



# DAC1266A/DAC1266 Hi-Speed 12-Bit D/A Converter

## General Description

The DAC1266A and DAC1266 are fast 12-bit digital to analog converters. These DACs use 12 precision high speed bipolar current steering switches, control amplifier, and a thin film resistor network to obtain a high accuracy, very fast analog output current. The DAC1266A and DAC1266 have 10%–90% full-scale transition time under 30 ns and settle to less than 1/2 LSB in 200 ns.

These digital to analog converters are recommended for applications in CRT displays, precision instruments and data acquisition systems requiring throughput rates as high as 5 MHz for full range transitions.

## Features

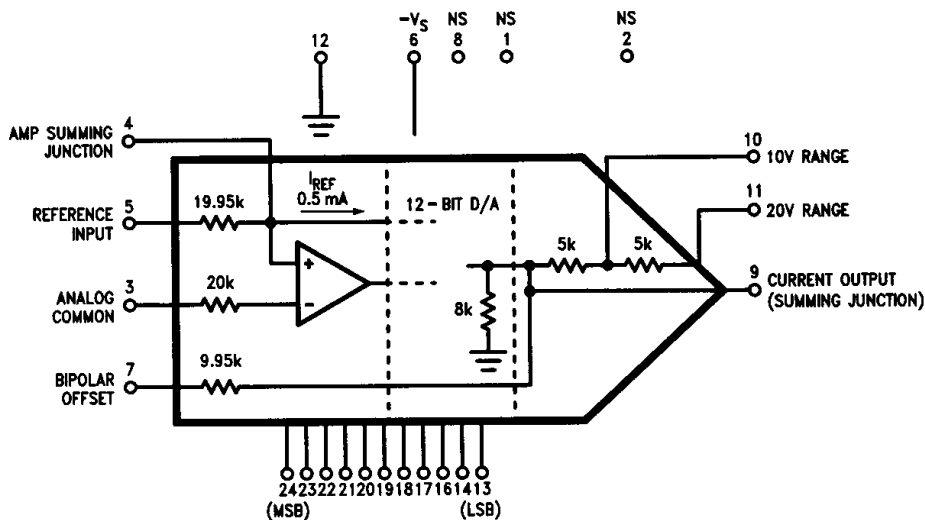
- Bipolar current output DAC
- Fully differential, non-saturating precision current switch
  - R<sub>OUT</sub> and C<sub>OUT</sub> do not change with digital input code

- Precision thin film resistors for use with external op amp for voltage out or as input resistors for a successive approximate A/D converter
- Superior replacement for 12-bit D/A converters of this type

## Key Specifications

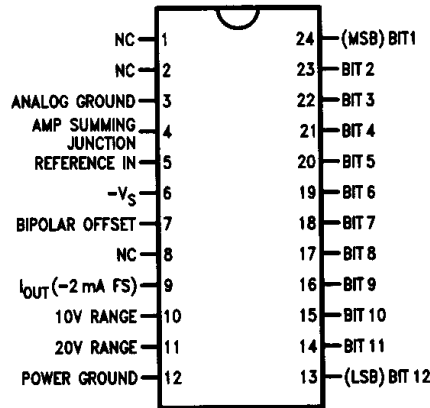
- Resolution and Monotonicity 12 Bits
- Linearity 12 Bits  
(Guaranteed over temperature)
- Output Current Settling Time 400 ns max to 0.01%
- Full-Scale Transition Time (10%–90%) 30 ns
- Power Supply Sensitivity ±15 ppm of FS/% V<sub>SUPPLY</sub>

## Block and Connection Diagrams



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## Dual-In-Line Package



Top View

**Order Number**  
**DAC1266AJ, DAC1266ACJ,**  
**DAC1266LJ or DAC1266LCJ**  
**See NS Package Number J24A**

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### Absolute Maximum Ratings (Note 11)

If Military/Aerospace specified devices are required, please contact the National Semiconductor Sales Office/Distributors for availability and specifications.

