







INA241A. INA241B SBOSA30A - MARCH 2022 - REVISED AUGUST 2022

INA241x -5 V to 110 V, Bidirectional, Ultra-Precise Current Sense Amplifier With **Enhanced PWM Rejection**

1 Features

- Enhanced PWM rejection optimized for systems subject to switching common-mode voltages
 - Supports switching frequencies up to 125 kHz
- Wide common-mode voltage:
 - Operational voltage: -5 V to +110 V
 - Survival voltage: -20 V to +120 V
- Bidirectional operation
- High small signal bandwidth: 1.1 MHz (at all gains)
- Slew rate: 8 V/µs
- Step response settling time to 1%: 1 µs
- **Excellent CMRR**
 - 166 dB DC-CMRR
 - 104 dB AC-CMRR at 100 kHz
 - 89 dB AC-CMRR at 1 MHz
- Accuracy:
 - Gain error (maximum)
 - Version A: ±0.01%, ±1 ppm/°C drift
 - Version B: ±0.1%, ±5 ppm/°C drift
 - Offset voltage (maximum)
 - Version A: ±10 μV, ±0.1 μV/°C drift
 - Version B: ±150 μV, ±0.5 μV/°C drift
- Available gains:
 - INA241A1. INA241B1 : 10 V/V
 - INA241A2, INA241B2 : 20 V/V
 - INA241A3, INA241B3 : 50 V/V
 - INA241A4, INA241B4 : 100 V/V
 - INA241A5, INA241B5 : 200 V/V
- Package options: SOT23-8, VSSOP-8

2 Applications

- Motor drives
- Solenoids and actuators
- Injection molding machine
- Cordless power tools
- Medical cordless tools
- Drone propeller speed control

3 Description

The INA241x is an ultra-precise, bidirectional current sense amplifier than can measure voltage drops across shunt resistors over a wide common-mode range from -5 V to 110 V, independent of the supply voltage. The high-precision current measurement is achieved through a combination of low offset voltage (±10 µV, maximum), small gain error (±0.01%, maximum) and a high DC CMRR (typical 166 dB). The INA241x is designed for high voltage, bidirectional measurements in switching systems that see large common-mode voltage transients at the device's inputs. The enhanced PWM rejection circuitry inside the INA241x ensures minimal signal disturbance at the output due to the common-mode voltage transitions at the input.

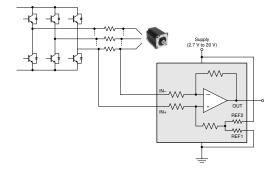
The INA241x operates from a single 2.7 V to 20 V supply, drawing 2.5 mA of supply current. The INA241x is available in five gain options: 10 V/V, 20 V/V, 50 V/V, 100 V/V, and 200 V/V. Multiple gain options allow for optimization between available shunt resistor values and wide output dynamic range requirements.

The INA241x is specified over operating temperature range of -40°C to +125°C and is offered in a spacesaving 8-pin SOT-23 and 8-pin VSSOP package.

Device Information⁽¹⁾

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE	BODY SIZE (NOM)
INA241A	SOT-23 (8)	2.90 mm × 1.60 mm
INA241B	VSSOP (8) ⁽²⁾	3.00 mm × 3.00 mm

- For all available packages, see the package option addendum at the end of the data sheet.
- Package is preview only



Typical Application - Inline Motor Control



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4 Revision History

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•	Changed data sheet status from Advanced Information to Production Data	1



5 Device Comparison

Table 5-1. Device Comparison

DEVICE NAME	GAIN
INA241A1, INA241B1	10 V/V
INA241A2, INA241B2	20 V/V
INA241A3, INA241B3	50 V/V
INA241A4, INA241B4	100 V/V
INA241A5, INA241B5	200 V/V

6 Pin Configuration and Functions

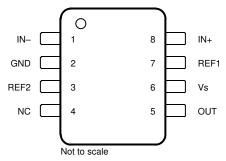
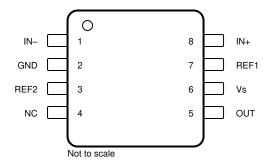


Figure 6-1. INA241x: DDF Package 8-Pin SOT-23
Top View



1. This package is preview only.

Figure 6-2. INA241x: DGK Package 8-Pin VSSOP Top View

Table 6-1. Pin Functions

Р	IN	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	
NAME	NO.	IIPE	DESCRIPTION	
GND	2	Ground	Ground	
IN+	8	Input	Current-sense amplifier positive input. For high-side applications, connect to bus-voltage side of sense resistor. For low-side applications, connect to load side of sense resistor.	
IN-	1	Input	Current-sense amplifier negative input. For high-side applications, connect to load side of sense resistor. For low-side applications, connect to ground side of sense resistor.	
NC	4	Ground	Reserved. Connect to ground.	
OUT	5	Output	Output voltage	
REF1	7	Input	Reference 1 voltage. Connect to voltage potential from 0 V to V _S ; see <i>Adjusting the Output With the Reference Pins</i> for connection options.	
REF2	3	Input	Reference 2 voltage. Connect to voltage potential from 0 V to V_S ; see <i>Adjusting the Out With the Reference Pins</i> for connection options.	
Vs	6	Power	Power supply, 2.7 V to 20 V	



7 Specifications

7.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)(1)

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
Supply voltage (V _S)			22	V
Analog inputs,	Differential (V _{IN+}) – (V _{IN-})	-30	30	V
V _{IN+} , V _{IN-} (2)	Common-mode	-20	120	V
REF1, REF2, NC inputs		GND - 0.3	V _S + 0.3	٧
Output		GND - 0.3	Vs + 0.3	V
T _A	Operating temperature	-55	150	°C
T _J	Junction temperature		150	°C
T _{stg}	Storage temperature	-65	150	°C

⁽¹⁾ Operation outside the Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent device damage. Absolute Maximum Ratings do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those listed under Recommended Operating Conditions. If used outside the Recommended Operating Conditions but within the Absolute Maximum Ratings, the device may not be fully functional, and this may affect device reliability, functionality, performance, and shorten the device lifetime.

