

G = 50, CMOS Sensor Amplifier with Current Excitation

AD8290

FEATURES

Supply voltage range: 2.6 V to 5.5 V Low power 1.2 mA + 2× excitation current 0.5 µA shutdown current Low input bias current: ±100 pA High CMRR: 120 dB Space savings: 16-lead, 3.0 mm × 3.0 mm × 0.55 mm LFCSP Excitation current 300 µA to 1300 µA range Set with external resistor

APPLICATIONS

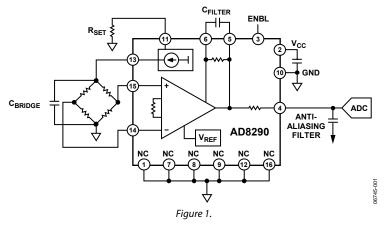
Bridge and sensor drives Portable electronics

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The AD8290 contains both an adjustable current source to drive a sensor and a difference amplifier to amplify the signal voltage. The amplifier is set for a fixed gain of 50. The AD8290 is an excellent solution for both the drive and the sensing aspects required for pressure, temperature, and strain gage bridges.

In addition, because the AD8290 operates with low power, works with a range of low supply voltages, and is available in a low profile package, it is suitable for drive/sense circuits in portable electronics as well.

The AD8290 is available in a lead free 3.0 mm \times 3.0 mm \times 0.55 mm package and is operational over the industrial temperature range of -40° C to $+85^{\circ}$ C.



FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM

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SPECIFICATIONS

 V_{CC} = 2.6 V to 5.0 V, T_A = 25°C, C_{FILTER} = 6.8 nF, output antialiasing capacitor = 68 nF, R_{SET} = 3 k Ω , common-mode input = 0.6 V, unless otherwise noted.

Table 1.

Parameter	Test Conditions	Min	Тур	Мах	Unit
COMMON-MODE REJECTION RATIO (CMRR)	Input voltage ($V_{INP} - V_{INN}$) range of 0.2 V to $V_{CC} - 1.7$ V				
CMRR DC		110	120		dB
NOISE					
Amplifier and VREF	Input referred, f = 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz		0.75		μV p-p
VOLTAGE OFFSET					
Output Offset	Reference is internal and set to 900 mV nominal	865	900	935	mV
Output Offset TC	$-40^{\circ}C < T_A < +85^{\circ}C$	-300	±50	+300	μV/°C
PSR			120		dB
INPUT CURRENT					
Input Bias Current		-1000	±100	+1000	pА
Input Offset Current		-2000	±200	+2000	pА
DYNAMIC RESPONSE					
Small Signal Bandwidth –3 dB	With external filter capacitors, C _{FILTER} = 6.8 nF and output antialiasing capacitor = 68 nF		0.25		kHz
GAIN					
Gain			50		V/V
Gain Error		-1.0	±0.5	+1.0	%
Gain Nonlinearity			±0.0075		%
Gain Drift	$-40^{\circ}C < T_A < +85^{\circ}C$	-25	±15	+25	ppm/°C
INPUT					
Differential Input Impedance			50 1		MΩ pF
Input Voltage Range		0.2		Vcc – 1.7	V
OUTPUT					
Output Voltage Range	$V_{OUT} = Gain \times (V_{INP} - V_{INN}) + Output Offset$	0.075		V _{cc} – 0.075	V
Output Series Resistance			10 ± 20%		kΩ
CURRENT EXCITATION					
Excitation Current Range	Excitation current = $0.9 V/R_{SET}$	300		1300	μΑ
Excitation Current Accuracy		-1.0		+1.0	%
Excitation Current Drift	-40°C < T _A < +85°C	-250	±50	+250	ppm/°C
External Resistor for Setting Excitation Current (R _{SET})		692		3000	Ω
Excitation Current Power Supply Rejection		-2.0	+0.2	+2.0	μA/V
Excitation Current Pin Voltage		0		V _{cc} – 1.0	V
Excitation Current Output Resistance			100		MΩ
Required Capacitor from Ground to Excitation Current Pin (C _{BRIDGE})			0.1		μF
ENABLE					
ENBL High Level	V _{CC} < 2.9 V	Vcc - 0.5		Vcc	V
	V _{CC} > 2.9 V	2.4		Vcc	V
ENBL Low Level		GND		0.8	V
Start-Up Time for ENBL			5.0		ms

Parameter	Test Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
POWER SUPPLY					
Operating Range		2.6		5.5	V
Quiescent Current			$1.2 + 2 \times$ excitation current	1.8 + 2× excitation current	mA
Shutdown Current			0.5	10	μA
TEMPERATURE RANGE					
For Operational Performance		-40		+85	°C

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Table 2.

