



# LOGDAC CMOS Logarithmic D/A Converter

## AD7118\*

### FEATURES

**Dynamic Range 85.5 dB**  
**Resolution 1.5 dB**  
**Full  $\pm 25$  V Input Range Multiplying DAC**  
**Full Military Temperature Range  $-55^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$**   
**Low Distortion**  
**Low Power Consumption**  
**Latch Proof Operation (Schottky Diodes Not Required)**  
**Single 5 V to 15 V Supply**

### APPLICATIONS

**Digitally Controlled AGC Systems**  
**Audio Attenuators**  
**Wide Dynamic Range A/D Converters**  
**Sonar Systems**  
**Function Generators**

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The LOGDAC® AD7118 is a CMOS multiplying D/A converter which attenuates an analog input signal over the range 0 to  $-85.5$  dB in 1.5 dB steps. The analog output is determined by a six-bit attenuation code applied to the digital inputs. Operating frequency range of the device is from dc to several hundred kHz.

The device is manufactured using an advanced monolithic silicon gate thin-film on CMOS process and is packaged in a 14-pin dual-in-line package.

### ORDERING INFORMATION

| Model                 | Temperature Range                               | Specified Accuracy Range | Package Option <sup>1</sup> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| AD7118KN              | $0^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+70^{\circ}\text{C}$    | 0 to 42 dB               | N-16                        |
| AD7118LN              | $0^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+70^{\circ}\text{C}$    | 0 to 48 dB               | N-16                        |
| AD7118BQ              | $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+85^{\circ}\text{C}$  | 0 to 42 dB               | Q-16                        |
| AD7118CQ              | $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+85^{\circ}\text{C}$  | 0 to 48 dB               | Q-16                        |
| AD7118TQ <sup>2</sup> | $-55^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$ | 0 to 42 dB               | Q-16                        |
| AD7118UQ <sup>2</sup> | $-55^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$ | 0 to 48 dB               | Q-16                        |

### NOTES

<sup>1</sup>N = Plastic DIP; Q = Cerdip.

<sup>2</sup>To order MIL-STD-883, Class B processed parts, add /883B to part number.

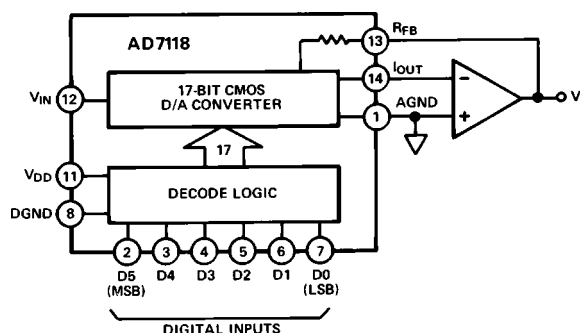
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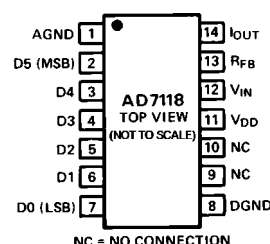
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### FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM



### PIN CONFIGURATION



# AD7118—SPECIFICATIONS ( $V_{DD} = +5\text{ V}$ or $+15\text{ V}$ , $V_{IN} = -10\text{ V}$ dc, $I_{OUT} = \text{AGND} = \text{DGND} = 0\text{ V}$ , output amplifier AD544 except where noted)