7.2 ESD Ratings

			VALUE	UNIT
V	Floatroatatic disabarra	Human body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/ JEDEC JS-001, all pins ⁽¹⁾	±2000	V
V _(ESD)	Electrostatic discharge	Charged device model (CDM), per ANSI/ESDA/ JEDEC JS-002, all pins ⁽²⁾	±1000	V

⁽¹⁾ JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

7.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

		MIN	NOM	MAX	UNIT
V _{CM}	Common-mode input range	-5	48	110	V
Vs	Operating supply range	2.7	5	20	V
T _A	Ambient temperature	-40		125	°C

7.4 Thermal Information

		INA		
	THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾	DDF (SOT23)	DGK (VSSOP)(2)	UNIT
		8 PINS	8 PINS	
R _{θJA}	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	129.7	TBD	°C/W
R _{0JC(top)}	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance	58	TBD	°C/W
$R_{\theta JB}$	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	52.6	TBD	°C/W
Ψ_{JT}	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	2.3	TBD	°C/W
Ψ_{JB}	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	52.3	TBD	°C/W

⁽¹⁾ For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics application report.

⁽²⁾ V_{IN+} and V_{IN-} are the voltages at the IN+ and IN- pins, respectively.

⁽²⁾ JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

⁽²⁾ This package is preview only.

7.5 Electrical Characteristics

 $\underline{\text{at T}_{\text{A}} = 25 \text{ °C}, \text{ V}_{\text{S}} = 5 \text{ V}, \text{ V}_{\text{SENSE}} = \text{V}_{\text{IN+}} - \text{V}_{\text{IN-}}, \text{ V}_{\text{CM}} = \text{V}_{\text{IN-}} = 48 \text{ V}, \text{ and V}_{\text{REF1}} = \text{V}_{\text{REF2}} = \text{V}_{\text{S}} \text{ / 2 (unless otherwise noted)}$

at 1 _A 2	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
INPUT						
V _{CM}	Common-mode input range ⁽¹⁾	V_{IN+} , $V_{IN-} = -5 \text{ V to } 110 \text{ V}$, $V_{SENSE} = 0 \text{ mV}$ $T_A = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to 125°C	- 5		110	V
	Common-mode rejection ratio, input-referred	V_{IN+} , $V_{IN-} = -5$ V to 110 V, $V_{SENSE} = 0$ mV $T_A = -40$ °C to 125°C, INA241A	150	166		
CMRR		V_{IN+} , V_{IN-} = -5 V to 110 V, V_{SENSE} = 0 mV T_A = -40°C to 125°C, INA241B	120	130		dB
		f = 50 kHz		105		
		V _{SENSE} = 0 mV, INA241A1		±5	±20	
		V _{SENSE} = 0 mV, INA241A2		±3	±15	
V_{os}	Offset voltage, input-referred	V _{SENSE} = 0 mV, INA241A3, INA241A4		±3	±10	μV
		V _{SENSE} = 0 mV, INA241A5		±2	±8	
		V _{SENSE} = 0 mV, INA241B		±25	±150	
		T _A = -40°C to 125°C, INA241A1		±50	±250	
	Offset voltage drift, input-referred	$T_A = -40$ °C to 125°C, INA241A2		±30	±150	nV/°C
dV _{os} /dT		T _A = -40°C to 125°C, INA241A3, INA241A4, INA241A5		±20	±100	
		T _A = -40°C to 125°C, INA241B		±100	±500	
	Power-supply rejection ratio, input- referred	$V_S = 2.7 \text{ V to } 20 \text{ V, } V_{SENSE} = 0 \text{ mV,}$ $V_{REF1} = V_{REF2} = 1 \text{ V,}$ $V_A = -40 ^{\circ}\text{C to } 125 ^{\circ}\text{C, INA241A1}$		±0.2	±1	μV/V
		$V_S = 2.7 \text{ V to } 20 \text{ V, } V_{SENSE} = 0 \text{ mV,}$ $V_{REF1} = V_{REF2} = 1 \text{ V,}$ $T_A = -40 ^{\circ}\text{C to } 125 ^{\circ}\text{C, INA241A2}$		±0.1	±0.75	
PSRR		V_S = 2.7 V to 20 V, V_{SENSE} = 0 mV, V_{REF1} = V_{REF2} = 1V, T_A = -40° C to 125°C, INA241A3, INA241A4, INA241A5		±0.06	±0.5	
		$V_S = 2.7 \text{ V to } 20 \text{ V, } V_{SENSE} = 0 \text{ mV,}$ $V_{REF1} = V_{REF2} = 1 \text{ V,}$ $T_A = -40 ^{\circ}\text{C to } 125 ^{\circ}\text{C, INA241B}$		±1	±10	
I _B	Input bias current	I _{B+} , I _{B-} , V _{SENSE} =0 mV	25	35	45	uA
	Reference input range		0		Vs	V
OUTPUT	T					
		A1, B1 Devices		10		V/V
		A2, B2 Devices		20		V/V
G	Gain	A3, B3 Devices		50		V/V
		A4, B4 Devices		100		V/V
		A5, B5 Devices		200		V/V

at $T_A = 25$ °C, $V_S = 5$ V, $V_{SENSE} = V_{IN+} - V_{IN-}$, $V_{CM} = V_{IN-} = 48$ V, and $V_{REF1} = V_{REF2} = V_S$ / 2 (unless otherwise noted)

