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AMC7834 12-Bit Integrated Power-Amplifier Monitor and Control System with Temperature, Current and Voltage Supervision Capabilities

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1 Features

- Eight Monotonic 12-bit DACs With Programmable Ranges
	- Four Bipolar DACs: -4 to 1 V, -5 to 0 V, and 0 to 5 V
	- Four Unipolar DACs: 0 to 5 V, and 2.5 to 7.5 V
	- $-$ High Current Drive Capability: up to ± 10 mA
	- Selectable Clamp Voltage
- Multi-Channel 12-bit SAR ADC
	- Four External Analog Inputs: 0 to 2.5 V Range
	- Four Internal Inputs for Bipolar DAC Monitoring
	- Programmable Out-of-Range Alarms
- Four High-Side Current-Sense Amplifiers
	- Common Mode Voltages: 4 to 60 V
	- Optional Closed-Loop Drain-Current Controller **Operation**
- Temperature Sensing Capabilities
	- Internal Temperature Sensor
	- Two Remote Temperature-Diode Drivers
- • Internal 2.5 V Reference
- Four General-Purpose I/O Ports (GPIOs)
- Low-Power SPI-Compatible Serial Interface
	- 4-Wire Mode, 1.7 to 3.6 V Operation
- Operating Temperature Range: –40°C to +125°C
- • Available in a 56-Pin VQFN Package

2 Applications

- Communications Infrastructure:
	- Cellular Base Stations
	- Microwave Backhaul
	- Optical Networks
- General-Purpose Monitor and Control
- Data Acquisition Systems

3 Description

The AMC7834 device is a highly-integrated, lowpower, analog monitoring and control solution for power-amplifier (PA) biasing capable of temperature, current and voltage supervision.

The device integrates a multi-channel, 12-bit analogto-digital converter (ADC); eight, 12-bit digital-toanalog converters (DAC); four high-side currentsense amplifiers that can be optionally set to operate as part of four independent closed-loop drain-current controllers; an accurate on-chip temperature sensor and two remote temperature-sensor diode drivers; four configurable general-purpose I/O ports (GPIOs); and an accurate internal reference. The high level of integration significantly reduces component count and simplifies PA-biasing system designs.

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The function integration and wide operatingtemperature range of the device make it suitable as an all-in-one, low-cost, bias control-circuit for PAs found in multi-channel RF communication systems. The flexible DAC output ranges and wide common mode voltage current sensors allow the device to be used as a biasing solution for a large variety of transistor technologies such as LDMOS, GaAs, and GaN. The AMC7834 feature set is similarly beneficial in general-purpose monitor and control systems.

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6 Specifications

6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)⁽¹⁾

(1) Stresses beyond those listed under *Absolute Maximum Ratings* may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, which do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under *Recommended Operating Conditions*. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

6.2 ESD Ratings

(1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

(2) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

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6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

(1) The value of the DV_{DD} pin must be equal to that of the AV_{DD} pins.
(2) The value of the AV_{SS} pin is only equal to AGND when all bipolar The value of the AV_{SS} pin is only equal to AGND when all bipolar DACs are set to operate in positive voltage ranges.

6.4 Thermal Information

(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the *IC Package Thermal Metrics* application report, [SPRA953](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SPRA953).

(2) TI strongly recommends to solder the device thermal pad to a board plane connected to the AV_{SS} pin.

6.5 Electrical Characteristics—DAC Specifications

The electrical ratings specified in this section apply to all specifications in this document, unless otherwise noted. These specifications are interpreted as conditions that do not degrade the device parametric or functional specifications for the life of the product containing it. $AV_{DD} = DV_{DD} = 5 V$, $AV_{CC} = 5 V$, $AV_{SS} = -5 V$, $IOV_{DD} = 3.3 V$, $PAV_{DD} = 5 V$, $AGND = DGND = 0 V$, external 2.5 V reference, DAC output range = 0 to 5 V for all DACs, no load on the DACs, current sense inputs common mode at 48 V, $T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to +105 °C

Electrical Characteristics—DAC Specifications (continued)

The electrical ratings specified in this section apply to all specifications in this document, unless otherwise noted. These specifications are interpreted as conditions that do not degrade the device parametric or functional specifications for the life of the product containing it. $AV_{DD} = DV_{DD} = 5 V$, $AV_{CC} = 5 V$, $AV_{SS} = -5 V$, $IOV_{DD} = 3.3 V$, $PAV_{DD} = 5 V$, $AGND = DGND = 0 V$, external 2.5 V reference, DAC output range = 0 to 5 V for all DACs, no load on the DACs, current sense inputs common mode at 48 V, $T_A = -40^{\circ}$ C to +105°C

(1) The output voltage must not be greater than AV_{DD} or lower than AV_{SS}. A minimum of 100 mV headroom from AV_{DD} is required.
(2) The output voltage must not be greater than AV_{CC} or lower than AGND. A minimum of 10

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(3) If all channels are simultaneously loaded, care must be taken to ensure the thermal cond

If all channels are simultaneously loaded, care must be taken to ensure the thermal conditions for the device are not exceeded.

(4) To be sampled during initial release to ensure compliance; not subject to production testing.

6.6 Electrical Characteristics—ADC, Current and Temperature Sensor Specifications

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(1) Input range for all monitoring inputs must be met for accuracy specifications to apply.

(2) Not tested during production. Specified by design and characterization.

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6.7 Electrical Characteristics—General Specifications

The electrical ratings specified in this section apply to all specifications in this document, unless otherwise noted. These specifications are interpreted as conditions that do not degrade the device parametric or functional specifications for the life of the product containing it. $AV_{DD} = DV_{DD} = 5 V$, $AV_{CC} = 5 V$, $AV_{SS} = -5 V$, $IOV_{DD} = 1.8$ to 3.3 V, $PAV_{DD} = 5 V$, AGND = DGND = 0 V, external 2.5 V reference, DAC output range = 0 to 5 V for all DACs, no load on the DACs, current sense inputs common mode at 48 V, $T_A = -40^{\circ}$ C to 105°C

(1) Not tested during production. Specified by design and characterization.

Electrical Characteristics—General Specifications (continued)

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6.8 Serial Interface Timing Requirements(1)(2)

 $AV_{DD} = DV_{DD} = 5 V$, $AV_{CC} = 5 V$, $AV_{SS} = -5 V$, $PAV_{DD} = 5 V$, $AGND = DGND = 0 V$, external 2.5 V reference, DAC output range = 0 to 5 V for all DACs, no load on the DACs, current sense inputs common mode at 48 V, $T_A = -40^\circ C$ to +105°C (unless otherwise noted)

(1) Specified by design and characterization. Not tested during production.

(2) SDO loaded with 10 pF load capacitance for SDO timing specifications.

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(1) Not tested during production. Specified by design and characterization.

6.10 Switching Characteristics—ADC, Current and Temperature Sensor Specifications

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6.11 Switching Characteristics—General Specifications

The electrical ratings specified in this section apply to all specifications in this document, unless otherwise noted. These specifications are interpreted as conditions that do not degrade the device parametric or functional specifications for the life of the product containing it. $AV_{DD} = DV_{DD} = 5 V$, $AV_{CC} = 5 V$, $AV_{SS} = -5 V$, $IOV_{DD} = 1.8$ to 3.3 V, $PAV_{DD} = 5 V$, AGND = DGND = 0 V, external 2.5 V reference, DAC output range = 0 to 5 V for all DACs, no load on the DACs, current sense inputs common mode at 48 V, $T_A = -40^{\circ}$ C to 105°C

(1) Not tested during production. Specified by design and characterization.

Figure 1. Serial Interface Write Timing Diagram

Figure 2. Serial Interface Read Timing Diagram

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Figure 43. Reference Output Voltage vs Temperature

7 Detailed Description

7.1 Overview

The AMC7834 is a highly-integrated analog-monitoring and control solution for power-amplifier (PA) biasing capable of current, temperature, and voltage supervision. The AMC7834 integrates the following features:

- Eight, 12-bit digital-to-analog converters (DACs) with programmable output ranges
- $-$ Four bipolar DACs with selectable output ranges: -4 to 1 V, -5 to 0 V, and 0 to 5 V
	- The clamp and power-on-reset (POR) voltage for these DACs is pin-configurable.
- Four auxiliary DACs with selectable output ranges: 0 to 5 V and 2.5 to 7.5 V
	- The clamp and POR voltage for these DACs is fixed to AGND.
- The DACs can be configured to clamp automatically upon detection of an alarm event.
- A multi-channel, 12-bit analog-to-digital converter (ADC) for voltage, temperature, and current sensing
- Four external analog inputs: 0 to 2.5 V
- Four internal inputs for monitoring the bipolar DAC outputs
- Programmable threshold detectors
- Four high-side current-sense amplifiers
	- Common mode voltages from 4 V up to 60 V
	- The current sensors can optionally be set to operate as part of four independent closed-loop drain-current controllers
- Temperature sensing capabilities
	- On-chip temperature sensor
	- Two remote temperature sensor diode drivers
- Four general-purpose I/O (GPIO) ports
- Internal 2.5 V precision reference
	- The device can operate from an internal reference. Alternatively an external reference can be used.
- Four-wire SPI-compatible interface supporting 1.7 to 3.6 V operation

The AMC7834 device is characterized for operation over the temperature range of –40ºC to 125ºC which makes the device suitable for harsh-condition applications. The device is available in an 8-mm \times 8-mm 56-pin VQFN PowerPAD package.