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Parameter	Rating
Supply Voltage	6 V
Input Voltage	+V _{SUPPLY}
Differential Input Voltage ¹	±V _{SUPPLY}
Output Short-Circuit Duration to GND	Indefinite
Storage Temperature Range	–65°C to +150°C
Operating Temperature Range	-40°C to +85°C
Junction Temperature Range	–65°C to +150°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec)	300°C

 $^{\rm 1}$ Differential input voltage is limited to ± 5.0 V, the supply voltage, or whichever is less.

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

THERMAL RESISTANCE

 θ_{JA} is specified for the worst-case conditions, that is, a device soldered in a circuit board for surface-mount packages.

Table 3.

Package Type	θ」Α	οıc	Unit
16-Lead LFCSP (0.55 mm)	42.5	7.7	°C/W

ESD CAUTION



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

PIN CONFIGURATION AND FUNCTION DESCRIPTIONS

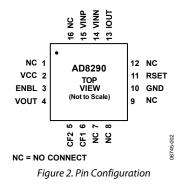


Table 4. Pin Function Descriptions

Pin No.	Mnemonic	Description
1	NC	Tie to Ground ¹ or Pin 16.
2	VCC	Positive Power Supply Voltage.
3	ENBL	Logic 1 enables the part, and Logic 0 disables the part.
4	VOUT	Open End of Internal 10 k Ω Resistor. Tie one end of external antialiasing filter capacitor (6.8 nF) to this pin, and tie the other end to ground. ¹
5	CF2	Tie one end of the C_{FILTER} (68 nF) that is in parallel with the internal gain resistor to this pin.
6	CF1	Tie the other end of the C_{FILTER} (68 nF) that is in parallel with the internal gain resistor to this pin.
7	NC	Tie to Ground. ¹
8	NC	Tie to Ground. ¹
9	NC	Tie to Ground. ¹
10	GND	Ground ¹ or Negative Power Supply Voltage.
11	RSET	Tie one end of Resistor R _{SET} to this pin to set the excitation current and tie the other end of Resistor R _{SET} to Pin 10.
12	NC	Tie to Ground. ¹
13	IOUT	Excitation Current Output. Tie one end of C_{BRIDGE} (0.1 μ F) to this pin and tie the other end of C_{BRIDGE} to ground. ¹
14	VINN	Negative Input Terminal.
15	VINP	Positive Input Terminal.
16	NC	Tie to Ground ¹ or Pin 1.
17/Pad	NC	Pad should be floating and not tied to any potential.

¹ During dual-supply operation, ground becomes the negative power supply voltage.

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

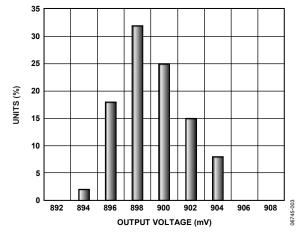
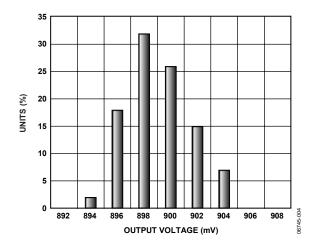
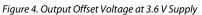


Figure 3. Output Offset Voltage at 2.6 V Supply





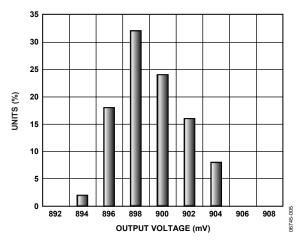


Figure 5. Output Offset Voltage at 5.0 V Supply

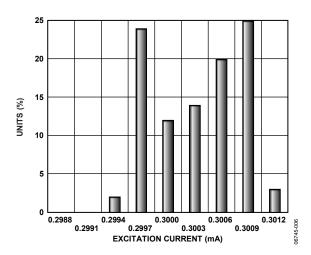


Figure 6. Excitation Output Current for 3 k Ω R_{SET} at 2.6 V Supply

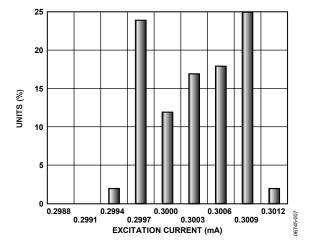


Figure 7. Excitation Output Current for 3 k Ω R_{SET} at 3.6 V Supply

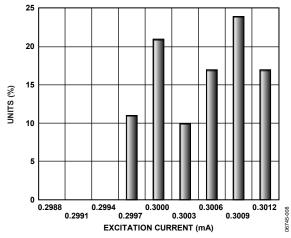
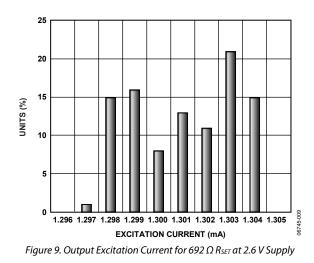


