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AKD4384-SC
AK4384 Evaluation board Rev.0

General Description

The AKD4384-SC is an evaluation board for AK4384, which is 192kHz sampling 24Bit $\Delta\Sigma$ DAC. The AKD4384-SC includes a LPF which can add differential analog outputs from the AK4384 and also has a digital interface. Therefore, it is easy to evaluate the AK4384.

Ordering Guide

AKD4384-SC --- Evaluation board for AK4384

Function

- On-board Analog output buffer circuit
- On-board digital audio interface. (AK4113)

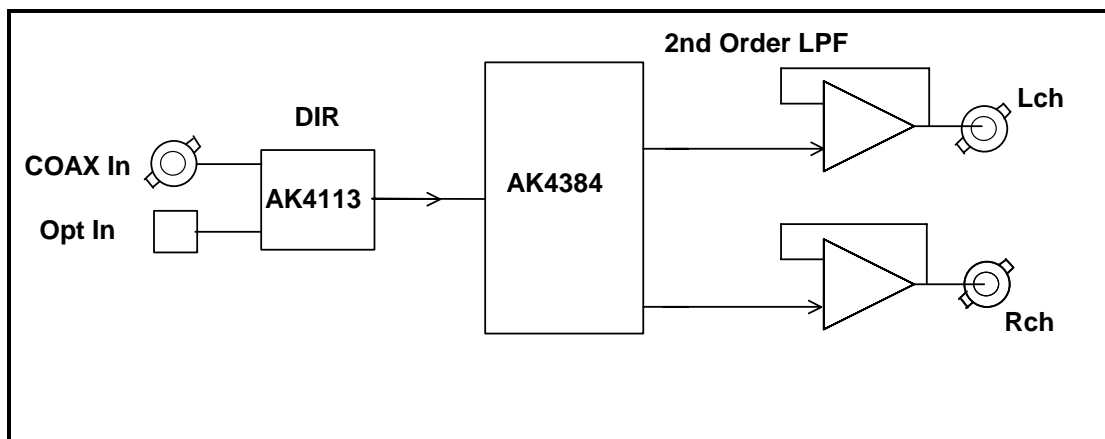


Figure 1. Block diagram

* Circuit diagram are attached at the end of this manual.

COAX is recommended for an evaluation of the Sound quality.

■ Operation sequence

1) Set up the power supply lines. (See “Other jumpers set-up”.)

Name	Color	Voltage	Comments	Attention
+15V	Red	+12~+15V	For regulator and op-amps.	This jack should be always connected to power supply.
-15V	Blue	-12~-15V	For op-amps.	This jack should be always connected to power supply.
AGND	Black	0V	GND	This jack should be always connected to power supply.

Table 1. Set up of power supply lines

Each supply line should be distributed from the power supply unit.

2) Set-up the jumper pins

3) Set-up the DIP switches. (See the followings.)

4) Power on

The AK4384 should be reset once by bringing SW1 (PDN) “L” upon power-up.

■ Evaluation mode

1. DIR (COAX) (default)

It is possible to evaluate the AK4384 by using CD disk. The DIR generates MCLK, BICK, LRCK and SDATA from the received data through BNC connector (J1). Setting of jumper is shown below.

COAX is recommended for an evaluation of the Sound quality.

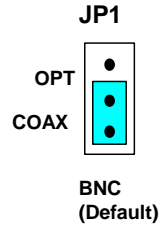


Figure 2. Jumper setting, when using DIR

2. DIR (Optical Link)

It is possible to evaluate the AK4384 by using CD disk. The DIR generates MCLK, BICK, LRCK and SDATA from the received data through optical connector (PORT3: TORX176). Setting of jumper is shown below.

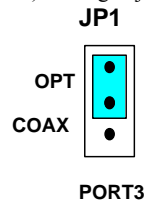


Figure 3. Jumper setting, when using DIR

3. All clocks are fed through the PORT1.

R13, R15, R17, R18 : open

R1, R2, R3, R8 : 100Ω or short (0Ω)

■ DIP Switch setting

[SW2]: AK4113 setting

No.	Pin	OFF	ON	Default
1	OCKS1	AK4113 Master Clock setting Refer to Table4		ON
2	OCKS0			OFF

Table 2. SW2 setting

[S1]: AK4384 setting

No.	Pin	OFF	ON	Default
1	SMUTE	Soft Mute Pin in parallel mode : "Disable"	Soft Mute Pin in parallel mode : "Enable"	OFF
2	P/S	Parallel Control mode	Serial Control mode	OFF
3	ACKS	Manual setting mode	Auto setting mode	ON
4	-	NC		OFF

Table 3. SW3 setting

The frequency of the master clock output is set by OCKS0 and OCKS1 as shown in Table 4.

OCKS1	OCKS0	MCLK Frequency
0	0	256fs @fs=88.2/96kHz
1	0	512fs @32/44.1/48kHz
1	1	128fs @176.4/192kHz

Default

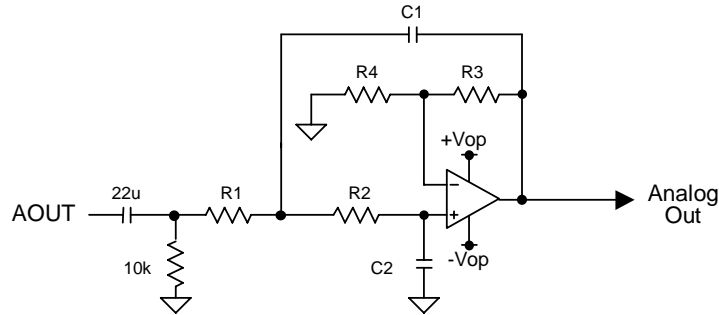
Table 4. MCLK Clock

■ SW1 setting

[SW1](PDN): Reset of AK4384. Select “H” during operation.

External Analog Filter Circuit

The 2nd order LPF ($f_c=111.8\text{kHz}$, $Q=0.714$) is implemented on the board. When the further attenuation of the out-band noise is needed, some additional LPF is required. Analog signal is output through BNC connectors on the board. And the output level of the AK4384 is $5.68\text{Vpp}@5\text{V}$.



$f_c=111.8\text{kHz}$, $Q=0.714$, $g=-0.04\text{dB}$ at 40kHz

Figure 4. External Analog Filter

R_1	R_2	R_3	R_4	C_1	C_2
1.5k	1.8k	2.2k	3.3k	820p	820p

Table 5. The value of R,C on this board

f_{in}	20kHz	40kHz	80kHz
Frequency Response	0.00dB	-0.04dB	-0.76dB

Table 6. Frequency Response of LPF

<Calculation>

$$\text{Amplitude} = 20 \log \frac{K}{\sqrt{[1-(f/f_c)^2]^2 + [(1/Q)(f/f_c)]^2}} \text{ [dB]},$$

$$K = \frac{R_3 + R_4}{R_4},$$

$$f_c = \frac{\omega_0}{2\pi},$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{C_1 C_2 R_1 R_2}},$$

$$Q = 2\pi f_c \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_1 R_1} + \frac{1}{C_1 R_2} + \frac{1-k}{C_2 R_2}}$$

2. Control Software Manual

■ Set-up of evaluation board and control software

1. Set up the AKD4384-SC according to previous term.
2. Connect IBM-AT compatible PC with AKD4384-SC by 10-line type flat cable (packed with AKD4384-SC). Take care of the direction of 10pin header. (Please install the driver in the CD-ROM when this control software is used on Windows 2000/XP. Please refer "Installation Manual of Control Software Driver by AKM device control software". In case of Windows95/98/ME, this installation is not needed. This control software does not operate on Windows NT.)
3. Insert the CD-ROM labeled "AKD4384-SC Evaluation Kit" into the CD-ROM drive.
4. Access the CD-ROM drive and double-click the icon of "akd4384-sc.exe" to set up the control program.
5. Then please evaluate according to the follows.

■ Operation flow

Keep the following flow.

1. Set up the control program according to explanation above.
2. Click "Port Reset" button.

■ Explanation of each buttons

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|----------------------|---|
| 1. [Port Reset] : | Set up the USB interface board (AKDUSBIF-A) . |
| 2. [Write default] : | Initialize the register of AK4384. |
| 3. [All Write] : | Write all registers that is currently displayed. |
| 4. [Function1] : | Dialog to write data by keyboard operation. |
| 5. [Function2] : | Dialog to write data by keyboard operation. |
| 6. [Function3] : | The sequence of register setting can be set and executed. |
| 7. [Function4] : | The sequence that is created on [Function3] can be assigned to buttons and executed. |
| 8. [Function5]: | The register setting that is created by [SAVE] function on main window can be assigned to buttons and executed. |
| 9. [SAVE] : | Save the current register setting. |
| 10. [OPEN] : | Write the saved values to all register. |
| 11. [Write] : | Dialog to write data by mouse operation. |

■ Indication of data

Input data is indicated on the register map. Red letter indicates "H" or "1" and blue one indicates "L" or "0". Blank is the part that is not defined in the datasheet.

■ Explanation of each dialog

1. [Write Dialog]: Dialog to write data by mouse operation

There are dialogs corresponding to each register.

Click the [Write] button corresponding to each register to set up the dialog. If you check the check box, data becomes “H” or “L”. If not, “L” or “0”.

When writing the input data to AK4384, click [OK] button. If not, click [Cancel] button.

2. [Function1 Dialog] : Dialog to write data by keyboard operation

Address Box: Input registers address in 2 figures of hexadecimal.

Data Box: Input registers data in 2 figures of hexadecimal.

When writing the input data to AK4384, click [OK] button. If not, click [Cancel] button.

3. [Function2 Dialog] : Dialog to evaluate ATT

Address Box: Input registers address in 2 figures of hexadecimal.

Start Data Box: Input starts data in 2 figures of hexadecimal.

End Data Box: Input end data in 2 figures of hexadecimal.

Interval Box: Data is written to AK4642 by this interval.

Step Box: Data changes by this step.

Mode Select Box:

With checking this check box, data reaches end data, and returns to start data.

[Example] Start Data = 00, End Data = 09

Data flow: 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 09 08 07 06 05 04 03 02 01 00

Without checking this check box, data reaches end data, but does not return to start data.

[Example] Start Data = 00, End Data = 09

Data flow: 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09

When writing the input data to AK4384, click [OK] button. If not, click [Cancel] button.

4. [Save] and [Open]

4-1. [Save]

Save the current register setting data. The extension of file name is “akr”.

(Operation flow)

- (1) Click [Save] Button.
- (2) Set the file name and push [Save] Button. The extension of file name is “akr”.

4-2. [Open]

The register setting data saved by [Save] is written to AK4384. The file type is the same as [Save].

(Operation flow)

- (1) Click [Open] Button.
- (2) Select the file (*.akr) and Click [Open] Button.

5. [Function3 Dialog]

The sequence of register setting can be set and executed.

(1) Click [F3] Button.

(2) Set the control sequence.

Set the address, Data and Interval time. Set “-1” to the address of the step where the sequence should be paused.

(3) Click [Start] button. Then this sequence is executed.

The sequence is paused at the step of Interval="-1". Click [START] button, the sequence restarts from the paused step.

This sequence can be saved and opened by [Save] and [Open] button on the Function3 window. The extension of file name is “aks”.

	Address	Data	Interval		Address	Data	Interval
1	-1 H	0 H	0 ms	16	-1 H	0 H	0 ms
2	-1 H	0 H	0 ms	17	-1 H	0 H	0 ms
3	-1 H	0 H	0 ms	18	-1 H	0 H	0 ms
4	-1 H	0 H	0 ms	19	-1 H	0 H	0 ms
5	-1 H	0 H	0 ms	20	-1 H	0 H	0 ms
6	-1 H	0 H	0 ms	21	-1 H	0 H	0 ms
7	-1 H	0 H	0 ms	22	-1 H	0 H	0 ms
8	-1 H	0 H	0 ms	23	-1 H	0 H	0 ms
9	-1 H	0 H	0 ms	24	-1 H	0 H	0 ms
10	-1 H	0 H	0 ms	25	-1 H	0 H	0 ms
11	-1 H	0 H	0 ms				
12	-1 H	0 H	0 ms				
13	-1 H	0 H	0 ms				
14	-1 H	0 H	0 ms				
15	-1 H	0 H	0 ms				

Start Step:

Buttons: START, Help, Save, OPEN, Close

Figure 5. Window of [F3]

6. [Function4 Dialog]

The sequence that is created on [Function3] can be assigned to buttons and executed. When [F4] button is clicked, the window as shown in Figure 6 opens.

