

EVM User's Guide: ADC3669EVM

ADC3669 Evaluation Module



Description

The ADC3669EVM is an evaluation module (EVM) designed to evaluate the ADC3669 family of high-speed ADCs. The ADC3669EVM is populated with an ADC3669. The ADC3669 is a 16-bit, dual-channel ADC with an LVDS interface, and can operate at sample rates up to 500MSPS. The ADC3669EVM allows for evaluation of all device speed grades, and number of channels.

Get Started

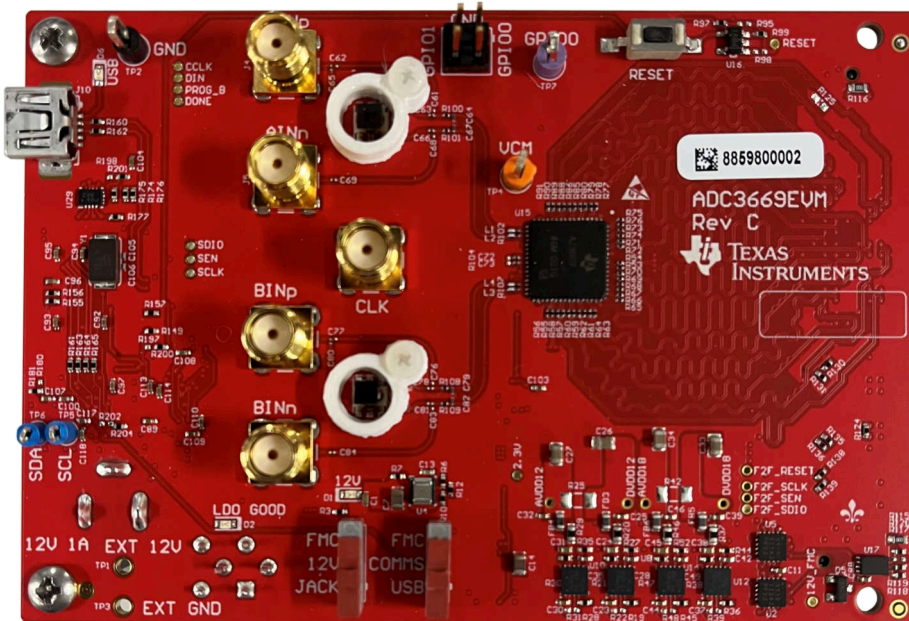
1. Order the EVM from ti.com ([ADC3669EVM](#)).
2. Download the latest revision of the data sheet ([SBASAL3](#)).
3. Download the latest [ADC3669EVM-GUI](#).
4. Download the comprehensive reference design files from the tools page of the EVM ([ADC3669EVM](#)).

Features

- Noise spectral density: -159 dBFS/Hz
- Thermal noise: 75 dBFS
- Full power input bandwidth (-3dB): 1.5GHz
- Power consumption: 300 mW/channel (500MSPS)
- Digital down-converters, up to two per channel, complex and real decimation up to 32768
- 48-bit NCO phase coherent frequency hopping
- DDR and serial LVDS interface: 16-bit or 32-bit output mode

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ADC3669EVM

1 Evaluation Module Overview

1.1 Introduction

The ADC3669EVM allows for evaluation of all the devices in the ADC3669 family, as the variants are all pin-to-pin compatible. The ADC3669EVM is populated with an ADC3669, which can be configured to emulate the other variants in the device family. These devices include:

- ADC3669 (dual channel, 16-bit, 500MSPS)
- ADC3668 (dual channel, 16-bit, 250MSPS)
- ADC3649 (dual channel, 14-bit, 500MSPS)
- ADC3648 (dual channel, 14-bit, 250MSPS)
- ADC3569 (single channel, 16-bit, 500MSPS)
- ADC3568 (single channel, 16-bit, 250MSPS)
- ADC3549 (single channel, 14-bit, 500MSPS)
- ADC3548 (single channel, 14-bit, 250MSPS)

The EVM is configured to receive external single-ended analog inputs and includes baluns for single-ended to differential conversion. The sample clock is sourced externally and is single-ended.

For data capture, the ADC3669EVM is paired with the TSWDC155EVM. The TSWDC155EVM is an FPGA data capture card which features the AMD Artix-7 FPGA. The ADC data, captured by the FPGA, is then transferred to the PC and displayed in the HSDC Pro capture software.

