

1 nV/√Hz, Low Power, Rail-to-Rail Output Amplifiers

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FEATURES

Low wideband noise 1 nV/√Hz 2.8 pA/√Hz Low 1/f noise: 2.4 nV/√Hz at 10 Hz Low distortion: −115 dBc at 100 kHz, V_{OUT} = 2 V p-p **Low power: 3 mA per amplifier Low input offset voltage: 0.5 mV maximum High speed −3 dB bandwidth: 230 MHz (G = +1) Slew rate: 120 V/μs Settling time to 0.1%: 45 ns Rail-to-rail output Wide supply range: 3 V to 10 V Disable feature ([ADA4897-1](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1)[/ADA4897-2\)](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2)**

APPLICATIONS

Low noise preamplifier Ultrasound amplifiers PLL loop filters High performance ADC drivers DAC buffers

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The [ADA4896-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2)[/ADA4897-1](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1)[/ADA4897-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2) are unity-gain stable, low noise, rail-to-rail output, high speed voltage feedback amplifiers that have a quiescent current of 3 mA. With a 1/f noise of 2.4 nV/√Hz at 10 Hz and a spurious-free dynamic range of −80 dBc at 2 MHz, the [ADA4896-2/](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2)[ADA4897-1/](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1)[ADA4897-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2) are ideal solutions in a variety of applications, including ultrasound, low noise preamplifiers, and drivers of high performance ADCs. The Analog Devices, Inc., proprietary next-generation SiGe bipolar process and innovative architecture enable such high performance amplifiers.

The [ADA4896-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2)[/ADA4897-1](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1)[/ADA4897-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2) have 230 MHz bandwidth, 120 V/μs slew rate, and settle to 0.1% in 45 ns. With a wide supply voltage range of 3 V to 10 V, th[e ADA4896-2/](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2) [ADA4897-1/](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1)[ADA4897-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2) are ideal candidates for systems that require high dynamic range, precision, low power, and high speed.

The [ADA4896-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2) is available in 8-lead LFCSP and 8-lead MSOP packages. The [ADA4897-1](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1) is available in 8-lead SOIC and 6-lead SOT-23 packages. The [ADA4897-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2) is available in a 10-lead MSOP package. The [ADA4896-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2)/[ADA4897-1](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1)/[ADA4897-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2) operate over the extended industrial temperature range of −40°C to +125°C.

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±5 V SUPPLY

 $T_{\rm A}$ = 25°C, G = +1, R $\rm _L$ = 1 kΩ to ground, unless otherwise noted.

+5 V SUPPLY

T_A = 25°C, G = +1, R_L = 1 k Ω to midsupply, unless otherwise noted.

Table 4.

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+3 V SUPPLY

T_A = 25°C, G = +1, R_L = 1 k Ω to midsupply, unless otherwise noted.

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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Table 6.

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

 $θ_{IA}$ is specified for the worst-case conditions, that is, $θ_{IA}$ is specified for a device soldered in a circuit board for surface-mount packages. [Table 7](#page-7-2) lists the θ_{IA} for the [ADA4896-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2)/ [ADA4897-1/](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1)[ADA4897-2.](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2)

Table 7. Thermal Resistance

MAXIMUM POWER DISSIPATION

The maximum safe power dissipation for the [ADA4896-2/](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2) [ADA4897-1/](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1)[ADA4897-2 is](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2) limited by the associated rise in junction temperature (T_J) on the die. At approximately 150°C, which is the glass transition temperature, the properties of the plastic change. Even temporarily exceeding this temperature limit may change the stresses that the package exerts on the die, permanently shifting the parametric performance of the [ADA4896-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2)/[ADA4897-1](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1)[/ADA4897-2.](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2) Exceeding a junction temperature of 175°C for an extended period of time can result in changes in silicon devices, potentially causing degradation or loss of functionality.

The power dissipated in the package (P_D) is the sum of the quiescent power dissipation and the power dissipated in the die due to the [ADA4896-2/](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2)[ADA4897-1/](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1)[ADA4897-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2) drive at the output.

