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## SPECIFICATIONS

At  $V_S = \pm 15\text{ V}$ ,  $R_L = 2\text{ k}\Omega$  and  $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise noted.

All min and max specifications are guaranteed. Specifications shown in **boldface** are tested on all production units at the final electrical test. Results from those tests are used to calculate outgoing quality levels.

Table 1.

Parameter	AD524A			AD524B			Unit
	Min	Typ	Max	Min	Typ	Max	
GAIN							
Gain Equation (External Resistor Gain Programming)	$\left[ \frac{40,000}{R_G} + 1 \right] \pm 20\%$			$\left[ \frac{40,000}{R_G} + 1 \right] \pm 20\%$			
Gain Range (Pin Programmable)	1 to 1000			1 to 1000			
Gain Error <sup>1</sup>							
G = 1	±0.05			±0.03			%
G = 10	±0.25			±0.15			%
G = 100	±0.5			±0.35			%
G = 1000	±2.0			±1.0			%
Nonlinearity							
G = 1	±0.01			±0.005			%
G = 10, G = 100	±0.01			±0.005			%
G = 1000	±0.01			±0.01			%
Gain vs. Temperature							
G = 1	5			5			ppm/°C
G = 10	15			10			ppm/°C
G = 100	35			25			ppm/°C
G = 1000	100			50			ppm/°C
VOLTAGE OFFSET (May be Nulled)							
Input Offset Voltage	250			100			μV
vs. Temperature	2			0.75			μV/°C
Output Offset Voltage	5			3			mV
vs. Temperature	100			50			μV/°C
Offset Referred to the Input vs. Supply							
G = 1	70			75			dB
G = 10	85			95			dB
G = 100	95			105			dB
G = 1000	100			110			dB
INPUT CURRENT							
Input Bias Current	±50			±25			nA
vs. Temperature	±100			±100			pA/°C
Input Offset Current	±35			±15			nA
vs. Temperature	±100			±100			pA/°C

Parameter	AD524A			AD524B			Unit
	Min	Typ	Max	Min	Typ	Max	
INPUT							
Input Impedance							
Differential Resistance		10 <sup>9</sup>			10 <sup>9</sup>		Ω
Differential Capacitance		10			10		pF
Common-Mode Resistance		10 <sup>9</sup>			10 <sup>9</sup>		Ω
Common-Mode Capacitance		10			10		pF
Input Voltage Range							
Maximum Differential Input Linear (V <sub>DL</sub> ) <sup>2</sup>	±10			±10			V
Maximum Common-Mode Linear (V <sub>CM</sub> ) <sup>2</sup>		$12\text{ V} - \left(\frac{\text{G}}{2} \times \text{V}_\text{D}\right)$			$12\text{ V} - \left(\frac{\text{G}}{2} \times \text{V}_\text{D}\right)$		V
Common-Mode Rejection DC to 60 Hz with 1 kΩ Source Imbalance							V
G = 1	70			75			dB
G = 10	90			95			dB
G = 100	100			105			dB
G = 1000	110			115			dB
OUTPUT RATING							
V <sub>OUT</sub> , R <sub>L</sub> = 2 kΩ		±10			±10		V
DYNAMIC RESPONSE							
Small Signal – 3 dB							
G = 1		1			1		MHz
G = 10		400			400		kHz
G = 100		150			150		kHz
G = 1000		25			25		kHz
Slew Rate		5.0			5.0		V/μs
Settling Time to 0.01%, 20 V Step							
G = 1 to 100		15			15		μs
G = 1000		75			75		μs
NOISE							
Voltage Noise, 1 kHz							
RTI		7			7		nV/√Hz
RTO		90			90		nV/√Hz
RTI, 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz							
G = 1		15			15		μV p-p
G = 10		2			2		μV p-p
G = 100, 1000		0.3			0.3		μV p-p
Current Noise							
0.1 Hz to 10 Hz		60			60		pA p-p
SENSE INPUT							
R <sub>IN</sub>		20			20		kΩ ± 20%
I <sub>IN</sub>		15			15		μA
Voltage Range	±10			±10			V
Gain to Output		1			1		%
REFERENCE INPUT							
R <sub>IN</sub>		40			40		kΩ ± 20%
I <sub>IN</sub>		15			15		μA
Voltage Range	±10			±10			V
Gain to Output		1			1		%

Parameter	AD524A			AD524B			Unit
	Min	Typ	Max	Min	Typ	Max	
TEMPERATURE RANGE							
Specified Performance	–25		+85	–25		+85	°C
Storage	–65		+150	–65		+150	°C
POWER SUPPLY							
Power Supply Range	<b>±6</b>	±15	<b>±18</b>	<b>±6</b>	±15	<b>±18</b>	V
Quiescent Current		3.5	<b>5.0</b>		3.5	<b>5.0</b>	mA

<sup>1</sup> Does not include effects of external resistor,  $R_G$ .

<sup>2</sup>  $V_{OL}$  is the maximum differential input voltage at  $G = 1$  for specified nonlinearity.

$V_{OL}$  at the maximum =  $10\text{ V}/G$ .

$V_D$  = actual differential input voltage.

Example:  $G = 10$ ,  $V_D = 0.50$ .

$V_{CM} = 12\text{ V} - (10/2 \times 0.50\text{ V}) = 9.5\text{ V}$ .

At  $V_S = \pm 15\text{ V}$ ,  $R_L = 2\text{ k}\Omega$  and  $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise noted.

All min and max specifications are guaranteed. Specifications shown in **boldface** are tested on all production units at the final electrical test. Results from those tests are used to calculate outgoing quality levels.

Table 2.

Parameter	AD524C			AD524S			Unit
	Min	Typ	Max	Min	Typ	Max	
GAIN							
Gain Equation (External Resistor Gain Programming)	$\left[ \frac{40,000}{R_G} + 1 \right] \pm 20\%$			$\left[ \frac{40,000}{R_G} + 1 \right] \pm 20\%$			
Gain Range (Pin Programmable)	1 to 1000			1 to 1000			
Gain Error <sup>1</sup>							
G = 1			<b>±0.02</b>			<b>±0.05</b>	%
G = 10			<b>±0.1</b>			<b>±0.25</b>	%
G = 100			<b>±0.25</b>			<b>±0.5</b>	%
G = 1000			<b>±0.5</b>			<b>±2.0</b>	%
Nonlinearity							
G = 1			±0.003			±0.01	%
G = 10, G = 100			±0.003			±0.01	%
G = 1000			±0.01			±0.01	%
Gain vs. Temperature							
G = 1			5			5	ppm/°C
G = 10			10			10	ppm/°C
G = 100			25			25	ppm/°C
G = 1000			50			50	ppm/°C
VOLTAGE OFFSET (May be Nulled)							
Input Offset Voltage			<b>50</b>			<b>100</b>	μV
vs. Temperature			<b>0.5</b>			<b>2.0</b>	μV/°C
Output Offset Voltage			<b>2.0</b>			<b>3.0</b>	mV
vs. Temperature			<b>25</b>			<b>50</b>	μV
Offset Referred to the Input vs. Supply							
G = 1	<b>80</b>			<b>75</b>			dB
G = 10	<b>100</b>			<b>95</b>			dB
G = 100	<b>110</b>			<b>105</b>			dB
G = 1000	<b>115</b>			<b>110</b>			dB

Parameter	AD524C			AD524S			Unit
	Min	Typ	Max	Min	Typ	Max	
INPUT CURRENT							
Input Bias Current			±15			±50	nA
vs. Temperature		±100			±100		pA/°C
Input Offset Current			±10			±35	nA
vs. Temperature		±100			±100		pA/°C
INPUT							
Input Impedance							
Differential Resistance		10 <sup>9</sup>			10 <sup>9</sup>		Ω
Differential Capacitance		10			10		pF
Common-Mode Resistance		10 <sup>9</sup>			10 <sup>9</sup>		Ω
Common-Mode Capacitance		10			10		pF
Input Voltage Range							
Maximum Differential Input Linear (V <sub>DL</sub> ) <sup>2</sup>	±10			±10			V
Maximum Common-Mode Linear (V <sub>CM</sub> ) <sup>2</sup>		$12\text{ V} - \left(\frac{G}{2} \times V_D\right)$			$12\text{ V} - \left(\frac{G}{2} \times V_D\right)$		V
Common-Mode Rejection DC to 60 Hz with 1 kΩ Source Imbalance							V
G = 1	80			70			dB
G = 10	100			90			dB
G = 100	110			100			dB
G = 1000	120			110			dB
OUTPUT RATING							
V <sub>OUT</sub> , R <sub>L</sub> = 2 kΩ		±10			±10		V
DYNAMIC RESPONSE							
Small Signal – 3 dB							
G = 1		1			1		MHz
G = 10		400			400		kHz
G = 100		150			150		kHz
G = 1000		25			25		kHz
Slew Rate		5.0			5.0		V/μs
Settling Time to 0.01%, 20 V Step							
G = 1 to 100		15			15		μs
G = 1000		75			75		μs
NOISE							
Voltage Noise, 1 kHz							
RTI		7			7		nV/√Hz
RTO		90			90		nV/√Hz
RTI, 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz							
G = 1		15			15		μV p-p
G = 10		2			2		μV p-p
G = 100, 1000		0.3			0.3		μV p-p
Current Noise							
0.1 Hz to 10 Hz		60			60		pA p-p
SENSE INPUT							
R <sub>IN</sub>		20			20		kΩ ± 20%
I <sub>IN</sub>		15			15		μA
Voltage Range	±10			±10			V
Gain to Output		1			1		%

