

ABSTRACT

The ADC12DLXX00 evaluation module (EVM) is used to evaluate the ADC12DL3200 and ADC12DL2500 analog-to-digital converters (ADC) from Texas Instruments. Throughout this document, the terms evaluation board, evaluation module, and EVM are synonymous with the ADC12DL3200EVM and ADC12DL2500EVM.

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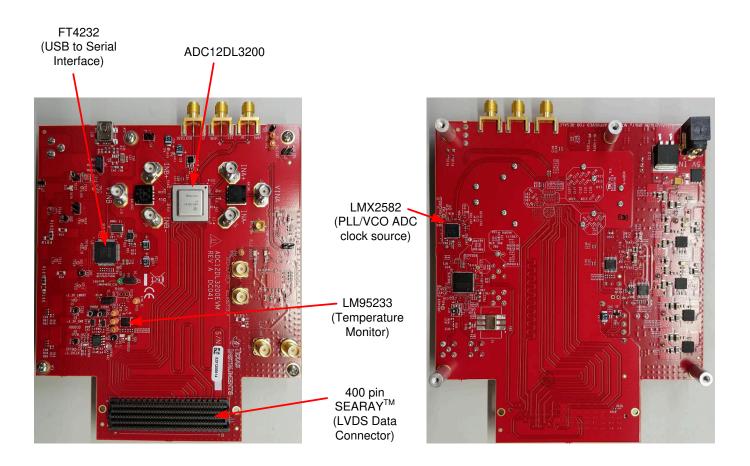
1 Introduction

The ADC12DLXX00 is a dual-channel, 12-bit ADC, capable of operating at sampling rates up to 3.2 Gigasamples per second (GSPS) and 2.5 GSPS in dual-channel mode, or 6.4 GSPS and 5 GSPS in single-channel mode. The ADC12DLXX00EVM device output data is transmitted over a high-speed LVDS interface. This evaluation board also includes the following important features:

- Transformer-coupled signal input network allowing a single-ended signal source from 500 kHz to 9 GHz
- The LMX2582 clock synthesizer generates the ADC sampling clock
- Transformer-coupled clock input network to test the ADC performance with an external low-noise clock source
- LM95233 temperature sensor
- Device register programming through USB connector and FTDI USB-to-SPI bus translator
- High-speed LVDS data output over a 400-pin SEARAY® interface connector

Note

While this is the same connector used for FMC standard boards, the LVDS data, clock and strobe pinout is proprietary to the ADC12DL3200EVM, TSW14DL3200EVM, and other compatible boards.





The digital data from the ADC12DLXX00EVM board is quickly and easily captured with the TSW14DL3200EVM data capture board.

Note

The TSW14DL3200EVM supports 48 data pairs (Demux = 1) up to 1600 Mbps.

The TSW14DL3200EVM captures the LVDS data, decodes the data, stores the data in memory, and then uploads the data to a connected PC through a USB interface for analysis. The High-Speed Data Converter Pro (HSDC Pro) software on the PC communicates with the hardware and processes the data.

In the following sections of this document, the ADC12DLXX00EVM is referred to as the *EVM* and the ADC12DLXX00 device is referred to as the *ADC* device.

Related Documentation

Technical Reference Documents

- ADC12DL3200 Data Sheet
- ADC12DL2500 Data Sheet
- TSW14DL3200EVM User's Guide
- HSDC Pro software User's Guide (also available in the help menu of the software)
- LMX2582 Data Sheet
- LMK04828 Data Sheet
- FTDI USB to Serial Driver Installation Manual

TSW14DL3200EVM Operation

Refer to the TSW14DL3200EVM User's Guide for configuration and status information.

2 Equipment

This section describes the equipment needed to evaluate the full performance of the ADC device.

2.1 Evaluation Board Feature Identification Summary

Figure 2-1 shows the EVM features.