	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN TYP	MAX	UNIT
		(GND + 50 mV) < V _{OUT} < (V _S - 200 mV), INA241A1, INA241A2, INA241A3	±0.002	±0.01	
	Gain Error	(GND + 50 mV) < V _{OUT} < (V _S - 200 mV), INA241A4, INA241A5	±0.003	±0.015	%
C		(GND + 50 mV) < V _{OUT} < (V _S - 200 mV), INA241B	±0.02	±0.1	
G _{ERR}		T _A = -40°C to +125°C, INA241A1, INA241A2, INA241A3	±0.05	±1	
	Gain Error Drift	T _A = -40°C to +125°C, INA241A4, INA241A5	±0.1	±2	ppm/°C
		T _A = -40°C to +125°C, INA241B	±0.2	±5	
	Non-Linearity Error		±0.001		%
	Maximum Capacitive Load	No sustained oscillations, No isolation resistor	1		nF
VOLTAG	SE OUTPUT				
	Swing to V _S Power Supply Rail	R_L = 10 kΩ to GND, T_A = -40°C to +125°C	V _S - 0.07	V _S - 0.2	V
	Swing to Ground	R_L = 10 k Ω to GND, V_{SENSE} = 0 mV, V_{REF1} = V_{REF2} = 0 V, T_A = -40°C to +125°C	8	20	mV
REFERE	ENCE INPUT				
		V _{REF1} = V _{REF2} = 0.5 V to 4.5 V, T _A = -40°C to +125°C, INA241A1	±1	±2.5	
RVRR	Reference voltage rejection ratio, input- referred	V _{REF1} = V _{REF2} = 0.5 V to 4.5 V, T _A = -40°C to +125°C, INA241A2, INA241A3, INA241A4, INA241A5	±0.5	±1.5	μV/V
		V _{REF1} = V _{REF2} = 0.5 V to 4.5 V, T _A = -40°C to +125°C, INA241B,	±10	±20	
		$V_{OUT} = (V_{REF1} + V_{REF2}) / 2$ at $V_{SENSE} = 0$ mV, $V_{REF1} = V_S$, $V_{REF2} = GND$ $V_{REF1} = GND$, $V_{REF2} = V_S$ $V_{REF1} = V_S$, $V_{REF2} = V_S$ $V_{REF1} = V_S$, $V_{REF2} = V_S$	±0.002	±0.005	
	Reference divider accuracy	$V_{OUT} = (V_{REF1} + V_{REF2}) / 2$ at $V_{SENSE} = 0$ mV, $V_{REF1} = V_S$, $V_{REF2} = GND$ $V_{REF1} = GND$, $V_{REF2} = V_S$ $T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to +125°C, INA241A3, INA241A4, INA241A5	±0.002	±0.01	%
		$V_{OUT} = (V_{REF1} + V_{REF2}) / 2$ at $V_{SENSE} = 0$ mV, $V_{REF1} = V_S$, $V_{REF2} = GND$ $V_{REF1} = GND$, $V_{REF2} = V_S$ $T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to +125°C, , INA241B	±0.02	±0.15	
FREQUI	ENCY RESPONSE				
BW	Bandwidth	All Gains, −3dB Bandwidth	1.1		MHz
		$V_{\text{IN+}}$, $V_{\text{IN-}}$ = 48 V, V_{OUT} = 0.5 V to 4.5 V, Output settles to 0.5%	1.5		μs
	Settling time	$V_{\text{IN+}}$, $V_{\text{IN-}}$ = 48 V, V_{OUT} = 0.5 V to 4.5 V, Output settles to 1%	1		μs
		$V_{\text{IN+}}$, $V_{\text{IN-}}$ = 48 V, V_{OUT} = 0.5 V to 4.5 V, Output settles to 5%	0.5		μs
SR	Slew Rate	Rising	8	·	V/µs

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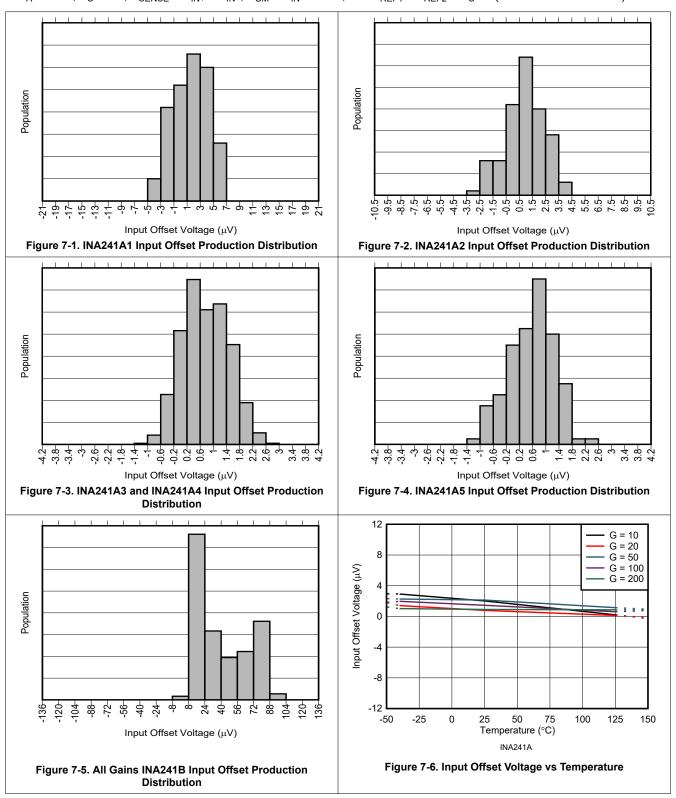
	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN TYP	MAX	UNIT
NOISE	E (Input referred)				
		A1, B1 Devices	62		
		A2, B2 Devices	49		nV/√Hz
	Voltage noise density	A3, B3 Devices	39		
		A4, B4 Devices	36		
		A5, B5 Devices	28		
POWE	ER SUPPLY		•		
Vs	Supply Voltage		2.7	20	V
		V _{SENSE} = 0 mV	2.5	3	mA
IQ	Quiescent current	$V_{SENSE} = 0$ mV, $T_A = -40$ °C to+125°C		3.2	mA
TEMP	PERATURE				
T _A	Specified Range		-40	125	°C

Common-mode voltage at both $V_{\text{IN-}}$ and $V_{\text{IN-}}$ must not exceed the specified common-mode input range.



7.6 Typical Characteristics

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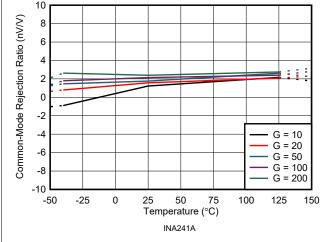


Figure 7-7. Common-Mode Rejection Ratio vs Temperature

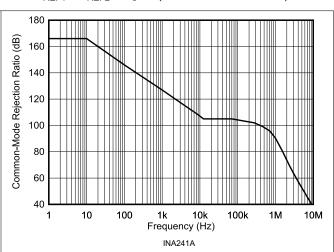


Figure 7-8. Common-Mode Rejection Ratio vs Frequency

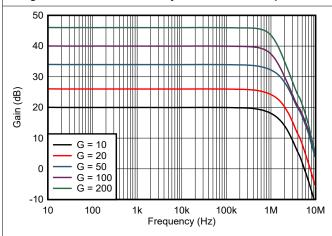


Figure 7-9. Gain vs Frequency

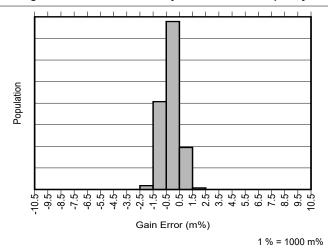
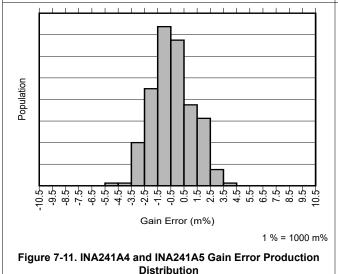