The quiescent power dissipation is the voltage between the supply pins $(\pm V_s)$ multiplied by the quiescent current (I_s) .

PD = *Quiescent Power* + (*Total Drive Power* − *Load Power*)

$$
P_D = (V_S \times I_S) + \left(\frac{V_S}{2} \times \frac{V_{OUT}}{R_L}\right) - \frac{V_{OUT}^2}{R_L}
$$

RMS output voltages should be considered. If R_L is referenced to $-V$ _S, as in single-supply operation, the total drive power is $V_s \times$ IOUT. If the rms signal levels are indeterminate, consider the worst case, when $V_{\text{OUT}} = V_s/4$ for R_L to midsupply.

$$
P_D = (V_S \times I_S) + \frac{(V_S / 4)^2}{R_L}
$$

In single-supply operation with RL referenced to −Vs, worst case is $V_{\text{OUT}} = V_s/2$.

Airflow increases heat dissipation, effectively reducing θ_{IA} . Also, more metal directly in contact with the package leads and exposed paddle from metal traces, through holes, ground, and power planes reduces θ_{JA} .

[Figure 3](#page-7-1) shows the maximum safe power dissipation in the package vs. the ambient temperature on a JEDEC standard 4-layer board. θ_{IA} values are approximations.

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 CONFIGURATIONS AND FUNCTION DESCRIPTIONS

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Figure 4. 8-Lead LFCSP Pin Configuration

Figure 5. 8-Lead MSOP Pin Configuration

Figure 6. 8-Lead SOIC Pin Configuration

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Figure 8. 10-Lead MSOP Pin Configuration

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TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

 $R_L = 1 kΩ$, unless otherwise noted. When $G = +1$, $R_F = 0 Ω$; otherwise, $R_F = 249 Ω$.

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THEORY OF OPERATION **AMPLIFIER DESCRIPTION**

The [ADA4896-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2)[/ADA4897-1](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1)[/ADA4897-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2) are 1 nV/ \sqrt{Hz} input noise amplifiers that consume 3 mA from supplies ranging from 3 V to 10 V. Fabricated on the Analog Devices SiGe bipolar process, the [ADA4896-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2)[/ADA4897-1](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1)[/ADA4897-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2) have a bandwidth in excess of 200 MHz. The amplifiers are unity-gain stable, and the input structure results in an extremely low input 1/f noise for a high speed amplifier.

The rail-to-rail output stage is designed to drive the heavy feedback load required to achieve an overall low output referred noise. To meet more demanding system requirements, the large signal bandwidth of the [ADA4896-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2)[/ADA4897-1](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1)[/ADA4897-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2) was increased beyond the typical fundamental limits of other low noise, unity-gain stable amplifiers. The maximum offset voltage of 500 μV and drift of 0.2 μV/°C make the [ADA4896-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2)[/ADA4897-1/](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1) [ADA4897-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2) excellent amplifier choices even when the low noise performance is not needed because there is minimal power penalty in achieving the low input noise or the high bandwidth.

INPUT PROTECTION

The [ADA4896-2/](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2)[ADA4897-1](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1)[/ADA4897-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2) are fully protected from ESD events, withstanding human body model ESD events of 2.5 kV and charged-device model events of 1 kV with no measured performance degradation. The precision input is protected with an ESD network between the power supplies and diode clamps across the input device pair, as shown in Figure 44.

For differential voltages above approximately 0.7 V, the diode clamps begin to conduct. Too much current can cause damage due to excessive heating. If large differential voltages must be sustained across the input terminals, it is recommended that the current through the input clamps be limited to less than 10 mA. Series input resistors that are sized appropriately for the expected differential overvoltage provide the needed protection.

The ESD clamps begin to conduct for input voltages that are more than 0.7 V above the positive supply and input voltages more than 0.7 V below the negative supply. If an overvoltage condition is expected, it is recommended that the input current be limited to less than 10 mA.