Parameter	AD524C			AD524S			Unit
	Min	Typ	Max	Min	Typ	Max	
REFERENCE INPUT							
$R_{IN}$		40			40		$k\Omega \pm 20\%$
$I_{IN}$		15			15		$\mu A$
Voltage Range	10			10			V
Gain to Output		1			1		%
TEMPERATURE RANGE							
Specified Performance	-25		+85	-55		+85	$^{\circ}C$
Storage	-65		+150	-65		+150	$^{\circ}C$
POWER SUPPLY							
Power Supply Range	$\pm 6$	$\pm 15$	$\pm 18$	$\pm 6$	$\pm 15$	$\pm 18$	V
Quiescent Current		3.5	5.0		3.5	5.0	mA

<sup>1</sup> Does not include effects of external resistor  $R_G$ .

<sup>2</sup>  $V_{OL}$  is the maximum differential input voltage at  $G = 1$  for specified nonlinearity.

$V_{DL}$  at the maximum = 10 V/G.

$V_D$  = actual differential input voltage.

Example:  $G = 10$ ,  $V_D = 0.50$ .

$V_{CM} = 12\text{ V} - (10/2 \times 0.50\text{ V}) = 9.5\text{ V}$ .

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Table 3.

Parameter	Rating
Supply Voltage	±18 V
Internal Power Dissipation	450 mW
Input Voltage <sup>1</sup> (Either Input Simultaneously) $ V_{IN}  +  V_S $	<36 V
Output Short-Circuit Duration	Indefinite
Storage Temperature Range (R)	–65°C to +125°C
(D, E)	–65°C to +150°C
Operating Temperature Range AD524A/AD524B/AD524C	–25°C to +85°C
AD524S	–55°C to +125°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 60 sec)	+300°C

<sup>1</sup>Maximum input voltage specification refers to maximum voltage to which either input terminal may be raised with or without device power applied. For example, with ±18 volt supplies maximum,  $V_{IN}$  is ±18 V; with zero supply voltage maximum,  $V_{IN}$  is ±36 V.

Stresses at or above those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the product. This is a stress rating only; functional operation of the product at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational section of this specification is not implied. Operation beyond the maximum operating conditions for extended periods may affect product reliability.

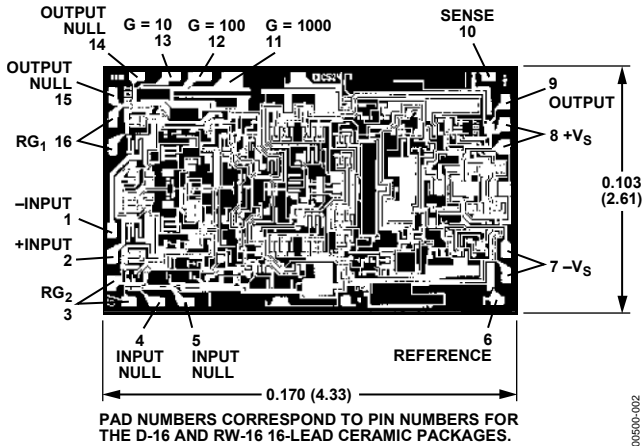


Figure 2. Metallization Photograph  
Contact factory for latest dimensions;  
Dimensions shown in inches and (mm)

CONNECTION DIAGRAMS

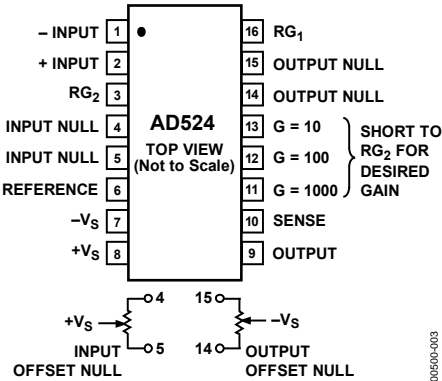


Figure 3. Ceramic (D) and  
SOIC (RW-16 and D-16) Packages

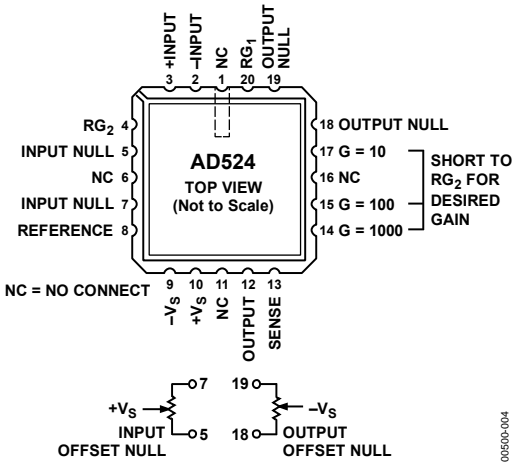


Figure 4. Leadless Chip Carrier (E)

ESD CAUTION



**ESD (electrostatic discharge) sensitive device.** Charged devices and circuit boards can discharge without detection. Although this product features patented or proprietary protection circuitry, damage may occur on devices subjected to high energy ESD. Therefore, proper ESD precautions should be taken to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.

## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

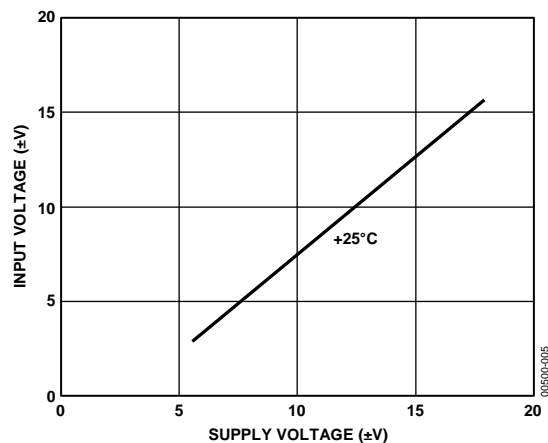
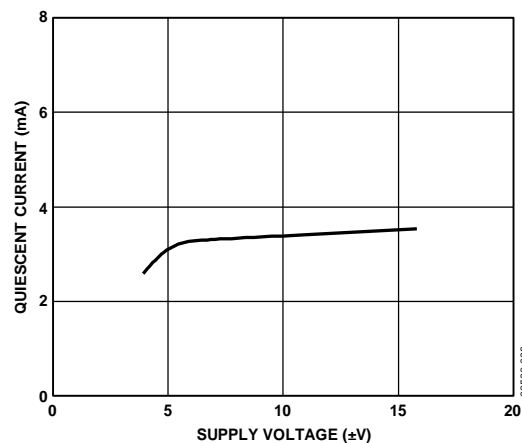
Figure 5. Input Voltage Range vs. Supply Voltage,  $G = 1$ 

