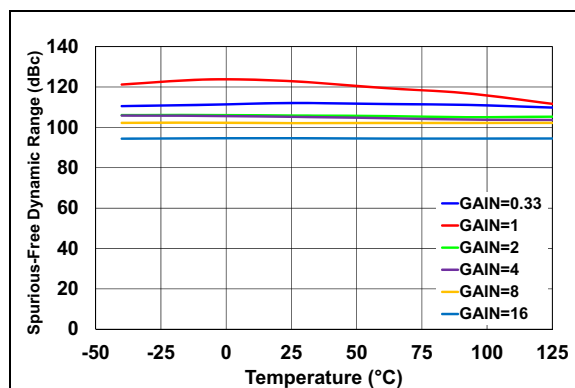


FIGURE 2-29: SFDR vs. Temperature.

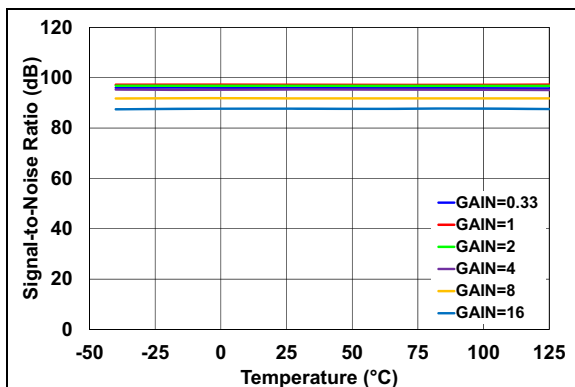


FIGURE 2-27: SNR vs. Temperature.

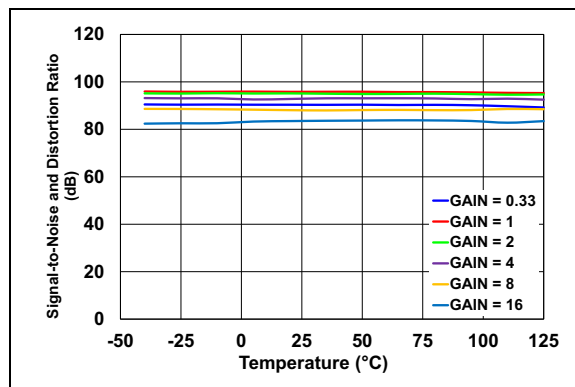


FIGURE 2-30: SINAD vs. Temperature, Internal V_{REF} .

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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, $AV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $DV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $T_A = +25^\circ C$, $MCLK = 4.9152\text{ MHz}$, $V_{IN} = -0.5\text{ dBFS}$ at 50 Hz , $V_{REF} = AV_{DD}$, $ADC_MODE = 11$. All other registers are set to default value. Histogram ticks are centered at their bin center.

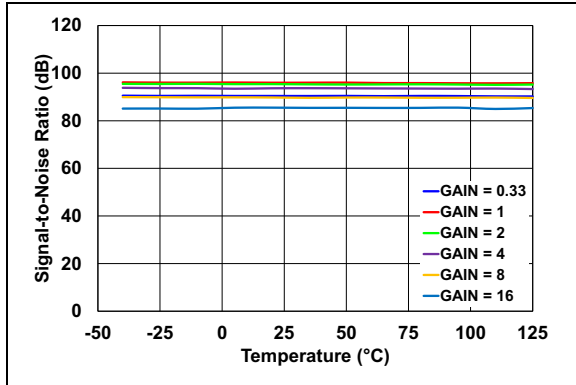


FIGURE 2-31: SNR vs. Temperature, Internal V_{REF} .

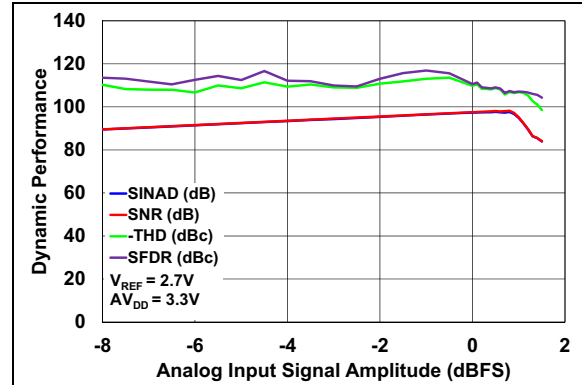


FIGURE 2-34: Dynamic Performance vs. Input Signal Amplitude.

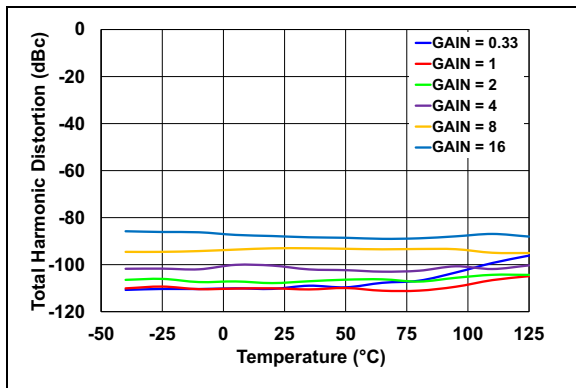


FIGURE 2-32: THD vs. Temperature, Internal V_{REF} .

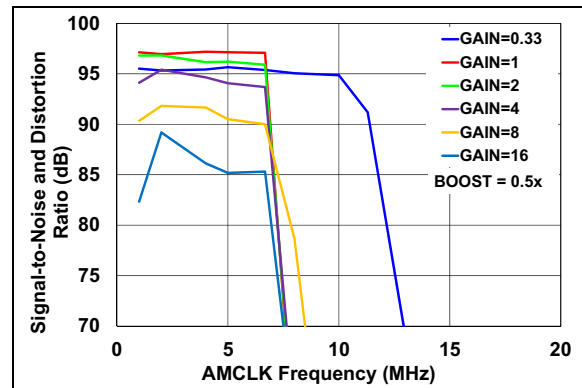


FIGURE 2-35: SINAD vs. AMCLK (Boost = $0.5x$, External V_{REF}).

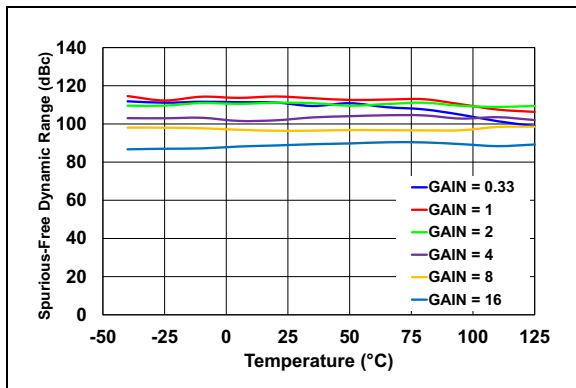


FIGURE 2-33: SFDR vs. Temperature, Internal V_{REF} .

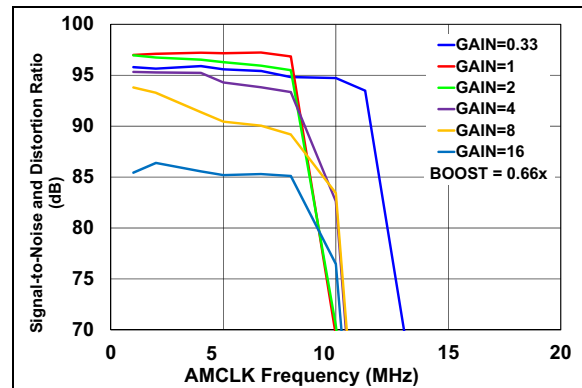


FIGURE 2-36: SINAD vs. AMCLK (Boost = $0.66x$, External V_{REF}).

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, $AV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $DV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$, $MCLK = 4.9152\text{ MHz}$, $V_{IN} = -0.5\text{ dBFS}$ at 50 Hz , $V_{REF} = AV_{DD}$, $ADC_MODE = 11$. All other registers are set to default value. Histogram ticks are centered at their bin center.

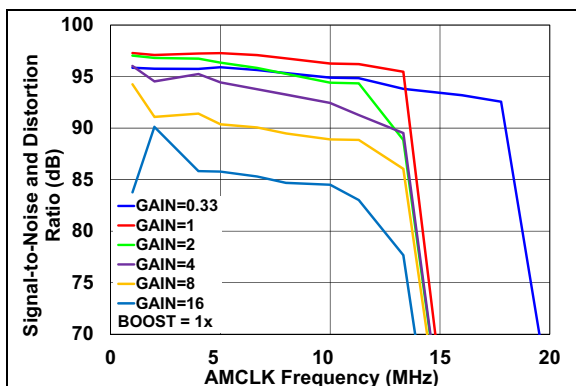


FIGURE 2-37: SINAD vs. AMCLK
(Boost = 1x, External V_{REF}).

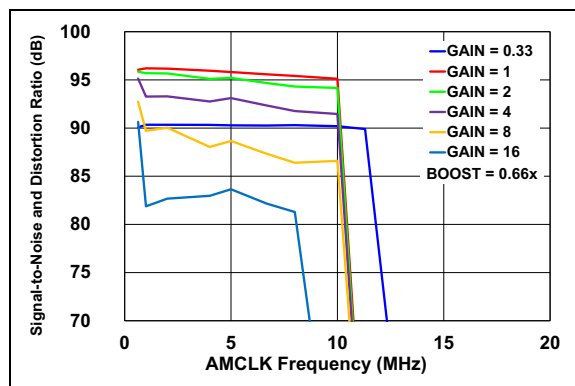


FIGURE 2-40: SINAD vs. AMCLK
(Boost = 0.66x, Internal V_{REF}).

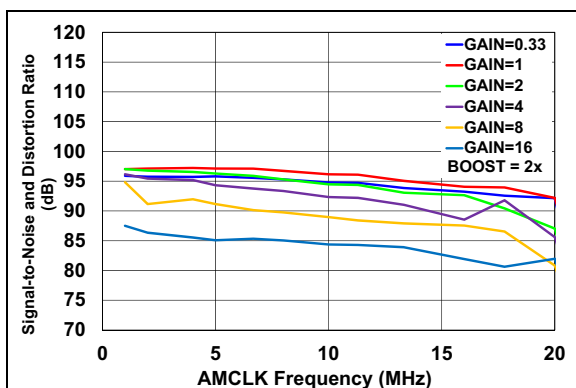


FIGURE 2-38: SINAD vs. AMCLK
(Boost = 2x, External V_{REF}).

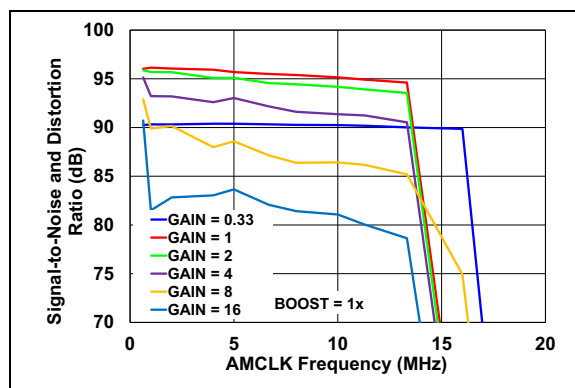


FIGURE 2-41: SINAD vs. AMCLK
(Boost = 1x, Internal V_{REF}).

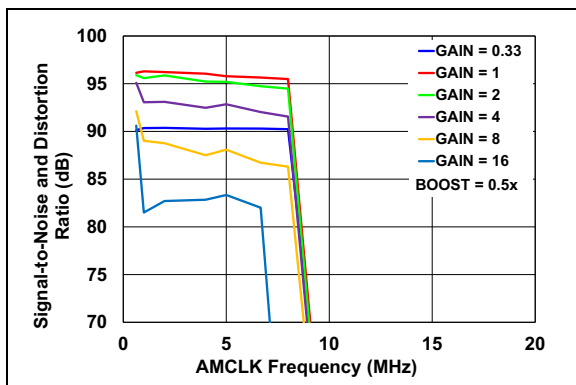


FIGURE 2-39: SINAD vs. AMCLK
(Boost = 0.5x, Internal V_{REF}).

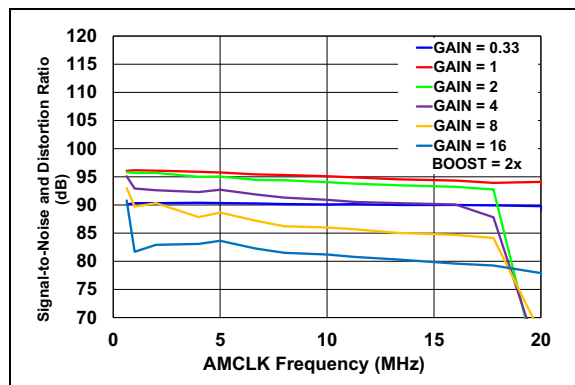


FIGURE 2-42: SINAD vs. AMCLK
(Boost = 2x, Internal V_{REF}).

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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, $AV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $DV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $T_A = +25^\circ C$, $MCLK = 4.9152\text{ MHz}$, $V_{IN} = -0.5\text{ dBFS}$ at 50 Hz , $V_{REF} = AV_{DD}$, $ADC_MODE = 11$. All other registers are set to default value. Histogram ticks are centered at their bin center.

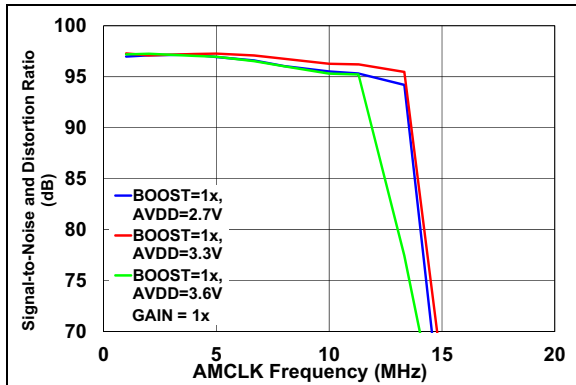


FIGURE 2-43: SINAD vs. AMCLK vs. AV_{DD} .

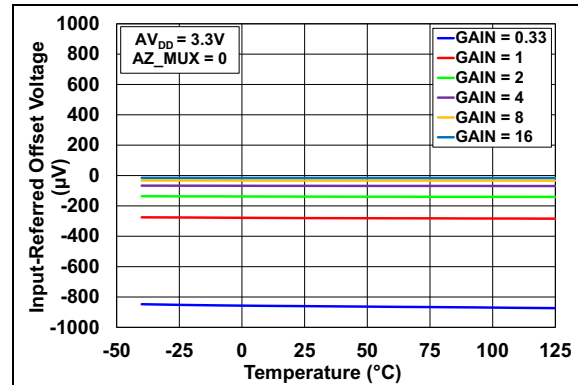


FIGURE 2-46: Offset Error vs. Temperature ($AZ_MUX = 0$).

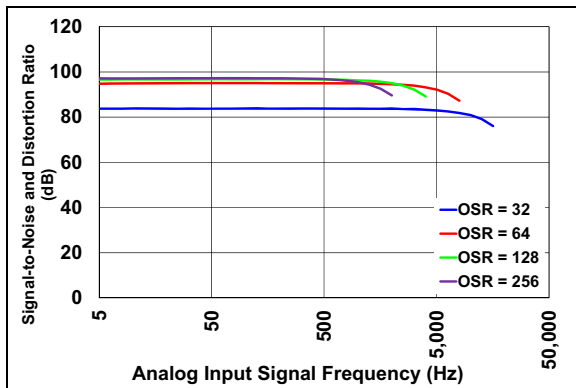


FIGURE 2-44: SINAD vs. Input Signal Frequency.

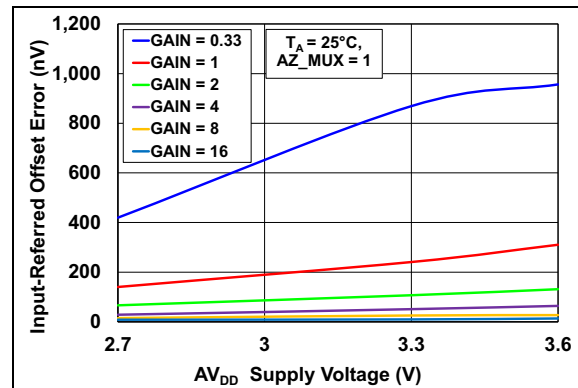


FIGURE 2-47: Offset Error vs. AV_{DD} ($AZ_MUX = 1$).

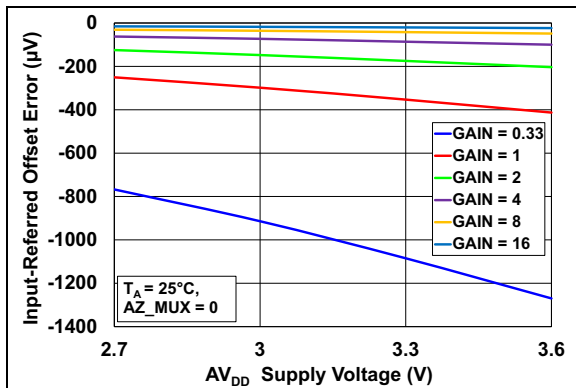


FIGURE 2-45: Offset Error vs. AV_{DD} ($AZ_MUX = 0$).

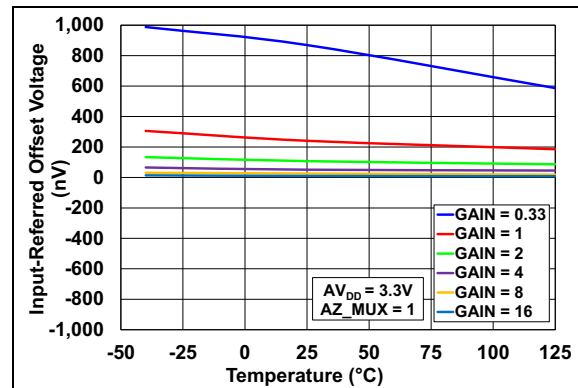


FIGURE 2-48: Offset Error vs. Temperature ($AZ_MUX = 1$).

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, $AV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $DV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $T_A = +25^\circ C$, $MCLK = 4.9152\text{ MHz}$, $V_{IN} = -0.5\text{ dBFS}$ at 50 Hz , $V_{REF} = AV_{DD}$, $ADC_MODE = 11$. All other registers are set to default value. Histogram ticks are centered at their bin center.

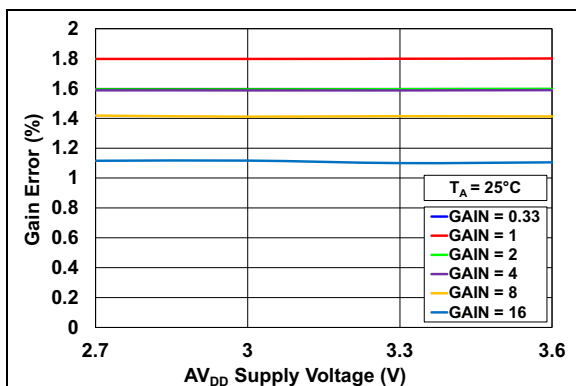


FIGURE 2-49: Gain Error vs. AV_{DD} .

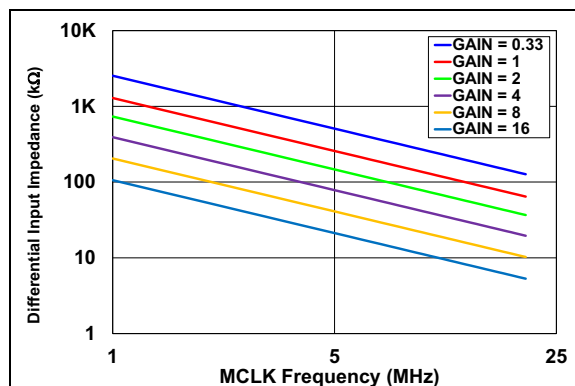


FIGURE 2-52: Differential Input Impedance vs. $MCLK$.

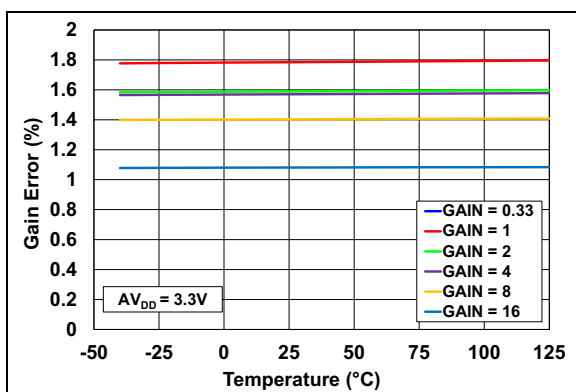


FIGURE 2-50: Gain Error vs. Temperature.

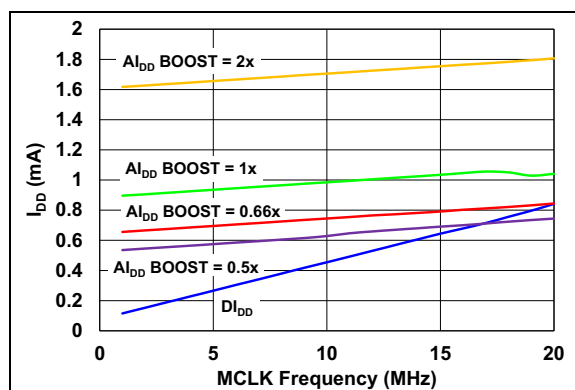


FIGURE 2-53: DI_{DD} and AI_{DD} vs. $MCLK$.

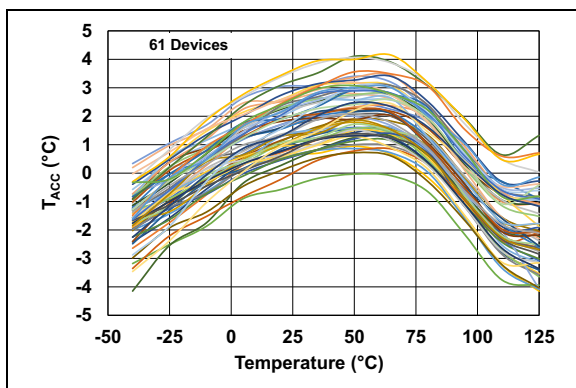


FIGURE 2-51: Temperature Sensor Accuracy vs. Temperature (First-Order Best Fit).

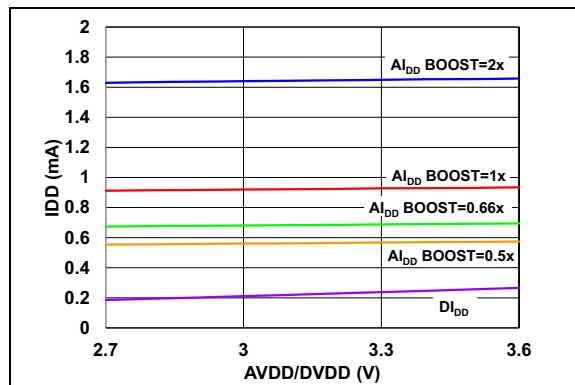


FIGURE 2-54: DI_{DD} and AI_{DD} vs. DV_{DD} and AV_{DD} .

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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, $AV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $DV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $T_A = +25^\circ C$, $MCLK = 4.9152\text{ MHz}$, $V_{IN} = -0.5\text{ dBFS}$ at 50 Hz , $V_{REF} = AV_{DD}$, $ADC_MODE = 11$. All other registers are set to default value. Histogram ticks are centered at their bin center.

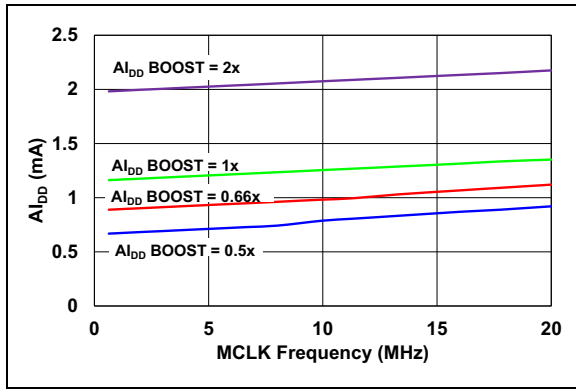


FIGURE 2-55: Al_{DD} vs. $MCLK$ (Internal V_{REF}).

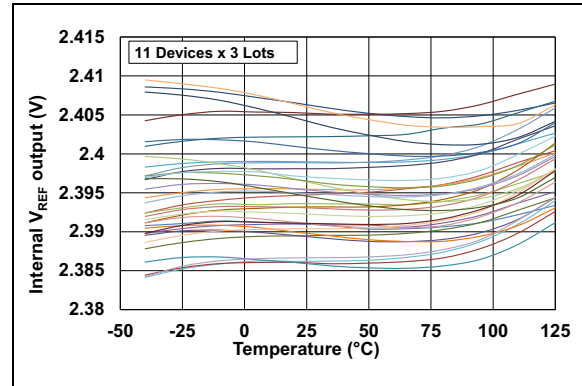


FIGURE 2-58: V_{REF} Output Voltage vs. Temperature ($AV_{DD} = 3.3V$).

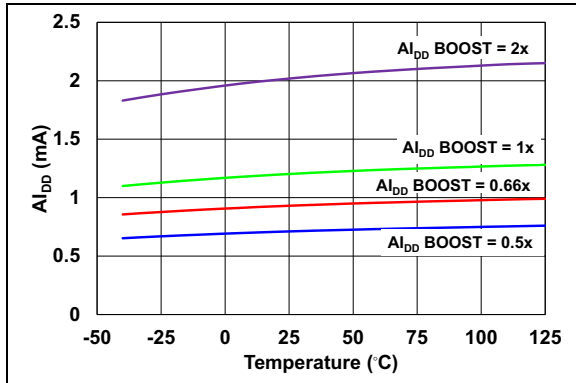


FIGURE 2-56: Dl_{DD} and Al_{DD} vs. Temperature.

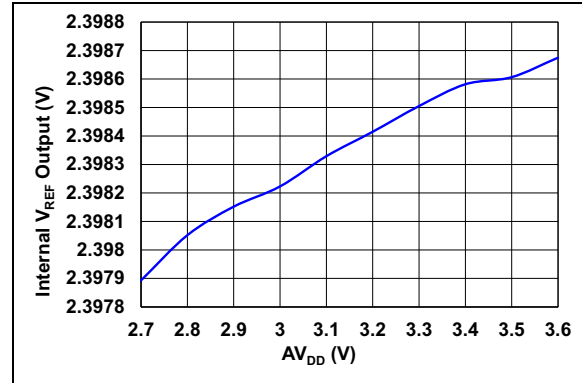


FIGURE 2-59: Internal V_{REF} Output Voltage vs. AV_{DD} .

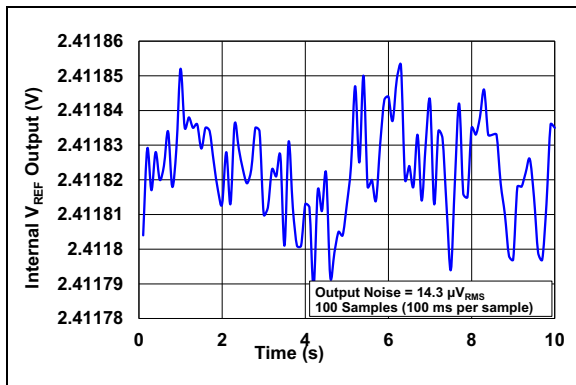


FIGURE 2-57: V_{REF} Output vs. Time ($T = +25^\circ C$, $AV_{DD} = 3.3V$).

2.1 Noise Specifications

Table 2-1, Table 2-2, Table 2-3 and Table 2-4 summarize the noise performance of the MCP3460R device. The noise performance is an analog gain function of the ADC (digital gain does not change the noise performance significantly) and the OSR, chosen through the user interface. With a higher gain, the input referred noise is reduced. With a higher OSR setting, the noise is also reduced as the oversampling diminishes both thermal noise and quantization noise induced by the Delta-Sigma modulator loop.

The noise value generally increases when temperature is higher as thermal noise is dominant for all OSR larger than 32. For high OSR settings (> 512), the thermal noise is largely dominant and increases proportionally to the square root of the absolute temperature. The performance in the following tables has been measured with the device placed in Continuous Conversion mode, with the differential input voltage equal to $V_{IN} = 0V$, default conditions for the register map and MCLK = 4.9152 MHz.

The noise performance is also a function of the measurement duration. For short duration measurements (low number of consecutive samples), the peak-to-peak noise is usually reduced because the crest factor (ratio between the RMS noise and peak-to-peak noise) is reduced. This is only a consequence of the noise distribution being Gaussian by nature (see Figure 2-5 for noise histogram example and fitting with an ideal Gaussian distribution). The noise specifications have been measured with a sample size of 16384 samples for low OSR values and have been capped to approximately 80 seconds for the 16384 samples leading to a larger duration. The noise specifications are expressed in two different values, which lead to the same quantity. It is more practical to choose one of these representations depending on the desired application.

In Table 2-1 and Table 2-3, the RMS (Root Mean Square) noise is the variance of the ADC output code, expressed in μV_{RMS} and input referred with Equation 5-5. The peak-to-peak noise values are in parentheses. The peak-to-peak noise is the difference between the maximum and minimum code observed during the complete time of the measurement (see Equation 5-5).

In Table 2-2 and Table 2-4, the noise is expressed in ENOB (Effective Number of Bits). The ENOB is a ratio of the full-scale range of the ADC (that depends on V_{REF} and gain) and the noise performance of the device. The ENOB can be determined from the RMS or peak-to-peak noise with the following equations.

EQUATION 2-1:

$$ENOB_{RMS} = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{2 \times V_{REF}}{GAIN \times RMS(Noise)}\right)}{\ln(2)}$$

EQUATION 2-2:

$$ENOB_{pk-pk} = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{2 \times V_{REF}}{GAIN \times Peak-to-Peak Noise}\right)}{\ln(2)}$$

Due to the nature of the noise, the performance detailed in the noise tables can vary significantly from one measurement to another. They present an averaging of the performance over a large distribution of parts over multiple lots. They give the typical expectation of the noise performance, but performance can be better or worse if a limited number of measurements is performed. For large gain and OSR combinations, if the noise performance is comparable to the quantization step (1 LSB), the performance is limited to 0.5 LSB for the RMS noise and 1 LSB for the peak-to-peak noise (same limits for ENOB values).

These figures correspond to the resolution limit of the device as peak-to-peak noise cannot be better than 1 LSB. Similarly, if the intrinsic RMS noise of the device is much smaller than 0.5 LSB, it can lead to histogram with either one or two bins, depending on the relative position of the input voltage versus the possible quantized outputs of the ADC. If the position is exactly in between two quantization steps, the histogram of output noise will have two bins with exactly 50% occurrence on each. This case gives an RMS noise of a 0.5 LSB value, which is therefore used as a cap of the performance for the sake of clarity and a better representation on the noise tables.

The noise specifications are improved by a ratio of approximately $\sqrt{2}$ (or 0.5-bit ENOB) when the AZ_MUX setting is enabled. However, the output data rate is significantly reduced (see Figure 5-5 and Table).

The digital gain added for Gain = 32x and 64x settings is not significant for the noise performance, therefore the noise values can be extracted from the Gain = 16x columns. ENOB performance is degraded by one bit for Gain = 32x and two bits for Gain = 64x, compared to Gain = 16x performance.

Note: All **Output Noise** performance-related tables and figures are with reference to the input (i.e., **Input Referred**).

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TABLE 2-1: NOISE RMS LEVEL VS. GAIN VS. OSR ($AV_{DD} = DV_{DD} = V_{REF} = 3.3V$, $T_A = +25^\circ C$)

TOTAL OSR	RMS (Peak-to-Peak) Noise (μV)					
	GAIN = 0.33	GAIN = 1	GAIN = 2	GAIN = 4	GAIN = 8	GAIN = 16
32	388.9 (2829.9)	130.2 (950)	65.7 (481.7)	33.2 (240.9)	17 (125.5)	8.9 (66.9)
64	151.1 (564)	50.4 (184.6)	25.2 (102.4)	12.6 (56.2)	6.3 (34.8)	3.4 (22.5)
128	151.1 (302.1)	50.4 (107.4)	25.2 (57.1)	12.6 (33.6)	6.3 (21.4)	3.2 (14.3)
256	151.1 (302.1)	50.4 (100.7)	25.2 (50.4)	12.6 (25.2)	6.3 (15.9)	3.2 (10.5)
512	151.1 (302.1)	50.4 (100.7)	25.2 (50.4)	12.6 (25.2)	6.3 (12.6)	3.2 (6.9)
1024	151.1 (302.1)	50.4 (100.7)	25.2 (50.4)	12.6 (25.2)	6.3 (12.6)	3.2 (6.3)
2048	151.1 (302.1)	50.4 (100.7)	25.2 (50.4)	12.6 (25.2)	6.3 (12.6)	3.2 (6.3)
4096	151.1 (302.1)	50.4 (100.7)	25.2 (50.4)	12.6 (25.2)	6.3 (12.6)	3.2 (6.3)
8192	151.1 (302.1)	50.4 (100.7)	25.2 (50.4)	12.6 (25.2)	6.3 (12.6)	3.2 (6.3)
16384	151.1 (302.1)	50.4 (100.7)	25.2 (50.4)	12.6 (25.2)	6.3 (12.6)	3.2 (6.3)
20480	151.1 (302.1)	50.4 (100.7)	25.2 (50.4)	12.6 (25.2)	6.3 (12.6)	3.2 (6.3)
24576	151.1 (302.1)	50.4 (100.7)	25.2 (50.4)	12.6 (25.2)	6.3 (12.6)	3.2 (6.3)
40960	151.1 (302.1)	50.4 (100.7)	25.2 (50.4)	12.6 (25.2)	6.3 (12.6)	3.2 (6.3)
49152	151.1 (302.1)	50.4 (100.7)	25.2 (50.4)	12.6 (25.2)	6.3 (12.6)	3.2 (6.3)
81920	151.1 (302.1)	50.4 (100.7)	25.2 (50.4)	12.6 (25.2)	6.3 (12.6)	3.2 (6.3)
98304	151.1 (302.1)	50.4 (100.7)	25.2 (50.4)	12.6 (25.2)	6.3 (12.6)	3.2 (6.3)

TABLE 2-2: EFFECTIVE NUMBER OF BITS VS. GAIN VS. OSR ($AV_{DD} = DV_{DD} = V_{REF} = 3.3V$, $T_A = +25^\circ C$)

TOTAL OSR	ENOB RMS (Peak-to-Peak) (bits)					
	GAIN = 0.33	GAIN = 1	GAIN = 2	GAIN = 4	GAIN = 8	GAIN = 16
32	15.6 (12.8)	15.6 (12.8)	15.6 (12.7)	15.6 (12.7)	15.6 (12.7)	15.5 (12.6)
64	17 (15.2)	17 (15.2)	17 (15)	17 (14.9)	17 (14.5)	16.9 (14.2)
128	17 (16)	17 (15.9)	17 (15.9)	17 (15.6)	17 (15.3)	17 (14.9)
256	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (15.7)	17 (15.4)
512	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (15.9)
1024	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)
2048	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)
4096	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)
8192	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)
16384	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)
20480	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)
24576	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)
40960	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)
49152	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)
81920	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)
98304	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)	17 (16)

Note: To calculate noise RMS level and effective number of bits for a given gain and data rate, refer to the OSR setting and associated data rate relationship shown in [Table](#) .

