

DEMO MANUAL DC2071A

LTC2373/LTC2372 16-Bit/18-Bit, 1Msps/500ksps 8-Channel, SAR ADCs with 100dB SNR

DESCRIPTION

Demonstration circuit 2071A features the LTC®2373 family. The LTC2373/LTC2372 are low noise, high speed, 8-channel, 16-/18-bit successive approximation register (SAR) ADCs. The following text refers to the LTC2373-18 but applies to all parts in the family, the only differences being the number of bits and the maximum sample rate. Operating from a single 5V supply, the LTC2373-18 has a highly configurable, low crosstalk, 8-channel input multiplexer, supporting fully differential, pseudo-differential unipolar and pseudo-differential bipolar analog input ranges.

The DC2071 demonstrates the DC and AC performance of the LTC2373-18 in conjunction with the DC590 and DC890 data collection boards. Use the DC590 to demonstrate DC

performance such as peak-to-peak noise and DC linearity. Use the DC890 if precise sampling rates are required or to demonstrate AC performance such as SNR, THD, SINAD and SFDR. The demonstration circuit 2071 is intended to demonstrate recommended grounding, component placement and selection, routing and bypassing for this ADC. Several suggested driver circuits for the analog inputs will be presented.

Design files for this circuit board are available at http://www.linear.com/demo/DC2071A

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ASSEMBLY OPTIONS

Table 1. DC2071A Assembly Options

Assembly Version	U1 Part Number	Max Conversion Rate	Number of Bits	Max CLK IN Frequency
DC2071A-A	LTC2373CUH-18	1Msps	18	62MHz
DC2071A-B	LTC2372CUH-18	0.5Msps	18	31MHz
DC2071A-D	LTC2373CUH-16	1Msps	16	50MHz
DC2071A-E	LTC2372CUH-16	0.5Msps	16	25MHz



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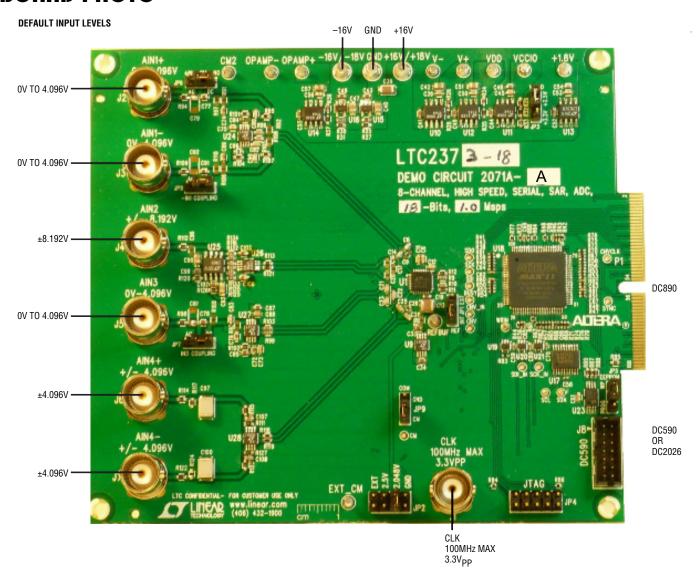


Figure 1. DC2071A Connection Diagram

DC890 QUICK START PROCEDURE

Check to make sure that all switches and jumpers are set as shown in the connection diagram of Figure 1. The default connections configure the ADC to use the onboard reference and regulators to generate the required common mode voltages. The analog input is DC coupled. Connect the DC2071A to a DC890 USB High Speed Data Collection Board using connector P1. Then, connect the DC890 to a host PC with a standard USB A/B cable. Apply $\pm 16V$ to the indicated terminals. Then apply a low jitter signal source to J2–J7. Observe the recommended input voltage range for each analog input. Connect a low jitter 2.5V_{PP} sine wave or square wave to connector J1. See Table 1 for the appropriate clock frequency. Note that J1 has a 50Ω termination resistor to ground.

Run the PScope™ software (Pscope.exe version K76 or later) which can be downloaded from www.linear.com/designtools/software.

Complete software documentation is available from the Help menu. Updates can be downloaded from the Tools menu. Check for updates periodically as new features may be added.

The PScope software should recognize the DC2071A and configure itself automatically.

Click the Collect button (See Figure 7) to begin acquiring data. The Collect button then changes to Pause, which can be clicked to stop data acquisition.

DC590 QUICK START PROCEDURE

IMPORTANT! To avoid damage to the DC2071A, make sure that VCCIO (JP6) of the DC590 is set to 3.3V before connecting the DC590 to the DC2071A.

To use the DC590 with the DC2071A, it is necessary to apply $\pm 16V$ and ground to the $\pm 16V$ and GND terminals on the DC2071A. Connect the DC590 to a host PC with a standard USB A/B cable. Connect the DC2071A to a DC590 USB serial controller using the supplied 14-conductor

ribbon cable. Apply a signal source to J2-J7. No clock is required on J1 when using the DC590. The clock is provided by the DC590.

