

LT1210

1.1A, 35MHz Current Feedback Amplifier

- **1.1A Minimum Output Drive Current**
- **35MHz Bandwidth, A_V = 2, R_L = 10** Ω
- 900V/us Slew Rate, A_V = 2, R_L = 10Ω
- High Input Impedance: $10MΩ$
- Wide Supply Range: $±5V$ to $±15V$ (TO-220 and DD Packages)
- Enhanced θ_{JA} SO-16 Package for \pm 5V Operation
- Shutdown Mode: $I_S < 200 \mu A$
- Adjustable Supply Current
- Stable with $C_1 = 10,000pF$
- Available in 7-Lead DD, TO-220 and 16-Lead SO Packages

APPLICATIONS

- Cable Drivers
- Buffers
- Test Equipment Amplifiers
- Video Amplifiers
- ADSL Drivers

FEATURES DESCRIPTIO ^U

The LT®1210 is a current feedback amplifier with high output current and excellent large-signal characteristics. The combination of high slew rate, 1.1A output drive and ±15V operation enables the device to deliver significant power at frequencies in the 1MHz to 2MHz range. Shortcircuit protection and thermal shutdown ensure the device's ruggedness. The LT1210 is stable with large capacitive loads, and can easily supply the large currents required by the capacitive loading. A shutdown feature switches the device into a high impedance and low supply current mode, reducing dissipation when the device is not in use. For lower bandwidth applications, the supply current can be reduced with a single external resistor.

The LT1210 is available in the TO-220 and DD packages for operation with supplies up to \pm 15V. For \pm 5V applications the device is also available in a low thermal resistance SO-16 package.

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TYPICAL APPLICATION

Total Harmonic Distortion vs Frequency

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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (Note 1)

PACKAGE/ORDER INFORMATION

Consult LTC Marketing for parts specified with wider operating temperature ranges.

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temperature range, otherwise specifications are at T_A = 25°C. V_{CM} = 0V, ±5V ≤ V_S ≤ ±15V, pulse tested, V_{SD} = 0V, unless **otherwise noted.**

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Note 1: Stresses beyond those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to any Absolute Maximum Rating condition for extended periods may affect device reliability and lifetime.

Note 2: Applies to short circuits to ground only. A short circuit between the output and either supply may permanently damage the part when operated on supplies greater than $\pm 10V$.

Note 3: Commercial grade parts are designed to operate over the temperature range of $-40^{\circ}C \leq T_A \leq 85^{\circ}C$, but are neither tested nor guaranteed beyond $0^\circ C \leq T_A \leq 70^\circ C$. Industrial grade parts tested over -40 °C \leq T_A \leq 85°C are available on special request. Consult factory.

Note 4: SO package is recommended for ±5V supplies only, as the power dissipation of the SO package limits performance on higher supplies. For supply voltages greater than ±5V, use the TO-220 or DD package. See "Thermal Considerations" in the Applications Information section for details on calculating junction temperature. If the maximum dissipation of the package is exceeded, the device will go into thermal shutdown. **Note 5:** R_{SD} is connected between the Shutdown pin and ground.

Note 6: Slew rate is measured at $\pm 5V$ on a $\pm 10V$ output signal while operating on \pm 15V supplies with R_F = 1.5k, R_G = 1.5k and R_L = 400Ω. **Note 7:** NTSC composite video with an output level of 2V.

SMALL-SIGNAL BANDWIDTH

Ay	R_L	R_F	R_G	$-3dB$ BW (MHz)
-1	150	549	549	52.5
	30	590	590	39.7
	10	619	619	26.5
	150 30 10	604 649 619		53.5 39.7 27.4
2	150	562	562	51.8
	30	590	590	38.8
	10	576	576	27.4
10	150	392	43.2	48.4
	30	383	42.2	40.3
	10	215	23.7	36.0

 $R_{SD} = 0Ω$, $I_S = 35mA$, $V_S = ±15V$, Peaking ≤ 1dB **–3dB BW AV RL RF RG (MHz)** –1 | 150 | 604 | 604 | 66.2 30 649 649 48.4 10 | 665 | 665 | 46.5

