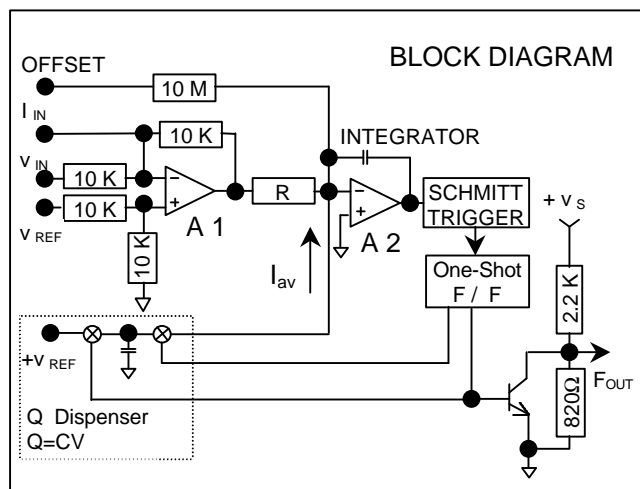


## 5 MHz Voltage to Frequency Converters

### Models 8610, 8612



### Features:

- **Guaranteed Minimum / Maximum Specifications**
- **Wide Dynamic Range**
  - $> 5,000,000:1 > 134 \text{ dB}$
- **Excellent Linearity**
  - $0.01\% \text{ FS}$
  - $\pm 0.03\% \text{ of input}$
- **Excellent Stability**
  - $10 \text{ mV} / ^\circ\text{C offset}$
  - $15 \text{ ppm} / ^\circ\text{C gain}$
- **Buffered Frequency Output**
  - $10 \text{ TTL loads}$
- **Self-contained Subsystem**
  - $2'' \times 2'' \times 0.4'' \text{ module}$
- **Low Power**
  - $< 1.26 \text{ W}$

### Applications:

- **Analytical Instrumentation**
- **Medical Instrumentation**
- **Telemetry**
- **Data Recording**
- **Weighing Systems**

### Description

The **8600 Series** are high performance, high precision 5 MHz full scale Volt-age-to Frequency Converters intended for applications which require high resolution and a six decade dynamic range. The differential input of these units accepts both positive or negative 10  $\mu\text{V}$  to 10 V full scale analog signals, with a 5% over-range capability. The input signal, with common-mode signals attenuated by 60 dB minimum, is converted to an output proportional to the full scale frequency, within 0.01% linearity, utilizing the long-proven charge balance technique. A buffered TTL-compatible frequency output with a 10 TTL-load fanout is provided that will drive up to 50 pF capacitive loads.

Stability of the **8600 Series** over temperature is excellent, with a 10  $\mu\text{V} / ^\circ\text{C}$  typical, 50  $\mu\text{V} / ^\circ\text{C}$  maximum offset and 25 ppm /  $^\circ\text{C}$  maximum (**8612**) gain tempco. Warm-up time to 0.02% accuracy is less than two (2) minutes. In applications that require slightly different specifications such as different full scale output frequency, or where fixed offset or different full scale voltages would be convenient, **custom frequencies** and/or **custom trimming** can be easily accommodated. Other variations such as ratio-metric operation, FET input op-amp, or extended temperature range can also be accommodated. Please contact the factory to discuss your specific requirements.

The **8600 Series** are packaged in a 2.00" x 2.00" x 0.40" modular package. Power dissipation is less than 1.26 W maximum, and operation to rated performance is over the 0° C to + 70° C temperature range.

## 8600 Series Specifications

**(Unless otherwise noted, specifications are at 25° C and are subject to change without notification)**

## Analog Input

**Input Range**  $\pm 10\ \mu\text{V}$  to  $\pm 10\ \text{V}$   
**Current Range**  $+1\ \text{nA}$  to  $+1\ \text{mA}$   
**Overrange** 5% minimum  
**Configuration** Differential  
**Common-Mode Voltage Range**  $\pm 10\ \text{V}$  minimum  
**Common-Mode Rejection Ratio** 60 dB minimum  
 66 dB typical  
 (See Note 1)  
**Offset Voltage**  $\pm 3\ \text{mV}$  typical  
 $\pm 10\ \text{mV}$  maximum  
 adjustable to zero  
**Impedance** ( $+V_{\text{in}}$ )  $10\ \text{K}\Omega$ ,  $\pm 1\%$   
**Impedance** (Differential)  $40\ \text{K}\Omega$ ,  $\pm 1\%$   
**Overvoltage Protection** ( $I_{\text{in}}$  Terminal)  $\pm V_{\text{S}}$  without damage  
**Overvoltage Protection** ( $V_{\text{ref}}$  Terminal)  $\pm 2\ V_{\text{S}}$  without damage