Run the QuikEval[™] software (quikeval.exe version K103 or later) which is available from www.linear.com/design-tools/software. The correct control panel will be loaded automatically. Click the Collect button (Figure 10) to begin reading the ADC.



DC Power

The DC2071A requires ±16VDC and draws +100mA/-40mA. Most of the supply current is consumed by the CPLD, op amps, regulators and discrete logic on the board. The +16VDC input voltage powers the ADC through LT1763 regulators which provide protection against accidental reverse bias. Additional regulators provide power for the CPLD and op amps. See Figure 1 for connection details.

Clock Source

You must provide a low jitter $2.5V_{PP}$ sine or square wave to the clock input, J1. The clock input is AC coupled so the DC level of the clock signal is not important. A generator like the Rohde & Schwarz SMB100A high speed clock source is recommended. Even a good generator can start to produce noticeable jitter at low frequencies. Therefore it is recommended for lower sample rates to divide down a higher frequency clock to the desired sample rate. The ratio of clock frequency to conversion rate is 62:1 for 18-bit parts and 50:1 for 16-bit parts. If the clock input is to be driven with logic, it is recommended that the 49.9Ω terminator (R3) be removed. Slow rising edges may compromise the SNR of the converter in the presence of high-amplitude higher frequency input signals.

Data Output

Parallel data output from this board (0V to 2.5V default), if not connected to the DC890, can be acquired by a logic analyzer and subsequently imported into a spreadsheet or mathematical package depending on what form of digital signal processing is desired. Alternatively, the data can be fed directly into an application circuit. Use pin-50 of P1 to latch the data. The data should be latched using the positive edge of this signal. The data output signal levels at P1 can also be increased to 0V to 3.3V if the application circuit requires a higher voltage. This is accomplished by moving JP3 to the 3.3V position.

Reference

The default reference is the LTC2373-18 internal 4.096V reference. Alternatively, if an external reference voltage is

desired, the LTC6655-4.096 reference (U9) can be used by setting the REF jumper (JP1) to the EXT position and installing a 0Ω resistor in the R19 position.

Analog Inputs

The four default driver circuits for the analog inputs of the LTC2373-18 on the DC2071A are shown in Figures 2 to 5. The circuit of Figure 2 is a fully differential driver with OV to 4.096V inputs. The output of this circuit is band limited to approximately 13MHz. The circuit of Figure 3 is a single-ended to differential driver with an input signal range of ±8.192V. This circuit is band limited to 1.6MHz at the output. The circuit of Figure 4 is a single-ended to differential driver with an input range of OV to 4.096V. The output bandwidth of this circuit is 1.6MHz. The circuit of Figure 5 is a single-ended/fully differential input driver circuit with an input range of ±4.096V. The input bandwidth of this circuit is 4.8kHz. The output is band limited to 3MHz. The default for this circuit is single-ended drive. Drive the A_{IN4}^- input to ± 4.096 V. Alternatively, by removing R117 and changing R114 to 100Ω this circuit can be driven fully differentially.

The A_{IN1} and A_{IN3} driver circuits can be DC or AC coupled. The default setting is DC coupled. AC coupling the inputs may degrade the distortion performance of the ADC due to nonlinearity of the coupling capacitors. AC coupling can be implemented on the DC2071A by putting the coupling jumpers (JP6, JP8 for A_{IN1} and JP7 for A_{IN3}) in the AC position, and adding two $1k\Omega$ resistors at the optional resistor locations on the other side of each coupling capacitor (R91, R97, R106, R110 for A_{IN1} and R93, R100 for A_{IN3}).

Another option available on the demo board is to drive each input single-ended and then convert the single-ended inputs to fully differential at the MUX outputs. This allows the user to have eight single-ended inputs but still have the SNR of a fully differential input. To accomplish this, remove C31, R8, R15 and R128 then add C15, C24, C27, C29, R7, R13, R16, R17, R18, R129, R130, R131 and U7. The values for the passive devices are shown in the schematic of Figure 6.

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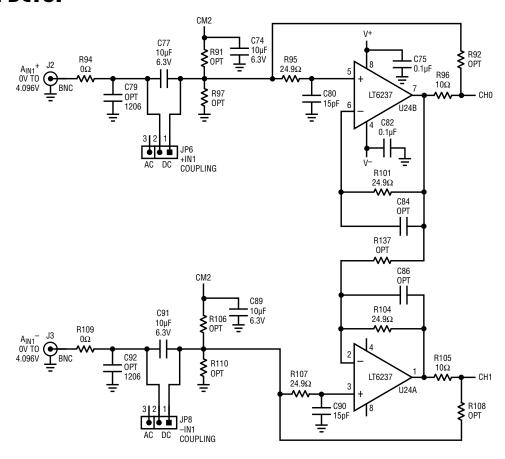


