

Audio Amplifiers Motherboard Evaluation Module



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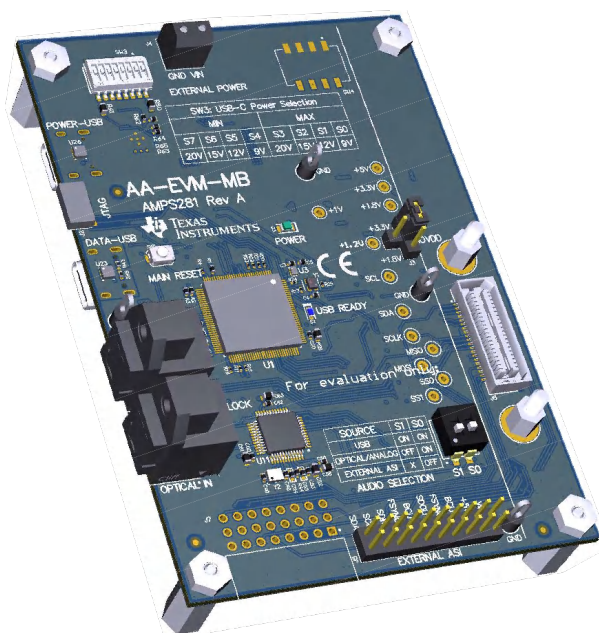
The AA-EVM-MB has been designed to control Texas Instruments compatible Audio Amplifier EVMs. AA-EVM-MB offers a USB interface to connect to a PC running PurePathConsole software and standard USB audio interface.

Get Started

1. Request access and download [PurePath Console](#) software.

Features

- Interface using PurePath™ Console Windows® Software
- USB Audio Class (UAC2) audio interface compliant
- USB to I²C control interface
- External I²C and I²S/TDM host controller connections available
- Optional USB-C PD adjustable voltage output for audio amplifier testing



Audio Amplifiers EVM Motherboard – AA-EVM-MB

1 Evaluation Module Overview

1.1 Introduction

AA-EVM-MB is designed as a motherboard platform for Audio devices. AA-EVM-MB features a USB interface that pairs with the PurePath Console software. The board is highly configurable to allow for a variety of digital inputs at 1.2V, 1.8V and 3.3V logic levels. A USB-C power interface is provided as an option to supply the accompanying Audio Amplifier EVM. AA-EVM-MB is swappable with existing AC-MB alternative motherboards.

1.2 Kit Contents

The kit consists of the AA-EVM-MB board. The EVM includes:

- USB data interface
- USB power interface with selectable voltage level
- External 100mil headers for I²C/I²S/TDM interface
- Hardware shutdown control
- Optical input/output audio interface
- Selectable logic voltage level

Audio amplifier EVM is sold separately and must be connected to AA-EVM-MB using J8 connector. Make sure to follow specific instructions provided on each EVM user's guide.

Similarly, a power supply is not part of the kit. However, any standard USB-C power adapter with the matching power capability as described in [Table 2-1](#) can be used to power the EVM, and J4 can be used as output to power an accompanying audio amplifier EVM.

1.3 Specification

[Table 1-1](#) lists the supply, input, and output requirements for AA-EVM-MB.

Table 1-1. AA-EVM-MB Requirements

Add Column Header	Add Column Header
POWER-USB / J6 (only if J4 not used as input)	Input only: 9V / 12V / 15V / 20V at 1A / 3A based on SW3
External Power / J4	Output when using POWER-USB J6 Input only if not using POWER-USB J6. Support 5V up to 20V
IOVDD	Output only: 3.3V / 1.8V / 1.2V
DATA-USB / J1	USB-C
External ASI / J5 connector	5V available on pin 3 "+5V" Same voltage as J4 available on pin 1 "VIN"

1.4 Device Information

AA-EVM-MB (Audio Amplifiers EVM Motherboard) is an interchangeable hardware to AC-MB (Audio Converters Motherboard). Both boards provide a USB to TDM and USB to I²C control interface.

AA-EVM-MB was designed as a hardware upgrade to include power related features with the intention to simplify the Audio Amplifier evaluation, while keeping back-compatibility functions with AC-MB. USB-C power input on AA-EVM-MB enables higher voltage and current options for the accompanying EVM.

2 Hardware

2.1 AA-EVM-MB Settings

2.1.1 Audio Serial Interface Settings

The AA-EVM-MB provides digital audio signals to the evaluation module from the USB, optical connector and external audio serial interface (ASI) header. [Figure 2-1](#) shows a block diagram of the ASI routing on the AC-MB.

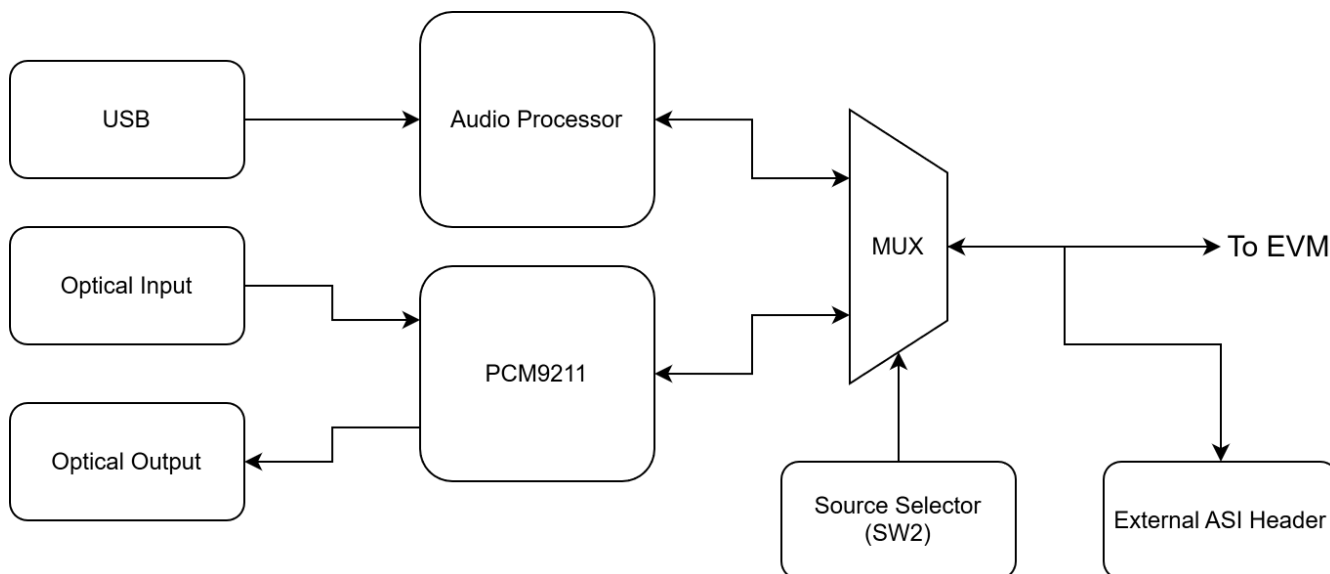


Figure 2-1. AA-EVM-MB Audio Serial Interface Routing

Switch SW2 on the AA-EVM-MB selects the audio serial bus that interfaces with the EVM daughter card. Next to switch SW2, the AA-EVM-MB has a quick reference table to identify the audio serial interface source options and switch settings. The AA-EVM-MB acts as the controller for the audio serial interface, with three different modes of operation: USB, optical, or external ASI.

