

4.5 GHz Ultrahigh Dynamic Range, Dual Differential Amplifier

FEATURES

−3 dB bandwidth of 4.5 GHz (A_V = 16 dB) Fixed 16 dB gain Channel-to-channel gain error: 0.1 dB at 100 MHz Channel-to-channel phase error: 0.06° at 100 MHz Differential or single-ended input to differential output I/O dc-coupled or ac-coupled Low noise input stage: **1.3** nV/\sqrt{Hz} RTI at $A_v = 16$ dB Low broadband distortion $(A_v = 16$ dB), supply $= 5$ V **10 MHz: −103 dBc (HD2), −107 dBc (HD3) 100 MHz: −95 dBc (HD2), −100 dBc (HD3) 200 MHz: −94.5 dBc (HD2), −87 dBc (HD3) 500 MHz: −83 dBc (HD2), −64 dBc (HD3) IMD3 of −95 dBc at 200 MHz center Maintains low single-ended distortion performance out to 500 MHz Slew rate: 16 V/ns Maintains low distortion down to 1.2 V VCOM Fixed 16 dB gain can be reduced by adding external resistors Fast settling and overdrive recovery of 2.5 ns Single-supply operation: 2.8 V to 5.2 V Power-down Low dc power consumption, 462 mW at 3.3 V supply**

APPLICATIONS

Differential ADC drivers Single-ended-to-differential conversion RF/IF gain blocks SAW filter interfacing

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The [ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) is a high performance, dual differential amplifier optimized for IF and dc applications. The amplifier offers low noise of 1.3 nV/√Hz and excellent distortion performance over a wide frequency range, making it an ideal driver for high speed 16-bit analog-to-digital converters (ADCs). Th[e ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) is ideally suited for use in high performance, zero IF/complex IF receiver designs. In addition, this device has excellent low distortion for single-ended input drive applications.

Th[e ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) provides a gain of 16 dB. For the single-ended input configuration, the gain is reduced to 14 dB. Using two external series resistors for each amplifier expands the gain flexibility of the amplifier and allows for any gain selection from 0 dB to 16 dB for a differential input and 0 dB to 14 dB for a single-ended input. In addition, this device maintains low distortion down to output (VOCM) levels of 1.2 V providing an added capability for driving CMOS ADCs at ac levels up to 2 V p-p.

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The quiescent current of the [ADL5566,](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) using a 3.3 V supply, is typically 70 mA per amplifier. When disabled, it consumes less than 3.5 mA per amplifier and has −25 dB of input-to-output isolation at 100 MHz.

The device is optimized for wideband, low distortion, and noise performance, giving it unprecedented performance for overall spurious-free dynamic range (SFDR). These attributes, together with its adjustable gain capability, make this device the amplifier of choice for driving a wide variety of ADCs, mixers, pin diode attenuators, SAW filters, and multi-element discrete devices.

Fabricated on an Analog Devices, Inc., high speed SiGe process, the [ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) is supplied in a compact 4 mm \times 4 mm, 24-lead LFCSP package and operates over the −40°C to +85°C temperature range.

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 ${\rm V_s}$ = 3.3 V, ${\rm V_{CM}}$ = 1.65 V, ${\rm V_s}$ = 5 V, ${\rm V_{CM}}$ = 2.5 V, ${\rm R_L}$ = 200 Ω differential, ${\rm A_V}$ = 16 dB, ${\rm C_L}$ = 1 pF differential, f = 100 MHz, T_A = 25°C, parameters specified as ac-coupled differential input and differential output, unless otherwise noted.

Table 1.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Table 2.

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

THERMAL RESISTANCE

[Table 3](#page-5-3) lists the junction-to-air thermal resistance (θ_{IA}) and the junction-to-paddle thermal resistance (θ_{IC}) for the [ADL5566.](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566)

Table 3. Thermal Resistance

¹ Measured on Analog Devices evaluation board. For more information about board layout, see the Pattern section.

² Based on simulation with JEDEC standard JESD51.

