

## CMOS Serial Input 12-Bit DAC

MX7543

### General Description

The MX7543 is a high precision 12-bit digital-to-analog converter (DAC) which uses a serial rather than parallel input scheme for loading data. Included are a serial-to-parallel shift register, a separate DAC register, and a multiplying DAC.

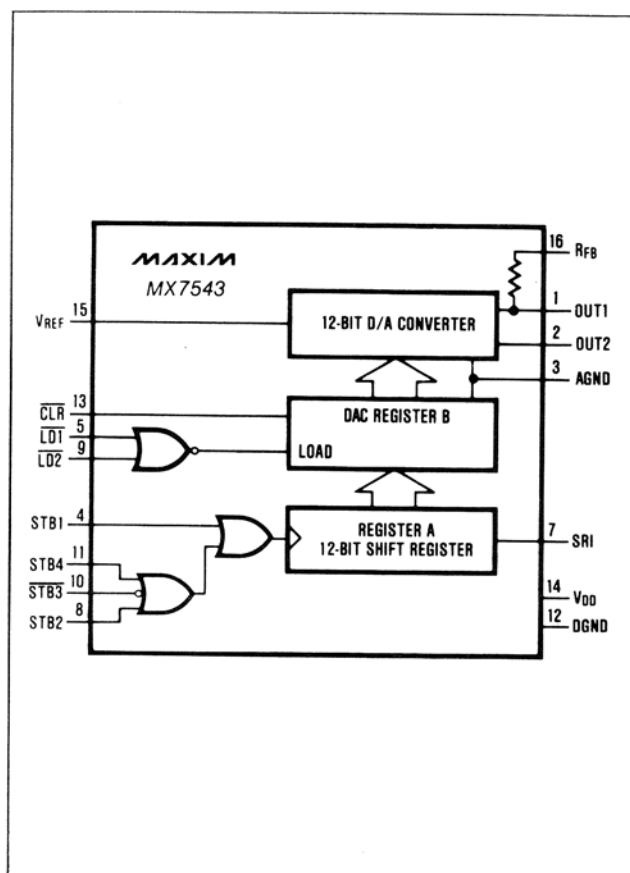
Serial data is clocked in at the SRI pin on the rising or falling edge (user selected) of the strobe input. When the input register is full, the contents are transferred to the DAC register using the load input. A clear input is provided to initialize the part asynchronously.

The MX7543 features excellent gain stability (5ppm/°C max.) and operates from a single +5V power supply while dissipating about 10mW.

### Applications

Remote Analog Systems  
Robotics  
Programmable Attenuators  
Automatic Test Equipment  
Auto-Calibration Systems

### Functional Diagram



### Features

- ◆ Serial Interface
- ◆  $\pm 1/2$  and  $\pm 1$  LSB Linearity
- ◆ CLEAR Input For Initialization
- ◆ Single +5V Supply Operation
- ◆ 5ppm/°C Gain Stability
- ◆ 1 LSB Max. Feedthrough At 10kHz
- ◆ Small Size: 16-Lead DIP

