

Dual-channel 12-bit 40MSPS 215mW A/D converter

Features

- Low power consumption: 215 mW@40 MSPS
- Single supply voltage: 2.5 V
- Independent supply for CMOS output stage with 2.5 V/3.3 V capability
- SFDR = -75 dBc @ $F_{in} = 10$ MHz
- 1GHz analog bandwidth track-and-hold
- Common clocking between channels
- Dual simultaneous sample and hold inputs
- Multiplexed binary word outputs
- Built-in reference voltage with external bias capability

Description

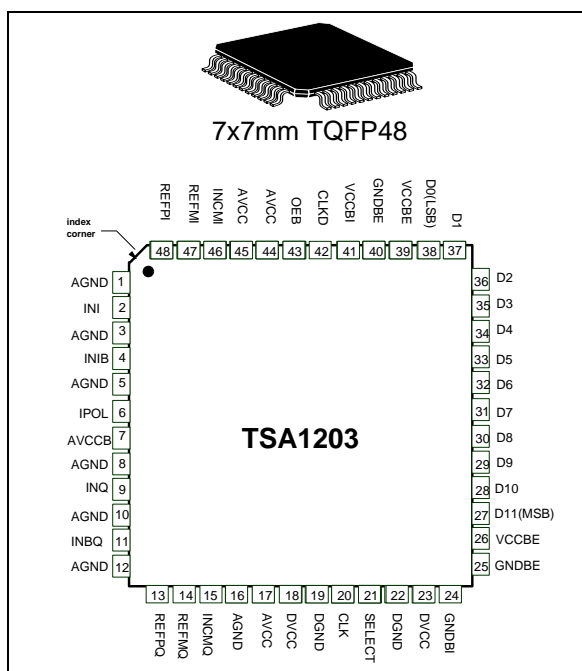
The TSA1203 is a new generation high-speed, dual-channel analog-to-digital converter implemented in a mainstream 0.25 μ m CMOS technology that offers high performance and very low power consumption.

The TSA1203 is specifically designed for applications requiring a very low noise floor, high SFDR and good insulation between channels. It is based on a pipeline structure and digital error correction to provide high static linearity at $F_S = 40$ MSPS, and $F_{in} = 10$ MHz.

Each channel has an integrated voltage reference to simplify the design and minimize external components. It is nevertheless possible to use the circuit with external references.

The ADC binary word outputs are multiplexed in a common bus with a small number of pins. A tri-state capability is available for the outputs, allowing chip selection. The inputs of the ADC must be differentially driven.

The TSA1203 is available in extended temperature range (-40° C to +85° C), in a small 48-pin TQFP package.



Applications

- Medical imaging and ultrasound
- 3G base station
- I/Q signal processing applications
- High-speed data acquisition systems
- Portable instrumentation

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1 Schematic diagram

Figure 1. TSA1203 block diagram

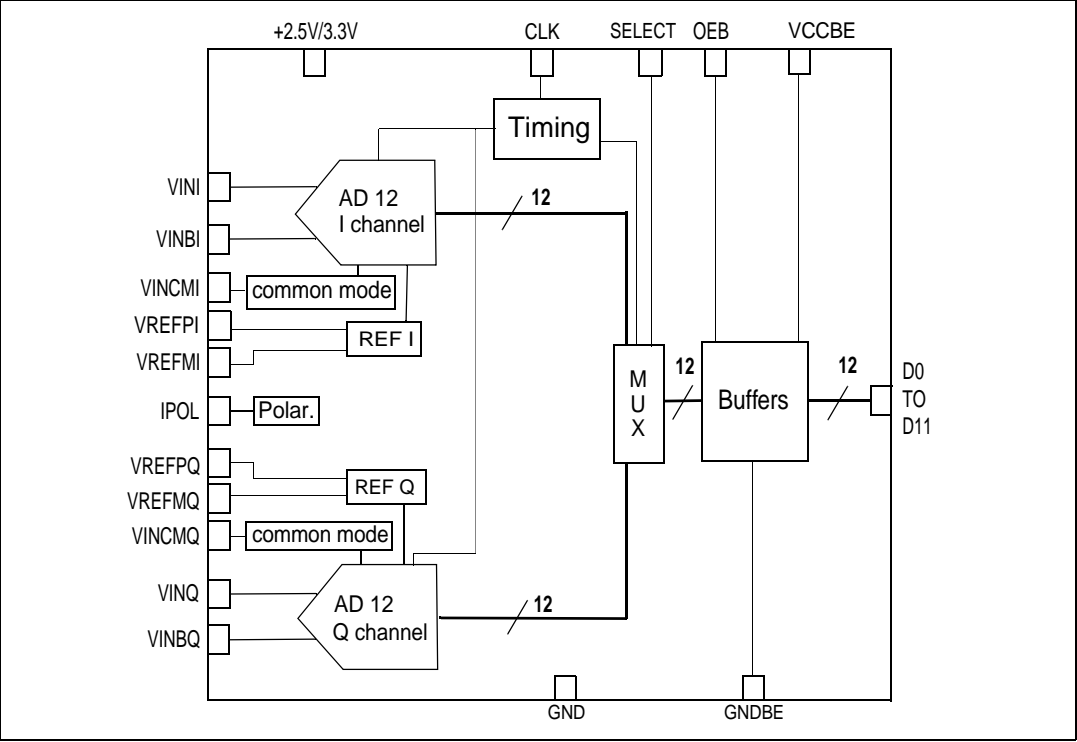
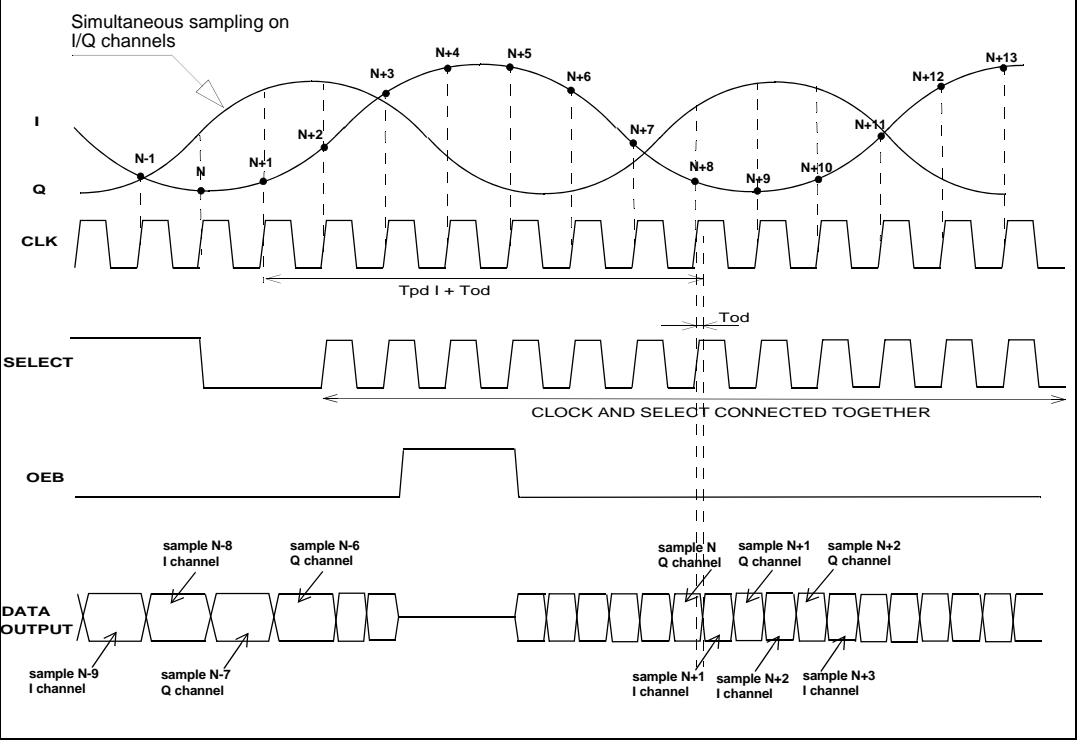


Figure 2. Timing diagram



2 Pin descriptions

Table 1. Pin descriptions (TQFP48 package)

| Pin nb | Name | Description | Observation | Pin nb | Name | Description | Observation |
|--------|--------|------------------------------------|------------------|--------|-----------|------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | AGND | Analog ground | 0 V | 25 | GNDBE | Digital buffer ground | 0 V |
| 2 | INI | I channel analog input | | 26 | VCCBE | Digital buffer power supply | 2.5 V/3.3 V |
| 3 | AGND | Analog ground | 0 V | 27 | D11(MS B) | Most significant bit output | CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V) |
| 4 | INBI | I channel inverted analog input | | 28 | D10 | Digital output | CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V) |
| 5 | AGND | Analog ground | 0 V | 29 | D9 | Digital output | CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V) |
| 6 | IPOL | Analog bias current input | | 30 | D8 | Digital output | CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V) |
| 7 | AVCC | Analog power supply | 2.5 V | 31 | D7 | Digital output | CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V) |
| 8 | AGND | Analog ground | 0 V | 32 | D6 | Digital output | CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V) |
| 9 | INQ | Q channel analog input | | 33 | D5 | Digital output | CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V) |
| 10 | AGND | Analog ground | 0 V | 34 | D4 | Digital output | CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V) |
| 11 | INBQ | Q channel inverted analog input | | 35 | D3 | Digital output | CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V) |
| 12 | AGND | Analog ground | 0 V | 36 | D2 | Digital output | CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V) |
| 13 | REFPQ | Q channel top reference voltage | | 37 | D1 | Digital output | CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V) |
| 14 | REFMQ | Q channel bottom reference voltage | 0 V | 38 | D0(LSB) | Least significant bit output | CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V) |
| 15 | INCMQ | Q channel input common mode | | 39 | VCCBE | Digital buffer power supply | 2.5 V/3.3 V - see Table 14 . |
| 16 | AGND | Analog ground | 0 V | 40 | GNDBE | Digital buffer ground | 0 V |
| 17 | AVCC | Analog power supply | 2.5 V | 41 | VCCBI | Digital buffer power supply | 2.5 V |
| 18 | DVCC | Digital power supply | 2.5 V | 42 | CLKD | Data clock input | Idle at high level 2.5 V or 3.3 V |
| 19 | DGND | Digital ground | 0 V | 43 | OEB | Output enable input | 2.5 V/3.3 V CMOS input |
| 20 | CLK | Clock input | 2.5 V CMOS input | 44 | AVCC | Analog power supply | 2.5 V |
| 21 | SELECT | Channel selection | 2.5 V CMOS input | 45 | AVCC | Analog power supply | 2.5 V |
| 22 | DGND | Digital ground | 0 V | 46 | INCM I | I channel input common mode | |
| 23 | DVCC | Digital power supply | 2.5 V | 47 | REFMI | I channel bottom reference voltage | 0 V |
| 24 | GNDBI | Digital buffer ground | 0 V | 48 | REFPI | I channel top reference voltage | |

3 Dynamic characteristics

Dynamic characteristics are measured under the following conditions, unless otherwise specified: $AV_{CC} = DV_{CC} = V_{CCB} = 2.5\text{ V}$, $F_S = 40\text{ Msps}$, $F_{in} = 10.13\text{ MHz}$, $V_{in} @ -1\text{ dBFS}$, $V_{REFP} = 0.8\text{ V}$, $V_{REFM} = 0\text{ V}$, $T_{amb} = 25^\circ\text{ C}$.

