This user’s guide describes the characteristics, operation, and use of the OPT3006EVM evaluation module. The user’s guide discusses how to set up and configure the software and hardware, and reviews various aspects of the program operation. Throughout this document, the terms evaluation board, evaluation module, and EVM are synonymous with the OPT3006EVM. 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 OPT3006 is an ambient light sensor (ALS) with a digital output integrated circuit in an ultra-thin PicoStar™ package form factor, allowing the device to fit into tiny spaces. The OPT3006 is mounted on a flexible PCB (FPCB), which contains an example cutout that allows light to illuminate the sensor. The OPT3006 uses a two-wire interface that works with the I²C protocol, making this device ideal for many applications. The OPT3006EVM is a Platform for evaluating the performance of the OPT3006 device under various conditions. The OPT3006EVM consists of two PCBs. The first PCB is the SM-USB-DIG Platform that communicates with the computer, provides power, and sends and receives appropriate digital signals. The second PCB is the OPT3006EVM: a rigid PCB with a mounted FPCB that contains the OPT3006 device.

1.1 OPT3006EVM Kit Contents

Table 1 summarizes the contents of the OPT3006EVM kit. Figure 1 shows the included hardware. Contact the Texas Instruments Product Information Center nearest you if any component is missing. It is highly recommended that you also check the OPT3006 product folder on the TI web site at www.ti.com to verify you have the latest versions of the released software.

Table 1. OPT3006EVM Kit Contents

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Figure 1. Hardware Included With Kit
1.2 Related Documentation from Texas Instruments

The following documents provide information regarding Texas Instruments’ integrated circuits used in the assembly of the OPT3006EVM. This user's guide is available from the TI web site under literature number SBOU181. Any letter appended to the literature number corresponds to the document revision that is current at the time of the writing of this document. The latest revision can be found by clicking the link Table 2 and is also available from the TI web site, the Texas Instruments' Literature Response Center at (800) 477-8924, and the Product Information Center at (972) 644-5580. When ordering, identify the document by both title and literature number.

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Figure 2 shows the system setup for the OPT3006EVM. The computer runs the graphical user interface (GUI) software that communicates with the SM-USB-DIG Platform over a USB connection. The SM-USB-DIG Platform translates the USB commands from the computer into power, I²C, SPI, and general-purpose input/output (GPIO) commands for the OPT3006EVM. The OPT3006EVM does not require any additional components to operate.

![Figure 2. Hardware Setup](image-url)
2.1 Theory of Operation

A block diagram of the OPT3006EVM hardware is shown in Figure 3. The OPT3006EVM contains an FPCB (labeled MHR046), with a mounted OPT3006. This FPCB has a cutout that allows light to pass through and illuminate the sensor. The OPT3006EVM also contains connections for the power, I²C, and an interrupt signal. For evaluation purposes, the board also has a 5-pin header that allows the OPT3006EVM to be connected to hardware other than the SM-USB-DIG Platform.

![Figure 3. OPT3006EVM Block Diagram](image)

2.2 Hardware Overview

If not already assembled, the basic hardware setup for the OPT3006EVM involves connecting the OPT3006EVM to the SM-USB-DIG Platform and then connecting the USB cable. This section presents the details of this procedure.

**CAUTION**

Many of the components on the OPT3006EVM are susceptible to damage by electrostatic discharge (ESD). Customers are advised to observe proper ESD handling precautions when unpacking and handling the EVM, including the use of a grounded wrist strap at an approved ESD workstation.
2.2.1 Typical Hardware Setup

Connect the right-angle female socket on the OPT3006EVM to the right-angle male header on the SM-USB-DIG Platform, as shown in Figure 4. Take special care to make sure that the two 10-pin sockets directly align with each other. Plug the female USB-A cable to the SM-USB-DIG Platform and then plug the male USB-A cable into the computer.

**NOTE:** Always connect the two boards together before connecting the USB cable to avoid any issues if the connectors are misaligned.

![Figure 4. Typical Hardware Connection](image)

Figure 5 shows the typical response when the SM-USB-DIG is plugged into the USB port of the computer for the first time. Typically, the computer responds with a *Found New Hardware, USB Device pop-up* dialog window. The pop-up window then typically changes to *Found New Hardware, USB Human Interface Device*. This pop-up indicates that the device is ready to be used. The SM-USB-DIG Platform uses the human interface device drivers that are part of the Windows® operating system.

