ABSTRACT

This user’s guide describes the characteristics, operation, and use of the ADS1263 evaluation module (EVM). This EVM is an evaluation platform for the Texas Instruments ADS1263, a low-noise, 32-bit, 38-kSPS, 10-channel (multiplexed), delta-sigma (ΔΣ) analog-to-digital converter (ADC). The highly-integrated ADS1263 includes a programmable gain amplifier (PGA), a 2.5-V low-drift voltage reference, an internal oscillator, dual-sensor excitation current sources (IDAC), several system-monitoring features, and an auxiliary 24-bit ΔΣ ADC. The integrated features and excellent performance of the ADS1263 enable precision measurement of strain gauges, weigh scales, pressure sensors, thermocouples, thermistors, and resistance temperature detectors (RTDs). The ADS1263EVM eases the evaluation of the device with hardware, software, and computer connectivity through the universal serial bus (USB) interface. This user's guide includes complete circuit descriptions, schematic diagrams, and a bill of materials. Throughout this document, the abbreviation EVM and the term evaluation module are synonymous with the ADS1263EVM.

Note

The ADS1263EVM and software can also support the ADS1262, which is identical to the ADS1263 except that the ADS1262 does not include the auxiliary 24-bit ΔΣ ADC. However, the user must manually remove the ADS1263 and install the ADS1262. See Section 8.3 for the location of the ADS1263 on the EVM. The ADS1262 is not discussed further in this document.
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1 EVM Overview

The ADS1263EVM is a platform for evaluating the performance of the ADS1263, a 32-bit, 38-kSPS, 10-channel (multiplexed), ΔΣ ADC. The evaluation kit includes the ADS1263EVM board and the precision host interface (PHI) controller board that enables the accompanying computer software to communicate with the ADC over USB for data capture and analysis. The ADS1263EVM board includes the ADS1263 as well as the high-performance peripheral analog circuits necessary to extract optimum performance from the ADC. The PHI board primarily serves three functions:

- Provide a communication interface from the EVM to the computer through a USB port
- Provide the digital input and output signals necessary to communicate with the ADS1263
- Supplies power to all circuitry on the ADS1263EVM board

1.1 ADS1263EVM Kit

The ADS1263 evaluation kit includes the following features:

- Hardware and software required for diagnostic testing as well as accurate performance evaluation of the ADS1263 ADC.
- USB powered: No external power is required.
- PHI controller that provides a convenient communication interface to the ADS1263 ADC over USB 2.0 (or higher) for power delivery as well as digital input and output.
- Microsoft® Windows® 8 and Windows 10 operating systems.
- Easy-to-use evaluation software for 64-bit Microsoft Windows.
- The software suite includes graphical tools for data capture, histogram analysis, and spectral analysis. This suite also has a provision for exporting data to a text file post-processing.

Figure 1-1 shows system connections for the EVM.

![Figure 1-1. System Connection for Evaluation](image)

1.2 ADS1263EVM Board

The ADS1263EVM board includes the following features and options:

- Ultra-low noise TPS7A4700, low-dropout (LDO) linear regulator supplies 5-V ADC analog voltage (AVDD), or use an external voltage supply
- 3.3-V ADC digital voltage (DVDD) supplied by PHI controller, or use external voltage supply
- Test points for power, GND, reference, and all digital signals to and from the PHI controller
- Optional external clocking and voltage reference footprints
2 Getting Started With the ADS1263EVM

The following list of instructions provides an overview to quickly get the ADS1263EVM set up and operational. The subsequent sections in this document expand on each step to explain in detail the available features on the EVM and the corresponding GUI. Links are provided to navigate from this quick-start guide to the appropriate sections at each applicable step.

1. Remove the ADS1263EVM, PHI board, and USB cable from the ADS1263EVM-PDK box.
2. If necessary, connect the PHI to the ADS1263EVM (see Figure 7-1).
3. Configure the ADS1263EVM:
   a. Power supplies (see Section 5).
   b. Clocking (see Section 3.3), if applicable.
   c. Voltage reference (see Section 3.4), if applicable.
4. Connect the micro-USB-to-USB cable from the PHI directly to a USB port on the computer. Do not connect the cable to the computer through a USB hub.
5. Open the latest version of the ADS1263EVM GUI on the connected computer:
   a. First-time users must download the latest version of the EVM GUI installer from the Tools and Software folder of the ADS1263EVM and run the GUI installer to install the EVM GUI software on the host computer.
6. Connect your sensors or signals (see Section 3.1.2) to the input terminal blocks (J3-J6).
7. Capture and analyze data (see Section 7) using the GUI.
3 Analog Interface

The ADS1263EVM supports a wide variety of analog input configurations. Additional functionality enables precise measurement of many sensor types. The following sections discuss these features in more detail.

