

## LPC660

### Low Power CMOS Quad Operational Amplifier

#### General Description

The LPC660 CMOS Quad operational amplifier is ideal for operation from a single supply. It features a wide range of operating voltage from +5V to +15V and features rail-to-rail output swing in addition to an input common-mode range that includes ground. Performance limitations that have plagued CMOS amplifiers in the past are not a problem with this design. Input  $V_{OS}$ , drift, and broadband noise as well as voltage gain (into 100 k $\Omega$  and 5 k $\Omega$ ) are all equal to or better than widely accepted bipolar equivalents, while the power supply requirement is typically less than 1 mW.

This chip is built with National's advanced Double-Poly Silicon-Gate CMOS process.

See the LPC662 datasheet for a Dual CMOS operational amplifier and LPC661 datasheet for a single CMOS operational amplifier with these same features.

#### Applications

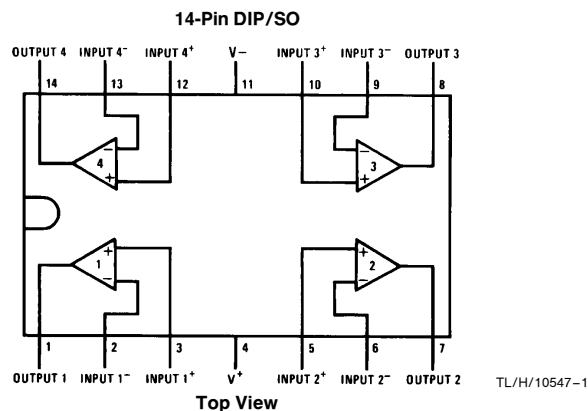
- High-impedance buffer
- Precision current-to-voltage converter
- Long-term integrator

- High-impedance preamplifier
- Active filter
- Sample-and-Hold circuit
- Peak detector

#### Features

- Rail-to-rail output swing
- Micropower operation (1 mW)
- Specified for 100 k $\Omega$  and 5 k $\Omega$  loads
- High voltage gain 120 dB
- Low input offset voltage 3 mV
- Low offset voltage drift 1.3  $\mu$ V/ $^{\circ}$ C
- Ultra low input bias current 2 fA
- Input common-mode includes  $V^-$
- Operation range from +5V to +15V
- Low distortion 0.01% at 1 kHz
- Slew rate 0.11 V/ $\mu$ s
- Full military temp. range available

#### Connection Diagram



#### Ordering Information

| Package                        | Temperature Range |                       | NSC Drawing | Transport Media    |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------|
|                                | Military          | Industrial            |             |                    |
| 14-Pin Side Brazed Ceramic DIP | LPC660AMD         |                       | D14E        | Rail               |
| 14-Pin Small Outline           |                   | LPC660AIM or LPC660IM | M14A        | Rail Tape and Reel |
| 14-Pin Molded DIP              |                   | LPC660AIN or LPC660IN | N14A        | Rail               |
| 14-Pin Ceramic DIP             | LPC660AMJ/883     |                       | J14A        | Rail               |

## Absolute Maximum Ratings (Note 3)

If Military/Aerospace specified devices are required, please contact the National Semiconductor Sales Office/Distributors for availability and specifications.

|                                              |                                    |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Differential Input Voltage                   | $\pm$ Supply Voltage               |
| Supply Voltage ( $V^+ - V^-$ )               | 16V                                |
| Output Short Circuit to $V^+$                | (Note 11)                          |
| Output Short Circuit to $V^-$                | (Note 1)                           |
| Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec.)        | 260°C                              |
| Storage Temp. Range                          | -65°C to +150°C                    |
| Junction Temperature (Note 2)                | 150°C                              |
| ESD Rating (C = 100 pF, R = 1.5 k $\Omega$ ) | 1000V                              |
| Power Dissipation                            | (Note 2)                           |
| Current at Input Pin                         | $\pm 5$ mA                         |
| Current at Output Pin                        | $\pm 18$ mA                        |
| Voltage at Input/Output Pin                  | ( $V^+$ ) + 0.3V, ( $V^-$ ) - 0.3V |
| Current at Power Supply Pin                  | 35 mA                              |

## Operating Ratings (Note 3)

|                                                 |                              |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Temperature Range                               | -55°C $\leq T_J \leq$ +125°C |
| LPC660AM                                        | -40°C $\leq T_J \leq$ +85°C  |
| LPC660AI                                        | -40°C $\leq T_J \leq$ +85°C  |
| LPC660I                                         | -40°C $\leq T_J \leq$ +85°C  |
| Supply Range                                    | 4.75V to 15.5V               |
| Power Dissipation                               | (Note 9)                     |
| Thermal Resistance ( $\theta_{JA}$ ), (Note 10) |                              |
| 14-Pin Ceramic DIP                              | 90°C/W                       |
| 14-Pin Molded DIP                               | 85°C/W                       |
| 14-Pin SO                                       | 115°C/W                      |
| 14-Pin Side Brazed Ceramic DIP                  | 90°C/W                       |

## DC Electrical Characteristics

Unless otherwise specified, all limits guaranteed for  $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ . **Boldface** limits apply at the temperature extremes.  $V^+ = 5\text{V}$ ,  $V^- = 0\text{V}$ ,  $V_{CM} = 1.5\text{V}$ ,  $V_O = 2.5\text{V}$ , and  $R_L > 1\text{M}$  unless otherwise specified.