1 150 750 – 56.8

2 | 150 | 665 | 665 | 52.5

10 150 453 49.9 61.5

30 866 – 35.4
10 845 – 24.7 10 845 – 24.7

30 715 715 38.9 10 | 576 | 576 | 35.0

30 432 47.5 43.1
10 221 24.3 45.5

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 $R_{SD} = 7.5k$, $I_S = 15mA$, $V_S = \pm 5V$, Peaking $\leq 1dB$

Α _ν	R_L	R_F	R_G	$-3dB$ BW (MHz)
-1	150	562	562	39.7
	30	619	619	28.9
	10	604	604	20.5
1	150 30 10	634 681 649		41.9 29.7 20.7
2	150	576	576	40.2
	30	604	604	29.6
	10	576	576	21.6
10	150	324	35.7	39.5
	30	324	35.7	32.3
	10	210	23.2	27.7

 $R_{SD} = 47.5k$, $I_S = 18mA$, $V_S = \pm 15V$, Peaking $\leq 1dB$

 $R_{SD} = 15k$, $I_S = 7.5mA$, $V_S = \pm 5V$, Peaking $\leq 1dB$

Α _ν	R_L	R_F	R_G	$-3dB$ BW (MHz)
-1	150	536	536	28.2
	30	549	549	20.0
	10	464	464	15.0
1	150 30 10	619 634 511		28.6 19.8 14.9
$\overline{2}$	150	536	536	28.3
	30	549	549	19.9
	10	412	412	15.7
10	150	150	16.5	31.5
	30	118	13.0	27.1
	10	100	11.0	19.4

RSD = 82.5k, IS = 9mA, VS = ±**15V, Peaking** ≤ **1dB**

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

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3rd Order Intercept vs Frequency Test Circuit for 3rd Order Intercept

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The LT1210 is a current feedback amplifier with high output current drive capability. The device is stable with large capacitive loads and can easily supply the high currents required by capacitive loads. The amplifier will drive low impedance loads such as cables with excellent linearity at high frequencies.

Feedback Resistor Selection

The optimum value for the feedback resistors is a function of the operating conditions of the device, the load impedance and the desired flatness of response. The Typical AC Performance tables give the values which result in less than 1dB of peaking for various resistive loads and operating conditions. If this level of flatness is not required, a higher bandwidth can be obtained by use of a lower feedback resistor. The characteristic curves of Bandwidth vs Supply Voltage indicate feedback resistors for peaking up to 5dB. These curves use a solid line when the response has less than 1dB of peaking and a dashed line when the response has 1dB to 5dB of peaking. The curves stop where the response has more than 5dB of peaking.

For resistive loads, the COMP pin should be left open (see Capacitive Loads section).

Capacitive Loads

The LT1210 includes an optional compensation network for driving capacitive loads. This network eliminates most of the output stage peaking associated with capacitive loads, allowing the frequency response to be flattened. Figure 1 shows the effect of the network on a 200pF load. Without the optional compensation, there is a 6dB peak at 40MHz caused by the effect of the capacitance on the output stage. Adding a 0.01µF bypass capacitor between the output and the COMP pins connects the compensation and greatly reduces the peaking. A lower value feedback resistor can now be used, resulting in a response which is flat to \pm 1dB to 40MHz. The network has the greatest effect for C_L in the range of OpF to 1000pF. The graphs of Bandwidth and Feedback Resistance vs Capacitive Load can be used to select the appropriate value of feedback resistor. The values shown are for 1dB and 5dB peaking at a gain of 2 with no resistive load. This is a worst-case condition, as the amplifier is more stable at higher gains and with some resistive load in parallel with the capaci-

tance. Also shown is the –3dB bandwidth with the suggested feedback resistor vs the load capacitance.

Although the optional compensation works well with capacitive loads, it simply reduces the bandwidth when it is connected with resistive loads. For instance, with a 10 Ω load, the bandwidth drops from 35MHz to 26MHz when the compensation is connected. Hence, the compensation was made optional. To disconnect the optional compensation, leave the COMP pin open.

Shutdown/Current Set

If the shutdown feature is not used, the SHUTDOWN pin must be connected to ground or V–.

The Shutdown pin can be used to either turn off the biasing for the amplifier, reducing the quiescent current to less than 200µA, or to control the quiescent current in normal operation.

