



## Precision, Rail-to-Rail I/O INSTRUMENTATION AMPLIFIER

### FEATURES

- **PRECISION**
  - LOW OFFSET:** 100 $\mu$ V (max)
  - LOW OFFSET DRIFT:** 0.4 $\mu$ V/ $^{\circ}$ C (max)
  - EXCELLENT LONG-TERM STABILITY**
  - VERY-LOW 1/f NOISE**
- **TRUE RAIL-TO-RAIL I/O**
  - INPUT COMMON-MODE RANGE:**  
20mV Below Negative Rail to 100mV Above Positive Rail
  - WIDE OUTPUT SWING:** Within 10mV of Rails
  - SUPPLY RANGE:** Single +2.7V to +5.5V
- **SMALL SIZE**  
microPACKAGE: MSOP-8, MSOP-10
- **LOW COST**

### APPLICATIONS

- **LOW-LEVEL TRANSDUCER AMPLIFIER FOR BRIDGES, LOAD CELLS, THERMOCOUPLES**
- **WIDE DYNAMIC RANGE SENSOR MEASUREMENTS**
- **HIGH-RESOLUTION TEST SYSTEMS**
- **WEIGH SCALES**
- **MULTI-CHANNEL DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEMS**
- **MEDICAL INSTRUMENTATION**
- **GENERAL-PURPOSE**

### DESCRIPTION

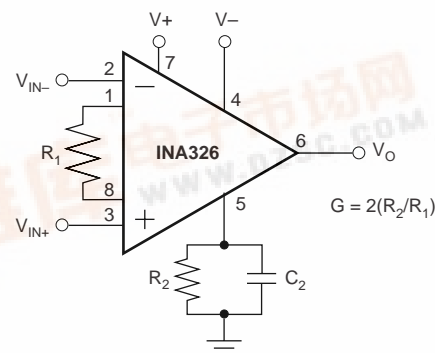
The INA326 and INA327 (with shutdown) are high-performance, low-cost, precision instrumentation amplifiers with rail-to-rail input and output. They are true single-supply instrumentation amplifiers with very low DC errors and input common-mode ranges that extends beyond the positive and negative rails. These features make them suitable for applications ranging from general-purpose to high-accuracy.

Excellent long-term stability and very low 1/f noise assure low offset voltage and drift throughout the life of the product.

The INA326 (without shutdown) comes in the MSOP-8 package. The INA327 (with shutdown) is offered in an MSOP-10. Both are specified over the industrial temperature range,  $-40^{\circ}$ C to  $+85^{\circ}$ C, with operation from  $-40^{\circ}$ C to  $+125^{\circ}$ C.

### INA326 AND INA327 RELATED PRODUCTS

PRODUCT	FEATURES
<b>INA337</b>	<b>Precision, 0.4<math>\mu</math>V/<math>^{\circ}</math>C Drift, Specified <math>-40^{\circ}</math>C to <math>+125^{\circ}</math>C</b>
INA114	50 $\mu$ V $V_{OS}$ , 0.5nA $I_B$ , 115dB CMR, 3mA $I_O$ , 0.25 $\mu$ V/ $^{\circ}$ C Drift
INA118	50 $\mu$ V $V_{OS}$ , 1nA $I_B$ , 120dB CMR, 385 $\mu$ A $I_O$ , 0.5 $\mu$ V/ $^{\circ}$ C Drift
INA122	250 $\mu$ V $V_{OS}$ , $-10$ nA $I_B$ , 85 $\mu$ A $I_O$ , Rail-to-Rail Output, 3 $\mu$ V/ $^{\circ}$ C Drift
INA128	50 $\mu$ V $V_{OS}$ , 2nA $I_B$ , 125dB CMR, 750 $\mu$ A $I_O$ , 0.5 $\mu$ V/ $^{\circ}$ C Drift
INA321	500 $\mu$ V $V_{OS}$ , 0.5pA $I_B$ , 94dB CMRR, 60 $\mu$ A $I_O$ , Rail-to-Rail Output



PACKAGE/ORDERING INFORMATION

PRODUCT	PACKAGE-LEAD	PACKAGE DESIGNATOR <sup>(1)</sup>	SPECIFIED TEMPERATURE RANGE	PACKAGE MARKING	ORDERING NUMBER	TRANSPORT MEDIA, QUANTITY
INA326 "	MSOP-8 "	DGK "	−40°C to +85°C "	B26 "	INA326EA/250 INA326EA/2K5	Tape and Reel, 250 Tape and Reel, 2500
INA327 "	MSOP-10 "	DGS "	−40°C to +85°C "	B27 "	INA327EA/250 INA327EA/2K5	Tape and Reel, 250 Tape and Reel, 2500

NOTE: (1) For the most current specifications and package information, refer to our web site at [www.ti.com](http://www.ti.com).

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS<sup>(1)</sup>

Supply Voltage .....	+5.5V
Signal Input Terminals: Voltage <sup>(2)</sup> .....	−0.5V to (V+) + 0.5V
Current <sup>(2)</sup> .....	±10mA
Output Short-Circuit .....	Continuous
Operating Temperature Range .....	−40°C to +125°C
Storage Temperature Range .....	−65°C to +150°C
Junction Temperature .....	+150°C
Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s) .....	+300°C

NOTES: (1) Stresses above these ratings may cause permanent damage. Exposure to absolute maximum conditions for extended periods may degrade device reliability. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those specified is not implied. (2) Input terminals are diode clamped to the power-supply rails. Input signals that can swing more than 0.5V beyond the supply rails should be current limited to 10mA or less.

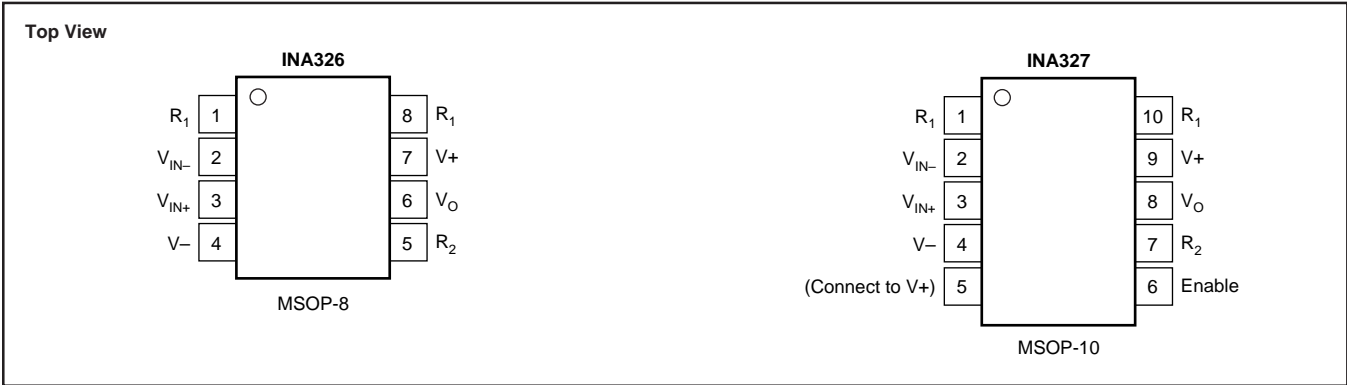


ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE SENSITIVITY

This integrated circuit can be damaged by ESD. Texas Instruments recommends that all integrated circuits be handled with appropriate precautions. Failure to observe proper handling and installation procedures can cause damage.

ESD damage can range from subtle performance degradation to complete device failure. Precision integrated circuits may be more susceptible to damage because very small parametric changes could cause the device not to meet its published specifications.

PIN CONFIGURATION



# ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS: $V_S = +2.7V$ to $+5.5V$

**BOLDFACE** limits apply over the specified temperature range,  $T_A = -40^{\circ}C$  to  $+85^{\circ}C$

At  $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$ ,  $R_L = 10k\Omega$ ,  $G = 100$  ( $R_1 = 2k\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 100k\Omega$ ), external gain set resistors, and  $I_{A_{COMMON}} = V_S/2$ , with external equivalent filter corner of 1kHz, unless otherwise noted.

PARAMETER	CONDITION	INA326EA, INA327EA			UNITS
		MIN	TYP	MAX	
<b>INPUT</b>					
Offset Voltage, RTI $V_{OS}$	$V_S = +5V$ , $V_{CM} = V_S/2$		$\pm 20$	$\pm 100$	$\mu V$
<b>Over Temperature</b>				<b><math>\pm 124</math></b>	$\mu V$
<b>vs Temperature</b>			<b><math>\pm 0.1</math></b>	<b><math>\pm 0.4</math></b>	$\mu V/^{\circ}C$
vs Power Supply $dV_{OS}/dT$	$V_S = +2.7V$ to $+5.5V$ , $V_{CM} = V_S/2$	$\pm 20$	$\pm 3$		$\mu V/V$
Long-Term Stability			See Note (1)		
Input Impedance, Differential			$10^{10} \parallel 2$		$\Omega \parallel pF$
Common-Mode			$10^{10} \parallel 14$		$\Omega \parallel pF$
<b>Input Voltage Range</b>		<b><math>(V-) - 0.02</math></b>		<b><math>(V+) + 0.1</math></b>	<b>V</b>
Safe Input Voltage		$(V-) - 0.5$		$(V+) + 0.5$	<b>V</b>
Common-Mode Rejection	$V_S = +5V$ , $V_{CM} = (V-) - 0.02V$ to $(V+) + 0.1V$	100	114		<b>dB</b>
<b>Over Temperature</b>		<b>94</b>			<b>dB</b>
<b>INPUT BIAS CURRENT</b>					
Bias Current $I_B$	$V_{CM} = V_S/2$		$\pm 0.2$	$\pm 2$	nA
<b>vs Temperature</b>	$V_S = +5V$		See Typical Characteristics		
Offset Current $I_{OS}$	$V_S = +5V$		$\pm 0.2$	$\pm 2$	nA
<b>NOISE</b>					
Voltage Noise, RTI	$R_S = 0\Omega$ , $G = 100$ , $R_1 = 2k\Omega$ , $R_2 = 100k\Omega$				
f = 10Hz			33		$nV/\sqrt{Hz}$
f = 100Hz			33		$nV/\sqrt{Hz}$
f = 1kHz			33		$nV/\sqrt{Hz}$
f = 0.01Hz to 10Hz			0.8		$\mu Vp-p$
Voltage Noise, RTI	$R_S = 0\Omega$ , $G = 10$ , $R_1 = 20k\Omega$ , $R_2 = 100k\Omega$				
f = 10Hz			120		$nV/\sqrt{Hz}$
f = 100Hz			97		$nV/\sqrt{Hz}$
f = 1kHz			97		$nV/\sqrt{Hz}$
f = 0.01Hz to 10Hz			4		$\mu Vp-p$
Current Noise, RTI			0.15		$pA/\sqrt{Hz}$
f = 1kHz			4.2		$pAp-p$
f = 0.01Hz to 10Hz					
Output Ripple, $V_O$ Filtered <sup>(2)</sup>			See Applications Information		
<b>GAIN</b>					
Gain Equation			$G = 2(R_2/R_1)$		V/V
Range of Gain		$< 0.1$		$> 10000$	%
Gain Error <sup>(3)</sup>	$G = 10, 100$ , $V_S = +5V$ , $V_O = 0.075V$ to $4.925V$		$\pm 0.08$	$\pm 0.2$	%
<b>vs Temperature</b>	<b><math>G = 10, 100</math>, <math>V_S = +5V</math>, <math>V_O = 0.075V</math> to <math>4.925V</math></b>		<b><math>\pm 6</math></b>	<b><math>\pm 25</math></b>	<b>ppm/^{\circ}C</b>
Nonlinearity	$G = 10, 100$ , $V_S = +5V$ , $V_O = 0.075V$ to $4.925V$		$\pm 0.004$	$\pm 0.01$	% of FS
<b>OUTPUT</b>					
Voltage Output Swing from Rail	$R_L = 100k\Omega$		5		mV
<b>Over Temperature</b>	$R_L = 10k\Omega$ , $V_S = +5V$	75	10		mV
Capacitive Load Drive			500		<b>mV</b>
Short-Circuit Current $I_{SC}$			$\pm 25$		pF
<b>INTERNAL OSCILLATOR</b>					
Frequency of Auto-Correction			90		kHz
Accuracy			$\pm 20$		%
<b>FREQUENCY RESPONSE</b>					
Bandwidth <sup>(4)</sup> , -3dB	BW		1		kHz
Slew Rate <sup>(4)</sup>	SR		Filter Limited		
Settling Time <sup>(4)</sup> , 0.1%	$t_S$	$G = 1$ to $1k$			
0.01%		$V_S = +5V$ , All Gains, $C_L = 100pF$			
0.1%		1kHz Filter, $G = 1$ to $1k$ , $V_O = 2V$ step, $C_L = 100pF$	0.95		ms
0.01%		10kHz Filter, $G = 1$ to $1k$ , $V_O = 2V$ step, $C_L = 100pF$	1.3		ms
Overload Recovery <sup>(4)</sup>		1kHz Filter, 50% Output Overload, $G = 1$ to $1k$	130		$\mu s$
		10kHz Filter, 50% Output Overload, $G = 1$ to $1k$	160		$\mu s$
			30		$\mu s$
			5		$\mu s$