2.1.2 USB Control

The serial interface clocks and data are provided from the USB interface. The sampling rate and format are determined by the USB audio class driver on the operating system. The default settings for the USB audio interface are 32-bit frame size, 48kHz sampling rate, BCLK to FSYNC ratio is 256, and the format is time division multiplexing (TDM).

The AA-EVM-MB is detected by the OS as an audio device with the name *TI USB Audio UAC2.0*. [Figure 2-2](#) illustrates the AA-EVM-MB audio setting for the USB mode of operation.

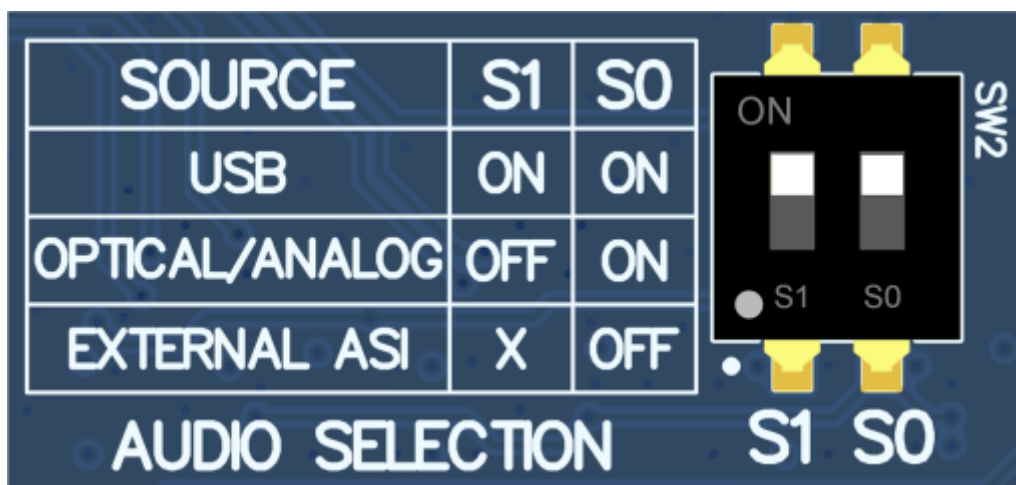


Figure 2-2. AA-EVM-MB USB Audio Setting

2.1.3 External Control

In this mode, the audio serial interface clocks for the evaluation board are provided through connector J5 from an external source. This architecture allows the use of an external system to communicate with the evaluation board, such as a different host processor or test equipment (for instance, Audio Precision PSIA). The clocks generated from the USB interface and PCM9211 are isolated with this setting. [Figure 2-3](#) shows the AC-MB audio setting for the external mode of operation.

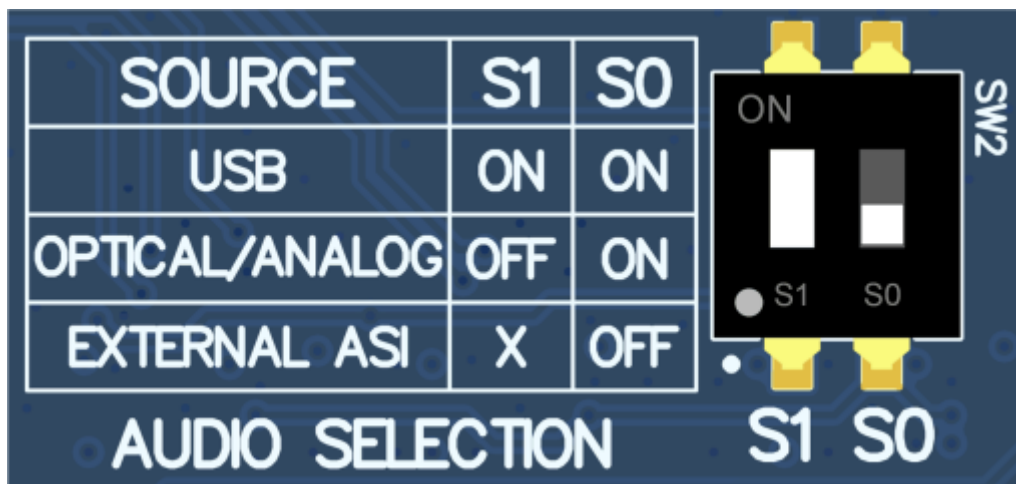


Figure 2-3. AC-MB External Audio Setting

[Figure 2-4](#) shows how to connect the external audio interface, with the bottom row for the signal and the top row for ground.

AA-EVM-MB offers duplicate connectors for BCLK and FSYNC for easier connection to Transmitter and Receiver interfaces on the host side. If only one of these interfaces is required, the other BCLK and FSYNC connectors can be left floating.

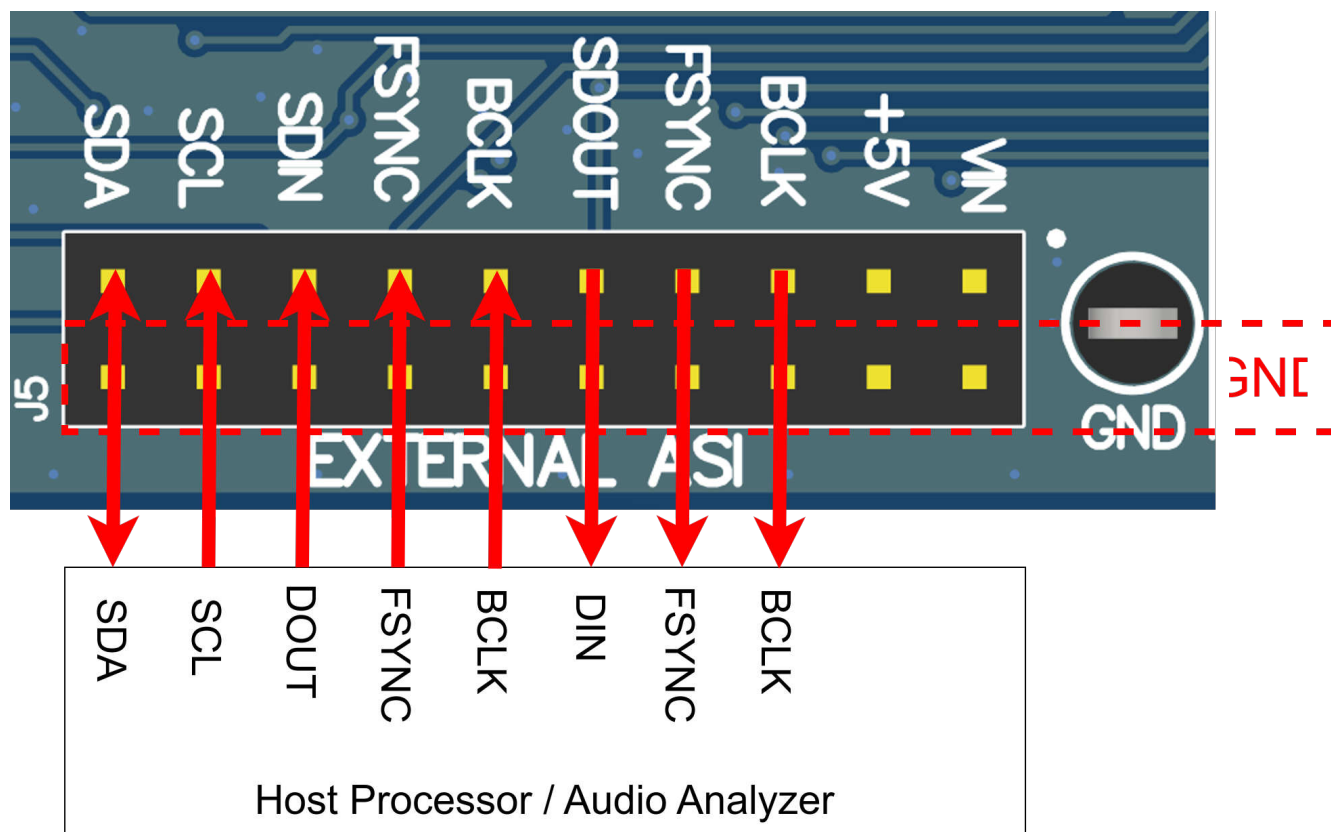


Figure 2-4. AA-EVM-MB Connection with External Audio Serial Interface

2.2 AA-EVM-MB Power Supply

The AA-EVM-MB motherboard features two USB-C ports, one for data interface with the host PC, and a second one to power the board and optional output voltage for EVM test.