1210fa The total bias current in the LT1210 is controlled by the current flowing out of the Shutdown pin. When the Shutdown pin is open or driven to the positive supply, the part is shut down. In the shutdown mode, the output looks like a 70pF capacitor and the supply current is typically less than 100µA. The Shutdown pin is referenced to the positive supply through an internal bias circuit (see the Simplified Schematic). An easy way to force shutdown is to use open-drain (collector) logic. The circuit shown in Figure 2 uses a 74C904 buffer to interface between 5V logic and the LT1210. The switching time between the active and shutdown states is about 1µs. A 24k pull-up resistor speeds

Figure 2. Shutdown Interface

up the turn-off time and ensures that the LT1210 is completely turned off. Because the pin is referenced to the positive supply, the logic used should have a breakdown voltage of greater than the positive supply voltage. No other circuitry is necessary as the internal circuit limits the Shutdown pin current to about 500µA. Figure 3 shows the resulting waveforms.

Figure 3. Shutdown Operation

For applications where the full bandwidth of the amplifier is not required, the quiescent current of the device may be reduced by connecting a resistor from the Shutdown pin to ground. The quiescent current will be approximately 65 times the current in the Shutdown pin. The voltage across the resistor in this condition is $V^+ - 3V_{BF}$. For example, a 82k resistor will set the quiescent supply current to 9mA with $V_S = \pm 15V$.

The photos in Figures 4a and 4b show the effect of reducing the quiescent supply current on the large-signal

response. The quiescent current can be reduced to 9mA in the inverting configuration without much change in response. In noninverting mode, however, the slew rate is reduced as the quiescent current is reduced.

Figure 4a. Large-Signal Response vs I_0 **, A_V = -1**

Figure 4b. Large-Signal Response vs I_0 , $A_V = 2$

Slew Rate

1210fa Unlike a traditional op amp, the slew rate of a current feedback amplifier is not independent of the amplifier gain configuration. There are slew rate limitations in both the input stage and the output stage. In the inverting mode, and for higher gains in the noninverting mode, the signal amplitude on the input pins is small and the overall slew rate is that of the output stage. The input stage slew rate is related to the quiescent current and will be reduced as the supply current is reduced. The output slew rate is set by the value of the feedback resistors and the internal capacitance. Larger feedback resistors will reduce the slew rate as will lower supply voltages, similar to the way

the bandwidth is reduced. The photos in Figures 5a, 5b and 5c show the large-signal response of the LT1210 for various gain configurations. The slew rate varies from $770V/\mu s$ for a gain of 1, to 1100V/ μs for a gain of -1 .

Figure 5a. Large-Signal Response, $A_V = 1$

Figure 5b. Large-Signal Response, $A_V = -1$

Figure 5c. Large-Signal Response, $A_V = 2$

When the LT1210 is used to drive capacitive loads, the available output current can limit the overall slew rate. In the fastest configuration, the LT1210 is capable of a slew rate of over 1V/ns. The current required to slew a capacitor at this rate is 1mA per picofarad of capacitance, so 10,000pF would require 10A! The photo (Figure 6) shows the large-signal behavior with $C_1 = 10,000pF$. The slew rate is about 150V/µs, determined by the current limit of 1.5A.

Figure 6. Large-Signal Response, C_L = 10,000pF

Differential Input Signal Swing

The differential input swing is limited to about $\pm 6V$ by an ESD protection device connected between the inputs. In normal operation, the differential voltage between the input pins is small, so this clamp has no effect; however, in the shutdown mode the differential swing can be the same as the input swing. The clamp voltage will then set the maximum allowable input voltage. To allow for some margin, it is recommended that the input signal be less than ±5V when the device is shut down.

Capacitance on the Inverting Input

Current feedback amplifiers require resistive feedback from the output to the inverting input for stable operation. Take care to minimize the stray capacitance between the output and the inverting input. Capacitance on the inverting input to ground will cause peaking in the frequency response (and overshoot in the transient response), but it does not degrade the stability of the amplifier.

Power Supplies

The LT1210 will operate from single or split supplies from $\pm 5V$ (10V total) to $\pm 15V$ (30V total). It is not necessary to use equal value split supplies, however the offset voltage and inverting input bias current will change. The offset voltage changes about 500µV per volt of supply mismatch. The inverting bias current can change as much as 5µA per volt of supply mismatch, though typically the change is less than 0.5µA per volt.

