



## **FEATURES**

- **Precision (up to 17 Bits) A/D Converter**
- **3 Wire Serial Port**
- **Flexible: User Can Trade-Off Conversion Speed Against Resolution**
- **Single Supply Operation**
- **–5V Output Pin**
- **4 Input, Differential Analog MUX (TC534)**
- **Automatic Input Polarity and Overrange Detection**
- Low Operating Current ............................... 5mA Max
- **Wide Analog Input Range ......................** ±**4.2V Max**
- Cost Effective

## **ORDERING INFORMATION**



## **FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM**

## **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The TC530/534 are serial analog data acquisition subsystems ideal for high precision measurements (up to 17 bits plus sign). The TC530 consists of a dual slope integrating A/D converter, negative power supply generator and 3 wire serial interface port. The TC534 is identical to the TC530, but adds a four channel differential input multiplexer. Key A/D converter operating parameters (Auto Zero and Integration time) are programmable, allowing the user to trade-off conversion time for resolution.

Data conversion is initiated when the RESET input is brought low. After conversion, data is loaded into the output shift register and **EOC** is asserted indicating new data is available. The converted data (plus Overrange and polarity bits) is held in the output shift register until read by the processor, or until the next conversion is completed allowing the user to access data at any time.

The TC530/534 timebase can be derived from an external crystal of 2MHz (max), or from an external frequency source. The TC530/534 requires a single 5V power supply and features  $a - 5V$ , 10mA output which can be used to supply negative bias to other components in the system.



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## **ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS\***



\*Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

# ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS TABLE TO HARACTERISTICS



# **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**  $V_{DD} = V_{CCD}$ ,  $C_{AZ} = C_{REF} = 0.47 \mu F$ , unless otherwise specified.



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**Serial Port Interface:**  $V_{CCD} = +5V$ , unless otherwise specified.



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**DC/DC Converter Section:**  $V_{DD} = +5V$ , unless otherwise specified.



#### **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

**Multiplexer:**  $V_{DD} = +5V$  (Note 4), unless otherwise specified.



**Notes:** 1. Integrate time ≥ 66msec, Auto Zero time ≥ 66msec,  $V_{INT}$  (pk) = 4V.

2. End point linearity at  $\pm\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\pm\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\pm\frac{3}{4}$  F.S. after full scale adjustment.

3. Roll-over error is related to capacitor used for  $C_{\text{INT}}$  (See "Recommended Suppliers for  $C_{\text{INT}}$ ", Table 2).

4. TC534 Only.



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## **PIN DESCRIPTION**



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#### **Figure 1. Serial Port Timing** t<sub>pn</sub> **tRS**  $t_{\text{DRS}}$   $\rightarrow$   $\left| \begin{array}{c} \left| \begin{array}{c} \left| \begin{array}{c} \right| \left| \right| \end{array} \right. \\ \left| \begin{array}{c} \left| \right| \end{array} \right. \end{array} \right. \end{bmatrix}$ **R/W READ TIMING READ FORMAT WRITE FORMAT WRITE TIMING WRITE DEFAULT TIMING EOC Dout**  $D_{CL}$ **R/W EOC DOUT DCLK** EOC <u>(</u>OVR)(SGN)(MSB)( X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X LSB **tLS tDLS tPWL R/W DIN**  $D_{CL}$ **tLDL tLDS R/W DIN R/W DOUT DCLK MSB LSB For Polled vs Interrupt Operation and Write Value Modified Cycle Use TC520A Data Sheet Figure 1 & 2. PIN DESCRIPTION** (Cont.) **Pin No. Pin No. Pin No Pin No. (TC530 (TC530 (TC534 (TC534 28-Pin 28-Pin 40-Pin 44-Pin PDIP, 300 Mil.) SOIC) PDIP) PQFP) Symbol Description** 22 22 32 30 V<sub>CCD</sub> Analog Input. Power supply connection for digital logic and serial port. Proper power-up sequencing is critical, see the Applications section. 23 23 34 32 OSC Input. The negative power supply converter normally runs at a frequency of 100kHz. This frequency can be slowed down to reduce quiescent current by connecting an external capacitor between this pin and V<sub>Š</sub>. (See Typical Characteristics). 25 25 37 35 V<sub>DD</sub> Analog Input. Power supply connection for the A/D analog section and DC-DC converter. Proper power-up sequencing is critical, see the Applications section. 26 26 38 36 CAP<sup>+</sup> Analog Input. Storage capacitor positive connection for the DC/DC converter. 27 27 39 37 AGND Analog Input. Ground connection for DC/DC converter. 28 28 40 38 CAP<sup>-</sup> Analog Input. Storage capacitor negative connection for the DC/DC converter. 13, 24 13, 24 28, 29, 31, 1, 25, 26, 27 NC No connect. Do not connect any signal to these pins. 33, 35, 36 29, 31, 33, 34, 39, 44,