The AMC7834 high-integration makes it an ideal all-in-one, low-cost, bias-control circuit for the PAs found in multi-channel RF communication systems. The flexible DAC output ranges allow the device to be used as a biasing solution for a large variety of transistor technologies such as LDMOS, GaAs, and GaN. The AMC7834 feature set is similarly beneficial in general-purpose monitor and control systems.

7.2 Functional Block Diagram

7.3 Feature Description

7.3.1 Digital-to-Analog Converters (DACs)

The AMC7834 device features an analog-control system centered on eight, 12-bit DACs that can operate from an external reference or the device internal reference. Each DAC core consists of a string DAC and an outputvoltage buffer.

The resistor-string structure consists of a series of resistors, each with a value of R. The code loaded to the DAC determines at which node on the string the voltage is tapped off to be fed into the output amplifier. The voltage is tapped off by closing one of the switches connecting the string to the amplifier (see [Figure](#page-25-1) 44). The resistor string architecture has inherent monotonicity, voltage output, and low glitch. The resistor string architecture is also linear because all the resistors are of equal value.

Figure 44. DAC Resistor String

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7.3.1.1 DAC Configuration

The eight DACs are split into bipolar and auxiliary outputs based on their output range and clamping capabilities as listed in [Table](#page-26-2) 1. After power-on or a reset event the DAC outputs are directed automatically to the corresponding clamp value and all DAC buffer and active registers are set to the default values.

Table 1. DAC Group Configuration

7.3.1.1.1 Bipolar DACs (DAC1, DAC2, DAC3, and DAC4)

The bipolar DACs are configured as DAC pairs (DAC1-DAC2 and DAC3-DAC4). The output range for each bipolar DAC pair can be configured through the DAC Range register (address 0x16) to one of the following: 0 to 5 V, –5 to 0 V, or –4 to 1 V. The POR and clamp value of each DAC pair is set by the pins VCLAMP1 (for the DAC1-DAC2 pair) and VCLAMP2 (for the DAC3-DAC4 pair) to any voltage between AV_{SS} and 0 V during normal operation. If AV_{DD} falls outside the device specified operating range the bipolar DACs enter the special AV_{SS} clamp mode and their outputs are set to AV_{SS} . The full-scale output range of the bipolar DACs is limited by the power supplies, AV_{DD} and AV_{SS} .

The bipolar DACs operate as standalone DACs when the AMC7834 is set in open-loop mode (LOOP-EN bit set to 0 in register 0x10). [Figure](#page-26-0) 45 shows a high level block diagram of each bipolar DAC when operating in openloop mode.

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Alternatively, with the AMC7834 set in closed-loop mode (LOOP-EN bit set to 1 in register 0x10) each bipolar DAC output updates automatically in response to one of the four current sensors in the device (see the *[Closed-](#page-47-0)Loop [Mode](#page-47-0)* section). In closed-loop mode the AMC7834 bipolar DACs operate as four autonomous closed-loop current controllers.

The DAC upper threshold registers (address 0x4E through 0x4F) sets an upper output limit other than full-scale for the bipolar DACs when operating in closed-loop mode. The upper threshold feature can be used to limit the maximum output voltage for each bipolar DAC. When a closed-loop controller attempts to set its bipolar DAC to a value exceeding the corresponding DAC upper threshold register, the DAC is updated with the threshold code instead.

7.3.1.1.2 Auxiliary DACs (AUXDAC1, AUXDAC2, AUXDAC3, and AUXDAC4)

The output range for each auxiliary DAC can be independently set through the DAC Range register (address 0x16) to either 0 to 5 V or 2.5 to 7.5 V. The POR and clamp value of each of the auxiliary DACs is fixed to AGND. The maximum and minimum outputs from these DACs cannot exceed AV_{CC} or be lower than AGND, respectively. [Figure](#page-27-0) 46 shows a high level block diagram of each auxiliary DAC.

Figure 46. Auxiliary DAC Block Diagram

7.3.1.2 DAC Register Structure

The input data of the DACs is written to the individual DAC data registers (address 0x30 through 0x37) in straight binary format for all output ranges (see [Table](#page-27-1) 2).

Data written to the DAC data registers is initially stored in the DAC buffer registers. The transfer of data from the DAC buffer registers to the active registers can be set to occur immediately (asynchronous mode) or initiated by a DAC trigger signal (synchronous mode). When the active registers are updated, the DAC outputs change to the new values. When the host reads from a DAC data register, the value held in the DAC active register is returned (not the value held in the buffer register).

The update mode of the DACs is determined by the DAC sync register (address 0x15). In asynchronous mode, a write to a DAC data register results in an immediate update of the DAC active register and the corresponding output. In synchronous mode, writing to a DAC data register does not automatically update the DAC output. Instead, the update occurs only after a DAC trigger event. A DAC trigger is generated either through the DAC-TRIG bit in the DAC and ADC trigger register (address 0x1C) or by the DACTRIG pin. By setting the synchronization properly, several DACs can be updated simultaneously.

7.3.1.3 DAC Clamp Operation

Each DAC can be set to a clamp mode using either hardware or software. When a DAC goes to clamp mode, the DAC output is immediately set to the corresponding clamp voltage. However, clamping does not clear the DAC buffer or active registers making it possible to return to the same voltage being output before the clamp event was issued. The DAC data registers can be updated while the DACs are in clamp mode allowing the DACs to output new values upon return to normal operation. When the DACs exit clamp mode, the DACs are immediately loaded with the data in the DAC active registers and the output is set back to the corresponding level to restore operation regardless of the DAC synchronization setting.

The clamp voltage is dependent on the DAC output:

- DAC1 and DAC2: Clamp voltage is set by the voltage at pin VCLAMP1 and is equal to $-3 \times$ VCLAMP1 during normal operation. In the special AV_{SS} clamp mode the clamp voltage for DAC1 and DAC2 is fixed to AV_{SS} .
- DAC3 and DAC4: Clamp voltage is set by the voltage at pin VCLAMP2 and is equal to $-3 \times$ VCLAMP2 during normal operation. In the special AV_{SS} clamp mode the clamp voltage for DAC3 and DAC4 is fixed to AV_{SS} .
- AUXDAC1 through AUXDAC4: The clamp voltage for each of the auxiliary DACs is fixed to AGND.

The clamp register (address 0x17) allows clamping of the DACs through software. The DAC1-DAC2 pair, DAC3- DAC4 pair, and each auxiliary DAC has a corresponding DAC clamp bit. Setting this bit to 1 forces the corresponding DAC pair or individual auxiliary DAC to enter clamp mode. Clearing the bit to 0 restores normal operation.

Additionally, in the unique case of the AV_{DD} supply falling outside its specified operating range the bipolar DACs enter the alternative AV_{SS} clamp mode. With the AV_{DD} supply outside of the valid operating range the bipolar DAC output buffers become inactive thus creating the potential for unexpected output voltages. The AV_{SS} clamp mode prevents this condition by setting all bipolar DAC outputs to AV_{SS} through a resistive path.

NOTE

If the DAC or DAC pair is forced to clamp by one of the SLEEP pins, write commands to the corresponding DAC clamp bit are ignored.

The DACs can also be forced to clamp through the SLEEP1 and SLEEP2 pins. When either pin goes high, the corresponding DAC pair and auxiliary DAC associated with each pin are forced into clamp mode. The SLEEP1 register (address 0x18) determines which DACs are forced to clamp when the SLEEP1 pin goes high. The register contains one bit for each DAC pair (DAC1-DAC2 and DAC3-DAC4) and each auxiliary DAC. Likewise, the SLEEP2 register (address 0x19) determines which DACs go into clamp when the SLEEP2 pin goes high. In addition to forcing the DACs into clamp mode, the SLEEP1 and SLEEP2 pin and registers allow control of the PA_ON pin.

Although a high state on the SLEEP pins force the associated DACs to clamp immediately, returning to a low state does not necessarily force the DAC to return to normal operation. If the end application requires the DACs to exit clamp mode in a particular sequence, this sequence can be controlled by the SNOOZE bits in the SLEEP1 and SLEEP2 registers. When a SNOOZE bit is set to 1, bringing a DAC back to normal operation requires the SLEEP pin to return to a low state first, followed by a write to the DAC clamp register (address 0x17) to clear the clamp condition. If the SNOOZE bit is cleared to 0, setting the SLEEP pin to a low state immediately clears the clamp condition and returns the DAC to normal operation without the need for any register writes.

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The DACs can be forced to enter clamp mode by the alarm events controlling the ALARMOUT pin. The ALARMOUT clamp register (address 0x1A) selects the DAC or DAC pairs that enter clamp mode when the ALARMOUT pin goes active. Restoring the ALARMOUT pin does not automatically return the DAC or DAC pairs back to normal operation.

7.3.2 Analog-to-Digital Converter (ADC)

The AMC7834 device features a monitoring system centered on a 12-bit successive approximation register (SAR) ADC fronted by a 15-channel multiplexer and an on-chip track-and-hold circuit. The monitoring system is capable of sensing up to 4 external inputs (0 to 2.5 V range), 4 internal inputs (bipolar DAC monitoring), 4 current-sense amplifier inputs, 2 remote temperature sensors, and an internal analog-temperature sensor.

