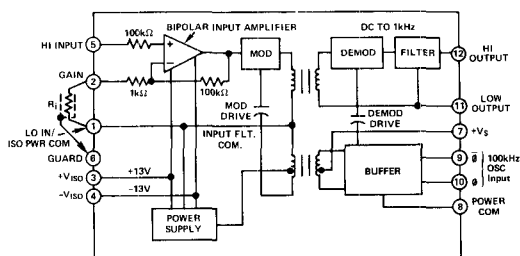


## MODEL 290A

**Isolated Power Supply:**  $\pm 13V$  dc @  $\pm 5mA$  (290A)  
**Low Nonlinearity:** 0.1% @ 10V pk-pk Output  
**High Gain Stability:** 0.001%/1000 Hours; 0.01%/°C  
**Small Size:** 1.5"  $\times$  1.5"  $\times$  0.62"  
**Low Input Offset Voltage Drift:** 10 $\mu$ V/°C (Gain = 100V/V)  
**Wide Input/Output Dynamic Range:** 20V pk-pk  
**High CMV Isolation:** 1500V dc, Continuous  
**Wide Gain Range:** 1 to 100V/V

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## MODEL 292A

**Multichannel Capability Using External Oscillator (292A)**  
**Isolated Power Supply:**  $\pm 15mA$  (292A)  
**Low Nonlinearity:** 0.1% @ 10V pk-pk Output  
**High Gain Stability:** 0.001%/1000 Hours; 0.01%/°C  
**Small Size:** 1.5"  $\times$  1.5"  $\times$  0.62"  
**Low Input Offset Voltage Drift:** 10 $\mu$ V/°C (Gain = 100V/V)  
**Wide Input/Output Dynamic Range:** 20V pk-pk  
**High CMV Isolation:** 1500V dc, Continuous  
**Wide Gain Range:** 1 to 100V/V

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### FEATURES

#### Low Cost

**Multichannel Capability Using External Oscillator (292A)**

**Isolated Power Supply:**  $\pm 13\text{V dc}$  @  $\pm 5\text{mA}$  (290A) or  $\pm 15\text{mA}$  (292A)

**Low Nonlinearity:** 0.1% @ 10V pk-pk Output

**High Gain Stability:** 0.001%/1000 Hours; 0.01%/°C

**Small Size:** 1.5" X 1.5" X 0.62"

**Low Input Offset Voltage Drift:** 10 $\mu\text{V}/^\circ\text{C}$  (Gain = 100V/V)

**Wide Input/Output Dynamic Range:** 20V pk-pk

**High CMV Isolation:** 1500V dc, Continuous

**Wide Gain Range:** 1 to 100V/V

### APPLICATIONS

**Ground Loop Elimination in Industrial and Process Control**

**High Voltage Protection in Data Acquisition Systems**

**Off-Ground Signal Measurements**

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Models 290A and 292A are low cost, compact, isolation amplifiers that are optimized for single and multichannel industrial applications, respectively. The model 290A has a self-contained oscillator and is intended for single channel applications. A single external synchronizing oscillator can drive up to 16 model 292As or, a virtually limitless number of model 292As can be configured using multiple oscillators. The user can supply the external oscillator circuit or specify model 281 oscillator module, which includes a voltage regulator for operation over a wide single supply voltage range of +8V to +28V.

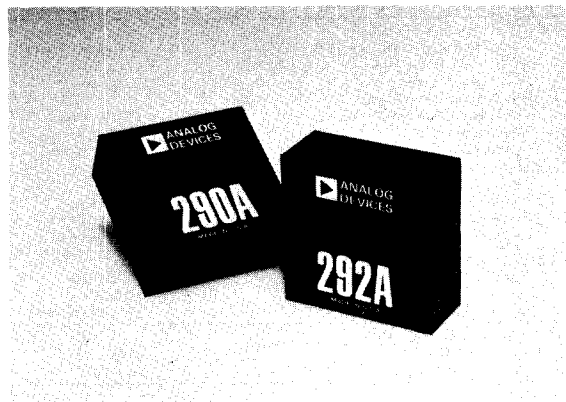
Models 290A and 292A design features include: adjustable gain, from 1 to 100V/V, dual isolated power,  $\pm 13\text{V dc}$ ,  $\pm 1500\text{V dc}$  off ground isolation, 100dB minimum CMR at 60Hz, 1k $\Omega$  source imbalance, in a compact 1.5" X 1.5" X 0.6" module.

