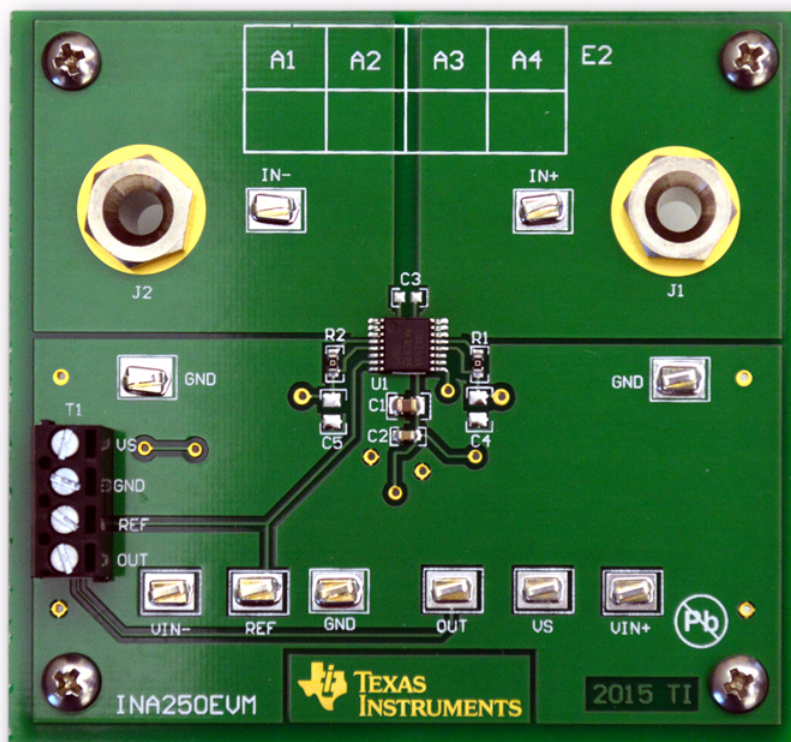


INA250EVM User's Guide



This user's guide describes the characteristics, operation, and use of the INA250EVM evaluation module. It discusses how to set up and configure the hardware and reviews various aspects of the hardware operation. Throughout this document, the terms evaluation board, evaluation module, and EVM are synonymous with the INA250EVM. This document also includes an electrical schematic, printed circuit board (PCB) layout drawings, and a parts list for the EVM.

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1 Overview

The [INA250](#) is a family of voltage-output current-shunt monitors that integrate an internal shunt resistor to enable high-accuracy current measurements. The INA250 family of devices consists of the INA250A1, INA250A2, INA250A3, and INA250A4. In this document, the INA250A2 is used for evaluation and is synonymous with the INA250.

The INA250EVM consists of one PCB. The PCB consists of the INA250A2 device, banana jack-terminals, screw-terminals, and test points for external hardware connections.

1.1 INA250EVM Kit Contents

[Table 1](#) summarizes the contents of the INA250EVM kit. Contact the [Texas Instruments Product Information Center](#) nearest you if any component is missing. It is highly recommended that you also check the [respective device product folder](#) on the TI web site at www.ti.com for any further information regarding this product.

Table 1. INA250EVM Kit Contents

Item	Quantity
INA250 test board	1

1.2 Related Documentation from Texas Instruments

The following document provides information regarding Texas Instruments' integrated circuits used in the assembly of the INA250EVM. This user's guide is available from the TI web site under literature number [SBOU153](#). Any letter appended to the literature number corresponds to the document revision that is current at the time of the writing of this document. Newer revisions may be available from the [TI web site](#), or call the Texas Instruments' Literature Response Center at (800) 477-8924 or the Product Information Center at (972) 644-5580. When ordering, identify the document by both title and literature number.

Table 2. Related Documentation

Document	Literature Number
INA250 product data sheet	SBOS511

2 INA250EVM Hardware

The INA250EVM requires a 2.7-V to 36-V power supply connected between the VS and GND screw terminals or test points.

The INA250 has an integrated shunt of value 2 m Ω between the SH+ and SH– pins. Connect a –0.1-V to +36-V supply in series with the IN+ and IN– banana plugs or test points to provide a path for current flowing through the integrated shunt resistor. Use a voltmeter on the OUT screw terminal or test point to measure the voltage output of the INA250.

C1 and C2 are supply bypass capacitors for the INA250.

R1 is a 0- Ω resistor that ties SH+ to VIN+.

R2 is a 0- Ω resistor that ties SH– to VIN–.