| Parameter                                | Conditions                                                      | Typ         | LPC660AM<br>LPC660AMJ/883     | LPC660AI                      | LPC660I                       | Units                        |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                          |                                                                 |             | Limit<br>(Notes 4, 8)         | Limit<br>(Note 4)             | Limit<br>(Note 4)             |                              |
| Input Offset Voltage                     |                                                                 | 1           | 3                             | 3                             | 6                             | mV<br>max                    |
|                                          |                                                                 |             | <b>3.5</b>                    | <b>3.3</b>                    | <b>6.3</b>                    |                              |
| Input Offset Voltage<br>Average Drift    |                                                                 | 1.3         |                               |                               |                               | $\mu\text{V}/^\circ\text{C}$ |
| Input Bias Current                       |                                                                 | 0.002       | 20                            |                               |                               | pA<br>max                    |
|                                          |                                                                 |             | <b>100</b>                    | <b>4</b>                      | <b>4</b>                      |                              |
| Input Offset Current                     |                                                                 | 0.001       | 20                            |                               |                               | pA<br>max                    |
|                                          |                                                                 |             | <b>100</b>                    | <b>2</b>                      | <b>2</b>                      |                              |
| Input Resistance                         |                                                                 | $> 1$       |                               |                               |                               | Tera $\Omega$                |
| Common Mode<br>Rejection Ratio           | $0\text{V} \leq V_{CM} \leq 12.0\text{V}$<br>$V^+ = 15\text{V}$ | 83          | 70                            | 70                            | 63                            | dB<br>min                    |
|                                          |                                                                 |             | <b>68</b>                     | <b>68</b>                     | <b>61</b>                     |                              |
| Positive Power Supply<br>Rejection Ratio | $5\text{V} \leq V^+ \leq 15\text{V}$                            | 83          | 70                            | 70                            | 63                            | dB<br>min                    |
|                                          |                                                                 |             | <b>68</b>                     | <b>68</b>                     | <b>61</b>                     |                              |
| Negative Power Supply<br>Rejection Ratio | $0\text{V} \leq V^- \leq -10\text{V}$                           | 94          | 84                            | 84                            | 74                            | dB<br>min                    |
|                                          |                                                                 |             | <b>82</b>                     | <b>83</b>                     | <b>73</b>                     |                              |
| Input Common Mode<br>Voltage Range       | $V^+ = 5\text{V} \& 15\text{V}$<br>For CMRR $> 50$ dB           | -0.4        | -0.1                          | -0.1                          | -0.1                          | V<br>max                     |
|                                          |                                                                 |             | <b>0</b>                      | <b>0</b>                      | <b>0</b>                      |                              |
|                                          |                                                                 | $V^+ - 1.9$ | $V^+ - 2.3$                   | $V^+ - 2.3$                   | $V^+ - 2.3$                   | V<br>min                     |
|                                          |                                                                 |             | <b><math>V^+ - 2.6</math></b> | <b><math>V^+ - 2.5</math></b> | <b><math>V^+ - 2.5</math></b> |                              |

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| Parameter                            | Conditions                                                    | Typ    | LPC660AM<br>LPC660AMJ/883 | LPC660AI          | LPC660I           | Units                |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
|                                      |                                                               |        | Limit<br>(Notes 4, 8)     | Limit<br>(Note 4) | Limit<br>(Note 4) |                      |
| Large Signal<br>Voltage Gain         | $R_L = 100\text{ k}\Omega$ (Note 5)<br>Sourcing               | 1000   | 400                       | 400               | 300               | V/mV<br>min          |
|                                      |                                                               |        | <b>250</b>                | <b>300</b>        | <b>200</b>        |                      |
|                                      | Sinking                                                       | 500    | 180                       | 180               | 90                | V/mV<br>min          |
|                                      |                                                               |        | <b>70</b>                 | <b>120</b>        | <b>70</b>         |                      |
|                                      | $R_L = 5\text{ k}\Omega$ (Note 5)<br>Sourcing                 | 1000   | 200                       | 200               | 100               | V/mV<br>min          |
|                                      |                                                               |        | <b>150</b>                | <b>160</b>        | <b>80</b>         |                      |
|                                      | Sinking                                                       | 250    | 100                       | 100               | 50                | V/mV<br>min          |
|                                      |                                                               |        | <b>35</b>                 | <b>60</b>         | <b>40</b>         |                      |
| Output Swing                         | $V^+ = 5\text{V}$<br>$R_L = 100\text{ k}\Omega$ to $V^+ / 2$  | 4.987  | 4.970                     | 4.970             | 4.940             | V<br>min             |
|                                      |                                                               |        | <b>4.950</b>              | <b>4.950</b>      | <b>4.910</b>      |                      |
|                                      |                                                               | 0.004  | 0.030                     | 0.030             | 0.060             | V<br>max             |
|                                      |                                                               |        | <b>0.050</b>              | <b>0.050</b>      | <b>0.090</b>      |                      |
|                                      | $V^+ = 5\text{V}$<br>$R_L = 5\text{ k}\Omega$ to $V^+ / 2$    | 4.940  | 4.850                     | 4.850             | 4.750             | V<br>min             |
|                                      |                                                               |        | <b>4.750</b>              | <b>4.750</b>      | <b>4.650</b>      |                      |
|                                      |                                                               | 0.040  | 0.150                     | 0.150             | 0.250             | V<br>max             |
|                                      |                                                               |        | <b>0.250</b>              | <b>0.250</b>      | <b>0.350</b>      |                      |
|                                      | $V^+ = 15\text{V}$<br>$R_L = 100\text{ k}\Omega$ to $V^+ / 2$ | 14.970 | 14.920                    | 14.920            | 14.880            | V<br>min             |
|                                      |                                                               |        | <b>14.880</b>             | <b>14.880</b>     | <b>14.820</b>     |                      |
|                                      |                                                               | 0.007  | 0.030                     | 0.030             | 0.060             | V<br>max             |
|                                      |                                                               |        | <b>0.050</b>              | <b>0.050</b>      | <b>0.090</b>      |                      |
|                                      | $V^+ = 15\text{V}$<br>$R_L = 5\text{ k}\Omega$ to $V^+ / 2$   | 14.840 | 14.680                    | 14.680            | 14.580            | V<br>min             |
|                                      |                                                               |        | <b>14.600</b>             | <b>14.600</b>     | <b>14.480</b>     |                      |
|                                      |                                                               | 0.110  | 0.220                     | 0.220             | 0.320             | V<br>max             |
|                                      |                                                               |        | <b>0.300</b>              | <b>0.300</b>      | <b>0.400</b>      |                      |
| Output Current<br>$V^+ = 5\text{V}$  | Sourcing, $V_O = 0\text{V}$                                   | 22     | 16                        | 16                | 13                | mA<br>min            |
|                                      |                                                               |        | <b>12</b>                 | <b>14</b>         | <b>11</b>         |                      |
|                                      | Sinking, $V_O = 5\text{V}$                                    | 21     | 16                        | 16                | 13                | mA<br>min            |
|                                      |                                                               |        | <b>12</b>                 | <b>14</b>         | <b>11</b>         |                      |
| Output Current<br>$V^+ = 15\text{V}$ | Sourcing, $V_O = 0\text{V}$                                   | 40     | 19                        | 28                | 23                | mA<br>min            |
|                                      |                                                               |        | <b>19</b>                 | <b>25</b>         | <b>20</b>         |                      |
|                                      | Sinking, $V_O = 13\text{V}$<br>(Note 11)                      | 39     | 19                        | 28                | 23                | mA<br>min            |
|                                      |                                                               |        | <b>19</b>                 | <b>24</b>         | <b>19</b>         |                      |
| Supply Current                       | All Four Amplifiers<br>$V_O = 1.5\text{V}$                    | 160    | 200                       | 200               | 240               | $\mu\text{A}$<br>max |
|                                      |                                                               |        | <b>250</b>                | <b>230</b>        | <b>270</b>        |                      |

## AC Electrical Characteristics

Unless otherwise specified, all limits guaranteed for  $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ . **Boldface** limits apply at the temperature extremes.  $V^+ = 5\text{V}$ ,  $V^- = 0\text{V}$ ,  $V_{CM} = 1.5\text{V}$ ,  $V_O = 2.5$ , and  $R_L > 1\text{M}$  unless otherwise specified.