Supply Voltage (V <sup>-</sup> )	0V to -18V
Current Output (Pin 9) Voltage	-3V, 12V
Logic Input Voltage	-1V, 7V
Reference Input Voltage (Pin 5)	±12V
Analog GND to Power GND	±1V
Bipolar Offset	±12V
10V Range	±12V

20V Range	V <sup>-</sup> to +24V
Power Dissipation (Note 1)	1000 mW
Operating Temperature Range	T <sub>MIN</sub> ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ T <sub>MAX</sub>
DAC1266AJ, DAC1266LJ	-55°C to +125°C
DAC1266ACJ, DAC1266LCJ	0°C to +70°C
Storage Temperature Range	-65°C to +150°C
Maximum Junction Temperature	150°C
Lead Temp. (Soldering, 10 sec.)	300°C
ESD Susceptibility (Note 12)	TBD

**Electrical Characteristics** V<sub>SUPPLY</sub> = -15V ± 5% and V<sub>REF</sub> = 10.000V unless otherwise noted. **Boldface limits apply over temperature, T<sub>MIN</sub> ≤ T<sub>A</sub> ≤ T<sub>MAX</sub>.** For all other limits T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C.

Parameter	Conditions	See Note	DAC1266A			DAC1266			Units
			Typ	Tested Limit (Note 2)	Design Limit (Note 3)	Typ	Tested Limit (Note 2)	Design Limit (Note 3)	
<b>CONVERTER CHARACTERISTICS</b>									
Resolution				12			12		Bits
Linearity Error Max	Zero and Full-Scale Adjusted	4	± 1/8	± 1/4		± 1/4	± 1/2		LSB
	AJ and LJ Suffix Parts ACJ and LCJ Suffix Parts			± 1/2	± 1/2		± 3/4	± 3/4	
Differential Non-Linearity Max	Zero and Full-Scale Adjusted		± 1/4	± 1/2		± 1/2	± 3/4		
Monotonicity	AJ and LJ Suffix Parts ACJ and LCJ Suffix Parts			<b>12</b> 12	<b>12</b>		<b>12</b> 12	<b>12</b>	Bits
Full-Scale (Gain) Error Max	R2 = 50Ω in Figure 1	5	± 0.1	± 0.20		± 0.1	± 0.20		% Full-Scale
Offset Error Max All Bits OFF, Logic "0"	Unipolar (Figure 1 Pin 7 Open)	6	± 0.01	± 0.05		± 0.01	± 0.05		
	Bipolar (R1 and R2 = 50Ω in Figure 2)	7	± 0.05	± 0.1		± 0.05	± 0.15		
Zero Error Max MSB ON	Bipolar (R1 and R2 = 50Ω in Figure 2)	8	± 0.05	± 0.1		± 0.05	± 0.15		
Gain Adjustment Range Min	R2 = 50Ω ± 50Ω in Figure 1			± 0.2			± 0.2		
Bipolar Offset Adjustment Range Min	R1 = 50Ω ± 50Ω and R2 = 50Ω in Figure 2			± 0.15			± 0.15		
Full-Scale (Gain) Temperature Coefficients Max	AJ and LJ Suffix ACJ and LCJ Suffix	9	1 1	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	5 5	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	
Unipolar Offset Temperature Coefficients Max	AJ and LJ Suffix ACJ and LCJ Suffix		1 1	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	1 1	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
Bipolar Zero Temperature Coefficients Max	AJ and LJ Suffix ACJ and LCJ Suffix		5 5	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	5 5	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	
Output Resistance	Exclusive of Offset and Range R <sub>S</sub>		7.5	6 to 10		7.5	6 to 10		kΩ
Current Output	Unipolar		-2	-1.6 to -2.4		-2	-1.6 to -2.4		mA
	Bipolar		± 1.0	± 0.8 to ± 1.2		± 1.0	± 0.8 to ± 1.2		

**Electrical Characteristics** (Continued)  $V_{SUPPLY} = -15V \pm 5\%$  and  $V_{REF} = 10.000V$  unless otherwise noted.  
**Boldface limits apply over temperature,  $T_{MIN} \leq T_A \leq T_{MAX}$ .** For all other limits  $T_A = 25^\circ C$ .