Figure 8. Quiescent Current vs. Supply Voltage

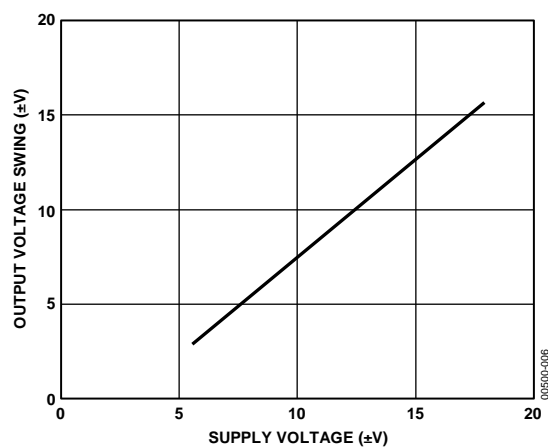


Figure 6. Output Voltage Swing vs. Supply Voltage

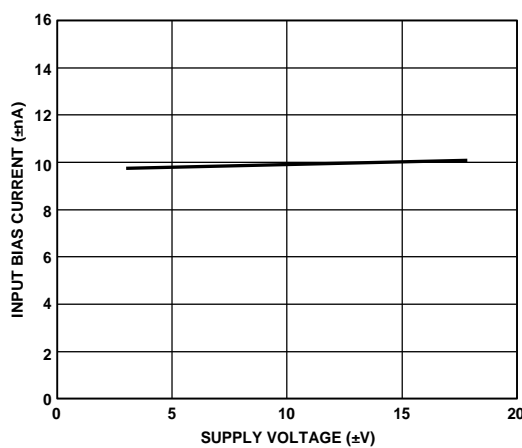


Figure 9. Input Bias Current vs. Supply Voltage

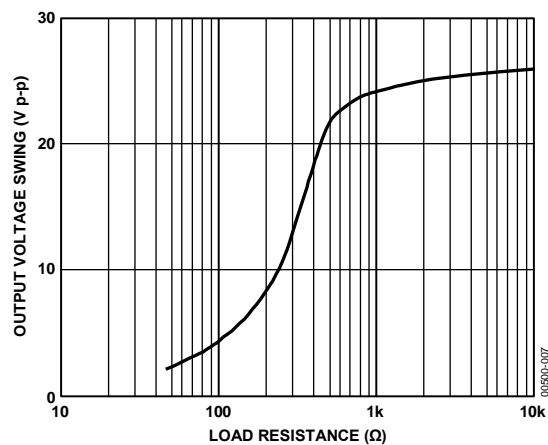


Figure 7. Output Voltage Swing vs. Load Resistance

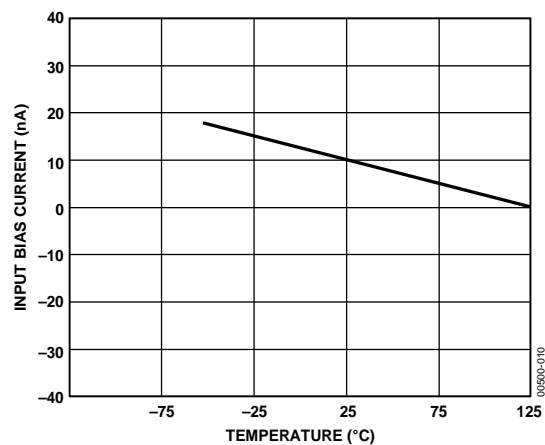


Figure 10. Input Bias Current vs. Temperature

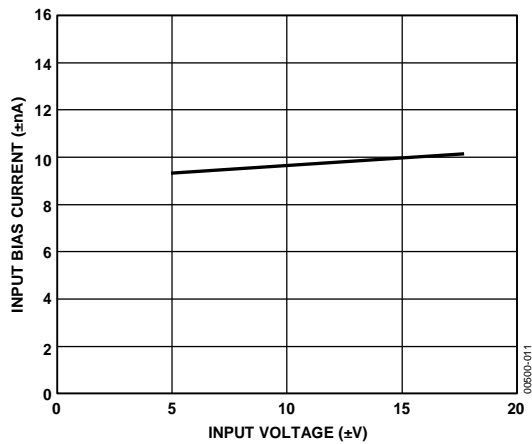


Figure 11. Input Bias Current vs. Input Voltage

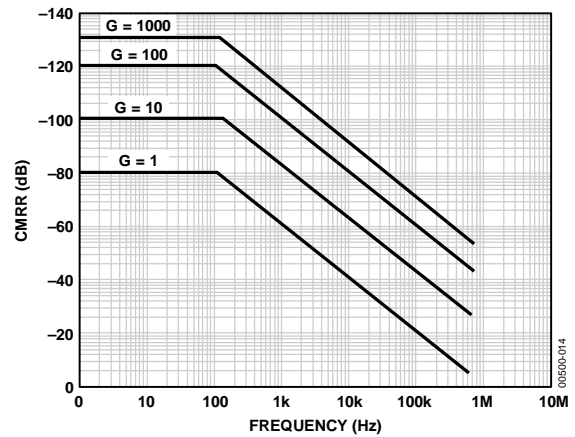


Figure 14. CMRR vs. Frequency, RTI, Zero to 1000 Source Imbalance

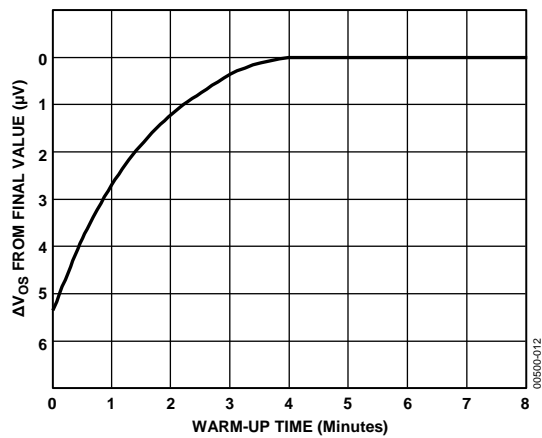


Figure 12. Offset Voltage, RTI, Turn-On Drift

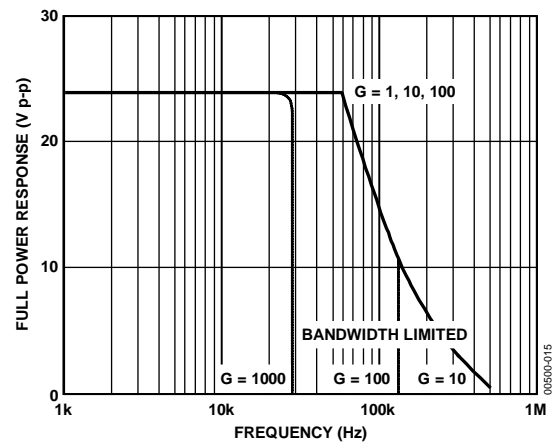


