

LM72880-Q1 CC-CV Buck Converter With I2C Evaluation Module



Description

The [LM72880QEV-400](#) evaluation module (EVM) is a synchronous, buck DC/DC regulator which is capable of constant-current constant-voltage (CC-CV) regulation with I2C interface. The EVM operates over a wide input voltage range of 24V to 70V (at J4 VIN terminal), providing maximum 5A in CC mode and maximum 20V in CV mode. The regulation targets of the average inductor current limit and the output voltage are programmable by I2C. The free-running switching frequency is also programmable by I2C and is synchronizable to an external clock signal at a higher or lower frequency.

Get Started

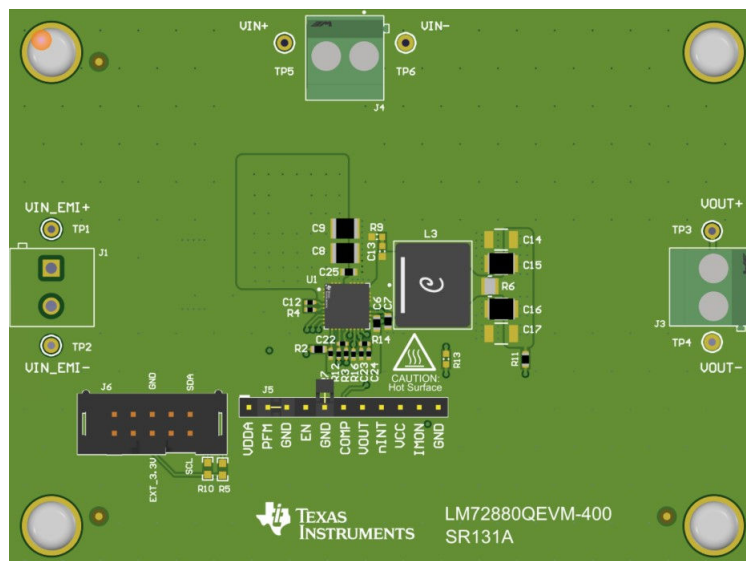
1. Connect the EVM to a power supply and a load.
2. Connect a [USB2ANY](#) adapter to the EVM and PC.
3. Launch the Configuration GUI in the [product folder](#).

Features

- Input voltage operating range : 24V to 70V
- Programmable output voltage up to 20V with programmable cable drop compensation (CDC)
- Programmable average current limit up to 5A
- Programmable output voltage slew rate
- Programmable soft-start time
- Optional active output discharge
- Optional spread spectrum
- Programmable switching mode (FPWM or PFM)
- Peak full-load efficiency of 98.2%
- Peak current limit with hiccup mode protection
- Programmable OVP threshold
- Programmable UV/OV warning threshold
- nINT indicator with pullup resistor to VDDA
- Thermally efficient layout with 6-layer, 2oz PCB

Applications

- [Automotive electronic systems](#)
- [Infotainment and cluster](#)
- [Automotive USB charging](#)



LM72880QEV-400

1 Evaluation Module Overview

1.1 Introduction

The LM72880QEVMM-400 EVM is a synchronous, buck DC/DC regulator with constant-current constant-voltage (CC-CV) regulation and I2C interface. The EVM operates over an input voltage range of 24V to 70V (VIN terminal), providing a regulated current of 5A (maximum) in CC mode and a regulated voltage of 20V (maximum) in CV mode. The regulation targets of the average inductor current limit and the output voltage are programmable by I2C. As a default, the output voltage is pre-programmed to 5V, the average inductor current limit is pre-programmed to 0.5A, and the free-running frequency is pre-programmed to 400kHz.

The EVM features cable drop compensation, spread spectrum, selectable FPWM/PFM, active output discharge, output slew rate control, soft start, OVP, and peak current limit with hiccup mode protection. The EVM is designed for 400kHz switching frequency.

1.2 Kit Contents

- One LM72880QEVMM-400 EVM board
- EVM disclaimer Read Me

1.3 Specification

[Table 1-1](#) table lists the electrical characteristics of the evaluation module. See the [LM72880-Q1 product folder](#) for more information about the device specifications. Efficiency and other performance metrics can change based on operating input voltage, load currents, externally-connected output capacitors, and other parameters. The recommended airflow is 200 LFM when operating.

Table 1-1. Electrical Performance Characteristics

Parameter	Test Conditions		MIN	TYP	MAX	Unit
INPUT CHARACTERISTICS						
Input operating range, V _{SUPPLY}	VIN+, VIN– terminal		24	48	70	V
Input current, I _{SUPPLY}					5	A
Input current, no load	PFM, BIAS_EN = 0, EN = VIN, V _{LOAD} = 20V, R7 removed, no I2C communication	V _{SUPPLY} = 24V	116		μA	
		V _{SUPPLY} = 36V	116			
		V _{SUPPLY} = 48V	117			
		V _{SUPPLY} = 60V	119			
OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS						
Rated output voltage, V _{LOAD}	CV mode		20			V
Average inductor current, I _{LOUT}	CC mode		0.5		5	A
SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS						
Switching frequency, f _{SW}			400			kHz
Full load efficiency	I _{LOAD} = 5A	V _{SUPPLY} = 24V	98.2%			
		V _{SUPPLY} = 36V	97.7%			
		V _{SUPPLY} = 48V	97.1%			
		V _{SUPPLY} = 60V	96.6%			

1.4 Device Information

Table 1-2. LM72xx0(-Q1) Synchronous Buck Regulator Family With Integrated CC-CV Control and I2C Interface

DC/DC	Max VIN	Output Range	Max IOUT	Automotive Qualification
LM72630-Q1	70V	1V – 24V / 3.3V – 24V	3A	AEC-Q100 Grade1
LM72650-Q1	70V	1V – 24V / 3.3V – 24V	5A	AEC-Q100 Grade1
LM72680-Q1	70V	1V – 24V / 3.3V – 48V	5A / 8A	AEC-Q100 Grade1
LM72880-Q1	80V	1V – 24V / 3.3V – 48V	5A / 8A	AEC-Q100 Grade1
LM72880	80V	1V – 24V / 3.3V – 48V	5A / 8A	—

2 Hardware

2.1 Test Setup and Procedure

2.1.1 EVM Connections

The recommended test setup is shown in [Figure 2-1](#). Working at an ESD-protected workstation, make sure that any wrist straps, boot straps, or mats are connected and referencing the user to earth ground before handling the EVM.

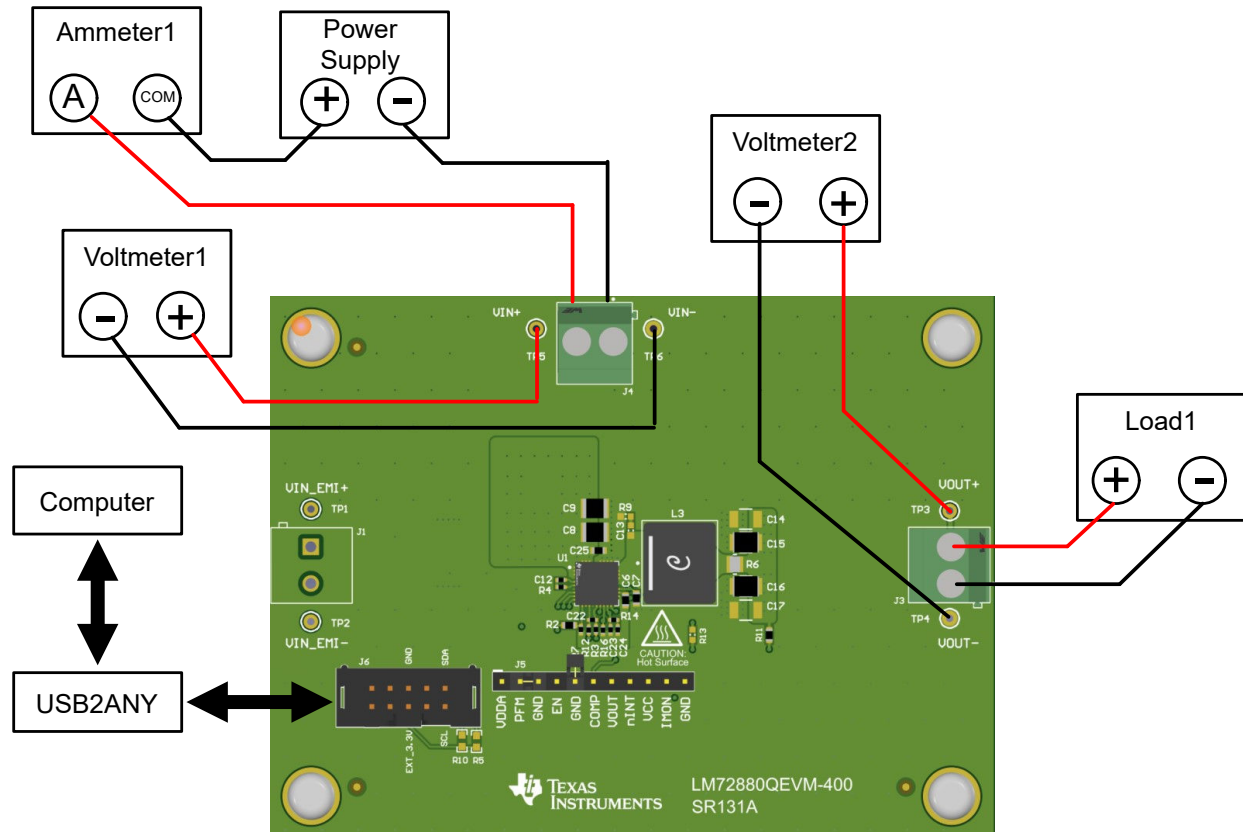


Figure 2-1. EVM Test Setup

CAUTION

Hot surface. Contact can cause burns. Do not touch.