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|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
|                              |                                                                                          |        | Limit<br>(Notes 4, 8)     | Limit<br>(Note 4) | Limit<br>(Note 4) |                               |
| Slew Rate                    | (Note 6)                                                                                 | 0.11   | 0.07                      | 0.07              | 0.05              | $\text{V}/\mu\text{s}$<br>min |
|                              |                                                                                          |        | <b>0.04</b>               | <b>0.05</b>       | <b>0.03</b>       |                               |
| Gain-Bandwidth Product       |                                                                                          | 0.35   |                           |                   |                   | MHz                           |
| Phase Margin                 |                                                                                          | 50     |                           |                   |                   | Deg                           |
| Gain Margin                  |                                                                                          | 17     |                           |                   |                   | dB                            |
| Amp-to-Amp Isolation         | (Note 7)                                                                                 | 130    |                           |                   |                   | dB                            |
| Input Referred Voltage Noise | $F = 1\text{ kHz}$                                                                       | 42     |                           |                   |                   | $\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  |
| Input Referred Current Noise | $F = 1\text{ kHz}$                                                                       | 0.0002 |                           |                   |                   | $\text{pA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  |
| Total Harmonic Distortion    | $F = 1\text{ kHz}$ , $A_V = -10$<br>$R_L = 100\text{ k}\Omega$ , $V_O = 8\text{ V}_{PP}$ | 0.01   |                           |                   |                   | %                             |

**Note 1:** Applies to both single supply and split supply operation. Continuous short circuit operation at elevated ambient temperature and/or multiple Op Amp shorts can result in exceeding the maximum allowed junction temperature of  $150^\circ\text{C}$ . Output currents in excess of  $\pm 30\text{ mA}$  over long term may adversely affect reliability.

**Note 2:** The maximum power dissipation is a function of  $T_{J(\text{max})}$ ,  $\theta_{JA}$  and  $T_A$ . The maximum allowable power dissipation at any ambient temperature is  $P_D = (T_{J(\text{max})} - T_A)/\theta_{JA}$ .

**Note 3:** Absolute Maximum Ratings indicate limits beyond which damage to the device may occur. Operating Ratings indicate conditions for which the device is intended to be functional, but do not guarantee specific performance limits. For guaranteed specifications and test conditions, see the Electrical Characteristics. The guaranteed specifications apply only for the test conditions listed.

**Note 4:** Limits are guaranteed by testing or correlation.

**Note 5:**  $V^+ = 15\text{V}$ ,  $V_{CM} = 7.5\text{V}$  and  $R_L$  connected to  $7.5\text{V}$ . For Sourcing tests,  $7.5\text{V} \leq V_O \leq 11.5\text{V}$ . For Sinking tests,  $2.5\text{V} \leq V_O \leq 7.5\text{V}$ .

**Note 6:**  $V^+ = 15\text{V}$ . Connected as Voltage Follower with  $10\text{V}$  step input. Number specified is the slower of the positive and negative slew rates.

**Note 7:** Input referred.  $V^+ = 15\text{V}$  and  $R_L = 100\text{ k}\Omega$  connected to  $V^+/2$ . Each amp excited in turn with  $1\text{ kHz}$  to produce  $V_O = 13\text{ V}_{PP}$ .

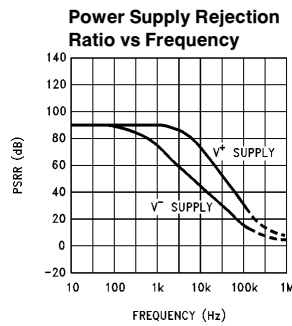
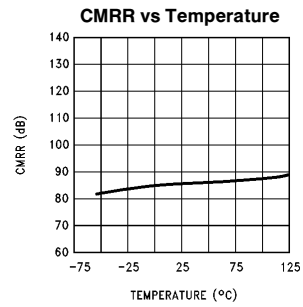
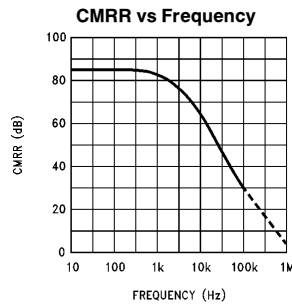
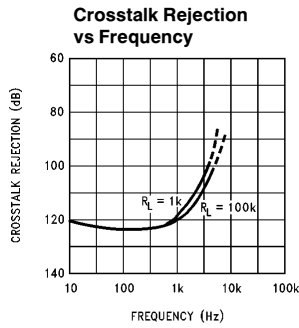
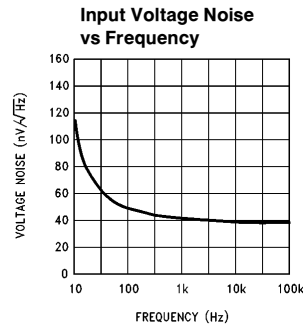
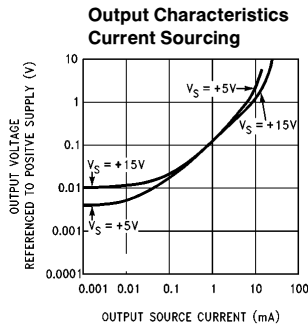
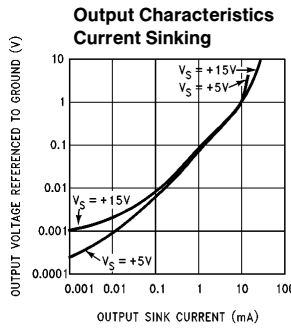
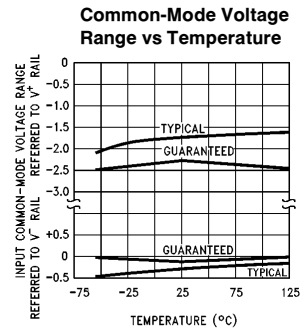
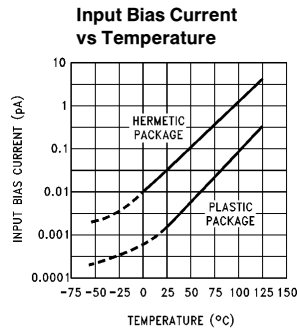
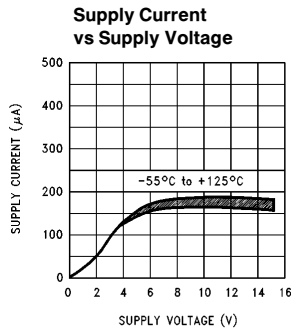
**Note 8:** A military RETS electrical test specification is available on request. At the time of printing, the LPC660AMJ/883 RETS specification complied fully with the boldface limits in this column. The LPC660AMJ/883 may also be procured to a Standard Military Drawing specification.