Figure 8. Excitation Output Current for 3 kΩ R_{SET} at 5.0 V Supply



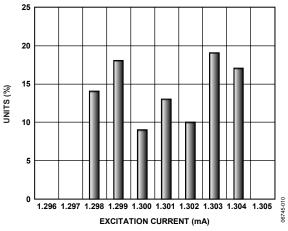
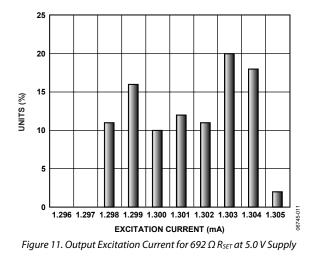
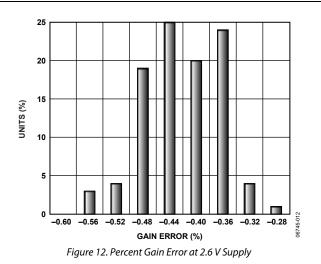
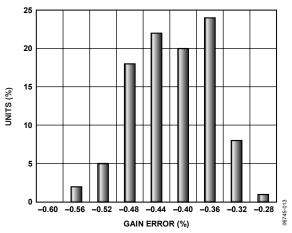
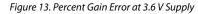


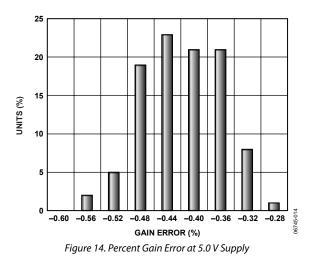
Figure 10. Output Excitation Current for 692 $\Omega\,R_{\text{SET}}$ at 3.6 V Supply

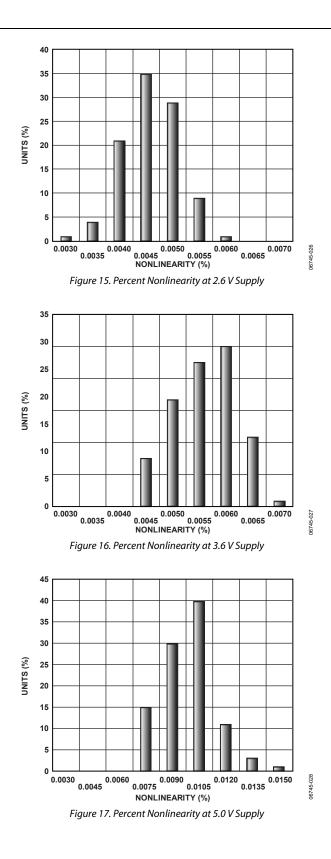












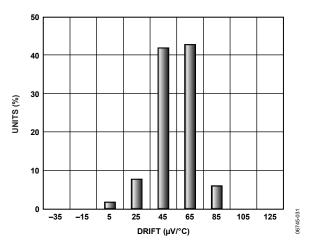
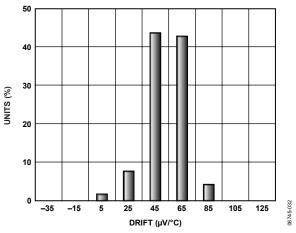
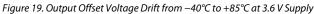