Note that both USB-C connectors must be used, as the Data-only port cannot be used to power the board.

Connect a USB-C power adapter capable of providing 3A at the selected voltage using SW3, an example of the supported combinations is listed in Table 2-1.

Table 2-1. USB-C Power Adapter Requirements

SW3 MIN Setting	Voltage/Current	Power Adapter Requirement
9V	9V / 1A - 3A	≥30W
12V	12V / 1A - 3A	≥35W
15V	15V / 1A - 3A	≥45W
20V	20V / 1A - 3A	≥60W

The AA-EVM-MB has different low-dropout regulators (LDOs) integrated that provide the required power supplies to the different blocks of the board. Figure 2-5 shows a block diagram depicting the power structure of the AA-EVM-MB.

The voltage selected by SW3 can be used to power an external board, for example an EVM, using J4 screw header. Alternatively, the same J4 can be used to supply the AA-EVM-MB main power supply in case USB-C power adapter is not available. J4 supports a voltage range from 5V up to 20V. *Do not supply external voltage to J4 if USB-C adapter is in use.*

The IOVDD voltage for the digital signals that are provided to the evaluation module is generated on the motherboard from the main power supply. The voltage levels available are 1.2V, 1.8V and 3.3V, and can be selected through the J3 header IOVDD.

When the motherboard is fully powered and the power supplies from the onboard LDOs are correct, the green POWER LED (D3) turns ON. The USB READY LED indicates that successful USB communication is established between the AA-EVM-MB and the host computer.

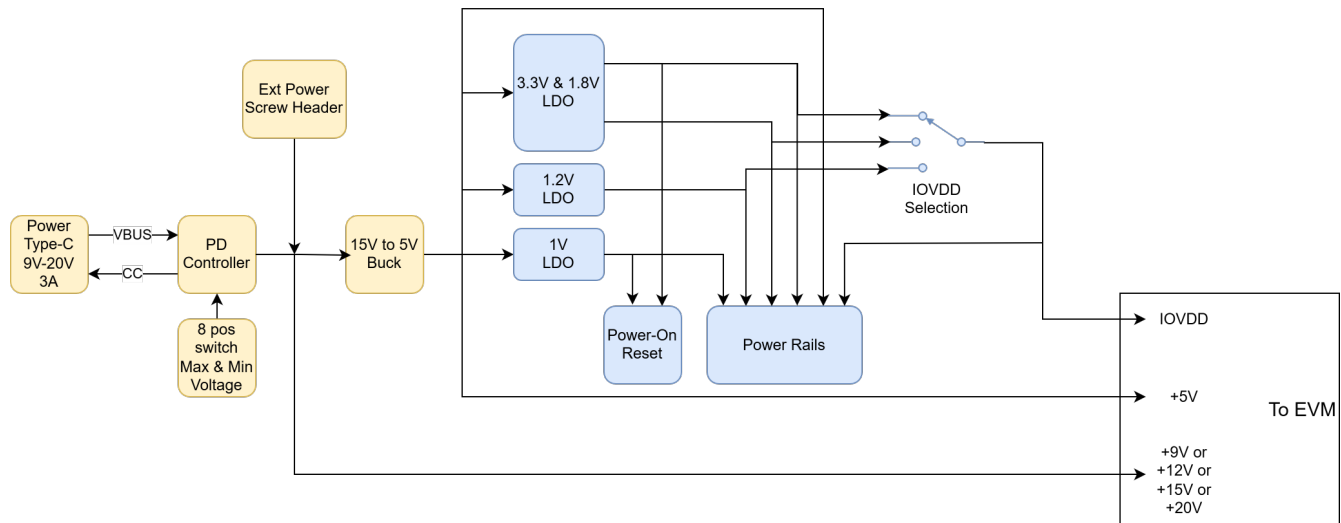


Figure 2-5. Power-Supply Distribution of the AA-EVM-MB

2.3 Default Jumper and Switch Settings on AA-EVM-MB

Figure 2-6 shows all the default jumper settings for AA-EVM-MB.