Components R1, R2, C3, C4, and C5 can be added or replaced to provide optional filtering of the voltages out of the SH+ and SH– pins and into the VIN+ and VIN– pins of the INA250.

2.1 Theory of Operation

A block diagram of the INA250 test board hardware is shown in Figure 1. The INA250 test board contains a 4-port screw terminal block to connect to the supply (VS), ground (GND), reference (REF) and output (OUT) pins of the INA250. There are ten test points located on the board to access the IN+, IN–, VIN+, VIN–, REF, OUT, VS, and GND pins of the device. Minimal support circuitry is included on the PCB and can be removed or bypassed as needed.

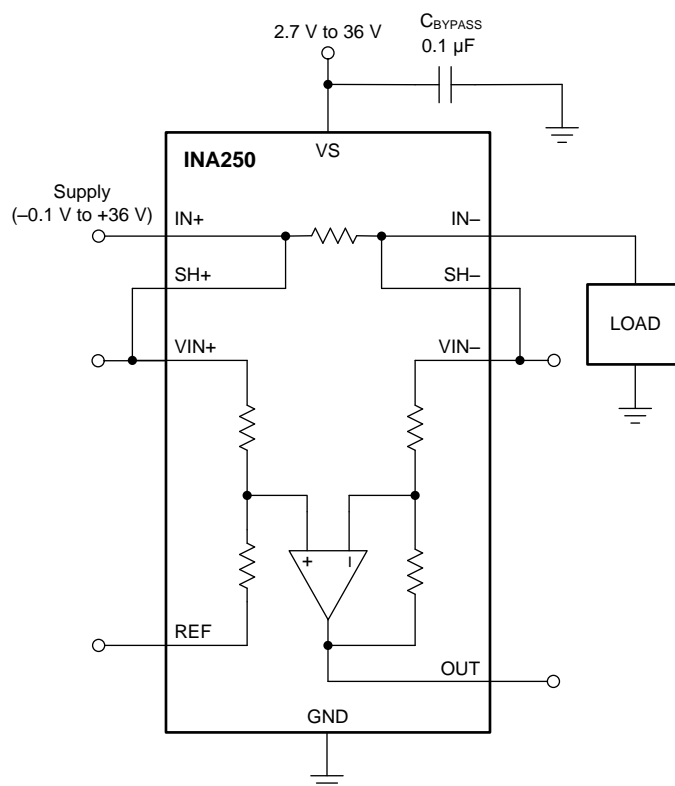


Figure 1. INA250 Test Board Block Diagram

2.2 Features

The INA250EVM provides basic functional evaluation of this device. The fixture layout is not intended for electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) testing.

The INA250EVM PCB is designed to provide the following features:

- Ease of access to device pins with test points
- Multiple signal connection options
- Board layout and construction to support 15-A current through the device across the full -40°C to $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$ temperature range (see [Section 3.2](#))
- Unpopulated component pads for optional input filtering with differential filter capacitor option included

Refer to the [INA250 product data sheet](#) for comprehensive information about this family of current sense amplifiers.

2.3 Quick-Start Setup and Use

Follow these procedures to setup and use the INA250EVM:

1. Connect an external dc supply voltage between 2.7 V and 36 V to the VS screw terminal or test point, and connect the ground reference of that supply to the GND screw terminal or test point.
2. Connect an external dc supply voltage between 0 V and 18 V (referenced to the ground of the INA250) to the REF screw terminal or test point.
3. Connect a current source across the J1 and J2 banana jacks or across the IN+ and IN– test points to provide current flowing through the integrated 2-m Ω shunt resistor. The common-mode voltage on the IN+ and IN– pins must be between -0.1 V and +36 V (referenced to the GND pin).

2.4 Current Input

The current flowing across the IN+ and IN– pins develops a differential voltage across the 2-m Ω shunt and is amplified by the current shunt amplifier. The current flowing across this integrated shunt is multiplied by the current gain of the INA250A2 (500 mV/A). Note that this resistor is not intended to be used as a stand-alone component. See the *Integrated Shunt Resistor* section of the INA250 data sheet ([SBOS511](#)) for more information.

3 Schematic, PCB Layout, and Bill of Materials

3.1 Schematic

Figure 2 shows the complete schematic of the INA250 test board. Components R1, R2, C3, C4, and C5 can be optionally added and replaced for an input filter. Keep the filter resistors to under $10\ \Omega$ to avoid excessive additional gain error. Banana jack terminals J1 and J2 give access to the IN+ and IN– pins, respectively. The VS, GND, REF, and OUT pins can be accessed through screw terminal block T1 or through test points. All pins except for the shunt resistor Kelvin-connection pins (SH+ and SH–) are accessible using test points. The SH+ and SH– pins are initially shorted to VIN+ and VIN–, respectively, using 0- Ω resistors R1 and R2.