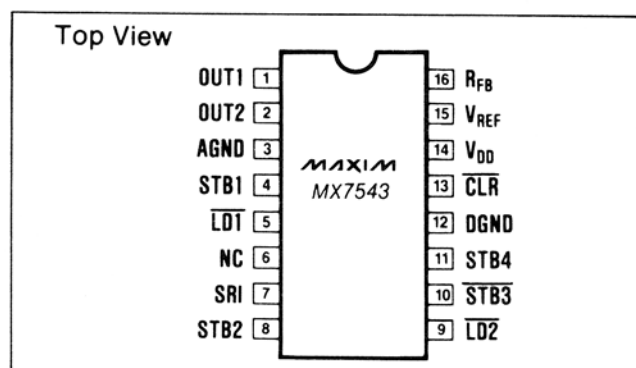
### Ordering Information

| PART        | TEMP. RANGE     | PACKAGE*      | ERROR         |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| MX7543JN    | 0°C to +70°C    | Plastic DIP   | $\pm 1$ LSB   |
| MX7543KN    | 0°C to +70°C    | Plastic DIP   | $\pm 1/2$ LSB |
| MX7543GKN   | 0°C to +70°C    | Plastic DIP   | $\pm 1/2$ LSB |
| MX7543JCWE  | 0°C to +70°C    | Small Outline | $\pm 1$ LSB   |
| MX7543KCWE  | 0°C to +70°C    | Small Outline | $\pm 1/2$ LSB |
| MX7543GKCWE | 0°C to +70°C    | Small Outline | $\pm 1/2$ LSB |
| MX7543J/D   | 0°C to +70°C    | Dice          | $\pm 1$ LSB   |
| MX7543AD    | -25°C to +85°C  | Ceramic       | $\pm 1$ LSB   |
| MX7543BD    | -25°C to +85°C  | Ceramic       | $\pm 1/2$ LSB |
| MX7543GBD   | -25°C to +85°C  | Ceramic       | $\pm 1/2$ LSB |
| MX7543AQ    | -25°C to +85°C  | CERDIP**      | $\pm 1$ LSB   |
| MX7543BQ    | -25°C to +85°C  | CERDIP**      | $\pm 1/2$ LSB |
| MX7543GBQ   | -25°C to +85°C  | CERDIP**      | $\pm 1/2$ LSB |
| MX7543SD    | -55°C to +125°C | Ceramic       | $\pm 1$ LSB   |
| MX7543TD    | -55°C to +125°C | Ceramic       | $\pm 1/2$ LSB |
| MX7543GTD   | -55°C to +125°C | Ceramic       | $\pm 1/2$ LSB |
| MX7543SQ    | -55°C to +125°C | CERDIP**      | $\pm 1$ LSB   |
| MX7543TQ    | -55°C to +125°C | CERDIP**      | $\pm 1/2$ LSB |
| MX7543GTQ   | -55°C to +125°C | CERDIP**      | $\pm 1/2$ LSB |

\* All devices—16-pin packages

\*\* Maxim reserves the right to ship Ceramic packages in lieu of CERDIP packages.

### Pin Configuration



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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

|                                 |                                           |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| $V_{DD}$ to AGND                | -0.3V, +7V                                |
| $V_{DD}$ to DGND                | -0.3V, +7V                                |
| AGND to DGND                    | $V_{DD}$                                  |
| DGND to AGND                    | $V_{DD}$                                  |
| Digital Input Voltage to DGND   | -0.3V, $V_{DD} + 0.3V$<br>(Pins 4-11, 13) |
| $V_{PIN1}$ , $V_{PIN2}$ to AGND | -0.3V, $V_{DD} + 0.3V$                    |
| $V_{REF}$ to AGND               | $\pm 25V$                                 |
| $V_{RFB}$ to AGND               | $\pm 25V$                                 |

|                                     |                                      |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Power Dissipation                   | 450mW<br>(derate 6mW/°C above +70°C) |
| Operating Temperature Range         |                                      |
| Commercial MX7543J, K, GK           | 0°C to +70°C                         |
| Industrial MX7543A, B, GB           | -25°C to +85°C                       |
| Military MX7543S, T, GT             | -55°C to +125°C                      |
| Storage Temperature                 | -65°C to +150°C                      |
| Lead Temperature (Soldering 10 sec) | +300°C                               |

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

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

( $T_A = T_{MIN}$  to  $T_{MAX}$ ,  $V_{DD} = +5V$ ,  $V_{REF} = +10V$ ,  $V_{OUT1} = V_{OUT2} = GND$ , unless otherwise specified)

