

High Current Driver Amplifier and Digital VGA/Preamplifier with 3 dB Steps

AD8260

FEATURES

High current driver Differential input—direct drive from DAC Preset gain: 1.5× −3 dB bandwidth: 195 MHz Large output drive: >±300 mA VGA/preamplifier Low noise Voltage noise: 2.4 nV/√Hz Current noise: 5 pA/√Hz −3 dB bandwidth: 230 MHz Gain range: 30 dB in 3 dB steps −6 dB to +24 dB (for preamplifier gain of 6 dB) Single-ended preamplifier input and differential VGA output Supplies: 3.3 V to 10 V (with VMID enabled) ±3.3 V to ±5 V (with VMID disabled) Power: 93 mW with 3.3 V supplies Power-down for VGA, driver amplifier, and system

APPLICATIONS

Digital AGC systems Tx/Rx signal processing Power line transceivers

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The AD8260 includes a high current driver, usable as a transmitter, and a low noise digitally programmable variable gain amplifier (DGA), useable as a receiver.

The receiver section consists of a single-ended input preamplifier, and linear-in-dB, differential-output DGA. The receiver has a small signal –3 dB bandwidth of 230 MHz; the driver small signal bandwidth is 195 MHz. The driver delivers ±300 mA, well suited for driving low impedance loads, even when connected to a 3.3 V supply.

The AD8260 DGA is ideal for trim applications and has a gain span of 30 dB, in 3 dB steps. Excellent bandwidth uniformity is maintained across the entire frequency range. The low outputreferred noise of the DGA is advantageous in driving high speed ADCs. The differential output facilitates the interface to modern low voltage high speed ADCs.

Single-supply and dual-supply operation makes the part versatile and enables gain control of negative-going pulses, such as those generated by photodiodes or photo-multiplier tubes, as well as processing band-pass signals on a single supply. For maximum

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dynamic range, it is essential that the part be ac-coupled when operating on a single supply.

The AD8260 preamplifier (PrA) is configured with external resistors for gains greater than 6 dB and can be inverting or noninverting. The DGA is characterized with a noninverting preamplifier gain of 2×. The attenuator has a range of 30 dB and the output amplifier has a gain of $8\times$ (18.06 dB). The lowest noninverting gain range is −6 dB to +24 dB and shifts up with increased preamplifier gain. The gain is controlled via a parallel port (Pin GNS0 to Pin GNS3) with 10 gain steps of 3 dB per code. The preamplifier and DGA are disabled for any code that is not assigned a gain step.

The AD8260 can operate with single or dual supplies from 3.3 V to ±5 V. An internal buffer normally provides a split supply reference for single-supply operation; an external reference can also be used when the VMID buffer is shut down.

The operating temperature range is −40°C to +105°C. The AD8260 is available in a 5 mm \times 5 mm, 32-lead LFCSP.

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¹ Thermal data at zero airflow with exposed pad soldered to four-layer JEDEC board with vias per JESD51-5.

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 device reliability.

ESD CAUTION

ESD (electrostatic discharge) sensitive device. Charged devices and circuit boards can discharge
without detection. Although this product features patented or proprietary protection circuitry, damage may occur on devices subjected to high energy ESD. Therefore, proper ESD precautions should be taken to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.

PIN CONFIGURATION AND FUNCTION DESCRIPTIONS

NOTES 1. THE EXPOSED PAD IS NOT CONNECTED INTERNALLY. FOR INCREASED RELIABILITY OF THE SOLDER JOINTS AND MAXIMUM THERMAL CAPABILITY, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE PAD BE SOLDERED TO THE GROUND PLANE. THE GROUND PLANE PATTERN SHOULD INCLUDE A PATTERN OF VIAS TO INNER LAYERS.

Figure 2. Pin Configuration

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¹ Pins with the same name are connected internally.

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 V_S (supply voltage) = 3.3 V, T_A = 25°C, C_L = 5 pF, f = 10 MHz, preamplifier gain = 2×, R_{FB1} and R_{FB2} of the preamplifier = 100 Ω , R_{LOAD} of the driver amplifier = 500 Ω, T_x and R_x enabled, unless otherwise specified.