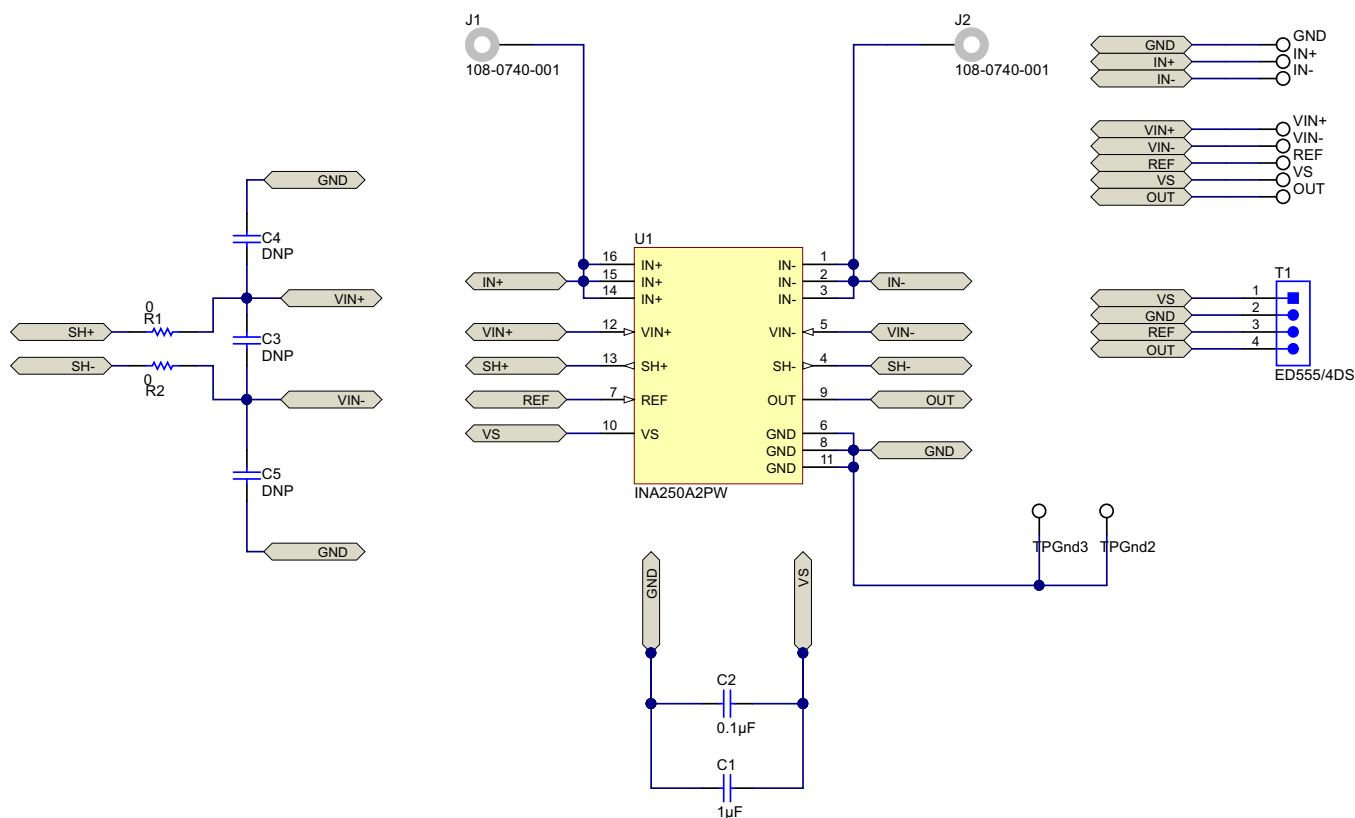


Figure 2. INA250 Test Board Schematic

3.2 PCB Layout

Figure 3 shows the component placement on the top layer of the test board. The two-layer EVM PCB measures 3-in x 3-in and is fabricated with a 2-oz copper pour. The bottom layer has no components but contains a solid copper ground plane that provides a low-impedance path for return currents.

