

# LM381,LM381A

*LM381 LM381A Low Noise Dual Preamplifier*



Literature Number: SNVS760A

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### General Description

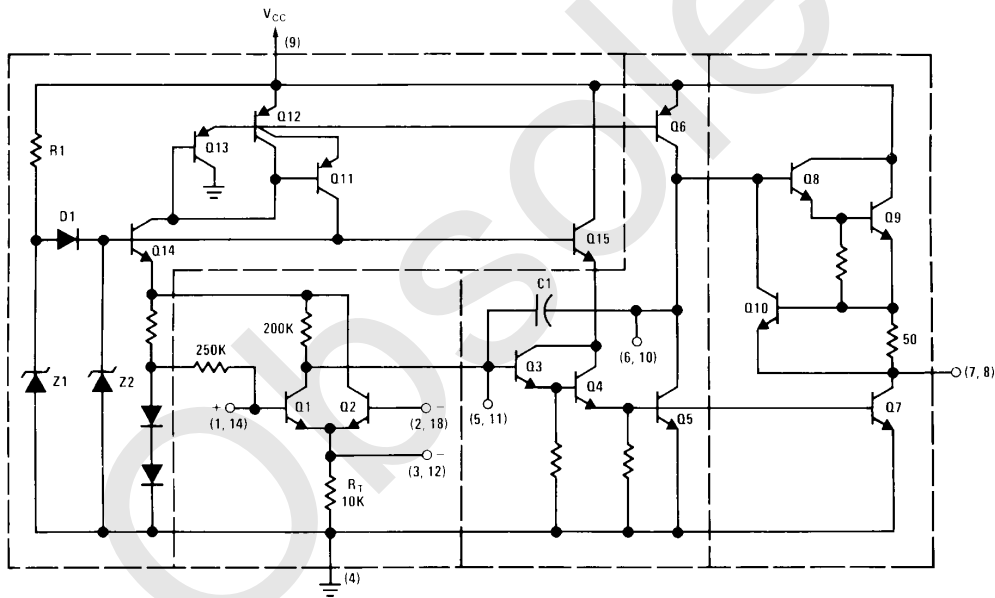
The LM381/LM381A is a dual preamplifier for the amplification of low level signals in applications requiring optimum noise performance. Each of the two amplifiers is completely independent, with individual internal power supply decoupler-regulator, providing 120 dB supply rejection and 60 dB channel separation. Other outstanding features include high gain (112 dB), large output voltage swing ( $V_{CC} - 2V$ ) p-p, and wide power bandwidth (75 kHz, 20 Vp-p). The LM381/LM381A operates from a single supply across the wide range of 9V to 40V.

Either differential input or single ended input configurations may be selected. The amplifier is internally compensated with the provision for additional external compensation for narrow band applications. For additional information see AN-64, AN-104.

### Features

- Low noise — 0.5  $\mu V$  total input noise
- High gain — 112 dB open loop
- Single supply operation
- Wide supply range 9V–40V
- Power supply rejection — 120 dB
- Large output voltage swing ( $V_{CC} - 2V$ )p-p
- Wide bandwidth 15 MHz unity gain
- Power bandwidth 75 kHz, 20 Vp-p
- Internally compensated
- Short circuit protected

### Schematic Diagram



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## Absolute Maximum Ratings

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Supply Voltage +40V  
Power Dissipation (Note 1) 1.56 W

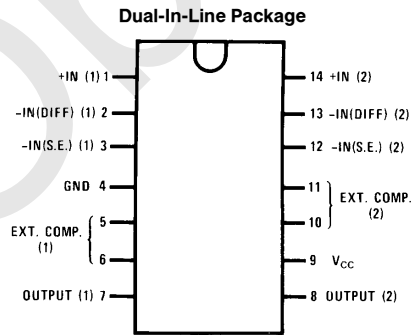
Operating Temperature Range 0°C to +70°C  
Storage Temperature Range -65°C to +150°C  
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec.) 260°C

## Electrical Characteristics $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $V_{CC} = 14\text{V}$ , unless otherwise stated.