ESD CAUTION

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

PIN CONFIGURATION AND FUNCTION DESCRIPTIONS

Figure 2. Pin Configuration

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TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

 V_s = 3.3 V, V_{CM} = 1.65 V, R_L = 200 Ω differential, A_V = 16 dB, C_L = 1 pF differential, f = 100 MHz, T_A = 25°C, parameters specified as ac-coupled differential input and differential output, unless otherwise noted.

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CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

Th[e ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) is a high gain, fully differential dual amplifier/ADC driver that uses a 2.8 V to 5 V supply. It provides a 16 dB gain that can be reduced by adding external series resistors. The 3 dB bandwidth is 4.5 GHz, and it has a differential input impedance of 160 Ω. It has a differential output impedance of 10 Ω and an output common-mode adjust voltage of 1.1 V to 1.8 V.

The [ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) is composed of a dual fully differential amplifier with on-chip feedback and feed-forward resistors. The gain is fixed at 16 dB but can be reduced by adding two resistors in series with the two inputs (see th[e Gain Adjustment and Interfacing](#page-15-1) section). The amplifier is designed to provide a high differential open-loop gain and has an output common-mode circuit that enables the user to change the output common-mode voltage by applying a voltage to a VCOMx pin. The amplifier is designed to provide superior low distortion at frequencies to and beyond 300 MHz with low noise and low power consumption. The low distortion and noise are realized with a 3.3 V power supply at 140 mA. The dual amplifier has an extremely high gain bandwidth (GBW) product that results in distortion levels that are the best in the

industry for power consumed at frequencies beyond 100 MHz. This amplifier achieves greater than −69 dBc IMD3 at 500 MHz and −100 dBc at 200 MHz for 2 V p-p operation. In addition, the [ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) can also deliver 5 V p-p operation under heavy loads. The internal gain is set at 16 dB, and the part has a noise figure of 6.5 dB and a RTI of 1.5 nV/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$. When comparing noise figure and distortion performance, this amplifier delivers the best in category spurious-free dynamic range (SFDR).

The [ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) is very flexible in terms of I/O coupling. It can be ac- or dc-coupled. For dc coupling, the output common-mode voltage (VCOMx) can be adjusted (using the VCOMx pin) from 1.1 V to 1.8 V output for VCCx at 3.3 V and up to 3 V with VCCx at 5 V. For the best distortion, the common-mode output should not go below 1.25 V at VCCx equal to 3.3 V and 1.35 V for 5 V VCCx operation. Note that the input common-mode voltage slaves to the VCOMx output voltage when ac-coupled at the inputs. For dc-coupled inputs, the input common-mode voltage should also stay between 1.25 V and 1.8 V for a 3.3 V supply and 1.35 V to 3.5 V for a 5 V supply. Note again that, for ac-coupled applications with series capacitors at the inputs, as in [Figure 37,](#page-15-2) the output common-mode voltage, VCOMx, sets the common-mode input to the same level. Because of the wide input common-mode range, this part can easily be dc-coupled to many types of mixers, demodulators, and amplifiers. Forcing a higher input VCOMx does not affect the output VCOMx in dc-coupled mode. Note that, if the outputs are ac-coupled (see th[e ADC Interfacing](#page-17-0) section), no external VCOMx adjust is required because the amplifier common-mode outputs are set at VCCx/2.

APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

BASIC CONNECTIONS

[Figure 36](#page-14-2) shows the basic connections for operating th[e ADL5566.](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) Apply a voltage between 3 V and 5 V to the VCC1 and VCC2 pins through a 5.1 nH inductor and decouple the supply side of the inductor with at least one low inductance, 0.1 µF surface-mount ceramic capacitor. In addition, decouple the VCOM1 and VCOM2 pins (Pin 21 and Pin 10) using a 0.1 µF capacitor. The ENBL1 and ENBL2 pins (Pin 22 and Pin 9) are tied to their amplifiers VCC_x pin to enable each amplifier. A differential signal is applied to Amplifier 1 through Pin 1 (VIN1) and Pin 2 (VIP1) and to Amplifier 2 through Pin 5 (VIP2) and Pin 6 (VIN2). Each amplifier has a gain of 16 dB.