| Parameter                                | $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ |                                | $T_A = T_{MIN}, T_{MAX}$ |                         | Units             | Test Conditions/Comments                                                                                                              |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                          | $V_{DD} = +5\text{ V}$    | $V_{DD} = +15\text{ V}$        | $V_{DD} = +5\text{ V}$   | $V_{DD} = +15\text{ V}$ |                   |                                                                                                                                       |
| NOMINAL RESOLUTION                       | 1.5                       | 1.5                            | 1.5                      | 1.5                     | dB                |                                                                                                                                       |
| ACCURACY RELATIVE TO $V_{IN}$            |                           |                                |                          |                         |                   |                                                                                                                                       |
| AD7118L/C/U                              |                           |                                |                          |                         |                   |                                                                                                                                       |
| 0 dB to -30 dB                           | $\pm 0.35$                | $\pm 0.35$                     | $\pm 0.4$                | $\pm 0.4$               | dB max            | Accuracy is measured using circuit of Figure 1 and includes any effects due to mismatch between $R_{FB}$ and the R-2R ladder circuit. |
| -31.5 dB to -42 dB                       | $\pm 0.7$                 | $\pm 0.5$                      | $\pm 0.8$                | $\pm 0.7$               | dB max            |                                                                                                                                       |
| -43.5 dB to -48 dB                       | $\pm 1.0$                 | $\pm 0.7$                      | $\pm 1.3$                | $\pm 1.0$               | dB max            |                                                                                                                                       |
| AD7118K/B/T                              |                           |                                |                          |                         |                   |                                                                                                                                       |
| 0 dB to -30 dB                           | $\pm 0.5$                 | $\pm 0.5$                      | $\pm 0.5$                | $\pm 0.5$               | dB max            |                                                                                                                                       |
| -31.5 dB to -42 dB                       | $\pm 0.75$                | $\pm 0.75$                     | $\pm 1.0$                | $\pm 0.8$               | dB max            |                                                                                                                                       |
| MONOTONIC RANGE                          |                           |                                |                          |                         |                   |                                                                                                                                       |
| Nominal 1.5 dB Steps                     | L/C/U Grade               | Monotonic Over Full Code Range |                          | 0 to -72                | dB                | Digital Inputs 000000 to 110000                                                                                                       |
|                                          | K/B/T Grade               | Code Range                     |                          | 0 to -66                | dB                |                                                                                                                                       |
| Nominal 3 dB Steps                       | All Grades                | Monotonic Over Full Code Range |                          | 0 to -66                |                   | Digital Inputs 000000 to 101100                                                                                                       |
| $V_{IN}$ INPUT RESISTANCE                | All Grades                | 9                              | 9                        | 9                       | $k\Omega$ min     |                                                                                                                                       |
| (PIN 12)                                 | L/C/U Grade               | 17                             | 17                       | 17                      | $k\Omega$ max     |                                                                                                                                       |
|                                          | K/B/T Grade               | 21                             | 21                       | 21                      | $k\Omega$ max     |                                                                                                                                       |
| $R_{FB}$ INPUT RESISTANCE                | All Grades                | 9.45                           | 9.45                     | 9.45                    | $k\Omega$ min     |                                                                                                                                       |
| (PIN 13)                                 | L/C/U Grade               | 18                             | 18                       | 18                      | $k\Omega$ max     |                                                                                                                                       |
|                                          | K/B/T Grade               | 22                             | 22                       | 22                      | $k\Omega$ max     |                                                                                                                                       |
| DIGITAL INPUTS                           |                           |                                |                          |                         |                   |                                                                                                                                       |
| Input High Voltage Requirements $V_{IH}$ | 3.0                       | 13.5                           | 3.0                      | 13.5                    | V min             | Digital Inputs = $V_{DD}$                                                                                                             |
| Input Low Voltage Requirements $V_{IL}$  | 0.8                       | 1.5                            | 0.8                      | 1.5                     | V max             |                                                                                                                                       |
| Input Leakage Current                    | $\pm 1$                   | $\pm 1$                        | $\pm 10$                 | $\pm 10$                | $\mu\text{A}$ max |                                                                                                                                       |
| POWER SUPPLY                             |                           |                                |                          |                         |                   |                                                                                                                                       |
| $V_{DD}$ for Specified Accuracy          | 5                         | —                              | 5                        | —                       | V min             | Digital Inputs = 0 V or $V_{DD}$<br>(See Figure 7)                                                                                    |
|                                          | —                         | 15                             | —                        | 15                      | V max             |                                                                                                                                       |
| $I_{DD}$                                 | 0.5                       | 1                              | 1                        | 2                       | mA max            |                                                                                                                                       |

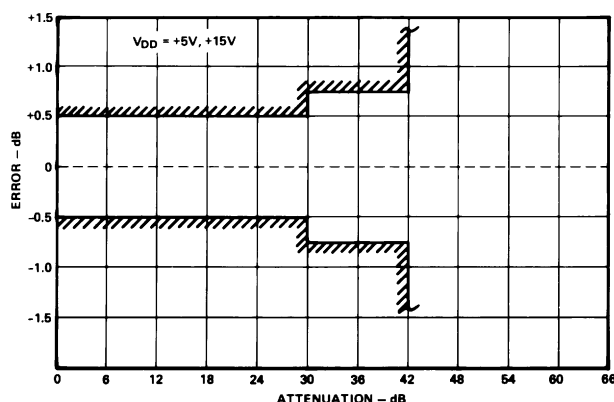
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## AC PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS ( $V_{DD} = +5\text{ V}$ or $+15\text{ V}$ , $V_{IN} = -10\text{ V}$ except where stated, $I_{OUT} = \text{AGND} = \text{DGND} = 0\text{ V}$ , output amplifier AD544 except where noted)