Parameter	Conditions	See Note	DAC1266A			DAC1266			Units
			Typ	Tested Limit (Note 2)	Design Limit (Note 3)	Typ	Tested Limit (Note 2)	Design Limit (Note 3)	
Output Capacitance			25			25			pF
Typ Output Voltage Ranges	Using Internal Offset and Range $R_S$		$\pm 2.5, \pm 5, \pm 10, 0$ to 5, 0 to 10						V
Reference Input Resistance			20.8	15 to 25		20.8	15 to 25		k $\Omega$
Output Compliance Voltage					<b>-1.5 to 10</b>			<b>-1.5 to 10</b>	V

**DIGITAL AND DC CHARACTERISTICS**

Logic Input Voltage	Logic High	AJ and LJ Suffix		<b>2 to 5.5</b>		<b>2 to 5.5</b>		V
	Bit ON	ACJ and LCJ Suffix		1.9 to 5.5	<b>2 to 5.5</b>	1.9 to 5.5	<b>2 to 5.5</b>	
Max	Logic Low	AJ and LJ Suffix		<b>0.8</b>		<b>0.8</b>		
	Bit OFF	ACJ and LCJ Suffix		1.0	<b>0.8</b>	1.0	<b>0.8</b>	
Logic Input Current Max	Logic High	AJ and LJ Suffix	150	<b>300</b>		150	<b>300</b>	$\mu A$
		ACJ and LCJ Suffix	150	280	<b>300</b>	150	280	<b>300</b>
	Logic Low	AJ and LJ Suffix	45	<b>100</b>		45	<b>100</b>	
		ACJ and LCJ Suffix	45	90	<b>100</b>	45	90	<b>100</b>
Power Supply Current Max	$V^-$ Supply = $-15V \pm 10\%$		-12	-18		-12	-18	mA
Power Dissipation Max	$V^-$ Supply = $-15V$		180	270		180	270	mW
Power Supply Sensitivity Max	$V^-$ Supply = $-12V \pm 5\%$	10	$\pm 15$	$\pm 25$		$\pm 15$	$\pm 25$	ppm of FS/ % $V_{SUPPLY}$
	$V^-$ Supply = $-15V \pm 10\%$	10	$\pm 15$	$\pm 25$		$\pm 15$	$\pm 25$	

**AC CHARACTERISTICS**

Settling Time Max	FSR Change		200		400	200		400	ns
Full-scale Transition Max	Delay Plus 10% to 90% Rise Time		15		30	15		30	ns
	Delay Plus 90% to 10% Fall Time		30		50	30		50	

Note 1: The typical  $\theta_{JA}$  of the 24-pin package is  $80^\circ C/W$ .

Note 2: Tested and guaranteed to National's AOQL (Average Outgoing Quality Level).

Note 3: Guaranteed, but not 100% production tested. These limits are not used to calculate outgoing quality levels.

Note 4: Linearity error =  $\frac{V_{OUT} - V_{OFFSET} - (D \times V_{LSB})}{V_{LSB}}$  where  $V_{LSB} = \frac{V_{FS} - V_{OFFSET}}{4095}$  and D is the digital input (0 to 4095) which produced  $V_{OUT}$ .

Note 5: Percent gain error for 10V range =  $\frac{(V_{FS} - V_{OFFSET}) - (4095/4096)V_{REF}}{V_{REF}} \times 100$ .

Note 6: Unipolar offset error for 10V range =  $(V_{OUT}/V_{REF}) \times 100$  in percent of full-scale.

