



# *Power Operational Amplifier* **RoHS**

# **FEATURES**

- Low Thermal Resistance  $1.1^{\circ}$ C/W
- Current Foldover Protection
- Excellent Linearity Class A/B Output
- Wide Supply Range  $-$  ±10V to ±45V
- High Output Current Up to ±15A Peak

# **APPLICATIONS**

- Motor, Valve and Actuator Control
- Magnetic Deflection Circuits up to 10A
- Power Transducers up to 100 kHz
- Temperature Control up to 360W
- Programmable Power Supplies up to 90V
- Audio Amplifiers up to 120W RMS

# **DESCRIPTION**

The PA13 is a state of the art high voltage, very high output current operational amplifier designed to drive resistive, inductive and capacitive loads. For optimum linearity, especially at low levels, the output stage is biased for class A/B operation using a thermistor compensated base-emitter voltage multiplier circuit. The safe operating area (SOA) can be observed for all operating conditions by selection of user programmable current limiting resistors. For continuous operation under load, a heatsink of proper rating is recommended. The PA13 is not recommended for gains below –3 (inverting) or +4 (non-inverting).

This hybrid integrated circuit utilizes thick film (cermet) resistors, ceramic capacitors and semiconductor chips to maximize reliability, minimize size and give top performance. Ultrasonically bonded aluminum wires provide reliable interconnections at all operating temperatures. The 12-pin power SIP is electrically isolated.







**COMPLIAN** 



# **TYPICAL CONNECTION**

### **Figure 2: Typical Connection**



### **PINOUT AND DESCRIPTION TABLE**

### **Figure 3: External Connections**







# **SPECIFICATIONS**

All Min/Max characteristics and specifications are guaranteed over the Specified Operating Conditions. Typical performance characteristics and specifications are derived from measurements taken at typical supply voltages and  $T_c$  = 25°C. Long term operation at the maximum junction temperature will result in reduced product life. Derate power dissipation to achieve high MTTF. Rating applies if the output current alternates between both output transistors at a rate faster than 60 Hz. Full temperature range specifications are guaranteed but not 100% tested.

### *ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS*



1. The power supply voltage for all tests is ±40, unless otherwise noted as a test condition.

The substrate contains beryllia (BeO). Do not crush, machine, or subject to temperatures in excess of 850°C to avoid generating toxic fumes **CAUTION**

# **PA13 • PA13A**



### *INPUT*



1.  $+v_s$  and  $-v_s$  denote the positive and negative supply rail respectively. Total  $v_s$  is measured from +V<sub>S</sub> to -V<sub>S</sub>.

### *GAIN*





### *OUTPUT*



1. +V<sub>S</sub> and  $-V_S$  denote the positive and negative supply rail respectively. Total V<sub>S</sub> is measured from +V<sub>S</sub> to  $-V_S$ .

### *POWER SUPPLY*



### *THERMAL*



1. Rating applies if the output current alternates between both output transistors at a rate faster than 60 Hz.

**Note:** \* The specification of PA13A is identical to the specification for PA13 in the applicable column to the left



# **TYPICAL PERFORMANCE GRAPHS**









**Figure 4: Power Derating Figure 5: Bias Current** 









Figure 8: Current Limit **Figure 9: Power Response** 



Figure 10: Common Mode Rejection Figure 11: Pulse Response





1.6

1.4

1.2

1.0

Normalized,  $I_{\alpha}(X)$ 

Normalized, I<sub>o</sub>(X)

0.8

0.6

 $0.4 \perp 40$ 



Figure 12: Input Noise **Figure 13: Harmonic Distortion** 







Total Supply Voltage,  $V_S(V)$ 

 $\tau_{\text{\tiny c}}$ 

 $\mathtt{T_c}$  $= 25^{\circ}C$ 

 $T_c = 85^{\circ}C$ 

 $\overline{T_c}$ =125°C

= –25°C

Figure 14: Quiescent Current Figure 15: Output Voltage Swing





# **SAFE OPERATING AREA (SOA)**

The output stage of most power amplifiers has three distinct limitations:

- 1. The current handling capability of the transistor geometry and the wire bonds.
- 2. The second breakdown effect which occurs whenever the simultaneous collector current and collectoremitter voltage exceeds specified limits.
- 3. The junction temperature of the output transistors.

The SOA curves combine the effect of all limits for this Power Op Amp. For a given application, the direction and magnitude of the output current should be calculated or measured and checked against the SOA curves. This is simple for resistive loads but more complex for reactive and EMF generating loads. However, the guidelines on the next page may save extensive analytical efforts.



 **Figure 16: SOA**

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1. Capacitive and dynamic\* inductive loads up to the following maximum are safe with the current limits set as specified.