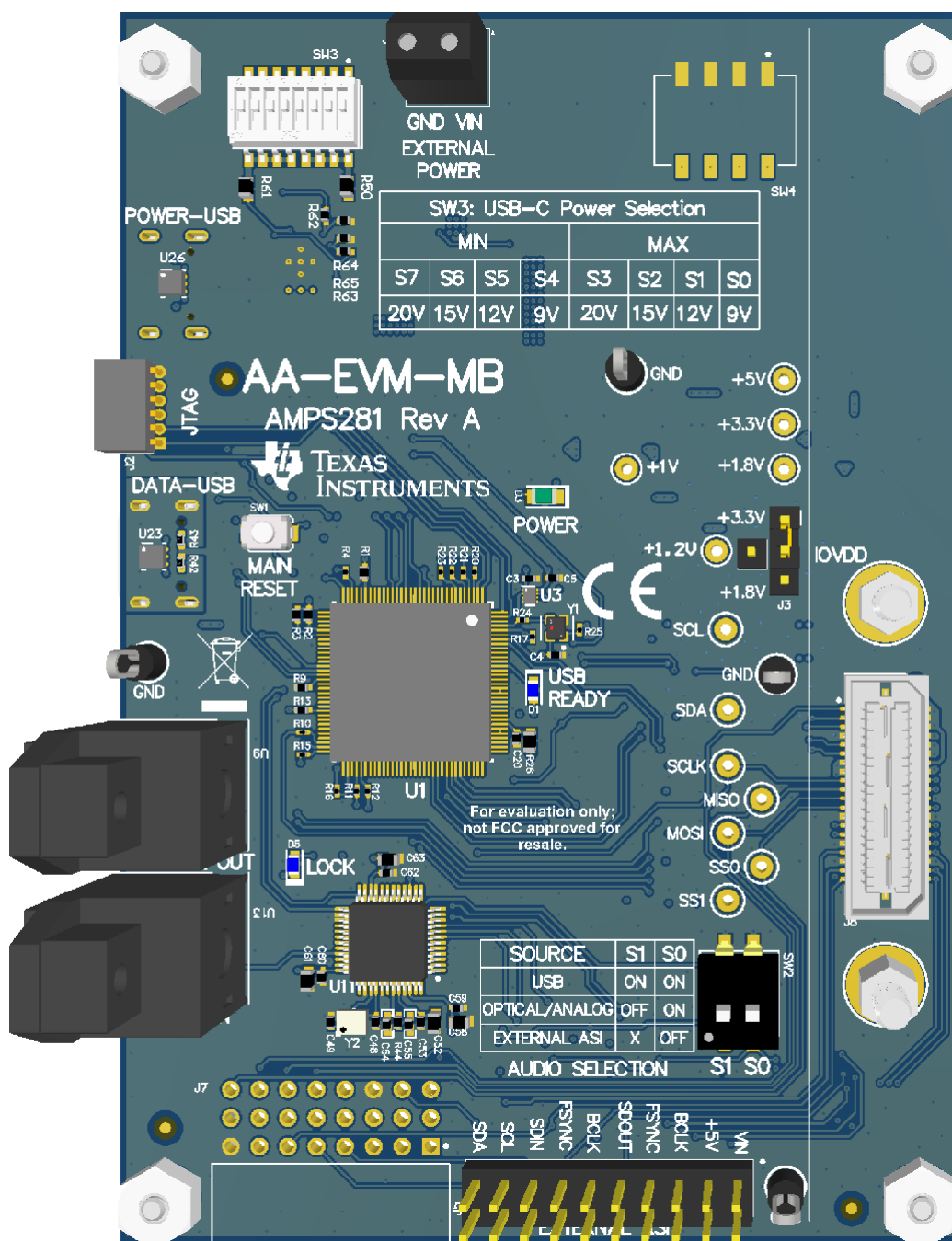


Figure 2-6. Default Jumper Settings

Table 2-2 shows the default positions for all the jumpers on AA-EVM-MB.

Table 2-2. Default Jumper Settings

Jumper	Setting	Description
J3	3.3V	IOVDD selection for on-board TDM/I ² S and I ² C signals. IOVDD also fed to EVM.
SW2	ON-ON	ASI (TDM/I ² S) source selection.
SW3	9V-MIN – 9V-MAX	Power USB-C voltage selection. 9V/9V compatible with 30W USB-C adapter.

3 Hardware Design Files

3.1 Schematics

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X MOS, USB and Power

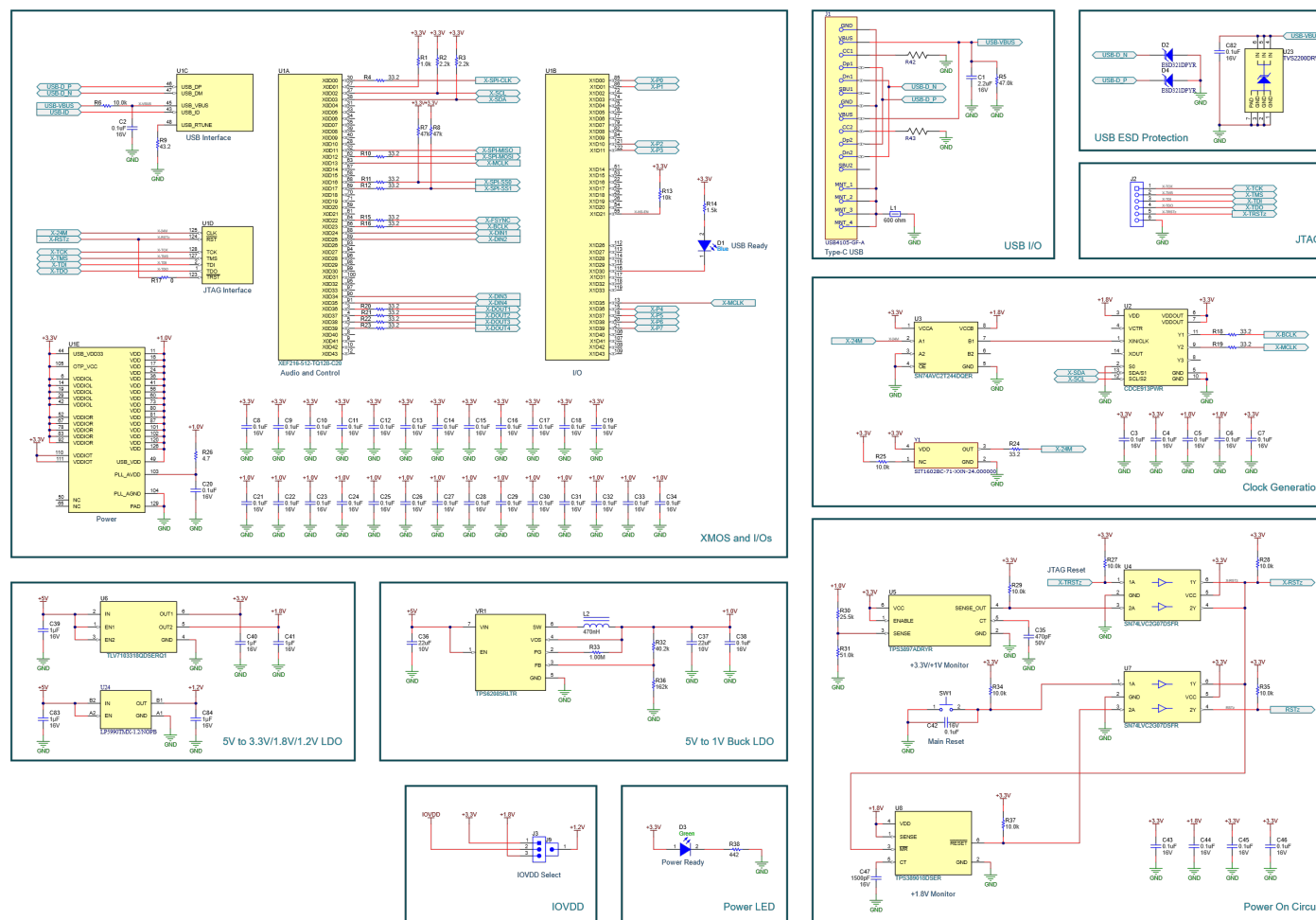


Figure 3-1. AA-EVM-MB Schematic (Sheet 1 of 3)

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PCM9211, Audio Interface and Test Points