Table 2-1. Power Connections

REF DES	LABEL	DESCRIPTION
J4	VIN+	Positive input voltage power connection
J4	VIN-	Negative input voltage power connection
J1	VIN_EMI+	Positive input voltage power connection for EMI test
J1	VIN_EMI-	Negative input voltage power connection for EMI test
J3	VOUT+	Positive output voltage power connection
J3	VOUT-	Negative output voltage power connection

Table 2-2. DVM Connections

REF DES	LABEL	DESCRIPTION
TP5	VIN+	Positive input voltage sensing
TP6	VIN-	Negative input voltage sensing
TP3	VOUT+	Positive output voltage sensing
TP4	VOUT-	Negative output voltage sensing

Table 2-3. J5 Jumper

NUMBER	LABEL	DESCRIPTION
1	VDDA	VDDA connection
2	PFM	PFM / FPWM mode selection and synchronization input pin
3	GND	Ground connection
4	EN	Enable input. Connect the pin to GND to disable the device.
5	GND	Ground connection
6	COMP	External compensation pin
7	VOUT	VOUT connection pin
8	nINT	Interrupt indicator pin. An open-drain output is connected to VDDA through 100kΩ pullup resistor.
9	VCC	VCC connection
10	IMON	IMON connection. Current monitor pin. Leave the pin floating during start-up.
11	GND	Ground connection

Table 2-4. J6 Jumper

NUMBER	LABEL	DESCRIPTION
1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8	NC	No connect pin
5	EXT-3.3V	Connected to the external 3.3V from USB2ANY
6	GND	Ground connection
9	SCL	I2C clock pin
10	SDA	I2C data pin

2.1.2 Test Equipment

- **Power Supply:** use an input voltage source capable of supplying 0V to 70V and 7A.
- **Voltmeter 1:** measure the input voltage at VIN+ to VIN–.
- **Voltmeter 2:** measure the output voltage at VOUT+ to VOUT–.
- **Ammeter 1:** measure the input current. Connect to the power supply and VIN+.
- **Load 1:** the load must be an electronic load capable of constant-voltage (CV) and constant-current (CC) regulation. The electronic load must be capable of sinking 8A at 20V and below.

Oscilloscope: with the scope set to 20MHz bandwidth and AC coupling, measure the output voltage ripple directly across an output capacitor with a short ground lead normally provided with the scope probe. TI does not recommend using a long-leaded ground connection because this can induce additional noise given a large ground loop. To measure other waveforms, adjust the oscilloscope as needed. Always use caution when touching any circuits that can be live or energized.

2.1.3 Recommended Test Setup

Use the VIN+/TP5 and VIN–/TP6 test points along with the VOUT+/TP3, VOUT–/TP4 test points located near the power terminal blocks as voltage monitoring points where voltmeters are connected to measure the input and output voltages, respectively. *Do not use these sense terminals as the input supply or output load connection points.* The PCB traces connected to these sense terminals are not designed to support high currents. Before applying power to the EVM, make sure that the J5 jumper is present and properly positioned.

CAUTION

Extended operation at high output current and high input voltage can raise component temperatures above 55°C. To avoid risk of a burn injury, do not touch the components until the components have cooled sufficiently after disconnecting power. Wire gauge for the input power supply and the output electric load needs to be 9 AWG minimum and no longer than 1 foot. Please tighten the input and output terminal screws to minimize contact resistance.

2.1.3.1 Input Connections

1. Prior to connecting the input power source, set the current limit of the input supply to 0.1A maximum. Make sure the input source is initially set to 0V and connected to the J4 terminal as shown in [Figure 2-1](#).
2. Connect voltmeter 1 at VIN+ and VIN– test points to measure the input voltage.
3. Connect ammeter 1 to measure the input current.

2.1.3.2 Output Connections

1. Connect electronic load to J3. Set the load to CV mode at 22V before applying input voltage.
2. Connect voltmeter 2 at VOUT+ and VOUT– test points to measure the output voltage.

2.1.3.3 I2C Connections

1. Plug 10-pin ribbon cable into the USB2ANY and J6.
2. Plug USB mini-B connector into the USB2ANY and the computer.

2.1.4 Test Procedure

2.1.4.1 Graphic User Interface (GUI)

2.1.4.1.1 Quick Overview

To start, connect the USB2ANY adapter to the computer using USB mini-B connector, connect the USB2ANY adapter to EVM using 10-pin ribbon cable, connect power supply and load to the EVM, power on the EVM, and then launch the configuration GUI.

The GUI automatically connects with the EVM, but if not, in the status bar at the bottom of the GUI, click the **Reconnect** button to connect to the EVM.

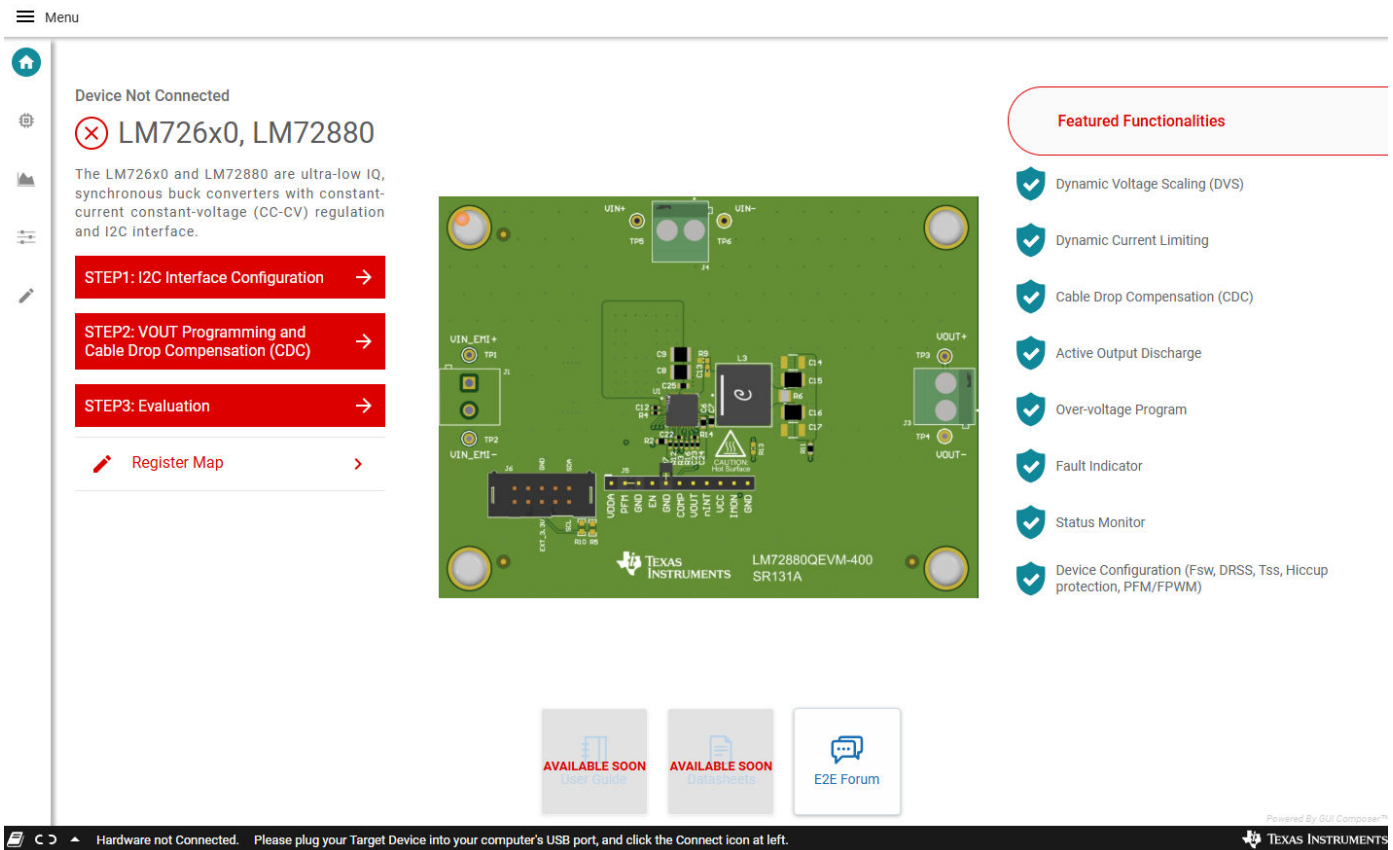


Figure 2-2. Get Started

Finish the I2C interface configuration in step 1 before programming the device. Select **LM72880** as the GPN and **8mΩ** as the sense resistor value. The device supports standard, fast, and fast-plus modes, but the GUI supports only standard and fast modes. Please select the standard mode as a starting point. Enable the pullup resistors inside the USB2ANY adapter and then click the **CONFIGURE USB2ANY** button. Select **0x6A** as the I2C target address, and then click the **CONNECT TO EVM** button.