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS: $V_S = +2.7V$ to $+5.5V$ (Cont.)

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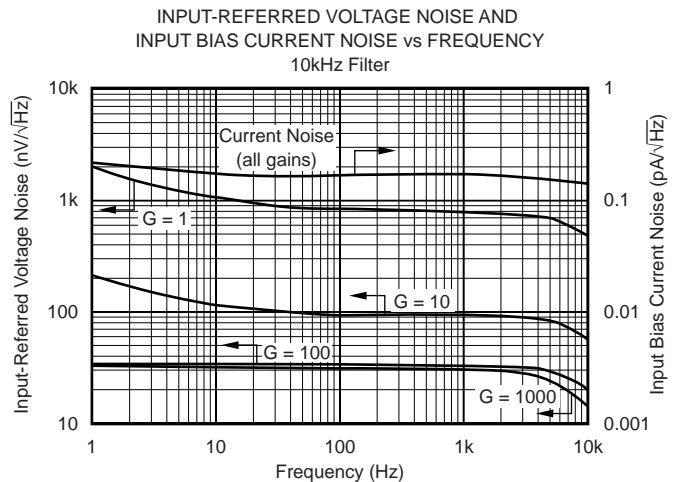
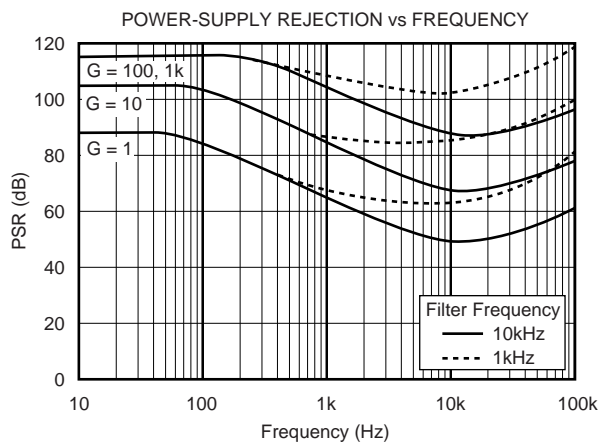
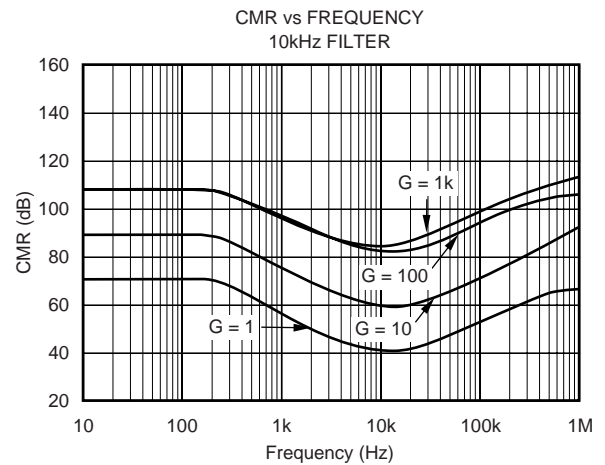
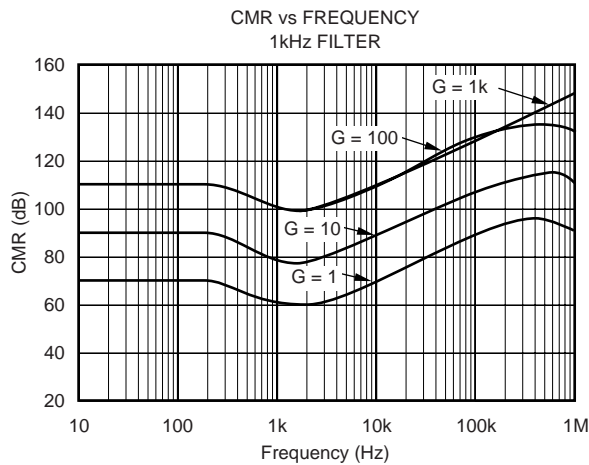
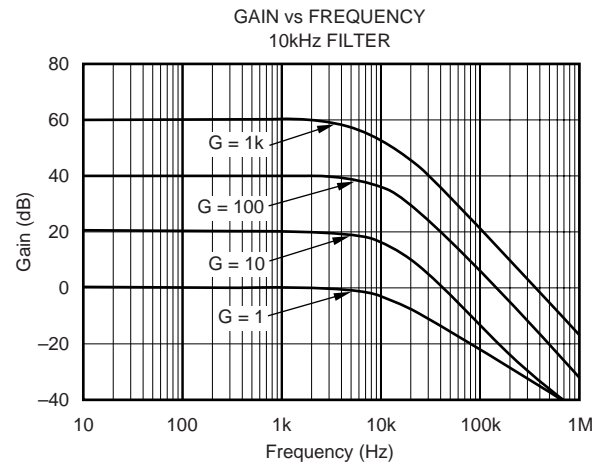
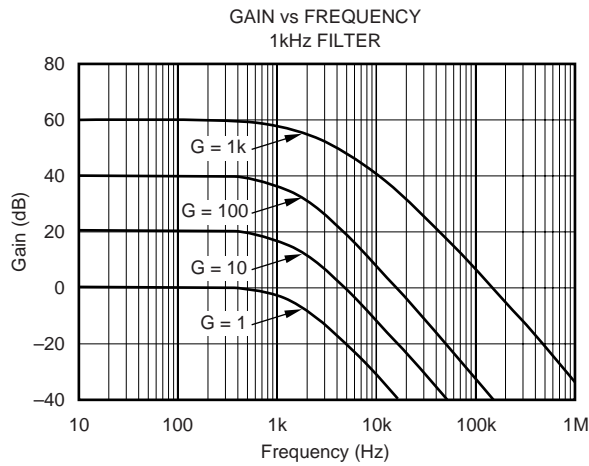
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PARAMETER	CONDITION	INA326EA, INA327EA			UNITS
		MIN	TYP	MAX	
<b>POWER SUPPLY</b>					
Specified Voltage Range		+2.7		+5.5	V
Quiescent Current $I_Q$	$I_O = 0$ , Diff $V_{IN} = 0V$ , $V_S = +5V$		2.4	3.4	mA
<b>Over Temperature</b>				<b>3.7</b>	<b>mA</b>
<b>SHUTDOWN</b>					
Disable (Logic Low Threshold)		1.6		0.25	V
Enable (Logic High Threshold)					V
Enable Time <sup>(5)</sup>			75		$\mu s$
Disable Time			100		$\mu s$
Shutdown Current and Enable Pin Current	$V_S = +5V$ , Disabled		2	5	$\mu A$
<b>TEMPERATURE RANGE</b>					
Specified Range		-40		+85	$^{\circ}C$
Operating Range		-40		+125	$^{\circ}C$
Storage Range		-65		+150	$^{\circ}C$
Thermal Resistance $\theta_{JA}$	MSOP-8, MSOP-10 Surface-Mount		150		$^{\circ}C/W$

NOTES: (1) 1000-hour life test at  $150^{\circ}C$  demonstrated randomly distributed variation in the range of measurement limits—approximately  $10\mu V$ . (2) See Applications Information section, and Figures 1 and 3. (3) Does not include error and TCR of external gain-setting resistors. (4) Dynamic response is limited by filtering. Higher bandwidths can be achieved by adjusting the filter. (5) See Typical Characteristics, "Input Offset Voltage vs Warm-Up Time".

# TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

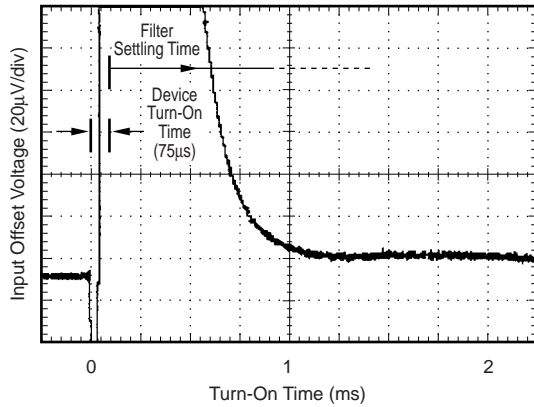
At  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $V_S = +5\text{V}$ , Gain = 100, and  $R_L = 10\text{k}\Omega$  with external equivalent filter corner of 1kHz, unless otherwise noted.



