

1 GSPS Direct Digital Synthesizer

AD9858

FEATURES

1 GSPS internal clock speed Up to 2 GHz input clock (selectable divide-by-2) Integrated 10-bit D/A converter Phase noise < 145 dBc/Hz @ 1 kHz offset Output frequency = 100 MHz (DAC output) 32-bit programmable frequency register Simplified 8-bit parallel and SPI® serial control interface Automatic frequency sweeping capability 4 frequency profiles 3.3 V power supply Power dissipation 2 W typical Integrated programmable charge pump and phase frequency detector with fast lock circuit Isolated charge pump supply up to 5 V Integrated 2 GHz mixer

APPLICATIONS

VHF/UHF LO synthesis Tuners Instrumentation Agile clock synthesis Cellular base station hopping synthesizer Radar Sonet/SDH clock synthesis

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The AD9858 is a direct digital synthesizer (DDS) featuring a 10-bit DAC operating up to 1GSPS. The AD9858 uses advanced DDS technology, coupled with an internal high speed, high performance D/A converter to form a digitally programmable, complete high frequency synthesizer capable of generating a frequency-agile analog output sine wave at up to 400+ MHz. The AD9858 is designed to provide fast frequency hopping and fine tuning resolution (32-bit frequency tuning word). The frequency tuning and control words are loaded into the AD9858 via parallel (8-bit) or serial loading formats. The AD9858 contains an integrated charge pump (CP) and phase frequency detector (PFD) for synthesis applications requiring the combination of a high speed DDS along with phase-locked loop (PLL) functions. An analog mixer is also provided on-chip for applications requiring the combination of a DDS, PLL, and mixer, such as frequency translation loops, tuners, and so on. The AD9858 also features a divide-by-2 on the clock input, allowing the external clock to be as high as 2 GHz.

The AD9858 is specified to operate over the extended industrial temperature range of –40°C to +85°C.

FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM

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AD9858—ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Table 1. Unless otherwise noted, $V_{DD} = 3.3 V \pm 5\%$, $CPV_{DD} = 5 V \pm 5\%$, $R_{SET} = 2 k\Omega$, $C_{PISET} = 2.4 k\Omega$, **Reference Clock Frequency = 1 GHz.**

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⁸ The charge pump supply voltage can range from 4.75 V to 5.25 V.
⁹ Output interface is differential open collector.

¹⁰ For 1 dB output compression; input power measured at 50 Ω.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Table 2.

Absolute Maximum Ratings are limiting values, to be applied individually, and beyond which the serviceability of the circuit may be impaired. Functional operability under any of these conditions is not necessarily implied. Exposure of absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods of time may affect device reliability.

Table 3. Explanation of Test Levels

ESD 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 this product 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.

Figure 2. 100-Lead TQFP_EP (SV-100-1) Pin Configuration

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¹ MHz BW, 2 GHz Clock, Divider On

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Figure 19. Translation Loop Residual Phase Noise F_{LO} = 1500 MHz, F_{OUT} = 1550 MHz, Loop BW = 50 kHz

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Figure 21. Fractional Divider Loop SFDR, $F_{IN} = 96.9$ MHz, F_{OUT} = 1550 MHz, BW = 150 MHz

Figure 22. Translation Loop SFDR, F_{LO} = 1459 MHz, F_{OUT} = 1550 MHz, BW = 1.5 MHz

Figure 23. Translation Loop SFDR, F_{LO} = 1459 MHz, F_{OUT} = 1550 MHz, BW = 150 MHz

Figure 24. Fractional Divider Loop SFDR, $F_{IN} = 97.3$ MHz, F_{OUT} = 1550 MHz, BW = 150 MHz

Figure 25. Translation Loop SFDR, F_{LO} = 1410 MHz, F_{OUT} = 1550 MHz, BW = 1.5 MHz

Figure 26. Translation Loop SFDR, $F_{LO} = 1410$ MHz, F_{OUT} = 1550 MHz, BW = 150 MHz

Figure 28. Supply Current vs. Fout (1 GHz REFCLK)

THEORY OF OPERATION **OVERVIEW**

The AD9858 direct digital synthesizer (DDS) is a flexible device that can address a wide range of applications. The device consists of an NCO with a 32-bit phase accumulator, 14-bit phase offset adjustment, a power efficient DDS core, and a one giga-samples per second (1 GSPS) 10-bit digital-to-analog converter. The AD9858 incorporates additional capabilities for automated frequency sweeping. The device also offers an analog mixer capable of operating at 2 GHz, a phase-frequency detector (PFD), and a programmable charge pump (CP) with advanced fast-lock capability. These RF building blocks can be used for various frequency synthesis loops or as needed in system design.

The AD9858 can directly generate frequencies up to 400+ MHz when driven at a 1 GHz internal clock speed. This clock can be derived from an external clock source of up to 2 GHz by using the on-chip divide-by-2 feature. The on-chip mixer and PFD/CP make possible a variety of synthesizer configurations capable of generating frequencies in the 1 GHz to 2 GHz range or higher.

The AD9858 offers the advantages of a DDS with the additional flexibility to work in concert with analog frequency synthesis techniques (PLL, mixing) to generate precision frequency signals with high frequency resolution, fast frequency hopping, fast settling time, and automated frequency sweeping capabilities.

Writing data to its on-chip digital registers that control all operations of the device easily configures the AD9858. The AD9858 offers a choice of both serial and parallel ports for controlling the device. Four user profiles can be selected by a pair of external pins. These profiles allow independent setting of the frequency tuning word and the phase offset adjustment word for each of four selectable configurations.

The AD9858 can be programmed to operate in single-tone mode or in frequency-sweeping mode. To save on power consumption, there is also a programmable full-sleep mode, during which most of the device is powered down to reduce current flow.

