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# LM13600 Dual Operational Transconductance Amplifiers with Linearizing Diodes and Buffers

# **General Description**

The LM13600 series consists of two current controlled transconductance amplifiers each with differential inputs and a push-pull output. The two amplifiers share common supplies but otherwise operate independently. Linearizing diodes are provided at the inputs to reduce distortion and allow higher input levels. The result is a 10 dB signal-to-noise improvement referenced to 0.5 percent THD. Controlled impedance buffers which are especially designed to complement the dynamic range of the amplifiers are provided.

#### **Features**

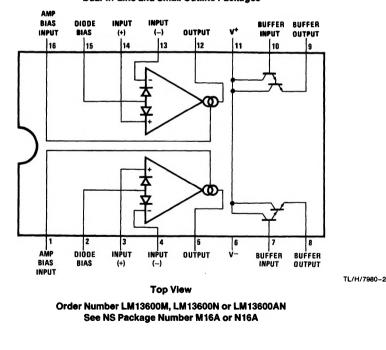
- gm adjustable over 6 decades
- Excellent gm linearity

# **Connection Diagram**

- Excellent matching between amplifiers
- Linearizing diodes
- Controlled impedance buffers
- High output signal-to-noise ratio

## **Applications**

- Current-controlled amplifiers
- Current-controlled impedances
- Current-controlled filters
- Current-controlled oscillators
- Multiplexers
- Timers
- Sample and hold circuits



#### **Duai-In-Line and Small Outline Packages**

# **Absolute Maximum Ratings**

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

| Supply Voltage (Note 1)                        |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| LM13600  | 36 V <sub>DC</sub> or ±18V |
| LM13600A                                       | 44 V <sub>DC</sub> or ±22V |
| Power Dissipation (Note 2) $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ | 570 mW                     |
| Differential Input Voltage                     | ±5V                        |
| Diode Bias Current (I <sub>D</sub> )           | 2 mA                       |
| Amplifier Bias Current (IABC)                  | 2 mA                       |
| Output Short Circuit Duration                  | Continuous                 |
| Buffer Output Current (Note 3)                 | 20 mA                      |

| Operating Temperature Range                   | 0°C to + 70°C                      |
|---|------------------------------------|
| DC Input Voltage                              | +V <sub>S</sub> to -V <sub>S</sub> |
| Storage Temperature Range                     | -65°C to +150°C                    |
| Soldering information<br>Dual-In-Line Package |                                    |
| Soldering (10 seconds)                        | 260°C                              |
| Small Outline Package                         |                                    |
| Vapor Phase (60 seconds)                      | 215°C                              |
| Infrared (15 seconds)                         | 220°C                              |
|   |                                    |

See AN-450 "Surface Mounting Methods and Their Effect on Product Reliability" for other methods of soldering surface mount devices.

# Electrical Characteristics (Note 4)

| Parameter   | Conditions   | LM13600      |                  |            | LM13600A        |                |             | Units          |
|---|--|--------------|------------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
|   |  | Min          | Тур              | Max        | Min             | Тур            | Max         | Units          |
| Input Offset Voltage (V <sub>OS</sub> )             | Over Specified Temperature Range<br>I <sub>ABC</sub> = 5 µA  |              | 0.4<br>0.3       | 4          |                 | 0.4<br>0.3     | 1<br>2<br>1 | mV<br>mV<br>mV |
| V <sub>OS</sub> Including Diodes                    | Diode Bias Current (I <sub>D</sub> ) = 500 $\mu$ A   |              | 0.5              | 5          |                 | 0.5            | 2           | mV             |
| Input Offset Change                                 | 5 μA ≤ I <sub>ABC</sub> ≤ 500 μA   |              | 0.1              | 3          |                 | 0.1            | 1           | mV             |
| Input Offset Current                                |  |              | 0.1              | 0.6        |                 | 0.1            | 0.6         | μA             |
| Input Bias Current                                  | Over Specified Temperature Range   |              | 0.4<br>1         | 5<br>8     |                 | 0.4<br>1       | 5<br>7      | μΑ<br>μΑ       |
| Forward<br>Transconductance (g <sub>m</sub> )       | Over Specified Temperature Range   | 6700<br>5400 | 9600             | 13000      | 7700<br>4000    | 9600           | 12000       | μmho<br>μmho   |
| g <sub>m</sub> Tracking                             |  |              | 0.3              |            |                 | 0.3            |             | dB             |
| Peak Output Current                                 | $ \begin{aligned} R_L &= 0, I_{ABC} = 5 \ \mu A \\ R_L &= 0, I_{ABC} = 500 \ \mu A \\ R_L &= 0, \text{Over Specified Temp Range} \end{aligned} $     | 350<br>300   | 5<br>500         | 650        | 3<br>350<br>300 | 5<br>500       | 7<br>650    | μΑ<br>μΑ<br>μΑ |
| Peak Output Voltage<br>Positive<br>Negative         | $\begin{split} R_{L} &= \infty, 5 \; \mu A \leq I_{ABC} \leq 500 \; \mu A \\ R_{L} &= \infty, 5 \; \mu A \leq I_{ABC} \leq 500 \; \mu A \end{split}$ | + 12<br>- 12 | + 14.2<br>- 14.4 |            | + 12<br>- 12    | + 14.2<br>14.4 |             | v<br>v         |
| Supply Current                                      | $I_{ABC} = 500 \ \mu A$ , Both Channels  |              | 2.6              |            |                 | 2.6            |             | mA             |
| V <sub>OS</sub> Sensitivity<br>Positive<br>Negative | Δ V <sub>OS</sub> /ΔV+<br>Δ V <sub>OS</sub> /ΔV-   |              | 20<br>20         | 150<br>150 |                 | 20<br>20       | 150<br>150  | μV/V<br>μV/V   |
| CMRR  |  | 80           | 110              |            | 80              | 110            |             | dB             |
| Common Mode Range                                   |  | ±12          | ± 13.5           |            | ±12             | ±13.5          |             | V              |
| Crosstalk   | Referred to Input (Note 5)<br>20 Hz < f < 20 kHz   |              | 100              |            |                 | 100            |             | dB             |
| Differential Input Current                          | $I_{ABC} = 0$ , Input = $\pm 4V$   |              | 0.02             | 100        |                 | 0.02           | 10          | nA             |
| Leakage Current                                     | $I_{ABC} = 0$ (Refer to Test Circuit)  | - 0          | 0.2              | 100        |                 | 0.2            | 5           | nA             |