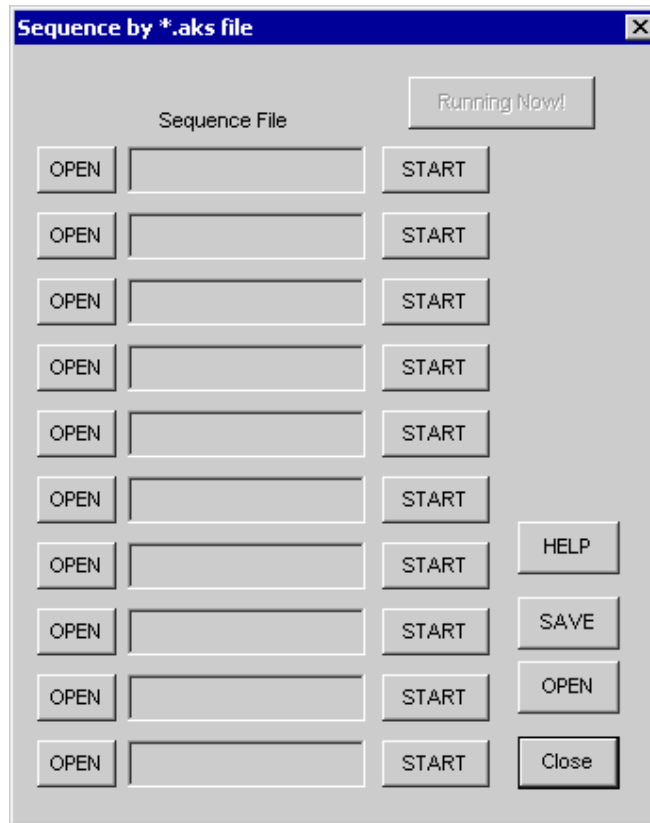


Figure 6. [F4] window

6-1. [OPEN] buttons on left side and [START] buttons

(1) Click [OPEN] button and select the sequence file (*.aks).

The sequence file name is displayed as shown in Figure 7.

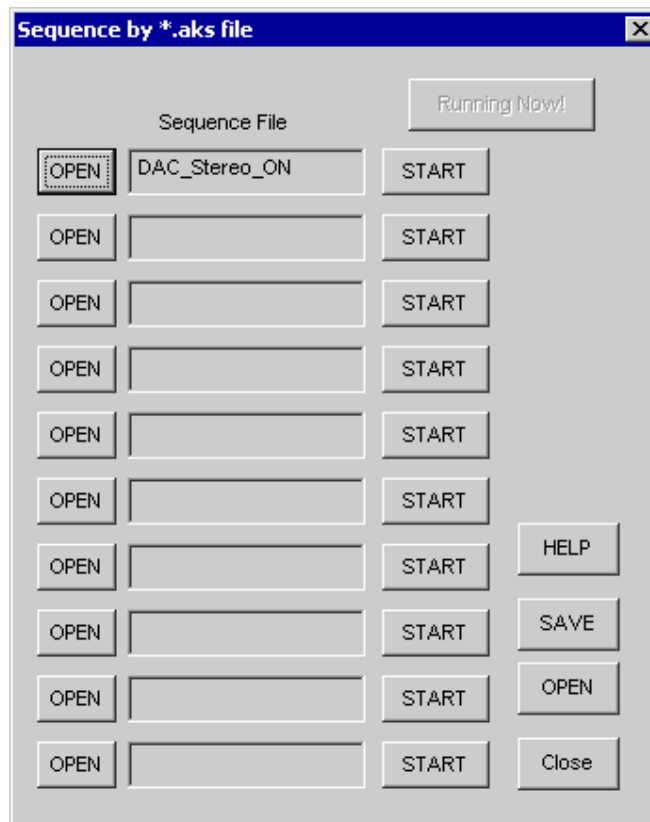


Figure 7. [F4] window(2)

(2) Click [START] button, then the sequence is executed.

3-2. [SAVE] and [OPEN] buttons on right side

[SAVE] : The sequence file names can assign be saved. The file name is *.ak4.

[OPEN] : The sequence file names assign that are saved in *.ak4 are loaded.

3-3. Note

(1) This function doesn't support the pause function of sequence function.

(2) All files need to be in same folder used by [SAVE] and [OPEN] function on right side.

(3) When the sequence is changed in [Function3], the file should be loaded again in order to reflect the change.

7. [Function5 Dialog]

The register setting that is created by [SAVE] function on main window can be assigned to buttons and executed. When [F5] button is clicked, the following window as shown in Figure 8 opens.

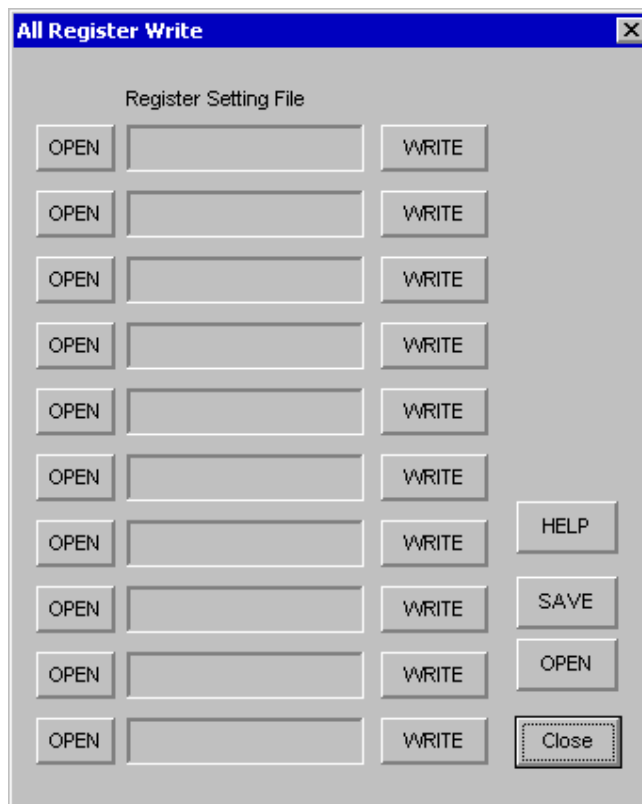


Figure 8. [F5] window

7-1. [OPEN] buttons on left side and [WRITE] button

- (1) Click [OPEN] button and select the register setting file (*.akr).
- (2) Click [WRITE] button, then the register setting is executed.

7-2. [SAVE] and [OPEN] buttons on right side

[SAVE] : The register setting file names assign can be saved. The file name is *.ak5.

[OPEN] : The register setting file names assign that are saved in *.ak5 are loaded.

7-3. Note

- (1) All files need to be in same folder used by [SAVE] and [OPEN] function on right side.
- (2) When the register setting is changed by [Save] Button in main window, the file should be loaded again in order to reflect the change.

Measurement Results

[Measurement condition]

- Measurement unit : Audio Precision System two Cascade (AP2)
- MCLK : 512fs (44.1kHz), 256fs (96kHz), 128fs (192kHz)
- BICK : 64fs
- fs : 44.1kHz, 96kHz, 192kHz
- Bit : 24bit
- Power Supply : VDD=5V
- Interface : Internal DIR (44.1kHz, 96kHz, 192kHz)
- Temperature : Room

fs=44.1kHz

Parameter	Input signal	Measurement filter	Results
S/(N+D)	1kHz, 0dB	20kLPF	96.1 / 96.2 dB
DR	1kHz, -60dB	22kLPF, A-weighted	105.3 / 105.3 dB
S/N	"0" data	22kLPF, A-weighted	106.1 / 106.3 dB

fs=96kHz

Parameter	Input signal	Measurement filter	Results
S/(N+D)	1kHz, 0dB	40kLPF	96.1 / 96.1 dB
DR	1kHz, -60dB	40kLPF	100.7 / 100.7 dB
DR	1kHz, -60dB	22kLPF, A-weighted	105.3 / 105.3 dB
S/N	"0" data	40kLPF	101.3 / 101.5 dB
S/N	"0" data	22kLPF, A-weighted	105.9 / 106.1 dB

fs=192kHz

Parameter	Input signal	Measurement filter	Results
S/(N+D)	1kHz, 0dB	40kLPF	95.5 / 95.7 dB
DR	1kHz, -60dB	40kLPF	99.9 / 100.0 dB
DR	1kHz, -60dB	22kLPF, A-weighted	104.4 / 104.6 dB
S/N	"0" data	40kLPF	101.1 / 101.0 dB
S/N	"0" data	22kLPF, A-weighted	105.9 / 105.9 dB

Plots

(fs=44.1kHz)

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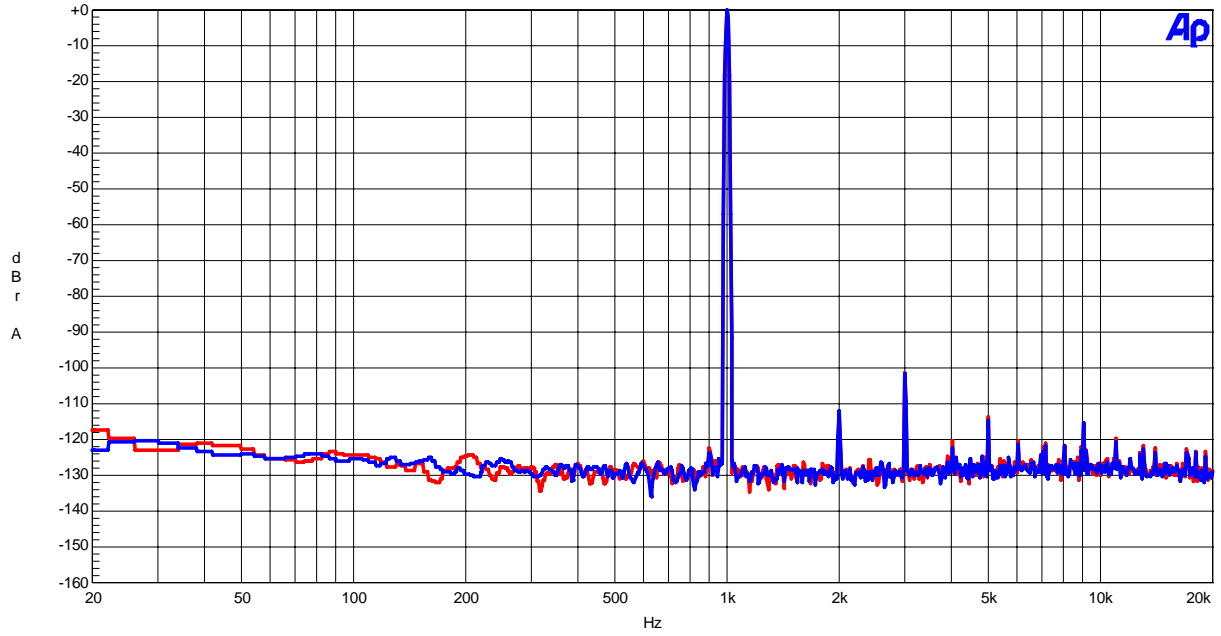
AK4384 FFT fs=44.1kHz
VDD=5V, 0dBFS input

Figure 9. FFT (fin=1kHz, Input Level=0dBFS)