Figure 7-10. INA241A1, INA241A2 and INA241A3 Gain Error Production Distribution



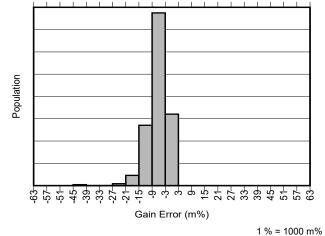
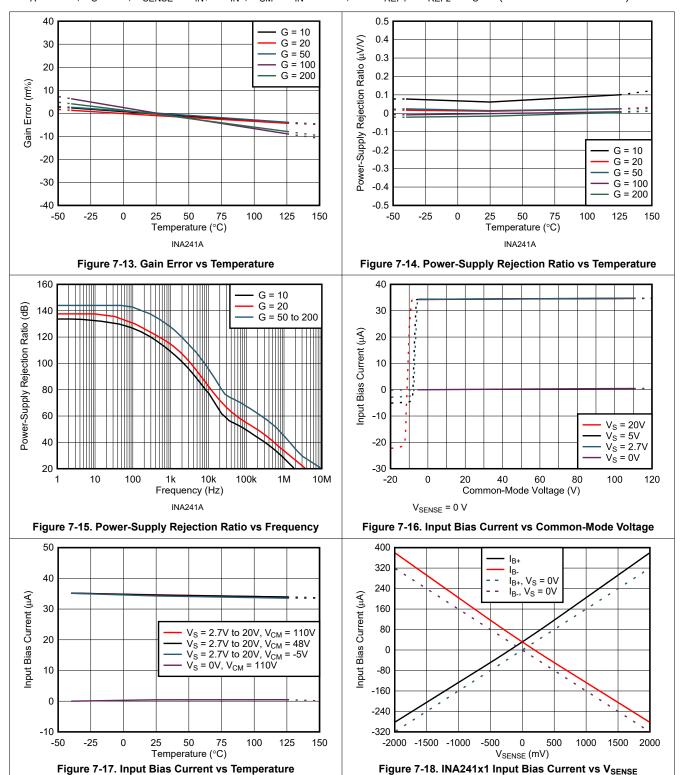


Figure 7-12. All Gains INA241B Gain Error Production Distribution



at $T_A = 25$ °C, $V_S = 5$ V, $V_{SENSE} = V_{IN+} - V_{IN-}$, $V_{CM} = V_{IN-} = 48$ V, and $V_{REF1} = V_{REF2} = V_S$ / 2 (unless otherwise noted)

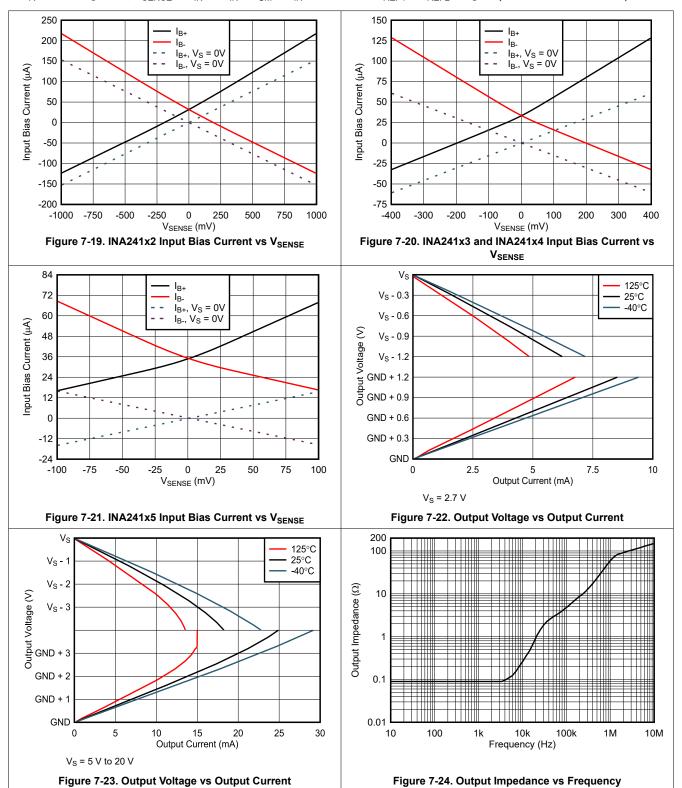


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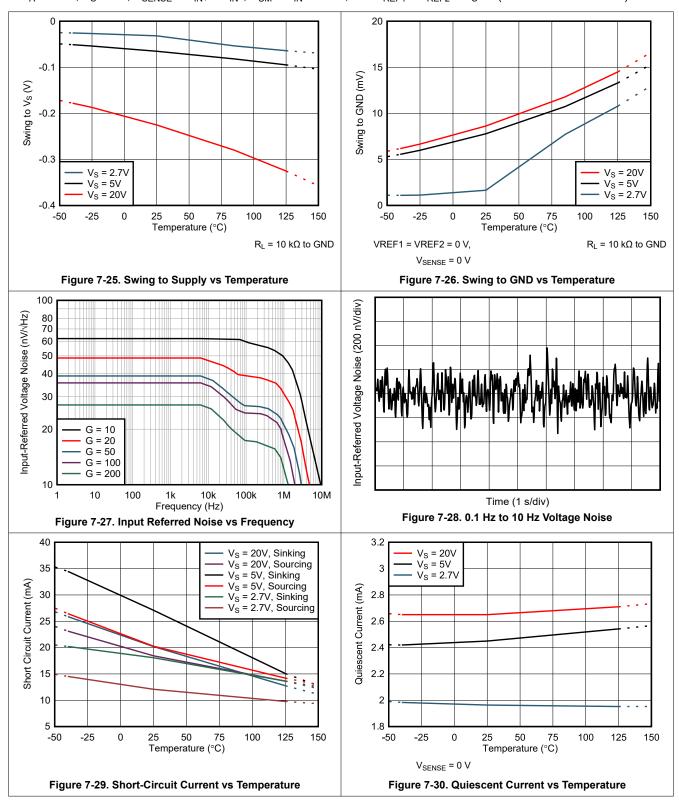


