

# I2C, Nonvolatile Memory, Dual 64/256-Position Digital potentiometers

# AD5251/AD5252

#### **FEATURES**

AD5251: Dual 64-Position Resolution AD5252: Dual 256-Position Resolution Nonvolatile Memory<sup>1</sup> Maintains Wiper Settings Resistance Tolerance Stored In Nonvolatile Memory  $1 \text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $10 \text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $50 \text{ k}\Omega$   $100 \text{ k}\Omega$ I2C Compatible Serial Interface Wiper Settings Read Back Linear Increment/Decrement Predefined Instructions +/-6dB Log taper Increment/Decrement Predefined Instructions Single Supply 2.7V to 5.5V Logic Operation Voltage 3V to 5V

Power On Presets to EEMEM Settings with Refresh Time < 1ms Nonvolatile Memory Write Protection 100-Year Typical Data Retention  $T_A = 55$  °C Operating Temperature -40°C to +125°C

TSSOP-14

#### **APPLICATIONS**

Mechanical Potentiometer Replacement Low Resolution DAC Replacement Sensors Calibrations **Electronics Level Settings** RF Base Station Power Amp Bias Control Programmable Gain and Offset Control Programmable Attentuator Programmable Voltage to Current Conversion Programmable Power Supply Programmable Filters Line Impedance Matching

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The AD5251/AD5252 is a dual channel, digitally controlled variable resistor (VR) with resolutions of 1024 positions. This device performs the same electronic adjustment function as a potentiometer or variable resistor. The AD5251/AD5252's versatile programming via a Micro Controller allows multiple modes of operation and adjustment.

In the direct program mode a predetermined setting of the RDAC register can be loaded directly from the micro controller. Another key mode of operation allows the RDAC register to be refreshed with the setting previously stored in the EEMEM register. When changes are made to the RDAC register to establish a new wiper position, the value of the setting can be saved into the EEMEM by executing an EEMEM save operation. Once the settings are saved in the EEMEM register, these values will be transferred automatically to the RDAC register to set the wiper position at system power ON. Such operation is enabled by the internal preset strobe and the preset can also be accessed externally.

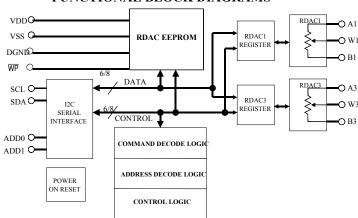
The basic mode of adjustment is the increment and decrement from the present setting of the Wiper position setting (RDAC) register. An internal scratch pad RDAC register can be moved UP or DOWN, one step of the nominal resistance between terminals REV PrB 2 DEC 99

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A-and-B. This linearly changes the wiper-to-B terminal resistance (R<sub>WB</sub>) by one out of 64/256 positions of the AD5251/AD5252 endto-end resistance ( $R_{AB}$ ). For non-linear changes in wiper setting, a left/right shift command adjusts levels in 6dB steps which can be useful for sound and light alarm applications.

The AD5251/AD5252 is available in the thin TSSOP-14 package. All parts are guaranteed to operate over the extended industrial temperature range of -40°C to +125°C.

#### FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAMS



#### Notes

- 1: The terms Nonvolatile Memory and EEMEM are used interchangeably.
- 2: The terms digital potentiometer, VR, and RDAC are used interchangeably.

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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS 1k, 10k, 50k, 100kΩ VERSIONS (VDD = +3V±10% or +5V±10% and