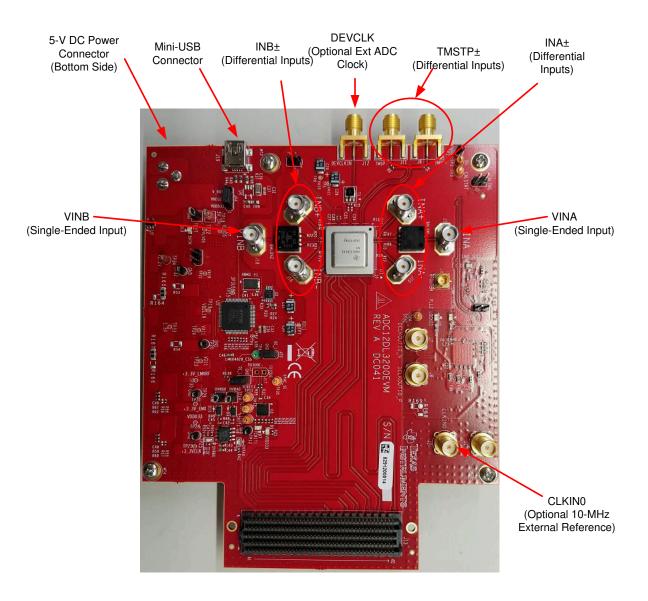


Figure 2-1. EVM Feature Locations



2.2 Required Equipment

The following equipment and documents are included in the EVM evaluation kit:

- Evaluation board (EVM)
- Mini-USB cable
- Power cable

The following equipment is not included in the EVM evaluation kit, but is required for evaluation of this product:

- TSW14DL3200EVM data capture board and related items
- HSDC Pro software
- Computer (PC) running the Microsoft[®] Windows[®] operating system (XP, 7, 8, or 10)
- One low-noise signal generator for analog input. TI recommends the following generators:
 - Keysight[™] E8663D
 - Rohde & Schwarz[®] SMA100A or SMA100B
- Bandpass filter for analog input signal (2482 MHz or desired frequency). The following filters are recommended:
 - Bandpass filter (BPF):
 - Greater than or equal to 60-dB harmonic attenuation
 - · Less than or equal to 5% bandwidth
 - Greater than 18-dBm power
 - Less than 5-dB insertion loss
 - Trilithic[™] 5VH-series tunable BPF
 - K&L Microwave[™] BT-series tunable BPF
 - TTE KC6 or KC7-series fixed BPF
- Signal-path cables, SMA or BNC (or both SMA and BNC)

By default, the ADC12DLXX00EVM has an onboard clocking solution. A few small board modifications enable external clocking. If external clocking is used, the following additional equipment is recommended.

- One low-noise signal generator. TI recommends models similar to the analog input source.
- A bandpass filter for the DEVCLK input. TI recommends a filter similar to the analog-input path filter.



3 Setup Procedure

This section describes how to setup the EVM on the bench with the proper equipment to evaluate the full performance of the ADC device. Figure 3-1 shows the EVM test setup.

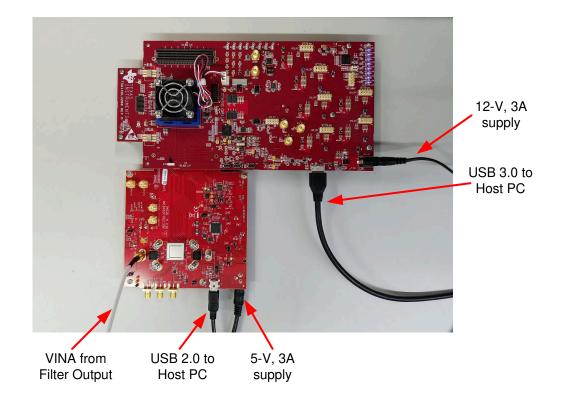


Figure 3-1. EVM Test Setup

Note

The HSDC Pro software must be installed before connecting the TSW14DL3200EVM to the PC for the first time.



3.1 Install the High Speed Data Converter (HSDC) Pro Software

Download the most recent version of the HSDC Pro software from www.ti.com/tool/dataconverterpro-sw. Follow the installation instructions to install the software.

