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1 Introduction

- **1.1 Features**
- **• Excellent Noise and Linearity up to and Above • Key Specifications**
- **• Configurable to Either 1.6/1.0 GSPS Interleaved – Interleaved 1.6/1.0 GSPS ADC or 800/500 MSPS Dual ADC • IMD³**
- **• New DESCLKIQ Mode for High Bandwidth, High dBc (typ) Sampling Rate Apps**
 Pin-Compatible with ADC1xD1x00
 18c (typ)
 18c (typ)
- **•** Pin-Compatible with ADC1xD1x00
- **• AutoSync Feature for Multi-Chip • Noise Floor: -152.2/-150.5 dBm/Hz (typ)**
- **• Internally Terminated, Buffered, Differential • Power: 2.50/2.02 W (typ) Analog Inputs**
- **• Interleaved Timing Automatic and Manual Skew • ENOB: 9.5/9.6 Bits (typ) Adjust**
- **• Test Patterns at Output for System Debug**
- **• Time Stamp Feature to Capture External • Power per Channel: 1.25/1.01 W (typ) Trigger**
- **•** Programmable Gain, Offset, and t_{AD} Adjust **Feature**
- **• 1:1 Non-Demuxed or 1:2 Demuxed LVDS Outputs**

1.2 Applications

- **• 3G/4G Wireless Basestation • SIGINT**
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- **• Wideband Microwave Backhaul • Consumer RF**
- **• RF Sampling Software Defined Radio • Test and Measurement**
- **• Military Communications**
- - **fIN = 2.7 GHz – Resolution 12 Bits**
	- - **(Fin = 2.7GHz @ -13dBFS): -63/-61**
		- **(Fin = 2.7GHz @ -16dBFS): -71/-69**
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		- **Synchronization • Noise Power Ratio: 50.4/50.7 dB (typ)**
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	- **– Dual 800/500 MSPS ADC, Fin = 498 MHz**
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		- **• SNR: 59.7/59.7 dB (typ)**
		- **• SFDR: 71.2/72 dBc (typ)**
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- **– Receive Path • RADAR / LIDAR**
- **– DPD Path • Wideband Communications**
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1.3 Description

The 12-bit 1.6/1.0 GSPS ADC12D800/500RF is an RF-sampling GSPS ADC that can directly sample input frequencies up to and above 2.7 GHz. The ADC12D800/500RF augments the very large Nyquist zone of TI's GSPS ADCs with excellent noise and linearity performance at RF frequencies, extending its usable range beyond the 7th Nyquist zone

The ADC12D800/500RF provides a flexible LVDS interface which has multiple SPI programmable options to facilitate board design and FPGA/ASIC data capture. The LVDS outputs are compatible with IEEE 1596.3-1996 and supports programmable common mode voltage. The product is packaged in a lead-free 292-ball thermally enhanced BGA package over the rated industrial temperature range of -40°C to +85°C.

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2 Device Information

2.1 Block Diagram

2.2 RF Performance

A. CW Blocker: Fin = 2710.47MHz; Total Power = -13dBFS

B. WCDMA Blocker: Fc = 2700MHz; Bandwidth = 3.84MHz; Total Power = -13dBFS

C. IMD_3 Product Power = -73dBFS

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2.3 ADC12D800/500RF Connection Diagram

The center ground pins are for thermal dissipation and must be soldered to a ground plane to ensure rated performance. See [SUPPLY/GROUNDING,](#page-66-0) LAYOUT AND THERMAL [RECOMMENDATIONS](#page-66-0) for more information.

2.4 Ball Descriptions and Equivalent Circuits

Table 2-1. Analog Front-End and Clock Balls

(1) This pin/bit functionality is not tested in production test; performance is tested in the specified/default mode only.

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Ball No. Name Equivalent Circuit Description Common Mode Voltage Output or Signal Coupling Select. If AC-coupled operation at the analog VA **V_{CMO}** inputs is desired, this pin should be held at logiclow level. This pin is capable of sourcing/ sinking up to 100 µA. For DC-coupled operation, this pin 200k $C2$ V_{CMO} $\overline{1}$ $\overline{200}$ $\overline{1}$ Enable AC Coupling impedance. In DC-coupled Mode, this pin provides 8 pF an output voltage which is the optimal commonmode voltage for the input signal and should be used to set the common-mode voltage of the ò driving buffer. GND

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CND Bandgap Voltage Output or LVDS Common-mode VA Voltage Select. This pin provides a buffered version of the bandgap output voltage and is capable of sourcing/sinking 100 uA and driving a B1 V_{BG} $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ load of up to 80 pF. Alternately, this pin may be used to select the LVDS digital output commonmode voltage. If tied to logic-high, the 1.2V LVDS common-mode voltage is selected; 0.8V is the default. VA External Reference Resistor terminals. A 3.3 kΩ ±0.1% resistor should be connected between $C3/D3$ Rext+/-
C3/D3 Rext+/- Rext+/- \bigcap_{tot} Rext+/- to trim internal circuits which affect the linearity of V the converter; the value and precision of this resistor should not be compromised. GND Input Termination Trim Resistor terminals. A 3.3 VA $k\Omega$ ±0.1% resistor should be connected between Rtrim+/-. The Rtrim resistor is used to establish the calibrated 100Ω input impedance of VinI, VinQ C1/D2 Rtrim+/- Rtrim+/- $\bigcap_{\mathcal{A}} \bigcap_{\mathcal{A}}$ and CLK. These impedances may be fine tuned V by varying the value of the resistor by a corresponding percentage; however, the tuning range and performance is not specified for such an alternate value. GND VA Tdiode_P Temperature Sensor Diode Positive (Anode) and
Negative (Cathode) Terminals. This set of pins is σ GND E2/F3 Tdiode+/- The Turninals. This set of pins is E2/F3 Tdiode+/- used for die temperature measurements. It has VA not been fully characterized. Tdiode_N \overline{b} GND

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Table 2-2. Control and Status Balls

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Table 2-2. Control and Status Balls (continued)

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Table 2-2. Control and Status Balls (continued)

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Table 2-4. High-Speed Digital Outputs

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Table 2-4. High-Speed Digital Outputs (continued)

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.

3 Electrical Specifications

3.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings(1)(2)

(1) Absolute Maximum Ratings indicate limits beyond which damage to the device may occur. There is no specification of operation at the Absolute Maximum Ratings. Operating Ratings indicate conditions for which the device is functional, but do not ensure specific performance limits. For ensured specifications and test conditions, see the Electrical Characteristics. The ensured specifications apply only for the test conditions listed. Some performance characteristics may degrade when the device is not operated under the listed test conditions.

(2) All voltages are measured with respect to GND = GND_{TC} = GND_{DR} = GND_E = 0V, unless otherwise specified.
(3) When the input voltage at any pin exceeds the power supply limits, i.e. less than GND or greater than V

When the input voltage at any pin exceeds the power supply limits, i.e. less than GND or greater than V_A , the current at that pin should be limited to 50 mA. In addition, over-voltage at a pin must adhere to the maximum voltage limits. Simultaneous over-voltage at multiple pins requires adherence to the maximum package power dissipation limits. These dissipation limits are calculated using JEDEC JESD51-7 thermal model. Higher dissipation may be possible based on specific customer thermal situation and specified package thermal resistances from junction to case.

(4) Human body model is 100 pF capacitor discharged through a 1.5 kΩ resistor. Machine model is 220 pF discharged through 0Ω. Charged device model simulates a pin slowly acquiring charge (such as from a device sliding down the feeder in an automated assembler) then rapidly being discharged.

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Operating Ratings[\(1\)\(2\)](#page-19-2) (continued)

3.3 Package Thermal Resistance(1)(2)

(1) Soldering process must comply with Texas Instrument's Reflow Temperature Profile specifications. Refer to [www.ti.com/packaging.](http://www.ti.com/packaging) See [\(Note](#page-19-3) 2).

(2) Reflow temperature profiles are different for lead-free and non-lead-free packages.

3.4 Converter Electrical Characteristics Static Converter Characteristics

Unless otherwise specified, the following apply after calibration for $V_A = V_{DR} = V_{TC} = V_E = +1.9V$; I- and Q-channels, ACcoupled, unused channel terminated to AC ground, FSR Pin = High; C_L = 10 pF; Differential, AC coupled Sine Wave Sampling Clock, f_{CLK} = 800/500 MHz at 0.5 V_{P-P} with 50% duty cycle (as specified); V_{BG} = Floating; Non-Extended Control Mode; Rext = Rtrim = 3300Ω ± 0.1%; Analog Signal Source Impedance = 100Ω Differential; Non-Demux Non-DES Mode; Duty Cycle Stabilizer on. **Boldface limits apply for** $T_A = T_{MIN}$ **to** T_{MAX} **. All other limits** $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ **C, unless otherwise noted.** $(1)(2)(3)$

(1) The analog inputs, labeled "I/O", are protected as shown below. Input voltage magnitudes beyond the Absolute Maximum Ratings may damage this device.

- (2) To ensure accuracy, it is required that V_A , V_{TC} , V_E and V_{DR} be well-bypassed. Each supply pin must be decoupled with separate bypass capacitors.
- (3) Typical figures are at $T_A = 25^\circ C$, and represent most likely parametric norms. Test limits are specified to TI's AOQL (Average Outgoing Quality Level).
- (4) Calculation of Full-Scale Error for this device assumes that the actual reference voltage is exactly its nominal value. Full-Scale Error for this device, therefore, is a combination of Full-Scale Error and Reference Voltage Error. See [Figure](#page-31-1) 4-2. For relationship between Gain Error and Full-Scale Error, see [Specification](#page-29-0) Definitions for Gain Error.
- (5) This parameter is ensured by design and is not tested in production.

3.5 Converter Electrical Characteristics Dynamic Converter Characteristics (1)

(1) This parameter is ensured by design and/or characterization and is not tested in production.
(2) The -3dB point is the traditional Full-Power Bandwidth (FPBW) specification. Although the in

(2) The -3dB point is the traditional Full-Power Bandwidth (FPBW) specification. Although the insertion loss is approximately half at this frequency, the dynamic performance of the ADC does not necessarily begin to degrade to a level below which it may be effectively used in an application. The ADC may be used at input frequencies above the -3dB FPBW point, for example, into the 5th and 6th Nyquist zones. Depending on system requirements, it is only necessary to compensate for the insertion loss.

Converter Electrical Characteristics Dynamic Converter Characteristics [\(1\)](#page-22-0) (continued)

(3) The Dynamic Specifications are ensured for room to hot ambient temperature only (25°C to 85°C). Refer to the plots of the dynamic performance vs. temperature in the Typical [Performance](#page-35-0) Plots to see typical performance from cold to room temperature (-40°C to 25°C).

(4) The Fs/2 spur was removed from all the dynamic performance spectifications.

(5) Typical dynamic performance at Fin = 248 MHz, 498 MHz, 998 MHz, and 1498 MHz is ensured by design and/or characterization and is not tested in production.

Converter Electrical Characteristics Dynamic Converter Characteristics [\(1\)](#page-22-0) (continued)

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(2) These measurements were taken in Extended Control Mode (ECM) with the DES Timing Adjust feature enabled (Addr: 7**h**). This feature is used to reduce the interleaving timing spur amplitude, which occurs at Fs/2-Fin, and thereby increase the SFDR, SINAD and ENOB.