$V_{SS}$ =0V, $V_A$ = + $V_{DD}$ , $V_B$ = 0V, -40°C < <b>Parameter</b>	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Typ <sup>1</sup>	Max	Units
DC CHARACTERISTICS RHEOSTAT MOD	E Specifications	s apply to all VRs				
Resistor Differential NL <sup>2</sup>	R-DNL	R <sub>WB</sub> , V <sub>A</sub> =NC	-1	±1/4	+1	LSB
Resistor Nonlinearity <sup>2</sup>	R-INL	R <sub>WB</sub> , V <sub>A</sub> =NC	-2	±1/2	+2	LSB
Nominal resistor tolerance	ΔR	$T_A = 25$ °C, $V_{AB} = V_{DD}$ , Wiper ( $V_W$ ) = No connect	-30		30	%
Resistance Temperature Coefficent	R <sub>AB</sub> /∆T	V <sub>AB</sub> = V <sub>DD</sub> , Wiper (V <sub>W</sub> ) = No Connect		X		ppm/°C
Wiper Resistance	R <sub>W</sub>	I <sub>W</sub> = 1 V/R, V <sub>DD</sub> = +5V		50	100	Ω
Wiper Resistance	R <sub>W</sub>	$I_W = 1 \text{ V/R}, V_{DD} = +3V$		200		Ω
DC CHARACTERISTICS POTENTIOMETE	R DIVIDER MOD	E Specifications apply to all VRs				
Resolution	N	AD5251/AD5252			6/8	Bits
Integral Nonlinearity <sup>3</sup>	INL		-2	±1/2	+2	LSB
Differential Nonlinearity <sup>3</sup>	DNL		-1	±1/4	+1	LSB
Voltage Divider Temperature Coefficent	$\Delta V_W/\Delta T$	Code = Half-scale		X		ppm/°C
Full-Scale Error	V <sub>WFSE</sub>	Code = Full-scale	-3	-1	+0	LSB
Zero-Scale Error	V <sub>WZSE</sub>	Code = Zero-scale	0	+1	+3	LSB
RESISTOR TERMINALS						
Voltage Range <sup>4</sup>	$V_{A,B,W}$		V <sub>SS</sub>		V <sub>DD</sub>	V
Capacitance <sup>5</sup> Ax, Bx	C <sub>A,B</sub>	f = 1 MHz, measured to GND, Code = Half-scale		45		pF
Capacitance⁵ Wx	CW	f = 1 MHz, measured to GND, Code = Half-scale		60		pF
Common-mode Leakage Current <sup>7</sup>	I <sub>CM</sub>	$V_A = V_B = V_{DD}/2$		0.01	1	μA
DIGITAL INPUTS & OUTPUTS	<u> </u>					
Input Logic High	V <sub>IH</sub>	with respect to GND	0.3•V <sub>DD</sub>			V
Input Logic Low	V <sub>IL</sub>	with respect to GND			0.7•V <sub>DD</sub>	V
Output Logic High	V <sub>OH</sub>	$R_{PULL-UP} = 2.2K\Omega$ to +5V	4.9			V
Output Logic High	V <sub>OH</sub>	$I_{OH} = 40 \mu A, V_{LOGIC} = +5 V$	4			V
Output Logic Low	V <sub>OL</sub>	I <sub>OL</sub> = 1.6mA, V <sub>LOGIC</sub> = +5V			0.4	V
Input Current	ال	$V_{IN} = 0V \text{ or } V_{DD}$			±1	μA
Input Capacitance <sup>5</sup>	C <sub>IL</sub>			5		pF
POWER SUPPLIES						
Single-Supply Power Range	V <sub>DD</sub>	V <sub>SS</sub> = 0V	2.7		5.5	V
Dual-Supply Power Range	V <sub>DD</sub> /V <sub>SS</sub>	V <sub>SS</sub> = 0V	±2.2		±2.7	V
Positive Supply Current	I <sub>DD</sub>	$V_{IH} = V_{DD}$ or $V_{IL} = GND$		2	10	μΑ
Programming Mode Current	I <sub>DD(PG)</sub>	$V_{IH} = V_{DD}$ or $V_{IL} = GND$		15		mA
Read Mode Current	I <sub>DD(READ)</sub>	$V_{IH} = V_{DD}$ or $V_{IL} = GND$		650		μΑ
Negative Supply Current	I <sub>SS</sub>	$V_{IH} = V_{DD}$ or $V_{IL} = GND$ , $V_{DD} = 2.5V$ , $V_{SS} = -2.5V$			10	μΑ
Power Dissipation <sup>6</sup>	P <sub>DISS</sub>	$V_{IH} = V_{DD}$ or $V_{IL} = GND$			0.05	mW
Power Supply Sensitivity	PSS	$\Delta V_{DD} = +5V \pm 10\%$		0.002	0.01	%/%
DYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS <sup>5, 7</sup>						
Bandwidth –3dB	BW	$R_{AB} = 1k/10k/50k/100k\Omega$		TBD		kHz
Total Harmonic Distortion	THD <sub>W</sub>	$V_A = 1 \text{Vrms}, V_B = 0 \text{V}, f = 1 \text{KHz}$		0.003		%
V <sub>W</sub> Settling Time	t <sub>S</sub>	V <sub>A</sub> = VDD, V <sub>B</sub> =0V, 50% of final value				
		1k/10k/50k/100k		TBD		μs
Resistor Noise Voltage	e <sub>N_WB</sub>	$R_{WB} = 5K\Omega$ , $f = 1KHz$		9		nV√Hz
Crosstalk	CT	$V_A = V_{DD}$ , $V_B = 0V$ , Measue $V_W$ with adjacent				
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VR making full scale change