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THEORY OF OPERATION

OVERVIEW

The AD8260 is a self-contained transceiver intended for analog communications using a power line as the media. Operating on supplies as low as 3.3 V, it includes a high current driver usable as a transmitter and a low noise digitally programmable variable gain amplifier (DGA), usable as a receiver (se[e Figure 64\)](#page-20-1). An uncommitted current-feedback high frequency op amp acts as a preamplifier and interface to the DGA and is user configured for gains greater than 6 dB. Combined, the VGA and preamplifier are usable at high signal levels from dc to 100 MHz, with a small-signal −3 dB bandwidth of 230 MHz. To implement a high current-output VGA, the VGA output can be connected to the driver-amplifier differential input.

The small-signal −3 dB bandwidth of the driver amplifier is 195 MHz and the large-signal bandwidth is >115 MHz, even when driving a 50 Ω load.

The device is fabricated on the Analog Devices, Inc., high speed (eXtra Fast Complementary Bipolar) XFCB process. The preamplifier and DGA feature low dc offset voltage, and a nominal gain range of −6 dB to +24 dB, a 30 dB gain span, and a differential output for ADC driving. The power consumption is 93 mW with a single 3.3 V supply. The supply current is typically about 28 mA when all circuits in the device are active. During normal usage, either the driver amplifier is on or the preamplifier and DGA are on and, therefore, the supply current in general is less than 28 mA. The gain of the AD8260 VGA is programmed via a

4-bit parallel interface. [Figure 64](#page-20-1) shows the circuit block diagram and basic application connections, and illustrates the envisioned external DAC, ADC, and power-line bus interface connections. The diagram shows the connections for single 3.3 V supply operation; if a dual supply is available, the VMID generator can be shut down and Pin VMDI, Pin VMDO, and Pin VOCM need to be grounded. Note that Pin VNCM functions as the negative supply for the bias and VMID cells, plus the logic interfaces, and should always be tied to ground.

For optimal dynamic range, it is important that the inputs and outputs to both the driver amplifier and the preamplifier and the DGA output amplifier be ac-coupled in a single-supply application. In [Figure 64,](#page-20-1) the DAC and ADC are presumed to operate on a 1.8 V or 3.3 V supply with a corresponding limited output and input swing. The DAC outputs are currents that point down and generate a voltage in the 50 Ω resistors that are connected to ground. The maximum voltage with a peak DAC output current of 15 mA is 0.75 V; if a DAC with a 20 mA peak current is used, then the maximum voltage is 1 V per side for a differential input signal of 2 V p-p.

The driver amplifier supports a 3 V p-p output swing on a 3.3 V supply. Because of its gain of 1.5, the maximum input swing is 2 V p-p. The corresponding maximum output swing for the DGA is 2.4 V p-p differential; the input to the preamplifier can be a maximum of 0.6 V p-p.

Figure 64. Block Diagram and Basic Application Connections

HIGH CURRENT DRIVER AMPLIFIER

The high current driver amplifier can deliver very large output currents suitable for driving complex impedances, such as a power line, a 50 Ω line, or a coaxial cable. The input of the amplifier is fully differential and intended to be driven by a differential current-output DAC, as shown i[n Figure 64.](#page-20-1) The differential input signal is amplified by 1.5× and produces a 2.25 V p-p single-ended output signal from a 1.5 V p-p input signal. A DAC with 15 mA maximum output current into a 50 Ω load provides 1.5 V p-p of input voltage and results in 2.25 V p-p at the output. A DAC whose output is 20 mA produces an output swing of 3 V p-p (neglecting a small gain error when driving the parallel combination of the 50 Ω load-resistor and the internal 1 kΩ gain resistor of the AD8260).

For a 3.3 V supply rail, the maximum limit of the output voltage is 3 V p-p and distorts severely if exceeded. The recommended output for optimum distortion is 2 V p-p for a 3.3 V supply. Correspondingly, larger output swings are accommodated for higher supply voltages such as +5 V or ±5 V.

For optimum distortion, the input drive must be controlled such that the output swing is well within saturation levels established by the supply rail. The output swing can be reduced by using load resistors with values less than 50 Ω or by reducing the amplifier gain by connecting external resistors in parallel with the internal 1 kΩ and 1.5 kΩ resistors between Pin 27, Pin 28, and Pin 29, and between Pin 30, Pin 31, and Pin 32. Coincidently, noise is reduced because the gain setting resistors are the primary noise sources of the high current driver amplifier.