3.1 Analog Input Options

The ADS1263 has a total of 11 analog input pins: AIN0 through AIN9 plus a common input, AINCOM. This design allows the ADS1263 to be configured for up to five differential input pairs, 10 single-ended inputs referenced to a common voltage, or a combination of single-ended and differential inputs. The flexible input multiplexer of the ADS1263 allows any two inputs to be selected for either the positive or negative ADC input.

Any AINx pin can be used as a common input when measuring single-ended signals. However, AINCOM is specifically designed to serve this purpose because AINCOM can provide a bias voltage (level-shift function). This voltage biases floating sensors to help meet the common-mode voltage requirements of the AD1263 PGA.

All ADC analog inputs are pinned out on the ADS1263EVM. The supporting circuitry provides filtering and ratiometric connections for a variety of sensors. Additionally, terminal block J4 can be used for thermocouple inputs (see Section 3.1.2.1). Terminal block J5 shows the connection and input filter for AINCOM. Figure 3-1 shows the schematic of the ADS1263EVM analog input circuitry.

Figure 3-1. ADS1263EVM Analog Input Channels and Filtering
3.1.1 ADS1263 Integrated Input Functions

Each ADS1263 analog input pin has multipurpose functionality to support a wide variety of device applications. Table 3-1 summarizes the functions available for each ADC input pin.

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<th>Input Pin</th>
<th>ADC Input</th>
<th>IDAC Output</th>
<th>VBIAS Output</th>
<th>External VREF Input</th>
<th>Test DAC Output</th>
<th>GPIO</th>
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3.1.1.1 ADC Inputs

The ADS1263 has a flexible input multiplexer with 11 analog inputs. Any input can connect to the positive input and any input can connect to the negative input. The ADS1263 also includes an auxiliary, 24-bit ΔΣ ADC with an independent flexible input multiplexer to all input pins. Configure the inputs to provide either single-ended or differential input measurements.

3.1.1.2 IDAC Output

The ADS1263 provides dual-matched current sources (IDAC1 and IDAC2) for biasing of RTDs, thermistors, and other resistive-biased sensors. The IDACs can be independently programmed and can be connected to any analog input. Each IDAC output is programmable from 50 μA to 3000 μA. The ADC internal reference must be enabled for IDAC operation.

3.1.1.3 VBIAS Output

For single-supply operation, the level-shift function (VBIAS) can offset the common input voltage on AINCOM to a mid-supply voltage ([AVDD + AVSS] / 2).

3.1.1.4 External Reference

The ADS1263 can accept an external reference in addition to the internal and supply reference options. The external reference inputs are shared with pins AIN0 through AIN5. ADC1 and ADC2 can share a reference source, though an independent reference source can also be selected for ADC2.

3.1.1.5 Test DAC Output

An internal test DAC (TDAC) provides a known voltage to the ADC to diagnose the operation of the signal chain. The positive and negative TDAC voltages are output on AIN6 (J3:7) and AIN7 (J3:8), respectively. Do not load AIN6 and AIN7 when the test signals are enabled because the TDAC outputs are unbuffered.

3.1.1.6 GPIO

Eight inputs (AIN3 through AINCOM) are configurable as general-purpose input/outputs (GPIO). The GPIO voltages are referenced to the analog power supply (AVDD and AVSS) and therefore must use 5-V logic. Use the GPIOs to control external devices or to read external logic signals.

3.1.2 Analog Sensor Connections

The ADS1263 is designed to easily interface with many types of analog sensors including weigh scales, strain gauge sensors, and analog temperature sensors. The following sections provide more detail for connecting and measuring temperature sensors, including thermocouples (see Section 3.1.2.1), thermistors (see Section...
3.1.2.2), and RTDs (see Section 3.1.2.4). Connect these sensors as well as other similar devices across terminals J3-J6 on the ADS1263EVM, as per Figure 3-1.