The input pins, Pin 1 (VIN1) and Pin 2 (VIP1), and the output pins, Pin 18 (VON1) and Pin 17 (VOP1), are biased by applying a voltage to Pin 21 (VCOM1). If VCOM1 is left open, VCOM1 equals ½ of VCC1. The input pins, Pin 5 (VIP2) and Pin 6 (VIN2),

and the output pins, Pin 13 (VON2) and Pin 14 (VOP2), are biased by applying a voltage to VCOM2. If VCOM2 is left open, VCOM2 equals ½ of VCC2. Th[e ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) can be ac-coupled as shown in [Figure 36](#page-14-2) or can be dc-coupled if within the specified input and output common-mode voltage ranges (see th[e Circuit](#page-13-0) [Description](#page-13-0) section). To enable the [ADL5566,](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) the ENBL1 and ENBL2 pins must be pulled high. Pulling the ENBL1/ENBL2 pins low puts th[e ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) in sleep mode, reducing the current consumption to 7 mA at ambient.

A series 5.1 nH inductor can be connected to the VCCx pins with the V_{cc} decoupling capacitor connected to the V_{cc} bus side (see [Figure 53.\)](#page-21-0) This inductor with the internal capacitance of the amplifier results in a two pole low-pass network and reduces the amplifier V_{CC} noise.

Figure 36. Basic Connections

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INPUT AND OUTPUT INTERFACING

The [ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) can be configured as a differential-input-to-differential-output driver, as shown in [Figure 37.](#page-15-2) The 36 Ω resistors, R1 and R2, combined with the ETC1-1-13 balun transformer, provide a 50 Ω input match for the 160 Ω input impedance. The input and output 0.1 µF capacitors isolate the $V_{cc}/2$ bias from the source and balanced load. The load should equal 200 Ω to provide the expected ac performance (see the [Specifications](#page-2-0) section).

Figure 37. Differential-Input-to-Differential-Output Configuration

The differential gain of th[e ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) is dependent on the source impedance and load, as shown i[n Figure 38.](#page-15-3)

The differential gain can be determined by

$$
Av = \frac{500}{80} \times \frac{R_L}{10 + R_L}
$$
 (1)

Single-Ended Input to Differential Output

Th[e ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) can also be configured in a single-ended-input-todifferential-output driver, as shown in [Figure 39.](#page-15-4) In this configuration, the gain of the part is reduced due to the application of the signal to only one side of the amplifier. The input and output 0.1 μ F capacitors isolate the V_{cc}/2 bias from the source and the balanced load. R2 is used to match the single-ended input impedance of the amplifier (131 Ω) with the 50 $Ω$ source. R1 is selected to balance the input of the amplifier. See Application Note [AN-0990](http://www.analog.com/AN-0990) for more information on terminating single-ended inputs. The performance for this configuration is shown i[n Figure 16](#page-9-0) and [Figure 24.](#page-10-0)

Figure 39. Single-Ended-Input-to-Differential-Output Configuration

The single-ended gain configuration of th[e ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) is dependent on the source impedance and load, as shown in [Figure 40.](#page-15-5)

Figure 40. Single-Ended Input Loading Circuit

The single-ended gain can be determined by the following two equations:

$$
R_{MATCH} = \frac{R2 \times 131}{R2 + 131}
$$

\n
$$
A_{VI} = \frac{500}{80 + \left(\frac{R_s \times R2}{R_s + R2}\right)} \times \frac{R2}{R_s + R2} \times \frac{R_{MATCH} + R_s}{R_{MATCH}} \times \frac{R_L}{10 + R_L}
$$

GAIN ADJUSTMENT AND INTERFACING

The effective gain of th[e ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) can be reduced by adding two resistors in series with the inputs to reduce the 16 dB gain.