The output-referred noise is 14 nV/ \sqrt{Hz} , of which 11 nV/ \sqrt{Hz} is due to the gain setting resistors. Matching of the gain setting resistors is important for good common-mode rejection and the accuracy of the differential gain. If external resistors are used, their accuracy should be at least ± 1 %. How low the resistor values can be is primarily determined by the quality of the ac ground at Pin VOCM; as the gain setting resistors decrease in value, the dynamic current increases, and the quality of the decoupling capacitors needs to increase correspondingly.

PRECAUTIONS TO BE OBSERVED DURING HALF-DUPLEX OPERATION

During receive, when the high current driver-amplifier is disabled, its gain setting resistors provide a signal path from input to output. To prevent inadvertent DAC signals from being transmitted while receiving via the preamplifier and DGA, the DAC i[n Figure 64](#page-20-1) must have no output signal.

During transmit, the preamplifier and VGA should be disabled through any of the nongain-setting codes (se[e Table 4\)](#page-22-4).

VMID BUFFER

The VMID buffer is a dc bias source that generates the voltage on Pin 1 and Pin 19, VMDO. Node VMDO cannot accommodate large dynamic currents and requires excellent ac decoupling to ground. A high quality 0.1μF capacitor located as close as possible to Pin 1 and Pin 19 (see [Figure 64\)](#page-20-1) is normally sufficient to decouple the high values of current from Node VMDO.

When operating with dual power supplies, the buffer is disabled by connecting Pin VMDI, Pin VOCM, and Pin VMDO to ground. Because the logic decoder in the DGA (GNSx inputs) requires 3.3 V of headroom, the positive supply rails must be 3.3 V or greater whether single-ended or dual. If a dual supply is used, the negative rails are the same magnitude (opposite polarity) as the positive, that is, −3.3 V when VPOS, VPSB, and VPSR are +3.3 V.

PREAMPLIFIER

The AD8260 includes an uncommitted current feedback op amp to buffer the resistive attenuator of the DGA. External resistors are used to adjust the gain. The preamplifier is characterized with a noninverting gain of 6 dB (2×) and both gain resistor values of 100 $Ω$. The preamplifier gain can be increased using different gain ratios of R_{FB1} and R_{FB2} , trading off bandwidth and offset voltage. The sum of the values of R_{FBL} and R_{FB2} should be ≥200 Ω to maintain low distortion. R_{FB2} should be \geq 100 Ω because it and an internal compensation capacitor

determine the −3 dB bandwidth of the amplifier. Smaller resistor values may compromise preamplifier stability.

Because the AD8260 is internally dc-coupled, larger preamplifier gains increase its offset voltage. The circuit contains an internal bias resistor and some offset compensation; however, if a lower value of offset voltage is required, it can be compensated by connecting a resistor between the FDBK pin and the supply voltage. If the offset is negative, the resistor value connects to the negative supply; otherwise, it connects to the positive supply.

For larger gains, the overall noise is reduced if a low value of R_{FB1} is selected. For values of R_{FB1} = 20 Ω and R_{FB2} = 301 Ω, the preamplifier gain is 16× (24.1 dB) and the input-referred noise is about 1.5 nV/ \sqrt{Hz} . For this value of gain, the overall gain range increases by 18 dB so that the absolute gain range is 12 dB to 42 dB.

PREAMPLIFIER NOISE

The total input-referred voltage and current noise of the positive input of the preamplifier is about 2.4 nV/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ and 5 pA/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$, respectively. The DGA output referred noise is about 25 nV/√Hz at low gains and 39 nV/ \sqrt{Hz} at the highest gain. The 25 nV/ \sqrt{Hz} divided by the DGA fixed gain of $8\times$ results in 3.12 nV/ \sqrt{Hz} referred to the DGA input. Note that this value includes the noise of the DGA gain setting resistors as well. If this voltage is divided by the preamplifier gain of 2×, the DGA noise referred all the way to the preamplifier input is about 1.56 nV/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$. From this, it can be determined that the preamplifier, including the 100 Ω gain setting resistors, contributes about 1.8 nV/ \sqrt{Hz} . The two 100 Ω resistors each contribute 1.29 nV/ \sqrt{Hz} at the output of the preamplifier and 0.9 nV/ \sqrt{Hz} referred to the input. With the gain resistor noise subtracted, the preamplifier noise alone is about 1.6 nV/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$.