3.1.2.1 Connecting a Thermocouple to J4 on the ADS1263EVM

Measure an external thermocouple by connecting the sensor directly to the J4:1 and J4:2 inputs on the J4 terminal block. The differential filter for this differential input pair has a cutoff frequency of 50 kHz. Additionally, each input has a common-mode filter with a cutoff frequency of 497.36 kHz. J4 is connected through the filter resistors to analog inputs AIN8 and AIN9 on the ADS1263. Figure 3-2 shows the portion of the ADS1263EVM schematic with J4 and the thermocouple input structure.

Although thermocouples are self-powered, these components must be biased to avoid floating beyond the input range of the PGA integrated into the ADC. Thermocouples are typically biased to AVDD / 2 because AVDD / 2 is also the middle of the PGA common-mode range. Designing a bias circuit at this voltage therefore enables the largest gain for any given thermocouple voltage. The ADS1263EVM offers multiple ways to bias the thermocouple so the output voltage can be successfully read by the ADS1263.

The first method uses pullup and pulldown resistors to center the thermocouple output voltage at AVDD / 2. Figure 3-2 shows that these resistors are designated R3 and R4 on the ADS1263EVM, but are not installed by default. Therefore, 1-MΩ to 10-MΩ resistors must be installed at R3 and R4 to use the pullup and pulldown resistor biasing scheme. One added benefit of using pullup and pulldown resistors is that these resistors enable continuous sensor break detection. If one of the thermocouple wires breaks, AIN8 is pulled up to AVDD and AIN9 is pulled to GND. These conditions cause the ADC to measure a full-scale input that is easily distinguishable from the normal, low-level thermocouple output voltage.

The second thermocouple biasing method that is supported by the ADS1263EVM uses the ADS1263 internal reference from REFOUT (J5:2). Figure 3-3 illustrates how to connect an external jumper between the AIN9 input (J4:2) and REFOUT output (J5:2) to bias the thermocouple input voltage to 2.5-V. One challenge with the configuration in Figure 3-3 is that this option does not offer continuous wire-break detection. Instead, perform wire-break detection using a separate diagnostic measurement or by installing pullup resistor R3.
To learn more about the different thermocouple biasing schemes, as well as how to measure these sensors with precision ADCs, see the *A Basic Guide to Thermocouple Measurements* application note. This application note also discusses the need for cold-junction compensation (CJC), which uses a thermistor in conjunction with a thermocouple to derive the measured temperature. This process is described in Section 3.1.2.3.

### 3.1.2.2 Connecting a Thermistor to J3 on the ADS1263EVM

Unlike a thermocouple, thermistors are not self-powered and require a constant voltage or current source to operate. Constant voltage is typically preferred because the thermistor impedance can vary from hundreds of ohms at low temperature to hundreds of thousands of ohms at high temperature (or vice versa for a thermistor with a negative temperature coefficient). A resistor is added in series with the thermistor to create a resistor divider that can be measured by an ADC.

Connect an external thermistor directly to the J3:7 and J3:8 pins on the J3 terminal block, which corresponds to analog inputs AIN6 and AIN7, respectively. The differential filter for this differential input pair has a cutoff frequency of 50 kHz. Additionally, each input has a common-mode filter with a cutoff frequency of 497.36 kHz. AIN6 and AIN7 are connected through the filter resistors to the respective analog inputs on the ADS1263. Figure 3-4 shows the portion of the ADS1263EVM schematic with J3 and the thermistor input structure.

**Figure 3-4. ADS1263EVM Thermistor Input Structure**

*Figure 3-4* shows four DNP components: a thermistor (RT1), a 10-kΩ linearization resistor (R33), a 10-kΩ bias resistor (R34), and a 0-Ω bias resistor (R36) connecting REFOUT to AIN6 to bias the sensor. Resistor R33 helps linearize the thermistor output voltage over a smaller temperature range. See section 2.8.2 in the *A Basic Guide to Thermocouple Measurements* application note to learn more about the benefits of using a linearization resistor when measuring a thermistor. Resistor R34 was chosen to be 10-kΩ because 10 kΩ is a commonly used nominal thermistor impedance. Choosing both resistors to have the same nominal impedance balances the resistor divider at 25°C.
As stated earlier in this section, thermistors are not self-powered and require a bias source to operate. The ADS1263EVM includes two methods to bias a thermistor using the 2.5-V reference output of the ADS1263. The first option requires populating the 0-Ω resistor (R36) in Figure 3-4. The second option requires installing an external jumper wire, as shown in Figure 3-5. In either case, make sure that the reference output (REFOUT) used to bias the resistor is selected as the reference source for the ADC measurements.