The operation of a DDS is described in detail in a tutorial available from Analog Devices at [www.analog.com/dds.](http://www.analog.com/dds)

COMPONENT BLOCKS DDS Core

The DDS core generates the numeric values that represent a sinusoid in the digital domain. Depending on the operating mode of the DDS, this sinusoid may be changed in frequency, phase, or perhaps modulated by an information carrying signal. The frequency of the output signal is determined by a userprogrammed frequency tuning word (FTW). The relation of the output frequency of the device to the system clock (SYSCLK) is determined by the following equation:

$$
F_O = \frac{(FTW \times SYSCLK)}{2^N}
$$

where for the AD9858, *N* = 32.

For a more detailed explanation of a DDS core, consult the DDS tutorial at [www.analog.com/dds.](www.analog.com/dds)

DAC Output

The AD9858 incorporates an integrated 10-bit current output DAC. Two complementary outputs provide a combined fullscale output current (I_{OUT}). Differential outputs reduce the amount of common-mode noise that might be present at the DAC output, offering the advantage of an increased signal-tonoise ratio. The full-scale current is controlled by means of an external resistor (RSET) connected between the DACISET pin and analog ground. The full-scale current is proportional to the resistor value as follows:

$$
R_{SET} = 39.19/I_{OUT}
$$

The maximum full-scale output current of the combined DAC outputs is 40 mA, but limiting the output to 20 mA provides the best spurious-free dynamic range (SFDR) performance. The DAC output compliance range is $(AV_{DD} – 1.5 V)$ to $(AV_{DD} + 0.5 V)$. Voltages developed beyond this range cause excessive DAC distortion and could potentially damage the DAC output circuitry. Proper attention should be paid to the load termination to keep the output voltage within this compliance range.When terminating the differential outputs into a transformer, the center tap should be attached to AV_{DD}.

PLL Frequency Synthesizer

The PLL frequency synthesizer is a group of independent synthesis blocks, designed to be used with the DDS to expand the range of synthesis applications. These blocks are a digital phase-frequency detector (PFD) that drives a charge pump (CP). The charge pump incorporates fast-locking logic, described below. Based on system requirements, the user supplies an external loop filter and one or more VCOs.A high speed analog mixer is included for translation synthesis loops. Using the different blocks in the PLL frequency synthesizer in conjunction with the DDS, the user can create translation loops (also known as offset loops), fractional divider loops, as well as traditional PLL loops to multiply the output of the DDS in frequency.

Phase-Frequency Detector

The phase detector has two inputs, PD_{IN} and DIV_{IN} . Both are analog inputs that can be operated in differential or singleended mode. Both are designed to operate at frequencies up to 150 MHz, although signals of up to 400 MHz can be accommodated on the inputs when the divide-by-4 functions are used. The expected input level for both the PD and DIV inputs is in the range of 800 mV p-p (differential), 400 mV p-p (single-ended).A programmable divider that offers division ratios of M, $N = \{1, 2, 4\}$ immediately follows the input. The division ratio is controlled by means of the control function register.

Charge Pump

The charge pump output reference current is determined by an external resistor (~2.4 kΩ), which establishes a 500 μ A maximum internal baseline current (I_{CP0}) . The baseline current is scaled to provide the appropriate drive current for the CP's various operating modes (frequency detect mode, wide closedloop, and final closed-loop). The amount of scaling in each mode is programmable by means of the values stored in the control function register, giving the user maximum flexibility of the PLL's frequency locking capability.

The CP polarity can be configured as either positive or negative with respect to the PD input.When the CP polarity is positive, if the DIV input leads the PD input, the charge pump attempts to decrease the voltage at the VCO control node. If the DIV input lags the PD input, the charge pump works to increase the voltage at the VCO control node.When the CP polarity is negative, the opposite occurs. This allows the user to define either input as the feedback path. This also allows the AD9858 to accommodate ground-referenced or supply-referenced VCOs. This functionality is defined by the charge pump polarity (CPP) bit in the control function register. When $CPP = 0$ (default), the charge pump is set up for operation with a ground-referenced VCO.When CPP = 1, the charge pump is set up for a supply-referenced VCO.

Internal to the CP, the I_{CP0} current is scaled to provide different output drive current values for the various modes of operation. In its normal operating mode, the final closed-loop mode can be programmed to scale I_{CP0} by 1, 2, 3, or 4. Setting the charge pump current offset bit, CFR<13>, applies a 2 mA offset to the programmed charge pump current, allowing scaler values of I_{CP0} of 5, 6, 7, or 8. The wide closed-loop mode can be programmed to scale I_{CP0} by 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, or 14. The frequency detect mode can be programmed to scale I_{CP0} by 0, 20, 40, or 60. The different modes of operation, controlled by the fast-locking logic, are discussed in the next section

The CP has an independent set of power pins that can operate at up to 5.25 V.While the device can operate from ground to rail, the voltage compliance should be kept in the range of 0.5 V to 4.5 V to ensure the best steady-state performance. The

combination of programmable output current, programmable polarity, wide compliance range, and proprietary fast-lock capability offers the flexibility necessary for the digital PLL to operate within a broad range of PLL applications.

Fast-Locking Logic

The charge pump includes a fast-locking algorithm that helps to overcome the traditional limitations of PLLs with regard to frequency switching time. The fast-locking algorithm works in conjunction with the loop filter shown in [Figure 29](#page-15-0) to provide extremely fast frequency switching performance.

Based on the error seen between the feedback signal and the reference signal, the fast-locking algorithm puts the charge pump into one of three states: frequency detect mode, a wide closed-loop mode, and a final closed-loop mode. In the frequency detect mode, the feedback and reference signals are registering substantial phase and frequency errors. Rather than operating in a continuous closed-loop feedback mode, the charge pump supplies a fixed current of the correct polarity to the VCO control node that drives the loop towards frequency lock. Once frequency lock is detected, the fast-locking logic shifts the part into one of the closed-loop modes. In the closedloop modes, either wide or final, the charge pump supplies current to the loop filter as directed by the phase-frequency detector PFD. The frequency-detect mode is intended to bring the system to a level of frequency lock from which the intermediary closed-loop system can quickly achieve phase lock.

