



# Octal Current Input, 20-Bit Analog-To-Digital Converter

## FEATURES

- SINGLE-CHIP SOLUTION TO DIRECTLY MEASURE EIGHT LOW-LEVEL CURRENTS
- HIGH PRECISION, TRUE INTEGRATING FUNCTION
- INTEGRAL LINEARITY:  
 $\pm 0.01\%$  of Reading  $\pm 0.5\text{ppm}$  of FSR
- VERY LOW NOISE: 5.2ppm of FSR
- LOW POWER: 13.5mW/channel
- ADJUSTABLE DATA RATE: Up to 3.125kSPS
- PROGRAMMABLE FULL SCALE
- DAISY-CHAINABLE SERIAL INTERFACE

## APPLICATIONS

- CT SCANNER DAS
- PHOTODIODE SENSORS
- INFRARED PYROMETERS
- LIQUID/GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY

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## DESCRIPTION

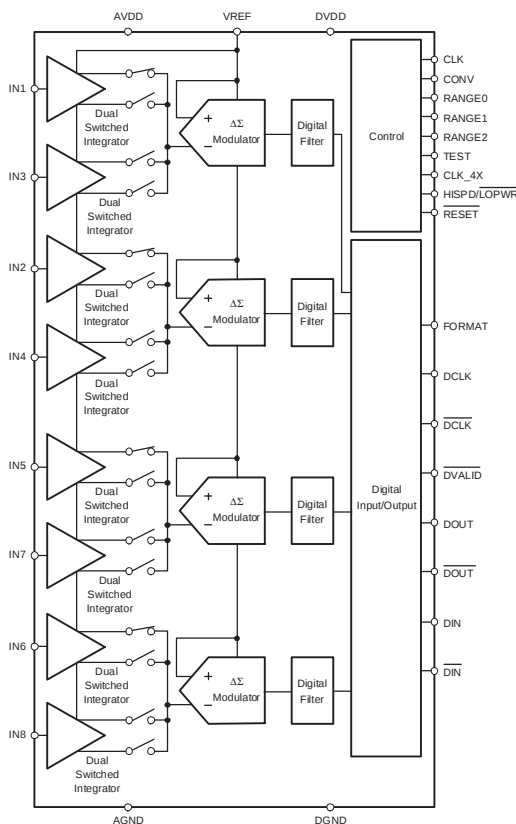
The DDC118 is a 20-bit, octal channel, current-input analog-to-digital (A/D) converter. It combines both current-to-voltage and A/D conversion so that eight low-level current output devices, such as photodiodes, can be directly connected to its inputs and digitized.

For each of the eight inputs, the DDC118 provides a dual-switched integrator front-end. This design allows for continuous current integration: while one integrator is being digitized by the onboard A/D converter, the other is integrating the input current. Adjustable full-scale ranges from 12pC to 350pC and adjustable integration times from 50 $\mu$ s to 1s allow currents from fAs to  $\mu$ As to be measured with outstanding precision. Low-level linearity is  $\pm 0.5\text{ppm}$  of the full-scale range and noise is 5.2ppm of the full-scale range.

Two modes of operation are provided. In Low-Power mode, total power dissipation is only 13.5mW per channel with a maximum data rate of 2.5kSPS. High-Speed mode supports data rates up to 3.125kSPS with a corresponding dissipation of 18mW per channel.

The DDC118 has a serial interface designed for daisy-chaining in multi-device systems. Simply connect the output of one device to the input of the next to create the chain. Common clocking feeds all the devices in the chain so that the digital overhead in a multi-DDC118 system is minimal.

The DDC118 is a single-supply device using a +5V analog supply and supporting a +2.7V to +5.25V digital supply. Operating over the industrial temperature range of  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+85^{\circ}\text{C}$ , the DDC118 is offered in a QFN-48 package.



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**ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS<sup>(1)</sup>**

|                                        |                      |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Analog Input Current                   | 750 $\mu$ A          |
| AVDD to DVDD                           | –0.3V to +6V         |
| AVDD to AGND                           | –0.3V to +6V         |
| DVDD to DGND                           | –0.3V to +6V         |
| AGND to DGND                           | $\pm$ 0.2V           |
| VREF Input to AGND                     | 2.0V to AVDD + 0.3V  |
| Analog Input to AGND                   | –0.3V to +0.7V       |
| Digital Input Voltage to DGND          | –0.3V to DVDD + 0.3V |
| Digital Output Voltage to DGND         | –0.3V to AVDD + 0.3V |
| Operating Temperature                  | –40°C to +85°C       |
| Storage Temperature                    | –60°C to +150°C      |
| Junction Temperature (T <sub>j</sub> ) | +150°C               |

<sup>(1)</sup> Stresses above these ratings may cause permanent damage. Exposure to absolute maximum conditions for extended periods may degrade device reliability. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those specified is not implied.



This integrated circuit can be damaged by ESD. Texas Instruments recommends that all integrated circuits be handled with appropriate precautions. Failure to observe proper handling and installation procedures can cause damage.

ESD damage can range from subtle performance degradation to complete device failure. Precision integrated circuits may be more susceptible to damage because very small parametric changes could cause the device not to meet its published specifications.

**ORDERING INFORMATION**

For package and ordering information, see the Package Option Addendum located at the end of this data sheet.

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

At  $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $AVDD = +5\text{V}$ ,  $DVDD = 3\text{V}$ ,  $VREF = +4.096\text{V}$ , Range 5 (250pC), and continuous mode operation, unless otherwise noted.

Low-Power Mode:  $T_{INT} = 400\mu\text{s}$  and  $CLK = 4\text{MHz}$ ; High-Speed Mode:  $T_{INT} = 320\mu\text{s}$  and  $CLK = 4.8\text{MHz}$ .

| PARAMETER                               | TEST CONDITIONS                                    | Low-Power Mode                                                                                          |            |               | High-Speed Mode |     |       | UNITS                           |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|-----|-------|---------------------------------|
|                                         |                                                    | MIN                                                                                                     | TYP        | MAX           | MIN             | TYP | MAX   |                                 |
| <b>ANALOG INPUT RANGE</b>               |                                                    |                                                                                                         |            |               |                 |     |       |                                 |
| Range 0                                 |                                                    | 10.2                                                                                                    | 12         | 13.8          | *(1)            | *   | *     | pC                              |
| Range 1                                 |                                                    | 47.5                                                                                                    | 50         | 52.5          | *               | *   | *     | pC                              |
| Range 2                                 |                                                    | 95                                                                                                      | 100        | 105           | *               | *   | *     | pC                              |
| Range 3                                 |                                                    | 142.5                                                                                                   | 150        | 157.5         | *               | *   | *     | pC                              |
| Range 4                                 |                                                    | 190                                                                                                     | 200        | 210           | *               | *   | *     | pC                              |
| Range 5                                 |                                                    | 237.5                                                                                                   | 250        | 262.5         | *               | *   | *     | pC                              |
| Range 6                                 |                                                    | 285                                                                                                     | 300        | 315           | *               | *   | *     | pC                              |
| Range 7                                 |                                                    | 332.5                                                                                                   | 350        | 367.5         | *               | *   | *     | pC                              |
| Negative Full-Scale Range               |                                                    | -0.4% of Positive Full-Scale Range                                                                      |            |               |                 | *   |       | pC                              |
| Input Current <sup>(2)</sup>            |                                                    |                                                                                                         |            | 750           |                 |     | *     | $\mu\text{A}$                   |
| <b>DYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS</b>          |                                                    |                                                                                                         |            |               |                 |     |       |                                 |
| Data Rate                               | Continuous Mode                                    |                                                                                                         |            | 2.5           |                 |     | 3.125 | kSPS                            |
| Integration Time, $T_{INT}$             | Non-continuous Mode, Range 1 to 7                  | 400                                                                                                     |            | 1,000,000     | 320             | *   | *     | $\mu\text{s}$                   |
| System Clock Input (CLK)                |                                                    |                                                                                                         |            |               |                 |     |       |                                 |
| CLK_4X = 0                              |                                                    |                                                                                                         |            | 4             |                 |     | 4.8   | MHz                             |
| CLK_4X = 1                              |                                                    |                                                                                                         |            | 16            |                 |     | 19.2  | MHz                             |
| Data Clock (DCLK)                       |                                                    |                                                                                                         |            | 16            |                 |     | *     | MHz                             |
| <b>ACCURACY</b>                         |                                                    |                                                                                                         |            |               |                 |     |       |                                 |
| Noise, Low-Level Input <sup>(3)</sup>   | $C_{SENSOR}^{(4)} = 50\text{pF}$ , Range 5 (250pC) |                                                                                                         | 5.2        | 6.5           |                 | 5.5 | 7     | ppm of FSR <sup>(5)</sup> , rms |
| Integral Linearity Error <sup>(6)</sup> |                                                    | $\pm 0.01\%$ Reading $\pm 0.5\text{ppm}$ FSR, typ<br>$\pm 0.025\%$ Reading $\pm 1.0\text{ppm}$ FSR, max |            |               |                 | *   | *     |                                 |
| Resolution                              | FORMAT = 1<br>FORMAT = 0                           | 20<br>16                                                                                                |            |               | *               |     |       | Bits<br>Bits                    |
| Input Bias Current                      |                                                    |                                                                                                         | 0.1        | 10            |                 | *   | *     | pA                              |
| Range Error Match <sup>(7)</sup>        | All Ranges                                         |                                                                                                         | 0.1        | 0.5           |                 | *   | *     | % of FSR                        |
| Range Sensitivity to $VREF$             | $VREF = 4.096 \pm 0.1\text{V}$                     |                                                                                                         | 1:1        |               |                 | *   |       |                                 |
| Offset Error                            | Range 5 (250pC)                                    |                                                                                                         | $\pm 400$  | $\pm 1000$    |                 | *   | *     | ppm of FSR                      |
| Offset Error Match <sup>(7)</sup>       |                                                    |                                                                                                         | $\pm 100$  |               |                 | *   |       | ppm of FSR                      |
| DC Bias Voltage <sup>(9)</sup>          | Low-Level Input (< 1% FSR)                         |                                                                                                         | $\pm 0.05$ | $\pm 2$       |                 | *   | *     | mV                              |
| Power-Supply Rejection Ratio            | at dc                                              |                                                                                                         | $\pm 25$   | $\pm 200$     |                 | *   | *     | ppm of FSR/V                    |
| Internal Test Signal                    |                                                    |                                                                                                         | 11         |               |                 | *   |       | pC                              |
| Internal Test Accuracy                  |                                                    |                                                                                                         | $\pm 10$   |               |                 | *   |       | %                               |
| <b>PERFORMANCE OVER TEMPERATURE</b>     |                                                    |                                                                                                         |            |               |                 |     |       |                                 |
| Offset Drift                            |                                                    |                                                                                                         | $\pm 0.5$  | $\pm 3^{(8)}$ |                 | *   | *     | ppm of FSR/ $^\circ\text{C}$    |
| Offset Drift Stability                  |                                                    |                                                                                                         | $\pm 0.2$  | $\pm 1^{(8)}$ |                 | *   | *     | ppm of FSR/<br>minute           |
| DC Bias Voltage Drift <sup>(9)</sup>    |                                                    |                                                                                                         | 3          |               |                 | *   |       | $\mu\text{V}/^\circ\text{C}$    |
| Input Bias Current Drift                | $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ to $+45^\circ\text{C}$   |                                                                                                         | 0.01       | $1^{(8)}$     |                 | *   | *     | pA/ $^\circ\text{C}$            |
| Range Drift <sup>(10)</sup>             |                                                    |                                                                                                         | 25         |               |                 | *   |       | ppm/ $^\circ\text{C}$           |
| <b>REFERENCE</b>                        |                                                    |                                                                                                         |            |               |                 |     |       |                                 |
| Voltage                                 |                                                    | 4.000                                                                                                   | 4.096      | 4.200         | *               | *   | *     | V                               |
| Input Current <sup>(11)</sup>           | Average Value                                      |                                                                                                         | 150        |               |                 | 190 |       | $\mu\text{A}$                   |

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|                                     |                            | MIN             | TYP  | MAX        | MIN             | TYP  | MAX |       |
| DIGITAL INPUT/OUTPUT                |                            |                 |      |            |                 |      |     |       |
| Logic Levels                        |                            |                 |      |            |                 |      |     |       |
| V <sub>IH</sub>                     |                            | 0.8DVDD         |      | DVDD + 0.1 | *               |      | *   | V     |
| V <sub>IL</sub>                     |                            | − 0.1           |      | 0.2DVDD    | *               |      | *   | V     |
| V <sub>OH</sub>                     | I <sub>OH</sub> = −500μA   | DVDD − 0.4      |      |            |                 |      | *   | V     |
| V <sub>OL</sub>                     | I <sub>OL</sub> = 500μA    |                 |      | 0.4        |                 |      | *   | V     |
| Input Current (I <sub>IN</sub> )    | 0 < V <sub>IN</sub> < DVDD |                 |      | ±10        |                 |      | *   | μA    |
| Data Format <sup>(12)</sup>         |                            | Straight Binary |      |            |                 | *    |     |       |
| POWER-SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS           |                            |                 |      |            |                 |      |     |       |
| Analog Power-Supply Voltage (AVDD)  |                            | 4.75            |      | 5.25       | *               |      | *   | V     |
| Digital Power-Supply Voltage (DVDD) |                            | 2.7             |      | 5.25       | *               |      | *   | V     |
| Supply Current                      |                            |                 |      |            |                 |      |     |       |
| Total Analog Current                |                            |                 | 21   |            |                 | 28   |     | mA    |
| Total Digital Current               | DVDD = +3V                 |                 | 1    |            |                 | 1.34 |     | mA    |
| Total Power Dissipation             | DVDD = +3V                 |                 | 108  | 150        |                 | 144  | 200 | mW    |
| Total Power Dissipation per Channel | DVDD = +3V                 |                 | 13.5 | 18.75      |                 | 18   | 25  | mW    |

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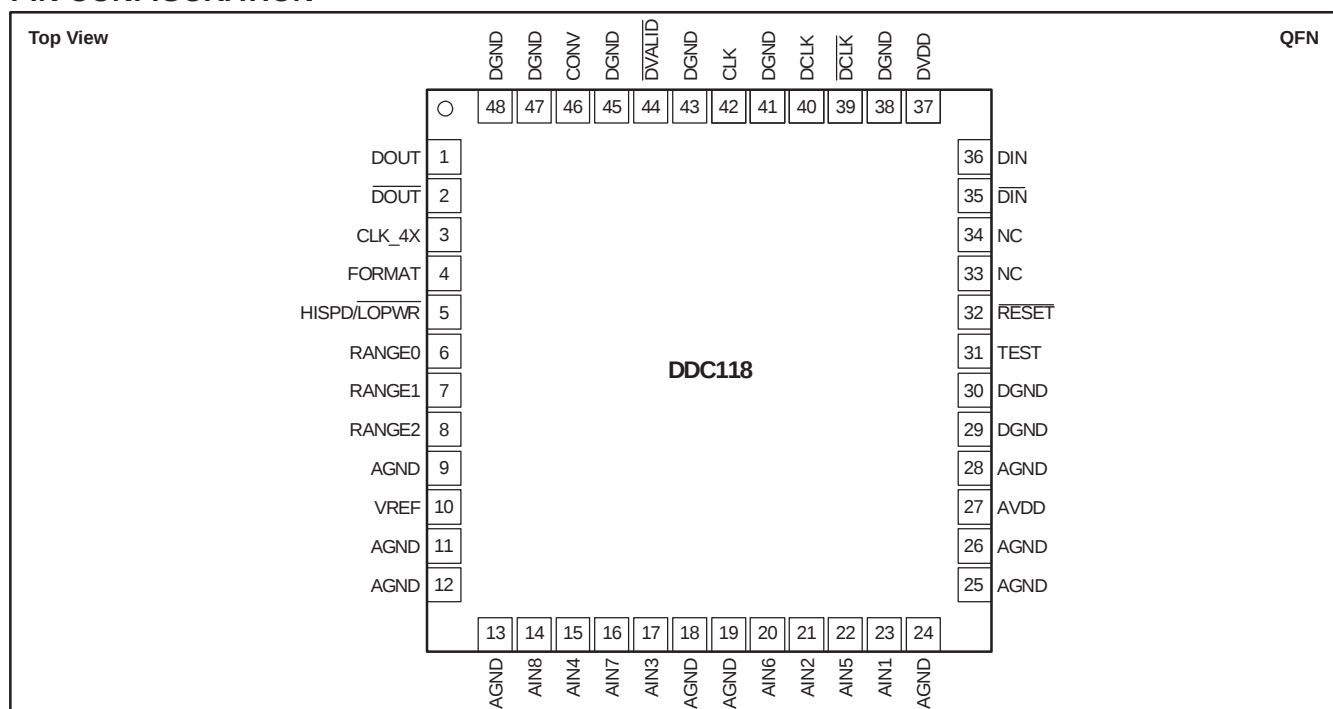
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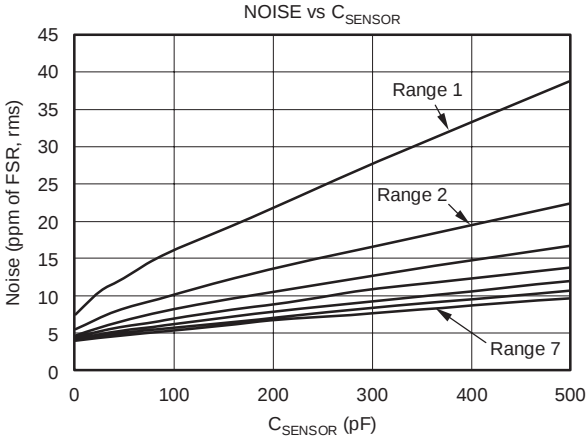