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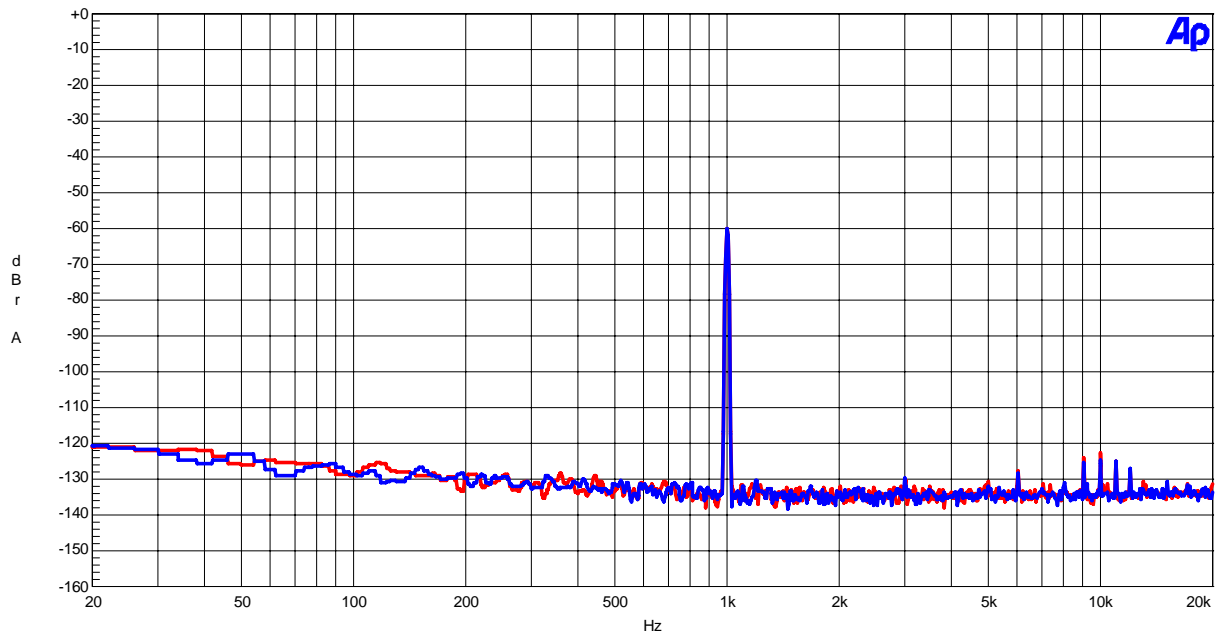
AK4384 FFT fs=44.1kHz
VDD=5V, -60dBFS input

Figure 10. FFT (fin=1kHz, Input Level=-60dBFS)

(fs=44.1kHz)

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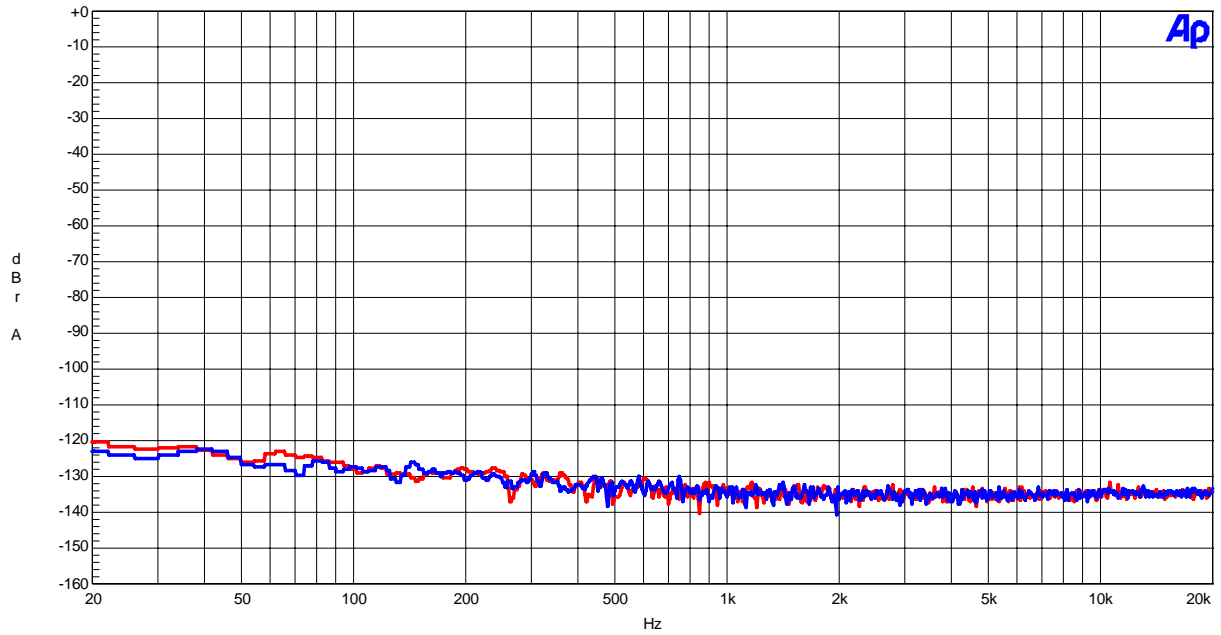
AK4384 FFT fs=44.1kHz
VDD=5V, No data input

Figure 11. FFT (Noise Floor)

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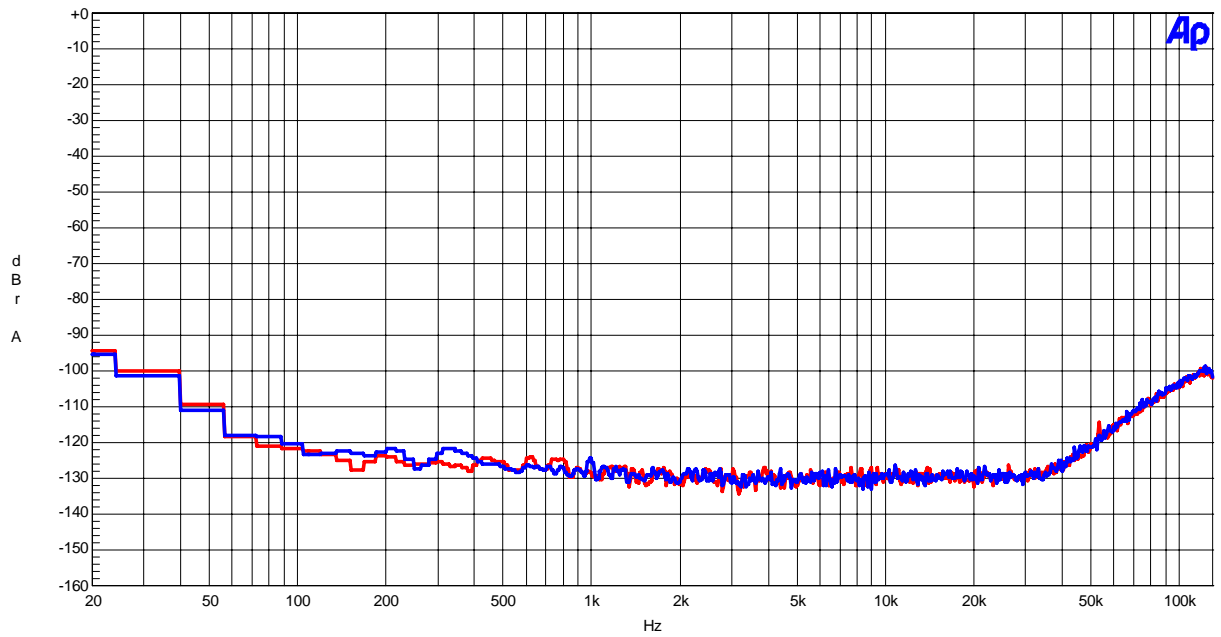
AK4384 FFT outband noise fs=44.1kHz
VDD=5V, No data input

Figure 12. FFT (Out of band noise)

(fs=44.1kHz)

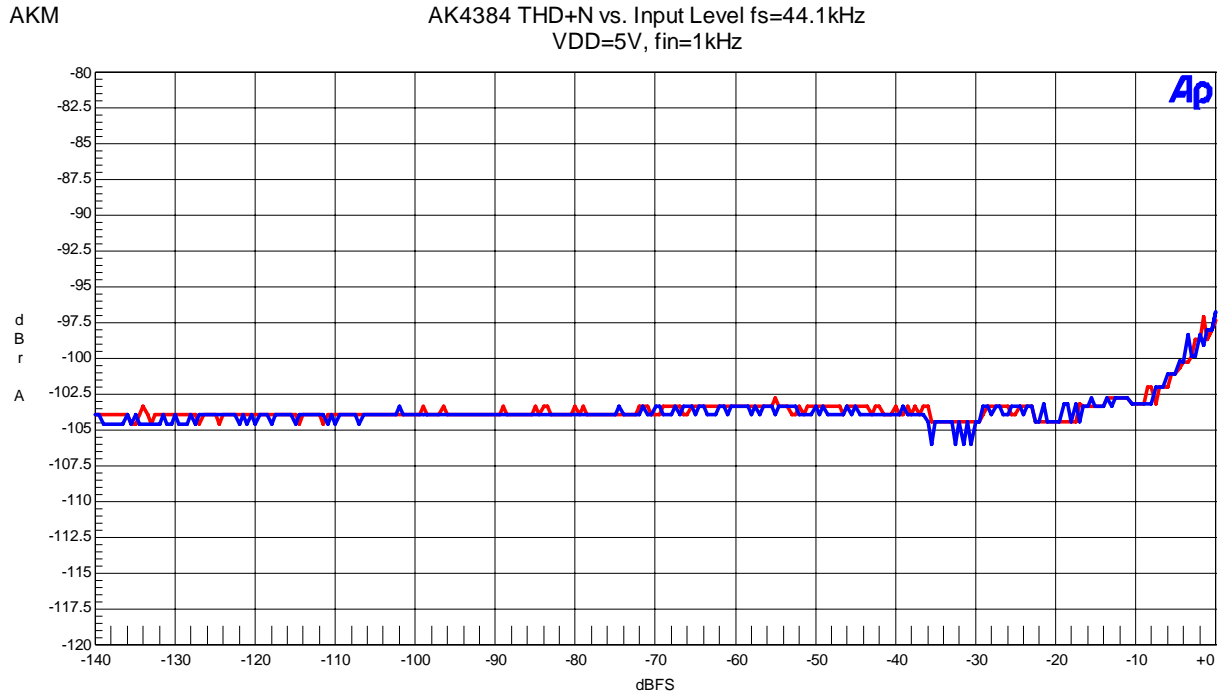


Figure 13 . THD+N vs. Input level (fin=1kHz)

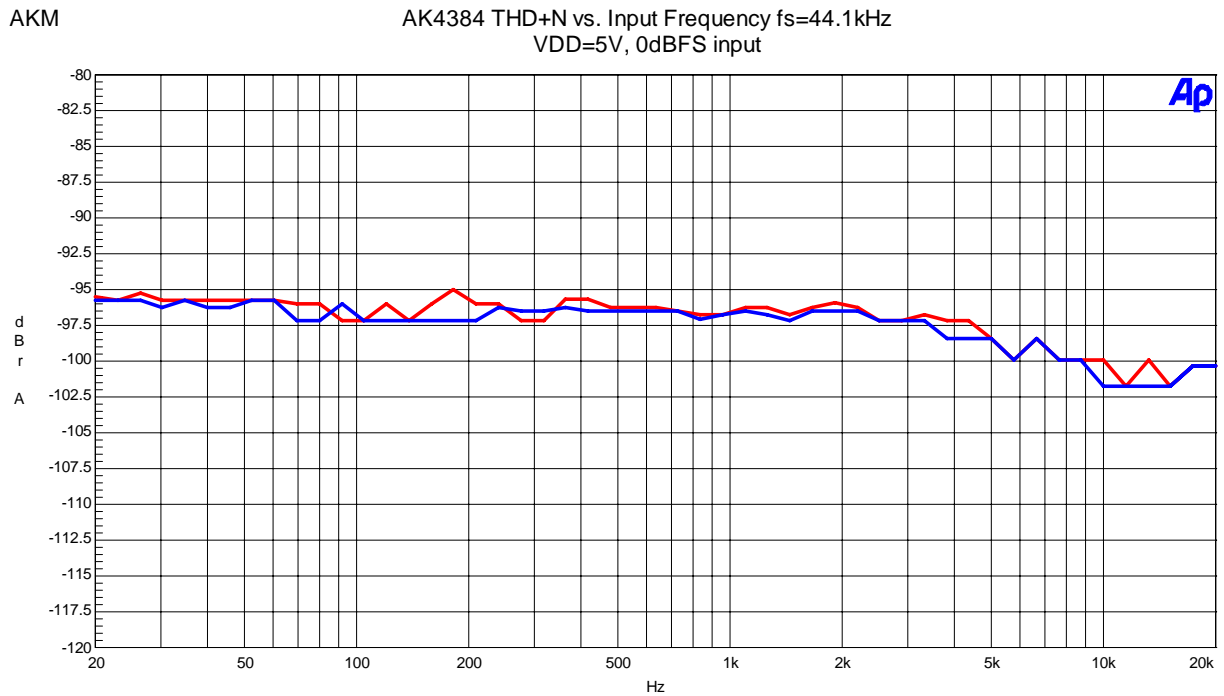


Figure 14 . THD+N vs. Input Frequency (Input level=0dBFS)

(fs=44.1kHz)