The level of frequency lock accuracy aimed for is typically referred to as the lock range. Once the frequency is within the lock range, the time required to achieve phase lock can be determined by standard PLL transient analysis methods. Note that the charge pump current sources associated with the frequency detect mode are connected to Pin 64, while the closed loop current sources are connected to Pins 65 and 66. Pin 64 is connected directly to the loop filter zero compensation capacitor, as shown in [Figure 29.](#page-15-0) This connection allows the smoothest transition from the frequency detect mode to the closed-loop modes and enables faster overall switching times. Pins 65 and 66 are connected to the loop filter in the conventional manner.

Figure 29. Symbolic Representation of Charge Pump to Loop Filter Connection

The frequency detection block works as follows. The comparison logic in the frequency detection circuitry operates one eighth of the DDS system clock.A comparison is made of the frequencies present at the PD input and the DIV input over 19 DDS clock cycles.

To ensure that frequency lock detection is achieved while the frequency difference is within the PLL lock range, the slew rate of the VCO input should be limited such that the lock range cannot be traversed within 152 system clock cycles. The slew rate of the VCO input is determined by the programmed level of frequency detect current and the size of the zero compensation capacitor according to the following relationship:

$$
\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{I_{f_{det}}}{C_Z}
$$

Once frequency detection occurs, the loop is closed and the loop is lock based on the current programmed for the wide closed-loop mode. It is important that the loop be designed for closed-loop stability while in the wide closed-loop mode. In this mode, less phase margin can usually be tolerated, because this mode is only used to enhance the lock time, but is not used in the "locked" free running state. Once the wide closed-loop mode achieves phase lock as determined by an internal lock detector, the phase-detector/charge pump transitions into the final closed-loop state. If no wide closed-loop current is programmed, the loop transitions directly from the frequency detect mode into the final closed-loop state. In the final closedloop state, the loop characteristics should be optimized for the desired free running loop bandwidth.

The frequency detect mode is primarily useful in offset or translation loop applications where the phase detector inputs are more likely to detect large frequency transitions. For loop applications with significant amounts of division in the feedback loop, the frequency detection mode may not activate. This is due to the limited amount of frequency difference that is experienced at the phase detector inputs. For these applications, the primary means of accelerating the frequency settling time is to design the loop to acquire lock with the wide closed-loop setting and then switch to the final closed-loop setting.

As mentioned earlier, care should be taken when planning for a large transition using the frequency detect mode to ensure that the charge pump does not cause the VCO to overshoot the closed-loop lock range, as cycle slipping could occur, which would result in extended delays. [Figure 30](#page-16-1) shows two system responses. In the first, the charge pump output current is maximized during the frequency-detect mode so that, after 152 clock cycles, the VCO voltage has exceeded the closed-loop lock range. The second system provides less current during the frequency detect mode.While this results in a longer delay in approaching the closed-loop lock range, because the system does not exceed the closed-loop range, the fast-locking logic

shifts the charge pump into intermediary closed-loop mode, resulting in a shorter overall frequency switching time.

Figure 30. Symbolic Representation of Charge Pump to Loop Filter Connection

Analog Mixer

The analog mixer is included for translation loops, also known as offset loops. The radio frequency (RF) and local oscillator (LO) inputs are designed to operate at frequencies up to 2 GHz. Both inputs are differential analog input stages. Both input stages are internally dc biased and should be connected through an external ac coupling mechanism. The expected input level is in the range of 800 mV p-p (differential). The IF (intermediate frequency) output is a differential analog output stage designed to operate at frequencies less than 400 MHz. This mixer is based on the Gilbert cell architecture.

MODES OF OPERATION

The AD9858 DDS section has three modes of operation—single tone, frequency sweeping, and full sleep. The RF building blocks (PFD, CP, and mixer) can be active or powered down, used or unused, in either of the active modes.

In the single-tone mode, the device generates a single output frequency determined by a 32-bit word (frequency tuning word—FTW) loaded to an internal register. This frequency can be changed as desired, and frequency hopping can be accomplished at a rate limited only by the time required to update the appropriate registers. If even faster hopping is needed, the four profiles allow rapid hopping among the four frequencies stored in them by means of external select pins.

The frequency-sweeping mode allows for the automation of most of the frequency-sweeping task, making chirp and other frequency-sweeping applications possible without the inconvenience and possible speed limitations imposed by multiple register operations via the I/O port.

In whichever mode the device is operating, changes in frequency are phase continuous, which means that they do not cause discontinuities in the phase of the output signal. The first phase value after a frequency change is an increment of the last

phase value before the change, but at the new tuning word's phase increment value (FTW). (Note that this is not the same as phase-coherent over frequency changes; see [Figure 31.](#page-17-0))

TRANSITION, AND Φ**' = PHASE AT TIME OF SECOND FREQUENCY TRANSITION.**

SYSCLK is 1 GHz. Figure 31. The Difference between a Phase Continuous Frequency Change and a Phase Coherent Frequency Change

When in single-tone mode, the AD9858 generates a signal, or tone, of a single desired frequency. This frequency is set by the value loaded by the user into the chip's frequency tuning word (FTW) register. This frequency can be between 0 Hz and somewhat below one-half of the DAC sampling frequency (SYSCLK). One-half of the sampling frequency is commonly called the Nyquist frequency. The practical upper limit to the fundamental frequency range of a DDS is determined by the characteristics of the external low-pass filter, known as the reconstruction filter, which must follow the DAC output of the DDS. This filter reconstructs the desired analog sine wave output signal from the stream of sampled amplitude values output by the DAC at the sample rate (SYSCLK).