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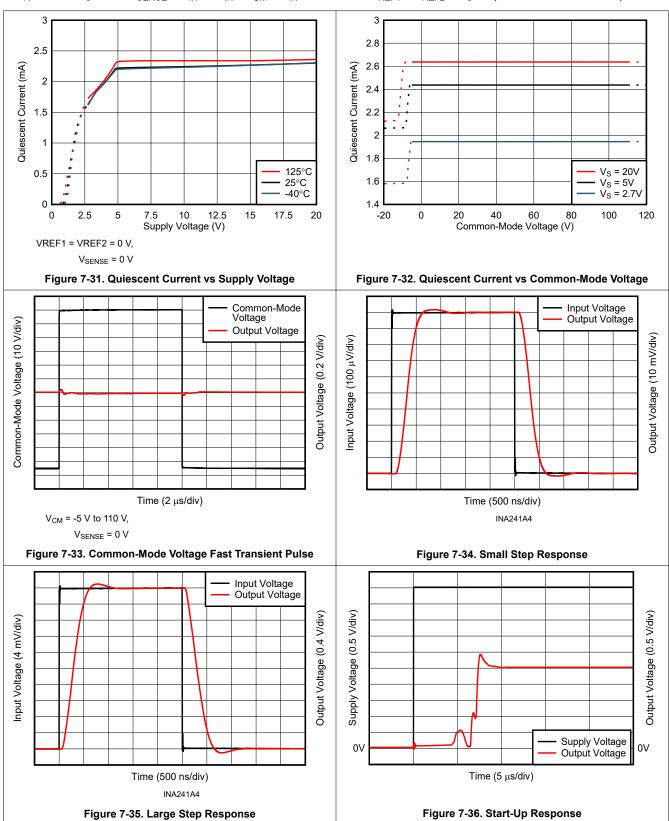




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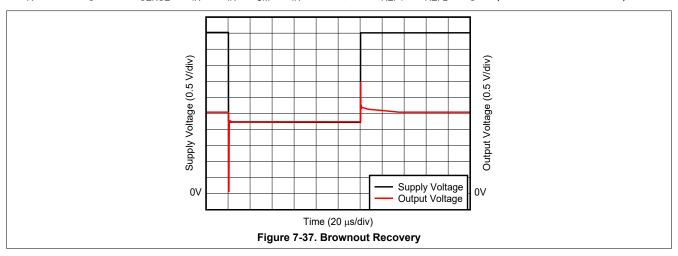


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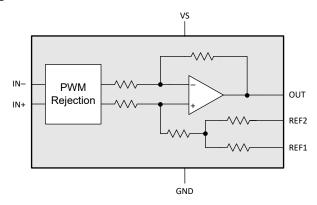


8 Detailed Description

8.1 Overview

The INA241x is a high-side, inline, or low-side bidirectional, high-speed current-sense amplifier that offers a wide common-mode range, precision, zero-drift topology, excellent common-mode rejection ratio (CMRR), and features enhanced pulse width modulation (PWM) rejection at the inputs of the device. Enhanced PWM rejection reduces the effect of common-mode transients that can propagate to the output signal that are associated with PWM input signals. Multiple gain versions are available to allow for the optimization of the desired full-scale output voltage based on the target current range expected in the application.

8.2 Functional Block Diagram



8.3 Feature Description

8.3.1 Amplifier Input Common-Mode Signal

The INA241x supports large input common-mode voltages from -5 V to +110 V. The internal topology of the INA241x allows the common-mode range to exceed the power-supply voltage (V_S). This allows for the INA241x to be used for low-side, inline, and high-side current-sensing applications that extend beyond the supply range of 2.7 V to 20 V.

8.3.1.1 Enhanced PWM Rejection Operation

The enhanced PWM rejection feature of the INA241x provides increased attenuation of large common-mode $\Delta V/\Delta t$ transients. Large $\Delta V/\Delta t$ common-mode transients associated with PWM signals are employed in applications such as motor or solenoid drive and switching power supplies. The disturbances that can occur at the output of a current sense amplifier from common-mode transients causes erroneous measurements and impose limitations when the output is valid. The INA241x is designed with high common-mode rejection techniques to reduce large $\Delta V/\Delta t$ transients before the system is disturbed. As a result, this makes system design simple with INA241x. The high AC CMRR, in conjunction with signal bandwidth, allows the INA241x to minimize output disturbances and ringing during common-mode transitions when compared against traditional current-sensing amplifiers.

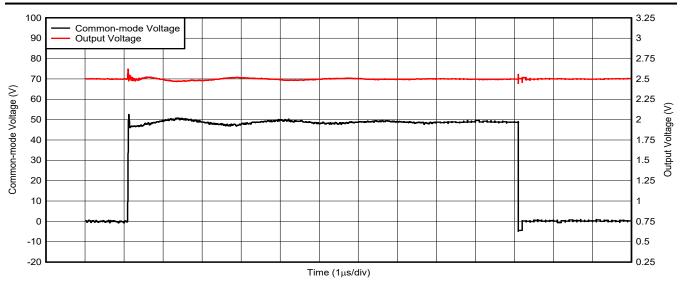


Figure 8-1. Enhanced PWM Rejection Performance

Figure 8-1 shows the INA241x PWM enhancement performance. When INA241x senses the large common-mode $\Delta V/\Delta t$ transients, it holds the output for 1 μs , thereby preventing the common-mode disturbance from propagating to the output. If another common-mode transient occurs during the following 3 μs , INA241x relies on high BW and AC CMMR to attenuate the effect of common-mode transient. The enhanced PWM rejection is achieved up to a PWM frequency of 125 kHz or if common-mode transient edges are separated by a 3 μs interval or more.

8.3.1.2 Input-Signal Bandwidth

The INA241x is available with several gain options including 10 V/V, 20 V/V, 50 V/V, 100 V/V, and 200 V/V. The unique multistage design enables the amplifier to achieve high bandwidth of 1.1 MHz at all gains. This high bandwidth provides the throughput and fast response that is required for the rapid detection and processing of over-current events.

8.3.1.3 Low Input Bias Current

The INA241x inputs draw 35 µA (typical) bias current per input pin at common-mode voltages as high as 110 V, which enables precision current sensing on applications that require lower current leakage. Unlike many high voltage current sense amplifiers whose input bias currents are proportional to the common-mode voltage, the input bias current of the INA241x remains constant over the entire common-mode voltage range.

8.3.1.4 Low V_{SENSE} Operation

The INA241x features high performance operation across the entire valid V_{SENSE} range. The zero-drift input architecture of the INA241x provides the low offset voltage and low offset drift needed to measure low V_{SENSE} levels accurately across the wide operating temperature of -40° C to $+125^{\circ}$ C. Low V_{SENSE} operation is particularly beneficial when using low ohmic shunts for low current measurements, as power losses across the shunt are significantly reduced.

8.3.1.5 Wide Fixed Gain Output

The INA241x maximum gain error is $\pm 0.01\%$ at room temperature, with a maximum drift of ± 1 ppm/°C over the full temperature range of -40°C to +125°C. The INA241x is available in multiple gain options of 10 V/V, 20 V/V, 50 V/V, 100 V/V, and 200 V/V, which the system designer should select based on their desired signal-to-noise ratio and other system requirements, such as the dynamic current range and full-scale output voltage target.

8.3.1.6 Wide Supply Range

The INA241x operates with a wide supply range from 2.7 V to 20 V. While the input common-mode voltage range of the INA241x is independent of the supply voltage, the output voltage is bound by the supply voltage

applied to the device. The output voltage can range from as low as 20 mV to as high as 200 mV below the supply voltage.