![Figure 3-5. Using REFOUT (input J5:2) to Bias a Thermistor](image)
3.1.2.3 Using Thermistor RT1 for Thermocouple Cold-Junction Compensation

The ADS1263EVM includes provisions for using a PCB-mounted thermistor to measure the cold junction of a thermocouple connected to the AIN8 and AIN9 inputs on J4. Figure 3-6 shows how top- and bottom-layer copper pours create an isothermal bridge between the AIN8 and AIN9 inputs. This bridge helps make sure that thermistor RT1 measures the same temperature as the thermocouple cold junction at inputs J4:1 and J4:2, enabling a more accurate thermocouple measurement.

![Figure 3-6. PCB Layout for J4 Showing Copper Pours for CJC Measurements](image)

As discussed in Section 3.1.2.2, thermistor RT1 is not populated by default on the ADS1263EVM. Choose a 10-kΩ NTC thermistor in a 0603 package for this component. Additionally, populate the 10-kΩ bias resistor (R34) to create a valid resistor divider as well as the 0-Ω resistor (R36) to directly bias the sensor using the 2.5-V reference output of the ADS1263. Populating the linearization resistor (R33) is optional.

Measure the thermistor voltage as described in Section 3.1.2.2. However, note that the ADS1263 is a multiplexed ADC that can only measure one single-ended or differential input per conversion cycle. As a result, the thermocouple and CJC measurements must be taken separately and then manipulated in software to determine the resulting temperature. To learn more about CJC as well as how to use this value to determine the true measured temperature, see the A Basic Guide to Thermocouple Measurements application note.

3.1.2.4 Connecting an RTD to J3 on the ADS1263EVM

The ADS1263EVM provides the flexibility to measure multiple RTD types and configurations using differential pairs AIN0 and AIN1, AIN2 and AIN3, or AIN6 and AIN7 through terminal block J3. Each of these differential pairs has a differential filter with a cutoff frequency of 50 kHz. Additionally, each input has a common-mode filter with a cutoff frequency of 497.36 kHz. See Figure 3-1 for an overview of the ADS1263EVM analog input connections.

The ADS1263EVM also includes a placeholder for a precision reference resistor (R1) in series with the RTD. The ADS1263 integrated IDACs provide a constant current through both the RTD and R1 to establish a ratiometric reference voltage between AIN4 and AIN5 on the EVM. Any noise or drift in the IDAC occurs equally in the input and reference voltage, and therefore cancels out.

Choose resistor R1 to accommodate the RTD resistance across the entire temperature range. For example, a Pt1000 at 850°C has a typical impedance of approximately 3.9-kΩ. A 0-Ω resistor must also be installed at R2 to provide the IDAC a path to ground.

Choose the IDAC current magnitude and the total circuit impedance to make sure that the ADC IDAC compliance voltage is met. For additional information regarding ratiometric RTD measurement circuits using precision ADCs and for important specifications including compliance voltage, see the A Basic Guide to RTD Measurements application note.

The following sections detail how to connect a 2-wire, 3-wire, or 4-wire RTD to the ADS1263EVM.
3.1.2.4.1 Connecting a 2-Wire RTD

Connect a 2-wire RTD to any of the following differential pairs on terminal block J3: AIN0 and AIN1, AIN2 and AIN3, or AIN6 and AIN7. Figure 3-7 shows an example where the 2-wire RTD is connected to differential pair AIN6 and AIN7.