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Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Units		
INTERFACE TIMING CHARACTERISTICS applies to all parts(Notes 5,8)								
SCL Clock Frequency	f <sub>SCL</sub>		0		400	kHz		
t <sub>BUF</sub> Bus free time between STOP & START	t <sub>1</sub>		1.3			μs		
t <sub>HD;STA</sub> Hold Time (repeated START)	t <sub>2</sub>	After this period the first clock pulse is generated	0.6			μs		
t <sub>LOW</sub> Low Period of SCL Clock	t <sub>3</sub>		1.3			μs		
t <sub>HIGH</sub> High Period of SCL Clock	t <sub>4</sub>		0.6			μs		
t <sub>SU;STA</sub> Setup Time For START Condition	<b>t</b> 5		0.6			μs		
t <sub>HD;DAT</sub> Data Hold Time	t <sub>6</sub>		0		0.9	μs		
t <sub>SU;DAT</sub> Data Setup Time	t <sub>7</sub>		100			ns		
t <sub>F</sub> Fall Time of both SDA & SCL signals	t <sub>8</sub>				300	ns		
t <sub>R</sub> Rise Time of both SDA & SCL signals	t <sub>9</sub>				300	ns		
t <sub>SU;STO</sub> Setup time for STOP Condition	t <sub>10</sub>		0.6			μs		
Store to Nonvolatile EEMEM Save Time9	t <sub>12</sub>	Applies to Command 2 <sub>H</sub> , 3 <sub>H</sub>			25	ms		
RDY Rise to CS Fall	t <sub>15</sub>					ns		
Preset Pulse Width	tpr		50			ns		

#### NOTES:

- Typicals represent average readings at +25°C and  $V_{DD}$  = +5V.
- Resistor position nonlinearity error R-INL is the deviation from an ideal value measured between the maximum resistance and the minimum resistance wiper positions. R-DNL measures the relative step change from ideal between successive tap positions. Parts are guaranteed monotonic. See figure 20 test circuit. Iw = VDD/R for both VDD=+3V or VDD=+5V.
- INL and DNL are measured at V<sub>W</sub> with the RDAC configured as a potentiometer divider similar to a voltage output D/A converter. V<sub>A</sub> = V<sub>DD</sub> and V<sub>B</sub> = 0V. DNL specification limits of ±1LSB maximum are Guaranteed Monotonic operating conditions. See Figure 19 test circuit.
- Resistor terminals A,B,W have no limitations on polarity with respect to each other.
- Guaranteed by design and not subject to production test.
- P<sub>DISS</sub> is calculated from (I<sub>DD</sub> x V<sub>DD</sub>=+5V).
- All dynamic characteristics use  $V_{DD} = +5V$ .
- See timing diagram for location of measured values. All input control voltages are specified with t<sub>R</sub>=t<sub>F</sub>=2.5ns(10% to 90% of 3V) and timed from a voltage level of 1.5V. Switching characteristics are measured using both V<sub>DD</sub> = +3V or +5V.
- Low only for commands 8, 9,10, 2, 3: CMD\_8 ~ 1ms; CMD\_9,10 ~0.1ms; CMD\_2,3 ~20ms