### Transfer Characteristics

**Full Scale Frequency Output ( $F_{out}$ )** 5 MHz + 5% over-range  
**Transfer Characteristics** 5 MHz ( $V_{in}/10\text{ V}$ )  
**Full Scale Factor** 1 mA  $\pm$  0.1%, or 10 V trimmable to 5 MHz  
**Non-Linearity**  $\pm$  0.01% FS,  $\pm$  0.03% of input maximum  
 not specified under overrange conditions  
**Full Scale Step Response (to 0.01%)** 2 cycles of new frequency plus 2  $\mu$ s  
**Overload Recovery** 12 cycles of new frequency

## Power Requirements

**(+V<sub>s</sub>) + 15V, ± 5%** 55 mA maximum  
**(-V<sub>s</sub>) - 15V, ± 5%** 25 mA maximum  
**Power Dissipation** 1.26 W maximum

Note 1: CMRR specification given assumes zero (0) ohms for GAIN ADJUST potentiometer. With GAIN ADJUST potentiometer at 200  $\Omega$ , CMRR is 34 dB.

## Stability

**Gain - Tempco**      **8610** 60 ppm FS / °C typical - 100ppm FS / °C maximum  
                              **8612** 15 ppm FS / °C typical - 25ppm FS / °C maximum

**Gain - PS Sensitivity** 200 ppm / 1% change in supply voltage

**Gain - Drift Per Day**  $\pm$  100 ppm FS maximum

**Gain - Drift Per Month**  $\pm$  200 ppm FS maximum

**Offset - Tempco**  $\pm$  10  $\mu$ V typical -  $\pm$  50  $\mu$ V maximum

**Offset - PS Sensitivity** 20  $\mu$ V / V change in supply voltage

**Offset - Drift Per Day**  $\pm$  10  $\mu$ V typical

**Offset - Drift Per Month**  $\pm$  20  $\mu$ V typical

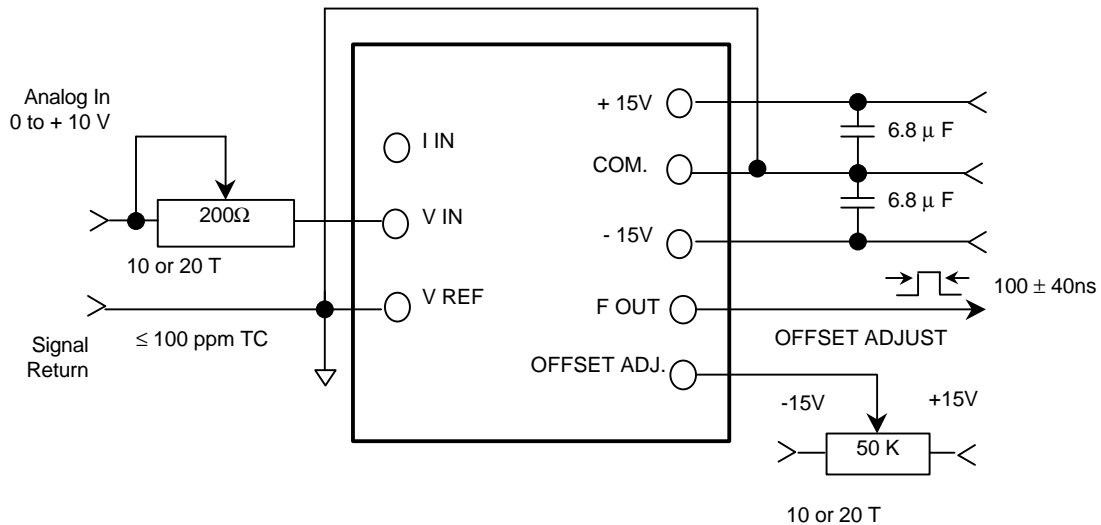
**Warm-up Time**  $\leq$  2 minutes to 0.02% accuracy

### Output

**Pulse Polarity** Positive  
**Pulse Width** 100ns  $\pm$  40ns  
**Logic Levels**  
     **Logic “1” (High)** +4.0 V  $\pm$  0.5 V  
     **Logic “0” (Low)** <0.4 V @ 16 mA sink  
**Load**  $\leq$  50 pF for rated performance  
**Fanout** 10 TTL loads  
**Short Circuit Protection** Indefinite to ground without damage