TABLE 2-3: OUTPUT NOISE VS. GAIN VS. OSR ($AV_{DD} = DV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $V_{REF} = 2.4V$ INTERNAL, $T_A = +25^\circ C$)

TOTAL OSR	RMS (Peak-to-Peak) Noise (μV)					
	GAIN = 0.33	GAIN = 1	GAIN = 2	GAIN = 4	GAIN = 8	GAIN = 16
32	281.5 (2167.7)	93.7 (739.7)	47.5 (372.3)	24.2 (191.7)	12.6 (96.4)	6.8 (52.9)
64	111.0 (525.3)	36.6 (178.2)	18.3 (92.8)	9.2 (53.1)	4.8 (33.6)	3.0 (22.1)
128	111.0 (325.5)	36.6 (112.3)	18.3 (65.9)	9.2 (34.2)	4.6 (21.7)	2.3 (14.2)
256	111.0 (222.0)	36.6 (80.6)	18.3 (41.5)	9.2 (27.5)	4.6 (14.7)	2.3 (10.8)
512	111.0 (222.0)	36.6 (73.2)	18.3 (36.6)	9.2 (18.9)	4.6 (10.1)	2.3 (6.7)
1024	111.0 (222.0)	36.6 (73.2)	18.3 (36.6)	9.2 (18.3)	4.6 (9.2)	2.3 (5.3)
2048	111.0 (222.0)	36.6 (73.2)	18.3 (36.6)	9.2 (18.3)	4.6 (9.2)	2.3 (4.6)
4096	111.0 (222.0)	36.6 (73.2)	18.3 (36.6)	9.2 (18.3)	4.6 (9.2)	2.3 (4.6)
8192	111.0 (222.0)	36.6 (73.2)	18.3 (36.6)	9.2 (18.3)	4.6 (9.2)	2.3 (4.6)
16384	111.0 (222.0)	36.6 (73.2)	18.3 (36.6)	9.2 (18.3)	4.6 (9.2)	2.3 (4.6)
20480	111.0 (222.0)	36.6 (73.2)	18.3 (36.6)	9.2 (18.3)	4.6 (9.2)	2.3 (4.6)
24576	111.0 (222.0)	36.6 (73.2)	18.3 (36.6)	9.2 (18.3)	4.6 (9.2)	2.3 (4.6)
40960	111.0 (222.0)	36.6 (73.2)	18.3 (36.6)	9.2 (18.3)	4.6 (9.2)	2.3 (4.6)
49152	111.0 (222.0)	36.6 (73.2)	18.3 (36.6)	9.2 (18.3)	4.6 (9.2)	2.3 (4.6)
81920	111.0 (222.0)	36.6 (73.2)	18.3 (36.6)	9.2 (18.3)	4.6 (9.2)	2.3 (4.6)
98304	111.0 (222.0)	36.6 (73.2)	18.3 (36.6)	9.2 (18.3)	4.6 (9.2)	2.3 (4.6)

TABLE 2-4: EFFECTIVE NUMBER OF BITS VS. GAIN VS. OSR ($AV_{DD} = DV_{DD} = 3.3V$, $V_{REF} = 2.4V$ INTERNAL, $T_A = +25^\circ C$)

TOTAL OSR	ENOB RMS (Peak-to-Peak) (bits)					
	GAIN = 0.33	GAIN = 1	GAIN = 2	GAIN = 4	GAIN = 8	GAIN = 16
32	15.7 (12.7)	15.7 (12.7)	15.6 (12.7)	15.6 (12.6)	15.5 (12.6)	15.4 (12.5)
64	17.0 (14.8)	17.0 (14.7)	17.0 (14.7)	17.0 (14.5)	16.9 (14.1)	16.6 (13.8)
128	17.0 (15.5)	17.0 (15.5)	17.0 (15.2)	17.0 (15.1)	17.0 (14.8)	17.0 (14.4)
256	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (15.9)	17.0 (15.9)	17.0 (15.5)	17.0 (15.4)	17.0 (14.8)
512	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (15.9)	17.0 (15.5)
1024	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (15.8)
2048	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)
4096	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)
8192	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)
16384	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)
20480	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)
24576	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)
40960	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)
49152	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)
81920	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)
98304	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)	17.0 (16.0)

Note: To calculate noise RMS level and effective number of bits for a given GAIN and data rate, refer to the OSR setting and associated data rate relationship shown in [Table](#) .

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3.0 PIN DESCRIPTIONS

TABLE 3-1: PIN FUNCTION TABLE

MCP3460R	Symbol	Description
20-Lead VQFN		
1	REFIN-	Inverting Reference Input Pin
2	REFIN+/OUT	Noninverting Reference Input Pin or Internal Voltage Reference Output
3	CH0	Analog Input 0 Pin
4	CH1	Analog Input 1 Pin
5	NC	Not-Connected
6	NC	Not-Connected
7	NC	Not-Connected
8	NC	Not-Connected
9	NC	Not-Connected
10	NC	Not-Connected
11	$\overline{\text{CS}}$	Serial Interface Chip Select Digital Input Pin
12	SCK	Serial Interface Digital Clock Input Pin
13	SDI	Serial Interface Digital Data Input Pin
14	SDO	Serial Interface Digital Data Output Pin
15	$\overline{\text{IRQ/MDAT}}$	Interrupt Output Pin or Modulator Output Pin
16	MCLK	Main Clock Input or Analog Main Clock Output Pin
17	D _{GND}	Digital Ground Pin
18	DV _{DD}	Digital Supply Voltage Pin
19	AV _{DD}	Analog Supply Voltage Pin
20	A _{GND}	Analog Ground Pin
21	EP	Exposed Thermal Pad, internally connected to A _{GND}

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3.1 Differential Reference Voltage Inputs: REFIN+/OUT, REFIN-

The REFIN+/OUT pin is the noninverting differential reference input (V_{REF+}) when $VREF_SEL = 0$. When $VREF_SEL = 1$, it is the internal voltage reference output voltage as well as the ADC voltage noninverting reference pin.

The REFIN- pin is the inverting differential reference input (V_{REF-}).

For single-ended reference applications, the REFIN- pin should be directly connected to A_{GND} .

The differential reference voltage pins must respect this condition at all times: $0.6V \leq V_{REF} \leq AV_{DD}$. The differential reference voltage input is given by the following equation:

EQUATION 3-1:

$$V_{REF} = V_{REF+} - V_{REF-}$$

For optimal ADC accuracy, appropriate bypass capacitors should be placed between REFIN+/OUT and A_{GND} at all times. Using a 0.1 μF and a 10 μF ceramic capacitor can help decouple the reference voltage around the sampling frequency (which would lead to aliasing noise in the baseband). These bypass capacitors are not mandatory for correct ADC operation, but removing them can degrade the accuracy of the ADC.

3.2 Analog Inputs (CHn): Differential or Single-Ended

The CHn pins are the analog input signal pins for the ADC. Two analog multiplexers are used to connect the CHn pins to the V_{IN+}/V_{IN-} analog inputs of the ADC. Each multiplexer independently selects one input to be connected to an ADC input (V_{IN+} or V_{IN-}). Each CHn pin can either be connected to the V_{IN+} or V_{IN-} inputs of the ADC. This multiplexer selection is controlled by either the MUX register in MUX mode or the SCAN register in Scan mode. See [Figure 5-1](#) for more details on the multiplexer structure.

When the input is selected by the multiplexer, the differential (V_{IN}) and Common-Mode Voltage (V_{INCOM}) at the ADC inputs are defined by:

EQUATION 3-2:

$$V_{IN} = V_{IN+} - V_{IN-}$$
$$V_{INCOM} = \frac{V_{IN+} + V_{IN-}}{2}$$

The input signal level is multiplied by the internal programmable analog gain at the front end of the Delta-Sigma modulator. For single-ended input measurements, the user can select V_{IN-} to be internally connected to A_{GND} .

The differential input voltage should not exceed an absolute of $\pm V_{REF}/\text{Gain}$ for accurate measurement. If the input is out of range, the converter output code will be saturated or overloaded depending on how the output data format ($DATA_FORMAT[1:0]$) is selected. See [Section 5.6 "ADC Output Data Format"](#) for further information on the ADC output coding.

The absolute voltage on each of the analog signal input pins can range from $A_{GND} - 0.1V$ to $V_{DD} + 0.1V$. Any voltage above or below this range causes leakage currents through the Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) diodes at the input pins. This ESD current can cause the MCP3460R device to behave unexpectedly. The Common mode of the analog inputs should be chosen such that both the differential analog input range and the absolute voltage range on each pin are within the specified operating range defined in the [Section 1.0 "Electrical Characteristics"](#) table.

3.3 SPI Serial Interface Communication Pins

The SPI interface is compatible with both SPI Mode 0,0 and 1,1.

3.3.1 CHIP SELECT (\overline{CS})

This is the SPI Chip Select pin that enables/disables the SPI serial communication. The \overline{CS} falling edge initiates the serial communication and the rising edge terminates the communication. No communication can take place when this pin is in a Logic High state. This input is Schmitt Triggered.

3.3.2 SERIAL DATA CLOCK (SCK)

This is the serial clock input pin for SPI communication. This input has a Schmitt Trigger structure. The maximum SPI clock speed is 20 MHz. Data are clocked into the device on the rising edge of SCK. Data are clocked out of the device on the falling edge of SCK. The device interface is compatible with both SPI Mode 0,0 and 1,1. SPI modes can be changed when \overline{CS} is in Logic High status.

SCK and MCLK are two different and asynchronous clocks. SCK is only required during a communication, while MCLK is continuously required when the part converts analog inputs.

3.3.3 SERIAL DATA OUTPUT PIN (SDO)

This pin is used for the SPI Data Output (SDO). The SDO data are clocked out on the falling edge of SCK. This pin stays high-impedance under the following conditions:

- When \overline{CS} pin is logic high.
- During the entire SPI write or Fast command communication period after the SPI COMMAND byte has been transmitted.
- After the two device address bits in the command are transmitted if the device address in the command does not match the internal chip device address.

3.3.4 SERIAL DATA INPUT PIN (SDI)

This is the SPI Data Input (SDI) pin and it uses a Schmitt Trigger structure. When \overline{CS} is logic low, this pin is used to send a COMMAND byte just after the \overline{CS} falling edge, which can be followed by data words of various lengths. Data are clocked into the device on the rising edge of SCK. Toggling SDI while reading a register has no effect.

3.4 $\overline{IRQ}/MDAT$

This is the digital output pin. This pin can be configured for Interrupt (\overline{IRQ}) or Modulator Data (MDAT) output using the $IRQ_MODE[1]$ bit setting. When $IRQ_MODE[1] = 0$ (default), this pin can output all four possible interrupts (see [Section 6.8 "Interrupts Description"](#)). The inactive state of the pin is selectable through the $IRQ_MODE[0]$ bit setting (high-Z or logic high).

When $IRQ_MODE[1] = 1$, this pin outputs the modulator output synchronously with AMCLK (that can be selected as an output on the MCLK pin). In this mode, the POR and CRC interrupts can still be generated as they are high-level interrupts, and will lock the $\overline{IRQ}/MDAT$ pin to logic low until they are cleared.

Note: When the \overline{IRQ} pin is in High-Z mode, an external pull-up resistor must be connected between DV_{DD} and the \overline{IRQ} pin.

The device needs to be able to detect a Logic High state when no interrupt occurs in order to function properly (the pad has an input Schmitt Trigger to detect the state of the \overline{IRQ} pin just like the user sees it). The pull-up value can be equal to 100-200 k Ω for a weak pull-up using the typical clock frequency. The pull-up resistor value must be selected in relation with the load capacitance of the \overline{IRQ} output, the MCLK frequency and the DV_{DD} supply voltage, so that all interrupts can be correctly detected by the SPI host device.

3.5 MCLK

This pin is either the MCLK digital input pin for the ADC or the AMCLK digital output pin, depending on the $CLK_SEL[1:0]$ bits setting in the CONFIG0 register.

The typical clock frequency specified is 4.9152 MHz. To optimize the ADC for accuracy and ensure proper operation, AMCLK should be limited to a certain range depending on the Boost and Gain settings. The higher Gain settings require higher BOOST settings to maintain high bandwidth, as the input sampling capacitors have a larger value. [Figure 2-35](#) to [Figure 2-43](#) represent the typical accuracy (SINAD) expected with the different combinations of BOOST and GAIN settings, and can be used to determine an optimal set for the application depending on the sampling speed (AMCLK) chosen. MCLK can take larger values as long as the prescaler settings ($PRE[1:0]$) limit $AMCLK = MCLK/PRESCALE$ in the range shown in [Section 2.0 "Typical Performance Curves"](#).

3.6 Digital Ground (D_{GND})

D_{GND} is the ground connection to internal digital circuitry. To ensure accuracy and noise cancellation, D_{GND} must be connected to the same ground as A_{GND} , preferably with a star connection. If a digital ground plane is available, it is recommended that this pin be tied to this plane of the Printed Circuit Board (PCB). This plane should also reference all other digital circuitry in the system. D_{GND} is not internally connected to A_{GND} and must be connected externally.

3.7 Digital Power Supply (DV_{DD})

DV_{DD} is the power supply pin for the digital circuitry within the device. The voltage on this pin must be maintained in the range specified by the [Section 1.0 "Electrical Characteristics"](#) table. For optimal performance, it is recommended to connect appropriate bypass capacitors (typically a 10 μF ceramic in parallel with a 0.1 μF ceramic). DV_{DD} is monitored by the DV_{DD} POR monitoring circuit for the digital section.

3.8 Analog Power Supply (AV_{DD})

AV_{DD} is the power supply pin for the analog circuitry within the device. The voltage on this pin must be maintained in the range specified by the [Section 1.0 "Electrical Characteristics"](#) table. For optimal performance, it is recommended to connect appropriate bypass capacitors (typically a 10 μF ceramic in parallel with a 0.1 μF ceramic). AV_{DD} is monitored by the AV_{DD} POR monitoring circuit for the analog section.

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3.9 Analog Ground (A_{GND})

A_{GND} is the ground connection to internal analog circuitry. To ensure accuracy and noise cancellation, this pin must be connected to the same ground as D_{GND} , preferably with a star connection. If an analog ground plane is available, it is recommended that this pin be tied to this plane of the PCB. This plane should also reference all other analog circuitry in the system. A_{GND} is the biasing voltage for the substrate of the die and is not internally connected to D_{GND} .

3.10 Exposed Pad (EP)

The pad is internally connected to A_{GND} . It must be connected to the analog ground of the PCB for optimal accuracy and thermal performance. This pad can also be left floating if necessary.

4.0 TERMINOLOGY AND FORMULAS

This section defines the terms and formulas used throughout this document. The following terms are defined:

- **MCLK – Main Clock**
- **AMCLK – Analog Main Clock**
- **DMCLK – Digital Main Clock**
- **DRCLK – Data Rate Clock**
- **OSR – Oversampling Ratio**
- **Offset Error**
- **Gain Error**
- **Integral Nonlinearity Error (INL)**
- **Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR)**
- **Signal-to-Noise and Distortion Ratio (SINAD)**
- **Total Harmonic Distortion (THD)**
- **Spurious-Free Dynamic Range (SFDR)**
- **MCP3460R Delta-Sigma Architecture**
- **Power Supply Rejection Ratio (PSRR)**
- **Common Mode Rejection Ratio (CMRR)**
- **Digital Pins Output Current Consumption**

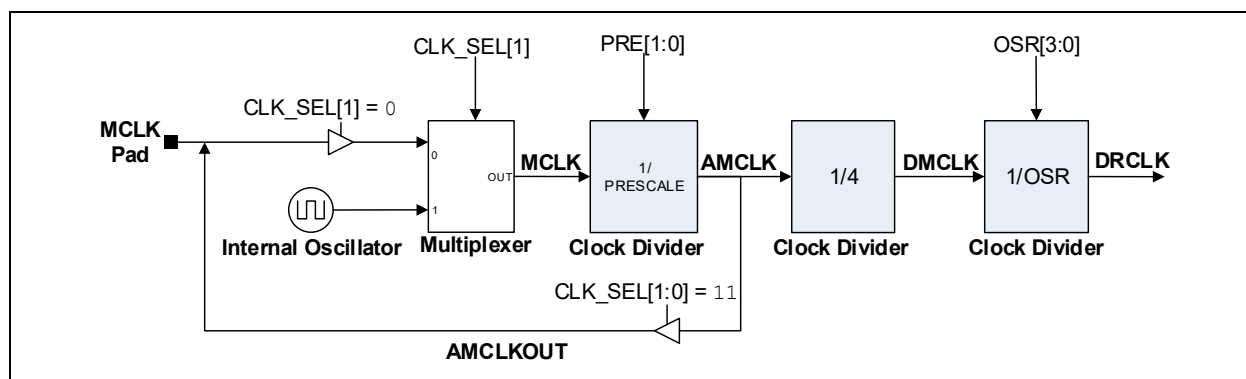


FIGURE 4-1: System Clock Details.

4.1 MCLK – Main Clock

This is the main clock frequency at the MCLK input pin when an external clock source is selected or internal clock frequency when the internal clock is selected.

4.2 AMCLK – Analog Main Clock

This is the clock frequency that is present on the analog portion of the device after prescaling has occurred via the PRE[1:0] bits.

EQUATION 4-1: ANALOG MAIN CLOCK

$$AMCLK = \frac{MCLK}{Prescale}$$

4.3 DMCLK – Digital Main Clock

This is the clock frequency that is present on the digital portion of the device. This is also the sampling frequency or the rate at which the modulator outputs are refreshed. Each period of this clock corresponds to one sample and one modulator output. See [Equation 4-2](#).

EQUATION 4-2: DIGITAL MAIN CLOCK

$$DMCLK = \frac{AMCLK}{4} = \frac{MCLK}{4 \times Prescale}$$

4.4 DRCLK – Data Rate Clock

This is the output data rate in Continuous mode or the rate at which the ADC outputs new data. Any new data are signaled by a data ready pulse on the \overline{IRQ} pin. This data rate depends on the OSR and the prescaler, as shown in [Equation 4-3](#).

EQUATION 4-3: DATA RATE

$$DRCLK = \frac{DMCLK}{OSR} = \frac{AMCLK}{4 \times OSR} = \frac{MCLK}{4 \times OSR \times Prescale}$$

Since this is the output data rate and since the decimation filter is a sinc (or notch) filter, there is a notch in the filter transfer function at each integer multiple of this rate.

4.5 OSR – Oversampling Ratio

The ratio of the sampling frequency to the output data rate. $OSR = DMCLK/DRCLK$ in Continuous mode. See [Table](#) for the OSR setting effect on sinc filter parameters.

4.6 Offset Error

This is the error induced by the ADC when the inputs are shorted together ($V_{IN} = 0V$). This error varies based on gain settings, OSR settings and from chip to chip. It can easily be calibrated out by an MCU with a subtraction.

4.7 Gain Error

This is the error induced by the ADC on the slope of the transfer function. It is the deviation expressed in percentage compared to the ideal transfer function defined by [Equation 5-5](#). The specification incorporates ADC gain error contributions, but not the V_{REF} contribution. This error varies with GAIN and OSR settings. The gain error of this device has a low-temperature coefficient.

4.8 Integral Nonlinearity Error (INL)

Integral Nonlinearity Error is the maximum deviation of an ADC transition point from the corresponding point of an ideal transfer function, with the offset and gain errors removed, or with the end points equal to zero. It is the maximum remaining static error after offset and gain errors calibration for a DC input signal.

4.9 Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR)

For MCP3460R, the SNR is a ratio of the output fundamental signal power to the noise power (not including the harmonics of the signal) when the input is a sine wave at a predetermined frequency. It is measured in dB. Usually, only the maximum Signal-to-Noise Ratio is specified. The SNR figure depends mainly on the OSR and GAIN settings of the device, as well as the temperature (due to thermal noise being dominant for high OSR).

EQUATION 4-4: SIGNAL-TO-NOISE RATIO

$$SNR(dB) = 10\log\left(\frac{SignalPower}{NoisePower}\right)$$

4.10 Signal-to-Noise and Distortion Ratio (SINAD)

Signal-to-Noise and Distortion Ratio is similar to SNR, with the exception that the user must include the harmonics power in the noise power calculation. The SINAD specification depends mainly on the OSR and GAIN settings.

EQUATION 4-5: SINAD EQUATION

$$SINAD(dB) = 10\log\left(\frac{SignalPower}{Noise + HarmonicsPower}\right)$$

The calculated combination of SNR and THD per the following formula also yields SINAD:

EQUATION 4-6: SINAD, THD AND SNR RELATIONSHIP

$$SINAD(dB) = 10\log\left[10^{\left(\frac{SNR}{10}\right)} + 10^{\left(\frac{THD}{10}\right)}\right]$$

4.11 Total Harmonic Distortion (THD)

The THD is the ratio of the output harmonics power to the fundamental signal power for a sine wave input and is defined by the [Equation 4-7](#).

EQUATION 4-7:

$$THD(dB) = 10\log\left(\frac{HarmonicsPower}{FundamentalPower}\right)$$

The THD is usually measured only with respect to the first ten harmonics. THD is sometimes expressed in percentage (%). [Equation 4-8](#) converts the THD from dB to percentage:

EQUATION 4-8:

$$THD(\%) = 100 \times 10^{\frac{THD(dB)}{20}}$$

4.12 Spurious-Free Dynamic Range (SFDR)

SFDR is the ratio between the output power of the fundamental and the highest spur in the frequency spectrum. The spur frequency is not necessarily a harmonic of the fundamental, even though that is usually the case. This figure represents the dynamic range of the ADC when a full-scale signal is used at the input. This specification depends mainly on the OSR and GAIN settings.

EQUATION 4-9:

$$SFDR(dB) = 10\log\left(\frac{FundamentalPower}{HighestSpurPower}\right)$$

4.13 MCP3460R Delta-Sigma Architecture

A Delta-Sigma ADC is an oversampling converter that incorporates a built-in modulator, which digitizes the quantity of charge integrated by the modulator loop. The quantizer is the block that performs the Analog-to-Digital conversion. The quantizer is typically one bit or a simple comparator, which helps to maintain the linearity performance of the ADC (the DAC structure is in this case, inherently linear).

Multibit quantizers help to lower the quantization error (the error fed back in the loop can be very large with 1-bit quantizers) without changing the order of the modulator or the OSR, which leads to better SNR figures. However, typically the linearity of such architectures is more difficult to achieve since the DAC is no more simple to realize and its linearity limits the THD of such ADC.

The modulator 5-level quantizer is a Flash ADC composed of four comparators arranged with equally spaced thresholds and a thermometer coding. The device also includes proprietary 5-level DAC architecture that is inherently linear for improved THD figures.

4.14 Power Supply Rejection Ratio (PSRR)

This is the ratio between a change in the power supply voltage and the change in the ADC output codes. It measures the influence of the power supply voltage on the ADC outputs. [Equation 4-10](#) defines PSRR.

The PSRR specification can be DC (the power supply is taking multiple DC values) or AC (the power supply is a sine wave at a certain frequency with a certain Common-mode). In AC, the amplitude of the sine wave represents the change in the power supply.

EQUATION 4-10:

$$PSRR(dB) = 20\log\left(\frac{\Delta V_{OUT}}{\Delta V_{DD}}\right)$$

Where V_{OUT} is the equivalent input voltage that the output code translates to with the ADC transfer function.

4.15 Common Mode Rejection Ratio (CMRR)

This is the ratio between a change in the Common mode input voltage and the change in the ADC output codes. It measures the influence of the Common mode input voltage on the ADC outputs.

The CMRR specification can be DC (the Common-mode input voltage takes multiple DC values) or AC (the Common mode input voltage is a sine wave at a certain frequency with a certain Common mode). In AC, the amplitude of the sine wave represents the change in the Common mode input voltage. [Equation 4-11](#) defines CMRR.

EQUATION 4-11:

$$CMRR(dB) = 20\log\left(\frac{\Delta V_{OUT}}{\Delta V_{INCOM}}\right)$$

Where $V_{INCOM} = (V_{IN+} + V_{IN-})/2$ is the Common-mode input voltage and V_{OUT} is the equivalent input voltage that the output code translates to with the ADC transfer function.

4.16 Digital Pins Output Current Consumption

The digital current consumption shown in the [Section 1.0 “Electrical Characteristics”](#) table does not take into account the current consumption generated by the digital output pins and the charge of their capacitive loading. The specification is intended with all output pins left floating and no communication.

In order to estimate the additional current consumption due to the output pins, see [Equation 4-12](#). This equation specifies the amount of additional current due to each pin when its output is connected to a C_{load} capacitance, with respect to D_{GND} , and submitted to an output signal toggling at an f_{out} frequency.

If a typical 10 MHz SPI frequency is used, with a 30 pF load and $DV_{DD} = 3.3V$, the SDO output generates an additional maximum current consumption of 500 μA (the maximum toggling frequency of SDO is 5 MHz, since $f_{SCK} = 10$ MHz, and this is reached when the ADC output code is a succession of ‘1’s and ‘0’s’). The C_{load} value includes internal digital output driver capacitance, but this can generally be neglected with respect to the external loading capacitance.

EQUATION 4-12:

$$DIDD_{SPI} = C_{load} \times DV_{DD} \times f_{out}$$

Where:

C_{load} = Capacitance on the Output Pin

DV_{DD} = Digital Supply Voltage

f_{out} = Output Frequency on the Output Pin

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5.0 DEVICE OVERVIEW

5.1 Analog Input Multiplexer

MCP3460R includes a fully configurable analog input dual multiplexer that can select which input is connected to each of the two differential input pins (V_{IN+}/V_{IN-}) of the Delta-Sigma ADC.

The dual multiplexer is divided into two single-ended multiplexers that are completely independent.

Each of the multiplexers includes the same possibilities for the input selection, so that any required combination of input voltages can be converted by the ADC. The analog multiplexer is composed of parallel low-resistance input switches, turned on or off, depending on the input channel selection. Their resistance is negligible compared to the input impedance of the ADC (caused by the charge and discharge of the input sampling capacitors on the V_{IN+}/V_{IN-} ADC inputs). Figure 5-1 shows the block diagram of the analog multiplexer.

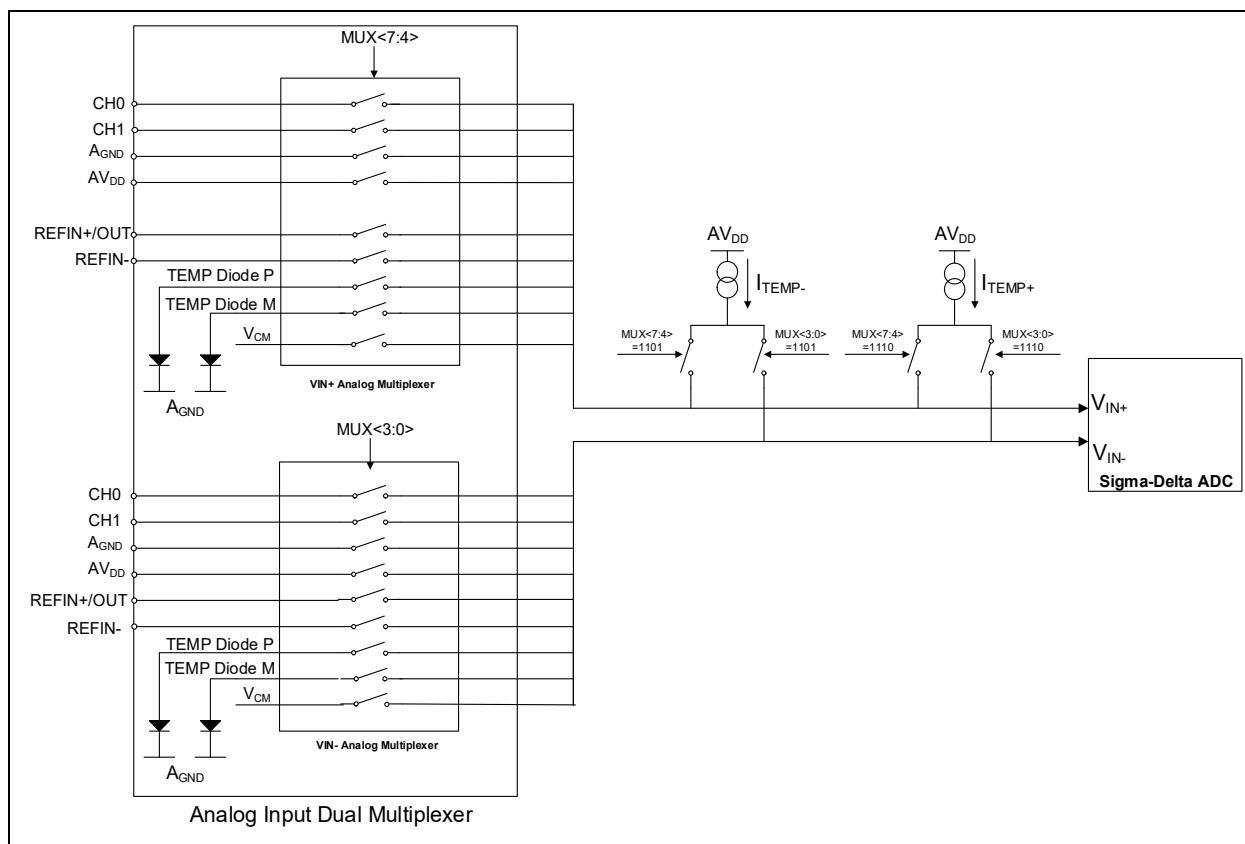


FIGURE 5-1: Simplified Analog Input Multiplexer Schematic.

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The possible selections are described in [Table 5-1](#) and can be set with the MUX[7:0] register bits during the MUX mode. The MUX[7:4] bits define the selection for the V_{IN+} (noninverting analog input of the ADC). The MUX[3:0] bits define the selection for the V_{IN-} (inverting analog input of the ADC).

TABLE 5-1: ANALOG INPUT MUX DECODING

MUX[7:4] (V_{IN+}) or MUX[3:0] (V_{IN-}) Code	Selected Channel	Comment
0000	CH0	
0001	CH1	
0010	Reserved	Do Not Use
0011	Reserved	Do Not Use
0100	Reserved	Do Not Use
0101	Reserved	Do Not Use
0110	Reserved	Do Not Use
0111	Reserved	Do Not Use
1000	A_{GND}	
1001	AV_{DD}	
1010	Reserved	Do Not Use
1011	REFIN+/OUT	
1100	REFIN-	
1101	TEMP Diode P	
1110	TEMP Diode M	
1111	Internal V_{CM}	Internal Common-mode voltage for modulator biasing

During Scan mode, the two single-ended input multiplexers are automatically set to a certain position, depending on the Scan sequence and which channel has been selected by the user. The Scan sequence channels' configuration corresponds to a certain code in the MUX[7:0] register bits, as defined in [Table 5-14](#).

In order to monitor the Digital Power Supply (DV_{DD}), it is necessary to connect DV_{DD} externally to one of the CHn analog inputs, since DV_{DD} is not one of the possible selections of the analog multiplexer. A similar setup can be implemented to monitor D_{GND} if D_{GND} is not connected externally to A_{GND} .

For the MCP3460R device, some codes are not available in the selection, since the pins are not bonded out on this device. These codes should then be avoided in the application, as the input they connect to is effectively a high-impedance node.

The TEMP Diodes P and M are two internal diodes that are biased by a current source and can be used to perform a temperature measurement. If TEMP Diode P is connected to V_{IN+} and TEMP Diode M to V_{IN-} , then the ADC output code is a function of the temperature using [Equation 5-1](#) (see [Section 5.1.1, Internal Temperature Sensor](#) for more details). The V_{CM} selection measures the internal Common-mode voltage source that biases the Delta-Sigma modulator (this voltage is not provided at any output of the part).

The possible inputs of the analog multiplexer include not only the analog input channels, but also REFIN+/OUT inputs, AV_{DD} and A_{GND} , as well as temperature sensor outputs and the V_{CM} internal Common-mode. This large selection offers many possibilities for measuring internal or external data resources of the system and can serve as diagnostic purposes to increase the security of the applications. Some monitor channels are already predefined in Scan mode to further help the user to integrate diagnostics in their applications (for example, the analog power supply or the temperature can be constantly monitored in Scan mode; see [Section 5.15.3 "Scan Mode Internal Resource Channels"](#) for more details of the different resources that can be monitored in Scan mode).

Note: When $VREF_SEL = 0$ (external V_{REF}) and REFIN+/OUT and REFIN- are selected as analog inputs for the ADC, the same REFIN+/OUT and REF- pin voltages are used as the reference for the ADC. This diagnostic mode is useful for determining the full-scale Gain error of the ADC when a Gain setting of 1/3x or 1x is used.

5.1.1 INTERNAL TEMPERATURE SENSOR

The device includes an on-board temperature sensor, which is made of two typical P-N junction diodes biased by fixed current sources (TEMP Diodes P and M). The TEMP Diode P has a current density of 4x of the TEMP Diode M.

The difference in the current densities of the diodes yields a voltage that is a function of the absolute temperature.

Once the ADC inputs (V_{IN-}/V_{IN+}) are connected to the temperature sensor diodes ($MUX[7:0] = 0xDE$), the ADC sees a V_{IN} differential input that is the function of the temperature. The transfer function of the temperature sensor can be approximated by a linear equation or a third-order equation for more accuracy.

When the internal temperature sensor is selected, an internal current source is connected to the diode temperature sensor (see [Figure 5-1](#)).

The bias current of the diodes is not calibrated internally and can lead to a relatively large gain and offset error in the transfer function of the temperature sensor. Typical graphs showing the typical error in the temperature measurement are provided in [Section 2.0 “Typical Performance Curves”](#) (see [Figure 2-51](#) for first order).

The accuracy can also be optimized by using proper digital gain and offset error calibration schemes.

EQUATION 5-1: TEMPERATURE SENSOR TRANSFER FUNCTION

First-Order (Linear) Fitting: Gain = 1, MCLK = 4.9152 MHz

$$TEMP(^{\circ}C) = 0.102646 \times ADCDATA(Lsb) \times VREF(V) - 269.13, \text{ where } V_{REF} = V_{REF+} - V_{REF-}$$

$$V_{IN}(mV) = 0.2973 \times TEMP(^{\circ}C) + 80$$

5.1.2 ADC OFFSET CANCELLATION ALGORITHM

The input multiplexer and the ADC include an offset cancellation algorithm that cancels the offset contribution of the ADC. This offset cancellation algorithm is controlled by the AZ_MUX bit in the CONFIG2 register. When AZ_MUX = 0 (default), the offset cancellation algorithm is disabled and the conversions are not affected by this setting.