3.2 Install the Configuration GUI Software

- 1. Download the configuration graphical user interface (GUI) software from the EVM tool folder at http:// www.ti.com/tool/ADC12DL3200EVM.
- 2. Extract files from the compressed zip file.
- 3. Run the executable file (setup.exe), and follow the instructions.

3.3 Connect the EVM and TSW14DL3200EVM

With the power off, connect the ADC12DLXX00EVM to the TSW14DL3200EVM through the FMC connector as shown in Figure 3-1. Make sure that the standoffs provide the proper height for robust connector connections.

3.4 Connect the Power Supplies to the Boards (Power Off)

- Confirm that the power switch on the TSW14DL3200EVM is in the off position. Connect the power cable to a 12-V DC (minimum 3-A) power supply. Make sure that the proper supply polarity by confirming that the outer surface of the barrel connector is GND and the inner portion of the connector is 12-V. Connect the power cable to the EVM power connector.
- 2. Connect the power cable to a 5-V DC (minimum 3-A) power supply for the ADC12DLXX00EVM. Make sure the proper supply polarity by confirming that the outer surface of the barrel connector is GND and the inner portion of the connector is 5-V. Connect the power cable to the EVM power connector.

CAUTION

Make sure that the power connections to the EVMs are the correct polarity. Failure to do so may result in immediate damage.

Make sure that the 12-V power supply is connected to the TSW14DL3200EVM and not the ADC12DLXX00EVM. Providing the ADC12DLXX00EVM with 12-V may result in immediate damage.

Leave the TSW14DL3200EVM power switch in the off position until directed later.

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3.5 Connect the Signal Generators to the EVM (*RF Outputs Disabled Until Directed)

Connect a signal generator to the VIN input of the ADC12DLXX00EVM through a bandpass filter and attenuator at the SMA connector. This must be a low-noise signal generator. TI recommends a Trilithic-tunable bandpass filter to filter the signal from the generator. Configure the signal generator for 1910 MHz, 0 dBm.

3.5.1 If External Clocking is Used (Optional)

Connect a signal generator to the DEVCLK input of the EVM through a bandpass filter. This signal generator must be a low-noise signal generator. TI recommends a Trilithic-tunable bandpass filter to filter the signal coming from the generator. Configure the signal generator for the desired clock frequency in the range of 0.8 to 3.2 GHz. For best performance when using an RF signal generator, the power input to the CLK SMA connector must be 9 dBm (2.2 Vpp into 50 Ω). The signal generator must increase above 9 dB by an amount equal to any additional attenuation in the clock signal path, such as the insertion loss of the bandpass filter. For example, if the filter insertion loss is 2 dB, the signal generator must be set to 9 dBm + 2 dB = 11 dBm.

3.6 Turn On the TSW14DL3200EVM Power and Connect to the PC

- 1. Turn on the 12-V power supply connected to the TSW14DL3200EVM.
- 2. Turn on the power switch on the TSW14DL3200EVM.
- 3. Connect a mini USB 3.0 cable from the PC to the TSW14DL3200EVM.
- 4. If this is the first time connecting the TSW14DL3200EVM to the PC, follow the on-screen instructions to automatically install the device drivers. See the TSW14DL3200EVM user's guide for specific instructions.

3.7 Turn On the ADC12DLXX00EVM 5-V Power Supply and Connect to the PC

- 1. Turn on the 5-V power supply to power up the EVM.
- 2. Connect the EVM to the PC with the mini USB cable.

3.8 Turn On the Signal Generator RF Outputs

Turn on the RF signal output of the signal generator connected to VIN. If external clocking is used, turn on the RF signal outputs connected to DEVCLK and LMKCLK.

3.9 Open the ADC12DLXX00EVM GUI and Program the ADC and Clocks

The device configuration GUI is installed separately from the HSDC Pro installation and is a stand-alone GUI.