Step 1: I2C Interface Configuration

LM72880 (8mΩ) disconnected

GPN: LM72880

RSENSE: 8mΩ

I2C Interface Settings

I2C Speed: ☒ Standard: 100kHz ☐ Fast: 400kHz

USB2ANY Pull-up Resistor: ☒

[CONFIGURE USB2ANY](#)

I2C Connection Settings

I2C Target Address: ☒ 0x6A ☐ 0x6B ☐ 0x6C ☐ 0x6D

[CONNECT TO EVM](#)

Status/Fault Monitor

Auto-read: As fast as possible

BUSY, OFF, VOUT_OV, IOUT_OC, TEMPERATURE, CML, NOA, VOUT, IOUT_POUT, CC_REGULATION, PG_STATUS BAR

[READ FAULTS](#) [CLEAR FAULTS](#)

Hardware not Connected. Please plug your Target Device into your computer's USB port, and click the Connect icon at left.

Figure 2-3. Step 1: I2C Interface Configuration

In step 2, program the VOUT regulation target to 20V as a starting point, and program the cable compensation gain if required.

Step 2: VOUT Programming and Cable Drop Compensation (CDC)

CDC Enable ☐

LM72880 (8mΩ) disconnected

Vout Programming

VOUT Range [mV]: Upper(20mV)

VOUT [V]: 20

Cable Drop Compensation

RSENSE [mΩ]: 8

RCABLE [mΩ]: 160

Desired K_{CDC} [V/V]: 20

Selected K_{CDC} [V/V]: 20

Cable Resistance Calculator

Resistivity [nΩ.m]: 16.8

Diameter [mm]: 0.81

Length [m]: 3

Estimated R_{CABLE} [mΩ]: 97.807

Output Voltage [V] vs Load Current [A]

Without Compensation (blue line): 20.0V at 0A, 19.2V at 5A

With Compensation (orange line): 20.0V at 0A, 20.0V at 5A

[CALCULATE](#)

Status/Fault Monitor

Auto-read: As fast as possible

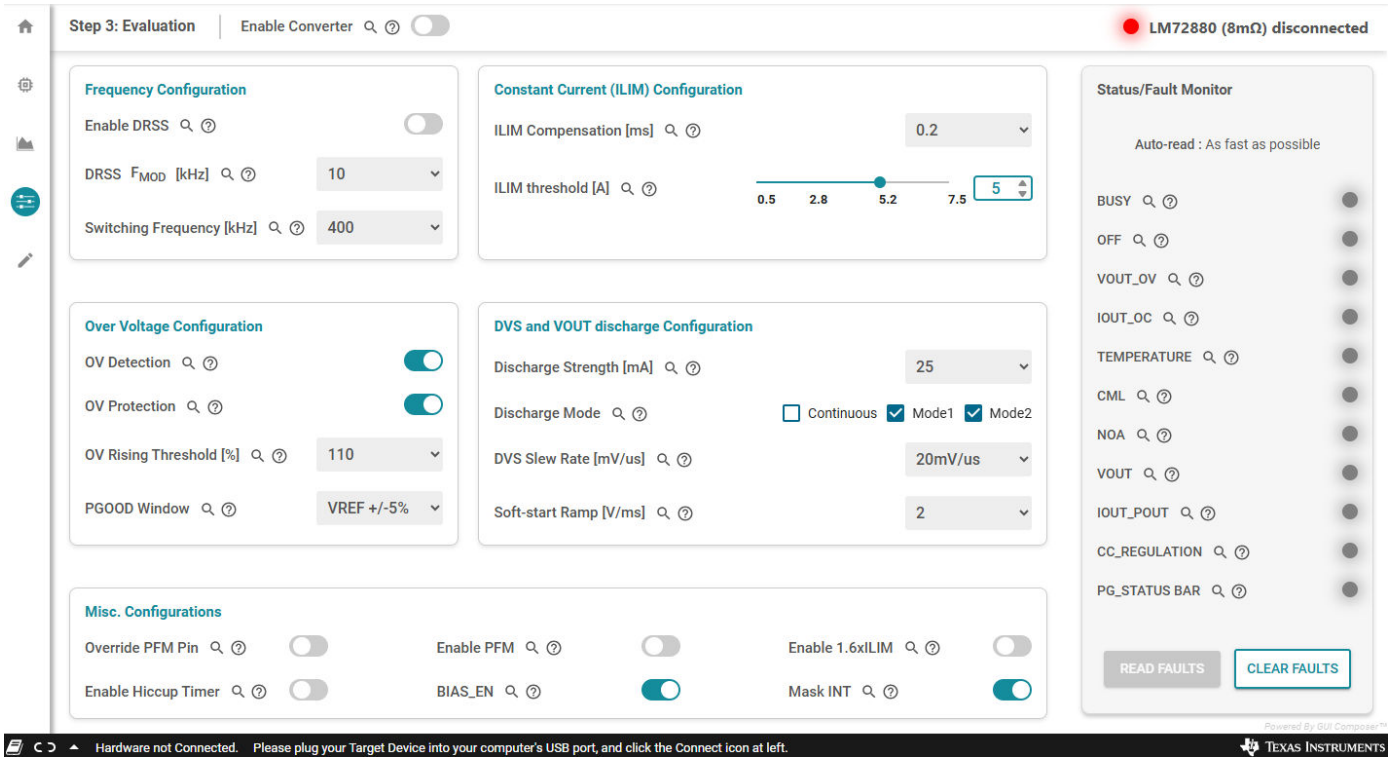
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Figure 2-4. Step 2: VOUT Programming and CDC

Program the rest of the parameters in step 3, including switching frequency, spread spectrum, CC mode regulation target, OVP, PGOOD, DVS, and VOUT discharge. Program the CC mode regulation target to 5A and the switching frequency to 400kHz as a starting point. After finishing the device programming, the converter can be enabled by toggling on the **Enable Converter** toggle button when required.



Step 3: Evaluation | Enable Converter ☐  

Frequency Configuration

Enable DRSS ☐ 

DRSS F_{MOD} [kHz]  10 

Switching Frequency [kHz]  400 

Constant Current (ILIM) Configuration

ILIM Compensation [ms]  0.2 

ILIM threshold [A]   5 

Over Voltage Configuration

OV Detection  ☒

OV Protection  ☒

OV Rising Threshold [%]  110 

PGOOD Window  VREF +/-5% 

DVS and VOUT discharge Configuration

Discharge Strength [mA]  25 

Discharge Mode  ☐ Continuous ☒ Mode1 ☒ Mode2

DVS Slew Rate [mV/us]  20mV/us 

Soft-start Ramp [V/ms]  2 

Misc. Configurations

Override PFM Pin  ☐ Enable PFM  ☐ Enable 1.6xILIM  ☐

Enable Hiccup Timer  ☐ BIAS_EN  ☒ Mask INT  ☒

Status/Fault Monitor

Auto-read : As fast as possible

BUSY  ☐

OFF  ☐

VOUT_OV  ☐

IOUT_OC  ☐

TEMPERATURE  ☐

CML  ☐

NOA  ☐

VOUT  ☐

IOUT_POUT  ☐

CC_REGULATION  ☐

PG_STATUS BAR  ☐

Hardware not Connected. Please plug your Target Device into your computer's USB port, and click the Connect icon at left.

Figure 2-5. Step 3: Evaluation

Each I2C registers and bits can be monitored or programmed in the register map. Please program the I2C register map directly if familiar with the device operation and the I2C interface.