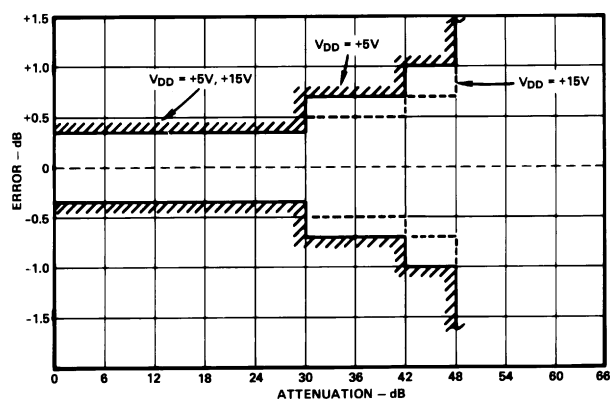
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| Parameter                                              | $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ |                         | $T_A = T_{MIN}, T_{MAX}$ |                         | Units                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                        | $V_{DD} = +5\text{ V}$    | $V_{DD} = +15\text{ V}$ | $V_{DD} = +5\text{ V}$   | $V_{DD} = +15\text{ V}$ |                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| DC Supply Rejection, $\Delta\text{Gain}/\Delta V_{DD}$ | 0.01                      | 0.005                   | 0.01                     | 0.005                   | dB per % max               | $\Delta V_{DD} = \pm 10\%$ ,<br>Input code = 100000<br>Full-Scale Change<br>Measured with ADLH0032CG<br>as output amplifier for input<br>code transition 100000 to 000000.<br>C1 of Figure 1 is 0 pF. |
| Propagation Delay                                      | 1.8                       | 0.4                     | 2.2                      | 0.5                     | $\mu\text{s}$ max          |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Digital-to-Analog Glitch Impulse                       | 225                       | 1200                    | —                        | —                       | nV secs typ                |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Output Capacitance (Pin 14)                            | 100                       | 100                     | 100                      | 100                     | pF max                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Input Capacitance Pin 12 and Pin 13                    | 7                         | 7                       | 7                        | 7                       | pF max                     | Feedthrough is also determined by circuit layout<br>$V_{IN} = 6\text{ V rms}$<br>per DIN 45403 Blatt 4<br>Includes AD544 amplifier noise                                                              |
| Feedthrough at 1 kHz                                   | L/C/U Grade               | -86                     | -68                      | -68                     | dB max                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                        | K/B/T Grade               | -80                     | -63                      | -63                     | dB max                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Total Harmonic Distortion                              | -85                       | -85                     | -85                      | -85                     | dB typ                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Intermodulation Distortion                             | -79                       | -79                     | -79                      | -79                     | dB typ                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Output Noise Voltage Density                           | 70                        | 70                      | 70                       | 70                      | nV/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ max |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Digital Input Capacitance                              | 7                         | 7                       | 7                        | 7                       | pF max                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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Accuracy Specification for K/B/T Grade Devices at  $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$



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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS\*

( $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$  unless otherwise noted)

|                                      |                                                   |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| $V_{DD}$ (to DGND)                   | ..... +17 V                                       |
| $V_{IN}$ (to AGND)                   | ..... $\pm 35$ V                                  |
| Digital Input Voltage to DGND        | ..... $-0.3$ V to $V_{DD} + 0.3$ V                |
| $I_{OUT}$ to AGND                    | ..... $-0.3$ V to $V_{DD}$                        |
| AGND to DGND                         | ..... 0 to $V_{DD}$                               |
| DGND to AGND                         | ..... 0 to $V_{DD}$                               |
| Power Dissipation (Any Package)      |                                                   |
| To $+75^\circ\text{C}$               | ..... 450 mW                                      |
| Derates Above $+75^\circ\text{C}$ by | ..... 6 mW/ $^\circ\text{C}$                      |
| Operating Temperature Range          |                                                   |
| Commercial (K, L Versions)           | ..... $0^\circ\text{C}$ to $+70^\circ\text{C}$    |
| Industrial (B, C Versions)           | ..... $-25^\circ\text{C}$ to $+85^\circ\text{C}$  |
| Extended (T, U Versions)             | ..... $-55^\circ\text{C}$ to $+125^\circ\text{C}$ |
| Storage Temperature                  | ..... $-65^\circ\text{C}$ to $+150^\circ\text{C}$ |
| Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec) | ..... $+300^\circ\text{C}$                        |

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

## TERMINOLOGY

**RESOLUTION:** Nominal change in attenuation when moving between two adjacent binary codes.

**MONOTONICITY:** The device is monotonic if the analog output decreases (or remains constant) as the digital code increases.