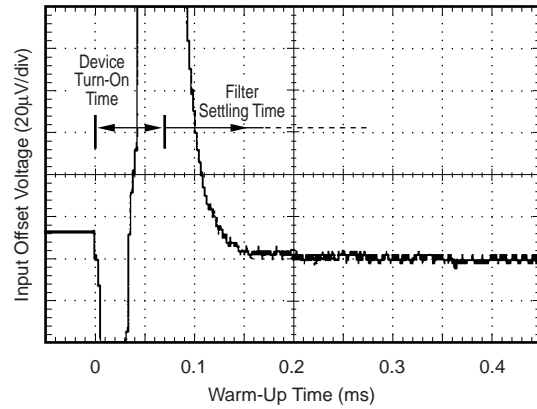
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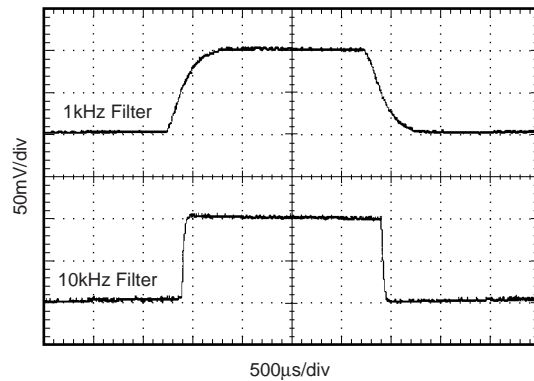
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1kHz FILTER, G = 100



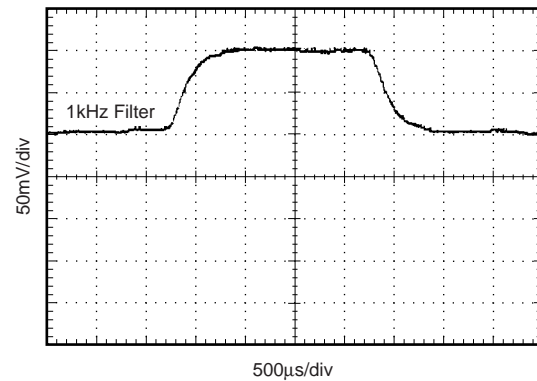
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10kHz FILTER, G = 100



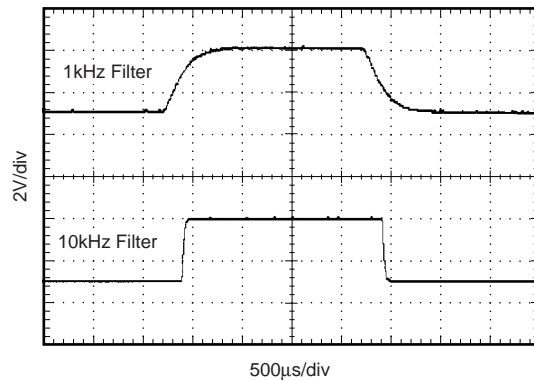
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G = 1, 10, AND 100



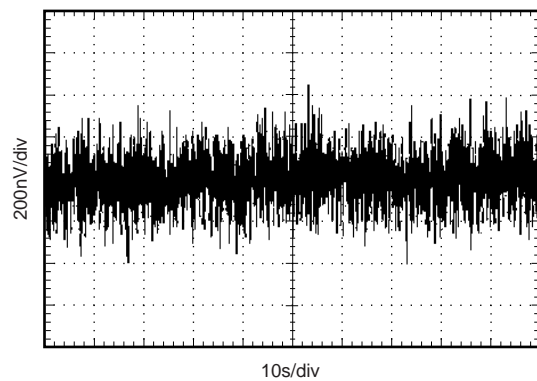
SMALL-SIGNAL STEP RESPONSE  
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LARGE-SIGNAL RESPONSE  
G = 1 TO 1000



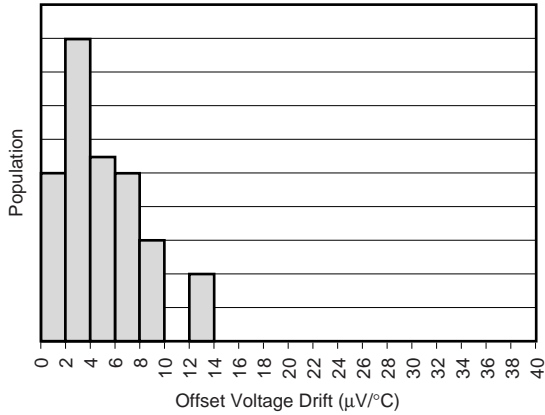
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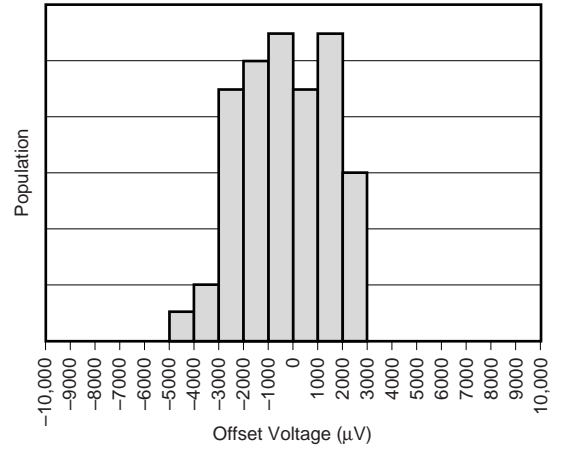
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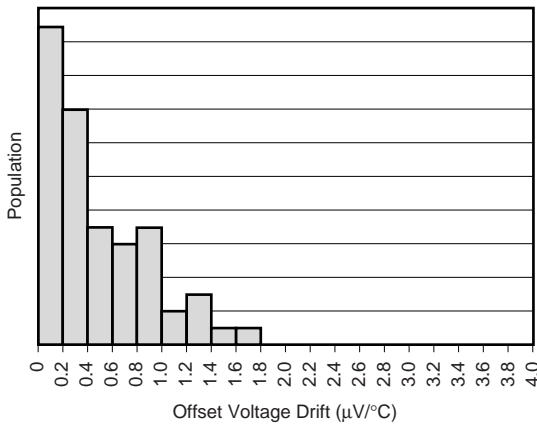
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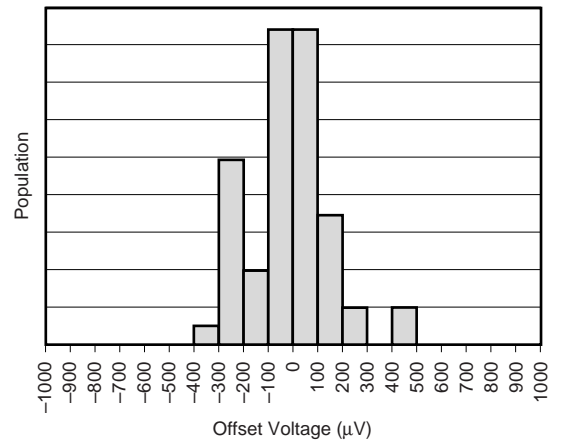
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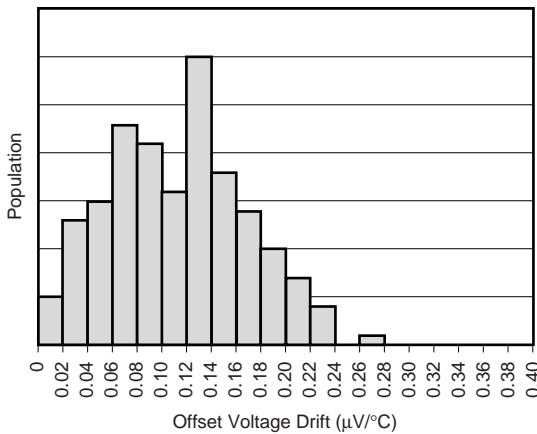
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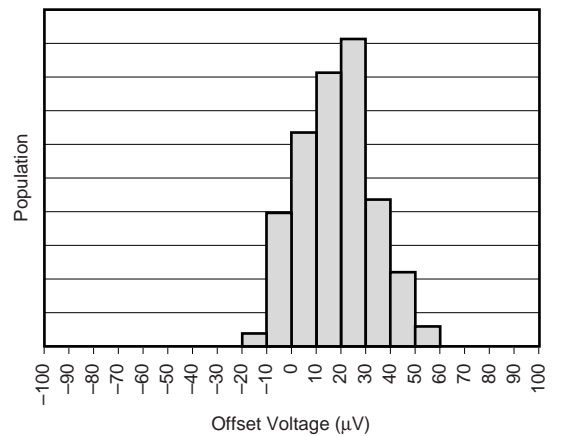
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G = 100, 1000

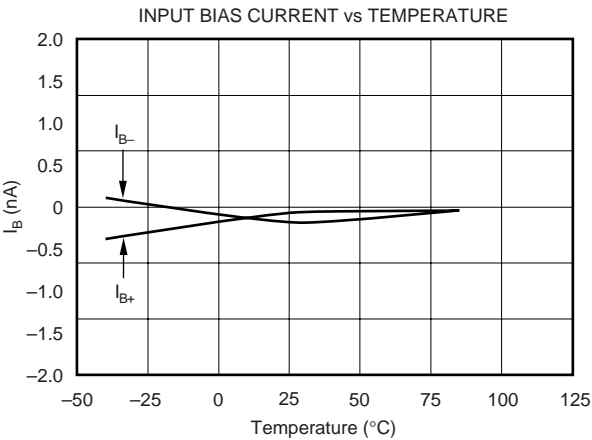
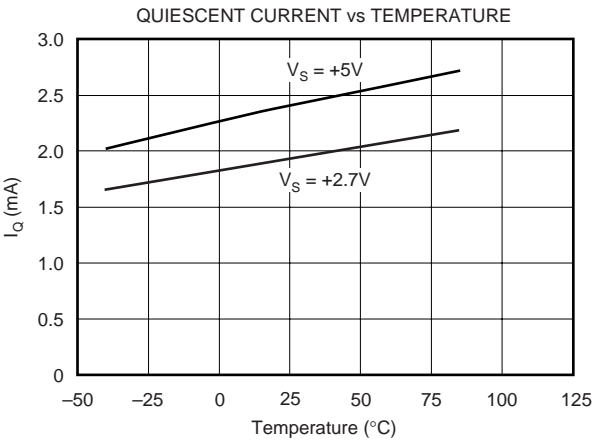
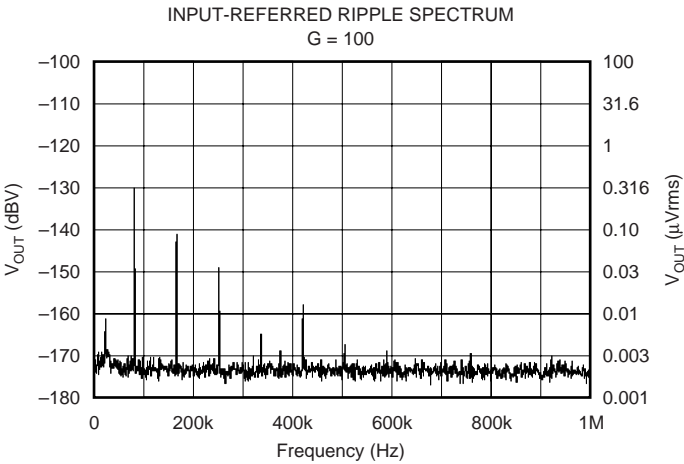
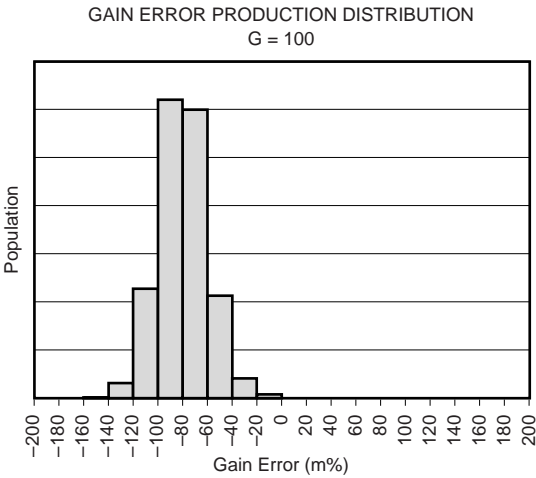


OFFSET VOLTAGE PRODUCTION DISTRIBUTION  
G = 100, 1000



# TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS (Cont.)

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## APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

Figure 1 shows the basic connections required for operation of the INA326. A 0.1µF capacitor, placed close to and across the power-supply pins is strongly recommended for highest accuracy.  $R_O C_O$  is an output filter that minimizes auto-correction circuitry noise. This output filter may also serve as an anti-aliasing filter ahead of an Analog-to-Digital (A/D) converter. It is also optional based on desired precision.