| Parameter  | Conditions   | Min | Typ          | Max | Units            |
|--|--|-----|--------------|-----|------------------|
| Voltage Gain   | Open Loop (Differential Input), $f = 100\text{ Hz}$                                    |     | 160,000      |     | V/V              |
|  | Open Loop (Single Ended), $f = 100\text{ Hz}$  |     | 320,000      |     | V/V              |
| Supply Current   | $V_{CC} 9\text{V to }40\text{V}$ , $R_L = \infty$                                      |     | 10           |     | mA               |
| Input Resistance<br>(Positive Input)<br>(Negative Input) |  |     | 100          |     | k $\Omega$       |
|  |  |     | 200          |     | k $\Omega$       |
| Input Current<br>(Negative Input)                        |  |     | 0.5          |     | $\mu\text{A}$    |
| Output Resistance  | Open Loop  |     | 150          |     | $\Omega$         |
| Output Current   | Source   |     | 8            |     | mA               |
|  | Sink   |     | 2            |     | mA               |
| Output Voltage Swing                                     | Peak-to-Peak   |     | $V_{CC} - 2$ |     | V                |
| Unity Gain Bandwidth                                     |  |     | 15           |     | MHz              |
| Power Bandwidth  | $20 V_{PP}$ ( $V_{CC} = 24\text{V}$ )  |     | 75           |     | kHz              |
| Maximum Input Voltage                                    | Linear Operation   |     |              | 300 | mVrms            |
| Supply Rejection Ratio                                   | $f = 1\text{ kHz}$   |     | 120          |     | dB               |
| Channel Separation                                       | $f = 1\text{ kHz}$   |     | 60           |     | dB               |
| Total Harmonic Distortion                                | 60 dB Gain, $f = 1\text{ kHz}$   |     | 0.1          |     | %                |
| Total Equivalent Input Noise<br>LM381A<br>LM381          | $R_S = 60\Omega$ , 10–10,000 Hz (Single Ended Input, Flat Gain Circuit, $A_V = 1000$ ) |     | 0.5          | 0.7 | $\mu\text{Vrms}$ |
|  |  |     | 0.5          | 1.0 | $\mu\text{Vrms}$ |

**Note 1:** For operation in ambient temperatures above 25°C, the device must be derated based on a 150°C maximum junction temperature and a thermal resistance of 80°C/W junction to ambient.

## Connection Diagram



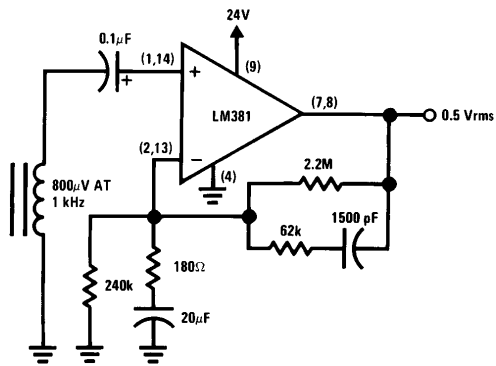
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**Top View**

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See NS Package Number N14A**

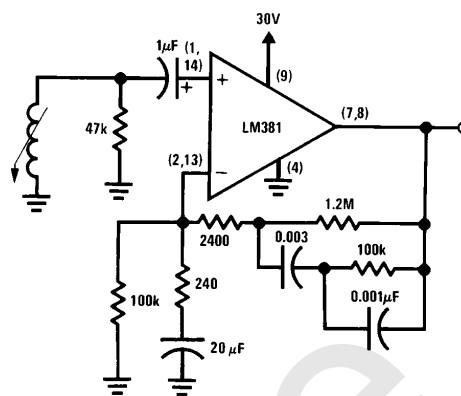
## Typical Applications

### Typical Tape Playback Amplifier



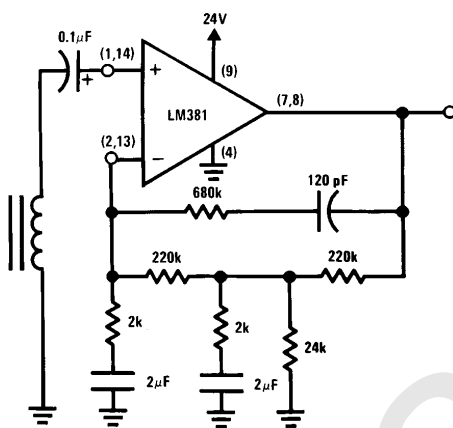
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### Typical Magnetic Phono Preamp



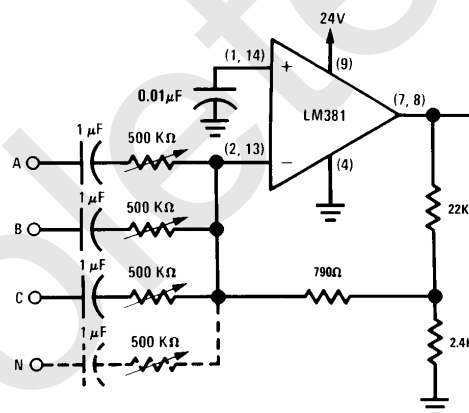
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### Two-Pole Fast Turn-On NAB Tape Preamp



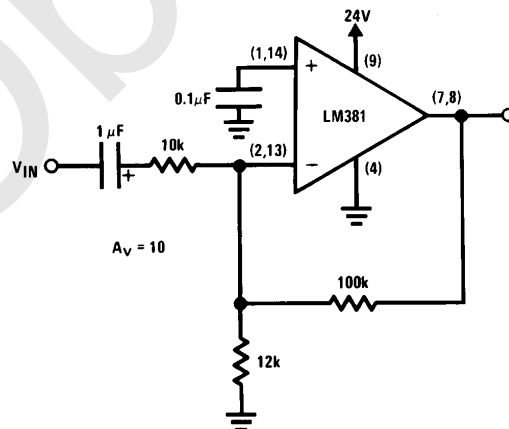
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### Audio Mixer