Power Supply Bypassing

To obtain the maximum output and the minimum distortion from the LT1210, the power supply rails should be well bypassed. For example, with the output stage pouring 1A current peaks into the load, a 1 Ω power supply impedance will cause a droop of 1V, reducing the available output swing by that amount. Surface mount tantalum and ceramic capacitors make excellent low ESR bypass elements when placed close to the chip. For frequencies above 100kHz, use 1µF and 100nF ceramic capacitors. If significant power must be delivered below 100kHz, capacitive reactance becomes the limiting factor. Larger ceramic or tantalum capacitors, such as 4.7µF, are recommended in place of the 1µF unit mentioned above.

Inadequate bypassing is evidenced by reduced output swing and "distorted" clipping effects when the output is driven to the rails. If this is observed, check the supply pins of the device for ripple directly related to the output waveform. Significant supply modulation indicates poor bypassing.

Thermal Considerations

The LT1210 contains a thermal shutdown feature which protects against excessive internal (junction) temperature. If the junction temperature of the device exceeds the protection threshold, the device will begin cycling between normal operation and an off state. The cycling is not harmful to the part. The thermal cycling occurs at a slow rate, typically 10ms to several seconds, which depends on the power dissipation and the thermal time constants of the package and heat sinking. Raising the ambient temperature until the device begins thermal shutdown gives a good indication of how much margin there is in the thermal design.

For surface mount devices heat sinking is accomplished by using the heat spreading capabilities of the PC board and its copper traces. Experiments have shown that the heat spreading copper layer does not need to be electrically connected to the tab of the device. The PCB material can be very effective at transmitting heat between the pad area attached to the tab of the device, and a ground or power plane layer either inside or on the opposite side of the board. Although the actual thermal resistance of the PCB material is high, the length/area ratio of the thermal resistance between the layer is small. Copper board stiffeners and plated through holes can also be used to spread the heat generated by the device.

Tables 1 and 2 list thermal resistance for each package. For the TO-220 package, thermal resistance is given for junction-to-case only since this package is usually mounted to a heat sink. Measured values of thermal resistance for several different board sizes and copper areas are listed for each surface mount package. All measurements were taken in still air on 3/32" FR-4 board with 2 oz copper. This data can be used as a rough guideline in estimating thermal resistance. The thermal resistance for each application will be affected by thermal interactions with other components as well as board size and shape.

*Tab of device attached to topside copper

Table 2. Fused 16-Lead SO Package

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T7 Package, 7-Lead TO-220 Thermal Resistance (Junction-to-Case) = 5°C/W

Calculating Junction Temperature

The junction temperature can be calculated from the equation:

 $T_{\text{I}} = (P_{\text{D}})(\theta_{\text{IA}}) + T_{\text{A}}$

where:

 T_J = Junction Temperature

 T_A = Ambient Temperature

 P_D = Device Dissipation

 θ_{JA} = Thermal Resistance (Junction-to-Ambient)

As an example, calculate the junction temperature for the circuit in Figure 7 for the SO and R packages assuming a 70°C ambient temperature.

The device dissipation can be found by measuring the supply currents, calculating the total dissipation and then subtracting the dissipation in the load and feedback network.

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P_D = (76mA)(10V) - (1.4V)^2/10 = 0.56W
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then:

 $T_{\rm J} = (0.56W)(46^{\circ}C/W) + 70^{\circ}C = 96^{\circ}C$ for the SO package with 1000 sq. mm topside heat sinking

 $T_{J} = (0.56W)(27^{\circ}C/W) + 70^{\circ}C = 85^{\circ}C$ for the R package with 1000 sq. mm topside heat sinking

Since the maximum junction temperature is 150°C, both packages are clearly acceptable.

TYPICAL APPLICATIONS U

Precision ×10 High Current Amplifier CMOS Logic to Shutdown Interface

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SIMPLIFIED SCHEMATIC

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION U

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MOLD FLASH OR PROTRUSIONS SHALL NOT EXCEED .006" (0.15mm)

T7 Package 7-Lead Plastic TO-220 (Standard) (Reference LTC DWG # 05-08-1422)

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Frequency Response

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