A DDS is a sampled-data system.As the fundamental frequency of the DDS approaches the Nyquist frequency, the lower first image approaches the Nyquist frequency from above.As the fundamental frequency approaches the Nyquist frequency, it becomes difficult, and finally impossible, to design and construct a low-pass filter that will provide adequate attenuation for the first image frequency component.

The maximum usable frequency in the fundamental range of the DDS is typically between 40% and 45% of the Nyquist frequency, depending on the reconstruction filter.With a 1 GHz SYSCLK, the AD9858 is capable of producing maximum output frequencies of between 400 MHz and 450 MHz, depending on the reconstruction filter and the application system requirements.

For a desired output frequency (FO) and sampling rate (SYSCLK), the frequency tuning word (FTW) of the AD9858 is calculated according to the following equation

$$
FTW = (FO \times 2^N) / \text{SYSCLK}
$$

where *N* is the phase accumulator resolution in bits (32 in the AD9858), FO is in Hz, and the FTW is a decimal number.

Once a decimal number has been calculated, it must be rounded to an integer and converted to a 32-bit binary value. The frequency resolution of the AD9858 is 0.233 Hz when the

Single-Tone Mode Frequency-Sweeping Mode

The AD9858 provides automated frequency sweeping capability. This allows the AD9858 to generate frequency-swept signals for chirped radar or other applications. The AD9858 includes features that automate much of the task of executing frequency sweeps.

The frequency sweep feature is implemented through the use of a frequency accumulator (not to be confused with the phase accumulator). The frequency accumulator repeatedly adds a frequency incremental quantity to the current value, thereby creating new instantaneous frequency tuning words, causing the frequency generated by the DDS to change with time. The frequency increment, or step size, is loaded into a register known as the delta frequency tuning word (DFTW). The rate at which the frequency is incremented is set by another register, the delta frequency ramp rate word (DFRRW). Together these two registers enable the AD9858 to sweep from a beginning frequency set by the FTW, upwards or downwards, at a desired rate and frequency step size. The result is a linear frequency sweep or chirp.

Figure 32. Frequency vs. Time Plots for a Given Sweep Profile

The delta frequency ramp rate word (DFRRW) functions as a countdown timer, in which the value of the DFRRW is decremented at the rate of SYSCLK/8. This means that the most rapid frequency word update occurs when a value of 1 is loaded into the DFRRW, and results in a frequency increment at 1/8 of the SYSCLK rate.With a SYSCLK of 1 GHz, the frequency can be incremented at a maximum rate of 125 MHz (DFRRW = 1). The delta frequency tuning word (DFTW) must specify whether the frequency sweep should proceed up or down from the starting frequency (FTW). Therefore, the DFTW is expressed as a twos complement binary value, in which positive indicates up and negative indicates down.

A DFRRW value of 0 written to the register stops all frequency sweeping. There is no automatic stop-at-a-given-frequency function. The user must calculate the time interval required to reach the final frequency and then issue a command to write 0 into the DFRRW register. The time required for a frequency sweep is calculated by the following formula

$$
T = \frac{|f_F - f_S| \times 2^{34}}{SYSCLK^2} \times \frac{DFRRW}{DFTW}
$$

where:

T is the duration of the sweep in seconds.

fS is the starting frequency determined by

$$
f_S = \frac{FTW}{2^{32}} \times SYSCLK .
$$

 f_F is the final frequency.

The delta frequency step size is given by

$$
\Delta f = \frac{DFTW \times SYSCLK}{2^{31}} ,
$$

remembering that DFTW is a signed (twos complement) value.

The time between each frequency step (∆*t*) is given by

$$
\Delta t = \frac{8 \times DFRRW}{SYSCLK}
$$

The value of the stop frequency f_F is determined by

$$
f_F = f_S + T \times \frac{\Delta f}{\Delta t}
$$

Returning to Starting Frequency

The original frequency tuning word (FTW), which was written into the frequency tuning register, does not change at any time during a sweeping operation. This means that the DDS may be returned to the sweep starting frequency at any time during a sweep. Setting the control bit named autoclear frequency accumulator forces the frequency accumulator to zero, instantly returning the DDS to the frequency stored as FTW.

Full-Sleep Mode

Setting all of the power-down bits in the control function register activates full-sleep mode. During the power-down condition, the clocks associated with the various functional blocks of the device are turned off, thereby offering a significant power savings.

SYNCHRONIZATION SYNCLK and FUD Pins

Timing for the AD9858 is provided via the user-supplied REFCLK input. The REFCLK input is buffered and is the source for the internally generated SYSCLK. The frequency of SYSCLK can be either the same as REFCLK or half that of REFCLK (via a programmable divide-by-2 function set in the control function register CFR). The REFCLK input is capable of handling input frequencies as high as 2 GHz. However, the device is designed for a maximum SYSCLK frequency of 1 GHz. Thus, it is mandatory that the divide-by-2 SYSCLK function be enabled when the frequency of REFCLK is greater than 1 GHz.

SYSCLK serves as the sample clock for the DAC and is fed to a divide-by-8 frequency divider to produce SYNCLK. SYNCLK is provided to the user on the SYNCLK pin. This enables synchronization of external hardware with the AD9858's internal DDS clock. External hardware that is synchronized to the SYNCLK signal can then be used to provide the frequency update (FUD) signal to the AD9858. The FUD signal and SYNCLK are used to transfer the internal buffer register contents into the memory registers of the device. [Figure 33](#page-19-0)

shows a block diagram of the synchronization methodology, and [Figure 34](#page-19-1) shows an I/O synchronization timing diagram.

Note that SYNCLK is also used to synchronize the assertion of the profile select pins (PS0, PS1). The FUD, PS0, and PS1 pins must be set up and held around the rising edge of SYNCLK. These device inputs are designed for zero hold time and 3.5 ns setup time.