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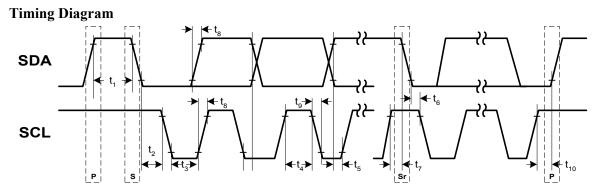


Figure 1. Timing Diagram

Data of AD5251/AD5252 is accepted from the I<sup>2</sup>C bus in the following serial format:

5	0	1	0	1	1	Α	Α	R/	Α	17	16	15	I4	13	12	I1	10	A	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	Α	P
						D D	D D 0	W											7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0		
		Sla	ave	Ado	dres	s By	yte		Instruction Byte Data Byte																			

Where:

S = Start Condition

P = Stop Condition

A = Acknowledge

X = Don't Care

**ADD1**, **ADD0** = Package pin programmable address bits

 $\mathbf{R}/\overline{\mathbf{W}}$ = Read Enable at High and Write Enable at Low

I7 - I0 = Instruction bits

**D5 - D0 =** 6 Data Bits. **D7 and D6 =** X (AD5251)

D7 - D0 = 8 Data Bits (AD5252)

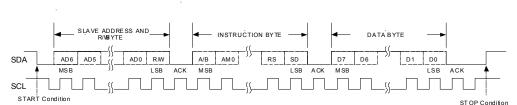


Figure 2. Complete Serial Transmission

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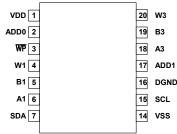
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otherwise noted)	
V <sub>DD</sub> to GND	0.3, +7V
V <sub>SS</sub> to GND	0V, -7V
V <sub>DD</sub> to V <sub>SS</sub>	+7V
V <sub>A</sub> , V <sub>B</sub> , V <sub>W</sub> to GND	
$A_X - B_X, A_X - W_X, B_X - W_X$	
Pulse	±20mA
Continuous	±5mA
Digital Inputs & Output Voltage to GND	0V, +7V
Operating Temperature Range	40°C to +85°C
Maximum Junction Temperature (T <sub>J</sub> MAX)	+150°C
Storage Temperature	65°C to +150°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec)	+300°C
Thermal Resistance $\theta_{JA}$ ,	
TSSOP-14	XXX°C/W
Package Power Dissipation = $(T_JMAX)$	X - T <sub>A</sub> ) / θ <sub>JA</sub>

### **Ordering Guide**

Model	Step	$R_{AB}$ (k $\Omega$ )	Temp Range (°C)	Package Descripti	Package Option
AD5251BRU1	64	1	-40/+125	on TSSOP- 14	RU-14
AD5251BRU10	64	10	-40/+125	TSSOP- 14	RU-14
AD5251BRU50	64	50	-40/+125	TSSOP- 14	RU-14
AD5251BRU100	64	100	-40/+125	TSSOP- 14	RU-14
AD5252BRU1	256	1	-40/+125	TSSOP- 14	RU-14
AD5252BRU10	256	10	-40/+125	TSSOP- 14	RU-14
AD5252BRU50	256	50	-40/+125	TSSOP- 14	RU-14
AD5252BRU100	256	100	-40/+125	TSSOP- 14	RU-14

The AD5251/AD5252 contain x,xxx transistors. Die size: x' mil x y' mil, z' sq. mil