Figure 18. Output Offset Voltage Drift from -40°C to +85°C at 2.6 V Supply





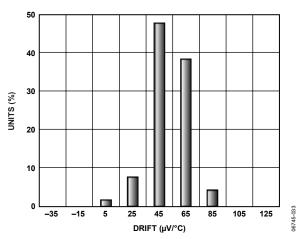
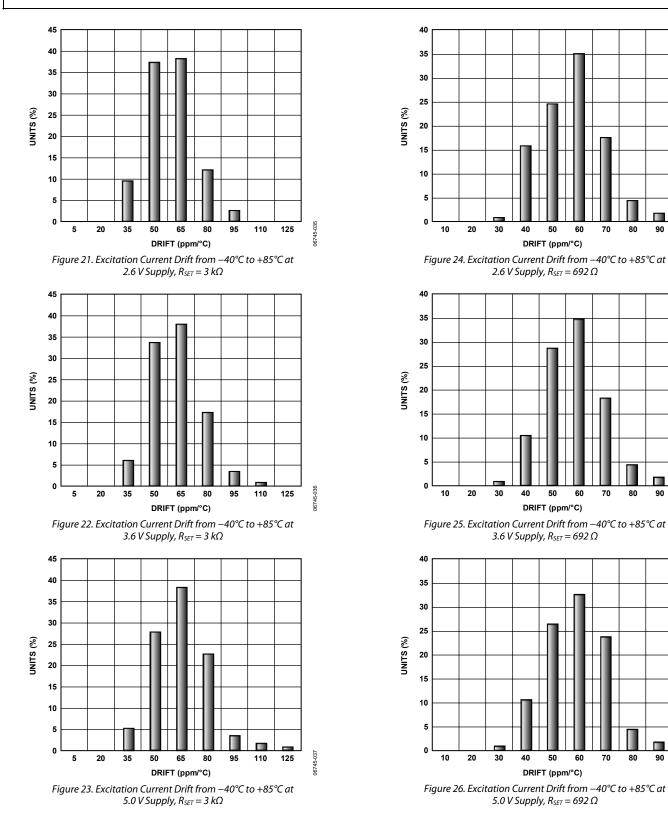


Figure 20. Output Offset Voltage Drift from -40°C to +85°C at 5.0 V Supply



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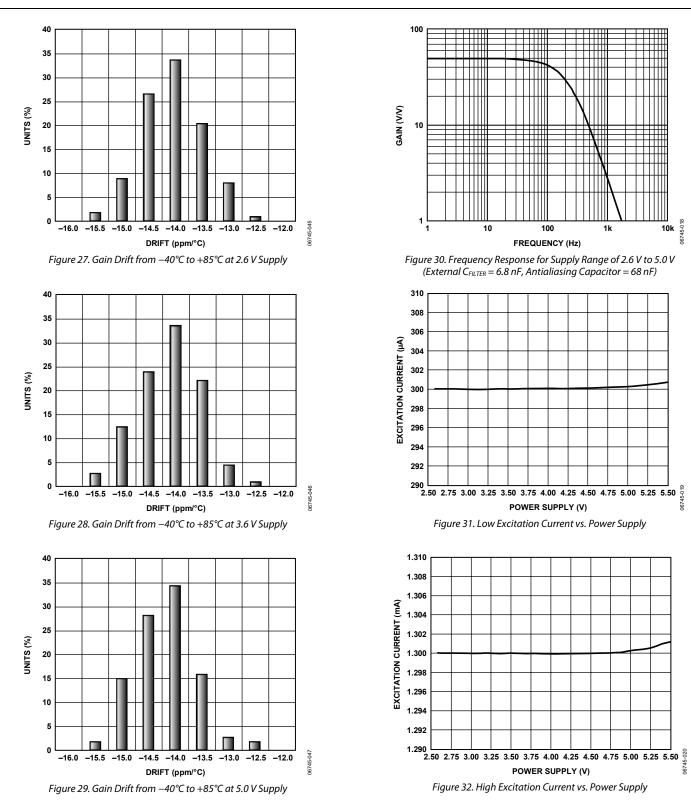
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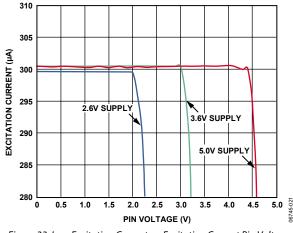


Figure 33. Low Excitation Current vs. Excitation Current Pin Voltage

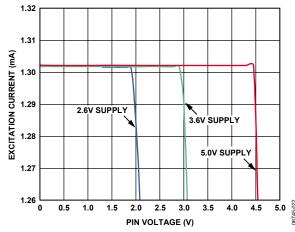
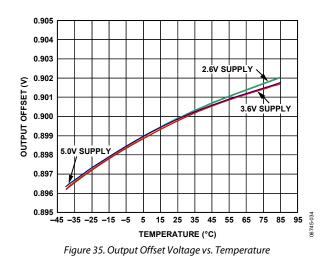
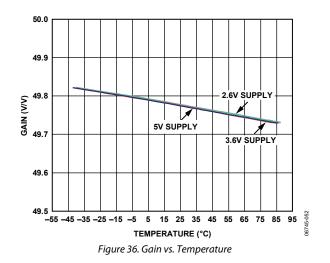
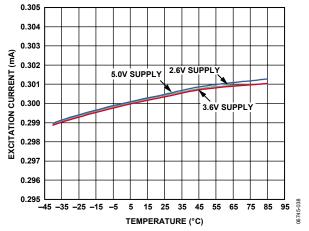
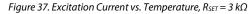