Figure 15. Large Signal Frequency Response

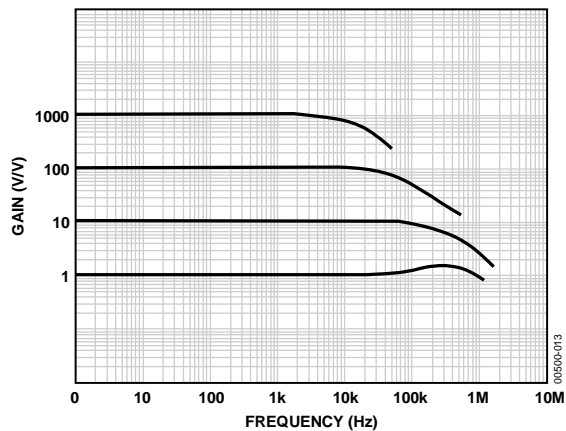


Figure 13. Gain vs. Frequency

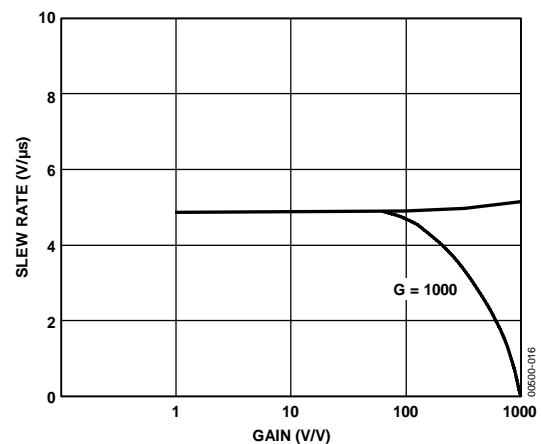


Figure 16. Slew Rate vs. Gain

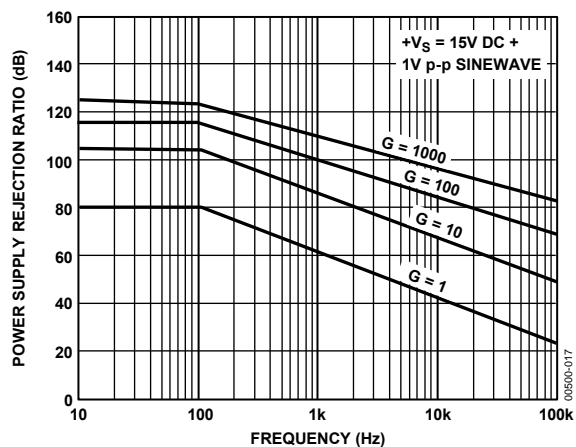


Figure 17. Positive PSRR vs. Frequency

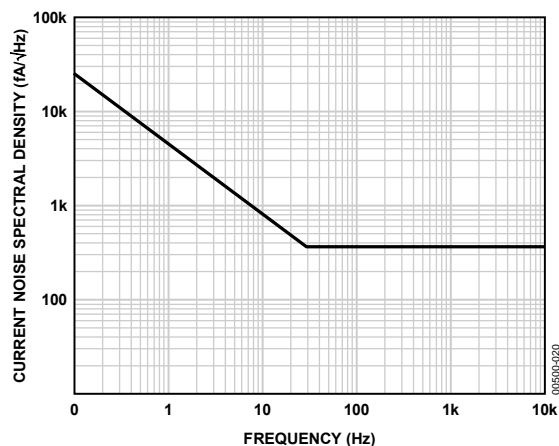


Figure 20. Input Current Noise vs. Frequency

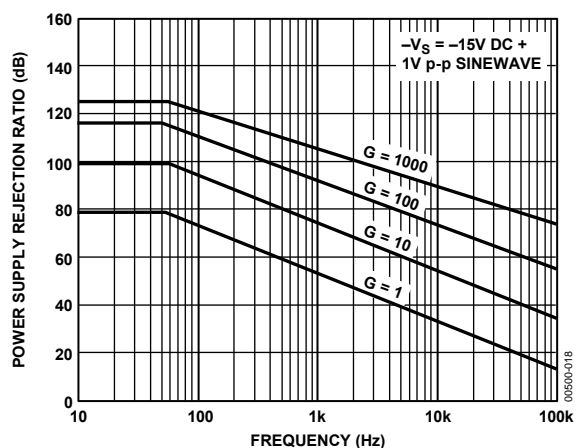


Figure 18. Negative PSRR vs. Frequency

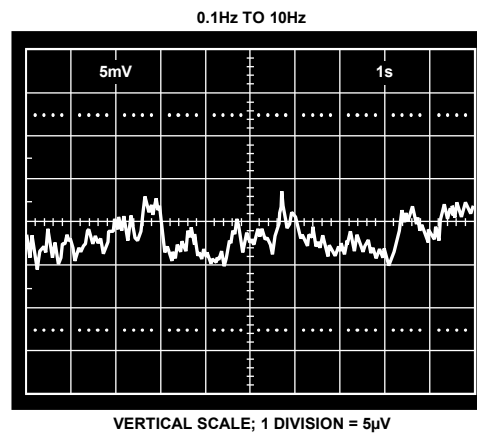
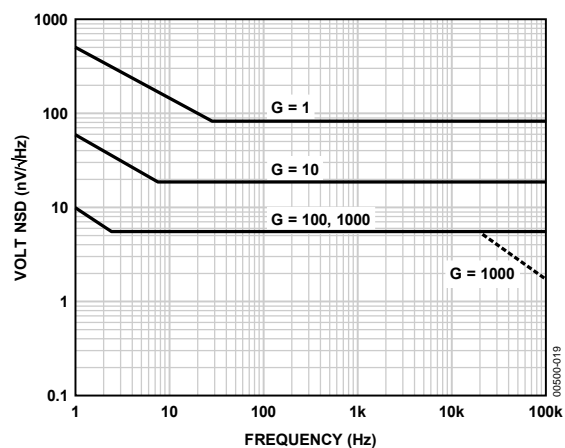
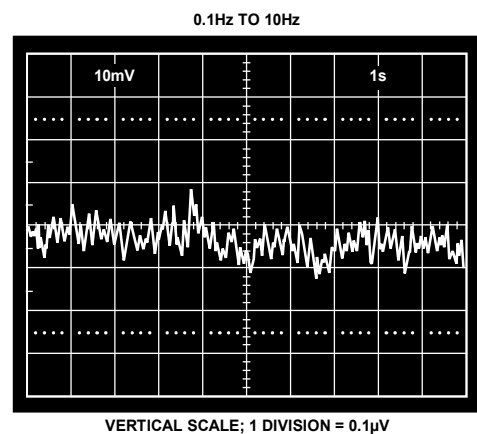
Figure 21. Low Frequency Noise,  $G = 1$  (System Gain = 1000)

Figure 19. RTI Noise Spectral Density vs. Gain

Figure 22. Low Frequency Noise,  $G = 1000$  (System Gain = 100,000)