### **AD5251/AD5252 PIN CONFIGURATION**



# AD5251/AD5252 PIN FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

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#	<u>Name</u>	Description
1	$V_{DD}$	Positive Power Supply Pin
2	ADD0	I2C Device Address 0
3	$\overline{WP}$	Write Protect, Active Logic Low
4	W1	Wiper terminal of RDAC1 (1 <sup>st</sup> Channel. ADD0=0 ADD1 = 1)
5	B1	B terminal of RDAC1 (1st Channel. ADD0=0, ADD1=1)
6	A1	A terminal of RDAC1 (1st Channel. ADD0=0, ADD1=1)
7	SDA	Serial Data Input Pin. Shifts in one bit at a time on positive clock CLK edges. MSB loaded first.
8	$V_{ss}$	Negative Supply. Connect to zero volt for single supply
9	SCL	Serial Input Register clock pin. Shifts in one bit at a time on positive clock edges.
10	DGND	Digital Ground. Connect to System Analog Ground at a Single Point
11	ADD1	I2C Device Address 1
12	A3	A terminal of RDAC3 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Channel. ADD0=1, ADD1=1)
13	В3	B terminal of RDAC3 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Channel. ADD0=1, ADD1=1)
14	W3	Wiper terminal of RDAC3(2 <sup>nd</sup> Channel. ADD0=1, ADD1=1)

## **Nonvolatile Memory Digital Potentiometers**

### AD5251/AD5252

### **OPERATIONAL OVERVIEW**

The AD5251/AD5252 digital potentiometer is designed to operate as a true variable resistor replacement device for analog signals that remain within the terminal voltage range of V<sub>SS</sub><V<sub>TERM</sub><V<sub>DD</sub>. The basic voltage range is limited to a V<sub>DD</sub>-V<sub>SS</sub><5.5V. Control of the digital potentiometer allows both scratch pad register (RDAC register) changes to be made, as well as 100,000 times of nonvolatile electrically erasable memory (EEMEM) register operations. The EEMEM update process takes approximately 20.2ms, during this time the shift register is locked preventing any changes from taking place. The EEMEM retention is designed to last 10 years without refresh. The scratch pad register can be changed incrementally by using the software controlled Increment/Decrement instruction or the Shift Left/Right instruction command. Alternately the scratch pad register can be programmed with any position value using the standard I<sup>2</sup>C serial interface mode by loading the representative data word. The scratch pad register can be loaded with the current contents of the nonvolatile EEMEM register under program control. At system power ON, the default value of the scratch pad memory is the value previously saved in the EEMEM register. The factory EEMEM preset values are mid-scale 32/128 for AD5251/AD5252 respectively.

The serial input data register uses a 32-bit slave address/instruction/data WORD.

#### SERIAL DATA INTERFACE

The AD5251/AD5252 employs a two-wire I<sup>2</sup>C serial interface requiring only two I/O lines of a standard microprocessor port. Key features of this interface include:

- Read & Write capability to all registers
- Direct parallel refresh of all RDAC wiper registers from corresponding EEMEM registers
- Increment & Decrement instructions for each RDAC wiper register
- Left & right Bit Shift of all RDAC wiper registers to achieve 6dB level changes
- Permanent storage of the present scratch pad RDAC register values into the corresponding EEMEM register
- EEMEM Write Protect

Figure 1 shows the timing diagram for signals on the wire bus. The 2-wire bus can have several devices attached in addition to the AD5251/AD5252. The two bus lines (SDA and SCL) must be high when the bus is not in use. When in use, the port bits are toggled to generate the appropriate signals for SDA and SCL. For I<sup>2</sup>C applications, two pull up resistors are required at both the SDA and SCL pins to VDD.

The AD5251/AD5252 can operate SCL of up to 400kHz. A master device sends information to the AD5251/AD5252 by transmitting the AD5251/AD5252's address over the bus and then transmitting the desired information. Each transmission consists of a START condition, the AD5251/AD5252's programmable slave address, an instruction byte, 2 data bytes consist of 10 data bits, and a STOP condition.

The address byte, instruction byte, and data bytes are transmitted between the START and STOP conditions. The state of SDA is allowed to change only if SCL is low, with the exceptions at START and STOP conditions. SDA must remain stable and is sampled (read or write depends upon the state of R/W) when SCL is high. Data is transmitted in 8-bit bytes.

