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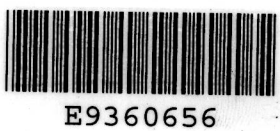

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Foreword

This volume arose from a one day course on mixed analogue–digital ASICs, held at ECCTD'89 (European Conference on Circuit Theory and Design) in Brighton, England. Following the success of the course in attracting a large number of attendees, the course organisers were invited to produce a multi–authored volume on the subject. The editors have extended the original request both in the quality and the number of contributions and contributors than were present at ECCTD'89. In view of the very strong interest in this area of electronics, a much updated version of the course, based on this book, is being offered at ECCTD'91 in Copenhagen, Denmark and at the the ASIC'91 conference in Rochester, New York. Although the need for mixed–signal electronics has been present for some time, there continue to be strong developments in technologies, design methods, design techniques and CAD tools to help produce more integrated solutions to this problem. The present book will serve as a useful foundation for practising engineers and postgraduate students working in this field.

David Haigh (Series Editor)
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