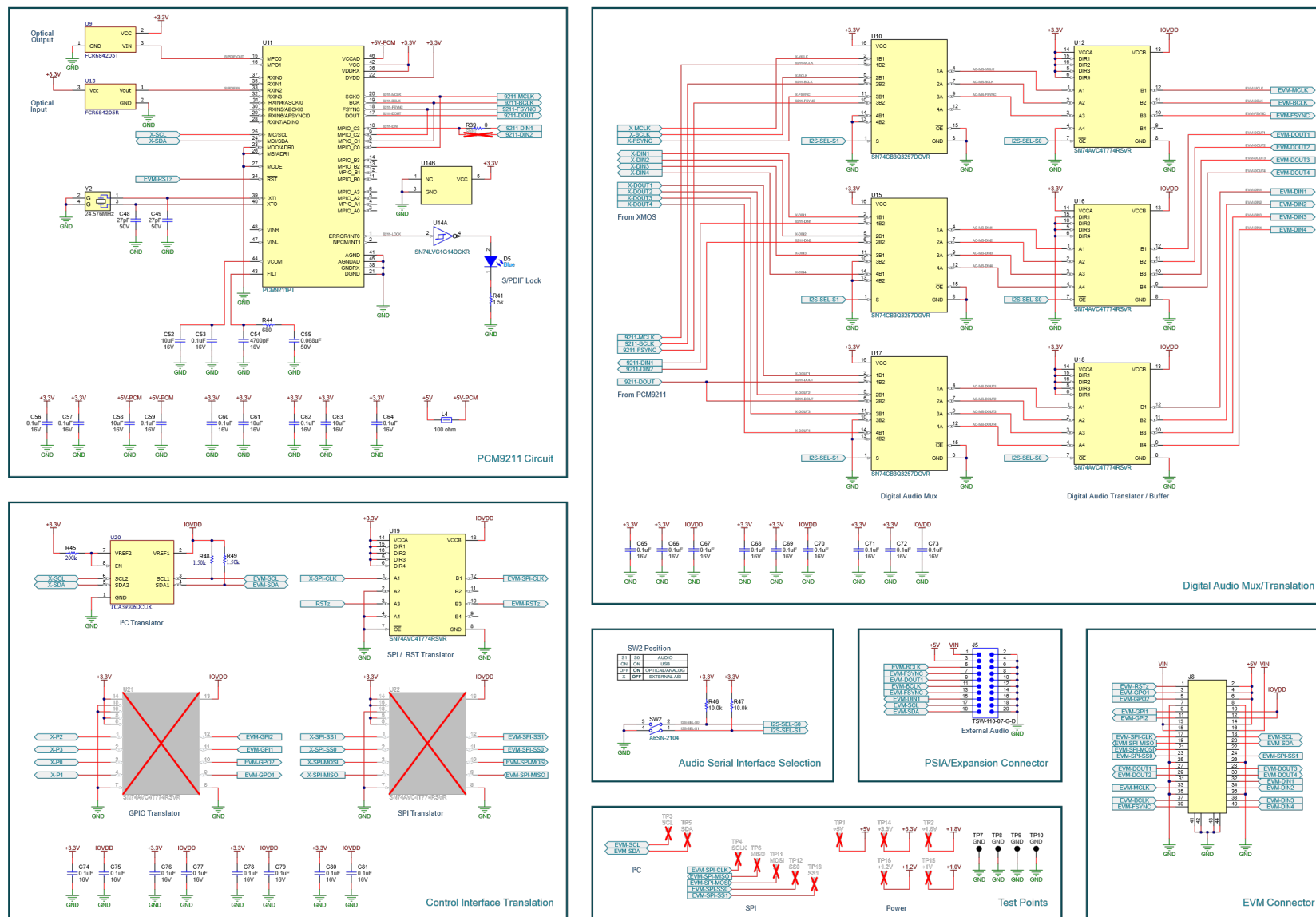


Figure 3-2. AA-EVM-MB Schematic (Sheet 2 of 3)

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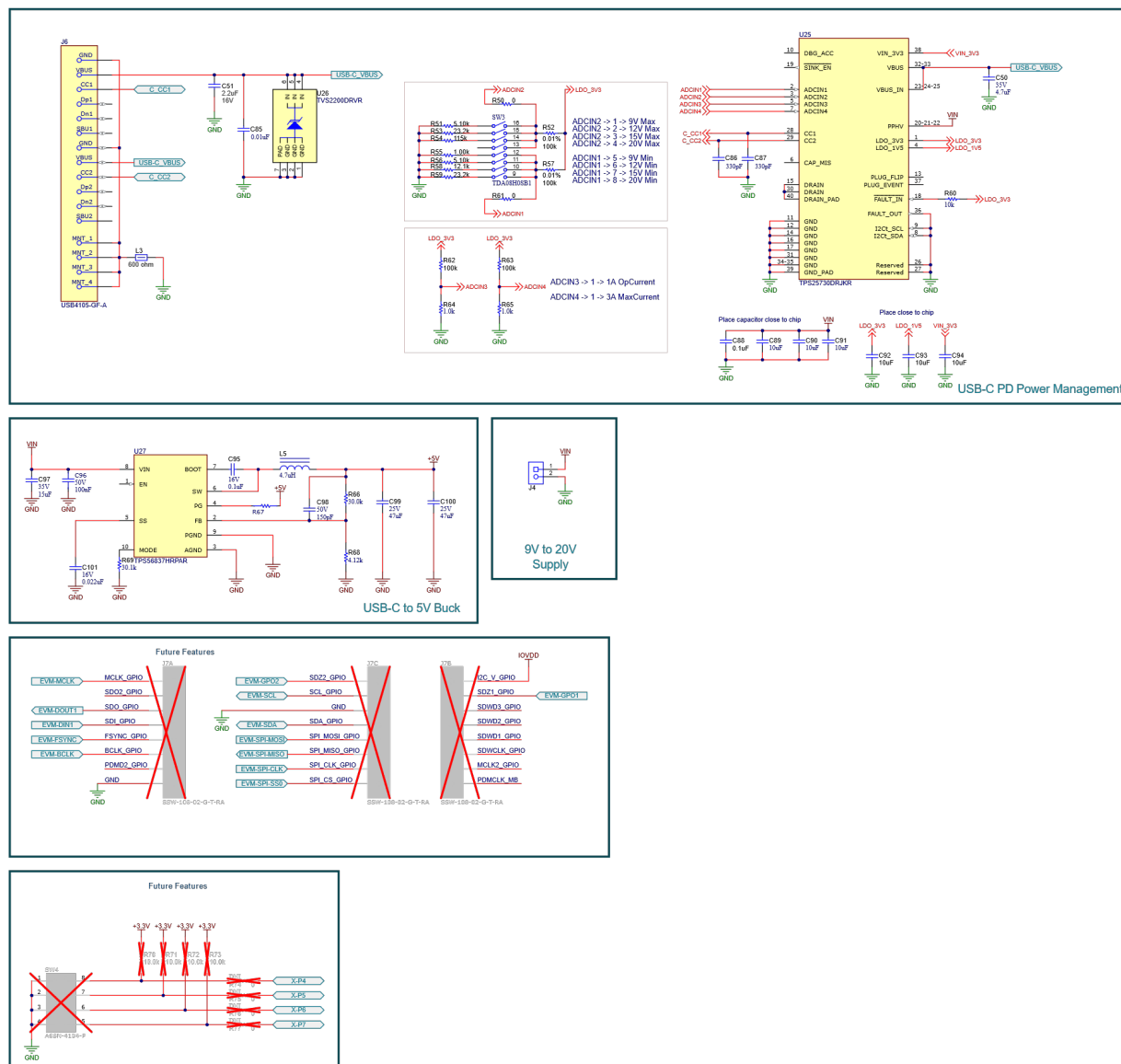