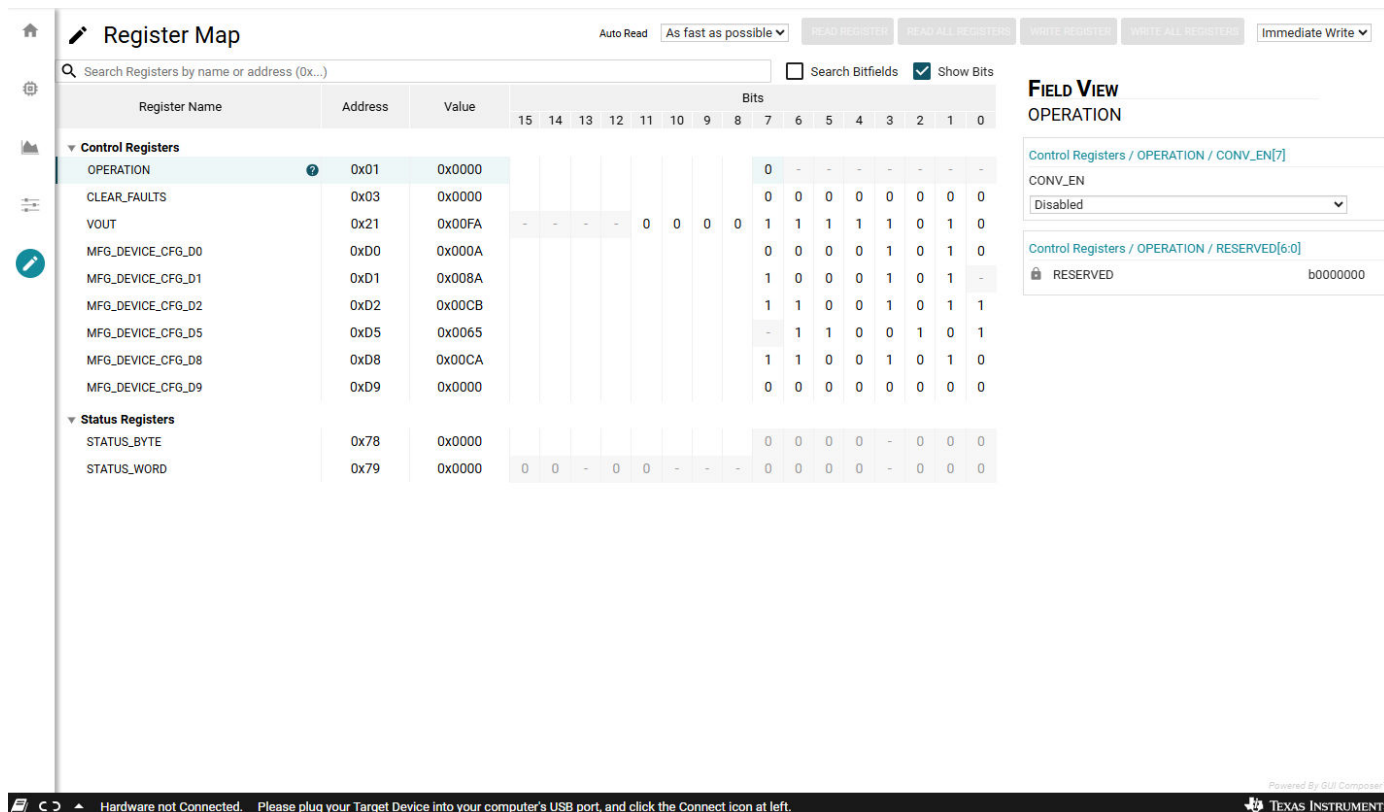


Figure 2-6. Register Map

2.1.4.2 Basic Test Procedure

1. Set up the EVM, USB2ANY, and Configuration GUI as previously described. *Do not enable the converter.*
2. Set the load to constant-voltage (CV) mode and set to 22V.
3. Set the current limit of the input supply to 0.1A maximum.
4. Set the input source 48V and turn on.
5. *Enable the converter by I2C.* The load voltage must be within the 20V regulation target.
6. Set the current limit of the input supply to 7A maximum.
7. Set the load voltage to 19V. The load current must be within the 5A regulation target.
8. Set the load voltage to 12V. The load current must be within the 5A regulation target.
9. Set the load voltage to 22V. The load voltage must be within the 20V regulation target and the load current must be 0A.
10. *Disable the Converter by I2C.*
11. Turn off the input power source.

3 Implementation Results

3.1 Test Data and Performance Curves

Unless otherwise indicated, $V_{\text{SUPPLY}} = 48\text{V}$ and $f_{\text{SW}} = 400\text{kHz}$

3.1.1 Efficiency

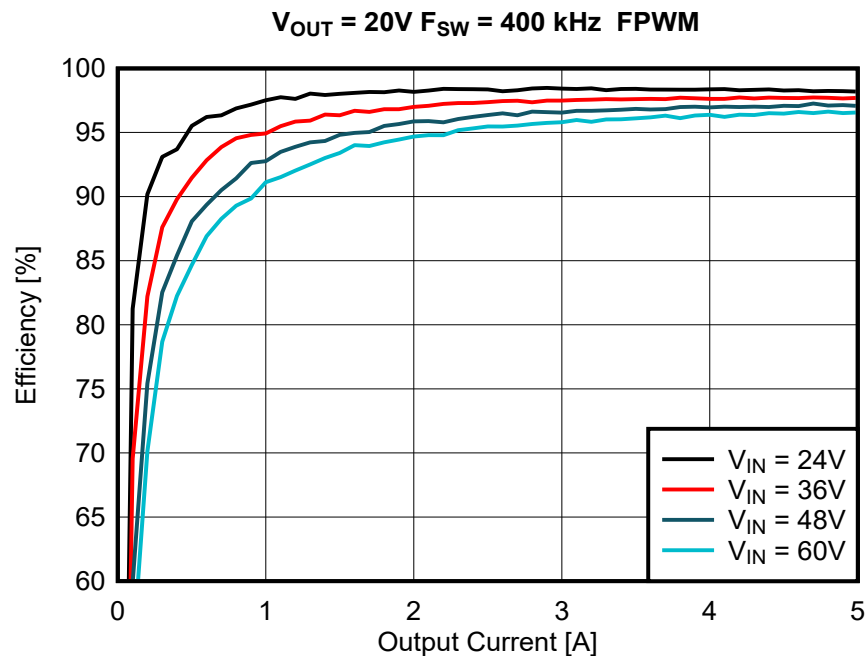


Figure 3-1. FPWM Mode, Linear Scale

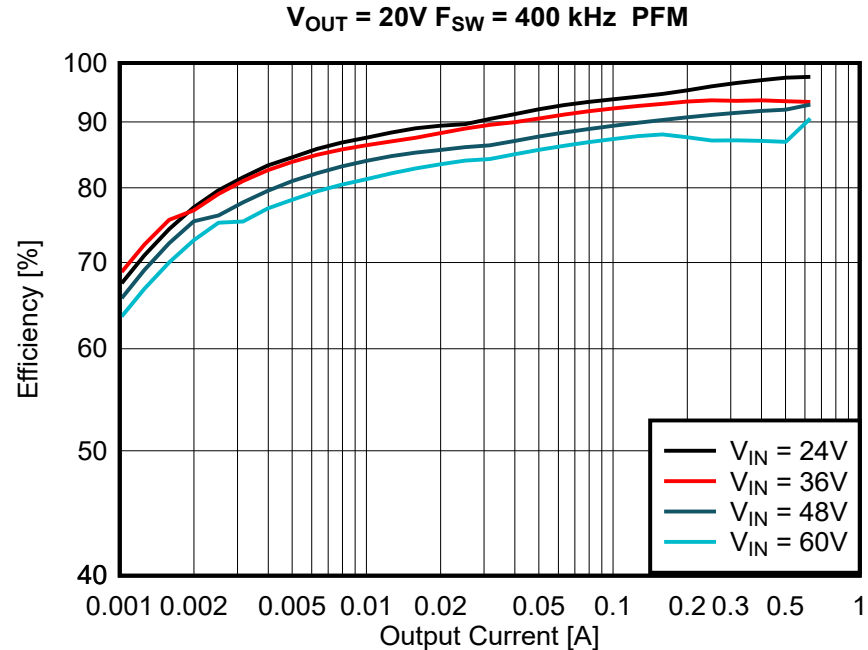


Figure 3-2. PFM Mode, Log Scale

3.1.2 Operating Waveforms

3.1.2.1 Start-Up and Shutdown

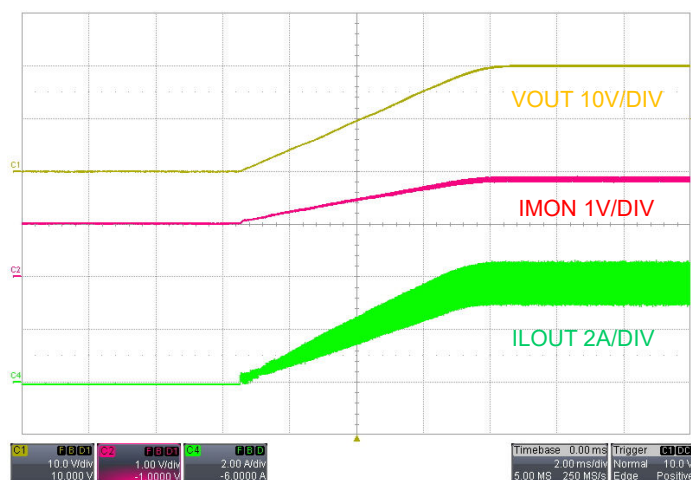


Figure 3-3. $V_{\text{SUPPLY}} = 48\text{V}$, $I_{\text{LOAD}} = 4\text{A}$ Resistive Load