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## **DETAILED DESCRIPTION**

## **Dual Slope Integrating Converter**

The TC530/534 dual slope converter operates by integrating the input signal for a fixed time period, then applying an opposite polarity reference voltage while timing the period (counting clocks pulses) for the integrator output to cross 0V (deintegrating). The resulting count is read as conversion data.

A simple mathematical expression that describes dual slope conversion is:

(1) Integrate Voltage = Deintegrate Voltage

(2) 
$$
1/R_{INT}C_{INT} \int_{0}^{t_{INT}} V_{IN}(t)dt = 1/R_{INT}C_{INT} \int_{0}^{t_{DINT}}
$$

from which:

$$
(3) (V_{\mathsf{IN}}) \left[ \frac{(\mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{INT}})}{(R_{\mathsf{INT}})(C_{\mathsf{INT}})} \right] = (V_{\mathsf{REF}}) \left[ \frac{(\mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{DINT}})}{(R_{\mathsf{INT}})(C_{\mathsf{INT}})} \right]
$$

and therefore:

$$
(4) V_{IN} = V_{REF} \left[ \frac{t_{DINT}}{t_{INT}} \right]
$$

where:  $V_{REF}$  = Reference Voltage  $t_{INT}$  = Integrate Time  $t<sub>DINT</sub>$  = Reference Voltage Deintegrate Time

Inspection of equation (4) shows dual slope converter accuracy is unrelated to integrating resistor and capacitor values, as long as they are stable throughout the measurement cycle. This measurement technique is inherently ratiometric (i.e., the ratio between the  $t_{INT}$  and  $t_{DINT}$  times is equal to the ratio between  $V_{IN}$  and  $V_{REF}$ ).

**Figure 2. A/D Converter Timing**

Another inherent benefit is noise immunity. Input noise spikes are integrated (or averaged to zero) during the integration period. The integrating converter has a noise immunity with an attenuation rate of at least –20dB per decade. Interference signals with frequencies at integral multiples of the integration period are, for the most part, completely removed. For this reason, the integration period of the converter is often established to reject 50/60Hz line noise. The ability to reject such noise is shown by the plot of Figure 3.

In addition to the two phases required for dual slope measurement (Integrate and Deintegrate), the TC530/534 performs two additional adjustments to minimize measurement error due to system offset voltages. The resulting four internal operations (conversion phases) performed each measurement cycle are: Auto Zero (AZ), Integrator Output Zero (IZ), Input Integrate (INT) and Reference Deintegrate  $(D_{INT})$ . The AZ and IZ phases compensate for system offset errors and the INT and  $D_{INT}$  phases perform the actual A/D conversion.



**Figure 3. Integrating Converter Normal Mode Rejection**

#### **Auto Zero Phase** (AZ)

This phase compensates for errors due to buffer, integrator and comparator offset voltages. During this phase, an internal feedback loop forces a compensating error voltage on auto zero capacitor  $(C_{AZ})$ . The duration of the AZ phase is programmable via the serial port (see also Programming AZ and INT Phase Duration paragraph of this document).

#### **Input Integrate Phase** (INT)

In this phase, a current directly proportional to differential input voltage is sourced into integrating capacitor  $C<sub>INT</sub>$ . The amount of voltage stored on  $C<sub>INT</sub>$  at the end of the INT phase is directly proportional to the applied differential input voltage. Input signal polarity (sign bit) is determined at the end of this phase. Converter resolution and conversion speed is a function of the duration of the INT phase, which is programmable by the user via the serial port (see also Programming AZ and INT Phase Duration paragraph of this document). The shorter the integration time, the faster the speed of conversion, but the lower the resolution. Conversely, the longer the integration time, the greater the resolution, but at slower the speed of conversion.

#### **Reference Deintegrate Phase** (DINT)

This phase consists of measuring the time for the integrator output to return (at a rate determined by the external reference voltage) from its initial voltage to 0V. The resulting timer data is stored in the output shift register as converted analog data.

#### **Integrator Output Zero Phase** (IZ)

This phase guarantees the integrator output is at zero volts when the AZ phase is entered so that only true system offset voltages will be compensated for.