| PARAMETER                                                                                 | SYMBOL     | CONDITIONS                                                              | MIN                                                                                              | TYP | MAX                                    | UNITS        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>DC ACCURACY</b>                                                                        |            |                                                                         |                                                                                                  |     |                                        |              |
| Resolution                                                                                |            |                                                                         | 12                                                                                               |     |                                        | Bits         |
| Non-Linearity                                                                             |            | MX7543J/A/S<br>MX7543K/B/T<br>MX7543GK/GB/GT                            |                                                                                                  |     | $\pm 1$<br>$\pm 0.5$<br>$\pm 0.5$      | LSB          |
| Differential Non-Linearity                                                                |            | MX7543J/A/S (Note 1)<br>MX7543K/B/T (Note 2)<br>MX7543GK/GB/GT (Note 2) |                                                                                                  |     | $\pm 2$<br>$\pm 1$<br>$\pm 1$          | LSB          |
| Gain Error                                                                                |            | MX7543J/K/A/B/S/T<br>MX7543J/K/A/B<br>MX7543S/T                         | $T_A = 25^\circ C$<br>$T_{MIN}$ to $T_{MAX}$<br>$T_{MIN}$ to $T_{MAX}$                           |     | $\pm 12.3$<br>$\pm 13.5$<br>$\pm 14.5$ | LSB          |
|                                                                                           |            | MX7543GK/GB/GT<br>MX7543GK/GB<br>MX7543GT                               | $T_A = 25^\circ C$<br>$T_{MIN}$ to $T_{MAX}$<br>$T_{MIN}$ to $T_{MAX}$                           |     | $\pm 1$<br>$\pm 1$<br>$\pm 2$          |              |
| Gain Temperature Coefficient<br>$\Delta \text{Gain} / \Delta \text{Temperature}$ (Note 4) |            |                                                                         |                                                                                                  | 2   | 5                                      | ppm/°C       |
| Power Supply Rejection                                                                    | PSRR       | $V_{DD} = +4.75V$ to $+5.25V$                                           | $T_A = 25^\circ C$<br>$T_{MIN}$ to $T_{MAX}$                                                     |     | 0.005<br>0.01                          | %/% $V_{DD}$ |
| Output Leakage Current<br>$I_{OUT1}$ , $I_{OUT2}$ (Note 3)                                |            | MX7543J/K/GK<br>MX7543A/B/GB<br>MX7543S/T/GT                            | $T_A = 25^\circ C$<br>$T_{MIN}$ to $T_{MAX}$<br>$T_{MIN}$ to $T_{MAX}$<br>$T_{MIN}$ to $T_{MAX}$ |     | 1<br>10<br>10<br>200                   | nA           |
| <b>DYNAMIC PERFORMANCE</b> (Note 4)                                                       |            |                                                                         |                                                                                                  |     |                                        |              |
| Output Current Settling Time                                                              |            | To 1/2 LSB, Out1 Load = 100 $\Omega$                                    |                                                                                                  |     | 2                                      | $\mu s$      |
| Feedthrough Error                                                                         |            | $V_{REF} = \pm 10V$ 10kHz sine wave                                     |                                                                                                  |     | 2.5                                    | mVpp         |
| <b>REFERENCE INPUT</b>                                                                    |            |                                                                         |                                                                                                  |     |                                        |              |
| Input Resistance (pin 15)                                                                 | $R_{REF}$  |                                                                         | 8                                                                                                | 15  | 25                                     | k $\Omega$   |
| <b>ANALOG OUTPUT</b> (Note 4)                                                             |            |                                                                         |                                                                                                  |     |                                        |              |
| Output Capacitance                                                                        | $C_{OUT1}$ | DAC Register 0000 0000 0000                                             |                                                                                                  |     | 75                                     | pF           |
|                                                                                           | $C_{OUT1}$ | DAC Register 1111 1111 1111                                             |                                                                                                  |     | 260                                    |              |
|                                                                                           | $C_{OUT2}$ | DAC Register 1111 1111 1111                                             |                                                                                                  |     | 75                                     |              |
|                                                                                           | $C_{OUT2}$ | DAC Register 0000 0000 0000                                             |                                                                                                  |     | 260                                    |              |

**Note 1:** Monotonic to 11 bits from  $T_{MIN}$  to  $T_{MAX}$

**Note 2:** Monotonic to 12 bits from  $T_{MIN}$  to  $T_{MAX}$

**Note 3:**  $I_{OUT1}$  tested with DAC register loaded to all 0's.

$I_{OUT2}$  tested with DAC register loaded to all 1's.