In this configuration, connect external jumper wires between AIN4 (J3:5) and AIN6 (J3:7) as well as AIN7 (J3:8) to AINCOM (J5:1). These jumper wires route the IDAC current on AINCOM around the input filtering to prevent voltage drops in the input signal path. IDAC current flows across the RTD and then through R1. The ratiometric reference voltage is generated between AIN4 and AIN5. The IDAC current is then routed to GND through resistor R2 when populated.
3.1.2.4.2 Connecting a 3-Wire RTD

Connect the two measurement leads of a 3-wire RTD to any of the following differential pairs on terminal block J3: AIN0 and AIN1, AIN2 and AIN3, or AIN6 and AIN7. Connect the remaining common lead to AIN4. Figure 3-8 shows an example where the 3-wire RTD is connected to differential pair AIN6 and AIN7. Two IDACs are used in this example, though this approach is not strictly necessary.

![Figure 3-8. 3-Wire RTD Ratiometric Connection Example](image)

In this configuration, connect external jumper wires between AIN7 (J3:8) to AINCOM (J5:1). An additional jumper wire is required between AIN6 (J3:7) to AIN3 (J3:4) if two IDACs are used. These jumper wires route the IDAC currents on AINCOM and AIN3 around the input filtering to prevent voltage drops in the input signal path. IDAC1 current flows across the RTD and then the combined current of IDAC1 and IDAC2 flows through R1. The ratiometric reference voltage is generated between AIN4 and AIN5. The IDAC currents are then routed to GND through resistor R2 when populated.
3.1.2.4.3 Connecting a 4-Wire RTD

Connect the two measurement leads of a 4-wire RTD to any of the following differential pairs on terminal block J3: AIN0 and AIN1, AIN2 and AIN3, or AIN6 and AIN7. Connect the remaining common leads to AIN4 and AINCOM. Figure 3-9 shows an example where the 4-wire RTD is connected to differential pair AIN6 and AIN7.

![Diagram of ADS1263EVM](image)

**Figure 3-9. 4-Wire RTD Ratiometric Connection Example**

In this configuration, no external jumper wires are necessary. IDAC current flows across the RTD and then through R1. The ratiometric reference voltage is generated between AIN4 and AIN5. The IDAC current is then routed to GND through resistor R2 when populated.
3.2 ADC Connections and Decoupling

Figure 3-10 shows all ADC connections. Each power-supply and reference connection has a 1-µF decoupling capacitor. Place these capacitors as close as possible to the ADC pins and make sure each component has a low-impedance connection to the GND plane.

Each ADC digital pin has a 49.9-Ω series resistor in series with the trace. These resistors smooth the edges of the digital signals to minimize overshoot and ringing. A resistor is most important on the serial clock (SCLK) trace because the SCLK signal can toggle as quickly as 40 MHz. Resistors on the other pins are not strictly required, though these components can be included in the final design to improve digital signal integrity.

Figure 3-10. ADS1263EVM ADC Power-Supply Decoupling and Analog and Digital Connections
3.3 Clocking

Figure 3-11 shows the different clocking options for the ADS1263EVM. The default configuration connects a 0-Ω resistor (R44) between the ADS1263 CLKIN pin and ground. Shorting CLKin to ground automatically chooses the ADS1263 internal 7.3728-MHz oscillator to be the ADC clock source.

Figure 3-11. ADS1263EVM External Voltage Reference Circuit (Optional)

An external clock can also be provided to the ADC. Figure 3-11 shows multiple ways to apply an external clock. First, an external 7.3728-MHz oscillator can be installed by using component Y1. The supply voltage for the recommended clocking component can be a maximum of 3.3 V and is tied to DVDD as a result. Review the data sheet parameters for any alternate components to confirm operation with these settings. See Section 5 if the selected clock requires a different DVDD voltage. In all cases, using an external clock at Y1 requires installing a 0-Ω resistor at R31 and removing R44.

The ADS1263EVM also offers the option of connecting an external clock using SMA connector J7. Choosing this clock option also requires installing a 0-Ω resistor at R37 and removing R44. However, neither of these external clock options are installed by default.
3.4 Voltage Reference

The ADS1263 can accept an external reference in addition to the internal and supply reference options. The external reference inputs are shared with pins AIN0 through AIN5. See Table 3-1 to determine which pins correspond to RMUXP and RMUXN. ADC1 and ADC2 can share a reference source, though an independent reference source can be selected for ADC2.

Figure 3-12 shows that the ADS1263EVM also includes an optional external voltage reference circuit that is not installed by default.