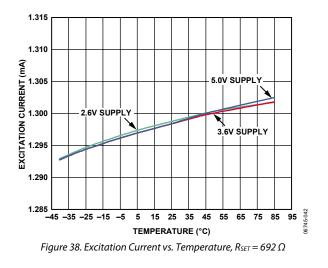
Figure 34. High Excitation Current vs. Excitation Current Pin Voltage

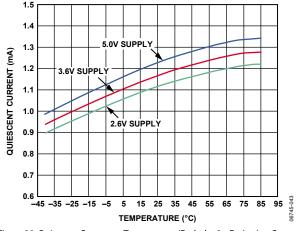












 $\textit{Figure 39. Quiescent Current vs. Temperature (Excludes 2 \times Excitation Current)}$

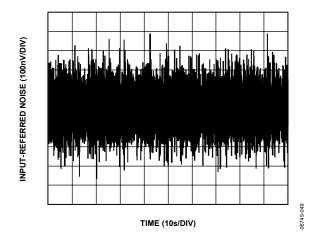
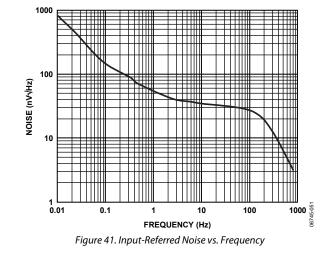


Figure 40. 0.01 Hz to 10 Hz Input-Referred Noise



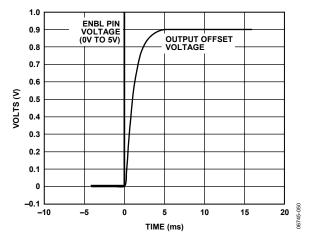


Figure 42. ENBL Pin Voltage for 5.0 V Supply vs. Output Offset Voltage Start-Up Time

THEORY OF OPERATION AMPLIFIER

The amplifier of the AD8290 is a precision current-mode correction instrumentation amplifier. It is internally set to a fixed gain of 50. The current-mode correction topology results in excellent accuracy.

Figure 43 shows a simplified diagram illustrating the basic operation of the instrumentation amplifier within the AD8290 (without correction). The circuit consists of a voltage-to-current amplifier (M1 to M6), followed by a current-to-voltage amplifier (R2 and A1). Application of a differential input voltage forces a current through R1, resulting in a conversion of the input voltage to a signal current. Transistors M3 to M6 transfer twice the signal current to the inverting input of the op amp, A1. A1 and R2 form a current-to-voltage converter to produce a rail-torail output voltage, V_{OUT}.

Op Amp A1 is a high precision auto-zero amplifier. This amplifier preserves the performance of the autocorrecting, current-mode amplifier topology while offering the user a true voltage-in, voltage-out instrumentation amplifier. Offset errors are corrected internally.

An internal 0.9 V reference voltage is applied to the noninverting input of A1 to set the output offset level. External Capacitor C_{FILTER} is used to filter out correction noise.

HIGH POWER SUPPLY REJECTION (PSR) AND COMMON-MODE REJECTION (CMR)

PSR and CMR indicate the amount that the offset voltage of an amplifier changes when its common-mode input voltage or power supply voltage changes. The autocorrection architecture of the AD8290 continuously corrects for offset errors, including those induced by changes in input or supply voltage, resulting in exceptional rejection performance. The continuous autocorrection provides great CMR and PSR performances over the entire operating temperature range (-40°C to +85°C).

1/f NOISE CORRECTION

Flicker noise, also known as 1/f noise, is noise inherent in the physics of semiconductor devices and decreases 10 dB per decade. The 1/f corner frequency of an amplifier is the frequency at which the flicker noise is equal to the broadband noise of the amplifier. At lower frequencies, flicker noise dominates causing large errors in low frequency or dc applications.

Flicker noise appears as a slowly varying offset error that is reduced by the autocorrection topology of the AD8290, allowing the AD8290 to have lower noise near dc than standard low noise instrumentation amplifiers.