**Note 4:** Guaranteed by design but not tested.

**Note 5:** Sample tested at +25°C to ensure compliance.

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| PARAMETER                                                              | SYMBOL            | CONDITIONS                                                    | MIN        | TYP | MAX  | UNITS |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----|------|-------|
| LOGIC INPUTS                                                           |                   |                                                               |            |     |      |       |
| Logic HIGH Voltage                                                     | V <sub>INH</sub>  |                                                               | +3.0       |     |      | V     |
| Logic LOW Voltage                                                      | V <sub>INL</sub>  |                                                               |            |     | +0.8 |       |
| Logic Input Current                                                    | I <sub>IN</sub>   | V <sub>IN</sub> = 0V or V <sub>DD</sub>                       |            |     | 1    | μA    |
| Input Capacitance (Note 4)                                             | C <sub>IN</sub>   |                                                               |            |     | 8    | pF    |
| SWITCHING CHARACTERISTICS (see Figure 6) (Note 5)                      |                   |                                                               |            |     |      |       |
| Serial Input to Strobe Setup Time                                      | t <sub>DS1</sub>  | T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C<br>T <sub>MIN</sub> to T <sub>MAX</sub> | 50<br>100  |     |      | ns    |
|                                                                        | t <sub>DS2</sub>  | T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C<br>T <sub>MIN</sub> to T <sub>MAX</sub> | 20<br>40   |     |      |       |
|                                                                        | t <sub>DS3</sub>  | T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C<br>T <sub>MIN</sub> to T <sub>MAX</sub> | 0<br>0     |     |      |       |
|                                                                        | t <sub>DS4</sub>  | T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C<br>T <sub>MIN</sub> to T <sub>MAX</sub> | 0<br>0     |     |      |       |
| Serial Input to Strobe Hold Time                                       | t <sub>DH1</sub>  | T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C<br>T <sub>MIN</sub> to T <sub>MAX</sub> | 30<br>60   |     |      | ns    |
|                                                                        | t <sub>DH2</sub>  | T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C<br>T <sub>MIN</sub> to T <sub>MAX</sub> | 60<br>120  |     |      |       |
|                                                                        | t <sub>DH3</sub>  | T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C<br>T <sub>MIN</sub> to T <sub>MAX</sub> | 80<br>160  |     |      |       |
|                                                                        | t <sub>DH4</sub>  | T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C<br>T <sub>MIN</sub> to T <sub>MAX</sub> | 80<br>160  |     |      |       |
| SRI data pulse width                                                   | t <sub>SRI</sub>  | T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C<br>T <sub>MIN</sub> to T <sub>MAX</sub> | 80<br>160  |     |      | ns    |
| STB1 pulse width                                                       | t <sub>STB1</sub> | T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C<br>T <sub>MIN</sub> to T <sub>MAX</sub> | 80<br>160  |     |      |       |
| STB2 pulse width                                                       | t <sub>STB2</sub> | T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C<br>T <sub>MIN</sub> to T <sub>MAX</sub> | 80<br>160  |     |      |       |
| STB3 pulse width                                                       | t <sub>STB3</sub> | T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C<br>T <sub>MIN</sub> to T <sub>MAX</sub> | 100<br>200 |     |      |       |
| STB4 pulse width                                                       | t <sub>STB4</sub> | T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C<br>T <sub>MIN</sub> to T <sub>MAX</sub> | 100<br>200 |     |      |       |
| Load 1 pulse width                                                     | t <sub>LD1</sub>  | T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C<br>T <sub>MIN</sub> to T <sub>MAX</sub> | 150<br>300 |     |      |       |
| Load 2 pulse width                                                     | t <sub>LD2</sub>  | T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C<br>T <sub>MIN</sub> to T <sub>MAX</sub> | 150<br>300 |     |      |       |
| Time between strobing<br>LSB into Register A and<br>loading Register B | t <sub>ASB</sub>  | T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C<br>T <sub>MIN</sub> to T <sub>MAX</sub> | 0<br>0     |     |      |       |
| Clear pulse width                                                      | t <sub>CLR</sub>  | T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C<br>T <sub>MIN</sub> to T <sub>MAX</sub> | 200<br>400 |     |      |       |
| POWER SUPPLY                                                           |                   |                                                               |            |     |      |       |
| Supply Voltage                                                         | V <sub>DD</sub>   | 5V ± 5%                                                       | 4.75       |     | 5.25 | V     |
| Supply Current                                                         | I <sub>DD</sub>   |                                                               |            |     | 2.5  | mA    |

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## Detailed Description

The basic MX7543 DAC circuit consists of a laser-trimmed, thin-film R-2R resistor array with NMOS current switches as shown in Figure 1. Binarly weighted currents are switched to either OUT1 or OUT2 depending on the status of each input bit. Although the current at OUT1 or OUT2 will depend on the digital input code, the sum of the two output currents is always equal to the input current at  $V_{REF}$  minus the termination resistor current ( $R_T$ ).

Either current output can be converted into a voltage externally by adding an output amplifier (Figure 4). The  $V_{REF}$  input accepts a wide range of signals including fixed and time varying voltage or current inputs. If a current source is used for the reference input, then a low temperature coefficient external resistor should be used for  $R_{FB}$  to minimize gain variation with temperature.

## Equivalent Circuit Analysis

Figures 2 and 3 show the equivalent circuits for the R-2R ladder when all digital inputs are LOW and HIGH respectively. The input resistance at  $V_{REF}$  is nominally  $15k\Omega$  and does not change with digital input code. The  $I_{REF}/4096$  current source, which is actually the ladder termination resistor ( $R_T$ , Figure 1), results in an intentional 1-bit current loss to GND. The  $I_{LEAKAGE}$  current sources represent junction and surface leakage currents.

Capacitors  $C_{OUT1}$  and  $C_{OUT2}$  represent the switches ON and OFF capacitances respectively. When all inputs are switched from LOW to HIGH, the capacitance at OUT1 changes from approximately  $75pF$  to  $260pF$ . This capacitance is code-dependent and is a function of the number of ON switches that are connected to a specific output.