The output reference terminal is taken at the low side of  $R_2$  ( $I_{A\_COMMON}$ ).

The INA326 uses a unique internal topology to achieve excellent Common-Mode Rejection (CMR). Unlike conventional instrumentation amplifiers, CMR is not affected by resistance in the reference connections or sockets. See "Inside the INA326" for further detail. To achieve best high-frequency CMR, minimize capacitance on pins 1 and 8.

## SETTING THE GAIN

The INA326 is a 2-stage amplifier with each stage gain set by  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , respectively (see Figure 5, "Inside the INA326", for details). Overall gain is described by the equation:

$$G = 2 \frac{R_2}{R_1} \quad (1)$$

The stability and temperature drift of the external gain-setting resistors will affect gain by an amount that can be directly inferred from the gain equation (1).

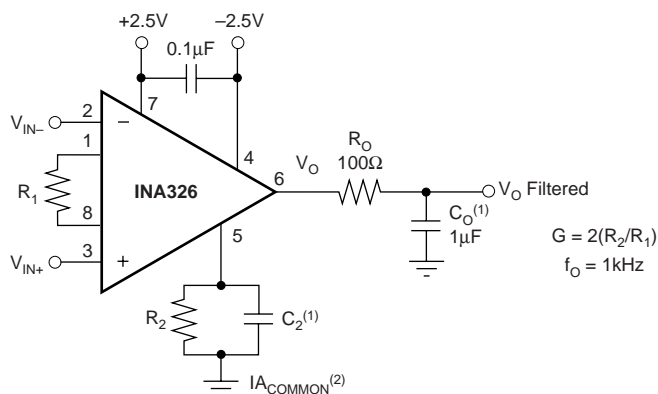
Resistor values for commonly used gains are shown in Figure 1. Gain-set resistor values for best performance are different for +5V single-supply and for ±2.5V dual-supply operation. Optimum value for  $R_1$  can be calculated by:

$$R_1 = V_{IN\_MAX}/12.5\mu A \quad (2)$$

where  $R_1$  must be no less than 2kΩ.

### Dual-Supply Operation

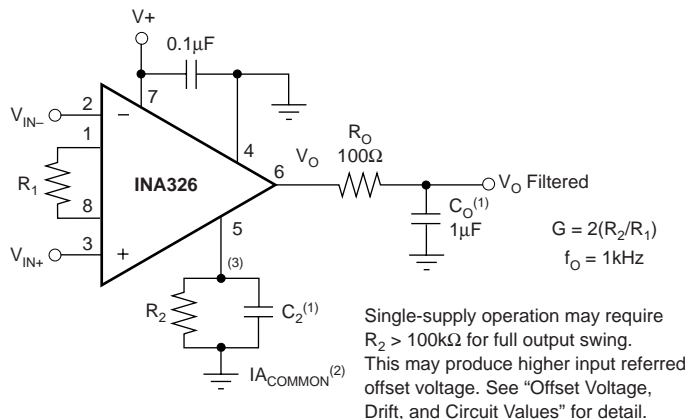
DESIRED GAIN	$R_1$ (Ω)	$R_2 \parallel C_2$ (Ω    nF)
0.1	400k	20k    5
0.2	400k	40k    2.5
0.5	400k	100k    1
1	200k	100k    1
2	100k	100k    1
5	40k	100k    1
10	20k	100k    1
20	10k	100k    1
50	4k	100k    1
100	2k	100k    1
200	2k	200k    0.5
500	2k	500k    0.2
1000	2k	1M    0.1
2000	2k	2M    0.05
5000	2k	5M    0.02
10000	2k	10M    0.01



NOTES: (1)  $C_2$  and  $C_O$  combine to form a 2-pole response that is -3dB at 1kHz. Each individual pole is at 1.5kHz. (2) Output voltage is referenced to  $I_{A\_COMMON}$  (see text).

### Single-Supply Operation

DESIRED GAIN	$R_1$ (Ω)	$R_2 \parallel C_2$ (Ω    nF)
0.1	400k	20k    5
0.2	400k	40k    2.5
0.5	400k	100k    1
1	400k	200k    0.5
2	200k	200k    0.5
5	80k	200k    0.5
10	40k	200k    0.5
20	20k	200k    0.5
50	8k	200k    0.5
100	4k	200k    0.5
200	2k	200k    0.5
500	2k	500k    0.2
1000	2k	1M    0.1
2000	2k	2M    0.05
5000	2k	5M    0.02
10000	2k	10M    0.01



NOTES: (1)  $C_2$  and  $C_O$  combine to form a 2-pole response that is -3dB at 1kHz. Each individual pole is at 1.5kHz. (2) Output voltage is referenced to  $I_{A\_COMMON}$  (see text). (3) Output offset voltage required for measurement near zero (see Figure 6).

FIGURE 1. Basic Connections. NOTE: Connections for INA327 differ—see Pin Configuration for detail.

Following this design procedure for  $R_1$  produces the maximum possible input stage gain for best accuracy and lowest noise. Circuit layout and supply bypassing can affect performance. Minimize the stray capacitance on pins 1 and 8. Use recommended supply bypassing, including a capacitor directly from pin 7 to pin 4 ( $V+$  to  $V-$ ), even with dual (split) power supplies (see Figure 1).

## OFFSET VOLTAGE, DRIFT, AND CIRCUIT VALUES

As with other multi-stage instrumentation amplifiers, input-referred offset voltage depends on gain and circuit values. The specified offset and drift performance is rated at  $R_1 = 2\text{k}\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 100\text{k}\Omega$ , and  $V_S = \pm 2.5\text{V}$ . Offset voltage and drift for other circuit values can be estimated from the following equations:

$$V_{OS} = 10\mu\text{V} + (50\text{nA})(R_2)/G \quad (3)$$

$$dV_{OS}/dT = 0.12\mu\text{V}/^\circ\text{C} + (0.16\text{nA}/^\circ\text{C})(R_2)/G \quad (4)$$

These equations might imply that offset and drift can be minimized by making the value of  $R_2$  much lower than the values indicated in Figure 1. These values, however, have been chosen to assure that the output current into  $R_2$  is kept less than or equal to  $\pm 25\mu\text{A}$ , while maintaining  $R_1$ 's value greater than or equal to  $2\text{k}\Omega$ . Some applications with limited output voltage swing or low power-supply voltage may allow lower values for  $R_2$ , thus providing lower input-referred offset voltage and offset voltage drift.

Conversely, single-supply operation with  $R_2$  grounded requires that  $R_2$  values be made larger to assure that current remains under  $25\mu\text{A}$ . This will increase the input-referred offset voltage and offset voltage drift.

Circuit conditions that cause more than  $25\mu\text{A}$  to flow in  $R_2$  will not cause damage, but may produce more nonlinearity.

## INA327 ENABLE FUNCTION

The INA327 adds an enable/shutdown function to the INA326. Its pinout differs from the INA326—see the Pin Configuration for detail.

The INA327 can be enabled by applying a logic HIGH voltage level to the Enable pin. Conversely, a logic LOW voltage level will disable the amplifier, reducing its supply current from  $2.4\text{mA}$  to typically  $2\mu\text{A}$ . For battery-operated applications, this feature may be used to greatly reduce the average current and extend battery life. This pin should be connected to a valid high or low voltage or driven, not left open circuit. The Enable pin can be modeled as a CMOS input gate as in Figure 2.

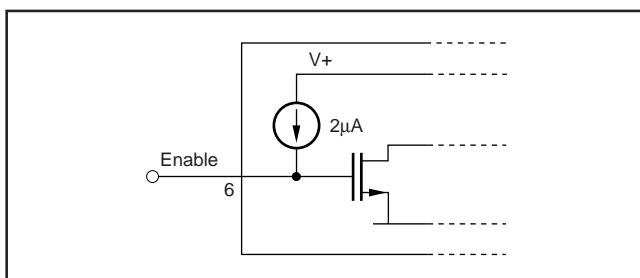


FIGURE 2. Enable Pin Model.

The enable time following shutdown is  $75\mu\text{s}$  plus the settling time due to filters (see Typical Characteristics, "Input Offset Voltage vs Warm-up Time"). Disable time is  $100\mu\text{s}$ . This allows the INA327 to be operated as a "gated" amplifier, or to have its output multiplexed onto a common output bus. When disabled, the output assumes a high-impedance state.

## INA327 PIN 5

Pin 5 of the INA327 should be connected to  $V+$  to ensure proper operation.

## DYNAMIC PERFORMANCE

The typical characteristic "Gain vs Frequency" shows that the INA326 has nearly constant bandwidth regardless of gain. This results from the bandwidth limiting from the recommended filters.

## NOISE PERFORMANCE

Internal auto-correction circuitry eliminates virtually all  $1/f$  noise (noise that increases at low frequency) in gains of 100 or greater. Noise performance is affected by gain-setting resistor values. Follow recommendations in the "Setting Gain" section for best performance.

Total noise is a combination of input stage noise and output stage noise. When referred to the input, the total mid-band noise is:

$$V_N = 33\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} + \frac{800\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}}{G} \quad (5)$$

The output noise has some  $1/f$  components that affect performance in gains less than 10. See typical characteristic "Input-Referred Voltage Noise vs Frequency."

High-frequency noise is created by internal auto-correction circuitry and is highly dependent on the filter characteristics chosen. This may be the dominant source of noise visible when viewing the output on an oscilloscope. Low cutoff frequency filters will provide lowest noise. Figure 3 shows the typical noise performance as a function of cutoff frequency.

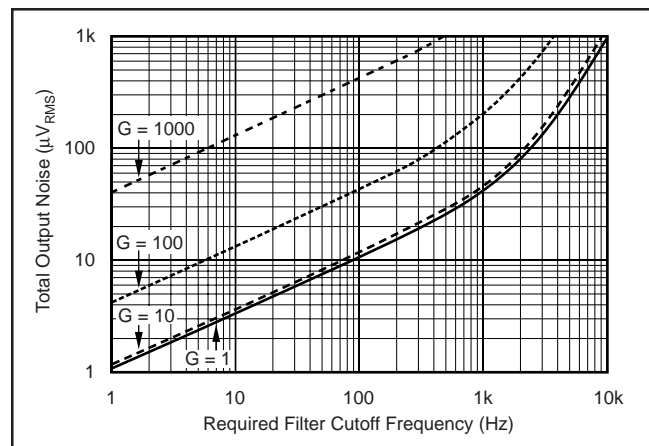


FIGURE 3. Total Output Noise vs Required Filter Cutoff Frequency.

Applications sensitive to the spectral characteristics of high-frequency noise may require consideration of the spurious frequencies generated by internal clocking circuitry. “Spurs” occur at approximately 90kHz and its harmonics (see typical characteristic “Input-Referred Ripple Spectrum”) which may be reduced by additional filtering below 1kHz.

Insufficient filtering at pin 5 can cause nonlinearity with large output voltage swings (very near the supply rails). Noise must be sufficiently filtered at pin 5 so that noise peaks do not “hit the rail” and change the average value of the signal. Figure 3 shows guidelines for filter cutoff frequency.