| Parameter                  | Conditions                             | LM13600 |     |     | LM13600A |     |     | Units |
|----------------------------|--|---------|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----|-------|
|                            |  | Min     | Тур | Max | Min      | Тур | Max |       |
| Input Resistance           |  | 10      | 26  |     | 10       | 26  |     | kΩ    |
| Open Loop Bandwidth        |  |         | 2   |     |          | 2   |     | MHz   |
| Slew Rate                  | Unity Gain Compensated                 |         | 50  |     |          | 50  |     | V/µs  |
| Buffer Input Current       | (Note 5), Except $I_{ABC} = 0 \ \mu A$ |         | 0.2 | 0.4 |          | 0.2 | 0.4 | μA    |
| Peak Buffer Output Voltage | (Note 5)                               | 10      |     |     | 10       |     |     | v     |

Note 1: For selections to a supply voltage above ±22V, contact factory.

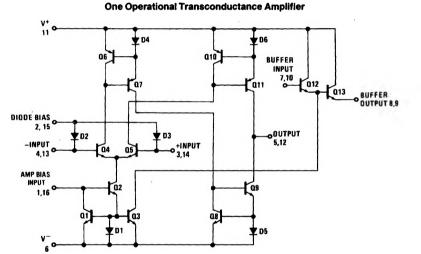
Note 2: For operating at high temperatures, the device must be derated based on a 150°C maximum junction temperature and a thermal resistance of 175°C/W which applies for the device soldered in a printed circuit board, operating in still air.

Note 3: Buffer output current should be limited so as to not exceed package dissipation.

Note 4: These specifications apply for V<sub>S</sub> =  $\pm$  15V, T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C, amplifier bias current (I<sub>ABC</sub>) = 500 µA, pins 2 and 15 open unless otherwise specified. The inputs to the buffers are grounded and outputs are open.

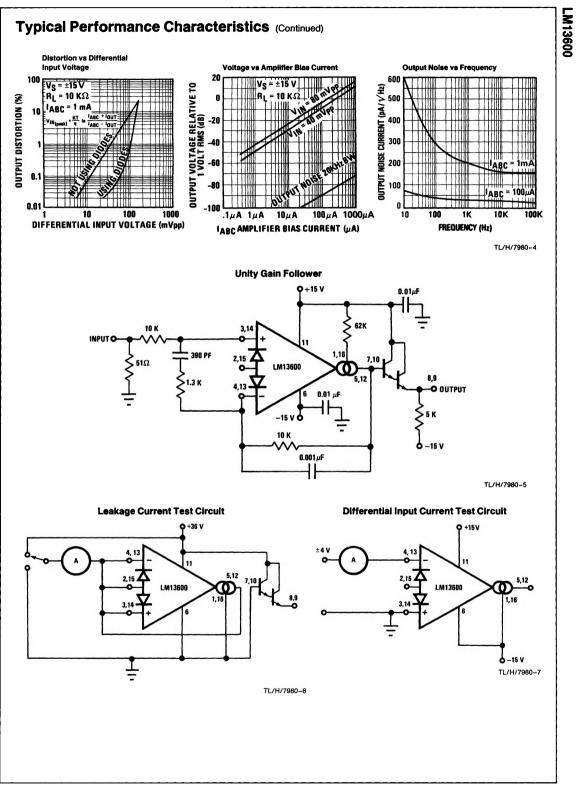
Note 5: These specifications apply for V<sub>S</sub> =  $\pm$  15V, I<sub>ABC</sub> = 500  $\mu$ A, R<sub>OUT</sub> = 5 k $\Omega$  connected from the buffer output to  $-V_S$  and the input of the buffer is connected to the transconductance amplifier output.