#### The START and STOP Conditions

When the bus is not in use, both SCL and SDA must be high. A bus master signals the beginning of a transmission with a START condition by transitioning SDA from high to low while SCL is high (Figure 3). When the master has finished communicating with the slave, it issues a STOP condition by transitioning SDA from low to high while SCL is high. The bus is then free for another transmission.



Figure 3.START and STOP Conditions

### The Slave Address

The AD5251/AD5252's slave address is seven bits long (Figure 4). The first five bits (MSBs) of the slave address have been factory programmed to 01011. The state of the AD5251/AD5252 inputs AD0 and AD1 determine the final two bits of the 7-bit slave address, These input pins may be connected to VDD or GND, or may be actively driven by TTL or CMOS logic levels. There are four possible addresses for the AD5251/AD5252, and therefore a maximum of four such devices may be on the bus at the same time. The eighth bit (LSB) in the slave address byte is for read write purpose. Active low allows data to be read back from the input register. Active low allows data to be written to the input register. The AD5251/AD5252 watches the bus continuously, waiting for a START condition followed by its slave address. When it recognizes its slave address, it is ready to accept data.

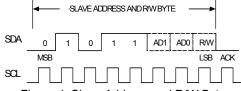


Figure 4. Slave Address and R/W Byte

### The Instruction Byte

(To be determined)

### The Data Bytes

(To be determined)

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Table 1. AD5251/AD5252 Instruction/Operation Truth Table

Slave Address & R/W Byte	Instruction Byte	Data Byte	Operation
B31 B24	B23 B16	B7 B0	-
AD6 AD5 AD4 AD3 AD2 AD1 AD0 R/W	I7 I6 I5 I4 I3 I2 I1 I0	D7 D0	
0 1 0 1 1 0 0 0	0	X X	
0 1 0 1 1 0 0 1	0	X X	
0 1 0 1 1 0 0 0	1	X X	
0 1 0 1 1 0 0 1	1	X X	
0 1 0 1 1 0 0 0	0	X X	
0 1 0 1 1 0 0 1	0	X X	
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0 1 0 1 1 0 0 0	0	X X	
0 1 0 1 1 0 0 1	0	X X	
0 1 0 1 1 0 0 0	1	X X	
0 1 0 1 1 0 0 1	1	X X	

#### NOTES:

- 1. The RDAC register is a volatile scratch pad register that is refreshed at power ON from the corresponding non-volatile EEMEM register.
- 2. The increment, decrement and shift commands ignore the contents of the shift register Data Byte.

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#### **Detail Potentiometer Operation**

The actual structure of the RDAC is designed to emulate the performance of a mechanical potentiometer. The RDAC contains a string of connected resistor segments, with an array of analog switches that act as the wiper connection to several points along the resistor array. The number of points is the resolution of the device. For example, the AD5251/AD5252 emulates 64/256 connection points with 64/256 equal resistance,  $R_s$ , allowing it to provide better than 1.5%/0.4% set-ability resolution. Figure 5 provides an equivalent diagram of the connections between the three terminals that make up one channel of the RDAC. The switches  $SW_A$  and  $SW_B$  will always be ON while one of the switches SW(0) to  $SW(2^N-1)$  will be ON one at a time depends upon the resistance step decoded from the data. The total resistance of the active switches makes up the wiper resistance,  $R_W$ .

