

Operational Amplifiers

LM101A/LM201A operational amplifiers general description

The LM101A and LM201A are general purpose operational amplifiers which feature improved performance over industry standards like the LM101 and the 709. Advanced processing techniques make possible an order of magnitude reduction in input currents, and a redesign of the biasing circuitry reduces the temperature drift of input current. Improved specifications include:

- Offset voltage 3 mV maximum over temperature
- Input current 100 nA maximum over temperature
- Offset current 20 nA maximum over temperature
- Guaranteed drift characteristics
- Offsets guaranteed over entire common mode and supply voltage ranges
- Slew rate of 10V/µs as a summing amplifier

This amplifier offers many features which make its application nearly foolproof: overload protection on the input and output, no latch-up when the common mode range is exceeded, freedom from oscillations and compensation with a single 30 pF capacitor. It has advantages over internally compensated amplifiers in that the frequency compensation can be tailored to the particular application. For example, in low frequency circuits it can be overcompensated for increased stability margin. Or the compensation can be optimized to give more than a factor of ten improvement in high frequency performance for most applications.

The LM101A series offers the features of the LM101, which makes its application nearly foolproof. In addition, the device provides better accuracy and lower noise in high impedance circuitry. The low input currents also make it particularly well suited for long interval integrators or timers, sample and hold circuits and low frequency waveform generators. Further, replacing circuits where matched transistor pairs buffer the inputs of conventional IC op amps, it can give lower offset voltage and drift at a lower cost.

The LM201A is identical to the EM101A, except that the LM201A has its performance guaranteed over a -25° C to 85° C temperature range, instead of -55° C to 125° C.





Fast AC/DC Converter*







L = R1 Rg = R2 Ra = R1



absolute maximum ratings

Supply Voltage	±22V
Power Dissipation (Note 1)	500 mW
Differential Input Voltage	±30V
Input Voltage (Note 2)	±15∨
Output Short-Circuit Duration	Indefinite
Operating Temperature Range LM101A	-55° C to 125°C
LM201A	–25°C to 85°C
Storage Temperature Range	-65°C to 150°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 60 sec)	300°C

electrical characteristics (Note 3)

PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	ТҮР	MAX	UNITS	
Input Offset Voltage	$T_A = 25^{\circ}C, R_S \le 50 k\Omega$		0.7	2.0	mV	
Input Offset Current	T _A = 25°C		1.5	10	nA	
Input Bias Current	T _A = 25°C		30	75	nA	
Input Resistance	T _A = 25°C	1.5	4		MΩ	
Supply Current	T _A = 25°C, V _S = ±20V		1.8	3.0	mA	
Large Signal Voltage Gain	$T_A = 25^{\circ}C, V_S = \pm 15V$ $V_{OUT} = \pm 10V, R_L \ge 2 k\Omega$	50	160		V/mV	
Input Offset Voltage	$R_{s} \leq 50 \ k\Omega$			3.0	mV	
Average Temperature Coefficient of Input						
Offset Voltage			3.0	15	μV/°C	
Input Offset Current				20	nA	
Average Temperature Coefficient of Input Offset Current	25°C ≤ T _A ≤ 125°C -55°C ≤ T _A ≤ 25°C		0.01 0.02	0.1 0.2	nA/°C nA/°C	
Input Bias Current				100	nA	
Supply Current	T _A = +125°C, V _S = ±20V		1.2	2.5	mA	
Large Signal Voltage Gain	V_{S} = ±15V, V_{OUT} = ±10V R _L \geq 2 k Ω	25			V/mV	
Output Voltage Swing	V _S = ±15V, R _L = 10 kΩ R _L = 2 kΩ	±12 ±10	±14 ±13		v v	
Input Voltage Range	V _S = ±20V	±15			v	
Common Mode Rejection Ratio	$R_{s} \leq 50 k\Omega$	80	96		dB	
Supply Voltage Rejection Ratio	$R_s \le 50 k\Omega$	80	96		dB	

Note 1: The maximum junction temperature of the LM101A is 150°C, while that of the LM201A is 100°C. For operating at elevated temperatures, devices in the TO-5 package must be derated based on a thermal resistance of 150°C/W, junction to ambient, or 45°C/W, junction to case. For the flat package, the derating is based on a thermal resistance of 185°C/W when mounted on a 1/16-inch-thick epoxy glass board with ten, 0.03-inch-wide, 2-ounce copper conductors. The thermal resistance of the dual-in-line package is 100°C/W, junction to ambient.