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3.6 Converter Electrical Characteristics Analog Input/Output and Reference Characteristics

(1) This parameter is ensured by design and is not tested in production.

(2) This parameter is ensured by design and/or characterization and is not tested in production.

3.7 Converter Electrical Characteristics I-Channel to Q-Channel Characteristics

(1) This parameter is ensured by design and/or characterization and is not tested in production.

(2) This parameter is ensured by design and is not tested in production.

3.8 Converter Electrical Characteristics Sampling Clock Characteristics

(1) This parameter is ensured by design and/or characterization and is not tested in production.

(2) This parameter is ensured by design and is not tested in production.

3.9 Converter Electrical Characteristics AutoSync Feature Characteristics(1)

(1) This feature functionality is not tested in production test; performance is tested in the specified/default mode only.

3.10 Converter Electrical Characteristics Digital Control and Output Pin Characteristics

(1) This parameter is ensured by design and/or characterization and is not tested in production.

(2) This feature functionality is not tested in production test; performance is tested in the specified/default mode only.

(3) This parameter is ensured by design and is not tested in production.

3.11 Converter Electrical Characteristics Power Supply Characteristics

3.12 Converter Electrical Characteristics AC Electrical Characteristics

(1) This parameter is ensured by design and/or characterization and is not tested in production.

(2) This parameter is ensured by design and is not tested in production.

Converter Electrical Characteristics AC Electrical Characteristics (continued)

(1) This parameter is ensured by design and is not tested in production.

(2) This parameter is ensured by design and/or characterization and is not tested in production.

3.13 Converter Electrical Characteristics Serial Port Interface

(1) This parameter is ensured by design and is not tested in production.

3.14 Converter Electrical Characteristics Calibration

(1) This parameter is ensured by design and is not tested in production.

4 Specification Definitions

APERTURE (SAMPLING) DELAY is the amount of delay, measured from the sampling edge of the CLK input, after which the signal present at the input pin is sampled inside the device.

APERTURE JITTER (tAJ) is the variation in aperture delay from sample-to-sample. Aperture jitter can be effectively considered as noise at the input.

CODE ERROR RATE (CER) is the probability of error and is defined as the probable number of word errors on the ADC output per unit of time divided by the number of words seen in that amount of time. A CER of 10-18 corresponds to a statistical error in one word about every 31.7 years for the ADC12D800RF.

CLOCK DUTY CYCLE is the ratio of the time that the clock waveform is at a logic high to the total time of one clock period.

DIFFERENTIAL NON-LINEARITY (DNL) is the measure of the maximum deviation from the ideal step size of 1 LSB. It is measured at the relevant sample rate, f_{CLK} , with $f_{IN} = 1$ MHz sine wave.

EFFECTIVE NUMBER OF BITS (ENOB, or EFFECTIVE BITS) is another method of specifying Signal-to-Noise and Distortion Ratio, or SINAD. ENOB is defined as (SINAD - 1.76) / 6.02 and states that the converter is equivalent to a perfect ADC of this many (ENOB) number of bits.

GAIN ERROR is the deviation from the ideal slope of the transfer function. It can be calculated from Offset and Full-Scale Errors. The Positive Gain Error is the Offset Error minus the Positive Full-Scale Error. The Negative Gain Error is the Negative Full-Scale Error minus the Offset Error. The Gain Error is the Negative Full-Scale Error minus the Positive Full-Scale Error; it is also equal to the Positive Gain Error plus the Negative Gain Error.

GAIN FLATNESS is a measure of the variation in gain over the specified bandwidth. For example, for the ADC12D800RF, from D.C. to Fs/2 is to 400 MHz for the Non-DES Mode and from D.C to Fs/2 is to 800 MHz for the DES Mode.

INTEGRAL NON-LINEARITY (INL) is a measure of worst case deviation of the ADC transfer function from an ideal straight line drawn through the ADC transfer function. The deviation of any given code from this straight line is measured from the center of that code value step. The best fit method is used.

INSERTION LOSS is the loss in power of a signal due to the insertion of a device, e.g. the ADC12D800/500RF, expressed in dB.

INTERMODULATION DISTORTION (IMD) is measure of the near-in 3rd order distortion products (2f₂ - f₁, 2f₁ - f₂) which occur when two tones which are close in frequency (f₁, f₂) are applied to the ADC input. It is measured from the input tones power of the higher of the two distortion products (dBFS). The input tones are typically -7dBFS.

LSB (LEAST SIGNIFICANT BIT) is the bit that has the smallest value or weight of all bits. This value is

V_{FS} / 2^{N}

where V_{FS} is the differential full-scale amplitude V_{INFSR} as set by the FSR input and "N" is the ADC resolution in bits, which is 10 for the ADC12D800/500RF.

LOW VOLTAGE DIFFERENTIAL SIGNALING (LVDS) DIFFERENTIAL OUTPUT VOLTAGE (V_{ID} and V_{OD}) is two times the absolute value of the difference between the V_{D} + and V_{D} - signals; each signal measured with respect to Ground. V_{OD} peak is V_{OD,P}= (V_D+ - V_D-) and V_{OD} peak-to-peak is V_{OD,P-P}= $2^{\ast}(\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{D}}+ \cdot \mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{D}})$; for this product, the V_{OD} is measured peak-to-peak.

Figure 4-1. LVDS Output Signal Levels

LVDS OUTPUT OFFSET VOLTAGE (VOS) is the midpoint between the D+ and D- pins output voltage with respect to ground; i.e., $[(V_D+)(V_D-)]/2$. See [Figure](#page-30-1) 4-1.

MISSING CODES are those output codes that are skipped and will never appear at the ADC outputs. These codes cannot be reached with any input value.

MSB (MOST SIGNIFICANT BIT) is the bit that has the largest value or weight. Its value is one half of full scale.

NEGATIVE FULL-SCALE ERROR (NFSE) is a measure of how far the first code transition is from the ideal 1/2 LSB above a differential −V_{IN}/2 with the FSR pin low. For the ADC12D800/500RF the reference voltage is assumed to be ideal, so this error is a combination of full-scale error and reference voltage error.

NOISE FLOOR DENSITY is a measure of the power density of the noise floor, espressed in dBFS/Hz and dBm/Hz. '0 dBFS' is defined as the power of a sinusoid which precisely uses the full-scale range of the ADC.

NOISE POWER RATIO (NPR) is the ratio of the sum of the power inside the notched bins to the sum of the power in an equal number of bins outside the notch, expressed in dB.

OFFSET ERROR (VOFF) is a measure of how far the mid-scale point is from the ideal zero voltage differential input.

Offset Error = Actual Input causing average of 8k samples to result in an average code of 2047.5.

OUTPUT DELAY (t_{OD}) is the time delay (in addition to Latency) after the rising edge of CLK+ before the data update is present at the output pins.

OVER-RANGE RECOVERY TIME is the time required after the differential input voltages goes from ±1.2V to 0V for the converter to recover and make a conversion with its rated accuracy.

PIPELINE DELAY (LATENCY) is the number of input clock cycles between initiation of conversion and when that data is presented to the output driver stage. The data lags the conversion by the Latency plus the t_{OD}.

POSITIVE FULL-SCALE ERROR (PFSE) is a measure of how far the last code transition is from the ideal 1-1/2 LSB below a differential $+V_{\text{IN}}/2$. For the ADC12D800/500RF the reference voltage is assumed to be ideal, so this error is a combination of full-scale error and reference voltage error.

SIGNAL TO NOISE RATIO (SNR) is the ratio, expressed in dB, of the rms value of the fundamental for a single-tone to the rms value of the sum of all other spectral components below one-half the sampling frequency, not including harmonics or DC.

SIGNAL TO NOISE PLUS DISTORTION (S/(N+D) or SINAD) is the ratio, expressed in dB, of the rms value of the fundamental for a single-tone to the rms value of all of the other spectral components below half the input clock frequency, including harmonics but excluding DC.

SPURIOUS-FREE DYNAMIC RANGE (SFDR) is the difference, expressed in dB, between the rms values of the input signal at the output and the peak spurious signal, where a spurious signal is any signal present in the output spectrum that is not present at the input, excluding DC.

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θJA is the thermal resistance between the junction to ambient.

θJC1 represents the thermal resistance between the die and the exposed metal area on the top of the HSBGA package.

θJC2 represents the thermal resistance between the die and the center group of balls on the bottom of the HSBGA package.

TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION (THD) is the ratio expressed in dB, of the rms total of the first nine harmonic levels at the output to the level of the fundamental at the output. THD is calculated as

$$
\text{THD} = 20 \times \log \sqrt{\frac{A_{f2}^2 + \dots + A_{f10}^2}{A_{f1}^2}}
$$

where A_{f1} is the RMS power of the fundamental (output) frequency and A_{f2} through A_{f10} are the RMS power of the first 9 harmonic frequencies in the output spectrum.

- **Second Harmonic Distortion (2nd Harm)** is the difference, expressed in dB, between the RMS power in the input frequency seen at the output and the power in its 2nd harmonic level at the output.
- **Third Harmonic Distortion (3rd Harm)** is the difference expressed in dB between the RMS power in the input frequency seen at the output and the power in its 3rd harmonic level at the output.

4.1 Transfer Characteristic

Figure 4-2. Input / Output Transfer Characteristic

4.2 Timing Diagrams

Figure 4-3. Clocking in 1:2 Demux Non-DES Mode*

Figure 4-4. Clocking in Non-Demux Non-DES Mode*

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NOTE

* The timing for these figures is shown for the one input only (I or Q). However, both I- and Q-inputs may be used. For this case, the I-channel functions precisely the same as the Qchannel, with VinI, DCLKI, DId and DI instead of VinQ, DCLKQ, DQd and DQ. Both I- and Qchannel use the same CLK.

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Figure 4-7. Data Clock Reset Timing (Demux Mode)

Figure 4-8. Power-on and On-Command Calibration Timing

Figure 4-9. Serial Interface Timing

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5 Typical Performance Plots

 $\rm V_A$ = V_{DR} = V_{TC} = V_E = 1.9V, f_{CLK} = 800 MHz / 500 MHz for the ADC12D800RF / ADC12D500RF, respectively, f_{IN} = 498 MHz, T_A = 25 $^{\circ}$ C, I-channel, Non-Demux Non-DES Mode, unless otherwise stated.

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THD vs. INPUT FREQUENCY (ADC12D800RF) THD vs. INPUT FREQUENCY (ADC12D500RF)

SFDR vs. CLOCK FREQUENCY (ADC12D800RF) SFDR vs. CLOCK FREQUENCY (ADC12D500RF)

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SPECTRAL RESPONSE AT FIN = 498 MHz (ADC12D800RF) SPECTRAL RESPONSE AT FIN = 498 MHz (ADC12D500RF)

POWER CONSUMPTION vs. CLOCK FREQUENCY POWER CONSUMPTION vs. CLOCK FREQUENCY (ADC12D800RF) (ADC12D500RF)

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The ADC12D800/500RF is a versatile A/D converter with an innovative architecture which permits very high speed operation. The controls available ease the application of the device to circuit solutions. Optimum performance requires adherence to the provisions discussed here and in the [Applications](#page-59-0) [Information](#page-59-0) Section. This section covers an overview, a description of control modes (Extended Control Mode and Non-Extended Control Mode), and features.