The ADC can operate from either an external 2.5 V reference or the device internal reference (V_{ref}). The ADC input range is 0 V to V_{ref} . All ADC inputs are internally mapped to this range. The ADC timing signals are derived from an on-chip temperature-compensated oscillator. The conversion results can be accessed through the device serial interface.

7.3.2.1 External Analog Inputs

The AMC7834 has 4 analog inputs for external voltage sensing (ADC1 through ADC4). [Figure](#page-29-0) 47 shows the equivalent circuit for each external analog input pin. The two diodes, D1 and D2, provide electrostatic discharge (ESD) protection for the individual analog pins. Diode D1 turns on when any of the inputs is greater than AV_{DD} + 0.3 V. Similarly diode D2 turns on when any of the inputs is less than AGND – 0.3 V. The switch is open while the ADC is in the READY state.

Figure 47. ADC External Inputs Equivalent Circuit

The analog input range for inputs ADC1 through ADC4 is 0 V to V_{ref} and the LSB (least-significant bit) size is given by V_{ref} / 4096. The analog input conversion values are stored in straight binary format in the ADC-External Data registers (address 0x24 through 0x27). The input voltage is calculated using [Equation](#page-29-1) 2.

$$
V_{IN} = \frac{\text{CODE} \times V_{ref}}{4096} \tag{2}
$$

To achieve specified performance it is recommended to drive each analog input pin with a low impedance source. In applications where the signal source has high impedance, analog input must be buffered.

7.3.2.2 Internal Bipolar DAC Monitoring Inputs

The AMC7834 has 4 internal inputs used for monitoring the bipolar DAC outputs (ADCINT1 through ADCINT4). The internal monitoring inputs are particularly useful when the AMC7834 operates in closed-loop mode as the bipolar DAC outputs are autonomously updated by the closed-loop controllers. Continuous monitoring of the bipolar DAC outputs helps in detecting closed-loop controller issues.

The input range for the internal monitoring channels is -2 \times V_{ref} to V_{ref} and the LSB size is given by 3 \times V_{ref}/4096. The monitored signals are scaled through a resistor divider so that they map to the native input range of the ADC (0 to 2 \times V_{ref}).

The internal monitoring inputs conversion values are stored in straight binary format in the ADC-Internal Data registers (address 0x20 through 0x23). The monitored bipolar DAC output voltage is calcualted by [Equation](#page-29-2) 3.

$$
V_{ADCINT} = V_{ref} + 3 \left(\frac{V_{ref} \times CODE}{4096} - V_{ref} \right)
$$

(3)

7.3.2.3 ADC Sequencing

The AMC7834 supports autonomous and direct-mode ADC conversions. The conversion method is selected in the AMC configuration 0 register (address 0x10). The default conversion method is autonomous conversion. In both conversion methods, the channel or group of channels to be converted by the ADC must be first configured in the ADC MUX register (address 0x12). The input channels to the ADC include 4 external inputs, 4 DAC monitoring internal inputs, 4 current-sense inputs, 2 remote temperature sensor inputs, and the internal temperature sensor.

The ADC must be in the READY state before a conversion cycle is started. The ADC enters the READY state once powered-up and at least one input channel is enabled in the ADC MUX register. The ADC READY status can be determined either through software (ADC-READY bit in the General Status register, 0x1F) or hardware (DAV/ADC_RDY pin). To use the DAV/ADC_RDY pin as a READY status indicator, the pin must first be enabled through the DAVPIN-EN bit in register 0x11. Furthermore the ADC_RDY functionality must be selected by setting the DAVPIN-SEL bit in register 0x11 to '1'.

The conversion cycle is initiated by setting the ADC-TRIG bit to 1 in the DAC and ADC Trigger register (address 0x1C) which issues an ADC trigger signal. If the trigger signal is issued while the ADC is not in the READY state it is ignored.

Once the conversion cycle starts the ADC leaves the READY state. In direct-mode conversion upon completion of the first conversion sequence the ADC returns to the READY state and waits for a new trigger signal. Alternatively, in autonomous conversion upon completion of the first conversion another sequence is automatically started. Conversion of the selected channels occurs repeatedly until the conversion is stopped by issuing another trigger signal, at which point the ADC returns to the READY state.

The following ADC registers should only be updated while the ADC is not in a conversion cycle:

- Device configuration register (address 0x02)
- AMC configuration 0 register (address 0x10)
- AMC configuration 1 register (address 0x11)
- ADC MUX register (address 0x12)
- ALARMOUT configuration register (0x1B)
- Threshold registers $(0x40 0x4D)$
- Hysteresis registers (0x50 0x56)

After updating any of the configuration registers listed above, either a minimum 2 µs wait time or READY state must be ensured before issuing an ADC trigger signal.

Since the ADC is used for voltage, current, and temperature sensor conversions, all of which have significantly different update times, an interleaved conversion sequence is followed. The interleaved sequence ensures the wait time between measurement updates is minimized. [Figure](#page-31-0) 48 illustrates the ADC conversion sequence with all input channels enabled and set to their fastest update time (CS-FILTER[2:0] = 000 and RT-SET[2:0] = 000 in the AMC Configuration register - 0x10).

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Figure 48. ADC General Interleaved Sequence

Each ADC interleave step takes 200 µs and is segmented intro three sensing slots: temperature, voltage and current. The temperature slot is 24 µs long and allocates the temperature sensing channel conversions (internal temperature sensor and two remote temperature sensors) following the order LT \rightarrow RT1 \rightarrow RT2 \rightarrow LT \rightarrow ... If one of the temperature channels is not selected for conversion it is skipped. For example, if RT1 is not selected for conversion, the temperature slot conversion sequence is LT \rightarrow RT2 \rightarrow LT \rightarrow ... [Figure](#page-31-0) 48 illustrates the conversion sequence for the lowest remote temperature sensor update time, which is configured by setting RT-SET[2:0] = 000 in register 0x10. If a longer temperature sensor is selected to improve measurement accuracy a higher number of interleave steps is allocated for the remote temperature sensors.

The voltage slot takes 16 µs and allocates the four external inputs and four DAC monitoring internal inputs conversions. The external inputs, if enabled, are converted first. If none of the channels in a group (external or internal) are selected, no time is allocated for conversion of that group. However if at least one of the input channels in a group is enabled, five interleave steps (1 ms) are allocated regardless of the total number of input channels.

The current slot allocates the four current sensing channel conversions. The current slot is 160 µs long independent of how many current sense channels are enabled. The current sensors are updated on each interleave step (200 µs) when the CS-FILTER[2:0] set to 000 in register 0x10. If a longer current sense update time is selected to improve measurement accuracy a higher number of interleave steps is allocated for the current sense conversions.

The update time for all monitoring inputs is determined by the interleave sequence followed. Direct-mode conversions require an additional 40 µs of update time. In order to simplify synchronization, the AMC7834 provides a data-available signal through the DAV/ADC_RDY pin. The DAV/ADC_RDY pin must first be enabled through the DAVPIN-EN bit in register 0x11. Furthermore the DAV functionality must be selected by clearing the DAVPIN-SEL bit in register $0x11$ to '0'.

In direct-mode conversion the $\overline{\text{DAV}}$ /ADC_RDY pin goes low after the conversion sequence has been completed. Additionally, in direct-mode conversion the data available flags in the General status register (address 0x1F) can be used to determine when new data is available for each data-available channel group. In autonomous conversion the DAV/ADC_RDY pin indicates when new data is available for each data-available channel group by issuing a 20 µs pulse (active low).

In both conversion methods the data-available function identifies six channel groups:

- 1. Current sense inputs: CS1 through CS4
- 2. External analog inputs: ADC1 through ADC4
- 3. Internal monitoring inputs: ADCINT1 through ADCINT4
- 4. Internal temperature sensor: LT
- 5. Remote temperature sensor 1: RT1
- 6. Remote temperature sensor 2: RT2

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7.3.3 Temperature Sensors

The AMC7834 device includes one on-chip and two remote temperature sensors. The temperature sensors monitor the three temperature inputs. The on-chip integrated temperature sensor measures the device temperature and two remote diode-sensor inputs measure two external temperature points. All three temperature-sensor results are converted by the device ADC and stored in two's complement format. If any sensor is not used, it can be disabled in the register configuration. When any of the temperature sensors is disabled it is not converted by the ADC.

7.3.3.1 Internal Temperature Sensor

The AMC7834 device has an on-chip temperature sensor that measures the device die temperature. The temperature-sensor results are converted by the device ADC (see the *[Analog-to-Digital](#page-29-3) Converter (ADC)* section for more information). If internal temperature sensor conversion is not needed, it can be disabled in the ADC MUX register (address 0x12). When disabled the temperature sensor output is not converted by the ADC.

The temperature sensor provides 0.25°C resolution over the device operating temperature range. Additionally, the AMC7834 internal temperature sensor is specified monotonic down to –55°C. The temperature value is stored in 12-bit two's complement format in the LT-data register (address 0x2D).

Use [Equation](#page-33-0) 4 and [Equation](#page-33-1) 5 to calculate the positive or negative temperature according to the polarity of the temperature data MSB ($0 =$ positive, $1 =$ negative).