**FEEDTHROUGH ERROR:** That portion of the input signal which reaches the output when all digital inputs are high. See section on Applications.

**OUTPUT LEAKAGE CURRENT:** Current which appears on the  $I_{OUT}$  terminal with all digital inputs high.

**TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION:** Is a measure of the harmonics introduced by the circuit when a pure sinusoid is applied to the input. It is expressed as the harmonic energy divided by the fundamental energy at the output.

**ACCURACY:** Is the difference (measured in dB) between the ideal transfer function as listed in Table I and the actual transfer function as measured with the device.

**OUTPUT CAPACITANCE:** Capacitance from  $I_{OUT}$  to ground.

**DIGITAL-TO-ANALOG GLITCH IMPULSE:** The amount of charge injected from the digital inputs to the analog output when the inputs change state. This is normally specified as the area of the glitch in either pA-secs or nV-secs depending upon whether the glitch is measured as a current or voltage signal. Digital charge injection is measured with  $V_{IN} = \text{AGND}$ .

**PROPAGATION DELAY:** This is a measure of the internal delays of the circuit and is defined as the time from a digital input change to the analog output current reaching 90% of its final value.

**INTERMODULATION DISTORTION:** Is a measure of the interaction which takes place within the circuit between two sinusoids applied simultaneously to the input.

The reader is referred to Hewlett Packard Application Note 192 for further information.

## CAUTION

ESD (electrostatic discharge) sensitive device. Electrostatic charges as high as 4000 V readily accumulate on the human body and test equipment and can discharge without detection. Although the AD7118 features proprietary ESD protection circuitry, permanent damage may occur on devices subjected to high energy electrostatic discharges. Therefore, proper ESD precautions are recommended to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.



# AD7118

## CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

### GENERAL CIRCUIT INFORMATION

The AD7118 consists of a 17-bit R-2R CMOS multiplying D/A converter with extensive digital input logic. The logic translates the 6-bit binary input into a 17-bit word which is used to drive the D/A converter. Table I gives the nominal output voltages (and levels relative to 0 dB = 10 V) for all possible input codes. The transfer function for the circuit of Figure 1 is given by:

$$V_O = -V_{IN} 10 \exp \left\{ -\frac{1.5N}{20} \right\}$$

$$\text{or } \left| \frac{V_O}{V_{IN}} \right|_{dB} = -1.5N$$

where N is the binary input for values 0 to 57. For  $60 \leq N \leq 63$  the output is zero. See note 3 at bottom of Table I.

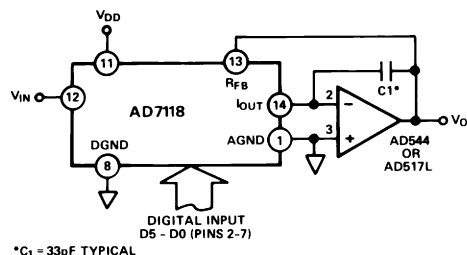


Figure 1. Typical Circuit Configuration

### EQUIVALENT CIRCUIT ANALYSIS

Figure 2 shows a simplified circuit of the D/A converter section of the AD7118 and Figure 3 gives an approximate equivalent circuit.

The current source  $I_{LEAKAGE}$  is composed of surface and junction leakages and as with most semiconductor devices, roughly doubles every  $10^\circ\text{C}$ —see Figure 10. The resistor  $R_O$  as shown in Figure 3 is the equivalent output resistance of the device which varies with input code (excluding all 0's code) from  $0.8R$  to  $2R$ .  $R$  is typically  $12\text{ k}\Omega$ .  $C_{OUT}$  is the capacitance due to the N-channel switches and varies from about  $50\text{ pF}$  to  $80\text{ pF}$  depending upon the digital input. For further information on CMOS multiplying D/A converters refer to "Application Guide to CMOS Multiplying D/A Converters" which is available from Analog Devices, Publication Number G479-15-8/78.