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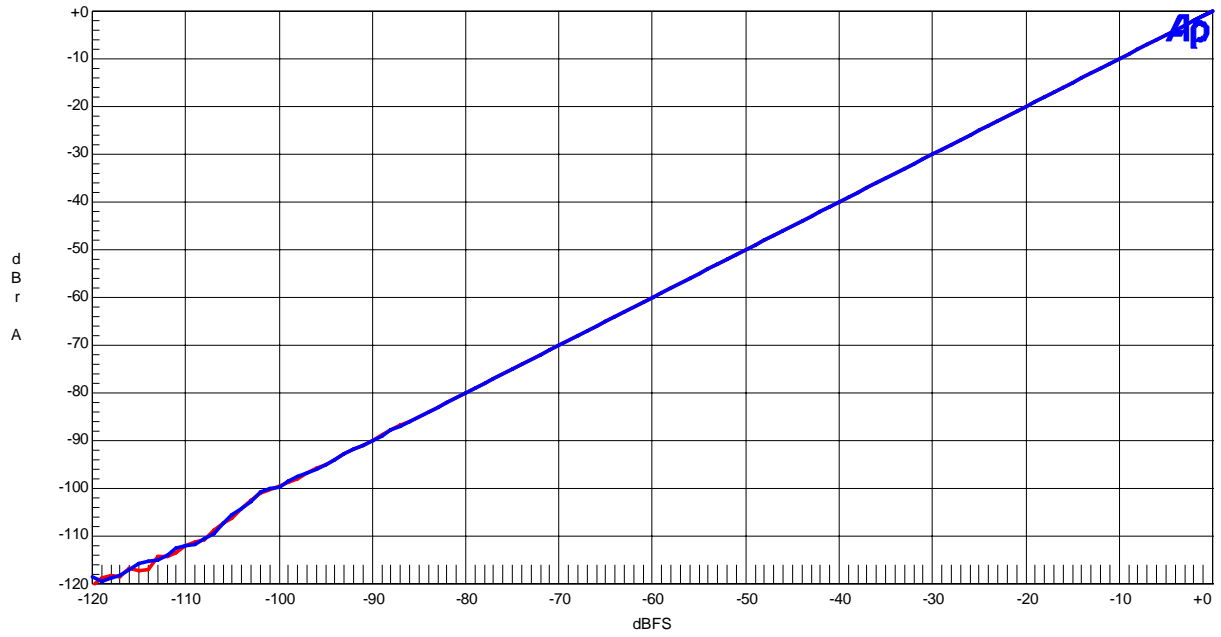
AK4384 Linearity fs=44.1kHz
VDD=5V, fin=1kHz

Figure 15. Linearity (fin=1kHz)

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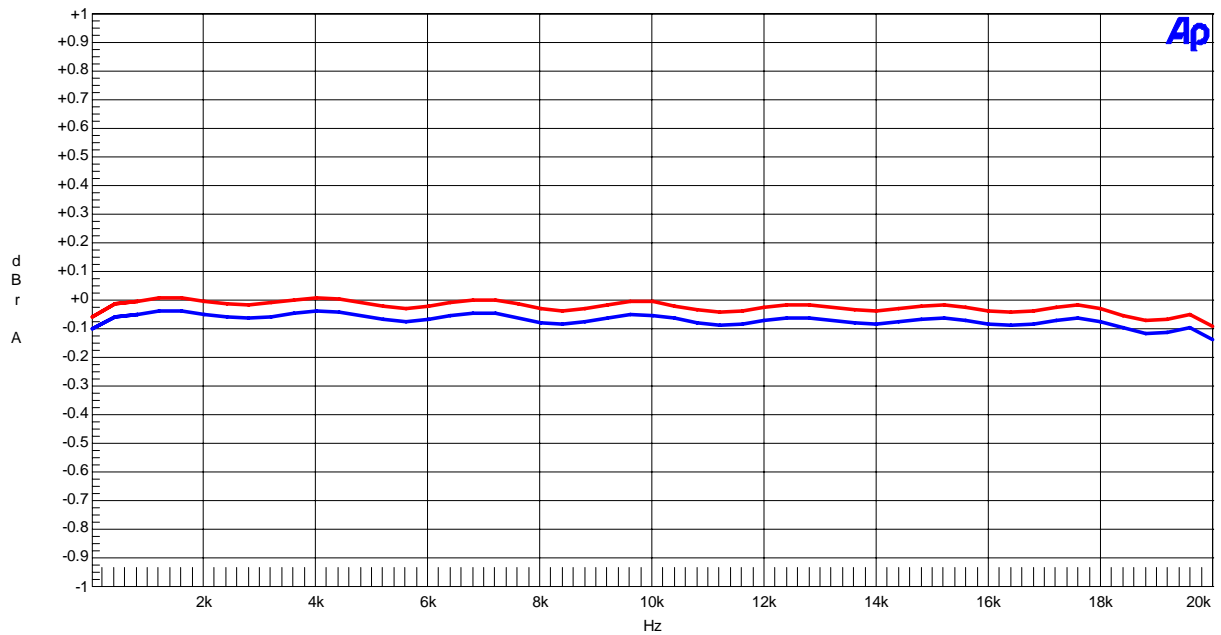
AK4384 Frequency Response fs=44.1kHz
VDD=5V, 0dBFS input Level

Figure 16. Frequency Response (Input level=0dBFS)

(fs=44.1kHz)

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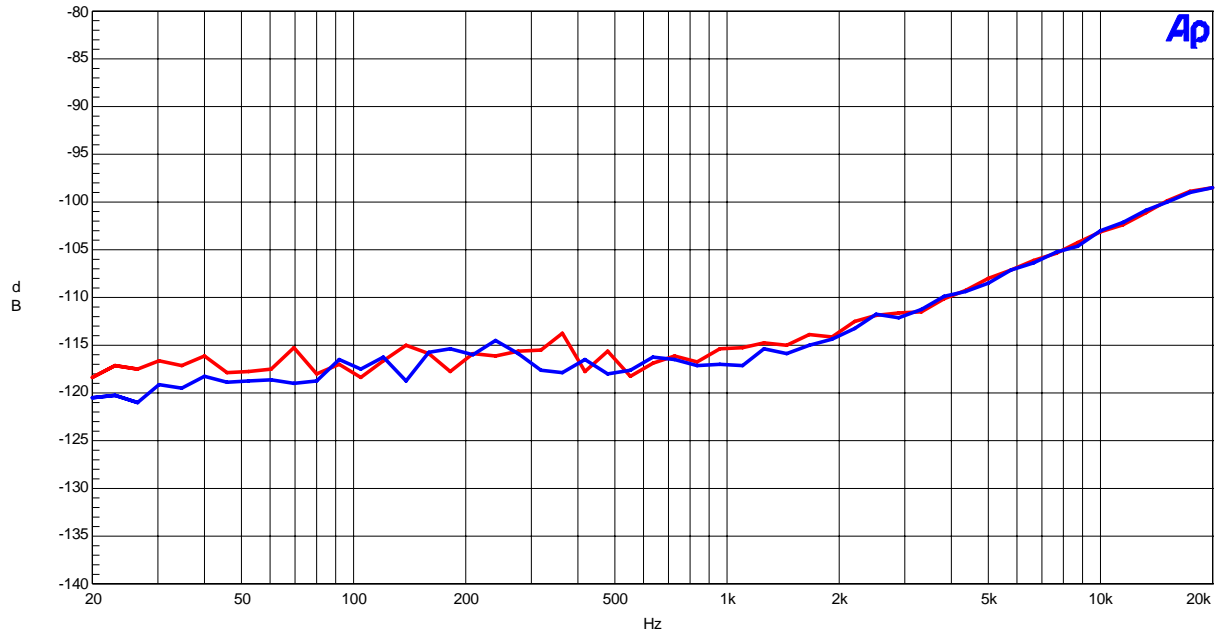
AK4384 Crosstalk (Red:Lch, Blue:Rch) fs=44.1kHz
VDD=5V, 0dBFS input Level

Figure 17. Crosstalk (Input level=0dBFS)

(fs=96kHz)

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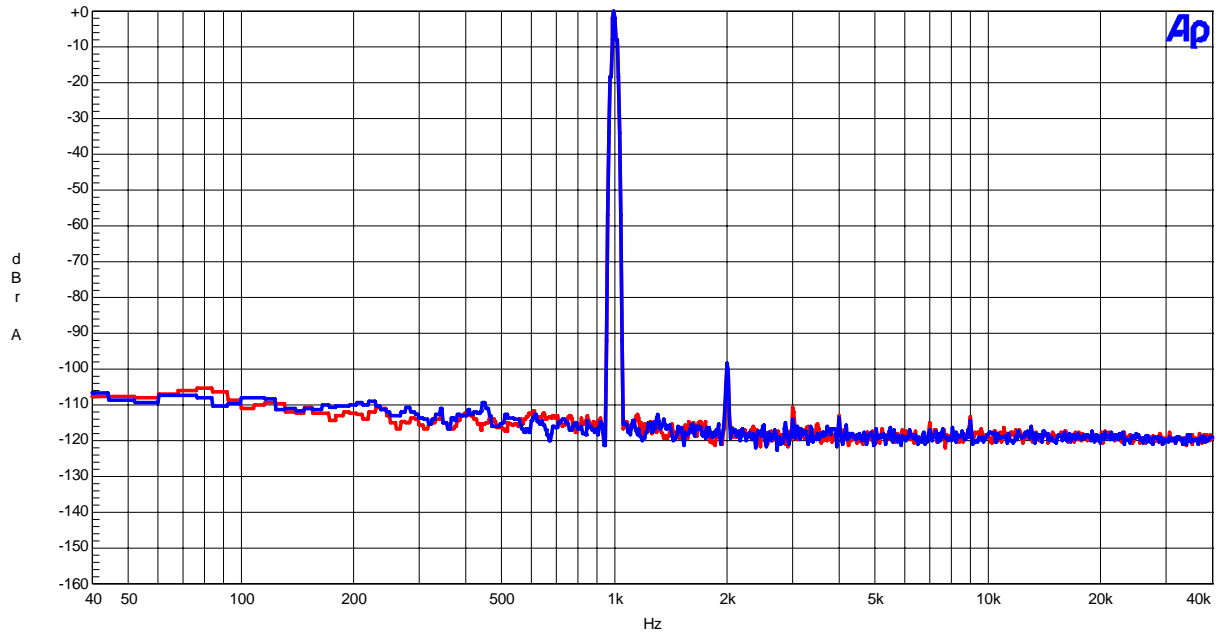
AK4384 FFT fs=96kHz
VDD=5V, 0dBFS input Level

Figure 18. FFT (fin=1kHz, Input Level=0dBFS)

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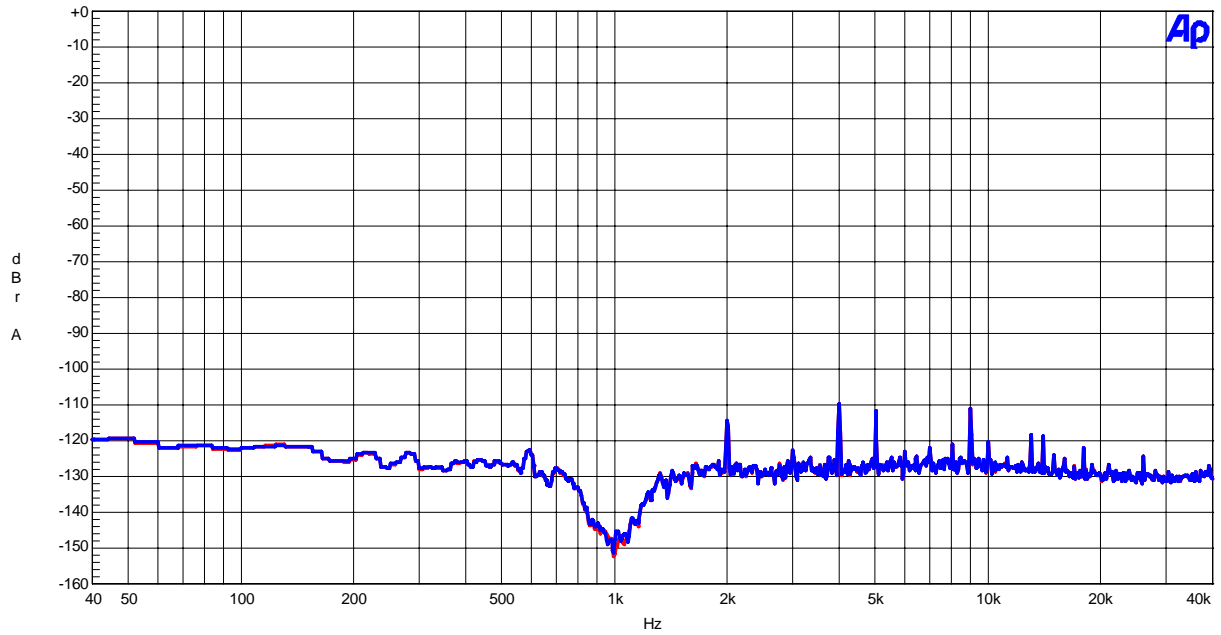
AK4384 FFT fs=96kHz
VDD=5V, 0dBFS input Level, notch