Figure 41. Gain Adjustment Using a Series Resistor Show

To find $\rm R_{SERIES}$ for a given $\rm A_{V}$ gain and $\rm R_{L}$ use the following:

To calculate the $\rm A_{V}$ gain for a given $\rm R_{SERES}$ and $\rm R_{L}$ use the following:

Figure 42. SDD21, $V_{POS} = 3.3 V$ *, Three Gains, 25°C*

The necessary shunt component, $\rm R_{SHUNT}$ to match to the source impedance, R_s , can be expressed as

$$
R_{SHUNT} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_S} - \frac{1}{2R_{SERIES} + 160}}
$$
(5)

The voltage gain for multiple shunt resistor values are summarized in [Table 5.](#page-16-0) The source resistance and input impedance need careful attention when using Equation 5. The reactance of the input impedance of th[e ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) and the ac coupling capacitors must be considered before assuming that they make a negligible contribution.

Figure 43. IMD, HD2, and HD3 vs. Frequency, AV = 6 dB, 2 V p-p Output, V_{POS} = 3.3 and V_{POS} = 5 V

¹ The resistor values are rounded to the nearest real resistor value.

ADC INTERFACING

The [ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) is a dual high output linearity amplifier that is optimized for ADC interfacing. One option of applying the [ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) to drive an ADC is shown i[n Figure 47.](#page-17-1) The wideband 1:1 transmission line balun provides a differential input to the amplifier, and the 36 Ω resistors provide a 50 Ω match to the source. The [ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) is ac-coupled from the input and output to avoid common-mode loading. A reference voltage is required to bias the [AD9268](http://www.analog.com/AD9268) inputs and is delivered through the 200 Ω resistors. These, in parallel with the 400 Ω resistor, create the low frequency amplifier load of 200 $Ω$. The 56 nH inductors and the 56 pF capacitor are used to create a 70 MHz low-pass filter. The two 25 Ω resistors are added to raise th[e ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) output impedance, which reduces peaking when the filter drives a light load. The two 25 Ω resistors provide isolation to the switching currents of the ADC sample-and-hold circuitry. The [AD9268](http://www.analog.com/AD9268) dual ADC presents a 6 kΩ differential load impedance and requires a 1 V p-p to 2 V p-p input signal to reach full scale. The system frequency response is shown i[n Figure 46.](#page-17-2) By applying a 2 V p-p, 32 MHz single-tone signal from th[e ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) in a gain of 16 dB, an SFDR of 94.6 dBc is achieved. By applying two half scale signals of 32 MHz and 33 MHz from th[e ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) in a gain of 16 dB, an SFDR of 90.5 dBc is realized.

Figure 44. Measured Single-Tone Performance of the Circuit i[n Figure 47](#page-17-1) for a 32 MHz Input Signal

Figure 45. Measured Two-Tone Performance of the Circuit i[n Figure 47](#page-17-1) for a 32 MHz and 33 MHz Input Signals

Figure 46. Measured Relative Frequency Response of the Wideband ADC Interface Depicted i[n Figure 47](#page-17-1)

Figure 47. Wideband ADC Interfacing Example Featuring th[e AD9268](http://www.analog.com/AD9268)

DC-COUPLED RECEIVER APPLICATION

The [ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) is well suited for dc-coupled applications, such as zero-IF direct conversion receivers. An example receiver configuration is shown in [Figure 48,](#page-18-1) consisting of th[e ADL5380](http://www.analog.com/ADL5380) quadrature demodulator and the [ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) dual differential amplifier. This is an ideal combination because of the wide RF input bandwidth from 400 MHz to 6 GHz, the high linearity of the [ADL5566,](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) and when operating on a 5 V supply, level shifting to align the common-mode voltage is not required.

The interface between the [ADL5380](http://www.analog.com/ADL5380) and the [ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) is straight forward because the impedance presented by the [ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) is sufficiently high enough to permit directly connecting the two devices without any degradation in

performance. When using th[e ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) as shown in [Figure 48,](#page-18-1) the OIP3s at the outputs are improved due to the high OIP3 of the amplifier pair (se[e Table 6\)](#page-18-2). In a real-world receiver where blockers are present, it is advantageous to insert a low-pass filter between the [ADL5380](http://www.analog.com/ADL5380) and the [ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) to remove these undesired signals.