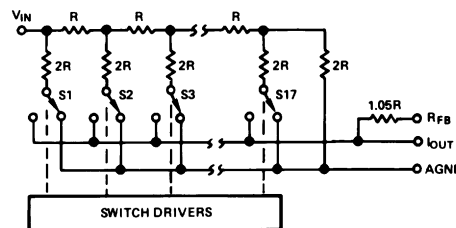


Figure 2. Simplified D/A Circuit of AD7118

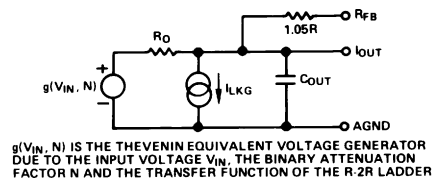


Figure 3. Equivalent Analog Output Circuit of AD7118

Table I. Ideal Attenuation vs. Input Code

| N  | Digital Input<br>D5 D0 | Attenuation<br>dB | $V_{OUT}^1$ | N  | Digital Input         | Attenuation | $V_{OUT}^1$ |
|----|------------------------|-------------------|-------------|----|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 0  | 00 00 00               | 0.0               | 10.00       | 31 | 01 11 11              | 46.5        | 0.0473      |
| 1  | 00 00 01               | 1.5               | 8.414       | 32 | 10 00 00              | 48.0        | 0.0398      |
| 2  | 00 00 10               | 3.0               | 7.079       | 33 | 10 00 01              | 49.5        | 0.0335      |
| 3  | 00 00 11               | 4.5               | 5.957       | 34 | 10 00 10              | 51.0        | 0.0282      |
| 4  | 00 01 00               | 6.0               | 5.012       | 35 | 10 00 11              | 52.5        | 0.0237      |
| 5  | 00 01 01               | 7.5               | 4.217       | 36 | 10 01 00              | 54.0        | 0.0200      |
| 6  | 00 01 10               | 9.0               | 3.548       | 37 | 10 01 01              | 55.5        | 0.0168      |
| 7  | 00 01 11               | 10.5              | 2.985       | 38 | 10 01 10              | 57.0        | 0.0141      |
| 8  | 00 10 00               | 12.0              | 2.512       | 39 | 10 01 11              | 58.5        | 0.0119      |
| 9  | 00 10 01               | 13.5              | 2.113       | 40 | 10 10 00              | 60.0        | 0.0100      |
| 10 | 00 10 10               | 15.0              | 1.778       | 41 | 10 10 01              | 61.5        | 0.00841     |
| 11 | 00 10 11               | 16.5              | 1.496       | 42 | 10 10 10              | 63.0        | 0.00708     |
| 12 | 00 11 00               | 18.0              | 1.259       | 43 | 10 10 11              | 64.5        | 0.00596     |
| 13 | 00 11 01               | 19.5              | 1.059       | 44 | 10 11 00              | 66.0        | 0.00501     |
| 14 | 00 11 10               | 21.0              | 0.891       | 45 | 10 11 01              | 67.5        | 0.00422     |
| 15 | 00 11 11               | 22.5              | 0.750       | 46 | 10 11 10              | 69.0        | 0.00355     |
| 16 | 01 00 00               | 24.0              | 0.631       | 47 | 10 11 11              | 70.5        | 0.00299     |
| 17 | 01 00 01               | 25.5              | 0.531       | 48 | 11 00 00              | 72.0        | 0.00251     |
| 18 | 01 00 10               | 27.0              | 0.447       | 49 | 11 00 01              | 73.5        | 0.00211     |
| 19 | 01 00 11               | 28.5              | 0.376       | 50 | 11 00 10              | 75.0        | 0.00178     |
| 20 | 01 01 00               | 30.0              | 0.316       | 51 | 11 00 11              | 76.5        | 0.00150     |
| 21 | 01 01 01               | 31.5              | 0.266       | 52 | 11 01 00              | 78.0        | 0.00126     |
| 22 | 01 01 10               | 33.0              | 0.224       | 53 | 11 01 01              | 79.5        | 0.00106     |
| 23 | 01 01 11               | 34.5              | 0.188       | 54 | 11 01 10              | 81.0        | 0.000891    |
| 24 | 01 10 00               | 36.0              | 0.158       | 55 | 11 01 11              | 82.5        | 0.000750    |
| 25 | 01 10 01               | 37.5              | 0.133       | 56 | 11 10 00              | 84.0        | 0.000631    |
| 26 | 01 10 10               | 39.0              | 0.112       | 57 | 11 10 01              | 85.5        | 0.000531    |
| 27 | 01 10 11               | 40.5              | 0.0944      | 58 | 11 10 10              | 87.0        | 0.000447    |
| 28 | 01 11 00               | 42.0              | 0.0794      | 59 | 11 10 11              | 88.5        | 0.000376    |
| 29 | 01 11 01               | 43.5              | 0.0668      | 60 | 11 11 XX <sup>2</sup> | $\infty$    |             |
| 30 | 01 11 10               | 45.0              | 0.0562      |    |                       |             |             |