Figure 2. 0V to 4.096V Fully Differential AC/DC Coupled Driver

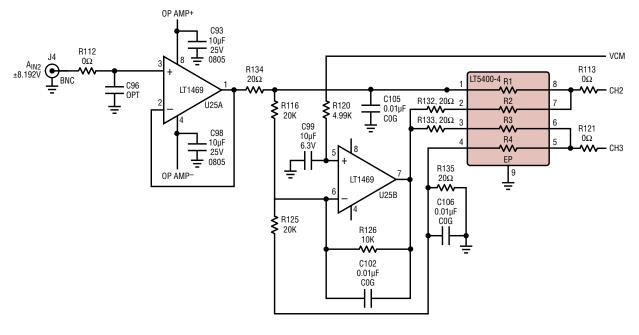


Figure 3. ±8.192V Single-Ended to Differential DC Coupled Driver





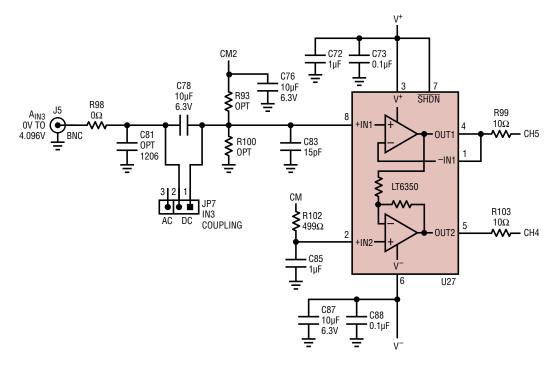


Figure 4. OV to 4.096V Single-Ended to Differential AC/DC Coupled Driver

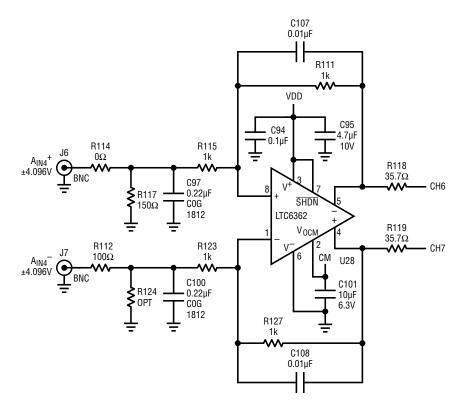


Figure 5. Single-Ended/Fully Differential Input to Fully Differential DC Coupled Driver

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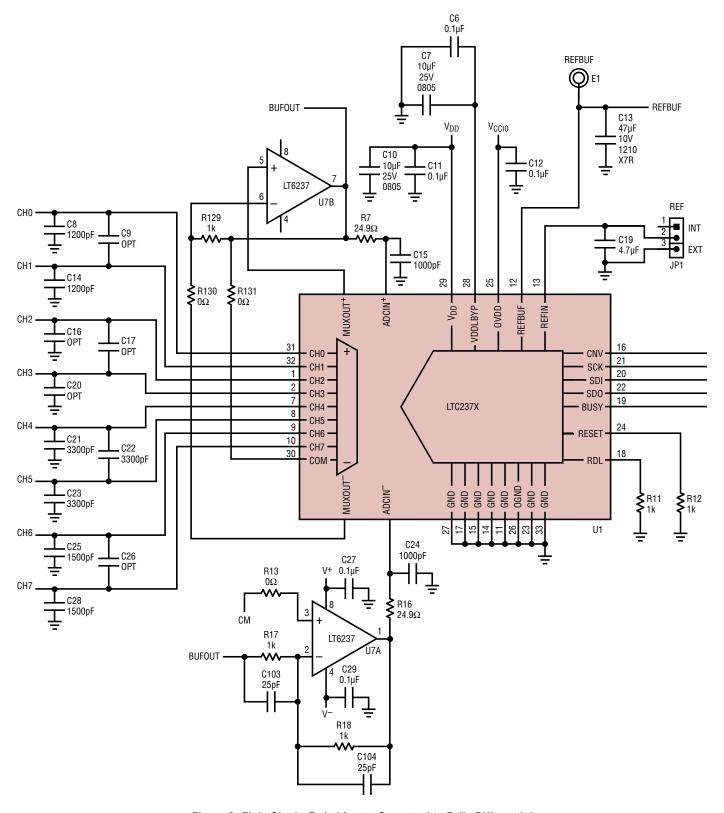


Figure 6. Eight Single-Ended Inputs Converted to Fully Differential



DC890 Data Collection

For SINAD, THD or SNR testing, a low noise, low distortion generator such as the B&K Type 1051 or Stanford Research SR1 should be used. A low jitter RF oscillator such as the Rohde & Schwarz SMB100A or DC1216A-A high speed clock source is used to drive the clock input. This demo board is tested in-house by attempting to duplicate the FFT plot shown in the Typical Performance Characteristics section of the LTC2373-18 data sheet. This involves using a 62MHz clock source, along with a sinusoidal generator

at a frequency of approximately 1kHz. The input signal level is approximately –1dBFS. A typical FFT obtained with DC2071A is shown in Figure 7. Note that to calculate the real SNR, the signal level (F1 amplitude= –1.058dB) has to be added back to the SNR that PScope displays. With the example shown in Figure 7 this means that the actual SNR would be 99.67dB instead of the 98.61dB that PScope displays. Taking the RMS sum of the recalculated SNR and the THD yields a SINAD of 99.5dB which is fairly close to the typical number for this ADC.