Note 7: Bipolar offset error for 10V range =  $\frac{V_{OUT} - (-V_{REF}/2)}{V_{REF}} \times 100$  in percent of full-scale.

Note 8: Bipolar zero error for 10V range =  $(V_{OUT}/V_{REF}) \times 100$  in percent of full-scale.

Note 9: Gain error tempco =  $\frac{(V_{FS} - V_{OFFSET}) \text{ at } (T_{MAX} \text{ or } T_{MIN}) - (V_{FS} - V_{OFFSET}) \text{ at } 25^\circ C}{10V \text{ range} \times (T_{MAX} \text{ or } T_{MIN} - 25^\circ C)} \times 10^6$  in ppm/ $^\circ C$ .

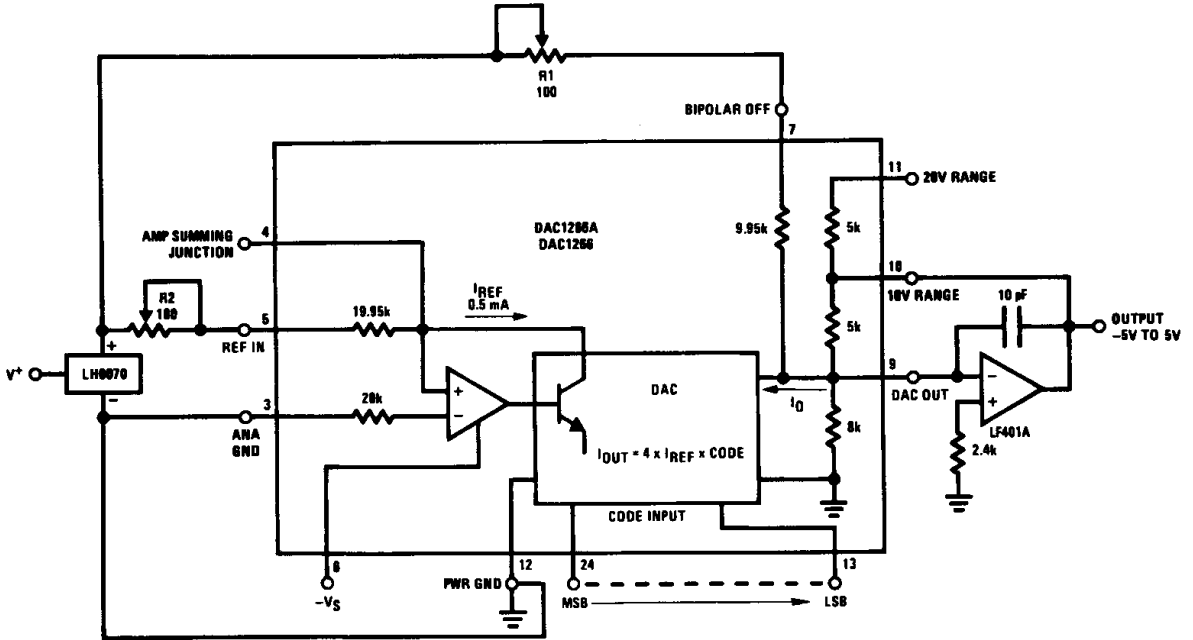
Note 10: Power supply sensitivity for 10V range =  $10^6 \times \frac{(V_{FS} - V_{OFFSET}) \text{ at } (-13.5V) - (V_{FS} - V_{OFFSET}) \text{ at } (-16.5V)}{V_{REF} \times 20\%}$  in ppm of FS/%  $V_S$ .

Note 11: Absolute Maximum Ratings indicate limits beyond which damage to the device may occur. DC and AC electrical specifications do not apply when operating the device beyond its specified operating conditions.

Note 12: Human body model, 100 pF discharged through a 1.5 k $\Omega$  resistor.