NOTES

<sup>1</sup> $V_{IN} = -10\text{ V dc}$

<sup>2</sup>X = 1 or 0. Output is fully muted for  $N \geq 60$

<sup>3</sup>Monotonic operation is not guaranteed for  $N = 58, 59$

## DYNAMIC PERFORMANCE

The dynamic performance of the AD7118 will depend upon the gain and phase characteristics of the output amplifier, together with the optimum choice of PC board layout and decoupling components. Figure 4 shows a printed circuit layout which minimizes feedthrough from  $V_{IN}$  to the output in multiplying applications. Circuit layout is most important if the optimum performance of the AD7118 is to be achieved. Most application problems stem from either poor layout, grounding errors, or inappropriate choice of amplifier.

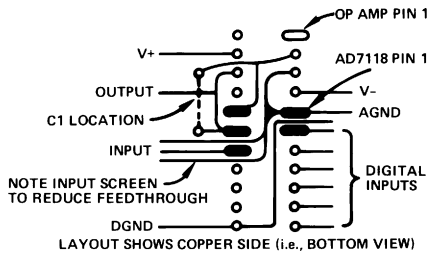


Figure 4. Suggested Layout for AD7118 and Op Amp

It is recommended that when using the AD7118 with a high speed amplifier, a capacitor C1 be connected in the feedback path as shown in Figure 1. This capacitor, which should be between 30 pF and 50 pF, compensates for the phase lag introduced by the output capacitance of the D/A converter. Figures 5 and 6 show the performance of the AD7118 using the AD517, a fully compensated high gain superbeta amplifier, and the AD544, a fast FET input amplifier. The performance without C1 is shown in the middle trace and the response with C1 in circuit is shown in the bottom trace.

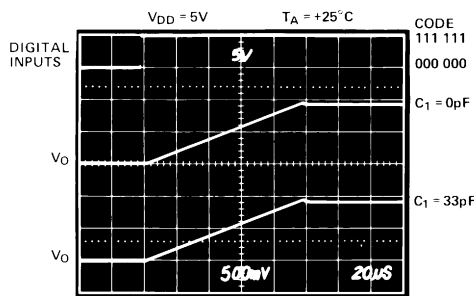


Figure 5. Response of AD7118 with AD517L

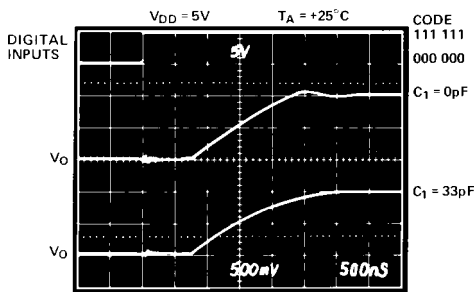


Figure 6. Response of AD7118 with AD544S

In conventional CMOS D/A converter design parasitic capacitance in the N-channel D/A converter switches can give rise to glitches on the D/A converter output. These glitches result from digital feedthrough. The AD7118 has been designed to minimize these glitches as much as possible. It is recommended that for minimum glitch energy the AD7118 be operated with  $V_{DD} = 5$  V. This will reduce the available energy for

coupling across the parasitic capacitance. It should be noted that the accuracy of the AD7118 improves as  $V_{DD}$  is increased (see Figure 8) but the device maintains monotonic behavior to at least  $-66$  dB in the range  $5 \leq V_{DD} \leq 15$  volts.

For operation beyond 250 kHz, capacitor C1 may be reduced in value. This gives an increase in bandwidth at the expense of a poorer transient response as shown in Figures 6 and 11. In circuits where C1 is not included the high frequency roll-off point is primarily determined by the characteristics of the output amplifier and not the AD7118.

Feedthrough and absolute accuracy for attenuation levels beyond 42 dB are sensitive to output leakage current effects. For this reason it is recommended that the operating temperature of the AD7118 be kept as close to  $25^\circ\text{C}$  as is practically possible, particularly where the device's performance at high attenuation levels is important. A typical plot of leakage current vs. temperature is shown in Figure 10.

Some solder fluxes and cleaning materials can form slightly conductive films which cause leakage effects between analog input and output. The user is cautioned to ensure that the manufacturing process for circuits using the AD7118 does not allow such films to form. Otherwise the feedthrough, accuracy and maximum usable range will be affected.