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3.2 PCB Layouts

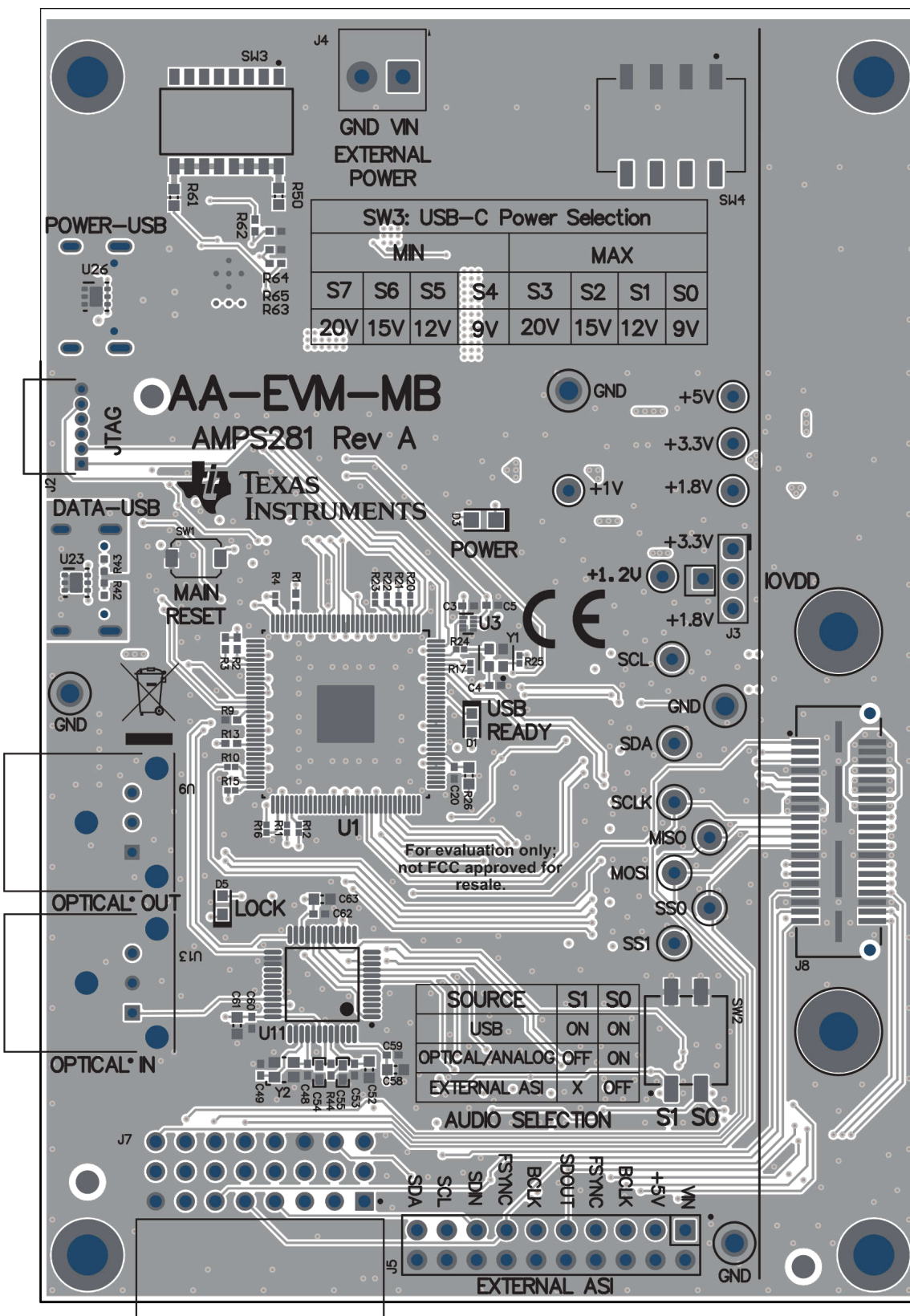


Figure 3-4. AA-EVM-MB Top Composite

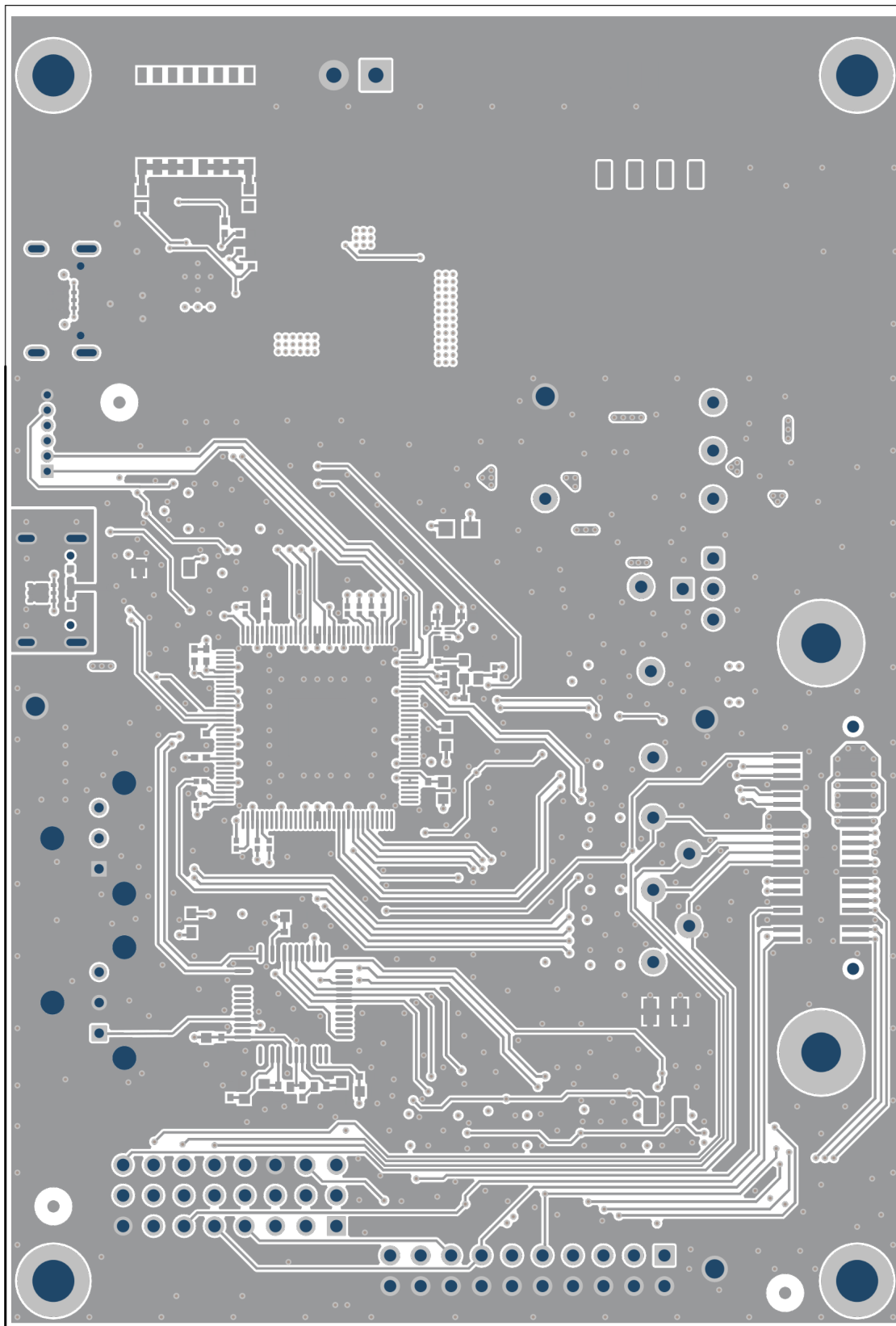


Figure 3-5. AA-EVM-MB Top Layer

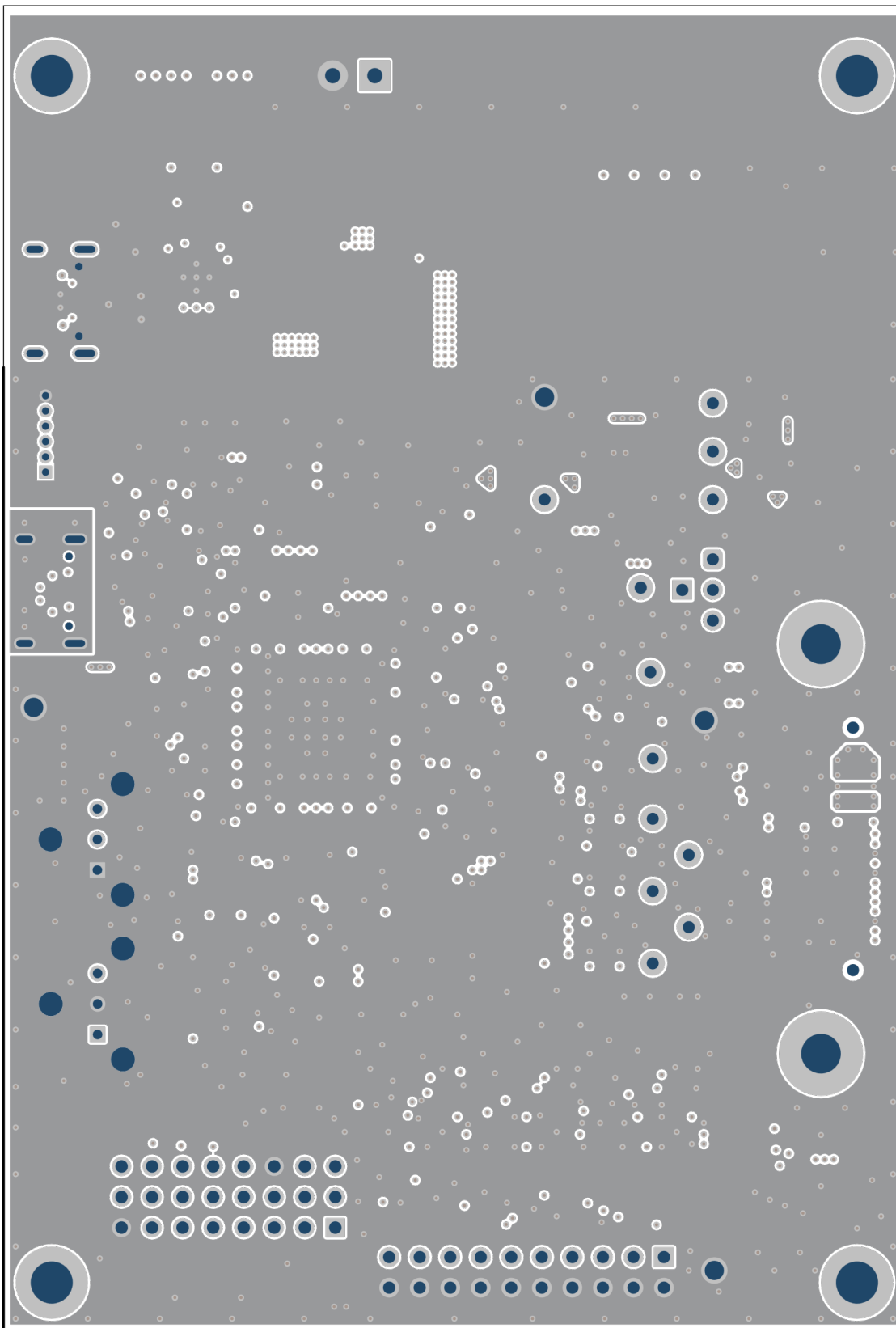


Figure 3-6. AA-EVM-MB Signal Layer 1

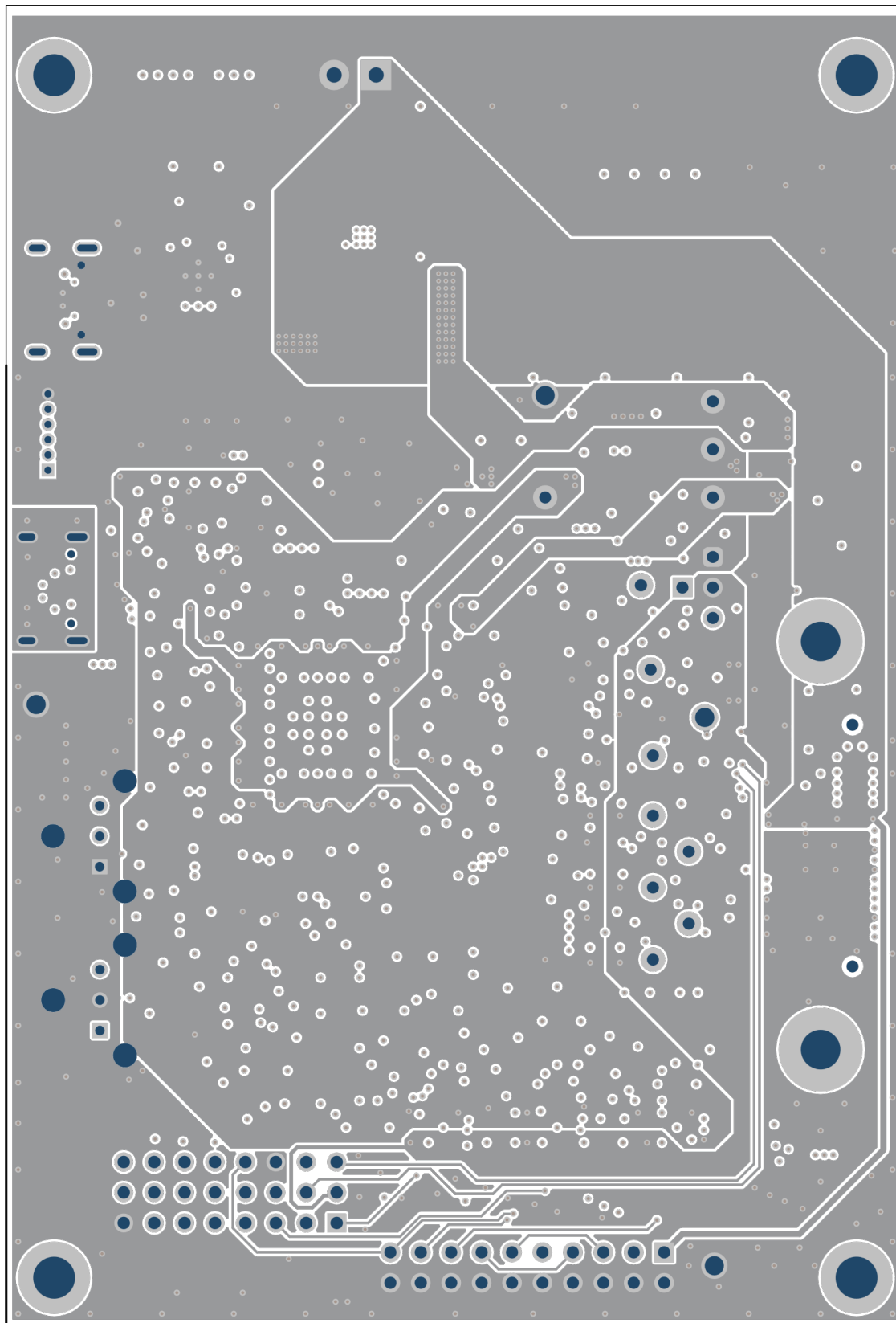


Figure 3-7. AA-EVM-MB Signal Layer 2

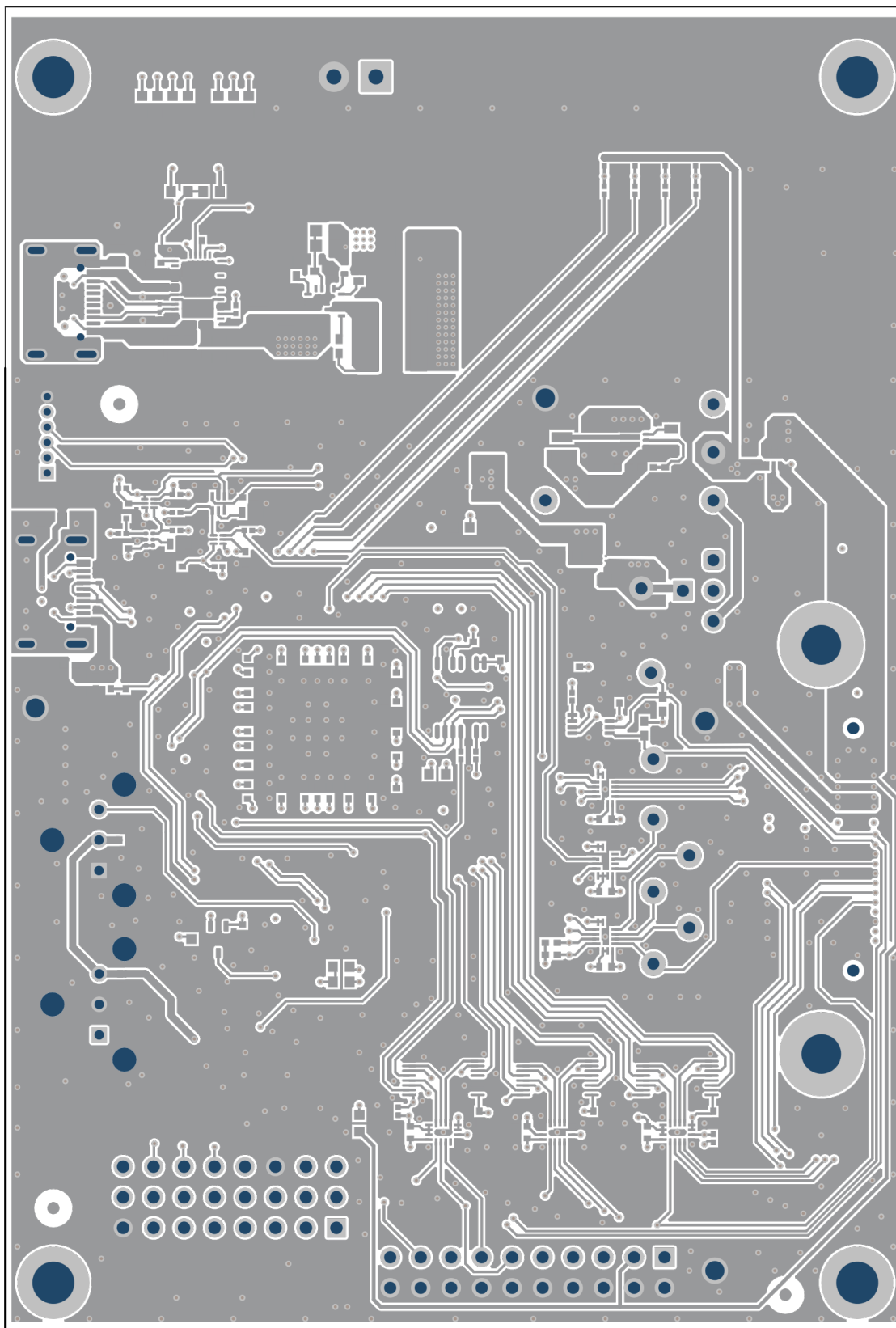


Figure 3-8. AA-EVM-MB Bottom Layer