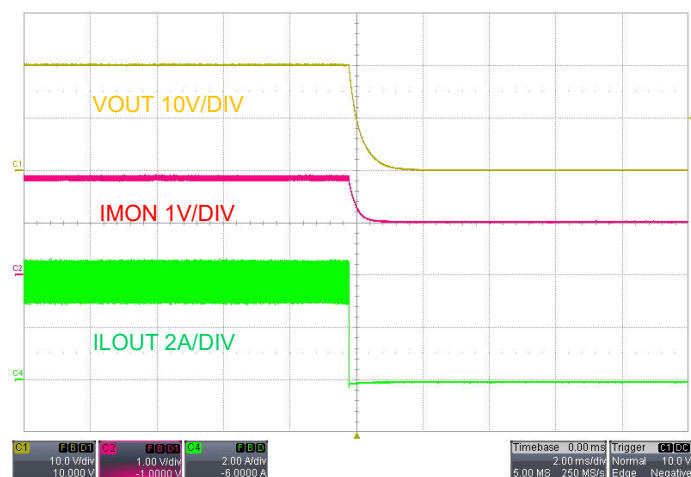


Figure 3-4. $V_{\text{SUPPLY}} = 48\text{V}$, $I_{\text{LOAD}} = 4\text{A}$ Resistive Load

3.1.2.2 Switching

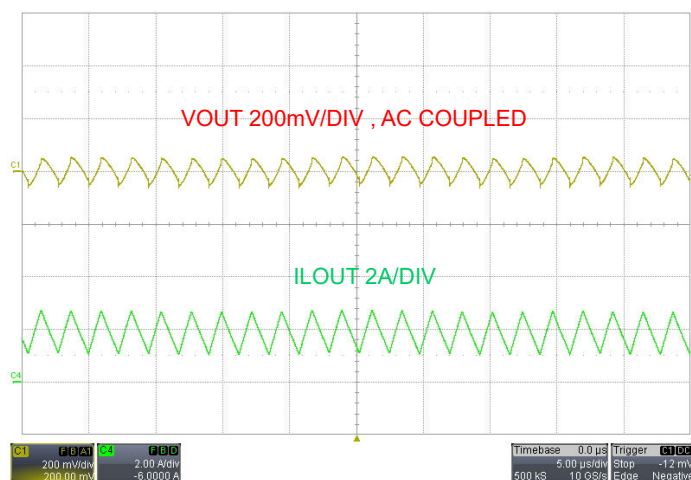


Figure 3-5. Output Ripple, $V_{\text{SUPPLY}} = 48\text{V}$, $I_{\text{LOAD}} = 2\text{A}$

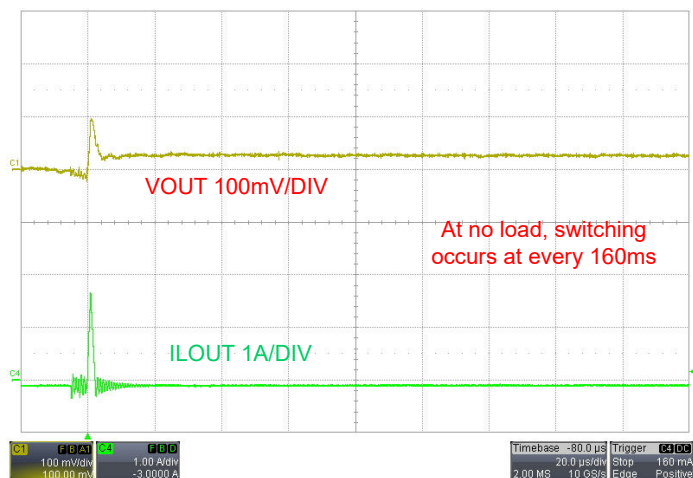


Figure 3-6. No Load Operation in PFM Mode, $V_{\text{SUPPLY}} = 48\text{V}$, $I_{\text{LOAD}} = 0\text{A}$

3.1.2.3 Load Transient (CV), ISET Modulation (CC)

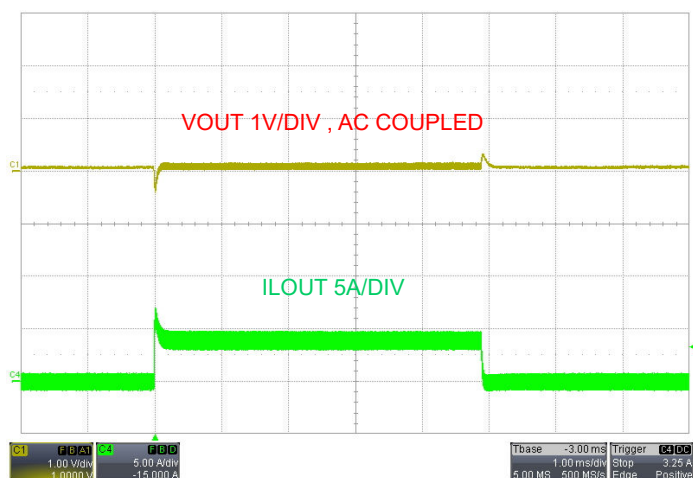


Figure 3-7. Load Transient Response, $V_{\text{SUPPLY}} = 48\text{V}$, FPWM, 0A to 4A

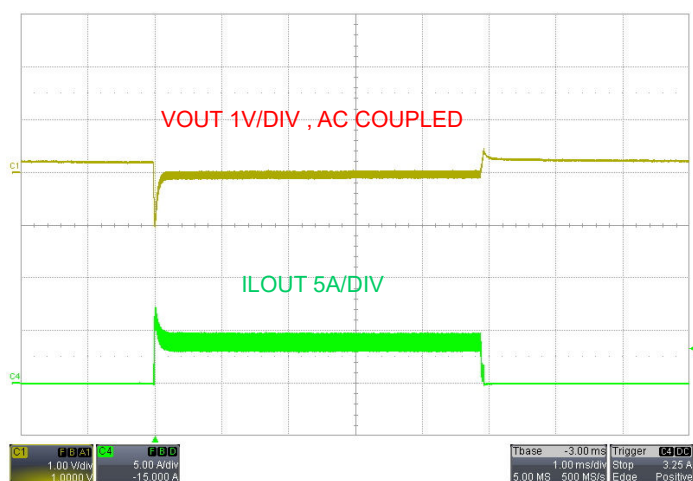


Figure 3-8. Load Transient Response, $V_{\text{SUPPLY}} = 48\text{V}$, PFM, 0A to 4A

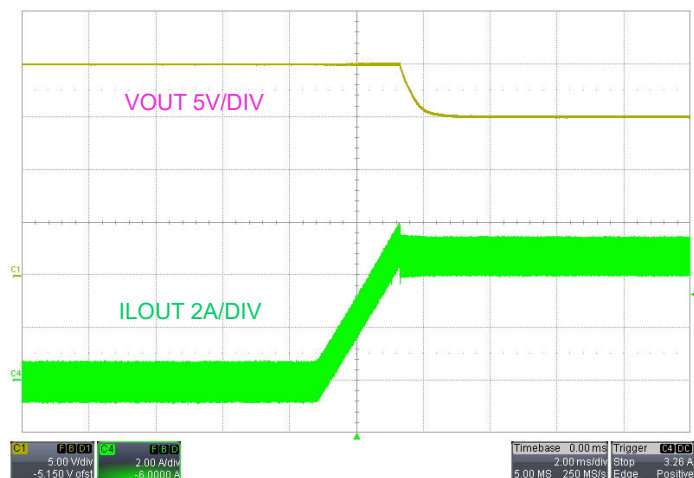


Figure 3-9. CV to CC mode Transition, $V_{\text{SUPPLY}} = 48\text{V}$, $V_{\text{LOAD}} = 20\text{V}$ to 15V