## HIGH-FREQUENCY NOISE

$C_2$  and  $C_O$  form filters to reduce internally generated auto-correction circuitry noise. Filter frequencies can be chosen to optimize the trade-off between noise and frequency response of the application, as shown in Figure 3. The cutoff frequencies of the filters are generally set to the same frequency. Figure 3 shows the typical output noise for four gains as a function of the  $-3\text{dB}$  cutoff frequency of each filter response. Small signals may exhibit the addition of internally generated auto-correction circuitry noise at the output. This noise, combined with broadband noise, becomes most evident in higher gains with filters of wider bandwidth.

## INPUT BIAS CURRENT RETURN PATH

The input impedance of the INA326 is extremely high—approximately  $10^{10}\Omega$ . However, a path must be provided for the input bias current of both inputs. This input bias current is approximately  $\pm 0.2\text{nA}$ . High input impedance means that this input bias current changes very little with varying input voltage.

Input circuitry must provide a path for this input bias current for proper operation. Figure 4 shows provision for an input bias current path in a thermocouple application. Without a bias current path, the inputs will float to an undefined potential and the output voltage may not be valid.

## INPUT COMMON-MODE RANGE

Common instrumentation amplifiers do not respond linearly with common-mode signals near the power-supply rails, even if “rail-to-rail” op amps are used. The INA326 uses a unique topology to achieve true rail-to-rail input behavior (see Figure 5, “Inside the INA326”). The linear input voltage range of each input terminal extends to 20mV below the negative rail, and 100mV above the positive rail.

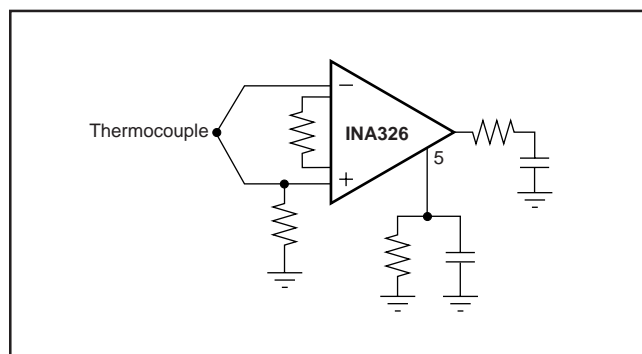


FIGURE 4. Providing Input Bias Current Return Path.

## INPUT PROTECTION

The inputs of the INA326 are protected with internal diodes connected to the power-supply rails. These diodes will clamp the applied signal to prevent it from damaging the input circuitry. If the input signal voltage can exceed the power supplies by more than 0.5V, the input signal current should be limited to less than 10mA to protect the internal clamp diodes. This can generally be done with a series input resistor. Some signal sources are inherently current-limited and do not require limiting resistors.

## FILTERING

Filtering can be adjusted through selection of  $R_2C_2$  and  $R_OC_O$  for the desired trade-off of noise and bandwidth. Adjustment of these components will result in more or less ripple due to auto-correction circuitry noise and will also affect broadband noise. Filtering limits slew rate, settling time, and output overload recovery time.

It is generally desirable to keep the resistance of  $R_O$  relatively low to avoid DC gain error created by the subsequent stage loading. This may result in relatively high values for  $C_O$  to produce the desired filter response. The impedance of  $R_OC_O$  can be scaled higher to produce smaller capacitor values if the load impedance is very high.

Certain capacitor types greater than  $0.1\mu\text{F}$  may have dielectric absorption effects that can significantly increase settling time in high-accuracy applications (settling to 0.01%). Polypropylene, polystyrene, and polycarbonate types are generally good. Certain “high-K” ceramic types may produce slow settling “tails.” Settling time to 0.1% is not generally affected by high-K ceramic capacitors. Electrolytic types are not recommended for  $C_2$  and  $C_O$ .

## INSIDE THE INA326

The INA326 uses a new, unique internal circuit topology that provides true rail-to-rail input. Unlike other instrumentation amplifiers, it can linearly process inputs up to 20mV below the negative power-supply rail, and 100mV above the positive power-supply rail. Conventional instrumentation amplifier circuits cannot deliver such performance, even if rail-to-rail op amps are used.

The ability to reject common-mode signals is derived in most instrumentation amplifiers through a combination of amplifier CMR and accurately matched resistor ratios. The INA326 converts the input voltage to a current. Current-mode signal processing provides rejection of common-mode input voltage and power-supply variation without accurately matched resistors.

A simplified diagram shows the basic circuit function. The differential input voltage,  $(V_{IN+}) - (V_{IN-})$  is applied across  $R_1$ . The signal-generated current through  $R_1$  comes from

A1 and A2's output stages. A2 combines the current in  $R_1$  with a mirrored replica of the current from A1. The resulting current in A2's output and associated current mirror is two times the current in  $R_1$ . This current flows in (or out) of pin 5 into  $R_2$ . The resulting gain equation is:

$$G = 2 \frac{R_2}{R_1}$$

Amplifiers A1, A2, and their associated mirrors are powered from internal charge-pumps that provide voltage supplies that are beyond the positive and negative supply rails. As a result, the voltage developed on  $R_2$  can actually swing 20mV *below* the negative power-supply rail, and 100mV *above* the positive supply rail. A3 provides a buffered output of the voltage on  $R_2$ . A3's input stage is also operated from the charge-pumped power supplies for true rail-to-rail operation.

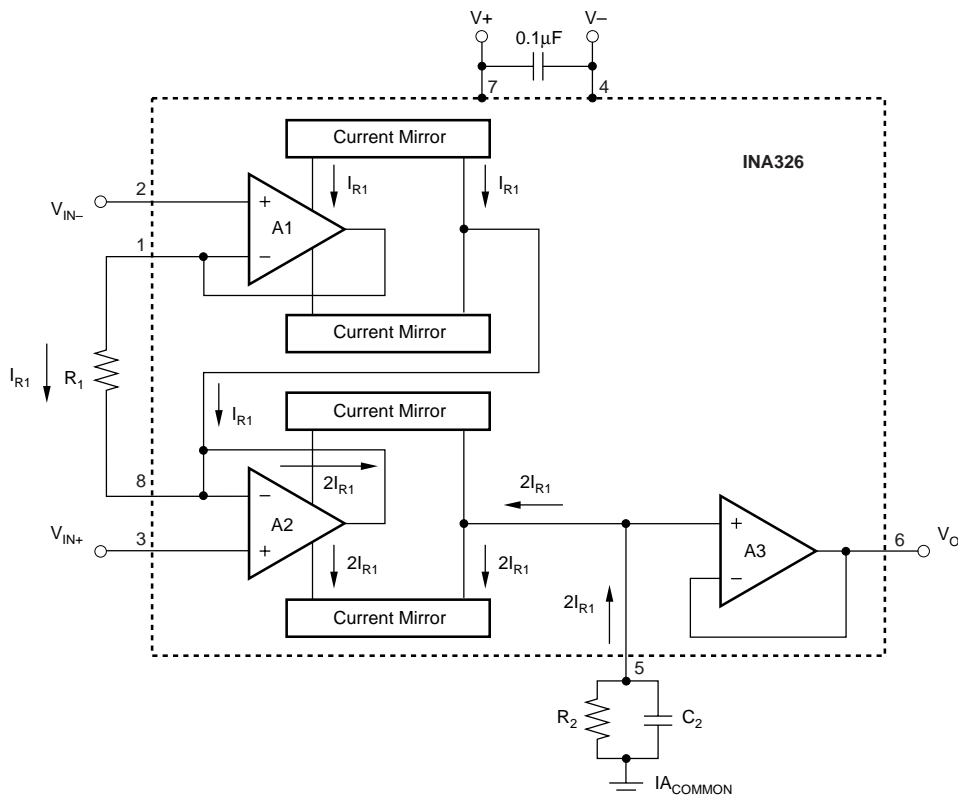


FIGURE 5. Simplified Circuit Diagram.

## APPLICATION CIRCUITS

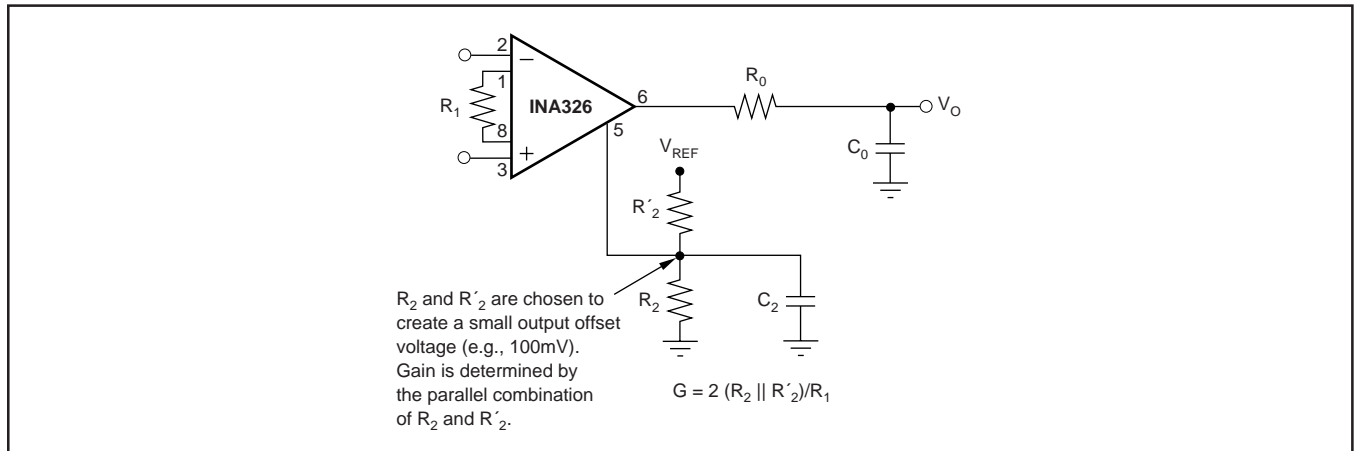


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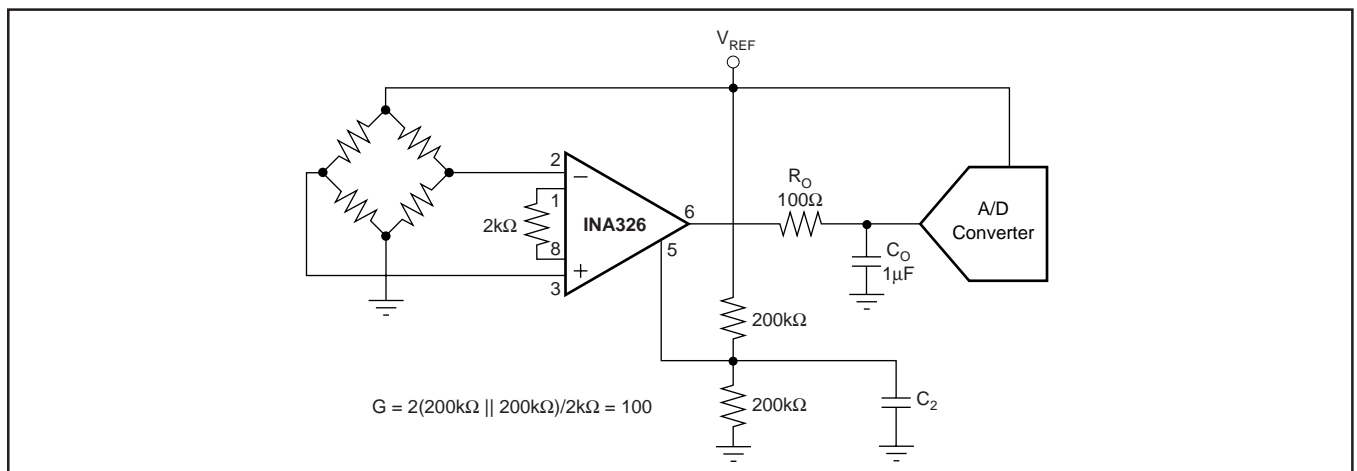