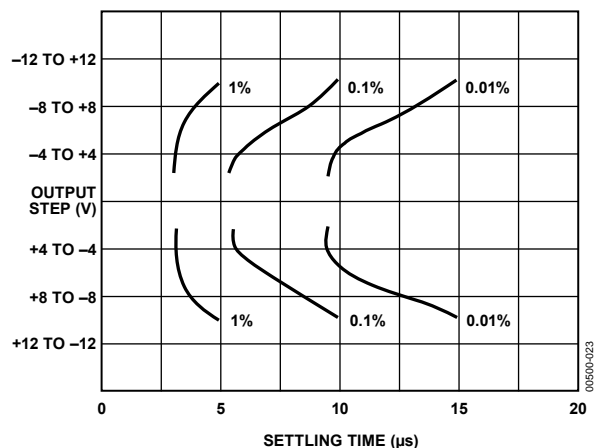


Figure 23. Settling Time, Gain = 1

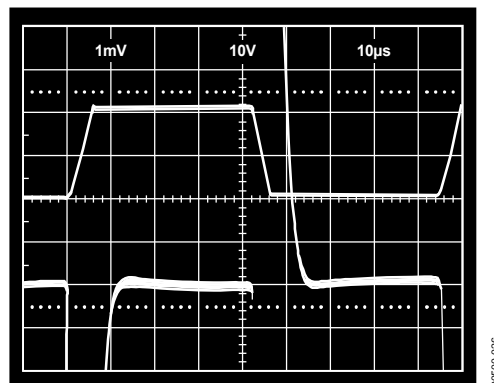


Figure 26. Large Signal Pulse Response and Settling Time, Gain = 10

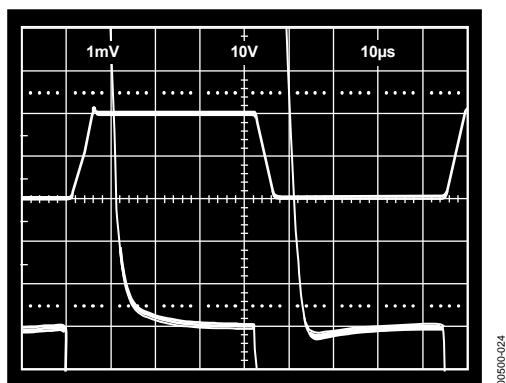


Figure 24. Large Signal Pulse Response and Settling Time, Gain = 1

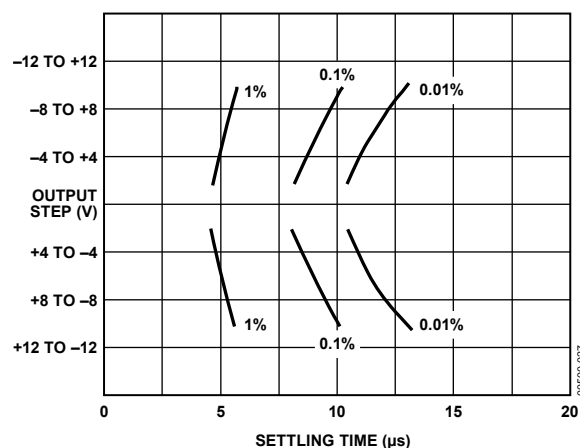


Figure 27. Settling Time, Gain = 100

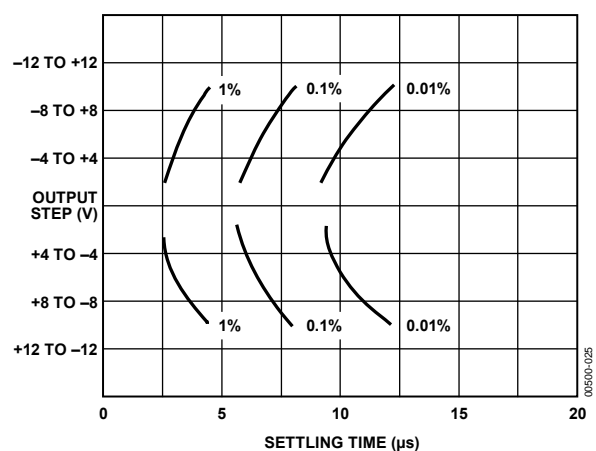


Figure 25. Settling Time, Gain = 10

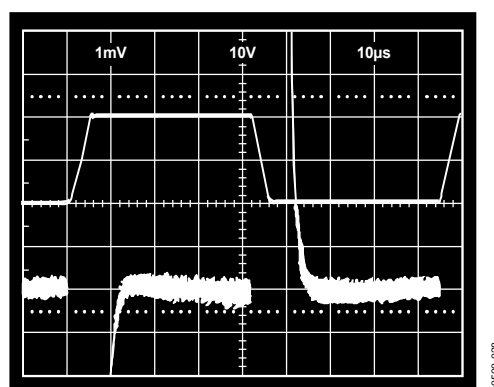


Figure 28. Large Signal Pulse Response and Settling Time, Gain = 100

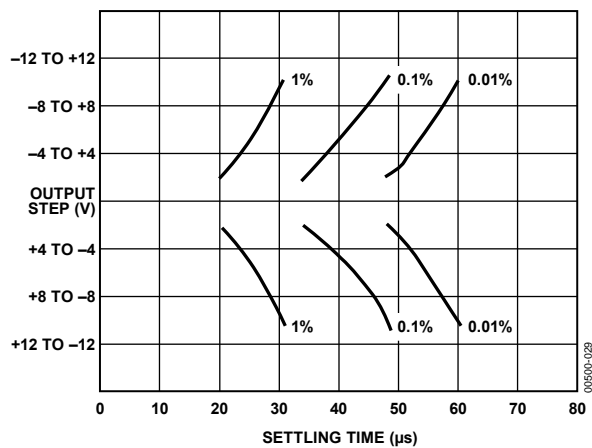


Figure 29. Settling Time, Gain = 1000

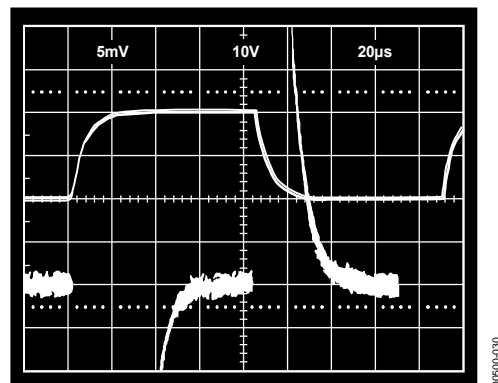


Figure 30. Large Signal Pulse Response and Settling Time, Gain = 1000

## TEST CIRCUITS

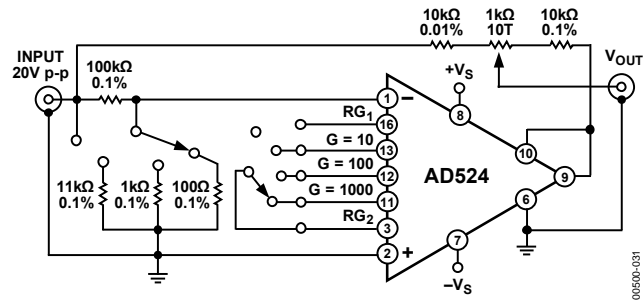
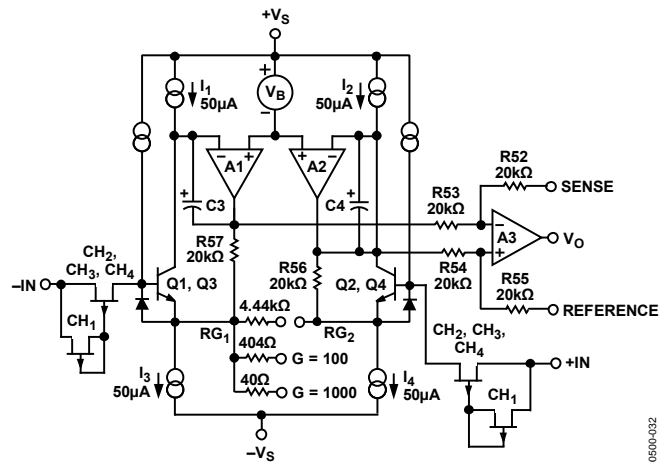


Figure 31. Settling Time Test Circuit

Figure 32. Simplified Circuit of Amplifier; Gain is Defined as  $((R56 + R57)/(R_G)) + 1$ ; For a Gain of 1,  $R_G$  is an Open Circuit

## THEORY OF OPERATION

The AD524 is a monolithic instrumentation amplifier based on the classic 3-op amp circuit. The advantage of monolithic construction is the closely matched components that enhance the performance of the input preamplifier. The preamplifier section develops the programmed gain by the use of feedback concepts. The programmed gain is developed by varying the value of  $R_G$  (smaller values increase the gain) while the feedback forces the collector currents (Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4) to be constant, which impresses the input voltage across  $R_G$ .

As  $R_G$  is reduced to increase the programmed gain, the transconductance of the input preamplifier increases to the transconductance of the input transistors. This has three important advantages. First, this approach allows the circuit to achieve a very high open-loop gain of  $3 \times 10^8$  at a programmed gain of 1000, thus reducing gain-related errors to a negligible 30 ppm. Second, the gain bandwidth product, which is determined by C3 or C4 and the input transconductance, reaches 25 MHz. Third, the input voltage noise reduces to a value determined by the collector current of the input transistors for an RTI noise of  $7 \text{ nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  at  $G = 1000$ .

### INPUT PROTECTION

As interface amplifiers for data acquisition systems, instrumentation amplifiers are often subjected to input overloads, that is, voltage levels in excess of the full scale for the selected gain range. At low gains (10 or less), the gain resistor acts as a current limiting element in series with the inputs. At high gains, the lower value of  $R_G$  does not adequately protect the inputs

from excessive currents. Standard practice is to place series limiting resistors in each input, but to limit input current to below 5 mA with a full differential overload (36 V) requires over  $7 \text{ k}\Omega$  of resistance, which adds  $10 \text{ nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  of noise. To provide both input protection and low noise, a special series protection FET is used.

A unique FET design was used to provide a bidirectional current limit, thereby protecting against both positive and negative overloads. Under nonoverload conditions, three channels ( $\text{CH}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$ ) act as a resistance ( $\approx 1 \text{ k}\Omega$ ) in series with the input as before. During an overload in the positive direction, a fourth channel,  $\text{CH}_1$ , acts as a small resistance ( $\approx 3 \text{ k}\Omega$ ) in series with the gate, which draws only the leakage current, and the FET limits  $I_{\text{DSS}}$ . When the FET enhances under a negative overload, the gate current must go through the small FET formed by  $\text{CH}_1$  and when this FET goes into saturation, the gate current is limited and the main FET goes into controlled enhancement. The bidirectional limiting holds the maximum input current to 3 mA over the 36 V range.

### INPUT OFFSET AND OUTPUT OFFSET

Voltage offset specifications are often considered a figure of merit for instrumentation amplifiers. While initial offset may be adjusted to zero, shifts in offset voltage due to temperature variations causes errors. Intelligent systems can often correct this factor with an auto-zero cycle, but there are many small-signal high-gain applications that do not have this capability.

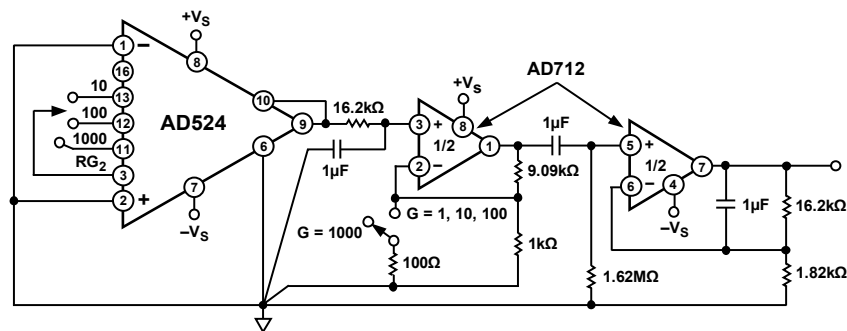


Figure 33. Noise Test Circuit



The AD524 can also be configured to provide gain in the output stage. Figure 37 shows an H pad attenuator connected to the reference and sense lines of the AD524. R1, R2, and R3 should be made as low as possible to minimize the gain variation and reduction of CMRR. Varying R2 precisely sets the gain without affecting CMRR. CMRR is determined by the match of R1 and R3.