Table 2. Dynamic characteristics

| Symbol | Parameter | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|--------|--------------------------------------|------|------|-------|------|
| SFDR | Spurious free dynamic range | | -75 | -59.5 | dBc |
| SNR | Signal to noise ratio | 60.7 | 67 | | dB |
| THD | Total harmonics distortion | | -73 | -58 | dBc |
| SINAD | Signal to noise and distortion ratio | 56.5 | 66 | | dB |
| ENOB | Effective number of bits | 9.1 | 10.8 | | bits |

4 Timing characteristics

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Table 3. Timing characteristics

| Symbol | Parameter | Test conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|-------------|--|------------------------|------|-----|-----|--------|
| F_S | Sampling frequency | | 0.5 | | 40 | MHz |
| DC | Clock duty cycle | | 45 | 50 | 55 | % |
| TC1 | Clock pulse width (high) | | 22.5 | 25 | | ns |
| TC2 | Clock pulse width (low) | | 22.5 | 25 | | ns |
| T_{od} | Data output delay (clock edge to data valid) | 10 pF load capacitance | | 9 | | ns |
| $T_{pd\ I}$ | Data pipeline delay for I channel | | | 7 | | cycles |
| $T_{pd\ Q}$ | Data pipeline delay for Q channel | | | 7.5 | | cycles |
| T_{on} | Falling edge of OEB to digital output valid data | | | 1 | | ns |
| T_{off} | Rising edge of OEB to digital output tri-state | | | 1 | | ns |

5 Absolute maximum ratings

Table 4. Absolute maximum ratings

| Symbol | Parameter | Values | Unit |
|------------|--|-------------|------|
| AV_{CC} | Analog supply voltage ⁽¹⁾ | 0 to 3.3 | V |
| DV_{CC} | Digital supply voltage ⁽¹⁾ | 0 to 3.3 | V |
| V_{CCBE} | Digital buffer supply voltage ⁽¹⁾ | 0 to 3.6 | V |
| V_{CCBI} | Digital buffer supply voltage ⁽¹⁾ | 0 to 3.3 | V |
| ID_{out} | Digital output current | -100 to 100 | mA |
| T_{stg} | Storage temperature | -65 to +150 | °C |
| ESD | HBM: human body model ⁽²⁾ | 2 | kV |
| | CDM: charged device model ⁽³⁾ | 1.5 | |
| Latch-up | Class ⁽⁴⁾ | A | |

1. All voltage values, except differential voltage, are with respect to network ground terminal. The magnitude of input and output voltages must not exceed -0.3 V or V_{CC} .
2. Electrostatic discharge pulse (ESD pulse) simulating a human body discharge of 100 pF through 1.5 kΩ.
3. Discharge to ground of a device that has been previously charged.
4. ST Microelectronics corporate procedure number 0018695.

6 Operating conditions

Table 5. Operating conditions

| Symbol | Parameter | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|------------------------------|--|------|-----|-----|------|
| AV_{CC} | Analog supply voltage | 2.25 | 2.5 | 2.7 | V |
| DV_{CC} | Digital supply voltage | 2.25 | 2.5 | 2.7 | V |
| V_{CCBE} | External digital buffer supply voltage | 2.25 | 2.5 | 3.5 | V |
| V_{CCBI} | Internal digital buffer supply voltage | 2.25 | 2.5 | 2.7 | V |
| $V_{REFP I}$ $V_{REFP Q}$ | Forced top voltage reference | 0.94 | | 1.5 | V |
| $V_{REFM I}$ $V_{REFM Q}$ | Forced bottom reference voltage | 0 | | 0.4 | V |
| $V_{INCM I}$ $V_{INCM Q}$ | Forced input common mode voltage | 0.2 | | 1 | V |

7 Electrical characteristics

Electrical characteristics, unless otherwise specified, are measured at $AV_{CC} = DV_{CC} = V_{CCB} = 2.5\text{ V}$, $F_S = 40\text{ Msps}$, $R_{pol} = 18\text{ k}\Omega$, $F_{in} = 2\text{ MHz}$, $V_{in}@ -1\text{ dBFS}$, $V_{REFP}=0.8\text{ V}$, $V_{REFM}=0\text{ V}$, and $T_{amb} = 25^\circ\text{ C}$.

Table 6. Analog inputs

| Symbol | Parameter | Test conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|------------------|--------------------------------|--|-----|------|-----|------------|
| $V_{IN}-V_{INB}$ | Full scale reference voltage | Differential inputs mandatory | 1.1 | 2.0 | 2.8 | Vpp |
| C_{in} | Input capacitance | | | 7.0 | | pF |
| R_{eq} | Equivalent input resistor | | | 10 | | k Ω |
| BW | Analog input bandwidth | $V_{in}@$ full scale, $F_S=40\text{ Msps}$ | | 1000 | | MHz |
| ERB | Effective resolution bandwidth | | | 70 | | MHz |

Table 7. Digital inputs and outputs

| Symbol | Parameter | Test conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Clock and Select inputs | | | | | | |
| V_{IL} | Logic "0" voltage | | | 0 | 0.8 | V |
| V_{IH} | Logic "1" voltage | | 2.0 | 2.5 | | V |
| OEB input | | | | | | |
| V_{IL} | Logic "0" voltage | | | 0 | $0.25 \times V_{CCBE}$ | V |
| V_{IH} | Logic "1" voltage | | $0.75 \times V_{CCBE}$ | V_{CCBE} | | V |
| Digital outputs | | | | | | |
| V_{OL} | Logic "0" voltage | $I_{OL}=10\text{ }\mu\text{A}$ | | 0 | $0.1 \times V_{CCBE}$ | V |
| V_{OH} | Logic "1" voltage | $I_{OH}=10\text{ }\mu\text{A}$ | $0.9 \times V_{CCBE}$ | V_{CCBE} | | V |
| I_{OZ} | High impedance leakage current | OEB set to V_{IH} | -1.67 | 0 | 1.67 | μA |
| C_L | Output load capacitance | | | | 15 | pF |

Table 8. Reference voltage

| Symbol | Parameter | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| V_{REFP}^I V_{REFP}^Q | Top internal reference voltage | 0.81 | 0.88 | 0.94 | V |
| V_{INCM}^I V_{INCM}^Q | Input common mode voltage | 0.41 | 0.46 | 0.50 | V |

Table 9. Power consumption

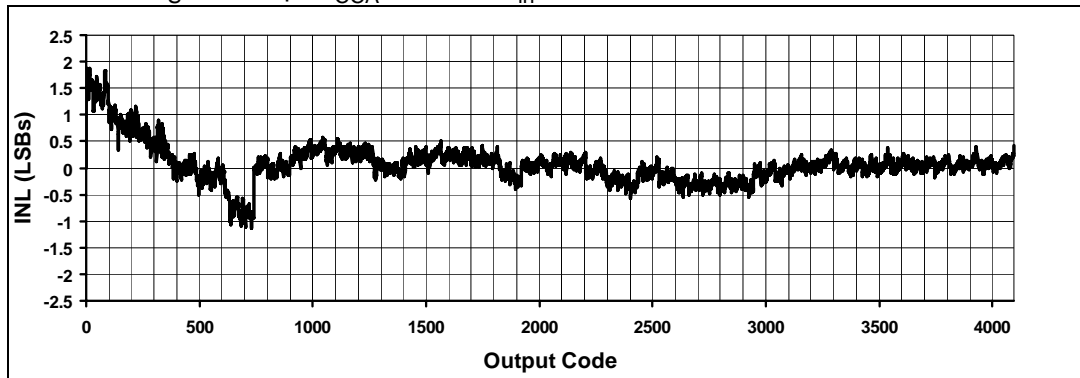
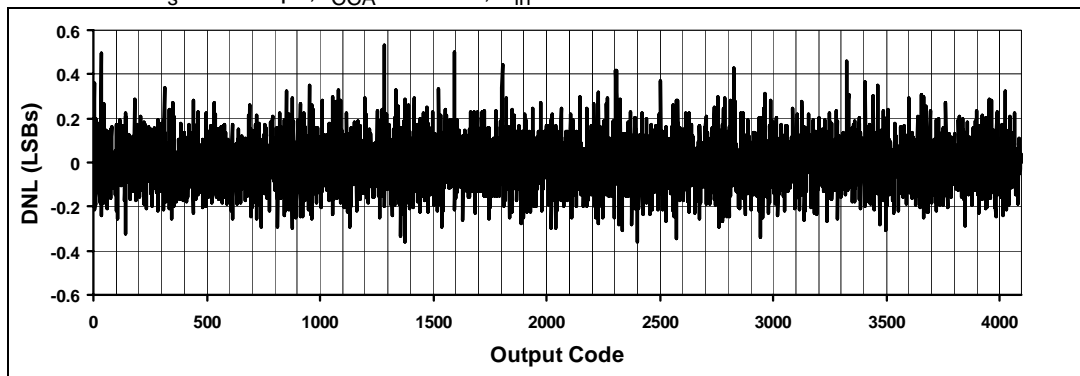
| Symbol | Parameter | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|------------|--|-----|-----|------|----------------|
| I_{CCA} | Analog supply current | | 76 | 96.5 | mA |
| I_{CCD} | Digital supply current | | 3.5 | 4.9 | mA |
| I_{CCBE} | Digital buffer supply current (10 pF load) | | 6 | 9.4 | mA |
| I_{CCBI} | Digital buffer supply current | | 100 | 440 | μ A |
| P_d | Power consumption in normal operation mode | | 215 | 271 | mW |
| R_{thja} | Thermal resistance (TQFP48) | | 80 | | $^{\circ}$ C/W |

Table 10. Accuracy

| Symbol | Parameter | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|--------|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|-----|------|
| OE | Offset error | | 2.97 | | LSB |
| GE | Gain error | | 0.1 | | % |
| DNL | Differential non linearity | | ± 0.52 | | LSB |
| INL | Integral non linearity | | ± 3 | | LSB |
| - | Monotonicity and no missing codes | Guaranteed | | | |

Table 11. Matching between channels

| Symbol | Parameter | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|--------|---------------------|-----|------|-----|------|
| GM | Gain match | | 0.04 | 1 | % |
| OM | Offset match | | 0.88 | | LSB |
| PHM | Phase match | | 1 | | dg |
| XTLK | Crosstalk rejection | | 85 | | dB |

Figure 3. Static parameter: integral non linearity^(a) $F_S = 40$ Msps, $I_{CCA} = 60$ mA, $F_{in} = 2$ MHz**Figure 4. Static parameter: differential non linearity^(a)** $F_S = 40$ Msps, $I_{CCA} = 60$ mA, $F_{in} = 2$ MHz

a. For parameter definitions, see [Section 10: Definitions of specified parameters on page 25](#).