## PIN DESCRIPTIONS

| PIN          | NUMBER                         | FUNCTION       | DESCRIPTION                                                                   |
|--------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DOUT         | 1                              | Digital Output | Serial Data Output                                                            |
| DOUT         | 2                              | Digital Output | Serial Data Output: Complementary Signal (optional, see text on page 13)      |
| CLK_4X       | 3                              | Digital Input  | Master Clock Divider Control: 0 = divide by 1, 1 = divide by 4                |
| FORMAT       | 4                              | Digital Input  | Digital Output Word Format: 0 = 16 Bits, 1 = 20 Bits                          |
| HISPDP/LOPWR | 5                              | Digital Input  | Mode Control: 0 = Low-Power, 1 = High-Speed                                   |
| RANGE0       | 6                              | Digital Input  | Range Control 0 (least significant bit)                                       |
| RANGE1       | 7                              | Digital Input  | Range Control 1                                                               |
| RANGE2       | 8                              | Digital Input  | Range Control 2 (most significant bit)                                        |
| AGND         | 9, 11-13, 18, 19, 24-26, 28    | Analog         | Analog Ground                                                                 |
| VREF         | 10                             | Analog Input   | External Voltage Reference Input, 4.096V Nominal                              |
| AIN8         | 14                             | Analog Input   | Analog Input 8                                                                |
| AIN7         | 16                             | Analog Input   | Analog Input 7                                                                |
| AIN6         | 20                             | Analog Input   | Analog Input 6                                                                |
| AIN5         | 22                             | Analog Input   | Analog Input 5                                                                |
| AIN4         | 15                             | Analog Input   | Analog Input 4                                                                |
| AIN3         | 17                             | Analog Input   | Analog Input 3                                                                |
| AIN2         | 21                             | Analog Input   | Analog Input 2                                                                |
| AIN1         | 23                             | Analog Input   | Analog Input 1                                                                |
| AVDD         | 27                             | Analog         | Analog Power Supply, 5V Nominal                                               |
| DGND         | 29, 30, 38, 41, 43, 45, 47, 48 | Digital        | Digital Ground                                                                |
| TEST         | 31                             | Digital Input  | Test Mode Control                                                             |
| RESET        | 32                             | Digital Input  | Resets the Digital Circuitry, Active Low                                      |
| NC           | 33, 34                         | —              | No connection. These pins must be left unconnected.                           |
| DIN          | 35                             | Digital Input  | Serial Data Input: Complementary Signal (optional, see text on page 13)       |
| DIN          | 36                             | Digital Input  | Serial Data Input                                                             |
| DVDD         | 37                             | Digital        | Digital Power Supply, 3V Nominal                                              |
| DCLK         | 39                             | Digital Input  | Serial Data Clock Input: Complementary Signal (optional, see text on page 13) |
| DCLK         | 40                             | Digital Input  | Serial Data Clock Input                                                       |
| CLK          | 42                             | Digital Input  | Master Clock Input                                                            |
| DVALID       | 44                             | Digital Output | Data Valid Output, Active Low                                                 |
| CONV         | 46                             | Digital Input  | Conversion Control Input: 0 = Integrate on Side B, 1 = Integrate on Side A    |

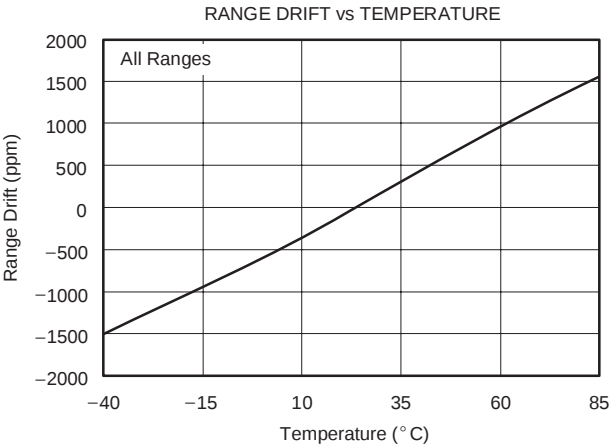
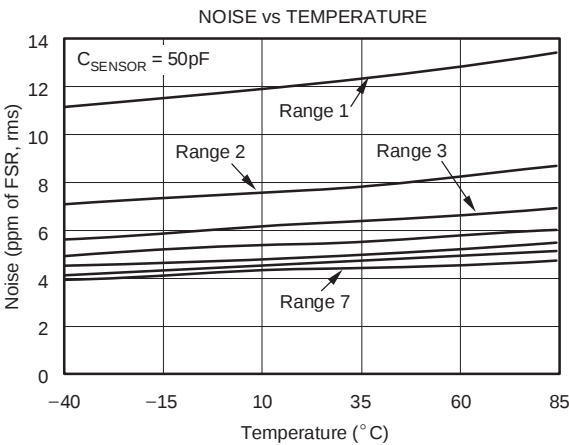
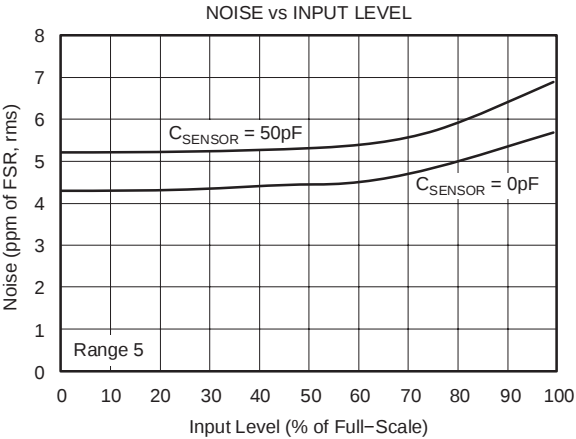
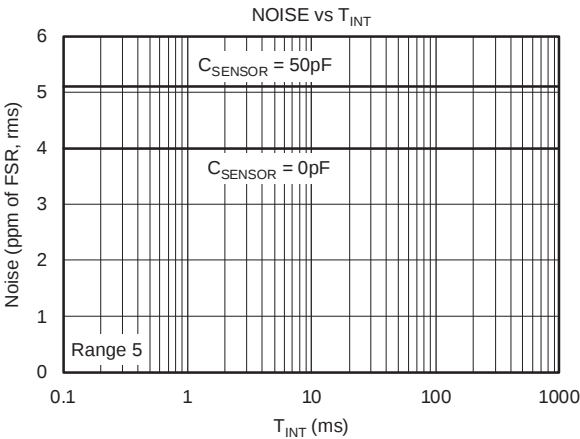
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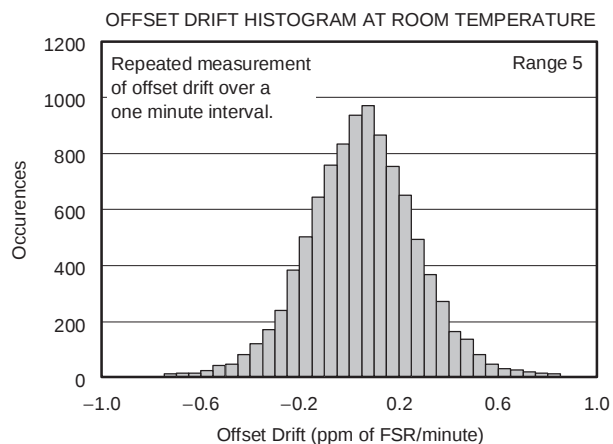
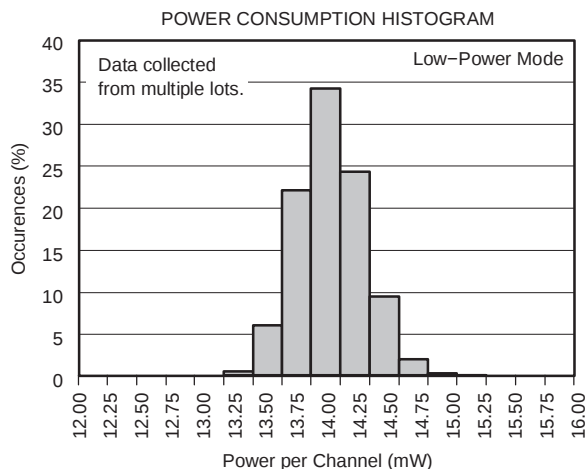
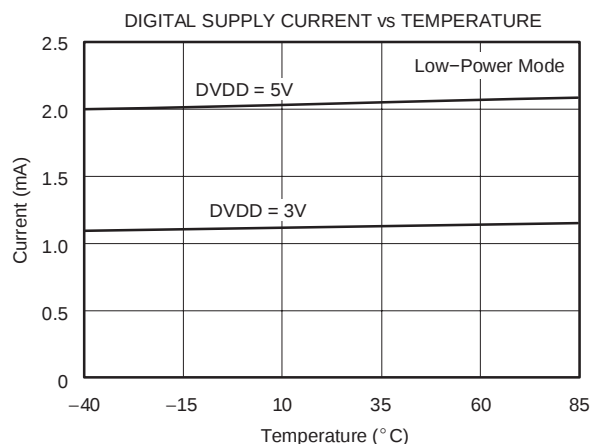
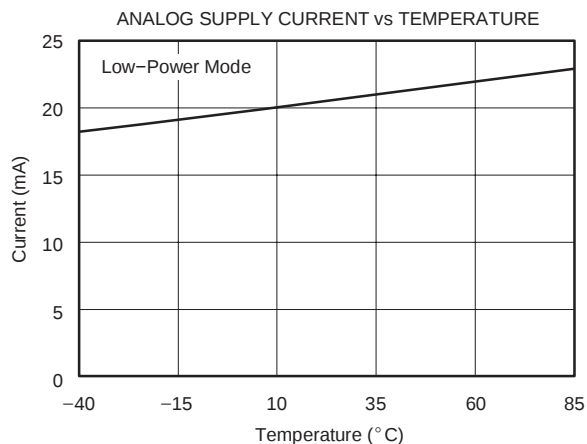
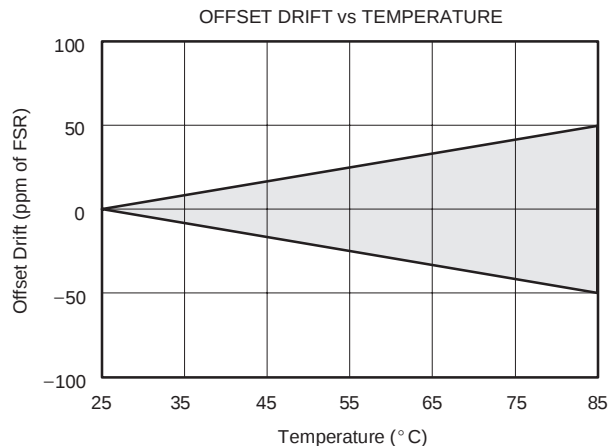
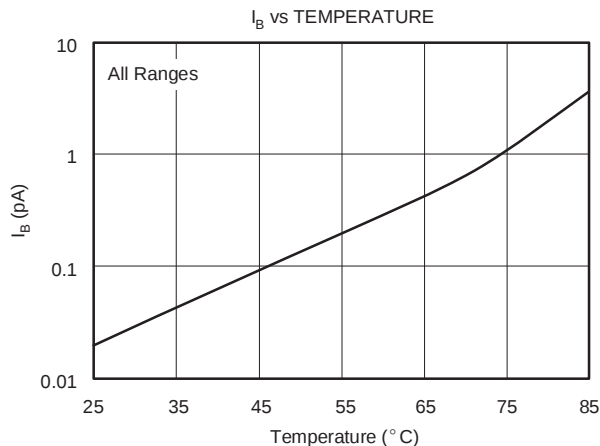
NOISE vs  $C_{\text{SENSOR}}$

| $C_{\text{SENSOR}}$<br>(pF) | Noise (ppm of FSR, rms) |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                             | Range 0                 | Range 1 | Range 2 | Range 3 | Range 4 | Range 5 | Range 6 | Range 7 |
| 0                           | 23.6                    | 7.3     | 5.2     | 4.4     | 4.2     | 4.0     | 3.8     | 3.7     |
| 24                          | 30.8                    | 10.4    | 6.7     | 5.5     | 4.9     | 4.5     | 4.3     | 4.1     |
| 50                          | 36.3                    | 12.3    | 8.2     | 6.5     | 5.6     | 5.1     | 4.8     | 4.4     |
| 75                          | 41.3                    | 14.4    | 8.9     | 7.2     | 6.0     | 5.4     | 5.1     | 4.7     |
| 100                         | 46.1                    | 16.0    | 10.0    | 8.0     | 6.7     | 5.9     | 5.4     | 5.0     |
| 150                         | 57.0                    | 18.8    | 11.9    | 9.2     | 7.8     | 6.8     | 6.1     | 5.7     |
| 200                         | 68.1                    | 21.7    | 13.5    | 10.2    | 8.6     | 7.6     | 6.8     | 6.4     |
| 300                         | 89.3                    | 27.7    | 16.3    | 12.5    | 10.6    | 9.0     | 8.1     | 7.4     |
| 500                         | 134.0                   | 38.9    | 22.4    | 16.6    | 13.5    | 11.7    | 10.4    | 9.5     |



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## THEORY OF OPERATION

The block diagram of the DDC118 is shown in Figure 1. The device contains eight identical input channels that perform the function of current-to-voltage integration followed by a multiplexed A/D conversion. Each input has two integrators so that the current-to-voltage integration can be continuous in time. The output of the sixteen integrators are switched to four delta-sigma ( $\Delta\Sigma$ ) converters via four four-input multiplexers. With the

DDC118 in the continuous integration mode, the output of the integrators from one side of the inputs will be digitized while the other eight integrators are in the integration mode, as illustrated in the timing diagram in Figure 2. This integration and A/D conversion process is controlled by the system clock, CLK. The results from side A and side B of each signal input are stored in a serial output shift register. The  $\overline{\text{DVALID}}$  output goes low when the shift register contains valid data.

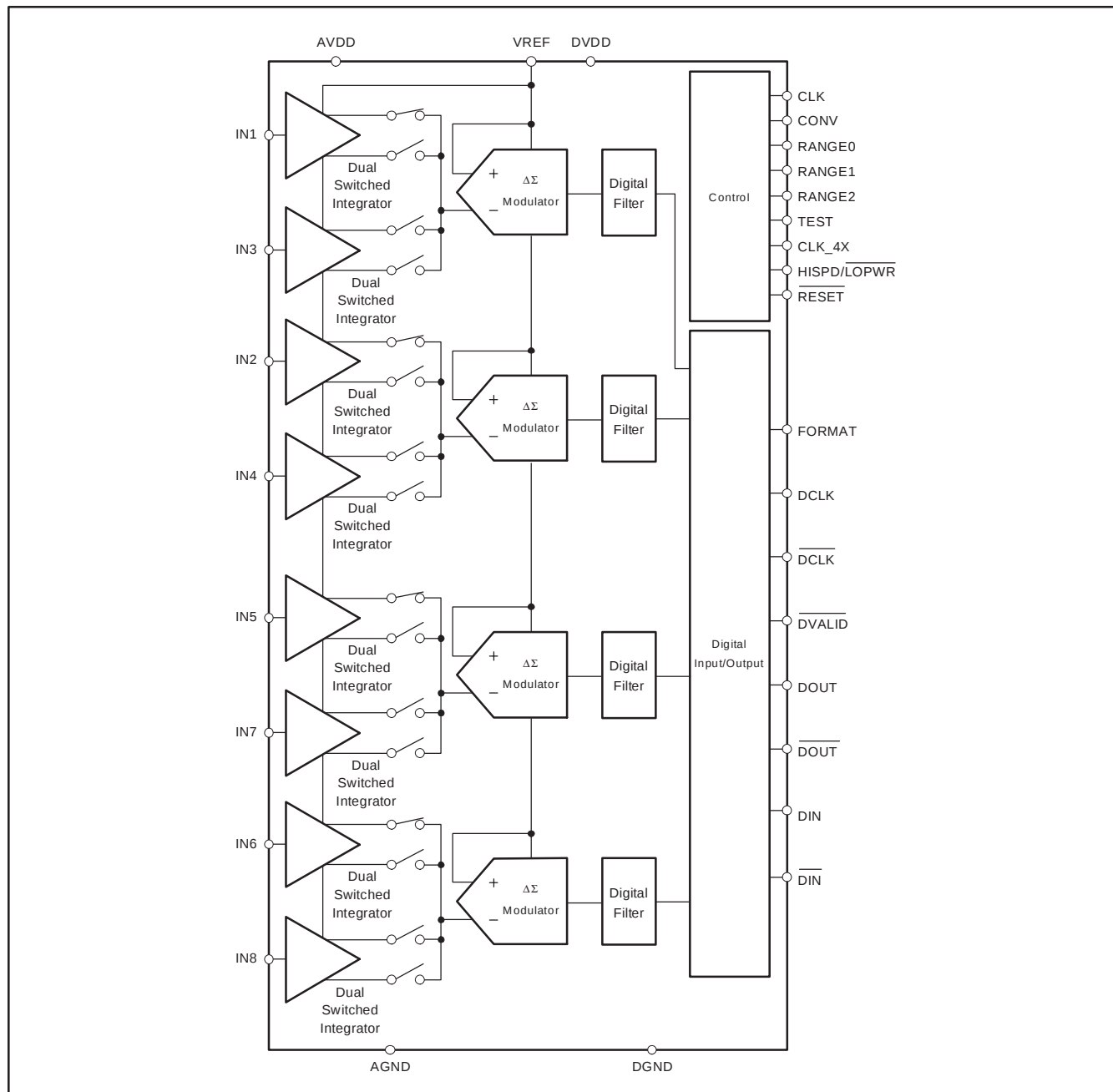


Figure 1. DDC118 Block Diagram

The digital interface of the DDC118 provides the digital results via a synchronous serial interface consisting of differential data clocks (DCLK and  $\overline{\text{DCLK}}$ ), a valid data pin ( $\overline{\text{DVALID}}$ ), differential serial data output pins (DOUT and  $\overline{\text{DOUT}}$ ), and differential serial data input pins (DIN and  $\overline{\text{DIN}}$ ). The DDC118 contains only four A/D converters, so the conversion process is interleaved (see Figure 2). The integration and conversion process is fundamentally independent of the data retrieval process. Consequently, the CLK frequency and DCLK frequencies need not be the same. DIN and  $\overline{\text{DIN}}$  are only used when multiple converters are cascaded, and otherwise should both be tied to DGND.

