Tech Seminar Workbook

Piezo Drive Applications
1. \[ \text{Vout} = VA - VB \]
   \[ \text{Max Vout} = Vs - V_{SATA} - V_{SATB} \]

2. \[ \text{Gain} = \frac{\text{Vout}_{p-p}}{\text{Vinp}_{p-p}} = \frac{(VA - VB)_{p-p}}{V_{inp}_{p-p}} \]
   \[ 860V_{p-p}/12V_{p-p} = 71.67 \]
   Gain = 2 RF/RI since we have a bridge configuration. That is the voltage gain across the load is twice that of the master amplifier, A, since +1V out of amplifier A yields -1V out of amplifier B, relative to the mid point power supply reference of +225V.
   Therefore RF/RI = 71.67/2 = 35.833

3. Offset:
   \[ \text{VA-VB} = Vs \left(2\left(1+\frac{RF}{RI}\right)^{-1} - 2 \frac{RF}{RI}\right) \]
   When \( \text{Vin} = 0 \) then \( \text{VA-VB} = +430V \)
   Using RF/RI = 35.833 and solving above yields RA = 36.669RB
   Choosing RB = 12K implies RA = 440K

4. Check for common mode voltage compliance: 11.95 V > 10V; OK.

Ref. AN25
Piezo users appear to never have enough voltage. As soon as it was introduced the PA89 found its way into bridge circuits to drive piezos at +/-1100V and beyond.

In this application we use the dual supply bridge configuration to deliver up to almost twice the supply voltage of 530V across the load. A1 operates in a gain of 50 to translate the +/-10V input to +/-500V out of A1. A2 then inverts this output to add an additional –/+500V across the Piezo to yield a net +/-1000V.

A2 uses noise gain compensation to allow its Vo/Vin transfer function to remain at –1, though its compensation capacitor Cc is set for a gain of 50. The noise gain will allow AC stability as well as a balanced bridge since both amplifiers are now compensated identically for the same slew rate.

Input protection diodes, output flyback diodes and proper component selection enhance reliability. Remember to select Cc capacitors with a voltage rating of at least 1100V, RI, RF, RIS, and RFS with proper power dissipation and voltage coefficient of resistance, and D1 - D4 with a PIV of at least 1100V.

As a final note remember to check the amplifiers for AC stability due to capacitive loading depending upon the capacitance of the piezo being driven.

Ref. AN25
This circuit is included as an example in Power Design.xls. It is different from most power op amps in that current limit from positive side to negative side does not match well at all.

We will start by stabilizing the power stage, then the composite. Then we will examine current limit and frequency limitations imposed by this current limit.

1N4148 diodes on the input of the OP07 provide differential and common mode over voltage protection for transients through Cfc. Diodes on the output of the OP07 prevent over voltage transients that can occur through Cf, through the PA241 input protection diodes to the OP07 output through the PA241 internal input protection diodes.

Fast recovery diodes between pairs of supplies ensure that the PA241 input stage is protected from over voltage in the event the ±15V supplies are up before the high voltage supplies.

Ref. AN19,AN25
In any composite amplifier, make sure the power output stage is stable first. Any of the techniques we learned earlier can be used.

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255mA would be required to drive the .1µF load at 10KHz! Notice the “CURRENT TOO HIGH!” flag at the lower right. This is based on data sheet maximum, not the current limit resistor used. Since this is 10x our capability, 1KHz will be the limit with a 75Ω current limit resistor. When this is plugged in, we will find normal operation with no heatsink is possible. To analyze fault conditions, find the lowest impedance to be encountered, assume the current limit (47mA in this case) is driven into the load and calculate the output voltage. Subtract this from the supply voltage, compare to the SOA of the amplifier and calculate a larger heatsink as required.

Ref. AN37