Figure 5. Linearity vs. F_S
 $F_{in} = 5\text{MHz}$

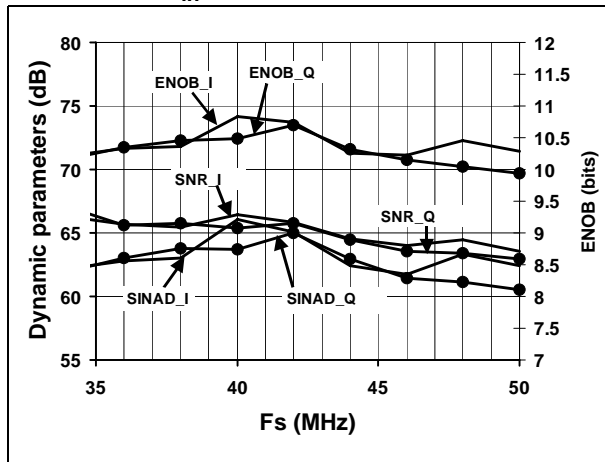


Figure 6. Distortion vs. F_S
 $F_{in} = 5\text{MHz}$

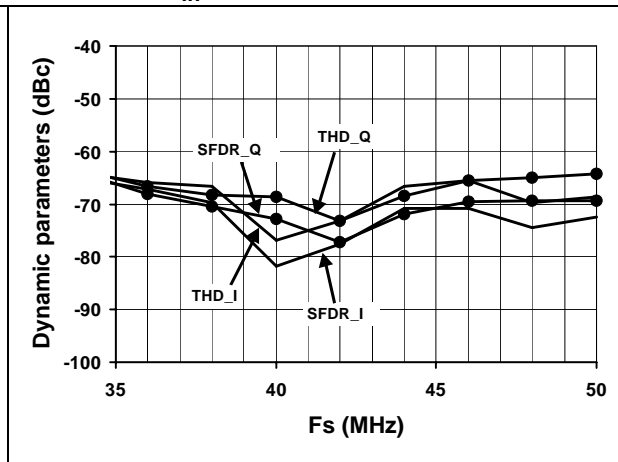


Figure 7. Linearity vs. F_{in}
 $F_S = 40\text{MHz}$, $I_{CCA} = 60\text{mA}$

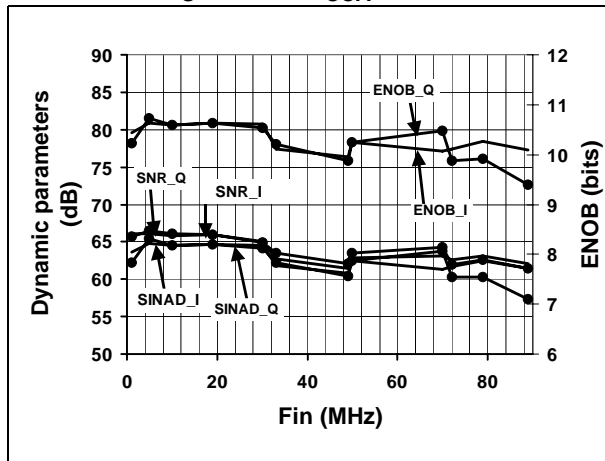


Figure 8. Distortion vs. F_{in}
 $F_S = 40\text{MHz}$, $I_{CCA} = 60\text{mA}$

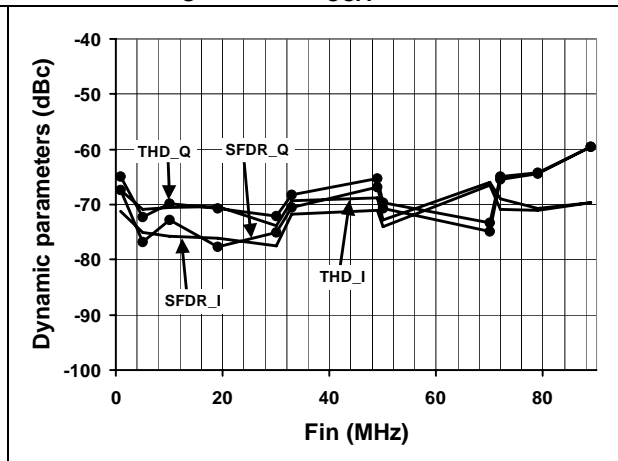


Figure 9. Linearity vs. temperature
 $F_S = 40\text{MHz}$, $I_{CCA} = 60\text{mA}$, $F_{in} = 2\text{MHz}$

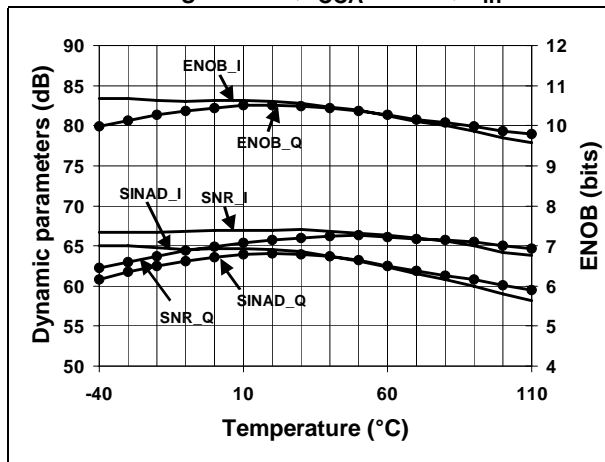


Figure 10. Distortion vs. temperature
 $F_S = 40\text{Mps}$, $I_{CCA} = 60\text{mA}$, $F_{in} = 2\text{MHz}$

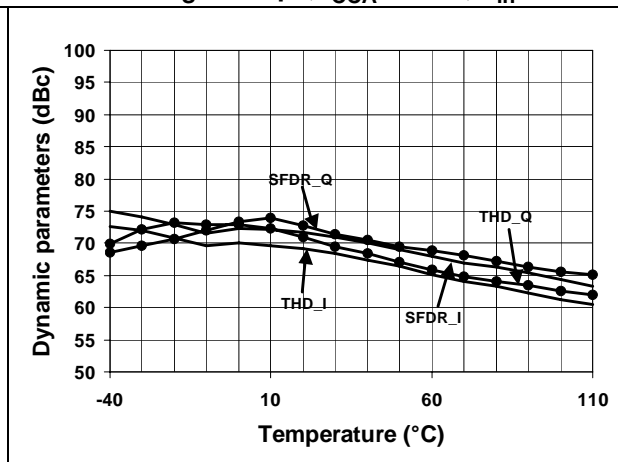


Figure 11. Linearity vs. AV_{CC}
 $F_S=40\text{Mpsps}$, $I_{CCA}=60\text{mA}$, $F_{in}=10\text{MHz}$

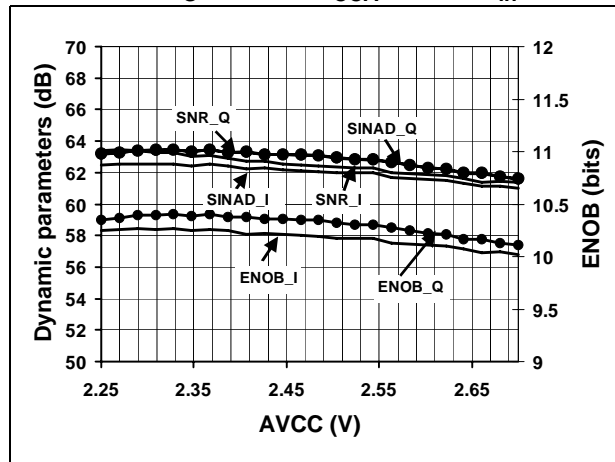


Figure 12. Distortion vs. AV_{CC}
 $F_S=40\text{Mpsps}$, $I_{CCA}=60\text{mA}$, $F_{in}=10\text{MHz}$

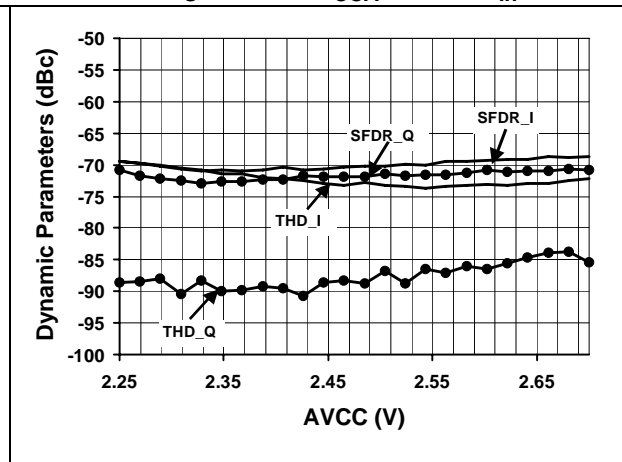


Figure 13. Linearity vs. DV_{CC}
 $F_S=40\text{Mpsps}$, $I_{CCA}=60\text{mA}$, $F_{in}=10\text{MHz}$

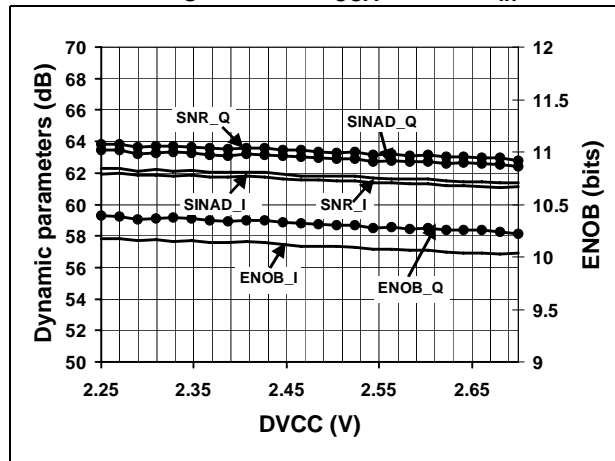


Figure 14. Distortion vs. DV_{CC}
 $F_S=40\text{Mpsps}$, $I_{CCA}=60\text{mA}$, $F_{in}=10\text{MHz}$