8.4 Device Functional Modes

8.4.1 Adjusting the Output With the Reference Pins

Figure 8-2 shows a test circuit for reference-divider accuracy. The INA241x output is configurable to allow for unidirectional or bidirectional operation.

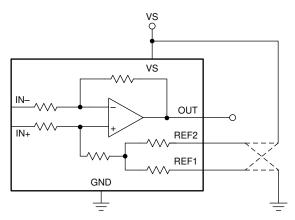


Figure 8-2. Test Circuit For Reference Divider Accuracy

The output voltage is set by applying a voltage or voltages to the reference voltage inputs, REF1 and REF2. The reference inputs are connected to an internal gain network. There is no operational difference between the two reference pins. The resistor network connected to the two reference pins are designed with ultra-precision and matching. Output is set accurately at the mid-point voltage between the voltages applied to reference voltage inputs, when current-sense input voltage is 0 V as shown in Equation 1. In most bidirectional applications, one reference input is connected to the positive supply and the other reference input is connected to the negative supply (GND pin) to set the output voltage to mid-supply.

$$V_{OUT} = G \times (V_{IN} + V_{IN}) + \frac{V_{REF1} + V_{REF2}}{2}$$
 (1)

8.4.2 Reference Pin Connections for Unidirectional Current Measurements

Unidirectional operation allows current measurements through a resistive shunt in one direction. For unidirectional operation, connect the device reference pins together and then to the negative rail (see the *Ground Referenced Output* section) or the positive rail (see the *VS Referenced Output* section). The required differential input polarity depends on the reference input setting. The amplifier output moves away from the referenced rail proportional to the current passing through the external shunt resistor. If the amplifier reference pins are connected to the positive rail, then the input polarity must be negative to move the amplifier output down (towards ground). If the amplifier reference pins are connected to ground, then the input polarity must be positive to move the amplifier output up (towards supply).

The following sections describe how to configure the output for unidirectional operation cases.

8.4.2.1 Ground Referenced Output

When using the INA241x in a unidirectional mode with a ground referenced output, both reference inputs are connected to ground. This configuration takes the output to ground when there is a 0 V differential at the input (see Figure 8-3).



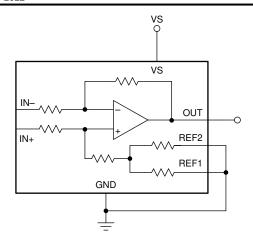


Figure 8-3. Ground Referenced Output

8.4.2.2 VS Referenced Output

Unidirectional mode with a VS referenced output is configured by connecting both reference pins to the positive supply. Use this configuration for circuits that require power up and stabilization of the amplifier output signal and other control circuitry before power is applied to the load (see Figure 8-4).

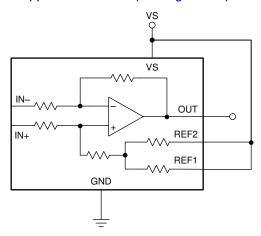


Figure 8-4. VS Referenced Output

8.4.3 Reference Pin Connections for Bidirectional Current Measurements

The INA241x measures the differential voltage developed by current flowing through a resistor, commonly referred to as a current-sensing resistor or a current-shunt resistor. The INA241x can operate in either a unidirectional or bidirectional mode based on the voltage potential placed on the reference pins.

The linear range of the output stage is limited to how close the output voltage can approach ground as well the supply voltage as described in the *Specifications*. The selection of the current-sensing resistor along with the current range to be measured, selection of the gain option, as well as the voltage applied to the reference pins should be chosen to keep the INA241x within the linear region of operation.

8.4.3.1 Output Set to External Reference Voltage

Connecting both pins together and then to a reference voltage results in an output voltage equal to the reference voltage for the condition of shorted input pins or a 0 V differential input. Figure 8-5 shows this configuration. The output voltage decreases below the reference voltage when the IN+ pin is negative relative to the IN- pin and increases when the IN+ pin is positive relative to the IN- pin. This technique is the most accurate way to bias the output to a precise voltage.

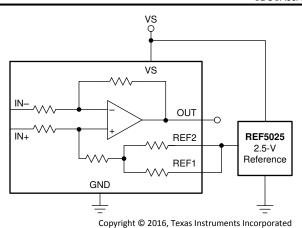


Figure 8-5. External Reference Output

8.4.3.2 Output Set to Mid-Supply Voltage

By connecting one reference pin to VS and the other to the GND pin, Figure 8-6 shows that the output is set at half of the supply voltage when there is no differential input. This method creates a ratiometric offset to the supply voltage, where the output voltage remains at VS / 2 for 0 V applied to the inputs.

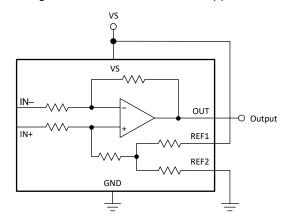


Figure 8-6. Mid-Supply Voltage Output

8.4.3.3 Output Set to Mid-External Reference

In this case, Figure 8-7 shows how an external reference can divided by two by connecting one REF pin to ground and the other REF pin to the reference.

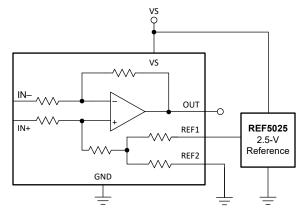


Figure 8-7. Mid-External Reference Output

8.4.3.4 Output Set Using Resistor Divider

The INA241x reference pins allow for the mid-point of the output voltage to be adjusted for system circuitry connections to analog to digital converters (ADCs) or other amplifiers. The reference pins are designed to be connected directly to supply, ground, or a low-impedance reference voltage. The reference pins can be connected together and biased using a resistor divider to achieve a custom output voltage. If the amplifier is used in this configuration, as shown in Figure 8-8, use the output as a differential signal with respect to the resistor divider voltage. Use of the amplifier output as a single-ended signal in this configuration is not recommended because the internal impedance shifts can adversely affect device performance specifications. If single-ended measurement is required, TI recommends to use an external op amp to buffer the resistor divider voltage (see Figure 8-9).