Equation 1 shows the calculation that determines the outputreferred noise at maximum gain (24 dB or 16×).

$$
e_{n-out} = \sqrt{(e_{n,RS} \times A_t)^2 + (e_{n,PrA} \times A_t)^2 + (i_{n,PrA} \times R_S)^2 + (e_{n,RFB1} \times \frac{R_{FB2}}{R_{FB1}} \times A_{VGA})^2 + (e_{n,RFB2} \times A_{VGA})^2 + (e_{n,VGA} \times A_{VGA})^2}
$$
(1)

where:

At is the total gain from preamplifier input to the VGA output.

 $e_{n,RS}$ is the noise of the source resistance.

 $e_{n.PtA}$ is the input-referred voltage noise of the preamplifier.

 $i_{n,PrA}$ is the current noise of the preamplifier at the PRAI pin.

 R_s is the source resistance.

AVGA is the VGA gain.

 e_{nRFR1} is the voltage noise of R_{FB1}.

 $e_{n,RFB2}$ is the voltage noise of R_{FB2} .

en,VGA is the input-referred voltage noise of DGA (low gain output-referred noise divided by a fixed gain of 8×).

Assuming $R_s = 0$, $R_{FB1} = R_{FB2} = 100 \Omega$, $A_t = 16$, and $A_{VGA} = 8$, the noise simplifies to

$$
e_{n-out} = \sqrt{(1.6 \times 16)^2 + 2 (1.29 \times 8)^2 + (3.12 \times 8)^2} =
$$

39 nV / \sqrt{Hz} (2)

Taking this result and dividing by 16 gives the total input-referred noise with a short-circuited input as 2.4 nV/√Hz. When the preamplifier is used in the inverting configuration with the same $R_{FB1} = R_{FB2} = 100 \Omega$ as in the previous example, then e_{n-out} does not change; however, because the gain decreases by 6 dB, the input-referred noise increases by a factor of 2 to about 4.8 nV/√Hz. The reason for this is that the noise gain to the DGA output of all the noise generators stays the same, but the preamp inverting gain is $(-1\times)$ compared to the $(+2\times)$ in the noninverting configuration. This doubles the input-referred noise.

DGA

Referring to [Figure 64,](#page-20-1) the signal path consists of a 30 dB programmable attenuator followed by a fixed gain amplifier of 18 dB for a total DGA gain range of −12 dB to +18 dB. With the preamplifier configured for a gain of 6 dB, the composite gain range is −6 dB to +24 dB from single-ended preamplifier input to differential DGA output.

The DGA plus preamplifier with 6 dB of gain implements the following gain law:

$$
Gain(dB) = \left[3.01 \frac{dB}{Code} \times Code\right] + ICPT(dB)
$$

where:

ICPT is the nominal intercept, −9 dB. *Code* values are decimal from 1 to 11.

The ICPT increases as the gain of the preamplifier is increased. For example, if the gain of the preamplifier is increased by 6 dB, then ICPT increases to −3 dB.

GAIN CONTROL

To change the gain, the desired four bits are programmed on Pin GNS0 to Pin GNS3, where GNS0 is the LSB (D0) and GNS3 is the MSB (D3). The states of Decimal 0 and Decimal 12 through Decimal 15 disable the preamplifier (PrA) and DGA (se[e Table 4\)](#page-22-4).

Table 4. Gain Control Logic Table

OUTPUT STAGE

The gain of the voltage feedback output stage is fixed at 18 dB and inaccessible to the user. Otherwise, it is similar to the preamplifier in speed and bandwidth. The overall −3 dB bandwidth of the preamplifier and DGA combination is 230 MHz.

ATTENUATOR

The input resistance of the VGA attenuator is nominally 265 Ω . Assuming that the default preamplifier feedback network of R_{FB1} and R_{FB2} is 200 Ω , the effective preamplifier load is about 114 Ω . The attenuator is composed of ten 3.01 dB sections for a total attenuation span of −30.10 dB. Following the attenuator is a fixed gain amplifier with 18 dB (8×) gain. Because of this relatively low gain, the output offset is less than 20 mV over the operating temperature range; the offset is largest at maximum gain because the preamplifier offset is amplified. The VMDO pin defines the common-mode reference for the input and output. The voltage at VMID is half the supply voltage for single-supply operation and 0 V when dual supplies are used.