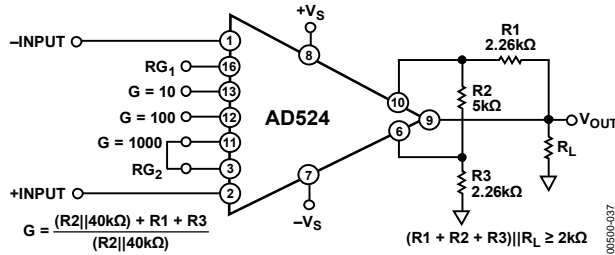


Figure 37. Gain of 2000

Table 4. Output Gain Resistor Values

Output Gain	R2	R1, R3	Nominal Gain
2	5 kΩ	2.26 kΩ	2.02
5	1.05 kΩ	2.05 kΩ	5.01
10	1 kΩ	4.42 kΩ	10.1

## INPUT BIAS CURRENTS

Input bias currents are those currents necessary to bias the input transistors of a dc amplifier. Bias currents are an additional source of input error and must be considered in a total error budget. The bias currents, when multiplied by the source resistance, appear as an offset voltage. What is of concern in calculating bias current errors is the change in bias current with respect to signal voltage and temperature. Input offset current is the difference between the two input bias currents. The effect of offset current is an input offset voltage whose magnitude is the offset current times the source impedance imbalance.

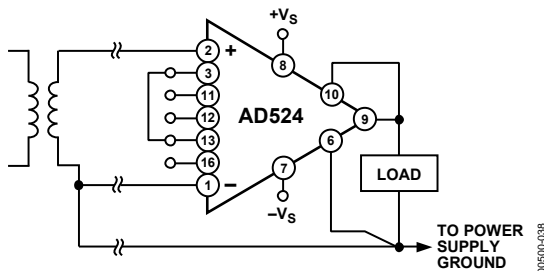


Figure 38. Indirect Ground Returns for Bias Currents—Transformer Coupled

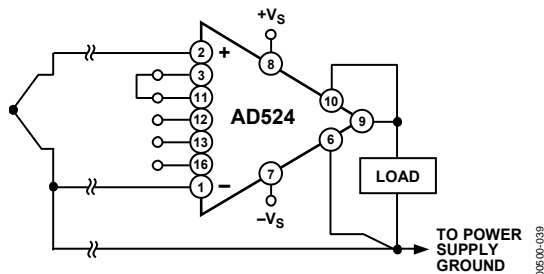


Figure 39. Indirect Ground Returns for Bias Currents—Thermocouple

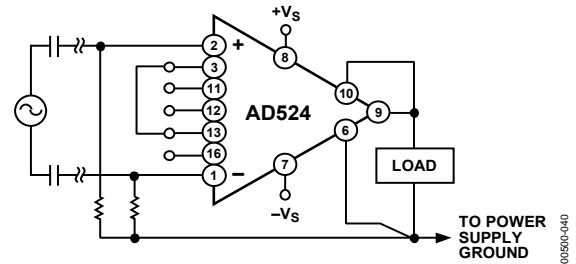


Figure 40. Indirect Ground Returns for Bias Currents—AC-Coupled

Although instrumentation amplifiers have differential inputs, there must be a return path for the bias currents. If this is not provided, those currents charge stray capacitances, causing the output to drift uncontrollably or to saturate. Therefore, when amplifying floating input sources such as transformers and thermocouples, as well as ac-coupled sources, there must still be a dc path from each input to ground.

## COMMON-MODE REJECTION

Common-mode rejection is a measure of the change in output voltage when both inputs are changed equal amounts. These specifications are usually given for a full-range input voltage change and a specified source imbalance. Common-mode rejection ratio (CMRR) is a ratio expression whereas common-mode rejection (CMR) is the logarithm of that ratio. For example, a CMRR of 10,000 corresponds to a CMR of 80 dB.

In an instrumentation amplifier, ac common-mode rejection is only as good as the differential phase shift. Degradation of ac common-mode rejection is caused by unequal drops across differing track resistances and a differential phase shift due to varied stray capacitances or cable capacitances. In many applications, shielded cables are used to minimize noise. This technique can create common-mode rejection errors unless the shield is properly driven. Figure 41 and Figure 42 show active data guards that are configured to improve ac common-mode rejection by bootstrapping the capacitances of the input cabling, thus minimizing differential phase shift.

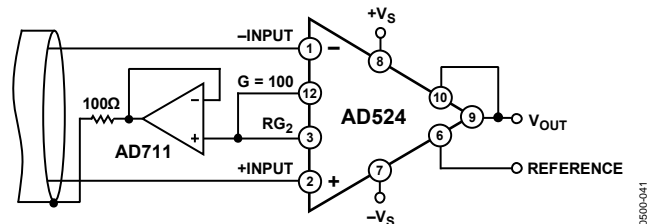


Figure 41. Shield Driver,  $G \geq 100$

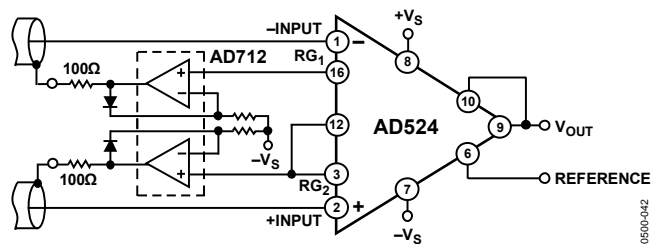


Figure 42. Differential Shield Driver

## GROUNDING

Many data acquisition components have two or more ground pins that are not connected together within the device. These grounds must be tied together at one point, usually at the system power-supply ground. Ideally, a single solid ground would be desirable. However, because current flows through the ground wires and etch stripes of the circuit cards, and because these paths have resistance and inductance, hundreds of millivolts can be generated between the system ground point and the data acquisition components. Separate ground returns should be provided to minimize the current flow in the path from the sensitive points to the system ground point. In this way, supply currents and logic-gate return currents are not summed into the same return path as analog signals where they would cause measurement errors.

Because the output voltage is developed with respect to the potential on the reference terminal, an instrumentation amplifier can solve many grounding problems.

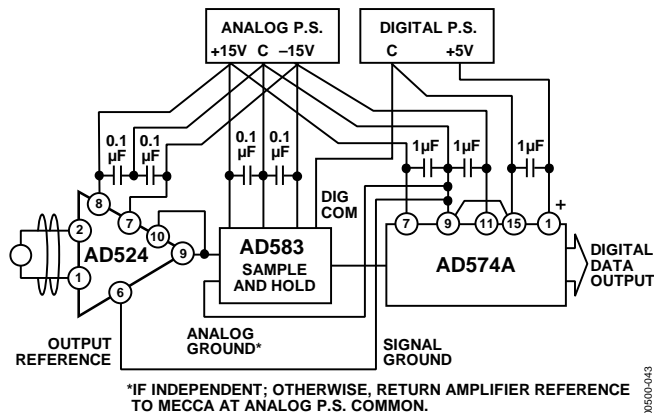


Figure 43. Basic Grounding Practice

## SENSE TERMINAL

The sense terminal is the feedback point for the instrument amplifier's output amplifier. Normally, it is connected to the instrument amplifier output. If heavy load currents are to be drawn through long leads, voltage drops due to current flowing through lead resistance can cause errors. The sense terminal can be wired to the instrument amplifier at the load, thus putting the  $I \times R$  drops inside the loop and virtually eliminating this error source.

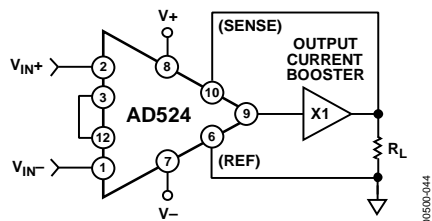


Figure 44. AD524 Instrumentation Amplifier with Output Current Booster

Typically, IC instrumentation amplifiers are rated for a full  $\pm 10$  volt output swing into  $2 \text{ k}\Omega$ . In some applications, however, the need exists to drive more current into heavier loads.

Figure 44 shows how a high current booster may be connected inside the loop of an instrumentation amplifier to provide the required current boost without significantly degrading overall performance. Nonlinearities and offset and gain inaccuracies of the buffer are minimized by the loop gain of the AD524 output amplifier. Offset drift of the buffer is similarly reduced.