When AZ_MUX = 1, the algorithm is enabled. When the offset cancellation algorithm is enabled, ADC takes two conversions, one with the differential input as V_{IN+}/V_{IN-} , one with V_{IN+}/V_{IN-} inverted. [Equation 5-2](#) calculates the ADC output code. When AZ_MUX = 1, the Conversion Time, T_{CONV} , is multiplied by 2, compared to the default case where AZ_MUX = 0.

EQUATION 5-2: AZ_MUX CONVERSION RESULT

$$ADC \text{ Output Code } (AZ_MUX = 1) = \frac{(ADC \text{ Output at } +V_{IN}) - (ADC \text{ Output at } -V_{IN})}{2}$$

This technique allows the cancellation of the ADC offset error and the achievement of ultra-low offset without any digital calibration. The resulting offset is the residue of the difference between the two conversions, which is on the order of magnitude of the noise floor. This offset is effectively canceled at every conversion, so the residual offset error temperature drift is extremely low.

For One-Shot mode, the conversion time is simply multiplied by 2. Enabling the AZ_MUX bit is not compatible with the Continuous Conversion mode (because it effectively multiplexes the inputs between each conversion). When AZ_MUX = 1 and CONV_MODE = 11 (Continuous Conversion mode), MCP3460R resets the digital filter between each conversion and will have an output data rate of $1/(2 * T_{CONV})$. The Continuous mode is replaced by a series of One-Shot mode conversions with no delay between each conversion (see [Section 5.14 “Conversion Modes”](#) and [Figure 5-5](#) for more details about the Conversion modes).

5.2 Input Impedance

The ADC inputs (V_{IN+}/V_{IN-}) are directly tied to the analog multiplexer outputs and are not routed to external pins. The multiplexer input stage contribution to the input impedance is negligible.

The conversion accuracy can be affected by the input signal source impedance when any external circuit is connected to the input pins. The source impedance adds to the internal impedance and directly affects the time required to charge the internal sampling capacitor. Therefore, a large input source impedance connected to the input pins can increase the system performance errors, such as offset, gain and Integral Nonlinearity (INL). Ideally, the input source impedance should be near zero. This can be achieved by using an operational amplifier with a closed-loop output impedance of tens of ohms.

A good anti-aliasing filter must be placed at the ADC inputs. This attenuates the frequency contents around DMCLK and keep the desired accuracy over the baseband (DRCLK) of the converter.

This anti-aliasing filter can be a simple first-order RC network with low time constant, which will provide a high rejection at the DMCLK frequency (see [Figure 5-6](#) for more details). The RC network usually uses small R and large C to avoid additional offset due to IR drop in the signal path. This anti-aliasing filter will induce a small systematic gain error on the AC input signals that can be compensated in the digital section with the Digital Gain Error Calibration (GAINCAL) register.

5.3 ADC Programmable Gain

The gain of the converter is programmable and controlled by the GAIN[2:0] bits in the CONFIG2 register. The ADC programmable gain is divided in two gain stages: one in the analog domain, one in the digital domain, as per [Table 5-2](#).

After the multiplexer, the analog input signals are routed to the Delta-Sigma ADC inputs and are amplified by the analog gain stage (see [Section 5.3.1 “Analog Gain”](#) for more details). The digital gain stage is placed inside the digital decimation filter (see [Section 5.3.2 “Digital Gain”](#) for more details).

TABLE 5-2: DELTA-SIGMA ADC GAIN SETTINGS

GAIN[2:0]			Total Gain (V/V)	Analog Gain (V/V)	Digital Gain (V/V)	Total Gain (dB)	V_{IN} Range (V)
0	0	0	0.333	0.333	1	-9.5	$\pm \text{Min}(AV_{DD}, 3 * V_{REF})$
0	0	1	1	1	1	0	$\pm V_{REF}$
0	1	0	2	2	1	6	$\pm V_{REF}/2$
0	1	1	4	4	1	12	$\pm V_{REF}/4$
1	0	0	8	8	1	18	$\pm V_{REF}/8$
1	0	1	16	16	1	24	$\pm V_{REF}/16$
1	1	0	32	16	2	30	$\pm V_{REF}/32$
1	1	1	64	16	4	36	$\pm V_{REF}/64$

5.3.1 ANALOG GAIN

The gain settings, from 0.33x to 16x, are done in the analog domain. This analog gain is placed on each ADC differential input. Each doubling of the gain improves the thermal noise due to sampling by approximately 3 dB, which means the lowest noise configuration is obtained when using the highest analog gain. The SNR, however, is degraded, since doubling the gain factor reduces the maximum allowable input signal amplitude by approximately 6 dB.

If the gain is set to 0.33x, the differential input range theoretically becomes $\pm 3 \cdot V_{REF}$. However, the device does not support input voltages outside of the power supply voltage range. If large reference voltages are used with this gain, the input voltage range will be clipped between A_{GND} and AV_{DD} , therefore the output code span will be limited. This gain is useful when the reference voltage is small and when the input signal voltage is large.

The analog gain stage can be used to amplify very low signals, but the differential input range of the Delta-Sigma modulator must not be exceeded.

5.3.2 DIGITAL GAIN

When the gain setting is chosen from 16x to 64x, the analog gain stays constant at 16x and the additional gain is done in the digital domain by a simple shift and round of the output code. The digital gain range is between 1x and 4x.

The output noise is approximately unchanged (except for the quantization noise, which is slightly decreased). The SNR is thus degraded by 6 dB per octave from 16x to 64x settings.

This digital gain is useful for scaling up the signals without using the host device (MCU) operations, but they degrade the SNR and resolution (one bit per octave), and do not significantly improve the noise performance, except for very large OSR settings.

5.4 Delta-Sigma Modulator

5.4.1 ARCHITECTURE

The Delta-Sigma ADC includes a second-order modulator with a multibit DAC architecture. Its 5-level quantizer is a Flash ADC composed of four comparators with equally spaced thresholds and a thermometer output coding. The proprietary 5-level architecture ensures minimum quantization noise at the outputs of the modulators without disturbing the linearity or inducing additional distortion.

Unlike most multibit DAC architectures, the 5-level DAC used in this architecture is inherently linear, and therefore, does not degrade the ADC linearity and THD performance.

The sampling frequency is DMCLK; therefore, the modulator outputs are refreshed at a DMCLK rate.

Figure 5-2 represents a simplified block diagram of the Delta-Sigma modulator.

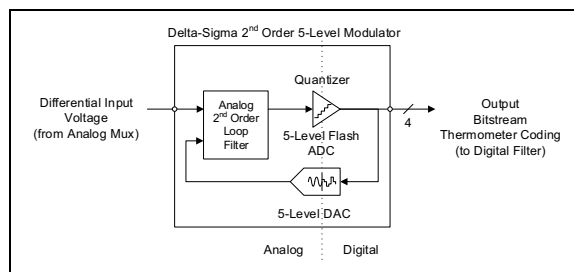


FIGURE 5-2: Simplified Delta-Sigma ADC Block Diagram.

5.4.2 MODULATOR OUTPUT BLOCK

The modulator output option enables users to apply their own digital filtering on the output bit stream. By setting $IRQ_MODE[1] = 1$ in the IRQ register, the modulator output is available at the $IRQ/MDAT$ pin, at $AMCLK$ rate and also through the $ADCDATA$ register (0x0) with $DMCLK$ rate. With this configuration, the digital decimation filter is disabled in order to reduce the current consumption and no data ready interrupt is generated on any of the IRQ mechanisms. The $IRQ/MDAT$ pin is never placed in high-impedance during the Modulator Output mode.

Since the Delta-Sigma modulator has a 5-level output given by the state of four comparators with thermometer coding, the output is represented using four bits, each bit representing the state of the corresponding comparator (see Table 5-3).

The comparator output bits are arranged serially at the $AMCLK$ rate on the $IRQ/MDAT$ output pin (see Figure 5-3).

This 1-bit serial bit stream is considered to be the same one as is produced by a 1-bit DAC modulator with a sampling frequency of $AMCLK$. The modulator can either be considered as a 5-level output at $DMCLK$ rate or as 1-bit output at $AMCLK$ rate. These two representations are interchangeable. The $MDAT$ outputs can, therefore, be used in any application that requires 1-bit modulator outputs. This application can be integrated with an external sinc filter or more advanced decimation filters that are computed in the MCU or DSP device.

When $CLK_SEL[1:0] = 11$ (internal oscillator with external clock output), the $AMCLK$ clock is present on the $MCLK$ pin. This configuration allows a correct synchronization of the bit stream when the internal oscillator is used as the main clock source.

When $CLK_SEL[1:0] = 00$, the modulator outputs are also synchronized with the $MCLK$ input, but the ratio between $MCLK$ and $AMCLK$ must be taken into account in the user applications to correctly retrieve the desired bit stream.

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The default value of the bit stream after a reset or a power-up is '0011'; it is equivalent to a 0V input for the ADC. After each ADC Reset and restart (see [Section 5.16 "A/D Conversion Automatic Reset and Restart Feature"](#)), the bit stream output is also reset and restarted and the $\overline{\text{IRQ}}/\text{MDAT}$ is kept equal to logic high during the two MCLK periods needed for the synchronization. After the two time periods, the bit stream is provided on the $\overline{\text{IRQ}}/\text{MDAT}$ pin and the first value becomes the default value.

TABLE 5-3: DELTA-SIGMA MODULATOR OUTPUT BIT STREAM CODING

COMP[3:0] Code	Modulator Output Code (Decimal)	MDAT Serial Stream	Equivalent V_{REF} Voltage
1111	+2	1111	$+V_{\text{REF}}$
0111	+1	0111	$+V_{\text{REF}}/2$
0011	0	0011	0
0001	-1	0001	$-V_{\text{REF}}/2$
0000	-2	0000	$-V_{\text{REF}}$

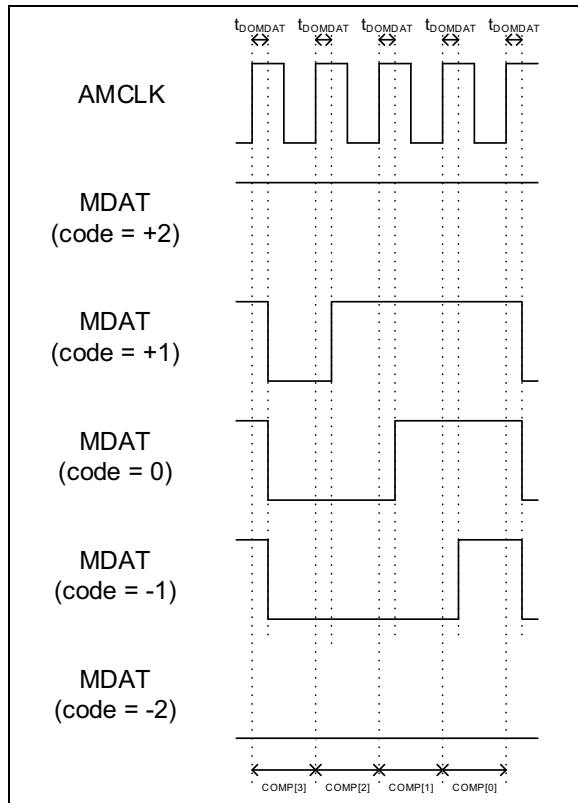


FIGURE 5-3: MDAT Serial Outputs Depending on the Modulator Output Code.

5.4.3 BOOST MODES

The Delta-Sigma modulator includes a programmable biasing circuit in order to further adjust the power consumption to the sampling speed applied through the MCLK. This can be programmed through the BOOST[1:0] bits in the CONFIG2 register. The different BOOST settings are applied to the entire modulator circuit, including the voltage reference buffers. The settings of the BOOST[1:0] bits are described in [Table 5-4](#).

TABLE 5-4: BOOST SETTINGS DESCRIPTION

BOOST[1:0]	Bias Current
00	x0.5
01	x0.66
10	x1 (default)
11	x2

The maximum achievable Analog Main Clock (AMCLK) speed, the maximum sampling frequency (DMCLK) and the maximum achievable data rate (DRCLK) are highly dependent on the BOOST[1:0] and GAIN[2:0] bits setting. A higher BOOST setting allows the circuit's bandwidth to be increased and allows a higher analog main clock rate, which can then increase the baseband of the input signals to be converted. The digital gain (which is enabled at 32x and 64x gains) has no influence on the achievable bandwidth.

A typical dependency of the bandwidth depending on the gain for each BOOST setting combination is shown from [Figure 2-35](#) to [Figure 2-38](#). Typically, a larger gain setting requires a higher BOOST setting in order to achieve the same bandwidth performance.

[Figure 2-43](#) shows the behavior of the achievable bandwidth at BOOST = 1x with AV_{DD} corner cases. Since the BOOST settings vary, the internal slew rate of the modulator components, using a lower V_{REF} value, improves the bandwidth if low BOOST settings are used and show a bandwidth behavior that is too limited.

5.5 Digital Decimation Filter

The decimation filter decimates the output bit stream of the modulator to produce 16-bit ADC output data. The decimation filter present in the device is a cascade of two filters: a third-order sinc filter with a decimation ratio of OSR_3 (third-order moving an average of $3 \times OSR_3$ values), followed by a first-order sinc filter with a decimation ratio of OSR_1 , moving an average of OSR values (third-order moving average of $3 \times OSR_3$ values).

Figure 5-4 represents the decimation filter architecture.

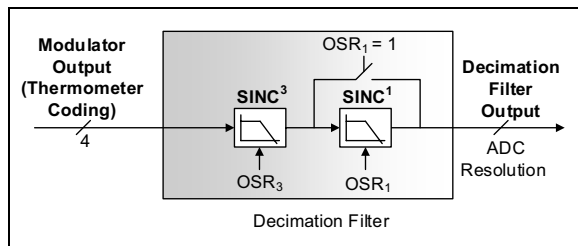


FIGURE 5-4: Decimation Filter Block Diagram.

Equation 5-3 is the transfer function of the decimation filter:

EQUATION 5-3: FILTER TRANSFER FUNCTION

$$H(z) = \frac{(1 - z^{-OSR_3})^3}{(OSR_3(1 - z^{-1}))^3} \cdot \frac{(1 - z^{-OSR_1 \cdot OSR_3})}{OSR_1 \cdot (1 - z^{-OSR_3})}$$

Where:

$$z = \exp\left(\frac{2\pi j f}{DMCLK}\right)$$

The resolution (number of possible output codes expressed in powers of 2 or in bits) of the digital filter is 16-bit maximum for any $OSR = OSR_3 \times OSR_1$ and data format choice. The resolution only depends on the OSR through the $OSR[3:0]$ bits setting in the $CONFIG1$ register per Table . Once the OSR is chosen, the resolution is fixed and the output code of the ADC is encoded with the data format defined by the $DATA_FORMAT[1:0]$ bits setting in the $CONFIG3$ register.

The transfer function of this filter has a unity gain at each multiple of $DMCLK$. A proper anti-aliasing filter must be placed at the ADC inputs. This attenuates the frequency contents around each multiple of $DMCLK$ and keeps the desired accuracy over the baseband of the converter. This anti-aliasing filter can be a simple first-order RC network with low time constant to provide a high rejection at $DMCLK$ frequency.

The conversion time is a function of the OSR settings and the $DMCLK$ frequency.

EQUATION 5-4: CONVERSION TIME FOR $OSR = OSR_3 \times OSR_1$

$$T_{CONV} = [(3 \times OSR_3) + (OSR_1 - 1) \times OSR_3] / DMCLK$$

In One-Shot mode, each conversion is launched individually, so the maximum data rate is effectively $1/T_{CONV}$ if each conversion is launched with no delay. The digital filter is reset in between each conversion.

However, due to the nature of the digital filter (which memorizes the sum of the incoming bit stream), the data rate at the filter output can be maximized if the filter is never reset. Because of the internal resampling of the digital filter, the output data rate can be equal to $DMCLK/OSR = DRCLK$; this is the case in Continuous mode. In this case, the first conversion still happens in the T_{CONV} time, as this is the settling time of the filter. The subsequent conversions are pipelined and give their output at a data rate of $DRCLK$. The Continuous Conversion mode can optimize the data rate, while consuming the same power as One-Shot mode, which is advantageous in applications that require a continuous sampling of the analog inputs. The Continuous mode is not compatible with multiplexing the inputs (see Section 5.15 "Scan Mode" for more details about the Conversion mode settings in MUX and Scan modes).

Figure 5-5 shows the fundamental difference between One-Shot mode and Continuous mode in a simplified diagram.

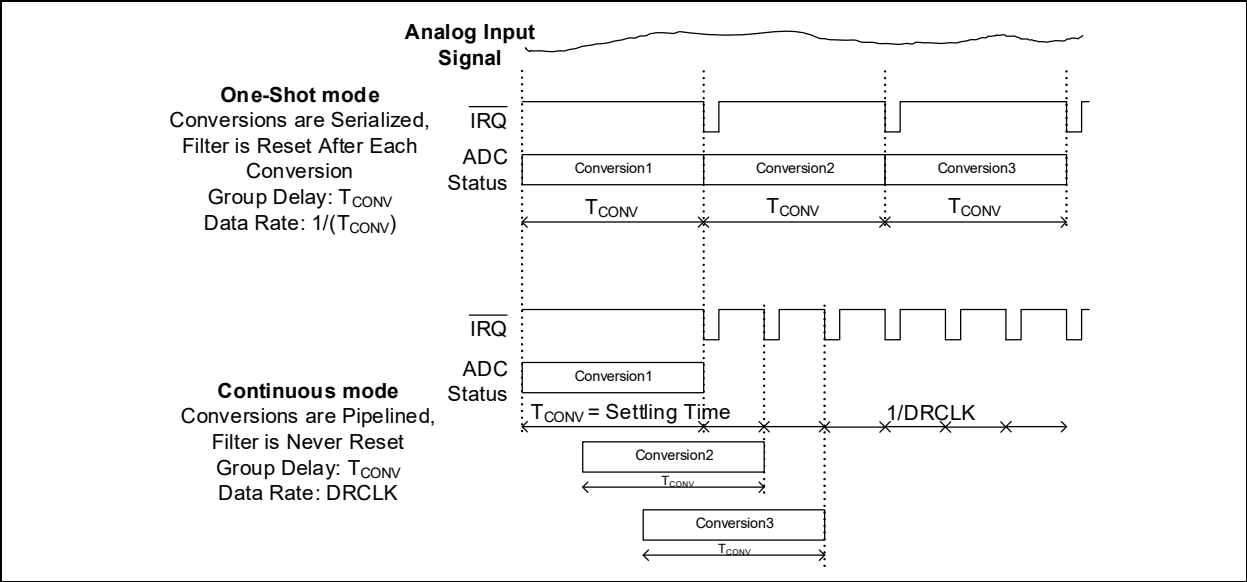


FIGURE 5-5: One-Shot Mode vs. Continuous Mode.

Since the converter is effectively doing two conversions when the AZ_MUX bit is enabled, the conversion time is equal to $2 \times T_{CONV}$ in this mode. As described in [Section 5.1.2 “ADC Offset Cancellation Algorithm”](#), this selection is not compatible with the Continuous Conversion mode, therefore the output data rate is equal to $1/(2 \times T_{CONV})$ in this mode.

[Table 5-5](#) summarizes the possible filter settings and their associated Conversion Time, T_{CONV} , as well as their output data rate (DRCLK) in Continuous mode.

When OSR is larger than 20480 for typical main clock frequency, MCLK = 4.9152 MHz, the device includes an additional 50/60 Hz rejection by aligning decimation filter notches with a multiple of 50/60 Hz depending on the OSR setting. The rejection band strongly depends on the main clock accuracy and corresponds to a first-order decimation filter rejection rate.

The high OSR settings can be used for applications requiring very low noise and slow data rates.

[Figure 5-6](#) shows the frequency response of the decimation filter with default settings. [Figure 5-7](#) represents the frequency response of the filter with the highest OSR settings and a line rejection at 60 Hz.

TABLE 5-5: OVERSAMPLING RATIO AND SINC FILTER RELATIONSHIP

OSR[3:0]				OSR 3	OSR 1	Total OSR	ADC Resolution in Bits (No Missing Codes)	Conversion Time (T _{CONV})	Data Rate in Continuous Conversion Mode	
									Data Rate (Hz) with MCLK = 4.9152 MHz	Fastest Data Rate (Hz) with MCLK = 19.6608 MHz
0	0	0	0	32	1	32	16	96/DMCLK	38400	153600
0	0	0	1	64	1	64	16	192/DMCLK	19200	76800
0	0	1	0	128	1	128	16	384/DMCLK	9600	38400
0	0	1	1	256	1	256	16	768/DMCLK	4800	19200
0	1	0	0	512	1	512	16	1536/DMCLK	2400	9600
0	1	0	1	512	2	1024	16	2048/DMCLK	1200	4800
0	1	1	0	512	4	2048	16	3072/DMCLK	600	2400
0	1	1	1	512	8	4096	16	5120/DMCLK	300	1200
1	0	0	0	512	16	8192	16	9216/DMCLK	150	600
1	0	0	1	512	32	16384	16	17408/DMCLK	75	300
1	0	1	0	512	40	20480	16	21504/DMCLK	60	240
1	0	1	1	512	48	24576	16	25600/DMCLK	50	200
1	1	0	0	512	80	40960	16	41984/DMCLK	30	120
1	1	0	1	512	96	49152	16	50176/DMCLK	25	100
1	1	1	0	512	160	81920	16	82944/DMCLK	15	60
1	1	1	1	512	192	98304	16	99328/DMCLK	12.5	50

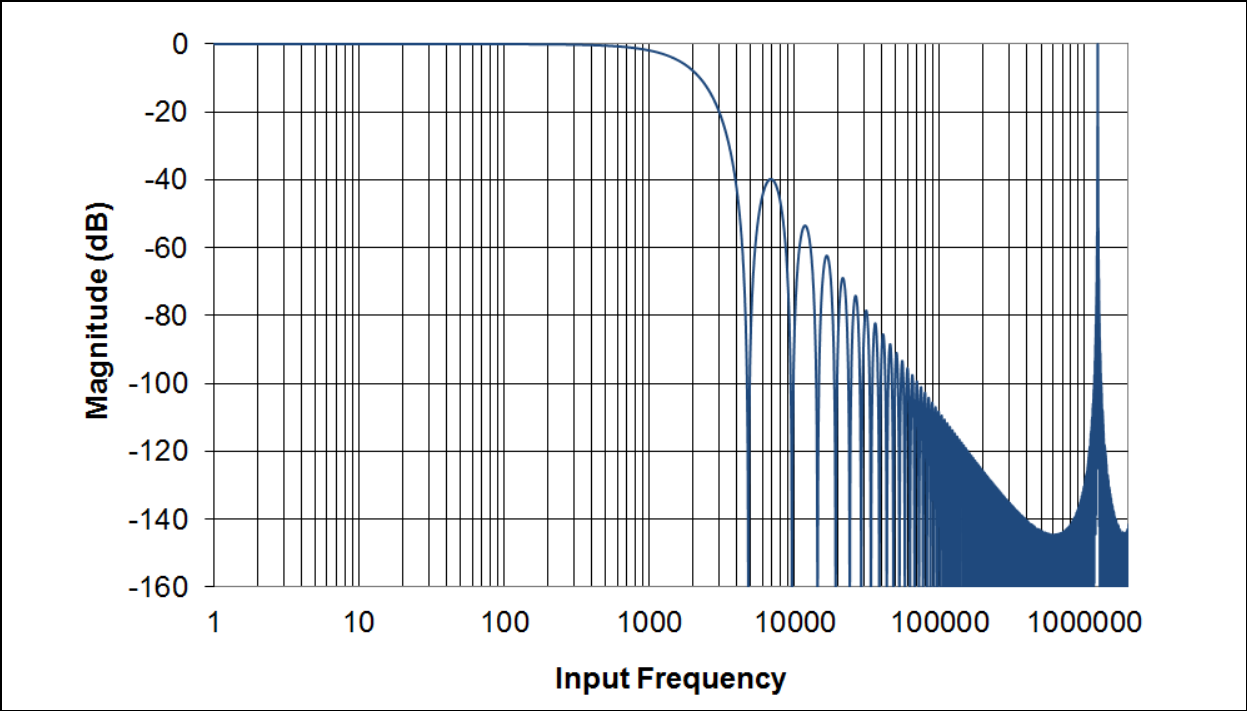


FIGURE 5-6: Decimation Filter Frequency Response (OSR = 256, PRE = 1:1, MCLK = 4.9152 MHz).

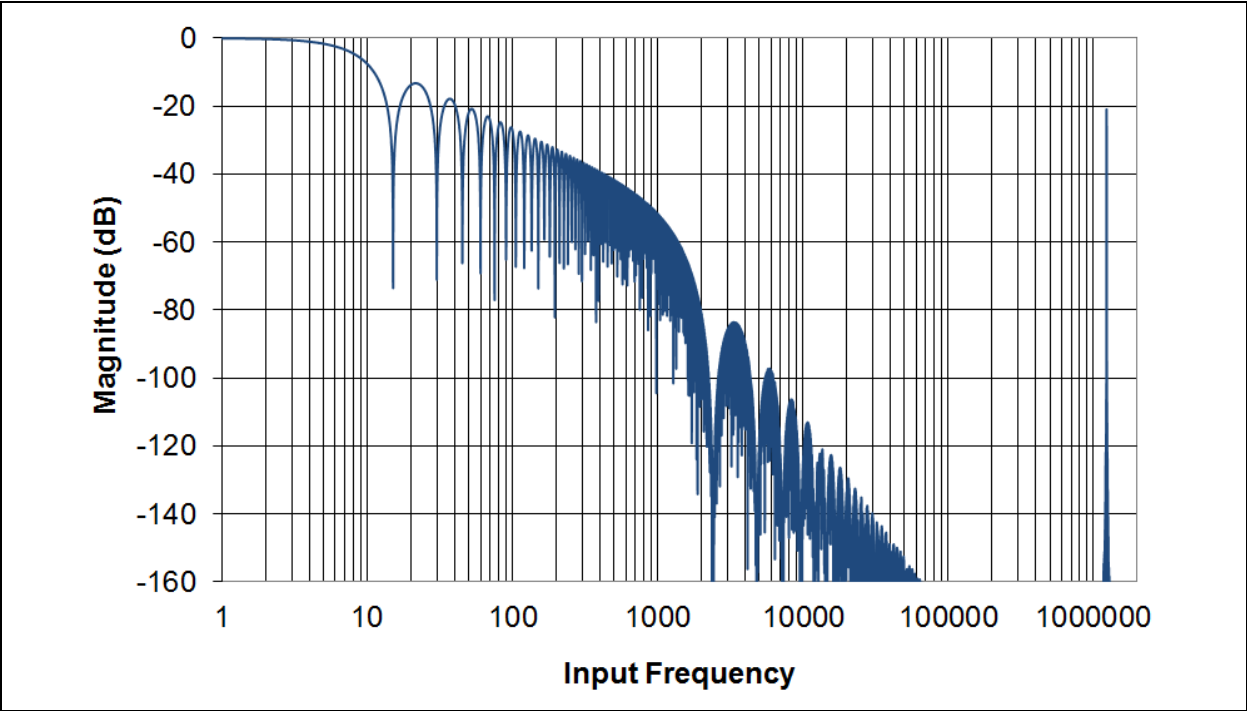


FIGURE 5-7: Decimation Filter Frequency Response (OSR = 81920, PRE = 1:1, MCLK = 4.9152 MHz).

5.6 ADC Output Data Format

The ADC Output Data (ADCDATA) register is located at the address: 0x0. The default length of the register is 16-bit (15-bit + sign).

Output data are calculated in the digital decimation filter with a much larger resolution and rounded to the closest LSB value.

The rounding ensures a maximum 1/2 LSB error instead of a simple truncation that ensures a 1 LSB maximum error.

Equation 5-5 calculates the ADC output code as a function of the input and reference signals for DC inputs.

EQUATION 5-5: ADC OUTPUT CODE FOR DC INPUT (DATA_FORMAT[1:0] = 00)

$$ADC_OUTPUT(LSb) = \left(\frac{V_{IN+} - V_{IN-}}{V_{REF+} - V_{REF-}} \right) \times 32768 \times GAIN$$

For AC sine wave inputs, the decimation filter transfer function (see Equation 5-3) induces an additional gain on the ADC output code, which depends on the input frequency (roll-off of the decimation filter).

For any inputs, the V_{IN+}/V_{IN-} voltages are averaged out during the whole conversion time as the ADC is an oversampling converter.

ADC output format is set by the DATA_FORMAT[1:0] bits in the CONFIG3 register. These bits define four different possible formats for the ADC Data Output register: three 32-bit formats and one 16-bit format for the MCP3460R.

Figure 5-8 describes all possible data formats.

When DATA_FORMAT[1:0] = 0x, the ADC data are represented on 16 bits (15-bit plus sign). The ADC output code is represented with MSb first signed two's

complement coding. With these two data formats, the coding does not allow overrange; the equivalent analog input range is $[-V_{REF}; +V_{REF} - 1 \text{ LSB}]$. When $V_{IN} \times \text{Gain} > V_{REF} - 1 \text{ LSB}$, the 16-bit ADC code (SGN + DATA[22:0]) saturates and locks at 0x7FFF. When $V_{IN} \times \text{Gain} < -V_{REF}$, the 16-bit ADC code saturates and locks at 0x8000. Using these data formats does not allow the correct evaluation of full-scale errors in case of a positive full-scale error.

When DATA_FORMAT[1:0] = 00, the output register shows only the 16-bit value. When DATA_FORMAT[1:0] = 01, the output register is 32 bits long and the output code is padded with additional zeros on the last byte. The output code is left justified in this case. This format is useful for 32-bit MCU applications.

DATA_FORMAT[1:0]			
00	SGN + DATA[14:0]		
01	SGN + DATA[14:0]	0x0000	
10	SGN ext (16-bit)	DATA[15:0]	
11	CH_ID[3:0]	SGN ext (12-bit)	DATA[15:0]

FIGURE 5-8: ADC Output Format Selection.

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When $\text{DATA_FORMAT}[1:0] = 1x$, the ADC data are represented on 17 bits. For these two data formats, the output register is 32 bits long. With these two data formats, the coding allows overrange; the equivalent analog input range is $[-2 \times V_{\text{REF}}, +2 \times V_{\text{REF}} - 1 \text{ LSb}]$. When $V_{\text{IN}} \times \text{Gain} > 2V_{\text{REF}} - 1 \text{ LSb}$, the 17-bit ADC code ($\text{SGN} + \text{DATA}[15:0]$) saturates and locks at $0x0FFFF$. When $V_{\text{IN}} \times \text{Gain} < -2V_{\text{REF}}$, the 16-bit ADC code saturates and locks at $0x10000$. Using these data formats allows a correct evaluation of the full-scale errors in case of a positive full-scale error, since they allow inputs that can be greater than V_{REF} or less than $-V_{\text{REF}}$.

The ADC accuracy is not maintained on the full extended $[-2 \times V_{\text{REF}}, +2 \times V_{\text{REF}} - 1 \text{ LSb}]$ range, but only on a smaller range, which is approximately equal to $\pm 1.05 \times V_{\text{REF}}$. This overrange can be useful in high-side measurements and gain error cancellation algorithms. The overrange-capable formatting on 17 bits is fully compatible with the standard code locked formatting on 16 bits; both coding formats produce the same 16-bit

codes for the $[-V_{\text{REF}}, +V_{\text{REF}} - 1 \text{ LSb}]$ range and the MSb on the 17-bit coding can be considered as a simple Sign bit extension.

When $\text{DATA_FORMAT}[1:0] = 10$, the 17-bit (16-bit + SGN) value is right justified. The first byte of the 32-bit ADC output code repeats the Sign bit (SGN).

In $\text{DATA_FORMAT}[1:0] = 11$, the output code is similar to the one in $\text{DATA_FORMAT}[1:0] = 10$. The only difference resides in the four MSBs of the first byte, which are no longer repeats of the Sign bit (SGN). They are the Channel ID data ($\text{CH_ID}[3:0]$) that are defined in [Table 5-14](#). This $\text{CH_ID}[3:0]$ word can be used to verify that the right channel has been converted to Scan mode and can serve easy data retrieval and logging (see [Section 5.15 “Scan Mode”](#) for more details about the Scan mode). In MUX mode, this 4-bit word is defaulted to '0000' and does not vary with the $\text{MUX}[7:0]$ selection. This format is useful for 32-bit MCU applications.

TABLE 5-6: DATA_FORMAT[1:0] = 0x (16-BIT CODING)

Equivalent Input Voltage	ADC Output Code (SGN + DATA[14:0])	Hexadecimal	Decimal
$> V_{\text{REF}} - 1 \text{ LSb}$	0111111111111111	0x7FFF	+32767
$V_{\text{REF}} - 2 \text{ LSbs}$	0111111111111110	0x7FFE	+32766
1 LSb	0000000000000001	0x0001	+1
0	0000000000000000	0x0000	0
-1 LSb	1111111111111111	0xFFFF	-1
$-V_{\text{REF}} + 1 \text{ LSb}$	1000000000000001	0xFFFF	-32767
$< -V_{\text{REF}}$	1000000000000000	0x8000	-32768

TABLE 5-7: DATA_FORMAT[1:0] = 1x (17-BIT CODING)

Equivalent Input Voltage	ADC Output Code (SGN + DATA[15:0])	Hexadecimal	Decimal
$> 2 V_{\text{REF}} - 1 \text{ LSb}$	0111111111111111	0x0FFFF	+65535
$2 V_{\text{REF}} - 2 \text{ LSbs}$	0111111111111110	0x0FFFE	+65534
$V_{\text{REF}} + 1 \text{ LSb}$	0100000000000001	0x08001	+32769
V_{REF}	0100000000000000	0x08000	+32768
$V_{\text{REF}} - 1 \text{ LSb}$	0011111111111111	0x07FFF	+32767
$V_{\text{REF}} - 2 \text{ LSbs}$	0011111111111110	0x07FFE	+32766
1 LSb	0000000000000001	0x00001	+1
0	0000000000000000	0x00000	0
-1 LSb	1111111111111111	0x1FFFF	-1
$-V_{\text{REF}} + 1 \text{ LSb}$	1100000000000001	0x18001	-32767
$-V_{\text{REF}}$	1100000000000000	0x18000	-32768
$-V_{\text{REF}} - 1 \text{ LSb}$	1011111111111111	0x17FFF	-32769
$-2 V_{\text{REF}} + 1 \text{ LSb}$	1000000000000001	0x10001	-65535
$< -2 V_{\text{REF}}$	1000000000000000	0x10000	-65536

5.7 Internal/External Voltage Reference

5.7.1 VOLTAGE REFERENCE SELECTION

The voltage reference selection for the ADC is controlled by the VREF_SEL bit in the CONFIG0 register, as shown in [Table 5-8](#).

The REFIN- pin is set as an input, directly connected to the V_{REF-} input of the ADC. For a better noise immunity, it is recommended to connect this pin to A_{GND} externally when a single-ended voltage reference is used. [Figure 6-10](#) shows more details of the reference selection and reference pins connections.