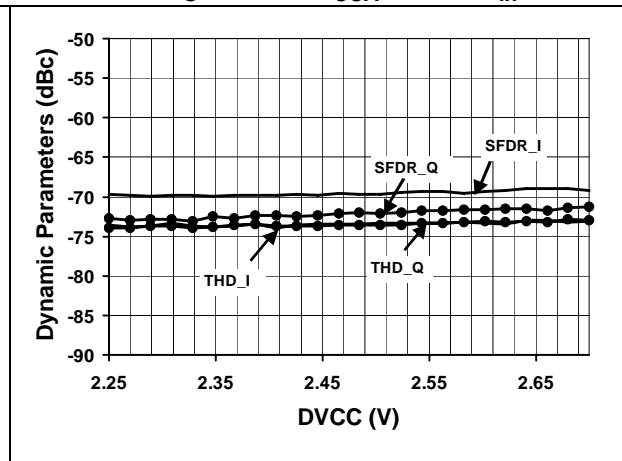


Figure 15. Linearity vs. V_{CCBI}
 $F_S=40\text{Mpsps}$, $I_{CCA}=60\text{mA}$, $F_{in}=10\text{MHz}$

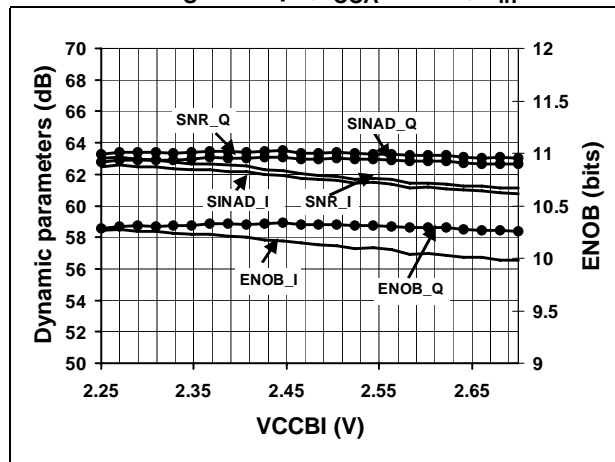


Figure 16. Distortion vs. V_{CCBI}
 $F_S=40\text{Mpsps}$, $I_{CCA}=60\text{mA}$, $F_{in}=10\text{MHz}$

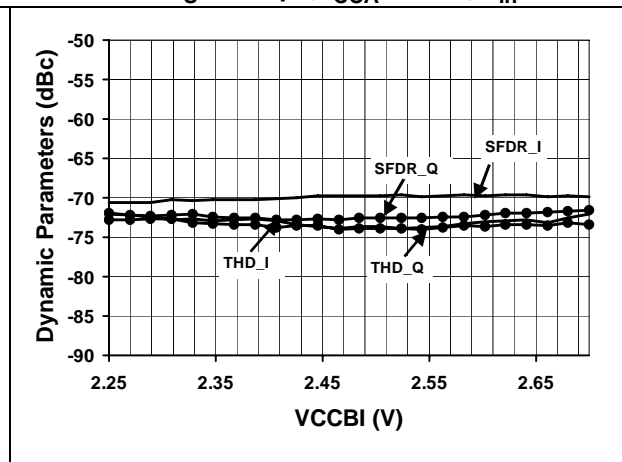


Figure 17. Linearity vs. V_{CCBE}
 $F_S=40\text{Mps}$, $I_{CCA}=60\text{mA}$, $F_{in}=5\text{MHz}$

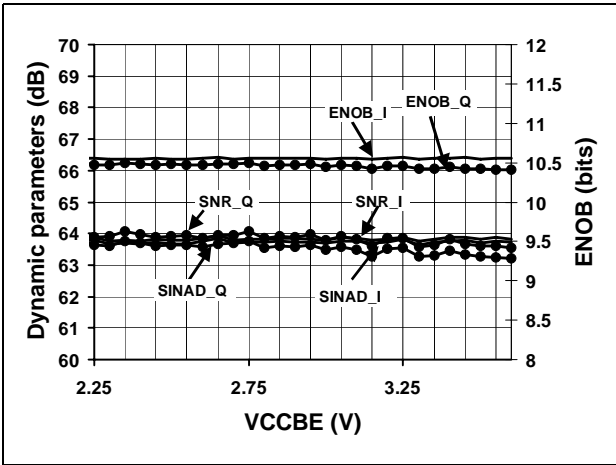


Figure 18. Distortion vs. V_{CCBE}
 $F_S=40\text{Mps}$, $I_{CCA}=60\text{mA}$, $F_{in}=5\text{MHz}$

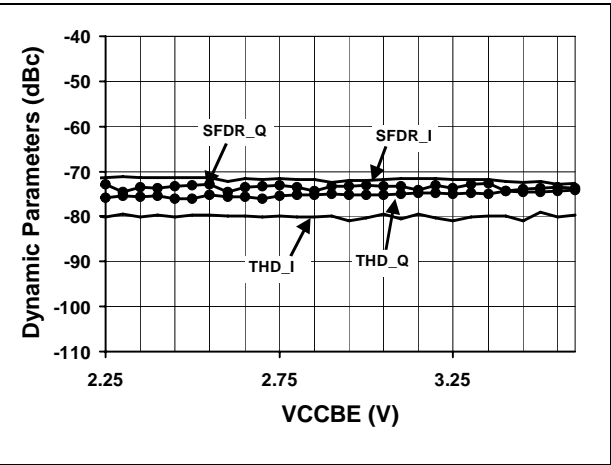


Figure 19. Linearity vs. duty cycle
 $F_S=40\text{MHz}$, $I_{CCA}=60\text{mA}$, $F_{in}=5\text{MHz}$

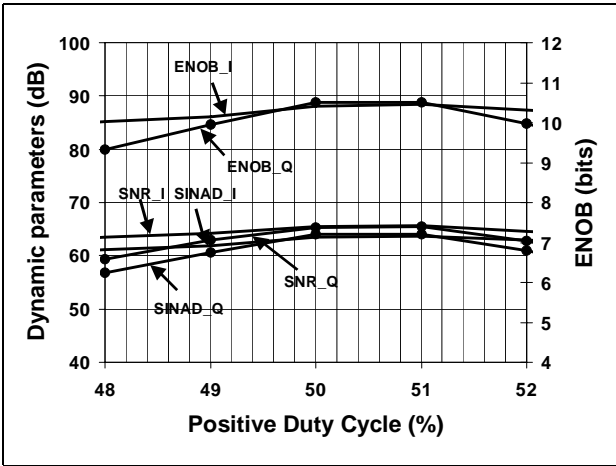


Figure 20. Distortion vs. duty cycle
 $F_S=40\text{MHz}$, $I_{CCA}=60\text{mA}$, $F_{in}=5\text{MHz}$

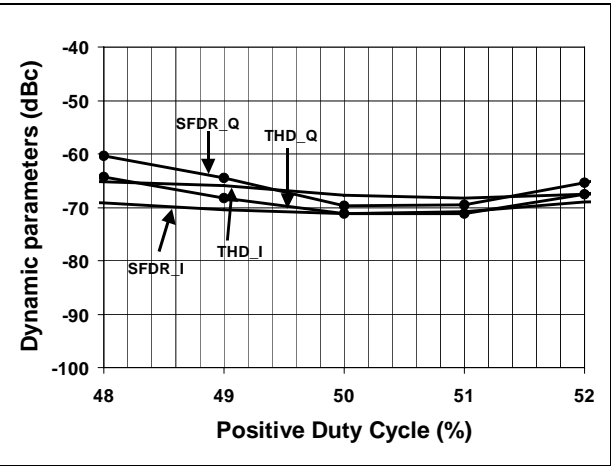
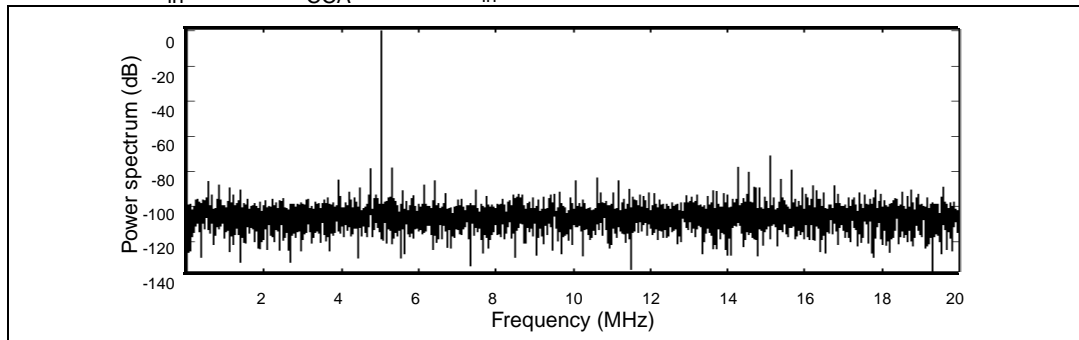
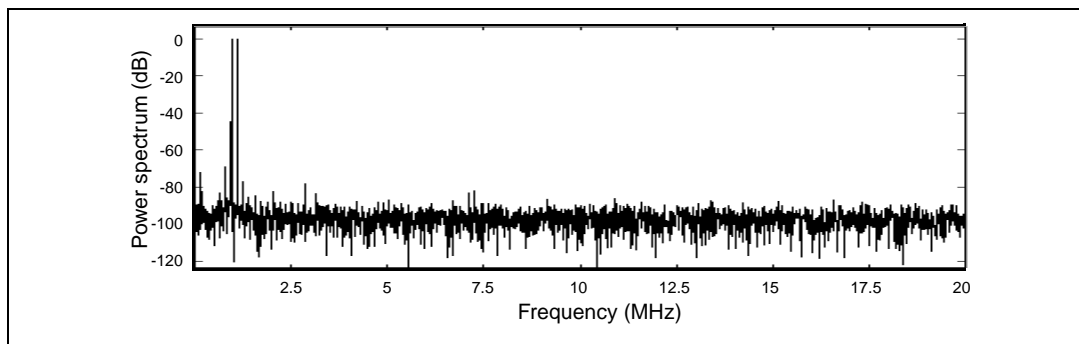


Figure 21. Single-tone 8K FFT at 40 Msps - Channel Q $F_{in} = 5\text{MHz}$, $I_{CCA} = 60\text{mA}$, $V_{in} @ -1\text{dBFS}$ **Figure 22. Dual-tone 8K FFT at 40Msps - Channel Q** $F_{in1} = 0.93\text{MHz}$, $F_{in2} = 1.11\text{MHz}$, $I_{CCA} = 70\text{mA}$, $V_{in1} @ -7\text{dBFS}$, $V_{in2} @ -7\text{dBFS}$,
 $\text{IMD} = -69\text{dBc}$ 

8 Application information

The TSA1203 is a dual-channel, 12-bit resolution high speed analog-to-digital converter based on a pipeline structure and deep sub-micron CMOS process to achieve the best performance in terms of linearity and power consumption.

