

ALP Marketing Applications

Operating Instructions for AD724 Evaluation Board

Input Connections

The AD724EB can be powered by a 5V dc wall type power supply that connects to P3. The center pin of the P3 connector is positive. Optionally it can be powered by +5V and ground via P6.

The Male end of the VGA extender cable is plugged into the source of RGB video. The Female end connects to P2 on the AD724EB. A VGA monitor can be plugged into P1 if desired for convenient switching between monitors.

SW1 (Bypass / Encode) can be used to select between the AD724 encode path or the VGA bypass path. For the VGA Bypass mode to operate properly, the power to the board must be applied due to CMOS loading of the VSYNC signal.

An RGB Multisync monitor should be able to display a good picture when it receives interlaced RGB signals. Other RGB monitors will have trouble displaying interlaced video.

Subcarrier Options

The subcarrier can be provided by any one of several methods. Almost all conceivable options are acceptable.

A 1FSC (NTSC = 3.579545 MHz or PAL = 4.433619 MHz) crystal can be used in position Y3. On-chip circuitry runs the oscillator. For most crystals, a parallel capacitor of from 10-20 pF is required at position C10 for proper frequency and reliable start-up of the oscillator circuit. When the crystal option is used, J3 should be removed and J2 should be installed to select 1FSC operation.

A packaged oscillator of either 1FSC or 4FSC (NTSC = 14.31818 MHz, PAL = 17.734480 MHz) can also be used (either full size or half size). Position Y2 is for an NTSC oscillator and position Y1 is for a PAL oscillator. SW2 selects between the two standards, while at the same time selecting the proper logic level for STND (Pin 1 of AD724).

When either of these oscillator options is used, J3 must be installed and J2 should be configured as appropriate for 1FSC (jumper installed) or 4FSC (no jumper installed) operation. The crystal at position Y3 is not necessary when running from an oscillator. Leaving it in while forcing the subcarrier drive with a packaged oscillator does not appear to affect performance.

A clock of the proper frequency from another source can also be used. It should be CMOS logic levels and approx. 50% duty cycle. It can be connected to the board at position C10.

Power Down

J1 is used to program the power down status. For normal operation, no jumper should be installed. The power down conditions of the IC can be examined by installing J1.

Output Connections

There are two options for video out. Only one is necessary at a time, but both can be used simultaneously. Composite video is output on the RCA (phono) connector. It is ac coupled via a 220 μ F capacitor and back terminated with 75 Ω . This can be connected to the video input of a TV monitor which should provide a 75 Ω termination.

S-video (Y/C Video) is available on the 4-pin circular DIN connector. Each of these is also ac coupled and back terminated with 75Ω . This output can be connected to the S-video input of a TV monitor via the proper cable.

In general S-video will result in a better quality picture due to limitations of the composite video luminance/chrominance circuitry used in TV monitors (producing dot crawl and limited luminance bandwidth). It is highly recommended that S-video be used whenever it is a feasible option.

Software

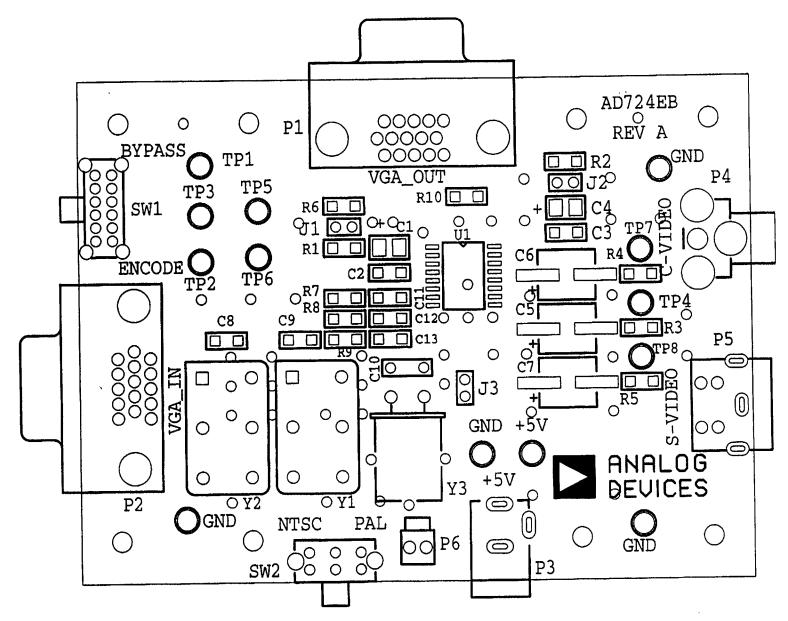
The software used for the AD724EB was developed for the AD720, but is still usable for the AD724. The software can be run from the floppy disk or can be installed on a hard drive. By running the INSTALL program, the software will be loaded into a directory called TV.