The top layer of the PCB consists of power planes tied to the IN+ and IN– pins. These power planes are approximately 1.36-in x 1.17-in each. The INA250 is rated to support a 10-A continuous current over temperature. Enhance the current handling capability by using proper layout techniques that facilitate heat dissipation. Combine the large power planes at the IN+ and IN– pins of the INA250EVM, and use a 2-oz copper pour to improve the heat-dissipation capabilities, and thus increase the continuous-load current capacity.

Using the INA250EVM board with this robust layout and airflow, the INA250 device safely accommodates up to 15 A of current over the entire –40°C to +125°C temperature range. Figure 4 and Figure 5 show the top and bottom layers, respectively, of the test board.

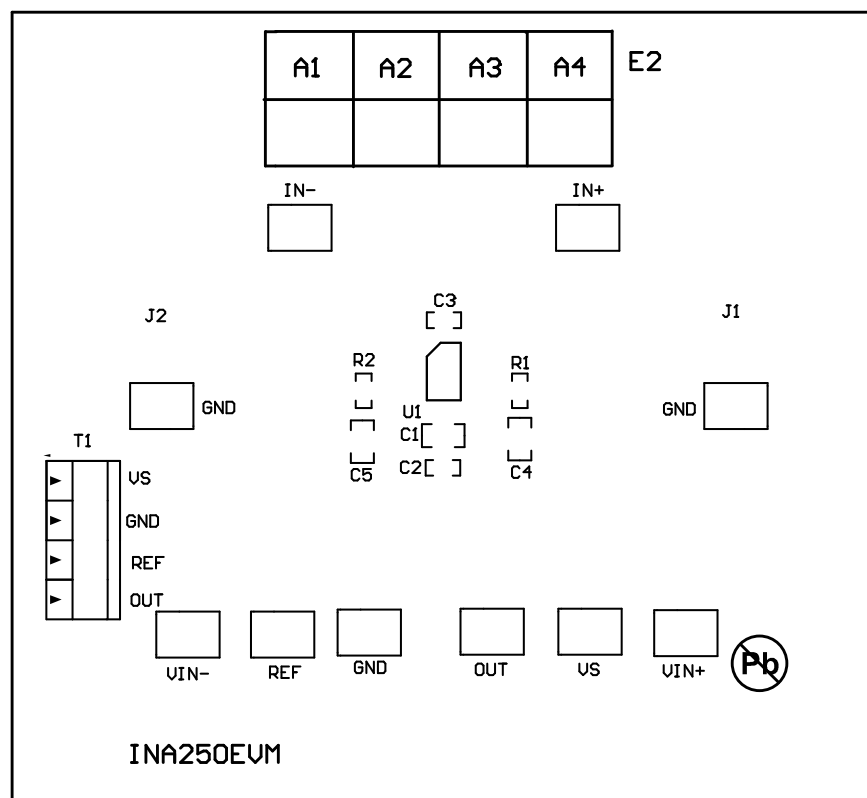


Figure 3. PCB Component Placement

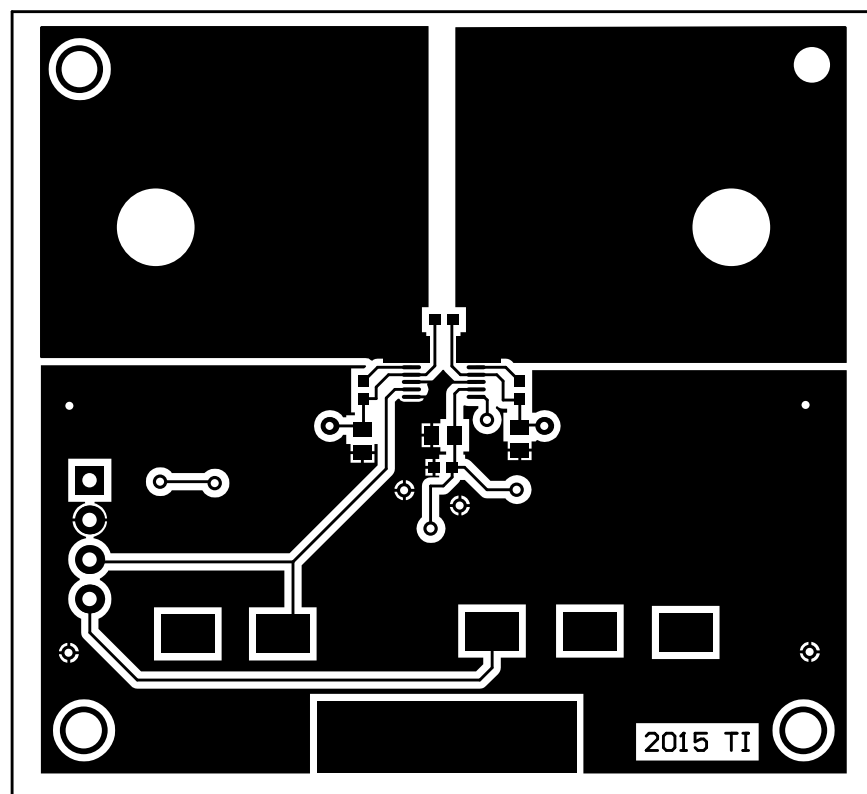


Figure 4. PCB Top Layer

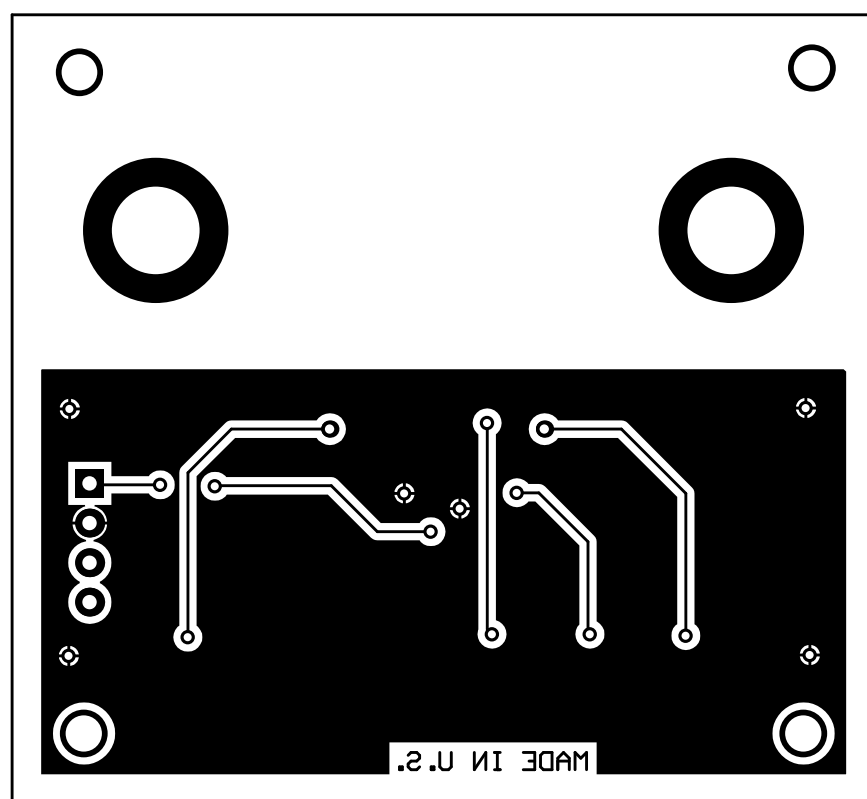


Figure 5. PCB Bottom Layer