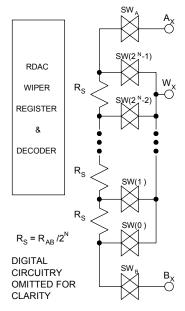


Figure 5. Equivalent RDAC structure

# PROGRAMMING THE VARIABLE RESISTOR Rheostat Operation

The nominal resistance of the RDAC between terminals A and B are available with values of  $1k\Omega$ ,  $10k\Omega$ ,  $50k\Omega$ , and  $100k\Omega$ . The final digits of the part number determine the nominal resistance value, e.g.,  $1k\Omega=1$ ,  $10k\Omega=10$ ,  $50k\Omega=50$ , and  $100k\Omega=100$ . The nominal resistance ( $R_{AB}$ ) of the AD5251/AD5252 VR has 64/256 contact points accessed by the wiper terminal, plus the B terminal contact. The 6/8-bit data word in the RDAC latch is decoded to select one of the 64/256 possible settings. The wiper's first connection starts at the B terminal for data  $00_{H}$ . This B-terminal connection has a wiper contact resistance,  $R_{w}$  of  $50\Omega$ , regardless of what the nominal resistance is. The second connection (AD5251  $10k\Omega$  part) is the first tap point where  $R_{wB}$ = $206\Omega$  [ $R_{wB}$ = $R_{AB}/64$  +  $R_{W}$ =

156Ω+50Ω)] for data  $01_H$ . The third connection is the next tap point representing  $R_{wB}$ =312+50= 362Ω for data  $02_H$ . Each LSB data value increase moves the wiper up the resistor ladder until the last tap point is reached at  $R_{wB}$ =9893Ω. See figure 6 for a simplified diagram of the equivalent RDAC circuit.

The general equation, which determines the digitally programmed output resistance between Wx and Bx, is:

$$R_{WB}(Dx) = (Dx/2^{N})*R_{AB} + R_{W}$$
 eqn. 1

Where N is the resolution of the VR, Dx is the data contained in the RDACx latch, and  $R_{AB}$  is the nominal end-to-end resistance. Since N=6/8-bit and  $R_{w}$ =50 $\Omega$  for AD5251/AD5252, eqn. 1 becomes:

$$R_{WB}(Dx) = (Dx/64)*R_{AB} + 50\Omega$$
 for AD5251 eqn. 2

$$R_{WB}(Dx) = (Dx/256)*R_{AB} + 50\Omega$$
 for AD5252 eqn. 3

For example, when  $V_B = 0V$  and A-terminal is open circuit, the following output resistance values will be set by the corresponding RDAC latch codes (applies to AD5251  $R_{AB}$ =10k $\Omega$  potentiometers):

Dx (DEC)	$R_{WB}$ $(\Omega)$	Output State
63 32	9893Ω 5050Ω	Full-Scale Mid-Scale
1 0	$206\Omega$ $50\Omega$	1 LSB Zero-Scale (Wiper contact resistance)

Note that in the zero-scale condition a finite wiper resistance of  $50\Omega$  is present. Care should be taken to limit the current conduction between W and B in this state to a no more than  $\pm 5 \text{mA}$  continuous or  $\pm 20 \text{mA}$  pulse to avoid degradation or possible destruction of the internal switch contact.

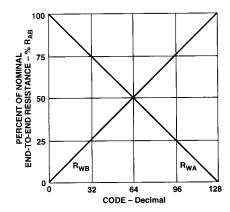


Figure 6. Symmetrical RDAC Operation

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Like the mechanical potentiometer the RDAC replaces, the AD5251/AD5252 part is totally symmetrical. The resistance between the wiper W and terminal A also produces a digitally controlled resistance  $R_{WA}$ . Figure 6 shows the symmetrical programmability of the various terminal connections. When these terminals are used, the B–terminal should be tied to the wiper. Setting the resistance value for  $R_{WA}$  starts at a maximum value of resistance and decreases as the data loaded in the latch is increased in value. The general equation for this operation is:

$$R_{WA}(Dx) = [(64-Dx)/64]*R_{AB} + 50\Omega (AD5251) \text{ eqn. } 4$$

$$R_{WA}(Dx) = [(256-Dx)/256]*R_{AB} + 50\Omega (AD5252) \text{ eqn. } 5$$

For example, when  $V_A$  = 0V and B-terminal is tied to the wiper W the following output resistance values will be set by the corresponding RDAC latch codes (applies to AD5251  $R_{AB}$ =10k $\Omega$  potentiometers):

Dx	$R_{WA}$	Output State
(DEC)	$(\Omega)$	
63	206	Full-Scale
32	5050	Mid-Scale
1	9893	1 LSB
0	10050	Zero-Scale

The typical distribution of  $R_{AB}$  from channel-to-channel matches of less than  $\pm 1\%$  within the same package. On the other hand, device to device matching is process lot dependent such that a maximum of  $\pm 30\%$  variation is possible.