TABLE 5-8: ADC VOLTAGE REFERENCE SELECTION

VREF_SEL	Description	Reference Input/Output Pins	
		REFIN- Pin	REFIN+/OUT Pin
0	External reference selected. Internal reference buffer is shut down. Internal reference is only generating the internal 1.2V Common-mode voltage for the ADC.	V_{REF-} Input	V_{REF+} Input
1	Internal reference selected with 2.4V buffered output.	V_{REF-} Input (should be tied to A_{GND})	Internal reference with 2.4V buffered output.

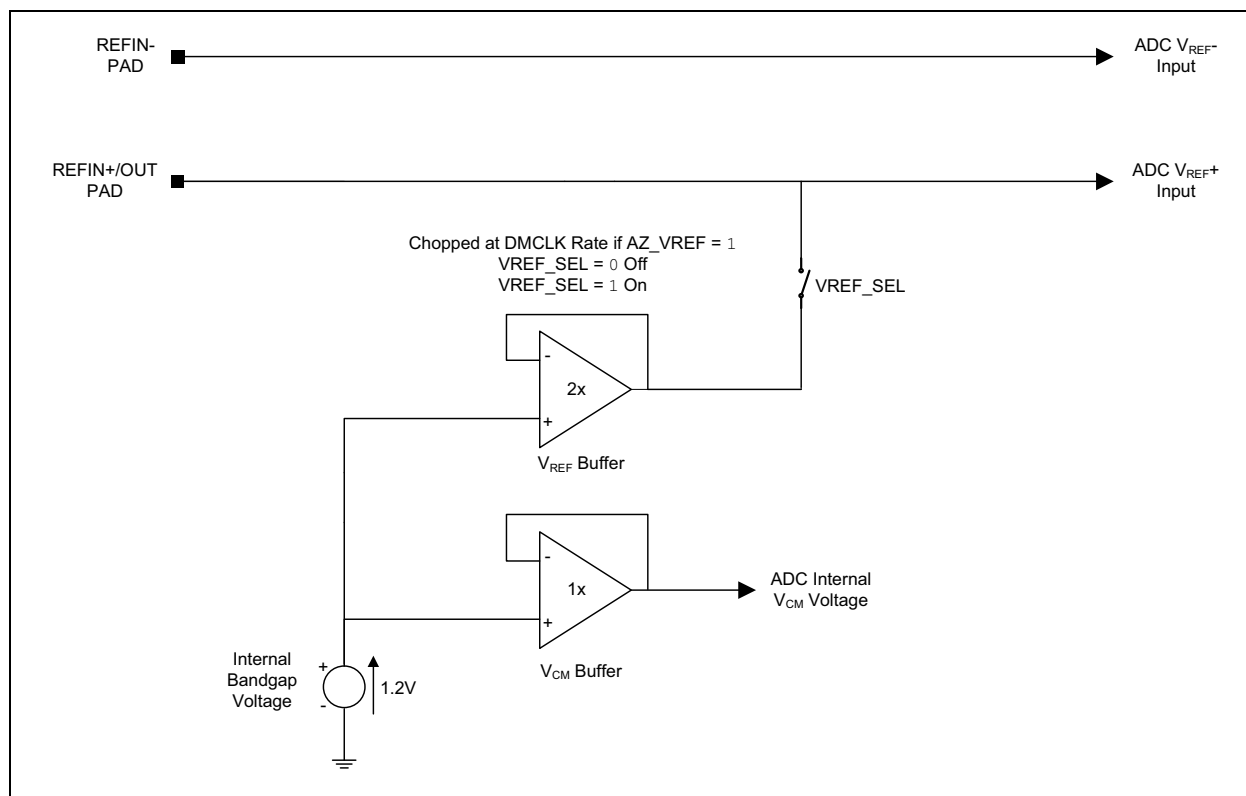


FIGURE 5-9: Voltage Reference Selection Schematic.

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When $VREF_SEL = 0$, the reference voltage is set to External mode. The $REFIN+/OUT$ pin becomes an input. In this case, the $REFIN+/OUT$ pad is directly tied to the V_{REF+} input of the ADC. There is no input buffer in the differential input voltage reference path in this mode, so the external voltage reference should include a buffer to be able to charge the internal voltage reference sampling capacitors.

When $VREF_SEL = 1$, the $REFIN+/OUT$ is internally buffered to produce a 2.4V buffered reference voltage at the V_{REF+} input of the ADC. [Section 5.7.2 “Internal Voltage Reference Buffer”](#) details the architecture of the voltage reference buffer.

In this mode, the $REFIN+/OUT$ pin becomes an output and the reference voltage is generated internally.

The structure of the internal voltage reference is based on a band gap voltage reference source, giving a 1.2V output directly connected to a low-noise chopper buffer, configured with a gain of 2x, to give a 2.4V output on the $REFIN+/OUT$ pad. The internal reference has a very low typical temperature coefficient of 15 ppm/°C for extended temperature range and 9 ppm/°C for industrial temperature range, allowing the ADC output codes to have the least variation corresponding to the temperature ranges, since they are proportional to $(1/V_{REF})$.

5.7.2 INTERNAL VOLTAGE REFERENCE BUFFER

When $VREF_SEL = 1$, the voltage reference buffer is enabled. It is only powered on when the ADC state is in Reset or in Conversion mode and is powered off in Shutdown mode.

The buffer is designed to be able to drive the ADC reference input that is sampling the reference voltage.

The $REFIN-$ pin is not buffered and is connected directly to the ADC inverting voltage reference input (V_{REF-}).

The offset induced by the buffer may slightly vary between the two possible gain selections, as well as its temperature dependency and bandwidth; therefore, it has to be characterized separately. The buffer injects a certain quantity of 1/f noise into the system that can be modulated with the incoming input signals and can limit the SNR performance at higher OSR values ($OSR > 256$).

To overcome this limitation, the buffer includes an auto-zeroing algorithm that cancels out the 1/f noise and cancels the offset value of the reference buffer. As a result, the SNR of the system is not affected by this 1/f noise component of the reference buffer, even at maximum OSR values. This auto-zeroing algorithm is performed synchronously with the $DMCLK$ and can be enabled or disabled with the AZ_VREF bit setting in the $CONFIG2$ register.

When $AZ_VREF = 1$ (default), the auto-zeroing is enabled, which cancels out the 1/f noise and improves the SNR while not impacting the THD performance. This mode is recommended for higher OSR values ($OSR > 256$).

When $AZ_VREF = 0$, the reference auto-zeroing algorithm is disabled. This setting should be reserved to lower OSR values, where higher ADC speed is more important than accuracy.

If the application is susceptible to high-frequency noise, using $AZ_VREF = 0$ or a proper low-pass filter at the V_{REF} output pin (to filter out the chopper frequency components from the buffered output) is recommended.

5.8 Power-On Reset

The analog and digital power supplies are monitored separately by two Power-On Reset (POR) monitoring circuits at all times, except during Full Shutdown mode (see [Section 5.10 “Low-Power Shutdown Modes”](#)).

Each POR circuit has two separate thresholds, one for the rising voltage supply and one for the falling voltage supply. They both include hysteresis (the rising threshold is superior), so that the device is tolerant to a certain degree of transient noise on each power supply.

If any of the two power supply voltages is below its respective threshold, the POR state is forced internally. In this state, the SPI interface is disabled, no command can be executed by the chip. All registers are cleared and set to their default values.

At power-up, when both power supply voltages are above the rising thresholds, the MCP3460R powers up and the SPI interface is enabled and can handle communications. Since both thresholds need to be crossed for the power-up, the power-up sequence is not important and any power supply voltage can ramp up first. The detection time for the monitoring circuits (t_{POR}) is about 1 μ s for relatively fast power-up ramp rates. The normal operation stops when any of the falling thresholds of the two POR monitoring circuits is crossed. [Figure 5-10](#) illustrates the power-up and power-down sequences.

If the \overline{CS} pin is kept logic-low during a POR state, a logic-high pulse is necessary to start the first communication sequence after power-up. The \overline{CS} rising edge resets the SPI interface properly and the falling edge clears the POR interrupt on the \overline{IRQ} pin (see [Figure 6-16](#)).

The DV_{DD} and AV_{DD} monitoring thresholds are different since their respective voltage ranges are different. The AV_{DD} rising threshold is approximately $1.75V \pm 10\%$ and the DV_{DD} is $1.2V \pm 10\%$. The hysteresis is approximately 150 mV (typical).

Proper decoupling ceramic capacitors (0.1 μF and 10 μF ceramic) should be placed as close as possible to the power supply pins (AV_{DD} , DV_{DD}) to provide additional transient immunity.

During Full Shutdown mode, the power supply voltages are not monitored to be able to reach ultra-low power consumption. The device cannot generate a POR event

interrupt in this mode, except for cases of extremely low-power supply voltages. See [Section 5.10.1 “Full Shutdown Mode”](#).

In order to ensure a proper power-up sequence, the ramp rate of DV_{DD} must not exceed 3 V/ μs when coming out of the POR state.

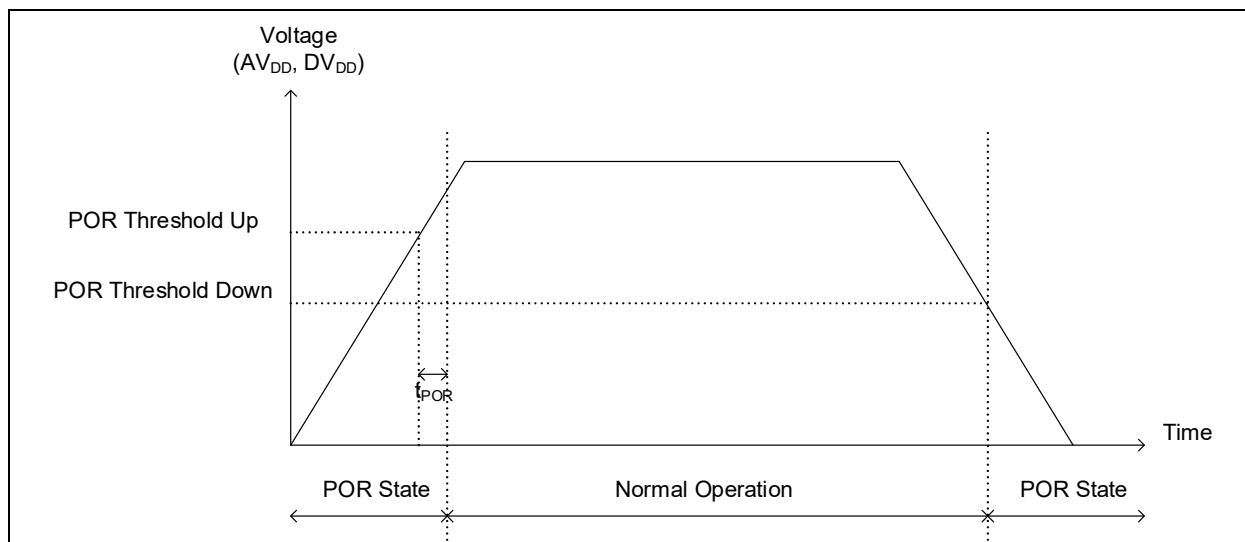


FIGURE 5-10: Power-on Reset Timing Diagram.

5.9 ADC Operating Modes

The ADC can be placed into three different operating modes: ADC Shutdown, Standby and Conversion. The ADC operating mode is controlled by the user through the $\text{ADC_MODE}[1:0]$ bits in the CONFIG0 register. The user can directly launch conversions or place the ADC into ADC Shutdown or Standby mode by writing these bits. Additional Fast commands are available for each of the three possible states of these bits to allow faster programming in case of time-sensitive applications (see [Section 6.2.4 “Command-Type Bits \(CMD\[1:0\]\)”](#)). [Table 5-9](#) describes the available $\text{ADC_MODE}[1:0]$ bits setting.

The $\text{ADC_MODE}[1:0]$ bits do not give an instantaneous representation of the ADC state. Writing the $\text{ADC_MODE}[1:0]$ bits sets the desired state of the ADC, but this state is only attained after a start-up time depending on the current state of the ADC (see [Section 5.11 “ADC Start-up Timer”](#) for details about the start-up timer). Typically, the device starts in ADC Shutdown mode after a POR ($\text{ADC_MODE}[1:0] = 00$ by default). To launch conversions in the desired configuration, the user should program the part in the desired configuration and then set the $\text{ADC_MODE}[1:0]$ bits to '11'. In this case, the first conversion starts after $T_{\text{ADC_SETUP}} = 256 \text{ DMCLK}$ periods. This time is necessary for the MCP3460R to adjust to the new programmed settings and settle in to its operating point to accurately convert the input signals.

Internally, the MCP3460R tracks the current state of the ADC, as well as the start-up timer counter, to be able to optimize the start-up time depending on the desired transitions and internal configurations required and set by the user.

In MUX mode, overwriting the $\text{ADC_MODE}[1:0]$ bits to '11' when the ADC is already in conversion resets and restarts the current conversion immediately. The conversion start pulse will also be regenerated if the EN_STP bit is enabled.

In Scan mode (see [Section 5.15 “Scan Mode”](#)), writing the $\text{ADC_MODE}[1:0]$ bits to '11' starts the conversion Scan cycle. During the complete cycle, even when the Scan timer is enabled, reading the $\text{ADC_MODE}[1:0]$ bits gives a '11' code output, meaning that the Scan cycle is ongoing. Rewriting $\text{ADC_MODE}[1:0] = 11$ during Scan mode resets immediately and restarts the entire Scan sequence from the beginning. The conversion start pulse will also be regenerated if the EN_STP bit is enabled. The restart of the Scan sequence can induce a $T_{\text{ADC_SETUP}}$ additional delay if the ADC is in ADC Shutdown mode when the ADC_MODE bits are overwritten (this can happen if the ADC_MODE bits are overwritten during the timer delay period, where the ADC is placed into ADC Shutdown mode in between two Scan cycles).

The ADCDATA register is always updated with the last conversion results. The ADCDATA register cannot provide incomplete conversion results. The A/D conversion must be completed to be able to provide a

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result in the ADCDATA register. Each end of conversion generates a data ready interrupt on all three IRQ mechanisms (see [Section 6.8.1 “Conversion Data Ready Interrupt”](#)). The ADCDATA register is

never cleared when the device transitions from one mode to another. The only way to clear the ADCDATA register is a POR event or a Full Reset Fast command (see [Section 6.2.5 “Fast Commands Description”](#)).

TABLE 5-9: ADC OPERATING MODES DESCRIPTION

ADC_MODE[1:0]	ADC Mode	Description
11	Conversion	The ADC is placed into Conversion mode and consumes the specified current. A/D conversions can be reset and restarted immediately once this mode is effectively reached. This mode can be reached after a maximum of T_{ADC_SETUP} time, depending of the current state of the ADC.
10	Standby	Conversions are stopped. ADC is placed into Reset but consumes almost as much current as in Conversion mode. A/D conversions can start immediately once this mode is effectively reached. This mode can be reached after a maximum of T_{ADC_SETUP} time, depending of the current state of the ADC.
0x	ADC Shutdown	Conversions are stopped. ADC is placed into ADC Shutdown mode and does not consume any current. A/D conversions can only start after T_{ADC_SETUP} start-up time. This mode is effective immediately after being programmed.

5.10 Low-Power Shutdown Modes

The device incorporates two low-power modes that can be activated in order to limit power consumption of the device when ADC is not used. These two modes are called Partial Shutdown and Full Shutdown.

5.10.1 FULL SHUTDOWN MODE

The Full Shutdown mode can only be enabled by sending a Fast Command Full Shutdown (Fast command code: ‘1101’). Note that the execution of this Fast command forces the CONFIG0 to be set to 0x00 (no active block is enabled).

Full Shutdown mode is the lowest power mode of the device. None of the circuits consuming static power are active in this mode.

As stated in [Section 5.8 “Power-On Reset”](#), the AV_{DD}/DV_{DD} POR monitoring circuits are not active while in Full Shutdown mode.

Note: If the digital power supply resides for a long period of time below the POR threshold and to a sufficiently low voltage (typically below 0.6V), some bits previously set to ‘1’ can toggle to ‘0’ and not be set properly.

To ensure a safe operation after the Full Shutdown mode, follow the sequence of commands:

- Write LOCK register to 0xA5
- Write IRQ register to 0x03
- Send a Fast CMD Full Reset (1110)
- Reconfigure the chip as desired
- This sequence ensures a recovery with the desired settings in any loss-of-power scenario.

MCP3460R can still be accessed through the SPI interface during this mode and will accept incoming SPI commands. The ADCDATA register is not cleared during Full Shutdown mode and still holds previous conversion results. The other register settings are not modified or reset due to entering Full Shutdown mode.

The Full Shutdown mode stops all internal timers and resets them. Sending a Fast CMD to change the operating mode exits the Full Shutdown mode.

The user should place all digital inputs to a static value (logic low or high) in order to optimize power consumption during Full Shutdown mode. The current consumption specifications during Full Shutdown mode are intended without any digital pin toggling during the measurement. In this case, only leakage current is consumed throughout the device and this current varies exponentially with respect to absolute temperature.

5.10.2 PARTIAL SHUTDOWN MODE

Partial Shutdown mode is achieved when CONFIG0 is set to ‘0000000x’. In this mode, most of the internal circuits are shut down, with the exception of the POR monitoring and internal biasing circuits. During the Partial Shutdown mode, the power supply is continuously monitored, whereas in Full Shutdown mode, the POR monitoring circuits are powered down. The power consumption is also much higher in Partial Shutdown mode due to the POR monitoring circuits being active. Partial Shutdown mode allows the device to be restarted and put back in Conversion mode faster than Full Shutdown mode. [Table 5-10](#) describes the differences between Partial and Full Shutdown modes. If the current consumption of Partial Shutdown mode is acceptable for the application, it is recommended that it is used as an alternative to Full Shutdown mode, where the POR monitoring circuits are shut down and no longer monitoring the AV_{DD} and DV_{DD} power supplies.

TABLE 5-10: LOW-POWER MODES⁽¹⁾

Device Low-Power Mode	VREF_SEL	CONFIG0[6]	CLK_SEL[1:0]	ADC_MODE[1:0]	Description
Partial Shutdown	0	0	00	0x	All peripherals, except the POR monitoring circuits and clock biasing circuits, are shut down and consume no static current. The SPI interface remains active in this mode and consumes no current while the bus is Idle.
Full Shutdown	0	0	00	00	All analog and digital circuits are shut down and consume no static current. The SPI interface remains active in this mode and consumes no current while the bus is Idle.

Note 1: x = Don't Care

5.11 ADC Start-up Timer

The device includes an intelligent start-up timer circuit for the ADC, which ensures that the ADC is properly biased and that internal nodes are properly settled before each conversion. This timer ensures the proper conditions for the ADC to convert with its full accuracy for each conversion.

The ADC can operate in three different modes: ADC Shutdown, Standby and Conversion, as described in [Section 5.9 “ADC Operating Modes”](#). The ADC start-up timer manages the time for the transitions between each mode. These transitions can be instantaneous or can take a maximum of 256 DMCLK periods, depending on the type of transition and the current status of the ADC and of the internal start-up timer.

The timer always attempts to reduce the transition time from one state to another, but also allows enough time for the internal circuitry to settle to the proper internal operating points.

The transitions from Standby or Conversion mode to ADC Shutdown mode are always immediate. They reset the internal start-up timer to 256 DMCLK periods (T_{ADC_SETUP}).

The transitions from ADC Shutdown to Standby or Conversion mode start the internal start-up timer that decrements from 256 to 0. The timer only decrements after a small delay of two MCLK periods in case of a transition caused by an SPI command. This small delay is necessary to overcome any possible synchronization issue between the two asynchronous clocks: MCLK and SCK. The timer will immediately decrement (without the synchronization delay) if the transitions are generated by the internal state machine (for example, when the transitions are generated by the Scan sequence). Once the timer reaches 0 (when the user has clocked 256 DMCLK periods), the device reaches its internal proper operating points and will either stay in Standby mode (if $ADC_MODE[1:0] = 10$) or start the Conversion mode (if $ADC_MODE[1:0] = 11$).

The transition from Standby to Conversion mode and vice-versa is immediate once the timer has reached 0 (if $ADC_MODE[1:0] = 11$). If the transition from Standby to Conversion mode occurs and if the timer has not yet reached 0, the timer will continue to decrement to 0 before effectively starting the conversion. The timer cannot decrement faster than 256 DMCLK periods when the ADC transitions from ADC Shutdown mode to Conversion mode (from ADC Shutdown mode, the ADC is allowed 256 DMCLK periods to power-up and settle to its desired operating point before starting conversions). The start-up time has been sized at 256 DMCLK clock periods for the part to be able to settle in all conditions and with all possible clock frequencies as specified.

[Table 5-11](#) summarizes the behavior of the internal start-up timer as a function of the $ADC_MODE[1:0]$ bits setting.

Rewriting $ADC_MODE[1:0]$ bits without changing the bit settings does not modify the internal timer and cannot shorten the start-up delay necessary to start accurate conversions. A synchronization delay of two MCLK periods occurs after each rewrite if $ADC_MODE[1:0] = 1x$.

In Scan mode, when $CONV_MODE[1:0] = 11$ (Continuous mode), the ADC can be placed in ADC Shutdown mode and restarted between each Scan cycle depending on the $TIMER[23:0]$ bits setting (see [Section 5.15.5 “Delay Between Scan Cycles \(TIMER\[23:0\]\)”](#)). If the $TIMER$ register is programmed with a decimal code greater than $T_{ADC_SETUP} = 256$, the internal timer will automatically place the part in ADC Shutdown mode at the end of the cycle and will start to transition to the next cycle 256 DMCLK periods before the end of the $TIMER$ delay.

This lowers the power consumed during the $TIMER$ delay as much as possible. If the value of the $TIMER$ delay is less than 256 DMCLK periods, the part will not enter ADC Shutdown mode and stay in Standby during the $TIMER$ delay (in this case, the power consumed is equivalent to the Conversion mode power consumption).

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In order to catch the start of the conversion in case of complex sequences of transitions, it can be useful to enable the EN_STP bit so that the part will generate a pulse on the IRQ pin to indicate a conversion start.

Figure 5-11 shows different cases of transitions between modes and shows the internal state of the start-up timer for each step.

TABLE 5-11: ADC START-UP TIMER BEHAVIOR AS A FUNCTION OF ADC_MODE[1:0] SETTINGS

ADC_MODE[1:0]	ADC State	ADC Start-up Timer Behavior
11	Conversion	The ADC start-up timer decrements to 0. The conversion starts when it reaches 0.
10	Standby	The ADC start-up timer decrements to 0. The ADC is ready to convert when it reaches 0.
0x	ADC Shutdown	ADC start-up timer is reset to $T_{ADC_SETUP} = 256$.

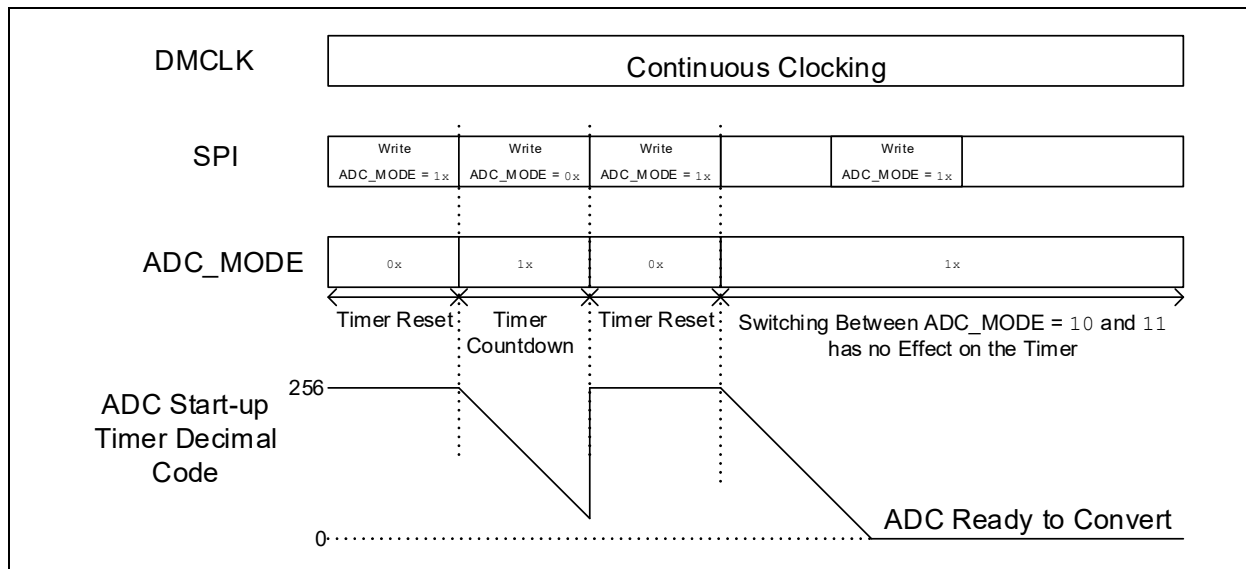


FIGURE 5-11: ADC Start-Up Timer Timing Diagram.

5.12 Main Clock Selection/Internal Oscillator

The device includes three possible clock modes for the main clock generation. The Main Clock (MCLK) is used by the ADC to perform conversions and is also used by the digital portion to generate the different digital timers. The clock mode selection is made through the CLK_SEL[1:0] bits located in the CONFIG0 register. The possible selections are described in Table 5-12.

The main clock is not propagated in the chip when the chip enters the Full Shutdown mode (see Section 5.10 “Low-Power Shutdown Modes”). Any change to the CLK_SEL bits creates a reset and restart for the currently running conversions and a restart of the ADC setup timer. Each reset and restart resets all internal phases to their default values and can lead to a possible temporary duty cycle change at the clock output pin.

TABLE 5-12: CLOCK SELECTION BITS

CLK_SEL[1:0]	Clock Mode	MCLK Pin
00 or 01	External Clock	MCLK digital input

CLK_SEL[1:0]	Clock Mode	MCLK Pin
10	Internal RC Oscillator, no clock output	High-Z
11	Internal RC Oscillator with clock output	AMCLK digital output

5.12.1 EXTERNAL MAIN CLOCK MODE (CLK_SEL[1:0] = 0x)

The External Clock mode is used to input the MCLK clock necessary for the ADC conversions and can accept duty cycles with a large range since the clock is redivided internally to generate the different internal phases.

The external clock can be provided on the MCLK pin for the MCP3460R device.

5.12.2 INTERNAL OSCILLATOR

The MCP3460R includes an internal RC-type oscillator powered by the digital power supply (DV_{DD}/D_{GND}). The frequency of this internal oscillator ranges from 3.3 MHz to 6.6 MHz. The oscillator is not trimmed in

production, therefore the precision of the center frequency is approximately $\pm 30\%$ from chip to chip. The duty cycle of the internal oscillator is centered around 50% and varies very slightly from chip to chip. The internal oscillator has no reset feature and keeps running once selected.

5.12.3 INTERNAL MAIN CLOCK MODES (CLK_SEL[1:0] = 1x)

When CLK_SEL[1] = 1, the internal oscillator is selected and the main clock is generated internally. The internal oscillator has no reset feature and continues to run once selected. The main clock generation is independent of the ADC as the clock can still be generated, even if the ADC is in ADC Shutdown mode. The internal oscillator is only disabled when CLK_SEL[1:0] = 0x. The clock can be distributed to the dedicated output pin depending on the CLK_SEL[0] bit. When the clock output is selected (CLK_SEL[0] = 1), the AMCLK clock derived from the MCLK (AMCLK = MCLK/PRESCALE) is available on the output pin. The AMCLK output can serve as the clock pin to synchronize the modulator output or other MCP3460R devices that are configured with CLK_SEL[1:0] = 00 or 01.

The AMCLK output is available on the MCLK clock output pin as soon as the Write command (CLK_SEL[1:0] = 11) is finished.

5.13 Digital System Offset and Gain Calibrations

The MCP3460R device includes a digital calibration feature for offset and gain errors. The calibration scheme for offset error consists of the addition of a fixed offset value to the ADC output code (ADCDATA at address: 0x0). The offset value added (OFFSETCAL) is determined in the OFFSETCAL register (address: 0x9). The calibration scheme for gain error consists of the multiplication of a fixed gain value to the ADCDATA code. The gain value (GAINCAL) multiplied is determined in the GAINCAL register (address: 0xA).

The digital offset and gain calibration schemes are enabled or disabled via the EN_OFFCAL and EN_GAINCAL control bits of the CONFIG3 register. When both calibration control bits are enabled (EN_OFFCAL = EN_GAINCAL = 1), the ADCDATA register is modified with the digital offset and gain calibration schemes, as described in Equation 5-6. When a calibration enable bit is off, its corresponding register becomes a Don't Care register and the corresponding calibration is not performed.

EQUATION 5-6: ADCDATA OUTPUT AFTER DIGITAL GAIN AND OFFSET ERROR CALIBRATION

$$ADCDATA_{(post-calibration)} = [ADCDATA_{(pre-calibration)} + OFFSETCAL] \times GAINCAL$$

The calculations are performed internally with proper management of overloading, so that the overload detection is done on the output result only and not on the intermediate results. A sufficient number of additional overload bits are maintained and propagated internally to overcome all possible overload and/or overload recovery situations.

For example, if ADCDATA (pre-calibration) + OFFSETCAL is out of bounds, but (ADCDATA (pre-calibration) + OFFSETCAL) \times GAINCAL is still in the right range (possible with $0 < GAINCAL < 1$), the result is not saturated.

5.13.1 DIGITAL OFFSET ERROR CALIBRATION

The Offset Calibration register (OFFSETCAL, address: 0x9) is a signed MSb first, two's complement coding, 24-bit register that holds the digital offset calibration value, OFFSETCAL. The OFFSETCAL equivalent input voltage value is calculated with Equation 5-7.

EQUATION 5-7: OFFSETCAL CALIBRATION VALUE (EQUIVALENT INPUT VOLTAGE)

$$OFFSETCAL (V) = V_{REF} \times (OFFSETCAL[23:8] \text{ signed decimal code}) / (32768 \times GAIN)$$

For the MCP3460R device, the offset calibration is done by adding the OFFSETCAL[23:8] calibration value to the ADCDATA output code, bit by bit. The last byte of the OFFSETCAL register (OFFSETCAL[7:0]) is ignored and internally reset to 0x00 during the calibration; therefore, the addition just takes into account the OFFSETCAL[23:8] bits and is done bit-by-bit with the ADC output code.

The offset calibration value range in equivalent voltage is $[-V_{REF}/GAIN; (+V_{REF} - 1 \text{ LSb})/GAIN]$, which can cancel any possible offset in the ADC but also in the system. The offset calibration is realized with a simple 24-bit signed adder and is instantaneous (no pipeline delay). Enabling the offset calibration affects the next conversion result; the conversion result already held in the ADCDATA register (0x0) is not modified when the EN_OFFCAL is set to '1', but the next one will take the offset calibration into account. Changing the OFFSETCAL register to a new value does not affect the current ADCDATA value, but the next one (after a data ready interrupt) will take the new OFFSETCAL value into account. Figure 5-12 presents the different cases and their impact on the ADCDATA register and the IRQ output.

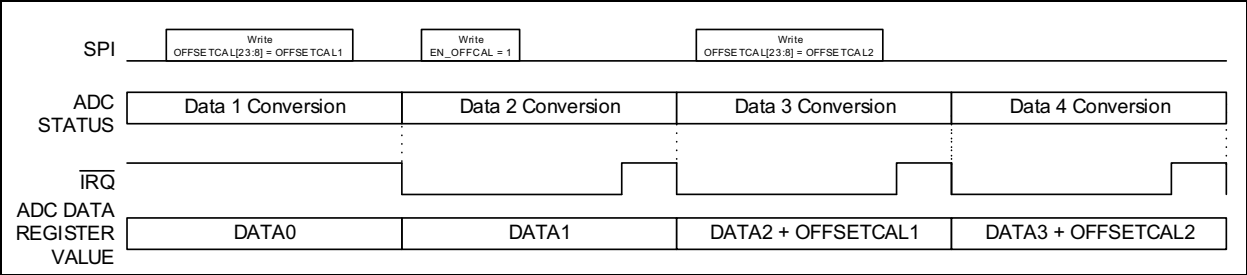


FIGURE 5-12: ADC Output and $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ Behavior with Digital Offset Calibration Enabled.

5.13.2 DIGITAL GAIN ERROR CALIBRATION

The Gain Error Calibration register (GAINCAL, address: 0xA) is an unsigned 24-bit register that holds the digital gain error calibration value, GAINCAL. Equation 5-8 calculates the GAINCAL multiplier.

EQUATION 5-8: GAINCAL CALIBRATION VALUE (MULTIPLIER VALUE)

$$\text{GAINCAL (V/V)} = (\text{GAINCAL}[23:8] \text{ unsigned decimal code})/32768$$

For the MCP3460R device, the gain error calibration is done by multiplying the GAINCAL value to the ADC output code. The last byte of the GAINCAL register (GAINCAL[7:0]) is ignored and internally reset to 0x00 during the calibration; therefore, the multiplication just takes into account the GAINCAL[23:8] bits.

The gain error calibration value range in equivalent voltage is $[0; 2 \cdot 2^{-15}]$, which can cancel any possible gain error in the ADC and in the system. The gain error calibration is made with a simple add-and-shift circuit clocked on DMCLK and induces a pipeline delay of $T_{\text{GCAL}} = 15 \text{ DMCLK}$ periods. This pipeline delay acts as a delay on the data ready interrupt position that is shifted by $T_{\text{GCAL}} = 15 \text{ DMCLK}$ periods.

During this delay, the converter can process the next conversion, the delay does not shift the next conversion and does not change the Conversion Time, T_{CONV} . Enabling the gain error calibration will affect the next conversion result. The conversion result already held in the ADCDATA register (0x0) is not modified when the EN_GAINCAL is set to '1', but the next one will take the offset calibration into account. Changing the GAINCAL register to a new value will not affect the current ADCDATA value, but the next one (after a data ready interrupt) will take the new GAINCAL value into account. Figure 5-13 shows the different cases and their associated effects on the ADCDATA register and the $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ output.

5.14 Conversion Modes

The ADC includes several Conversion modes that can be selected through the CONV_MODE[1:0] bits located in the CONFIG3 register. The ADC behavior,

with respect to these bits, depends on whether the ADC is in MUX or Scan mode. Table 5-13 summarizes the possible configurations.

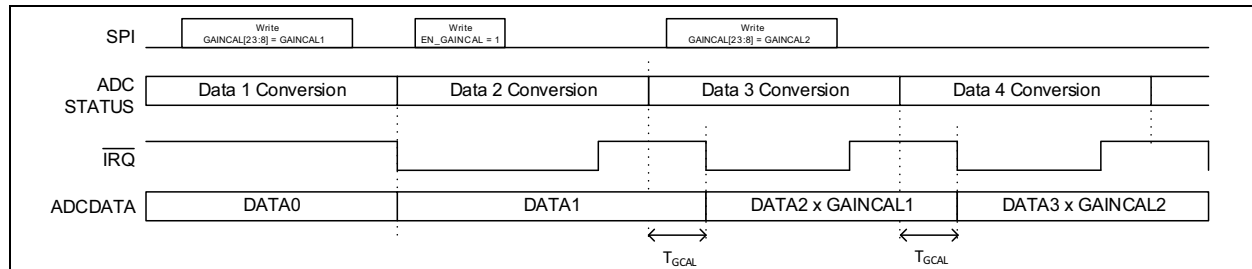


FIGURE 5-13: ADC Output and IRQ Behavior with Digital Gain Error Calibration Enabled.