\*If the inductive load is driven near steady state conditions, allowing the output voltage to drop more than 12.5V below the supply rail with  $I_{CL}$  = 10A or 27V below the supply rail with  $I_{CL}$  = 5A while the amplifier is current limiting, the inductor must be capacitively coupled or the current limit must be lowered to meet SOA criteria.

2. The amplifier can handle any EMF generating or reactive load and short circuits to the supply rail or common if the current limits are set as follows at  $T_c = 25^{\circ}C$ :



These simplified limits may be exceeded with further analysis using the operating conditions for a specific application.



### **GENERAL**

Please read Application Note 1 "General Operating Considerations" which covers stability, supplies, heat sinking, mounting, current limit, SOA interpretation, and specification interpretation. Visit www.apexanalog.com for Apex Microtechnology's complete Application Notes library, Technical Seminar Workbook, and Evaluation Kits.

# **TYPICAL APPLICATION**



### **Figure 17: Typical Application**

# **POWER RATING**

Not all vendors use the same method to rate the power handling capability of a Power Op Amp. Apex Microtechnology rates the internal dissipation, which is consistent with rating methods used by transistor manufacturers and gives conservative results. Rating delivered power is highly application dependent and therefore can be misleading. For example, the 135W internal dissipation rating of the PA13 could be expressed as an output rating of 260W for audio (sine wave) or as 440W if using a single ended DC load. Please note that all vendors rate maximum power using an infinite heatsink.

# **THERMAL STABILITY**

Apex Microtechnology has eliminated the tendency of class A/B output stages toward thermal runaway and thus has vastly increased amplifier reliability. This feature, not found in most other Power Op Amps, was pioneered by Apex Microtechnology in 1981 using thermistors which assure a negative temperature coefficient in the quiescent current. The reliability benefits of this added circuitry far outweigh the slight increase in component count.

# **CURRENT LIMITING**

Refer to Application Note 9, "Current Limiting", for details of both fixed and foldover current limit operation. Beware that current limit should be thought of as a ±20% function initially and varies about 2:1 over the range of –55°C to 125°C.

For fixed current limit, leave pin 4 open and use equations 1 and 2.



1.

$$
R_{CL}(\Omega) = \frac{0.65 V}{I_{CL}(A)}
$$

2.

$$
I_{CL}(A) = \frac{0.65V}{R_{CL}(\Omega)}
$$

Where:

 $I_{CI}$  is the current limit in Amperes.

 $R_{CL}$  is the current limit resistor in Ohms.

For certain applications, fold-over current limit adds a slope to the current limit which allows more power to be delivered to the load without violating the SOA. For maximum fold-over slope, ground pin 4 and use equations 3 and 4.

3.

$$
I_{CL}(A) = \frac{0.65V + (V_{OUT} \cdot 0.014)}{R_{CL}(\Omega)}
$$

4.

$$
R_{CL}(\Omega) = \frac{0.65 V + (V_{OUT} \cdot 0.014)}{I_{CL}(A)}
$$

Where:

 $V_{\text{OUT}}$  is the output voltage in Volts.

Most designers start with either equation 1 to set  $R_{CL}$  for the desired current at 0V out, or with equation 4 to set  $R_{CL}$  at the maximum output voltage. Equation 3 should then be used to plot the resulting fold-over limits on the SOA graph. If equation 3 results in a negative current limit, fold-over slope must be reduced. This can happen when the output voltage is the opposite polarity of the supply conducting the current. In applications where a reduced fold-over slope is desired, this can be achieved by adding a resistor ( $R_{FO}$ ) between pin 4 and ground. Use equations 5 and 6 with this new resistor in the circuit. 5.

$$
I_{CL}(A) = \frac{0.65\,V + \dfrac{V_{OUT} \cdot 0.14}{10.14 + R_{FO}}}{R_{CL}(\Omega)}
$$

6.

$$
R_{CL}(\Omega) = \frac{0.65 V + \frac{V_{OUT} \cdot 0.14}{10.14 + R_{FO}}}{I_{CL}(A)}
$$

Where:

 $R<sub>FO</sub>$  is in kΩ.



### **PACKAGE OPTIONS**



### *PACKAGE STYLE DP*





### **NOTES:**

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- **NOTES:**<br>
1. Dimensions are inches & [mm].<br>
2. Triangle on lid denotes pin 1.<br>
3. Pins: Alloy 510 phosphor bronze plated with matte tin (150 300µ")<br>
over nickel (50 µ" max.) underplate.<br>
4. Package: Vectra liquid crysta
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### *PACKAGE STYLE EE*



### **NOTES:**

- $1.$
- Dimensions are inches & [mm].<br>For other dimensions and information on this package<br>with unformed leads, see package DP.  $2.$