The external reference circuit includes several resistors and capacitors that are not installed by default. A discrete voltage reference is also required. The recommended component is Texas Instruments’ REF7025. This voltage reference offers very low noise, a very low temperature drift coefficient (2 ppm/°C), and high accuracy (±0.025%). Use the REF7025 with the ADS1263 in precision applications where performance is critical. The REF7025 output voltage is connected to analog inputs AIN0 and AIN1.
4 Digital Interface

As noted in Section 1 and Section 2, the EVM interfaces with the PHI and communicates with the host over USB. Figure 4-1 shows how the PHI communicates with two devices on the EVM: the ADS1263 using the serial peripheral interface (SPI) and the EEPROM using the inter-integrated circuit (I2C) interface. The EEPROM comes preprogrammed with the information required to configure and initialize the ADS1263EVM. When the hardware is initialized, no further communication with the EEPROM is necessary and this device can be ignored by the user.

The ADS1263 uses SPI serial communication in mode 01 where CPOL = 0 and CPHA = 1. Header J2 in Figure 4-1 provides test points for all digital signals to and from the PHI controller. The test points can be connected to a logic analyzer for convenient visualization of the digital signals. These test points can also be used to communicate with the ADS1263EVM using an external controller.

Pullup resistor R22 drives the START pin high and puts ADC1 in continuous conversion mode. The ADC then continuously converts until the START pin is returned low. Pullup resistor R24 drives the RESET/PWDN pin high to hold the ADC in conversion mode. A momentary low pulse resets the ADC. Holding RESET/PWDN low enables the ADC power-down mode. Pullup resistor R35 brings the chip-select (CS) pin high, which resets the serial interface. The CS pin must be pulled low during the entire data transaction. More information about the specifics of the digital pins can be found in the ADS1263 data sheet.

Figure 4-1. ADS1263EVM Digital Interface Connections
5 Power Supplies

The default ADC power-supply voltages (DVDD and AVDD) are generated by the PHI controller using power from the USB. The PHI provides 3.3-V and 5.5-V power rails. The 3.3-V power rail directly supplies the ADC DVDD voltage. The 5.5-V power rail is supplied to the input of the TPS7A4700, a low-noise, configurable-output LDO, to supply AVDD. The LDO output voltage depends on the internal reference voltage ($V_{LDO\_REF}$) of 1.4 V and the pin connections. Grounding any LDO pin between pin 4 through pin 12 adds that pin voltage to $V_{LDO\_REF}$ and increases the LDO output voltage, $LDO_{VOUT}$. Figure 5-1 shows that the ADS1263EVM grounds pin 6 and pin 10 (3P2V and 0P4V, respectively) to set $LDO_{VOUT}$ to 5 V.

Figure 5-1 also shows that the 5V_LDO output is used for the AVDD connections across the EVM. Additionally, the user can measure the AVDD current by connecting an ammeter between pins 1 and 2 of JP1 or the DVDD current by connecting an ammeter between pins 1 and 2 of JP3.

External power sources can also be provided for each supply voltage:

- **LDO**: Remove the shunt on JP2 and connect external power to JP2:2
- **AVDD**: Remove the shunt on JP3 and connect external power to JP3:2
- **DVDD**: Remove the shunt on JP1 and connect external power to JP1:2

When using either internal or external power supplies, LEDs D2 and D3 indicate if power is connected to AVDD and DVDD, respectively. These LEDs do not necessarily indicate if AVDD is 5 V or if DVDD is 3.3 V. Check the AVDD voltage using terminal JP6:1 and check the DVDD voltage using test point TP9. Figure 5-2 shows the portion of the schematic that includes the AVDD and DVDD LEDs.

![Figure 5-1. ADS1263EVM LDO Circuit and External Power Source Connections](image)

![Figure 5-2. ADS1263EVM AVDD and DVDD Indicator LEDs and Shunts](image)
6 Software Installation

Download the latest version of the EVM GUI installer from the ADS1263EVM tool folder. Run the program to install the EVM GUI software on your computer.

CAUTION

Manually disable any antivirus software running on the computer before downloading the EVM GUI installer onto the local hard disk. Depending on the antivirus settings, an error message may appear or the installer.exe file may be deleted.

As shown in Figure 6-1, accept the license agreements and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.