Each channel achieves 12-bit resolution through the pipeline structure which consists of 12 internal conversion stages in which the analog signal is fed and sequentially converted into digital data. A latency time of 7 clock periods is necessary to obtain the digitized data on the output bus.

The input signals are simultaneously sampled, for both channels, on the rising edge of the clock. The output data is delivered on the rising edge of the clock for channel I, and on the falling edge of the clock for channel Q, as shown in [Figure 2: Timing diagram on page 4](#). The digital data produced at the various stages must be time-delayed according to the order of conversion. Finally, a digital data correction completes the processing and ensures the validity of the ending codes on the output bus.

The TSA1203 is pin-to-pin compatible with the dual 10 bits/20 Msps TSA1005-20, the dual 10 bits /40 Msps TSA1005-40 and the dual 12 bits/ 20 Msps TSA1204.

8.1 Additional functions

To simplify the application board as much as possible, the following operating modes are provided:

- Output enable (OEB) mode
- Select mode

8.1.1 Output enable mode (OEB)

When set to low level (V_{IL}), all digital outputs remain active and are in low impedance state. When set to high level (V_{IH}), all digital output buffers are in high impedance state while the converter goes on sampling. When OEB is set to a low level again, the data arrives on the output with a very short T_{on} delay. This mechanism allows the chip select of the device.

[Figure 2: Timing diagram on page 4](#) summarizes this functionality.

If you do not want to use OEB mode, the OEB pin should be grounded through a low value resistor.

8.1.2 Select mode (SELECT)

The digital data output from each of the ADC cores is multiplexed to share the same output bus. This prevents an increase in the number of pins and allows to use the same package as for a single-channel ADC like the TSA1201.

The information channel is selected with the "SELECT" pin. When set to high level (V_{IH}), the channel I data is present on the D0-D11 output bus. When set to low level (V_{IL}), the channel Q data is delivered on D0-D11.

By connecting SELECT to CLK, channel I and channel Q are simultaneously present on D0-D11, channel I on the rising edge of the clock and channel Q on the falling edge of the clock. (refer to [Figure 2: Timing diagram on page 4](#)).

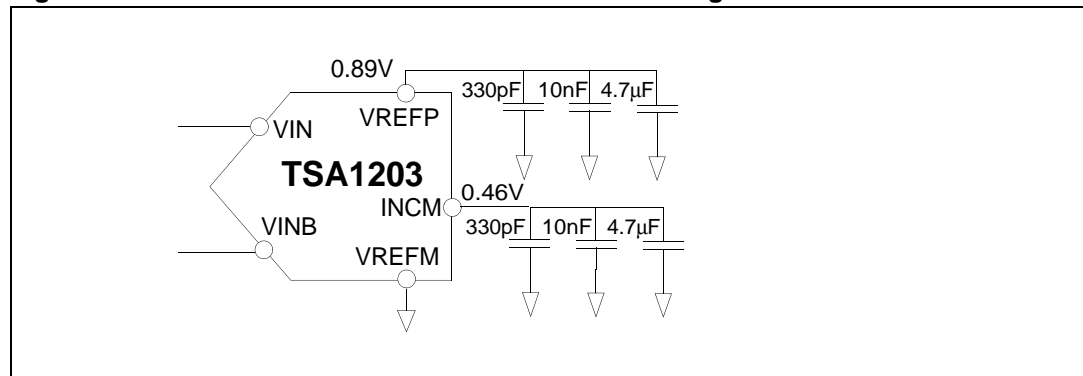
8.2 References and common mode connection

VREFM must always be connected directly to ground externally for most applications.

8.2.1 Internal reference and common mode

In the default configuration, the ADC operates with its own reference and common mode voltages generated by its internal bandgap. It is recommended to decouple the VREFP and INCM pins in order to minimize low and high frequency noise (see [Figure 23](#)).

Figure 23. Internal reference and common mode setting



8.2.2 External reference and common mode

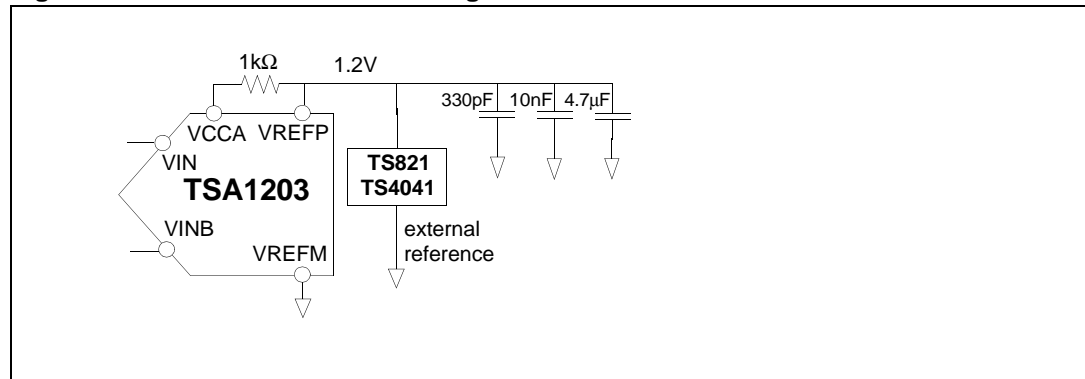
Each of the voltages V_{REFP} , V_{REFM} and $INCM$ can be fixed externally to better fit the application needs (refer to [Table 5: Operating conditions on page 7](#) for min/max values). It is possible to use an external reference voltage device for specific applications requiring even better linearity, accuracy or enhanced temperature behavior.

The V_{REFP} and V_{REFM} voltages set the analog dynamic range at the input of the converter that has a full scale amplitude of $2 \cdot (V_{REFP} - V_{REFM})$.

The $INCM$ voltage is half the value of $V_{REFP} - V_{REFM}$.

The best signal-to-noise performance is achieved with a dynamic range at its maximum value. To obtain this, V_{REFM} can be connected to GND, and V_{REFP} can be set up to 1.5 V maximum. However, signal to noise performance is a trade-off with the THD, with a possibility of degraded THD under these conditions.

To obtain the highest performance from the TSA1203 device, we recommend implementing the configuration shown in [Figure 24](#) with the STMicroelectronics TS821 or TS4041-1.2 Vref.

Figure 24. External reference setting

8.3 Driving the differential analog inputs

The TSA1203 is designed to deliver optimum performance when driven on differential inputs. An RF transformer is an efficient way of achieving this high performance.

Figure 25 describes the schematics. The input signal is fed to the primary of the transformer, while the secondary drives both ADC inputs. The common mode voltage of the ADC (INCM) is connected to the center-tap of the secondary of the transformer in order to bias the input signal around this common voltage, internally set to 0.46V. It determines the DC component of the analog signal. Being a high-impedance input, it acts as an I/O and can be externally driven to adjust this DC component. The INCM is decoupled to maintain a low noise level on this node. Our evaluation board is mounted with a 1:1 ADT1-1WT transformer from Mini circuits. You might also use a higher impedance ratio (1:2 or 1:4) to reduce the driving requirement on the analog source.

Each analog input can drive a 1.4 V_{pp} amplitude input signal, so the resulting differential amplitude is 2.8 V_{pp}.

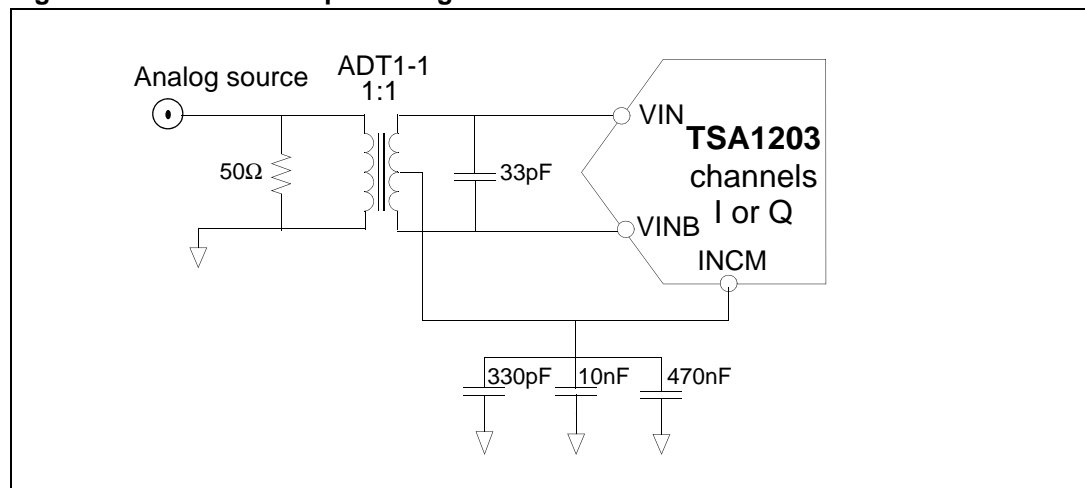
Figure 25. Differential input configuration with transformer

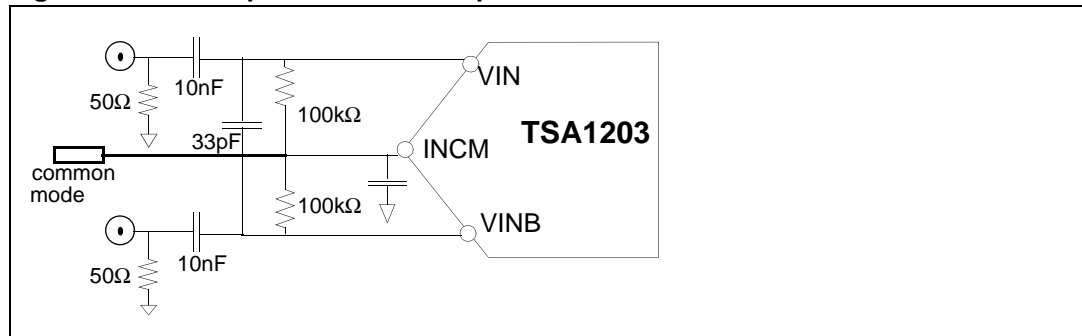
Figure 26. AC-coupled differential input

Figure 26 represents the biasing of a differential input signal in an AC-coupled differential input configuration. Both inputs V_{IN} and V_{INB} are centered around the common mode voltage, which can be left internal, or fixed externally.