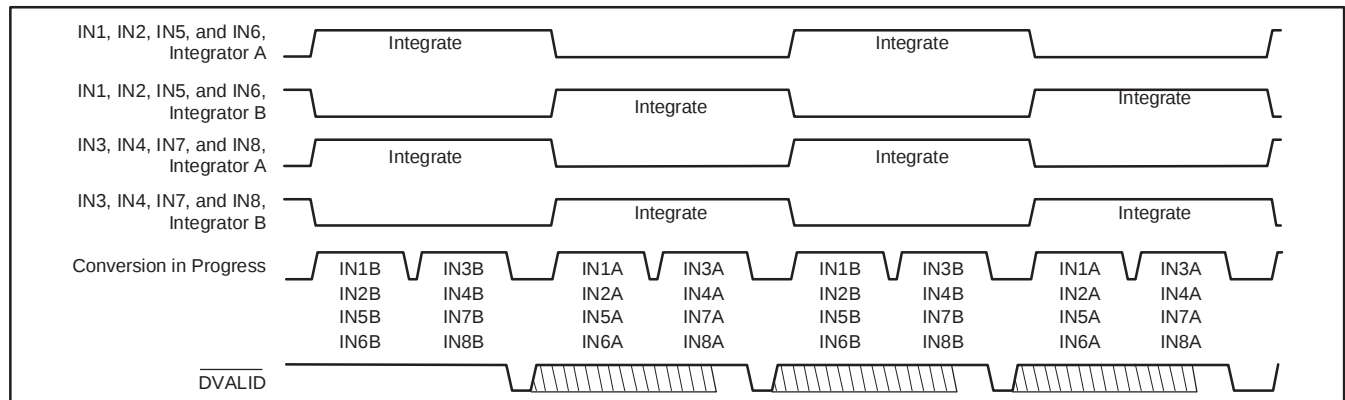
## DEVICE OPERATION

### Basic Integration Cycle

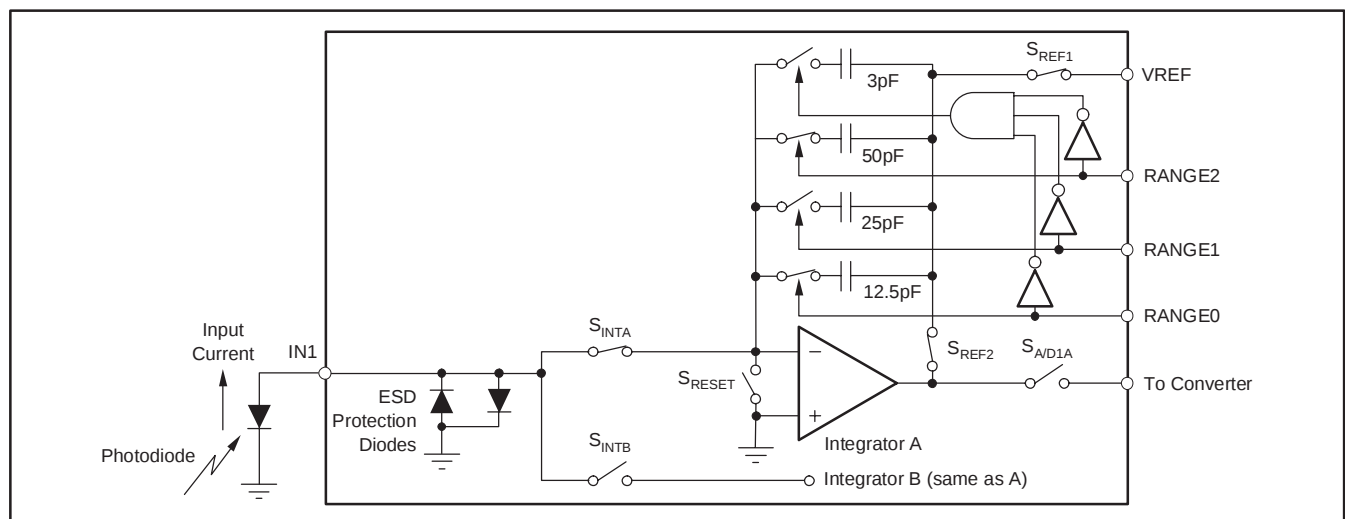
The topology of the front end of the DDC118 is an analog integrator as shown in Figure 3. In this diagram, only Input IN1 is shown. This representation of the input stage consists of an operational amplifier, a selectable feedback capacitor network ( $C_F$ ), and several switches that

implement the integration cycle. The timing relationships of all of the switches shown in Figure 3 are illustrated in Figure 4. Figure 4 is used to conceptualize the operation of the integrator input stage of the DDC118 and should not be used as an exact timing tool for design. See Figure 5 for the block diagrams of the reset, integrate, wait and convert states of the integrator section of the DDC118. This internal switching network is controlled externally with the convert pin (CONV), range selection pins (RANGE0-RANGE2), and the system clock (CLK). For the best noise performance, CONV must be synchronized with the rising edge of CLK. It is recommended that CONV toggle within  $\pm 10\text{ns}$  of the rising edge of CLK.

The noninverting inputs of the integrators are connected to ground. Consequently, the DDC118 analog ground should be as clean as possible. The range switches, along with the internal and external capacitors ( $C_F$ ), are shown in parallel between the inverting input and output of the operational amplifier. At the beginning of a conversion, the switches  $S_{A/D}$ ,  $S_{INTA}$ ,  $S_{INTB}$ ,  $S_{REF1}$ ,  $S_{REF2}$ , and  $S_{RESET}$  are set (see Figure 4).



**Figure 2. Basic Integration and Conversion Timing for the DDC118 (continuous mode)**



**Figure 3. Basic Integration Configuration for Input 1, shown with a 250pC ( $C_F = 62.5\text{pF}$ ) Input Range**

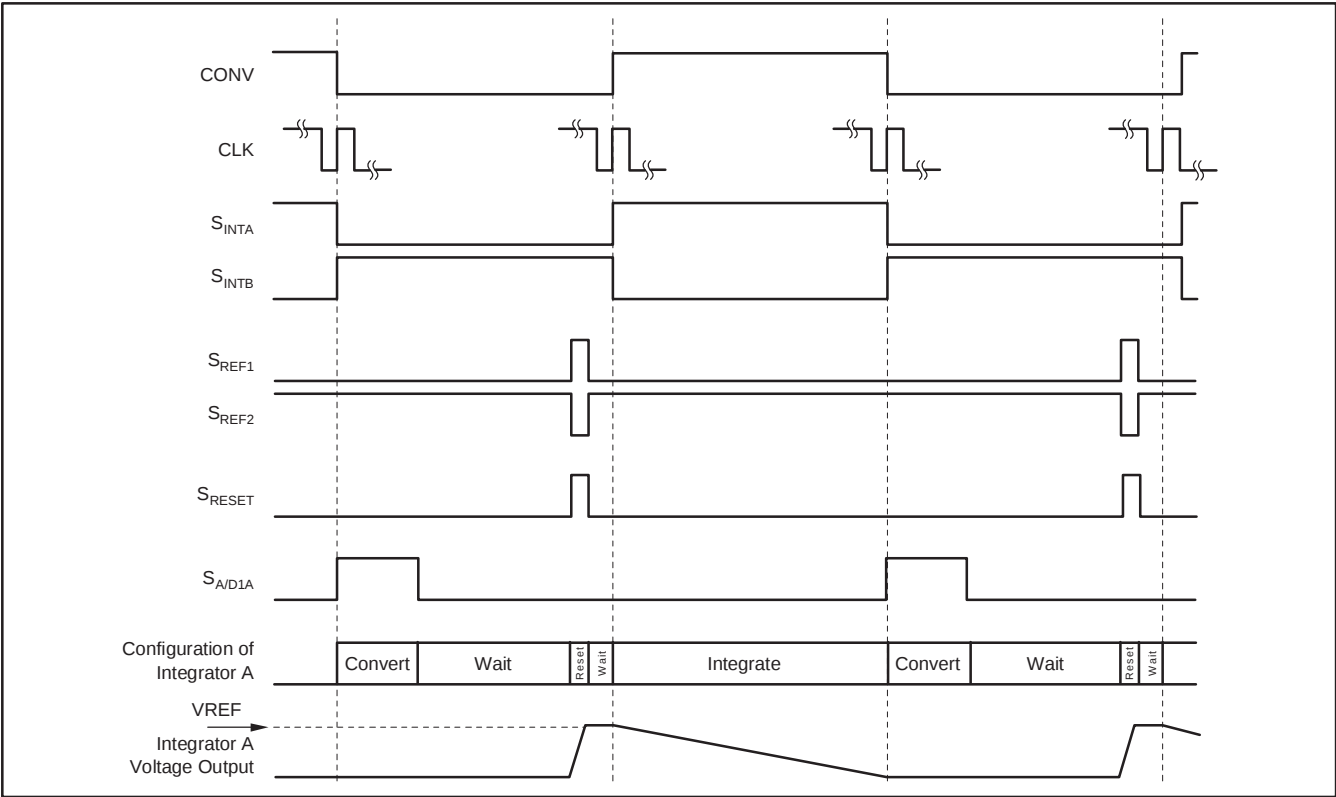


Figure 4. Basic Integration Timing Diagram (as shown in Figure 3)

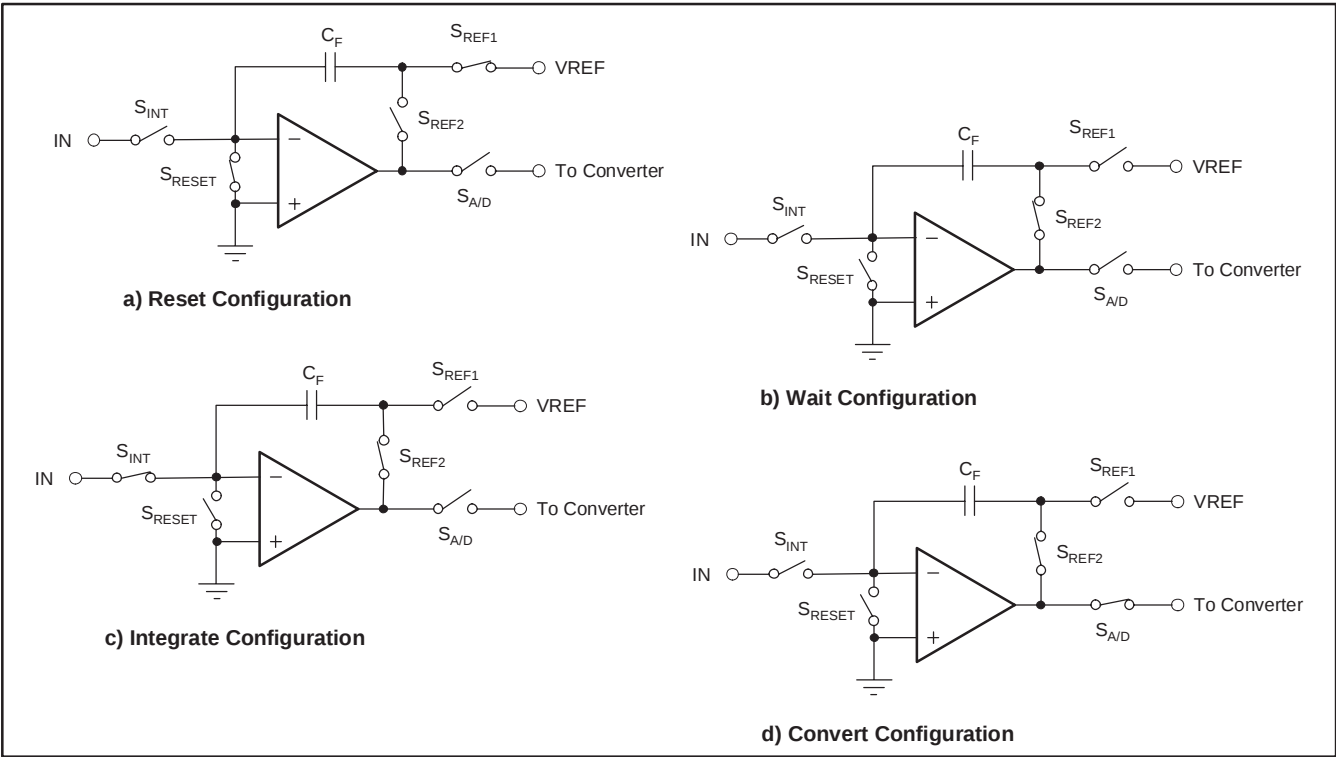


Figure 5. Diagrams for the Four Configurations of the Front End Integrators of the DDC118

At the completion of an A/D conversion, the charge on the integration capacitor ( $C_F$ ) is reset with  $S_{REF1}$  and  $S_{RESET}$  (see Figure 4 and Figure 5a). In this manner, the selected capacitor is charged to the reference voltage,  $V_{REF}$ . Once the integration capacitor is charged,  $S_{REF1}$  and  $S_{RESET}$  are switched so that  $V_{REF}$  is no longer connected to the amplifier circuit while it waits to begin integrating (see Figure 5b). With the rising edge of  $CONV$ ,  $S_{INTA}$  closes, which begins the integration of side A. This process puts the integrator stage into its integrate mode (see Figure 5c).

Charge from the input signal is collected on the integration capacitor, causing the voltage output of the amplifier to decrease. The falling edge of  $CONV$  stops the integration by switching the input signal from side A to side B ( $S_{INTA}$  and  $S_{INTB}$ ). Prior to the falling edge of  $CONV$ , the signal on side B was converted by the A/D converter and reset during the time that side A was integrating. With the falling edge of  $CONV$ , side B starts integrating the input signal. Now the output voltage of the side A operational amplifier is presented to the input of the  $\Delta\Sigma$  A/D converter (see Figure 5d).

### Integration Capacitors

There are eight different capacitors available on-chip for both sides of every channel in the DDC118. These internal capacitors are trimmed in production to achieve the specified performance for range error of the DDC118. The range control pins ( $RANGE0$ - $RANGE2$ ) change the capacitor value for all four integrators. Consequently, all inputs and both sides of each input will always have the same full-scale range. Table 1 shows the capacitor value selected for each range selection.

**Table 1. Range Selection of the DDC118**

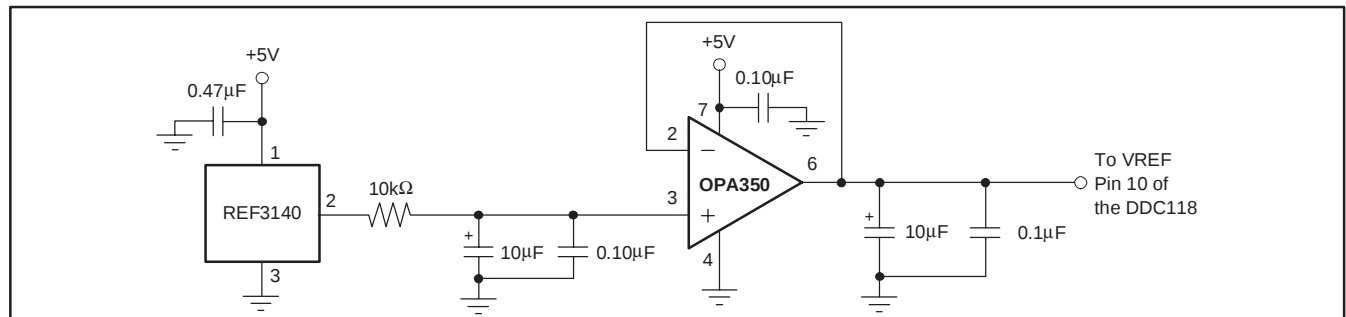
| RANGE2 | RANGE1 | RANGE0 | $C_F$<br>(pF, typ) | INPUT RANGE<br>(pC, typ) |
|--------|--------|--------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 0      | 0      | 0      | 3                  | -0.048 to 12             |
| 0      | 0      | 1      | 12.5               | -0.2 to 50               |
| 0      | 1      | 0      | 25                 | -0.4 to 100              |
| 0      | 1      | 1      | 37.5               | -0.6 to 150              |
| 1      | 0      | 0      | 50                 | -0.8 to 200              |
| 1      | 0      | 1      | 62.5               | -0.1 to 250              |
| 1      | 1      | 0      | 75                 | -1.2 to 300              |
| 1      | 1      | 1      | 87.5               | -1.4 to 350              |

### Voltage Reference

The external voltage reference is used to reset the integration capacitors before an integration cycle begins. It is also used by the  $\Delta\Sigma$  converter while the converter is measuring the voltage stored on the integrators after an integration cycle ends. During this sampling, the external reference must supply the charge needed by the  $\Delta\Sigma$  converter. For an integration time of 400 $\mu$ s, this charge translates to an average  $V_{REF}$  current of approximately 150 $\mu$ A. The amount of charge needed by the  $\Delta\Sigma$  converter is independent of the integration time; therefore, increasing the integration time lowers the average current. For example, an integration time of 800 $\mu$ s lowers the average  $V_{REF}$  current to 75 $\mu$ A.

It is critical that  $V_{REF}$  be stable during the different modes of operation (see Figure 5). The  $\Delta\Sigma$  converter measures the voltage on the integrator with respect to  $V_{REF}$ . Since the integrator capacitors are initially reset to  $V_{REF}$ , any drop in  $V_{REF}$  from the time the capacitors are reset to the time when the converter measures the integrator output will introduce an offset. It is also important that  $V_{REF}$  be stable over longer periods of time because changes in  $V_{REF}$  correspond directly to changes in the full-scale range. Finally,  $V_{REF}$  should introduce as little additional noise as possible.

For these reasons, it is strongly recommended that the external reference source be buffered with an operational amplifier, as shown in Figure 6. In this circuit, the voltage reference is generated by a 4.096V reference. A low-pass filter to reduce noise connects the reference to an operational amplifier configured as a buffer. This amplifier should have low noise, and input/output common-mode ranges that support  $V_{REF}$ . Following the buffer are capacitors placed close to the DDC118  $V_{REF}$  pin. Even though the circuit in Figure 6 might appear to be unstable because of the large output capacitors, it works well for most operational amplifiers. It is NOT recommended that series resistance be placed in the output lead to improve stability since this can cause a drop in  $V_{REF}$ , which producing large offsets.



**Figure 6. Recommended External Voltage Reference Circuit for Best Low-Noise Operation with the DDC118**

### DDC118 Frequency Response

The frequency response of the DDC118 is set by the front end integrators and is that of a traditional continuous time integrator, as shown in Figure 7. By adjusting  $T_{INT}$ , the user can change the 3dB bandwidth and the location of the notches in the response. The frequency response of the  $\Delta\Sigma$  converter that follows the front end integrator is of no consequence because the converter samples a held signal from the integrators. That is, the input to the  $\Delta\Sigma$  converter is always a DC signal. Since the output of the front end integrators are sampled, aliasing can occur. Whenever the frequency of the input signal exceeds one-half of the sampling rate, the signal will fold back down to lower frequencies.

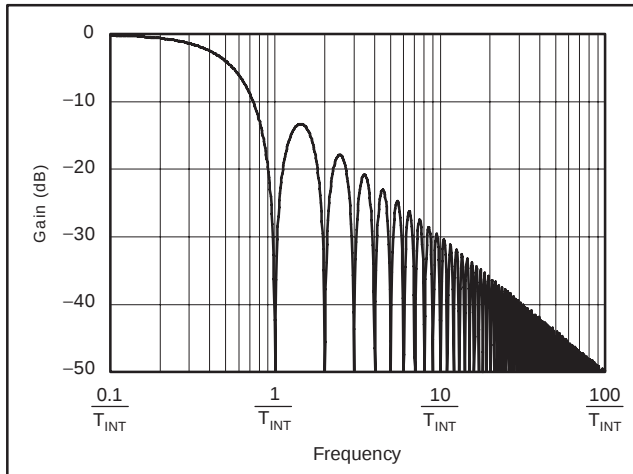


Figure 7. Frequency Response of the DDC118

### Test Mode

When Test Mode is used, the inputs (IN1, IN2, IN3, IN4, IN5, IN6, IN7, and IN8) are disconnected from the DDC118 integrators to enable the user to measure a zero input signal regardless of the current supplied to the inputs. In addition, packets of charge can be transferred to the integrators in 11pC intervals to measure non-zero values. The test mode works with both the continuous and non-continuous modes. The timing diagram for the test mode is shown in Figure 8 with the timing specifications given in Table 2.

To enter Test Mode, hold TEST high while CONV transitions. If TEST is held high during the entire integration period, the integrators measure a zero value. This mode can be used to help debug a design or perform diagnostic tests. To apply packets of charge during Test Mode, simply strobe TEST low then high before the next CONV transition. Each rising edge of TEST causes approximately 11pC of charge to be transferred to the integrators. This charge transfer is independent of the integration time. Data retrieval during Test Mode is identical to normal operation. To exit Test Mode, take TEST low and allow several cycles after exiting before using the data.