DISABLE OPERATION

[Figure 45](#page-16-1) shows the [ADA4897-1](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1)[/ADA4897-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2) power-down circuitry. If the DISABLE pin is left unconnected, the base of the input PNP transistor is pulled high through the internal pull-up resistor to the positive supply and the part is turned on. Pulling the $\overline{DISABLE}$ pin to \geq V below the positive supply turns the part off, reducing the supply current to approximately 18 μA for a 5 V voltage supply.

The DISABLE pin is protected by ESD clamps, as shown in [Figure 45. V](#page-16-1)oltages beyond the power supplies cause these diodes to conduct. For protection of the DISABLE pin, the voltage to this pin should not exceed 0.7 V above the positive supply or 0.7 V below the negative supply. If an overvoltage condition is expected, it is recommended that the input current be limited with a series resistor to less than 10 mA.

When the amplifier is disabled, its output goes to a high impedance state. The output impedance decreases as frequency increases; this effect can be observed in [Figure 36](#page-14-0). In disable mode, a forward isolation of 50 dB can be achieved at 10 MHz. [Figure 43 s](#page-15-0)hows the forward isolation vs. frequency data.

DC ERRORS

[Figure 46](#page-17-1) shows a typical connection diagram and the major dc error sources.

Figure 46. Typical Connection Diagram and DC Error Sources

The ideal transfer function (all error sources set to 0 and infinite dc gain) can be written as

$$
V_{OUT} = \left(1 + \frac{R_F}{R_G}\right) \times V_{IP} - \left(\frac{R_F}{R_G}\right) \times V_{IN}
$$
 (1)

This equation reduces to the familiar forms for noninverting and inverting op amp gain expressions, as follows:

For noninverting gain ($V_{IN} = 0 V$)

$$
V_{OUT} = \left(1 + \frac{R_F}{R_G}\right) \times V_{IP}
$$
 (2)

For inverting gain ($V_{IP} = 0$ V)

$$
V_{OUT} = \left(\frac{-R_F}{R_G}\right) \times V_{IN} \tag{3}
$$

The total output voltage error is the sum of errors due to the amplifier offset voltage and input currents. The output error due to the offset voltage can be estimated as

$$
V_{OUT_{ERROR}} =
$$
\n
$$
\left(V_{OFFSET_{NOM}} + \frac{V_{CM}}{CMRR} + \frac{V_p - V_{PNOM}}{PSRR} + \frac{V_{OUT}}{A}\right) \times \left(1 + \frac{R_F}{R_G}\right)
$$
\n(4)

where:

 $V_{\textit{OFFSET}_{\textit{NOM}}}$ is the offset voltage at the specified supply voltage,

which is measured with the input and output at midsupply.

V_{CM} is the common-mode voltage.

VP is the power supply voltage.

VPNOM is the specified power supply voltage.

CMRR is the common-mode rejection ratio.

PSRR is the power supply rejection ratio.

A is the dc open-loop gain.

The output error due to the input currents can be estimated as

$$
V_{OUT_{ERROR}} = (R_F || R_G) \times \left(1 + \frac{R_F}{R_G}\right) \times I_{B-} - R_S \times \left(1 + \frac{R_F}{R_G}\right) \times I_{B+}
$$
 (5)

BIAS CURRENT CANCELLATION

To cancel the output voltage error due to unmatched bias currents at the inputs, R_{BP} and R_{BN} can be used (see [Figure 47](#page-17-2)).

Figure 47. Using R_{BP} and R_{BN} to Cancel Bias Current Error

To compensate for the unmatched bias currents at the two inputs, set R_{BP} and R_{BN} as shown in [Table 11](#page-17-3).

Table 11. Setting R_{BN} and R_{BP} to Cancel Bias Current Errors

[Table 12](#page-17-4) shows sample values for R_{BP} and R_{BN} when $R_F||R_G > R_S$ and when $R_F||R_G < R_S$.

Table 12. Examples of R_{BN} and R_{BP} Settings

NOISE CONSIDERATIONS

[Figure 48](#page-18-1) illustrates the primary noise contributors for the typical gain configurations. The total rms output noise is the root-mean-square of all the contributions.