TABLE 5-13: ADC CONVERSION MODES IN MUX OR SCAN MODES

CONV_MODE[1:0]	ADC Behavior (MUX Mode)	ADC Behavior (Scan Mode)	ADC_MODE[1:0] Bits Setting
0x	Performs a one-shot conversion and automatically returns to ADC Shutdown mode.	Performs one complete Scan cycle and automatically returns to ADC Shutdown mode.	Returns to '0x' after one conversion (MUX mode) or one Scan cycle (Scan mode).
10	Performs a one-shot conversion and automatically returns to Standby mode.	Performs one complete Scan cycle and automatically returns to Standby mode.	Returns to '10' after one conversion (MUX mode) or one Scan cycle (Scan mode).
11	Performs continuous conversions.	Performs continuous Scan cycles with TIMER[23:0] delay between each cycle.	Stays at '11'.

5.14.1 CONVERSION MODES IN MUX MODE

In MUX mode, the user can choose between one-shot and continuous conversions.

A one-shot conversion is a single conversion and takes a certain Conversion Time, T_{CONV} (or $2 \times T_{CONV}$ when $AZ_MUX = 1$, see Section 5.1.2 "ADC Offset Cancellation Algorithm"). Once this conversion is performed, the MCP3460R automatically returns to a Standby or ADC Shutdown state, depending on the CONV_MODE[1:0] bits setting. The Conversion mode determined by the CONV_MODE[1:0] bits setting also affects the state of the ADC_MODE[1:0] as described in Table 5-13.

The conversion can be preceded by a start-up time that depends on the ADC state (see Section 5.11 "ADC Start-up Timer"). In One-Shot mode, the ADC data have to be read completely with the SPI interface for the interrupt to be cleared on the IRQ pin (the IRQ pin cannot be automatically cleared like in the Continuous Conversion mode).

This mode is recommended for low-power and low-bandwidth applications requiring an A/D conversion.

In Continuous Conversion mode, the ADC is never placed in Standby or ADC Shutdown mode and converts continuously without any internal reset. In this

mode, the output data rate of the ADC is defined by DRCLK (see Figure 5-5). The digital decimation filter induces a pipeline or group delay of T_{CONV} for the first data ready and is structured to give a continuous stream of data at the DRCLK rate after these first data (the internal registers of the filter are never reset in this mode, thus the decimation filter acts as a moving average). Each data ready interrupt corresponds to a valid and complete conversion that was processed through the digital filter (the digital filter has no latency in this respect). This mode allows a faster data rate than the One-Shot mode and is recommended for higher-bandwidth applications. The pipeline delay should be carefully determined and adapted to the user needs, especially in closed-loop, low-latency applications. This mode is recommended for applications requiring continuous sampling/averaging of the input signals. If $AZ_MUX = 1$, the Continuous Conversion mode is replaced by a series of subsequent One-Shot mode conversions with a reset in between each conversion. This makes the group delay equal to $2 \times T_{CONV}$ and the data rate equal to $1/(2 \times T_{CONV})$.

Figure 5-14 and Figure 5-15 detail One-Shot and Continuous Conversion modes for MUX mode.

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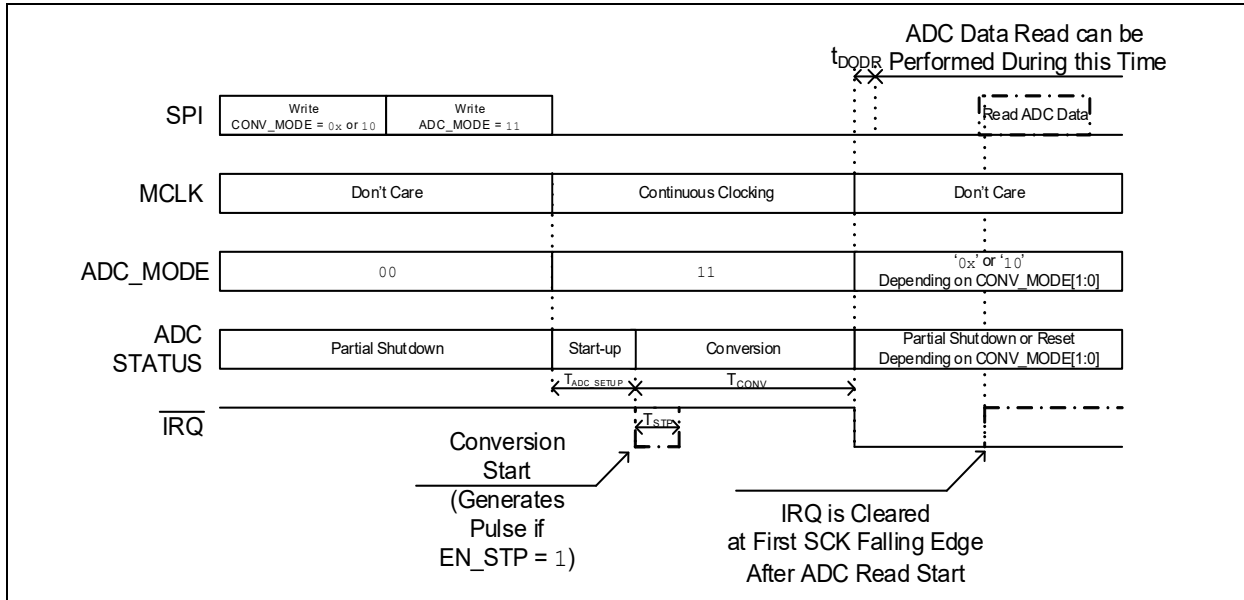


FIGURE 5-14: MUX One-Shot Conversion Mode Timing Diagram.

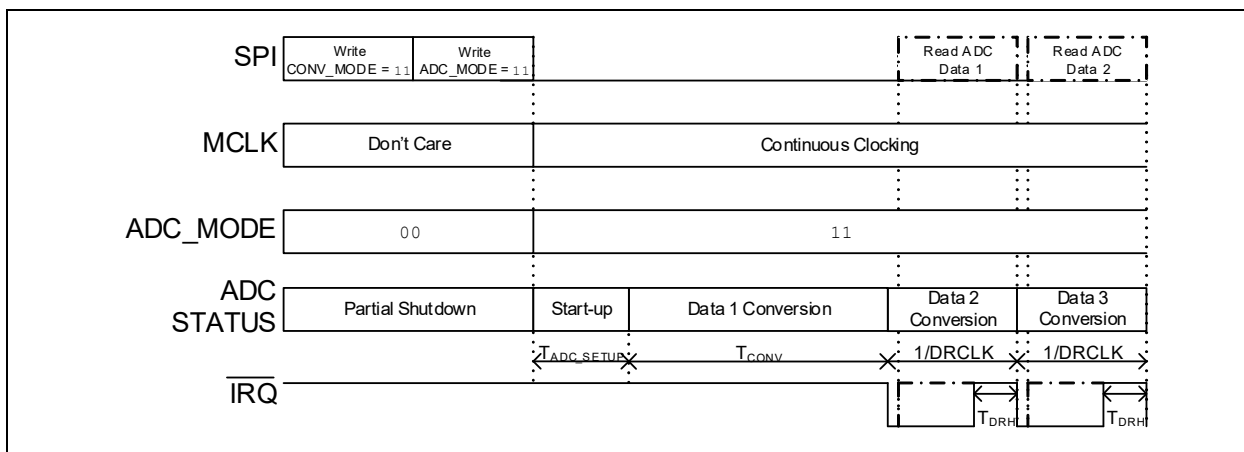


FIGURE 5-15: MUX Continuous Conversion Mode Timing Diagram.

5.14.2 CONVERSION MODES IN SCAN MODE

In Scan mode, the device takes one conversion per channel and multiplexes the input to the next channel in the Scan sequence. Therefore, all conversions are One-Shot mode conversions, no matter how the CONV_MODE[1:0] bits are set. Each conversion takes the same time, T_{CONV} (or $2 \times T_{CONV}$ when $AZ_MUX = 1$, see [Section 5.1.2 “ADC Offset Cancellation Algorithm”](#)), to be performed. If CONV_MODE[1:0] = 00, 01 or 10, the Scan cycle is executed once and then the ADC is placed into Standby or ADC Shutdown mode.

If CONV_MODE[1:0] = 11, the ADC runs in a Scan Cycle mode with a $TIMER[23:0]$ delay between cycles.

Writing the CONV_MODE[1:0] bits with the SPI interface within a conversion does not create an internal reset. It is recommended not to wait for the end of a conversion to change the CONV_MODE[1:0] bits to the desired value, but to change to the desired value just after the data are ready to avoid possible glitches. [Figure 5-16](#) and [Figure 5-17](#) respectively detail the ADC timing behavior in One-Shot and Continuous Conversion modes, when configured for Scan mode, with N channels chosen among 16 Scan possibilities.

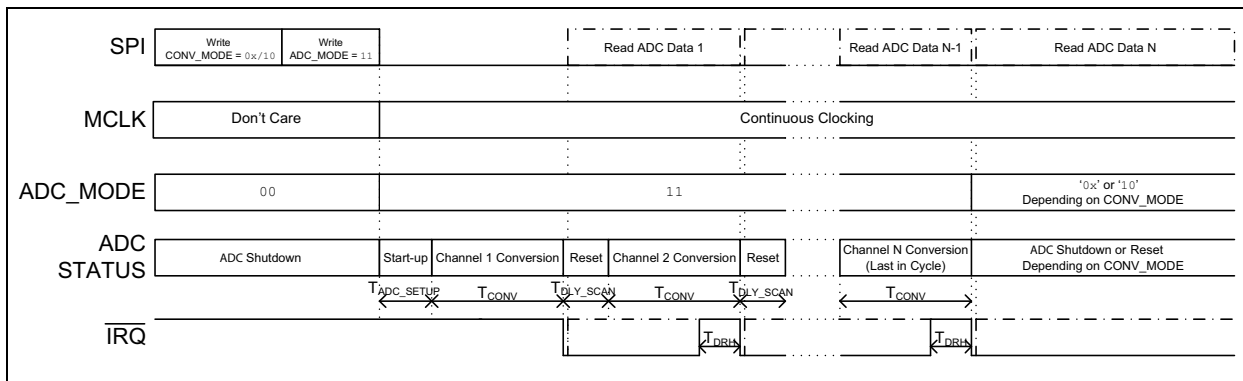


FIGURE 5-16: Scan One-Shot Conversion Mode Timing Diagram.

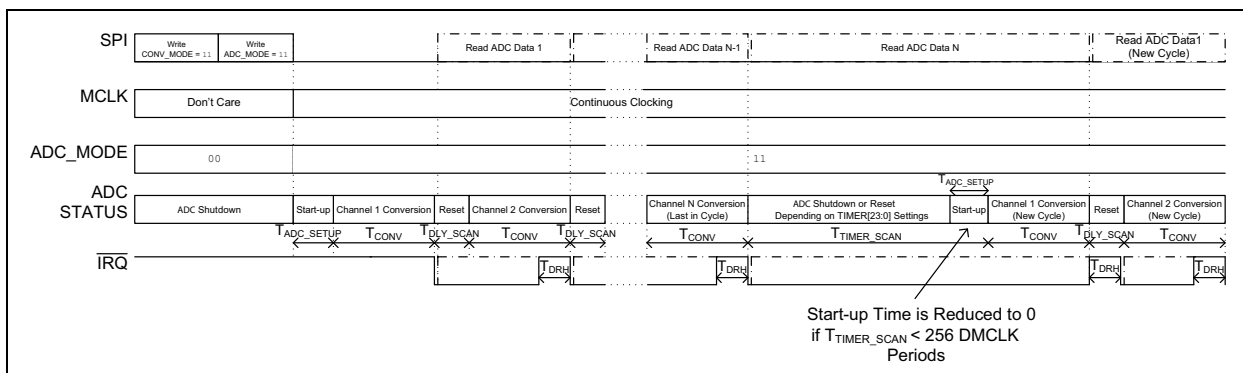


FIGURE 5-17: Scan Continuous Conversion Mode Timing Diagram.

5.15 Scan Mode

5.15.1 SCAN MODE PRINCIPLE

In Scan mode, the device sequentially and automatically converts a list of predefined differential inputs (also referred to as input channels) in a defined order. After this series of conversions, the ADC can be placed in Standby or ADC Shutdown mode, or it can wait a certain time in order to perform the same sequence of conversions periodically.

This mode is useful for applications that require constant monitoring of defined channels or internal resources (like AV_{DD} or VCM) and allow a minimal and simplified communication.

When in Scan mode, the MUX register (address: 0x6) becomes a Don't Care register.

Scan mode includes a configurable delay between each Scan cycle, as well as a configurable delay between each conversion within a Scan cycle.

Each conversion within the Scan cycle leads to a data ready interrupt and to an update of the ADCDATA register as soon as the current conversion is finished. The device does not include additional memory to retain all Scan cycle A/D conversion results. Therefore, each result has to be read when it is available and before it is overwritten by the next conversion result.

5.15.2 SCAN MODE ENABLE AND SCAN CHANNEL SELECTION

The ADC is, by default, in MUX mode at power-up. The ADC enters Scan mode as soon as one of the SCAN[15:0] bits in the SCAN register is set to '1'. MUX mode and Scan mode cannot be enabled at the same time. When SCAN[15:0] = 0x0000, Scan mode is disabled and the part returns to MUX mode, where the input channel selection is defined by the MUX[7:0] bits.

The Scan cycle conversions are effectively started as soon as the ADC_MODE[1:0] bits are programmed through the SPI interface to '11' (direct Write or Fast command, ADC reset and restart). After the ADC_MODE[1:0] bits are set to '11', they keep the same value until the Scan mode is completed or aborted.

Each SCAN[15:0] bit defines a possible input channel for the Scan cycle, which corresponds to a certain selection of the analog multiplexer input channel and possibly a certain predefined gain of the ADC. The Scan cycle processes and converts each channel that has been enabled (SCAN[n] = 1) with a defined order of priority, from MSb to LSb (SCAN[15] to SCAN[0]). The list of channels with their corresponding inputs is defined in [Table 5-14](#).

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When using DATA_FORMAT[1:0] = 11, each channel conversion result in the Scan sequence can be identified with a Channel ID (CH_ID[3:0]) code that will appear in the four MSBs of the ADCDATA register

output value (Section 5.6 “ADC Output Data Format”). The Channel ID indicates the channel that sends the output data. Table 5-14 shows each possible Channel ID value and its associated channel.

TABLE 5-14: ADC CHANNEL SELECTION

SCAN[n] Bit ⁽¹⁾	Channel Name	Channel ID	MUX[7:0] Corresponding Setting	Specific ADC Gain
15	OFFSET	1111	0x88	None
14	V _{CM}	1110	0xF8	1x
13	AV _{DD}	1101	0x98	0.33x
12	TEMP	1100	0xDE	1x
11	Differential Channel D (Reserved - Do Not Use)	—	—	None
10	Differential Channel C (Reserved - Do Not Use)	—	—	None
9	Differential Channel B (Reserved - Do Not Use)	—	—	None
8	Differential Channel A (CH0-CH1)	1000	0x01	None
7	Single-Ended Channel (Reserved - Do Not Use)	—	—	None
6	Single-Ended Channel (Reserved - Do Not Use)	—	—	None
5	Single-Ended Channel (Reserved - Do Not Use)	—	—	None
4	Single-Ended Channel (Reserved - Do Not Use)	—	—	None
3	Single-Ended Channel (Reserved - Do Not Use)	—	—	None
2	Single-Ended Channel (Reserved - Do Not Use)	—	—	None
1	Single-Ended Channel CH1	0001	0x18	None
0	Single-Ended Channel CH0	0000	0x08	None

Note 1: SCAN[11:9] and SCAN[7:2] are not available for MCP3460R. Writing these bits has no effect.

5.15.3 SCAN MODE INTERNAL RESOURCE CHANNELS

5.15.3.1 Analog Supply Voltage Reading (AV_{DD})

During the conversion that reads AV_{DD} in Scan mode, the multiplexer selection becomes 0x98 (AV_{DD} - A_{GND}), which is equal to the analog power supply voltage. Since AV_{DD} is the highest voltage available in the chip, when reading AV_{DD} in Scan mode, the gain of the ADC is automatically set to 1/3x, which maximizes the input full-scale range regardless of the GAIN[2:0] bits setting. This temporary internal configuration does not change the register settings, it only impacts the gain of the device during this conversion.

With this fixed 1/3x gain, the ADC can measure the maximum specified analog supply voltage (AV_{DD} = 3.6V) with a reference voltage as low as 1.2V.

5.15.3.2 Temperature Reading (TEMP)

During the conversion that reads TEMP in Scan mode, the multiplexer selection becomes 0xDE, which enables the two temperature diode sensors at each input of the ADC. During the temperature reading, the ADC gain is automatically set to 1x regardless of the GAIN[2:0] bits setting. This temporary internal configuration does not change the register setting, it only impacts the gain of the device during this conversion.

5.15.3.3 Offset Reading (OFFSET)

During the conversion that reads OFFSET in Scan mode, the differential MUX output is shorted to A_{GND} (internally). The offset reading varies from part to part and over AV_{DD} and temperature. The reading of this offset value can be used for the device offset calibration or tracking of the offset value in applications.

There is no automatic offset calibration in the MCP3460R device, so the user has to manually write the opposite (signed value) of the offset measured into the OFFSETCAL register to effectively cancel the offset on the subsequent outputs.

5.15.3.4 V_{CM} Reading (V_{CM})

During the conversion that reads V_{CM}, the device monitors the internal Common mode voltage of the MCP3460R in order to ensure proper operation.

The V_{CM} voltage of the MCP3460R device should be located at 1.2V ± 2% to ensure proper accuracy. With this setting, the internal multiplexer setting becomes 0xF8 (V_{CM} - A_{GND}). In order to properly measure V_{CM}, the reference voltage must be larger than 1.2V.

During the V_{CM} reading, the gain of the ADC is set to 1x regardless of the GAIN[2:0] bits setting. This temporary internal configuration does not change the register setting, it impacts the gain of the device during this conversion.

The V_{CM} reading is susceptible to the gain and offset errors of the ADC, which should be calibrated to obtain a precise internal Common-mode measurement.

5.15.4 DELAY BETWEEN CONVERSIONS WITHIN A SCAN CYCLE (DLY[2:0])

While the ADC and multiplexer are optimized to switch from one channel to another instantaneously, it may not be the case of an application that requires additional settling time to overcome the transition. The device can insert an additional delay between each conversion of the Scan cycle.

The delay value is controlled by the DLY[2:0] bits located in the SCAN register (SCAN[23:20]). See [Table 5-15](#).

TABLE 5-15: DELAY BETWEEN CONVERSIONS WITHIN A SCAN CYCLE

DLY[2:0]	Delay Value (DMCLK Periods)
111	512
110	256
101	128
100	64
011	32
010	16
001	8
000	0

The delay is only added in between two conversions of the same Scan cycle. There is no delay added at the end or the beginning of each Scan cycle due to the DLY[2:0] bits setting.

During this delay, the ADC is internally kept in Standby mode (ADC_MODE[1:0] = 10 internally, but the ADC_MODE[1:0] bits are always read as '11' through the SPI interface).

The analog multiplexer switches to the next selected input at the end of each conversion (i.e., at the beginning of the added delay, so that the application has additional time to settle properly).

5.15.5 DELAY BETWEEN SCAN CYCLES (TIMER[23:0])

During Continuous mode, Scan cycles are processed continuously, one after another, separated by a time delay (T_{TIMER_SCAN}), which is defined by the TIMER register (address: 0x8) value. During this delay, the ADC is automatically placed into a power-saving mode (Standby or ADC Shutdown). The T_{TIMER_SCAN} delay offers better power efficiency for applications which run a Scan sequence periodically. Since the delay can be very long, it allows synchronous applications with very

slow update rates without having to use an external timer. The TIMER register defines the time, T_{TIMER_SCAN} , between cycles with a 24-bit unsigned value going from 0 to 16777215 DMCLK periods. [Table 5-16](#) details the TIMER values with respect to the TIMER[23:0] code.

TABLE 5-16: TIMER DELAY VALUE BETWEEN SCAN CYCLES

TIMER[23:0]	T_{TIMER_SCAN} Delay Value (DMCLK Periods)
111111111111111111111111	16777215
111111111111111111111110	16777214
100000000000000000000000	8388608
000000000000000000000001	1
000000000000000000000000	0

The internal TIMER counter decrements from the T_{TIMER_SCAN} value to 0 and launches the new Scan cycle.

If the T_{TIMER_SCAN} value is greater than T_{ADC_SETUP} (256 DMCLK periods), the MCP3460R will enter ADC Shutdown mode (ADC_MODE is set to '00' internally) at each end of a Scan cycle. When the internal TIMER counter reaches 256, the MCP3460R starts the ADC during a T_{ADC_SETUP} time to be ready to convert when the internal counter reaches 0.

If the T_{TIMER_SCAN} value is less than T_{ADC_SETUP} , the MCP3460R will be placed in Standby mode between Scan cycles (ADC_MODE is set to '10' internally).

ADC_MODE[1:0] bits in the CONFIG0 register can only be read as '11' by the SPI interface during the entire Scan cycle and between Scan cycles.

5.16 A/D Conversion Automatic Reset and Restart Feature

When the A/D conversions are running, the user can change the device configuration through the SPI interface by writing any register. Some register settings directly impact the conversion results and lead to invalid ADC data if they are changed within a conversion.

The device incorporates an automatic reset and restart feature for the A/D conversions to avoid these invalid data. Some register writes with the SPI interface during a conversion automatically reset and restart the A/D conversion with the new settings.

The automatic reset and restart feature behavior depends on the register bits that are written by the SPI interface.

5.16.1 REGISTER BIT MODIFICATIONS NOT CAUSING RESET/RESTART

The first group of bits do not generate any reset and restart. This group is composed of all the unused bits, all the read-only bits and some digital settings, such as CONV_MODE[1:0], DATA_FORMAT[1:0], CRC_FORMAT, EN_CRCCOM, IRQ_MODE[0], EN_FASTCMD, EN_STP and LOCK[7:0] bits.

5.16.2 REGISTER BIT MODIFICATIONS CAUSING IMMEDIATE RESET/RESTART

The second group of bits generates a reset and a restart. The reset is immediate, the restart is only valid after a period of two MCLK periods (necessary to handle the reset and ensures that the restart is synchronous with the main clock). This group is composed of settings that do not induce an analog operating point change. This group includes: ADC_MODE[1:0], PRE[1:0], OSR[3:0], GAIN[2:0], AZ_MUX, EN_OFFCAL, EN_GAINCAL, IRQ_MODE[1:0], MUX[7:0] and DLY[2:0] bits. The EN_OFFCAL, EN_GAINCAL and IRQ_MODE[1:0] bits generate the reset and restart only if they are changed to a new value. An overwrite of the same value has no effect. In Scan mode, the reset and restart feature just restart the current conversion for this group of bits; the Scan cycle is not modified and not restarted. The MUX[7:0] bits can be changed within Scan mode without generating a reset and a restart since this register is a Don't Care during Scan mode. The DLY[2:0] bits can be changed during the MUX mode without generating a reset and restart since these bits are Don't Care during the MUX mode. The OFFSETCAL[23:0] and GAINCAL[23:0] bits only generate a reset and a restart when written if their corresponding enable bit (EN_OFFCAL, EN_GAINCAL) is enabled.

The ADC_MODE[1:0] bits generate an immediate reset and restart, but only if they are overwritten with '11' (in any other case, the conversions are stopped). Depending on the part being in MUX or Scan mode, the reset and restart feature resets the conversion or the complete Scan cycle.

5.16.3 REGISTER BIT MODIFICATIONS CAUSING DELAYED RESET/RESTART

A third group of bits generate a reset and a restart which induce a new start-up delay (T_{ADC_SETUP}), so that the internal analog operating points can be settled with the new settings before the new conversion is started. The reset is immediate; the start-up timer is only restarted after a period of two MCLK periods (necessary to handle the reset and to ensure that the restart is synchronous with the main clock). Overall, the delay from the reset to the actual restart of the conversion with the new settings is then $2 \text{ MCLK} + T_{ADC_SETUP}$. This group includes: CONFIG0 and the RESERVED registers at addresses:

0xB and 0xC. The CONFIG0 bits induce a start-up timer delay only if they are changed to a new value. If they are overwritten with the same value, they will generate an immediate reset and restart. In Scan mode, the reset and restart feature just restarts the current conversion for this group of bits, the Scan cycle is not modified and not restarted.

This third group of bits induces a start-up timer delay, even when ADC_MODE[1:0] = 10 or if the ADC is in Standby mode.

During the reset and restart sequence, the reset is immediate and resets the internal phases to the original state, which can lead to a discontinuity in the clock output frequency if the AMCLK clock output is enabled. The restart is synchronous with the AMCLK generation and is effective only after two MCLK periods. The restart also generates a conversion start pulse (only after the two MCLK periods or the $2 \text{ MCLK} + T_{ADC_SETUP}$ necessary for the restart) if enabled, for the user to be able to align the system with the exact start of the new conversion.

Depending on the phase between the AMCLK and the SPI commands, the 2-MCLK delay can turn into a 4-MCLK delay to ensure the proper synchronization of the device. If very precise synchronization is required, it is recommended to not change the register configurations (not during conversions) or to use the EN_STP = 1 setting so that the start of the conversions can be clearly determined.

In MUX mode, the TIMER and SCAN registers do not generate a reset and restart when written, except if the SCAN register is modified to effectively enter in Scan mode. In this case, the MUX mode is superseded by the Scan mode immediately.

In Scan mode, a write access of the SCAN register, during or between conversions within the Scan cycle, sets off a reset and restart of the whole Scan sequence. Within the same conditions, a write access on the TIMER register does not trigger a reset and restart of the entire Scan sequence. However, during the T_{TIMER_SCAN} delay between Scan cycles, a write on the SCAN register does not set off a reset and a restart of the entire sequence. Within the same conditions, a write on the TIMER register triggers a reset and a restart of the entire sequence.

6.0 SPI SERIAL INTERFACE AND DEVICE OPERATION

6.1 Overview

The MCP3460R device uses an SPI interface to read and write the internal registers. MCP3460R includes a four-wire (\overline{CS} , SCK, SDI, SDO) serial SPI interface that is compatible with SPI Modes 0,0 and 1,1. Data are clocked out of the device on the falling edge of SCK and are clocked into the device on the rising edge of SCK. In these modes, the SCK clock can idle either high (1,1) or low (0,0). The digital interface is asynchronous with the MCLK clock that controls the ADC sampling and digital filtering. All digital input pins are Schmitt triggered to avoid system noise perturbations on the communications. The SPI interface is maintained in a Reset state during POR.

Each SPI communication starts with a \overline{CS} falling edge and stops with the \overline{CS} rising edge. Each SPI communication is independent. When \overline{CS} is logic high, SDO is in high impedance, the transitions on SCK and SDI have no effect. Changing from SPI Mode 1,1 to an SPI Mode 0,0 and vice versa is possible and must be done while the \overline{CS} pin is logic high. Any \overline{CS} rising edge clears the communication and resets the SPI digital interface. See [Figure 1-1](#) for the SPI timing details.

The MCP3460R digital interface is capable of handling various Continuous Read and Write modes, which allows for ADC data streaming or full register map writing within only one communication (and therefore, with only one unique COMMAND byte). It also includes single byte Fast commands. The device does not include a Host Reset pin, but it includes an SPI Fast command to be able to fully reset the part at any time and place it back in a default configuration.

The device also includes advanced security features to secure communication and alert users of unwanted Write commands that change the desired configuration. To secure the entire configuration, the device includes an 8-bit lock code (LOCK[7:0]), which blocks all Write commands to the full register map if the value of the lock code is not equal to a defined password (0xA5). The user can protect its configuration by changing the LOCK[7:0] value to 0x00 after full programming, so that any unwanted Write command will not result in a change in the configuration. Each SPI read communication can be secured through a selectable CRC-16 checksum provided on the SDO pin at the end of every communication sequence. This checksum computation is compatible with the DMA CRC hardware of the PIC24 and PIC32 MCUs, as well as many other MCU references, resulting in no additional overhead for the added security.

Once the part is locked (write-protected), an additional checksum calculation also runs continuously in the background to ensure the integrity of the full register map. All writable registers of the register map are processed through a CRC-16 calculation engine and give a CRC-16 checksum that depends on the configuration. This checksum is readable from the CRC register and updated when MCLK is running. If there is a change in the checksum, a CRC interrupt generates a flag to warn the user that the configuration has been corrupted.

The MCP3460R device also includes additional digital signal pins, such as a dedicated \overline{IRQ} interrupt output pin and a Main Clock (MCLK) input/output pin, which allow easier synchronization and faster interrupt handling, facilitating the implementation of the device in many different applications.

6.2 SPI Communication Structure

The MCP3460R's interface has a simple communication structure. Every communication starts with a \overline{CS} falling edge and stops with a \overline{CS} rising edge.

The communication is always started by the COMMAND byte (8 bits) clocking on the SDI input. The COMMAND byte defines the command that will be executed by the digital interface. It includes the device address, the register address bits and the command-type bits.

The COMMAND byte is typically followed by data bytes clocked on SDI if the command type is a write and on SDO if the command type is a read. The COMMAND byte can also define a Fast command, and in this case, it is not followed by any other byte. The following subsections detail the COMMAND byte structure and all possible commands.

During the COMMAND byte clocking on SDI, a STATUS byte is also propagated on the SDO output to enable easy polling of the device status. During this time, the interface is full-duplex, but the part can still be used by MCUs handling only half-duplex communications if the STATUS byte is ignored.

6.2.1 COMMAND BYTE STRUCTURE

The COMMAND byte fully defines the command that will be executed by the part. This byte is divided into three parts: the device address bits (CMD[7:6]), the command address bits (CMD[5:2]) and the command-type bits (CMD[1:0]). See [Table 6-1](#).

TABLE 6-1: COMMAND BYTE

CMD[7]	CMD[6]	CMD[5]	CMD[4]	CMD[3]	CMD[2]	CMD[1]	CMD[0]
Device Address Bits		Register Address/Fast Command Bits				Command Type Bits	

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6.2.2 DEVICE ADDRESS BITS (CMD[7:6])

The SPI interface of the MCP3460R device is addressable, which means that multiple devices can communicate on the same SPI bus with only one Chip Select line for all devices. Each device communication starts by a \overline{CS} falling edge, followed by the clocking of the device address (CMD[7:6]). Each device contains an internal device address which the device can respond to.

This address is coded on two bits, so four possible addresses are available. Device address is hard-coded within the device and should be determined when ordering the device. The device address is part of the device markings to avoid potential confusion (see [Section 9.1 “Package Marking Information\(1\)”](#)).

When the CMD[7:6] bits match the device address, the communication will proceed and the part will execute the commands defined in the control byte and its subsequent data bytes.

When the CMD[7:6] bits do not correspond to the address hard-coded in the device, the command is ignored. In this case, the SDO output will become high-impedance, which prevents bus contention errors when multiple devices are connected on the same SPI bus (see [Figure 6-2](#)). The user has to exit from this communication through a \overline{CS} rising edge to be able to launch another command.

6.2.3 COMMAND ADDRESS BITS (CMD[5:2])

The COMMAND byte contains four address bits (CMD[5:2]) that can serve two purposes. In case of a register write or read access, they define at which register address the first read/write is performed. In case of a Fast command, they determine which Fast command is executed by the device.

In case of a Write command on a read-only register, the command is not executed and the communication should be aborted (\overline{CS} rising edge) to place another command. All registers can be read; there is no undefined address in the register map.

6.2.4 COMMAND-TYPE BITS (CMD[1:0])

The last two bits of the COMMAND register byte define the command type. These bits are an extension of the typical read/write bits present in most SPI communication protocols. The two bits define four possible command types: Incremental Write, Incremental Read, Static Read and Fast command. Changing the command type within the same communication (while \overline{CS} is logic low) is not possible. The communication has to be stopped (\overline{CS} rising edge) and restarted (\overline{CS} falling edge) to change its command type. The list of possible commands, their type and their possible command addresses are described in [Table 6-2](#).

TABLE 6-2: COMMAND TYPES TABLE

CMD[5:2]	CMD[1:0]	Command Description
0xxx	00	Don't care
100x	00	Don't care
1010	00	ADC Conversion Start/Restart Fast Command (overwrites ADC_MODE[1:0] = 11)
1011	00	ADC Standby Mode Fast Command (overwrites ADC_MODE[1:0] = 10)
1100	00	ADC Shutdown Mode Fast Command (overwrites ADC_MODE[1:0] = 00)
1101	00	Full Shutdown Mode Fast Command (overwrites CONFIG0[7:0] = 0x00 and places the part in Full Shutdown mode)
1110	00	Device Full Reset Fast Command (resets the entire register map to default value)
1111	00	Don't care
ADDR	01	Static Read of Register Address, ADDR
ADDR	10	Incremental Write Starting at Register Address, ADDR
ADDR	11	Incremental Read Starting at Register Address, ADDR

6.2.5 FAST COMMANDS DESCRIPTION

There are five possible Fast commands available for the MCP3460R device. For each command, only the COMMAND byte has to be provided on the SPI port and the command is executed right after the COMMAND byte has been clocked. The Fast command codes are detailed in [Table 6-2](#). All undefined command address codes for Fast commands will be ignored and will have no effect. SDO will stay in high-impedance after the COMMAND byte for a Fast command until a \overline{CS} rising edge is provided. The Fast

commands can be enabled or disabled by placing the EN_FASTCMD bit in the IRQ register to '1' (default). Disabling Fast commands can increase the security of the device because it can avoid the execution of unwanted Fast commands, which can be useful in harsh environments.

The ADC Start/Restart command (command address: '1010') overwrites the ADC_MODE[1:0] bits to '11', creating a conversion start (or a restart if the conversion was already running).

The ADC Standby mode command (command address: '1011') overwrites the ADC_MODE[1:0] bits to '10' and places the ADC in Standby mode.

The ADC Shutdown mode command (command address: '1100') overwrites the ADC_MODE[1:0] bits to '00' and places the ADC in ADC Shutdown mode.

The Full Shutdown mode command (command address: '1101') overwrites the CONFIG0 register to 0x00 and places the device in Full Shutdown mode (see [Section 5.10 "Low-Power Shutdown Modes"](#) for a full description of this mode).

The Full Reset command (command address: '1110') resets the device and places the entire register map into its default state condition, including the non-writable registers. The only difference with a POR event is that the POR_STATUS bit in the IRQ register is set to '1' after a Full Reset and is reset to '0' after a POR event. The user can only clear the ADC Data Output register to its default value by using the Full Reset command.