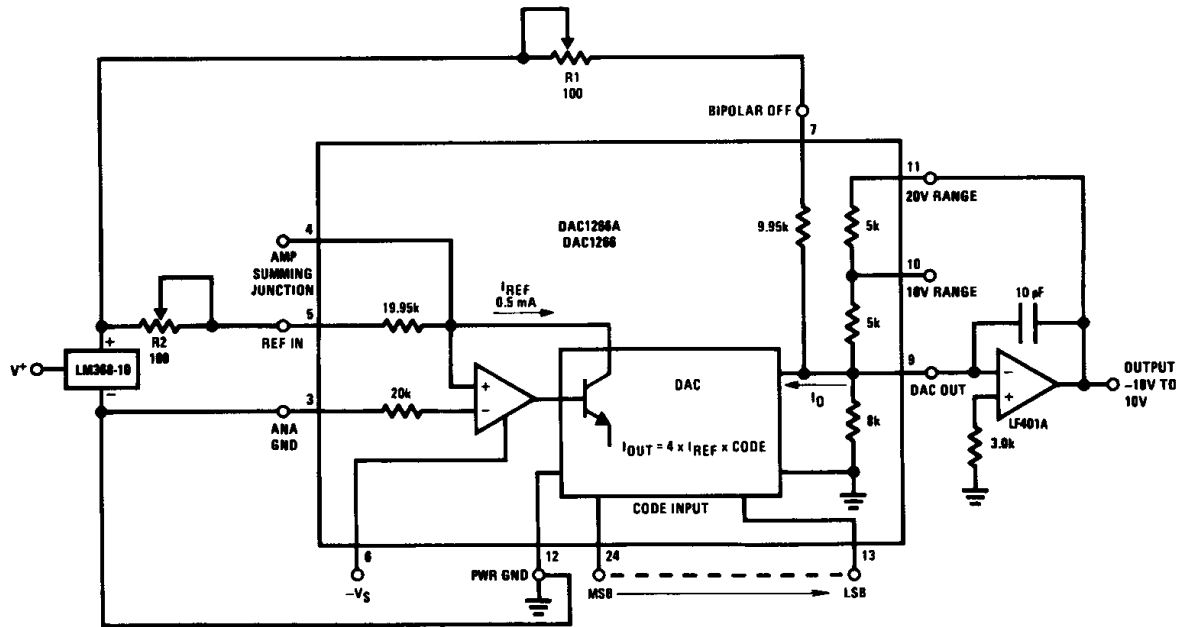
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FIGURE 2. ±5V Bipolar Voltage Output



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FIGURE 3. ±10V Voltage Output

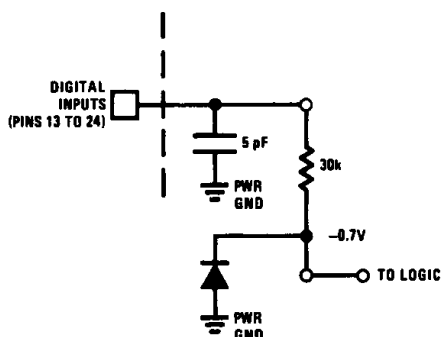
## Functional Description and Applications (Continued)

reference for the bipolar range. For the  $\pm 10\text{V}$  range use the 5k resistors in series by connecting only pin 11 to the op amp output and connecting the bipolar offset as shown. The  $\pm 10\text{V}$  option is shown in *Figure 3*.

### 2.0 DIGITAL INPUT

The DAC1266A and DAC1266 use a standard positive true straight binary code for unipolar outputs (all 1s give full-scale output), and an offset binary code for bipolar output ranges. In the bipolar mode, with all 0s on the inputs, the output will go to negative full-scale; with 100...00 (only the MSB on), the output will be 0.00V; with all 1s, the output will go to positive full-scale.