Models 290A and 292A achieve low input noise of 1 $\mu\text{V}$  pk-pk (10Hz bandwidth, G = 100V/V), nonlinearity of  $\pm 0.1\%$  @ 10V pk-pk output, and an input/output dynamic range of 20V pk-pk.

Using modulation techniques with reliable transformer isolation, models 290A and 292A will interrupt ground loops, leakage paths, and voltage transients, while providing dc to 2kHz (-3dB) response.

### WHERE TO USE MODELS 290A AND 292A

**Industrial Applications:** In data acquisition systems, computer interface systems, process signal isolators and high CMV instrumentation, models 290A and 292A offer complete galvanic isolation and protection against damage from transients and fault voltages. High level transducer interface capability is afforded



with 20V pk-pk input signal range at a gain of 1V/V operation. In portable single or multichannel designs, single power supply operation (+8V to +16V) enables battery operation.

### DESIGN FEATURES AND USER BENEFITS

**Isolated Power:** Dual  $\pm 13\text{V dc}$  output, completely isolated from the input power terminals ( $\pm 1500\text{V dc}$  isolation), provides the capability to excite floating signal conditioners, front end buffer amplifiers and remote transducers such as thermistors or bridges.

**Adjustable Gain:** Models 290A and 292A adjustable gain offers compatibility with a wide class of input signals. A single external resistor enables gain adjustment from 1V/V to 100V/V providing flexibility in both high level transducer interfacing as well as low level sensor measurement applications.

**Floating, Guarded Front-End:** The input stage of models 290A and 292A can directly accept floating differential signals or it may be configured as a high performance instrumentation front-end to accept signals having CMV with respect to input power common.

**High Reliability:** Models 290A and 292A are conservatively designed, compact modules, capable of reliable operation in harsh environments. They have a calculated MTBF of over 400,000 hours and are designed to meet MIL-STD-202E environmental testing as well as the IEEE Standard for Transient Voltage Protection (472-1974: Surge Withstand Capability).



# Understanding the Isolation Amplifier Performance

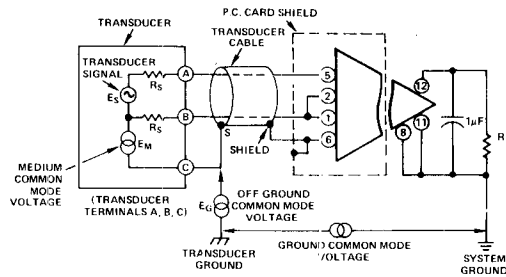


Figure 3. Transducer - Amplifier Interface

## GAIN AND OFFSET TRIM PROCEDURE

In applying the isolation amplifier, highest accuracy is achieved by adjustment of gain and offset voltage to minimize the peak error encountered over the selected output voltage span. The following procedure illustrates a calibration technique which can be used to minimize output error. In this example, the output span is +5V to -5V and operation at Gain = 10V/V is desired.

1. Apply  $E_{IN} = 0$  volts and adjust  $R_O$  for  $E_O = 0$  volts.
2. Apply  $E_{IN} = +0.5V$  dc and adjust  $R_G$  for  $E_O = +5.0V$  dc.
3. Apply  $E_{IN} = -0.5V$  dc and measure the output error (see curve a).
4. Adjust  $R_G$  until the output error is one half that measured in step 3 (see curve b).
5. Apply +0.5V dc and adjust  $R_O$  until the output error is one half that measured in step 4 (see curve c).

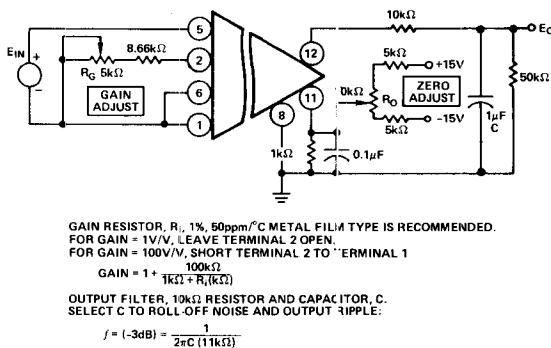
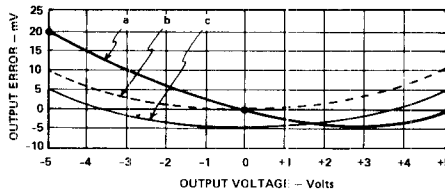