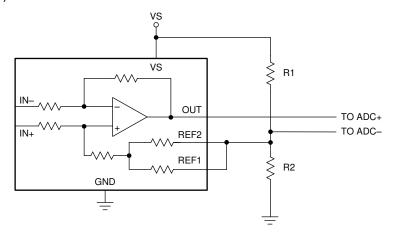


Figure 8-8. Setting the Reference Using a Resistor Divider

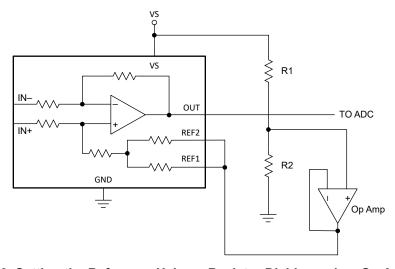


Figure 8-9. Setting the Reference Using a Resistor Divider and an Op Amp buffer

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8.4.4 High Signal Throughput

With a bandwidth of 1.1 MHz at a gain of 20 V/V and a slew rate of 8 V/ μ s, the INA241x is specifically designed for detecting and protecting applications from fast inrush currents. As shown in Table 8-1, the INA241x responds in less than 1 μ s for a system measuring a 75 A threshold on a 2 m Ω shunt.

Table 8-1. Response Time

	PARAMETER	EQUATION	INA241x AT V _S = 5 V		
G	Gain		20 V/V		
I _{MAX}	Maximum current		100 A		
I _{Threshold}	Threshold current		75 A		
R _{SENSE}	Current sense resistor value		2 mΩ		
V _{OUT_MAX}	Output voltage at maximum current	V _{OUT_MAX} = I _{MAX} × R _{SENSE} × G	4 V		
V _{OUT_THR}	Output voltage at threshold current	V _{OUT_THR} = I _{THR} × R _{SENSE} × G	3 V		
SR	Slew rate		8 V/µs		
T _{response}	Output response time	T _{response} = V _{OUT_THR} / SR	< 1 µs		

9 Application and Implementation

Note

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9.1 Application Information

The INA241x amplifies the voltage developed across a current-sensing resistor as current flows through the resistor to the load. The wide input common-mode voltage range and high common-mode rejection of the INA241x make it usable over a wide range of voltage rails while still maintaining an accurate current measurement.

9.1.1 R_{SENSE} and Device Gain Selection

The accuracy of any current-sense amplifier is maximized by choosing the largest current-sense resistor value possible. A larger value sense resistor maximizes the differential input signal for a given amount of current flow and reduces the error contribution of the offset voltage. However, there are practical limits as to how large the current-sense resistor value can be in a given application because of the physical dimensions of the package, package construction, and maximum power dissipation. Equation 2 gives the maximum value for the current-sense resistor for a given power dissipation budget:

$$R_{SENSE} < \frac{PD_{MAX}}{I_{MAX}^2} \tag{2}$$

where:

- PD_{MAX} is the maximum allowable power dissipation in R_{SENSE}.
- I_{MAX} is the maximum current that will flow through R_{SENSE}.

An additional limitation on the size of the current-sense resistor and device gain is due to the power-supply voltage, V_S , and device swing-to-rail limitations. To make sure that the current-sense signal is properly passed to the output, both positive and negative output swing limitations must be examined. Equation 3 provides the maximum values of R_{SENSE} and GAIN to keep the device from exceeding the positive swing limitation.

$$I_{MAX} \times R_{SENSE} \times GAIN < V_{SP}$$
 (3)

where:

- I_{MAX} is the maximum current that will flow through R_{SENSE}.
- · GAIN is the gain of the current-sense amplifier.
- V_{SP} is the positive output swing of the device as specified in the Specifications.

To avoid positive output swing limitations when selecting the value of R_{SENSE}, there is always a trade-off between the value of the sense resistor and the gain of the device under consideration. If the sense resistor selected for the maximum power dissipation is too large, then it is possible to select a lower gain device to avoid positive swing limitations.

The negative swing limitation places a limit on how small the sense resistor value can be for a given application. Equation 4 provides the limit on the minimum value of the sense resistor.

$$I_{MIN} \times R_{SENSE} \times GAIN > V_{SN}$$
 (4)

where:

I_{MIN} is the minimum current that will flow through R_{SENSE}.

- · GAIN is the gain of the current-sense amplifier.
- V_{SN} is the negative output swing of the device as specified in the Specifications.

Table 9-1 shows an example of the different results obtained from using five different gain versions of the INA241x. From the table data, the highest gain device allows a smaller current-shunt resistor and decreased power dissipation in the element.

	Table 9-1. R _{SENSE} Selection and Power Dissipation 11										
			RESULTS AT V _S = 5 V								
	PARAMETER	EQUATION	A1, B1 DEVICES	A2, B2 DEVICES	A3, B3 DEVICES	A4, B4 DEVICES	A5, B5 DEVICES				
G	Gain		10 V/V	20 V/V	50 V/V	100 V/V	200 V/V				
V _{SENSE}	Ideal differential input voltage	V _{SENSE} = V _{OUT} / G	500 mV	250 mV	100 mV	50 mV	25 mV				
R _{SENSE}	Current sense resistor value	R _{SENSE} = V _{SENSE} / I _{MAX}	50 mΩ	25 mΩ	10 mΩ	5 mΩ	2.5 mΩ				
Perner	Current-sense resistor power dissipation	Refner × IMAY2	5 W	2.5 W	1 W	0.5 W	0.25 W				

Table 9-1. R_{SENSE} Selection and Power Dissipation⁽¹⁾

(1) Design example with 10 A full-scale current with maximum output voltage set to 5 V.

9.2 Typical Application

The INA241x is a bidirectional, current-sense amplifier capable of measuring currents through a resistive shunt with common-mode voltages from –5 V to +110 V.

9.2.1 Inline Motor Current-Sense Application

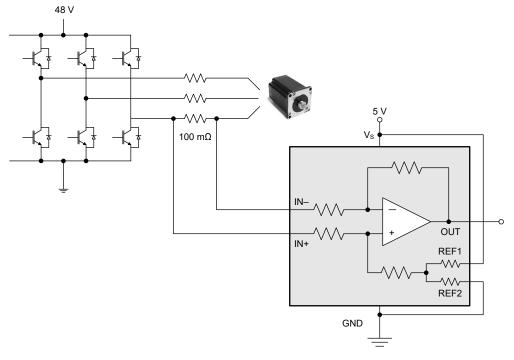


Figure 9-1. Inline Motor Application Circuit

9.2.1.1 Design Requirements

Inline current sensing has many advantages in motor control, from torque ripple reduction to real-time motor health monitoring. However, the full-scale PWM voltage requirements for inline current measurements provide challenges to accurately measure the current. Switching frequencies in the 50 kHz to 100 kHz range create higher $\Delta V/\Delta t$ signal transitions that must be addressed to obtain accurate inline current measurements.

With a superior common-mode rejection capability, high precision, and a high common-mode specification, the INA241x provides performance for a wide range of common-mode voltages.