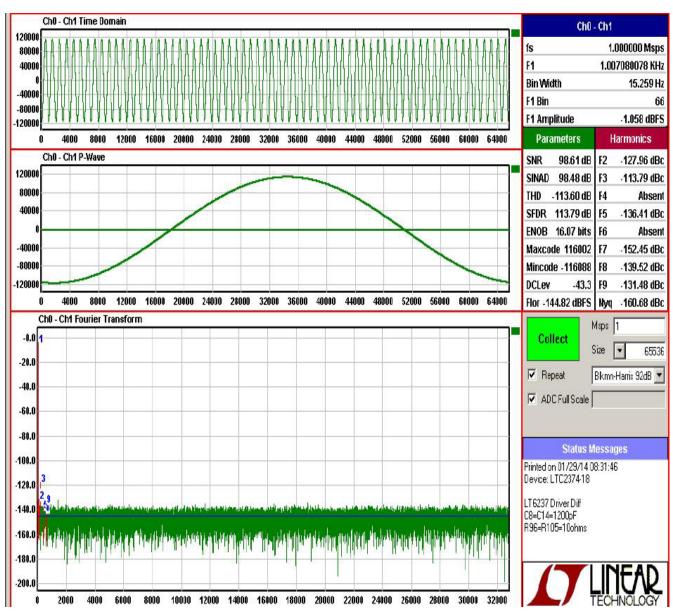


Figure 7. PScope Screen Shot

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To change the default settings for the LTC2373-18 sequencer in PScope, click on the Set Demo Bd Options button in the PScope tool bar shown in Figure 8. This will open the Configure Sequencer menu of Figure 9. In this menu it is possible to set the number of sequences up to 16, the channel configuration, format and gain compression setting for each sequence. There is also a button to return PScope to the default DC2071 settings which are optimized for the default hardware settings of the DC2071A.

There are a number of scenarios that can produce misleading results when evaluating an ADC. One that is common is feeding the converter with an input frequency that is a sub-multiple of the sample rate and which will

only exercise a small subset of the possible output codes. The proper method is to pick an M/N frequency for the input sine wave frequency. N is the number of samples in the FFT. M is a prime number between one and N/2. Multiply M/N by the sample rate to obtain the input sine wave frequency. Another scenario that can yield poor results is if you do not have a signal generator capable of ppm frequency accuracy or if it cannot be locked to the clock frequency. You can use an FFT with windowing to reduce the leakage, or spreading of the fundamental, to get a close approximation of the ADC performance. If an amplifier or clock source with poor phase noise is used, the windowing will not improve the SNR.



Figure 8. PScope Tool Bar

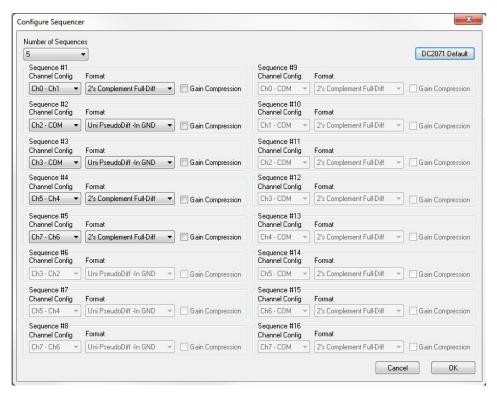


Figure 9. PScope Configure Sequencer Menu



DC590 Data Collection

Due to the relatively low and somewhat unpredictable sample rate of the DC590, its usefulness is limited to noise measurement and data collection of slowly moving signals. A typical data capture and histogram are shown in Figure 10. To change the default settings for the LTC2373-18 sequencer in QuikEval click on the Sequence Config. button. This will open the Sequence Configuration menu of Figure 11. In this menu, it is possible to set the number of sequences up to 16, the channel configuration, format and gain compression setting for each sequence. There is also a button to return QuikEval to the default DC2071 settings which are optimized for the default hardware settings of the DC2071A.

To get the best noise performance from the DC2071 it is recommended to place the demo board in a grounded metal enclosure filled with tissue paper.

Layout

As with any high performance ADC, this part is sensitive to layout. The area immediately surrounding the ADC on the DC2071A should be used as a guideline for place-

ment and routing of the various components associated with the ADC. Here are some things to remember when laying out a board for the LTC2373-18. A ground plane is necessary to obtain maximum performance. Keep bypass capacitors as close to supply pins as possible. Use individual low impedance returns for all bypass capacitors. Use of a symmetrical layout around the analog inputs will minimize the effects of parasitic elements. Shield analog input traces with ground to minimize coupling from other traces. Keep traces as short as possible.

Component Selection

When driving a low noise, low distortion ADC such as the LTC2373-18, component selection is important so as to not degrade performance. Resistors should have low values to minimize noise and distortion. Metal film resistors are recommended to reduce distortion caused by self heating. Because of their low voltage coefficients, to further reduce distortion, NPO or silver mica capacitors should be used. Any buffer used to drive the LTC2373-18 should have low distortion, low noise and a fast settling time, such as the LT1469, LT6237, LT6350 or LTC6362.