Figure 19. FFT (fin=1kHz, Input Level=0dBFS, Notch)

(fs=96kHz)

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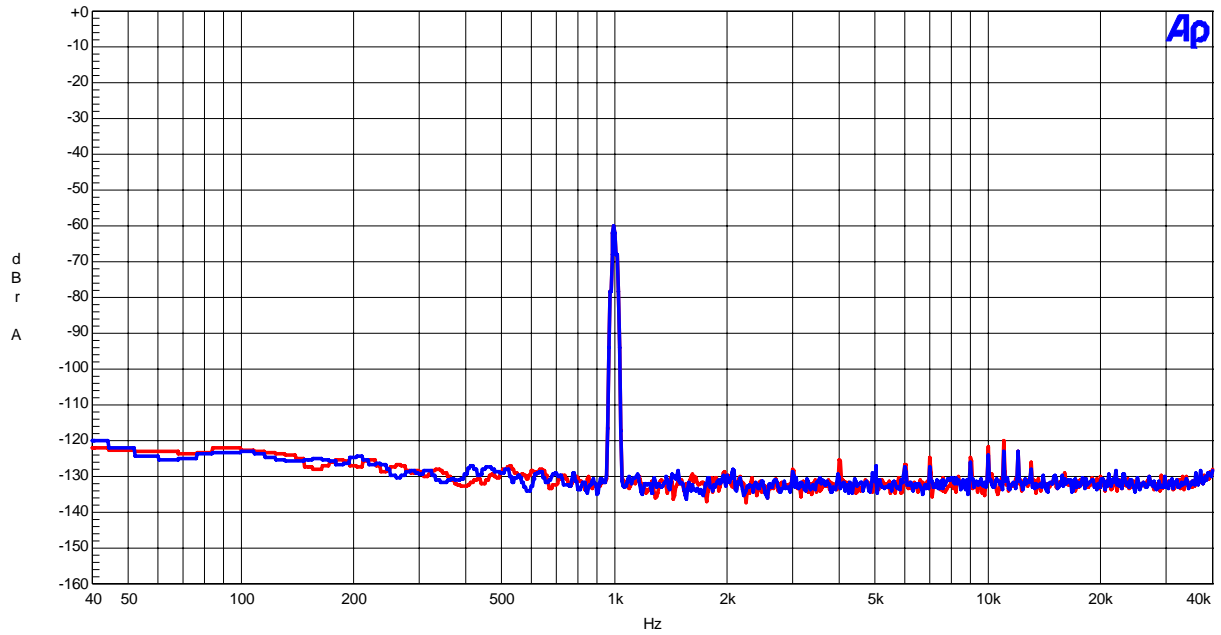
AK4384 FFT fs=96kHz
VDD=5V, -60dBFS input

Figure 20. FFT (fin=1kHz, Input Level=-60dBFS)

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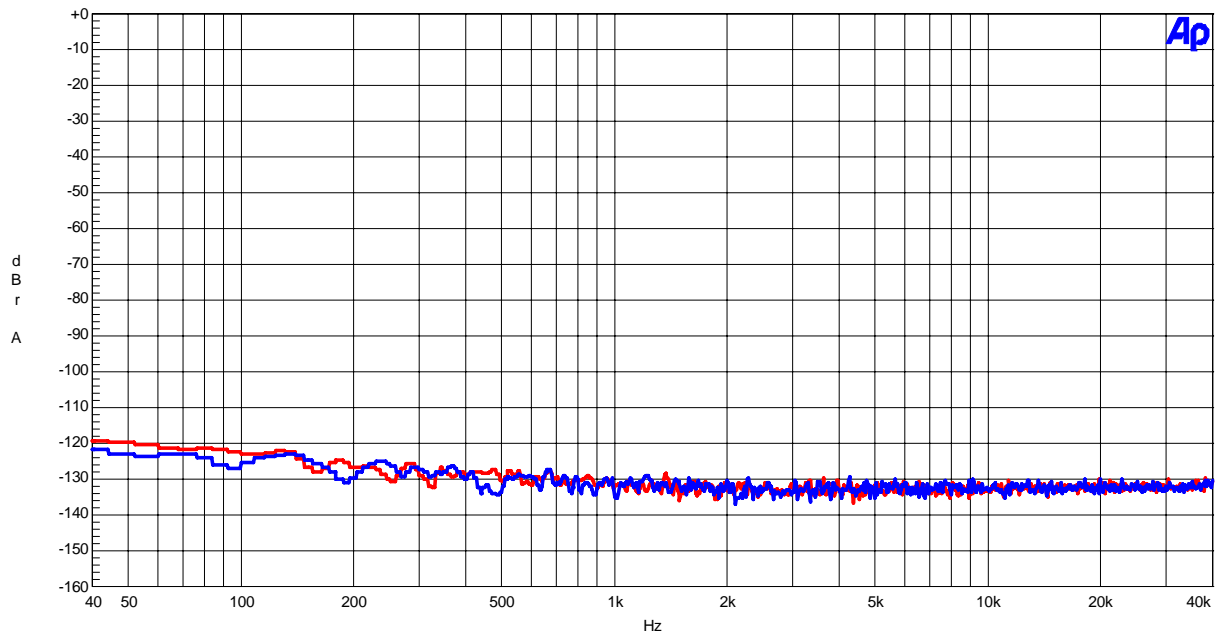
AK4384 FFT fs=96kHz
VDD=5V, No data input

Figure 21. FFT (Noise Floor)

(fs=96kHz)

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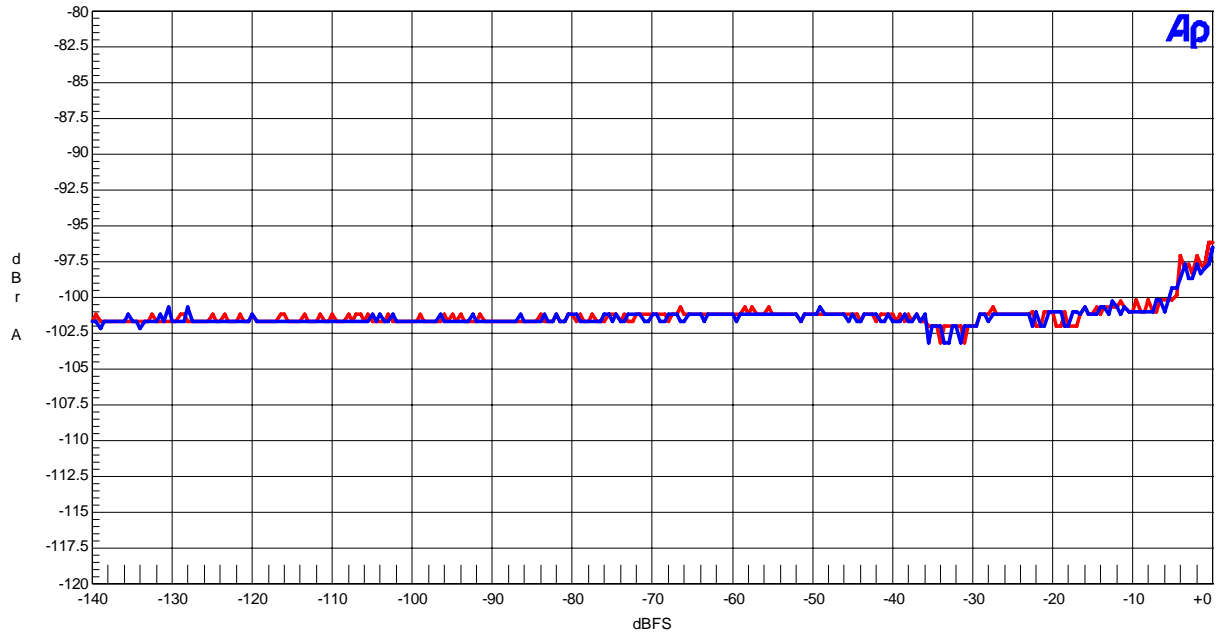
AK4384 THD+N vs. Input Level fs=96kHz
VDD=5V, fin=1kHz

Figure 22. THD+N vs. Input level (fin=1kHz)

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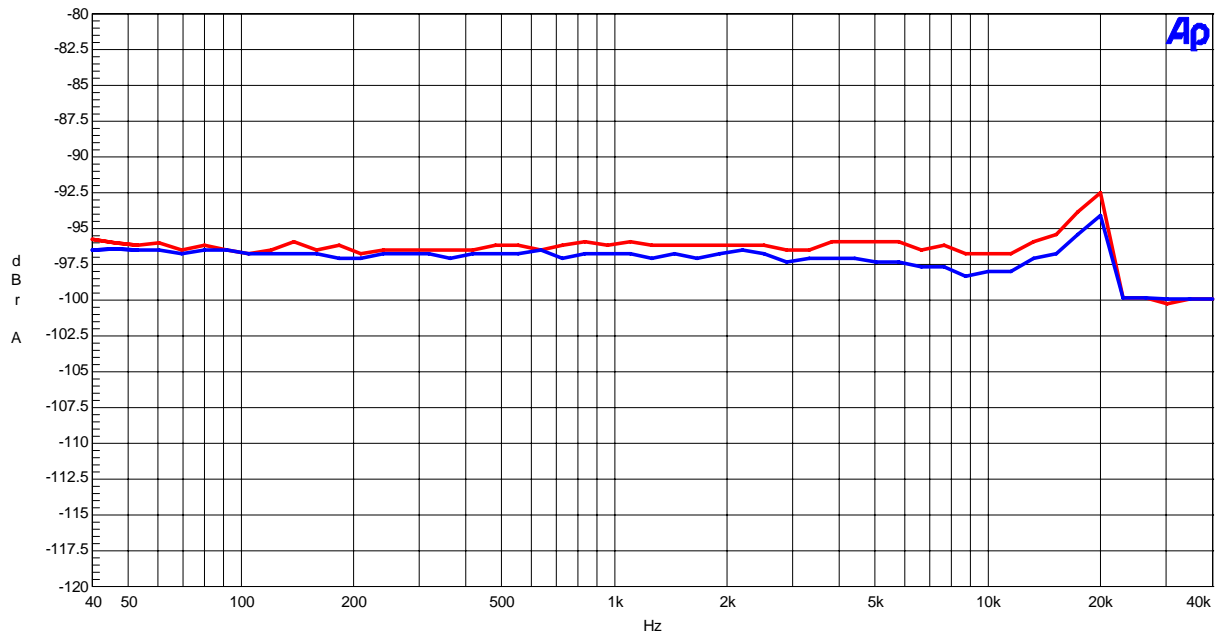
AK4384 THD+N vs. Input Frequency fs=96kHz
VDD=5V, 0dBFS Input

Figure 23. THD+N vs. Input Frequency (Input level=0dBFS)

(fs=96kHz)

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AK4384 Linearity fs=96kHz
VDD=5V, fin=1kHz