6.2.6 DEVICE ADDRESS AND STATUS BYTE DURING CONTROL BYTE

During the COMMAND byte clocking on the SDI pin, the SDO pin displays a STATUS byte to help the user retrieve quick interrupt status information.

The STATUS byte allows fast polling of the different interrupts without having to read the IRQ register. However, it requires an MCU that can communicate in Full-Duplex mode (SDI and SDO are clocked at the same time). For MCUs that are only half-duplex, and for devices that do not incorporate a separate IRQ pin, or for applications that do not connect the existing IRQ pin, the polling of the IRQ status can still be done by reading the IRQ register continuously.

The STATUS byte structure is described in [Figure 6-1](#).

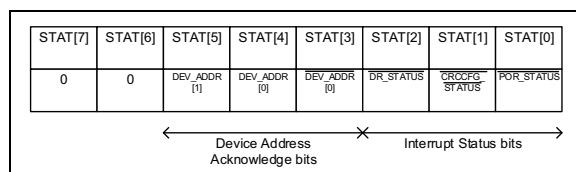


FIGURE 6-1: STATUS Byte.

The first two bits are always equal to '0' and SDO toggles to '0' as soon as a \overline{CS} pin falling edge is performed. This allows having an application with multiple devices, with different device addresses, sharing one common SPI bus and avoiding bus contention during STATUS byte clocking.

The next three bits of the STATUS byte give a confirmation (Acknowledge) of the hard-coded device address. If the device address of the COMMAND byte and the internal device address of the chip match, these three bits will be transmitted and they are equal to:

- STAT[5:4] = DEV_ADDR[1:0]

- STAT[3] = $\overline{DEV_ADDR}[0]$

The STAT[3] bit allows the user to distinguish the SDO output from a High-Impedance state (device address not matched), as the bits STAT[4] and STAT[3] are complementary and will induce a deterministic toggle on the SDO output.

If the two device address bits are not matched with the internally hard-coded device address bits, SDO is maintained in a High-Impedance state during the rest of the communication and the command is ignored. This behavior avoids potential bus contention errors if multiple devices with different device addresses share the same SPI bus. After the transmission of the first two bits, only one device responds to the command (all other devices with non-matching device addresses keep the SDO in high-impedance). In this case, the user needs to abort the communication (\overline{CS} rising edge) in order to perform another command.

The three LSbs of the STATUS byte are the three Interrupt Status bits:

- STAT[2] = $\overline{DR_STATUS}$ (ADC data ready interrupt status)
- STAT[1] = $\overline{CRC_CFG_STATUS}$ (CRC checksum error on the register map interrupt status)
- STAT[0] = $\overline{POR_STATUS}$ (POR interrupt status)

These three Interrupt Status bits are independent of the two other interrupt mechanisms (IRQ pin and IRQ register) and are cleared each time the STATUS byte is fully clocked. This enables the polling on the STATUS byte as a possible interrupt management solution without requiring to connect the \overline{IRQ} pin in the system. All Status bit values are latched together just after the device address has been correctly recognized by the chip. Any interrupt happening after the two first Status bits have been clocked out will appear in the STATUS byte of the subsequent communication sequence.

[Figure 6-2](#) represents the beginning of each communication with both COMMAND and STATUS bytes depicted. After the STATUS byte is propagated, the SDO pin will be placed in high-impedance for Fast commands or Write commands and will transfer data bytes for Read commands as long as the \overline{CS} pin stays logic low.

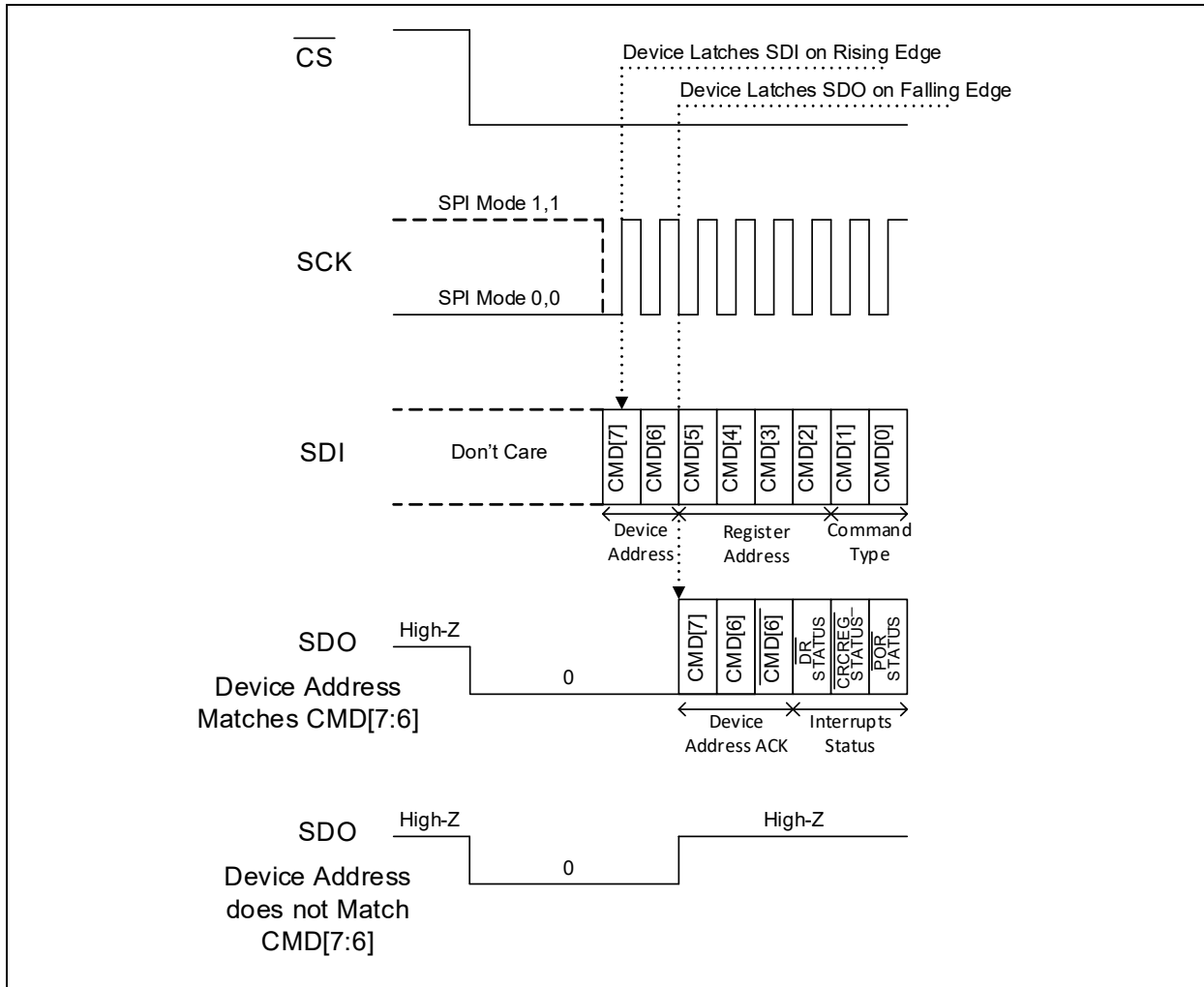


FIGURE 6-2: SPI Communication Start (COMMAND Byte on SDI and STATUS Byte on SDO) when the Device Address Matches/Does Not Match CMD[7:6].

6.3 Writing to the Device

When the command type is Incremental Write (CMD[1:0] = 10), the device enters Write mode and starts writing the first data byte to the address given in the CMD[5:2] bits.

After the STATUS byte has been transferred, SDO stays in a High-Impedance state during an Incremental Write communication. Writing to a read-only address (such as addresses: 0x0 or 0xF) has no effect and does not increment the Address Pointer. The user must stop the communication and restart a communication with a COMMAND byte pointing to a writable address (0x1 to 0xD).

Each register is effectively written after receiving the last bit for the register (SCK last rising edge). Any \overline{CS} rising edge during a write communication aborts the current writing. In this case, the register being written will not be updated and will keep its old value.

The registers may need 8, 16 or 24 bits to be effectively written, depending on their address (see Table 8-1). After each register is written, the Address Pointer is automatically incremented as long as \overline{CS} stays logic low. When the Address Pointer reaches 0xD, the next register to be written is the 0x1 register (see Figure 6-3 for a graphical representation of the address looping).

Internal registers located at addresses 0xB, 0xC and 0xE, should be kept to their default state at all times for proper operation. These are reserved registers and should not be modified.

The Incremental Write feature can be used in order to fully configure the part using a unique communication which can save time in the application. This unique communication can end at address 0xD so that the user can also lock the configuration when written, providing additional security in the application (see Section 6.6 “Locking/Unlocking Register Map Write Access”).

Figure 6-4 shows an example of a write communication in detail with a single register write. Figure 6-5 shows an example of an Incremental Write communication.

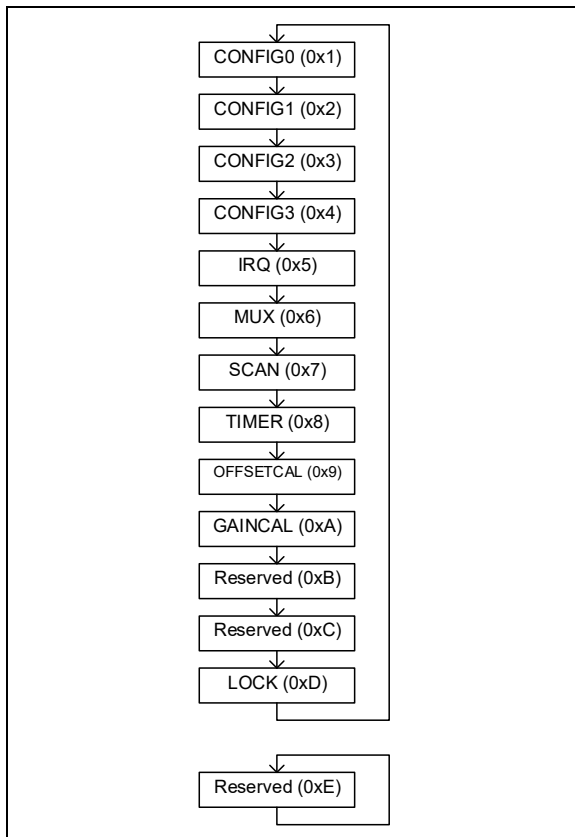


FIGURE 6-3: Incremental Write Loop.

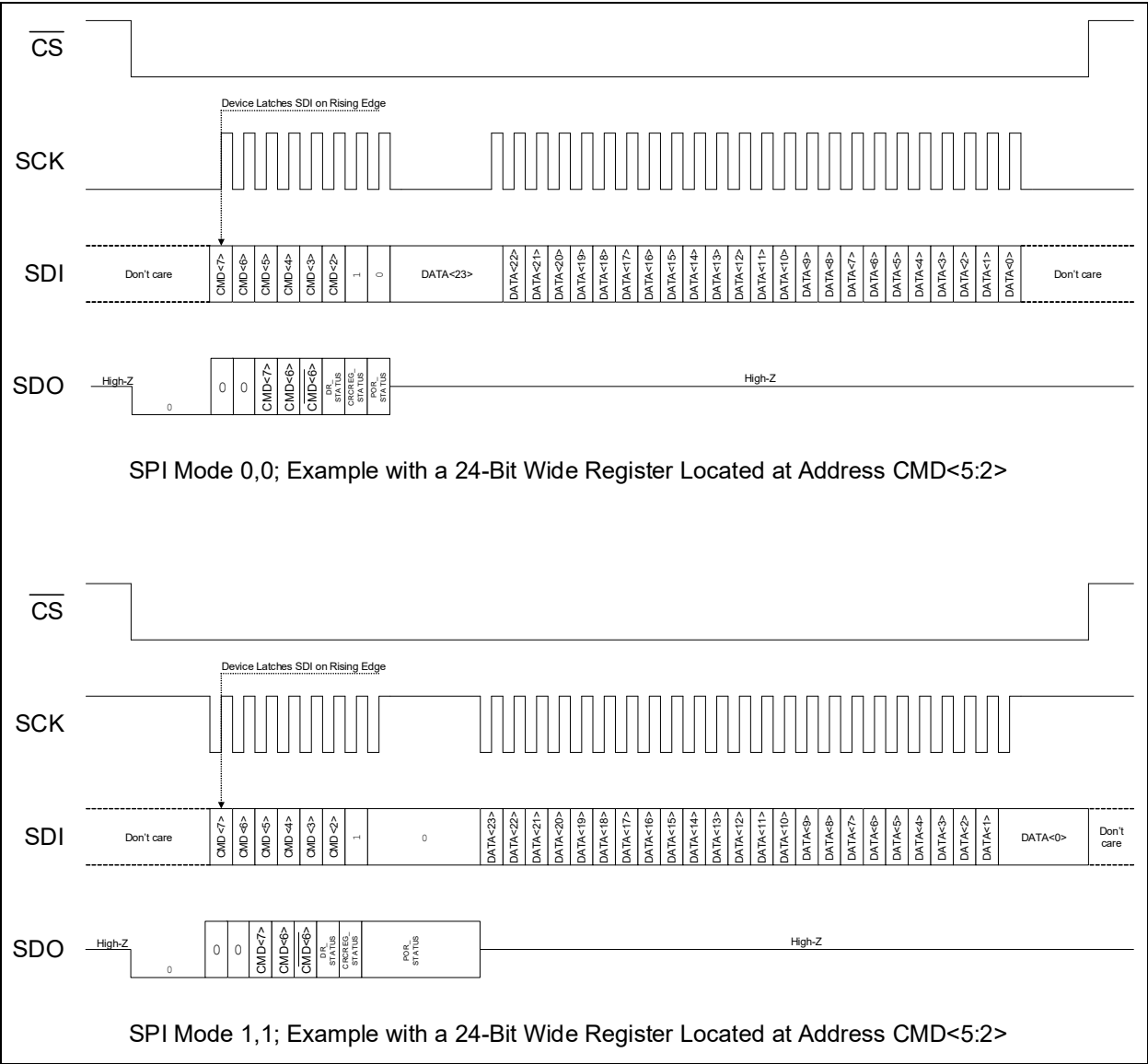


FIGURE 6-4: Single Register Write Communication (CMD[1:0] = 10) Timing Diagram.

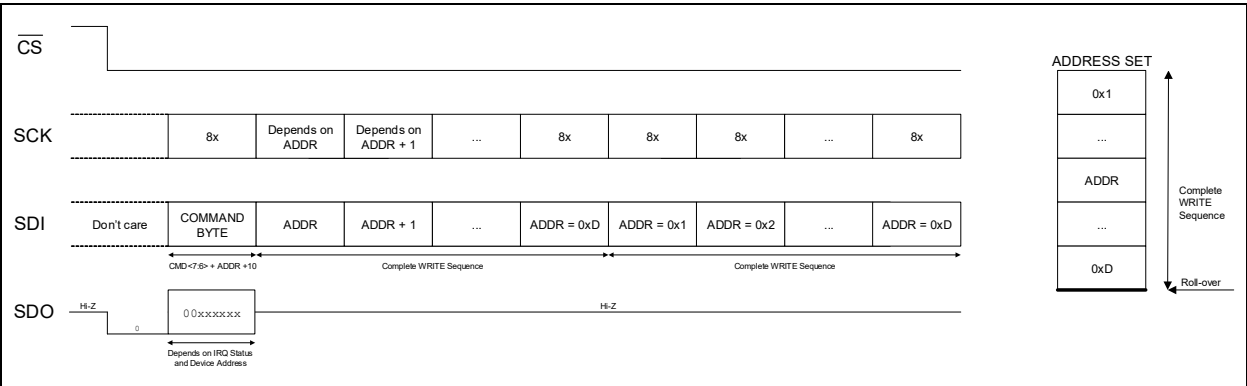


FIGURE 6-5: Multiple Register Write Within One Communication Using Incremental Write Feature.

6.4 Reading from the Device

When the Command bit, CMD[0], is equal to '1', the command is a read communication. After the STATUS byte has been transferred, the first register to be read on the SDO pin is the one with the address defined by the Command Address bits (CMD[5:2]).

Any $\overline{\text{CS}}$ rising edge during a read communication aborts the current reading.

The registers may need 4, 8, 16, 24 or 32 bits to be fully read depending on their address (see [Table 8-1](#)).

If the CMD[1:0] bits are equal to '11', the command type is Incremental Read. In this case, after each register is read, the Address Pointer is automatically incremented as long as $\overline{\text{CS}}$ stays logic low. The following data bytes are read from the next address sequentially defined in the register map. When the Address Pointer reaches 0xF (last register in the register map for reading), the next register to read is register 0x0 (see [Figure 6-6](#) for a graphical representation of the address looping).

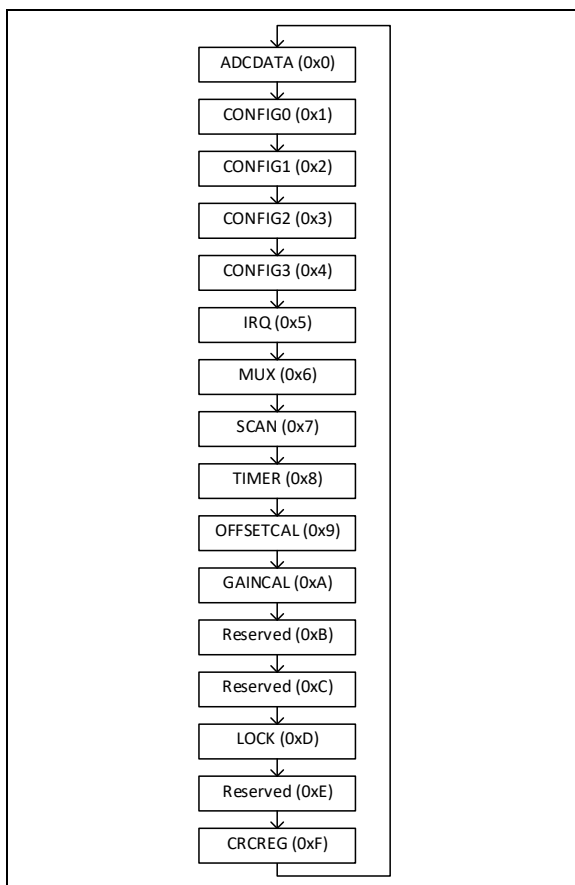


FIGURE 6-6: Incremental Read Loop.

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If the CMD[1:0] bits are equal to '01', the command type is Static Read. In this case, the register address defined in the COMMAND byte is read continuously. The Address Pointer is automatically incremented. Continuously clocking SCK while CS stays logic low will continuously read the same register. Reading another register is only possible by aborting the current communication sequence by raising CS and issuing another command.

In both Static and Incremental modes, the registers

are updated after each register read is fully performed. If the value of the register changes internally during the read, it will only be updated after the end of the read. The value of each register is latched in the SDO Output Shift register at the first rising edge of SCK of each individual register reading. Figure 6-7 shows the bit by bit details of a single register Read communication. Figure 6-8 shows the examples of Static and Incremental Read communications.

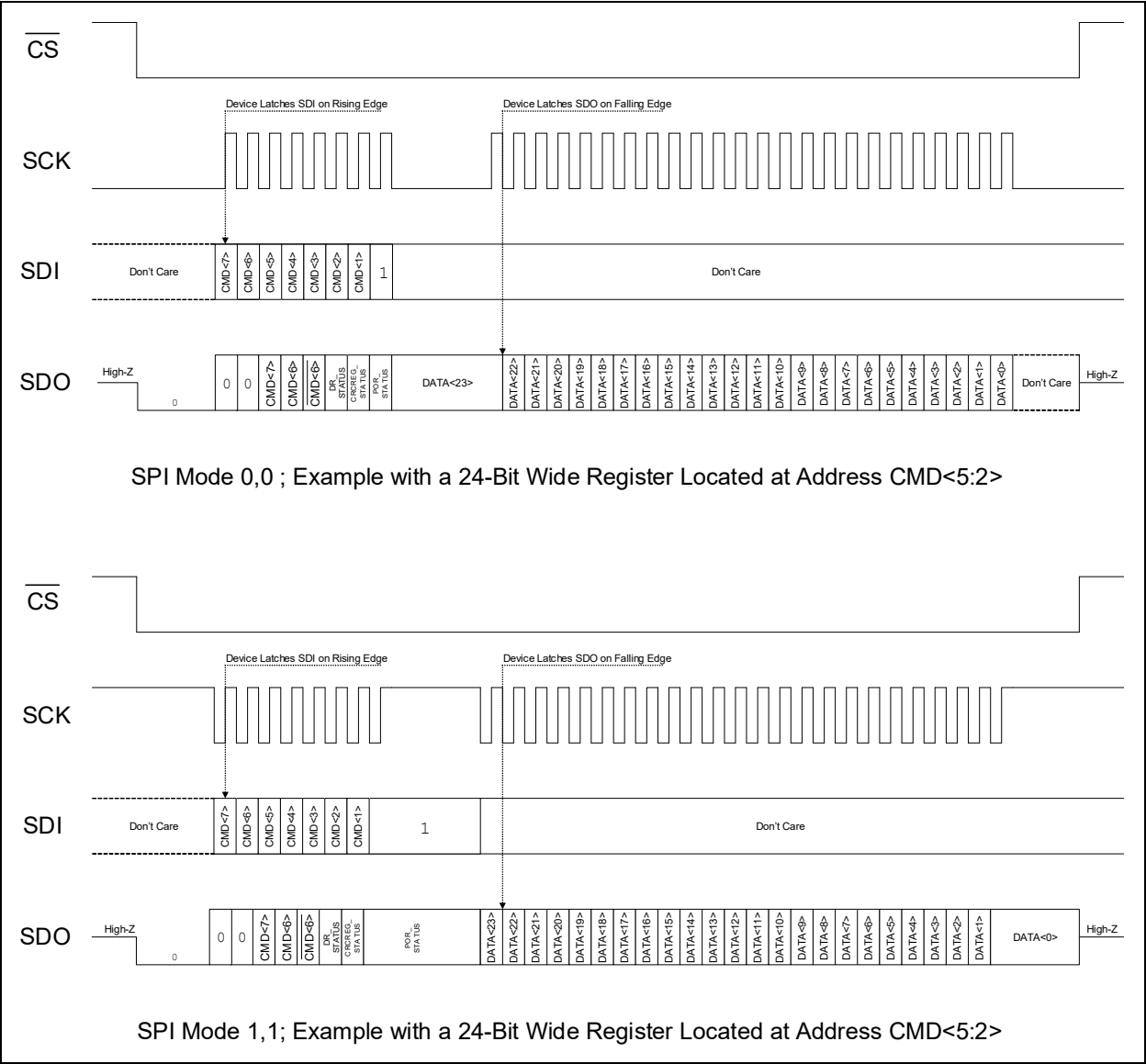


FIGURE 6-7: Single Read SPI Communication (Static or Incremental Read).

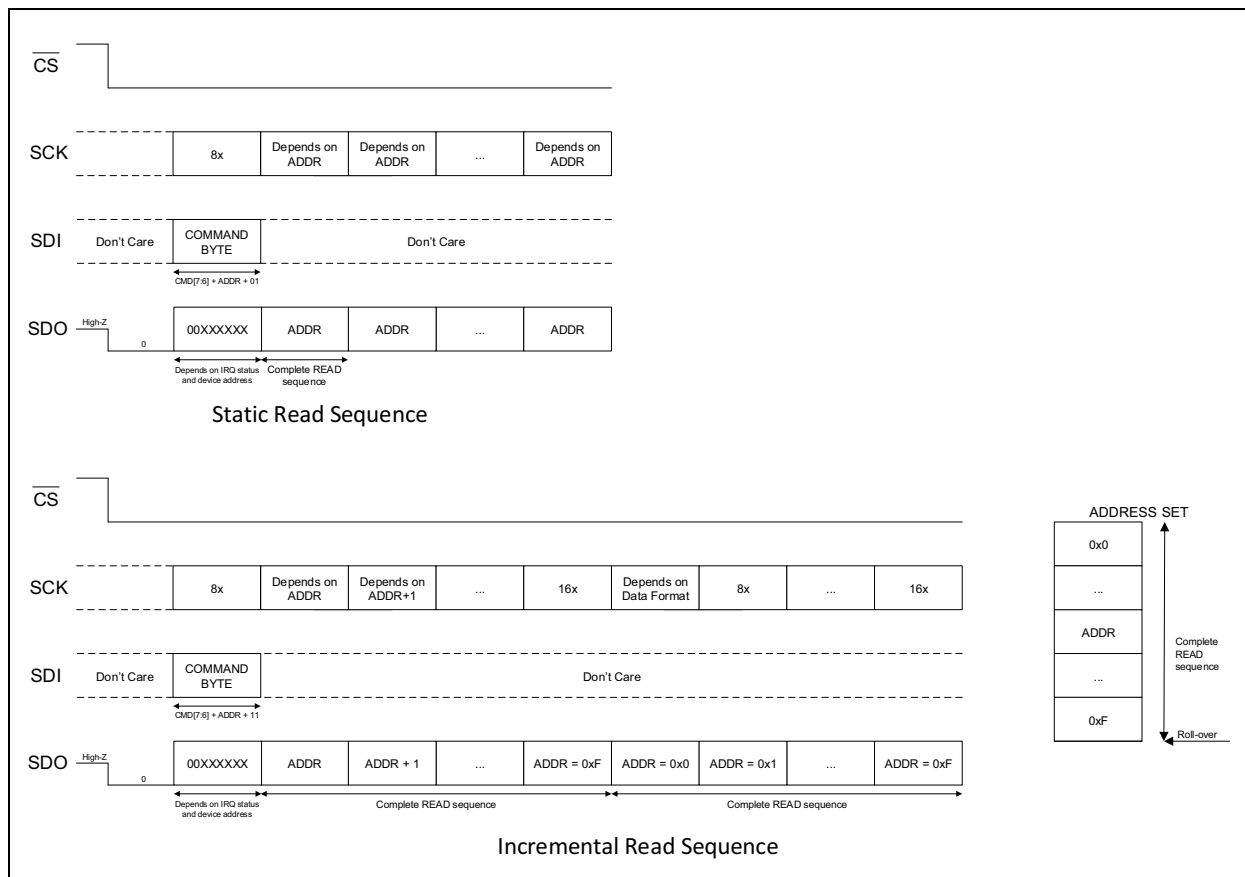


FIGURE 6-8: Static and Incremental Read SPI Communications.

If the COMMAND byte defines a Static Read of the ADCDATA register (address: 0x0), the ADC data will be present on SDO and will be updated continuously at each read. In this case, when a data ready interrupt occurs within a read, the data are not corrupted and will be updated to a new value after the old value has been completely read.

The ADC register contains a double buffer that prevents data from being corrupted while reading it. The part is able to stream output data continuously with no additional command if the communication is not stopped with a \overline{CS} rising edge. Figure 6-9 represents the continuous streaming of incoming ADCDATA through the SPI port with both SPI Modes 0,0 and 1,1.

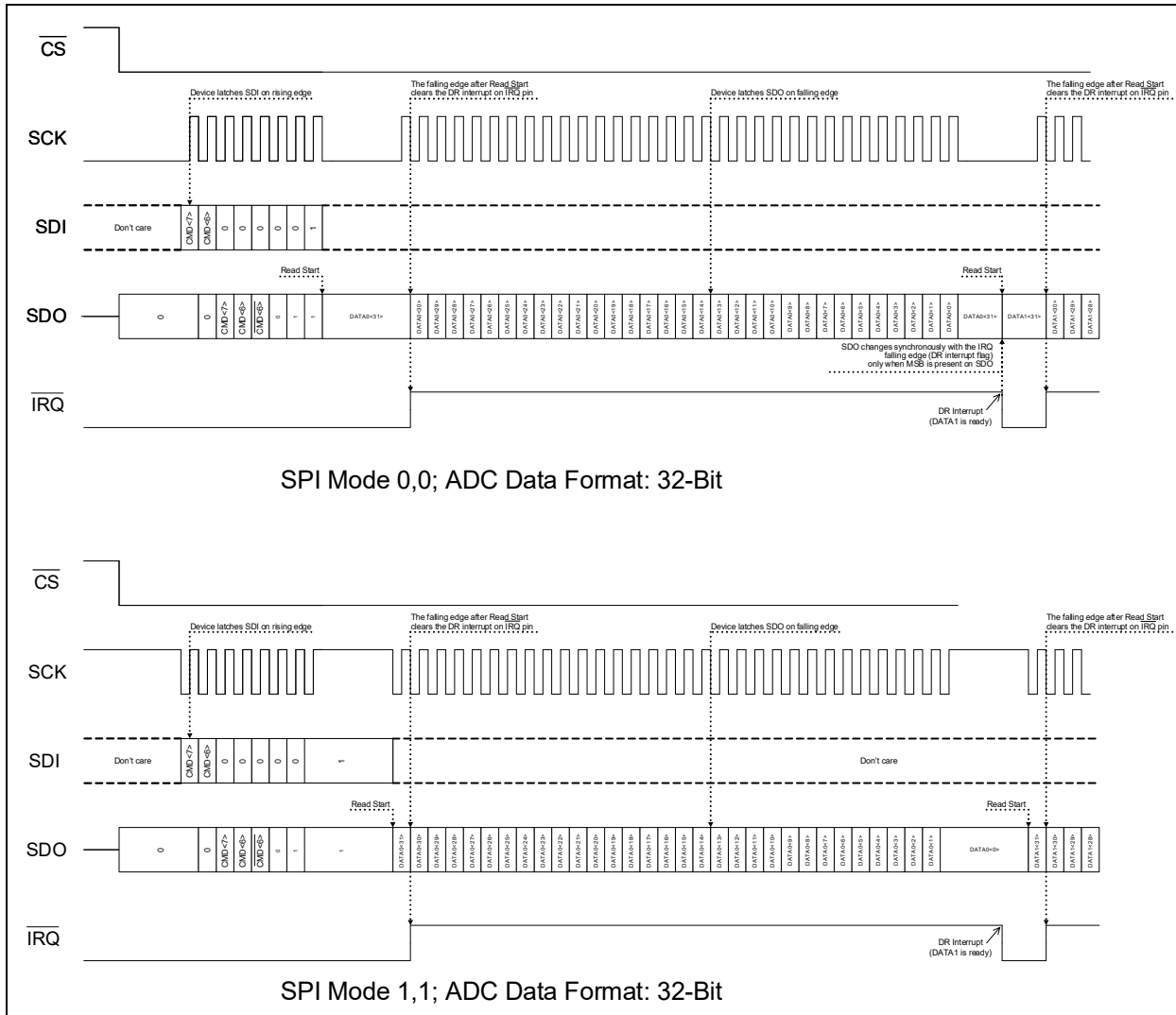


FIGURE 6-9: Continuous ADC Read (Data Streaming) with SPI Mode 0,0 and 1,1.

For continuous reading of ADCDATA in SPI Mode 0,0, once the data have been completely read after a data ready interrupt, the SDO pin takes the MSb value of the previous data at the end of the reading (falling edge of the last SCK clock). If SCK stays Idle at logic low (by definition of Mode 0,0), the SDO pin will be updated at the falling edge of the next data ready pulse (synchronously with the IRQ pin falling edge with an output timing of t_{DODR}) with the new MSb of the data corresponding to the data ready pulse. This mechanism allows the device to continuously read ADC data outputs seamlessly, even in SPI Mode (0,0).

In SPI Mode (1,1), the SDO pin stays in the last state (LSb of previous data) after a complete reading, which also allows seamless Continuous Read mode.

The ADC output data can only be properly read after a t_{DODR} time, after the data ready interrupt comes on the IRQ pin. The t_{DODR} timing is shorter than the time necessary to input a command on the SDI pin, which ensures proper reading when a new Read command is

triggered by the data ready interrupt. In case of continuous reading (with CS pin kept logic low), the t_{DODR} timing must be carefully handled by the MCU, but in general, the interrupt service time is much longer than the t_{DODR} timing. Retrieving a data-ready interrupt by reading the STATUS byte or reading the IRQ register automatically ensures that the t_{DODR} timing is respected.

6.5 Securing Read Communications through CRC-16 Checksum

Since some applications can generate or receive large EMI/EMC interferences and large transient spikes, it is helpful to secure SPI communications as much as possible, to maintain data integrity and desired configurations during the application's lifetime.

The communication data on the SDO pin can be secured through the insertion of a Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) checksum at the end of each read

sequence. The CRC checksum on communications can be enabled or disabled through the EN_CRCCOM bit in the CONFIG3 register. The CRC message ensures the integrity of the read sequence bits transmitted on the SDO pin.

The CRC checksum in the MCP3460R device uses the 16-bit CRC-16 ANSI polynomial as defined in the IEEE 802.3 Standard: $x^{16} + x^{15} + x^2 + 1$.

This polynomial can also be noted as 0x8005. CRC-16 detects all single and double-bit errors, all errors with an odd number of bits, all burst errors of 16 bits in length or less and most errors for longer bursts. This allows an excellent coverage of the SPI communication errors that can occur in the system and heavily reduces the risk of a miscommunication, even under noisy environments.

When enabled, the CRC checksum (CRCCOM[15:0]) is propagated on SDO after each read communication sequence.

In case of a Static Read command, the checksum is propagated after each register read. In case of an Incremental Read command, the checksum is propagated after the last register read in the register map (address: 0xF). Figure 6-11 and Figure 6-12 show typical read communications in Static Read and Incremental Read modes, respectively, when the EN_CRCCOM bit is enabled. Since the STATUS byte is propagated on SDO, it is part of the first message, and therefore, it is included in the calculation of the first

checksum. For subsequent checksum calculations, the message only contains the registers that are effectively read in between two checksums.

The CRC-16 format displayed on the SDO pin depends on the CRC_FORMAT bit in the CONFIG3 register (see Figure 6-10). It can have a 16-bit or 32-bit format to be compatible with both 16-bit and 32-bit MCUs. The CRCCOM[15:0] bits calculated by the device do not depend on the format (the device always calculates a 16-bit only CRC checksum).

CRC_FORMAT = 0: 16-Bit (Default)	CRCCOM[15:0]
CRC_FORMAT = 1: 32-Bit	CRCCOM[15:0] 0x0000

FIGURE 6-10: CRC Format Table for Read Communications.

The CRC calculation computed by the device is fully compatible with the CRC hardware contained in the Direct Memory Access (DMA) of the PIC24 and PIC32 MCU product lines. The CRC message that should be considered in the PIC® device DMA is the concatenation of the read sequence and its associated checksum. When the DMA CRC hardware computes this extended message, the resulted checksum should be 0x0000. Any other result indicates that a miscommunication has occurred and that the current communication sequence should be stopped and restarted.