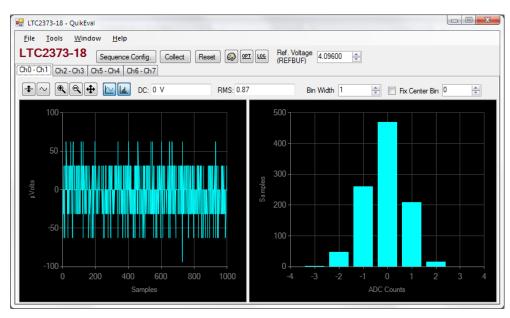


Figure 10. QuikEval Screen Shot

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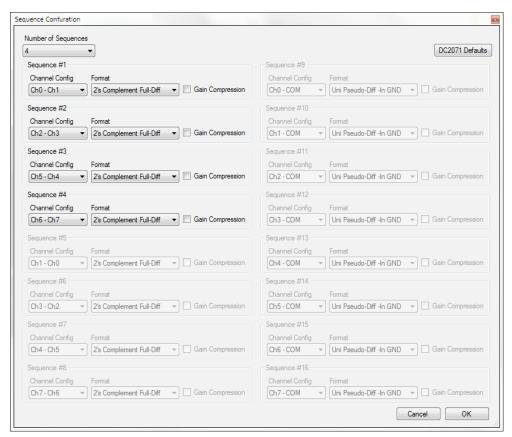


Figure 11. QuikEval Sequence Configuration Menu

DC2071A JUMPERS

Definitions

JP1: REF Selects INT or EXT reference for the ADC. The default setting is INT.

JP2: Selects the common mode voltage for the ADC. Choices are EXT, 2.5V, 2.048V or GND. The default setting is 2.048V.

JP3: VCCIO sets the output levels at J2 to either 3.3V or 2.5V. Use 2.5V to interface to the DC890 which is the default setting. Use 3.3V to interface to the DC590.

JP4: JTAG is used to program the CPLD. This is for factory use only.

JP5: EEPROM is for factory use only. The default position is WP.

JP6: +IN1 COUPLING selects AC or DC coupling of +IN1. The default setting is DC.

JP7: IN3 COUPLING selects AC or DC coupling of IN3. The default setting is DC.

JP8: –IN1 COUPLING Selects AC or DC coupling of –IN1. The default setting is DC.

JP9: COM sets the DC bias voltage for the COM pin to either CM or GND. CM is the default setting.