4 Hardware Design Files

4.1 Schematic

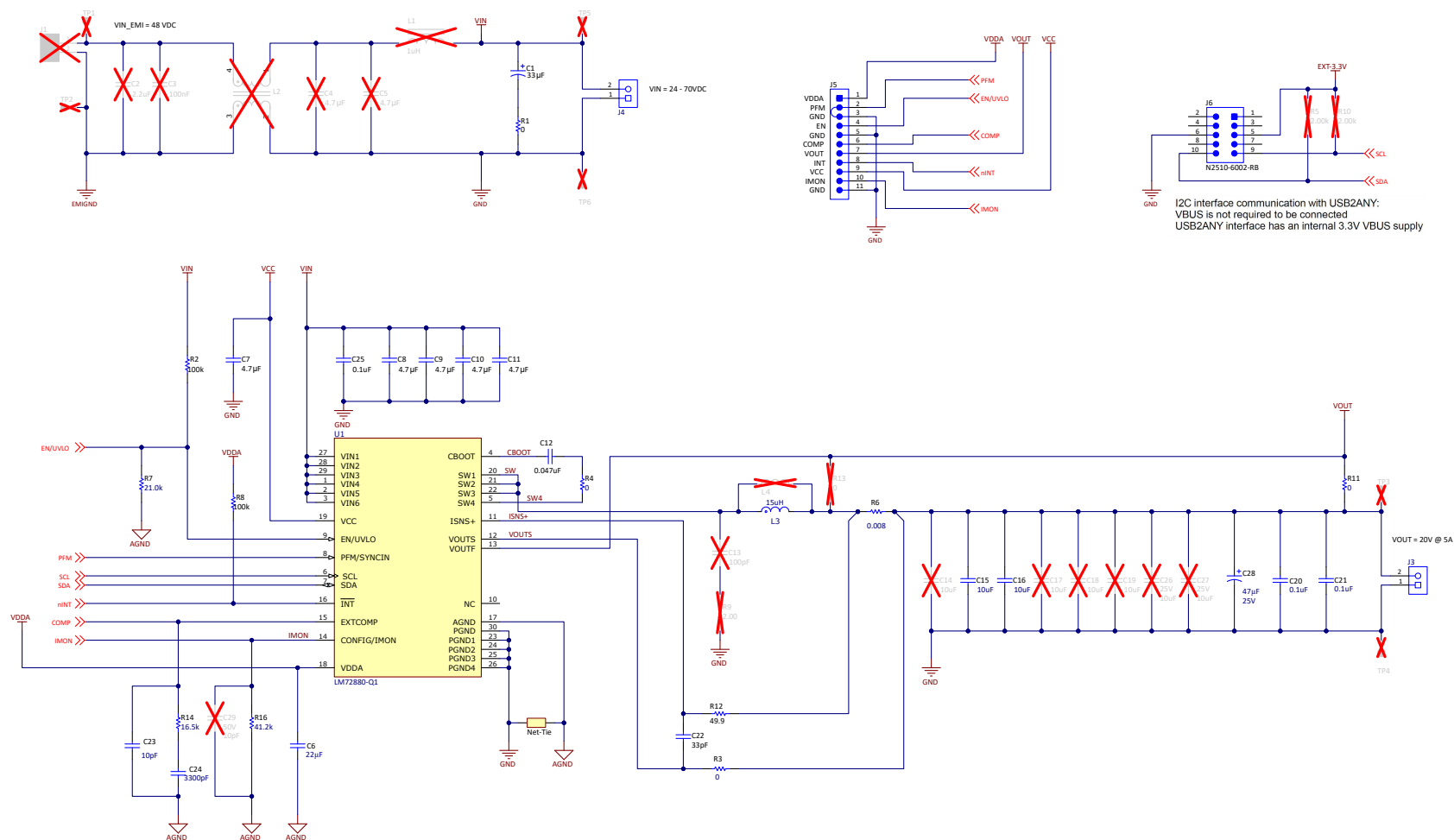


Figure 4-1. EVM Schematic

4.2 PCB Layout

LM72880QEV-400 uses a 6-layer PCB with 2oz copper thickness.

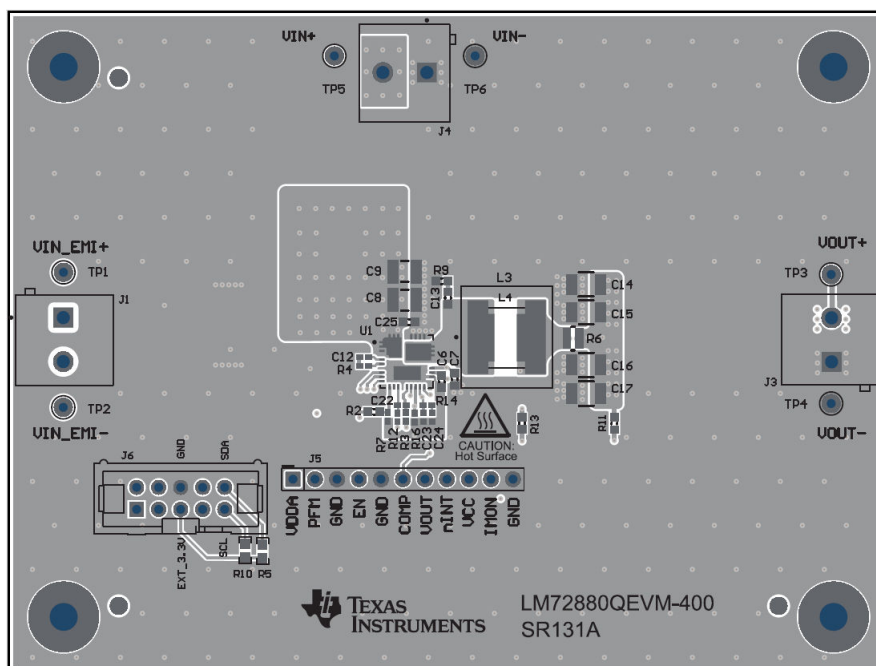


Figure 4-2. Top Components (Top View)

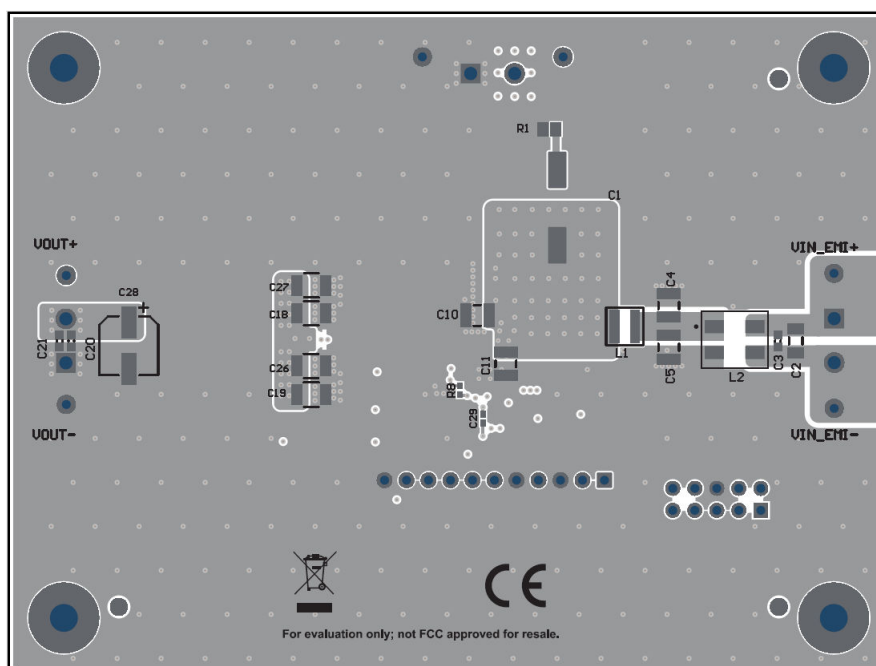


Figure 4-3. Bottom Components (Bottom View)

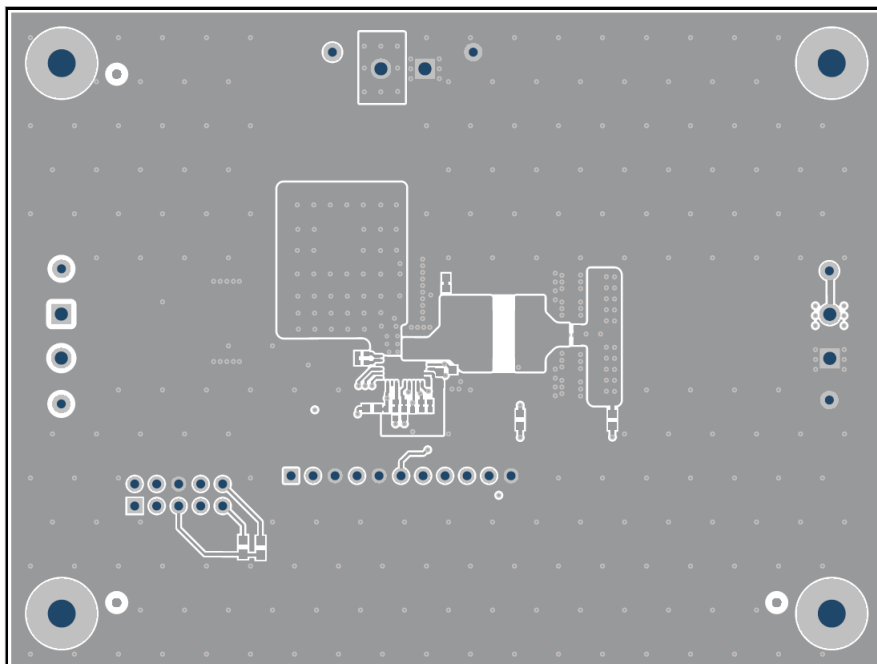


Figure 4-4. Top Layer Copper (Top View)