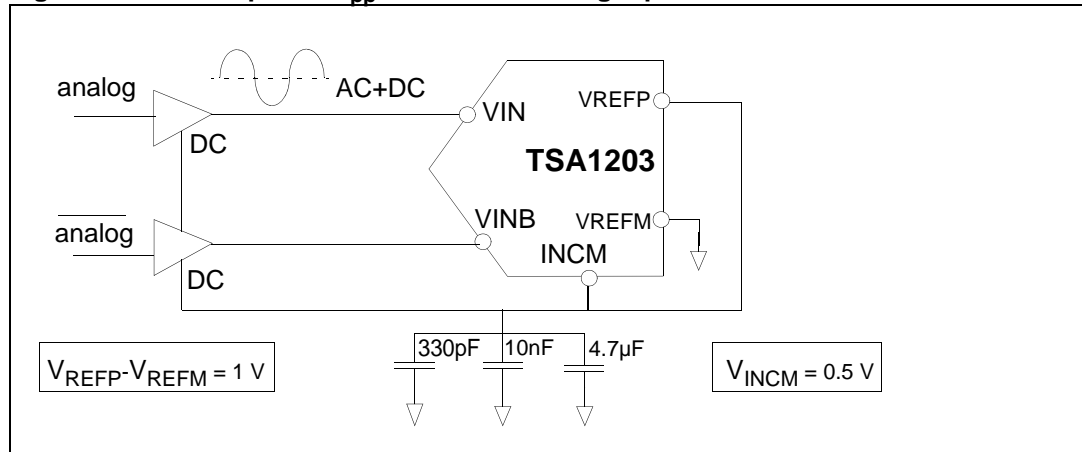
Figure 27. DC-coupled $2 V_{pp}$ differential analog input

Figure 27 shows a DC-coupled configuration with forced V_{REFP} and $INCM$ to the 1V DC analog input while V_{REFM} is connected to ground; the differential amplitude obtained is $2 V_{pp}$.

8.4 Clock input

The quality of your TSA1203 converter is very dependent on your clock input accuracy, in terms of aperture jitter; the use of a low jitter crystal controlled oscillator is recommended.

Further points to consider in your implementation are:

- The duty cycle must be between 45% and 55%.
- The clock power supplies must be independent from the ADC output supplies to avoid digital noise modulation on the output.
- When powered-on, the circuit needs several clock periods to reach its normal operating conditions. Therefore, it is recommended to keep the circuit clocked to avoid random states before applying the supply voltages.

8.5 Power consumption optimization

The internal architecture of the TSA1203 makes it possible to optimize power consumption according to the sampling frequency of the application. For this purpose, an external resistor is placed between IPOL and the analog ground pins. Therefore, the total dissipation can be optimized over the full sampling range (0.5 Msps to 40 Msps).

The TSA1203 combines the highest performance with the lowest consumption at 40 Msps when R_{pol} is equal to 18 k Ω . This value is nevertheless dependent on the application and the environment.

In the lower sampling frequency range, this value of resistor may be adjusted in order to decrease the analog current without any degradation of dynamic performance.

[Table 12](#) gives some values to illustrate this.

Table 12. Total power consumption optimization depending on R_{pol} value

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| F_S (Msps) | 30 | 35 | 40 |
| R_{pol} (k Ω) | 38 | 28 | 18 |
| Optimized power (mW) | 145 | 180 | 215 |

8.6 Layout precautions

To use the ADC circuits most efficiently at high frequencies, some precautions have to be taken for power supplies:

- The implementation of 4 proper separate supplies and ground planes (analog, digital, internal and external buffer ones) on the PCB is mandatory for high speed circuit applications to provide low inductance and low resistance common return.
The separation of the analog signal from the digital output part is essential to prevent noise from coupling onto the input signal. The best compromise is to connect AGND, DGND, GNDBI in a common point whereas GNDBE must be isolated. Similarly, the AVCC, DVCC and VCCBI power supplies must be separate from the VCCBE power supply.
- Power supply bypass capacitors must be placed as close as possible to the IC pins in order to improve high frequency bypassing and reduce harmonic distortion.
- All inputs and outputs must be properly terminated with output termination resistors; thus, the amplifier load is resistive only and the stability of the amplifier is improved. All leads must be wide and as short as possible especially for the analog input in order to decrease parasitic capacitance and inductance.
- To keep the capacitive loading as low as possible at digital outputs, short lead lengths of routing are essential to minimize currents when the output changes. To minimize this output capacitance, use buffers or latches close to the output pins.
- Choose component sizes as small as possible (SMD).

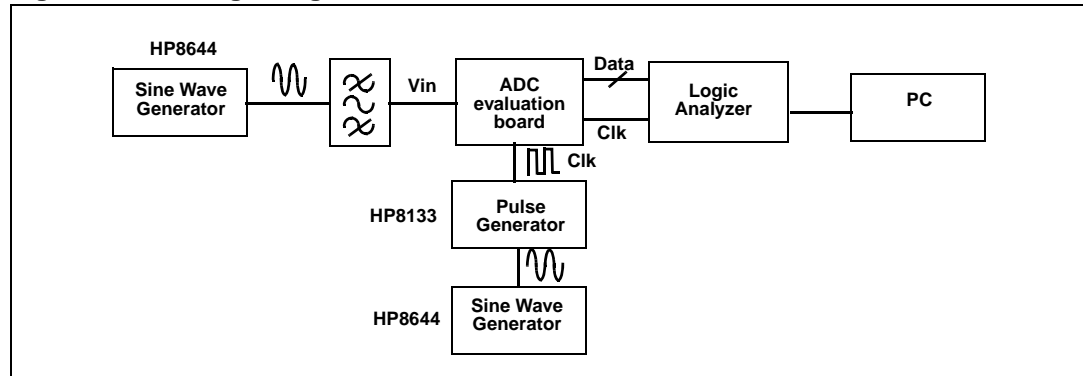
8.7 EVAL1203/BA evaluation board

The EVAL1203/BA is a 4-layer board with high decoupling and grounding level. The schematic of the board is shown in [Figure 30](#) and its top overlay view in [Figure 29](#). The board has been characterized with a fully devoted ADC test bench as shown in [Figure 28](#).

All characterization measurements are made with:

- SFSR=1 dB for static parameters,
- SFSR=-1 dB for dynamic parameters.

Figure 28. Analog to digital converter characterization bench



Note: The analog input signal must be filtered to be very pure. The dataready signal is the acquisition clock of the logic analyzer. The ADC digital outputs are latched by the octal buffers 74LCX573.