PARTS LIST

ITEM	QTY	REFERENCE	PART DESCRIPTION	MANUFACTURER/PART NUMBER
Require	d Circuit	Components		
1	18	C1–C6, C11, C12, C18, C32, C36, C61, C71, C73, C75, C82, C88, C94	CAP., X7R, 0.1µF, 16V,10%, 0603	NIC, NMC0603X7R104K16TRPF
2	10	C7, C10, C35, C40, C42, C47, C51, C57, C93, C98	CAP., X5R, 10µF 25V, 10%, 0805	TDK, C2012X5R1E106K
3	3	C8, C14, C31	CAP., COG, 1200pF 50V 5%, 0603	MURATA GRM1885C1H122JA01D
4	0	C9, C15–C17, C20, C24, C26, C27, C29, C37, C84, C86, C96, C103, C104	CAP., 0603	ОРТ
5	1	C13	CAP., X7R, 47µF, 10V 10%, 1210	MURATA, GRM32ER71A476KE15L
6	2	C19, C95	CAP., X5R, 4.7µF, 10V, 20%, 0603	TDK, C1608X5R1A475M
7	3	C21, C22, C23	CAP., COG, 3300pF 50V 5%, 0603	MURATA GRM1885C1H332JA01D
8	2	C25, C28, C55, C72, C85	CAP., COG, 1500pF 50V 5%, 0603	MURATA GRM1885C1H152JA01D
10	1	C33	CAP., X5R, 2.2μF, 16V, 10%, 0603	TDK, C1608X5R1C225K
11	1	C38	CAP., X5R, 47µF, 25V 20%, 1206	TDK, C3216X5R1E476M
12	5	C39, C45, C50, C53, C56	CAP., NP0, 0.01μF, 25V, 5%, 0603	TDK, C1608C0G1E103J
13	11	C46, C54, C74, C76–C78,	CAP., X5R, 10µF, 6.3V, 20%, 0603	TDK, C1608X5R0J106M
		C87, C89, C91, C99, C101		
14	1	C52	CAP., X5R, 3.3µF, 25V, 10%, 0603	TDK, C1608X5R1C335K
15	12	C58-C60, C62-C70	CAP., X7R, 0.1µF, 16V,10%, 0402	NIC, NMC0402X7R104K16TRPF
16	0	C79, C81, C92	CAP., 1206	OPT
17	3	C80, C83, C90	CAP., COG, 15pF, 50V, 5%, 0603	TDK, C1608C0G1H150J
18	2	C97, C100	CAP., COG, 0.22µF, 50V, 5%, 1812	TDK, C4532C0G1H224J
19	5	C102, C105-C108	CAP., NP0, 0.01µF, 25V, 5%, 0603	KEMET, C0603C103J3GAC7867
20	10	E1–E3, E5, E8–E13	TESTPOINT, TURRET, .064" pbf	MILL-MAX, 2308-2-00-80-00-00-07-0
21	3	E4, E6, E7	TESTPOINT, TURRET, .094" pbf	MILL-MAX, 2501-2-00-80-00-00-07-0
22	7	JP1, JP3, JP5–JP9	JMP, 1X3, .100", HD1X3-100	SAMTEC, TSW-103-07-L-S
23	1	JP2	JMP, 2X4, .100", HD2X4-100	SAMTEC, TSW-104-07-L-D
24	1	JP4	JMP, 2X5, .100", HD2X5-100	SAMTEC, TSW-105-07-L-D
25	7	J1-J7	CONN BNC FEM JACK PC MNT STRGHT,BNC5	AMPHENOL CONNEX, 112404
26	1	J8	CONN., HEADER 14POS 2MM VERT GOLD	MOLEX, 87831-1420
27	15	R1, R4, R11, R12, R23, R27, R28, R31, R32, R35, R37, R111, R115, R123, R127	RES., CHIP, 1k, 1/10W, 1% 0603	NIC, NRC06F1001TRF
28	5	R2, R5, R6, R9, R10	RES., CHIP, 33, 1/10W, 5% 0603	PANASONIC, ERJ-3GEYJ330V
29	1	R3	RES., CHIP, 49.9, 1/4W, 1% 1206	NIC, NRC12F49R9TRF
30	0	R7, R13, R14, R16–R19, R91–R93, R97, R100, R106, R108, R110, R124, R129–R131, R137	RES., 0603	ОРТ
31	12	R8, R15, R24, R90, R94, R98, R109, R112–R114, R121, R128	RES., CHIP, 0, 1/10W, 0603	VISHAY, CRCW06030000Z0EA
32	1	R20	RES., CHIP, 787, 1/10W, 1% 0603	YAGEO, RC0603FR-07787RL
33	5	R21, R96, R99, R103, R105	RES., CHIP, 10, 1/10W, 5% 0603	PANASONIC, ERJ-3GEYJ100V
34	1	R22	RES., CHIP, 221, 1/10W, 1% 0603	YAGEO, RC0603FR-07221RL
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37	1	R29	RES., CHIP, 1.07k, 1/10W, 1% 0603	NIC, NRC06F1071TRF
38	2	R30, R36	RES., CHIP, 11.5k, 1/10W, 1% 0603	YAGEO, RC0603FR-0711K5L
39	1	R33	RES., CHIP, 1.58k, 1/10W, 1% 0603	NIC, NRC06F1581TRF
40	1	R34	RES., CHIP, 3.16k, 1/10W, 1% 0603	NIC, NRC06F3161TRF
41	40	R38-R43, R45-R77, R83	RES., CHIP, 33, 1/16W, 5% 0402	VISHAY, CRCW040233R0JNED
42	4	R44, R78, R84, R86	RES., CHIP, 10k, 1/16W, 5% 0402	VISHAY, CRCW040210K0JNED
43	3	R80, R81, R82	RES., CHIP, 1k, 1/16W, 5% 0402	VISHAY, CRCW04021K00JNED
44	5	R85, R87, R88, R89, R120	RES., CHIP, 4.99k, 1/10W, 1% 0603	PANASONIC, ERJ-3EKF4991V
45	4	R95, R101, R104, R107	RES., CHIP, 24.9, 1/10W, 1% 0603	PANASONIC, ERJ-3EKF24R9V
46	1	R102	RES., CHIP, 499, 1/10W, 1% 0603	NIC, NRC06F4990TRF
47	2	R116, R125	RES., CHIP, 20k, 1/10W, 1% 0603	YAGEO, RC0603FR-0720KL
48	1	R117	RES., CHIP, 150, 1/10W, 5% 0603	NIC, NRC06J151TRF
49	2	R118, R119	RES., CHIP, 35.7, 1/10W, 1% 0603	PANASONIC, ERJ-3EKF35R7V
50	1	R122	RES., CHIP, 100, 1/10W, 5% 0603	VISHAY, CRCW0603100RJNEA
51	1	R126	RES., CHIP, 10k, 1/10W, 5% 0603	NIC, NRC06J103TRF
52	4	R132-R135	RES., CHIP, 20, 1/10W, 5% 0603	PANASONIC, ERJ-3GEYJ200V
53	0	R136	RES., 0402	OPT
54	4	U2, U3, U5, U19	IC., TINYLOGIC UHS INVERTER, SC70-5	FAIRCHILD, NC7SZ04P5X
55	1	U4	IC., SINGLE D FLIP FLOP, US8	ON SEMI., NL17SZ74USG
56	4	U6, U20, U21, U22	IC., SINGLE SPST BUS SWITCH, SC70-5	FAIRCHILD, NC7SZ66P5X
57	0	U7	IC., OP AMP/SAR ADC DRIVER, LT6237CMS8,MS8	OPT
58	1	U8	IC., 215MHz OP AMP/SAR ADC DRIVER, TSOT23-6	LINEAR TECH., LT6236CS6
59	1	U9	IC., 0.25ppm NOISE, LOW DRIFT PRECISION REF., MS8	LINEAR TECH.,LTC6655BHMS8-4.096
60	4	U10, U11, U12, U14	IC., 500mA LDO MICROPWR REGULATORS,S08	LINEAR TECH., LT1763CS8
61	1	U13	IC., 500mA LDO MICROPWR REGULATORS,S08	LINEAR TECH., LT1763CS8-1.8
62	2	U15, U16	IC., 200mA LDO MICROPWR REGULATORS,SOT23-5	LINEAR TECH., LT1964ES5-SD
63	1	U17	IC., I2C-BUS 8-BIT I/O, SSOP20	PHILIPS, PCF8574TS/3+118
64	1	U18	IC., MAX II FAMILY, TQFP100	ALTERA, EPM240GT100C5N
65	1	U23	IC., SERIAL EEPROM, TSSOP8	MICROCHIP, 24LC024-I/ST
66	1	U24	IC., MS8	LINEAR TECH., LT6237CMS8
67	1	U25	IC., S08	LINEAR TECH., LT1469CS8
68	1	U26	IC., MS8E	LINEAR TECH., LT5400ACMS8E-4
69	1	U27	IC., MS8	LINEAR TECH., LT6350CMS8
70	1	U28	IC., MS8	LINEAR TECH., LTC6362CMS8
71	4	MH1–MH4	STAND-OFF, NYLON, 0.25"	KEYSTONE, 8831(SNAP ON)
72	8	SHUNTS-SEE ASSY DWG	SHUNT, 0.1" CENTER	SAMTEC, SNT-100-BK-G