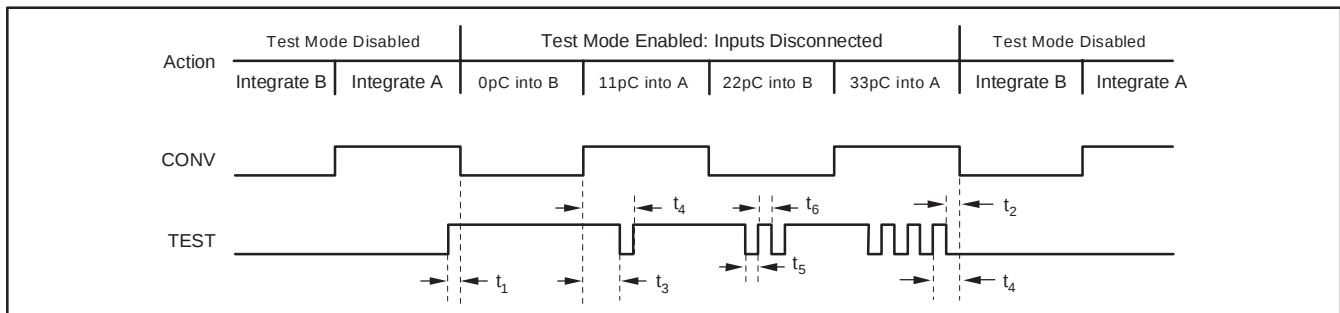


Figure 8. Timing Diagram of the Test Mode of the DDC118

Table 2. Timing for the DDC118 in the Test Mode

| SYMBOL | DESCRIPTION                                                          | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS   |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------|
| $t_1$  | Setup Time for Test Mode Enable                                      | 100 |     |     | ns      |
| $t_2$  | Setup Time for Test Mode Disable                                     | 100 |     |     | ns      |
| $t_3$  | Hold Time for Test Mode Enable                                       | 100 |     |     | ns      |
| $t_4$  | From Rising Edge of TEST to the Edge of CONV while Test Mode Enabled | 1   |     |     | $\mu$ s |
| $t_5$  | Falling Edge to Rising Edge of TEST                                  | 1   |     |     | $\mu$ s |
| $t_6$  | Rising Edge to Falling Edge of TEST                                  | 1   |     |     | $\mu$ s |

## DIGITAL INTERFACE

The digital interface of the DDC118 provides the digital results via a synchronous serial interface consisting of differential data clocks (DCLK and  $\overline{\text{DCLK}}$ ), a valid data pin ( $\overline{\text{DVALID}}$ ), differential serial data output pins (DOUT and  $\overline{\text{DOUT}}$ ), and differential serial data input pins (DIN and  $\overline{\text{DIN}}$ ). The DDC118 contains only four A/D converters, so the conversion process is interleaved (see Figure 2, page 9). The integration and conversion processes are independent of the data retrieval process. Consequently, the CLK frequency and DCLK frequencies need not be the same. DIN and  $\overline{\text{DIN}}$  are used when multiple converters are cascaded. Cascading or *daisy-chaining* greatly simplifies the interconnection and routing of the digital outputs in cases where a large number of converters are needed. Refer to the *Cascading Multiple Converters* section of this data sheet for more detail.

### Complementary Signals ( $\overline{\text{DCLK}}$ , $\overline{\text{DIN}}$ , and $\overline{\text{DOUT}}$ )

The DDC118 provides optional complementary inputs ( $\overline{\text{DCLK}}$ ,  $\overline{\text{DIN}}$ ) to help reduce digital coupling to the analog inputs. If using these inputs, connect a complementary signal to each. If these inputs are not connected on the DDC118, they should be tied to DGND.  $\overline{\text{DOUT}}$  is a complementary output designed to drive  $\overline{\text{DIN}}$ . If not using  $\overline{\text{DOUT}}$ , leave it floating.

### System and Data Clocks (CLK and CONV)

The system clock is supplied to CLK and the data clock is supplied to DCLK. Make sure the clock signals are clean—avoid overshoot or ringing. For best performance, generate both clocks from the same clock source. DCLK should be disabled by taking it low after the data has been shifted out or while CONV is transitioning.

When using multiple DDC118s, pay close attention to the DCLK distribution on the printed circuit board (PCB). In particular, make sure to minimize skew in the DCLK signal as this can lead to timing violations in the serial interface specifications. See the *Cascading Multiple Converters* section for more details.

### System Clock Divider (CLK\_4X)

The CLK\_4X input enables an internal divider on the system clock as shown in Table 3. When CLK\_4X = 1, the system clock is divided by four. This allows a 4X faster system clock, which in turn provides a finer quantization of the integration time as the CONV signal needs to be synchronized with the system clock for the best performance.

**Table 3. CLK\_4X Pin Operation**

| CLK_4X PIN | CLK DIVIDER VALUE | TYPICAL CLK FREQUENCY | INTERNAL CLOCK FREQUENCY |
|------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 0          | 1                 | 4MHz                  | 4MHz                     |
| 1          | 4                 | 16MHz                 | 4MHz                     |

## High-Speed and Low-Power Modes (HISPD/LOPWR)

The HISPD/ $\overline{\text{LOPWR}}$  input controls the power dissipation and in turn, the maximum allowable CLK frequency and data rate, as shown in Table 4. With HISPD/ $\overline{\text{LOPWR}}$  = 0, the Low-Power Mode is selected with a typical 13.5mW/channel and a maximum data rate of 2.5kSPS. Setting HISPD/ $\overline{\text{LOPWR}}$  = 1 selects the High-Speed Mode, which supports a maximum data rate of 3.125kSPS with a corresponding typical power of 18.0mW/channel.

**Table 4. HISPD/ $\overline{\text{LOPWR}}$  Pin Operation**

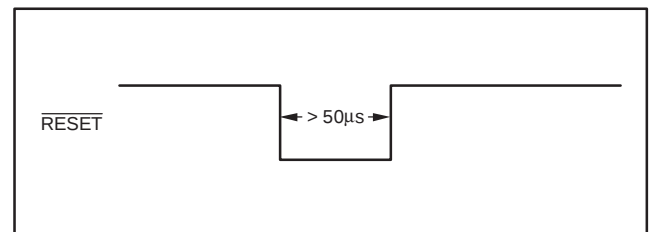
| HISPD/<br>LOPWR | MODE       | TYPICAL POWER/<br>CHANNEL | MAXIMUM CLK FREQUENCY<br>(CLK_4X = 0) | MAXIMUM DATA RATE |
|-----------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 0               | Low-Power  | 13.5mW/ch                 | 4.0MHz                                | 2.5kSPS           |
| 1               | High-Speed | 18.0mW/ch                 | 4.8MHz                                | 3.125kSPS         |

### Data Valid ( $\overline{\text{DVALID}}$ )

The  $\overline{\text{DVALID}}$  signal indicates that data is ready. Data retrieval may begin after  $\overline{\text{DVALID}}$  goes low. This signal is generated using an internal clock divided down from the system clock CLK. The phase relationship between this internal clock and CLK is set when power is first applied and is random. Since the user must synchronize CONV with CLK, the  $\overline{\text{DVALID}}$  signal will have a random phase relationship with CONV. This uncertainty is  $\pm 1/f_{\text{CLK}}$ . Polling  $\overline{\text{DVALID}}$  eliminates any concern about this relationship. If data read back is timed from CONV, wait the maximum value of  $t_7$  or  $t_8$  to insure data is valid.

### Reset ( $\overline{\text{RESET}}$ )

The DDC118 is reset asynchronously by taking the  $\overline{\text{RESET}}$  input low, as shown in Figure 9. Make sure the reset pulse is at least 50 $\mu$ s wide. After resetting the DDC118, wait at least four conversions before using the data. It is very important to make sure the  $\overline{\text{RESET}}$  is glitch free to avoid unintended resets. The  $\overline{\text{RESET}}$  pin is used during power-up; see the *Power-Up Sequence* section for more details.



**Figure 9. Reset Timing**

### Convert (CONV)

CONV controls the integration time ( $T_{\text{INT}}$ ). For optimum analog performance, make sure CONV is synchronized to CLK.

This recommendation implies that while SPEED is low,  $T_{\text{INT}}$  needs to be adjusted in steps of 250ns if CLK\_4X is low and CLK = 4MHz. If CLK\_4X is high and CLK = 16MHz, this allows  $T_{\text{INT}}$  to be adjusted in steps of 62.5ns.

## Conversion Rate

The conversion rate of the DDC118 is set by a combination of the integration time (determined by the user) and the speed of the A/D conversion process. The A/D conversion time is primarily a function of the system clock (CLK) speed. One A/D conversion cycle encompasses the conversion of two signals (one side of each dual integrator feeding the modulator) and the reset time for each of the integrators involved in the two conversions. In most situations, the A/D conversion time is shorter than the integration time. If this condition exists, the DDC118 will operate in the continuous mode. When the DDC118 is in the continuous mode, the sensor output is continuously integrated by one of the two sides of each input.

In the event that the A/D conversion takes longer than the integration time, the DDC118 will switch into a non-continuous mode. In non-continuous mode, the A/D converter is not able to keep pace with the speed of the integration process. Consequently, the integration process is periodically halted until the digitizing process catches up. These two basic modes of operation for the DDC118—continuous and non-continuous modes—are described below.

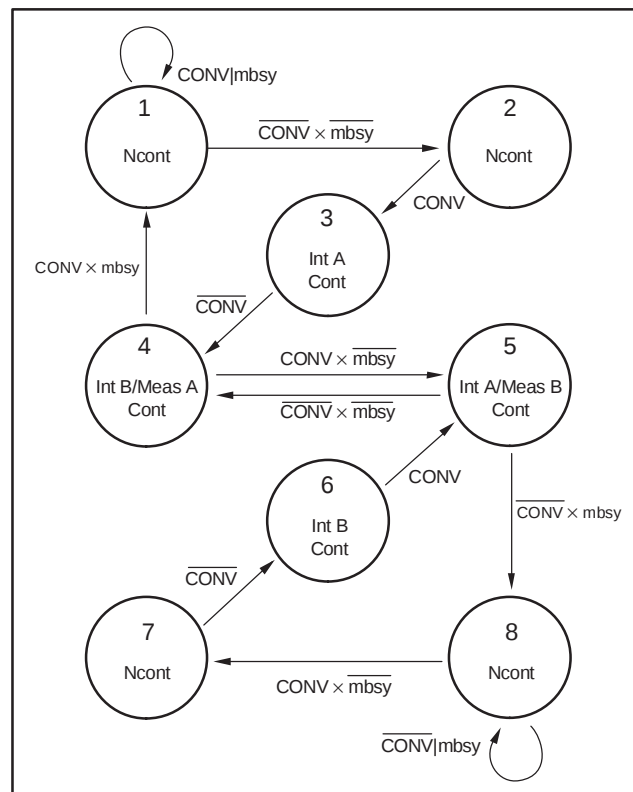
## Continuous and Non-Continuous Operational Modes

Figure 10 shows the state diagram of the DDC118. In all, there are eight states. Table 5 provides a brief explanation of each state.

**Table 5. State Descriptions**

| STATE | MODE  | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                     |
|-------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Ncont | Complete m/r/az of side A, then side B (if previous state is state 4). Initial power-up state when CONV is initially held HIGH. |
| 2     | Ncont | Prepare side A for integration.                                                                                                 |
| 3     | Cont  | Integrate on side A.                                                                                                            |
| 4     | Cont  | Integrate on side B; m/r/az on side A.                                                                                          |
| 5     | Cont  | Integrate on side A; m/r/az on side B.                                                                                          |
| 6     | Cont  | Integrate on side B.                                                                                                            |
| 7     | Ncont | Prepare side B for integration.                                                                                                 |
| 8     | Ncont | Complete m/r/az of side B, then side A (if previous state is state 5). Initial power-up state when CONV is initially held LOW.  |

Four signals are used to control progression around the state diagram: CONV, mbsy, and their complements. The state machine uses the level as opposed to the edges of CONV to control the progression. *mbsy* is an internally-generated signal not available to the user. It is active whenever a measurement/reset/auto-zero (m/r/az) cycle is in progress.



**Figure 10. Integrate/Measure State Diagram**

During the cont mode, mbsy is not active when CONV toggles. The non-integrating side is always ready to begin integrating when the other side finishes its integration. Consequently, monitoring the current status of CONV is all that is needed to know the current state. Cont mode operation corresponds to states 3-6. Two of the states, 3 and 6, only perform an integration (no m/r/az cycle).

mbsy becomes important when operating in the ncont mode, states 1, 2, 7, and 8. Whenever CONV is toggled while mbsy is active, the DDC118 will enter or remain in either ncont state 1 (or 8). After mbsy goes inactive, state 2 (or 7) is entered. This state prepares the appropriate side for integration. In the ncont states, the inputs to the DDC118 are grounded.

One interesting observation from the state diagram is that the integrations always alternate between sides A and B. This relationship holds for any CONV pattern and is independent of the mode. States 2 and 7 insure this relationship during the ncont mode.

When power is first applied to the DDC118, the beginning state is either 1 or 8, depending on the initial level of CONV. For CONV held high at power-up, the beginning state is 1. Conversely, for CONV held low at power-up, the beginning state is 8. In general, there is a symmetry in the state diagram between states 1-8, 2-7, 3-6, and 4-5. Inverting CONV results in the states progressing through their symmetrical match.

## TIMING EXAMPLES

### Cont Mode

A few timing diagrams help illustrate the operation of the state machine. These diagrams are shown in Figure 11 through Figure 19. Table 6 gives generalized timing specifications in units of CLK periods for CLK\_4X = 0. If CLK\_4X = 1, these values increase by a factor of four because of the internal clock divider. Values (in  $\mu\text{s}$ ) for Table 6 can be easily found for a given CLK. For example, if CLK = 4MHz, then a CLK period =  $0.25\mu\text{s}$ .  $t_6$  in Table 6 would then be  $367.50 \pm 0.125\mu\text{s}$ .

**Table 6. Timing Specifications Generalized in CLK Periods**

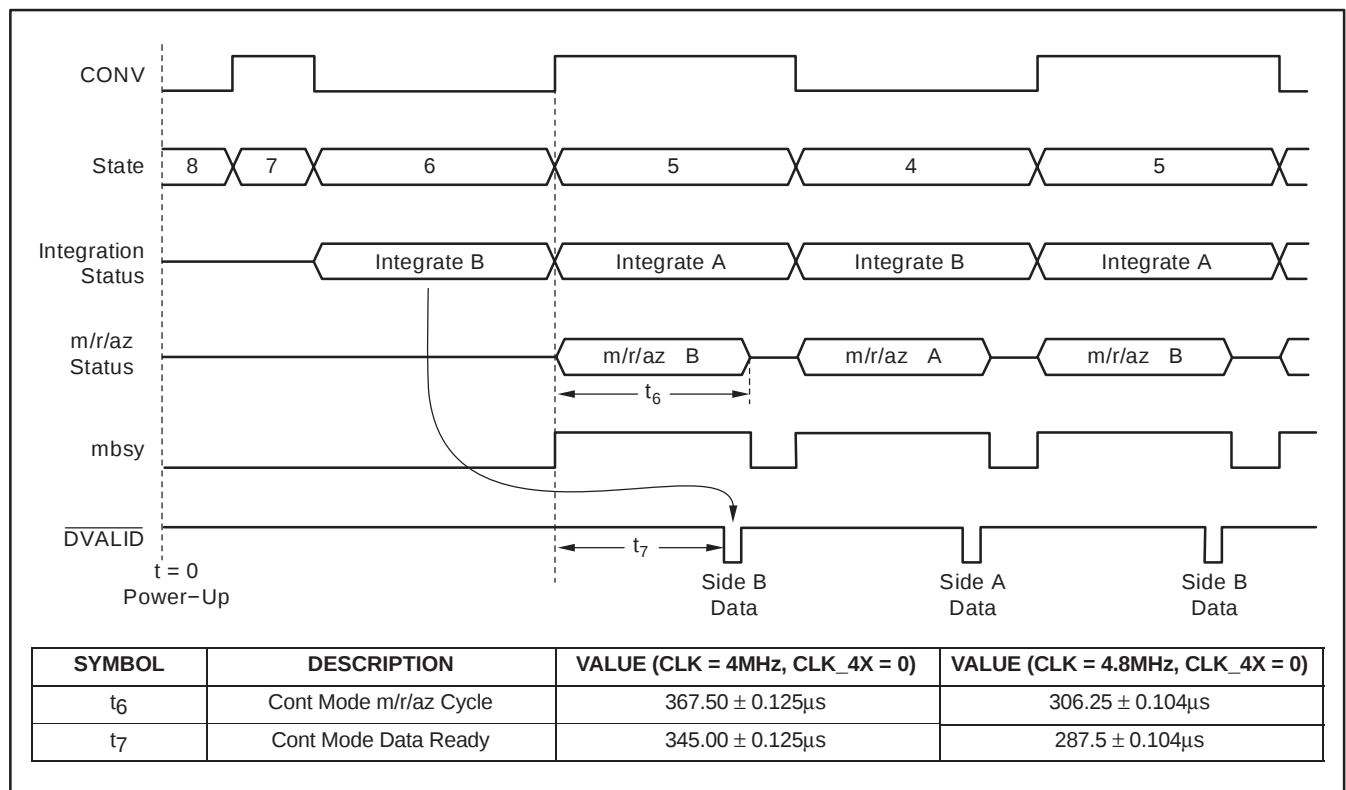
| SYMBOL   | DESCRIPTION               | VALUE<br>(CLK periods with CLK_4X = 0) |
|----------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| $t_6$    | Cont mode m/r/az cycle    | $1470 \pm 0.5$                         |
| $t_7$    | Cont mode data ready      | $1380 \pm 0.5$                         |
| $t_8$    | 1st ncont mode data ready | $1379 \pm 1$                           |
| $t_9$    | 2nd ncont mode data ready | 1450                                   |
| $t_{10}$ | Ncont mode m/r/az cycle   | $2901 \pm 1$                           |

Figure 11 shows a few integration cycles beginning with initial power-up for a cont mode example. The top signal is CONV and is supplied by the user. The next line indicates the current state in the state diagram. The following two traces show when integrations and

measurement cycles are underway. The internal signal mbsy is shown next. Finally,  $\overline{\text{DVALID}}$  is given.  $\overline{\text{DVALID}}$  goes active low when data is ready to be retrieved from the DDC118. It stays low until DCLK is taken high and then back low by the user. The text below the  $\overline{\text{DVALID}}$  pulse indicates the side of the data available to be read, and arrows help match the data to the corresponding integration. The signals illustrated in Figure 11 through Figure 19 are drawn at approximately the same scale.

In Figure 11, the first state is ncont state 8. The DDC118 always powers up in the ncont mode. In this case, the first state is 8 because CONV is initially low. After the first two states, cont mode operation is reached and the states begin toggling between 4 and 5. From now on, the input is being continuously integrated, either on side A or side B. The time needed for the m/r/az cycle, or  $t_6$ , is the same time that determines the boundary between the cont and ncont modes described earlier in the Overview section.  $\overline{\text{DVALID}}$  goes low after CONV toggles in time  $t_7$ , indicating that data is ready to be retrieved. As shown in Figure 11, there are two values for  $t_6$  and  $t_7$ . The reason for this is discussed in the *Special Considerations* section.

See Figure 12 for the timing diagram of the internal operations occurring during continuous mode operation. Table 7 gives the timing specifications in the continuous mode.