### *Environmental And Mechanical*

**Operating Temperature (to Rated Performance)** 0° C to +70° C  
**Operating Temperature**  
 (to 50% Derated TC, Linearity, and Fanout) - 25° C to + 85° C  
**Storage Temperature** - 55° C to + 125° C  
**Humidity** 0 - 85%, non-condensing up to 40° C  
**Dimensions** 2.00"x 2.00" x 0.40"  
 (50.8 x 50.8 x 10.16 mm)



**Fig. 1. Normal 8600 Series Input Configuration**

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## Using The 8600 Series of V/F Converters

### General Considerations

Figure 1 depicts a typical circuit configuration for the **8600 Series**. The layout should be clean, with output pulses routed as far away from the input analog signals as possible. For maximum performance, bypass capacitors, as shown in Figure 1, should be mounted right at the appropriate pins of the **8600 Series**. For positive input signals, use the connections as shown. For negative input voltages,  $V_{in}$  should be grounded and the negative-going voltage should be connected to the  $V_{ref}$  input.

### Grounding

The Analog and Digital grounds are internally separate in the **8600 Series**. The use of a ground plane is not necessary for proper operation; however, a ground plane is recommended with any analog signal conditioning circuitry that may be used in front of the V/F, especially if this circuitry involves high gains. Any amplifiers used in front of the **8600 Series** should be de-coupled to eliminate potential problems with the high frequency output of the V/F.

### Input considerations

#### Single-ended Inputs

The  $V_{in}$  pin accepts a 0 V to +10 V analog input, and has an impedance of 10 K $\Omega$ . Figure 2 provides a recommended configuration for expanded or contracted input ranges.

### Differential Inputs

The input can be configured as a differential input as shown in Figure 3. The differential input impedance is 40 K $\Omega$ . The maximum common mode voltage is  $\pm 10$  V.

### Offset and Gain Trimming

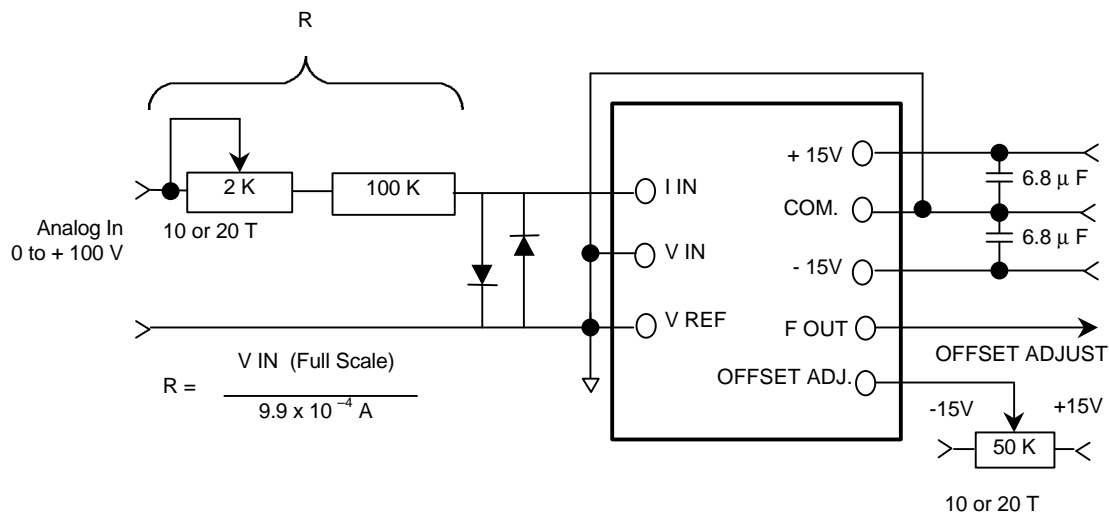
The OFFSET adjustment potentiometer should be a 50 K $\Omega$ , 10-turn unit. With this pot in the circuit, initial offsets of up to  $\pm 10$  mV may be trimmed to zero. The GAIN adjustment potentiometer should be a 200 $\Omega$ , 10-turn unit with a recommended temperature coefficient of 100 ppm or better. With this pot in the circuit, initial gain errors of up to  $\pm 2\%$  may be trimmed to zero.