# **Schematic Diagram**



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#### **Typical Performance Characteristics** Input Blas Current Input Offset Current Input Offset Voltage 103 10 NPUT OFFSET VOLTAGE (mV) <u>S</u> **OFFSET CURRENT (nA)** tt 111 **NPUT BIAS CURRENT** 10 102 = ±15 125 5°C 10 102 -1 1 10 -5 **TUPUT** Ш -1 TTI 0.1 1µA 1µA 1.4 18µA 106µA 1600µA 10.04 100uA 1000µA 1µA 0.1*u*A 1*u*A 18.4 100...A 1000..... AMPLIFIER BIAS CURRENT (IABC) AMPLIFIER BIAS CURRENT (IABC) AMPLIFIER BIAS CURRENT (IABC) **Peak Output Voltage and** Leakage Current **Peak Output Current Common Mode Range** 10 10 15 Vs= TUOV TUO = ±15V (+)VIN=(-)VIN=VOUT=36 14.5 OUTPUT VOLTAGE AND MON MODE RANGE (V) VCMR E 14 (PA) 104 103 CURRENT $V_S = \pm 1$ 13.5 **EAKAGE CURRENT** RLOAD 13 TA 10 0 103 111 PEAK OUTPUT -13 CMB **NOMN** -13.5 đ٨ 18 102 -14 EAK VOUT 8 14 5 10 **1μΑ** 1µA 10µA 100µA 1900µA .1μΑ 1μΑ 10µA 100μA 1000μA -50°C -25°C 6°C 25°C 56°C 75°C 180°C 125°C AMPLIFIER BIAS CURRENT (IABC) AMPLIFIER BIAS CURRENT (IABC) AMBIENT TEMPERATURE (TA) Input Resistance Input Leakage Transconductance 10 10 10 INS 2, 15 11 2 16 (numbo) +125°C A OPEN = + 15 V LEAKAGE CURRENT ī 104 (GW 10 FRANSCONDUCTANCE (gm) RESISTANCE 103 1 +25°C **TPUT** 10 INPUT L 1 10 .01 1000μA A 1 2 3 ٨ 5 £ 1µA 10µA 100 µ A 1000µA 0.1µA 1µA 10µA 100µA .1*µ*A INPUT DIFFERENTIAL VOLTAGE AMPLIFIER BIAS CURRENT (IABC) AMPLIFIER BIAS CURRENT (IABC) Amplifier Bias Voltage vs **Output Resistance** Amplifier Blas Current Input and Output Capacitance 2000 10 + 15 V TA=+25 21800 E (CW) E 1600 55 111 11111 10 CAPACITANCE (pF) **OUTPUT RESISTANCE** CIN 11111 1200 ŝ 1000 1111 102 3 800 ā E 600 . ТШ 10 IMPLIFI 400 200 1 1µA 1µA 10µA 100 µA 1000 µA 10µA 100µA 1000µA 10µA 1000µA 0.1µA 1µA 1μΑ 1μΑ 100uA AMPLIFIER BIAS CURRENT (IABC) AMPLIFIER BIAS CURRENT (IABC) AMPLIFIER BIAS CURRENT (IABC)



#### **Circuit Description**

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The differential transistor pair  $Q_4$  and  $Q_5$  form a transconductance stage in that the ratio of their collector currents is defined by the differential input voltage according to the transfer function:

$$l_{\rm IN} = \frac{\rm kT}{\rm q} \ln \frac{\rm l_5}{\rm l_4} \tag{1}$$

where V<sub>IN</sub> is the differential input voltage, kT/q is approximately 26 mV at 25°C and I<sub>5</sub> and I<sub>4</sub> are the collector currents of transistors Q<sub>5</sub> and Q<sub>4</sub> respectively. With the exception of Q<sub>3</sub> and Q<sub>13</sub>, all transistors and diodes are identical in size. Transistors Q<sub>1</sub> and Q<sub>2</sub> with Diode D<sub>1</sub> form a current mirror which forces the sum of currents I<sub>4</sub> and I<sub>5</sub> to equal I<sub>ABC</sub>;

$$I_4 + I_5 = I_{ABC}$$
 (2)

where  $I_{\mbox{\scriptsize ABC}}$  is the amplifier bias current applied to the gain pin.

For small differential input voltages the ratio of  $I_4$  and  $I_5$  approaches unity and the Taylor series of the In function can be approximated as:

$$\frac{kT}{q} \ln \frac{l_5}{l_4} \approx \frac{kT}{q} \frac{l_5 - l_4}{l_4}$$
(3)

$$I_4 \approx I_5 \approx \frac{I_{ABC}}{2}$$
  
 $V_{IN} \left[ \frac{I_{ABC} q}{2kT} \right] = I_5 - I_4$  (4)

Collector currents  $I_4$  and  $I_5$  are not very useful by themselves and it is necessary to subtract one current from the

other. The remaining transistors and diodes form three current mirrors that produce an output current equal to  $I_5$  minus  $I_4$  thus:

$$V_{\rm IN} \left[ \frac{I_{\rm ABC} \, q}{2 \, \rm kT} \right] = I_{\rm OUT} \tag{5}$$

The term in brackets is then the transconductance of the amplifier and is proportional to  $I_{ABC}$ .