Positive Temperature (°C) =
$$
\frac{Code}{4}
$$
 (4)
Negative Temperature (°C) = $\frac{4096 - Code}{4}$ (5)

7.3.3.2 Remote Temperature Sensors

The AMC7834 device includes two remote junction-temperature sensors. The remote sensing transistors can be a discrete, small-signal type transistor or a substrate transistor built within the power amplifier. These transistors are typically low-cost NPN- or PNP-type transistors such as the 2N3904 and 2N3906. [Figure](#page-34-0) 49 shows the recommended connection for NPN and PNP transistors in diode configuration.

The AMC7834 device also allows PNP transistor configuration as shown in [Figure](#page-34-0) 50. PNP transistor configuration for both remote temperature sensors is enabled by setting the RMT-GND-COLL bit to 1 in register 0x11.

NOTE

Pins D1– and D2– are internally shorted. Total parasitic capacitance to AGND on these pins must be less than 800 pF.

Figure 49. NPN and PNP Diode Configuration Figure 50. PNP Transistor Configuration

Errors in remote temperature sensor readings are typically the consequence of misalignment in the ideality factor and current excitation used by the AMC7834 versus the manufacturer-specified operating current for a given transistor. Some manufacturers specify a low-level (I_{LOW}) and high-level (I_{HIGH}) current for the temperaturesensing substrate transistors. The AMC7834 uses an I_{LOW} of 7 μ A and I_{HIGH} of 112 μ A and is designed to work with discrete transistors, such as the 2N3904 and SN3906. If an alternative transistor is used, the following conditions should be met:

- 1. Base-emitter voltage (V_{BE}) > 0.25 V at 7 µA for the highest sensed temperature
- 2. Base-emitter voltage (V_{BE}) < 1.20 V at 112 µA for the lowest sensed temperature
- 3. Base resistance < 100 Ω
- 4. Tight control of V_{BE} characteristics indicated by small variations in h_{FE} (50 to 150)

The ideality factor (η) is a measured characteristic of a remote temperature sensor diode as compared to an ideal one. The AMC7834 is trimmed for $\eta = 1.008$. If the selected remote sensing transistor's ideality factor is different, the effective η-factor should be adjusted at the system level.

Remote junction-temperature sensors are usually implemented in a noisy environment. Noise is most often created by fast digital signals and can corrupt measurements. A bypass capacitor placed differentially across the inputs of the remote temperature sensors can make the application more robust against unwanted coupled signals. If filtering is required, its time constant, including any routing resistance, should be limited to 5 µs or less. The combined series resistance on the remote temperature sensor pins must be less than 1 $\mathsf{k}\Omega$.

The two remote temperature sensor results are converted by the device ADC (see the *[Analog-to-Digital](#page-29-3) [Converter](#page-29-3) (ADC)* section for more information). The two remote temperature sensors can be disabled in the ADC MUX register (address 0x12). When disabled, the remote temperature sensor outputs are not converted by the ADC. The remote temperature values are stored in 12-bit two's complement format in the RT-data registers (address 0x2E and 0x2F) using the same data format as the internal temperature sensor (see [Table](#page-33-2) 3).

The AMC7834 device enables optimization of the remote temperature measurements by increasing the update time. The remote temperature-sensor update time is selected by the RT-SET[2:0] setting in register 0x10. [Table](#page-35-0) 4 lists the total update time for the two remote temperature sensors with respect to the RT-SET[2:0] setting.

Table 4. Two Remote Temperature Sensors Update Time

Optimal remote temperature sensor accuracy is achieved with the current-sense inputs disabled. In applications requiring simultaneous current-sensor and remote temperature sensor conversions it is recommended to implement external remote temperature conversion averaging to attain best accuracy results.

7.3.4 Current Sensors

The AMC7834 device integrates four unidirectional high-side current-sense amplifiers that amplify a small differential voltage developed across a current-sense resistor in the presence of high-input common-mode voltages. The AMC7834 current-sense amplifiers accept input signals with a common-mode voltage range from 4 V to 60 V. Each amplifier can operate with differential voltages up to 200 mV.

As shown in [Figure](#page-36-0) 51, current flowing through R_{SENSE} develops a voltage drop, V_{SENSE} . The voltage across the sense resistor, V_{SENSE}, is applied to one of the AMC7834 current-sense amplifier inputs. The current sense inputs should be connected as closely as possible to the shunt resistor to minimize any resistance in series with the shunt resistance.

Figure 51. AMC7834 Current-Sense Amplifier

The accuracy of the current measurement depends heavily on the accuracy of the shunt resistor, R_(SENSE). The use of a *Kelvin* sense resistor is highly recommended (see [Figure](#page-36-1) 52).

Figure 52. Kelvin Connection to the Sense Resistor

The sense-resistor value is application dependent and is typically a compromise between small-signal accuracy, maximum permissible voltage drop, and allowable power dissipation in the current measurement circuit. For best results, the value of the resistor is calculated from the maximum-expected load current, I_{Lmax} , and the maximum differential voltage supported by the current-sense amplifier (200 mV). High values of $R_{(SENSE)}$ provide better accuracy at lower currents by minimizing the effects of the current-sense amplifier offset. Low values of $R_{(SFR)SE}$ minimize load voltage loss, but at the expense of low current accuracy. In general, a compromise between low current accuracy and load circuit losses must be made.

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The maximum differential voltage, V_{SENSE} , supported by the AMC7834 current-sense amplifiers is 200 mV. Use [Equation](#page-37-0) 6 to calculate the $R_{(SENSE)}$ value.

$$
R_{(SENSE)} = V_{SENSE} / I_{Lmax}
$$
 (6)

The maximum power dissipation of the sense resistor should not be exceeded. Use [Equation](#page-37-1) 7 to calculate the maximum sense resistor power dissipation.

$$
P_{R(SENSE)} = V_{SENSE} \times I_{Lmax}
$$
 (7)

The current sensors operate as four standalone current-sense amplifiers when the AMC7834 is set in open-loop mode (LOOP-EN bit set to 0 in register 0x10). In open-loop mode the current-sense amplifier outputs are converted by the device ADC and the results are stored in straight binary format in the CS-Data registers (address 0x29 through 0x2B). Use [Equation](#page-37-2) 8 to calculate the differential voltage, V_{SENSE} .

$$
V_{\text{SENSE}} = \frac{\text{CODE} \times 0.2}{4096} \tag{8}
$$

Alternatively, with the AMC7834 set in closed-loop mode (LOOP-EN bit set to 1 in register 0x10) the current sensors operate as part of four independent closed-loop current controllers. In closed-loop operation, four autonomous closed-loop current controllers are implemented by continuously adjusting the bipolar DAC outputs in response to the current-sense amplifier outputs (see the *[Closed-Loop](#page-47-0) Mode* section).

The AMC7834 device enables digital filtering of the current sense measurements to improve their accuracy at the cost of a longer update time. The current sense digital filter is enabled by the CS-FILTER[2:0] setting in register 0x10 and its corresponding transfer function is given by [Equation](#page-37-3) 9.

$$
H(z) = \frac{1}{1 - (K - 1)z^{-1}}
$$

[Table](#page-37-4) 5 lists the K value associated with each of the allowable CS-FILTER[2:0] settings as well as the corresponding update time.

| CS-FILTER[2:0] | κ | UPDATE TIME (ms) |
|----------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 000 | | 0.2 |
| 001 | 2 | 3.4 |
| 010 | | 6.6 |
| 011 | ጸ | 13 |
| 100 | 16 | 25.6 |
| All others | Not valid | |

Table 5. Current Sense Digital Filter Configuration

(9)

7.3.5 Drain Switch Control

The AMC7834 device includes an output-control voltage (PA_ON pin) capable of driving an external PMOS switch that turns on and off the drain current to a PA FET. The use of this control signal in conjunction with the DAC clamp option allows control of the sequence in which the PA FET is powered up and powered down.

The OFF and ON states of the PA_ON signal are equal to the PAV_{DD} and AGND pins, respectively. The default state of the PA_ON signal is off (PMOS switch off).

The maximum output voltage is determined by the PAV_{DD} pin and limited to a maximum of 20 V. For PA FETs with drain voltages higher than 20 V, tying the PAV_{DD} pin to one of the other supply devices (preferably AV_{DD}) and scaling the control signal externally is recommended.

The PA_ON signal state can be set through a register write, but it can also be configured to be triggered automatically by the $\overline{ALARMOUT}$ pin, any of the SLEEP signals or by the special AV_{SS} and AV_{DD} monitoring circuits.

For FETs requiring a negative bias voltage, such as GaN, ensuring that the bias voltage remains within an acceptable range is crucial otherwise significant and irreversible damage to the FET can occur. The AMC7834 bipolar DAC operation and clamping mechanism rely on the AV_{DD} and AV_{SS} voltages for proper operation. For this reason, when either the AV_{DD} or AV_{SS} voltage falls outside its acceptable range, turning off the drain current to the FET is desirable.

The AV_{DD} detection circuit is set to trigger the PA_ON signal to the OFF state in response to an out of range event. Additionally, the AV_{SS} detection alarm can be set to trigger the PA_ON signal to the OFF state by setting the PAON_AVSS bit to 1 in the AMC configuration 1 register (address $0x11$). The AV_{SS} alarm is set by default to prevent the PA_ON output from entering the ON state (PMOS switch on). In this case writing to the PA_ON register bit to enable the ON state is ignored. If this additional protection is not needed it can be disabled by clearing the PAON_AVSS bit.