There is a TSR program called TV.EXE that changes the scanning of the graphics controller to interlaced format, 60 Hz (NTSC) or 50 Hz (PAL), and performs the appropriate vertical scaling to make the VGA format fit into a composite video frame.

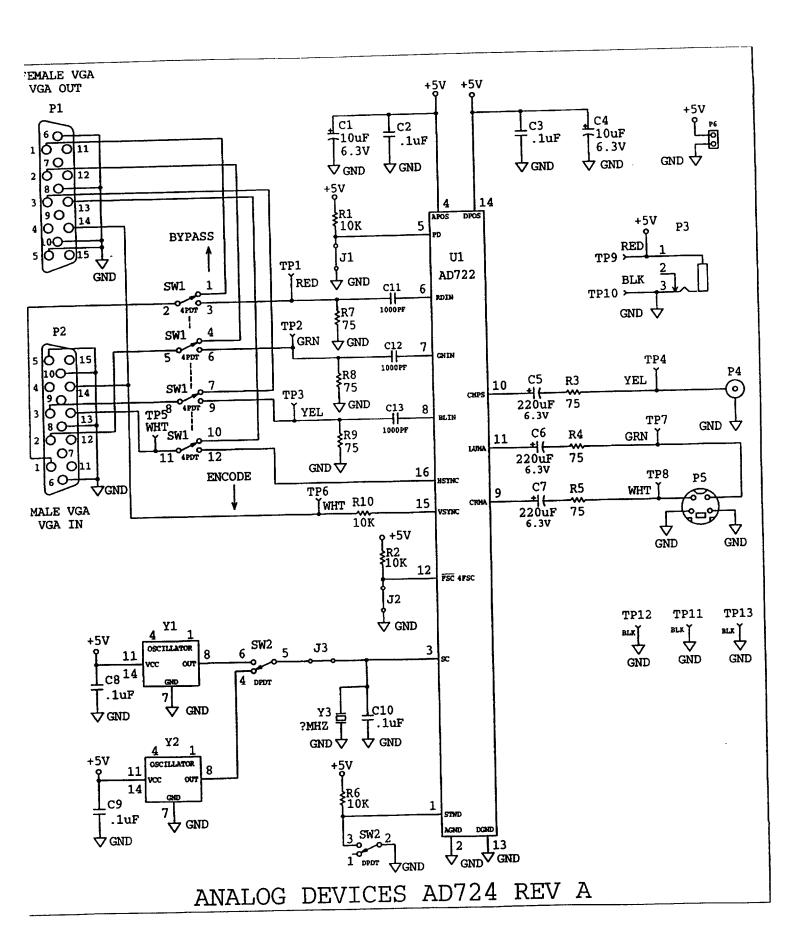
To select NTSC scanning the command to use is TV -N [RETURN], and for PAL it is TV -P [RETURN]. The TSR can be unloaded by command TV -U [RETURN]. This TSR must be executed from DOS. It will not work when executed in a DOS window running under WINDOWS.