# PROGRAMMING THE POTENTIOMETER DIVIDER Voltage Output Operation

The digital potentiometer easily generates an output voltage proportional to the input voltage applied to a given terminal. For example connecting A-terminal to +5V and B-terminal to ground produces an output voltage at the wiper which can be any value starting at zero volts up to 1 LSB less than +5V. Each LSB of voltage is equal to the voltage applied across terminal AB divided by the 2<sup>N</sup> position resolution of the potentiometer divider. The general equation defining the output voltage with respect to ground for any given input voltage applied to terminals AB is:

$$V_W(Dx) = (Dx/64) * V_{AB} + V_B$$
 (AD5251) eqn. 6

$$V_W(Dx) = (Dx/256) * V_{AB} + V_B$$
 (AD5252) eqn. 7

Operation of the digital potentiometer in the divider mode results in more accurate operation over temperature. Here the output voltage is dependent on the ratio of the internal resistors and not the absolute value. Therefore, the drift reduces to 50ppm/°C.

#### ESD PROTECTION CIRCUITS

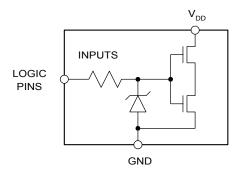


Figure 7A. Equivalent Digital Input ESD Protection

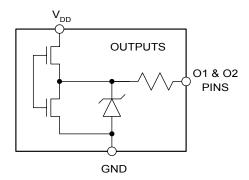


Figure 7B. Equivalent Digital Output ESD Protection

Figure 7 shows the equivalent ESD protection circuit for digital pins. Figure 8 shows the equivalent analog-terminal protection circuit for the variable resistors.

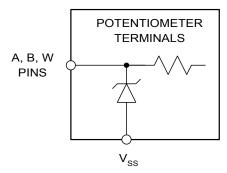


Figure 8. Equivalent VR-Terminal ESD Protection

#### TEST CIRCUITS

Figures 9 to 17 define the test conditions used in the product specification's table.

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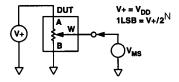


Figure 9. Potentiometer Divider Nonlinearity error test circuit (INL, DNL)

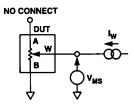


Figure 10. Resistor Position Nonlinearity Error (Rheostat Operation; R-INL, R-DNL)

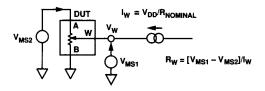


Figure 11. Wiper Resistance test Circuit

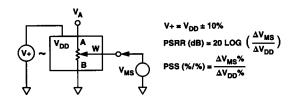


Figure 12. Power supply sensitivity test circuit (PSS, PSSR)

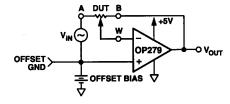


Figure 13. Inverting Gain test Circuit

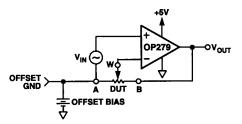


Figure 14. Non-Inverting Gain test circuit

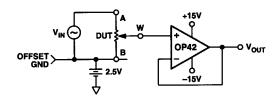


Figure 15. Gain Vs Frequency test circuit

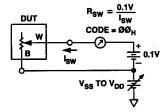


Figure 16. Incremental ON Resistance Test Circuit

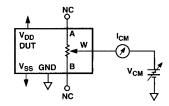


Figure 17. Common Mode Leakage current test circuit

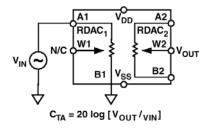


Figure 18. Analog Crosstalk Test Circuit

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**OUTLINE DIMENSIONS** 

Dimensions shown in inches and (mm)