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DC2071	A-A Rec	quired Circuit Components	,	
1	1	DC2071A	GENERAL BOM	
2	1	U1	I.C., 18-Bit, 1.0Msps, QFN32UH-5X5	LINEAR TECH., LTC2373CUH-18
3	1	R79	RES., CHIP, 300, 1/10W, 5%, 0603	NIC, NRC06J301TRF
DC2071	A-B Rec	quired Circuit Components		
1	1	DC2071A	GENERAL BOM	
2	1	U1	I.C., 18-Bit, 0.5Msps, QFN32UH-5X5	LINEAR TECH., LTC2372CUH-18
3	1	R79	RES., CHIP, 300, 1/10W, 5%, 0603	NIC, NRC06J301TRF
DC2071	A-D Red	quired Circuit Components		
1	1	DC2071A	GENERAL BOM	
2	1	U1	I.C., 16-Bit, 1.0Msps, QFN32UH-5X5	LINEAR TECH., LTC2373CUH-16
3	0	R79	RES., CHIP, 300, 1/10W, 5%, 0603	OPT
DC2071	A-E Req	juired Circuit Components		
1	1	DC2071A	GENERAL BOM	
2	1	U1	I.C., 16-Bit, 0.5Msps, QFN32UH-5X5	LINEAR TECH., LTC2372CUH-16
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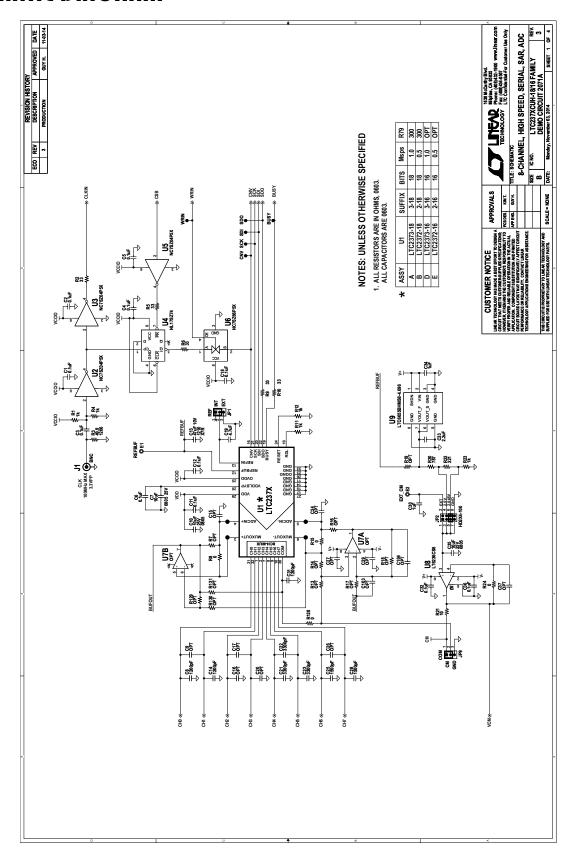