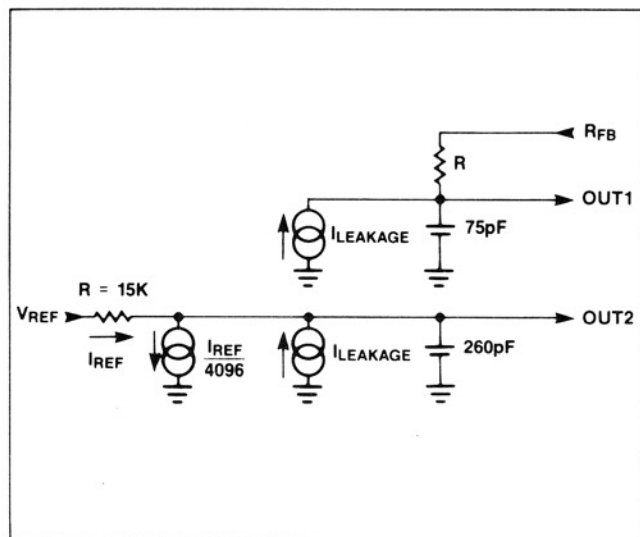


Figure 2. MX7543 DAC Equivalent Circuit, All Digital Inputs LOW

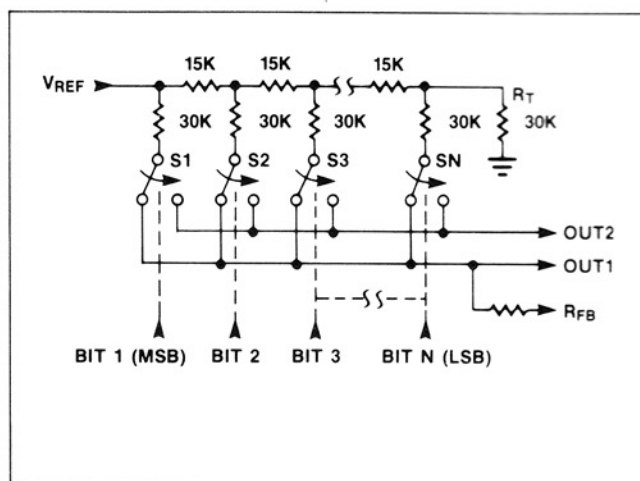


Figure 1. MX7543 Functional Diagram

## Circuit Configurations

### Unipolar Operation

The most common configuration for the MX7543 is shown in Figure 4. The circuit is used for unipolar binary operation and/or 2-quadrant multiplication. The code table is given in Table 1. Note that the polarity of the output is the inverse of the reference input.

In many applications, gain adjustment of the MX7543 will not be necessary. In those cases, and also when gain is trimmed but only at the reference source, resistors  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  in Figure 4 can be omitted. However, if the trims are desired and the DAC is to operate over a wide temperature range, then low tempco ( $<300ppm/^{\circ}C$ ) resistors should be used at  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ .

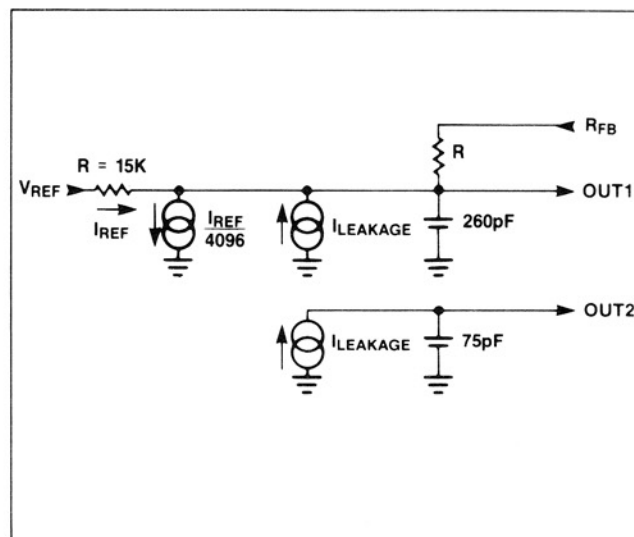


Figure 3. MX7543 DAC Equivalent Circuit, All Digital Inputs HIGH

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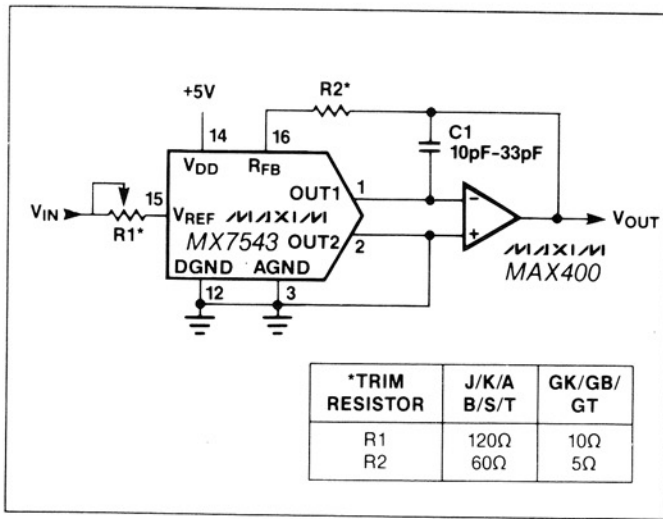