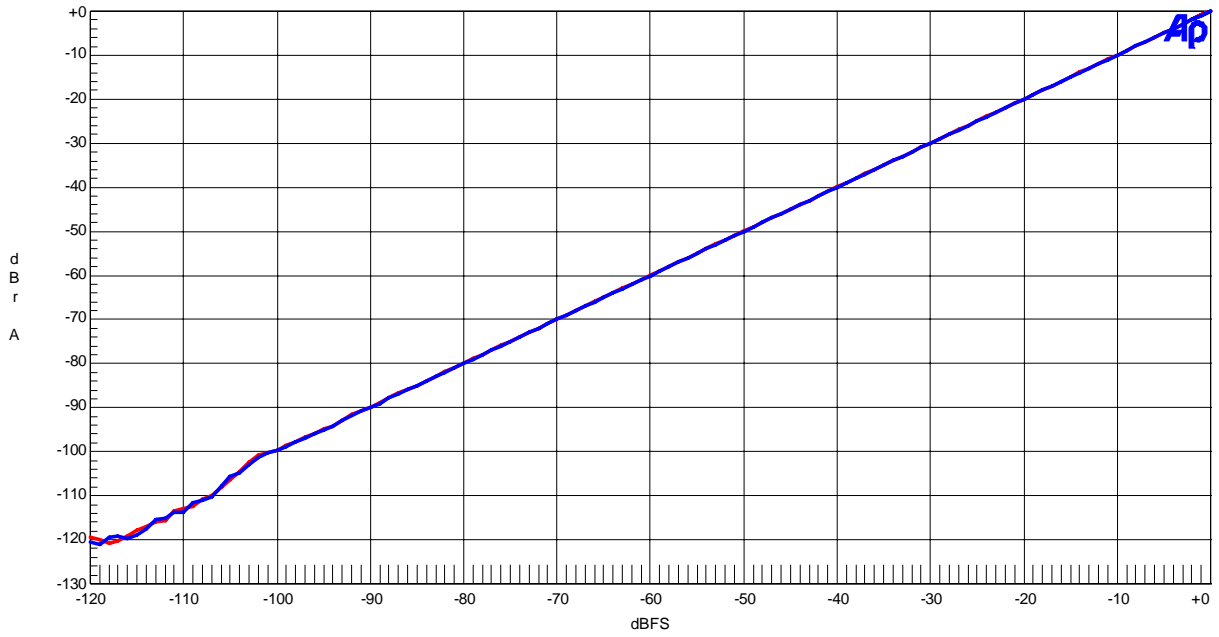


Figure 24. Linearity (fin=1kHz)

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AK4384 Frequency Response fs=96kHz
VDD=5V, 0dBFS input

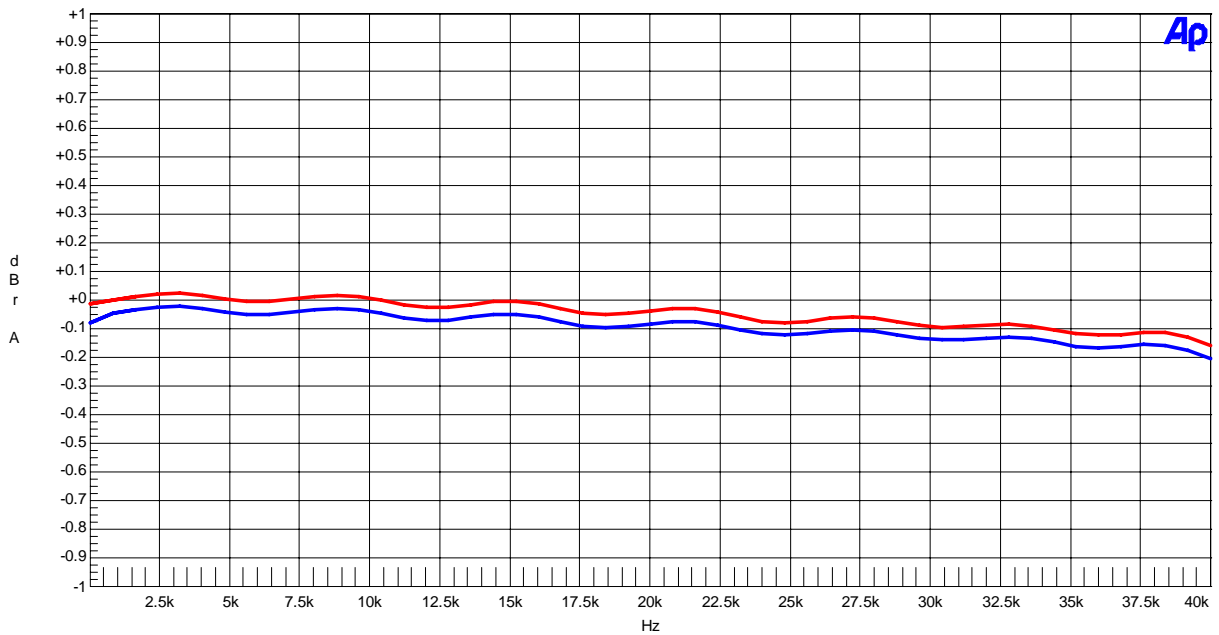


Figure 25. Frequency Response (Input level=0dBFS)

(fs=96kHz)

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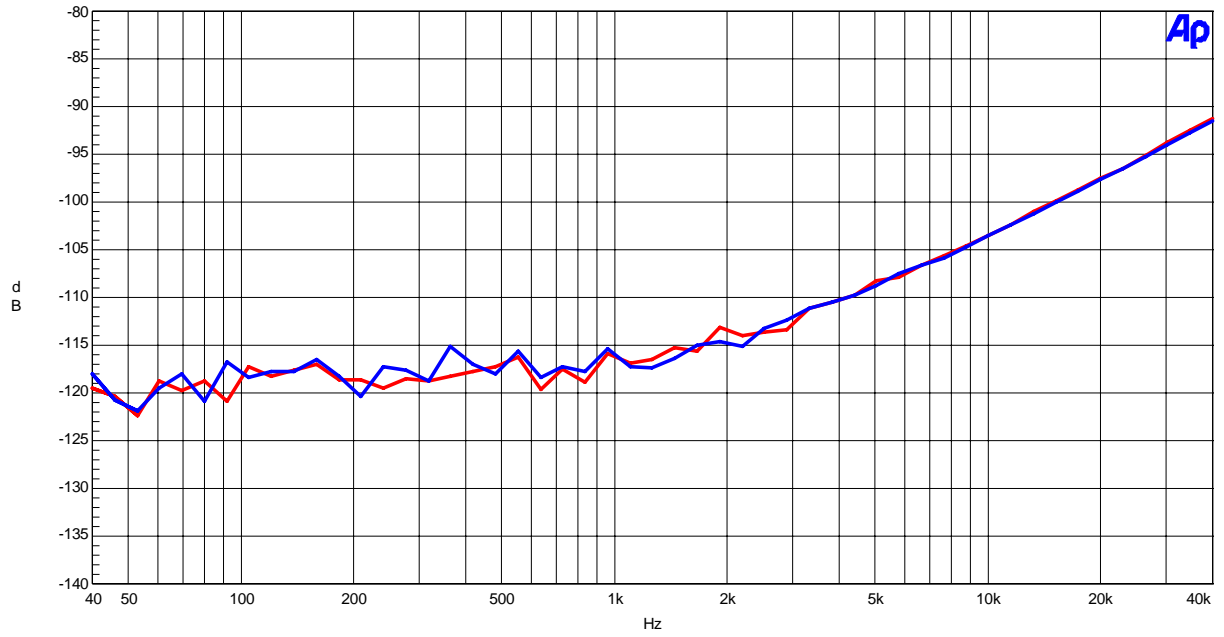
AK4384 Crosstalk (Red:Lch, Blue:Rch) fs=96kHz
VDD=5V, 0dBFS input

Figure 26. Crosstalk (Input level=0dBFS)

(fs=192kHz)

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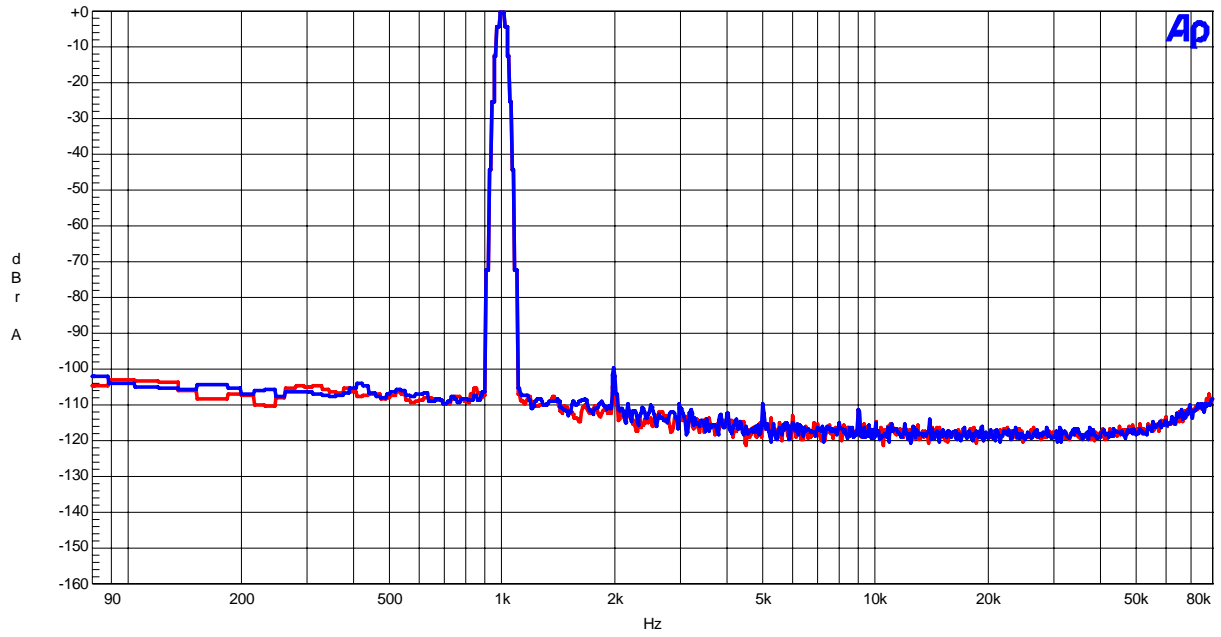
AK4384 FFT fs=192kHz
VDD=5V, 0dBFS input

Figure 27. FFT (fin=1kHz, Input Level=0dBFS)

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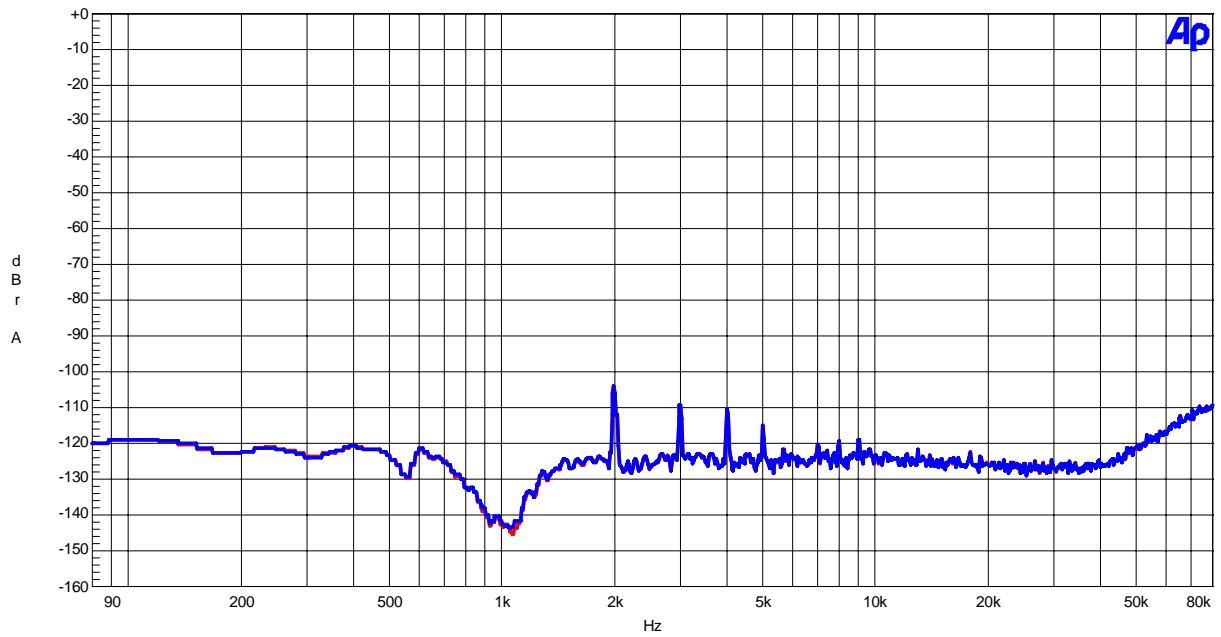
AK4384 FFT notch fs=192kHz
VDD=5V, 0dBFS input

Figure 28. FFT (fin=1kHz, Input Level=0dBFS, Notch)

(fs=192kHz)