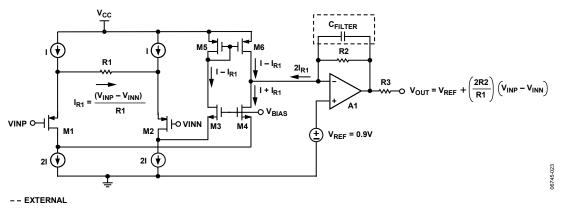
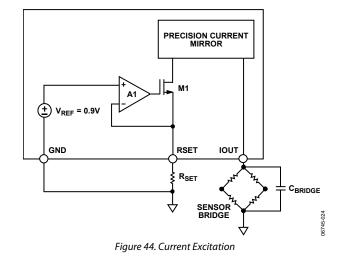


Figure 43. Simplified Schematic of the Instrumentation Amplifier Within the AD8290

CURRENT SOURCE

The AD8290 generates an excitation current that is programmable with an external resistor, R_{SET} , as shown in Figure 44. A1 and M1 are configured to produce 0.9 V across R_{SET} , which is based on an internal 0.9 V reference and creates a current equal to 0.9 V/R_{SET} internal to the AD8290. This current is passed to a precision current mirror and a replica of the current is sourced from the IOUT pin. This current can be used for the excitation of a sensor bridge. C_{BRIDGE} is used to filter noise from the current excitation circuit.



APPLICATIONS INFORMATION TYPICAL CONNECTIONS

Figure 45 shows the typical connections for single-supply operation when used with a sensor bridge.

CURRENT EXCITATION

In Figure 45, R_{SET} is used to set the excitation current sourced at the IOUT pin. The formula for the excitation current I_{OUT} is

 $I_{OUT} = (900/R_{SET}) \text{ mA}$

where R_{SET} is the resistor between Pin 10 (GND) and Pin 11 (RSET).

The AD8290 is internally set by the factory to provide the current excitation described by the previous formula (within the tolerance range listed in Table 1). The range of R_{SET} is 692 Ω to 3 k Ω , resulting in a corresponding I_{OUT} of 1300 μ A to 300 μ A, respectively.

ENABLE/DISABLE FUNCTION

Pin 3 (ENBL) provides the enabling/disabling function of the AD8290 to conserve power when the device is not needed. A Logic 1 turns the part on and allows it to operate normally. A Logic 0 disables the output and excitation current and reduces the quiescent current to less than 10 μ A.

The turn-on time upon switching Pin 3 high is dominated by the output filters. When the device is disabled, the output becomes high impedance, enabling the muxing application of multiple AD8290 instrumentation amplifiers.

OUTPUT FILTERING

Filter Capacitor C_{FILTER} is required to limit the amount of switching noise present at the output. The recommended bandwidth of the filter created by C_{FILTER} and an internal 100 k Ω is 235 Hz. Select C_{FILTER} based on

 $C_{FILTER} = 1/(235 \times 2 \times \pi \times 100 \text{ k}\Omega) = 6.8 \text{ nF}$

For bandwidths greater than 10 Hz, an additional single-pole RC filter of 235 Hz is required on the output, which is also recommended when driving an ADC requiring an antialiasing filter. Internal to the AD8290 is a series $10 \text{ k}\Omega$ resistor at the output (R3 in Figure 43) and using an external 68 nF capacitor to ground produces an RC filter of 235 Hz on the output as well. These two filters produce an overall bandwidth of approximately 160 Hz for the output signal.

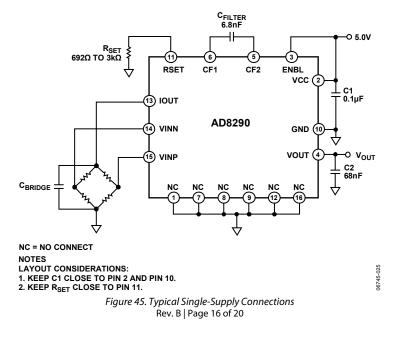
In addition, when driving low impedances, the internal series 10 k Ω resistor creates a voltage divider at the output. If it is necessary to access the output of the internal amplifier prior to the 10 k Ω resistor, it is available at the CF2 pin.

For applications with low bandwidths (<10 Hz), only the first filter capacitor (C_{FILTER}) is required. In this case, the high frequency noise from the auto-zero amplifier (output amplifier) is not filtered before the following stage.

CLOCK FEEDTHROUGH

The AD8290 uses two synchronized clocks to perform autocorrection. The input voltage-to-current amplifiers are corrected at 60 kHz.

Trace amounts of these clock frequencies can be observed at the output. The amount of feedthrough is dependent upon the gain because the autocorrection noise has an input- and output-referred term. The correction feedthrough is also dependent upon the values of the external capacitors, C2 and C_{FILTER}.



MAXIMIZING PERFORMANCE THROUGH PROPER LAYOUT

To achieve the maximum performance of the AD8290, care should be taken in the circuit board layout. The PCB surface must remain clean and free of moisture to avoid leakage currents between adjacent traces. Surface coating of the circuit board reduces surface moisture and provides a humidity barrier, reducing parasitic resistance on the board.