Figure 4. Unipolar Binary Operation

Table 1. Code Table—Unipolar Binary

| DIGITAL INPUT |         | ANALOG OUTPUT                                                    |
|---------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MSB           | LSB     |                                                                  |
| 1 1 1 1       | 1 1 1 1 | $-V_{REF} \left( \frac{4095}{4096} \right)$                      |
| 1 0 0 0       | 0 0 0 0 | $-V_{REF} \left( \frac{2048}{4096} \right) = -\frac{V_{REF}}{2}$ |
| 0 0 0 0       | 0 0 0 0 | $-V_{REF} \left( \frac{1}{4096} \right)$                         |
| 0 0 0 0       | 0 0 0 0 | 0V                                                               |

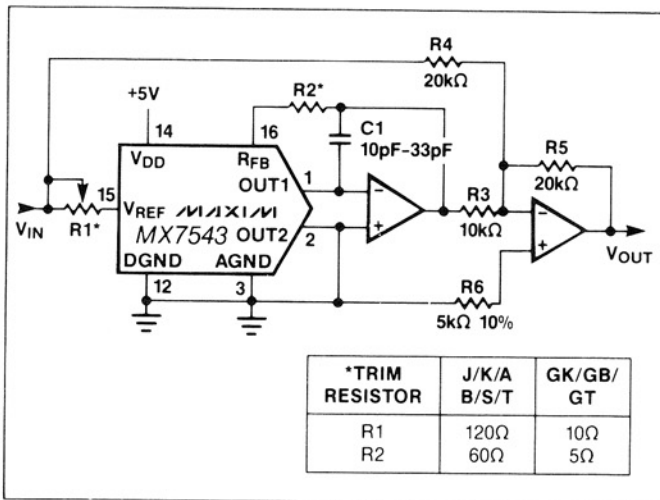


Figure 5. Bipolar Operation (4-Quadrant Multiplication)

Table 2. Code Table—Bipolar (Offset Binary) Operation

| DIGITAL INPUT |         | ANALOG OUTPUT                               |
|---------------|---------|---------------------------------------------|
| MSB           | LSB     |                                             |
| 1 1 1 1       | 1 1 1 1 | $+V_{REF} \left( \frac{2047}{2048} \right)$ |
| 1 0 0 0       | 0 0 0 0 | $+V_{REF} \left( \frac{1}{2048} \right)$    |
| 1 0 0 0       | 0 0 0 0 | 0V                                          |
| 0 1 1 1       | 1 1 1 1 | $-V_{REF} \left( \frac{1}{2048} \right)$    |
| 0 0 0 0       | 0 0 0 0 | $-V_{REF} \left( \frac{2048}{2048} \right)$ |

## Bipolar Operation

With the circuit configuration in Figure 5, the MX7543 operates in the bipolar, or 4-quadrant multiplying mode. A second amplifier and three matched resistors are required. Matching to 0.01% is recommended for 12 bit performance. The code table for the output, which is "offset binary", is listed in Table 2. In multiplying applications, the MSB determines output polarity while the other 11 bits control amplitude.

To adjust the circuit, load the DAC with a code of 1000 0000 0000 and trim R1 for a 0V output. With R1 and R2 omitted, an alternative zero trim is to adjust the ratio of R3 and R4 for 0V out. Full scale can be trimmed by loading the DAC with all "zeros" or all "ones" and adjusting the amplitude of  $V_{REF}$  or varying R5 until the desired positive or negative output is obtained. If gain and offset trims are not required, R1 and R2 in Figure 5 can be omitted.



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## Interface Logic

Serial data is first loaded into the 12-bit Shift Register A, shown in the MX7543 functional diagram. Each bit of serial data appearing at pin SRI is clocked into Register A MSB first, by any one of the four strobe inputs. STB1, STB2, and STB4 all clock data into Shift Register A on the rising edge of the strobe pulse. STB3 clocks data into Register A on its falling edge. Table 3 illustrates the logic states for the control inputs. Figure 6 shows the timing diagram for the loading sequence.

Data is then transferred from Shift Register A into Register B by momentarily moving both LD1 and LD2, low.

Bringing  $\overline{\text{CLR}}$  input low asynchronously resets Register B to 0000 0000 0000. This initializes the DAC output voltage to a known condition. With the unipolar circuit of Figure 4, a  $\overline{\text{CLR}}$  results in a DAC output voltage of 0 volts. Using the bipolar circuit of Figure 5, momentarily bringing  $\overline{\text{CLR}}$  low sets the DAC output voltage to its lowest value of  $-V_{\text{REF}}$ .