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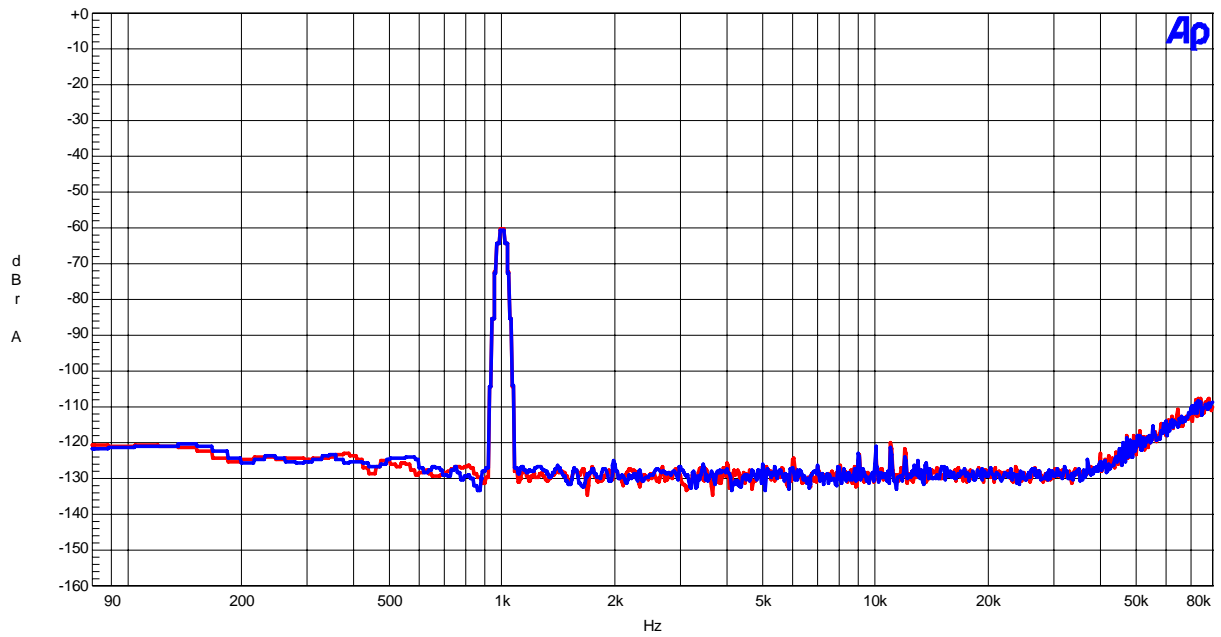
AK4384 FFT fs=192kHz
VDD=5V, -60dBFS input

Figure 29. FFT (fin=1kHz, Input Level=-60dBFS)

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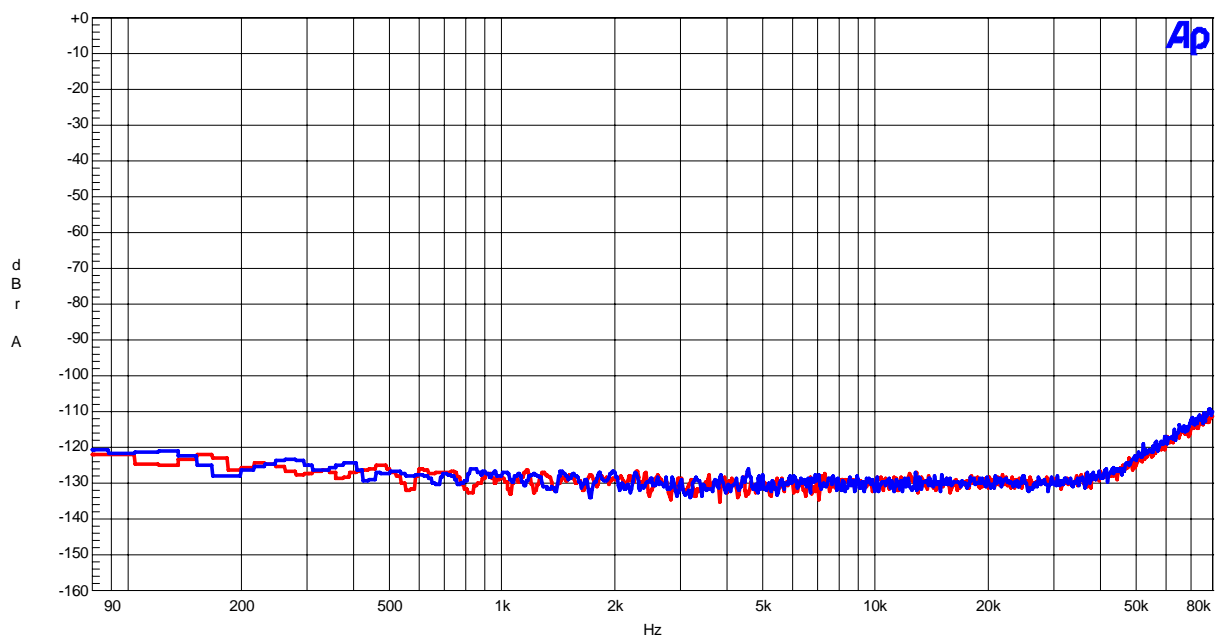
AK4384 FFT fs=192kHz
VDD=5V, No data input

Figure 30. FFT (Noise Floor)

(fs=192kHz)

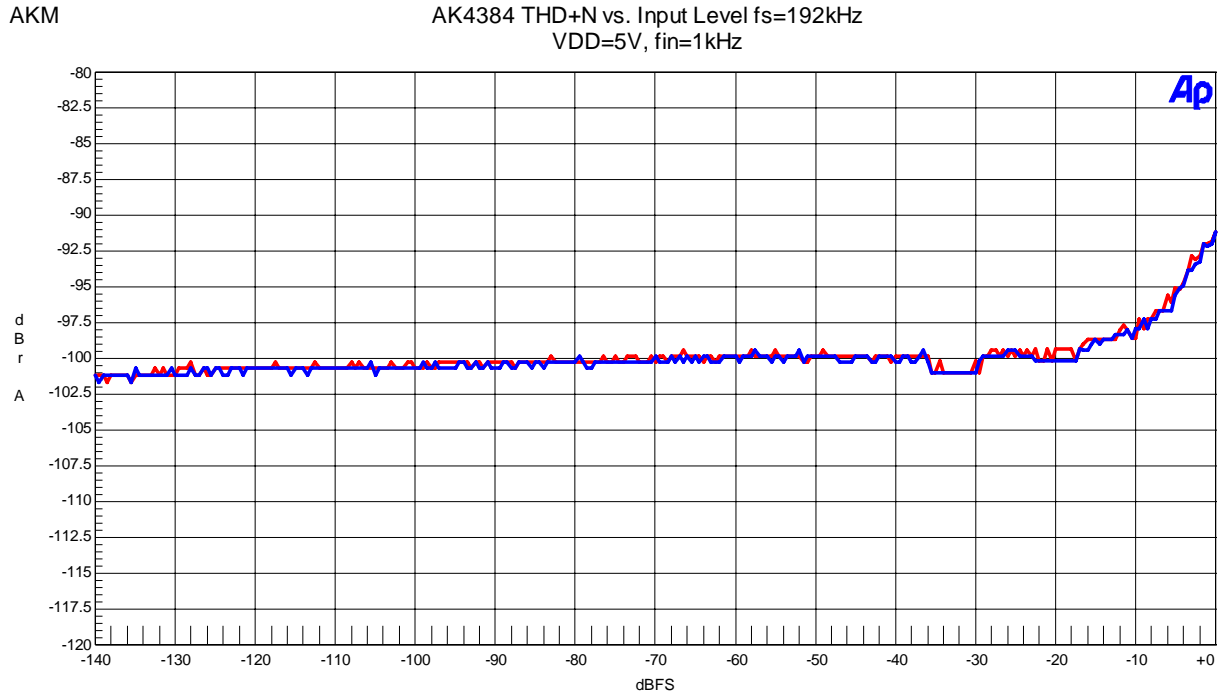


Figure 31. THD+N vs. Input level (fin=1kHz)

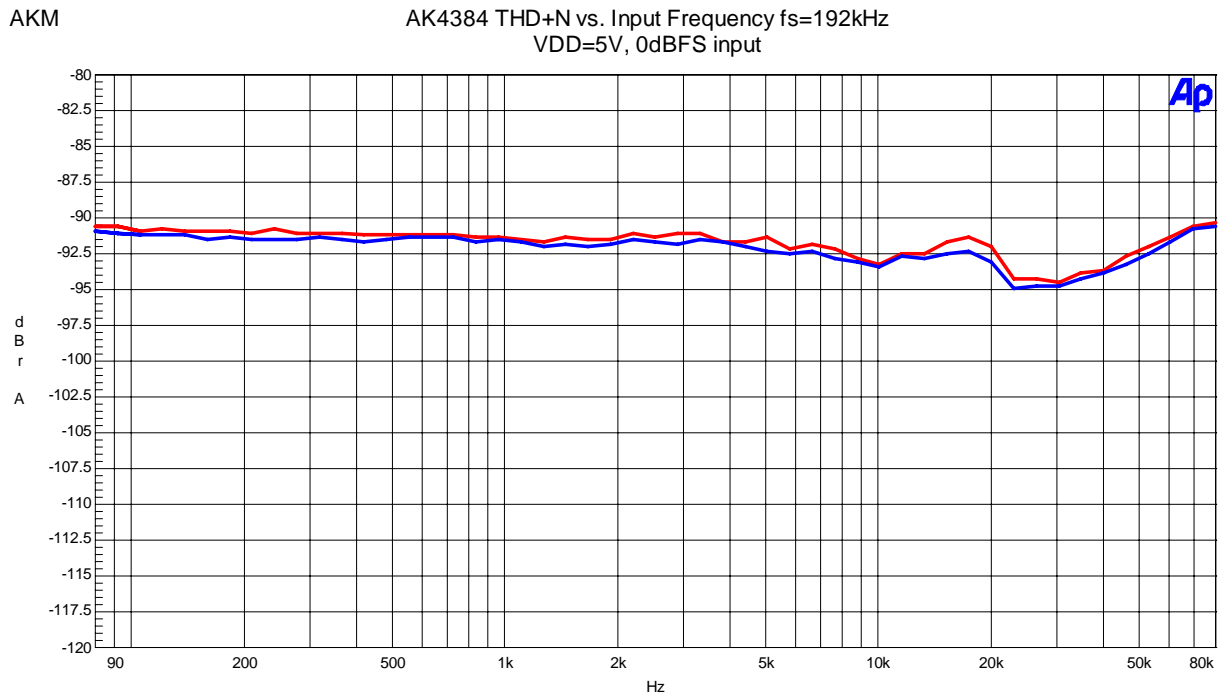


Figure 32. THD+N vs. Input Frequency (Input level=0dBFS)

(fs=192kHz)

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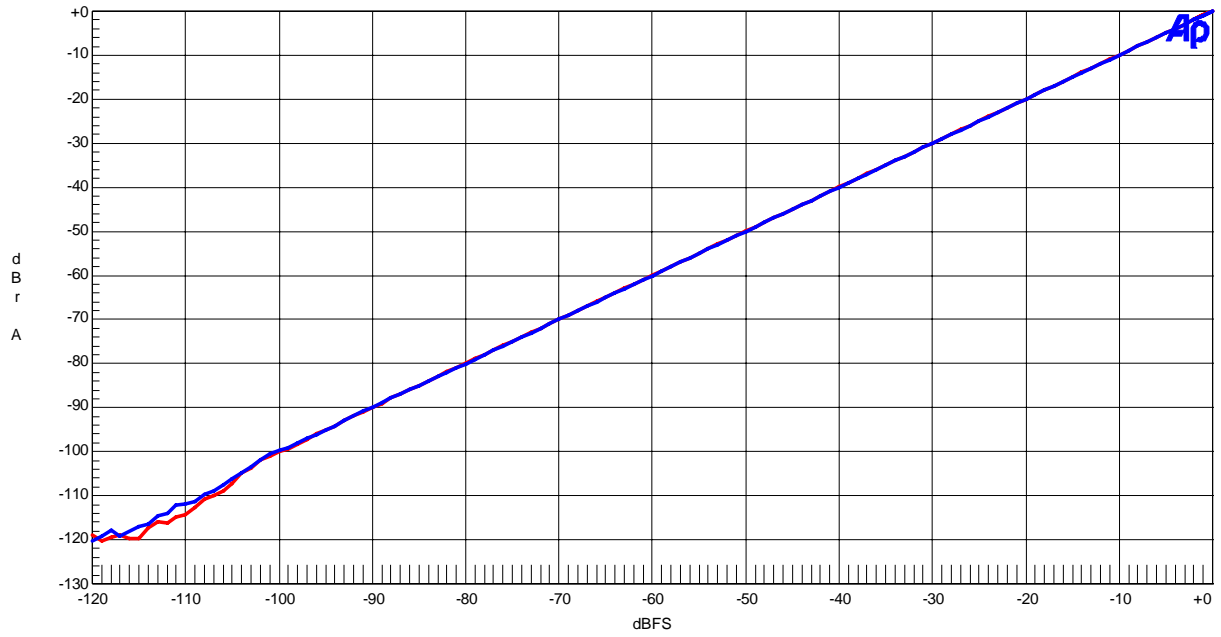
AK4384 Linearity fs=192kHz
VDD=5V, fin=1kHz