Figure 6-1. Software Installation and Prompts
As shown in Figure 6-2, a prompt with a *Device Driver Installation* appears on the screen as part of the ADS1263EVM GUI installation. Click *Next* to continue.

![Figure 6-2. Device Driver Installation and Prompts](image)

The ADS1263EVM requires the LabVIEW™ run-time engine and can prompt for the installation of this software if not already installed. Figure 6-3 shows the LabVIEW installation prompts.

![Figure 6-3. LabVIEW Run-Time Engine Installation](image)
7 EVM Operation and GUI

7.1 Connecting the EVM Hardware

After installing the EVM software, connect the EVM as shown in Figure 7-1 and as described in the following steps:

1. Physically connect P2 of the PHI to J1 of the ADS1263EVM. Install the screws to provide a robust connection.
2. Connect the USB cable from the computer to the PHI.
   a. LED D5 on the PHI lights up, indicating that the PHI is powered up.
   b. LEDs D1 and D2 on the PHI start blinking to indicate that the PHI is booted up and communicating with the PC. Figure 7-1 shows the resulting LED indicators.
3. Start the software GUI as shown in Figure 7-2. The LEDs blink slowly as the FPGA firmware is loaded on the PHI. This loading takes a few seconds and then the AVDD and DVDD power supplies turn on, as indicated by LEDs D1, D2, and D3 on the ADS1263EVM.
4. Connect external sensors to terminal blocks J3-J6 in accordance with the examples given in Section 3.1.2.

![Figure 7-1. ADS1263EVM Hardware Connections](image1)

![Figure 7-2. Launch the EVM GUI Software](image2)
7.2 EVM GUI Global Settings for ADC Control

Figure 7-3 shows that the EVM global controls are located on the left side of the GUI. These controls include the filter type, data rate, PGA gain, input channels, number of samples, and others. The Pages control in the upper-left allows access to the other pages in the GUI. Figure 7-3 also shows the ADC register settings. The registers can be used to set the different device modes such as power, PGA, and ADC selection. Change the register settings by clicking on each bit, typing a value directly into the Value column, or by selecting from the drop-down menus in the Field View control.

Figure 7-3. ADS1263EVM GUI Global Settings for the ADC Control Page
7.3 Time Domain Display

The time domain display tool allows visualization of the ADC response to a given input signal. This tool is useful for both studying the behavior of and debugging any gross problems with the ADC or drive circuits. Trigger a data capture of the selected number of samples from the ADS1263EVM by using the Capture button in Figure 7-4. The captured data are subject to the current interface mode settings. The time-domain plot has Samples on the x-axis and by default shows the corresponding Codes on the y-axis relative to the specified reference voltage. The y-axis units can be changed to Voltage/Temp using the Unit control in the bottom right. The Temp units are only used with the Temp channel selection.

The Measurements control on the bottom of Figure 7-4 calculates the code range, the mean code, and the code standard deviation. Switching pages to any of the Analysis tools described in the subsequent sections causes calculations to be performed on the same set of data.

Figure 7-4. ADS1263EVM GUI Time Domain Display Page
7.4 Frequency Domain Display

Figure 7-5 shows the spectral analysis tool that evaluates the dynamic performance (SNR, THD, SFDR, SINAD, and ENOB) of the ADS1263. This dynamic performance is calculated by single-tone sinusoidal signal FFT analysis using the 7-term Blackman-Harris window setting. The FFT tool includes windowing options that are required to mitigate the effects of non-coherent sampling (this discussion is beyond the scope of this document). The 7-term Blackman-Harris window is the default option and has sufficient dynamic range to resolve the frequency components of a 32-bit ADC. The None option corresponds to not using a window (or using a rectangular window) and is not recommended.

![Figure 7-5. ADS1263EVM GUI Frequency Domain Display Page](image-url)
7.5 Histogram Display

Noise degrades ADC resolution and the histogram tool shown in Figure 7-6 can be used to estimate effective resolution. Effective resolution is a metric describing the ADC resolution loss resulting from noise generated by the various sources connected to the ADC when measuring a dc signal. The cumulative effect of noise coupling to the ADC output from sources such as the input drive circuits, the reference drive circuit, the ADC power supply, and the ADC is reflected in the standard deviation of the ADC output code histogram that is obtained by performing multiple conversions of a dc input applied to a given channel.

