## FEATURES

Operating frequency 100 MHz to $\mathbf{4 0 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}$ Digitally controlled variable gain amplifier Supports both serial and parallel interfaces 6 -bit, 0.5 dB digital step attenuator 31.5 dB gain control range with $\pm 0.25 \mathrm{~dB}$ step accuracy Amplifier 1:

Gain: $\mathbf{2 0 . 0 ~ d B ~ @ ~} 900$ MHz
OIP3: $\mathbf{3 8 . 2 \mathrm { dBm } @ 9 0 0 \mathrm { MHz }}$
P1dB: $\mathbf{2 0 . 0 ~ d B m @ ~} 900 \mathbf{~ M H z}$
Noise figure: $\mathbf{2 . 9 ~ d B ~ @ ~} 900 \mathbf{~ M H z}$

## Amplifier 2 :



P1dB: $\mathbf{2 5 . 4} \mathbf{~ d B m} @ 880 \mathrm{MHz}$
Noise figure: $\mathbf{4 . 1} \mathbf{d B}$ @ $880 \mathbf{~ M H z}$
Single supply operation from 4.75 V to 5.25 V
Low quiescent current 195 mA
Thermally efficient $5 \times 5 \mathrm{~mm}$ 32-Lead LFCSP

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The ADL5243 is a high performance digitally controlled variable gain amplifier operating from 100 MHz to 4000 MHz . The VGA integrates two high performance amplifiers and a digital step attenuator (DSA). Amplifier 1 is a 20 dB gain internally matched amplifier, and amplifier 2 is a broadband $1 / 4$ W driver amplifier. The DSA is 6-bit with 31.5 dB gain control range, 0.5 dB steps, and $\pm 0.25 \mathrm{~dB}$ step accuracy. The attenuation of the DSA can be controlled using a serial or parallel interface.

The ADL5243 consumes just 195 mA and operates off a single supply ranging from 4.75 V to 5.25 V . The VGA is packaged in a thermally enhanced $5 \times 5 \mathrm{~mm} 32$-lead LFCSP, and is fully

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FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM


Figure 1
specified for operation from $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. A fully populated evaluation board is available.

## SPECIFICATIONS

$\mathrm{VDD}=5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{VCC1}=5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{VCC} 2=5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Table 1.

| Parameter | Conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OVERALL FUNCTION |  |  |  |  |  |
| Frequency Range |  | 100 |  | 4000 | MHz |
| Amplifier 1 | Pins AMP1＿IN，AMP1＿OUT |  |  |  |  |
| FREQUENCY $=140 \mathrm{MHz}$ <br> Gain <br> vs．Frequency <br> vs．Temperature <br> vs．Supply <br> Output 1 dB Compression Point Output Third－Order Intercept Noise Figure | $\begin{aligned} & \pm 50 \mathrm{MHz} \\ & -40^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \leq \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}} \leq+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \\ & 4.75 \mathrm{~V} \text { to } 5.25 \mathrm{~V} \\ & \Delta \mathrm{f}=1 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{P}_{\text {out }}=0 \mathrm{dBm} \text { per tone } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 17.0 \\ & \pm 1.2 \\ & \pm 0.03 \\ & \pm 0.04 \\ & 17.2 \\ & 25 \\ & 3.4 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dBm <br> dBm <br> dB |
| FREQUENCY $=400 \mathrm{MHz}$ <br> Gain <br> vs．Frequency <br> vs．Temperature <br> vs．Supply <br> Output 1 dB Compression Point <br> Output Third－Order Intercept <br> Noise Figure | $\begin{aligned} & \pm 50 \mathrm{MHz} \\ & -40^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \leq \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}} \leq+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \\ & 4.75 \mathrm{~V} \text { to } 5.25 \mathrm{~V} \\ & \Delta \mathrm{f}=1 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{P}_{\text {out }}=0 \mathrm{dBm} \text { per tone } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 19.5 \\ & \pm 0.2 \\ & \pm 0.3 \\ & \pm 0.01 \\ & 20.0 \\ & 36.5 \\ & 3.0 \end{aligned}$ |  | dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dBm <br> dBm <br> dB |
| FREQUENCY $=900 \mathrm{MHz}$ <br> Gain <br> vs．Frequency <br> vs．Temperature <br> vs．Supply <br> Output 1 dB Compression Point <br> Output Third－Order Intercept <br> Noise Figure | $\begin{aligned} & \pm 50 \mathrm{MHz} \\ & -40^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \leq \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}} \leq+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \\ & 4.75 \mathrm{~V} \text { to } 5.25 \mathrm{~V} \\ & \Delta \mathrm{f}=1 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{P}_{\text {out }}=0 \mathrm{dBm} \text { per tone } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 20.0 \\ & \pm 0.01 \\ & \pm 0.28 \\ & \pm 0.01 \\ & 20.0 \\ & 38.2 \\ & 2.9 \end{aligned}$ |  | dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dBm <br> dBm <br> dB |
| FREQUENCY $=2000 \mathrm{MHz}$ <br> Gain <br> vs．Frequency <br> vs．Temperature <br> vs．Supply <br> Output 1 dB Compression Point <br> Output Third－Order Intercept <br> Noise Figure | $\begin{aligned} & \pm 50 \mathrm{MHz} \\ & -40^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \leq \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}} \leq+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \\ & 4.75 \mathrm{~V} \text { to } 5.25 \mathrm{~V} \\ & \Delta \mathrm{f}=1 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{P}_{\text {out }}=0 \mathrm{dBm} \text { per tone } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 18.2 \\ & \pm 0.04 \\ & \pm 0.35 \\ & \pm 0.04 \\ & 19.0 \\ & 37.6 \\ & 3.1 \end{aligned}$ |  | dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dBm <br> dBm <br> dB |
| FREQUENCY $=2600 \mathrm{MHz}$ <br> Gain <br> vs．Frequency <br> vs．Temperature <br> vs．Supply <br> Output 1 dB Compression Point <br> Output Third－Order Intercept <br> Noise Figure | $\begin{aligned} & \pm 50 \mathrm{MHz} \\ & -40^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \leq \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}} \leq+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \\ & 4.75 \mathrm{~V} \text { to } 5.25 \mathrm{~V} \\ & \Delta \mathrm{f}=1 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{P}_{\text {out }}=0 \mathrm{dBm} \text { per tone } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 17.8 \\ & \pm 0.01 \\ & \pm 0.28 \\ & \pm 0.05 \\ & 18.7 \\ & 34.8 \\ & 3.4 \end{aligned}$ |  | dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dBm <br> dBm <br> dB |