**Figure 11. Continuous Mode Timing**

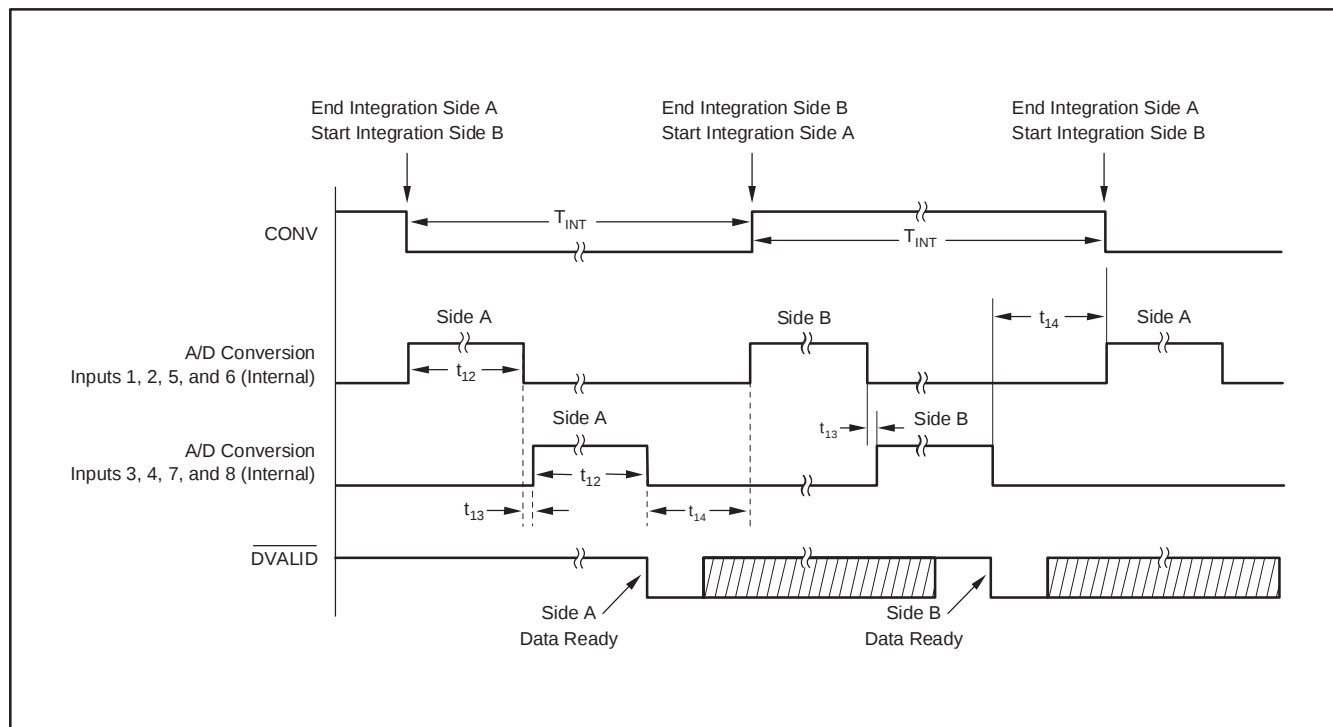


Figure 12. Timing Diagram of the Internal Operation in Continuous Mode of the DDC118

Table 7. Timing for the Internal Operation in Continuous Mode

| SYMBOL    | DESCRIPTION                                                      | CLK = 4MHz, CLK_4X = 0 |       |           | CLK = 4.8MHz, CLK_4X = 0 |        |           | UNITS   |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------|-----------|--------------------------|--------|-----------|---------|
|           |                                                                  | MIN                    | TYP   | MAX       | MIN                      | TYP    | MAX       |         |
| $T_{INT}$ | Integration Period (continuous mode)                             | 400                    |       | 1,000,000 | 320                      |        | 1,000,000 | $\mu$ s |
| $t_{12}$  | A/D Conversion Time (internally controlled)                      |                        | 169.5 |           |                          | 141.25 |           | $\mu$ s |
| $t_{13}$  | A/D Conversion Reset Time (internally controlled)                |                        | 4     |           |                          | 3.333  |           | $\mu$ s |
| $t_{14}$  | Integrator and A/D Conversion Reset Time (internally controlled) |                        | 23    |           |                          | 19.167 |           | $\mu$ s |

### Ncont Mode

Non-continuous mode of operation is intended for Ranges 1 to 7. It is not recommended to use Range 0 when operating in non-continuous mode. Figure 13 illustrates operation in the ncont mode. The integrations come in pairs (that is, sides A/B or sides B/A) followed by a time during which no integrations occur. During that time, the previous integrations are being measured, reset and auto-zeroed. Before the DDC118 can advance to states 3 or 6, both sides A and B must be finished with the m/r/az cycle which takes time  $t_{10}$ . When the m/r/az cycles are completed, time  $t_{11}$  is needed to prepare the next side for integration. This time is required for the ncont mode because the m/r/az cycle of the ncont mode is slightly different from that of the cont mode. After the first

integration ends,  $\overline{\text{DVALID}}$  goes low in time  $t_8$ . This time is the same as in the cont mode. The second data will be ready in time  $t_9$  after the first data is ready. One result of the naming convention used in this data sheet is that when the DDC118 is operating in the ncont mode, it passes through both ncont mode states and cont mode states. For example, in Figure 13, the state pattern is 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4 ... where 3 and 4 are cont mode states. Ncont mode, by definition, means that for some portion of the time, neither side A nor B is integrating. States that perform an integration are labeled cont mode states, while those that do not are called ncont mode states. Since integrations are performed in the ncont mode, just not continuously, some cont mode states must be used in a ncont mode state pattern.

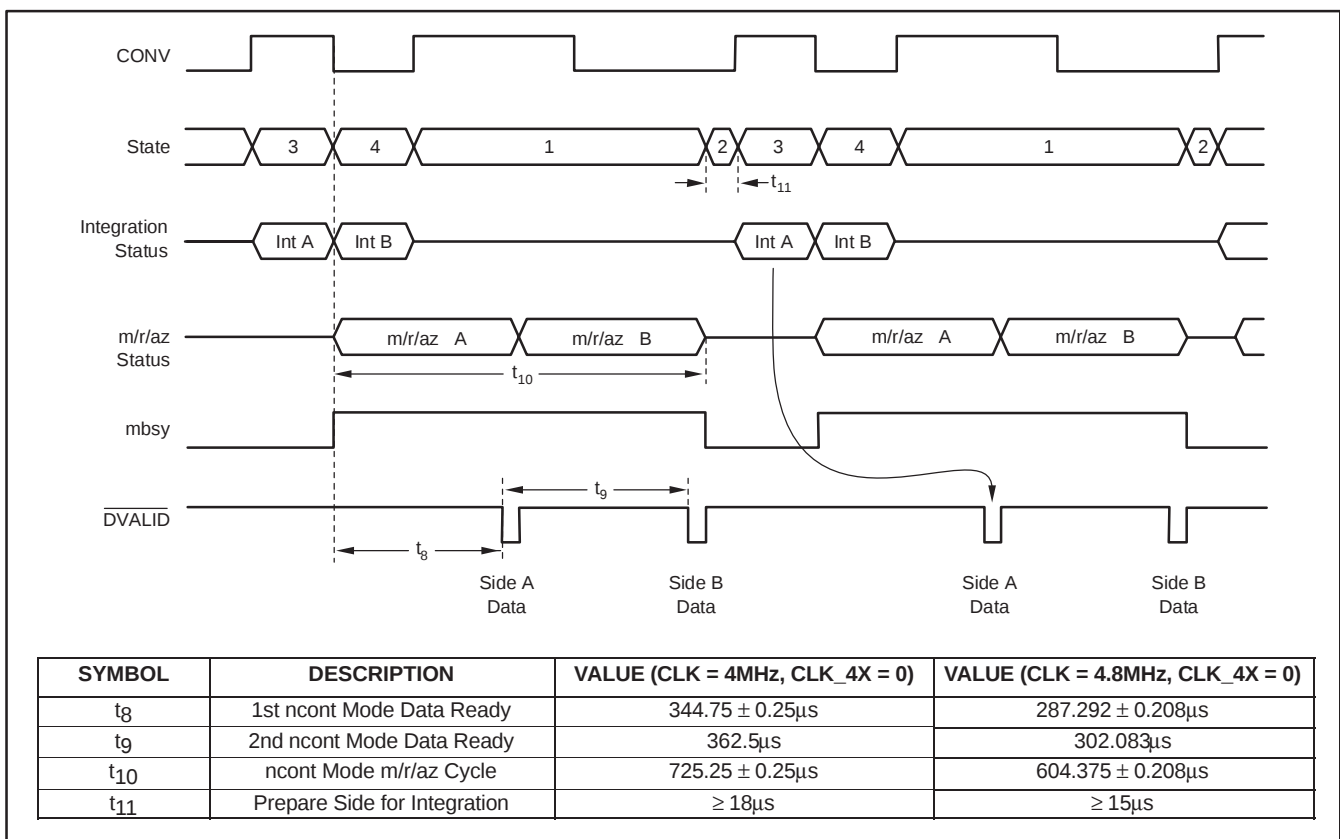
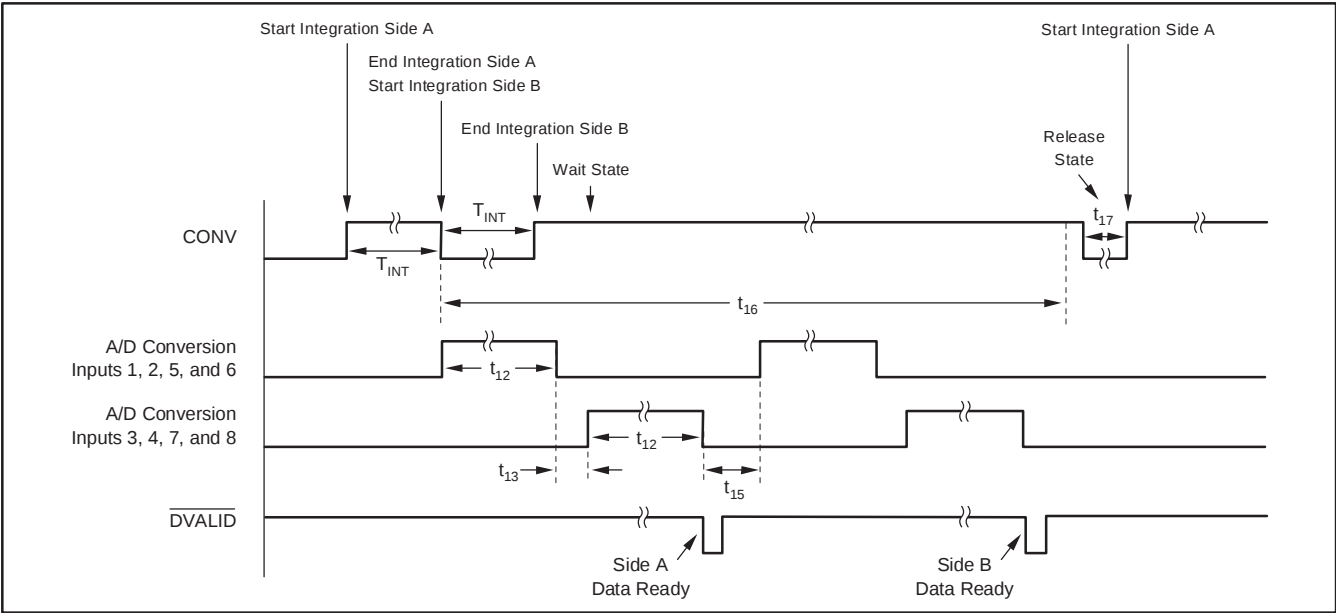


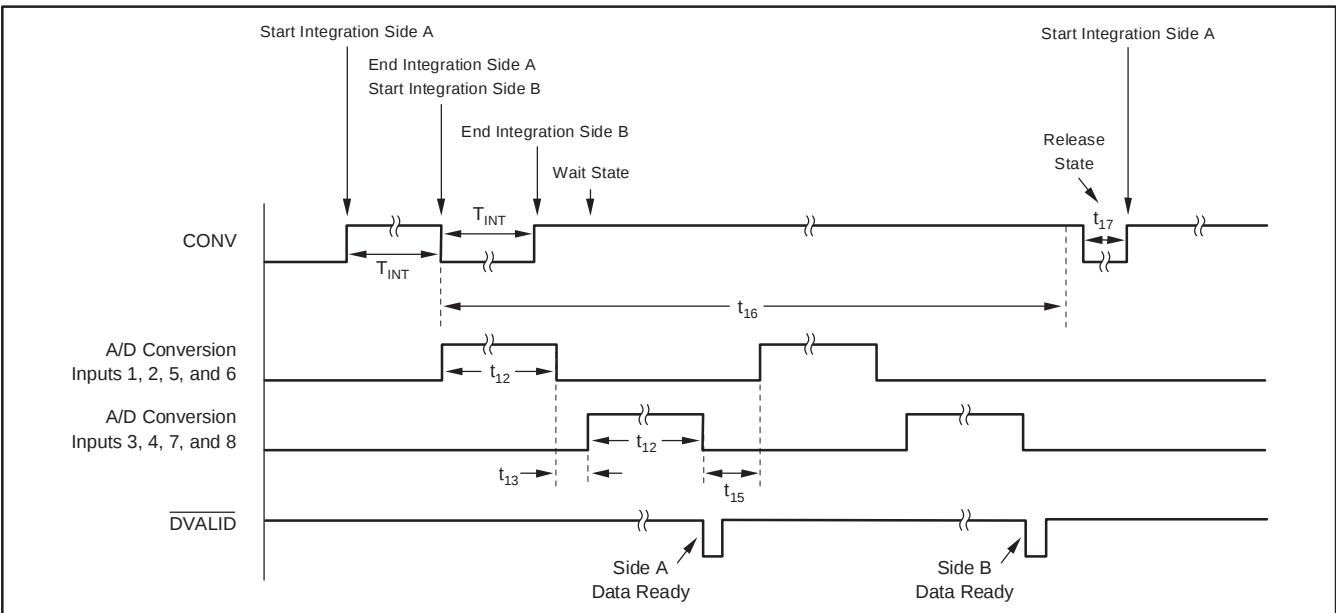
Figure 13. Non-Continuous Mode Timing



**Figure 14. Conversion Detail for the Internal Operation of Non-Continuous Mode with Side A Integrated First**

**Table 8. Internal Timing for the DDC118 in Non-Continuous Mode**

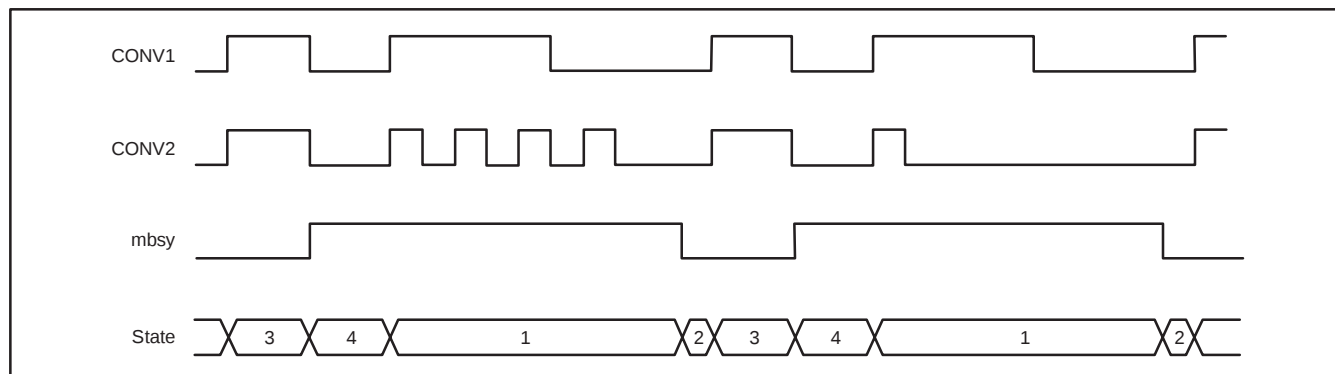
| SYMBOL    | DESCRIPTION                                                      | CLK = 4MHz, CLK_4X = 0 |       |           | CLK = 4.8MHz, CLK_4X = 0 |        |           | UNITS   |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------|-----------|--------------------------|--------|-----------|---------|
|           |                                                                  | MIN                    | TYP   | MAX       | MIN                      | TYP    | MAX       |         |
| $T_{INT}$ | Integration Time (non-continuous mode)                           | 400                    |       | 1,000,000 | 320                      |        | 1,000,000 | $\mu$ s |
| $t_{12}$  | A/D Conversion Time (internally controlled)                      |                        | 169.5 |           |                          | 141.25 |           | $\mu$ s |
| $t_{13}$  | A/D Conversion Reset Time (internally controlled)                |                        | 4     |           |                          | 3.333  |           | $\mu$ s |
| $t_{15}$  | Integrator and A/D Conversion Reset Time (internally controlled) |                        | 19.5  |           |                          | 16.25  |           | $\mu$ s |
| $t_{16}$  | Total A/D Conversion and Reset Time (internally controlled)      | $725.25 \pm 0.25$      |       |           | $604.375 \pm 0.208$      |        |           | $\mu$ s |
| $t_{17}$  | Release Time                                                     | 18                     |       |           | 15                       |        |           | $\mu$ s |



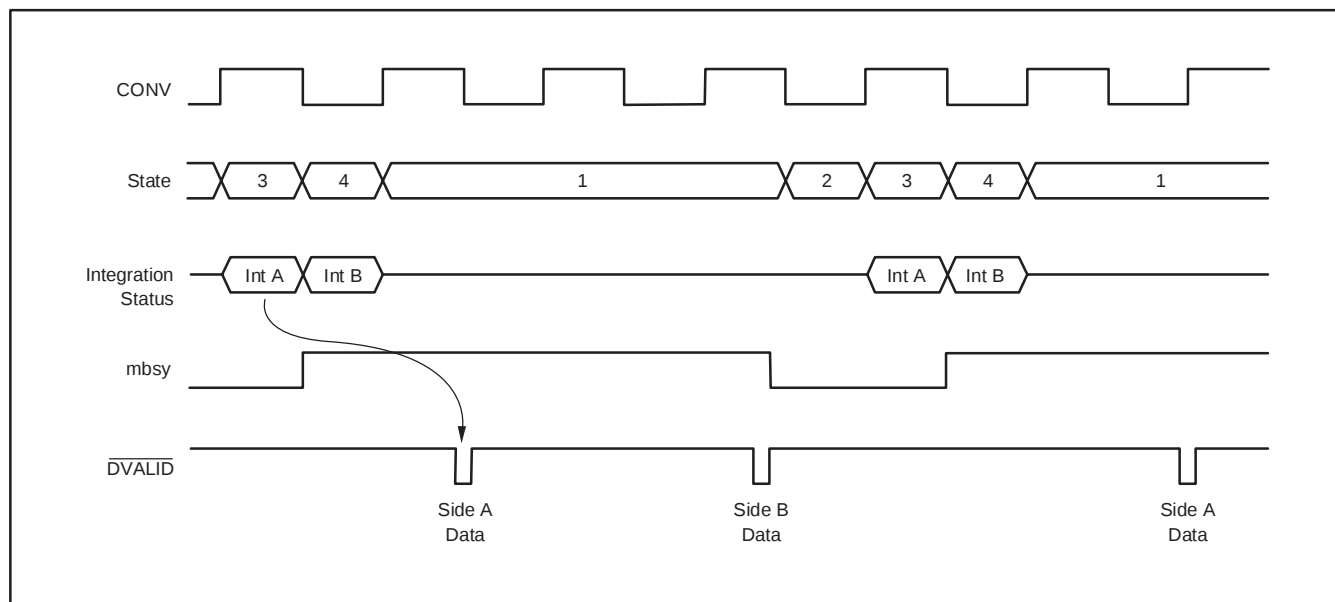
**Figure 15. Internal Operation Timing Diagram of Non-Continuous Mode with Side B Integrated First**

Looking at the state diagram, one can see that the CONV pattern needed to generate a given state progression is not unique. Upon entering states 1 or 8, the DDC118 remains in those states until mbsy goes low, independent of CONV. As long as the m/r/az cycle is underway, the state machine ignores CONV (see Figure 10, page 14). The top two signals in Figure 16 are different CONV patterns that produce the same state. This feature allows flexibility in generating ncont mode CONV patterns. For example, the DDC118 Evaluation Fixture operates in the ncont mode by generating a square wave with pulse width  $< t_6$ . Figure 17 illustrates operation in the ncont mode using a 50% duty cycle

cycle CONV signal with  $T_{INT} = 512 \text{ CLK periods}$ . Care must be exercised when using a square wave to generate CONV. There are certain integration times that must be avoided since they produce very short intervals for state 2 (or state 7 if CONV is inverted). As seen in the state diagram, the state progresses from 2 to 3 as soon as CONV is high. The state machine does not insure that the duration of state 2 is long enough to properly prepare the next side for integration ( $t_{11}$ ). This must be done by the user with proper timing of CONV. For example, if CONV is a square wave with  $T_{INT} = 970 \text{ CLK periods}$ , state 2 will only be 9 CLK periods long; therefore,  $t_{11}$  will not be met.