Figure 7-6. ADS1263EVM GUI Histogram Display Page
7.6 Using the GUI to Control ADC2

As noted throughout this document, the ADS1263 includes two ADCs: a 32-bit primary device (ADC1), and a 24-bit secondary converter (ADC2). The ADS1263EVM GUI is capable of controlling both ADC1 and ADC2 using the global settings on the left side of the GUI. Figure 7-7 highlights the controls for ADC2.

![Figure 7-7. ADS1263EVM GUI Global Settings for ADC2](image)

As Figure 7-7 shows, ADC2 can use a different data rate, gain, input channels, and reference voltage compared to ADC1. However, ADC2 can only use the Sinc3 filter, and both ADCs must use the same number of Samples. To view both ADC1 and ADC2 data in the GUI, select the Include ADC2 data? check box.

The GUI operates by converting samples at the data rate specified by ADC1, which can be different from ADC2. Therefore:

- If the data rate for ADC2 is greater than the data rate for ADC1, some new samples for ADC2 are not captured by the GUI. The GUI provides a warning when these conditions are met.
- If the data rate for ADC2 is less than the data rate for ADC1, repeat values are sampled for ADC2. These values are not shown in the GUI such that ADC2 data is only updated when the data are new.

See the ADC2 section of the ADS1263 data sheet for more information about how to configure and retrieve data from ADC2.
8 Bill of Materials, PCB Layout, and Schematics

This section contains the ADS1263EVM bill of materials, PCB layout, and the EVM schematics.

8.1 Bill of Materials

Table 8-1 lists the bill of materials (BOM) for the ADS1263EVM.

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8.2 PCB Layout

Figure 8-1 shows the EVM printed circuit board (PCB) layout for the ADS1263EVM.

![Figure 8-1. ADS1263EVM PCB Layout](image-url)
This section provides the schematics for the ADS1263EVM.

Figure 8-2. ADS1263EVM ADC, Analog Input, EEPROM, and Digital Interface Circuits
5.5V -> 5V Analog LDO

External Reference (OPTIONAL)

Ground Tree

External Clock (Optional)

Power Indicators

Figure 8-3. ADS1263EVM Power, Clock, and Voltage Reference Circuits
# 9 Revision History

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3.1 United States

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3.1.2 For EVMs annotated as FCC – FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Part 15 Compliant:

CAUTION
This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.
Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

FCC Interference Statement for Class A EVM devices
NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

FCC Interference Statement for Class B EVM devices
NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

3.2 Canada

3.2.1 For EVMs issued with an Industry Canada Certificate of Conformance to RSS-210 or RSS-247
Concerning EVMs Including Radio Transmitters:
This device complies with Industry Canada license-exempt RSSs. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:
(1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Concernant les EVMs avec appareils radio:
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Under Industry Canada regulations, this radio transmitter may only operate using an antenna of a type and maximum (or lesser) gain approved for the transmitter by Industry Canada. To reduce potential radio interference to other users, the antenna type and its gain should be so chosen that the equivalent isotropically radiated power (e.i.r.p.) is not more than that necessary for successful communication. This radio transmitter has been approved by Industry Canada to operate with the antenna types listed in the user guide with the maximum permissible gain and required antenna impedance for each antenna type indicated. Antenna types not included in this list, having a gain greater than the maximum gain indicated for that type, are strictly prohibited for use with this device.
Concernant les EVMs avec antennes détachables

Conformément à la réglementation d’Industrie Canada, le présent émetteur radio peut fonctionner avec une antenne d'un type et d'un gain maximal (ou inférieur) approuvé pour l'émetteur par Industrie Canada. Dans le but de réduire les risques de brouillage radioélectrique à l'intention des autres utilisateurs, il faut choisir le type d'antenne et son gain de sorte que la puissance isotrope rayonnée équivalente (p.i.r.e.) ne dépasse pas l'intensité nécessaire à l'établissement d'une communication satisfaisante. Le présent émetteur radio a été approuvé par Industrie Canada pour fonctionner avec les types d'antenne énumérés dans le manuel d’usage et ayant un gain admissible maximal et l’impédance requise pour chaque type d'antenne. Les types d'antenne non inclus dans cette liste, ou dont le gain est supérieur au gain maximal indiqué, sont strictement interdits pour l'exploitation de l'émetteur.

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