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7.3.6 Programmable Out-of-Range Alarms

The AMC7834 device is capable of continuously analyzing the four internal ADC monitoring inputs (bipolar DACoutput monitoring), current sensors, temperature sensors, and negative supply for normal operation.

Normal operation is established through the lower and upper threshold registers (address 0x40 through 0x4D). When any of the monitored inputs is out of the specified range, an alarm event is issued and the global alarm bit, GALARM in the General Status register (address 0x1F), is set (see [Figure](#page-39-0) 54). The alarm status register (address 0x1E) indicates the source of the alarm event.

Figure 54. AMC7834 Alarm Status Register

The ALARM-LATCH-DIS bit in the ALARMOUT configuration register (address 0x1B) sets the latching behavior for all alarms. When the ALARM-LATCH-DIS bit is cleared to 0 the alarm bits in the alarm status register are latched. The alarm bits are referred to as being latched because the bits remain set until read by software. This design ensures that out-of-limit events cannot be missed if the software is periodically polling the device. All bits are cleared when reading the alarm status register, and all bits are reasserted if the out-of limit condition still exists on the next monitoring cycle, unless otherwise noted. When the ALARM-LATCH-DIS bit is set to 1, the alarm bits are not latched. The alarm bits in the alarm status register are set to 0 when the error condition subsides, regardless of whether the bit is read or not.

All of the alarms can be set to activate the ALARMOUT pin. The ALARMOUT pin is an open-drain pin and therefore an external pullup resistor to a voltage no higher than that of the AV_{DD} pin is required. The $\overline{ALARMOUT}$ output polarity is defined through the ALARMOUT-POLARITY bit in the ALARMOUT configuration register (address $0x1B$). The default polarity is active low (ALARMOUT-POLARITY = 0). The polarity can be changed to active high by setting the ALARMOUT-POLARITY bit to 1. The ALARMOUT pin works as an interrupt to the host so that it can query the alarm status register to determine the alarm source. Any alarm event can activate the pin as long as the alarm is not masked in the ALARMOUT configuration register. When an alarm event is masked, the occurrence of the event sets the corresponding status bit in the alarm status register, but does not activate the ALARMOUT pin.

The ALARMOUT status can be configured to automatically clamp specific DACs or set the PA_ON signal to the OFF state. The ALARMOUT clamp register selects the DAC or DAC pairs that enter the clamp mode as well as the PA_ON behavior when the ALARMOUT pin is active. Clearing the alarm events does not automatically bring the DAC or DAC pairs back to normal operation or return the PA_ON to the ON state.

7.3.6.1 ADC Internal Monitoring Input Out-of-Range Alarm

The AMC7834 device can provide out-of-range detection for the four internal ADC inputs monitoring the bipolar DAC outputs when operating in closed-loop mode. The ADCINT/CS-SELECT bit in register 0x1B must be cleared to 0 to enable out-of-range detection on the internal ADC inputs.

[Figure](#page-40-0) 55 shows the out-of-range detection block. When the measurement is out-of-range, the corresponding alarm bit in the alarm status register is set to 1 to flag the out-of-range condition. The values in the ADCINTn/CSn upper and lower threshold registers (address 0x40 through 0x47) define the upper- and lowerbound thresholds for these inputs when the ADCINT/CS-SELECT bit in the ALARMOUT configuration register (address 0x1B) is cleared to 0.

Figure 55. ADC Monitoring Out-of-Range Alarm

7.3.6.2 Current-Sense Out-of-Range Alarm

The AMC7834 device is capable of providing out-of-range detection for the four current-sense inputs when operating in open-loop mode. The current-sense out-of-range detection is only active if the ADCINT/CS-SELECT bit in register 0x1B is set to 1.

[Figure](#page-40-1) 56 shows the current sense detection block. When the measurement is out-of-range, the corresponding alarm bit in the alarm status register is set to 1 to flag the out-of-range condition. The values in the ADCINTx/CSx upper and lower threshold registers (address 0x40 through 0x47) define the upper- and lowerbound thresholds for these inputs when the ADCINT/CS-SELECT bit in the ALARMOUT configuration register (address 0x1B) is set to 1.

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7.3.6.3 Temperature Sensors Out-of-Range Alarm

The AMC7834 device also includes high-limit or low-limit detection for the temperature sensors. [Figure](#page-41-0) 57 shows the temperature detection block. The values in the temperature sensors upper and lower threshold registers (address 0x48 through 0x4D) set the limits for the temperature sensors. The temperature sensors can issue either a high alarm (HIGH-ALARM bit) or a low alarm (LOW-ALARM bit) in the alarm status register (address 0x1E) depending on whether the high or low thresholds were exceeded. To implement single, upper-bound threshold detection for the temperature sensors, the host processor can set the upper-bound threshold to the desired value and the lower-bound threshold to the default value. For lower-bound threshold detection, the host processor can set the lower-bound threshold to the desired value and the upper-bound threshold to the default value.

Figure 57. Temperature Out-of-Range Alarm

7.3.6.4 Bipolar DACs High Alarm

(RT1, RT2, LT)

Low Threshold

(lower bound)

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 \frac{1}{2** The AMC7834 device includes configurable upper-limit detection for the bipolar DACs in closed-loop mode. [Figure](#page-41-1) 58 shows the alarm detection block. The values in the bipolar DAC upper threshold registers (address 0x4E through 0x4F) set a limit other than full-scale limit for the bipolar DACs. When a closed-loop controller attempts to set its bipolar DAC to a value exceeding the corresponding upper-threshold register, the DAC is instead updated with the threshold value and a DAC high-alarm is issued in the alarm status register.

Figure 58. Bipolar DAC High Alarm

7.3.6.5 AVSS Detection Alarm

The device continuously monitors the AV_{SS} supply to ensure it is within the required operating threshold. By setting the PAON_AVSS bit to 1 in the AMC configuration 1 register (address 0x11) the AV_{SS} alarm can be set to automatically set the PA_ON pin to the OFF state and prevent it from getting configured back to the ON state unless the AV_{SS} alarm has been cleared.

*7.3.6.6 AV*_{DD} Detection Alarm

The device continuously monitors the AV_{DD} supply to ensure it is within the required operating threshold. An AV_{DD} alarm initiates a POR event which sets the PA_ON pin to the OFF state, bipolar DACs to the AV_{SS} clamp mode and auxiliary DACs to clamp mode.

7.3.6.7 Hysteresis

If a monitored signal is out of range and the alarm is enabled, the corresponding alarm bit is set to 1. However, the alarm condition is cleared only when the conversion result returns either a value lower than the high threshold register setting or higher than the low threshold register setting by the number of codes specified in the hysteresis setting ([Figure](#page-42-0) 59). The hysteresis registers (address 0x50 through 0x56) store the hysteresis value for the programmable alarms. The hysteresis is a programmable value between 0 LSB to 127 LSB for the internal ADC monitoring and current-sense alarms and 0°C to 31°C for the temperature-sensor alarms.

Figure 59. Device Hysteresis

7.3.6.8 False-Alarm Protection

To prevent false alarms, an alarm event is only registered when the monitored signal is out of range for an *N* number of consecutive conversions. If the monitored signal returns to the normal range before N consecutive conversions, an alarm event is not issued. The false alarm factor, N, can be configured in the AMC configuration 1 register (address 0x11).

7.3.7 Reference Specifications

The AMC7834 device includes a high-performance 2.5 V reference. Operation from an external reference is also supported.

7.3.7.1 Internal Reference Operation

The AMC7834 device includes a 2.5 V bipolar transistor-based, precision bandgap reference. The internal reference is externally available at the REF_OUT pin and can be used to drive the ADC and eight DACs by connecting the REF_OUT pin to the REF_IN pin (see [Figure](#page-43-0) 60). A 10-nF capacitor is recommended between REF_OUT and AGND for noise filtering. An external buffer amplifier with a high-impedance input must be used to drive any external load. A compensation capacitor (4.7 μF, typical) should be connected between the REF_CMP pin and the AGND4 pin.

Figure 60. Internal Reference Operation

7.3.7.2 External Reference Operation

The AMC7834 device can also operate from an external reference. The external reference can be applied to the REF_IN pin and is used to drive both the ADC and the eight DACs through separate buffers (see [Figure](#page-44-0) 61). As with the internal-reference case a compensation capacitor (4.7 μF, typical) should be connected between the REF_CMP pin and the AGND4 pin. The REF_OUT pin can be left floating if unused.

Figure 61. External Reference Operation

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7.3.8 General Purpose I/Os

The AMC7834 device includes four GPIO pins. The GPIO pins can receive an input or produce an output (see Figure [Figure](#page-45-0) 62). When the GPIOn pin acts as an output, it has an open-drain, and the status of this pin is determined by the corresponding GPIO bit in the GPIO register (address 0x58). The output state is high impedance when the GPIOn bit is set to 1, and is logic low when the GPIOn bit is cleared to 0.

NOTE

A 10-kΩ pullup resistor is required when using a GPIO pin as an output. The pullup voltage must not exceed the AV_{DD} supply.