| Parameter | Conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FREQUENCY $=3500 \mathrm{MHz}$ <br> Gain <br> vs. Frequency <br> vs. Temperature <br> vs. Supply <br> Output 1 dB Compression Point Output Third-Order Intercept Noise Figure | $\begin{aligned} & \pm 50 \mathrm{MHz} \\ & -40^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \leq \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}} \leq+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \\ & 4.75 \mathrm{~V} \text { to } 5.25 \mathrm{~V} \\ & \Delta \mathrm{f}=1 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{P}_{\text {out }}=0 \mathrm{dBm} \text { per tone } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 16.7 \\ & \pm 0.03 \\ & \pm 0.37 \\ & \pm 0.07 \\ & 18.2 \\ & 32.5 \\ & 3.8 \end{aligned}$ |  | dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dBm <br> dBm <br> dB |
| FREQUENCY $=4000 \mathrm{MHz}$ <br> Gain <br> vs. Frequency <br> vs. Temperature <br> vs. Supply <br> Output 1 dB Compression Point Output Third-Order Intercept Noise Figure | $\begin{aligned} & \pm 50 \mathrm{MHz} \\ & -40^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \leq \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}} \leq+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \\ & 4.75 \mathrm{~V} \text { to } 5.25 \mathrm{~V} \\ & \Delta \mathrm{f}=1 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{P}_{\text {out }}=0 \mathrm{dBm} \text { per tone } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 15.5 \\ & \pm 0.19 \\ & \pm 0.73 \\ & \pm 0.08 \\ & 17.5 \\ & 28 \\ & 3.7 \end{aligned}$ |  | dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dBm <br> dBm <br> dB |