3.3 Bill of Materials

Table 3 lists the bill of materials (BOM) for the INA250 test board.

Table 3. INA250 Test Board BOM

Quantity	RefDes	Description	Part Number	Manufacturer
1	C1	CAP, CERM, 1uF, 50V, +/-10%, X7R, 0805	CL21B105KBFNNNE	Samsung Electro-Mechanics America, Inc
1	C2	CAP, CERM, 0.1uF, 50V, +/-10%, X7R, 0603	C1608X7R1H104K080AA	TDK Corporation
1	C3	CAP, CERM, 0.1uF, 25V, +/-10%, X5R, 0603	06033D104KAT2A	AVX
2	C4, C5	CAP, CERM, 0.1uF, 25 V, +/-10%, X7R, 0805	08053C104KAT2A	AVX
10	GND, IN+, IN-, OUT, REF, TPGnd2, TPGnd3, VIN+, VIN-, VS	Test Point, Compact, SMT	5016	Keystone
2	J1, J2	Standard Banana Jack, Uninsulated, 15A	108-0740-001	Panasonic Electronic Components
2	R1, R2	RES, 0 ohm, 0603	ERJ-3GEY0R00V	Bourns
1	T1	Terminal Block, 6A, 3.5mm Pitch, 4-Pos, TH	ED555/4DS	On-Shore Technology
1	U1	High or Low-Side, Zero-Drift Series Current Shunt Monitor with Integrated 2mOhm Shunt Resistor, PW0016A	INA250A2PW	Texas Instruments

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