### Offset Calibration

Offset calibration should be performed prior to gain calibration. With a +1 mV analog signal at the input of the **8600 Series**, adjust the OFFSET potentiometer until a frequency of 500 Hz is observed on the output pin.

### Gain Calibration

With a full scale analog input voltage of +10.00 V, adjust the GAIN potentiometer until a full scale frequency of 5.000 MHz is observed on the output pin.



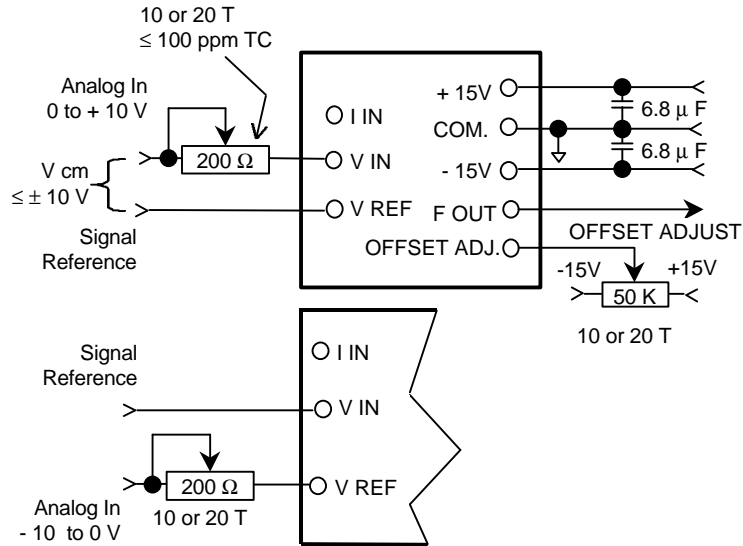
Note: This configuration is also useful for adding or subtracting currents, off-setting the input for a bipolar signal, or presetting a minimum frequency output.

Fig. 2. Expanded Input Range

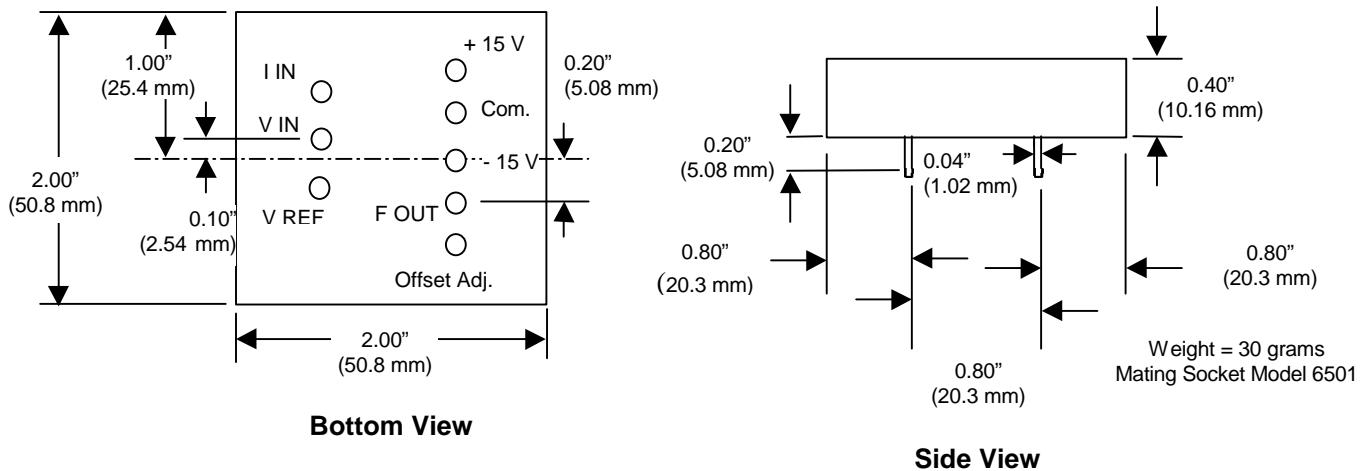
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### Useful Configurations (cont.)

Fig. 3. Differential Inputs



### Mechanical Dimensions and Pin Key



### Ordering Information

Voltage to Frequency Converters	Model	Input	Input Frequency Range
	8610	Differential	100 ppm FS / °C maximum Gain Drift
	8612	Differential	25 ppm FS / °C maximum Gain Drift
Accessories	Model	Description	
	6501	Socket	