**Figure 16. Equivalent CONV Signals in Non-Continuous Mode**



**Figure 17. Non-Continuous Mode Timing with a 50% Duty Cycle CONV Signal**

### Changing Between Modes

Changing from the cont to ncont mode occurs whenever  $T_{INT} < t_6$ . Figure 18 shows an example of this transition. In this figure, the cont mode is entered when the integration on side A is completed before the m/r/az cycle on side B is complete. The DDC118 completes the measurement on sides B and A during states 8 and 7 with the input signal shorted to ground. Ncont integration begins with state 6.

Changing from the ncont to cont mode occurs when  $T_{INT}$  is increased so that  $T_{INT}$  is always  $\geq t_6$ , as shown in Figure 19 (see also Figure 14 and Table 8, page 18). With a longer  $T_{INT}$ , the m/r/az cycle has enough time to finish before the next integration begins and continuous integration of the input signal is possible. For the special case of the very first integration when changing to the cont mode,  $T_{INT}$  can be  $< t_6$ . This is allowed because there is no simultaneous m/r/az cycle on the side B during state 3—there is no need to wait for it to finish before ending the integration on side A.

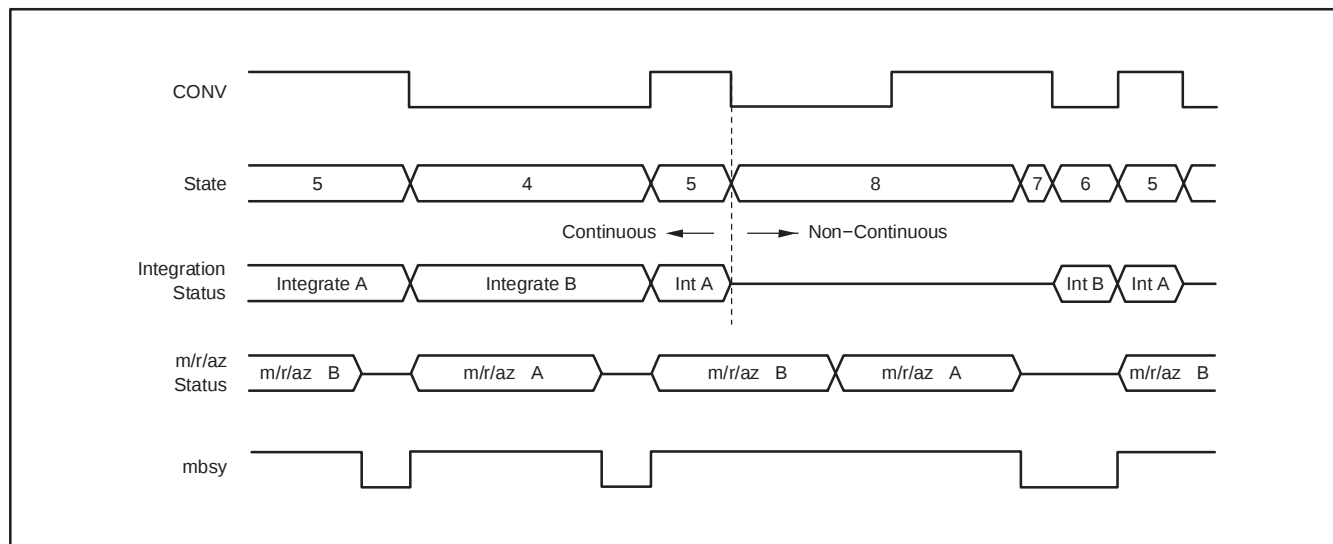


Figure 18. Changing from Continuous Mode to Non-Continuous Mode

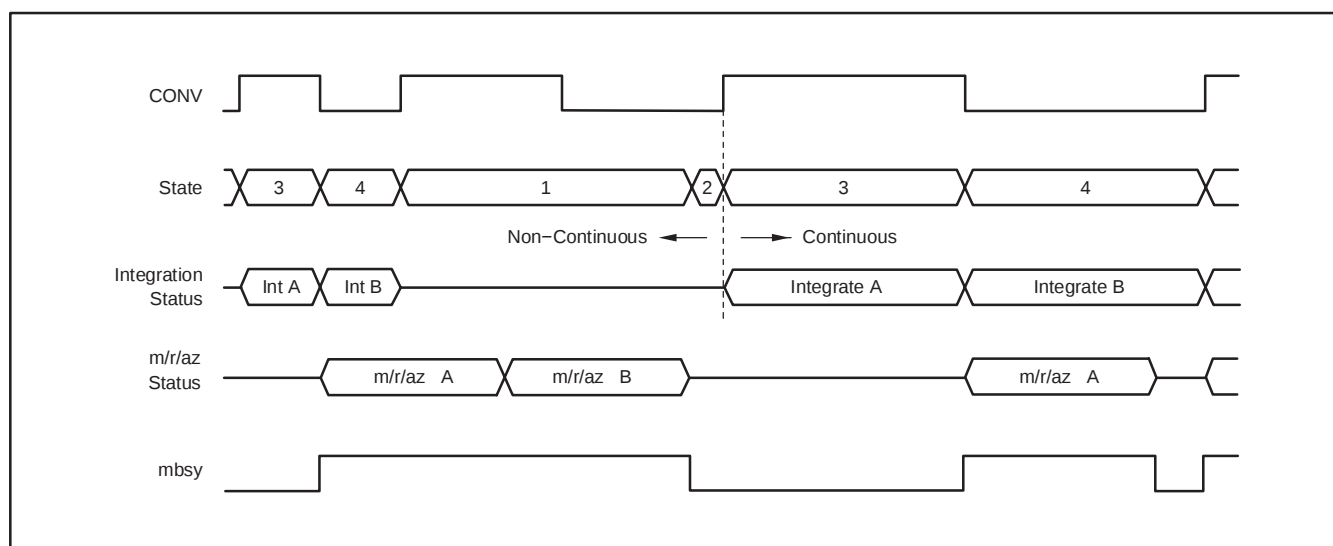


Figure 19. Changing from Non-Continuous Mode to Continuous Mode

## DATA FORMAT (FORMAT)

The serial output data is provided in an offset binary code as shown in Table 9. The digital input pin FORMAT selects how many bits are used in the output word. When FORMAT is high (1), 20 bits are used. When FORMAT is low (0), the lower 4 bits are truncated so that only 16 bits are used. Note that the LSB size is 16 times bigger when FORMAT = 0. An offset is included in the output to allow slightly negative inputs, from board leakages for example, from clipping the reading. This offset is approximately 0.4% of the positive full-scale.

**Table 9. Ideal Output Code<sup>(1)</sup> vs Input Signal**

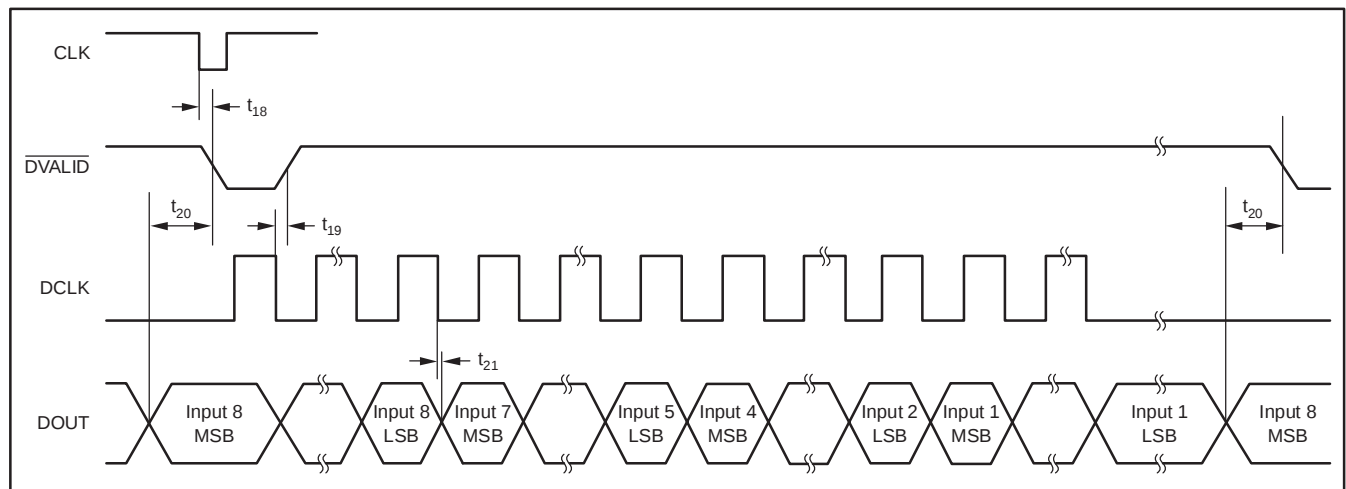
| INPUT SIGNAL    | IDEAL OUTPUT CODE<br>FORMAT = HIGH (1) | IDEAL OUTPUT CODE<br>FORMAT = LOW (0) |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| $\geq 100\%$ FS | 1111 1111 1111 1111                    | 1111 1111 1111 1111                   |
| 0.001531% FS    | 0000 0001 0000 0001                    | 0000 0001 0000 0001                   |
| 0.001436% FS    | 0000 0001 0000 0000                    | 0000 0001 0000 0000                   |
| 0.000191% FS    | 0000 0001 0000 0000                    | 0000 0001 0000 0000                   |
| 0.000096% FS    | 0000 0001 0000 0000                    | 0000 0001 0000 0000                   |
| 0% FS           | 0000 0001 0000 0000                    | 0000 0001 0000 0000                   |
| -0.3955% FS     | 0000 0000 0000 0000                    | 0000 0000 0000 0000                   |

(1) Excludes the effects of noise, INL, offset, and gain errors.

## DATA RETRIEVAL

In both the continuous and non-continuous modes of operation, the data from the last conversion is available for retrieval on the falling edge of  $\overline{\text{DVALID}}$  (see Figure 20 and Table 10). Data is shifted out on the falling edge of the data clock, DCLK. Make sure not to retrieve data while CONV changes as this can introduce noise. Stop activity on DCLK at least 10 $\mu\text{s}$  before or after a CONV transition.

Setting the FORMAT pin = 0 (16-bit output word) reduces the time needed to retrieve data by 20%, since there are fewer bits to shift out. This time reduction can be useful in multichannel systems requiring only 16 bits of resolution.



**Figure 20. Digital Interface Timing Diagram for Data Retrieval From a Single DDC118**

**Table 10. Timing for the DDC118 Data Retrieval**

| SYMBOL                          | DESCRIPTION                                                                        | CLK = 4MHz, CLK_4X = 0 |      |     | CLK = 4.8MHz, CLK_4X = 0 |       |     | UNITS         |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------|-----|--------------------------|-------|-----|---------------|
|                                 |                                                                                    | MIN                    | TYP  | MAX | MIN                      | TYP   | MAX |               |
| t <sub>18</sub>                 | Propagation Delay from Falling Edge of CLK to $\overline{\text{DVALID}}$ LOW       | 5                      |      |     | 5                        |       |     | ns            |
| t <sub>19</sub>                 | Propagation Delay from Falling Edge of DCLK to $\overline{\text{DVALID}}$ HIGH     | 5                      |      |     | 5                        |       |     | ns            |
| t <sub>20</sub>                 | Hold Time that DOUT is Valid Before the Falling Edge of $\overline{\text{DVALID}}$ |                        | 1.75 |     |                          | 1.458 |     | $\mu\text{s}$ |
| t <sub>21</sub>                 | Hold Time that DOUT is Valid After Falling Edge of DCLK                            | 5                      |      |     | 5                        |       |     | ns            |
| t <sub>21A</sub> <sup>(1)</sup> | Propagation Delay from Falling Edge of DCLK to Valid DOUT                          |                        |      | 10  |                          |       | 10  | ns            |

(1) With a maximum load of one DDC118 (4pF typical) with an additional load of (5pF).

# SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

## Cascading Multiple Converters

Multiple DDC118 units can be connected in serial configuration, as illustrated in Figure 21.

DOUT can be used with DIN to daisy-chain several

DDC118 devices together to minimize wiring. In this mode of operation, the serial data output is shifted through multiple DDC118s, as illustrated in Figure 21.

See Figure 22 for the timing diagram when the DIN input is used to daisy-chain several devices. Table 11 gives the timing specification for data retrieval using DIN.

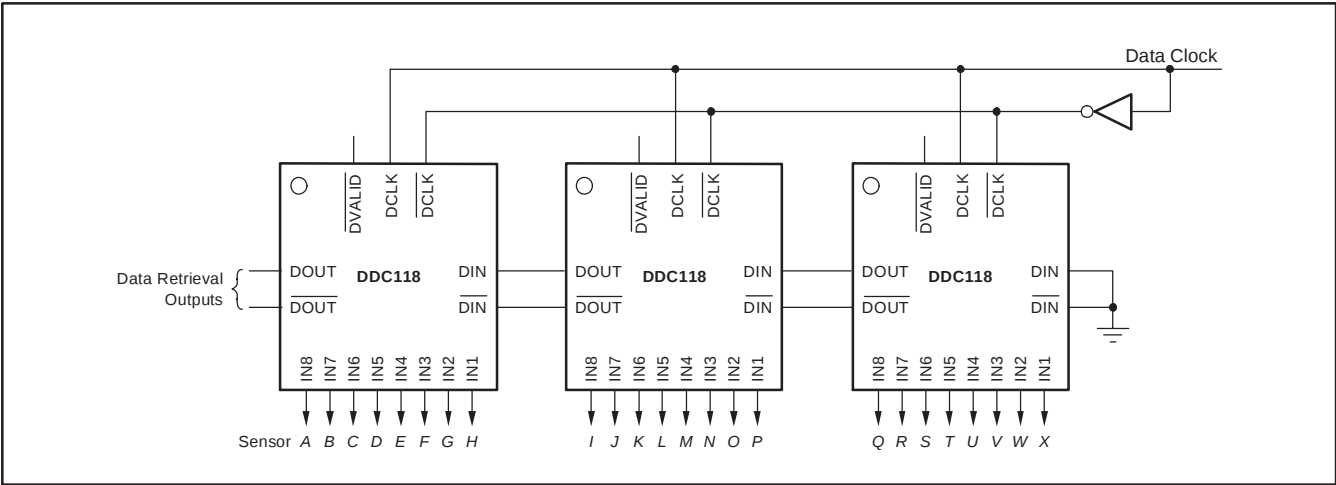


Figure 21. Daisy-Chained DDC118s

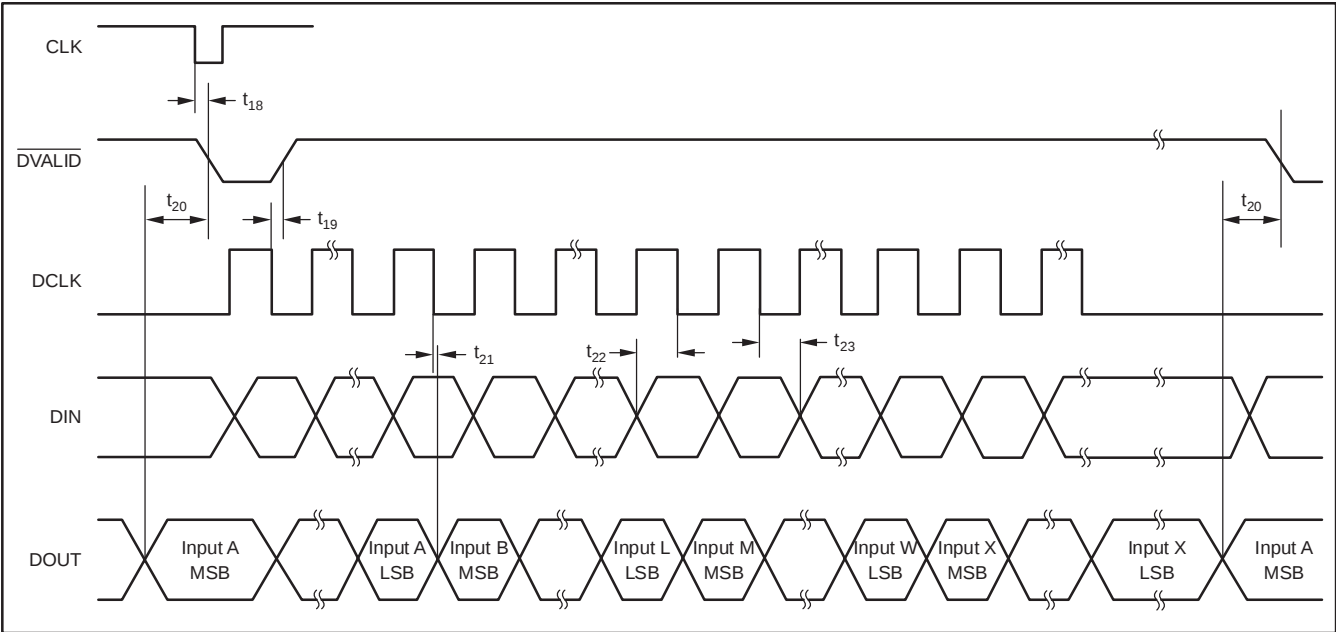


Figure 22. Timing Diagram When Using the DIN Function of the DDC118

Table 11. Timing for the DDC118 Data Retrieval Using DIN

| SYMBOL          | DESCRIPTION                                  | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| t <sub>22</sub> | Set-Up Time From DIN to Falling Edge of DCLK | 5   |     |     | ns    |
| t <sub>23</sub> | Hold Time For DIN After Falling Edge of DCLK | 4   |     |     | ns    |

## RETRIEVAL BEFORE CONV TOGGLES (CONTINUOUS MODE)

Data retrieval before CONV toggles is the most straightforward method. Data retrieval begins soon after  $\overline{\text{DVALID}}$  goes low and finishes before CONV toggles, as shown in Figure 23. For best performance, data retrieval must stop  $t_{28}$  before CONV toggles. This method is most appropriate for longer integration times. The maximum time available for readback is  $T_{\text{INT}} - t_{27} - t_{28}$ . For  $\text{DCLK} = 10\text{MHz}$  and  $\text{CLK} = 4\text{MHz}$ , the maximum number of DDC118s that can be daisy-chained together (FORMAT = high) is calculated by Equation 1:

$$\frac{T_{\text{INT}} - 355.125\mu\text{s}}{160\tau_{\text{DCLK}}} \quad (1)$$

NOTE:  $128\tau_{\text{DCLK}}$  is used for FORMAT = low.

where  $\tau_{\text{DCLK}}$  is the period of the data clock. For example, if  $T_{\text{INT}} = 1000\mu\text{s}$  and  $\text{DCLK} = 10\text{MHz}$ , the maximum number of DDC118s (FORMAT = high) is shown in Equation 2:

$$\frac{1000\mu\text{s} - 355.125\mu\text{s}}{(160)(100\text{ns})} = 40.30 \rightarrow 40\text{DDC118s} \quad (2)$$

(or 50 for FORMAT = low).