Figure 48. Noise Sources in Typical Connection

The output noise spectral density can be calculated by

$$
\overline{vout_en} =
$$

$$
\sqrt{4kTR_F + \left(1 + \frac{R_F}{R_G}\right)^2 \left[4kTRs + \overline{iep}^2 R_s^2 + \overline{ven}^2\right] + \left(\frac{R_F}{R_G}\right)^2 4kTR_G + \overline{ien}^2 R_F^2}
$$
\n(6)

where:

k is Boltzmann's constant.

T is the absolute temperature (degrees Kelvin).

iep and *ien* represent the amplifier input current noise spectral density (pA/\sqrt{Hz}).

ven is the amplifier input voltage noise spectral density (nV/ \sqrt{Hz}). *RS* is the source resistance, as shown in [Figure 48](#page-18-1).

RF and *RG* are the feedback network resistances, as shown in [Figure 48.](#page-18-1)

Source resistance noise, amplifier voltage noise (ven), and the voltage noise from the amplifier current noise (iep \times R_S) are all subject to the noise gain term $(1 + R_F/R_G)$. Note that with a 1 nV/√Hz input voltage noise and 2.8 pA/√Hz input current noise, the noise contributions of the amplifier are relatively small for source resistances from approximately 50 Ω to 700 $Ω$.

[Figure 49](#page-18-2) shows the total RTI noise due to the amplifier vs. the source resistance. In addition, the value of the feedback resistors used affects the noise. It is recommended that the value of the feedback resistors be maintained between 250 Ω and 1 k Ω to keep the total noise low.

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CAPACITANCE DRIVE

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Capacitance at the output of an amplifier creates a delay within the feedback path that, if within the bandwidth of the loop, can create excessive ringing and oscillation. The [ADA4896-2/](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2)[ADA4897-1/](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1) [ADA4897-2 s](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2)how the most peaking at a gain of +2 (see [Figure 9\).](#page-10-1)

Placing a small snub resistor (R_{SNUB}) in series with the amplifier output and the capacitive load mitigates the problem. Figure 50 shows the effect of using a snub resistor (R_{SNUB}) on reducing the peaking for the worst-case frequency response (gain of +2). Using $R_{SNUB} = 100 \Omega$ eliminates the peaking entirely, with the trade-off that the closed-loop gain is reduced by 0.8 dB due to attenuation at the output. R_{SNUB} can be adjusted from 0 Ω to 100 Ω to maintain an acceptable level of peaking and closedloop gain (see Figure 50).

Due to Output Capacitive Load

APPLICATIONS INFORMATION **TYPICAL PERFORMANCE VALUES**

To reduce design time and eliminate uncertainty, [Table 13](#page-19-1) provides a reference for typical gains, component values, and performance parameters. The supply voltage used is 5 V. The bandwidth is obtained with a small signal output of 200 mV p-p, and the slew rate is obtained with a 2 V output step.

Note that as the gain increases, the small signal bandwidth decreases, as is expected from the gain bandwidth product relationship. In addition, the phase margin improves with higher gains, and the amplifier becomes more stable. As a result, the peaking in the frequency response is reduced (see [Figure 51\)](#page-19-2).

Figure 51. Small Signal Frequency Response at Various Gains

Table 13. Recommended Values and Typical Performance

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LOW NOISE, GAIN SELECTABLE AMPLIFIER

Figure 52. Using the [ADA4896-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2) and the [ADG633](http://www.analog.com/ADG633) to Construct a Low Noise, Gain Selectable Amplifier to Drive a Low Resistive Load

A gain selectable amplifier makes processing a wide range of input signals possible. A traditional gain selectable amplifier uses switches in the feedback loops connecting to the inverting input. The switch resistances degrade the noise performance of the amplifier, as well as adding significant capacitance on the inverting input node. The noise and capacitance issues can be especially bothersome when working with low noise amplifiers. Also, the switch resistances contribute to nonlinear gain error, which is undesirable.