6.1 Overview

The ADC12D800/500RF uses a calibrated folding and interpolating architecture that achieves a high Effective Number of Bits (ENOB). The use of folding amplifiers greatly reduces the number of comparators and power consumption. Interpolation reduces the number of front-end amplifiers required, minimizing the load on the input signal and further reducing power requirements. In addition to correcting other nonidealities, on-chip calibration reduces the INL bow often seen with folding architectures. The result is an extremely fast, high performance, low power converter.

The analog input signal (which is within the converter's input voltage range) is digitized to twelve bits at speeds of 200/200 MSPS to 1.6/1.0 GSPS, typical. Differential input voltages below negative full-scale will cause the output word to consist of all zeroes. Differential input voltages above positive full-scale will cause the output word to consist of all ones. Either of these conditions at the I- or Q-input will cause the Out-of-Range I-channel or Q-channel output (ORI or ORQ), respectively, to output a logic-high signal.

In ECM, an expanded feature set is available via the Serial Interface. The ADC12D800/500RF builds upon previous architectures, introducing a new DES Mode timing adjust feature, AutoSync feature for multi-chip synchronization and increasing to 15-bit for gain and 12-bit plus sign for offset the independent programmable adjustment for each channel.

Each channel has a selectable output demultiplexer which feeds two LVDS buses. If the 1:2 Demux Mode is selected, the output data rate is reduced to half the input sample rate on each bus. When Non-Demux Mode is selected, the output data rate on each channel is at the same rate as the input sample clock and only one 12-bit bus per channel is active.

6.2 Control modes

The ADC12D800/500RF may be operated in one of two control modes: Non-extended Control Mode (Non-ECM) or Extended Control Mode (ECM). In the simpler Non-ECM (also sometimes referred to as Pin Control Mode), the user affects available configuration and control of the device through the control pins. The ECM provides additional configuration and control options through a serial interface and a set of 16 registers, most of which are available to the customer.

6.2.1 Non-Extended Control Mode

In Non-extended Control Mode (Non-ECM), the Serial Interface is not active and all available functions are controlled via various pin settings. Non-ECM is selected by setting the ECE Pin to logic-high. Note that, for the control pins, "logic-high" and "logic-low" refer to V_A and GND, respectively. Nine dedicated control pins provide a wide range of control for the ADC12D800/500RF and facilitate its operation. These control pins provide DES Mode selection, Demux Mode selection, DDR Phase selection, execute Calibration, Calibration Delay setting, Power Down I-channel, Power Down Q-channel, Test Pattern Mode selection, and Full-Scale Input Range selection. In addition to this, two dual-purpose control pins provide for AC/DCcoupled Mode selection and LVDS output common-mode voltage selection. See [Table](#page-46-0) 6-1 for a summary.

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Table 6-1. Non-ECM Pin Summary

6.2.1.1 Dual Edge Sampling Pin (DES)

The Dual Edge Sampling (DES) Pin selects whether the ADC12D800/500RF is in DES Mode (logic-high) or Non-DES Mode (logic-low). DES Mode means that a single analog input is sampled by both I- and Qchannels in a time-interleaved manner. One of the ADCs samples the input signal on the rising sampling clock edge (duty cycle corrected); the other ADC samples the input signal on the falling sampling clock edge (duty cycle corrected). In Non-ECM, only the I-input may be used for DES Mode, a.k.a. DESI Mode. In ECM, the Q-input may be selected via the DEQ Bit (Addr: 0**h**, Bit: 6), a.k.a. DESQ Mode. In ECM, both the I- and Q-inputs may be selected, a.k.a. DESIQ Mode.

To use this feature in ECM, use the DES bit in the Configuration Register (Addr: 0**h**; Bit: 7). See [DES/Non-DES](#page-52-0) Mode for more information.

6.2.1.2 Non-Demultiplexed Mode Pin (NDM)

The Non-Demultiplexed Mode (NDM) Pin selects whether the ADC12D800/500RF is in Demux Mode (logic-low) or Non-Demux Mode (logic-high). In Non-Demux Mode, the data from the input is produced at the sampled rate at a single 12-bit output bus. In Demux Mode, the data from the input is produced at half the sampled rate at twice the number of output buses. For Non-DES Mode, each I- or Q-channel will produce its data on one or two buses for Non-Demux or Demux Mode, respectively. For DES Mode, the selected channel will produce its data on two or four buses for Non-Demux or Demux Mode, respectively. If Non-Demux Mode is selected, the default is DDR Mode. If Demux Mode is selected, the default is SDR Mode.

This feature is pin-controlled only and remains active during both Non-ECM and ECM. See [Demux/Non](#page-55-0)[demux](#page-55-0) Mode for more information.

6.2.1.3 Dual Data Rate Phase Pin (DDRPh)

The Dual Data Rate Phase (DDRPh) Pin selects whether the ADC12D800/500RF is in 0° Mode (logic-low) or 90° Mode (logic-high) for DDR Mode. If the device is in SDR Mode, then the DDRPh Pin selects whether the ADC12D800/500RF is in Falling Mode (logic-low) or Rising Mode (logic-high). For DDR Mode, the Data may transition either with the DCLK transition (0° Mode) or halfway between DCLK transitions (90° Mode). The DDRPh Pin selects the mode for both the I-channel: DI- and DId-to-DCLKI phase relationship and for the Q-channel: DQ- and DQd-to-DCLKQ phase relationship.

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To use this feature in ECM, use the DPS bit in the Configuration Register (Addr: 0**h**; Bit: 14). See [SDR](#page-53-0) / DDR [Clock](#page-53-0) for more information.

6.2.1.4 Calibration Pin (CAL)

The Calibration (CAL) Pin may be used to execute an on-command calibration or to disable the power-on calibration. The effect of calibration is to maximize the dynamic performance. To initiate an on-command calibration via the CAL pin, bring the CAL pin high for a minimum of t_{CAH} $_H$ input clock cycles after it has been low for a minimum of t_{CAL} input clock cycles. Holding the CAL pin high upon power-on will prevent execution of the power-on calibration. In ECM, this pin remains active and is logically OR'd with the CAL bit.

To use this feature in ECM, use the CAL bit in the Configuration Register (Addr: 0**h**; Bit: 15). See [Calibration](#page-56-0) Feature for more information.

6.2.1.5 Calibration Delay Pin (CalDly)

The Calibration Delay (CalDly) Pin selects whether a shorter or longer delay time is present, after the application of power, until the start of the power-on calibration. The actual delay time is specified as t_{CalDIV} and may be found in Converter Electrical [Characteristics](#page-28-0) Calibration. This feature is pin-controlled only and remains active in ECM. It is recommended to select the desired delay time prior to power-on and not dynamically alter this selection.

See [Calibration](#page-56-0) Feature for more information.

6.2.1.6 Power Down I-channel Pin (PDI)

The Power Down I-channel (PDI) Pin selects whether the I-channel is powered down (logic-high) or active (logic-low). The digital data output pins, DI and DId, (both positive and negative) are put into a high impedance state when the I-channel is powered down. Upon return to the active state, the pipeline will contain meaningless information and must be flushed. The supply currents (typicals and limits) are available for the I-channel powered down or active and may be found in [Converter](#page-26-0) Electrical Characteristics Power Supply [Characteristics.](#page-26-0) The device should be recalibrated following a power-cycle of PDI (or PDQ).

This pin remains active in ECM. In ECM, either this pin or the PDI bit (Addr: 0**h**; Bit: 11) in the Control Register may be used to power-down the I-channel. See [Power](#page-59-1) Down for more information.

6.2.1.7 Power Down Q-channel Pin (PDQ)

The Power Down Q-channel (PDQ) Pin selects whether the Q-channel is powered down (logic-high) or active (logic-low). This pin functions similarly to the PDI pin, except that it applies to the Q-channel. The PDI and PDQ pins function independently of each other to control whether each I- or Q-channel is powered down or active.

This pin remains active in ECM. In ECM, either this pin or the PDQ bit (Addr: 0**h**; Bit: 10) in the Control Register may be used to power-down the Q-channel. See [Power](#page-59-1) Down for more information.

6.2.1.8 Test Pattern Mode Pin (TPM)

The Test Pattern Mode (TPM) Pin selects whether the output of the ADC12D800/500RF is a test pattern (logic-high) or the converted analog input (logic-low). The ADC12D800/500RF can provide a test pattern at the four output buses independently of the input signal to aid in system debug. In TPM, the ADC is disengaged and a test pattern generator is connected to the outputs, including ORI and ORQ. See [Test](#page-55-1) [Pattern](#page-55-1) Mode for more information.

6.2.1.9 Full-Scale Input Range Pin (FSR)

The Full-Scale Input Range (FSR) Pin selects whether the full-scale input range for both the I- and Qchannel is higher (logic-high) or lower (logic-low). The input full-scale range is specified as V_{INFSR} in Converter Electrical Characteristics Analog Input/Output and Reference [Characteristics.](#page-23-0) In Non-ECM, the full-scale input range for each I- and Q-channel may not be set independently, but it is possible to do so in ECM. The device must be calibrated following a change in FSR to obtain optimal performance.

To use this feature in ECM, use the Configuration Registers (Addr: 3**h** and B**h**). See Input [Control](#page-52-1) and [Adjust](#page-52-1) for more information.

6.2.1.10 AC/DC-Coupled Mode Pin (VCMO)

The V_{CMO} Pin serves a dual purpose. When functioning as an output, it provides the optimal commonmode voltage for the DC-coupled analog inputs. When functioning as an input, it selects whether the device is AC-coupled (logic-low) or DC-coupled (floating). This pin is always active, in both ECM and Non-ECM.

6.2.1.11 LVDS Output Common-mode Pin (VBG)

The V_{BG} Pin serves a dual purpose. When functioning as an output, it provides the bandgap reference. When functioning as an input, it selects whether the LVDS output common-mode voltage is higher (logichigh) or lower (floating). The LVDS output common-mode voltage is specified as V_{OS} and may be found in Converter Electrical [Characteristics](#page-25-0) Digital Control and Output Pin Characteristics. This pin is always active, in both ECM and Non-ECM.

6.2.2 Extended Control Mode

In Extended Control Mode (ECM), most functions are controlled via the Serial Interface. In addition to this, several of the control pins remain active. See [Table](#page-51-0) 6-4 for details. ECM is selected by setting the ECE Pin to logic-low. If the ECE Pin is set to logic-high (Non-ECM), then the registers are reset to their default values. So, a simple way to reset the registers is by toggling the ECE pin. Four pins on the ADC12D800/500RF control the Serial Interface: SCS, SCLK, SDI and SDO. This section covers the Serial Interface. The Register Definitions are located at the end of the datasheet so that they are easy to find, see Register [Definitions](#page-73-0).

6.2.2.1 The Serial Interface

The ADC12D800/500RF offers a Serial Interface that allows access to the sixteen control registers within the device. The Serial Interface is a generic 4-wire (optionally 3-wire) synchronous interface that is compatible with SPI type interfaces that are used on many micro-controllers and DSP controllers. Each serial interface access cycle is exactly 24 bits long. A register-read or register-write can be accomplished in one cycle. The signals are defined in such a way that the user can opt to simply join SDI and SDO signals in his system to accomplish a single, bidirectional SDI/O signal. A summary of the pins for this interface may be found in [Table](#page-48-0) 6-2. See [Figure](#page-34-0) 4-9 for the timing diagram and [Converter](#page-28-1) Electrical [Characteristics](#page-28-1) Serial Port Interface for timing specification details. Control register contents are retained when the device is put into power-down mode. If this feature is unused, the SCLK, SDI, and SCS pins may be left floating because they each have an internal pull-up.