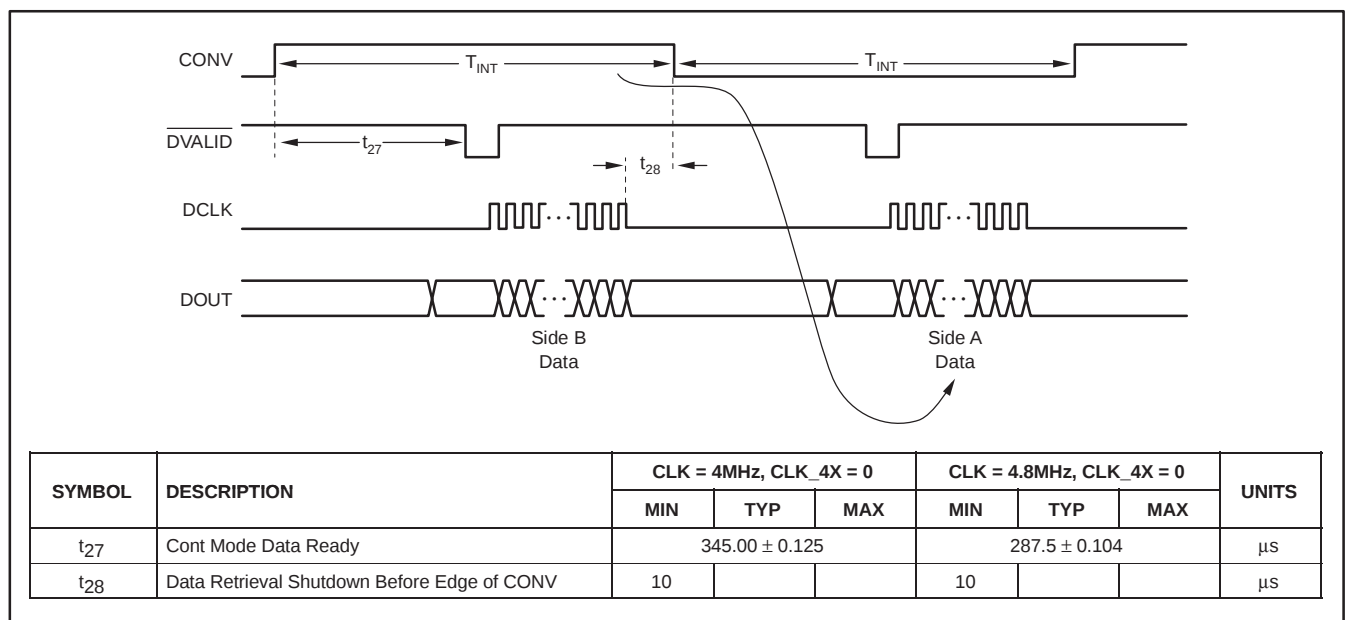


Figure 23. Readback *Before* CONV Toggles

# **RETRIEVAL AFTER CONV TOGGLES (CONTINUOUS MODE)**

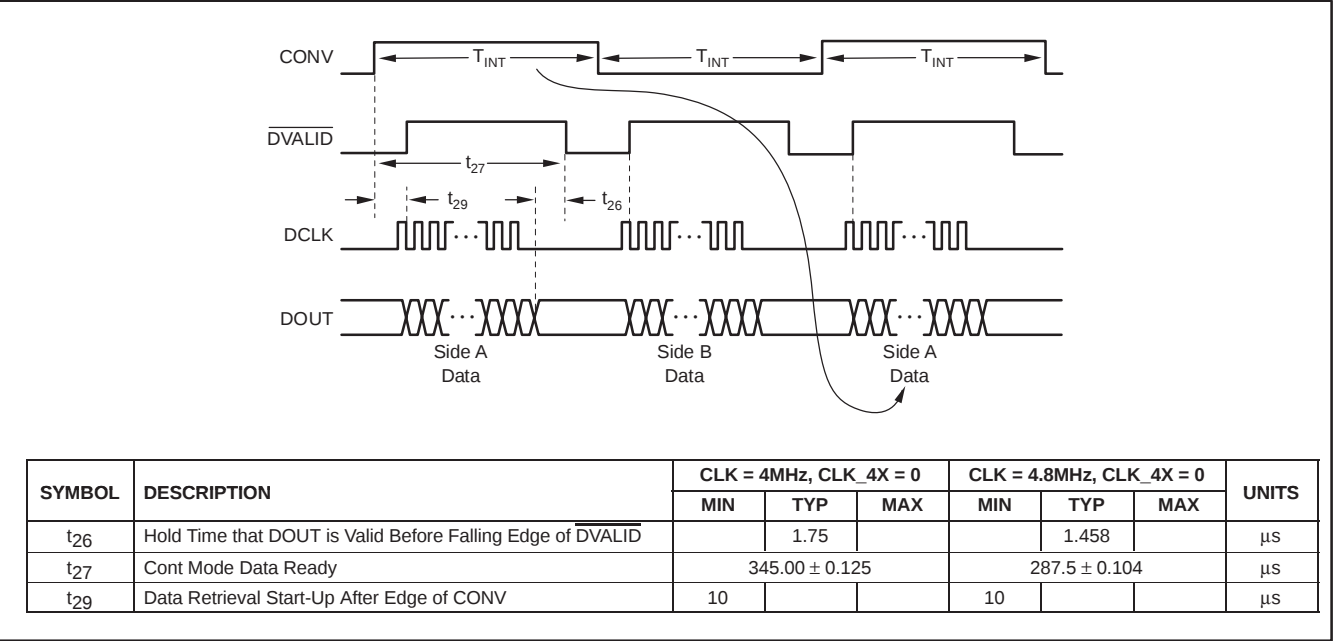
For shorter integration times, more time is available if data retrieval begins after CONV toggles and ends before the new data is ready. Data retrieval must wait  $t_{29}$  after CONV toggles before beginning. See Figure 24 for an example of this. The maximum time available for retrieval is  $t_{27} - t_{29} - t_{26}$  ( $344.875\mu\text{s} - 10\mu\text{s} - 1.75\mu\text{s}$  for  $\text{CLK} = 4\text{MHz}$ ), regardless of  $T_{\text{INT}}$ . The maximum number

of DDC118s that can be daisy-chained together ( $\text{FORMAT} = \text{high}$ ) is calculated by Equation 3:

$$\frac{333.125\mu\text{s}}{160\tau_{\text{DCLK}}} \quad (3)$$

NOTE:  $128\tau_{\text{DCLK}}$  is used for  $\text{FORMAT} = \text{low}$ .

For  $\text{DCLK} = 10\text{MHz}$ , the maximum number of DDC118s is 20 (or 26 for  $\text{FORMAT} = \text{low}$ ).



**Figure 24. Readback After CONV Toggles**

## RETRIEVAL BEFORE AND AFTER CONV TOGGLES (CONTINUOUS MODE)

For the absolute maximum time for data retrieval, data can be retrieved *before and after* CONV toggles. Nearly all of  $T_{INT}$  is available for data retrieval. Figure 25 illustrates how this is done by combining the two previous methods. Retrieval during CONV toggling to prevent digital noise, as discussed previously, and finished before the next data is ready. The maximum number of DDC118s that can be daisy-chained together (FORMAT = high) is:

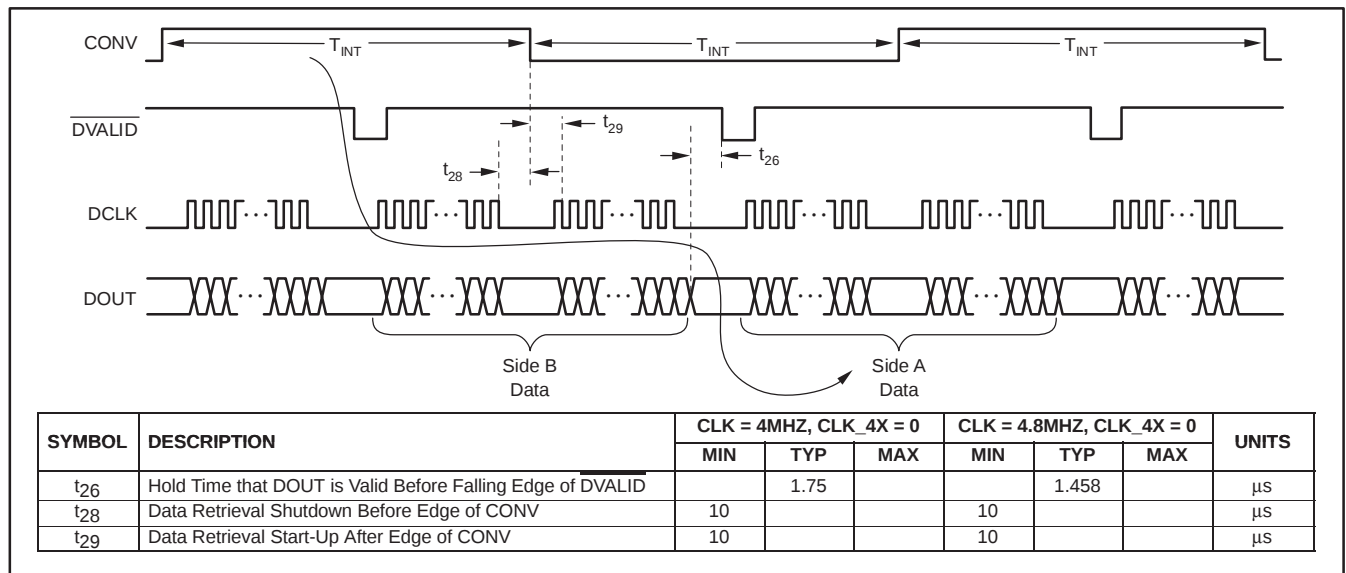
$$\frac{T_{INT} - 20\mu\text{s} - 1.75\mu\text{s}}{160\tau_{DCLK}}$$

NOTE:  $128\tau_{DCLK}$  is used for FORMAT = low.

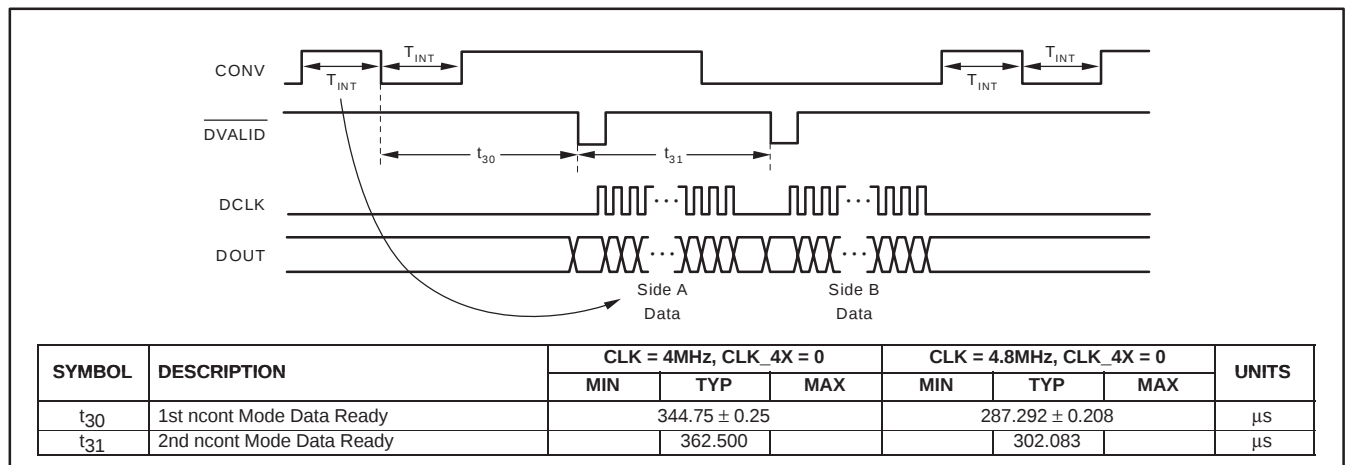
For  $T_{INT} = 400\mu\text{s}$  and  $DCLK = 10\text{MHz}$ , the maximum number of DDC118s is 23 (or 29 for FORMAT = low).

## RETRIEVAL: NONCONTINUOUS MODE

Retrieving in noncontinuous mode is slightly different, compared to the continuous mode. As illustrated in Figure 26,  $\overline{DVALID}$  goes low in time  $t_{30}$  after the first integration completes. If  $T_{INT}$  is shorter than this time, all of  $t_{31}$  is available to retrieve data before the other side data is ready. For  $T_{INT} > t_{30}$ , the first integration data is ready before the second integration completes. Data retrieval must be delayed until the second integration completes, leaving less time available for retrieval. The time available is  $t_{31} - (T_{INT} - t_{30})$ . The second integration's data must be retrieved before the next round of integration begins. This time is highly dependent on the pattern used to generate CONV. As with the continuous mode, data retrieval must halt before and after CONV toggles ( $t_{28}$ ,  $t_{29}$ ) and be completed before new data is ready ( $t_{26}$ ).



**Figure 25. Readback Before and After CONV Toggles**



**Figure 26. Readback in Non-Continuous Mode**

## POWER-UP SEQUENCING

Prior to power-up, all digital and analog inputs must be low. After the power supplies have settled, release  $\overline{\text{RESET}}$  after time  $t_{32}$ . (See Figure 28 and Table 12.) Wait for time  $t_{33}$  to begin applying the digital signals CONV and CLK. The first CONV pulse will complete the release state and begin integration.

## LAYOUT

### POWER SUPPLIES AND GROUNDING

Both AVDD and DVDD should be as quiet as possible. It is particularly important to eliminate noise from AVDD that is non-synchronous with the DDC118 operation. Figure 27 illustrates two acceptable ways to supply power to the DDC118. The first case shows two separate +5V supplies for AVDD and DVDD. In this case, each +5V supply of the DDC118 should be bypassed with 10 $\mu$ F solid tantalum capacitors and 0.1 $\mu$ F ceramic capacitors. The second case shows the DVDD power supply derived from the AVDD supply with a < 10 $\Omega$  isolation resistor. In both cases, the 0.1 $\mu$ F capacitors should be placed as close to the DDC118 package as possible. It is recommended that both the analog and digital grounds (AGND and DGND) be connected to a single ground plane on the printed circuit board (PCB).

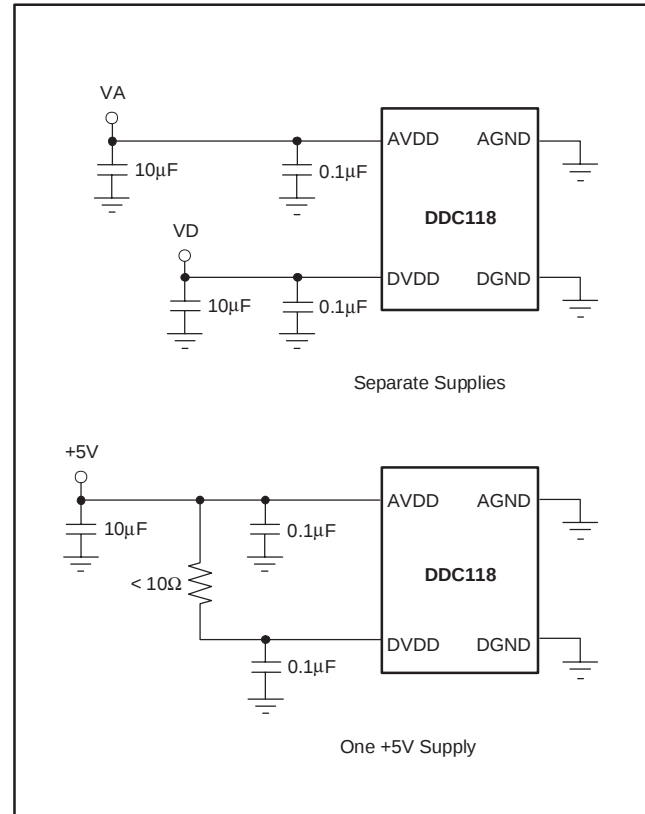


Figure 27. Power-Supply Connection Options

### THERMAL PAD

It is strongly recommended that the thermal pad on the DDC118 be connected to ground on the PCB. No PCB traces should be routed underneath the thermal pad.