**Note 9:** For operating at elevated temperatures, the device must be derated based on the thermal resistance  $\theta_{JA}$  with  $P_D = (T_J - T_A)/\theta_{JA}$ .

**Note 10:** All numbers apply for packages soldered directly into a PC board.

**Note 11:** Do not connect output to  $V^+$  when  $V^+$  is greater than  $13\text{V}$  or reliability may be adversely affected.

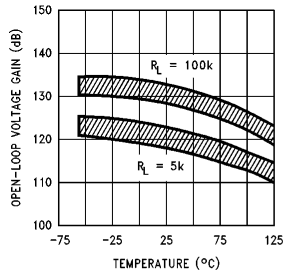
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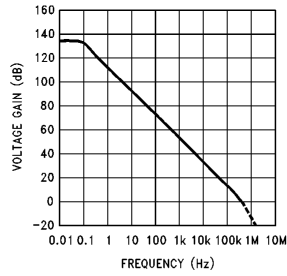
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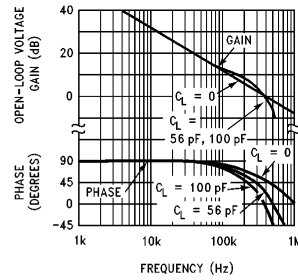
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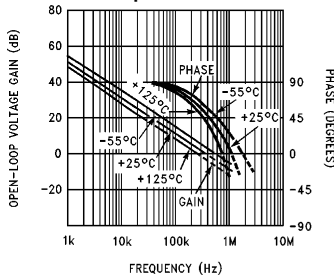
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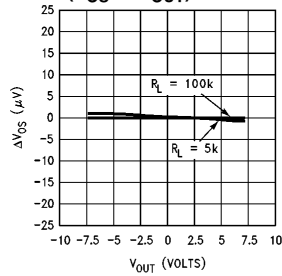
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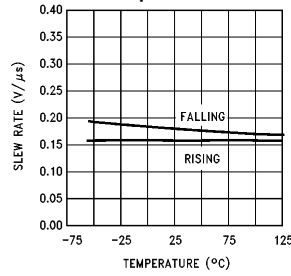
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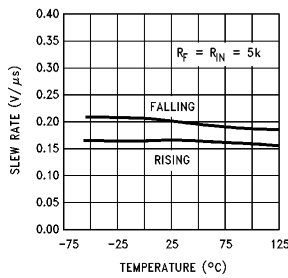
**Gain Error ( $V_{OS}$  vs  $V_{OUT}$ )**



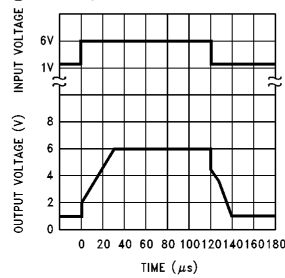
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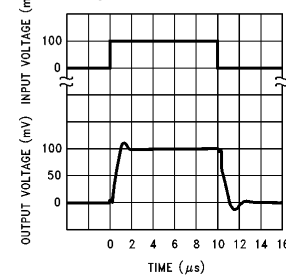
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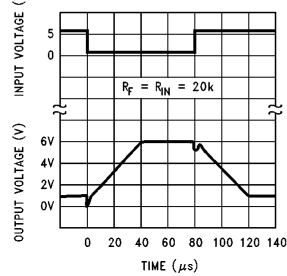
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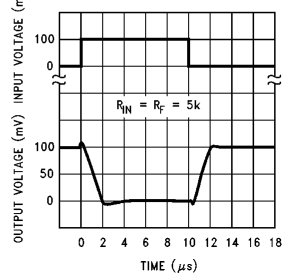
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**Inverting Large-Signal Pulse Response**

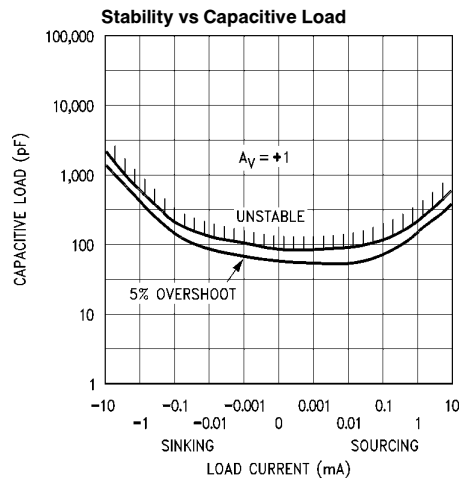


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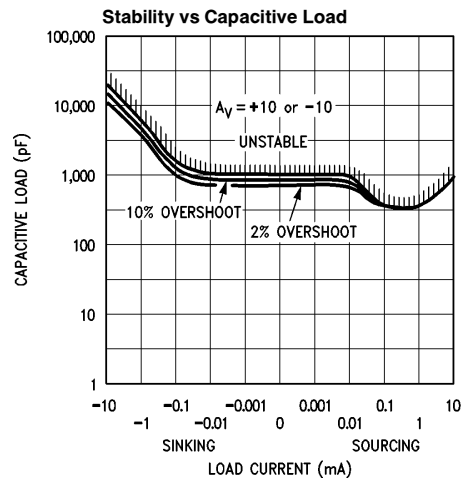
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## Typical Performance Characteristics $V_S = \pm 7.5V$ , $T_A = 25^\circ C$ (Continued)



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**Note:** Avoid resistive loads of less than  $500\Omega$ , as they may cause instability.



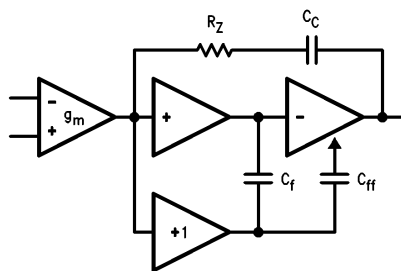
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## Application Hints

### AMPLIFIER TOPOLOGY

The topology chosen for the LPC660 is unconventional (compared to general-purpose op amps) in that the traditional unity-gain buffer output stage is not used; instead, the output is taken directly from the output of the integrator, to allow rail-to-rail output swing. Since the buffer traditionally delivers the power to the load, while maintaining high op amp gain and stability, and must withstand shorts to either rail, these tasks now fall to the integrator.