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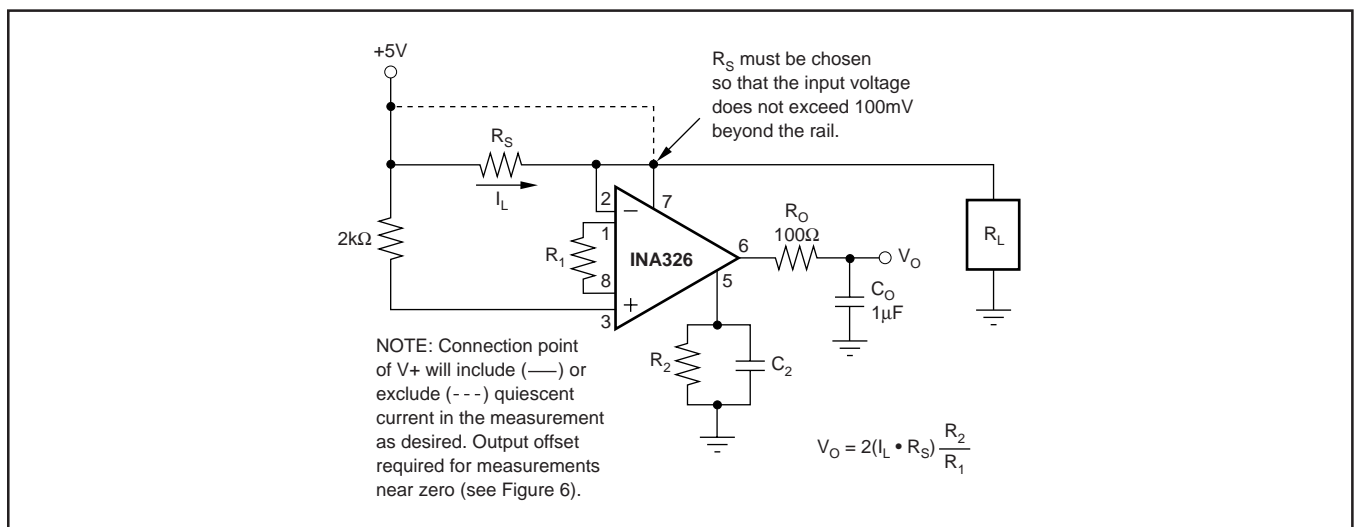


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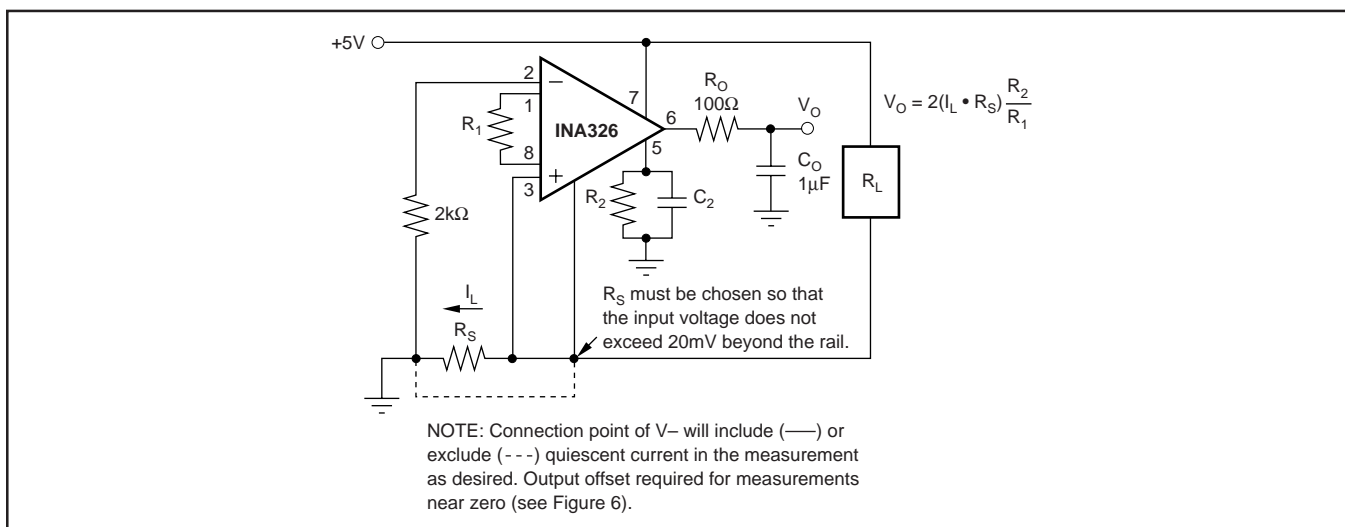


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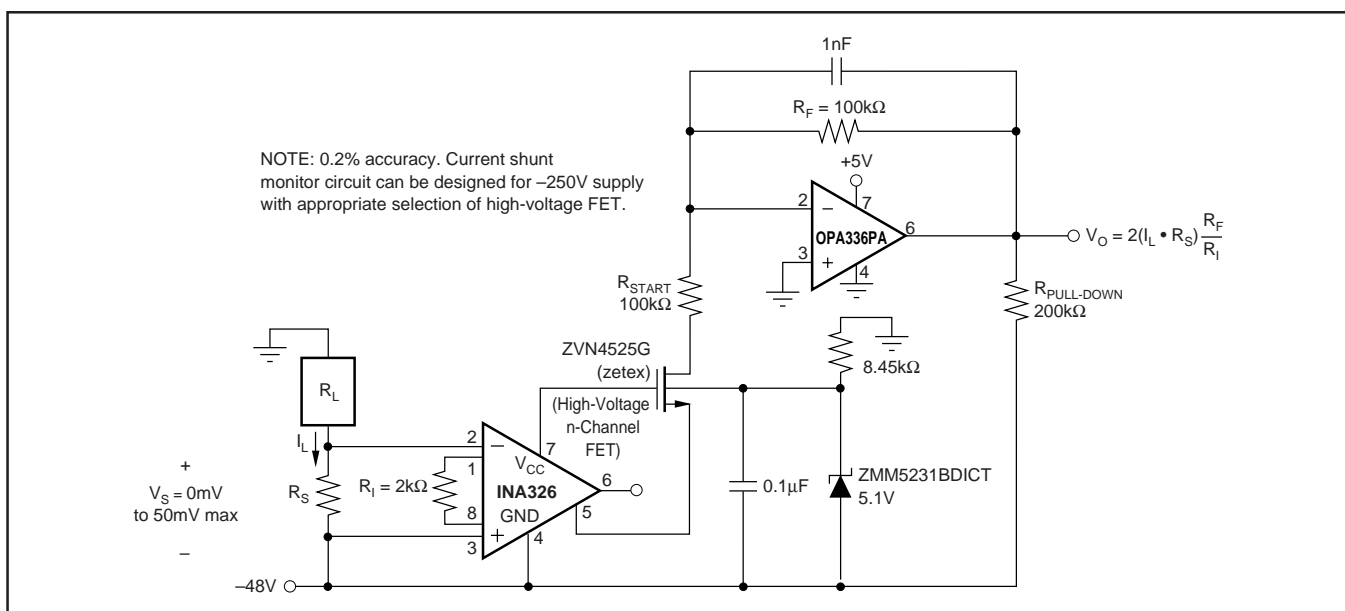


FIGURE 10. Low-Side  $-48V$  Current Shunt Monitor.

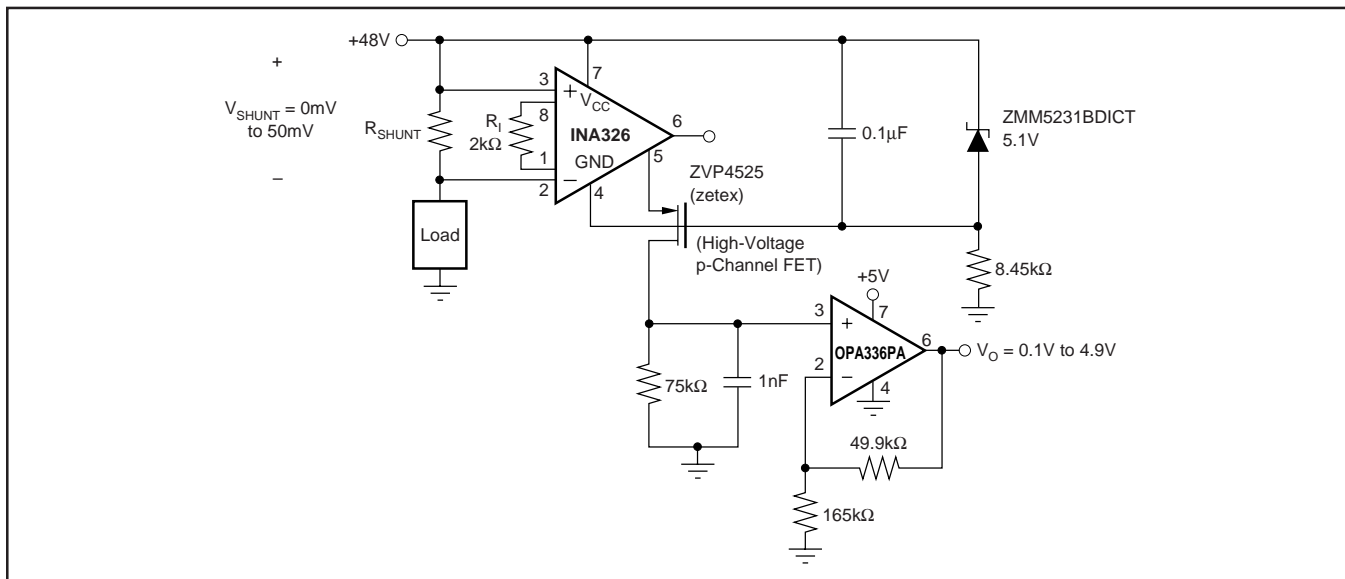


FIGURE 11. High-Side  $+48V$  Current Shunt Monitor.

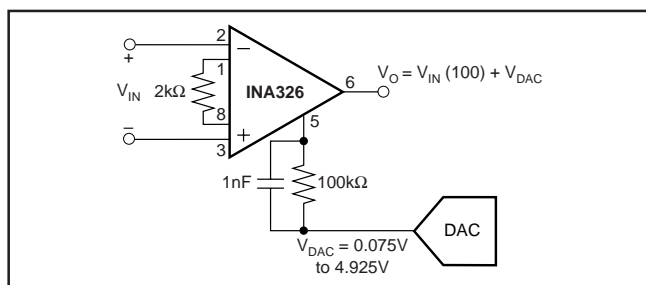


FIGURE 12. Output Offset Adjustment.