Figure 12. DC2071A Demo Circuit Schematic, Sheet 1

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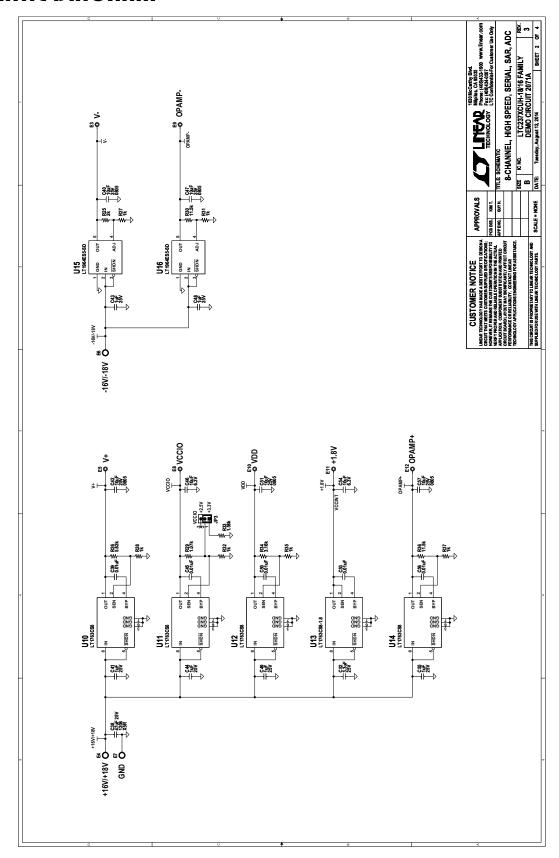


Figure 13. DC2071A Demo Circuit Schematic, Sheet 2

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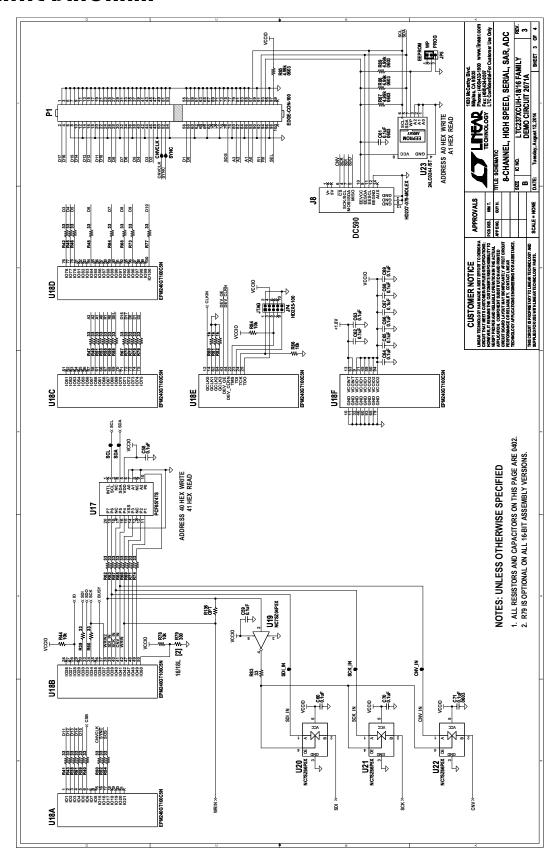


Figure 14. DC2071A Demo Circuit Schematic, Sheet 3

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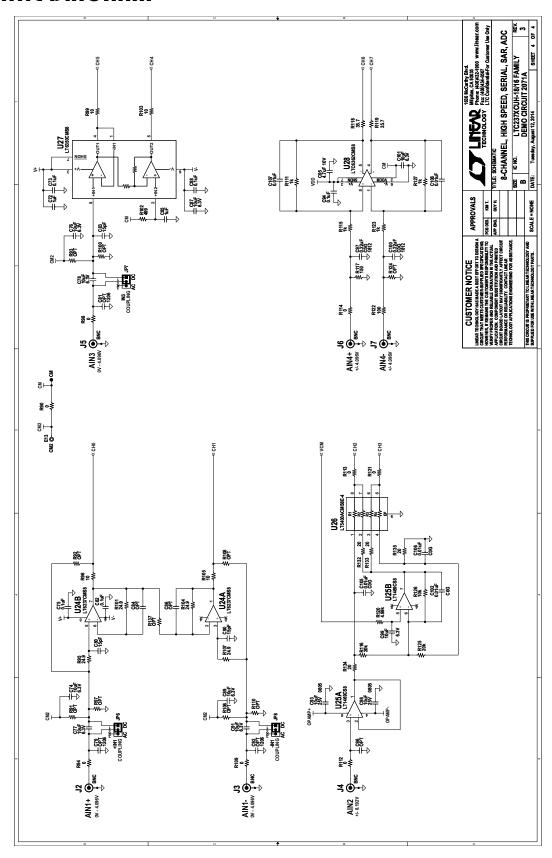


Figure 15. DC2071A Demo Circuit Schematic, Sheet 4

DEMO MANUAL DC2071A

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