| Parameter | Conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amplifier 2 | Pins AMP2_IN, AMP2_OUT |  |  |  |  |
| FREQUENCY $=880 \mathrm{MHz}$ <br> Gain <br> vs. Frequency <br> vs. Temperature <br> vs. Supply <br> Output 1 dB Compression Point <br> Output Third-Order Intercept <br> Noise Figure | $\begin{aligned} & \pm 50 \mathrm{MHz} \\ & -40^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \leq \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}} \leq+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \\ & 4.75 \mathrm{~V} \text { to } 5.25 \mathrm{~V} \\ & \Delta \mathrm{f}=1 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{P}_{\text {out }}=10 \mathrm{dBm} \text { per tone } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 16.9 \\ & \pm 0.3 \\ & \pm 0.6 \\ & \pm 0.1 \\ & 25.4 \\ & 45 \\ & 4.1 \end{aligned}$ |  | dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dBm <br> dBm <br> dB |
| FREQUENCY $=2100 \mathrm{MHz}$ <br> Gain <br> vs. Frequency <br> vs. Temperature <br> vs. Supply <br> Output 1 dB Compression Point <br> Output Third-Order Intercept <br> Noise Figure | $\begin{aligned} & \pm 50 \mathrm{MHz} \\ & -40^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \leq \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}} \leq+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \\ & 4.75 \mathrm{~V} \text { to } 5.25 \mathrm{~V} \\ & \Delta \mathrm{f}=1 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{P}_{\text {out }}=10 \mathrm{dBm} \text { per tone } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 13.2 \\ & \pm 0.33 \\ & \pm 0.8 \\ & \pm 0.06 \\ & 25.7 \\ & 42 \\ & 4.4 \end{aligned}$ |  | dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dBm <br> dBm <br> dB |
| FREQUENCY $=2600 \mathrm{MHz}$ <br> Gain <br> vs. Frequency <br> vs. Temperature <br> vs. Supply <br> Output 1 dB Compression Point Output Third-Order Intercept Noise Figure | $\begin{aligned} & \pm 50 \mathrm{MHz} \\ & -40^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \leq \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}} \leq+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \\ & 4.75 \mathrm{~V} \text { to } 5.25 \mathrm{~V} \\ & \Delta \mathrm{f}=1 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{P}_{\text {out }}=10 \mathrm{dBm} \text { per tone } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 12.6 \\ & \pm 0.4 \\ & \pm 0.7 \\ & \pm 0.07 \\ & 25.7 \\ & 41 \\ & 4.0 \end{aligned}$ |  | dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dBm <br> dBm <br> dB |
| FREQUENCY $=3500 \mathrm{MHz}$ <br> Gain <br> vs. Frequency <br> vs. Temperature <br> vs. Supply <br> Output 1 dB Compression Point <br> Output Third-Order Intercept <br> Noise Figure | $\begin{aligned} & \pm 50 \mathrm{MHz} \\ & -40^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \leq \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}} \leq+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \\ & 4.75 \mathrm{~V} \text { to } 5.25 \mathrm{~V} \\ & \Delta \mathrm{f}=1 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{P}_{\text {out }}=10 \mathrm{dBm} \text { per tone } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 12.0 \\ & \pm 0.05 \\ & \pm 0.8 \\ & \pm 0.07 \\ & 25.7 \\ & 38 \\ & 4.9 \end{aligned}$ |  | dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dBm <br> dBm <br> dB |


| Parameter | Conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Digital Step Attenuator | Pins DSA_IN, DSA_OUT |  |  |  |  |
| FREQUENCY $=400-1000 \mathrm{MHz}$ <br> Insertion Loss <br> Attenuation Range <br> Step Size <br> Input Return Loss <br> Output Return Loss <br> Input 1 dB Compression Point Input Third-Order Intercept | Minimum Attenuation $\Delta f=1 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{P}_{\text {out }}=8 \mathrm{dBm} / \text { tone, Minimum Attenuation }$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1.7 \\ & 31.5 \\ & 0.5 \\ & 15 \\ & 13 \\ & 28 \\ & 51 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dBm <br> dBm |
| FREQUENCY $=1400-2200 \mathrm{MHz}$ <br> Insertion Loss <br> Attenuation Range <br> Step Size <br> Input Return Loss <br> Output Return Loss <br> Input 1 dB Compression Point Input Third-Order Intercept | Minimum Attenuation $\Delta \mathrm{f}=1 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{P}_{\text {out }}=16 \mathrm{dBm} / \text { tone, Minimum Attenuation }$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2.4 \\ & 31.5 \\ & 0.5 \\ & 12 \\ & 12 \\ & 28 \\ & 50 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dBm <br> dBm |
| FREQUENCY $=2200-2700 \mathrm{MHz}$ <br> Insertion Loss <br> Attenuation Range <br> Step Size <br> Input Return Loss <br> Output Return Loss <br> Input 1 dB Compression Point Input Third-Order Intercept | Minimum Attenuation $\Delta \mathrm{f}=1 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{out}}=15 \mathrm{dBm} / \text { tone, Minimum Attenuation }$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 3.4 \\ & 31.5 \\ & 0.5 \\ & 10 \\ & 10 \\ & 28 \\ & 49 \end{aligned}$ |  | dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dB <br> dBm <br> dBm |
| POWER SUPPLIES <br> Voltage <br> Supply Current | Pin VDD | 4.75 | $\begin{aligned} & 5.0 \\ & 195 \end{aligned}$ | 5.25 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{V} \\ & \mathrm{~mA} \end{aligned}$ |

## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Table 2.

| Parameter | Rating |
| :--- | :--- |
| Supply Voltage，VDD | TBD V |
| Lead Temperature（Soldering， 60 sec ） | $\mathrm{TBD}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Internal Power Dissipation | TBD W |
| $\theta_{\mathrm{JA}}$（Exposed Paddle Soldered Down） | $\mathrm{TBD}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{W}$ |
| Maximum Junction Temperature | $150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Operating Temperature Range | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Storage Temperature Range | $-65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |