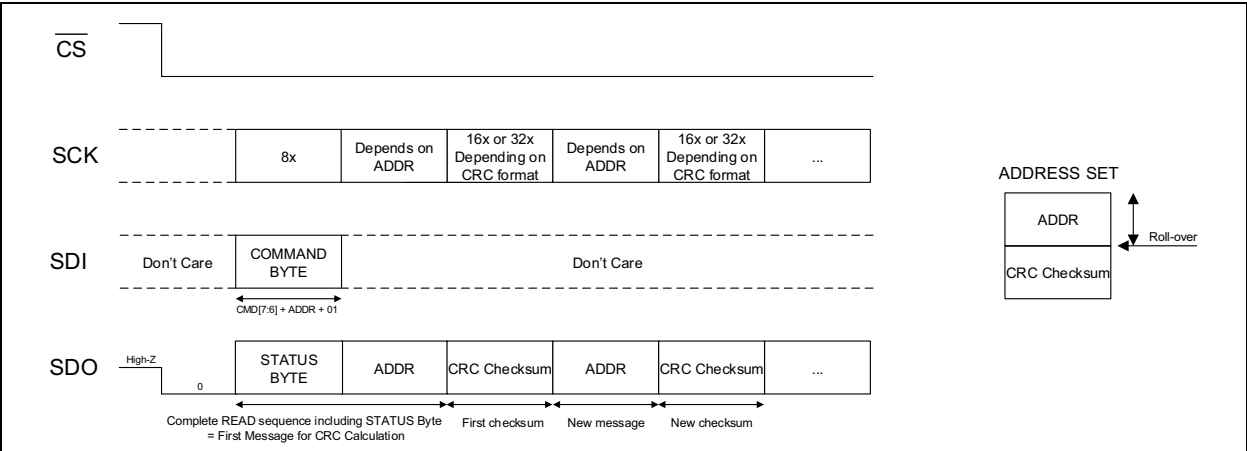


FIGURE 6-11: SPI Static Read with Communication CRC Enabled.

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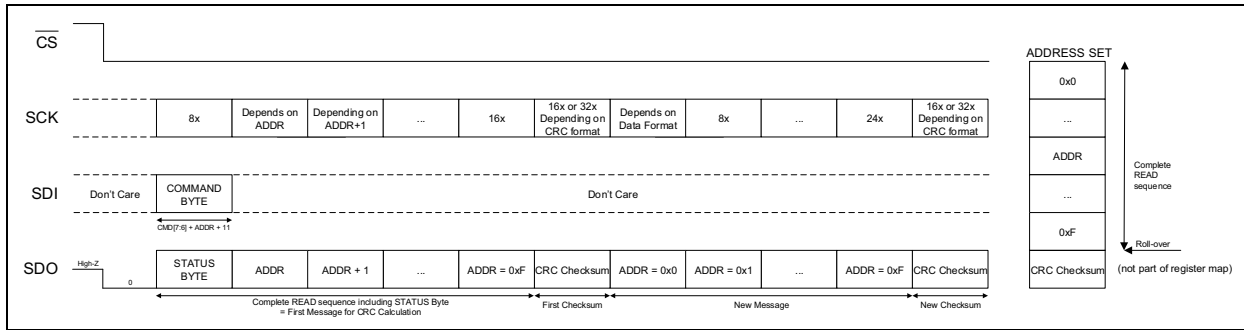


FIGURE 6-12: SPI Incremental Read with Communication CRC Enabled.

6.6 Locking/Unlocking Register Map Write Access

The MCP3460R digital interface includes an advanced security feature that allows locking or unlocking the register map write access. This feature prevents the miscommunication that can corrupt the desired configuration of the device, especially an SPI read becoming an SPI write because of the noisy environment.

The last register address of the incremental write loop (0xD: LOCK) contains the LOCK[7:0] bits. If these bits are equal to the password value (0xA5), the register map write access is not locked. Any write can take place and the communications are not protected. The MCP3460R device, by default after POR, is in an unlocked state (LOCK[7:0] = 0xA5).

When the LOCK[7:0] bits are not equal to 0xA5, the register map write access is locked. The register map, and therefore, the full device configuration is write-protected. Any write to an address other than 0xD will yield no result. All the register addresses, except the address 0xD, become read-only. In this case, if the user wants to change the configuration, the LOCK[7:0] bits have to be reprogrammed back to 0xA5 before sending the desired Write command.

The LOCK[7:0] bits are located in the last register of the Incremental Write address loop, so the user can program the entire register map, starting from 0x1 to 0xD, within one continuous write sequence and then lock the configuration at the end of the sequence by writing all zeros (for example) in the 0xD address.

6.7 Register Map Configuration CRC-16 Checksum

To prevent internal corruption and to provide additional security on the register map configuration, the MCP3460R device includes an automatic and continuous CRC checksum calculation on the full register map Configuration bits. This calculation is not the same as the communication CRC checksum described in [Section 6.5 “Securing Read Communications through CRC-16 Checksum”](#).

This calculation takes the contents of the register map, from addresses 0x1 to 0xF, and produces a checksum which is held in the CRCCFG[15:0] bits located in the CRCCFG register (address: 0xF). The CRC checksum for the register map uses the 16-bit CRC-16 ANSI polynomial as defined in the IEEE 802.3 Standard: $x^{16} + x^{15} + x^2 + 1$.

Since this feature is intended to protect the configuration of the device, this calculation is run continuously only when the register map is locked (LOCK[7:0]), which is different than 0xA5 (see [Section 6.6 “Locking/Unlocking Register Map Write Access”](#)). If the register map is unlocked (for example, after POR), the CRCCFG[15:0] bits are cleared and no CRC is calculated.

The DR_STATUS, CRCCFG_STATUS and POR_STATUS bits are set to ‘1’ (default) and the CRCCFG[15:0] bits are set to ‘0’ (default) for this calculation, as they could vary and lead to unwanted CRC errors.

After the DR_STATUS, CRCCFG_STATUS and POR_STATUS bits are cleared (with a read on the IRQ register), the CRC checksum on the register map can be verified by reading all registers in an Incremental Read sequence and by using the CRC communication. At the second incremental read loop, the checksum provided by the CRC communication must be equal to all zeros if the checksum on the register map is correct.

The checksum will be calculated for the first time in 11 DMCLK periods. This first value will then be the reference checksum value and will be latched internally until an unlocking of the register map occurs. The checksum will then be calculated continuously every 11 DMCLK periods and checked against the reference checksum.

If the checksum is different than the reference, an interrupt flag will be generated on the CRCCFG_STATUS bit within the STATUS byte on SDO, on the CRCCFG_STATUS bit in the IRQ register and on the IRQ output pin. The interrupt flag is maintained on all three mechanisms until the register map write access is unlocked.

When the part write access is unlocked, the interrupt on the $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ pin clears immediately and the two other interrupt mechanisms are cleared when the interrupt is read (read STATUS byte or read IRQ register). The CRC interrupt can occur even if the $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ pin is configured as the MDAT modulator output. In this case, the interrupt stays present and forces a logic low output on this pin as long as the LOCK[7:0] register is locked (LOCK[7:0] 0xA5).

At power-up, the interrupt is not present and the register map is unlocked. As soon as the user finishes writing its configuration, the user needs to lock the register map (for example, by writing 0x00 in the LOCK bits) to be able to use the interrupt flag and to calculate the checksum of the register map.

6.8 Interrupts Description

The MCP3460R device incorporates multiple interrupt mechanisms to be able to synchronize the device with an MCU and to warn against external perturbations. There are four events that can generate interrupt flags:

- Conversion Start
- Data Ready
- POR
- CRC Error on the Register Map Configuration

Additionally, there are three independent interrupt mechanisms that allow the MCP3460R device to be implemented in many different applications and configurations. A summary of the different mechanisms is available in [Table 6-3](#).

TABLE 6-3: INTERRUPT DESCRIPTION SUMMARY TABLE

Interrupt Flag Type	Description	Clearing Procedure
STATUS Byte	Three Status bits ($\overline{\text{DR_STATUS}}$, $\overline{\text{CRCCFG_STATUS}}$, $\overline{\text{POR_STATUS}}$) are latched together after device address detection and clocked out during each command on the SDO STATUS byte.	Cleared when STATUS byte clocking is finished (on the last SCK falling edge).
IRQ Register Status Bits	IRQ register Status bits can be read when reading the address 0x5 (IRQ register). The IRQ latching occurs at the beginning of the IRQ register reading.	Cleared when the IRQ register reading is finished (on the last SCK falling edge).
$\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ Pin State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When $\text{IRQ_MODE}[1] = 0$, the $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ pin can be asserted to logic low by any of the interrupts. • When $\text{IRQ_MODE}[1] = 1$, only POR and CRC interrupts can assert the $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ pin to logic low. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversion start interrupt is automatically cleared at the beginning of a new conversion cycle after a T_{STP} timing. • DR interrupt is cleared by the first SCK falling edge of an ADC read, or automatically 16 DMCLKs before a new data ready in Continuous Conversion mode or in Scan mode. • POR interrupt is cleared on the first $\overline{\text{CS}}$ falling edge when both AV_{DD} and DV_{DD} monitoring circuits detect that their power supply is over their respective thresholds. • CRCCFG interrupt is cleared when the device is unlocked (writing 0xA5 to LOCK register) or when a Fast command ADC start/restart conversion is performed.

6.8.1 CONVERSION DATA READY INTERRUPT

The data ready interrupt happens when a new conversion is ready to be read on the ADCDATA register. This event happens synchronously with DMCLK and at each end of conversion. This interrupt is implemented with three different and independent mechanisms: STATUS byte on SDO, IRQ register Status bit and $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ pin state.

1. STATUS byte on SDO. When the interrupt occurs on the next STATUS byte transmitted on SDO, the $\overline{\text{DR_STATUS}}$ bit will be logic low. Once

the STATUS byte has been transmitted, the $\overline{\text{DR_STATUS}}$ bit appears as '1' until a new interrupt is present. If the interrupt occurs between two STATUS byte transmissions, the $\overline{\text{DR_STATUS}}$ bit on SDO will appear as equal to '0' on the second reading.

2. IRQ register Status bit. When the interrupt occurs, the $\overline{\text{DR_STATUS}}$ bit in the IRQ register is set to '0'. Once the IRQ register has been fully read, this $\overline{\text{DR_STATUS}}$ bit is reset to '1'. If the interrupt occurs between two readings of the IRQ register, the IRQ register Status bit appears as equal to '0' on the second reading.

3. $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ pin state. The interrupt generates an $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ pin falling edge (transition to logic low) as soon as it happens.

The data ready interrupt is cleared by the first of the following two events:

- First falling edge of SCK during an ADC Output Data register read
- 16 DMCLK clock periods before current conversion ends

If the user does not read the ADCDATA register in time in Continuous Conversion mode or in Scan mode, the $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ pin will automatically reset to its Inactive state 16 DMCLKs, prior to the new data ready interrupt. This feature is designed in order to avoid the case where the $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ pin is logic low if the reading of ADC data is not performed. The user can then determine exactly when to expect the new data and can respect the t_{DODR} timing in all cases to ensure a proper reading of the ADC data. See Figure 6-13 for more details.

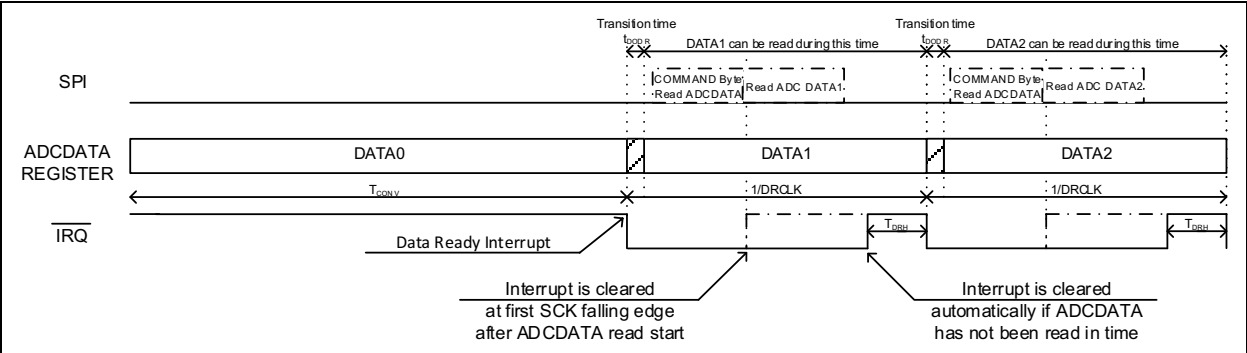


FIGURE 6-13: Data Ready Interrupt $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ Pin Timing Diagram.

6.8.2 CONVERSION CYCLE START INTERRUPT

This interrupt is the only selectable one and the only one not present in the STATUS byte on the SDO and IRQ registers. It is only available on the $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ pin. The user can enable or disable this output by using:

- [EN_STP] = 1: The conversion start interrupt output is enabled (default).
- [EN_STP] = 0: The conversion start interrupt output is disabled.

This interrupt marks the beginning of a conversion cycle. In case of a One-Shot mode or Continuous mode conversion in MUX mode, it marks the start of the sampling in the first conversion (after the ADC start-up delay of 256 DMCLK periods). In case of a Scan mode, it marks the start of the sampling in the first conversion of the first Scan mode cycle. The host MCU can utilize this interrupt to synchronize the start of the ADC conversion and manage synchronous events together with the conversion process (see Figure 6-15 for more details).

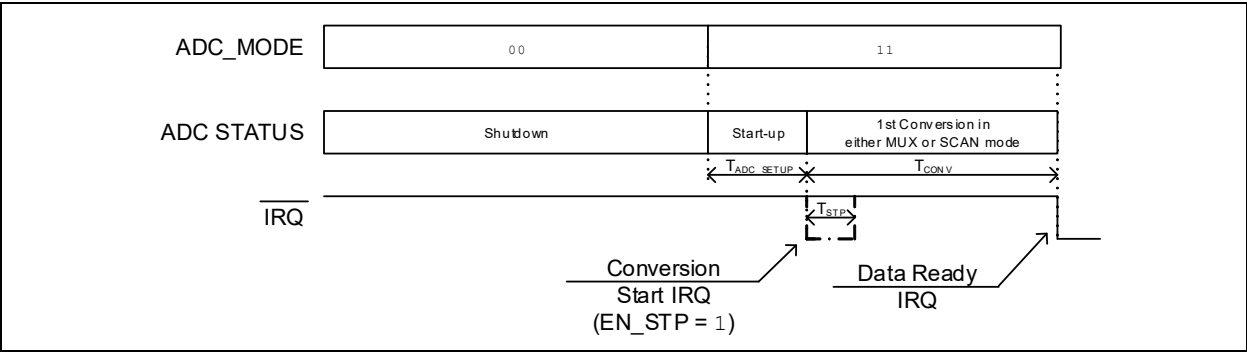


FIGURE 6-14: Conversion Start $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ Timing Diagram.

This interrupt marks the beginning of a conversion cycle. In case of a One-Shot mode or Continuous mode conversion in MUX mode, it marks the start of the sampling in the first conversion (after the ADC start-up delay of 256 DMCLK periods). In case of a Scan mode, it marks the start of the sampling in the first conversion of the first Scan mode cycle. The host MCU can utilize this interrupt to synchronize the start of the ADC con-

version and manage synchronous events together with the conversion process (see Figure 6-15 for more details).

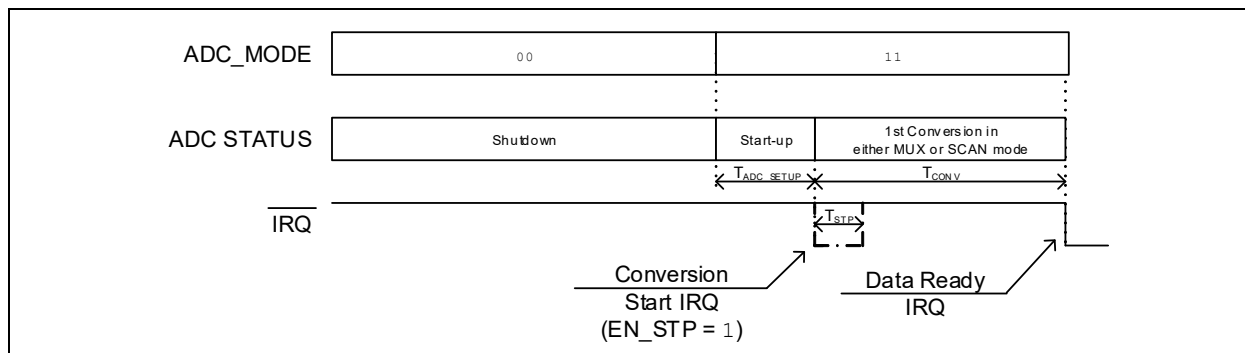


FIGURE 6-15: Conversion Start $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ Timing Diagram.

This interrupt output generates a falling edge on the $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ pin and is automatically cleared after a short period of time, T_{STP} .

6.8.3 POR INTERRUPT

The POR interrupt informs the user if a POR event has happened or if the part is in a POR state when the $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ pin is used.

This interrupt is implemented with three different and independent mechanisms: STATUS byte on SDO, IRQ register Status bit and $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ pin state.

6.8.3.1 STATUS Byte on SDO

When the device has just powered up, on the first STATUS byte transmitted on SDO (first communication), the `POR_STATUS` bit is logic low. Once the STATUS byte has been transmitted, the `POR_STATUS` bit appears as '1' until the part is powered down. If a POR event occurs between two STATUS byte transmissions, and if the part is properly repowered up, the `POR_STATUS` bit on SDO will appear as equal to '0' on the latter reading. This mechanism can only work when the power supplies are back above the POR thresholds on the analog and digital cores, as retrieving data from the SPI port is not possible when the device is in a POR state.

6.8.3.2 IRQ Register Status Bit

When the device has just powered up, the `POR_STATUS` bit in the IRQ register is set to '0'. Once the IRQ register has been fully read, this `POR_STATUS` bit is once again reset to '1'. If a POR event occurs between two readings of the IRQ register, the IRQ register Status bit will appear as equal to '0' on the second reading. This mechanism can only work when the power supplies are back above the POR thresholds on the analog and digital cores.

6.8.3.3 $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ Pin State

A Logic Low state is generated on the $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ pin as soon as the AV_{DD} or DV_{DD} monitoring circuits detect a power supply drop below their specified threshold.

This POR interrupt can only be cleared when both AV_{DD} and DV_{DD} are above their monitoring voltage thresholds. When this condition is met, the POR threshold is cleared by the $\overline{\text{CS}}$ falling edge. Therefore, it means that if a $\overline{\text{CS}}$ falling edge does not clear the $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ pin state, the POR event is still in effect.

This feature helps the user to know exactly when the chip has powered up by polling with the $\overline{\text{CS}}$ pin and checking the $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ pin state at power-up (see [Figure 6-16](#) for more details).

Since this is a high-level priority interrupt, the POR interrupt can happen at all times, even when MDAT is enabled. In this case, having a constant logic low bit-stream can indicate a probable POR event (or a fully negative ADC saturation output code induced by a large negative input voltage).

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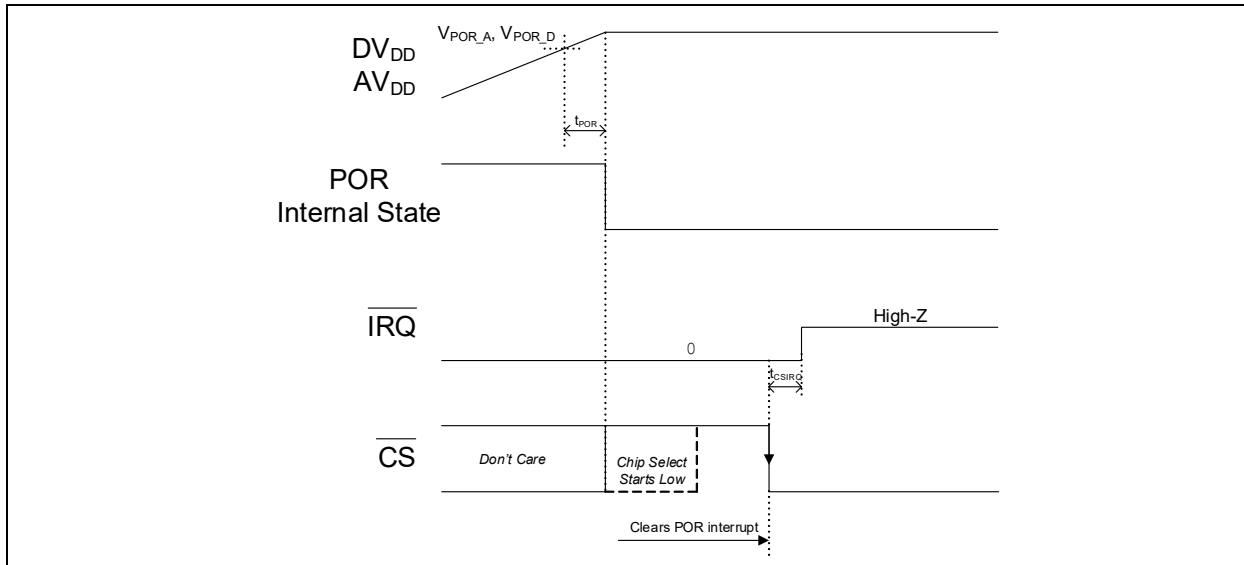


FIGURE 6-16: POR \overline{IRQ} Timing Diagram.

6.8.4 CRCCFG ERROR INTERRUPT

The CRCCFG interrupt happens when an error in the CRC-16 checksum has been detected in the register map CRC calculation.

This interrupt is implemented with three different and independent mechanisms: STATUS byte on SDO, IRQ register Status bit and \overline{IRQ} pin state.

6.8.4.1 STATUS Byte on SDO

In case of a CRCCFG error on the next STATUS byte transmitted on SDO, the `CRCCFG_STATUS` bit is logic low. Once the STATUS byte has been transmitted, the `CRCCFG_STATUS` bit appears as '1' until a new interrupt occurs. If the error is detected again between two STATUS byte transmissions, the `CRCCFG_STATUS` bit on SDO will appear as equal to '0' on the second reading.

6.8.4.2 IRQ Register Status Bit

In case of a CRCCFG error, the `CRCCFG_STATUS` bit in the IRQ register is set to '0'. Once the IRQ register is fully read, the `CRCCFG_STATUS` bit is reset to '1'. If the CRCCFG error happens again between two readings of the IRQ register, the IRQ register Status bit will appear as '0' on the second reading.

6.8.4.3 \overline{IRQ} Pin State

The CRCCFG error generates a Logic Low state on the \overline{IRQ} pin until it is cleared. The clearing of the CRCCFG error can only be made by "unlocking" the device (write 0xA5 in the LOCK[7:0] register) or by sending a Fast command start/restart ADC conversion. Unlocking the device stops the CRC calculation, and therefore, clears the associated interrupt. Sending an ADC start/restart conversion Fast command resets the CRC calculation and clears the interrupt.

This CRCCFG error can only occur in case of an external perturbation (for example, EMI induced) that causes the continuous calculation of the CRC on the register map to be erroneous or in case the chip integrity has been altered. Since both causes are high-priority issues, the CRCCFG error has priority over all other interrupts (except POR) and over the MDAT output on the IRQ pin.

Note: If MCLK starts running before the device is locked, an interrupt can momentarily occur, even if registers have not been corrupted. In such a case, the user must send a start/restart conversion Fast command, which will clear the unwanted interrupt and correctly restart the CRC calculations.

7.0 BASIC APPLICATION CONFIGURATION

The MCP3460R device can be used for various precision Analog-to-Digital Converter (ADC) applications. The flexibility of its use comes from the ability to configure the ADC to meet specific application requirements.

7.1 Typical Application for Absolute Voltage Measurement

The MCP3460R device is able to measure the signal provided by sensors with absolute voltage output. For such applications, MCP3460R typically uses its internal voltage reference. For optimal performance, Microchip recommends to connect an external capacitor on the REF_{IN}+/-OUT pin to filter noise and to provide more stability for the internal voltage reference (See [Section 3.1 “Differential Reference Voltage Inputs: REF_{IN}+/-OUT, REF_{IN}-”](#)).

The ADC can operate in Differential or Single-Ended mode thanks to its internal dual multiplexer (see [Figure 5-1](#)). Select the input connection settings from the MUX register (see [Section 8.7 “MULTIPLEXER \(MUX\) REGISTER”](#)) by using the different settings available on the positive and negative ADC inputs. To achieve the single-ended configuration, select A_{GND}

for the V_{IN}- ADC input (MUX[3:0] = 1000) or select any CH_n input channel for V_{IN}- and then connect the corresponding CH_n input channel to A_{GND}.

7.1.1 HIGH-SIDE AND LOW-SIDE CURRENT SENSING

The ADC can perform differential measurements with an analog input Common-mode equal to or slightly larger than AV_{DD} or equal to or slightly lower than A_{GND} (see [Section 1.0 “Electrical Characteristics”](#)).

To achieve the most accurate measurements requires a differential input structure and a Kelvin connection. Using an anti-aliasing filter avoids aliasing of the over-sampling frequency (DMCLK) back into the baseband of the input signal and possible corruption of the output data. [Figure 7-1](#) provides an example of an anti-aliasing filter.

To measure voltages that can reach AV_{DD} or a few mV higher, use a gain setting of 0.33x since it increases the input range to a value of 3 x V_{REF}. With this gain setting, a 1.2V V_{REF} allows a theoretical input range of 3.6V. However, to limit excess leakage current at the input pins created by ESD structures, the maximum measurable voltage is always bounded by AV_{DD} + 0.1V. Therefore, to properly measure 3.6V with a 1.2V voltage reference, Microchip recommends using an AV_{DD} supply voltage as close as possible to 3.6V.

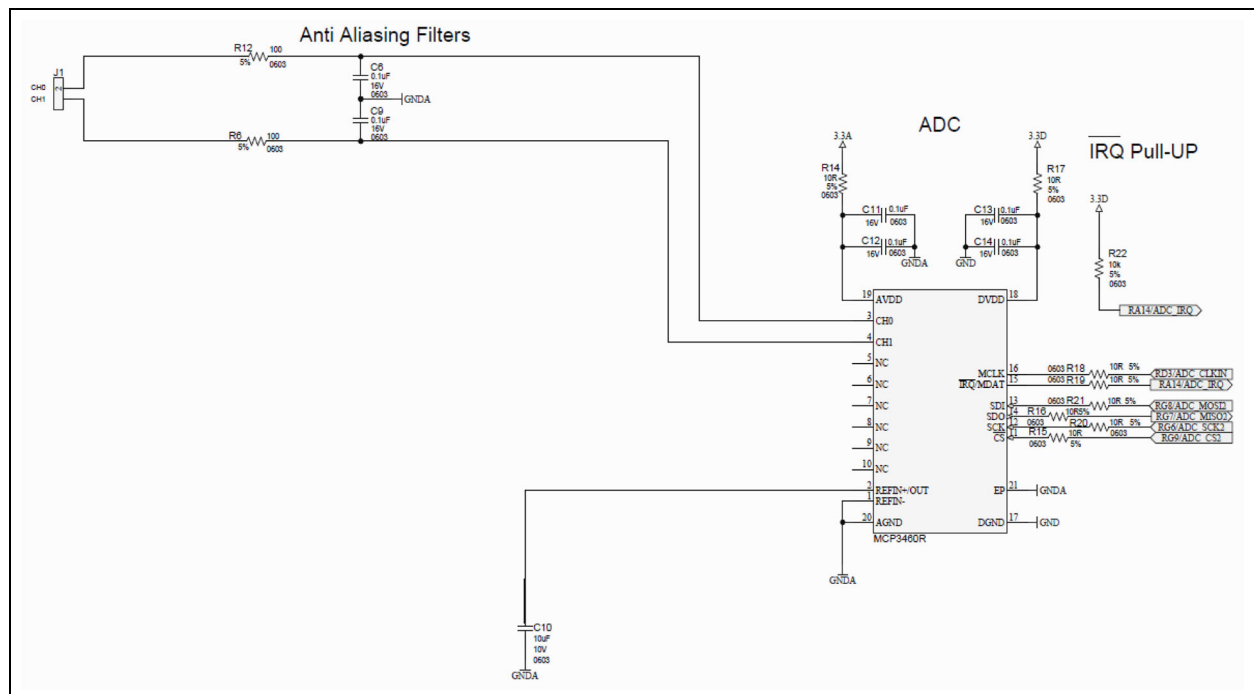


FIGURE 7-1: MCP3460R Application Example.

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7.1.2 THERMOCOUPLE CONNECTION

One of the most used temperature transducers in the industry is the thermocouple. Thermocouples provide a voltage dependent on the temperature difference between the cold and hot junctions. This voltage is on the order of tens of $\mu\text{V}/^\circ\text{C}$, requiring amplification that the ADC's internal gain stage can provide.

The connection of the thermocouple to the ADC requires minimal extra components. Microchip recommends using a differential input structure. The cold junction can be measured using a digital temperature sensor like MCP9804 if it is connected to the MCU. If high accuracy is not required, the cold junction temperature can be estimated using the ADC's internal temperature sensor (see Figure 7-2).

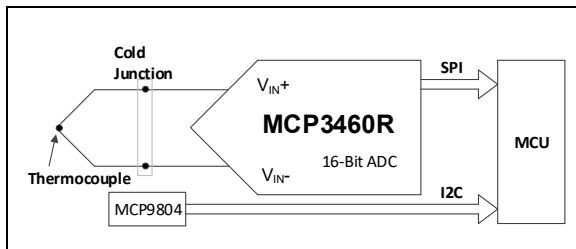


FIGURE 7-2: Thermocouple Connection to MCP3460R.

7.2 Typical Application for Ratiometric Voltage Measurement

A wide range of sensors produce an output voltage directly proportional to their power supply and are known as ratiometric output sensors. These sensors, such as pressure sensors or load cells, often use a Wheatstone bridge structure (see Figure 7-3).

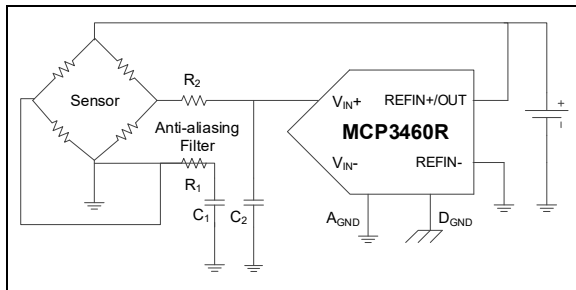


FIGURE 7-3: Wheatstone Bridge Ratiometric Connection.

Other sensors act as a single resistor with a value dependent on temperature (pure metal resistance thermometer RTD and negative temperature coefficient resistor NTC). To accurately measure the signal from these sensors, the REFIN+/OUT pin usually connects to the same sensor power supply (see Figure 7-4), provided this stays within the specified voltage range on the REFIN+/OUT pin (see Section 1.0 “Electrical Characteristics”).

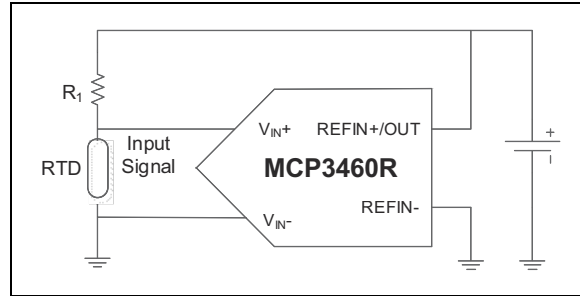


FIGURE 7-4: RTD Ratiometric Connection.

7.3 Power Supply Design and Bypassing

In any system, the analog ICs (such as references or operational amplifiers) are always connected to the analog ground plane. The MCP3460R device should also be considered a sensitive analog component and connected to the analog ground plane. The ADC has two pairs of power supply voltage pins:

- A_{GND} and AV_{DD}
- D_{GND} and DV_{DD}

For optimal performance, Microchip recommends connecting the two pairs of pins to separate networks (see Figure 7-5), resulting in a design featuring two ground traces and two power supplies (see Figure).

The analog circuitry (including MCP3460R) and the digital circuitry (MCU) must have separate power supplies and return paths to the external ground reference, as shown in Figure 7-5. Figure is an example of a typical power supply circuit, with different paths for analog and digital return currents. Figure 7-7 is an example of a possible separation, where the ground star connection is located underneath the device with the exposed pad. The separation between the analog and digital circuitry can be implemented beneath the device, with AV_{DD} and DV_{DD} connected using lines running under the ground plane. The two separate return paths eventually converge at a single connection point (star connection) to minimize coupling between the two power supply domains.

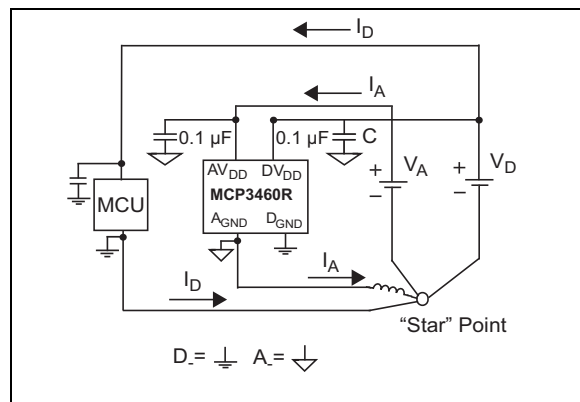


FIGURE 7-5: Separating Digital and Analog Ground by Using a Star Connection.

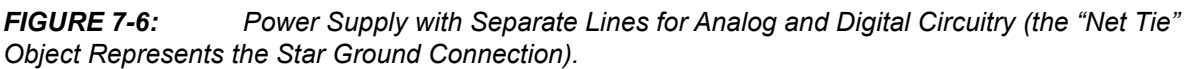
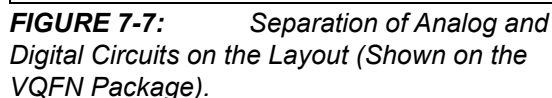


Figure 7-6 shows an example of a power supply schematic with separate DV_{DD} and AV_{DD} . A high-current LDO (MCP1825) is used for the DV_{DD} line to power the MCU and its connected peripherals, while a high-PSRR LDO (MCP1754) is used for the AV_{DD} line that supplies the ADC and other noise-sensitive components. The Net tie separates D_{GND} from A_{GND} .



7.4 SPI Interface Digital Crosstalk

The MCP3460R device incorporates a high-speed 20 MHz SPI. This interface can induce crosstalk, especially with the outer channels near the SPI digital pins, if operated at full speed without any precautions. The crosstalk is caused by the switching noise from the digital SPI signals and negatively impacts the SNR. Attenuate the noise by ensuring proper separation between the analog and the digital power supplies (see **Sections 7.3 “Power Supply Design and Bypassing”**).

To further minimize the impact of SPI communication on measurement accuracy, Microchip recommends adding series resistors on the SPI lines. These resistors reduce current spikes caused by digital switching noise (see [Figure 7-1](#) for implementation). Additionally, the resistors assist with keeping electromagnetic emissions low.

The switching noise is a linear function of the DV_{DD} supply voltage. To further reduce the impact of switching noise from SPI transmissions, the DV_{DD} digital power supply voltage must be kept as low as possible.