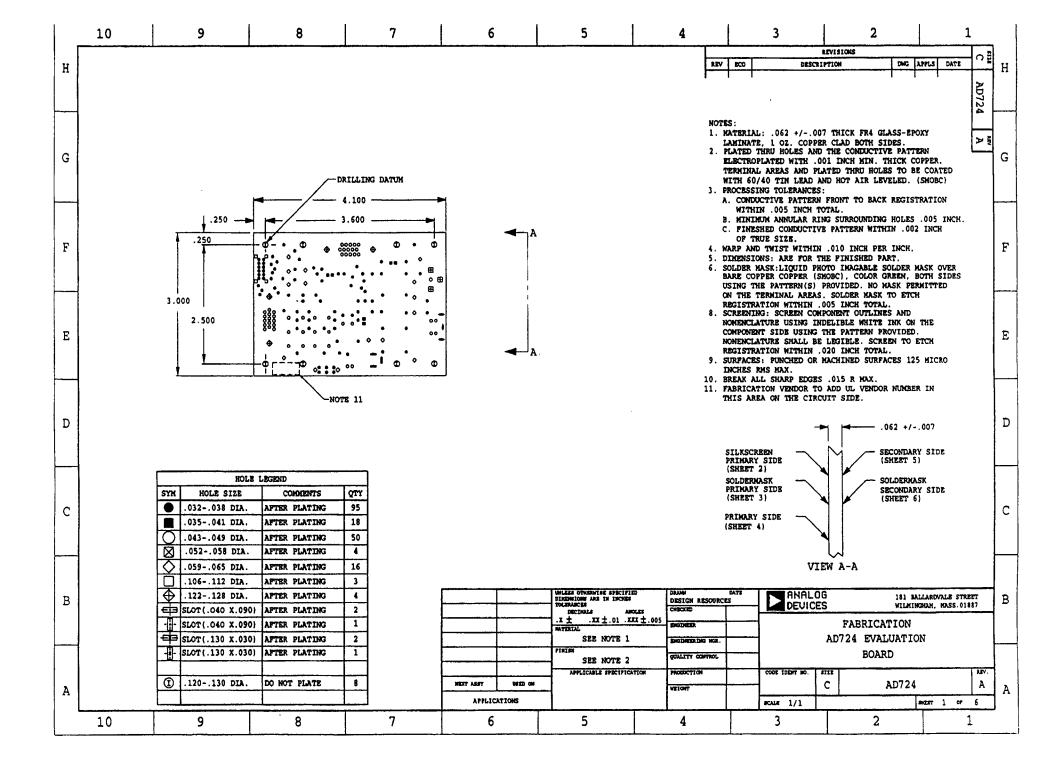
After the TSR is running, the hot-keystroke ALT-BACKSPACE will toggle the controller between non-interlaced (VGA) mode and interlaced (composite video) mode.

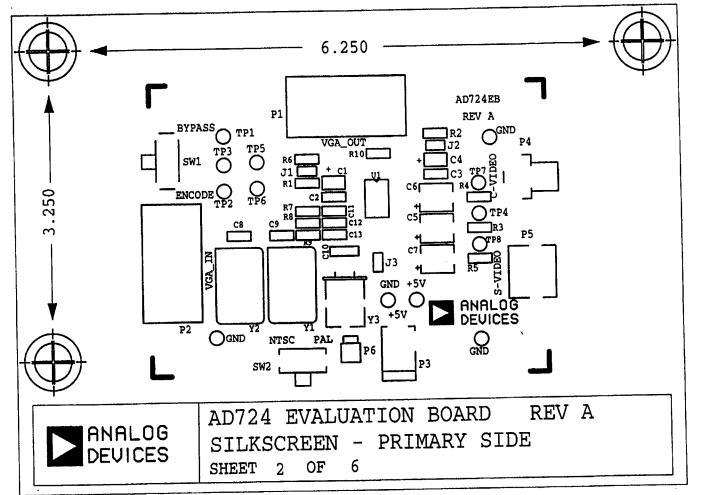
The DEMO file contains a collections of pictures for viewing image quality. Alternately, any other programs can be run to test the performance.



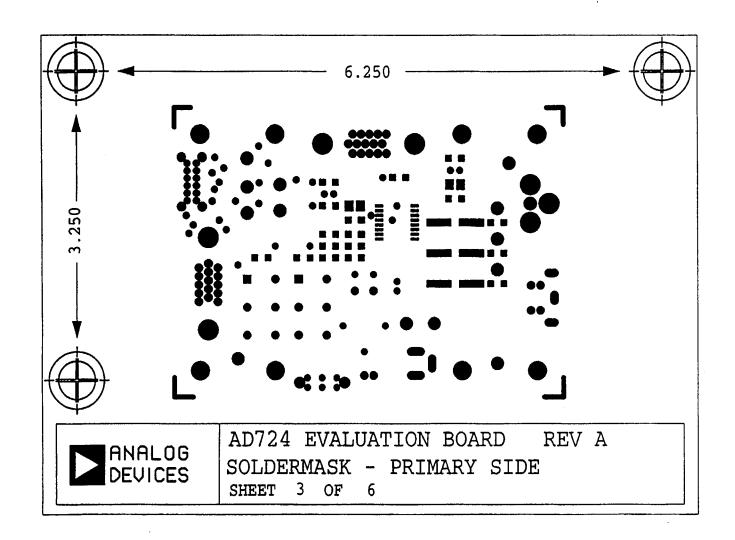
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