Stresses above those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device．This is a stress rating only；functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational section of this specification is not implied．Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect

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device reliability．

## PIN CONFIGURATION AND FUNCTION DESCRIPTIONS



Figure 2．Pin Configuration
Table 3．Pin Function Descriptions

| Pin No． | Mnemonic | Description |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1,24 | VDD | Supply voltage for DSA，Connect to 5V supply |
| $2,3,5,7,8,9,11,12,13$, | GND | Ground connection，connect to low impedance ground plane |
| $14,17,18,20,22,23$ |  |  |
| 4 | DSA＿IN | RF Input to DSA |
| 6 | AMP1＿OUT | RF Output from Amplifier 1 |
| 10 | AMP1＿IN | RF Input to Amplifier 1 |
| 15 | AMP2＿OUT | RF Output from Amplifier 2 |
| 16 | VBIAS | Bias for Amplifier 2 |
| 19 | AMP2＿IN | RF Input to Amplifier 2 |
| 21 | DSA＿OUT | RF Output from DSA |
| 25 | D6 | Data bit in Parallel Mode（LSB），Connect to supply in Serial Mode |
| 26 | D5 | Data bit in Parallel Mode，Connect to ground in Serial Mode |
| 27 | D4 | Data bit in Parallel Mode，Connect to ground in Serial Mode |
| 28 | D3 | Data bit in Parallel Mode，Connect to ground in Serial Mode |
| 29 | D2 | Data bit in Parallel Mode and Latch Enable in Serial Mode |
| 30 | D1 | Data bit in Parallel Mode（MSB）and Data in Serial Mode |
| 31 | SEL1 | Connect to ground in Parallel Mode and Clock in Serial Mode |
| 32 |  | Connect to supply for Parallel mode operation，connect to ground for serial mode operation |

## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS



Figure 3 Amp1：Gain vs．Freq and Temp


Figure 4 Amp1：P1dB and OIP3 vs．Freq and Temp


Figure 5 Amp1：OIP3 vs Pout and Freq


Figure 6 Amp1：Noise Figure vs．Freq


Figure 7 Amp1：S parameters vs．Freq


Figure 8 Amp1：Supply Current vs Temp

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Figure 9 Amp2：Gain vs．Freq and Temp


Figure 10 Amp2：P1dB and OIP3 vs．Freq and Temp


Figure 11 Amp2：OIP3 vs Pout and Freq


Figure 12 Amp2：Noise Figure vs．Freq


Figure 13 Amp2：S parameters vs．Freq


Figure 14 Amp2：Supply Current vs Temp

## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS



Figure 15 DSA：Gain vs Freq and Temp（minimum attenuation）


Figure 16 DSA：Attenuation vs．Freq


Figure 17 DSA：S11 vs Freq


Figure 18 DSA：S22 vs Freq

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## SPI TIMING SEQUENCE



Figure 19. SPI Timing Sequence
Figure 19 is the timing sequence for the SPI function using a 6 -bit operation. The clock can be as fast as 20 MHz . In serial mode operation register B5 (MSB) comes in first and register B0 (LSB) comes in last.

Table 4. Mode Selection Table

| Pin SEL 1 | Functionality |
| :--- | :--- |
| Ground | Serial Mode |
| Supply | Parallel Mode |

Table 5. DSA Attenuation Truth Table - Serial Mode

| Attenuation State | B5 (MSB) | B4 | B3 | B2 | B1 | B0 (LSB) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 dB (reference) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 0.5 dB | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 1.0 dB | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 2.0 dB | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 4.0 dB | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 8.0 dB | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 16.0 dB | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 31.5 dB | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |

Table 6. DSA Attenuation Truth Table - Parallel Mode

| Attenuation State | D1 (MSB) | D2 | D3 | D4 | D5 | D6 (LSB) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 dB (reference) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 0.5 dB | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 1.0 dB | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 2.0 dB | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 4.0 dB | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 8.0 dB | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 16.0 dB | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 31.5 dB | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |

## OUTLINE DIMENSIONS



COMPLIANT TO JEDEC STANDARDS MO-220-WHHD.
Figure 20. 2-Lead Lead Frame Chip Scale Package [LFCSP_WQ]
$5 \mathrm{~mm} \times 5 \mathrm{~mm}$ Body, Very Very Thin Quad
(CP-32-13)
Dimensions shown in millimeters

ORDERING GUIDE

| Model | Temperature Range | Package Description | Package Option |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ADL5243ACPZ-R7 | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 32 Lead Lead Frame Chip Scale Package LFCSP_WQ | CP-32-13 |
| ADL5243-EVALZ |  |  |  |