#### **Linearizing Diodes**

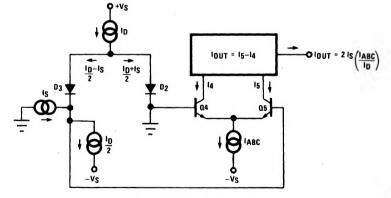
For differential voltages greater than a few millivolts, Equation 3 becomes less valid and the transconductance becomes increasingly nonlinear. *Figure 1* demonstrates how the internal diodes can linearize the transfer function of the amplifier. For convenience assume the diodes are biased with current sources and the input signal is in the form of current I<sub>8</sub>. Since the sum of I<sub>4</sub> and I<sub>5</sub> is I<sub>ABC</sub> and the difference is I<sub>OUT</sub>, currents I<sub>4</sub> and I<sub>5</sub> can be written as follows:

$$i_4 = \frac{i_{ABC}}{2} - \frac{i_{OUT}}{2}, i_5 = \frac{i_{ABC}}{2} + \frac{i_{OUT}}{2}$$

Since the diodes and the input transistors have identical geometries and are subject to similar voltages and temperatures, the following is true:

$$\frac{kT}{q} \ln \frac{\frac{lD}{2} + is}{\frac{lD}{2} - is} = \frac{kT}{q} \ln \frac{\frac{lABC}{2} + \frac{lout}{2}}{\frac{lABC}{2} - \frac{lout}{2}}$$
$$\therefore l_{out} = l_{S} \left(\frac{2l_{ABC}}{l_{D}}\right) \quad \text{for } |l_{S}| < \frac{lD}{2} \tag{6}$$

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**FIGURE 1. Linearizing Diodes** 

#### Linearizing Diodes (Continued)

Notice that in deriving Equation 6 no approximations have been made and there are no temperature-dependent terms. The limitations are that the signal current not exceed  $I_D/2$  and that the diodes be biased with currents. In practice, replacing the current sources with resistors will generate insignificant errors.

# **Controlled Impedance Buffers**

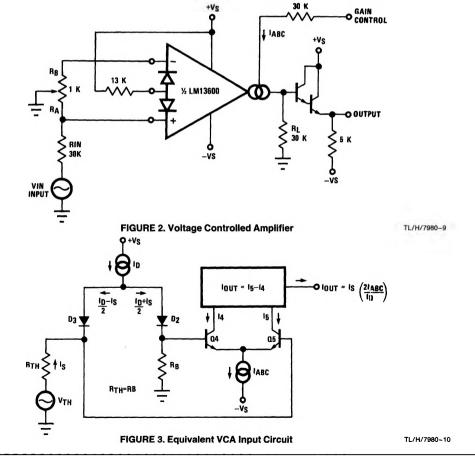
The upper limit of transconductance is defined by the maximum value of IABC (2 mA). The lowest value of IABC for which the amplifier will function therefore determines the overall dynamic range. At very low values of IABC, a buffer which has very low input bias current is desirable. An FET follower satisfies the low input current requirement, but is somewhat non-linear for large voltage swing. The controlled impedance buffer is a Darlington which modifies its input bias current to suit the need. For low values of IABC, the buffer's input current is minimal. At higher levels of IABCI transistor Q<sub>3</sub> biases up Q<sub>12</sub> with a current proportional to IABC for fast slew rate. When IABC is changed, the DC level of the Darlington output buffer will shift. In audio applications where IABC is changed suddenly, this shift may produce an audible "pop". For these applications the LM13700 may produce superior results.

## Applications—Voltage Controlled Amplifiers

Figure 2 shows how the linearizing diodes can be used in a voltage-controlled amplifier. To understand the input biasing, it is best to consider the 13 k $\Omega$  resistor as a current source and use a Thevenin equivalent circuit as shown in *Figure 3*. This circuit is similar to *Figure 1* and operates the same. The potentiometer in *Figure 2* is adjusted to minimize the effects of the control signal at the output.

For optimum signal-to-noise performance,  $I_{ABC}$  should be as large as possible as shown by the Output Voltage vs. Amplifier Bias Current graph. Larger amplitudes of input signal also improve the S/N ratio. The linearizing diodes help here by allowing larger input signals for the same output distortion as shown by the Distortion vs. Differential Input Voltage graph. S/N may be optimized by adjusting the magnitude of the input signal via R<sub>IN</sub> (*Figure 2*) until the output distortion is below some desired level. The output voltage swing can then be set at any level by selecting R<sub>L</sub>.

Although the noise contribution of the linearizing diodes is negligible relative to the contribution of the amplifier's internal transistors,  $I_D$  should be as large as possible. This minimizes the dynamic junction resistance of the diodes ( $r_e$ ) and maximizes their linearizing action when balanced against  $R_{IN}$ . A value of 1 mA is recommended for  $I_D$  unless the specific application demands otherwise.



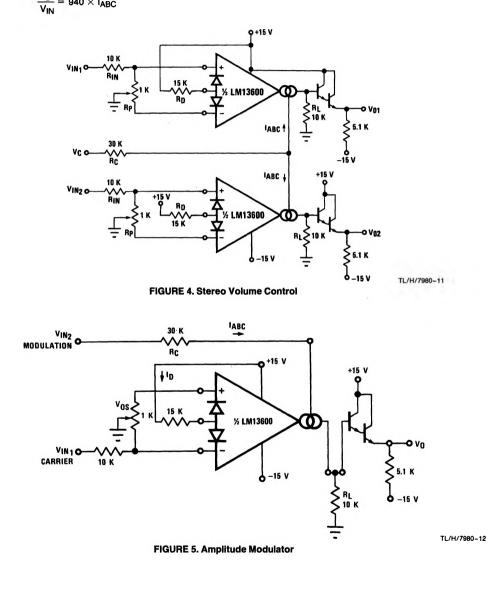
#### **Stereo Volume Control**

The circuit of Figure 4 uses the excellent matching of the two LM13600 amplifiers to provide a Stereo Volume Control with a typical channel-to-channel gain tracking of 0.3 dB. RP is provided to minimize the output offset voltage and may be replaced with two 510 resistors in AC-coupled applications. For the component values given, amplifier gain is derived for Figure 2 as being:

$$\frac{V_0}{V_{IN}} = 940 \times I_{ABC}$$

If V<sub>C</sub> is derived from a second signal source then the circuit becomes an amplitude modulator or two-quadrant multiplier as shown in Figure 5, where:

$$I_{O} = \frac{-2I_{S}}{I_{D}} (I_{ABC}) = \frac{-2I_{S}}{I_{D}} \frac{V_{IN2}}{R_{C}} - \frac{2I_{S}}{I_{D}} \frac{(V^{-} + 1.4V)}{R_{C}}$$



#### Stereo Volume Control (Continued)

The constant term in the above equation may be cancelled by feeding I<sub>S</sub> × I<sub>D</sub>R<sub>C</sub>/2 (V<sup>-</sup> + 1.4V) into I<sub>O</sub>. The circuit of *Figure 6* adds R<sub>M</sub> to provide this current, resulting in a four-quadrant multiplier where R<sub>C</sub> is trimmed such that V<sub>O</sub> = 0V for V<sub>IN2</sub> = 0V. R<sub>M</sub> also serves as the load resistor for I<sub>O</sub>.

Noting that the gain of the LM13600 amplifier of *Figure 3* may be controlled by varying the linearizing diode current  $I_D$  as well as by varying  $I_{ABC}$ , *Figure 7* shows an AGC Amplifier using this approach. As  $V_O$  reaches a high enough amplitude (3  $V_{BE}$ ) to turn on the Darlington transistors and the linearizing diodes, the increase in  $I_D$  reduces the amplifier gain so as to hold  $V_O$  at that level.

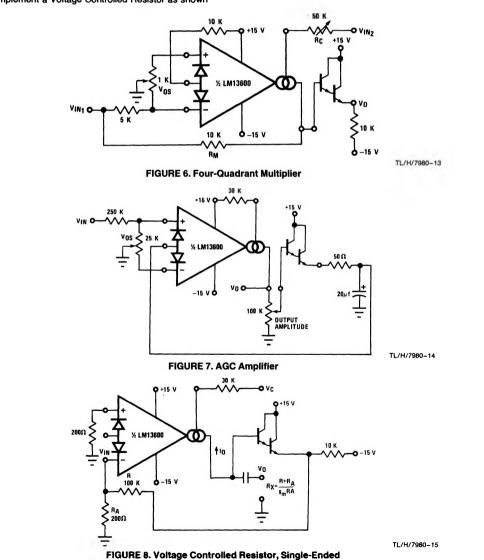
### **Voltage Controlled Resistors**

An Operational Transconductance Amplifier (OTA) may be used to implement a Voltage Controlled Resistor as shown in *Figure 8*. A signal voltage applied at  $R_X$  generates a  $V_{IN}$  to the LM13600 which is then multiplied by the  $g_m$  of the amplifier to produce an output current, thus:

$$R_{X} = \frac{R + R_{A}}{g_{m} R_{A}}$$

where  $g_m \approx 19.2 I_{ABC}$  at 25°C. Note that the attenuation of V<sub>O</sub> by R and R<sub>A</sub> is necessary to maintain V<sub>IN</sub> within the linear range of the LM13600 input.

Figure 9 shows a similar VCR where the linearizing diodes are added, essentially improving the noise performance of the resistor. A floating VCR is shown in *Figure 10*, where each "end" of the "resistor" may be at any voltage within the output voltage range of the LM13600.



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#### **Voltage Controlled Filters**

OTA's are extremely useful for implementing voltage controlled filters, with the LM13600 having the advantage that the required buffers are included on the I.C. The VC Lo-Pass Filter of *Figure 11* performs as a unity-gain buffer amplifier at frequencies below cut-off, with the cut-off frequency being the point at which  $X_C/g_m$  equals the closed-loop gain of (R/R<sub>A</sub>). At frequencies above cut-off the circuit provides a single RC roll-off (6 dB per octave) of the input signal amplitude with a -3 dB point defined by the given equation,

where  $g_m$  is again 19.2  $\times$   $I_{ABC}$  at room temperature. Figure 12 shows a VC High-Pass Filter which operates in much the same manner, providing a single RC roll-off below the defined cut-off frequency.

Additional amplifiers may be used to implement higher order filters as demonstrated by the two-pole Butterworth Lo-Pass Filter of *Figure 13* and the state variable filter of *Figure 13*. Due to the excellent  $g_m$  tracking of the two amplifiers and the varied bias of the buffer Darlingtons, these filters perform well over several decades of frequency.