As a result of these demands, the integrator is a compound affair with an embedded gain stage that is doubly fed forward (via  $C_f$  and  $C_{ff}$ ) by a dedicated unity-gain compensator driver. In addition, the output portion of the integrator is a push-pull configuration for delivering heavy loads. While sinking current the whole amplifier path consists of three gain stages with one stage fed forward, whereas while sourcing the path contains four gain stages with two fed forward.



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**FIGURE 1. LPC660 Circuit Topology (Each Amplifier)**

The large signal voltage gain while sourcing is comparable to traditional bipolar op amps, for load resistance of at least  $5\text{ k}\Omega$ . The gain while sinking is higher than most CMOS op amps, due to the additional gain stage; however, when driving load resistance of  $5\text{ k}\Omega$  or less, the gain will be reduced as indicated in the Electrical Characteristics. The op amp can drive load resistance as low as  $500\Omega$  without instability.

### COMPENSATING INPUT CAPACITANCE

Refer to the LMC660 or LMC662 datasheets to determine whether or not a feedback capacitor will be necessary for compensation and what the value of that capacitor would be.

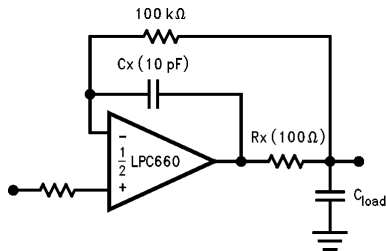
### CAPACITIVE LOAD TOLERANCE

Like many other op amps, the LPC660 may oscillate when its applied load appears capacitive. The threshold of oscillation varies both with load and circuit gain. The configuration most sensitive to oscillation is a unity-gain follower. See the Typical Performance Characteristics.

The load capacitance interacts with the op amp's output resistance to create an additional pole. If this pole frequency is sufficiently low, it will degrade the op amp's phase margin so that the amplifier is no longer stable at low gains. The addition of a small resistor ( $50\Omega$  to  $100\Omega$ ) in series with the op amp's output, and a capacitor ( $5\text{ pF}$  to  $10\text{ pF}$ ) from inverting input to output pins, returns the phase margin to a safe value without interfering with lower-frequency circuit

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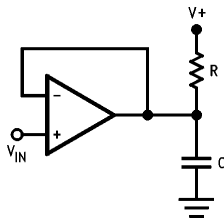
operation. Thus, larger values of capacitance can be tolerated without oscillation. Note that in all cases, the output will ring heavily when the load capacitance is near the threshold for oscillation.



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**FIGURE 2a.  $R_x$ ,  $C_x$  Improve Capacitive Load Tolerance**

Capacitive load driving capability is enhanced by using a pull up resistor to  $V^+$  (Figure 2b). Typically a pull up resistor conducting 50  $\mu$ A or more will significantly improve capacitive load responses. The value of the pull up resistor must be determined based on the current sinking capability of the amplifier with respect to the desired output swing. Open loop gain of the amplifier can also be affected by the pull up resistor (see Electrical Characteristics).



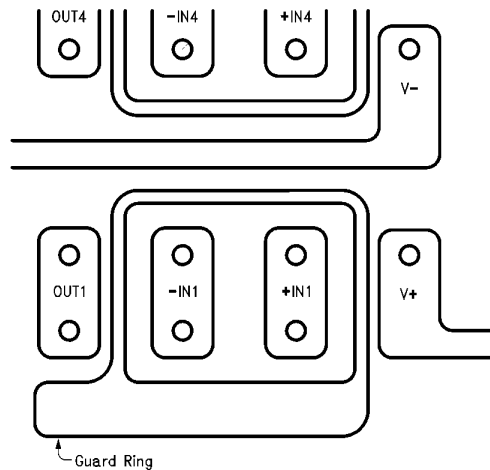
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**FIGURE 2b. Compensating for Large Capacitive Loads with A Pull Up Resistor**

## PRINTED-CIRCUIT-BOARD LAYOUT FOR HIGH-IMPEDANCE WORK

It is generally recognized that any circuit which must operate with less than 1000 pA of leakage current requires special layout of the PC board. When one wishes to take advantage of the ultra-low bias current of the LPC660, typically less than 0.04 pA, it is essential to have an excellent layout. Fortunately, the techniques for obtaining low leakages are quite simple. First, the user must not ignore the surface leakage of the PC board, even though it may sometimes appear acceptably low, because under conditions of high humidity or dust or contamination, the surface leakage will be appreciable.

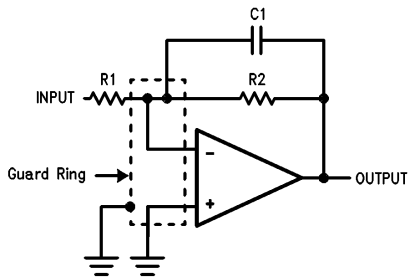
To minimize the effect of any surface leakage, lay out a ring of foil completely surrounding the LPC660's inputs and the terminals of capacitors, diodes, conductors, resistors, relay terminals, etc. connected to the op-amp's inputs. See Figure 3. To have a significant effect, guard rings should be placed on both the top and bottom of the PC board. This PC foil must then be connected to a voltage which is at the same voltage as the amplifier inputs, since no leakage current can flow between two points at the same potential. For example, a PC board trace-to-pad resistance of  $10^{12}$  ohms, which is normally considered a very large resistance, could leak 5 pA if the trace were a 5V bus adjacent to the pad of an input. This would cause a 100 times degradation from the LPC660's actual performance. However, if a guard ring is held within 5 mV of the inputs, then even a resistance of  $10^{11}$  ohms would cause only 0.05 pA of leakage current, or perhaps a minor (2:1) degradation of the amplifier's performance. See Figures 4a, 4b, 4c for typical connections of guard rings for standard op-amp configurations. If both inputs are active and at high impedance, the guard can be tied to ground and still provide some protection; see Figure 4d.