The measurement graphs in this Data Sheet were obtained using 10 Ω series resistors connected to each SPI I/O pin. No disturbances in measurement accuracy were observed, even when interfacing at 20 MHz.

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8.0 INTERNAL REGISTERS

The MCP3460R device has a total of 16 internal registers composed of volatile memory. These registers are sequentially accessible and are included in [Table 8-1](#).

TABLE 8-1: INTERNAL REGISTERS SUMMARY

Address	Register Name	Number of Bits	R/W	Description
0x0	ADCDATA	4/16/32	R	Latest Analog-to-Digital (A/D) conversion data output value (16 or 32 bits depending on DATA_FORMAT[1:0]) or modulator output stream (4-bit wide) when in MDAT Output mode.
0x1	CONFIG0	8	R/W	Voltage Reference mode, ADC Operating mode, Main Clock mode.
0x2	CONFIG1	8	R/W	Prescale and OSR settings
0x3	CONFIG2	8	R/W	ADC boost and gain settings, auto-zeroing settings for analog multiplexer, voltage reference and ADC.
0x4	CONFIG3	8	R/W	Conversion mode, data and CRC format settings. Enable for cyclic redundancy check (CRC) on communications. Enable for digital offset and gain error calibrations.
0x5	IRQ	8	R/W	Interrupt request (IRQ) status bits and IRQ mode settings. Enable for Fast commands and for conversion start pulse.
0x6	MUX	8	R/W	Analog multiplexer input selection (MUX mode only)
0x7	SCAN	24	R/W	Scan mode settings
0x8	TIMER	24	R/W	Delay value for TIMER between scan cycles
0x9	OFFSETCAL	24	R/W	ADC digital offset calibration value
0xA	GAINCAL	24	R/W	ADC digital gain calibration value
0xB	RESERVED	24	R/W	Unimplemented
0xC	RESERVED	8	R/W	Unimplemented
0xD	LOCK	8	R/W	Password value for SPI Write mode locking
0xE	RESERVED	16	R/W	Unimplemented
0xF	CRCCFG	16	R	CRC checksum for device configuration

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8.1 ADCDATA REGISTER

Name	Bits	Address	Cof
ADCDATA	4/16/32	0x0	R

REGISTER 8-1: ADCDATA: ADC CHANNEL DATA OUTPUT REGISTER

R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0
ADCDATA[15:8]							
bit 15				bit 8			

R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0
ADCDATA[7:0]							
bit 7				bit 0			

Legend:			
R = Readable bit	W = Writable bit	U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'	
-n = Value at POR	'1' = Bit is set	'0' = Bit is cleared	x = Bit is unknown

bit 15-0 **ADCDATA[15:0]:** ADC Output Code

The data are post-calibration if the EN_OFFCAL or EN_GAINCAL bits are enabled. The data can be formatted in 16-bit or 32-bit modes depending on the setting of the DATA_FORMAT[1:0] bits in the CONFIG3 register (see [Section 5.6 “ADC Output Data Format”](#)).

The ADC Channel Data Output register always contains the most recent Analog-to-Digital (A/D) conversion data. The register is updated at each data ready internal signal and depends on the values of the OSR bit in the CONFIG1 register and the CONV_MODE bit in the CONFIG3 register. The ADC Channel Data Output register is latched at the start of each SPI Read command. The register is double buffered to avoid data loss. There is a small time delay, t_{DODR} , after each data ready, when to wait for the data to be available. Otherwise, data corruption can occur when the internal data are refreshed.

When IRQ_MODE[1:0] = 1x in the IRQ register, the ADC Channel Data Output register becomes a 4-bit wide register containing the MDAT output codes. These codes are the outputs of the modulator, represented by four comparator outputs (COMP[3:0], see [Section 5.4.2 “Modulator Output Block”](#)).

8.2 CONFIG0 REGISTER

Name	Bits	Address	Cof
CONFIG0	8	0x1	R/W

REGISTER 8-2: CONFIG0: CONFIGURATION REGISTER 0

R/W-1	R/W-1	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
VREF_SEL	CONFIG0	CLK_SEL[1:0]	RESERVED[1:0]	ADC_MODE[1:0]			
bit 7							bit 0

Legend:

R = Readable bit

W = Writable bit

U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'

-n = Value at POR

'1' = Bit is set

'0' = Bit is cleared

x = Bit is unknown

- bit 7 **VREF_SEL:** Internal Voltage Reference
 1 = Internal voltage reference is selected and buffered internally. The REFIN+/OUT pin voltage is set at 2.4V (default).
 0 = External voltage reference is selected and not buffered internally. The internal voltage reference buffer is shut down.
- bit 6 **CONFIG0:**
 If CONFIG0 = 0, MCP3460R goes into Partial Shutdown mode.
 This bit does not have any other function.
- bit 5-4 **CLK_SEL[1:0]:** Clock Selection
 11 = Internal clock is selected and AMCLK is present on the analog main clock output pin.
 10 = Internal clock is selected and no clock output is present on the CLK pin.
 01 = External digital clock.
 00 = External digital clock (default).
- bit 3-2 **RESERVED[1:0]:** Reserved Bits
 Must remain set to '00'.
- bit 1-0 **ADC_MODE[1:0]:** ADC Operating Mode Selection
 11 = ADC Conversion mode
 10 = ADC Standby mode
 01 = ADC Shutdown mode
 00 = ADC Shutdown mode (default)

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8.3 CONFIG1 REGISTER

Name	Bits	Address	Cof
CONFIG1	8	0x2	R/W

REGISTER 8-3: CONFIG1: CONFIGURATION REGISTER 1

R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-1	R/W-1	R/W-0	R/W-0
PRE[1:0]		OSR[3:0]				RESERVED[1:0]	
bit 7							bit 0

Legend:			
R = Readable bit	W = Writable bit	U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'	
-n = Value at POR	'1' = Bit is set	'0' = Bit is cleared	x = Bit is unknown

- bit 7-6

PRE[1:0]: Prescaler Value Selection for AMCLK

11 = AMCLK = MCLK/8

10 = AMCLK = MCLK/4

01 = AMCLK = MCLK/2

00 = AMCLK = MCLK (default)
- bit 5-2

OSR[3:0]: Oversampling Ratio for Delta-Sigma A/D Conversion

1111 = OSR: 98304

1110 = OSR: 81920

1101 = OSR: 49152

1100 = OSR: 40960

1011 = OSR: 24576

1010 = OSR: 20480

1001 = OSR: 16384

1000 = OSR: 8192

0111 = OSR: 4096

0110 = OSR: 2048

0101 = OSR: 1024

0100 = OSR: 512

0011 = OSR: 256 (default)

0010 = OSR: 128

0001 = OSR: 64

0000 = OSR: 32
- bit 1-0

RESERVED[1:0]:Reserved Bits

Must remain set to '00'.

8.4 CONFIG2 REGISTER

Name	Bits	Address	Cof
CONFIG2	8	0x3	R/W

REGISTER 8-4: CONFIG2: CONFIGURATION REGISTER 2

R/W-1	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-1	R/W-0	R/W-1	R/W-1
BOOST[1:0]		GAIN[2:0]			AZ_MUX	AZ_REF	RESERVED
bit 7							bit 0

Legend:

R = Readable bit	W = Writable bit	U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'
-n = Value at POR	'1' = Bit is set	'0' = Bit is cleared
		x = Bit is unknown

bit 7-6 **BOOST[1:0]:** ADC Bias Current Selection

- 11 = ADC channel has current x 2
- 10 = ADC channel has current x 1 (default)
- 01 = ADC channel has current x 0.66
- 00 = ADC channel has current x 0.5

bit 5-3 **GAIN[2:0]:** ADC Gain Selection

- 111 = Gain is x64 (x16 analog, x4 digital)
- 110 = Gain is x32 (x16 analog, x2 digital)
- 101 = Gain is x16
- 100 = Gain is x8
- 011 = Gain is x4
- 010 = Gain is x2
- 001 = Gain is x1 (default)
- 000 = Gain is x1/3

bit 2 **AZ_MUX:** Auto-Zeroing MUX Setting

- 1 = ADC auto-zeroing algorithm is enabled. This setting multiplies the conversion time by 2 and does not allow Continuous Conversion mode operation, which is replaced by a series of consecutive One-Shot mode conversions.
- 0 = Analog input multiplexer auto-zeroing algorithm is disabled (default).

bit 1 **AZ_REF:** Auto-Zeroing Reference Buffer Setting

- 1 = Internal voltage reference buffer chopping algorithm is enabled. This setting has no effect when external voltage reference is selected (VREF_SEL = 0 in CONFIG0 register) (default).
- 0 = Internal voltage reference buffer chopping auto-zeroing algorithm is disabled.

bit 0 **RESERVED:** Reserved Bit

Must remain set to '1'.

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8.5 CONFIG3 REGISTER

Name	Bits	Address	Cof
CONFIG3	8	0x4	R/W

REGISTER 8-5: CONFIG3: CONFIGURATION REGISTER 3

R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
CONV_MODE[1:0]	DATA_FORMAT[1:0]	CRC_FORMAT	EN_CRCCOM	EN_OFFCAL	EN_GAINCAL		
bit 7							bit 0

Legend:

R = Readable bit	W = Writable bit	U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'
-n = Value at POR	'1' = Bit is set	'0' = Bit is cleared
		x = Bit is unknown

bit 7-6 **CONV_MODE[1:0]**: Conversion Mode Selection

- 11 = Continuous Conversion mode or continuous conversion cycle in Scan mode.
- 10 = One-shot conversion or one-shot cycle in Scan mode. It sets ADC_MODE[1:0] to '10' (standby) in CONFIG0 register at the end of the conversion or at the end of the conversion cycle in Scan mode.
- 0x = One-shot conversion or one-shot cycle in Scan mode. It sets ADC_MODE[1:0] to '0x' (ADC shutdown) in CONFIG0 register at the end of the conversion or at the end of the conversion cycle in Scan mode (default).

bit 5-4 **DATA_FORMAT[1:0]**: ADC Output Data Format Selection

- 11 = 32-bit (17-bit right-justified data + Channel ID): Channel ID (3 bits) + SGN extension (12 bits) + 16-bit ADC data. It allows overrange with the SGN extension.
- 10 = 32-bit (17-bit right-justified data): SGN extension (8-bit) + 16-bit ADC data. It allows overrange with the SGN extension.
- 01 = 32-bit (16-bit left-justified data): 16-bit ADC data + 0x0000 (16 bit). It does not allow overrange (ADC code locked to 0xFFFF or 0x8000).
- 00 = 16-bit (default ADC coding): 16-bit ADC data. It does not allow overrange (ADC code locked to 0xFFFF or 0x8000).

bit 3 **CRC_FORMAT**: Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) Checksum Format Selection on Read Communications (it does not affect CRCCFG coding)

- 1 = 32-bit wide (CRC-16 followed by 16 zeros)
- 0 = 16-bit wide (CRC-16 only) (default)

bit 2 **EN_CRCCOM**: CRC Checksum Selection on Read Communications (it does not affect CRCCFG calculations)

- 1 = CRC on communications enabled
- 0 = CRC on communications disabled (default)

bit 1 **EN_OFFCAL**: Enable Digital Offset Calibration

- 1 = Enabled
- 0 = Disabled (default)

bit 0 **EN_GAINCAL**: Enable Digital Gain Calibration

- 1 = Enabled
- 0 = Disabled (default)

8.6 IRQ REGISTER

Name	Bits	Address	Cof
IRQ	8	0x5	R/W

REGISTER 8-6: IRQ: INTERRUPT REQUEST REGISTER

U-0	R-1	R-1	R-1	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-1	R/W-1
—	DR_STATUS	CRCCFG_STATUS	POR_STATUS	IRQ_MODE[1:0] ⁽¹⁾	EN_FASTCMD	EN_STP	
bit 7							bit 0

Legend:

R = Readable bit

W = Writable bit

U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'

-n = Value at POR

'1' = Bit is set

'0' = Bit is cleared

x = Bit is unknown

bit 7 **Unimplemented:** Read as '0'.bit 6 **DR_STATUS:** Data Ready Status Flag

1 = ADCDATA not updated since last reading or last reset (default).

0 = New ADCDATA ready for reading.

bit 5 **CRCCFG_STATUS:** CRC Error Status Flag Bit for Internal Registers

1 = CRC error not occurred for the Configuration registers (default).

0 = CRC error occurred for the Configuration registers.

bit 4 **POR_STATUS:** POR Status Flag

1 = POR not occurred since the last reading (default).

0 = POR occurred since the last reading.

bit 3-2 **IRQ_MODE[1:0]:** Configuration for the $\overline{\text{IRQ}}/\text{MDAT}$ Pin⁽¹⁾**IRQ_MODE[1]:** $\overline{\text{IRQ}}/\text{MDAT}$ Selection1 = MDAT output is selected. Only POR and CRC interrupts can be present on the $\overline{\text{IRQ}}/\text{MDAT}$ pin and take priority over the MDAT output.0 = IRQ output is selected. All interrupts can appear on the $\overline{\text{IRQ}}/\text{MDAT}$ pin.**IRQ_MODE[0]:** IRQ Pin Inactive State Selection1 = The Inactive state is logic high (does not require a pull-up resistor connected to DV_{DD}).0 = The Inactive state is high impedance (requires a pull-up resistor connected to DV_{DD}) (default).bit 1 **EN_FASTCMD:** Enable Fast Commands in the COMMAND Byte

1 = Fast commands are enabled (default).

0 = Fast commands are disabled.

bit 0 **EN_STP:** Enable Conversion Start Interrupt Output

1 = Enabled (default).

0 = Disabled.

Note 1: When $\text{IRQ_MODE}[1:0] = 10$ or 11 , the modulator output codes (MDAT stream) are available at both the MDAT pin and ADCDATA register.

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8.7 MULTIPLEXER (MUX) REGISTER

Name	Bits	Address	Cof
MUX	8	0x6	R/W

REGISTER 8-7: MUX: MULTIPLEXER REGISTER

R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-1
MUX_VIN+[3:0] ⁽¹⁾				MUX_VIN-[3:0] ⁽¹⁾			
bit 7				bit 0			

Legend:

R = Readable bit

W = Writable bit

U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'

-n = Value at POR

'1' = Bit is set

'0' = Bit is cleared

x = Bit is unknown

bit 7-4 **MUX_VIN+[3:0]: Input Selection⁽¹⁾**

1111 = Internal V_{CM}

1110 = Internal Temperature Sensor Diode M (Temp Diode M)⁽²⁾

1101 = Internal Temperature Sensor Diode P (Temp Diode P)⁽²⁾

1100 = REFIN-

1011 = REFIN+/OUT

1010 = Reserved (do not use)

1001 = AV_{DD}

1000 = A_{GND}

0111 = Reserved (do not use)

0110 = Reserved (do not use)

0101 = Reserved (do not use)

0100 = Reserved (do not use)

0011 = Reserved (do not use)

0010 = Reserved (do not use)

0001 = CH1

0000 = CH0 (default)

bit 3-0 **MUX_VIN-[3:0]: Input Selection⁽¹⁾**

1111 = Internal V_{CM}

1110 = Internal Temperature Sensor Diode M (Temp Diode M)⁽²⁾

1101 = Internal Temperature Sensor Diode P (Temp Diode P)⁽²⁾

1100 = REFIN-

1011 = REFIN+/OUT

1010 = Reserved (do not use)

1001 = AV_{DD}

1000 = A_{GND}

0111 = Reserved (do not use)

0110 = Reserved (do not use)

0101 = Reserved (do not use)

0100 = Reserved (do not use)

0011 = Reserved (do not use)

0010 = Reserved (do not use)

0001 = CH1 (default)

0000 = CH0

Note 1: For MCP3460R, the codes '0111/0110/0101/0100/0011/0010' correspond to a floating input and must be avoided.

2: Selects the internal temperature sensor diode and forces a fixed current through it. For a correct temperature reading, the MUX[7:0] selection must be equal to 0xDE.

8.8 SCAN REGISTER

Name	Bits	Address	Cof
SCAN	24	0x7	R/W

REGISTER 8-8: SCAN: SCAN MODE SETTINGS REGISTER

R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
DLY[2:0]			RESERVED	—			
bit 23							bit 16

R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
OFFSET	VCM	AV _{DD}	TEMP	SCAN_DIFF_CH[3:0]			
bit 15							bit 8

R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
SCAN_SE_CH[7:0]							
bit 7							bit 0

Legend:

R = Readable bit

W = Writable bit

U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'

-n = Value at POR

'1' = Bit is set

'0' = Bit is cleared

x = Bit is unknown

bit 23-21 **DLY[2:0]:** Delay Time (t_{DLY_SCAN}) Between Each Conversion During a Scan Cycle

111 = 512 x DMCLK

110 = 256 x DMCLK

101 = 128 x DMCLK

100 = 64 x DMCLK

011 = 32 x DMCLK

010 = 16 x DMCLK

001 = 8 x DMCLK

000 = 0: No delay (default)

bit 20 **RESERVED:** Reserved Bit
Must remain set to '0'.bit 19-16 **Unimplemented:** Read as '0'.bit 15-0 **SCAN Channel Selection** (see [Table 5-14](#) for a complete description)

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8.9 TIMER REGISTER

Name	Bits	Address	Cof
TIMER	24	0x8	R/W

REGISTER 8-9: TIMER: TIMER DELAY VALUE REGISTER

R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
TIMER[23:16]							
bit 23				bit 16			
R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
TIMER[16:8]							
bit 15				bit 8			
R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
TIMER[7:0]							
bit 7				bit 0			

Legend:			
R = Readable bit	W = Writable bit	U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'	
-n = Value at POR	'1' = Bit is set	'0' = Bit is cleared	x = Bit is unknown

bit 23-0 **TIMER[23:0]:** Selection Bits for the Time Interval ($t_{\text{TIMER_SCAN}}$) between two consecutive scan cycles (when CONV_MODE[1:0] = 11 in CONFIG3 register)

0xFFFFF: $t_{\text{TIMER_SCAN}}$ = 16777215 x DMCLK periods

0xFFFFFE: $t_{\text{TIMER_SCAN}}$ = 16777214 x DMCLK periods

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0x000002: $t_{\text{TIMER_SCAN}}$ = 2 x DMCLK periods

0x000001: $t_{\text{TIMER_SCAN}}$ = 1 x DMCLK periods

0x000000: $t_{\text{TIMER_SCAN}}$ = 0 (no delay) – default

8.10 OFFSETCAL REGISTER

Name	Bits	Address	Cof
OFFSETCAL	24	0x9	R/W

REGISTER 8-10: OFFSETCAL: OFFSET CALIBRATION REGISTER

R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
OFFSETCAL[15:8]							
bit 23				bit 16			
R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
OFFSETCAL[7:0]							
bit 15				bit 8			
U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
—							
bit 7				bit 0			

Legend:							
R = Readable bit		W = Writable bit		U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'			
-n = Value at POR		'1' = Bit is set		'0' = Bit is cleared		x = Bit is unknown	

bit 23-8 **OFFSETCAL[15:0]:** Offset error digital calibration code (2's complement, MSb first coding)
See [Section 5.13 “Digital System Offset and Gain Calibrations”](#).

bit 7-0 **Unimplemented[7:0]:** Read as 0x00.

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8.11 GAINCAL REGISTER

Name	Bits	Address	Cof
GAINCAL	24	0xA	R/W

REGISTER 8-11: GAINCAL: GAIN CALIBRATION REGISTER

R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
GAINCAL[23:16]							
bit 23				bit 16			
R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
GAINCAL[15:8]							
bit 15				bit 8			
U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
—							
bit 7				bit 0			

Legend:							
R = Readable bit		W = Writable bit		U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'			
-n = Value at POR		'1' = Bit is set		'0' = Bit is cleared		x = Bit is unknown	

bit 23-8 **GAINCAL[23:8]:** Gain Error Digital Calibration Code (unsigned, MSb first coding)
The GAINCAL default value is 0x800000, which provides a gain of 1x. See [Section 5.13 “Digital System Offset and Gain Calibrations”](#).

bit 7-0 **Unimplemented[7:0]:** Read as 0x00.

8.12 RESERVED REGISTER

Name	Bits	Address	Cof
RESERVED	24	0xB	R/W

REGISTER 8-12: RESERVED REGISTER

R/W-1	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-1	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
RESERVED[23:0]							
bit 23				bit 16			

R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
RESERVED[23:0]							
bit 15				bit 8			

R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
RESERVED[23:0]							
bit 7				bit 0			

Legend:

R = Readable bit

W = Writable bit

U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'

-n = Value at POR

'1' = Bit is set

'0' = Bit is cleared

x = Bit is unknown

bit 23-0 **RESERVED[23:0]:** Reserved Bits

Must remain set to 0x900000.

8.13 RESERVED REGISTER

Name	Bits	Address	Cof
RESERVED	8	0xC	R/W

REGISTER 8-13: RESERVED REGISTER

R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-1	R/W-1	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
RESERVED[7:0]							
bit 7				bit 0			

Legend:

R = Readable bit

W = Writable bit

U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'

-n = Value at POR

'1' = Bit is set

'0' = Bit is cleared

x = Bit is unknown

bit 7-0 **RESERVED[7:0]:** Reserved Bits

Must remain set to 0x30.

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8.14 LOCK REGISTER

Name	Bits	Address	Cof
LOCK	8	0xD	R/W

REGISTER 8-14: LOCK: SPI WRITE MODE LOCKING PASSWORD VALUE REGISTER

R/W-1	R/W-0	R/W-1	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-1	R/W-0	R/W-1
LOCK[7:0]							
bit 7				bit 0			

Legend:

R = Readable bit
-n = Value at POR

W = Writable bit
'1' = Bit is set

U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'
'0' = Bit is cleared
x = Bit is unknown

bit 7-0 **LOCK[7:0]:** Write Access Password Entry Code
0xA5 = Write access is allowed on the full register map. CRC on register map values is not calculated (CRCCFG[15:0] = 0x0000) – default.
Any code, except 0xA5 = Write access, is not allowed on the full register map. Only the LOCK register is writable. CRC on register map is calculated continuously only when DMCLK is running.

8.15 RESERVED REGISTER

Name	Bits	Address	Cof
RESERVED	16	0xE	R/W

REGISTER 8-15: RESERVED REGISTER

R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
RESERVED[15:8]							
bit 15				bit 8			

R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-1	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
RESERVED[7:0]							
bit 7				bit 0			

Legend:

R = Readable bit
-n = Value at POR

W = Writable bit
'1' = Bit is set

U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'
'0' = Bit is cleared
x = Bit is unknown

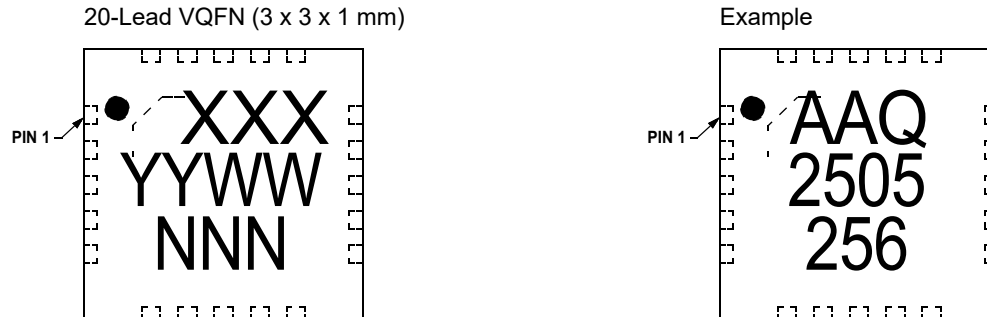
bit 15-0 **RESERVED[15:0]:**
Must remain set to 0x0008.

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9.0 PACKAGING INFORMATION

9.1 Package Marking Information⁽¹⁾



Part Number	Code	SPI Device Address
MCP3460RT-E/2LX	AAQ	01 ⁽²⁾

Legend:	XX...X	Customer-specific information
	Y	Year code (last digit of calendar year)
	YY	Year code (last 2 digits of calendar year)
	WW	Week code (week of January 1 is week '01')
	NNN	Alphanumeric traceability code
	*	Pb-free JEDEC designator for Matte Tin (Sn)
		This package is Pb-free. The Pb-free JEDEC designator (e3) can be found on the outer packaging for this package.

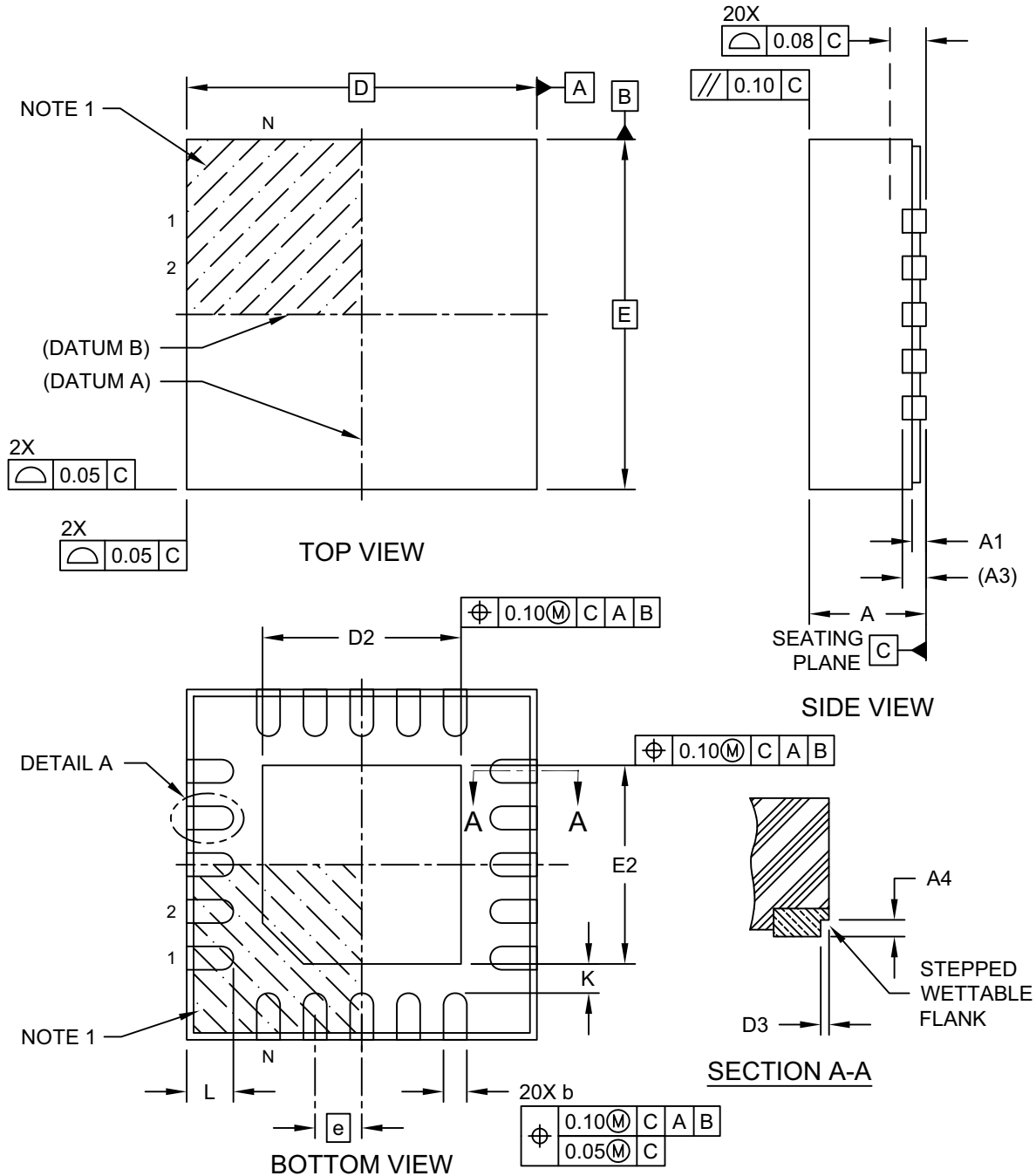
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2: Denotes the device default SPI address option. The device only responds to SPI commands if CMD[7:6] matches the SPI device address for each command (see [Section 6.2.2 "Device Address Bits \(CMD\[7:6\]\)"](#)). Contact Microchip Sales for other device address option ordering procedure.

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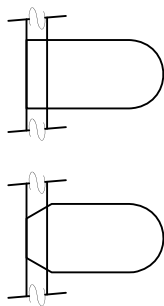
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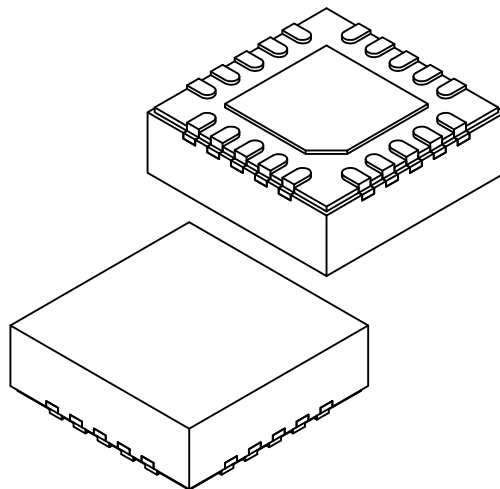
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DETAIL 1
ALTERNATE TERMINAL
CONFIGURATIONS



Units		MILLIMETERS		
Dimension Limits		MIN	NOM	MAX
Number of Terminals	N	20		
Pitch	e	0.40 BSC		
Overall Height	A	0.80	0.90	1.00
Standoff	A1	0.00	0.02	0.05
Terminal Thickness	A3	0.203 REF		
Overall Length	D	3.00 BSC		
Exposed Pad Length	D2	1.60	1.70	1.80
Overall Width	E	3.00 BSC		
Exposed Pad Width	E2	1.60	1.70	1.80
Terminal Width	b	0.15	0.20	0.25
Terminal Length	L	0.35	0.40	0.45
Terminal-to-Exposed-Pad	K	0.20	-	-
Wettable Flank Step Length	D3	-	-	0.085
Wettable Flank Step Height	A4	0.10	-	0.19

Dimensions D3 and A4 above apply to all new products released after November 1, and all products shipped after January 1, 2019, and supersede dimensions D3 and A4 below.

No physical changes are being made to any package; this update is to align cosmetic and tolerance variations from existing suppliers.

Wettable Flank Step Length	D3	0.035	0.06	0.085
Wettable Flank Step Height	A4	0.10	-	0.19

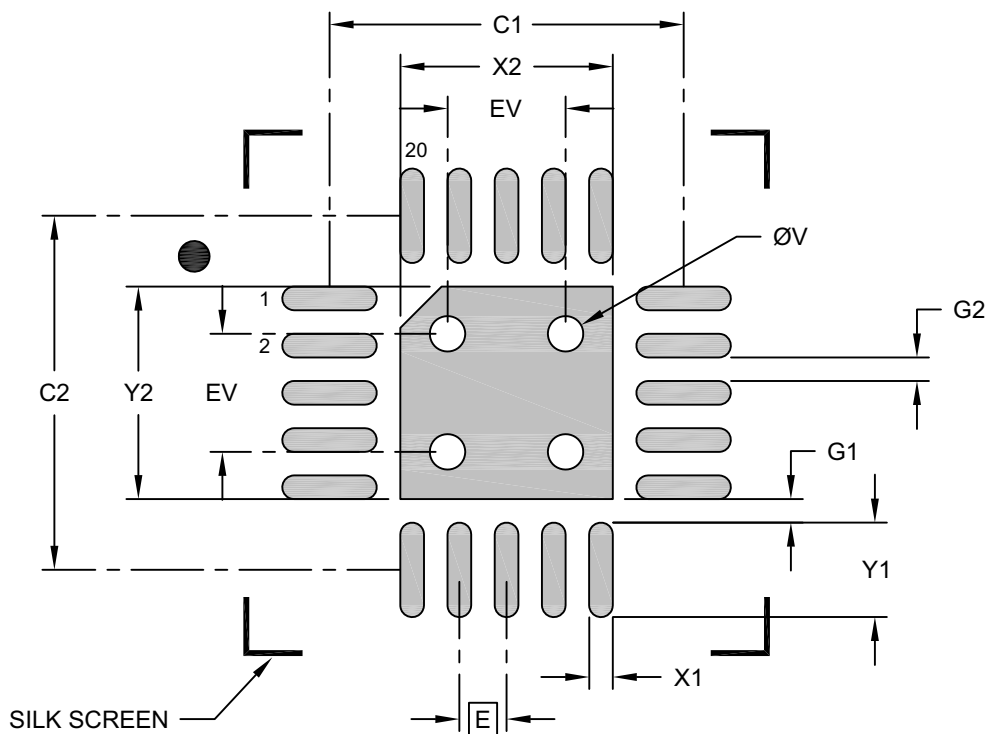
Notes:

- Pin 1 visual index feature may vary, but must be located within the hatched area.
- Package is saw singulated
- Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M
BSC: Basic Dimension. Theoretically exact value shown without tolerances.
REF: Reference Dimension, usually without tolerance, for information purposes only.

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RECOMMENDED LAND PATTERN

Dimension Limits	Units	MILLIMETERS		
		MIN	NOM	MAX
Contact Pitch	E	0.40 BSC		
Optional Center Pad Width	X2			1.80
Optional Center Pad Length	Y2			1.80
Contact Pad Spacing	C1		3.00	
Contact Pad Spacing	C2		3.00	
Contact Pad Width (X20)	X1			0.20
Contact Pad Length (X20)	Y1			0.80
Contact Pad to Center Pad (X20)	G1	0.20		
Contact Pad to Contact Pad (X16)	G2	0.20		
Thermal Via Diameter	V		0.30	
Thermal Via Pitch	EV		1.00	

Notes:

- Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M
BSC: Basic Dimension. Theoretically exact value shown without tolerances.
- For best soldering results, thermal vias, if used, should be filled or tented to avoid solder loss during reflow process

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APPENDIX A: REVISION HISTORY

Revision A (February 2025)

- Initial release of this document.

NOTES:

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

To order or obtain information, e.g., on pricing or delivery, refer to the factory or the listed sales office.

<u>PART NO.</u>	<u>X⁽¹⁾</u>	—	<u>X</u>	<u>/XX</u>
Device	Tape and Reel		Temperature Range	Package
Device:	MCP3460R:	Single Differential Channel, 16-bit Delta-Sigma ADCs with Internal Voltage Reference.		
Tape and Reel:	T = Tape and Reel Blank = Standard packaging (tube or tray)			
Temperature Range:	E = -40°C to +125°C (Extended)			
Package:	NC = Very Thin Plastic Dual Flat, No-Lead Package (VQFN), 3 x 3 x 1 mm, 20-Lead			

Examples:

a) MCP3460RT-E/2LX: Single Channel ADC, Tape and Reel, Extended Temperature, 20-Lead VQFN

Note 1: Tape and Reel identifier only appears in the catalog part number description. This identifier is used for ordering purposes and is not printed on the device package. Check with your Microchip Sales Office for package availability with the Tape and Reel option.

2: Device SPI Address '01' is the default address option. Contact Microchip Sales for other device address option ordering procedure.

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