Figure 33. Linearity (fin=1kHz)

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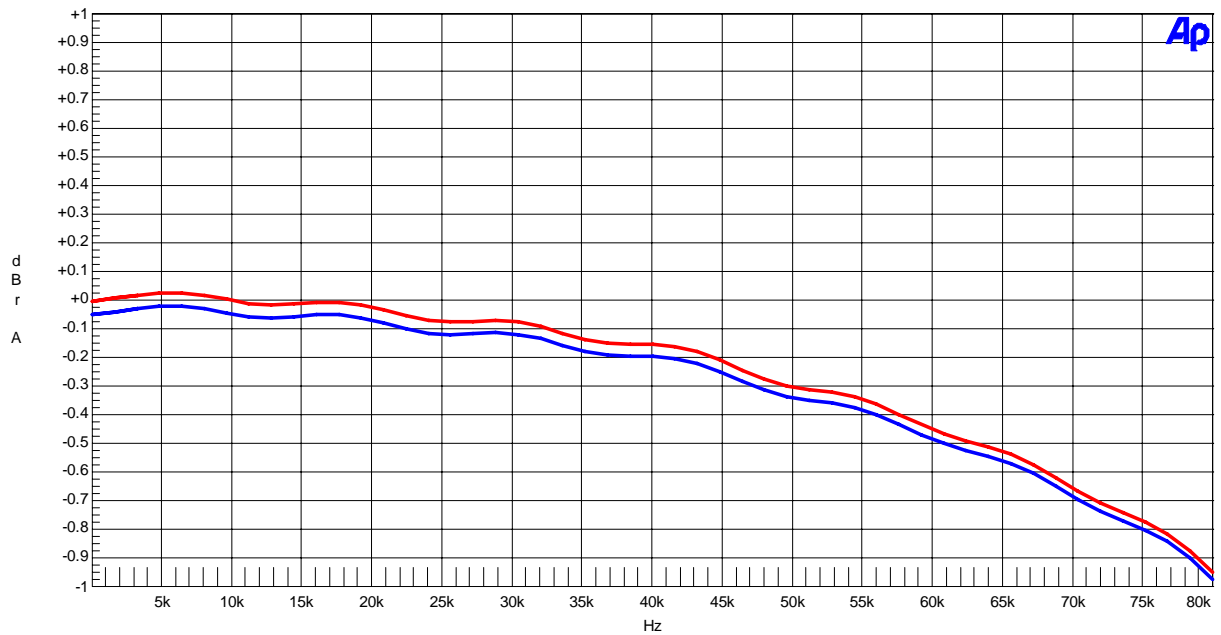
AK4384 Frequency Response fs=192kHz
VDD=5V, 0dB input

Figure 34. Frequency Response (Input level=0dBFS)

(fs=192kHz)

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AK4384 Crosstalk(Red:Lch,Blue:Rch) fs=192kHz
VDD=5V, 0dB input

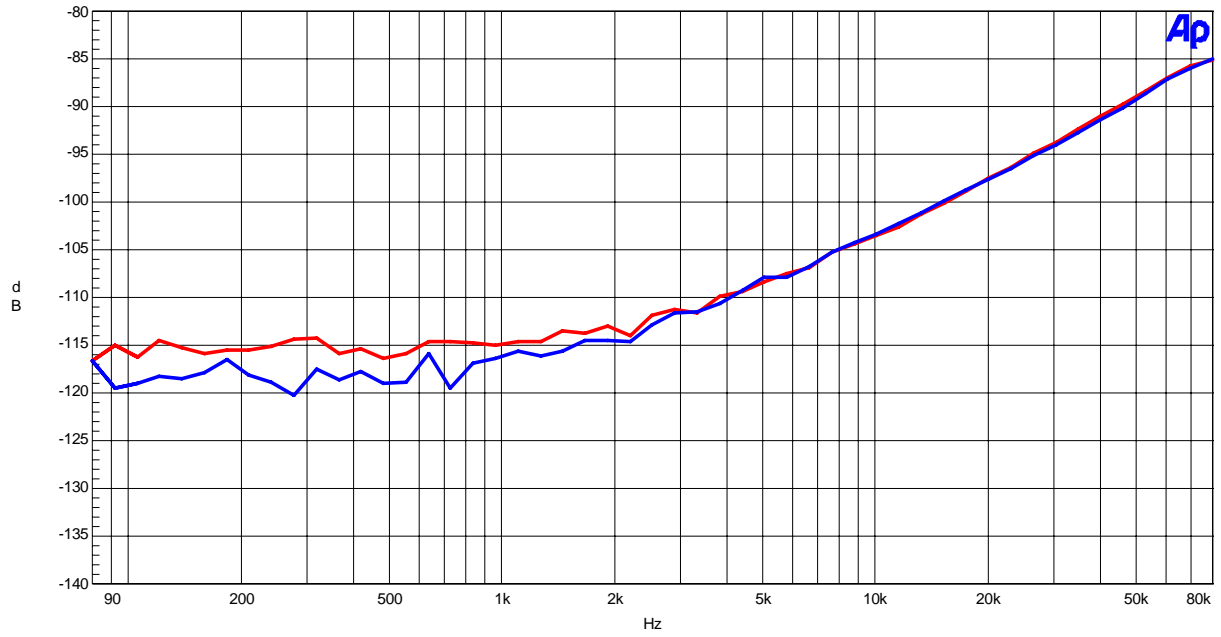


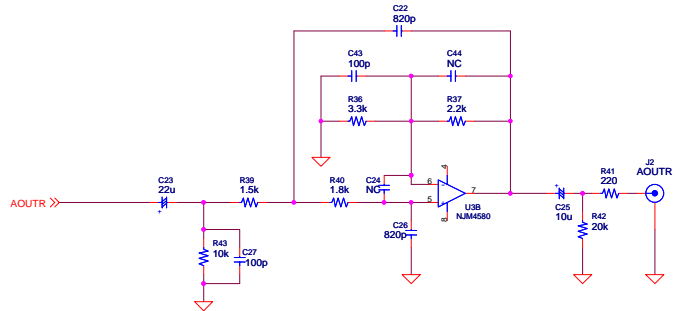
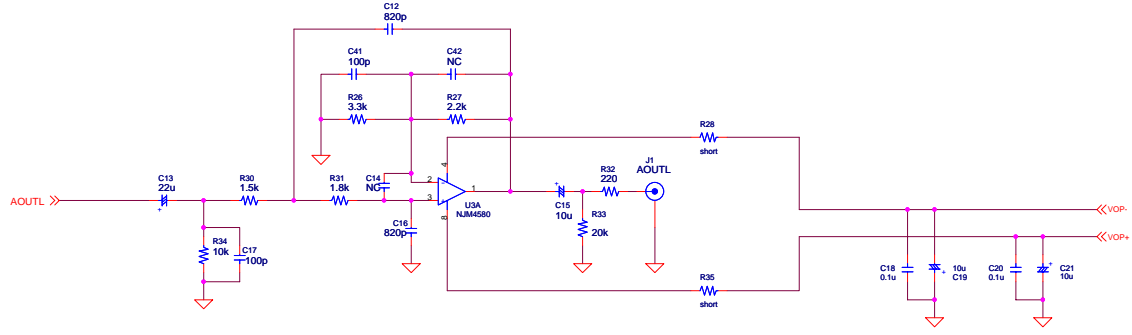
Figure 35. Crosstalk (Input level=0dBFS)

Revision History

Date (YY/MM/DD)	Manual Revision	Board Revision	Reason	Contents
05/06/01	KM079000	0	First edition	
05/07/08	KM079001	0	Change	Default of S1-3 (ACKS) : “OFF” → “ON”
05/11/22	KM079002	0	Correct error	P5: External Analog Filter Circuit was changed.
07/06/08	KM079003	0	Correct error	P5: Explanation of external Analog Filter Circuit was changed.

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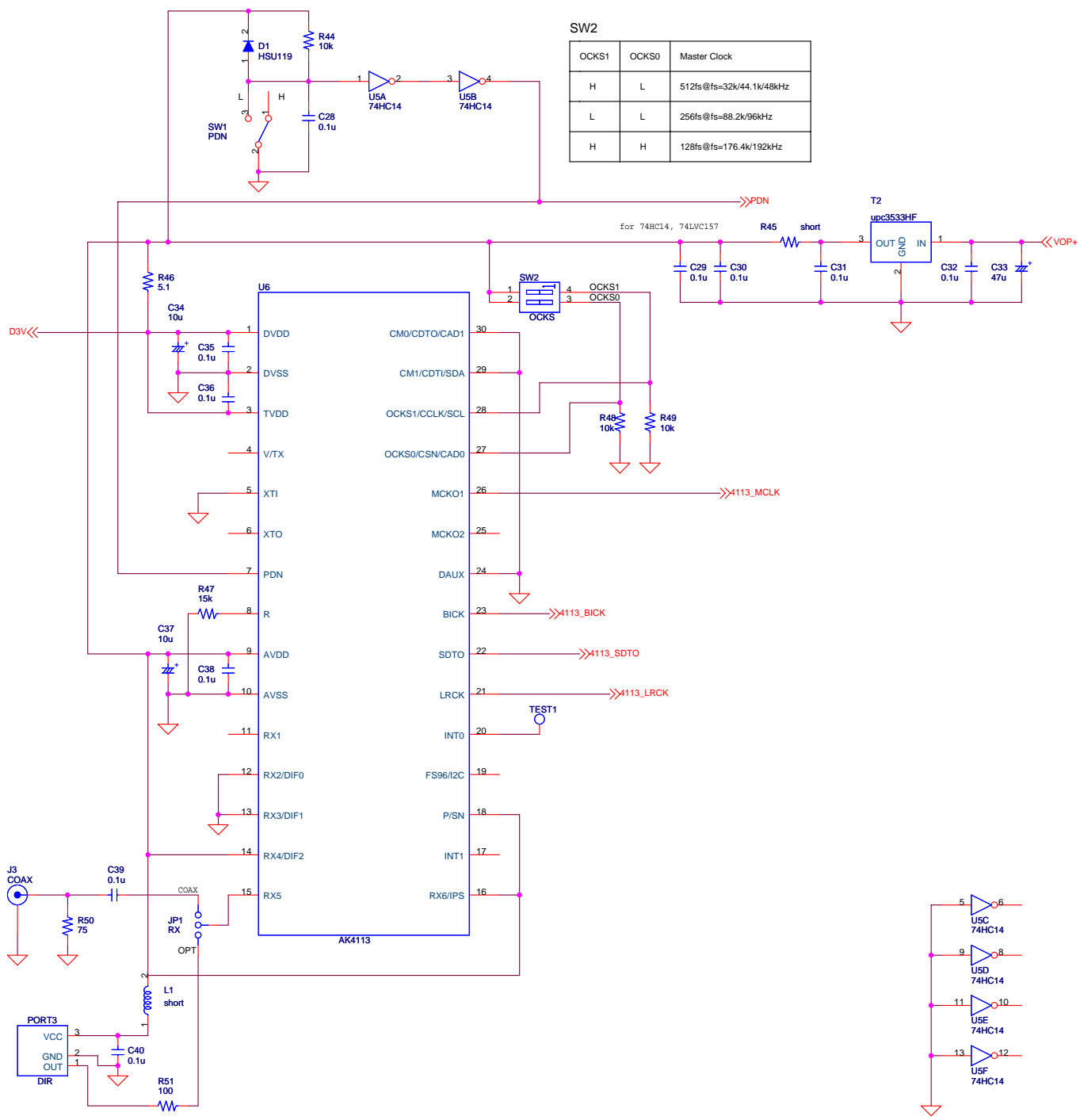
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SW2

OCKS1	OCKS0	Master Clock
H	L	512fs@fs=32k/44.1k/48kHz
L	L	256fs@fs=88.2k/96kHz
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