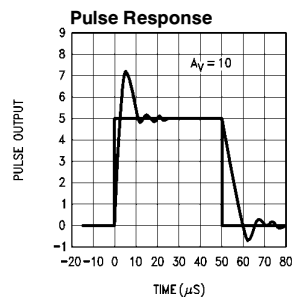
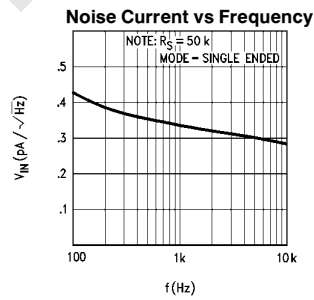
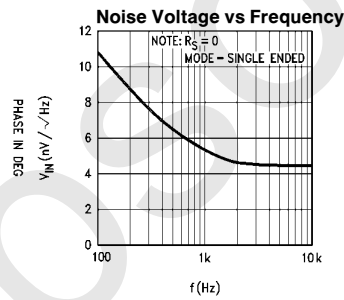
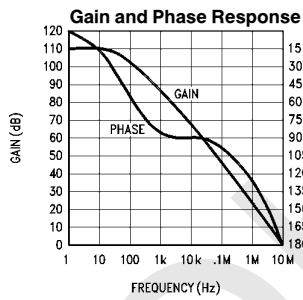
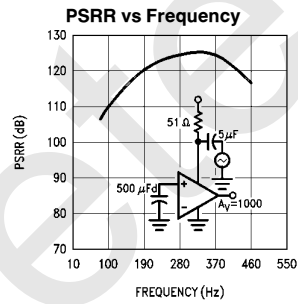
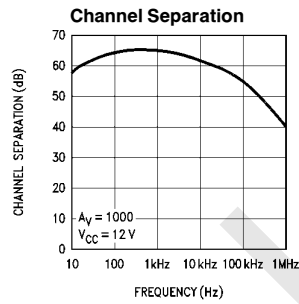
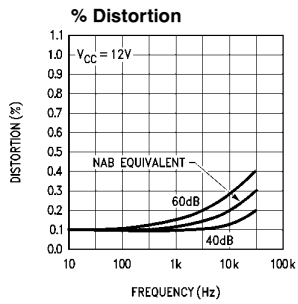
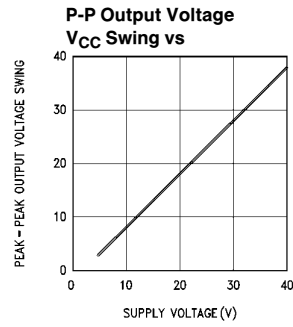
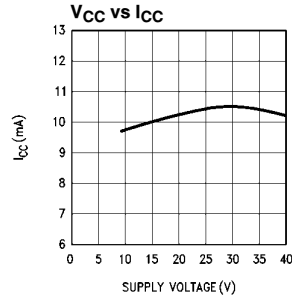
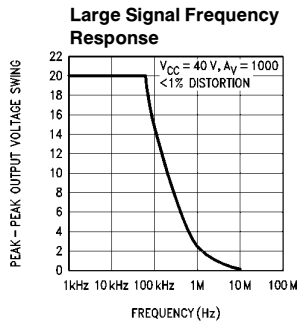
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### Ultra-Low Distortion Amplifier ( $A_V = 10$ , THD < 0.05%, $V_{OUT} = 3 V_{RMS}$ )



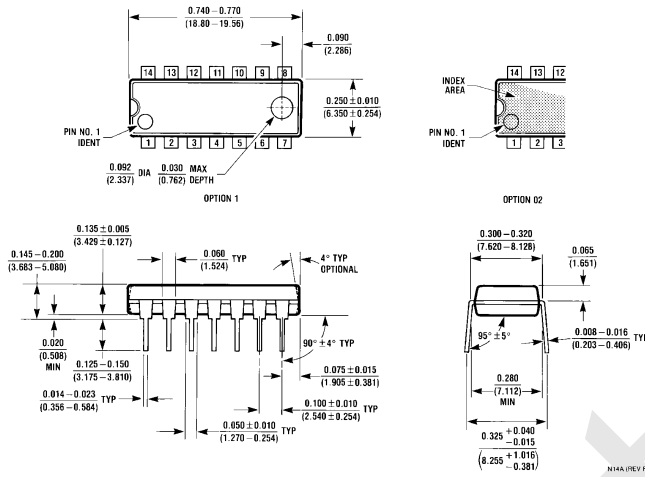
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# Typical Performance Characteristics



Obsolete

**Physical Dimensions** inches (millimeters)



**Molded Dual-In-Line Package (N)**  
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