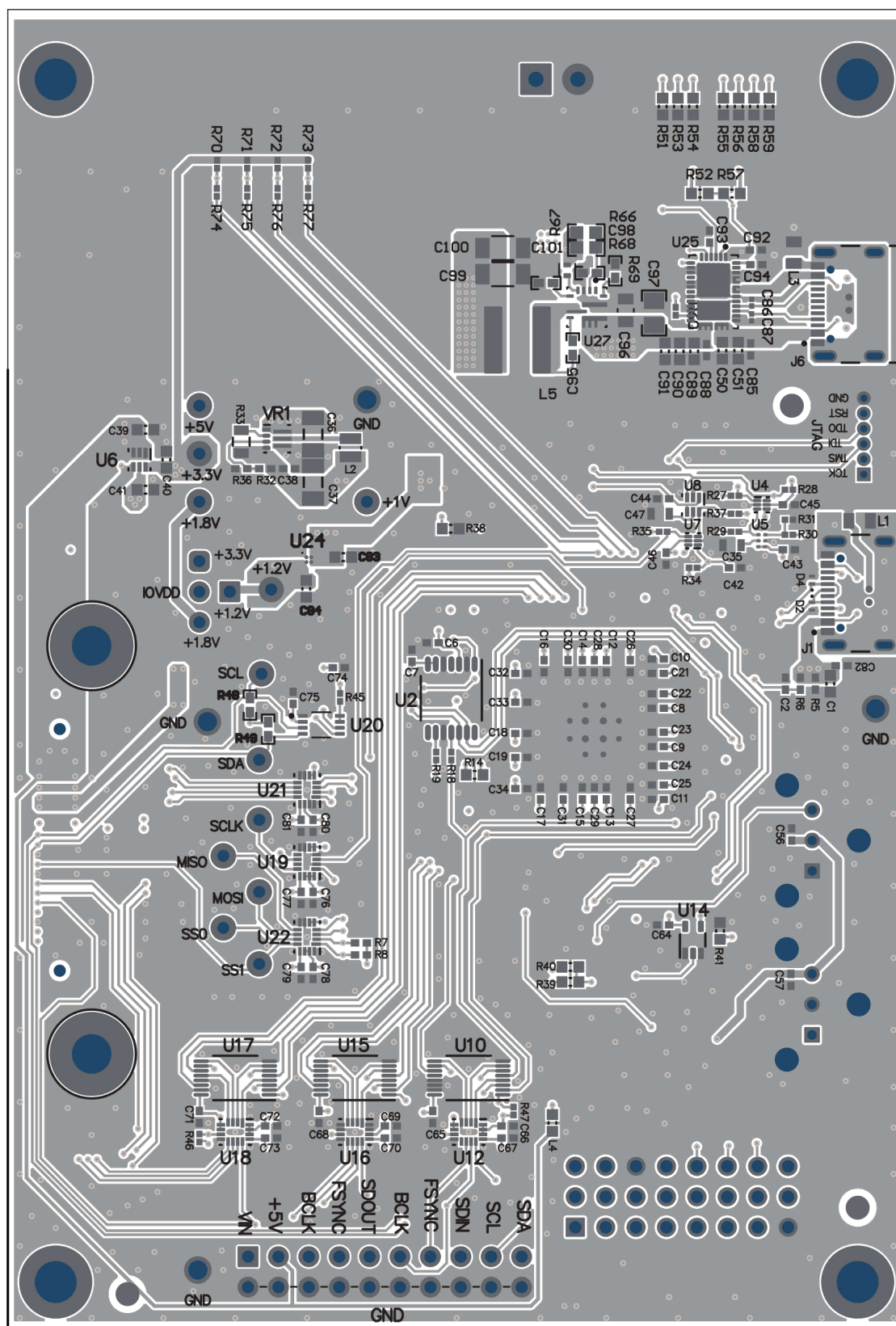


Figure 3-9. AA-EVM-MB Bottom Composite

3.3 Bill of Materials (BOM)

Please see design files on the product page of the [AA-EVM-MB](#).

4 Additional Information

4.1 Troubleshooting

1. Make sure to connect POWER-USB to a compatible USB-C charger based on the SW3 selection. This power input is required for AA-EVM-MB functionality.
 - a. If USB-C charger is not used, external 5V to 20V can be sourced to J4 connector.
2. Double check AUDIO SELECTION SW2 if audio is not working on the EVM connected to AA-EVM-MB.
3. If USB audio on PC stops working, MAIN RESET SW1 can be used to refresh the USB connection.
4. Make sure to change IOVDD J3 voltage according to the connected EVM supported IOVDD voltage.

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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.
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