 R_{SET} should be placed close to RSET (Pin 11) and GND (Pin 10). The paddle on the bottom of the package should not be connected to any potential and should be floating.

For high impedance sources, the PCB traces from the AD8290 inputs should be kept to a minimum to reduce input bias current errors.

POWER SUPPLY BYPASSING

The AD8290 uses internally generated clock signals to perform autocorrection. As a result, proper bypassing is necessary to achieve optimum performance. Inadequate or improper bypassing of the supply lines can lead to excessive noise and offset voltage. A 0.1 μ F surface-mount capacitor should be connected between Pin 2 (VCC) and Pin 10 (GND) when operating with a single supply and should be located as close as possible to those two pins.

DUAL-SUPPLY OPERATION

The AD8290 can be configured to operate in dual-supply mode. An example of such a circuit is shown in Figure 46, where the AD8290 is powered by ± 1.8 V supplies. When operating with dual supplies, pins that are normally referenced to ground in the single-supply mode, now need to be referenced to the negative supply. These pins include the following: Pin 1, Pin 7, Pin 8, Pin 9, Pin 10, Pin 12, and Pin 16. External components, such as R_{SET}, the sensing bridge, and the antialiasing filter capacitor at the output, should also be referenced to the negative supply. Additionally, two bypass capacitors should be added beyond what is necessary for single-supply operation: one between the negative supply and ground, and the other between the positive and negative supplies.

When operating in dual-supply mode, the specifications change and become relative to the negative supply. The input voltage range minimum shifts from 0.2 V to 0.2 V above the negative supply (in this example: -1.6 V), the output voltage range shifts from a minimum of 0.075 V to 0.075 V above the negative supply (in this example: -1.725 V), and the excitation current pin voltage minimum shifts from 0 V to -1.8 V in this example. The maximum specifications of these three parameters are specified relative to V_{CC} in Table 1 and do not change.

For other specifications, both the minimum and maximum specifications change. The output offset shifts from a minimum of +865 mV and maximum of +935 mV to a minimum of -935 mV and a maximum of -865 mV in the example. In addition, the logic levels for the ENBL operation should be adjusted accordingly.

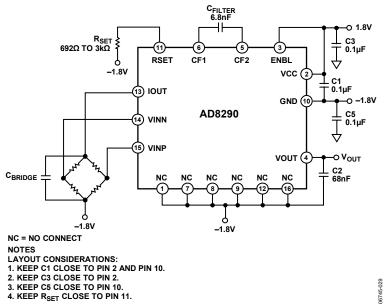


Figure 46. Typical Dual-Supply Connections

PRESSURE SENSOR BRIDGE APPLICATION

Given its excitation current range, the AD8290 provides a good match with pressure sensor circuits. Two such sensors are the Fujikura FGN-615PGSR and the Honeywell HPX050AS. Figure 47 shows the AD8290 paired with the Honeywell bridge and the appropriate connections. In this example, a resistor, R_P , is added to the circuit to ensure that the maximum output voltage of the AD8290 is not exceeded. Depending on the sensors specifications, R_P may not be necessary.

The specifications for the bridge are show in Table 5 and the chosen conditions for the AD8290 are listed in Table 6.

Given these specifications, calculations should be made to ensure that the AD8290 is operating within its required ranges. The combination of the excitation current and R_P must be chosen to ensure that the conditions stay within the minimum and maximum specifications of the AD8290. For this example, because the specifications of the HPX050AS are for a bridge excitation voltage of 3.0 V, care must be taken to scale the resulting voltage calculations to the actual bridge voltage. The required calculations are shown in Table 7.

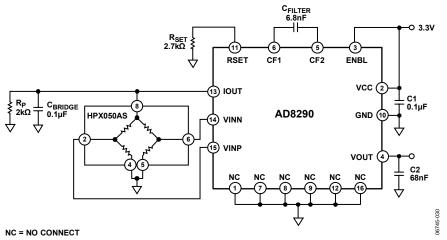


Figure 47. HPX050AS Pressure Sensor Application

Table 5. HPX050AS Specifications

Bridge Impedance (Ω)		Rated Offset (mV)		Rated Output Span (mV)		
Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Bridge Excite Voltage (V)
4000	6000	-30	+30	0	80	3.0

Table 6. Typical AD8290 Conditions for Pressure Sensor Circuit

AD8290 V _{cc} (V)	Excitation Current (µA)	Parallel Resistor $R_P(\Omega)$
3.3 (2.6 to 5.5)	333.3 (300 to 1300)	2000