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Figure 33. I/O Synchronization Block Diagram

*FUD IS AN INPUT PROVIDED BY THE USER THAT MUST BE SET UP AND HELD AROUND RISING EDGES OF SYNCLK. THE OCCURRENCE OF
THE RISING EDGE OF SYNCLK DURING THE HIGH STATE OF THE UPDATEREGS SIGNAL CAUSES THE BUFFER MEMORY CONTENTS **FUD SEQUENCE. NOTE: I/O UPDATES ARE SYNCHRONOUS TO THE SYNCLK SIGNAL, REGARDLESS OF THE SYNCHRONIZATION MODE SELECTED.**

Figure 34. I/O Synchronization Timing Diagram

Frequency Planning

To achieve the best possible spurious performance when using the AD9858 in a hybrid synthesizer configuration, frequency planning can be employed. Frequency planning consists of being aware of the mechanisms that determine the location of the worst-case spurs and then using the appropriate loop tuning parameters to place these spurs either outside the loop bandwidth, such that they are attenuated, or completely outside the frequency range of interest.

When using the fractional divider configuration, the worst-case spurs occur whenever the images of the DAC harmonics fold back such that they are close to the DAC fundamental or carrier frequency. If these images fall within the loop bandwidth, they will be gained up by approximately $20 \times \log N$, where *N* is the gain in the loop. If *N* is relatively high, these spurs can still realize significant gain even if they are slightly outside the loop bandwidth, since the loop attenuation rate is typically 20 dB/decade in this region. DAC images occur at

 $N \times F_{CLOCK} \pm M \times F_{OUT}$

where *N* and *M* are integer multiples of F_{CLOCK} and F_{OUT} , respectively.

[Figure 20 s](#page-11-0)hows a high spurious condition where the low-order odd harmonics are folding back around the fundamental. [Figure 21 s](#page-12-0)hows that the worst spurs are confined to a narrow region around the carrier and that wideband spurs are attenuated. [Figure 17](#page-11-1) shows an alternate frequency plan that results in the same carrier frequency. Recall that the output frequency of the DAC is set by the equation

$(F_{OUT} = F_{CLOCK} \times FTW/2^N)$

This makes it possible to produce the same *F_{OUT}* by different combinations of *FCLOCK* and *FTW*. In this case, the worst DAC spurs are placed well outside the loop bandwidth such that they are attenuated below the noise floor. [Figure 24](#page-12-1) shows a wideband plot for this frequency plan.

Other frequency combinations that can result in high spurious signals are when subharmonics of F_{CLOCK} fall within or near the loop bandwidth. To avoid this, ensure that the DAC F_{OUT} is sufficiently offset from the subharmonics of F_{CLOCK} such that these products are attenuated by the loop.

Frequency planning for the translation loop is similar in that the DAC images and the *FCLOCK* subharmonics need to be considered. [Figure 25 a](#page-12-2)nd [Figure 26](#page-12-3) show results for a high spurious configuration where odd order images are folding back close to the carrier. [Figure 22](#page-12-4) and [Figure 23](#page-12-5) show an alternative frequency plan that generates the same carrier frequency with low spurious content. Because this loop also requires a mixer LO frequency, additional care is required in planning for this frequency arrangement. Generally there is some mixer LO feedthrough. The amount of feedthrough depends on the PCB board layout isolation as well as the mixer LO power level, but

levels of –80 dBc can typically be achieved. [Figure 26](#page-12-3) shows results for a situation where the mixer LO component shows up in the spectrum at 1.41 GHz, and another spur component shows up at *Mixer LO* + *F_{CLOCK}*/8. This places the mixer LO frequency well outside the bandwidth of interest, resulting in the spectrum shown in [Figure 25.](#page-12-2)

PROGRAMMING THE AD9858

The transfer of data from the user to the DDS core of the device is a 2-step process. In a write operation, the user first writes the data to the I/O buffer using either the parallel port (which includes bits for address and data) or serial mode (where the address and data are combined in a serial word). Regardless of the method used to enter data to the I/O buffer, the DDS core cannot access the data until the data is latched into the memory registers from the I/O buffer. Toggling the FUD pin or changing one of the profile select pins causes an update of all elements of the I/O buffer memory into the DDS core's register memory.

I/O Port Functionality

The I/O port can be operated in either serial or parallel programming mode. Mode selection is accomplished via the S/P Select pin. Logic 0 on this pin configures the I/O port for serial programming, while Logic 1 configures the I/O port for parallel programming.

The ability to read back the contents of a register is provided in both modes to facilitate the debug process during the user's prototyping phase of a design. In either mode, however, the reading back of profile registers requires that the profile select pins (P0, P1) be configured to select the desired register bank. When reading a register that resides in one of the profiles, the register address acts as an offset to select one of the registers among the group of registers defined by the profile. The profile select pins control the base address of the register bank and select the appropriate register grouping.

Parallel Programming Mode

In parallel programming mode, the I/O port makes use of eight bidirectional data pins (D7 to D0), six address input pins (ADDR5 to ADDR0), a read input pin (\overline{RD}) , and a write input pin (\overline{WR}) . A register is selected by providing the proper address combination as defined in the register map. Read or write functionality is invoked by pulsing the appropriate pin $(\overline{RD} \text{ or } \overline{WR})$; the two operations are mutually exclusive. The read or write data is transported on the D7 to D0 pins. The correlation between the D7 to D0 data bits and their functionality at a specific register address is detailed in the register map and register bit description.