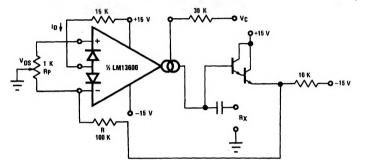


FIGURE 9. Voltage Controlled Resistor with Linearizing Diodes

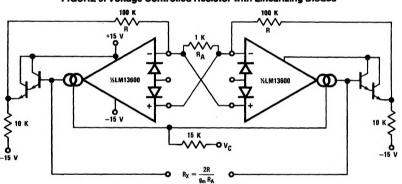


FIGURE 10. Floating Voltage Controlled Resistor

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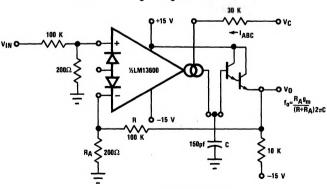
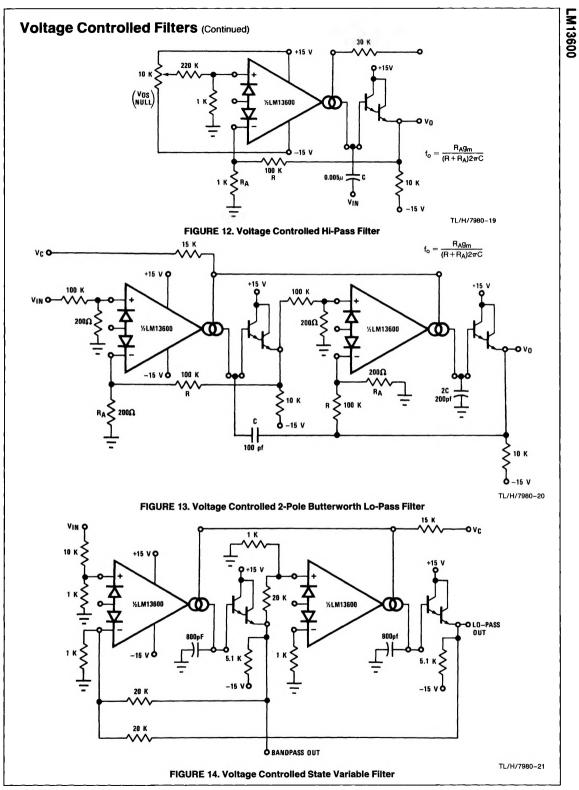


FIGURE 11. Voltage Controlled Low-Pass Filter



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#### **Voltage Controlled Oscillators**

The classic Triangular/Square Wave VCO of *Figure 15* is one of a variety of Voltage Controlled Oscillators which may be built utilizing the LM13600. With the component values shown, this oscillator provides signals from 200 kHz to below 2 Hz as I<sub>C</sub> is varied from 1 mA to 10 nA. The output amplitudes are set by I<sub>A</sub> × R<sub>A</sub>. Note that the peak differential input voltage must be less than 5V to prevent zenering the inputs.

A few modifications to this circuit produce the ramp/pulse VCO of Figure 16. When V\_{O2} is high, I\_F is added to I\_C to

increase amplifier A1's bias current and thus to increase the charging rate of capacitor C. When  $V_{O2}$  is low,  $I_F$  goes to zero and the capacitor discharge current is set by  $I_C$ .

The VC Lo-Pass Filter of *Figure 11* may be used to produce a high-quality sinusoidal VCO. The circuit of *Figure 16* employs two LM13600 packages, with three of the amplifiers configured as lo-pass filters and the fourth as a limiter/inverter. The circuit oscillates at the frequency at which the loop phase-shift is 360° or 180° for the inverter and 60° per filter stage. This VCO operates from 5 Hz to 50 kHz with less than 1% THD.

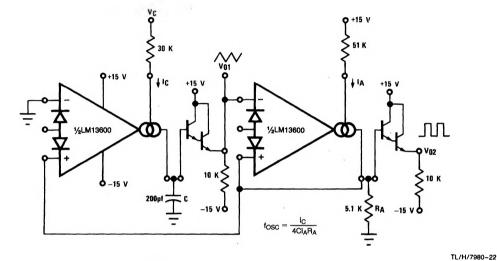
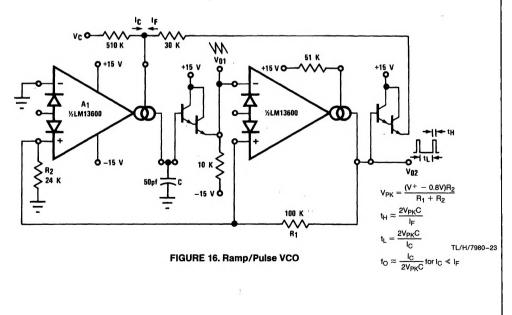


FIGURE 15. Triangular/Square-Wave VCO



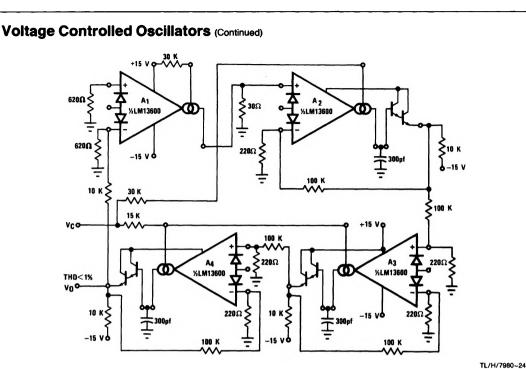


FIGURE 17. Sinusoidal VCO

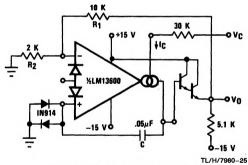


FIGURE 18. Single Amplifier VCO

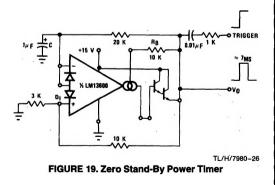
Figure 18 shows how to build a VCO using one amplifier when the other amplifier is needed for another function.