All internal converter timing is derived from the frequency source at  $OSC<sub>IN</sub>$  and  $OSC<sub>OUT</sub>$ . This frequency source must be either an externally provided clock signal, or an external crystal. If an external clock is used, it must be connected to the  $OSC_{IN}$  pin and the  $OSC_{OUT}$  pin must remain floating. If a crystal is used, it must be connected between  $\text{OSC}_{\text{IN}}$  and  $\text{OSC}_{\text{OUT}}$  and physically located as close to the  $\text{OSC}_{\text{IN}}$  and  $\text{OSC}_{\text{OUT}}$  pins as possible. In either case, the incoming clock frequency is divided by four and the resulting clock serves as the internal TC530/534 timebase.

## **APPLICATIONS**

#### **Programming the TC530/534**

#### **AZ and INT Phase Duration:**

These two phases have equal duration determined by the crystal (or external) frequency and the timer initialization byte (LOAD VALUE). Timing is selected as follows:

#### (1) **Select Integration Time**

Integration time must be picked as a multiple of the period of the line frequency. For example,  $t_{INT}$  times of 33msec, 66msec and 132msec maximize 60Hz line rejection.

#### (2) **Estimate Crystal Frequency**

Crystal frequencies as high as 2MHz are allowed. Crystal frequency is estimated using:

$$
F_{IN} = \frac{2(R)}{t_{INT}}
$$
  
where: R = Desired Converter Resolution (in counts)  

$$
F_{IN} = Input Frequency (in MHz)
$$
  
INT = Integration Time (in seconds)  
(3) Calculate LOAD VALUE

[LOAD VALUE]<sub>10</sub> = 256 - 
$$
\frac{(t_{INT})(F_{IN})}{1024}
$$

 $F_{IN}$  can be adjusted to a standard value during this step. The resulting base -10 LOAD VALUE must be converted to a hexadecimal number, then loaded into the serial port prior to initiating A/D conversion.

#### **DINT and IZ Phase Timing**

The duration of the  $D_{INT}$  phase is a function of the amount of voltage stored on the integrator capacitor during INT, and the value of  $V_{REF}$ . The  $D_{INT}$  phase is initiated immediately following INT and terminated when an integrator output zero-crossing is detected. In general, the maximum number of counts chosen for  $D_{INT}$  is twice that of INT (with  $V_{REF}$  chosen at  $V_{IN}(max)/2$ ).

#### **System RESET**

The TC530/534 must be forced into the AZ state when power is first applied. A .01µF capacitor connected from RESET to  $V_{CC}$  (or external system reset logic signal) can be used to momentarily drive RESET high for a minimum of 100msec.

## **Selecting Component Values for the TC530/534**

#### (1) **Calculate Integrating Resistor (RINT)**

The desired full-scale input voltage and amplifier output current capability determine the value of  $R_{INT}$ . The buffer and integrator amplifiers each have a fullscale current of 20µA.

The value of  $R_{INT}$  is therefore directly calculated as follows:

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$$
R_{INT} (M\Omega) = \frac{V_{INMAX}}{20}
$$

where:  $V_{INMAX}$  = Maximum Input Voltage (full count voltage)

 $R_{INT}$  = Integrating Resistor (in MΩ)

For loop stability,  $R_{INT}$  should be  $\geq$  50kΩ.

(2) **Select Reference** (CREF) **and Auto Zero** (CAZ) **Capacitors**

 $C_{REF}$  and  $C_{AZ}$  must be low leakage capacitors (such as polypropylene). The slower the conversion rate, the larger the value  $C_{REF}$  must be. Recommended capacitors for  $C_{REF}$  and  $C_{AZ}$  are shown in Table 1. Larger values for  $C_{AZ}$  and  $C_{REF}$  may also be used to limit roll-over errors.

#### **Table 1. CREF and CAZ Selection**



\*WIMA Corp. listing on the last page of this data sheet.

#### 3. **Calculate Integrating Capacitor** (C<sub>INT</sub>)

The integrating capacitor must be selected to maximize integrator output voltage swing. The integrator output voltage swing is defined as the absolute value of  $V_{DD}$  (or  $V_{SS}$ ) less 0.9V (i.e.  $|V_{DD} - 0.9V|$  or  $|V_{SS} +$ 0.9V|). Using the 20µA buffer maximum output current, the value of the integrating capacitor is calculated using the following equation:

$$
C_{INT} (\mu F) = \frac{(t_{INT})(20)}{(V_S - 0.9)}
$$
  
where: t<sub>INT</sub> = Integration Period  

$$
V_S = \text{Applied Supply Voltage}
$$

$$
C_{INT} = \text{Integerator Capacitor Value (in } \mu F)
$$

It is critical that the integrating capacitor have a very low dielectric absorption. PPS capacitors are an example of one such chemistry. Table 2 summarizes various capacitors suitable for  $C<sub>INT</sub>$ .