![Figure 5. Typical Response After Connecting OPT3006EVM to Computer](image)

In some cases, the *Add Hardware Wizard* appears. If this installation prompt occurs, allow the device manager to install the human interface device drivers by clicking *Yes* at each request to install the drivers.
3 Software

This section describes the installation and operation of the OPT3006EVM software. The OPT3006 is essentially identical to the OPT3001, but in a smaller package form factor; thus, the OPT3001EVM software is used to interact with the OPT3006EVM.

3.1 Hardware Requirements

The OPT3006EVM software has been tested on the Windows 7® operating system (OS) with United States regional settings. The software should function correctly on other Windows operating systems.

3.2 Software Installation

The OPT3006EVM evaluation software is available on the OPT3006EVM product folder at www.ti.com as a zip file. To install the software, download the zip file to your computer, and uncompress. The uncompressed folder contains the files shown in Figure 6. Launch the OPT3006EVM installation file, setup.exe, as shown in Figure 6. Remember that the software references the OPT3001, but does work with the OPT3006.

Figure 6. Software-Installation Files
The OPT3006EVM software then begins the installation process, as shown in Figure 7.

![Figure 7. Software-Installation Launch](image)

Follow the prompts as shown in Figure 8 to install the OPT3006EVM software.

![Figure 8. Software-Installation Prompts](image)

The OPT3006EVM GUI software is now installed.
3.3 Launching the Software

With the OPT3006EVM properly connected (see Figure 4), launch the EVM GUI software from the Windows Start menu. It is located in a folder titled OPT3006EVM. The software launches with a screen similar to that shown in Figure 9.

![Main Operation Screen](image)

**Figure 9. Main Operation Screen**

If the message shown in Figure 10 appears when the OPT3006EVM GUI software is launched, disconnect all components of the OPT3006EVM kit, and repeat the hardware assembly and connection instructions.

![Hardware Error Message](image)

**Figure 10. Hardware Error Message**
3.4 **Software Operation**

This section primarily discusses how to operate the OPT3006EVM software. The GUI has a primary window that is used to configure and read from the OPT3006EVM, along with two other windows that are used to access different features of the OPT3006EVM. Basic GUI functionality and a description of the tabs are also presented in this section.

3.4.1 **Getting Started**

With the hardware properly connected and the EVM software installed and operating, check to see that the power to the device is turned on by looking at the LED on the SM-USB-DIG Platform and at the VDUT indicator on the SM-USB-DIG tab in the GUI software, as shown in Figure 11.

![Figure 11. Power Indicators](image1)

If the hardware address of the OPT3006EVM on the EVM board has not been reconfigured, then the address fields shown on the SM-USB-DIG tab in Figure 12 are set up correctly.

![Figure 12. I2C Address Selection](image2)

To quickly start using the device, leave the default settings selected, and click the **Write Reg x01** button, and then click the **Run Continuously** flip switch. The software then begins capturing lux data from the device. This **quick start** is a good test to make sure everything is operational. To stop the computer from capturing data and plotting, click **Run Continuously** again.
3.4.2 Feature Descriptions

Register x00 is a read-only register that holds the range and converted value. These data are used (per the OPT3006 data sheet) to compute the lux output, labeled Reg x00 Lux in Figure 13. Click the Read Reg x00 button to update these fields and the plot with the latest values from the OPT3006EVM.

![Figure 13. Register x00 Button and Recorded Values](image)

Register x01 configures the OPT3006 and provides feedback about the state of the device; the bit names and full descriptions are shown in the OPT3006 data sheet. Each of the configurable, read and write bits has a drop-down menu to select the appropriate value. Each of the read-only status bits has an associated small, green indicator. As shown in Figure 14, two buttons are provided to operate register x01 because some of the bits have read and write capability. Note that in Figure 14, the Lux Full Scale Range selection field has four identical automatic range modes: 0x0C-0x0F. Also, the Mode selection field has two identical continuous sampling options: 0x02 and 0x03.