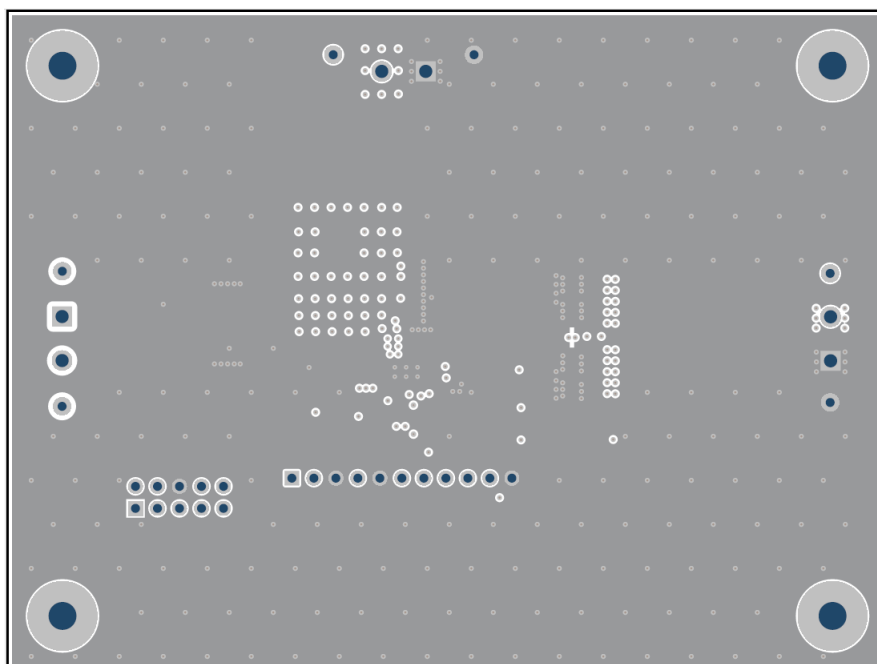


Figure 4-5. Layer 2 Copper (Top View)

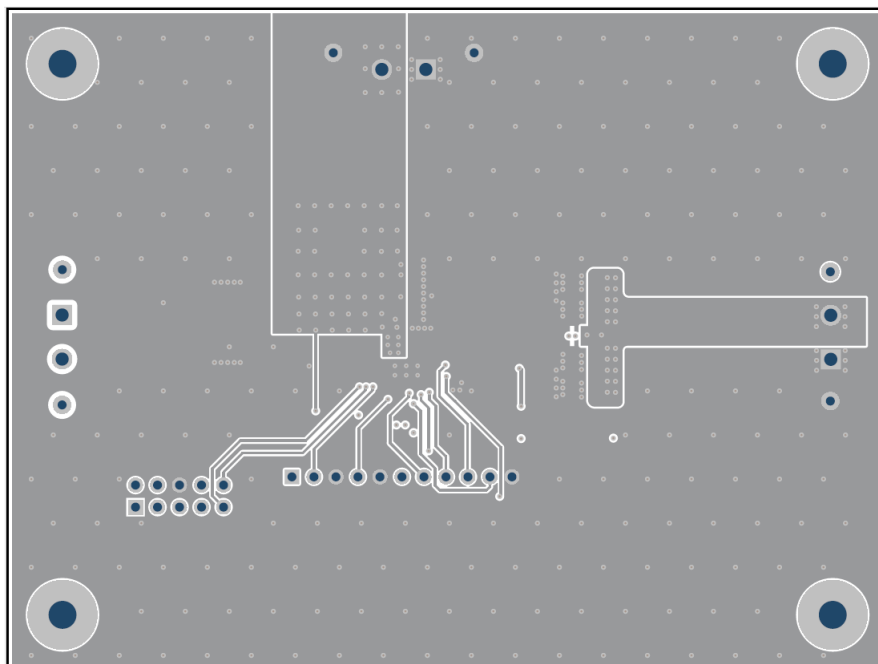


Figure 4-6. Layer 3 Copper (Top View)

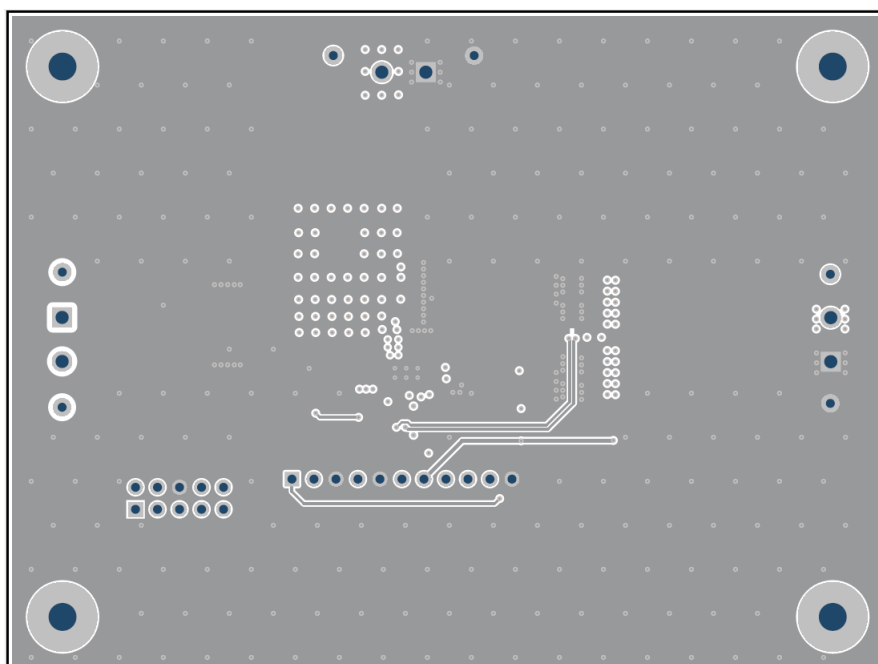


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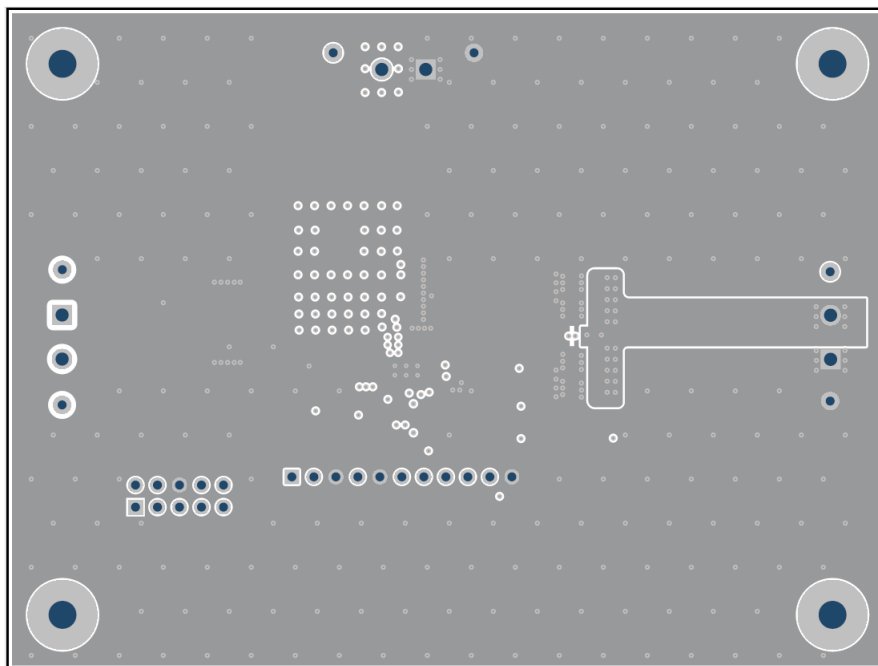


Figure 4-8. Layer 5 Copper (Top View)

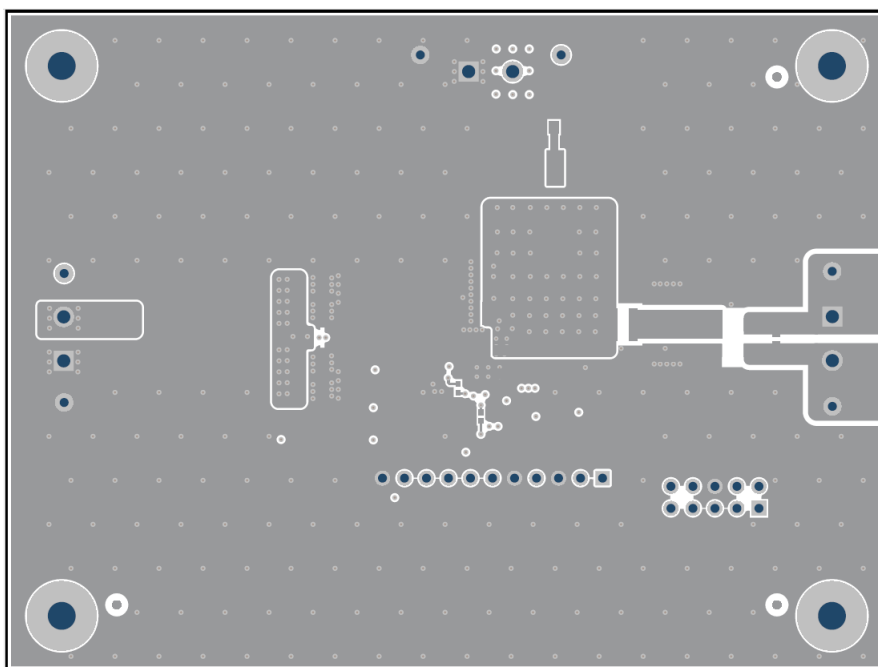


Figure 4-9. Bottom Copper (Bottom View)