Figure 3-2 shows the GUI open to the *EVM* tab. Tabs at the top of the panel organize the configuration into device and EVM features, with user-friendly controls and a low-level tab for directly configuring the registers. The EVM has three configurable devices: the ADC12DLXX00, LMK04828, and LMX2582. The register map for each device is provided in the device data sheets.

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Figure 3-2. Configuration GUI: EVM Tab

- 1. Open the ADC12DLxx00EVM GUI.
- 2. Select the onboard clock as the clock source.
- 3. If using ADC12DL3200 evm variant select Fs/Fclk = 3200 MHz as the onboard Fs/Fclk. If using ADC12DL2500 evm variant set Fs/Fclk to 2500 MHz selection.
- 4. Select nonDES_ForegroundCal operating mode.
- 5. Click *Program Clocks and ADC*. This action overwrites any previous device register settings.

3.10 Calibrate the ADC Device on the EVM

Figure 3-3 shows the GUI open to the Control tab.

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Figure 3-3. Configuration GUI: Control Tab

- 1. With the EVM GUI open on the PC, navigate to the *Control* tab.
- 2. To calibrate the ADC, click the *Cal Triggered/Running* button once, and then click the button again. This action stops and starts the calibration engine.

Note

The *Cal Triggered/Running* button executes a calibration sequence that is required for full performance. This calibration is performed automatically during the previous step shown in Section 3.9, but must be performed again any time the sampling rate changes, after significant temperature change of the ADC, or after exiting the power-down mode. See the ADC12DL3200 device data sheet for details regarding the necessary calibration sequence.

3. On the *EVM* tab, using the *Sampling and Calbration Mode* drop-down menu, select *Foreground*, *Background*, or *Low Power Background* calibration mode.



3.11 Open the HSDC Software and Load the FPGA Image to the TSW14DL3200EVM

- 1. Open the HSDC Pro software.
- 2. Click *OK* to confirm the serial number of the TSW14DL3200EVM device. If multiple TSWxxxxx boards are connected, select the model and serial number for the one connected to the ADC12DLXX00EVM.
- 3. Select the ADC12DL3200_LDEMUX_1_DES_EN_0 when prompted to load the firmware.
- 4. When prompted, click Yes to update the firmware.

Note

If the user configures the EVM with options other than the default register values, different instructions may be required for selecting the device in HSDC Pro. See Appendix B for more details.

5. Enter the ADC Output Data Rate ($f_{(SAMPLE)}$) as 3200M if using the ADC12DL3200 variant of the evm or 2500M if the ADC12DL2500 variant of the evm is used, or the desired output sample rate. This number must be equal to the actual sampling rate of the device, and must be updated if the sampling rate changes.



3.12 Capture Data Using the HSDC Pro Software

Figure 3-4 shows the HSDC Pro GUI. The following steps show how to capture data using the HSDC Pro software (see):

- 1. Select the test to perform.
- 2. Select the data view.
- 3. Select the channel to view.
- 4. Click the Capture button to capture new data.

Additional tips:

- Use the *Notch Frequency Bins* from the *Test Options* file menu to remove bins around DC (eliminate DC noise and offset) or the fundamental (eliminate phase noise from signal generators).
- Open the *Capture Option* dialog from the *Data Capture Options* file menu to change the capture depth or to enable Continuous Capture or FFT averaging.
- For analyzing only a portion of the spectrum, use the *Single Tone* test with the *Bandwidth Integration Markers* from the *Test Options* file menu. The *Channel Power* test is also useful.
- For analyzing only a subset of the captured data, set the *Analysis Window (samples)* setting to a value less than the number of total samples captured and move the green or red markers in the small transient data window at the top of the screen to select the data subset of interest.