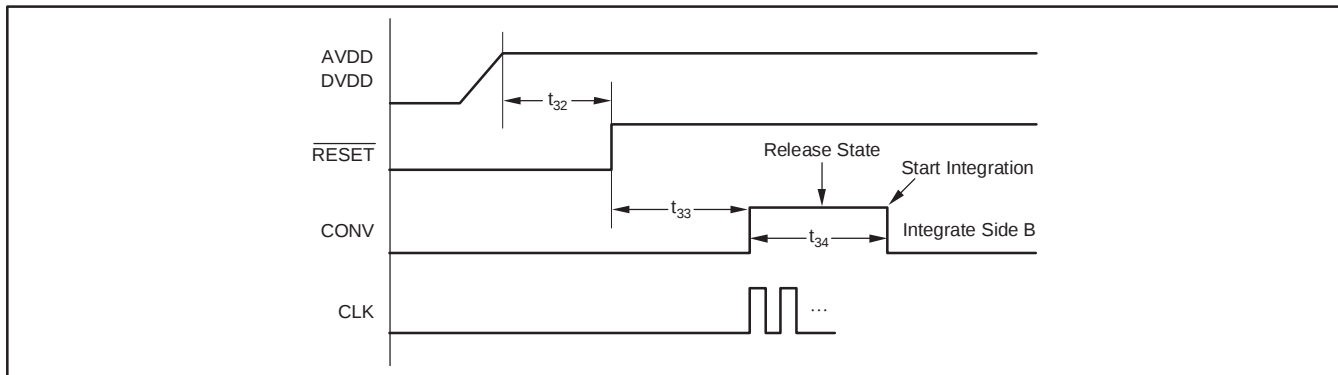


Figure 28. Timing Diagram at Power-Up of the DDC118

Table 12. Timing for the DDC118 Power-Up Sequence

| SYMBOL   | DESCRIPTION                                                 | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS   |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------|
| $t_{32}$ | Power Supplies Settled to $\overline{\text{RESET}}$ Release | 10  |     |     | ms      |
| $t_{33}$ | $\overline{\text{RESET}}$ Release to CONV, CLK Begin        | 50  |     |     | $\mu$ s |
| $t_{34}$ | First CONV Pulse Width                                      | 50  |     |     | $\mu$ s |

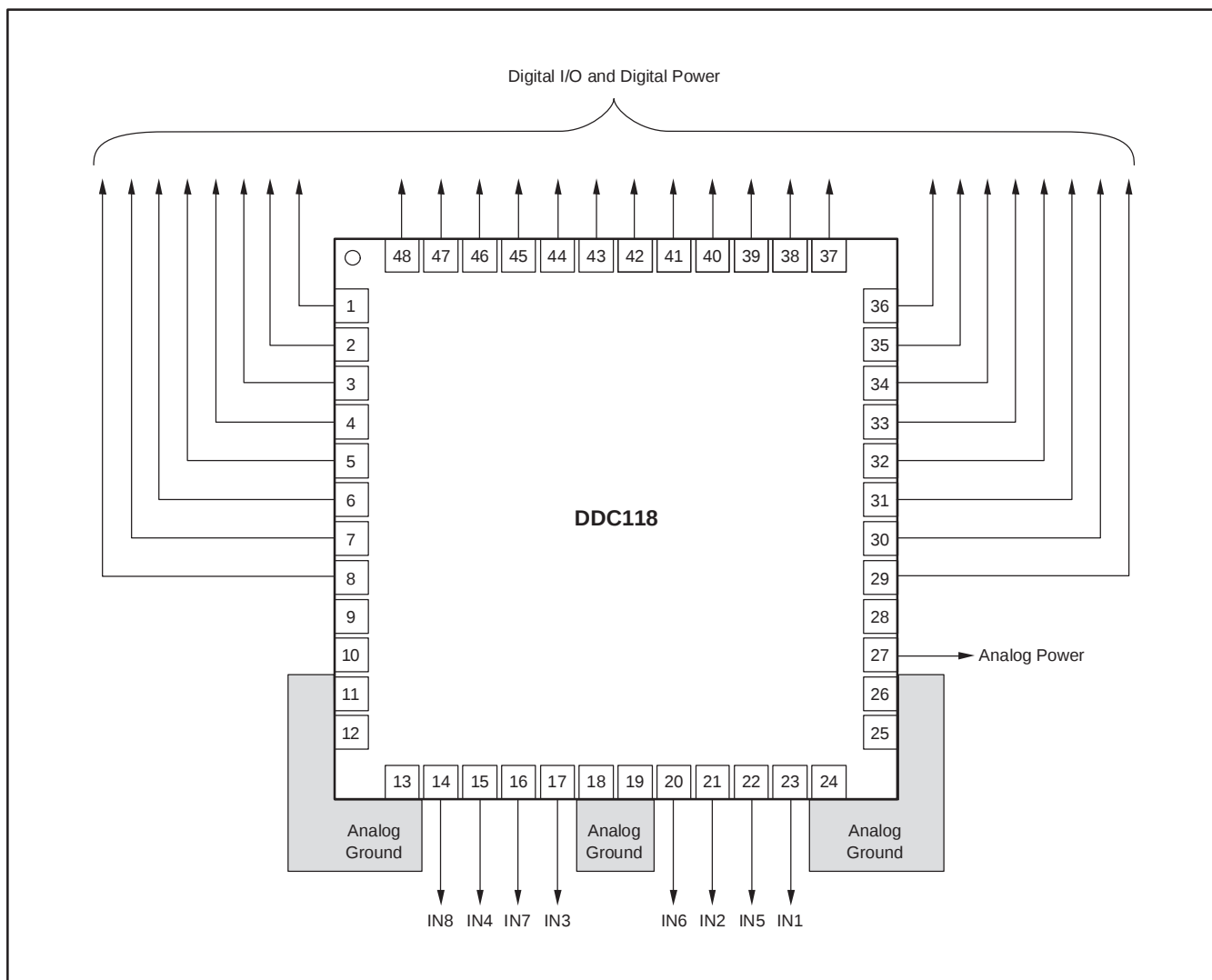
## Shielding Analog Signal Paths

As with any precision circuit, careful PCB layout ensures the best performance. It is essential to make short, direct interconnections and avoid stray wiring capacitance—particularly at the analog input pins. Digital signals should be kept as far from the analog input signals as possible on the PCB.

Input shielding practices should be taken into consideration when designing the circuit layout for the DDC118. The inputs to the DDC118 are high impedance and extremely sensitive to extraneous noise. Leakage

currents between the PCB traces can exceed the input bias current of the DDC118 if shielding is not implemented. Figure 29 illustrates an acceptable approach to this problem. A PC ground plane is placed around the inputs of the DDC118. This shield helps minimize coupled noise into the input pins.

This approach reduces leakage effects by surrounding these sensitive pins with a low impedance analog ground. Leakage currents from other portions of the circuit will flow harmlessly to the low impedance analog ground rather than into the analog input stage of the DDC118.



**Figure 29. Recommended Shield for DDC118 Layout Design**

## Revision History

| DATE | REV | PAGE | SECTION             | DESCRIPTION                                         |
|------|-----|------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 4/09 | B   | 1    | Front Page          | Updated front page appearance.                      |
|      |     | 9    | Theory of Operation | Changed last sentence of first paragraph on page 9. |

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| Orderable Device | Status<br>(1) | Package Type | Package<br>Drawing | Pins | Package<br>Qty | Eco Plan<br>(2)            | Lead/Ball Finish<br>(6) | MSL Peak Temp<br>(3) | Op Temp (°C) | Device Marking<br>(4/5) | Samples                 |
|------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|------|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| DDC118IRTCR      | ACTIVE        | VQFN         | RTC                | 48   | 2500           | Green (RoHS<br>& no Sb/Br) | CU NIPDAU   Call TI     | Level-3-260C-168 HR  | -40 to 85    | DDC118                  | <a href="#">Samples</a> |
| DDC118IRTCCT     | ACTIVE        | VQFN         | RTC                | 48   | 250            | Green (RoHS<br>& no Sb/Br) | CU NIPDAU   Call TI     | Level-3-260C-168 HR  | -40 to 85    | DDC118                  | <a href="#">Samples</a> |
| DDC118IRTCCTG4   | ACTIVE        | VQFN         | RTC                | 48   | 250            | Green (RoHS<br>& no Sb/Br) | CU NIPDAU               | Level-3-260C-168 HR  | -40 to 85    | DDC118                  | <a href="#">Samples</a> |

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| Device      | Package Type | Package Drawing | Pins | SPQ  | Reel Diameter (mm) | Reel Width W1 (mm) | A0 (mm) | B0 (mm) | K0 (mm) | P1 (mm) | W (mm) | Pin1 Quadrant |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------|------|------|--------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------------|
| DDC118IRTCR | VQFN         | RTC             | 48   | 2500 | 330.0              | 16.4               | 7.3     | 7.3     | 1.5     | 12.0    | 16.0   | Q2            |
| DDC118IRTCT | VQFN         | RTC             | 48   | 250  | 180.0              | 16.4               | 7.3     | 7.3     | 1.5     | 12.0    | 16.0   | Q2            |

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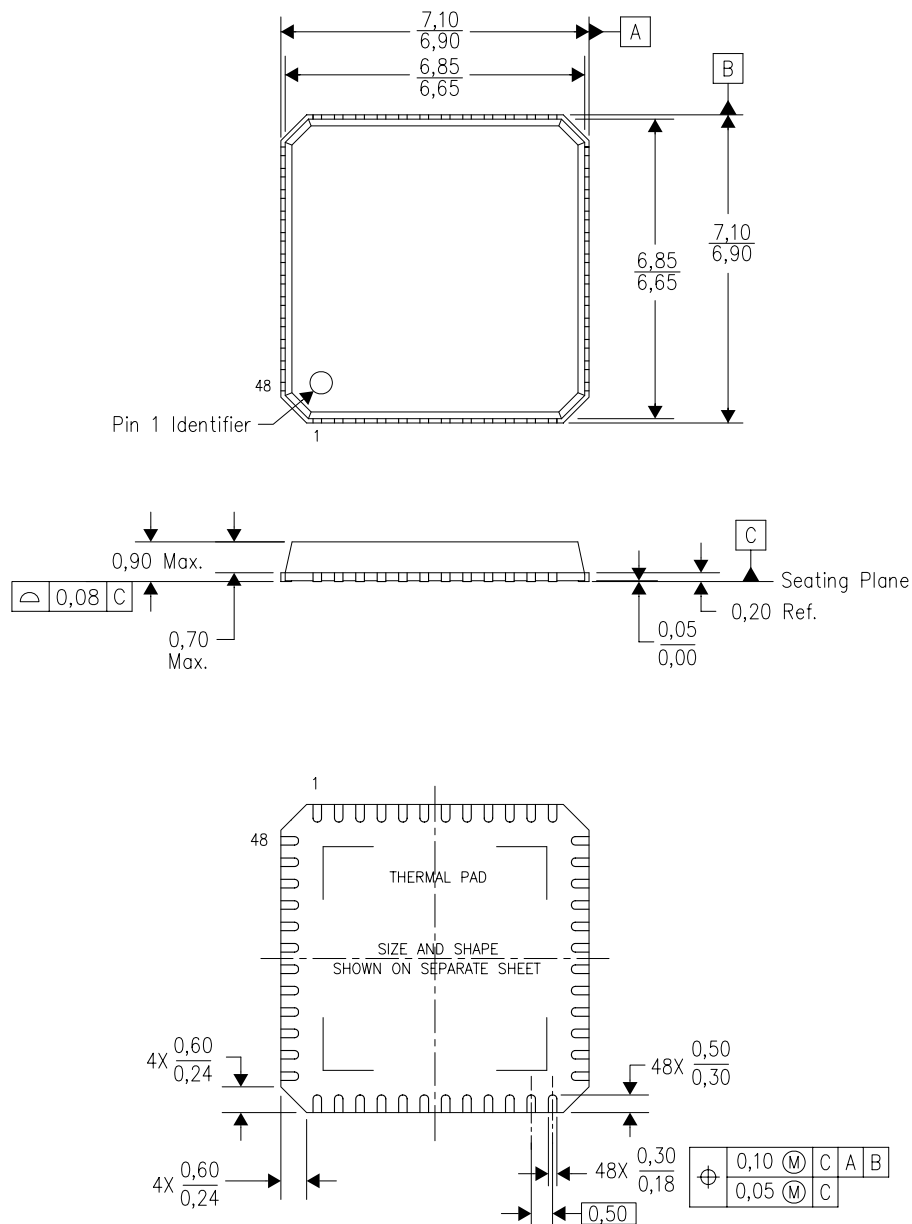


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| Device      | Package Type | Package Drawing | Pins | SPQ  | Length (mm) | Width (mm) | Height (mm) |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------|------|------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| DDC118IRTCR | VQFN         | RTC             | 48   | 2500 | 336.6       | 336.6      | 28.6        |
| DDC118IRTCT | VQFN         | RTC             | 48   | 250  | 213.0       | 191.0      | 55.0        |

RTC (S-PVQFN-N48)

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK NO-LEAD



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- All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M-1994.
  - This drawing is subject to change without notice.
  - QFN (Quad Flatpack No-Lead) Package configuration.
  - The package thermal pad must be soldered to the board for thermal and mechanical performance.
  - See the additional figure in the Product Data Sheet for details regarding the exposed thermal pad features and dimensions.

## THERMAL PAD MECHANICAL DATA

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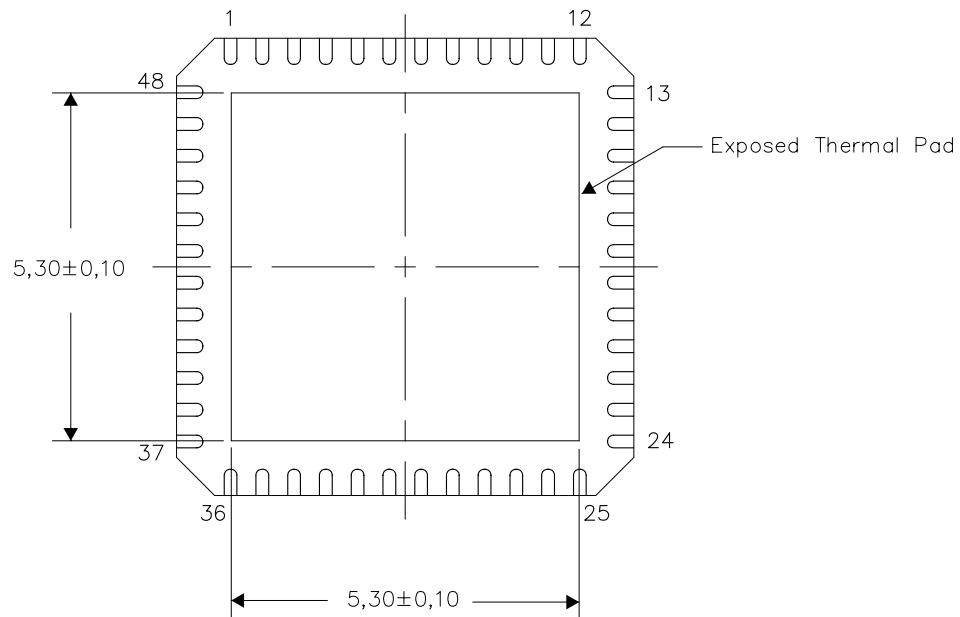
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### THERMAL INFORMATION

This package incorporates an exposed thermal pad that is designed to be attached directly to an external heatsink. The thermal pad must be soldered directly to the printed circuit board (PCB). After soldering, the PCB can be used as a heatsink. In addition, through the use of thermal vias, the thermal pad can be attached directly to the appropriate copper plane shown in the electrical schematic for the device, or alternatively, can be attached to a special heatsink structure designed into the PCB. This design optimizes the heat transfer from the integrated circuit (IC).

For information on the Quad Flatpack No-Lead (QFN) package and its advantages, refer to Application Report, QFN/SON PCB Attachment, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLUA271. This document is available at [www.ti.com](http://www.ti.com).

The exposed thermal pad dimensions for this package are shown in the following illustration.



Bottom View

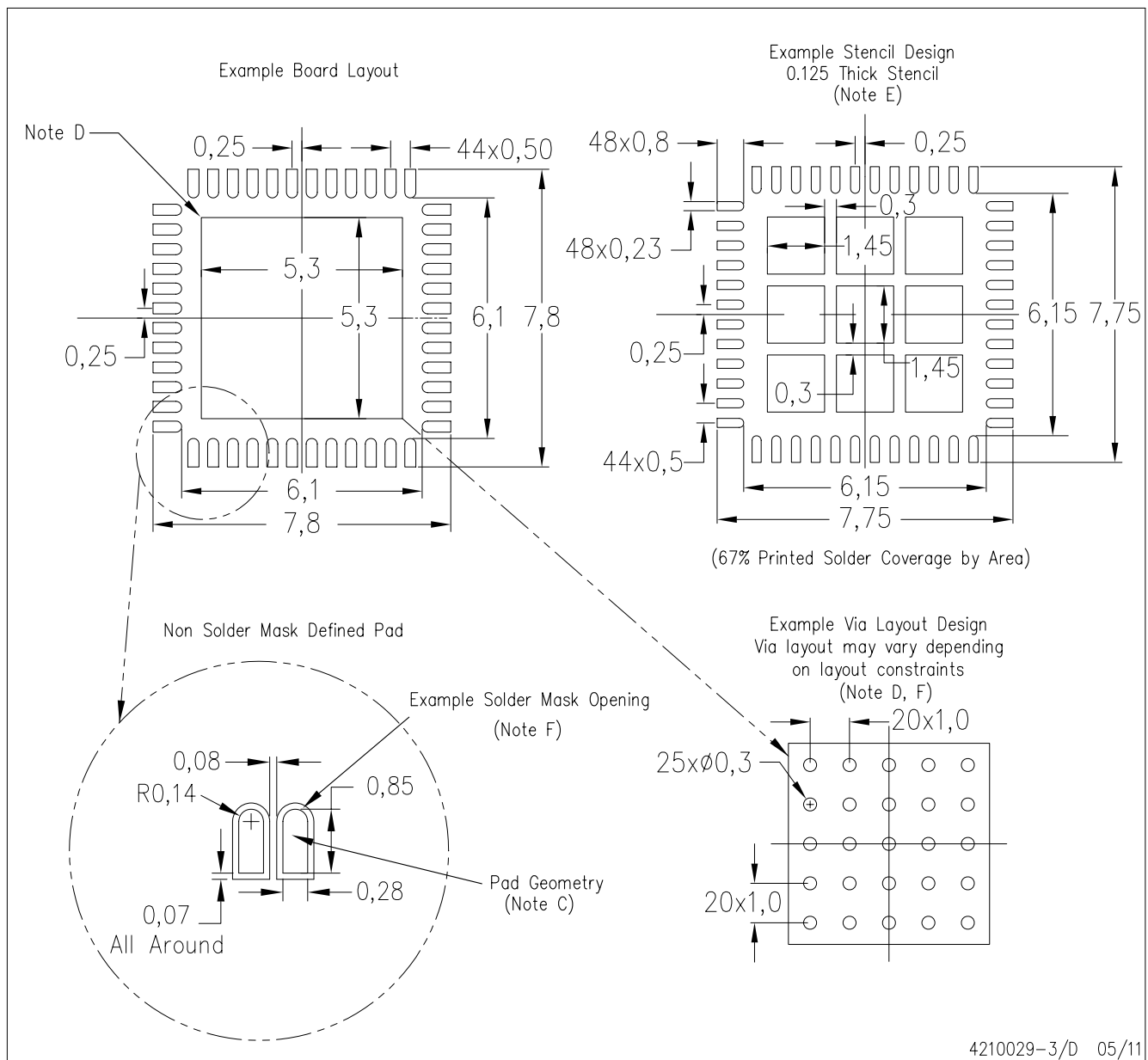
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  - Customers should contact their board fabrication site for recommended solder mask tolerances and via tenting recommendations for vias placed in the thermal pad.

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