Figure 29. Evaluation board printed circuit

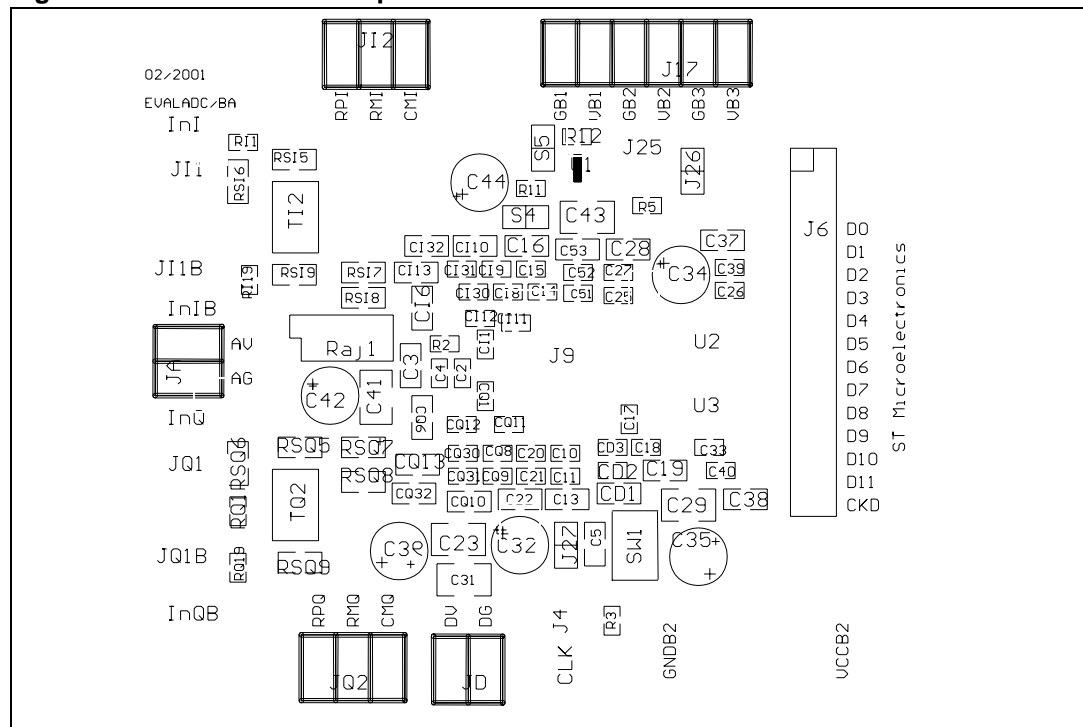


Figure 30. TSA1203 evaluation board schematic

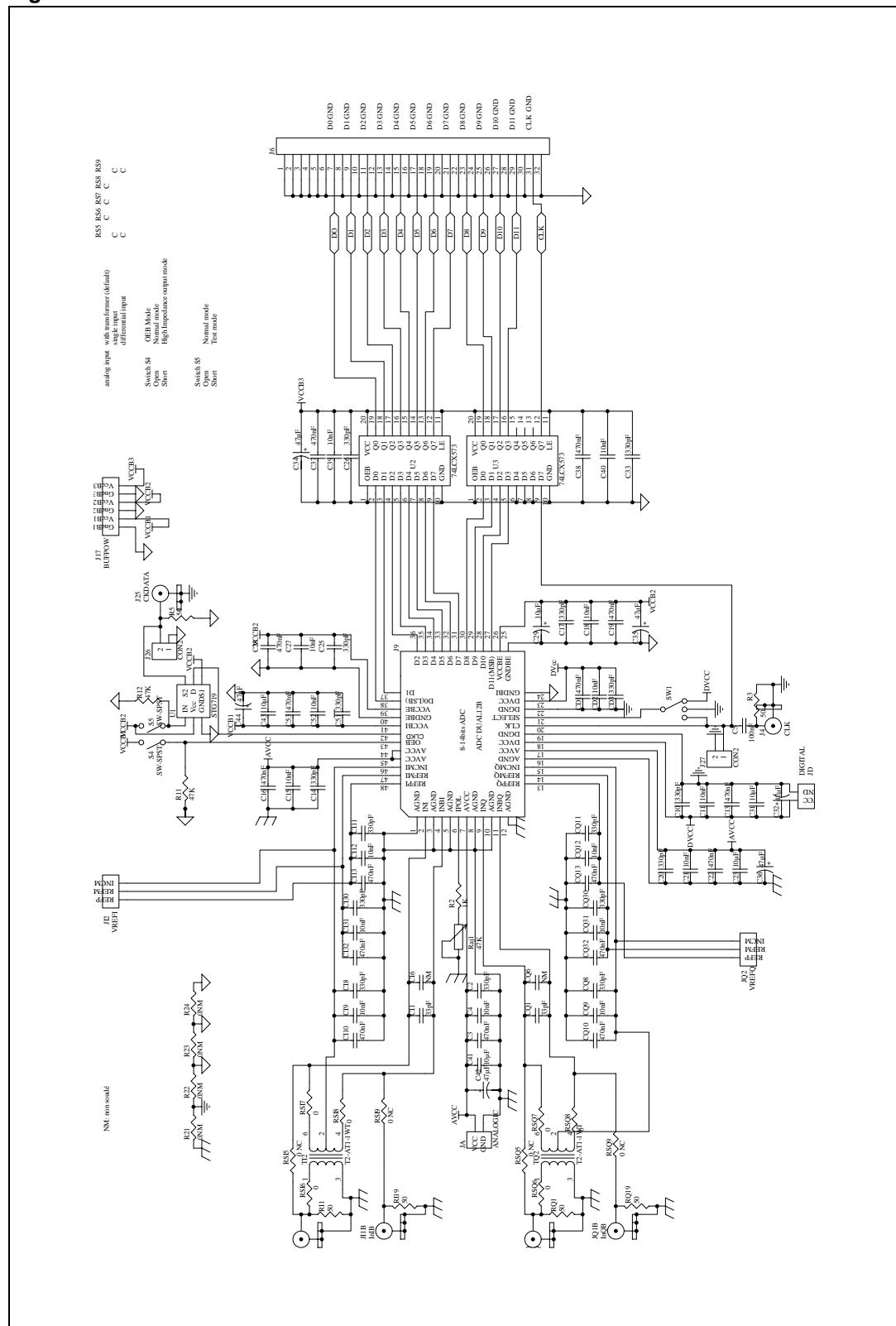


Table 13. Printed circuit board — list of components

| Name | Part Type | Footprint | Name | Part Type | Footprint | Name | Part Type | Footprint | Name | Part Type | Footprint |
|------|-----------|-----------|------|-----------|-----------|------|-----------|-----------|------|------------------|-----------|
| RSQ6 | 0 | 805 | CD2 | 10nF | 603 | C26 | 330pF | 603 | CQ6 | NC | 805 |
| RSQ7 | 0 | 805 | C40 | 10nF | 603 | C20 | 330pF | 603 | CI6 | NC | 805 |
| RSQ8 | 0 | 805 | C39 | 10nF | 603 | C33 | 330pF | 603 | U2 | 74LCX573 | TSSOP20 |
| RSI6 | 0 | 805 | CQ12 | 10nF | 603 | C25 | 330pF | 603 | U3 | 74LCX573 | TSSOP20 |
| RSI7 | 0 | 805 | CQ9 | 10nF | 603 | CI1 | 33pF | 603 | U1 | STG719 | SOT23-6 |
| RSI8 | 0 | 805 | C52 | 10nF | 603 | CQ1 | 33pF | 603 | JA | ANALOGIC | connector |
| R3 | 47 | 603 | C18 | 10nF | 603 | C34 | 47μF | RB.1 | J17 | BUFFOW | connector |
| R5 | 47 | 603 | C21 | 10nF | 603 | C42 | 47μF | RB.1 | J25 | CKDATA | SMA |
| RQ19 | 47 | 603 | C4 | 10nF | 603 | C35 | 47μF | RB.1 | J4 | CLK | SMA |
| RI1 | 47 | 603 | C15 | 10nF | 603 | C44 | 47μF | RB.1 | J27 | CON2 | SIP2 |
| RQ1 | 47 | 603 | C27 | 10nF | 603 | C36 | 47μF | RB.1 | J26 | CON2 | SIP2 |
| RI19 | 47 | 603 | C11 | 10nF | 603 | C32 | 47μF | RB.1 | JD | DIGITAL | connector |
| RSI9 | 0NC | 805 | CI9 | 10nF | 603 | C37 | 470nF | 805 | J11 | InI | SMA |
| RSQ5 | 0NC | 805 | CI12 | 10nF | 603 | CQ10 | 470nF | 805 | J11B | InIB | SMA |
| RSQ9 | 0NC | 805 | CI31 | 10nF | 603 | C28 | 470nF | 805 | JQ1 | InQ | SMA |
| RSI5 | 0NC | 805 | CQ31 | 10nF | 603 | CI10 | 470nF | 805 | JQ1B | InQB | SMA |
| R24 | 0NC | 805 | CQ30 | 330pF | 603 | CQ32 | 470nF | 805 | SW1 | SWITCH | connector |
| R23 | 0NC | 805 | CI11 | 330pF | 603 | CQ13 | 470nF | 805 | S5 | SW-SPST | connector |
| R21 | 0NC | 805 | C51 | 330pF | 603 | CI32 | 470nF | 805 | S4 | SW-SPST | connector |
| R22 | 0NC | 805 | C2 | 330pF | 603 | C13 | 470nF | 805 | TI2 | T2-AT1-1WT | ADT |
| R2 | 1K | 603 | C17 | 330pF | 603 | C53 | 470nF | 805 | TQ2 | T2-AT1-1WT | ADT |
| R12 | 47K | 603 | CD3 | 330pF | 603 | C16 | 470nF | 805 | J12 | VREFI | connector |
| R11 | 47K | 603 | C10 | 330pF | 603 | C3 | 470nF | 805 | JQ2 | VREFQ | connector |
| Raj1 | 200K | VR5 | CQ8 | 330pF | 603 | C22 | 470nF | 805 | J6 | 32Pin | IDC-32 |
| | | trimmer | CQ11 | 330pF | 603 | CI13 | 470nF | 805 | | | connector |
| C23 | 10μF | 1210 | CI8 | 330pF | 603 | C38 | 470nF | 805 | | | |
| C41 | 10μF | 1210 | C14 | 330pF | 603 | CD1 | 470nF | 805 | | NC: non soldered | |
| C29 | 10μF | 1210 | CI30 | 330pF | 603 | C19 | 470nF | 805 | | | |

8.7.1 Evaluation board operating conditions

Table 14. Board connections for power supplies and other pins

| Board marking | Connection | Internal voltage (V) | External voltage (V) |
|---------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| AV | AVCC | | 2.5 |
| AG | AGND | | 0 |
| RPI | REFPI | 0.89 | <1.4 |
| RMI | REFMI | | <0.4 |
| CMI | INCM I | 0.46 | <1 |
| RPQ | REFPQ | 0.89 | <1.4 |
| RMQ | REFMQ | | <0.4 |
| CMQ | INCMQ | 0.46 | <1 |
| DV | DVCC | | 2.5 |
| DG | DGND | | 0 |
| GB1 | GNDBI | | 0 |
| VB1 | VCCBI | | 2.5 |
| GB2 | GNDBE | | 0 |

Table 14. Board connections for power supplies and other pins (continued)

| Board marking | Connection | Internal voltage (V) | External voltage (V) |
|---------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| VB2 | VCCBE | | 2.5/3.3 |
| GB3 | GNDB3 | | 0 |
| VB3 | VCCB3 | | 2.5 |

Caution: Do not use the VB3 power supply (5 V) dedicated to the 74LCX573 external buffers to supply the VB2 of the TSA1203 which cannot exceed 3.3 V.

8.7.2 Consumption adjustment

Before beginning characterization tests, make sure to adjust the R_{pol} (R_{aj1}), and therefore I_{pol} value, according to your sampling frequency.

8.7.3 Single and differential inputs

The test board can be driven on a single analog input, or on differential inputs. With a single analog input, you must use the ADT1-1WT transformer to generate a differential signal. In this configuration, the resistors RSI6, RSI7, RSI8 for channel I (respectively RSQ6, RSQ7, RSQ8 for channel Q) are connected as short-circuits whereas RSI5, RSI9 (respectively RSQ5, RSQ9 for channel Q) are open circuits.

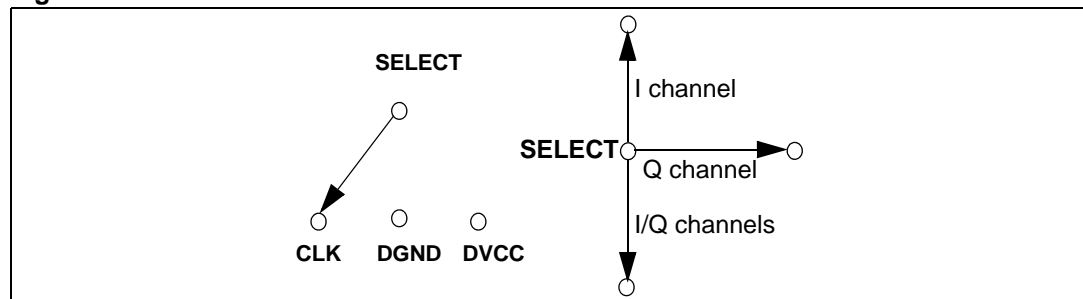
Alternatively, you can use the JI1 and JI1B differential inputs. In this case, the resistances RSI5, RSI9 for channel I (respectively RSQ5, RSQ9 for channel Q) are connected as short-circuits whereas RSI6, RSI7, RSI8 (respectively RSQ6, RSQ7, RSQ8 for channel Q) are open circuits.

8.7.4 Mode selection

In order to select the channel you want to evaluate, you must set a jumper on the board in the relevant position for the SELECT pin (see [Figure 31](#)).