Figure 4. Gain and Offset Adjustment

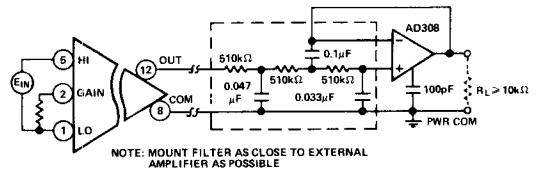


Figure 5. Selecting Bandwidth with a 3-Pole 5Hz Active Filter for Improved 60Hz Noise Reduction (typ 150dB @ 60Hz and 1kΩ Imbalance)

## PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

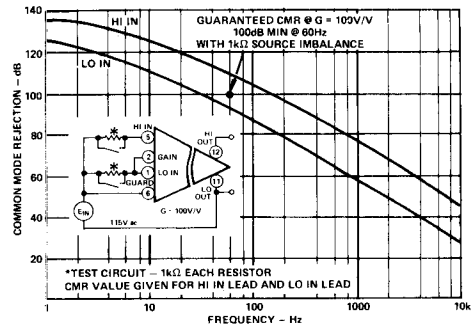


Figure 6. Typical Common Mode Rejection vs. Frequency

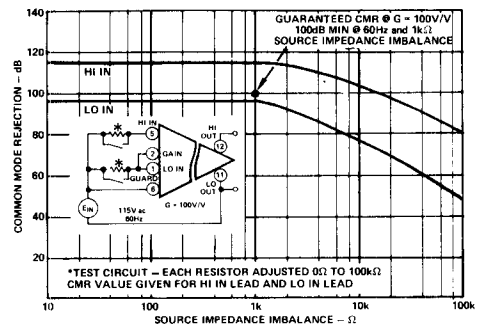


Figure 7. Typical Common Mode Rejection vs. Source Impedance Imbalance

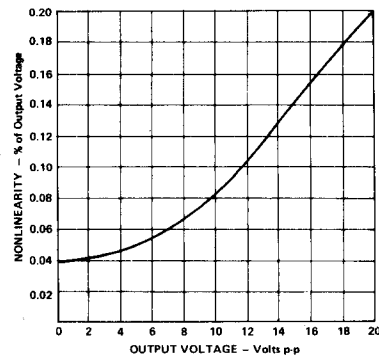
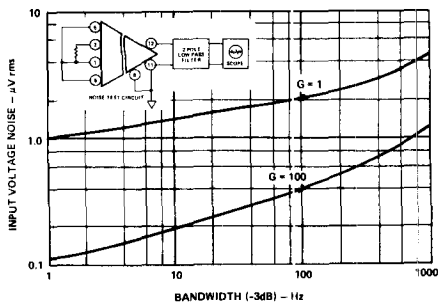
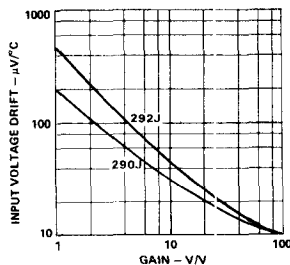


Figure 8. Typical Gain Nonlinearity vs. Output Voltage



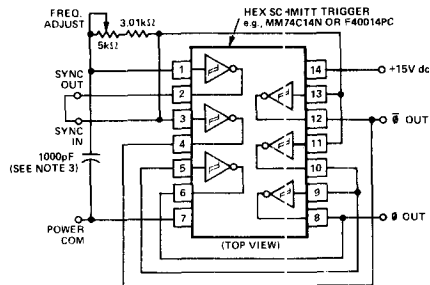
**Figure 9. Typical Input Voltage Noise vs. Bandwidth**  
**Input Offset Voltage Drift:** Total input drift is composed of two sources, input and output stage drifts and is gain dependent. The curve of Figure 10 illustrates total input drift over the gain range of 1 to 100V/V.