To use a GPIO pin as an input, the corresponding GPIO bit in the GPIO register must be set to 1. When a GPIO pin acts as input, the digital value on the pin is acquired by reading the corresponding GPIO bit. After a power-on reset or any forced reset, all GPIO bits are set to 1, and the GPIO pins enter a high impedance state.

Figure 62. AMC7834 GPIO Pin

7.4 Device Functional Modes

The AMC7834 four high-side current-sense amplifiers and bipolar DACs operate in one of the following modes as selected by the LOOP-EN bit in register 0x10:

- Open-Loop Mode
- Closed-Loop Mode

7.4.1 Open-Loop Mode

The AMC7834 is set by default in open-loop mode. In open-loop mode, the current-sense amplifiers and bipolar DACs operate independently.

The AMC7834 four current sensors can operate with differential voltages up to 200 mV and accept commonmode voltages from 4 V to 60 V. The current-sense amplifier outputs are converted by the device ADC and the results are stored in straight binary format in the CS-Data registers (address 0x29 through 0x2B) to be accessed by a digital control device for further processing.

The AMC7834 four bipolar DACs are configured as DAC pairs (DAC1-DAC2 and DAC3-DAC4). The output range for each bipolar DAC pair can be configured through the DAC Range register to one of the following: 0 to 5 V, -5 to 0V, or -4 to 1 V. The POR and clamp value for each DAC pair is set by the pins VCLAMP1 (for the DAC1-DAC2 pair) and VCLAMP2 (for the DAC3-DAC4 pair) to any voltage between AV_{SS} and 0 V. The full-scale output range of the bipolar DACs is limited by the power supplies, AV_{DD} and AV_{SS} . In open-loop mode the DAC output voltage is set by by a digital controller by writing the corresponding code in straight binary format to the DAC data registers (address 0x30 through 0x33).

[Table](#page-46-0) 6 lists the typical register configurations for open-loop mode.

Table 6. Open-Loop Mode Register Configuration

7.4.2 Closed-Loop Mode

In closed-loop mode the current sensors and bipolar DACs operate as four independent closed-loop current controllers. In closed-loop operation, four autonomous closed-loop current controllers are implemented by continuously adjusting the bipolar DAC outputs in response to the current-sense amplifier outputs.

[Table](#page-47-1) 7 lists the typical register configurations for closed-loop mode.

Table 7. Closed-Loop Mode Register Configuration

[Figure](#page-47-2) 63 shows a typical analog implementation of a closed-loop current controller.

Figure 63. Analog Closed-Loop Current Controller

Although the analog current controller is capable of setting and maintaining a given drain current (and therefore, gain) through a PA FET it lacks the flexibility to scale easily to a large variety of FETs. The AMC7834 implements four closed-loop current controllers as a digital system thus giving it higher flexibility while satisfying or improving on the specifications given by a typical analog closed-loop current controller.

Figure 64. AMC7834 Closed-Loop Current Controller

Each of the four digital control loops consists of a digital integrator and a bipolar DAC in the forward path to drive the gate of a PA FET. A high-side current-sense amplifier in the feedback path senses the drain bias current and its output is converted by the device ADC.

As with the DACs in open-loop operation, the closed-loop current controllers can be set to clamp mode. When a current-controller goes into clamp mode the bipolar DAC output is immediately set to its corresponding clamp voltage and current-sense conversions are stopped. Note that with the exception of the current-sense inputs all other monitoring inputs continue to be converted by the device ADC while in clamp mode. Clamping does not clear the closed-loop state making it possible to return to the same voltage being output before the clamp event was issued.

Since the drain current does not immediately update in response to the out-of-clamp gate voltage, it is recommended to stop the ADC conversion prior to leaving the clamp state and re-starting conversion only after the drain current has stabilized. The stabilization time is dependent on the filtering at the bipolar DAC output and the PA FET characteristics.

The target drain current is set by the Closed Loop registers (address 0x38 to 0x3B) and is given by [Equation](#page-48-0) 10.

$$
I_{(DRAIN)} = \frac{CLOSEDLOOPn[11:0] \times V_{ref}}{R_{(SENSE)} \times 51200}
$$

where

- $I_{(DRAIN)}$ is the PA drain current (in Amperes)
- CLOSEDLOOP $n[11:0]$ is the 12-bit digital code that is input to the control loop to set $I_{(DRAIN)}$
- V_{ref} is the device reference voltage
- $R_{\text{(SENSE)}}$ is the sense resistor resistance (in Ohms) (10)

The control loop sets the target drain current by continuously maintaining a constant voltage across the shunt resistor ($V_{(SENSE)} = I_{(DRAIN)} \times R_{(SENSE)}$). The control loop continuously attempts to zero-out the error at the input of the integrator by adjusting the DAC output voltage and consequently keeping the drain current constant. Assuming negligible drift in the sense resistor, any variation in the drain current due to changes in the PA FET characteristics over time and temperature are automatically tracked and corrected.

Based on the target drain current and required PA gain ramp rate, the Closed Loop input code step can be divided by the slew-rate control block into smaller steps that are applied to the control loop every 200 μs. The slew-rate for each control loop is set by the Closed Loop Settling Time register (address 0x14). Issuing multiple, smaller code steps over time instead of one large code step helps achieve a more linear PA-gain ramp rate. [Table](#page-49-0) 8 shows the control-loop settling time as a function of the slew-rate control setting.

Table 8. Closed-Loop Settling Time

Under normal conditions the code output by the slew-rate control block equals the ADC output in steady state. When the loop is disturbed as a result of a change on the target drain current or PA characteristics, the error between the slew-rate controller and ADC outputs is accumulated every 200 μs by the digital integrator. An optional external RC filter at the DAC output helps to smooth out the DAC steps at the input of the PA FET gate. The external filter time constant must be less than 50 µs.

The gain from the DAC output to the ADC input is given by [Equation](#page-49-1) 11.

 $gm_{(PA_FET)} \times R_{(SENSE)}$

where

• $gm_{(PA, FET)}$ is the transconductance for the PA FET (11)

This value should be less than 0.8 to ensure stability of the control loop.

7.5 Programming

The AMC7834 device is controlled through a flexible four-wire serial interface that is compatible with SPI-type interfaces used on many microcontrollers and DSP controllers. The interface provides read and write (R/W) access to all registers of the AMC7834 device.

Each serial-interface access cycle is exactly 24 bits long. A frame is initiated by asserting the CS pin low. The frame ends when the CS pin is deasserted high. The first bit transferred is the R/W bit. The next 7 bits are the register address (128 addressable registers), and the remaining 16 bits are data. For all writes, data is clocked in on the rising edge of SCLK. If the write access is not equal to 24 clocks, the data bits are not committed. On a read access, data is clocked out on the falling edge of the serial interface clock, SCLK, on the SDO pin.

[Figure](#page-50-0) 65 and [Figure](#page-50-1) 66 show the access protocol used by the interface. Data is accepted as MSB first.

Figure 66. Serial Interface Read Bus Cycle

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7.6 Register Maps

Table 9. Memory Map

Register Maps (continued)

7.6.1 Power Mode: Address 0x02

7.6.1.1 Power Mode Register (address = 0x02) [reset = 0x000]

Figure 67. Power Mode Register (R/W)

Table 10. Power Mode Register Field Descriptions

Table 11. POWER-MODE Configuration

7.6.2 Device Identification: Address 0x04 through 0x0C

7.6.2.1 Device ID Register (address = 0x04) [reset = 0x0C34]

Figure 68. Device ID Register (R)

Table 12. Device ID Register Field Descriptions

7.6.2.2 Version ID Register (address = 0x06) [reset = 0x0001]

Figure 69. Version ID Register (R)

Table 13. Version ID Register Field Descriptions

7.6.2.3 Vendor ID Register (address = 0x0C) [reset = 0x0451]

Figure 70. Vendor ID Register (R)

Table 14. Vendor ID Register Field Descriptions

7.6.3 General Device Configuration: Address 0x10 through 0x16

7.6.3.1 AMC Configuration 0 Register (address = 0x10) [reset = 0x0300]

Figure 71. AMC Configuration 0 Register (R/W)

Table 15. AMC Configuration 0 Field Descriptions

Table 16. CS-FILTER Configuration

Table 17. RT-SET Configuration

7.6.3.2 AMC Configuration 1 Register (address = 0x11) [reset = 0x036A]

Figure 72. AMC Configuration 1 Register (R/W)

Table 18. AMC Config1 Field Descriptions

Table 18. AMC Config1 Field Descriptions (continued)

7.6.3.3 ADC MUX Register (address = 0x12) [reset = 0x0000]

Figure 73. ADC MUX Register (R/W)

Table 19. ADC MUX Register Field Descriptions

7.6.3.4 Closed Loop Settling Time Register (address = 0x14) [reset = 0x2222]

Figure 74. Closed Loop Settling Time Register (R/W)

Table 20. Closed Loop Settling Time Register Field Descriptions

Table 21. Closed-Loop Settling Time Configuration

7.6.3.5 DAC Sync Register (address = 0x15) [reset = 0x0000]

Figure 75. DAC Sync Register (R/W)

Table 22. DAC Sync Register Field Descriptions

7.6.3.6 DAC Range Register (address = 0x16) [reset = 0x0000]

Figure 76. DAC Range Register (R/W)