SINGLE-SUPPLY OPERATION AND AC COUPLING

When operating the AD8260 from a single supply, there are two bias options for VMDO.

- Use an external low impedance midpoint reference at Pin VMDO and pull VMDI to VNCM to shut down the VMID buffer.
- Use the internal VMID buffer as shown in [Figure 64.](#page-20-1)

In both cases, decoupling capacitors are needed on Pin VMDO to absorb the dynamic currents.

During single-supply operation, the preamplifier input is normally ac-coupled. An internal bias resistor (nominally $1 \text{ k }\Omega$) connected between PRAI and VMDO provides bias to the preamplifier input pin. A 50 Ω resistor connected between Pin PRAI and Pin VMDO, in parallel with the internal 1 kΩ, serves as a termination resistor and at the same time reduces the offset; the result is a composite value of about 48 Ω. The VGA input is biased through the attenuator network and the voltage at Pin VMDO. When active, the VMID buffer provides the needed bias currents. When the buffer is disabled, an external voltage is required at Pin VMDO to provide the bias currents. For example, for a single 5 V application, a reference such as the ADR43 and a stable op amp provide an adequate 2.5 V VMDO source.

POWER-UP/POWER-DOWN SEQUENCE

For glitch-free power-up operation, the following power-up and power-down sequence is recommended:

- 1. Enable the bias by pulling the ENBL pin high. Maintain GNS0 to GNS3 and TXEN at ground.
- 2. It is assumed that after the part wakes up from sleep mode, the receive section (preamplifier and DGA) needs to be

active first to listen to any signals, and the driver needs to be off. Therefore, the gain code should be set to 0001 (−6 dB of gain) first and then the gain adjusted as needed. Note that any code besides 1 to 11 (binary) disables the receive section (se[e Table 4\)](#page-22-4). During receive, it is also important that the DAC that provides the signal for the high current driver be disabled to avoid interfering with the received signal.

- 3. After receive, presumably data needs to be transmitted via the high current driver amplifier. At this point, the DAC should still be off. Pull Pin TXEN high and allow the high current driver to settle. Enable the DAC. Although the preamplifier and DGA can remain enabled during the previous sequence, there may be significant preamplifier overdrive, and it is best that the receiver be disabled while transmitting.
- 4. Pull Pin ENBL low to disable the chip. To achieve the specified sleep current of 35 μA, all logic pins must be pulled low as well.

LOGIC INTERFACES

All logic pins use the same interfaces and, therefore, have the same behavior and thresholds. The interface contains a Schmitt trigger type input with a threshold at about 1.1 V and a hysteresis of ± 0.2 V.

Therefore, the logic low is between ground and 0.8 V, and logic high is from 1.4 V to VPOS. Because the threshold is so low, the logic interfaces can be driven directly from 1.8 V or 3.3 V CMOS.

The input bias current is nominally 0.2 μA when the applied voltage is 3.3 V and 18 nA when grounded.

APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

The AD8260 is ideally suited for compact applications requiring high frequency and large current drive of complex modulation products. Because the driver is capable of providing up to 300 mA (using a 3.3 V supply rail) to very low impedance loads, undefined network impedances are of little consequence. Such applications can include, but are not limited to, local power line wiring found in homes or in automobiles, or low impedance complex filters used in communications. Pulse response performance with loading effects are illustrated by various curves in the [Typical Performance Characteristics](#page-7-0) section.

[Figure 65](#page-24-1) is an application block diagram showing AD8260 devices configured as transceivers in a small local network. In this figure, consider a small security system consisting of a master controller and four satellite cameras. For example, the master can be a processor-controlled switch that routes data to and from local satellite cameras. The cameras video signals are modulated for transmission over an existing power system such as the wiring found in homes or small businesses. Using the existing power network in this way eliminates the need to install additional cabling, thereby saving cost. Portability is also achieved because the system can be moved to other locations should the need arise, simply by unplugging a satellite and moving it elsewhere. The AD8260 transceivers perform the same function at the master and slave locations; a high frequency current-output DAC converts digital-to-analog data for the high current driver for transmission over a low impedance load. The input of the VGA/preamplifier connects to the same load, functioning as the receiver. In such a system, multiple AD8260 devices are connected to form a network, much like a LAN, except using the power-line wiring in a home or automobile in lieu of a CAT-5 cable, for example.