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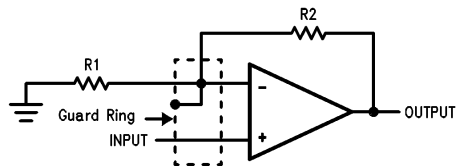
**FIGURE 3. Example of Guard Ring in P.C. Board Layout using the LPC660**

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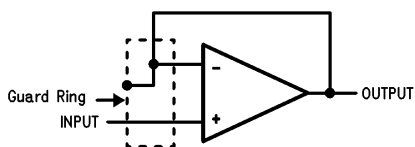
(a) Inverting Amplifier

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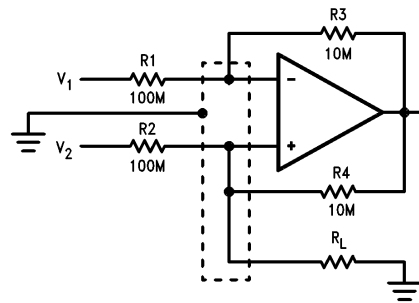
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(b) Non-Inverting Amplifier



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(c) Follower

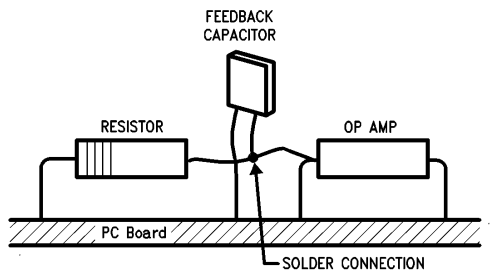


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(d) Howland Current Pump

FIGURE 4. Guard Ring Connections

The designer should be aware that when it is inappropriate to lay out a PC board for the sake of just a few circuits, there is another technique which is even better than a guard ring on a PC board: Don't insert the amplifier's input pin into the board at all, but bend it up in the air and use only air as an insulator. Air is an excellent insulator. In this case you may have to forego some of the advantages of PC board construction, but the advantages are sometimes well worth the effort of using point-to-point up-in-the-air wiring. See Figure 5.



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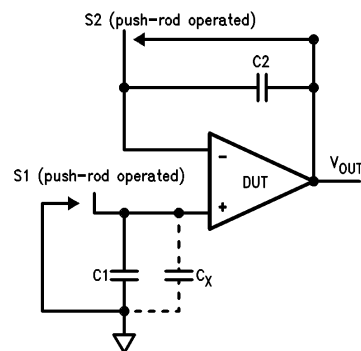
(Input pins are lifted out of PC board and soldered directly to components. All other pins connected to PC board.)

FIGURE 5. Air Wiring

## BIAS CURRENT TESTING

The test method of Figure 6 is appropriate for bench-testing bias current with reasonable accuracy. To understand its operation, first close switch S2 momentarily. When S2 is opened, then

$$I^- = \frac{dV_{OUT}}{dt} \times C2.$$



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FIGURE 6. Simple Input Bias Current Test Circuit

## Application Hints (Continued)

A suitable capacitor for C2 would be a 5 pF or 10 pF silver mica, NPO ceramic, or air-dielectric. When determining the magnitude of  $I^-$ , the leakage of the capacitor and socket must be taken into account. Switch S2 should be left shorted most of the time, or else the dielectric absorption of the capacitor C2 could cause errors.

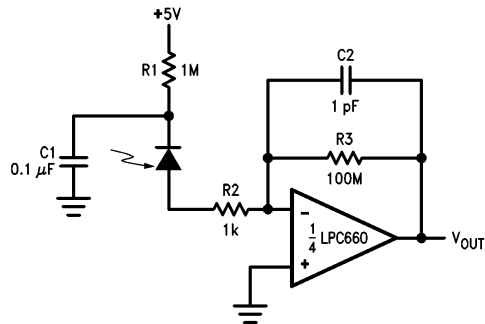
Similarly, if S1 is shorted momentarily (while leaving S2 shorted)

$$I^+ = \frac{dV_{OUT}}{dt} \times (C1 + C_x)$$

where  $C_x$  is the stray capacitance at the + input.

## Typical Single-Supply Applications ( $V^+ = 5.0 V_{DC}$ )

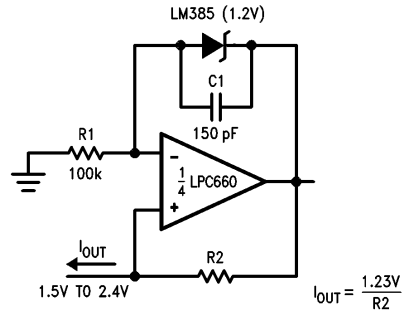
### Photodiode Current-to-Voltage Converter



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**Note:** A 5V bias on the photodiode can cut its capacitance by a factor of 2 or 3, leading to improved response and lower noise. However, this bias on the photodiode will cause photodiode leakage (also known as its dark current).

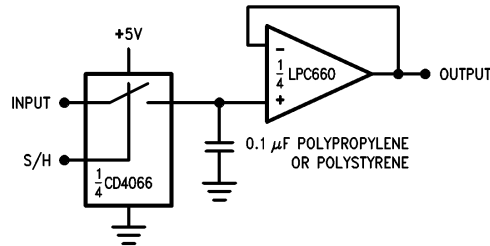
### Micropower Current Source



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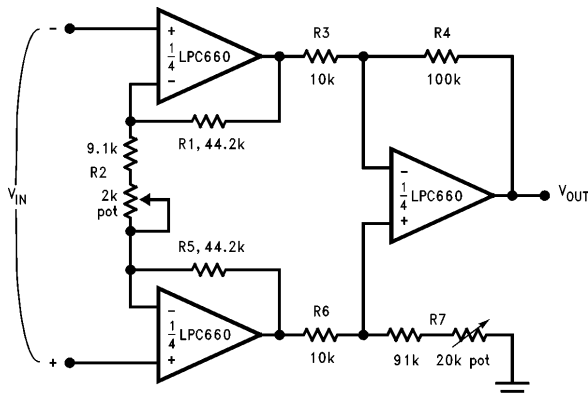
(Upper limit of output range dictated by input common-mode range; lower limit dictated by minimum current requirement of LM385.)

### Low-Leakage Sample-and-Hold



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### Instrumentation Amplifier



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If  $R1 = R5$ ,  $R3 = R6$ , and  $R4 = R7$ ;

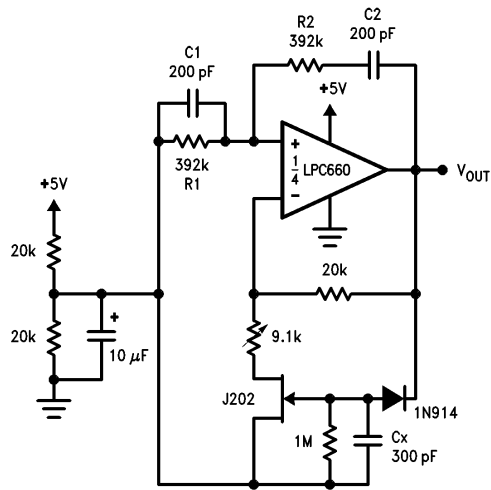
$$\text{then } \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} = \frac{R2 + 2R1}{R1} \times \frac{R4}{R3}$$

$\therefore A_V \approx 100$  for circuits shown.