4.3 Bill of Materials

Table 4-1. Bill of Materials

QTY	REF DES	DESCRIPTION	PART NUMBER	MFR
1	C1	CAP, AL, 33µF, 100V, +/- 20%, 1 ohm, AEC-Q200 Grade 1, SMD	EEE-TG2A330P	Panasonic
1	C12	CAP, CERM, 0.047µF, 50V, +/- 10%, X7R, AEC-Q200 Grade 1, 0402	CGA2B3X7R1H473K050BB	TDK
2	C15, C16	CAP, CERM, 10µF, 25V, +/- 20%, X7R, AEC-Q200 Grade 1, 1210	CGA6P1X7R1E106M250AC	TDK
2	C20, C21	CAP, CERM, 0.1µF, 50V, +/- 10%, X7R, AEC-Q200 Grade 1, 0603	CGA3E2X7R1H104K080AA	TDK
1	C22	CAP, CERM, 33pF, 50V, +/- 5%, C0G/NP0, AEC-Q200 Grade 1, 0402	GCM1555C1H330JA16D	MuRata
1	C23	CAP, CERM, 10pF, 50V, +/- 5%, C0G/NP0, AEC-Q200 Grade 1, 0402	CGA2B2C0G1H100D050BA	TDK
1	C24	CAP, CERM, 3300pF, 50V, +/- 10%, X7R, AEC-Q200 Grade 1, 0402	CGA2B2X7R1H332K050BA	TDK
1	C25	CAP, CERM, 0.1µF, 100V, +/- 10%, X7R, AEC-Q200 Grade 1, 0603	GCJ188R72A104KA01D	MuRata
1	C28	CAP, AL, 47µF, 25V, +/- 20%, 0.05 ohm, AEC-Q200 Grade 1, SMD	HHXC250ARA470MF61G	Chemi-Con
1	C6	CAP, CERM, 22µF, 6.3V, +/- 20%, X6S, 0603	GRM188C80J226ME15D	MuRata
1	C7	CAP, CERM, 4.7µF, 10V, +/- 20%, X7R, 0603	GRM188Z71A475ME15D	MuRata
4	C8, C9, C10, C11	CAP, CERM, 47µF, 100V, +/- 10%, X7S, AEC-Q200 Grade 1, 1210	GCM32DC72A475KE02L	MuRata
4	H1, H2, H3, H4	Machine Screw, Round, #4-40 x 1/4, Nylon, Philips panhead	NY PMS 440 0025 PH	B&F Fastener Supply
4	H5, H6, H7, H8	Standoff, Hex, 0.5"L #4-40 Nylon	1902C	Keystone
2	J3, J4	2 Position Wire to Board Terminal Block Horizontal with Board 0.200" (5.08mm) Through Hole	6.91254E+11	Würth Electronics
1	J5	Header, 100mil, 11x1, Gold, TH	TSW-111-07-G-S	Samtec
1	J6	Header (shrouded), 100mil, 5x2, High-Temperature, Gold, TH	N2510-6002-RB	3M
1	L3	15µH Shielded Molded Inductor 15.4A 15.2mOhm Max Nonstandard	XGL1010-153MED	Coilcraft
1	R1	RES, 0, 5%, 0.125 W, AEC-Q200 Grade 0, 0805	ERJ-6GEY0R00V	Panasonic
1	R11	RES, 0, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	RC0603JR-070RL	Yageo
1	R12	RES, 49.9, 1%, 0.063 W, AEC-Q200 Grade 0, 0402	CRCW040249R9FKED	Vishay-Dale
1	R14	RES, 16.5 k, 1%, 0.063 W, AEC-Q200 Grade 0, 0402	CRCW040216K5FKED	Vishay-Dale
1	R16	RES, 41.2 k, 1%, 0.063 W, AEC-Q200 Grade 0, 0402	CRCW040241K2FKED	Vishay-Dale
1	R2	RES, 100 k, 1%, 0.1 W, AEC-Q200 Grade 0, 0603	CRCW0603100KFKEA	Vishay-Dale
2	R3, R4	RES, 0, 5%, 0.063 W, AEC-Q200 Grade 0, 0402	CRCW04020000Z0ED	Vishay-Dale
1	R6	RES, 0.008, 1%, 1 W, AEC-Q200 Grade 0, 0508	KRL2012M-R008-F-T1	Susumu Co Ltd
1	R7	RES, 21.0 k, 1%, 0.063 W, AEC-Q200 Grade 0, 0402	CRCW040221K0FKED	Vishay-Dale
1	R8	RES, 100 k, 1%, 0.063 W, AEC-Q200 Grade 0, 0402	RMCF0402FT100K	Stackpole Electronics Inc
2	SH-J1, SH-J2	Single Operation 2.54mm Pitch Open Top Jumper Socket	M7582-05	Harwin
1	U1	80V, Synchronous CC-CV Buck Converter with I2C Interface	LM72880-Q1	Texas Instruments

5 Additional Information

5.1 Trademarks

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6 Device and Documentation Support

6.1 Device Support

6.1.1 Development Support

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- For TI's WEBENCH® Design Environments, visit the [WEBENCH® Design Center](#).

6.2 Documentation Support

6.2.1 Related Documentation

For related documentation, see the following:

- Texas Instruments, [Improve High-current DC/DC Regulator Performance for Free with Optimized Power Stage Layout](#) application brief
- Texas Instruments, [Reduce Buck Converter EMI and Voltage Stress by Minimizing Inductive Parasitics](#) analog applications journal
- Texas Instruments, [AN-2162 Simple Success with Conducted EMI from DC-DC Converters](#) application note
- White papers:
 - Texas Instruments, [Valuing Wide \$V_{IN}\$, Low EMI Synchronous Buck Circuits for Cost-driven, Demanding Applications](#)
 - Texas Instruments, [An Overview of Conducted EMI Specifications for Power Supplies](#)
 - Texas Instruments, [An Overview of Radiated EMI Specifications for Power Supplies](#)

6.2.1.1 PCB Layout Resources

- Texas Instruments, [AN-1149 Layout Guidelines for Switching Power Supplies](#) application note
- Texas Instruments, [AN-1229 Simple Switcher PCB Layout Guidelines](#) application note
- Texas Instruments, [Constructing Your Power Supply – Layout Considerations Power Supply](#) design seminar
- Texas Instruments, [Low Radiated EMI Layout Made SIMPLE with LM4360x and LM4600x](#) application note

6.2.1.2 Thermal Design Resources

- Texas Instruments, [AN-2020 Thermal Design by Insight, Not Hindsight](#) application note
- Texas Instruments, [AN-1520 A Guide to Board Layout for Best Thermal Resistance for Exposed Pad Packages](#) application note
- Texas Instruments, [Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics](#) application note
- Texas Instruments, [Thermal Design Made Simple with LM43603 and LM43602](#) application note
- Texas Instruments, [PowerPAD™ Thermally Enhanced Package](#) application note
- Texas Instruments, [PowerPAD™ Made Easy](#) application brief
- Texas Instruments, [Using New Thermal Metrics](#) application note

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3.1 United States

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FCC Interference Statement for Class A EVM devices

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- *Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.*
- *Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.*
- *Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.*
- *Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.*

3.2 Canada

3.2.1 For EVMs issued with an Industry Canada Certificate of Conformance to RSS-210 or RSS-247

Concerning EVMs Including Radio Transmitters:

This device complies with Industry Canada license-exempt RSSs. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

(1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Concernant les EVMs avec appareils radio:

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Concerning EVMs Including Detachable Antennas:

Under Industry Canada regulations, this radio transmitter may only operate using an antenna of a type and maximum (or lesser) gain approved for the transmitter by Industry Canada. To reduce potential radio interference to other users, the antenna type and its gain should be so chosen that the equivalent isotropically radiated power (e.i.r.p.) is not more than that necessary for successful communication. This radio transmitter has been approved by Industry Canada to operate with the antenna types listed in the user guide with the maximum permissible gain and required antenna impedance for each antenna type indicated. Antenna types not included in this list, having a gain greater than the maximum gain indicated for that type, are strictly prohibited for use with this device.

Concernant les EVMs avec antennes détachables

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