[Figure 66](#page-24-2) shows the AD8260 as a low distortion, high power driver. The VGA and high current driver are combined by simply connecting the differential output of the VGA directly to the input of the driver.

Figure 66. AD8260 Used as a VGA Driving a Low Impedance Load

EVALUATION BOARD

Analog Devices provides evaluation boards to customers as a support service so that the circuit designer can become familiar with the device in the most efficient way possible. The AD8260 evaluation board provides a fast, easy, and convenient means to assess the performance of the AD8260 before going through the inconvenience and expense of design and layout of a custom board. The board is shipped fully assembled and tested and provides basic functionality as shipped. Connectors enable the user to connect standard types of lab test equipment without having to wait for the rest of the design to be completed[. Figure 67](#page-25-1) shows a digital image of the top view an[d Figure 70](#page-28-0) shows the schematic.

PCB artwork for all conductor and silkscreen layers is shown in [Figure 71](#page-29-0) through [Figure 76.](#page-30-0) A description of a typical test setup is explained in the [Connecting the Evaluation Board](#page-26-0) section. The artwork can be used as a guide in circuit layout and parts placement. This is particularly useful for multiple function circuits with many pins, requiring multiple passive components.

The board is shipped with the device fully enabled. Moving the ENABLE jumper to its upper position on the board disables the device. When the TX_EN jumper is in its upper position, the high current driver is disabled.

Figure 67. Top View of the AD8260-EVALZ

CONNECTING THE EVALUATION BOARD

[Figure 69](#page-27-0) shows an evaluation board with typical test connections. The various pieces of test equipment are representative, and equivalent equipment may be substituted.

The AD8260 includes two amplifier channels: a high current driver and a digitally controlled VGA that is independently enabled. The slide switch labeled ENABLE functions as the chip enable, the GNSx switches permit the preamplifier/VGA to operate, and the TX_EN switch enables the high current driver. These independent enable functions permit the device to operate in a send or listen mode when used as a transceiver.

The high current driver features differential inputs and is optimally driven by a differential signal source. The input signal is monitored at the 2-pin header labeled INP, using a differential probe such as the Tektronix P6247 (not shown). Two 49.9 Ω resistors are provided (R12 and R13), either for terminating coaxial cables from a signal generator or to be used as load resistors for a DAC with a current source output. An optional external load resistor is connected at the SMA connector TXOP and the output signal monitored at the 2-pin header labeled TXOP_1.

As shipped, the gain of the high current driver is 1.5×, its default value. The internal differential network with resistor values of 1 kΩ and 1.5 kΩ establishes this value. Other values of gain are realized by connecting external resistors to the device at Pin 23, Pin 24, Pin 27, Pin 28, and Pin 31, as shown i[n Figure 68,](#page-26-1) which shows the internal structure for the default gain and how the gain can be modified.

Figure 68. Gain-Setting Resistors of the High Current Driver

The VGA/preamplifier is completely independent of the high current driver and features a single-ended input at the SMA connector PRAI. The input signal is monitored at the header VPRE_IN. The output is monitored at the 2-pin header VGA_OUT.

The gain bits, GNS0 through GNS3, must be set before the VGA/preamplifier can operate. [Table 4](#page-22-4) lists the binary gain codes. The board is shipped with both enables (ENBL and TXEN) engaged and the gain-code switches adjusted for maximum DGA gain (1011). Resistor R5 and Resistor R6 establish the preamplifier gain and are 100 Ω as shipped for a noninverting preamplifier gain of 2×.

Figure 69. Typical Evaluation Board Connections

Figure 70. AD8260 Evaluation Board—Schematic Diagram

Figure 71. AD8260-EVALZ Component Side Assembly

Figure 72. AD8260-EVALZ Component Side Copper

Figure 73. AD8260-EVALZ Secondary Side Copper

Figure 74. AD8260-EVALZ Power Plane

Figure 75. AD8260-EVALZ Ground Plane

Figure 76. Component Side Silkscreen

OUTLINE DIMENSIONS

Dimensions shown in millimeters

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