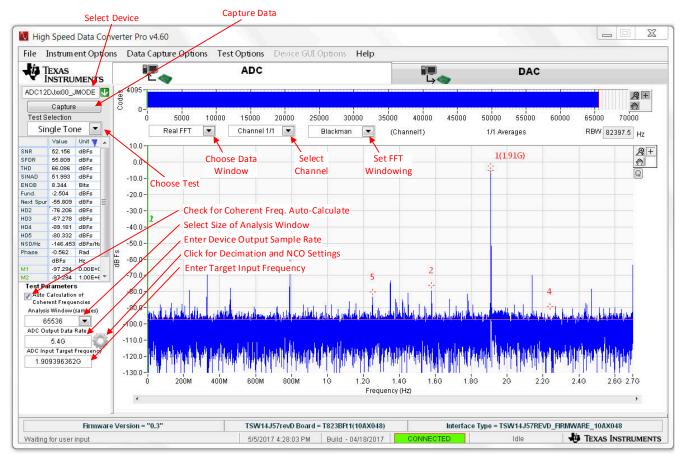


Figure 3-4. HSDC Pro GUI



4 Device Configuration

The ADC device is programmable through the serial programming interface (SPI) bus accessible through the FTDI USB-to-SPI converter located on the EVM. A GUI is provided to write instructions on the bus and program the registers of the ADC device.

For more information about the registers in the ADC device, see the ADC12DL3200 data sheet.

4.1 Tab Organization

Control of the ADC device features are available in the *EVM*, *Control*, *Input/Sampling/LVDS*, and *Trim* configuration tabs.

4.2 Low-Level Control

The *Low Level View* tab, illustrated in Figure 4-1, allows configuration of the devices at the bit-field level. At any time, the controls in Table 4-1 can be used to configure or read from the device.

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Figure 4-1. Configuration GUI: Low-Level View Tab



Table 4-1. Low-Level Controls

Control	Description
Register map summary	Displays the devices on the EVM, registers for those devices, and the states of the registers
	Clicking on a register field allows individual bit manipulation in the register data cluster
	The value column shows the value of the register at the time the GUI was last updated
	The LR column shows the value of the register at the time the register was last read
Write register button	Write to the register highlighted in the register map summary with the value in the Write Data field
Write all button	Update all registers shown in the register map summary with the values shown in the <i>Register Map</i> summary
Read register button	Read from the register highlighted in the <i>Register Map</i> summary and display the results in the <i>Read Data</i> field
	Can be used to synchronize the GUI with the state of the hardware
Read-all button	Read from all registers in the Register Map summary and display the current state of the hardware
Load Configuration button	Load a configuration file from disk and register address/data values in the file
Save Configuration button	Save a configuration file to disk that contains the current state of the configuration registers
Register Data cluster	Manipulate individual accessible bits of the register highlighted in the register map summary
Individual register cluster with read or write register buttons	Perform a generic read or write command to the device shown in the <i>Block</i> drop-down menu using the address and write data information



A Troubleshooting the ADC12DL3200EVM

Table A-1 lists some troubleshooting procedures.

Table A-1. Troubleshooting

Issue	Troubleshoot
General problems	 Verify the test setup shown in Figure 3-1, and repeat the setup procedure as described in this document. Check power supply to EVM and TSW14DL3200EVM. Verify that the power switch is in the on position. Check signal and clock connections to EVM. Visually check the top and bottom sides of the board to verify that nothing looks discolored or damaged. Make sure the board-to-board FMC connection is secure. After changing the ADC configuration, click <i>Instrument Options</i> → <i>Download Firmware</i> and download <i>TSW14DL3200_FIRMWARE.bin</i>. Power cycle the external power supply to the EVM, and reprogram the LMK and ADC devices.
TSW14DL3200EVM LEDs are not correct	 Verify the installed jumpers on the TSW14DL3200EVM. Verify that the clock going to the CLK input is connected and the appropriate LEDs are blinking. Verify that the ADC device internal registers are configured properly. If LEDs are not blinking, reprogram the ADC EVM devices. Click <i>Instrument Options</i> → <i>Download Firmware</i> and download <i>TSW14DL3200_FIRMWARE.bin</i>.
Configuration GUI is not working properly	 Verify that the USB cable is plugged into the EVM and the PC. Check the computer device manager and verify that a USB serial device is recognized when the EVM is connected to the PC. Verify that the green USB Status LED light in the top right corner of the GUI is lit. If it is not lit, click the <i>Reconnect FTDI</i> button. Close and start the configuration GUI.
Configuration GUI is not able to connect to the EVM	• Use the free FT_PROG software from FTDI chip and verify that the onboard FTDI chip is programmed with the product description <i>ADC12DL3200</i> .
HSDC Pro software is not capturing good data or analysis results are incorrect.	 Verify that the TSW14DL3200EVM is properly connected to the PC with a mini USB 3.0 cable and that the board serial number is properly identified by the HSDC software. Check that the proper ADC device mode is selected. The mode should match in HSDC Pro and the ADC GUI. Check that the analysis parameters are properly configured.
HSDC Pro software gives a time-out error when capturing data	 Verify that the ADC sampling rate is correctly set in the HSDC software. Select <i>Instrument Options</i> → <i>Download Firmware</i> and download <i>TSW14DL3200_FIRMWARE.bin</i>. Try to capture again.
Suboptimal measured performance	 Click <i>Cal Triggered/Running</i> button two times to calibrate the ADC in the current operating conditions. The button is located on the <i>Control</i> tab of the configuration GUI. Check that the spectral analysis parameters are properly configured. Verify that bandpass filters are used in the clock and input signal paths and that low-noise signal sources are used.