#### **Table 2. Recommend Capacitor for CINT**



\*WIMA Corp. listing on the last page of this data sheet.

#### 4. **Calculate VREF**

The reference deintegration voltage is calculated using:

$$
V_{REF} (in Volts) = \frac{(V_S - 0.9)(C_{INT})(R_{INT})}{2(t_{INT})}
$$

**Serial Port**

Communication with the TC530/534 is accomplished over a 3 wire serial port. Data is clocked into  $D_{IN}$  on the rising edge of D<sub>CLK</sub> and clocked out of D<sub>OUT</sub> on the falling edge of  $D_{CLK}$ . R/W must be HIGH to read converted data from the serial port and LOW to write the LOAD VALUE to the TC530/ 534.

#### **Load Value Write Cycle (Figure 4)**

Following the power-up reset pulse, the LOAD VALUE (which sets the duration of AZ and INT) must next be transmitted to the serial port. To accomplish this, the processor monitors the state of  $\overline{EOC}$  (which is available as a hardware output or at  $D_{\text{OUT}}$ ). R/W is taken low to initiate the write cycle only when  $\overline{\text{EOC}}$  is low (during the AZ phase). (Failure to observe EOC low may cause an offset voltage to be developed across  $C_{INT}$  resulting in erroneous readings). The 8 bit LOAD VALUE data on  $D_{IN}$  is clocked in by  $D_{CLK}$ . The processor then terminates the write cycle by taking R/W high. (Data is transferred from the serial input shift register to the time base counter on the rising edge of R/W, and data conversion is initiated).

#### **Data Read Cycle (Figure 5)**

Data is shifted out of the serial port in the following order: End of Conversion (EOC), Overrange (OVR), Sign (SGN), conversion data (MSB first). When R/W is high, the state of the EOC bit can be polled by simply reading the state of DOUT. This allows the processor to determine if new data is available without connecting an additional wire to the EOC output pin (this is especially useful in a polled environment).

#### **Input Multiplexer (TC534 Only)**

A 4 input, differential multiplexer is included in the TC534. The states of channel address lines A0 and A1 determine which differential  $V_{\text{IN}}$  pair is routed to the con-

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**Figure 4. TC530/534 Initialization and Load Value Write Cycle**

verter input. A0 is the least significant address bit (i.e., channel 1 is selected when  $A0 = 1$  and  $A1 = 0$ ). The multiplexer is designed to be operated in a differential mode. For single-ended inputs, the CH<sub>x</sub>-input for the channel under selection must be connected to the ground reference associated with the input signal.



**Figure 5. Serial Port Data Read Cycle**

#### **DC/DC Converter**

An on-board, TC7660H-type charge pump supplies negative bias to the converter circuitry, as well as to external devices. The charge pump develops a negative output voltage by moving charge from the power supply to the reservoir capacitor at  $V_{SS}$  by way of the commutating capacitor connected to the CAP<sup>+</sup> and CAP<sup>-</sup> inputs.

The charge pump clock operates at a typical frequency of 100kHz. If lower quiescent current is desired, the charge pump clock can be slowed by connecting an external capacitor from the OSC pin to  $V_{DD}$ . Reference typical characteristics curves.

## **APPLICATIONS**

#### **Design Example**

Figure 6 shows a typical TC534 interrupt-driven application. Timing and component values are calculated from equations and recommendations made in the Dual Slope Integrating Converter and Programming the TC530/534 sections of this document. The EOC connection to the processor INT input is for interrupt-driven applications only. (In polled systems, the EOC output is available on  $D_{\text{OUT}}$ ).