# **Additional Applications**

Figure 19 presents an interesting one-shot which draws no power supply current until it is triggered. A positive-going trigger pulse of at least 2V amplitude turns on the amplifier through R<sub>B</sub> and pulls the non-inverting input high. The amplifier regenerates and latches its output high until capacitor C charges to the voltage level on the non-inverting input. The output then switches low, turning off the amplifier and discharging the capacitor. The capacitor discharge rate is increased by shorting the diode bias pin to the inverting input so than an additional discharge current flows through D<sub>I</sub> when the amplifier output switches low. A special feature of this timer is that the other amplifier, when biased from V<sub>O</sub>, can perform another function and draw zero stand-by power as well.

The operation of the multiplexer of *Figure 20* is very straightforward. When A1 is turned on it holds V<sub>O</sub> equal to V<sub>IN1</sub> and when A2 is supplied with bias current then it controls V<sub>O</sub>. C<sub>C</sub> and R<sub>C</sub> serve to stabilize the unity-gain configuration of amplifiers A1 and A2. The maximum clock rate is limited to about 200 kHz by the LM13600 slew rate into 150 pF when the (V<sub>IN1</sub>-V<sub>IN2</sub>) differential is at its maximum allowable value of 5V.

The Phase-Locked Loop of *Figure 21* uses the four-quadrant multiplier of *Figure 6* and the VCO of *Figure 18* to produce a PLL with a  $\pm 5\%$  hold-in range and an input sensitivity of about 300 mV.



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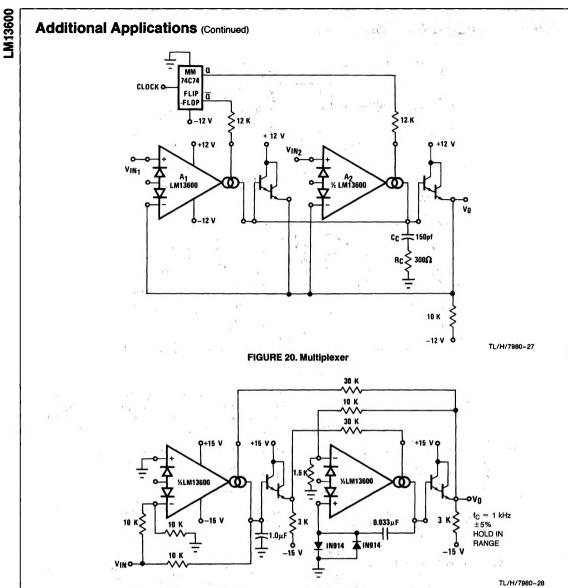


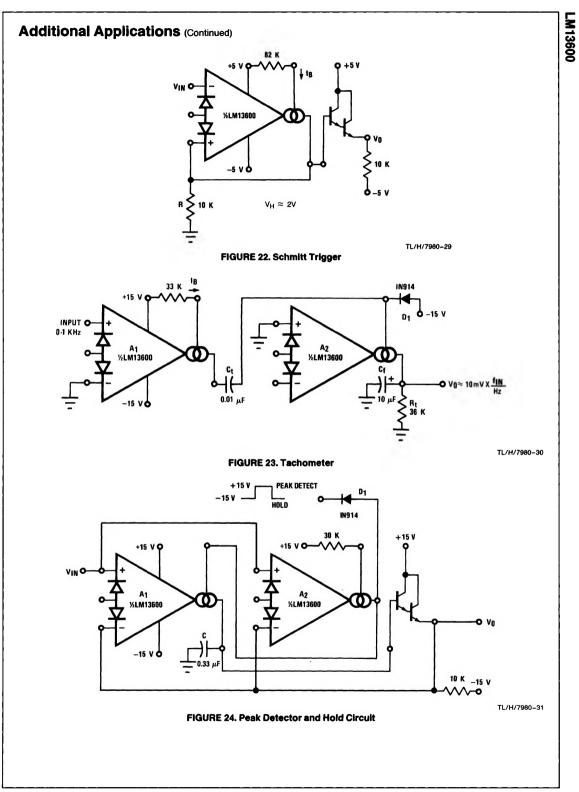
FIGURE 21. Phase Lock Loop

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The Schmitt Trigger of *Figure 22* uses the amplifier output current into R to set the hysteresis of the comparator; thus  $V_H = 2 \times R \times I_B$ . Varying  $I_B$  will produce a Schmitt Trigger with variable hysteresis.

Figure 23 shows a Tachometer or Frequency-to-Voltage converter. Whenever A1 is toggled by a positive-going input, an amount of charge equal to  $(V_H - V_J) C_t$  is sourced into  $C_f$  and  $R_t$ . This once-per-cycle charge is then balanced by the current of  $V_O/R_t$ . The maximum  $f_{IN}$  is limited by the amount of time required to charge  $C_t$  from  $V_L$  to  $V_H$  with a current of  $I_B$ , where  $V_L$  and  $V_H$  represent the maximum low and maximum low.