The threshold of the digital input circuitry is set at 1.4V and does not vary with supply voltage. The input lines can interface with any type of 5V logic, TTL/DTL or CMOS, and have sufficiently low input currents to interface easily with unbuffered CMOS logic. The configuration of the input circuit is shown in *Figure 4*. The input line can be modelled as a 30 k $\Omega$  resistance connected to a  $-0.7\text{V}$  rail.



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FIGURE 4. Equivalent Digital Input Circuit

### 3.0 APPLICATION OF ANALOG AND POWER GROUND

The DAC1266A and DAC1266 have separate analog and power ground pins to allow optimum connections for low noise and high speed performance. The two ground lines can be separated by up to 200 mV without any loss in performance. There may be some loss in linearity beyond that level. If these DACs are to be used in a system in which the two grounds will be ultimately connected at some distance from the device, it is recommended that parallel back-to-back diodes be connected between the ground lines near the device to prevent a fault condition.

The analog ground at pin 3 is the ground reference point for the internal reference and is thus the "high quality" ground; it should be connected directly to the analog reference point of the system. The power ground at pin 12 can be connected to the most convenient ground reference point; analog power return is preferred, but digital ground is acceptable. If power ground contains high frequency noise beyond 200 mV, this noise may feed through the converter, so that some caution will be required in applying these grounds.

### 4.0 OUTPUT VOLTAGE COMPLIANCE

The DAC1266A and DAC1266 have a typical output compliance range from  $-2\text{V}$  to  $10\text{V}$ . The current-steering output stages will be unaffected by changes in the output terminal voltage over that range. However, there is an equivalent output impedance of 8k in parallel with 25 pF at the output terminal which produces an equivalent error current if the voltage deviates from power ground. This is a linear effect that does not change with input code. Operation beyond the compliance limits may cause either output stage saturation or breakdown which results in non-linear performance. Compliance limits are a function of output current and negative supply.

### 5.0 DIRECT UNBUFFERED VOLTAGE OUTPUT FOR CABLE DRIVING

The wide compliance range allows direct current-to-voltage conversion with just an output resistor. *Figure 5* shows a connection using the gain and bipolar output resistors to give a  $\pm 1.60\text{V}$  bipolar swing. In this situation, the digital code is complementary binary. Other combinations of internal and external output resistors ( $R_X$ ) can be used to scale to alternate voltage ranges, simply by appropriately scaling the 0 mA to  $-2$  mA unipolar output current and using the 10.0V reference voltage for bipolar offset. For example, setting  $R_X = 2.67$  k $\Omega$  gives a  $\pm 1\text{V}$  range with a 1 k $\Omega$  equivalent output impedance.

This connection is especially useful for directly driving a long cable at high speed. Using a 50 $\Omega$  resistor for  $R_X$  would allow interface to a 50 $\Omega$  cable with a  $\pm 50$  mV full-scale swing.

### 6.0 HIGH SPEED 12-BIT A/D CONVERTERS

The fast settling characteristics of the DAC1266A and DAC1266 make them ideal for high speed successive approximation A/D converters. Shown in *Figure 6* is a configuration using standard components; this system completes a full 12-bit conversion in 10  $\mu\text{s}$  unipolar or bipolar. This converter will be accurate to  $\pm 1/2$  LSB of 12 bits and have a typical gain TC of 10 ppm/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ .



## Functional Description and Applications (Continued)

In the unipolar mode, the system range is 0V to 9.9976V, with each bit having a value of 2.44 mV. For true conversion accuracy, an A/D converter should be trimmed so that a given output code results from input levels from 1/2 LSB below to 1/2 LSB above the exact voltage represented by that code. Therefore, the converter zero point should be trimmed with an input voltage of 1.22 mV; trim R1 until the LSB just begins to appear in the output code (all other bits "0"). For full-scale, use an input voltage of 9.9963V (10V-1 LSB-1/2 LSB); then trim R2 until the LSB just begins to appear (all other bits "1").