Table 6-2. Serial Interface Pins

SCS: Each assertion (logic-low) of this signal starts a new register access, i.e. the SDI command field must be ready on the following SCLK rising edge. The user is required to de-assert this signal after the 24th clock. If the SCS is de-asserted before the 24th clock, no data read/write will occur. For a read operation, if the SCS is asserted longer than 24 clocks, the SDO output will hold the D0 bit until SCS is de-asserted. For a write operation, if the SCS is asserted longer than 24 clocks, data write will occur normally through the SDI input upon the 24th clock. Setup and hold times, t_{SCS} and t_{HCS} , with respect to the SCLK must be observed. SCS must be toggled in between register access cycles.

SCLK: This signal is used to register the input data (SDI) on the rising edge; and to source the output data (SDO) on the falling edge. The user may disable the clock and hold it at logic-low. There is no minimum frequency requirement for SCLK; see f_{SCLK} in Converter Electrical [Characteristics](#page-28-1) Serial Port [Interface](#page-28-1) for more details.

SDI: Each register access requires a specific 24-bit pattern at this input, consisting of a command field and a data field. If the SDI and SDO wires are shared (3-wire mode), then during read operations, it is necessary to tri-state the master which is driving SDI while the data field is being output by the ADC on SDO. The master must be tri-stated before the falling edge of the 8th clock. If SDI and SDO are not shared (4-wire mode), then this is not necessary. Setup and hold times, $t_{\rm SH}$ and $t_{\rm SSU}$, with respect to the SCLK must be observed.

SDO: This output is normally tri-stated and is driven only when SCS is asserted, the first 8 bits of command data have been received and it is a READ operation. The data is shifted out, MSB first, starting with the 8th clock's falling edge. At the end of the access, when SCS is de-asserted, this output is tristated once again. If an invalid address is accessed, the data sourced will consist of all zeroes. If it is a read operation, there will be a bus turnaround time, $t_{B\text{SU}}$, from when the last bit of the command field was read in until the first bit of the data field is written out.

[Table](#page-49-0) 6-3 shows the Serial Interface bit definitions.

Table 6-3. Command and Data Field Definitions

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The serial data protocol is shown for a read and write operation in [Figure](#page-50-0) 6-1 and [Figure](#page-50-1) 6-2, respectively.

Figure 6-1. Serial Data Protocol - Read Operation

Figure 6-2. Serial Data Protocol - Write Operation

6.3 Features

The ADC12D800/500RF offers many features to make the device convenient to use in a wide variety of applications. [Table](#page-51-0) 6-4 is a summary of the features available, as well as details for the control mode chosen. "N/A" means "Not Applicable."

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Table 6-4. Features and Modes

(1) This feature functionality is not tested in production test; performance is tested in the specified/default mode only.

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Table 6-4. Features and Modes (continued)

6.3.1 Input Control and Adjust

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There are several features and configurations for the input of the ADC12D800/500RF so that it may be used in many different applications. This section covers AC/DC-coupled Mode, input full-scale range adjust, input offset adjust, DES/Non-DES Mode, and sampling clock phase adjust.

6.3.1.1 AC/DC-coupled Mode

The analog inputs may be AC or DC-coupled. See [AC/DC-Coupled](#page-48-1) Mode Pin (VCMO) for information on how to select the desired mode and [DC-coupled](#page-62-0) Input Signals and [AC-coupled](#page-61-0) Input Signals for applications information.

6.3.1.2 Input Full-Scale Range Adjust

The input full-scale range for the ADC12D800/500RF may be adjusted via Non-ECM or ECM. In Non-ECM, a control pin selects a higher or lower value; see [Full-Scale](#page-48-2) Input Range Pin (FSR). In ECM, the input full-scale range may be adjusted with 15-bits of precision. See $V_{\text{IN FSR}}$ in [Converter](#page-23-0) Electrical [Characteristics](#page-23-0) Analog Input/Output and Reference Characteristics for electrical specification details. Note that the higher and lower full-scale input range settings in Non-ECM correspond to the mid and min fullscale input range settings in ECM. It is necessary to execute an on-command calibration following a change of the input full-scale range. See Register [Definitions](#page-73-0) for information about the registers.

6.3.1.3 Input Offset Adjust

The input offset adjust for the ADC12D800/500RF may be adjusted with 12-bits of precision plus sign via ECM. See Register [Definitions](#page-73-0) for information about the registers.

6.3.1.4 DES/Non-DES Mode

The ADC12D800/500RF can operate in Dual-Edge Sampling (DES) or Non-DES Mode. The DES Mode allows for a single analog input to be sampled by both I- and Q-channels. One channel samples the input on the rising edge of the sampling clock and the other samples the same input signal on the falling edge of the sampling clock. A single input is thus sampled twice per clock cycle, resulting in an overall sample rate of twice the sampling clock frequency, e.g. 1.6/1.0 GSPS with a 800/500 MHz sampling clock. Since DES Mode uses both I- and Q-channels to process the input signal, both channels must be powered up for the DES Mode to function properly.

In Non-ECM, only the I-input may be used for the DES Mode input. See Dual Edge [Sampling](#page-46-1) Pin (DES) for information on how to select the DES Mode. In ECM, either the I- or Q-input may be selected by first using the DES bit (Addr: 0**h**, Bit 7) to select the DES Mode. The DEQ Bit (Addr: 0**h**, Bit: 6) is used to select the Q-input, but the I-input is used by default. Also, both I- and Q-inputs may be driven externally, i.e. DESIQ Mode, by using the DIQ bit (Addr: 0**h**, Bit 5). See THE [ANALOG](#page-59-2) INPUTS for more information about how to drive the ADC in DES Mode.

In DESCLKIQ Mode, the I- and Q-channels sample their inputs 180° out-of-phase with respect to one another, similar to the other DES Modes. DESCLKIQ Mode is similar to the DESIQ Mode, except that the I- and Q-channels remain electrically separate internal to the ADC12D800/500RF. For this reason, both Iand Q-inputs must be externally driven for the DESCLKIQ Mode. The DCK Bit (Addr: E**h**, Bit: 6) is used to select the 180° sampling clock mode.

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The DESCLKIQ Mode results in the best bandwidth for the interleaved modes. In general, the bandwidth decreases from Non-DES Mode to DES Mode (specifically, DESI or DESQ) because both channels are sampling off the same input signal and non-ideal effects introduced by interleaving the two channels lower the bandwidth. Driving both I- and Q-channels externally (DESIQ Mode and DESCLKIQ Mode) results in better bandwidth because each channel is being driven, which reduces routing losses. The DESCLKIQ Mode has better bandwidth than the DESIQ Mode because the routing internal to the ADC12D800/500 is simpler, which results in less insertion loss.

In the DES Mode, the outputs must be carefully interleaved in order to reconstruct the sampled signal. If the device is programmed into the 1:4 Demux DES Mode, the data is effectively demultiplexed by 1:4. If the sampling clock is 800/500 MHz, the effective sampling rate is doubled to 1.6/1.0 GSPS and each of the 4 output buses has an output rate of 400/250 MSPS. All data is available in parallel. To properly reconstruct the sampled waveform, the four bytes of parallel data that are output with each DCLK must be correctly interleaved. The sampling order is as follows, from the earliest to the latest: DQd, DId, DQ, DI. See [Figure](#page-33-0) 4-5. If the device is programmed into the Non-Demux DES Mode, two bytes of parallel data are output with each edge of the DCLK in the following sampling order, from the earliest to the latest: DQ, DI. See [Figure](#page-33-1) 4-6.

6.3.1.5 DES Timing Adjust

The performance of the ADC12D800/500RF in DES Mode depends on how well the two channels are interleaved, i.e. that the clock samples either channel with precisely a 50% duty-cycle, each channel has the same offset (nominally code 2047/2048), and each channel has the same full-scale range. The ADC12D800/500RF includes an automatic clock phase background adjustment in DES Mode to automatically and continuously adjust the clock phase of the I- and Q-channels. In addition to this, the residual fixed timing skew offset may be further manually adjusted, and further reduce timing spurs for specific applications. See the DES Timing Adjust (Addr: 7**h**). As the DES Timing Adjust is programmed from 0**d** to 127**d**, the magnitude of the Fs/2-Fin timing interleaving spur will decrease to a local minimum and then increase again. The default, nominal setting of 64**d** may or may not coincide with this local minimum. The user may manually skew the global timing to achieve the lowest possible timing interleaving spur.

6.3.1.6 Sampling Clock Phase Adjust

The sampling clock (CLK) phase may be delayed internally to the ADC up to 825 ps in ECM. This feature is intended to help the system designer remove small imbalances in clock distribution traces at the board level when multiple ADCs are used, or to simplify complex system functions such as beam steering for phase array antennas.

Additional delay in the clock path also creates additional jitter when using the sampling clock phase adjust. Because the sampling clock phase adjust delays all clocks, including the DCLKs and output data, the user is strongly advised to use the minimal amount of adjustment and verify the net benefit of this feature in his system before relying on it.

6.3.2 Output Control and Adjust

There are several features and configurations for the output of the ADC12D800/500RF so that it may be used in many different applications. This section covers DDR clock phase, LVDS output differential and common-mode voltage, output formatting, Demux/Non-demux Mode, Test Pattern Mode, and Time Stamp.

6.3.2.1 SDR / DDR Clock

The ADC12D800/500RF output data can be delivered in Double Data Rate (DDR) or Single Data Rate (SDR). For DDR, the DCLK frequency is half the data rate and data is sent to the outputs on both edges of DCLK; see [Figure](#page-54-0) 6-3. The DCLK-to-Data phase relationship may be either 0° or 90°. For 0° Mode, the Data transitions on each edge of the DCLK. Any offset from this timing is t_{OSK} ; see [Converter](#page-26-1) Electrical Characteristics AC Electrical [Characteristics](#page-26-1) for details. For 90° Mode, the DCLK transitions in the middle

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of each Data cell. Setup and hold times for this transition, t_{SU} and t_{H} , may also be found in [Converter](#page-26-1) Electrical [Characteristics](#page-26-1) AC Electrical Characteristics. The DCLK-to-Data phase relationship may be selected via the DDRPh Pin in Non-ECM (see Dual Data Rate Phase Pin [\(DDRPh\)\)](#page-46-2) or the DPS bit in the Configuration Register (Addr: 0**h**; Bit: 14) in ECM. Note that for DDR Mode, the 1:2 Demux Mode is not available.

Figure 6-3. DDR DCLK-to-Data Phase Relationship

For SDR, the DCLK frequency is the same as the data rate and data is sent to the outputs on a single edge of DCLK; see [Figure](#page-54-1) 6-4. The Data may transition on either the rising or falling edge of DCLK. Any offset from this timing is t_{OSK}; see Converter Electrical [Characteristics](#page-26-1) AC Electrical Characteristics for details. The DCLK rising / falling edge may be selected via the SDR bit in the Configuration Register (Addr: 0**h**; Bit: 2) in ECM only.