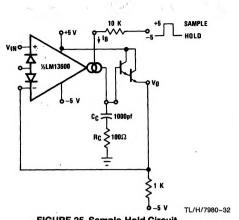
mum high output voltage swing of the LM13600. D1 is added to provide a discharge path for C<sub>t</sub> when A1 switches low. The Peak Detector of *Figure 24* uses A2 to turn on A1 whenever V<sub>IN</sub> becomes more positive than V<sub>O</sub>. A1 then charges storage capacitor C to hold V<sub>O</sub> equal to V<sub>IN</sub>PK. One precaution to observe when using this circuit: the Darlington transistor used must be on the same side of the package as A2 since the A1 Darlington will be turned on and off with A1. Pulling the output of A2 low through D1 serves to turn off A1 so that V<sub>O</sub> remains constant.



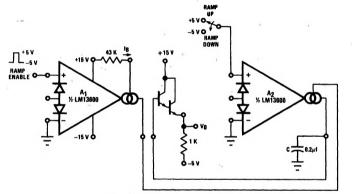
# Additional Applications (Continued)

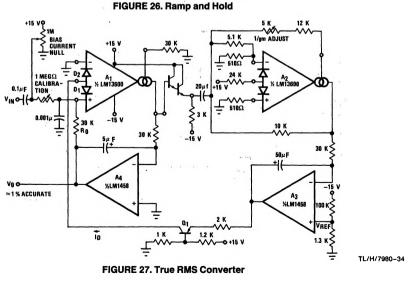
The Sample-Hold circuit of Figure 25 also requires that the Darlington buffer used be from the other (A2) half of the package and that the corresponding amplifier be biased on continuously. The Ramp-and-Hold of Figure 26 sources IB into capacitor C whenever the input to A1 is brought high, giving a ramp-rate of about 1 V/ms for the component values shown.

The true-RMS converter of Figure 27 is essentially an automatic gain control amplifier which adjusts its gain such that the AC power at the output of amplifier A1 is constant. The output power of amplifier A1 is monitored by squaring amplifier A2 and the average compared to a reference voltage with amplifier A3. The output of A3 provides bias current to the diodes of A1 to attenuate the input signal. Because the output power of A1 is held constant, the RMS value is constant and the attentuation is directly proportional to the RMS value of the input voltage. The attenuation is also proportional to the diode bias current. Amplifier A4 adjusts the ratio of currents through the diodes to be equal and therefore the voltage at the output of A4 is proportional to the RMS value of the input voltage. The calibration potentiometer is set such that Vo reads directly in RMS volts.









#### Additional Applications (Continued)

The circuit of *Figure 28* is a voltage reference of variable temperature coefficient. The 100 k $\Omega$  potentiometer adjusts the output voltage which has a positive TC above 1.2V, zero TC at about 1.2V and negative TC below 1.2V. This is accomplished by balancing the TC of the A2 transfer function against the complementary TC of D1.

The log amplifier of *Figure 29* responds to the ratio of currents through buffer transistors Q3 and Q4. Zero temperature dependence for  $V_{OUT}$  is ensured because the TC of the A2 transfer function is equal and opposite to the TC of the logging transistors Q3 and Q4.

The wide dynamic range of the LM13600 allows easy control of the output pulse width in the Pulse Width Modulator of *Figure 30*.

For generating  $I_{ABC}$  over a range of 4 to 6 decades of current, the system of *Figure 31* provides a logarithmic current out for a linear voltage in.

Since the closed-loop configuration ensures that the input to A2 is held equal to 0V, the output current of A1 is equal to  $I_3 = -V_C/R_C$ .

The differential voltage between Q1 and Q2 is attenuated by the R1, R2 network so that A1 may be assumed to be operating within its linear range. From equation (5), the input voltage to A1 is:

$$V_{\rm IN}1 = \frac{-2kTI_3}{ql_2} = \frac{2kTV_{\rm C}}{ql_2R_{\rm C}}$$

The voltage on the base of Q1 is then

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$$V_{\rm B1} = \frac{({\rm R}_1 + {\rm R}_2) \, {\rm V}_{\rm IN1}}{{\rm R}_1}$$

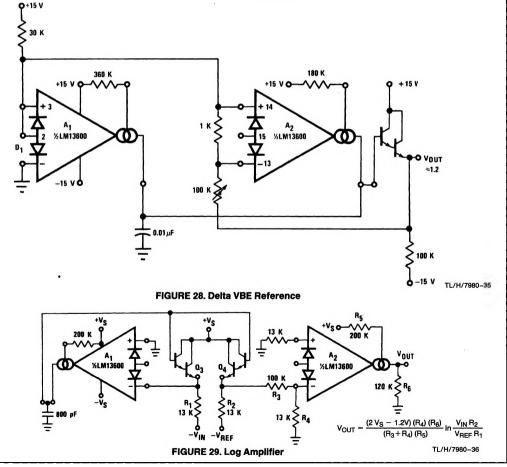
The ratio of the Q1 and Q2 collector currents is defined by:

$$V_{\rm B}1 = \frac{\rm kT}{\rm q} \ln \frac{\rm l_{C2}}{\rm l_{C1}} \approx \frac{\rm kT}{\rm q} \ln \frac{\rm l_{ABC}}{\rm l_1}$$

Combining and solving for IABC yields:

$$I_{ABC} = I_1 \exp\left[\frac{2(R_1 + R_2) V_C}{R_1 I_2 R_C}\right]$$

This logarithmic current can be used to bias the circuit of *Figure 4* provide a temperature independent stereo attenuation characteristic.



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