The channels selected depend on the position of the jumper:

- With the jumper connected to the upper connectors, channel I at the output is selected.
- With the jumper connected horizontally, channel Q at the output is selected.
- With the jumper connected to the lower connectors, both channels are selected, relative to the clock edge.

Figure 31. Mode selection

9 Practical application examples

9.1 Digital interface applications

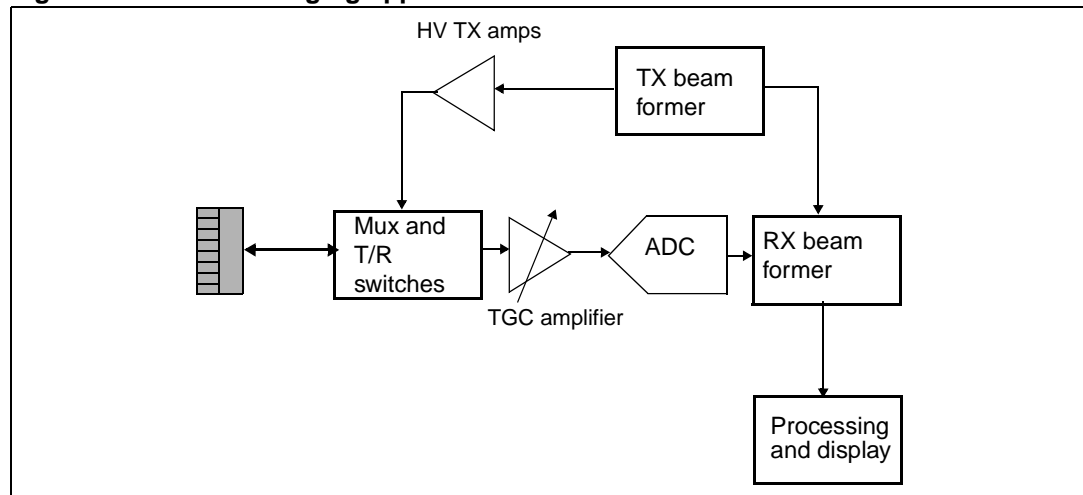
The wide external buffer power supply range of the TSA1203 makes it a perfect choice for plugging into 2.5 V or 3.3 V low voltage DSPs or digital interfaces.

9.2 Medical imaging applications

Driven by the increasing demand for applications requiring either portability or a high degree of parallelism (or both), this product satisfies the requirements of medical imaging and telecom infrastructures.

The typical system diagram in [Figure 32](#), shows how a narrow input beam of acoustic energy is sent into a living body via the transducer, and how the energy reflected back is analyzed.

Figure 32. Medical imaging application



The transducer is a piezoelectric ceramic such as zirconium titanate. The whole array can reach up to 512 channels. The TX beam former, amplified by the HV TX amps, delivers up to 100 V amplitude excitation pulses with phase and amplitude shifts. The mux and T/R switch is a two way input signal transmitter/ output receiver.

To compensate for skin and tissues attenuation effects, the time gain compensation (TGC) amplifier is an exponential amplifier that amplifies low voltage signals to the ADC input range. A differential output structure with low noise and very high linearity are essential factors.

These applications need high speed, low power and high performance ADCs. 10-12 bit resolution is necessary to lower the quantification noise. As multiple channels are used, a dual converter is a must for room saving issues.

The input signal is in the range of 2 to 20 MHz (mainly 2 to 7 MHz) and the application uses mostly a 4 over-sampling ratio for spurious free dynamic range (SFDR) optimization.

The next RX beam former and processing blocks enable the analysis of the output channels versus the input beam.

10 Definitions of specified parameters

Static parameters

Static measurements are performed using the histograms method on a 2 MHz input signal, sampled at 50 Msps, which is high enough to fully characterize the test frequency response. The input level is +1 dBFS to saturate the signal.

Differential non linearity (DNL)

The average deviation of any output code width from the ideal code width of 1 LSB.

Integral non linearity (INL)

An ideal converter exhibits a transfer function which is a straight line from the starting code to the ending code. The INL is the deviation from this ideal line for each transition.

Dynamic parameters

Dynamic measurements are performed by spectral analysis, applied to an input sine wave of various frequencies sampled at 40 Msps.

The input level is -1dBFS to measure the linear behavior of the converter. All the parameters are given without correction for the full scale amplitude performance except the calculated ENOB parameter.

Spurious free dynamic range (SFDR)

The ratio between the power of the worst spurious signal (not always an harmonic) and the amplitude of fundamental tone (signal power) over the full Nyquist band. It is expressed in dBc.

Total harmonic distortion (THD)

The ratio of the rms sum of the first five harmonic distortion components to the rms value of the fundamental line. It is expressed in dB.

Signal to noise ratio (SNR)

The ratio of the rms value of the fundamental component to the rms sum of all other spectral components in the Nyquist band ($f_s/2$) excluding DC, fundamental and the first five harmonics. SNR is reported in dB.

Signal to noise and distortion ratio (SINAD)

Similar ratio as for SNR but including the harmonic distortion components in the noise figure (not DC signal). It is expressed in dB.

The effective number of bits (ENOB) is easily deduced from the SINAD, using the formula:

$$\text{SINAD} = 6.02 \times \text{ENOB} + 1.76 \text{ dB.}$$

When the applied signal is not full scale (FS), but has an A_0 amplitude, the SINAD expression becomes:

$$\text{SINAD}_{2A_0} = \text{SINAD}_{\text{Full Scale}} + 20 \log(2A_0/\text{FS})$$

$$\text{SINAD}_{2A_0} = 6.02 \times \text{ENOB} + 1.76 \text{ dB} + 20 \log (2A_0/\text{FS})$$

The ENOB is expressed in bits.

Analog input bandwidth

The maximum analog input frequency at which the spectral response of a full power signal is reduced by 3 dB. Higher values can be achieved with smaller input levels.

Effective resolution bandwidth (ERB)

The band of input signal frequencies that the ADC is intended to convert without losing linearity i.e. the maximum analog input frequency at which the SINAD is decreased by 3dB or the ENOB by 1/2 bit.

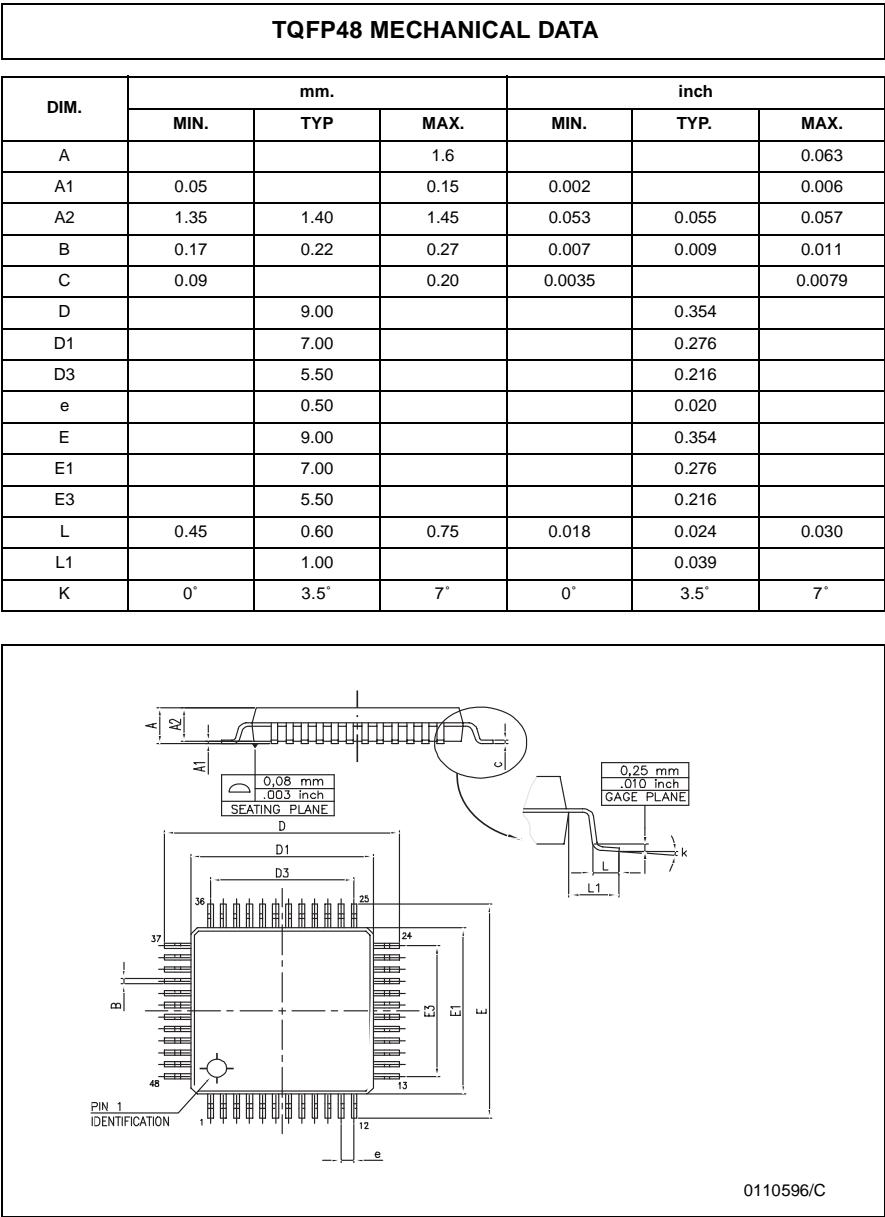
Pipeline delay

Delay between the initial sample of the analog input and the availability of the corresponding digital data output, on the output bus. Also called data latency. It is expressed as a number of clock cycles.

11 Package mechanical data

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11.1 TQFP48 package



12 Ordering information

| Part number | Temperature range | Package | Packing | Marking |
|--------------|-------------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| TSA1203IFT-E | -40° C to +85° C | TQFP48 | Tape & reel | SA1203I |
| TSA1203IF | -40° C to +85° C | TQFP48 | Tray | SA1203I |
| EVAL1203/BA | Evaluation board | | | |

13 Revision history

| Date | Revision | Changes |
|-------------|----------|---|
| 1-Feb-2003 | 1 | Initial release. |
| 2-Jan-2006 | 2 | Update of dynamic performance measurements in Table 2 on page 6 . |
| 26-Sep-2006 | 3 | Editorial updates. Reorganized document structure. No technical changes. |
| 12-Dec-2006 | 4 | Pin 42 renamed to CLKD. |

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