Figure 6-4. SDR DCLK-to-Data Phase Relationship

6.3.2.2 LVDS Output Differential Voltage

The ADC12D800/500RF is available with a selectable higher or lower LVDS output differential voltage. This parameter is V_{OD} and may be found in Converter Electrical [Characteristics](#page-25-0) Digital Control and Output Pin [Characteristics.](#page-25-0) The desired voltage may be selected via the OVS Bit (Addr: 0**h**, Bit 13). For many applications, in which the LVDS outputs are very close to an FPGA on the same board, for example, the lower setting is sufficient for good performance; this will also reduce the possibility for EMI from the LVDS outputs to other signals on the board. See Register [Definitions](#page-73-0) for more information.

6.3.2.3 LVDS Output Common-Mode Voltage

The ADC12D800/500RF is available with a selectable higher or lower LVDS output common-mode voltage. This parameter is V_{OS} and may be found in Converter Electrical [Characteristics](#page-25-0) Digital Control and Output Pin [Characteristics.](#page-25-0) See LVDS Output [Common-mode](#page-48-3) Pin (VBG) for information on how to select the desired voltage.

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6.3.2.4 Output Formatting

The formatting at the digital data outputs may be either offset binary or two's complement. The default formatting is offset binary, but two's complement may be selected via the 2SC Bit (Addr: 0**h**, Bit 4); see Register [Definitions](#page-73-0) for more information.

6.3.2.5 Demux/Non-demux Mode

The ADC12D800/500RF may be in one of two demultiplex modes: Demux Mode or Non-Demux Mode (also sometimes referred to as 1:1 Demux Mode). In Non-Demux Mode, the data from the input is simply output at the sampling rate on one 12-bit bus. In Demux Mode, the data from the input is output at half the sampling rate, on twice the number of buses. Demux/Non-Demux Mode may only be selected by the NDM pin. In Non-DES Mode, the output data from each channel may be demultiplexed by a factor of 1:2 (1:2 Demux Non-DES Mode) or not demultiplexed (Non-Demux Non-DES Mode). In DES Mode, the output data from both channels interleaved may be demultiplexed (1:4 Demux DES Mode) or not demultiplexed (Non-Demux DES Mode).

Note that for 1:2 Demux Mode, the Dual Data Rate (DDR) is not available. See [Table](#page-55-2) 6-5 for a selection of available modes.

Table 6-5. Supported Demux, Data Rate Modes

6.3.2.6 Test Pattern Mode

The ADC12D800/500RF can provide a test pattern at the four output buses independently of the input signal to aid in system debug. In Test Pattern Mode, the ADC is disengaged and a test pattern generator is connected to the outputs, including ORI and ORQ. The test pattern output is the same in DES Mode or Non-DES Mode. Each port is given a unique 12-bit word, alternating between 1's and 0's. When the part is programmed into the Demux Mode, the test pattern's order is described in [Table](#page-55-3) 6-6. If the I- or Q-channel is powered down, the test pattern will not be output for that channel.

Table 6-6. Test Pattern by Output Port in Demux Mode

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When the part is programmed into the Non-Demux Mode, the test pattern's order is described in [Table](#page-56-1) 6- [7.](#page-56-1)

Table 6-7. Test Pattern by Output Port in Non-Demux Mode

6.3.2.7 Time Stamp

The Time Stamp feature enables the user to capture the timing of an external trigger event, relative to the sampled signal. When enabled via the TSE Bit (Addr: 0**h**; Bit: 3), the LSB of the digital outputs (DQd, DQ, DId, DI) captures the trigger information. In effect, the 12-bit converter becomes an 11-bit converter and the LSB acts as a 1-bit converter with the same latency as the 11-bit converter. The trigger should be applied to the DCLK_RST input. It may be asynchronous to the ADC sampling clock.

6.3.3 Calibration Feature

The ADC12D800/500RF calibration must be run to achieve specified performance. The calibration procedure is exactly the same regardless of how it was initiated or when it is run. Calibration trims the analog input differential termination resistors, the CLK input resistor, and sets internal bias currents which affect the linearity of the converter. This minimizes full-scale error, offset error, DNL and INL, which results in the maximum dynamic performance, as measured by: SNR, THD, SINAD (SNDR) and ENOB.

6.3.3.1 Calibration Control Pins and Bits

[Table](#page-57-0) 6-8 is a summary of the pins and bits used for calibration. See Ball [Descriptions](#page-10-0) and Equivalent [Circuits](#page-10-0) for complete pin information and [Figure](#page-34-1) 4-8 for the timing diagram.

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Table 6-8. Calibration Pins

6.3.3.2 How to Execute a Calibration

Calibration may be initiated by holding the CAL pin low for at least t_{CAL} clock cycles, and then holding it high for at least another t_{CAL_H} clock cycles, as defined in Converter Electrical [Characteristics](#page-28-0) Calibration. The minimum $t_{CAL \text{ } L}$ and $t_{CAL \text{ } H}$ input clock cycle sequences are required to ensure that random noise does not cause a calibration to begin when it is not desired. The time taken by the calibration procedure is specified as t_{CAL} . The CAL Pin is active in both ECM and Non-ECM. However, in ECM, the CAL Pin is logically OR'd with the CAL Bit, so both the pin and bit are required to be set low before executing another calibration via either pin or bit.

6.3.3.3 Power-on Calibration

For standard operation, power-on calibration begins after a time delay following the application of power, as determined by the setting of the CalDly Pin and measured by t_{CalDIV} (see [Converter](#page-28-0) Electrical [Characteristics](#page-28-0) Calibration). This delay allows the power supply to come up and stabilize before the power-on calibration takes place. The best setting (short or long) of the CalDly Pin depends upon the settling time of the power supply.

It is strongly recommended to set CalDly Pin (to either logic-high or logic-low) before powering the device on since this pin affects the power-on calibration timing. This may be accomplished by setting CalDly via an external 1kΩ resistor connected to GND or V_A . If the CalDly Pin is toggled while the device is poweredon, it can execute a calibration even though the CAL Pin/Bit remains logic-low.

The power-on calibration will be not be performed if the CAL pin is logic-high at power-on. In this case, the calibration cycle will not begin until the on-command calibration conditions are met. The ADC12D800/500RF will function with the CAL pin held high at power up, but no calibration will be done and performance will be impaired.

If it is necessary to toggle the CalDly Pin before the system power up sequence, then the CAL Pin/Bit must be set to logic-high during the toggling and afterwards for 10^9 Sampling Clock cycles. This will prevent the power-on calibration, so an on-command calibration must be executed or the performance will be impaired.

6.3.3.4 On-command Calibration

In addition to the power-on calibration, it is recommended to execute an on-command calibration whenever the settings or conditions to the device are altered significantly, in order to obtain optimal parametric performance. Some examples include: changing the FSR via either ECM or Non-ECM, powercycling either channel, and switching into or out of DES Mode. For best performance, it is also recommended that an on-command calibration be run 20 seconds or more after application of power and whenever the operating temperature changes significantly, relative to the specific system performance requirements.

Due to the nature of the calibration feature, it is recommended to avoid unnecessary activities on the device while the calibration is taking place. For example, do not read or write to the Serial Interface or use the DCLK Reset feature while calibrating the ADC. Doing so will impair the performance of the device until it is re-calibrated correctly. Also, it is recommended to not apply a strong narrow-band signal to the analog inputs during calibration because this may impair the accuracy of the calibration; broad spectrum noise is acceptable.

6.3.3.5 Calibration Adjust

The sequence of the calibration event itself may be adjusted. This feature can be used if a shorter calibration time than the default is required; see t_{CAL} in Converter Electrical [Characteristics](#page-28-0) Calibration. However, the performance of the device, when using this feature is not ensured.

The calibration sequence may be adjusted via CSS (Addr: 4**h**, Bit 14). The default setting of CSS = 1**b** executes both R_{IN} and R_{IN_CLK} Calibration (using Rtrim) and internal linearity Calibration (using Rext). Executing a calibration with CSS = 0**b** executes only the internal linearity Calibration. The first time that Calibration is executed, it must be with CSS = 1**b** to trim R_{IN} and R_{IN} _{CLK}. However, once the device is at its operating temperature and R_{IN} has been trimmed at least one time, it will not drift significantly. To save time in subsequent calibrations, trimming R_{IN} and R_{IN} CLK may be skipped, i.e. by setting CSS = 0**b**.

6.3.3.6 Read/Write Calibration Settings

When the ADC performs a calibration, the calibration constants are stored in an array which is accessible via the Calibration Values register (Addr: 5**h**). To save the time which it takes to execute a calibration, t_{CAL}, or to allow re-use of a previous calibration result, these values can be read from and written to the register at a later time. For example, if an application requires the same input impedance, R_{IN} , this feature can be used to load a previously determined set of values. For the calibration values to be valid, the ADC must be operating under the same conditions, including temperature, at which the calibration values were originally determined by the ADC.

To read calibration values from the SPI, do the following:

1. Set ADC to desired operating conditions.

2. Set SSC (Addr: 4**h**, Bit 7) to 1.

3. Read exactly 240 times the Calibration Values register (Addr: 5**h**). The register values are R0, R1, R2... R239 where R0 is a dummy value. The contents of R<239:1> should be stored.

- 4. Set SSC (Addr: 4**h**, Bit 7) to 0.
- 5. Continue with normal operation.

To write calibration values to the SPI, do the following:

- 1. Set ADC to operating conditions at which Calibration Values were previously read.
- 2. Set SSC (Addr: 4**h**, Bit 7) to 1.

3. Write exactly 239 times the Calibration Values register (Addr: 5**h**). The registers should be written with stored register values R1, R2... R239.

- 4. Make two additional dummy writes of 0000**h**.
- 5. Set SSC (Addr: 4**h**, Bit 7) to 0.
- 6. Continue with normal operation.

6.3.3.7 Calibration and Power-Down

If PDI and PDQ are simultaneously asserted during a calibration cycle, the ADC12D800/500RF will immediately power down. The calibration cycle will continue when either or both channels are powered back up, but the calibration will be compromised due to the incomplete settling of bias currents directly after power up. Therefore, a new calibration should be executed upon powering the ADC12D800/500RF back up. In general, the ADC12D800/500RF should be recalibrated when either or both channels are powered back up, or after one channel is powered down. For best results, this should be done after the device has stabilized to its operating temperature.

6.3.3.8 Calibration and the Digital Outputs

During calibration, the digital outputs (including DI, DId, DQ, DQd and OR) are set logic-low, to reduce noise. The DCLK runs continuously during calibration. After the calibration is completed and the CalRun signal is logic-low, it takes an additional 60 Sampling Clock cycles before the output of the ADC12D800/500RF is valid converted data from the analog inputs. This is the time it takes for the pipeline to flush, as well as for other internal processes.

6.3.4 Power Down

On the ADC12D800/500RF, the I- and Q-channels may be powered down individually. This may be accomplished via the control pins, PDI and PDQ, or via ECM. In ECM, the PDI and PDQ pins are logically OR'd with the Control Register setting. See Power Down [I-channel](#page-47-1) Pin (PDI) and Power Down [Q-channel](#page-47-2) Pin [\(PDQ\)](#page-47-2) for more information.

6.4 Applications Information

6.4.1 THE ANALOG INPUTS

The ADC12D800/500RF will continuously convert any signal which is present at the analog inputs, as long as a CLK signal is also provided to the device. This section covers important aspects related to the analog inputs including: acquiring the input, driving the ADC in DES Mode, the reference voltage and FSR, out-ofrange indication, AC/DC-coupled signals, and single-ended input signals.