9.2.1.2 Detailed Design Procedure

For this application, the INA241x measures current in the drive circuitry of a 48 V, 4000 RPM motor.

To demonstrate the performance of the device, the INA241A2 with a gain of 20 V/V was selected for this design and powered from a 5 V supply.

Using the information in the Section 8.4.3.2 section, the reference point is set to mid-scale by splitting the supply with REF1 connected to supply and REF2 connected to ground. This configuration allows for bipolar current measurements. Alternatively, the reference pins can be tied together and driven with an external precision reference.

The current-sensing resistor is sized so that the output of the INA241x is not saturated. A value of 100 m Ω was selected to maintain the analog input within the device limits.

9.2.1.3 Application Curve

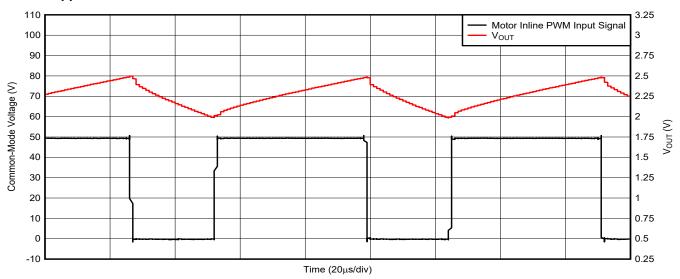


Figure 9-2. INA241A2 Inline Motor Current-Sense Input and Output Signals

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9.3 Power Supply Recommendations

The INA241x makes accurate measurements beyond the connected power-supply voltage (V_S) because the inputs (IN+ and IN-) can operate anywhere between -5 V and +110 V independent of V_S . For example, with the V_S power supply equal to 5 V, the common-mode voltage of the measured shunt can be as high as +110 V.

9.3.1 Power Supply Decoupling

Place the power-supply bypass capacitor as close to the supply and ground pins as possible. TI recommends a bypass capacitor value of 0.1 μ F. Additional decoupling capacitance can be added to compensate for noisy or high-impedance power supplies.

9.4 Layout

9.4.1 Layout Guidelines

Attention to good layout practices is always recommended.

- Connect the input pins to the sensing resistor using a Kelvin or 4-wire connection. This connection technique
 makes sure that only the current-sensing resistor impedance is detected between the input pins. Poor routing
 of the current-sensing resistor commonly results in additional resistance present between the input pins.
 Given the very low ohmic value of the current sense resistor, any additional high-current carrying impedance
 can cause significant measurement errors.
- Place the power-supply bypass capacitor as close to the device power supply and ground pins as possible.
 The recommended value of this bypass capacitor is 0.1 µF. Additional decoupling capacitance can be added to compensate for noisy or high-impedance power supplies.

9.4.2 Layout Example

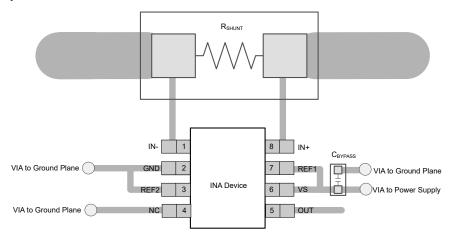


Figure 9-3. INA241x SOT-23 (DDF) and VSSOP (DGK) Package Recommended Layout



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INA241A2IDDFR	ACTIVE	SOT-23-THIN	DDF	8	3000	RoHS & Green	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	2PI3	Samples
INA241A3IDDFR	ACTIVE	SOT-23-THIN	DDF	8	3000	RoHS & Green	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	2PJ3	Samples
INA241A4IDDFR	ACTIVE	SOT-23-THIN	DDF	8	3000	RoHS & Green	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	2PK3	Samples
INA241A5IDDFR	ACTIVE	SOT-23-THIN	DDF	8	3000	RoHS & Green	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	2PL3	Samples
INA241B1IDDFR	ACTIVE	SOT-23-THIN	DDF	8	3000	RoHS & Green	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	2PM3	Samples
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INA241B3IDDFR	ACTIVE	SOT-23-THIN	DDF	8	3000	RoHS & Green	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	2PO3	Samples
INA241B4IDDFR	ACTIVE	SOT-23-THIN	DDF	8	3000	RoHS & Green	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	2PP3	Samples
INA241B5IDDFR	ACTIVE	SOT-23-THIN	DDF	8	3000	RoHS & Green	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	2PQ3	Samples

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В0	Dimension designed to accommodate the component length
K0	Dimension designed to accommodate the component thickness
W	Overall width of the carrier tape
P1	Pitch between successive cavity centers

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Device	Package Type	Package Drawing		SPQ	Reel Diameter (mm)	Reel Width W1 (mm)	A0 (mm)	B0 (mm)	K0 (mm)	P1 (mm)	W (mm)	Pin1 Quadrant
INA241A1IDDFR	SOT-23- THIN	DDF	8	3000	180.0	8.4	3.15	3.1	1.55	4.0	8.0	Q3
INA241A2IDDFR	SOT-23- THIN	DDF	8	3000	180.0	8.4	3.15	3.1	1.55	4.0	8.0	Q3
INA241A4IDDFR	SOT-23- THIN	DDF	8	3000	180.0	8.4	3.15	3.1	1.55	4.0	8.0	Q3
INA241A5IDDFR	SOT-23- THIN	DDF	8	3000	180.0	8.4	3.15	3.1	1.55	4.0	8.0	Q3
INA241B1IDDFR	SOT-23- THIN	DDF	8	3000	180.0	8.4	3.15	3.1	1.55	4.0	8.0	Q3
INA241B2IDDFR	SOT-23- THIN	DDF	8	3000	180.0	8.4	3.15	3.1	1.55	4.0	8.0	Q3
INA241B3IDDFR	SOT-23- THIN	DDF	8	3000	180.0	8.4	3.15	3.1	1.55	4.0	8.0	Q3
INA241B4IDDFR	SOT-23- THIN	DDF	8	3000	180.0	8.4	3.15	3.1	1.55	4.0	8.0	Q3



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INA241A4IDDFR	SOT-23-THIN	DDF	8	3000	210.0	185.0	35.0
INA241A5IDDFR	SOT-23-THIN	DDF	8	3000	210.0	185.0	35.0
INA241B1IDDFR	SOT-23-THIN	DDF	8	3000	210.0	185.0	35.0
INA241B2IDDFR	SOT-23-THIN	DDF	8	3000	210.0	185.0	35.0
INA241B3IDDFR	SOT-23-THIN	DDF	8	3000	210.0	185.0	35.0
INA241B4IDDFR	SOT-23-THIN	DDF	8	3000	210.0	185.0	35.0



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