For good CMRR over temperature, low drift resistors should be used. Matching of  $R3$  to  $R6$  and  $R4$  to  $R7$  affects CMRR. Gain may be adjusted through  $R2$ . CMRR may be adjusted through  $R7$ .

## Typical Single-Supply Applications ( $V^+ = 5.0\text{ V}_{\text{DC}}$ ) (Continued)

**Sine-Wave Oscillator**



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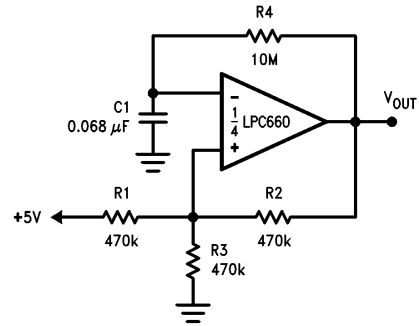
Oscillator frequency is determined by R1, R2, C1, and C2:

$$f_{\text{osc}} = 1/2\pi RC$$

where  $R = R1 = R2$  and  $C = C1 = C2$ .

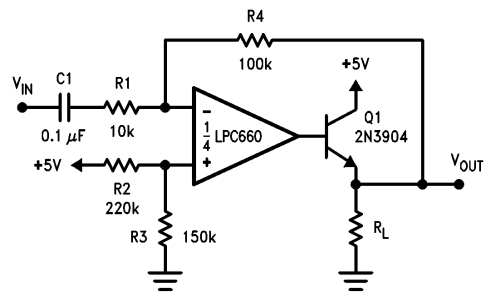
This circuit, as shown, oscillates at 2.0 kHz with a peak-to-peak output swing of 4.5V

**1 Hz Square-Wave Oscillator**



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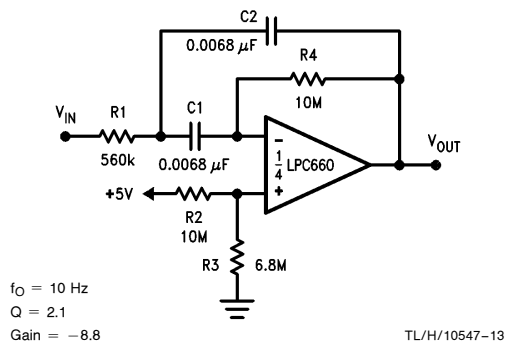
**Power Amplifier**



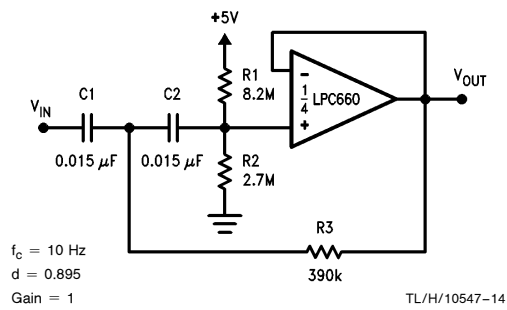
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## Typical Single-Supply Applications ( $V^+ = 5.0 V_{DC}$ ) (Continued)

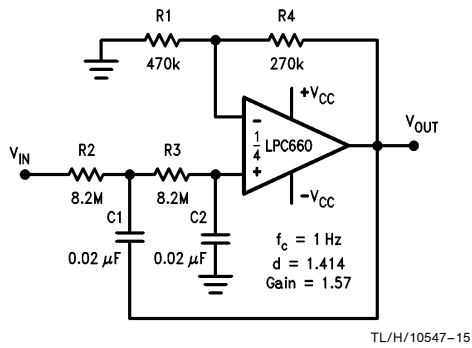
10 Hz Bandpass Filter



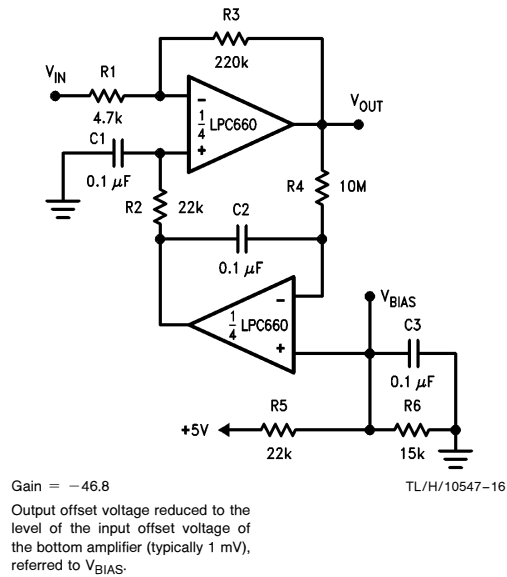
10 Hz High-Pass Filter (2 dB Dip)