6.4.1.1 Acquiring the Input

The Aperture Delay, t_{AD} , is the amount of delay, measured from the sampling edge of the clock input, after which signal present at the input pin is sampled inside the device. Data is acquired at the rising edge of CLK+ in Non-DES Mode and both the falling and rising edges of CLK+ in DES Mode. In Non-DES Mode, the I- and Q-channels always sample data on the rising edge of CLK+. In DES Mode, i.e. DESI, DESQ, DESIQ, and DESCLKIQ, the I-channel samples data on the rising edge of CLK+ and the Q-channel samples data on the falling edge of CLK+. The digital equivalent of that data is available at the digital outputs a constant number of sampling clock cycles later for the DI, DQ, DId and DQd output buses, a.k.a. Latency, depending on the demultiplex mode which is selected. In addition to the Latency, there is a constant output delay, t_{OD} , before the data is available at the outputs. See t_{OD} in the Timing Diagrams. See t_{LAT} , t_{AD} , and t_{OD} Converter Electrical [Characteristics](#page-26-1) AC Electrical Characteristics.

6.4.1.2 Driving the ADC in DES Mode

The ADC12D800/500RF can be configured as either a 2-channel, 800/500 GSPS device (Non-DES Mode) or a 1-channel 1.6/1.0 GSPS device (DES Mode). When the device is configured in DES Mode, there is a choice for with which input to drive the single-channel ADC. These are the 3 options:

DES – externally driving the I-channel input only. This is the default selection when the ADC is configured in DES Mode. It may also be referred to as "DESI" for added clarity.

DESQ – externally driving the Q-channel input only.

DESIQ, DESCLKIQ – externally driving both the I- and Q-channel inputs. VinI+ and VinQ+ should be driven with the exact same signal. VinI- and VinQ- should be driven with the exact same signal, which is the differential compliment to the one driving VinI+ and VinQ+.

The input impedance for each I- and Q-input is 100 Ω differential (or 50 Ω single-ended), so the trace to each VinI+, VinI-, VinQ+, and VinQ- should always be 50Ω single-ended. If a single I- or Q-input is being driven, then that input will present a 100Ω differential load. For example, if a 50Ω single-ended source is driving the ADC, then a 1:2 balun will transform the impedance to 100Ω differential. However, if the ADC is being driven in DESIQ Mode, then the 100Ω differential impedance from the I-input will appear in parallel with the Q-input for a composite load of 50Ω differential and a 1:1 balun would be appropriate. See [Figure](#page-60-0) 6-5 for an example circuit driving the ADC in DESIQ Mode. A recommended part selection is using the Mini-Circuits $TC1-1-13MA +$ balun with Ccouple = $0.22\mu F$.

Figure 6-5. Driving DESIQ Mode

In the case that only one channel is used in Non-DES Mode or that the ADC is driven in DESI or DESQ Mode, the unused analog input should be terminated to reduce any noise coupling into the ADC. See [Table](#page-60-1) 6-9 for details.

Table 6-9. Unused Analog Input Recommended Termination

6.4.1.3 FSR and the Reference Voltage

The full-scale analog differential input range ($V_{\text{IN FSR}}$) of the ADC12D800/500RF is derived from an internal bandgap reference. In Non-ECM, this full-scale range has two settings controlled by the FSR Pin; see [Full-Scale](#page-48-2) Input Range Pin (FSR). The FSR Pin operates on both I- and Q-channels. In ECM, the fullscale range may be independently set for each channel via Addr:3**h** and B**h** with 15 bits of precision; see Register [Definitions](#page-73-0). The best SNR is obtained with a higher full-scale input range, but better distortion and SFDR are obtained with a lower full-scale input range. It is not possible to use an external analog reference voltage to modify the full-scale range, and this adjustment should only be done digitally, as described.

A buffered version of the internal bandgap reference voltage is made available at the V_{BG} Pin for the user. The V_{BG} pin can drive a load of up to 80 pF and source or sink up to 100 μ A. It should be buffered if more current than this is required. This pin remains as a constant reference voltage regardless of what full-scale range is selected and may be used for a system reference. V_{BG} is a dual-purpose pin and it may also be used to select a higher LVDS output common-mode voltage; see LVDS Output [Common-mode](#page-48-3) Pin (VBG).

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6.4.1.4 Out-Of-Range Indication

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Differential input signals are digitized to 12 bits, based on the full-scale range. Signal excursions beyond the full-scale range, i.e. greater than $+V_{\text{IN FSR}}/2$ or less than $-V_{\text{IN FSR}}/2$, will be clipped at the output. An input signal which is above the FSR will result in all 1's at the output and an input signal which is below the FSR will result in all 0's at the output. When the conversion result is clipped for the I-channel input, the Out-of-Range I-channel (ORI) output is activated such that ORI+ goes high and ORI- goes low while the signal is out of range. This output is active as long as accurate data on either or both of the buses would be outside the range of 000**h** to FFF**h**. The Q-channel has a separate ORQ which functions similarly.

6.4.1.5 Maximum Input Range

The recommended operating and absolute maximum input range may be found in [Operating](#page-18-0) Ratings and Absolute [Maximum](#page-18-1) Ratings, respectively. Under the stated allowed operating conditions, each Vin+ and Vin- input pin may be operated in the range from 0V to 2.15V if the input is a continuous 100% duty cycle signal and from 0V to 2.5V if the input is a 10% duty cycle signal. The absolute maximum input range for Vin+ and Vin- is from -0.15V to 2.5V. These limits apply only for input signals for which the input common mode voltage is properly maintained.

6.4.1.6 AC-coupled Input Signals

The ADC12D800/500RF analog inputs require a precise common-mode voltage. This voltage is generated on-chip when AC-coupling Mode is selected. See [AC/DC-Coupled](#page-48-1) Mode Pin (VCMO) for more information about how to select AC-coupled Mode.

In AC-coupled Mode, the analog inputs must of course be AC-coupled. For an ADC12D800/500RF used in a typical application, this may be accomplished by on-board capacitors, as shown in [Figure](#page-61-1) 6-6. For the ADC12D800RFRB, the SMA inputs on the Reference Board are directly connected to the analog inputs on the ADC12D800RF, so this may be accomplished by DC blocks (included with the hardware kit).

When the AC-coupled Mode is selected, an analog input channel that is not used (e.g. in DES Mode) should be connected to AC ground, e.g. through capacitors to ground . Do not connect an unused analog input directly to ground.

Figure 6-6. AC-coupled Differential Input

The analog inputs for the ADC12D800/500RF are internally buffered, which simplifies the task of driving these inputs and the RC pole which is generally used at sampling ADC inputs is not required. If the user desires to place an amplifier circuit before the ADC, care should be taken to choose an amplifier with adequate noise and distortion performance, and adequate gain at the frequencies used for the application.

6.4.1.7 DC-coupled Input Signals

In DC-coupled Mode, the ADC12D800/500RF differential inputs must have the correct common-mode voltage. This voltage is provided by the device itself at the V_{CMO} output pin. It is recommended to use this voltage because the V_{CMO} output potential will change with temperature and the common-mode voltage of the driving device should track this change. Full-scale distortion performance falls off as the input common mode voltage deviates from V_{CMO} . Therefore, it is recommended to keep the input common-mode voltage within 100 mV of V_{CMO} (typical), although this range may be extended to \pm 150 mV (maximum). See V_{CMI} in Converter Electrical [Characteristics](#page-23-0) Analog Input/Output and Reference Characteristics and ENOB vs. V_{CMI} in Typical [Performance](#page-35-0) Plots. Performance in AC- and DC-coupled Mode are similar, provided that the input common mode voltage at both analog inputs remains within 100 mV of V_{CMO} .

6.4.1.8 Single-Ended Input Signals

The analog inputs of the ADC12D800/500RF are not designed to accept single-ended signals. The best way to handle single-ended signals is to first convert them to differential signals before presenting them to the ADC. The easiest way to accomplish single-ended to differential signal conversion is with an appropriate balun-transformer, as shown in [Figure](#page-62-1) 6-7.

Figure 6-7. Single-Ended to Differential Conversion Using a Balun

When selecting a balun, it is important to understand the input architecture of the ADC. The impedance of the analog source should be matched to the ADC12D800/500RF's on-chip 100Ω differential input termination resistor. The range of this termination resistor is specified as R_{IN} in [Converter](#page-23-0) Electrical [Characteristics](#page-23-0) Analog Input/Output and Reference Characteristics.

6.4.2 THE CLOCK INPUTS

The ADC12D800/500RF has a differential clock input, CLK+ and CLK-, which must be driven with an ACcoupled, differential clock signal. This provides the level shifting necessary to allow for the clock to be driven with LVDS, PECL, LVPECL, or CML levels. The clock inputs are internally terminated to 100Ω differential and self-biased. This section covers coupling, frequency range, level, duty-cycle, jitter, and layout considerations.

6.4.2.1 CLK Coupling

The clock inputs of the ADC12D800/500RF must be capacitively coupled to the clock pins as indicated in [Figure](#page-62-2) 6-8.

Figure 6-8. Differential Input Clock Connection

The choice of capacitor value will depend on the clock frequency, capacitor component characteristics and other system economic factors. For example, on the ADC12D800RFRB, the capacitors have the value $C_{\text{couole}} = 4.7$ nF which yields a highpass cutoff frequency, $f_c = 677.2$ kHz.

6.4.2.2 CLK Frequency

Although the ADC12D800/500RF is tested and its performance is ensured with a differential 1.0/1.6 GHz sampling clock, it will typically function well over the input clock frequency range; see $f_{\text{Cl K}}(min)$ and $f_{\text{CI K}}$ (max) in Converter Electrical [Characteristics](#page-26-1) AC Electrical Characteristics. Operation up to $f_{\text{CI K}}$ (max) is possible if the maximum ambient temperatures indicated are not exceeded. Operating at sample rates above $f_{CLK}(max)$ for the maximum ambient temperature may result in reduced device reliability and product lifetime. This is due to the fact that higher sample rates results in higher power consumption and die temperatures.

6.4.2.3 CLK Level

The input clock amplitude is specified as $V_{\text{IN-CLK}}$ in Converter Electrical [Characteristics](#page-24-0) Sampling Clock [Characteristics](#page-24-0). Input clock amplitudes above the max V_{IN-CLK} may result in increased input offset voltage. This would cause the converter to produce an output code other than the expected 2047/2048 when both input pins are at the same potential. Insufficient input clock levels will result in poor dynamic performance. Both of these results may be avoided by keeping the clock input amplitude within the specified limits of V_{IN} CLK.

6.4.2.4 CLK Duty Cycle

The duty cycle of the input clock signal can affect the performance of any A/D converter. The ADC12D800/500RF features a duty cycle clock correction circuit which can maintain performance over the 20%-to-80% specified clock duty-cycle range. This feature is enabled by default and provides improved ADC clocking, especially in the Dual-Edge Sampling (DES) Mode.