[Figure 52](#page-20-1) presents an innovative switching technique used in the gain selectable amplifier such that the 1 nV/Hz noise performance of the [ADA4896-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2) is preserved while the nonlinear gain error is much reduced. With this technique, the user can also choose switches with minimal capacitance to optimize the bandwidth of the circuit.

In the circuit shown in [Figure 52,](#page-20-1) the switches are implemented with the [ADG633](http://www.analog.com/ADG633) and are configured such that either S1A and S2A are on, or S1B and S2B are on. In this example, when the S1A and S2A switches are on, the first stage amplifier gain is +4. When the S1B and S2B switches are on, the first stage amplifier gain is +2. The first set of switches of the [ADG633](http://www.analog.com/ADG633) is placed on the output side of the feedback loop, and the second set of switches is used to sample at a point (V1 or V2) where switch resistances and nonlinear resistances do not matter. In this way, the gain error can be reduced while preserving the noise performance of the [ADA4896-2.](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2)

Note that the input bias current of the output buffer can cause problems with the impedance of the S2A and S2B sampling switches. Both sampling switches are not only nonlinear with voltage but with temperature as well. If this is an issue, place the unused switch of the [ADG633](http://www.analog.com/ADG633) (S3B) in the feedback path of the output buffer to balance the bias currents (see [Figure 52\)](#page-20-1).

In addition, the bias current of the input amplifier causes an offset at the output that varies based on the gain setting. Because the input amplifier and the output buffer are monolithic, the relative matching of their bias currents can be used to cancel out the varying offset. Placing a resistor equal to the difference between RF2 and RF1 in series with Switch S2A results in a more constant offset voltage.

The following derivation shows that sampling at V1 yields the desired signal gain without gain error. R_s denotes the switch resistance. V2 can be derived using the same method.

$$
V_{01} = V_{IN} \times \left(1 + \frac{R_{F1} + R_{SI}}{R_{GI}}\right)
$$
 (7)

$$
VI = V_{0I} \times \left(\frac{R_{FI} + R_{GI}}{R_{FI} + R_{GI} + R_{SI}}\right)
$$
 (8)

Substituting Equation 1 into Equation 2, the following derivation is obtained.

$$
VI = V_{IN} \times \left(1 + \frac{R_{FI}}{R_{GI}}\right) \tag{9}
$$

Note that if $V₀₁$ yields the desired signal gain without gain error, the buffered output V_{02} will also be free from gain error. [Figure 53](#page-20-2) shows the normalized frequency response of the circuit at V_{02} .

MEDICAL ULTRASOUND APPLICATIONS

Figure 54. Simplified Ultrasound System Block Diagram

Overview of the Ultrasound System

Medical ultrasound systems are among the most sophisticated signal processing systems in widespread use today. By transmitting acoustic energy into the body and receiving and processing the returning reflections, ultrasound systems can generate images of internal organs and structures, map blood flow and tissue motion, and provide highly accurate blood velocity information. [Figure 54 s](#page-21-1)hows a simplified block diagram of an ultrasound system.

The ultrasound system consists of two main operations: the time gain control (TGC) operation and the continuous wave (CW) Doppler operation. The [AD9279](http://www.analog.com/AD9279) integrates the essential components of these two operations into a single IC. It contains eight channels of a variable gain amplifier (VGA) with a low noise preamplifier (LNA), an antialiasing filter (AAF), an analog-to-digital converter (ADC), and an I/Q demodulator with programmable phase rotation. For detailed information about how to use the [AD9279](http://www.analog.com/AD9279) in an ultrasound system, see the [AD9279 d](http://www.analog.com/AD9279)ata sheet.

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Figure 55. Using the [ADA4896-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2)/[ADA4897-1](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1)/[ADA4897-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2) as Filters, I-to-V Converters, Current Summers, and ADC Drivers After the I/Q Outputs of the [AD9279](http://www.analog.com/AD9279)

The [ADA4896-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2)[/ADA4897-1](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1)[/ADA4897-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2) are used in the CW Doppler path in the ultrasound application after the I/Q demodulators of the [AD9279.](http://www.analog.com/AD9279) Doppler signals can be typically between 100 Hz to 100 kHz. The low noise floor and high dynamic range of the [ADA4896-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2)[/ADA4897-1](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1)[/ADA4897-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2) make them excellent choices for processing weak Doppler signals.