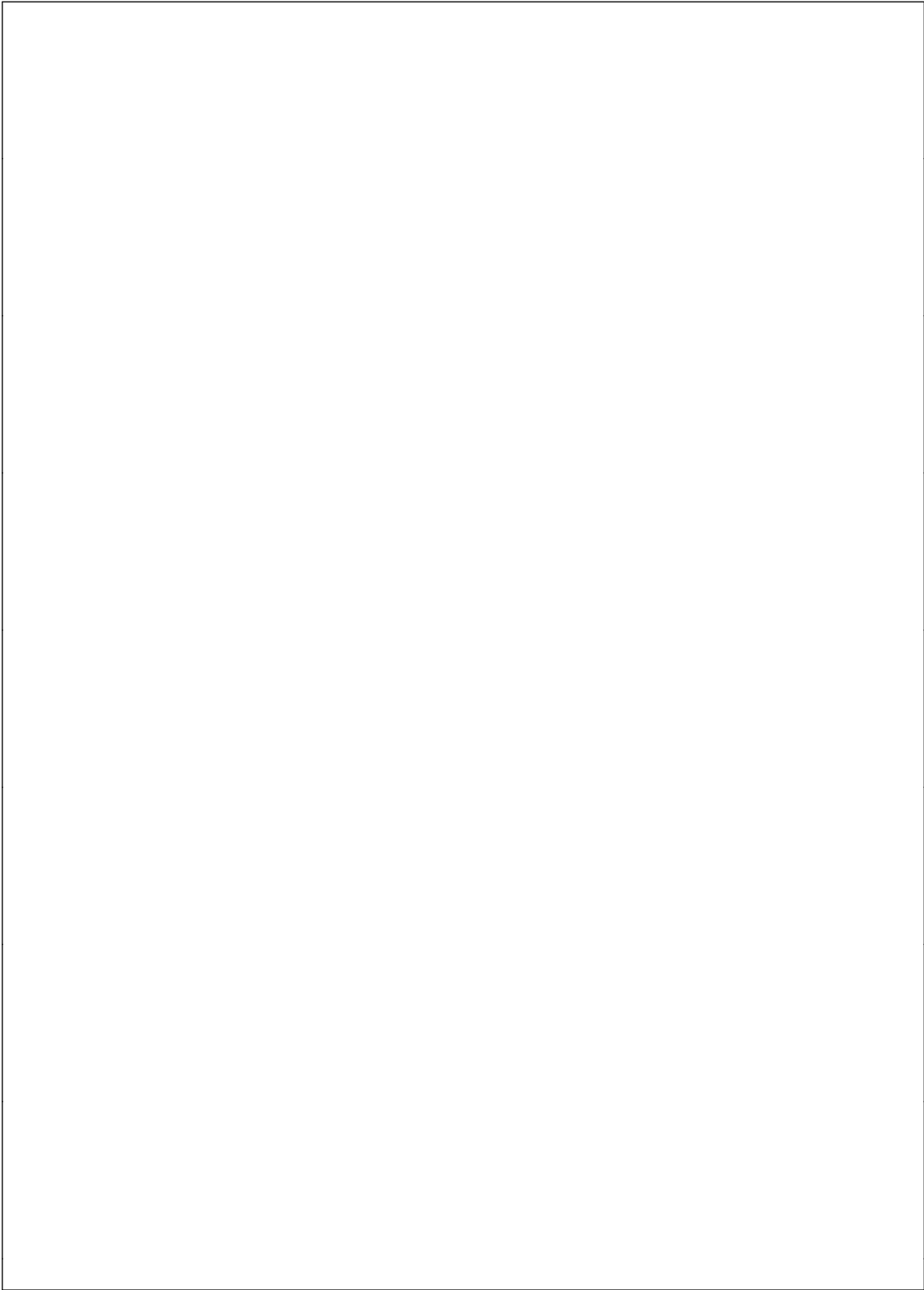


1 Hz Low-Pass Filter (Maximally Flat, Dual Supply Only)

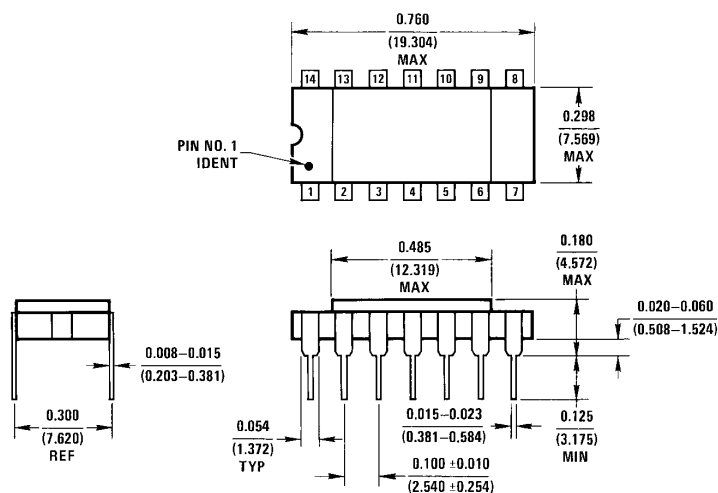


High Gain Amplifier with Offset Voltage Reduction



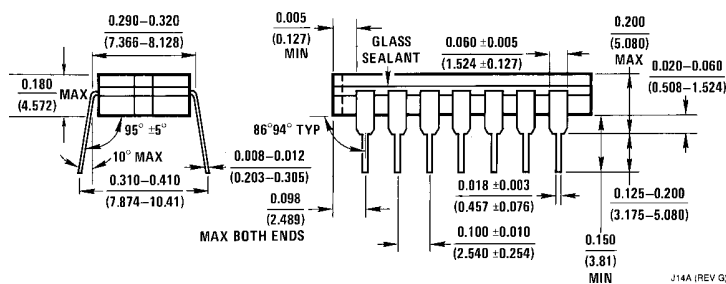
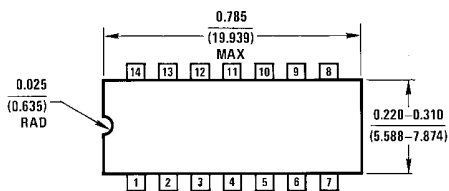


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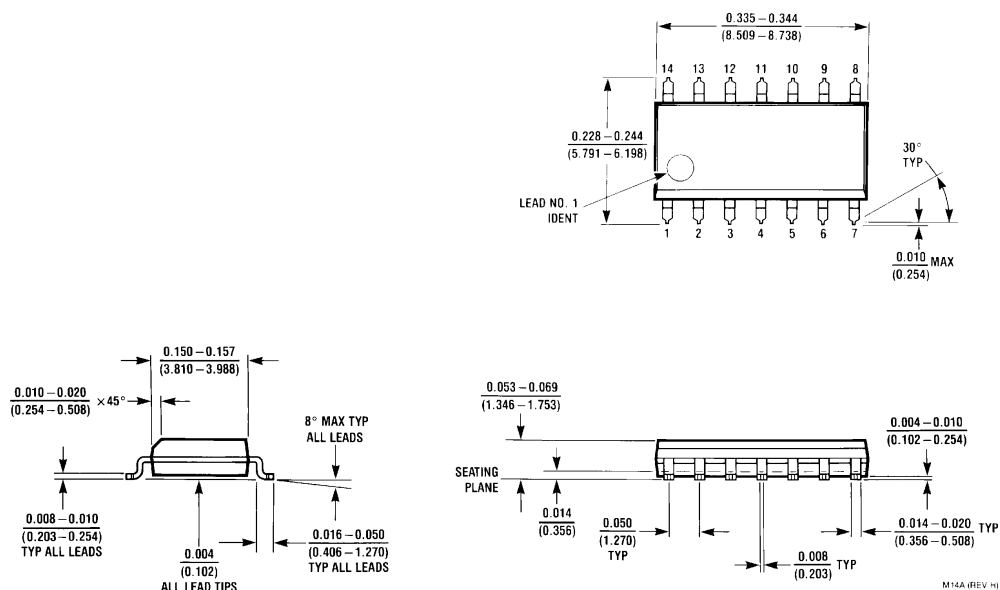
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**NS Package Number J14A**

J14A (REV G)

**Physical Dimensions** inches (millimeters) (Continued)

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**NS Package Number M14A**