6.4.2.5 CLK Jitter

High speed, high performance ADCs such as the ADC12D800/500RF require a very stable input clock signal with minimum phase noise or jitter. ADC jitter requirements are defined by the ADC resolution (number of bits), maximum ADC input frequency and the input signal amplitude relative to the ADC input full scale range. The maximum jitter (the sum of the jitter from all sources) allowed to prevent a jitterinduced reduction in SNR is found to be

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t_{J(MAX)} = (V_{IN(P-P)} / V_{FSR}) \times (1/(2^{(N+1)} \times \pi \times f_N)) (1)
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where $t_{J(MAX)}$ is the rms total of all jitter sources in seconds, $V_{IN(P-P)}$ is the peak-to-peak analog input signal, V_{FSR} is the full-scale range of the ADC, "N" is the ADC resolution in bits and f_{IN} is the maximum input frequency, in Hertz, at the ADC analog input.

 $t_{J(MAX)}$ is the square root of the sum of the squares (RSS) of the jitter from all sources, including: the ADC input clock, system, input signals and the ADC itself. Since the effective jitter added by the ADC is beyond user control, it is recommended to keep the sum of all other externally added jitter to a minimum.

6.4.2.6 CLK Layout

The ADC12D800/500RF clock input is internally terminated with a trimmed 100Ω resistor. The differential input clock line pair should have a characteristic impedance of 100Ω and (when using a balun), be terminated at the clock source in that (100Ω) characteristic impedance.

It is good practice to keep the ADC input clock line as short as possible, tightly coupled, keep it well away from any other signals, and treat it as a transmission line. Otherwise, other signals can introduce jitter into the input clock signal. Also, the clock signal can introduce noise into the analog path if it is not properly isolated.

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6.4.3 THE LVDS OUTPUTS

The Data, ORI, ORQ, DCLKI and DCLKQ outputs are LVDS. The electrical specifications of the LVDS outputs are compatible with typical LVDS receivers available on ASIC and FPGA chips; but they are not IEEE or ANSI communications standards compliant due to the low +1.9V supply used on this chip. These outputs should be terminated with a 100Ω differential resistor placed as closely to the receiver as possible. If the 100Ω differential resistance is built in to the receiver, then an externally placed resistor is not necessary. This section covers common-mode and differential voltage, and data rate.

6.4.3.1 Common-mode and Differential Voltage

The LVDS outputs have selectable common-mode and differential voltage, V_{OS} and V_{OD} ; see [Converter](#page-25-0) Electrical Characteristics Digital Control and Output Pin [Characteristics.](#page-25-0) See Output [Control](#page-53-1) and Adjust for more information.

Selecting the higher V_{OS} will also increase V_{OD} slightly. The differential voltage, V_{OD} , may be selected for the higher or lower value. For short LVDS lines and low noise systems, satisfactory performance may be realized with the lower V_{OD} . This will also result in lower power consumption. If the LVDS lines are long and/or the system in which the ADC12D800/500RF is used is noisy, it may be necessary to select the higher V_{OD} .

6.4.3.2 Output Data Rate

The data is produced at the output at the same rate it is sampled at the input. The minimum recommended input clock rate for this device is $f_{CLK(MIN)}$; see Converter Electrical [Characteristics](#page-26-1) AC Electrical [Characteristics.](#page-26-1) However, it is possible to operate the device in 1:2 Demux Mode and capture data from just one 12-bit bus, e.g. just DI (or DId) although both DI and DId are fully operational. This will decimate the data by two and effectively halve the data rate.

6.4.3.3 Terminating Unused LVDS Output Pins

If the ADC is used in Non-Demux Mode, then only the DI and DQ data outputs will have valid data present on them. The DId and DQd data outputs may be left not connected; if unused, they are internally tristated.

Similarly, if the Q-channel is powered-down (i.e. PDQ is logic-high), the DQ data output pins, DCLKQ and ORQ may be left not connected.

6.4.4 SYNCHRONIZING MULTIPLE ADC12D800/500RFS IN A SYSTEM

The ADC12D800/500RF has two features to assist the user with synchronizing multiple ADCs in a system; AutoSync and DCLK Reset. The AutoSync feature is new and designates one ADC12D800/500RF as the Master ADC and other ADC12D800/500RFs in the system as Slave ADCs. The DCLK Reset feature performs the same function as the AutoSync feature, but is the first generation solution to synchronizing multiple ADCs in a system; it is disabled by default. For the application in which there are multiple Master and Slave ADC12D800/500RFs in a system, AutoSync may be used to synchronize the Slave ADC12D800/500RF(s) to each respective Master ADC12D800/500RF and the DCLK Reset may be used to synchronize the Master ADC12D800/500RFs to each other.

If the AutoSync or DCLK Reset feature is not used, see [Table](#page-65-0) 6-10 for recommendations about terminating unused pins.

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Table 6-10. Unused AutoSync and DCLK Reset Pin Recommendation

6.4.4.1 AutoSync Feature

AutoSync is a new feature which continuously synchronizes the outputs of multiple ADC12D800/500RFs in a system. It may be used to synchronize the DCLK and data outputs of one or more Slave ADC12D800/500RFs to one Master ADC12D800/500RF. Several advantages of this feature include: no special synchronization pulse required, any upset in synchronization is recovered upon the next DCLK cycle, and the Master/Slave ADC12D800/500RFs may be arranged as a binary tree so that any upset will quickly propagate out of the system.

An example system is shown below in [Figure](#page-65-1) 6-9 which consists of one Master ADC and two Slave ADCs. For simplicity, only one DCLK is shown; in reality, there is DCLKI and DCLKQ, but they are always in phase with one another.

Figure 6-9. AutoSync Example

In order to synchronize the DCLK (and Data) outputs of multiple ADCs, the DCLKs must transition at the same time, as well as be in phase with one another. The DCLK at each ADC is generated from the CLK after some latency, plus t_{OD} minus t_{AD}. Therefore, in order for the DCLKs to transition at the same time, the CLK signal must reach each ADC at the same time. To tune out any differences in the CLK path to each ADC, the t_{AD} adjust feature may be used. However, using the t_{AD} adjust feature will also affect when the DCLK is produced at the output. If the device is in Demux Mode, then there are four possible phases which each DCLK may be generated on because the typical $CLK = 1GHz$ and $DCLK = 250$ MHz for this case. The RCLK signal controls the phase of the DCLK, so that each Slave DCLK is on the same phase as the Master DCLK.

The AutoSync feature may only be used via the Control Registers. For more information, see [AN-2132.](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNAA073)

6.4.4.2 DCLK Reset Feature

The DCLK reset feature is available via ECM, but it is disabled by default. DCLKI and DCLKQ are always synchronized, by design, and do not require a pulse from DCLK_RST to become synchronized.

The DCLK_RST signal must observe certain timing requirements, which are shown in [Figure](#page-34-2) 4-7 of the Timing Diagrams. The DCLK_RST pulse must be of a minimum width and its deassertion edge must observe setup and hold times with respect to the CLK input rising edge. These timing specifications are listed as t_{PWR}, t_{SR} and t_{HR} and may be found in Converter Electrical [Characteristics](#page-26-1) AC Electrical [Characteristics](#page-26-1).

The DCLK RST signal can be asserted asynchronously to the input clock. If DCLK RST is asserted, the DCLK output is held in a designated state (logic-high) in Demux Mode; in Non-Demux Mode, the DCLK continues to function normally. Depending upon when the DCLK_RST signal is asserted, there may be a narrow pulse on the DCLK line during this reset event. When the DCLK RST signal is de-asserted, there are t_{SYNC} DLY CLK cycles of systematic delay and the next CLK rising edge synchronizes the DCLK output with those of other ADC12D800/500RFs in the system. For 90° Mode (DDRPh = logic-high), the synchronizing edge occurs on the rising edge of CLK, 4 cycles after the first rising edge of CLK after DCLK_RST is released. For 0° Mode (DDRPh = logic-low), this is 5 cycles instead. The DCLK output is enabled again after a constant delay of t_{OD} .

For both Demux and Non-Demux Modes, there is some uncertainty about how DCLK comes out of the reset state for the first DCLK_RST pulse. For the second (and subsequent) DCLK_RST pulses, the DCLK will come out of the reset state in a known way. Therefore, if using the DCLK Reset feature, it is recommended to apply one "dummy" DCLK_RST pulse before using the second DCLK_RST pulse to synchronize the outputs. This recommendation applies each time the device or channel is powered-on.

When using DCLK, RST to synchronize multiple ADC12D800/500RFs, it is required that the Select Phase bits in the Control Register (Addr: E**h**, Bits 3,4) be the same for each Master ADC12D800/500RF.

6.4.5 SUPPLY/GROUNDING, LAYOUT AND THERMAL RECOMMENDATIONS

6.4.5.1 Power Planes

All supply buses for the ADC should be sourced from a common linear voltage regulator. This ensures that all power buses to the ADC are turned on and off simultaneously. This single source will be split into individual sections of the power plane, with individual decoupling and connection to the different power supply buses of the ADC. Due to the low voltage but relatively high supply current requirement, the optimal solution may be to use a switching regulator to provide an intermediate low voltage, which is then regulated down to the final ADC supply voltage by a linear regulator. Please refer to the documentation provided for the [ADC12D800RFRB](http://www.ti.com/tool/adc12d800rfrb) for additional details on specific regulators that are recommended for this configuration.

Power for the ADC should be provided through a broad plane which is located on one layer adjacent to the ground plane(s). Placing the power and ground planes on adjacent layers will provide low impedance decoupling of the ADC supplies, especially at higher frequencies. The output of a linear regulator should feed into the power plane through a low impedance multi-via connection. The power plane should be split into individual power peninsulas near the ADC. Each peninsula should feed a particular power bus on the ADC, with decoupling for that power bus connecting the peninsula to the ground plane near each power/ground pin pair. Using this technique can be difficult on many printed circuit CAD tools. To work around this, zero ohm resistors can be used to connect the power source net to the individual nets for the different ADC power buses. As a final step, the zero ohm resistors can be removed and the plane and peninsulas can be connected manually after all other error checking is completed.

6.4.5.2 Bypass Capacitors

The general recommendation is to have one 100nF capacitor for each power/ground pin pair. The capacitors should be surface mount multi-layer ceramic chip capacitors similar to Panasonic part number ECJ-0EB1A104K.

6.4.5.3 Ground Planes

Grounding should be done using continuous full ground planes to minimize the impedance for all ground return paths, and provide the shortest possible image/return path for all signal traces.

6.4.5.4 Power System Example

The ADC12D800RFRB uses continuous ground planes (except where clear areas are needed to provide appropriate impedance management for specific signals), see [Figure](#page-67-0) 6-10. Power is provided on one plane, with the 1.9V ADC supply being split into multiple zones or peninsulas for the specific power buses of the ADC. Decoupling capacitors are connected between these power bus peninsulas and the adjacent ground planes using vias. The capacitors are located as close to the individual power/ground pin pairs of the ADC as possible. In most cases, this means the capacitors are located on the opposite side of the PCB to the ADC.

Figure 6-10. Power and Grounding Example

6.4.5.5 Thermal Management

The Heat Slug Ball Grid Array (HSBGA) package is a modified version of the industry standard plastic BGA (Ball Grid Array) package. Inside the package, a copper heat spreader cap is attached to the substrate top with exposed metal in the center top area of the package. This results in a 20% improvement (typical) in thermal performance over the standard plastic BGA package.