Parallel I/O operation allows write access to each byte of any register in the I/O buffer memory in a single I/O operation at a 100 MHz rate. However, unlike write operation, readback capability is *not* guaranteed at the 100 MHz rate. It is intended as a low speed function for debug purposes. Timing for both write and read cycles is depicted in [Figure 35 a](#page-21-0)nd [Figure 36.](#page-21-1)

Figure 35. I/O Port Write Cycle Timing (Parallel)

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Figure 36. I/O Port Read Cycle Timing (Parallel)

Serial Programming Mode

In serial programming mode, the I/O port uses a chip select pin (CS), a serial clock pin (SCLK), an I/O reset pin (IORESET), and either 1 or 2 serial data pins (SDIO and/or SDO). The number of serial data pins used depends on the configuration of the I/O port; i.e., whether it has been configured for 2-wire or 3-wire serial operation as defined by the control function register. In 2-wire mode, the SDIO pin operates as a bidirectional serial data pin. In 3-wire mode, the SDIO pin operates only as a serial data input pin, and the SDO pin acts as the serial output. The maximum rate of SCLK is 10 MHz; however, during read operation, the 10 MHz rate is not guaranteed.

The serial port is an SPI compatible serial interface and its operation is virtually identical to that of the AD9852/AD9854. Serial port communication occurs in two phases. Phase 1 is an instruction cycle consisting of an 8-bit word. The MSB of the instruction byte flags the ensuing operation as a read or write operation. The 6 LSBs define the serial address of the target register as defined in the register map. The instruction byte format is given in [Table 5.](#page-22-0)

Table 5.

Phase 2 of a serial port communication contains the data to be routed to/from the addressed register. The number of bytes transferred during Phase 2 depends on the length of the target register. Serial operation requires that *all* bits associated with a serial register address be transferred.

Both phases of a serial port communication require the serial data clock (SCLK) to be operating. When writing to the device, serial bits are transferred on the rising edge of SCLK. When reading from the device, serial output bits are transferred on the falling edge of SCLK. The bit order for both phases of a serial port communication is selectable via the control function register.

The \overline{CS} pin serves as a chip select control line. When \overline{CS} is at a Logic 1 state, the SDO and SDIO pins are disabled (forced into a high impedance state). Only when the \overline{CS} pin is at a Logic 0 state are the SDO and SDIO pins active. This allows multiple devices to exist on a single serial bus. If multiple devices are connected to the same serial bus, then communication with a single device is accomplished by setting \overline{CS} to a Logic 0 state on the target device, but to a Logic 1 state on all other devices. In this way, serial communication occurs only between the controller and the target device.

In the case where I/O synchronization is lost between the AD9858 and the external controller, the IORESET pin provides a means to re-establish synchronization without initializing the entire device. Asserting the active high IORESET pin resets the serial port state machine. This terminates the current I/O operation and puts the device into a state in which the next eight SCLK pulses are expected to be the instruction byte of the next I/O transfer. Note that any information previously written to the memory registers during the last valid communication cycle prior to loss of synchronization remains intact.

Register Map

The registers are listed in [Table 6.](#page-23-0) The serial address and parallel address numbers associated with each of the registers are shown in hexadecimal format. Angle brackets <> are used to reference specific bits or ranges of bits. For example, <3> designates Bit 3, while <7:3> designates the range of bits from 7 down to 3, inclusive.

Register Bit Descriptions

Control Function Register (CFR)

The CFR is comprised of four bytes located in parallel addresses 0x03 to 0x00. The CFR is used to control the various functions, features, and modes of the AD9858. The functionality of each bit is detailed below. Note that the register bits are identified according to their serial register bit locations beginning with the most significant bit.

CFR<31:30>: Frequency-Detect Mode Charge Pump Current

These bits are used to set the scale factor for the frequencydetect mode charge pump output current per [Table 7.](#page-24-0) The charge pump delivers the scaled output current when the control logic forces the charge pump into its frequency detect operating mode. The charge pump's baseline output current (I_{CP0}) is determined by the external CPISET resistor and is given by

ICP0 =*1.24/CPISET*

The recommended nominal value of the CPISET resistor is 2.4 kΩ, which yields a baseline current of 500 µA.

Table 7.

CFR<29:27>: Final Closed-Loop Mode Charge Pump Output Current

These bits are used to set the scale factor for the final closedloop mode charge pump output current per [Table 8.](#page-24-1) The charge pump delivers the scaled output current when the control logic forces the charge pump into its final closed-loop mode.

Table 8.

CFR<26:24>: Wide Closed-Loop Charge Pump Output Current

These bits are used to set the scale factor for the wide closedloop charge pump output current, see [Table 9.](#page-24-2) The charge pump delivers the scaled output current when the control logic forces the charge pump into its wide closed-loop operating mode.

CFR<23>: AutoClear Frequency Accumulator Bit

When $CFR < 23$ = 0 (default), a new delta frequency word is applied to the input of the accumulator and added to the currently stored value.

When CFR<23> = 1, this bit automatically synchronously clears (loads zeros into) the frequency accumulator for one cycle upon reception of the FUD sequence indicator.

CFR<22>: AutoClear Phase Accumulator Bit

When $CFR < 22$ = 0 (default), a new frequency tuning word is applied to the input of the phase accumulator and added to the currently stored value.

When $CFR < 22$ = 1, this bit automatically synchronously clears (loads zeros into) the phase accumulator for one cycle upon reception of the FUD sequence indicator.

CFR<21>: Load Delta-Frequency Timer

When $CFR < 21$ = 1 (default), the contents of the delta frequency ramp rate word are loaded into the ramp rate timer (down counter) upon detection of a FUD sequence.

When $CFR < 21$ > = 0, the contents of the delta frequency ramp rate word are loaded into the ramp rate timer upon timeout with no regard to the state of the FUD sequence indicator (i.e., the FUD sequence indicator is ignored).

CFR<20>: Clear Frequency Accumulator Bit

When $CFR < 20$ = 1, the frequency accumulator is synchronously cleared and is held clear until CFR<20> is returned to a Logic 0 state (default).

CFR<19>: Clear Phase Accumulator Bit

When $CFR < 19$ = 1, the phase accumulator is synchronously cleared and is held clear until CFR<19> is returned to a Logic 0 state (default).

CFR<18>: Not Used.

CFR<17>: PLL Fast-Lock Enable Bit

When $CFR < 17$ = 0 (default), the PLL's fast-lock algorithm is disabled.