![Figure 14. Register x01 Control and Status Register Bits](image)

Registers x02 and x03 enforce low and high limits, respectively, on the output ranges (exponent) and values (mantissa) from the OPT3006. These registers are programmed with the appropriate fields, as shown in Figure 15. Change the values of the data in these fields to write and read the values from the OPT3006; no button press is required. However, if values are manually entered, exit the text field for the field to update.

![Figure 15. Registers x02 and x03 Lux Limit Controls](image)

There is a simulated screen backlight dimmer represented by a rectangle, shown in Figure 16. This rectangle changes from black, through 254 shades of grey, to white depending on the value of lux measured by the OPT3006. It shows a brighter backlight for high-lux situations and a dim backlight for low-lux situations. The low limit (darkest backlight) is always 0, and the high limit (brightest backlight) can be adjusted with the Lux for White numeric field.

![Figure 16. Simulated Screen Backlight Dimmer](image)
The software provides a plot of the register x01 output labeled *Lux vs Sample Number*, as shown in Figure 17. As readings are collected, the plot is updated with those values. The y-axis is autoscaled to show the magnitude of the lux value recorded, and has a visible history of 100 samples along the x-axis. The plot can be reset by returning to the *SM-USB-DIG* tab and clicking the *Re-Initialize* button, as shown in Figure 18. Access the plot axis range and formatting by right-clicking the plot.

![Figure 17. Lux vs Sample Number Plot](image1)

![Figure 18. Re-Initialize Button](image2)
There is a data logging feature included in the software, as shown in Figure 19. This feature allows the user to record the date and time from the host computer, along with the measured lux value reported by the device. After a destination file is selected by clicking **Select a File/Path**, turning on the **Logging On/Off** selector switch appends data to that file in .tab format.

![Data Logging](image)

**Figure 19. Data Logging Setup and Enable**

Under the final tab, **Register Map**, shown in Figure 20, there is a button labeled **Read All**. Clicking this button reads registers x00 through x0F and displays the results to the **Register Table** spreadsheet. In this way, all register values, including the values of x0E and x0F, can be easily verified to match the values shown in the data sheet.

![Register Map](image)

**Figure 20. Read All Button on the Register Map Tab with Example Output**
4 Schematic, PCB Layout, and Bill of Materials

4.1 Schematic

Figure 21 shows the complete schematic of the OPT3006EVM. SDA and SCK are pulled up by the SM-USB-DIG Platform so there are no pull-up resistors present. R2 is a pull-up resistor for the interrupt signal. C1 is a bypass capacitor for VDUT, and R4 is a jumper to tie the address pin to ground. If another address is desired, remove R4 and install a wire to the pad or via, and then to the appropriate signal source.

Figure 21. OPT3006EVM Schematic, Including MHR046 FPCB

An OPT3006 with no electrical connection, marked with Non-Functional Mechanical Reference, is mounted onto the OPT3006EVM for size and visual evaluation; it is more difficult to evaluate the thinness of the functional OPT3006 because of the placement. The functional OPT3006 is mounted on an FPCB labeled MHR046, and is mounted on the back side of the board so that the LED light from the SM-USB-DIG Platform is directed away from the device. Also, no additional LEDs are installed on the test board in order to reduce total ambient light around the device. The back side of the board is mostly planar; mounting holes are included to accommodate evaluation.

Figure 22 shows the schematic for MHR046.
Figure 22. FPCB MHRS046 Schematic, Containing the OPT3006
4.2 PCB Layout

Figure 23 and Figure 24 show the assembly drawings of the top and bottom PCB layers, respectively.

Figure 23. PCB Top-Layer Assembly Drawing

Figure 24. PCB Bottom-Layer Assembly Drawing
Figure 25 and Figure 26 show the top and bottom PCB layers of the EVM, respectively.

Figure 25. PCB Top Layer

Figure 26. PCB Bottom Layer
Figure 27 and Figure 28 show the top and bottom layers of the MHR046 FPCB, respectively. Figure 29 shows the FPCB assembly drawing.
### 4.3 Bill of Materials

Table 3 lists the bill of materials (BOM) for the OPT3006EVM.

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Table 4 lists the bill of materials for the FPCB, MHR046.

**Table 4. MHR046 FPCB BOM**

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- 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.

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2. Use EVMs only after User obtains the license of Test Radio Station as provided in Radio Law of Japan with respect to EVMs, or

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