Table 23. DAC Range Register Field Descriptions

7.6.4 Clamp and Alarm Configuration: Address 0x17 through 0x1B

7.6.4.1 CLAMP Configuration Register (address = 0x17) [reset = 0x003F]

Figure 77. CLAMP Configuration Register (R/W)

Table 24. CLAMP Configuration Field Descriptions

7.6.4.2 SLEEP1 Configuration Register (address = 0x18) [reset = 0xFF00]

Figure 78. SLEEP1 Configuration Register (R/W)

Table 25. SLEEP1 Configuration Field Descriptions

7.6.4.3 SLEEP2 Configuration Register (address = 0x19) [reset = 0xFF00]

Figure 79. SLEEP2 Configuration Register (R/W)

Table 26. SLEEP2 Configuration Field Descriptions

7.6.4.4 ALARMOUT Clamp Register (address = 0x1A) [reset = 0x0000]

Figure 80. ALARMOUT Clamp Register (R/W)

Table 27. ALARMOUT Clamp Register Field Descriptions

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7.6.4.5 ALARMOUT Configuration Register (address = 0x1B) [reset = 0x0000]

Figure 81. ALARMOUT Configuration Register (R/W)

Table 28. ALARMOUT Configuration Field Descriptions

7.6.5 Conversion Trigger: Address 0x1C

7.6.5.1 DAC and ADC Trigger Register (address = 0x1C) [reset = 0x0000]

Figure 82. DAC and ADC Trigger Register (W)

Table 29. DAC/ADC Trigger Field Descriptions

7.6.6 Reset: Address 0x1D

7.6.6.1 Software Reset Register (address = 0x1D) [reset = 0x0000]

Figure 83. Software Reset Register (W)

7.6.7 Device Status: Address 0x1E and 0x1F

7.6.7.1 Alarm Status Register (address = 0x1E) [reset = 0x0000]

Figure 84. Alarm Status Register (R)

Table 31. Alarm Status Register Field Descriptions

Table 31. Alarm Status Register Field Descriptions (continued)

7.6.7.2 General Status Register (address = 0x1F) [reset = 0x0000]

Figure 85. General Status Register (R)

Table 32. General Status Register Field Descriptions

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7.6.8 ADC Data: Address 0x20 through 0x2F

7.6.8.1 ADCn-Internal-Data Register (address = 0x20 to 0x23) [reset = 0x0000]

This register description applies to the internal monitoring inputs ADCINT1 through ADCINT4.

Figure 86. ADC*n***-Internal-Data Register (R)**

Table 33. ADC*n***-Internal-Data Register Field Descriptions**

7.6.8.2 ADCn-External-Data Register (address = 0x24 to 0x27) [reset = 0x0000]

This register description applies to the external inputs ADC1 through ADC4.

Figure 87. ADC*n***-External-Data Register (R)**

Table 34. ADC*n***-External-Data Register Field Descriptions**

7.6.8.3 CSn-Data Register (address = 0x28 to 0x2B) [reset = 0x0000]

This register description applies to the current sense inputs CS1 through CS4.

Figure 88. CS*n***-Data Register (R)**

Table 35. CS*n***-Data Register Field Descriptions**

7.6.8.4 LT-Data Register (address = 0x2D) [reset = 0x0000]

Figure 89. LT-Data Register (R)

Table 36. LT-Data Register Field Descriptions

7.6.8.5 RTn–Data Register (address = 0x2E to 0x2F) [reset = 0x0000]

This register description applies to the remote temperature sense inputs RT1 and RT2.

Figure 90. RT*n***-Data Register (R)**

Table 37. RT*n***–Data Register Field Descriptions**

7.6.9 DAC Data: Address 0x30 through 0x37

7.6.9.1 DACn-Data Register (address = 0x30 to 0x33) [reset = 0x0000]

This register description applies to the bipolar DAC outputs DAC1 through DAC4.

Figure 91. DAC*n***-Data Register (R/W)**

Table 38. DAC*n***-Data Register Field Descriptions**

7.6.9.2 AUXDACn-Data Register (address = 0x34 to 0x37) [reset = 0x0000]

This register description applies to the auxiliary DAC outputs AUXDAC1 through AUXDAC4.

Figure 92. AUXDAC*n***-Data Register**

Table 39. AUXDAC*n***-Data Register Field Descriptions**

7.6.10 Closed-Loop Control: Address 0x38 through 0x3B

7.6.10.1 ClosedLoopn Register (address = 0x38 to 0x3B) [reset = 0x0000]

This register description applies to the ClosedLoop1 through ClosedLoop4 registers.

Figure 93. ClosedLoop*n* **Register (R/W)**

Table 40. ClosedLoop*n* **Register Field Descriptions**

7.6.11 Alarm Threshold Configuration: Address 0x40 through 0x4F

7.6.11.1 ADCINTn/CSn-Upper-Threshold Register (address = 0x40, 0x42, 0x44 and 0x46) [reset = 0x0FFF]

This register description applies to the upper threshold alarm registers for ADCINT1/CS1 through ADCINT4/CS4.

Figure 94. ADCINT*n***/CS***n***-Upper-Threshold Register (R/W)**

Table 41. ADCINT*n***/CS***n***-Upper-Threshold Register Field Descriptions**

7.6.11.2 ADCINTn/CSn-Lower-Threshold Register (address = 0x41, 0x43, 0x45 and 0x47) [reset = 0x0000]

This register description applies to the lower threshold alarm registers for ADCINT1/CS1 through ADCINT4/CS4.

Figure 95. ADCINT*n***/CS***n***-Lower-Threshold Register (R/W)**

Table 42. ADCINT*n***/CS***n***-Lower-Threshold Register Field Descriptions**

7.6.11.3 TS-Upper-Threshold Register (address = 0x48, 0x4A and 0x4C) [reset = 0x07FF]

This register description applies to the upper threshold alarm registers for the device temperature sensors: LT, RT1 and RT2.

Figure 96. *TS***-Upper-Threshold Register (R/W)**

Table 43. *TS***-Upper-Threshold Register Field Descriptions**

7.6.11.4 TS-Lower-Threshold Register (address = 0x49, 0x4B and 0x4D) [reset = 0x0800]

This register description applies to the lower threshold alarm registers for the device temperature sensors: LT, RT1 and RT2.

Table 44. *TS***-Lower-Threshold Register Field Descriptions**

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7.6.11.5 DACnn-Upper-Threshold Register (address = 0x4E and 0x4F) [reset = 0x0FFF]

This register description applies to the upper threshold alarm registers for the bipolar DAC pairs DAC1/DAC2 and DAC3/DAC4.

Figure 98. DAC*nn***-Upper-Threshold Register (R/W)**

Table 45. DAC*nn***-Upper-Threshold Register Field Descriptions**

7.6.12 Alarm Hysteresis Configuration: Address 0x50 and 0x56

7.6.12.1 ADCINTn/CSn-Hysteresis Register (address = 0x50 to 0x53) [reset = 0x0008]

This register description applies to the hysteresis registers for ADCINT1/CS1 through ADCINT4/CS4.

Figure 99. ADCINT*n***/CS***n***-Hysteresis Register (R/W)**

Table 46. ADCINT*n***/CS***n***-Hysteresis Register Field Descriptions**

7.6.12.2 LT-Hysteresis Register (address = 0x54) [reset = 0x0008]

Figure 100. LT-Hysteresis Register (R/W)

Table 47. LT-Hysteresis Register Field Descriptions

7.6.12.3 RTn–Hysteresis Register (address = 0x55 to 0x56) [reset = 0x0008]

This register description applies to the hysteresis registers for RT1 and RT2.

Figure 101. RT*n***–Hysteresis Register (R/W)**

Table 48. RT*n***–Hysteresis Field Descriptions**

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7.6.13 GPIO: Address 0x58

7.6.13.1 GPIO Register (address = 0x58) [reset = 0x000F]

Figure 102. GPIO Register (R/W)

Table 49. GPIO Register Field Descriptions

8 Application and Implementation

NOTE

Information in the following applications sections is not part of the TI component specification, and TI does not warrant its accuracy or completeness. TI's customers are responsible for determining suitability of components for their purposes. Customers should validate and test their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

8.1 Application Information

The AMC7834 device is a highly integrated, low-power, analog monitoring and control solution that includes one multi-channel 12-bit ADC, eight 12-bit DACs, four high-side current-sense amplifiers and temperature sensing capabilities. The AMC7834 typical application is power amplifier biasing in wireless base stations, however its high level integration make it a good solution for many different systems ranging from industrial control sytems to test-and-measurement units.

The power amplifiers (PAs) used in wireless infrastructure include transistor technologies that are extremely temperature sensitive, and require DC biasing circuits to optimize RF performance, power efficiency, and stability. The AMC7834 device provides eight DAC channels that can be used to bias the inputs of the power amplifiers. The device also includes two remote temperature sensing interfaces, one internal local temperature sensor, four high-side current-sensing channels, and four ADC channels for general-purpose monitoring.

Current sensing and temperature sensing are the two main monitoring schemes for PA bias compensation. The PA drain current is monitored by measuring the differential voltage drop accross a shunt resistor. The AMC7834 internal local-temperature sensor and two remote-sensor driver inputs can be used to detect temperature variations during PA operation. [Figure](#page-76-0) 103 shows the circuit diagram of this system.