Note 2: For supply voltages less than $\pm 15V$, the absolute maximum input voltage is equal to the supply voltage.

Note 3: These specifications apply for $\pm 5V \leq V_S \leq \pm 20V$ and $-55^{\circ}C \leq T_A \leq 125^{\circ}C$, unless otherwise specified. With the LM201A, however, all temperature specifications are limited to $-25^{\circ}C \leq T_A \leq 85^{\circ}C$.



LM101A/LM201A

compensation circuits

R2

LM101A

 $C1 \ge \frac{R1 C_S}{R1 + R2}$

C_S = 30 pF

Single Pole Compensation



Two Pole Compensation



typical performance







FREQUENCY (Hz)

10k 100k 1M 10M 100M

-21

10 100

1k



FREQUENCY (Hz)

Voltage Follower Pulse Response





Voltage Follower Pulse Response





Inverter Pulse Response





typical applications

Inverting Amplifier with Balancing Circuit



application hints

Protecting Against Gross Fault Conditions



Compensating For Stray Input Capacitances Or Large Feedback Resistor



Isolating Large Capacitive Loads



Alternate Balancing Circuit Integrator with Bias Current Compensation





Although the LM101A is designed for trouble free operation, experience has indicated that it is wise to observe certain precautions given below to protect the devices from abnormal operating conditions. It might be pointed out that the advice given here is applicable to practically any IC op amp, although the exact reason why may differ with different devices.

When driving either input from a low-impedance source, a limiting resistor should be placed in series with the input lead to limit the peak instantaneous output current of the source to something less than 100 mA. This is especially important when the inputs go outside a piece of equipment where they could accidentally be connected to high voltage sources. Large capacitors on the input (greater than $0.1 \ \mu\text{F}$) should be treated as a low source impedance and isolated with a resistor. Low impedance sources do not cause a problem unless their output voltage exceeds the supply voltage. However, the supplies go to zero when they are turned off, so the isolation is usually needed.

The output circuitry is protected against damage from shorts to ground or either supply. However, if it is shorted to a voltage which exceeds the positive or negative supplies, the unit can be destroyed. When the amplifier output is connected to a test point, it should be isolated by a limiting resistor, as test points frequently get shorted to bad places. Further, when the amplifier drives a load external to the equipment, it is also advisable to use some sort of limiting resistance to preclude mishaps.

Precautions should be taken to insure that the power supplies for the integrated circuit never become reversed-even under transient conditions. With reverse voltages greater than 1V, the IC will conduct excessive current, fuzing internal aluminum interconnects. If there is a possibility of this happening, clamp diodes with a high peak current rating should be installed on the supply lines. Reversal of the voltage between V^+ will always cause a problem, although reversals with respect to ground may also give difficulties in many circuits.

The minimum values given for the frequency compensation capacitor are stable only for source resistances less than 10 k Ω , stray capacitances on the summing junction less than 5 pF and capacitive loads smaller than 100 pF. If any of these conditions are not met, it becomes necessary to overcompensate the amplifier with a larger compensation capacitor. Alternately, lead capacitors can be used in the feedback network to negate the effect of stray capacitance and large feedback resistors or an RC network can be added to isolate capacitive loads.

Although the LM101A is relatively unaffected by supply bypassing, this cannot be ignored altogether. Generally it is necessary to bypass the supplies to ground at least once on every circuit card, and more bypass points may be required if more than five amplifiers are used. When feed-forward compensation is employed, however, it is advisable to bypass the supply leads of each amplifier with low inductance capacitors because of the higher frequencies involved.