## STATIC ACCURACY PERFORMANCE

The D/A converter section of the AD7118 consists of a 17-bit R-2R type converter. To obtain optimum static performance at this level of resolution it is necessary to pay great attention to amplifier selection, circuit grounding, etc.

Amplifier input bias current results in a dc offset at the output of the amplifier due to the current flowing through the feedback resistor  $R_{FB}$ . It is recommended that an amplifier with an input bias current of less than 10 nA be used (e.g., AD517 or AD544) to minimize this offset.

Another error arises from the output amplifier's input offset voltage. The amplifier is operated with a fixed feedback resistance, but the equivalent source impedance (the AD7118 output impedance) varies as a function of attenuation level. This has the effect of varying the "noise" gain of the amplifier, thus creating a varying error due to amplifier offset voltage. To achieve an output offset error less than one half the smallest step size, it is recommended that an amplifier with less than 50  $\mu\text{V}$  of input offset be used (such as the AD517 or AD OP07).

If dc accuracy is not critical in the application, it should be noted that amplifiers with offset voltage up to approximately 2 millivolts can be used. Amplifiers with higher offset voltage may cause audible "thumps" due to dc output changes.

The AD7118 accuracy is specified and tested using only the internal feedback resistor. It is not recommended that "gain" trim resistors be used with the AD7118 because the internal logic of the circuit executes a proprietary algorithm which approximates a logarithmic curve with a binary D/A converter: as a result no single point on the attenuator transfer function can be guaranteed to lie exactly on the theoretical curve. Any "gain-error" (i.e., mismatch of  $R_{FB}$  to the R-2R ladder) that may exist in the AD7118 D/A converter circuit results in a constant attenuation error over the whole range. Since the gain error of CMOS multiplying D/A converters is normally less than 1%, the accuracy error contribution due to "gain error" effects is normally less than 0.09 dB.

# AD7118—Typical Performance Characteristics

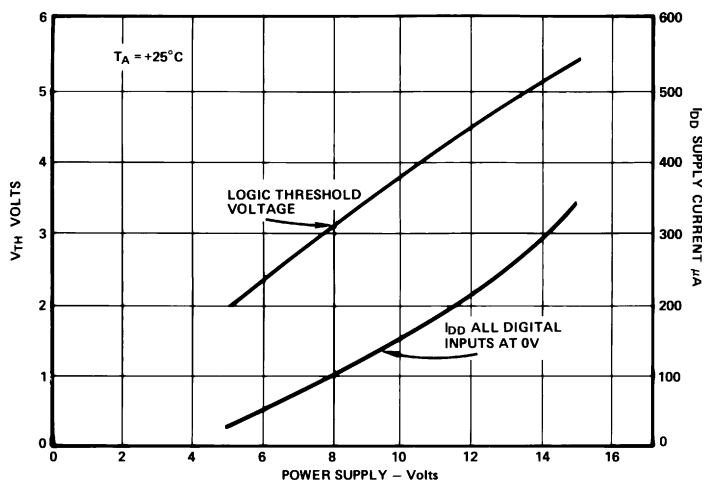


Figure 7. Digital Threshold & Power Supply Current vs. Power Supply

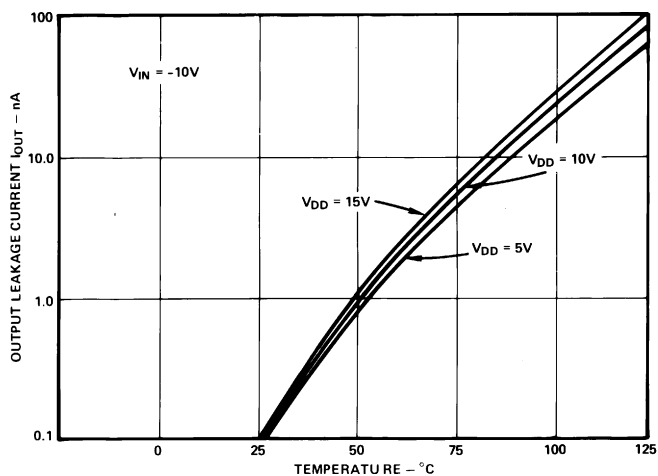


Figure 10. Output Leakage Current as Temperature at  $V_{DD} = 5, 10$  and  $15$  Volts