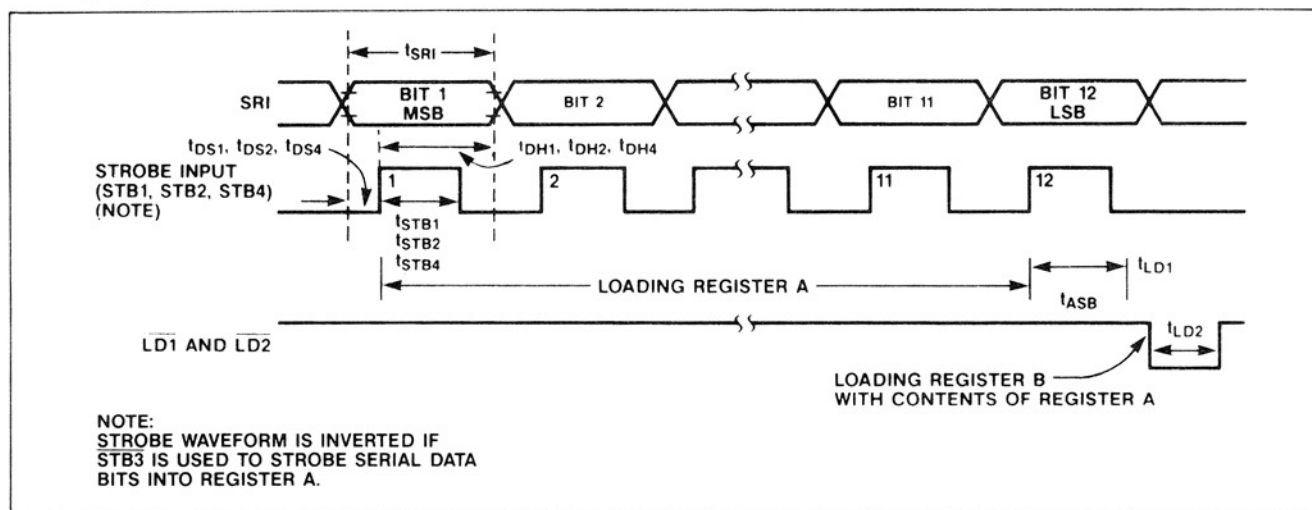


Figure 6. Timing Diagram

Table 3. MX7543 Truth Table

| MX7543 Logic Inputs                                                                 |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                           |     |     | MX7543 Operation                                                 | Notes |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Register A Control Inputs                                                           |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     | Register B Control Inputs |     |     |                                                                  |       |
| STB4                                                                                | STB3                                                                                | STB2                                                                                | STB1                                                                                | CLR                       | LD2 | LD1 |                                                                  |       |
| 0                                                                                   | 1                                                                                   | 0                                                                                   |  | X                         | X   | X   | Data Appearing At SRI Strobed Into Register A                    | 2, 3  |
| 0                                                                                   | 1                                                                                   |  | 0                                                                                   | X                         | X   | X   | Data Appearing At SRI Strobed Into Register A                    | 2, 3  |
| 0                                                                                   |  | 0                                                                                   | 0                                                                                   | X                         | X   | X   | Data Appearing At SRI Strobed Into Register A                    | 2, 3  |
|  | 1                                                                                   | 0                                                                                   | 0                                                                                   | X                         | X   | X   | Data Appearing At SRI Strobed Into Register A                    | 2, 3  |
| 1                                                                                   | X                                                                                   | X                                                                                   | X                                                                                   |                           |     |     | No Operation (Register A)                                        | 3     |
| X                                                                                   | 0                                                                                   | X                                                                                   | X                                                                                   |                           |     |     |                                                                  |       |
| X                                                                                   | X                                                                                   | 1                                                                                   | X                                                                                   |                           |     |     |                                                                  |       |
| X                                                                                   | X                                                                                   | X                                                                                   | 1                                                                                   |                           |     |     |                                                                  |       |
|                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     | 0                         | X   | X   | Clear Register B To Code 0000 0000 0000 (Asynchronous Operation) | 1, 3  |
|                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     | 1                         | 1   | X   | No Operation (Register B)                                        | 3     |
|                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     | 1                         | X   | 1   |                                                                  |       |
|                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     | 1                         | 0   | 0   | Load Register B With The Contents Of Register A                  |       |

### Notes:

1. CLR = 0 Asynchronously resets Register B to 0000 0000 0000, but has no effect on Register A.
2. Serial data is loaded into Register A MSB first, on edges shown  $\uparrow$  is positive edge  $\downarrow$  is negative edge.
3. 0 = Logic LOW, 1 = Logic HIGH, X = Don't Care.