When $CFR < 17$ = 1, the PLL's fast-lock algorithm is active.

CFR<16>

This bit allows the user to control whether or not the PLL's fastlocking algorithm uses the tuning word value to determine whether or not to enter fast-locking mode.

When $CFR < 16$ = 0 (default), the PLL's fast-locking algorithm considers the relationship between the programmed frequency tuning word and the instantaneous frequency as part of the locking process.

When $CFR < 16$ = 1, the PLL's fast-locking algorithm does not use the frequency tuning word as part of the locking process.

CFR<15>: Frequency Sweep Enable Bit

When $CFR < 15$ = 0 (default), the device is in the singletone mode.

When $CFR < 15$ = 1, the device is in the frequencysweep mode.

CFR<14>: Sine/Cosine Select Bit

When $CFR < 14$ = 0 (default), the angle-to-amplitude conversion logic employs a cosine function.

When $CFR < 14$ = 1, the angle-to-amplitude conversion logic employs a sine function.

CFR<13>: Charge Pump Current Offset Bit

When $CFR < 13$ = 0 (default), the charge pump operates with normal current settings.

When $CFR < 13$ = 1, the charge pump operates with offset current settings (see charge pump description).

CFR<12:11>: Phase Detector Reference Input Frequency Divider Ratio

These bits set the phase detector divide value per [Table 10.](#page-25-0)

Table 10.

CFR<10>: Charge Pump Polarity Select Bit

When $CFR < 10$ = 0 (default), the charge pump is set up for operation with a ground-referenced VCO. In this mode, the charge pump sources current when the frequency at PD_{IN} is *less* than the frequency at DIV_{IN} . It sinks current when the opposite is true.

When $CFR < 10$ > = 1, the charge pump is set up for a supplyreferenced VCO. In this mode, the charge pump's source/sink operation is opposite that for a ground-referenced VCO.

CFR<9:8>: Phase Detector Feedback Input Frequency Divider Ratio

These bits set the phase detector divide value per [Table 11.](#page-25-1)

CFR<7>: Not Used

CFR<6>: Disable Bit for the 2 GHz REFCLK Divider

When $CFR < 6$ = 0 (default), the REFCLK divide-by-2 function is not bypassed. REFCLK input can be up to 2 GHz.

When $CFR < 6$ = 1, the REFCLK divide-by-2 function is disabled. REFCLK input must be no more than 1 GHz.

CFR<5>: SYNCLK Disable Bit

When $CFR < 5$ = 0 (default), the SYNCLK pin is active.

When $CFR < 5$ = 1, the SYNCLK pin assumes a static Logic 0 state (disabled). In this state, the pin drive logic is shut down to keep noise generated by the digital circuitry at a minimum. However, the synchronization circuitry remains active (internally) to maintain normal device timing.

CFR<4:2>: Power-Down Bits

Active high (Logic 1) powers down the respective function. Writing a Logic 1 to all three bits causes the device to enter fullsleep mode.

CFR<4> is used to shut down the analog mixer stage $(detault = 1).$

CFR<3> is used to shut down the phase detector and charge pump circuitry (default $= 1$).

CFR<2> is used to shut down the DDS core and DAC and to stop all internal clocks except SYNCLK (default $= 0$).

CFR<1>: SDIO Input Only

When $CFR < 1$ = 0 (default), the SDIO pin has bidirectional operation (2-wire serial programming mode).

When $CFR < 1$ = 1, the serial data I/O pin (SDIO) is configured as an input only pin (3-wire serial programming mode).

CFR<0>: LSB First

Note that this bit has an effect on device operation only if the I/O port is configured as a serial port.

When $CFR < 0$ = 0 (default), MSB first format is active.

When $CFR < 0 > 1$, LSB first format is active.

Other Registers

Delta-Frequency Tuning Word (DFTW)

The DFTW register is comprised of four bytes located in parallel addresses 0x04 to 0x07. The contents of the DFTW are applied to the input of the frequency accumulator. Unlike the frequency tuning word associated with the phase register (which is a 32-bit unsigned integer), the DTFW is a 32-bit signed integer. Because it controls the rate of change of frequency, which can either be a positive or negative value, the DTFW is by definition a signed number.When the device is in the frequency-sweep mode, the output of the frequency accumulator is added to the frequency tuning word and fed to the phase accumulator. This provides the frequency sweep capability of the AD9858. The DFTW controls the frequency resolution associated with a frequency sweep.

As shown in [Table 6,](#page-23-0) the most significant byte of the delta frequency tuning word is located in parallel register address 0x07. The lesser significant bytes appear in descending order at parallel register addresses 0x06, 0x05, and 0x04.

Delta-Frequency Ramp Rate Word (DFRRW)

The DFRRW is comprised of two bytes located in parallel addresses 0x08 to 0x09. The DFRRW is a 16-bit unsigned number that serves as a divider for the timer used to clock the frequency accumulator. The timer runs at the DDS CLK rate and generates a clock tick to the frequency accumulator. The number stored in the DFRRW register determines the number of DDS CLK cycles between subsequent ticks to the frequency accumulator. Effectively, the DFRRW controls the rate at which the DFTW is accumulated.

As shown in [Table 6,](#page-23-0) the most significant byte of the DFRRW is located in parallel register address 0x09 and the least significant byte at address 0x08.

User Profile Registers

The user profile registers are comprised of the four frequency tuning words and four phase adjustment words. Each pair of frequency and phase registers forms a configurable user profile, selected by the user profile pins.

User Profiles

The AD9858 features four user profiles (0–3), selected by profile select pins (PS0, PS1) on the device. Each profile has its own frequency tuning word. This allows the user to load a different frequency tuning word into each profile, which can then be selected as desired by the profile select pins. This makes it possible to hop among the different frequencies at rates up to 1/8 of the SYSCLK while in the single-tone mode.