**Figure 10. Typical Input Offset Voltage Drift vs. Gain**

#### REFERENCE EXCITATION OSCILLATOR, MODEL 281

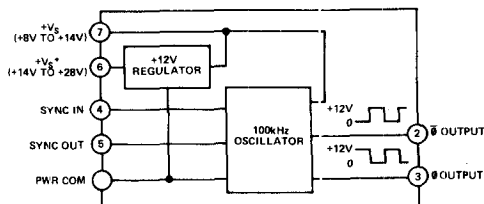
When applying model 292A, the user has the option of building a low cost 100kHz excitation oscillator, as shown in Figure 11, or purchasing a module from Analog Devices—model 281.



NOTES:  
 1. FREQ. ADJUST: ADJUST TRIM POT FOR OUTPUT FREQUENCY OF 100kHz  $\pm 5\%$ .  
 2. FOR SLAVE OPERATION, REMOVE JUMPER FROM SYNC OUT AND SYNC IN PINS.  
 3. USE CERAMIC CAPACITOR, "COG" OR "NPO" CHARACTERISTIC.

**Figure 11. 100kHz Oscillator Interconnection Diagram**

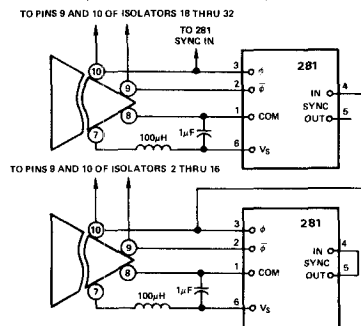
The block diagram of model 281 is shown in Figure 12. An internal +12V dc regulator is provided to permit the user the option of operating over two, pin selectable, power input ranges; terminal 6 offers a range of +14V dc to +28V dc; terminal 7 offers an input range of +8V dc to +14V dc.



\*LEAVE TERMINAL 6 OPEN, WHEN POWER IS APPLIED TO TERMINAL 7.

**Figure 12. Model 281 Block Diagram**

Model 281 oscillator is capable of driving up to 16 model 292As. As shown in Figure 13, an additional model 281 may be driven in a slave-mode to expand the total system channels from 16 to 32. By adding additional model 281s in this manner, systems of over 1000 channels may be easily configured.



**Figure 13. External Oscillator Interconnection**

#### SPECIFICATIONS

(typical @ +25°C and  $V_S = +15V$  dc unless otherwise noted)

MODEL	281
<b>OUTPUT</b>	
Frequency	100kHz $\pm 5\%$
Waveform	Squarewave
Voltage ( $\phi$ and $\bar{\phi}$ terminals)	0 to +12V pk
Fan-Out <sup>2</sup>	16 max
<b>POWER SUPPLY RANGE<sup>3</sup></b>	
High Input, Pin 6	+(14 to 28)V dc
Quiescent Current, N.L.	+5mA
F.L.	+16mA
Low Input, Pin 7	+(8 to 14)V dc
Quiescent Current, N.L.	+12mA
F.L.	+33mA
<b>TEMPERATURE</b>	
Rated Performance	0 to +70°C
Storage	-55°C to +85°C

#### NOTES

<sup>1</sup> Model 292A oscillator drive input represents unity oscillator load.

<sup>2</sup> For applications requiring more than 16 292As, additional 281s may be used in a master/slave mode. Refer to Figure 13.

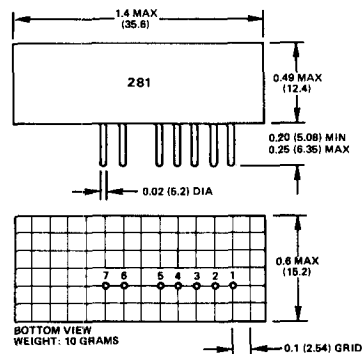
<sup>3</sup> Full load consists of 16 model 292As and 281 oscillator slave.

Specifications subject to change without notice.

See Caution note on specifications table.

#### OUTLINE DIMENSIONS

Dimensions shown in inches and (mm).



#### PIN TERMINAL IDENTIFICATION

1 POWER COMMON 5 SYNC OUTPUT  
 2  $\bar{\phi}$  OUTPUT 6  $+V_S$ : HIGH RANGE (+14 to 28)V dc  
 3  $\phi$  OUTPUT 7  $+V_S$ : LOW RANGE (+8 to 14)V dc  
 4 SYNC INPUT

#### MATING SOCKET:

CINCH #16 DIP OR EQUIVALENT