Table 7. Pressure Sensor Circuit Calculations Compared to AD8290 Minimum/Maximum Specifications

Specification	Calculation	Unit	Allowable Range of AD8290
Supply Current	1.867	mA	
Current Setting Resistor (R _{SET})	2700	Ω	692 Ω to 3000 Ω
Minimum Equivalent Resistance to IOUT Pin	1333	Ω	
Maximum Equivalent Resistance to IOUT Pin	1500	Ω	
Minimum Current into Bridge	83.333	μA	
Maximum Current into Bridge	111.111	μA	
Minimum Bridge Midpoint Voltage (Excluding Offset/Span)	0.222	V	
Maximum Bridge Midpoint Voltage (Excluding Offset/Span)	0.250	V	
Minimum Voltage at Current Output Pin (IOUT)	0.444	V	>0.0 V
Maximum Voltage at Current Output Pin (IOUT)	0.500	V	<2.3 V
Input Voltage Minimum	0.218	V	>0.2 V
Input Voltage Maximum	0.266	V	<1.6 V
Output Voltage Minimum	0.643	V	>0.075 V
Output Voltage Maximum	1.852	V	<3.225 V

TEMPERATURE SENSOR APPLICATION

The AD8290 can be used with a temperature sensor. Figure 48 shows the AD8290 in conjunction with an RTD, in this example, a 2-wire PT100. The specifications for the sensor are shown in Table 8 and the chosen conditions for the AD8290 are listed in Table 9.

Once again, care must be taken when picking the excitation current and R_G such that the minimum and maximum specifications of the AD8290 are not exceeded. Sample calculations are shown in Table 10.

ADC/MICROCONTROLLER

In both of the previous applications, an ADC or a microcontroller can be used to follow the AD8290 to convert the output analog signal to digital. For example, if there are multiple sensors in the system, the six channel ADuC814ARU microcontoller is an excellent candidate to interface with multiple AD8290s.

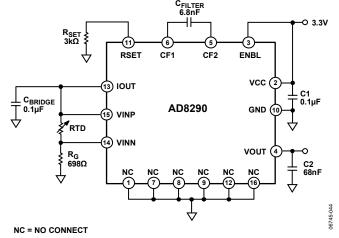


Figure 48. PT100 Temperature Sensor Application Connections

Table 8. PT100 Specifications

RTD Minimum @ 0°C	RTD Maximum @ 100°C
100 Ω	138.5 Ω

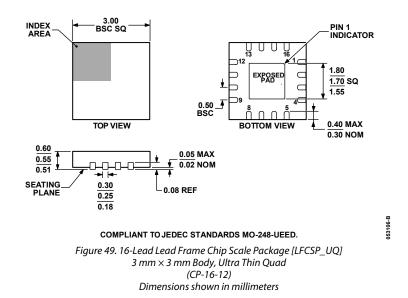
Table 9. Typical AD8290 Conditions for Temperature Sensor Circuit

AD8290 Vcc (V)	Excitation Current (µA)	Resistor from RTD to GND, $R_G(\Omega)$
3.30 (2.6 to 5.5)	300 (300 to 1300)	698

Table 10. Temperature Sensor Circuit Calculations Compared to AD8290 Minimum/Maximum Specifications

Specification	Calculation	Unit	Allowable Range of AD8290
Supply Current	1.8	mA	
Current Setting Resistor (R _{SET})	3000	Ω	692 Ω to 3000 Ω
Minimum Equivalent Resistance to IOUT Pin	798	Ω	
Maximum Equivalent Resistance to IOUT Pin	836.5	Ω	
Minimum Voltage @ Current Output Pin (IOUT)	0.239	V	>0.0 V
Maximum Voltage @ Current Output Pin (IOUT)	0.251	V	<2.3 V
Input Voltage Minimum	0.209	V	>0.2 V
Input Voltage Maximum	0.251	V	<1.6 V
Output Voltage Minimum	2.365	V	>0.075 V
Output Voltage Maximum	3.013	V	<3.225 V

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Model	Temperature Range	Package Description	Package Option	Branding
AD8290ACPZ-R21	–40°C to +85°C	16-Lead LFCSP_UQ	CP-16-12	YOJ
AD8290ACPZ-R71	–40°C to +85°C	16-Lead LFCSP_UQ	CP-16-12	YOJ
AD8290ACPZ-RL ¹	-40°C to +85°C	16-Lead LFCSP_UQ	CP-16-12	YOJ

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