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Figure 6-11. HSBGA Conceptual Drawing

The center balls are connected to the bottom of the die by vias in the package substrate, [Figure](#page-68-0) 6-11. This gives a low thermal resistance between the die and these balls. Connecting these balls to the PCB ground planes with a low thermal resistance path is the best way dissipate the heat from the ADC. These pins should also be connected to the ground plane via a low impedance path for electrical purposes. The direct connection to the ground planes is an easy method to spread heat away from the ADC. Along with the ground plane, the parallel power planes will provide additional thermal dissipation.

The center ground balls should be soldered down to the recommended ball pads (See [AN-1126](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNOA021)). These balls will have wide traces which in turn have vias which connect to the internal ground planes, and a bottom ground pad/pour if possible. This ensures a good ground is provided for these balls, and that the optimal heat transfer will occur between these balls and the PCB ground planes.

In spite of these package enhancements, analysis using the standard JEDEC JESD51-7 four-layer PCB thermal model shows that ambient temperatures must be limited to 70/77°C to ensure a safe operating junction temperature for the ADC12D800/500RF. However, most applications using ADC12D800/500RF will have a printed circuit board which is more complex than that used in JESD51-7. Typical circuit boards will have more layers than the JESD51-7 (eight or more), several of which will be used for ground and power planes. In those applications, the thermal resistance parameters of the ADC12D800/500RF and the circuit board can be used to determine the actual safe ambient operating temperature up to a maximum of 85°C.

Three key parameters are provided to allow for modeling and calculations. Because there are two main thermal paths between the ADC die and external environment, the thermal resistance for each of these paths is provided. θ_{JCA} represents the thermal resistance between the die and the exposed metal area on the top of the HSBGA package. θ_{JC2} represents the thermal resistance between the die and the center group of balls on the bottom of the HSBGA package. The final parameter is the allowed maximum junction temperature, T_J.

In other applications, a heat sink or other thermally conductive path can be added to the top of the HSBGA package to remove heat. In those cases, θ_{JC1} can be used along with the thermal parameters for the heat sink or other thermal coupling added. Representative heat sinks which might be used with the ADC12D800/500RF include the Cool Innovations p/n 3-1212XXG and similar products from other vendors. In many applications, the printed circuit board will provide the primary thermal path conducting heat away from the ADC package. In those cases, θ_{JC2} can be used in conjunction with printed circuit board thermal modeling software to determine the allowed operating conditions that will maintain the die temperature below the maximum allowable limit. Additional dissipation can be achieved by coupling a heat sink to the copper pour area on the bottom side of the printed circuit board.

Typically, dissipation will occur through one predominant thermal path. In these cases, the following calculations can be used to determine the maximum safe ambient operating temperature for the ADC12D500RF, for example:

 $T_{\text{I}} = T_{\text{A}} + P_{\text{D}} \times (\theta_{\text{JC}} + \theta_{\text{CA}})$ $T_J = T_A + P_{C(MAX)} \times (\theta_{JC} + \theta_{CA})$ SNAS502E –JULY 2011–REVISED MARCH 2013 **www.ti.com**

For θ_{JC} , the value for the primary thermal path in the given application environment should be used (θ_{JC1} or θ_{JC2}). θ_{CA} is the thermal resistance from the case to ambient, which would typically be that of the heat sink used. Using this relationship and the desired ambient temperature, the required heat sink thermal resistance can be found. Alternately, the heat sink thermal resistance can be used to find the maximum ambient temperature. For more complex systems, thermal modeling software can be used to evaluate the printed circuit board system and determine the expected junction temperature given the total system dissipation and ambient temperature.

6.4.6 SYSTEM POWER-ON CONSIDERATIONS

There are a couple important topics to consider associated with the system power-on event including configuration and calibration, and the Data Clock.

6.4.6.1 Power-on, Configuration, and Calibration

Following the application of power to the ADC12D800/500RF, several events must take place before the output from the ADC12D800/500RF is valid and at full performance; at least one full calibration must be executed with the device configured in the desired mode.

Following the application of power to the ADC12D800/500RF, there is a delay of t_{CalDly} and then the Power-on Calibration is executed. This is why it is recommended to set the CalDly Pin via an external pullup or pull-down resistor. This ensures that the state of that input will be properly set at the same time that power is applied to the ADC and t_{CalDiv} will be a known quantity. For the purpose of this section, it is assumed that CalDly is set as recommended.

The Control Bits or Pins must be set or written to configure the ADC12D800/500RF in the desired mode. This must take place via either Extended Control Mode or Non-ECM (Pin Control Mode) before subsequent calibrations will yield an output at full performance in that mode. Some examples of modes include DES/Non-DES Mode, Demux/Non-demux Mode, and Full-Scale Range.

The simplest case is when device is in Non-ECM and the Control Pins are set by pull-up/down resistors, see [Figure](#page-70-0) 6-12. For this case, the settings to the Control Pins ramp concurrently to the ADC voltage. Following the delay of t_{CalDly} and the calibration execution time, t_{CAL}, the output of the ADC12D800/500RF is valid and at full performance. If it takes longer than t_{CalDly} for the system to stabilize at its operating temperature, it is recommended to execute an on-command calibration at that time.

Another case is when the FPGA configures the Control Pins (Non-ECM) or writes to the SPI (ECM), see [Figure](#page-70-1) 6-13. It is always necessary to comply with the Operating Ratings and Absolute Maximum ratings, i.e. the Control Pins may not be driven below the ground or above the supply, regardless of what the voltage currently applied to the supply is. Therefore, it is not recommended to write to the Control Pins or SPI before power is applied to the ADC12D800/500RF. As long as the FPGA has completed writing to the Control Pins or SPI, the Power-on Calibration will result in a valid output at full performance. Once again, if it takes longer than t_{CalDly} for the system to stabilize at its operating temperature, it is recommended to execute an on-command calibration at that time.

Due to system requirements, it may not be possible for the FPGA to write to the Control Pins or SPI before the Power-on Calibration takes place, see [Figure](#page-70-2) 6-14. It is not critical to configure the device before the Power-on Calibration, but it is critical to realize that the output for such a case is not at its full performance. Following an On-command Calibration, the device will be at its full performance.

6.4.6.2 Power-on and Data Clock (DCLK)

Many applications use the DCLK output for a system clock. For the ADC12D800/500RF, each I- and Qchannel has its own DCLKI and DCLKQ, respectively. The DCLK output is always active, unless that channel is powered-down or the DCLK Reset feature is used while the device is in Demux Mode. As the supply to the ADC12D800/500RF ramps, the DCLK also comes up, see this example from the ADC12D800RFRB: [Figure](#page-71-0) 6-15. While the supply is too low, there is no output at DCLK. As the supply continues to ramp, DCLK functions intermittently with irregular frequency, but the amplitude continues to track with the supply. Much below the low end of operating supply range of the ADC12D800/500RF, the DCLK is already fully operational.

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Figure 6-15. Supply and DCLK Ramping

6.4.7 RECOMMENDED SYSTEM CHIPS

TI recommends these other chips including temperature sensors, clocking devices, and amplifiers in order to support the ADC12D800/500RF in a system design.

6.4.7.1 Temperature Sensor

The ADC12D800/500RF has an on-die temperature diode connected to pins Tdiode+/- which may be used to monitor the die temperature. TI also provides a family of temperature sensors for this application which monitor different numbers of external devices, see [Table](#page-71-1) 6-11.

The temperature sensor (LM95235/13/14) is an 11-bit digital temperature sensor with a 2-wire System Management Bus (SMBus) interface that can monitor the temperature of one, two, or four remote diodes as well as its own temperature. It can be used to accurately monitor the temperature of up to one, two, or four external devices such as the ADC12D800/500RF, a FPGA, other system components, and the ambient temperature.

The temperature sensor reports temperature in two different formats for +127.875°C/-128°C range and 0°/255°C range. It has a Sigma-Delta ADC core which provides the first level of noise immunity. For improved performance in a noisy environment, the temperature sensor includes programmable digital filters for Remote Diode temperature readings. When the digital filters are invoked, the resolution for the Remote Diode readings increases to 0.03125°C. For maximum flexibility and best accuracy, the temperature sensor includes offset registers that allow calibration for other types of diodes.

Diode fault detection circuitry in the temperature sensor can detect the absence or fault state of a remote diode: whether D+ is shorted to the power supply, D- or ground, or floating.

In the following typical application, the LM95213 is used to monitor the temperature of an ADC12D800/500RF as well as an FPGA, see [Figure](#page-72-0) 6-16. If this feature is unused, the Tdiode+/- pins may be left floating.

Figure 6-16. Typical Temperature Sensor Application

6.4.7.2 Clocking Device

The clock source can be a PLL/VCO device such as the LMX2531LQxxxx family of products. The specific device should be selected according to the desired ADC sampling clock frequency. The ADC12D800RFRB uses the LMX2531LQ1570E, with the ADC clock source provided by the Aux PLL output. Other devices which may be considered based on clock source, jitter cleaning, and distribution purposes are the LMK01XXX, LMK02XXX, LMK03XXX and LMK04XXX product families.

6.4.7.3 Amplifiers for the Analog Input

The following amplifiers can be used for ADC12D800/500RF applications which require DC coupled input or signal gain, neither of which can be provided with a transformer coupled input circuit:

Amplifier	Bandwidth	Brief features
LMH6552	1.5 GHz	Configurable gain
LMH6553	900 MHz	Output clamp and configurable gain
LMH6554	2.8 GHz	Configurable gain
LMH6555	1.2 GHz	Fixed gain

Table 6-12. Amplifier Recommendations

6.4.7.4 Balun Recommendations for Analog Input

The following baluns are recommended for the ADC12D800/500RF for applications which require no gain. When evaluating a balun for the application of driving an ADC, some important qualities to consider are phase error and magnitude error.

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6.5 Register Definitions

Ten read/write registers provide several control and configuration options in the Extended Control Mode. These registers have no effect when the device is in the Non-extended Control Mode. Each register description below also shows the Power-On Reset (POR) state of each control bit. See [Table](#page-73-0) 6-14 for a summary.

Table 6-14. Register Addresses

(1) This pin/bit functionality is not tested in production test; performance is tested in the specified/default mode only.

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Table 6-16. Reserved

Table 6-17. I-channel Offset Adjust

Table 6-18. I-channel Full Scale Range Adjust

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Table 6-19. Calibration Adjust(1)

Table 6-20. Calibration Values(1)

Table 6-21. Reserved - ADC12D800RF

Table 6-22. Reserved - ADC12D500RF

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Bits 15:0 Reserved. Must be set as shown. Although Bits 6 and 5 may be written to / read from the Control Registers, its final internal value is set in hardware.

Table 6-23. DES Timing Adjust(1)

Bits 15:9 | DTA(6:0): DES Mode Timing Adjust. In the DES Mode, the time at which the falling edge sampling clock samples relative to the rising edge of the sampling clock may be adjusted; the automatic duty cycle correction continues to function. See [Input](#page-52-1) [Control](#page-52-1) and Adjust for more information. The nominal step size is 30fs.

Bits 8:0 Reserved. Must be set as shown.

Table 6-24. Reserved

Table 6-25. Reserved

Table 6-26. Q-channel Offset Adjust

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Table 6-27. Q-channel Full-Scale Range Adjust

Table 6-28. Aperture Delay Coarse Adjust

Table 6-29. Aperture Delay Fine Adjust

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Table 6-30. AutoSync(1)

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Table 6-31. Reserved

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