The AD9858 also provides a 14-bit phase-offset word (POW) for each profile. The value in this register is a 14-bit unsigned number (POW) that represents the proportional $(PO/2^{14})$ phase offset to be added to the instantaneous phase value. This allows the phase of the output signal to be adjusted in fine increments of phase (about 0.022°). It is possible to update the FTW and POW of any profile while the AD9858 is operating at the frequency specified by another profile and then switch to the profile containing the newly loaded frequency. Changing the current profile updates both parameters so care must be taken to ensure that no unwanted parameter changes take place.

It is also possible to repeatedly write a new frequency into the FTW register of a selected profile and to jump to the new frequency by strobing the frequency update pin (FUD). This allows hopping to arbitrary frequencies but is limited in the rate at which this can be accomplished by the speed of the I/O port (100 MHz in parallel mode) and the necessity to transfer several bytes of data for each new frequency tuning word. This can be accomplished rapidly enough for many applications.

Frequency Tuning Control

The output frequency of the DDS is determined by the 32-bit frequency tuning word (FTW) and the system clock (SYSCLK). The relationship is described in the following equation

$$
F_O = \frac{(FTW \times SYSCLK)}{2^N}
$$

where for the AD9858 *N* = 32.

In single-tone mode, the FTW is supplied by the active profile. In frequency-sweeping mode, the FTW is the output of the frequency accumulator.

Phase Offset Control

A 14-bit phase offset (θ) may be added to the output of the phase accumulator by means of the phase offset words stored in the memory registers. This feature provides the user with three different methods of phase control.

The first method is a static phase adjustment, where a fixed phase offset is loaded into the appropriate phase-offset register and left unchanged. The result is that the output signal is offset by a constant angle relative to the nominal signal. This allows the user to phase align the DDS output with an external signal, if necessary.

The second method of phase control is where the user regularly updates the appropriate phase-offset register via the I/O port. By properly modifying the phase offset as a function of time, the user can implement a phase modulated output signal. The rate at which phase modulation can be performed is limited by both the speed of the I/O port and the frequency of SYSCLK.

The third method of phase control involves the profile registers, in which the user loads up to four different phase-offset values into the appropriate profiles. The user can then select among the four preloaded phase-offset values via the AD9858 profile select pins. Thus, the phase changes are accomplished by driving the hardware pins rather than writing to the I/O port, thereby avoiding the speed limitation imposed by the I/O port. However, this method is restricted to only four phase-offset values (one phase-offset value per profile). Each profile has an associated frequency and phase value. Changing the current profile updates both parameters, so care must be taken to ensure that no unwanted parameter changes take place.

Note that the phase-offset value is routed through a unit delay (z^{-1}) block. This is done to ensure that updates of the phaseoffset values exhibit the same amount of latency as updates of the frequency tuning word. Otherwise, if the user decides to update both frequency and phase-offset values, the phase-offset change would propagate through the device before the tuning word change. The presence of the unit delay in the phase-offset path ensures that both frequency and phase-offset changes exhibit similar latency.

Profile Selection

A profile consists of a specific group of memory registers (see [Table 6\)](#page-23-0). In the AD9858 each profile contains a 32-bit frequency tuning word and a 14-bit phase-offset word. Each profile is selectable via two external profile select pins (PS0 and PS1) as defined in [Table 12.](#page-27-0) The specific mapping of registers to profiles is detailed in the [Register Bit Descriptions](#page-24-3) section. The user should be aware that selection of a profile is internally synchronized with DDS CLK using the SYNCLK timing. That is, SYNCLK is used to synchronize the assertion of the profile select pins (PS0, PS1). Therefore, the PS0 and PS1 pins must be set up and held around the rising edge of SYNCLK. The PS0 and PS1 inputs are designed for zero hold time and 3.5 ns setup time.

The profiles are available to the user to provide rapid changing of device parameters via external hardware, which alleviates the speed limitations imposed by the I/O port. For example, the user might preprogram the four phase offset registers with values that correspond to phase increments of 90°. By controlling the PS0 and PS1 pins, the user can implement $\pi/2$ phase modulation. The data modulation rate would be much higher than that possible by repeatedly reloading a single phaseoffset register via the I/O port.

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Figure 37. DDS Synthesizer Translation Loop Oscillator (Implemented in Translation Loop Evaluation Board)

Figure 38. DDS Synthesizer Single-Loop PLL Up-Conversion

Figure 39. DDS Synthesizer AD9858 as Fractional N Synthesizer (Implemented in Fractional Divide Evaluation Board)

EVALUATION BOARDS

The AD9858 has three different evaluation board designs. The first design is the traditional DDS evaluation board. In this design, the DDS is clocked and the output is taken directly from the DAC. The analog mixer and PLL blocks are made available for separate evaluation.

The second design is a fractional-divide loop. This evaluation board was designed to incorporate the DDS, the phase-detector, and the charge pump. In this application, the DDS is used in a PLL loop. Unlike a fixed divider used in traditional PLL loops, the output signal is divided and fed back to the phase detector by the DDS. To do this, the output signal of the PLL loop is fed to the DDS as REFCLK. The DDS is programmed to match the reference input frequency. Because the DDS output frequency can take on 232 potential values between 0 Hz and one half of the PLL loop output frequency, this enables frequency resolution on the order of 470 MHz, assuming a PLL loop output frequency of 2 GHz.

The third design is a translation loop or offset loop. In this design, the RF mixer is incorporated into the feedback path of the loop. This allows direct up-conversion to the transmission frequency.

The three evaluation boards have separate schematics, BOMS, and instructions. See www.analog.com/dds for more information.

Table 13.

OUTLINE DIMENSIONS

WARNING

Heat sink (thermal slug) must be attached to ground plane for some other large metal mass for thermal transfer. Failure to do so may cause excessive die temperature rise and damage to the device.

ORDERING GUIDE

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