The bipolar signal range is -5.0V to 4.9976V. Bipolar offset trimming is done by applying a -4.9988V input signal and trimming R3 for the LSB transition (all other bits "0").

Full-scale is set by applying a 4.9963V and trimming R2 for the LSB transition (all other bits "1"). In many applications, the pretrimmed internal resistors are sufficiently accurate that external trimmers will be unnecessary, especially in situations requiring less than full 12-bit  $\pm 1/2$  LSB accuracy.

For fastest operation, the impedance at the comparator summing node must be minimized. However, lowering the impedance will reduce the voltage signal to the comparator (at an equivalent impedance at the summing node of 1 k $\Omega$ , 1 LSB = 0.5 mV), to the point that comparator performance will be sacrificed. The contribution to this impedance from the DAC will vary with the input configuration (*Figure 6*, Input Ranges Table).

To prevent dynamic errors, the input signal should have a low dynamic source impedance, such as that of the LF411A op amp.

## Definition of Terms

**Digital Inputs:** The DAC1266A and DAC1266 accept digital input codes in binary format and may be user connected for any one of three binary codes: straight binary, two's complement, or offset binary.

Digital Input MSB LSB	Analog Output		
	Straight Binary	Offset Binary	Two's Complement*
000...000	zero	-FS (Full-Scale)	zero
011...111	1/2 FS-1 LSB	zero-1 LSB	+FS-1 LSB
100...000	1/2 FS	zero	-FS
111...111	+FS-1 LSE	+FS-1 LSB	zero-1 LSB

\*Invert MSB with external inverter to obtain Two's Complement coding

## Ordering Information

Temperature Range		0°C to 70°C	-55°C to +125°C
Linearity Error	$\pm 1/2$ Bit	DAC1266ACJ	DAC1266AJ
Over Temperature	$\pm 3/4$ Bit	DAC1266LCJ	DAC1266LJ

**Linearity Error:** Linearity Error of a D/A converter is an important measure of its accuracy. It describes the deviation from an ideal straight line transfer curve drawn between zero (all bits OFF) and full-scale (all bits ON).

**Differential Non-Linearity:** For a D/A converter, it is the difference between the actual output voltage change and the ideal (1 LSB) voltage change for a one-bit change in code. A differential non-linearity of  $\pm 1$  LSB or less guarantees monotonicity; i.e., the output always increases and never decreases for an increasing input. It is guaranteed by testing the major carry transitions; i.e., 100...000 to 011...111 etc.

**Settling Time:** Settling time is the time required for the output to settle to within the specified error band for any input code transition. It is usually specified for a full-scale or major carry transition.

**Gain Tempco:** The change in full-scale analog output over the specified temperature range expressed in parts per million of full-scale per °C (ppm of FS/°C). Gain error is measured with respect to 25°C at high ( $T_{MAX}$ ) and low ( $T_{MIN}$ ) temperatures. Gain tempco is calculated for both high ( $T_{MAX}-25^\circ\text{C}$ ) and low ( $25^\circ\text{C}-T_{MIN}$ ) ranges by dividing the gain error by the respective change in temperature. The specification is the larger of the two representing worst-case drift.

**Offset Tempco:** The change in analog output with all bits OFF over the specified temperature expressed in parts per million of full-scale per °C (ppm of FS/°C). Offset error is measured with respect to 25°C at high ( $T_{MAX}$ ) and low ( $T_{MIN}$ ) temperatures. Offset tempco is calculated for both high ( $T_{MAX}-25^\circ\text{C}$ ) and low ( $25^\circ\text{C}-T_{MIN}$ ) ranges by dividing the offset error by the respective change in temperature. The specification given is the larger of the two, representing worst-case drift.

**Power Supply Sensitivity:** Power supply sensitivity is a measure of the change in gain and offset of the D/A converter resulting from a change in -15V supply. It is specified under DC conditions and expressed as parts per million of full-scale per percent of change in power supply (ppm of FS/%).