## REFERENCE TERMINAL

The reference terminal can be used to offset the output by up to  $\pm 10$  V. This is useful when the load is floating or does not share a ground with the rest of the system. It also provides a direct means of injecting a precise offset. It must be remembered that the total output swing is  $\pm 10$  V to be shared between signal and reference offset.

When the AD524 is of the 3-amplifier configuration it is necessary that nearly zero impedance be presented to the reference terminal.

Any significant resistance from the reference terminal to ground increases the gain of the noninverting signal path, thereby upsetting the common-mode rejection of the AD524.

In the AD524, a reference source resistance unbalances the CMR trim by the ratio of  $20 \text{ k}\Omega / R_{\text{REF}}$ . For example, if the reference source impedance is  $1 \Omega$ , CMR is reduced to 86 dB ( $20 \text{ k}\Omega / 1 \Omega = 86 \text{ dB}$ ). An operational amplifier can be used to provide that low impedance reference point, as shown in Figure 45. The input offset voltage characteristics of that amplifier adds directly to the output offset voltage performance of the instrumentation amplifier.

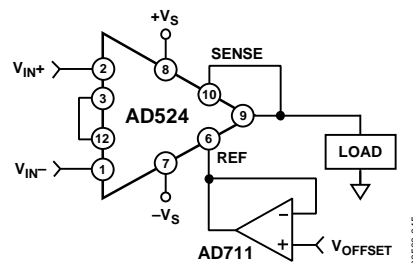
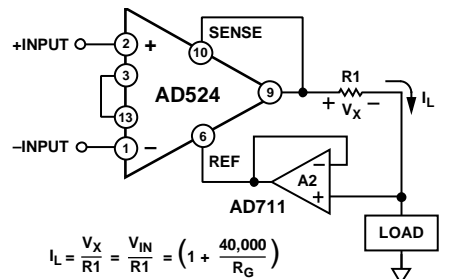


Figure 45. Use of Reference Terminal to Provide Output Offset

An instrumentation amplifier can be turned into a voltage-to-current converter by taking advantage of the sense and reference terminals, as shown in Figure 46.



$$I_L = \frac{V_X}{R_1} = \frac{V_{IN}}{R_1} = \left(1 + \frac{40,000}{R_G}\right)$$

Figure 46. Voltage-to-Current Converter

By establishing a reference at the low side of a current setting resistor, an output current may be defined as a function of input voltage, gain, and the value of that resistor. Because only a small current is demanded at the input of the buffer amplifier (A2)

the forced current,  $I_L$ , largely flows through the load. Offset and drift specifications of A2 must be added to the output offset and drift specifications of the AD524.

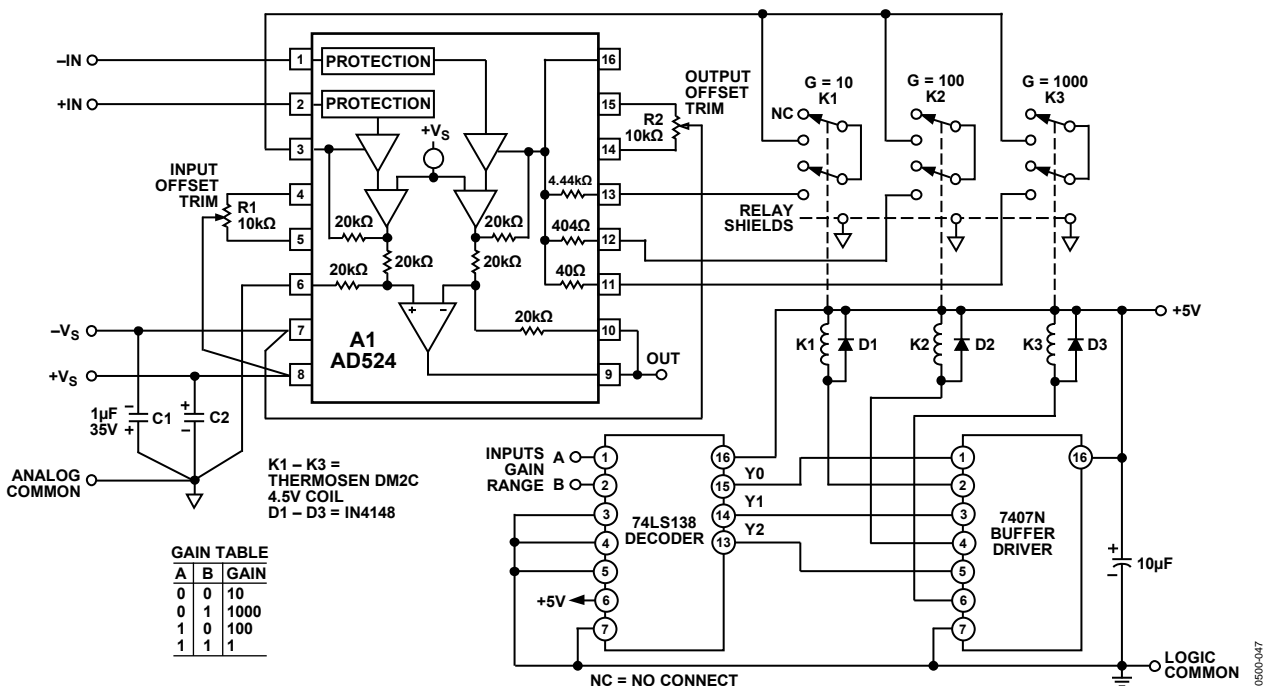


Figure 47. Three-Decade Gain Programmable Amplifier



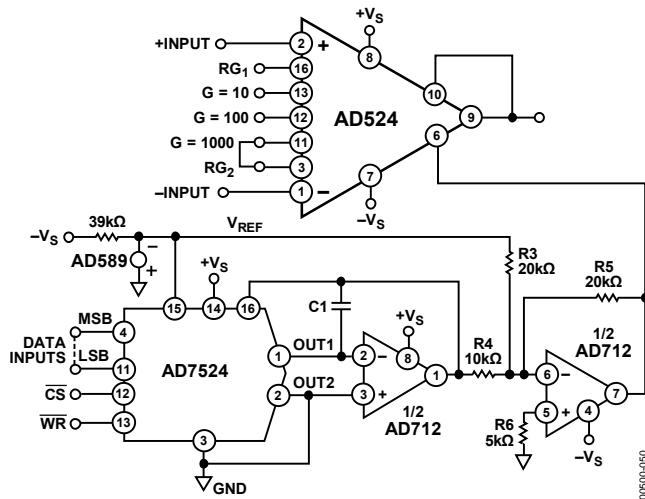


Figure 50. Software Controllable Offset

In many applications, complex software algorithms for auto-zero applications are not available. For those applications, Figure 51 provides a hardware solution.

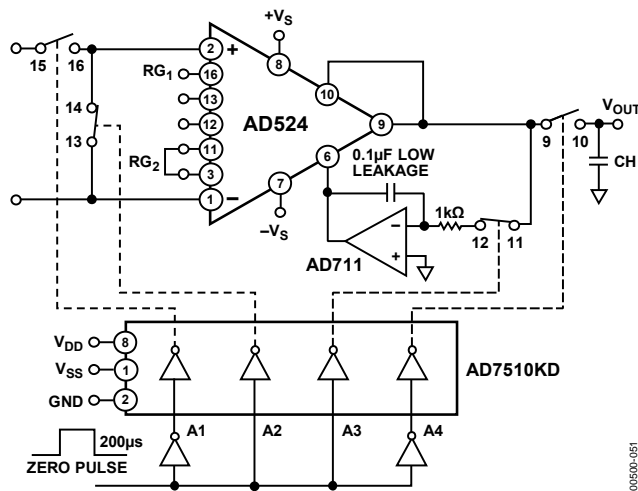


Figure 51. Auto-Zero Circuit

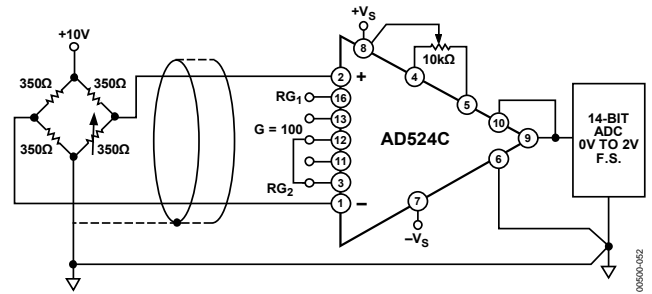


Figure 52. Typical Bridge Application

## ERROR BUDGET ANALYSIS

To illustrate how instrumentation amplifier specifications are applied, review a typical case where an AD524 is required to amplify the output of an unbalanced transducer. Figure 52 shows a differential transducer, unbalanced by  $100\ \Omega$ , supplying a  $0\ \text{mV}$  to  $20\ \text{mV}$  signal to an AD524C. The output of the  $I_A$  feeds a 14-bit ADC with a  $0\ \text{V}$  to  $2\ \text{V}$  input voltage range. The operating temperature range is  $-25^\circ\text{C}$  to  $+85^\circ\text{C}$ . Therefore, the largest change in temperature,  $\Delta T$ , within the operating range is from ambient to  $+85^\circ\text{C}$  ( $85^\circ\text{C} - 25^\circ\text{C} = 60^\circ\text{C}$ ).