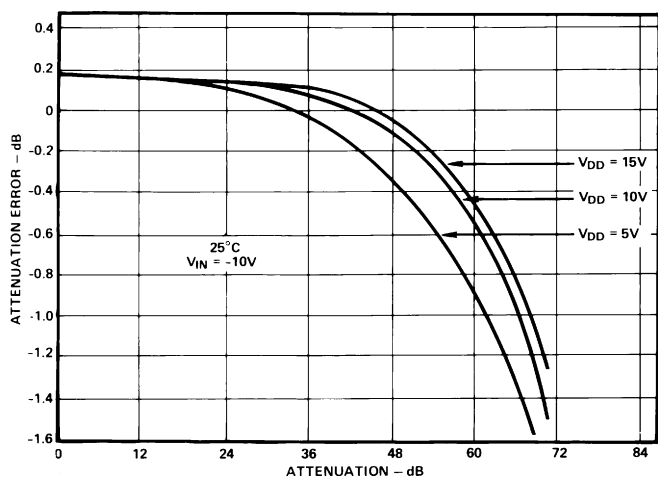


Figure 8. DC Attenuation Error vs. Attenuation &  $V_{DD}$

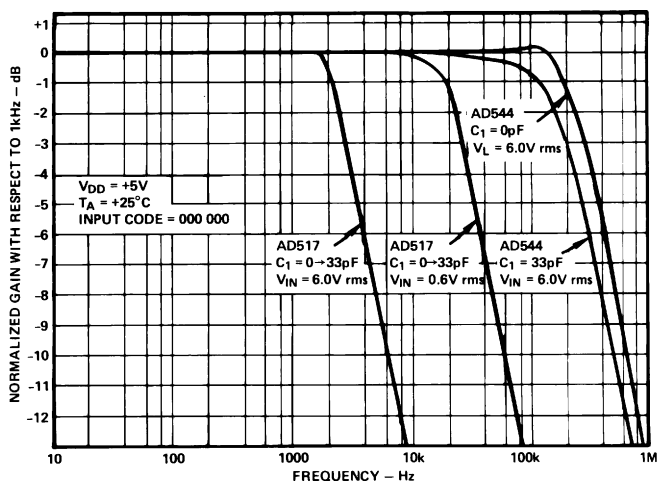


Figure 11. Frequency Response with AD544 and AD517 Amplifiers

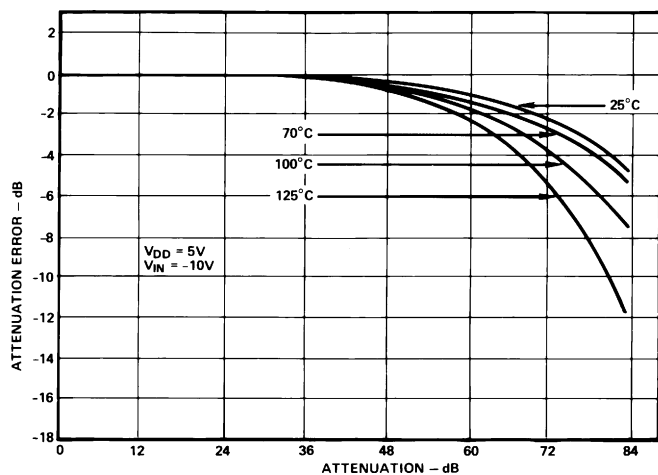


Figure 9. DC Attenuation Error vs. Attenuation & Temperature

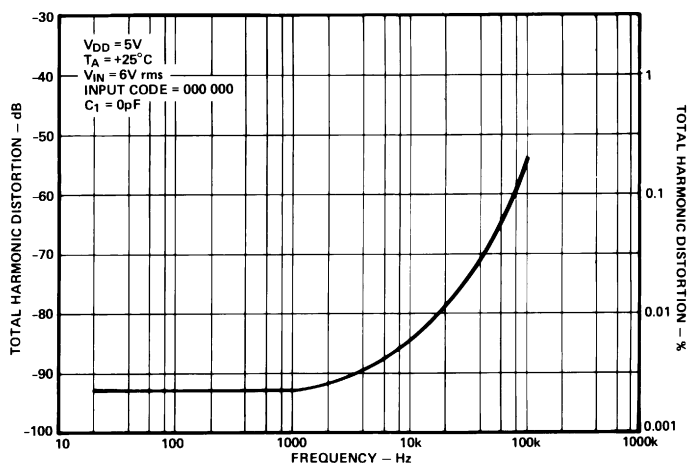


Figure 12. Distortion vs. Frequency Using AD544 Amplifier