#### **GIVEN**

REQUIRED RESOLUTION: 16 Bits (65,536 counts.) MAXIMUM  $V_{IN}$ :  $\qquad \qquad \pm 2V$ POWER SUPPLY VOLTAGE: +5V 60Hz SYSTEM

- 1. Pick Integration time (t<sub>INT</sub>) 66msec
- 2. **Estimate crystal frequency**  $F_{IN} = 2R/t_{INT} = 2 \times 65536/66 \times 10^{-3} = 1.98 MHz$ (use 2MHz)

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- 3. **Calculate LOAD VALUE** LOAD VALUE =  $256 - (t_{INT})(F_{IN})/1024 = [128]_{10}$  $[128]_{10} = 80$  hex
- 4. **Calculate RINT**  $R<sub>INT</sub>$  (in MΩ) = V<sub>INMAX</sub>/20 = 2/20 = 100kΩ
- 5. Calculate C<sub>INT</sub> for maximum (4V) integrator out**put swing**

 $C_{INT}$  (in  $\mu$ F) = (t<sub>INT</sub>)(20 x 10<sup>-6</sup>)/ (V<sub>S</sub> – 0.9)  $= (.066)(20 \times 10^{-6})/(4.1)$  $= .32 \mu$ F (use closest value:  $0.33 \mu$ F)

NOTE: TelCom recommended capacitor: WIMA p/n: MK12 .33/63/10

### 6. **Choose CREF and CAZ based on conversion rate**

Conversions/sec=  $1/(t_{AZ} + t_{INT} + 2t_{INT} + 2msec)$  $= 1/(66$ msec + 66msec + 132msec

+ 2msec)

= 3.7 conversions/sec

from which  $C_{AZ} = C_{REF} = 0.22 \mu F$  (see Table

NOTE: TelCom recommended capacitor: WIMA p/n: MK12 .22/63/10

## 7. **Calculate VREF**

$$
V_{REF}
$$
 (in Volts =  $(V_S - 0.9)(C_{INT})(R_{INT})$ 

 $2(t_{\text{INT}})$  $=\frac{(4.1)(0.33x10^{-6})(10^5)}{2(.066)}$  $= 1.025V$ 

## **Power Supply Sequencing**

Improper sequencing of the power supply inputs  $(V_{DD})$ vs.  $V_{\text{CCD}}$  can potentially cause an improper power-up sequence to occur. See Circuit Design/Layout Considerations below. Failing to insure a proper power-up sequence can cause spurious operation.

## **Ciruit Design/Layout Considerations**

(1) Separate ground return paths should be used for the analog and digital circuitry. Use of ground planes and trace fill on analog circuit sections is highly recommended EXCEPT for in and around the integrator section and  $C_{RFF}$ ,  $C_{AY}$ . ( $C_{INT}$ ,  $C_{RFF}$ ,  $C_{AZ}$ ,  $R_{INT}$ ). Stray capacitance between these nodes and ground appears in parallel with the components themselves and can affect measurement accuracy.



**Figure 6. TC530/534 Typical Application**

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(2) Improper sequencing of the power supply inputs  $(V_{DD}$  vs.  $V_{CCD}$ ) can potentially cause an improper power-up sequence to occur in the internal state machines. It is recommended that the digital supply,  $V_{\text{CCD}}$ , be powered up first. One method of insuring the correct power-up sequence is to delay the analog supply using a series resistor and a capacitor. See Figure 6, TC530/534 Typical Application.

(3) Decoupling capacitors, preferably a higher value electrolytic or tantulum in parallel with a small ceramic or tantalum, should be used liberally. This includes bypassing the supply connections of all active components and the voltage reference.

(4) Critical components should be chosen for stability and low noise. The use of a metal-film resistor for  $R_{INT}$  and Polypropylene or Polyphenelyne Sulfide (PPS) capacitors for  $C_{INT}$ ,  $C_{AZ}$ , and  $C_{REF}$  is highly recommended.

(5) The inputs and integrator section are very high impedance nodes. Leakage to or from these critical nodes can contribute measurement error. A guard-ring should be used to protect the integrator section from stray leakage.

(6) Circuit assemblies should be scrupulously clean to prevent the presence of contamination from assembly, handling, or the cleaning itself. Minutely conductive trace contaminates, easily ignored in most applications, can adversely affect the performance of high impedance circuits. The input and integrator sections should be made as compact and close to the TC53x as possible.

(7) Digital and other dynamic signal conductors should be kept as far from the TC53x's analog section as possible. The microcontroller or other host logic should be kept quiet during a measurement cycle. Background activites such as keypad scanning, display refreshing, and power switching can introduce noise.

# **TC530EV Evaluation Kit**

The TC530EV consists of a 4" x 6" pre-assembled circuit board that connects to the serial port of any PC or dumb terminal. Also included is a WindowsTM\* ExcelTM\*-based design utility that calculates component and LOAD values based on user input, and prints a finished circuit schematic. Please contact your local TelCom representative for more information, or point your web browser to http://www.telcomsemi.com.



## **TC530 TC534**

## **TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS**



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