If the [ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) is followed by an ADC, insert an antialiasing filter between th[e ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) and the ADC to prevent broadband noise from aliasing back in band. For more information on this interface, see th[e ADC Interfacing](#page-17-0) section.

The cascade of the performance of the circuit shown i[n Figure 48](#page-18-1) is presented in [Table 6.](#page-18-2)

Table 6. Cascade Performance of th[e ADL5380](http://www.analog.com/ADL5380) and [ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566)

¹ Output referred IP3 of th[e ADL5380,](http://www.analog.com/ADL5380) P_{IN} = −14 dBm, and R_L = 200 Ω .

LAYOUT CONSIDERATIONS

High-Q inductive drives and loads, as well as stray transmission line capacitance in combination with package parasitics, can potentially form a resonant circuit at high frequencies, resulting in excessive gain peaking or possible oscillation. If RF transmission lines connecting the input or output are used, design them such that stray capacitance at the input/output pins is minimized. In

many board designs, the signal trace widths should be minimal where the driver/receiver is no more than one-eighth of the wavelength from the amplifier. This nontransmission line configuration requires that underlying and adjacent ground and low impedance planes be dropped from the signal lines.

Figure 49. General-Purpose Characterization Circuit

Figure 50. Differential Characterization Circuit Using Agilent E8357A Four-Port PNA

Figure 51. Distortion Measurement Circuit for Various Common-Mode Voltages

SOLDERING INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDED LAND PATTERN

[Figure 52](#page-20-2) shows the recommended land pattern for th[e ADL5566.](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) The [ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) is contained in a 4 mm \times 4 mm LFCSP package, which has an exposed ground paddle (EPAD). This paddle is internally connected to the ground of the chip. To minimize thermal impedance and ensure electrical performance, solder the paddle to the low impedance ground plane on the printed circuit board (PCB). To further reduce thermal impedance, it is recommended that the ground planes on all layers under the paddle be stitched together with vias.

For more information on land pattern design and layout, refer to the [AN-772 Application Note,](http://www.analog.com/AN-772) *A Design and Manufacturing Guide for the Lead Frame Chip Scale Package (LFCSP)*.

This land pattern, on the [ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) evaluation board, provides a measured thermal resistance (θ_{JA}) of 34.0°C/W. To measure θ_{JA} , the temperature at the top of the LFCSP package is found with an IR temperature gun. Thermal simulation suggests a junction temperature 1.5°C higher than the top of package temperature. With additional ambient temperature and I/O power measurements, θ_{IA} can be determined.

Figure 52. Recommended Land Pattern

EVALUATION BOARD

[Figure 53](#page-21-0) shows the schematic of th[e ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) evaluation board. The board is powered by a single supply in the 3 V to 5 V range. The power supply is decoupled by 10 μ F and 0.1 μ F capacitors. The L1 and L2 inductors decouple th[e ADL5566](http://www.analog.com/ADL5566) from the power supply.

[Table 7](#page-21-1) details the various configuration options of the evaluation board[. Figure 54](#page-22-0) and [Figure 55](#page-22-1) show the component and circuit side layouts of the evaluation board.

The balanced input and output interfaces are converted to single ended with a pair of baluns (M/A-COM ETC1-1-13). The baluns at the input, T1 and T2, provide a 50 Ω single-ended-to-differential transformation. The output baluns, T3 and T4, and the matching components are configured to provide a 200 Ω to 50 Ω impedance transformation with an insertion loss of about 11 dB.

VCOM-2 V_{CC} *Figure 53. Evaluation Board Schematic*

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Table 7. Evaluation Board Configuration Options

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Figure 54. Layout of Evaluation Board, Component Side

Figure 55. Layout of Evaluation Board, Circuit Side

OUTLINE DIMENSIONS

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