In many applications, differential linearity and resolution are of prime importance in cases where the absolute value of a variable is less important than changes in value. In these applications, only the irreducible errors ( $45\ \text{ppm} = 0.004\%$ ) are significant. Furthermore, if a system has an intelligent processor monitoring the analog-to-digital output, the addition of an autogain/auto-zero cycle removes all reducible errors and may eliminate the requirement for initial calibration. This also reduces errors to  $0.004\%$ .

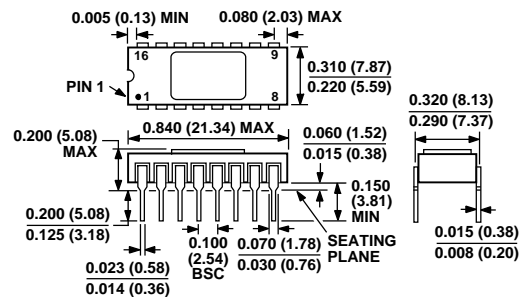
Table 5. Error Budget Analysis

Error Source	AD524C Specifications	Calculation	Effect on Absolute Accuracy at T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C	Effect on Absolute Accuracy at T <sub>A</sub> = 85°C	Effect on Resolution
Gain Error	±0.25%	±0.25% = 2500 ppm	2500 ppm	2500 ppm	–
Gain Instability	25 ppm	(25 ppm/°C)(60°C) = 1500 ppm	–	1500 ppm	–
Gain Nonlinearity	±0.003%	±0.003% = 30 ppm	–	–	30 ppm
Input Offset Voltage	±50 μV, RTI	±50 μV/20 mV = ±2500 ppm	2500 ppm	2500 ppm	–
Input Offset Voltage Drift	±0.5 μV/°C	(±0.5 μV/°C)(60°C) = 30 μV	–	1500 ppm	–
	–	30 μV/20 mV = 1500 ppm			
Output Offset Voltage <sup>1</sup>	±2.0 mV	±2.0 mV/20 mV = 1000 ppm	1000 ppm	1000 ppm	–
Output Offset Voltage Drift <sup>1</sup>	±25 μV/°C	(±25 μV/°C)(60°C) = 1500 μV	–	750 ppm	–
		1500 μV/20 mV = 750 ppm			
Bias Current-Source Imbalance Error	±15 nA	(±15 nA)(100 Ω) = 1.5 μV	75 ppm	75 ppm	–
		1.5 μV/20 mV = 75 ppm			
Bias Current-Source Imbalance Drift	±100 pA/°C	(±100 pA/°C)(100 Ω)(60°C) = 0.6 μV	–	30 ppm	–
		0.6 μV/20 mV = 30 ppm			
Offset Current-Source Imbalance Error	±10 nA	(±10 nA)(100 Ω) = 1 μV	50 ppm	50 ppm	–
		1 μV/20 mV = 50 ppm			
Offset Current-Source Imbalance Drift	±100 pA/°C	(100 pA/°C)(100 Ω)(60°C) = 0.6 μV	–	30 ppm	–
		0.6 μV/20 mV = 30 ppm			
Offset Current-Source Resistance-Error	±10 nA	(10 nA)(175 Ω) = 3.5 μV	87.5 ppm	87.5 ppm	–
		3.5 μV/20 mV = 87.5 ppm			
Offset Current-Source Resistance-Drift	±100 pA/°C	(100 pA/°C)(175 Ω)(60°C) = 1 μV	–	50 ppm	–
		1 μV/20 mV = 50 ppm			
Common Mode Rejection 5 V DC	115 dB	115 dB = 1.8 ppm × 5 V = 8.8 μV	444 ppm	444 ppm	–
		8.8 μV/20 mV = 444 ppm			
Noise, RTI (0.1 Hz to 10 Hz)	0.3 μV p-p	0.3 μV p-p/20 mV = 15 ppm	–	–	15 ppm
Total Error			6656.5 ppm	10516.5 ppm	45 ppm

<sup>1</sup> Output offset voltage and output offset voltage drift are given as RTI figures.



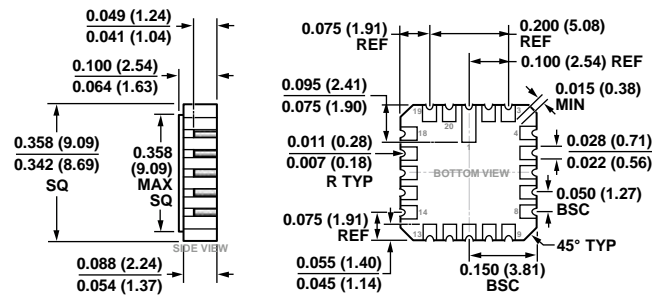
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Figure 55. 16-Lead Side-Brazed Ceramic Dual In-Line [SBDIP] (D-16)

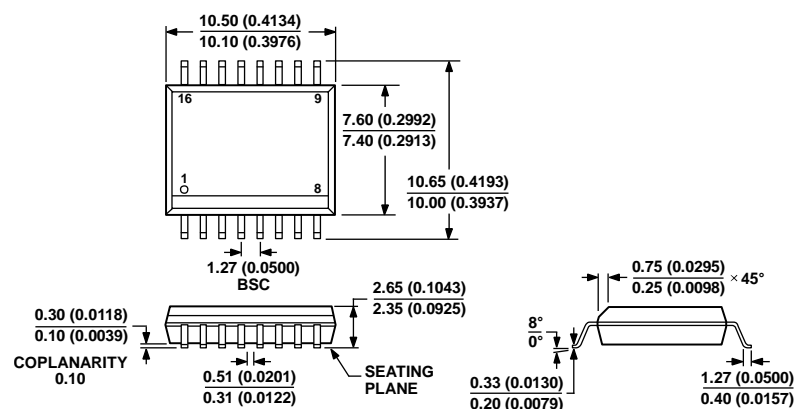
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Figure 56. 20-Terminal Ceramic Leadless Chip Carrier [LCC] (E-20)

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Figure 57. 16-Lead Standard Small Outline Package [SOIC\_W] Wide Body (RW-16)

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## ORDERING GUIDE

Model <sup>1, 2</sup>	Temperature Range	Package Description	Package Option
AD524AD	–40°C to +85°C	16-Lead SBDIP	D-16
AD524ADZ	–40°C to +85°C	16-Lead SBDIP	D-16
AD524AR-16	–40°C to +85°C	16-Lead SOIC_W	RW-16
AD524ARZ-16	–40°C to +85°C	16-Lead SOIC_W	RW-16
AD524ARZ-16-REEL7	–40°C to +85°C	16-Lead SOIC_W, 7" Tape and Reel	RW-16
AD524BD	–40°C to +85°C	16-Lead SBDIP	D-16
AD524BDZ	–40°C to +85°C	16-Lead SBDIP	D-16
AD524BE	–40°C to +85°C	20-Terminal LCC	E-20
AD524CD	–40°C to +85°C	16-Lead SBDIP	D-16
AD524CDZ	–40°C to +85°C	16-Lead SBDIP	D-16
AD524SD	–55°C to +125°C	16-Lead SBDIP	D-16
AD524SD/883B	–55°C to +125°C	16-Lead SBDIP	D-16
5962-8853901EA	–55°C to +125°C	16-Lead SBDIP	D-16
AD524SE/883B	–55°C to +125°C	20-Terminal LCC	E-20
AD524SCHIPS	–55°C to +125°C	Die	

<sup>1</sup> Z = RoHS Compliant Part.

<sup>2</sup> Refer to the official DESC drawing for tested specifications of the 5962-8853901EA model.