Figure 103. AMC7834 Example PA Bias System

8.2 Typical Application

Figure 104. AMC7834 Example Schematic

8.2.1 Design Requirements

The AMC7834 example schematic uses the majority of the design parameters listed in [Table](#page-77-0) 50.

Table 50. Design Parameters

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8.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

Use the following parameters to facilitate the design process:

- AV_{CC} and AV_{SS} voltage values
- ADC and high-side current-sense input voltage range
- DAC output voltage ranges
- Remote temperature applications

8.2.2.1 ADC Input Conditioning

The AMC7834 monitoring system is centered on a single ADC core that features a multichannel input stage to a successive approximation register (SAR) ADC. The analog inputs include four external analog inputs, four internal inputs for bipolar DAC monitoring, four high-side current-sense amplifiers for PA current monitoring, two remote temperature sensors, and an internal analog temperature sensor.

The external analog inputs (ADC1 through ADC4) feature a range of 0 to V_{ref} (V_{ref} corresponds to either an external 2.5 V reference or the device internal reference), while the internal inputs accept a full-scale range of –5 to 2.5 V. The current-sense inputs feature a 4 to 60 V common-mode voltage range, and accept a differential input range of 0 to 200 mV. A 4.7 µF capacitor is recommended between the REF_CMP pin and the AGND4 pin. The value of this capacitor must exceed 470 nF to ensure reference stability. A high-quality ceramic capacitor, type NP0 or X7R, is recommended because of the optimal performance of the capacitor across temperature and very-low dissipation factor.

It is recommended that all external analog inputs are driven with a low impedance source to ensure correct functionality. In applications where the signal-source impedance is high, the analog inputs can be conditioned through a buffer amplifier, such as a voltage follower.

8.2.2.2 DAC Output Range Selection

The AMC7834 device has four bipolar and four unipolar DACs with programmable output ranges. The bipolar DACs feature the ranges –4 to 1 V, –5 to 0 V, and 0 to 5 V. The unipolar DACs feature the ranges 0 to 5 V and 2.5 to 7.5 V. The DAC ranges are configurable by setting the DAC range register (see the *DAC Range [Register](#page-58-0) [\(address](#page-58-0) = 0x16) [reset = 0x0000]* section).

The maximum source and sink capability of the DAC internal amplifiers are listed as part of the DAC output characteristics in the *Electrical [Characteristics—DAC](#page-8-0) Specifications* table.

The graph in the *Application [Performance](#page-80-0) Curve* section show the relationship of both stability and settling time with different capacitive and resistive loading structures.

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8.2.2.3 Temperature Sensing Applications

The AMC7834 has one local temperature and two temperature diode drivers, as well as four external analog inputs that are easily configurable to remote temperature sensor circuits. The integrated temperature sensor, remote temperature sensor, and analog input registers automatically update with every conversion. [Figure](#page-79-0) 105 shows a typical setup for the two temperature diode-driver inputs. Additional noise filtering can be achieved by placing a bypass capacitor across the inputs of the remote temperature sensors. A high-quality ceramic capacitor, type NP0 or X7R, is recommended because of the optimal performance of the capacitor across temperature. See the *Remote [Temperature](#page-34-0) Sensors* section for a details.

Figure 105. Remote Temperature Sensors (PNP and NPN)

Additionally, the ADC inputs can be used to accept voltage from other temperature-sensing IC circuits as shown in [Figure](#page-79-1) 106. The temperature sensor use for analog input conditioning in this example is the LM50 device which is a high precision integrated-circuit temperature sensor that can sense a -40° C to +125°C temperature range using a single positive supply. The full-scale output of the temperature sensor ranges from 100 mV to 1.75 V for a –40°C to +125°C temperature range. In an extremely noisy environment, adding some filtering to minimize noise pickup may be necessary. A typical recommended value for the bypass capacitor is 0.1 µF from the V+ pin to ground. A high-quality ceramic capacitor, type NP0 or X7R, is recommended because of the optimal performance of the capacitor across temperature and very-low dissipation factor.

Figure 106. Temperature Sense Application With LM50

8.2.2.4 Current Sensing Applications

The AMC7834 device also features four high-side current-sense amplifiers that support common-mode voltages from 4 to 60 V and a full-scale sense voltage of 0 to 200 mV. In applications that require current sensing across a power amplifier, the SENSE± differential inputs connect across a resistor to sense small differential voltage that is proportional to current across the PA as shown in [Figure](#page-80-1) 107. The current-sense conversion results are stored in the Current sense data registers. The current sensors are also configurable as closed-loop drain current controllers. See the *Current [Sensors](#page-36-0)* section for details.

[Figure](#page-80-1) 107 shows a method of separating the drain voltage from the power amplifier with a series PMOS transistor. The activation of the PMOS connects the PAV_{DD} voltage supply to the drain pin of the power amplifier. The PMOS is driven with a voltage divider that swings from PAV_{DD}^- to $PAV_{DD}(R2 / [R1 + R2])$. The NMOS shown in [Figure](#page-80-1) 107 is connected to the PA_ON output which controls the state of the PMOS transistor.

Figure 107. Current Sense (SENSE) Connections With PMOS ON and OFF

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8.3 Initialization Set Up

8.3.1 Initialization Procedure

- 1. Supply all voltages (PAV_{DD}, AV_{DD}, DV_{DD}, IOV_{DD}, AV_{CC}, AV_{SS}) and clamp inputs (VCLAMP1 and VCLAMP2). The AMC7834 does not require a specific supply sequencing.
- 2. A 250 µs POR delay occurs after a minimum AV_{DD} supply of 4.5 V has been applied. Do not attempt serial communication during this time.
- 3. It is recommended to issue a hardware or software-reset.
- 4. Wait for completion of the reset operation (at least 250 µs for a hardware reset or at least 10 µs for a software reset).
- 5. After reset, the following conditions are met:
	- The device is in open-loop mode and all DAC data registers are set to all zeros.
	- All DAC outputs are set to the clamp value regardless of the SLEEP1 and SLEEP2 pin levels.
	- The PA_ON signal is set to the OFF state.
- 6. If not already done so, it is recommended to tie the SLEEP1 and SLEEP2 pins low.
- 7. Configure the AMC7834 without the DACs leaving clamp mode.
- 8. If the PA ON control signal is enabled, switch the PA_ON signal to the ON state. By default, the AV_{SS} supply must be present to enable the PA_ON signal to enter the ON state.
- 9. Release the DACs out of clamp mode.
- 10. Verify that the ADC has entered the READY state.
- 11. Issue an ADC trigger signal to initiate conversion of the monitoring inputs.

After initialization the AMC7834 allows switching between open-loop and closed-loop operation. However, before switching between operating modes, it is strongly recommended to clamp the bipolar DAC outputs, stop the ADC conversion cycle, and if applicable, switch the PA_ON signal to the OFF state. To resume operation follow steps 7 through 11 of the [Initialization](#page-81-0) Procedure.

9 Power Supply Recommendations

The AMC7834 supply voltage ranges are specified in the *[Recommended](#page-7-0) Operating Conditions* table.

10 Layout

10.1 Layout Guidelines

- All power supply pins should be bypassed to ground with a low-ESR ceramic bypass capacitor. The typical recommended bypass capacitance has a value of 0.1 µF and is ceramic with a X7R or NP0 dielectric.
- A 4.7 µF capacitor is recommended between the REF_CMP pin and the AGND4 pin. A minimum capacitor value of 470 nF is required to ensure stability.
- A high-quality ceramic capacitor, type NP0 or X7R, is recommended because of the optimal performance of the capacitor across temperature and very-low dissipation factor.
- The digital and analog sections should have proper placement with respect to the digital pins and analog pins of the AMC7834 device (see [Figure](#page-83-0) 110). The separation of analog and digital blocks allows for better design and practice as it ensures less coupling into neighboring blocks and minimizes the interaction between analog and digital return currents.

10.2 Layout Example

Figure 109. AMC7834 Layout Example

Layout Example (continued)

Figure 110. AMC7834 Example Board Layout — Component Placement

11 Device and Documentation Support

11.1 Documentation Support

11.1.1 Related Documentation

For related documentation see the following:

- *LM50/LM50-Q1 SOT-23 Single-Supply Centigrade Temperature Sensor*, [SNIS118](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNIS118)
- *LMP848x Precision 76-V High-Side Current Sense Amplifiers With Voltage Output*, [SNVS829](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNVS829)

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11.4 Electrostatic Discharge Caution

These devices have limited built-in ESD protection. The leads should be shorted together or the device placed in conductive foam during storage or handling to prevent electrostatic damage to the MOS gates.

11.5 Glossary

[SLYZ022](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SLYZ022) — *TI Glossary*.

This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

12 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

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- The package thermal pad must be soldered to the board for thermal and mechanical performance. D.
- See the additional figure in the Product Data Sheet for details regarding the exposed thermal pad features and dimensions. Ε.
- F. Package complies to JEDEC MO-220.

RTQ (S-PVQFN-N56)

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For information on the Quad Flatpack No-Lead (QFN) package and its advantages, refer to Application Report, QFN/SON PCB Attachment, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLUA271. This document is available at www.ti.com.

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