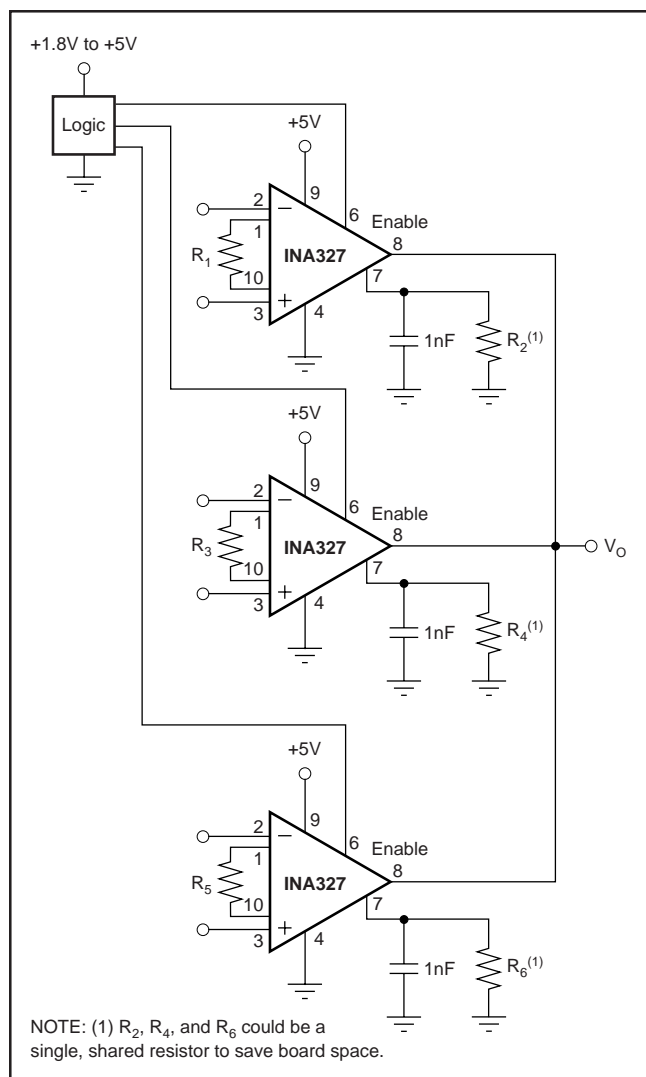


FIGURE 13. Multiplexed Output.

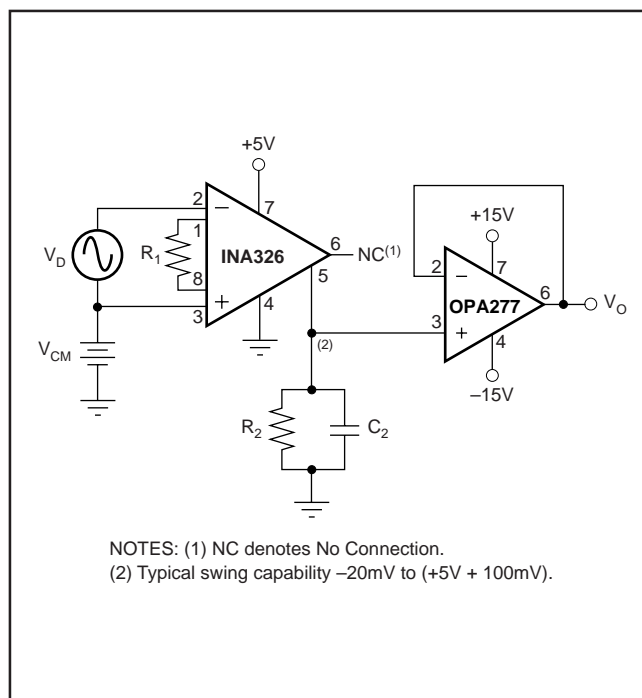


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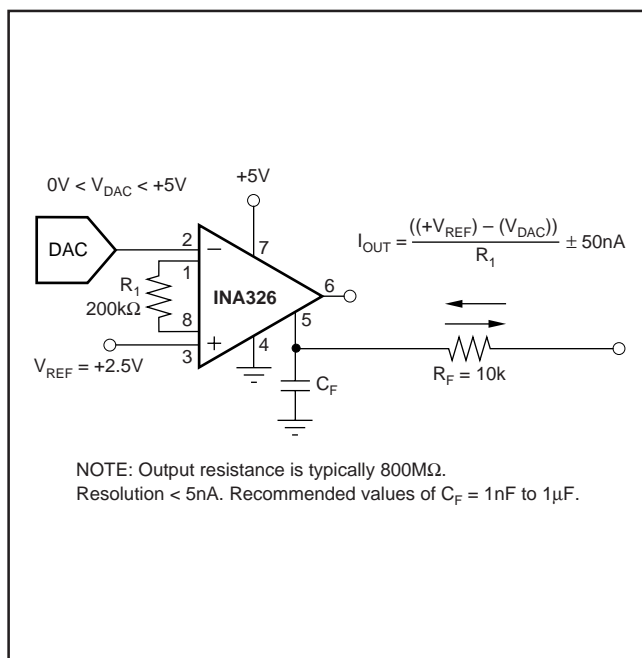


FIGURE 15. Programmable  $\pm 25\mu\text{A}$  Current Source with High Output Resistance.

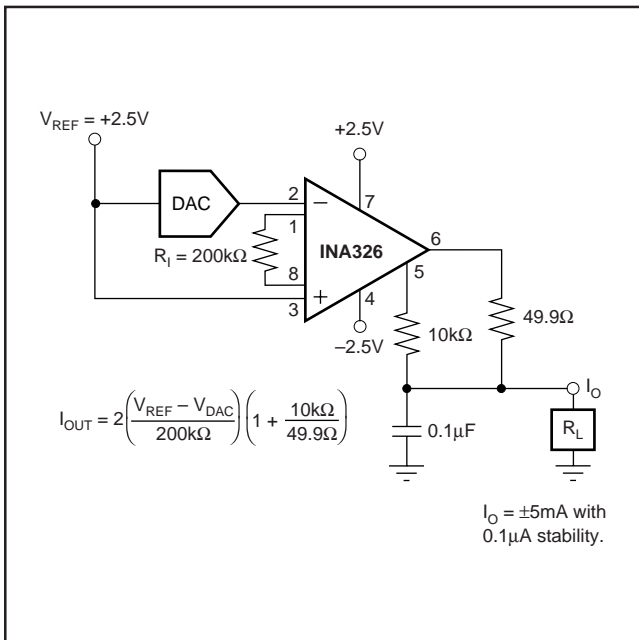


FIGURE 16. Programmable  $\pm 5mA$  Current Source.

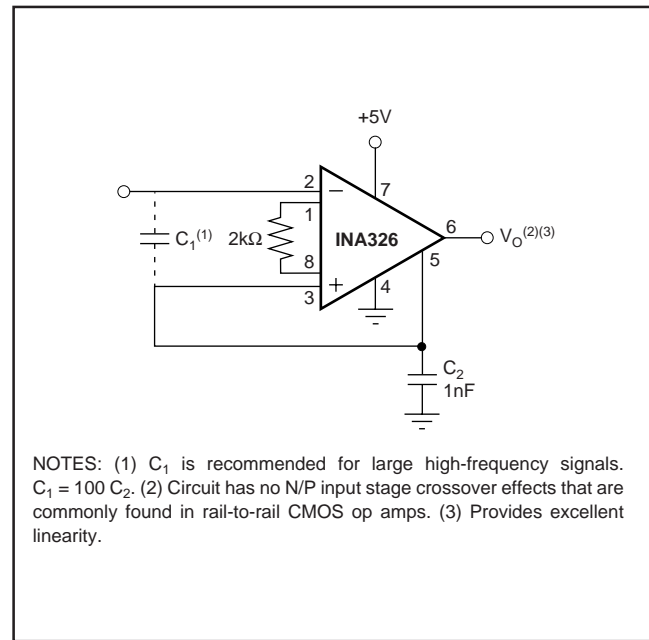


FIGURE 17. Rail-to-Rail Precision Voltage Follower.

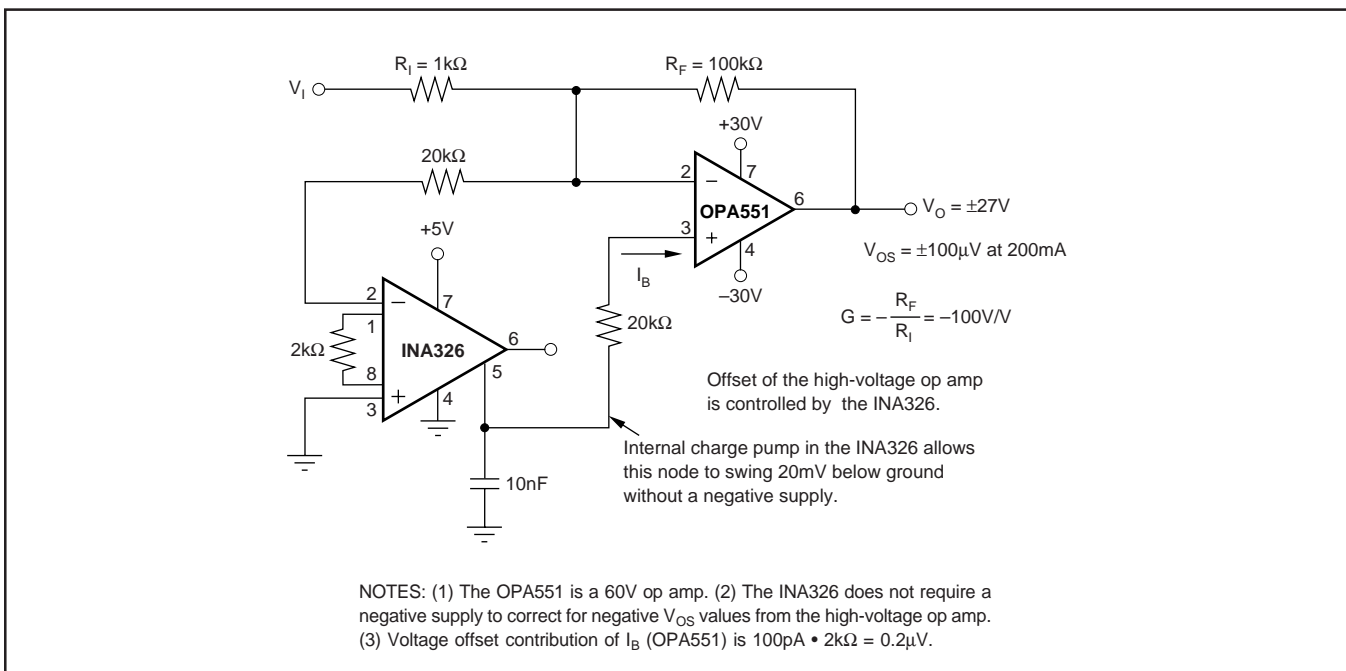


FIGURE 18.  $\pm 27V$  Output at 200mA Amplifier with  $100\mu V$  Offset.