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## Application Information

### Output Amplifier Offset

For best linearity, OUT1 and OUT2 should be terminated exactly at 0V. In most applications OUT1 is connected to the summing junction of an inverting op-amp. The amplifier's input offset voltage can degrade the linearity of the DAC by causing OUT1 to be terminated to a non-zero voltage. The resulting error is:

$$\text{Error Voltage} = V_{OS}(1 + R_{FB}/R_O),$$

where  $V_{OS}$  is the op-amp's offset voltage and  $R_O$  is the output resistance of the DAC.  $R_O$  is a function of the digital input code, and varies from approximately 15k $\Omega$  to 45k $\Omega$ . The error voltage range is then typically 4/3 $V_{OS}$  to 2 $V_{OS}$ , a change of 2/3 $V_{OS}$ . An amplifier with 3mV of offset will therefore degrade the linearity by 2mV, almost a full LSB with a 10V reference voltage. For best linearity, a low-offset amplifier such as the MAX400 should be used, or the amplifier offset must be trimmed to zero. A good rule of thumb is that  $V_{OS}$  should be no more than 1/10 of an LSB's value.

The output amplifier input bias current ( $I_B$ ) can also limit performance since  $I_B \times R_{FB}$  generates an offset error.  $I_B$  should therefore be much less than the DAC output current for 1 LSB, typically 250nA with  $V_{REF} = 10V$ . One tenth of this value, 25nA, is recommended. Offset and linearity can also be impaired if the output amplifier's noninverting input is grounded through a "bias current compensation resistor". This resistor adds to offset at this pin and should not be used. Best performance is obtained when the noninverting input is directly connected to ground.

### Dynamic Considerations

In static or DC applications, the AC characteristics of the output amplifier are not critical. In higher speed applications, where either the reference input is an AC signal or the DAC output must quickly settle to a new programmed value, the AC parameters of the output op-amp must be considered.

Another error source in dynamic applications is parasitic coupling of signal from the  $V_{REF}$  terminal to OUT1 or OUT2. This is normally a function of board layout and package lead-to-lead capacitance. Signals can also be injected into the DAC outputs when the digital inputs are switched. This digital feedthrough is usually dependent on circuit board layout and on-chip capacitive coupling. Layout induced feedthrough can be minimized with guard traces between digital inputs,  $V_{REF}$ , and the DAC outputs.

## Compensation

A compensation capacitor, C1, may be needed when the DAC is used with a high speed output amplifier. The purpose of the capacitor is to cancel the pole formed by the DAC's output capacitance and internal feedback resistance. Its value depends on the type of op-amp used but typical values range from 10 to 33pF. Too small a value causes output ringing while excess capacitance overdamps the output. The size of C1 can be minimized, and output settling performance improved, by keeping the PC board trace and stray capacitance at OUT1 as small as possible.

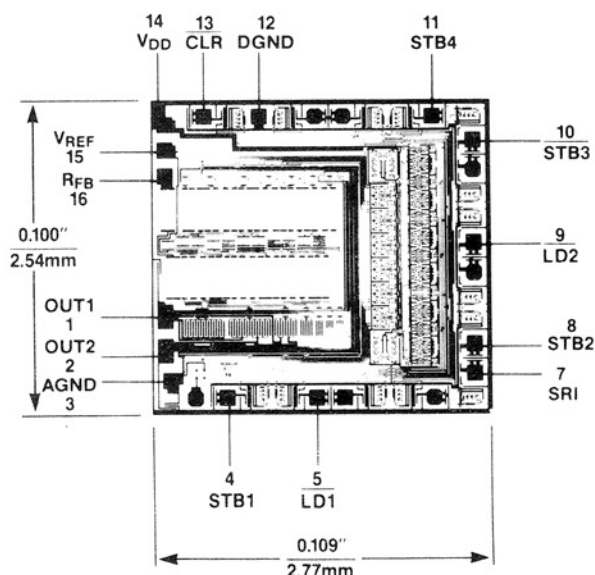
## Grounding and Bypassing

Since OUT1, OUT2 and the output amp's noninverting inputs are sensitive to offset voltages, nodes that are to be grounded should be connected directly to "single point" ground through a separate, very low resistance (less than 0.2 $\Omega$ ) path. The current at OUT1 and OUT2 varies with input code, creating a code dependent error if these terminals are connected to ground (or a virtual ground) through a resistive path.

A 1 $\mu$ F bypass capacitor, in parallel with a 0.01 $\mu$ F ceramic capacitor, should be connected as close to the DAC's  $V_{DD}$  and GND pins as possible.

The MX7543 has high-impedance digital inputs. To minimize noise pick-up, they should be tied to either  $V_{DD}$  or GND when not used. It is also good practice to connect active inputs to  $V_{DD}$  or GND through high valued resistors (1M $\Omega$ ) to prevent static charge accumulation if these pins are left floating, such as when a circuit card is left unconnected.

## Chip Topography



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