B Optional ADC12DL3200EVM Configurations

This appendix provides settings for modifying the EVM for optional clocking support.

The LMK04828 provides a buffered copy of the onboard 100-MHz VCXO to the LMX2582. When the optional 10-MHz reference clock is connected, the 100-MHz VCXO output is frequency locked to the 10-MHz reference. This process enables coherent sampling of the analog input signal. The EVM can be configured to use an external ADC clock with the following steps (see Figure B-1):

- 1. Modify the hardware:
 - a. Remove C114 and C124, populate C24 and C25.
- 2. Connect the signal generators:
 - a. Connect the 10-MHz reference from Sig Gen 1 to Sig Gen 2.
 - b. Configure Sig Gen 2 to use the 10-MHz reference input from Sig Gen 1.
 - c. Sig Gen 1 connects to DEVCLK (J12). Set to the generator frequency to the desired F_{CLK}. Set output level to +9 dBm.
 - d. Sig Gen 2 connects to the desired analog input with output level at 0 dBm for the starting point.

3. Program the GUI:

- a. In the EVM tab, set the clock source to External.
- b. Enter the Sampling Frequency (F_{CLK}) in step 2b.

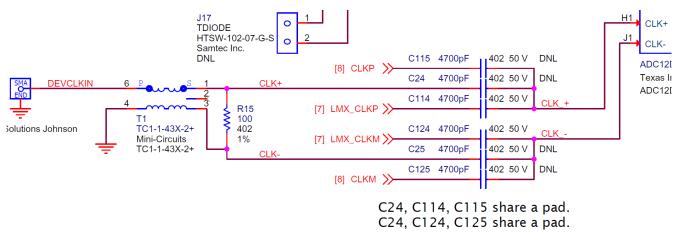


Figure B-1. External CLK Configuration

The ADC12DL3200EVM includes a reference clock input (CLKIN0) that allows the user to sync the LMK04828 to an external 10-MHz reference allowing for coherent sampling

The LMX2582 and LMK04828 may be reconfigured to exercise more features, but this EVM is not intended to be a full evaluation platform for these devices. For a full evaluation platform, see the LMK04828 tool folder and LMX2582 tool folder.

C Revision History

NOTE: Page numbers for previous revisions may differ from page numbers in the current version.

С	hanges from Revision * (May 2018) to Revision A (December 2023)	Page
•	Changed the device number from ADC12DL3200 to ADC12DLXX00 throughout the document	1
•	Added device Abstract	1
	Updated the Introduction	
•	Added the ADC12DL2500 Data Sheet to the Technical Reference Documents	
•	Changed list item 3 following Figure 3-2	9
•	Changed the Open the HSDC Software and Load the FPGA Image to the TSW14DL3200EVM section	

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