The rail-to-rail output and the high output current drive of the [ADA4896-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2)[/ADA4897-1](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1)[/ADA4897-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2) make them suitable candidates for the I-to-V converter, current summer, and ADC driver.

[Figure 55](#page-22-0) shows an interconnection block diagram of all eight channels of the [AD9279](http://www.analog.com/AD9279). Two stages of the [ADA4896-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2) amplifiers are used. The first stage performs an I-to-V conversion and filters the high frequency content that results from the demodulation process. The second stage of the [ADA4896-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2) amplifiers is used to sum the output currents of multiple [AD9279](http://www.analog.com/AD9279) devices, to provide gain, and to drive the [AD7982](http://www.analog.com/AD7982) device, an 18-bit SAR ADC.

The output-referred noise of the CW signal path depends on the LNA gain, the selection of the first stage summing amplifier, and the value of RFILT. To determine the output-referred noise, it is important to know the active low-pass filter (LPF) values RA, RFILT, and CFILT, as shown as [Figure 55](#page-22-0). Typical filter values for all eight channels of a single [AD9279](http://www.analog.com/AD9279) are 100 Ω for R_A, 500 Ω for RFILT, and 2.0 nF for CFILT; these values implement a 100 kHz, single-pole LPF.

The gain of the I-to-V converter can be increased by increasing the filter resistor, RFILT. To keep the corner frequency unchanged, decrease the filter capacitor, CFILT, by the same factor. The factor limiting the magnitude of the gain is the output swing and drive capability of the op amp selected for the I-to-V converter, in this example, the [ADA4896-2/](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2)[ADA4897-1](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1)[/ADA4897-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2). Because any amplifier has limited drive capability, a finite number of channels can be summed.

LAYOUT CONSIDERATIONS

To ensure optimal performance, careful and deliberate attention must be paid to the board layout, signal routing, power supply bypassing, and grounding.

Ground Plane

It is important to avoid ground in the areas under and around the input and output of the [ADA4896-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2)[/ADA4897-1](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1)[/ADA4897-2](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2). Stray capacitance created between the ground plane and the input and output pads of a device is detrimental to high speed amplifier performance. Stray capacitance at the inverting input, along with the amplifier input capacitance, lowers the phase margin and can cause instability. Stray capacitance at the output creates a pole in the feedback loop, which can reduce phase margin and can cause the circuit to become unstable.

Power Supply Bypassing

Power supply bypassing is a critical aspect in the performance of the [ADA4896-2/](http://www.analog.com/ADA4896-2)[ADA4897-1/](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-1)[ADA4897-2.](http://www.analog.com/ADA4897-2) A parallel connection of capacitors from each power supply pin to ground works best. Smaller value capacitor electrolytics offer better high frequency response, whereas larger value capacitor electrolytics offer better low frequency performance.

Paralleling different values and sizes of capacitors helps to ensure that the power supply pins are provided with a low ac impedance across a wide band of frequencies. This is important for minimizing the coupling of noise into the amplifier—especially when the amplifier PSRR begins to roll off—because the bypass capacitors can help lessen the degradation in PSRR performance.

The smallest value capacitor should be placed on the same side of the board as the amplifier and as close as possible to the amplifier power supply pins. The ground end of the capacitor should be connected directly to the ground plane.

It is recommended that a 0.1 μF ceramic capacitor with a 0508 case size be used. The 0508 case size offers low series inductance and excellent high frequency performance. A 10 μF electrolytic capacitor should be placed in parallel with the 0.1 μF capacitor. Depending on the circuit parameters, some enhancement to performance can be realized by adding additional capacitors. Each circuit is different and should be analyzed individually for optimal performance.

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