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Automotive Resistive Pressure Sensor Interface

System Description
This design provides reference documentation on the PGA400-Q1 which will allow customers to quickly evaluate the automotive qualified PGA400-Q1 System on Chip (SoC) as an interface for their automotive resistive pressure sensor applications. The PGA400-Q1 has a built-in configurable Analog Front-End (AFE) with diagnostics, Sigma-Delta ADC, DACs, SPI, I2C, and a One-Wire Interface (OWI). Also with an integrated 8051 MCU and OTP memory, this chip enables a fully configurable system that can be easily matched to multiple automotive resistive pressure sensor applications.

Applications
- Engine Oil Pressure
- Intake Manifold Air Pressure
- EGR Pressure
- Transmission Oil Pressure
- HVAC Compressor Pressure
- Occupant Weight
- In-cylinder Pressure
- Pedal Force

Design Resources
- Block Diagram and Schematic
- Test Data
- Design Files
- Bill of Materials
- User’s Guide

Design Features
- Full SoC with Chopper-stabilized AFE for Resistive Bridge Sensors and integrated 8051 core allowing high level of customization and reduced system complexity
- Can serve multiple automotive pressure sensor applications as a platform product
- Algorithms for compensating the sensor’s non-idealities can easily be implemented in software
- On chip temperature sensor with 10 bit ADC allows for direct signal conditioning and compensation for the sensor’s actual temperature environment

- Includes resistive test data from PGA400-Q1 to enable quick evaluation of product’s performance
- AEC-Q100 Qualified

Jump start system design and speed time to market
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**Design Considerations:**

- The PGA400-Q1 is a highly integrated signal conditioner that can linearize resistive pressure sense elements.
- The system-on-chip contains integrated reverse protection, a complete signal chain (including data converters and core), and a temp sensor. The integration also allows the PGA400-Q1 to support applications outside of pressure sensing.
- The PGA400-Q1 does not contain an integrated sense element and therefore allows user to choose sense element.
- Most pressure sensing applications do not offer much real estate. The PGA400-Q1 comes in an efficient, small WCSP package. This product is also offered in a QFN package under the product name PGA400-EP.

**Quick Start Guide**

What's needed:
1. 12V power supply
2. PGA400-Q1 EVM GUI installed on PC
3. PGA400-Q1 EVM + board that interfaces with PC (TI-ger board)

Before the system is powered up, please make sure all hardware is configured properly. Check that all jumpers and headers are connected appropriately. For a detailed description of configurations, see EVM user's guide.

To power the board:
4. The PGA400-Q1 EVM is shipped with a TI-ger USB communication board that provides a link from the PC controlled GUI to the EVM. Connect the TI-ger board to the PGA400-Q1 EVM.
5. Connect 12V from a power supply to the EVM. The 12V bucks down to 5V to power the PGA400-Q1.
6. Connect the TI-ger board to the PC.

To get more information on specific PGA400-Q1 EVM GUI settings, see PGA400-Q1 EVM user’s guide and TI Designs Test Data document.
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