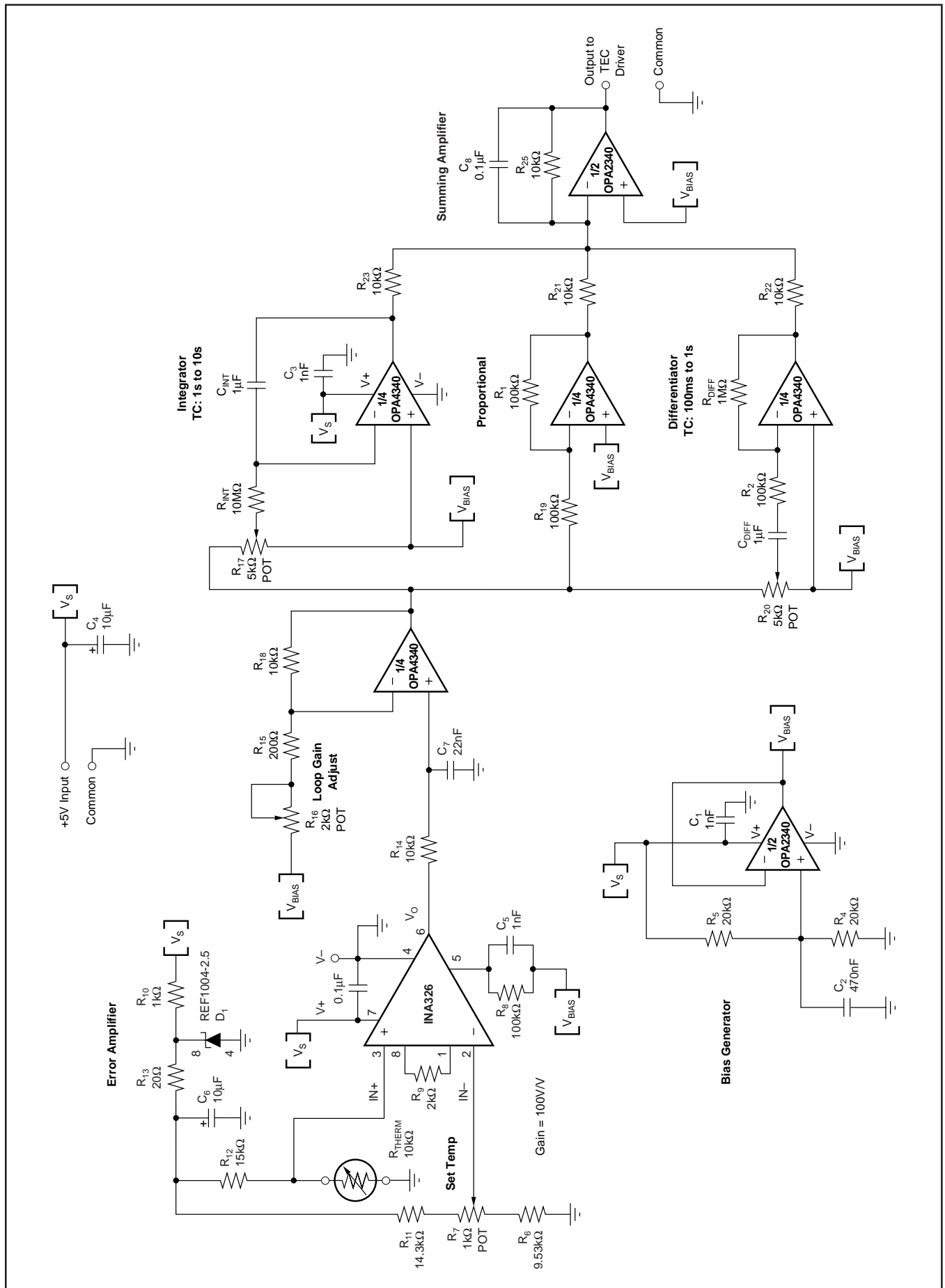


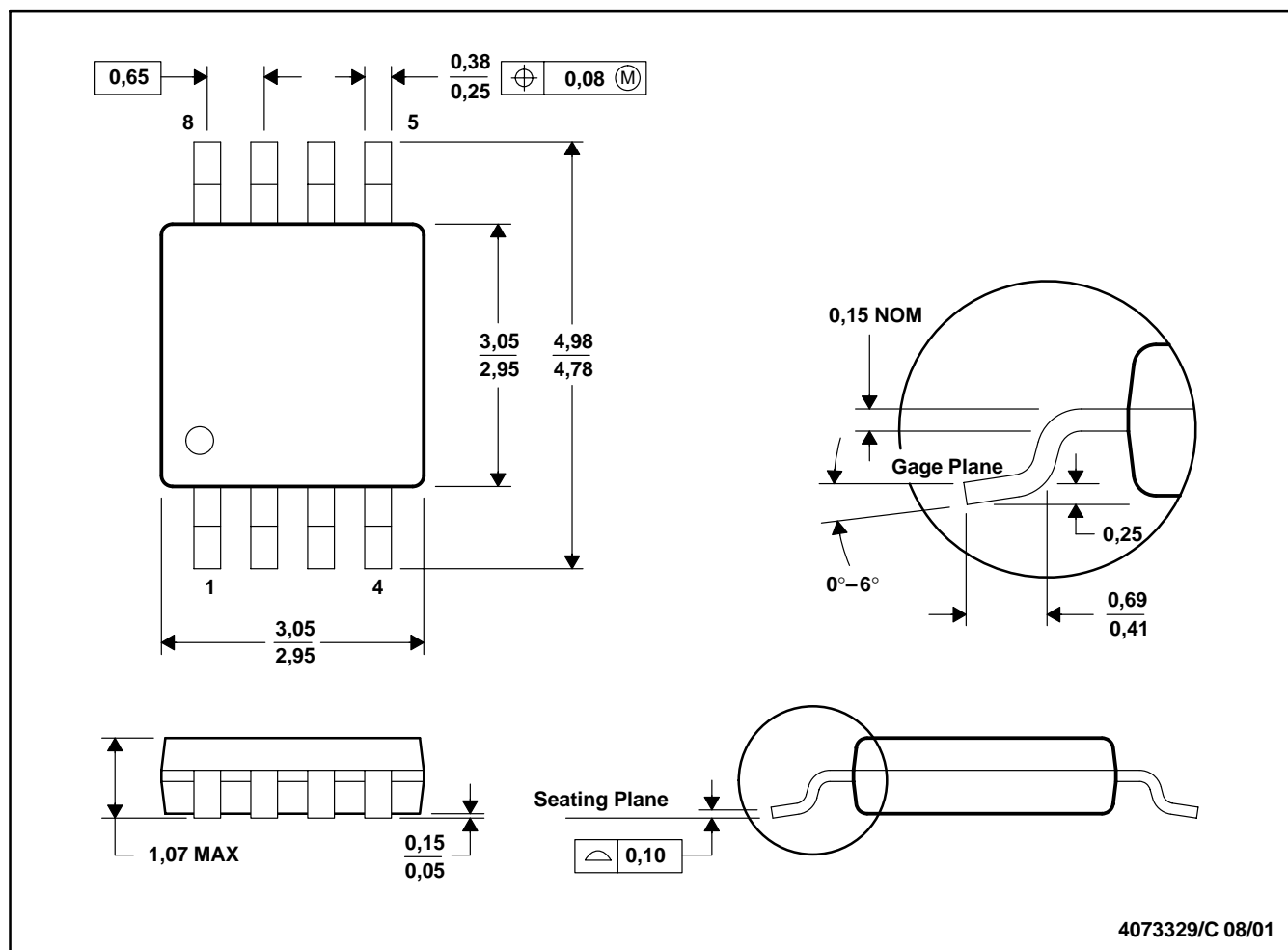
FIGURE 19. Single-Supply PID Temperature Control Loop.

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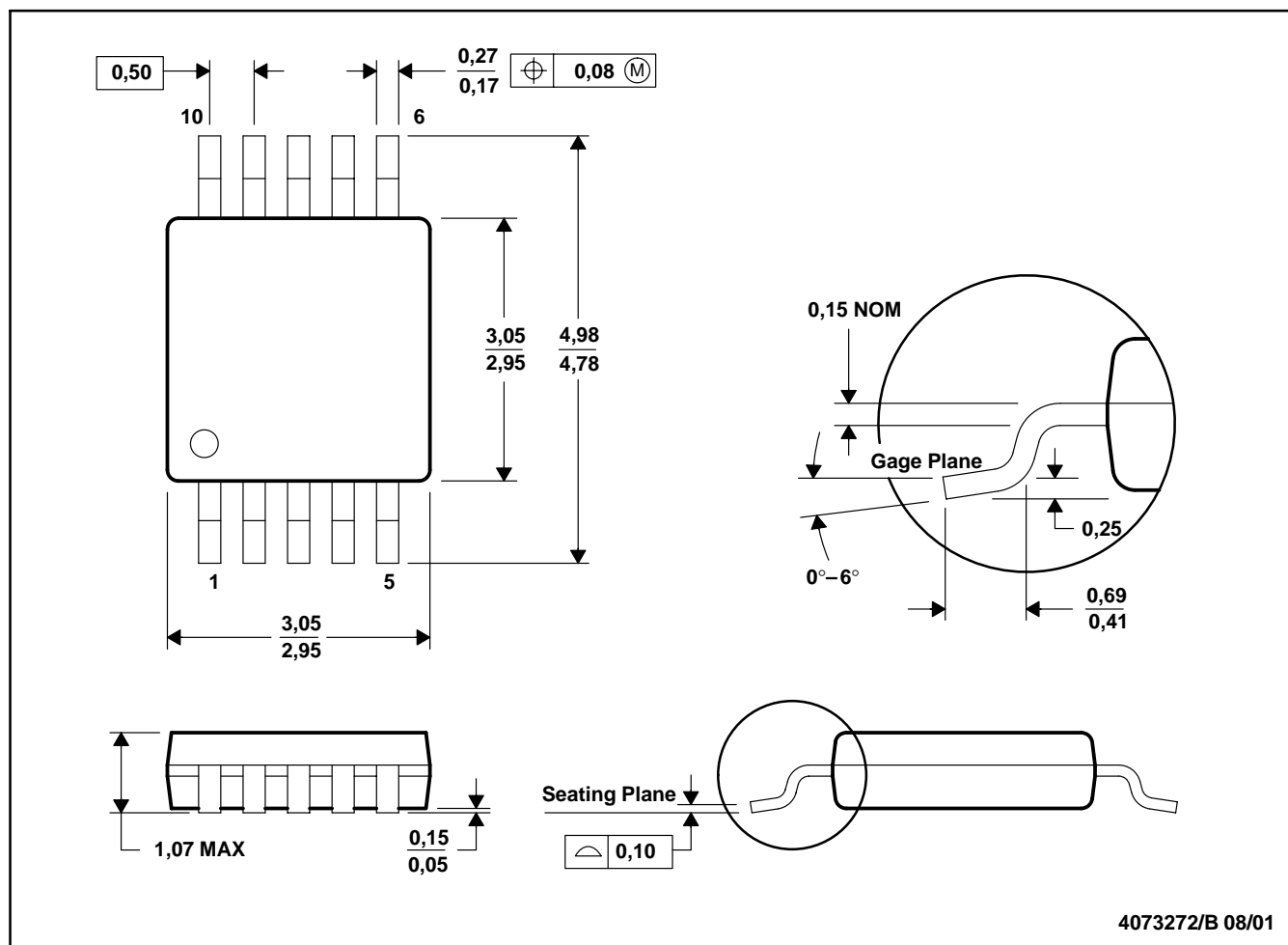
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