1.2 Kit Contents

Table 1-1. ADC3669EVM Kit Contents

Item	Description	Quantity
ADC3669EVM	PCB	1
Mini USB Type B Cable	Cable	1
JTAG-HS2 Programming Dongle	Dongle	1

1.3 Specifications and Device Information

Additional device information and specifications for the ADC3669 can be found in the ([ADC3668](#), [ADC3669 Dual-Channel, 16-Bit 250MSPS and 500MSPS Analog-to-Digital Converter \(ADC\)](#) data sheet).

2 Hardware

This section details the required hardware tools necessary to effectively use the ADC3669EVM.

2.1 Board Overview

The following image highlights some key features of the ADC3669EVM.

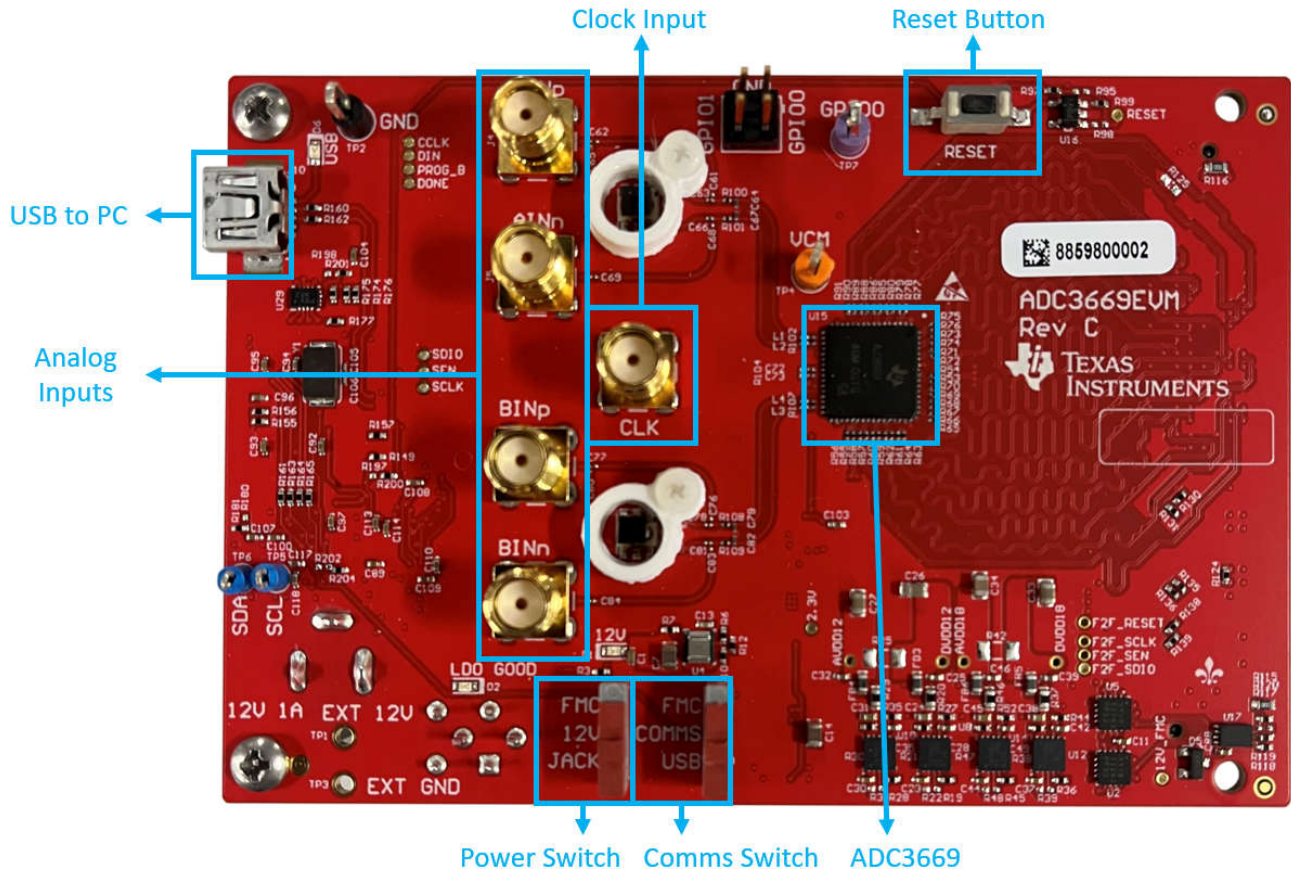


Figure 2-1. ADC3669EVM Features

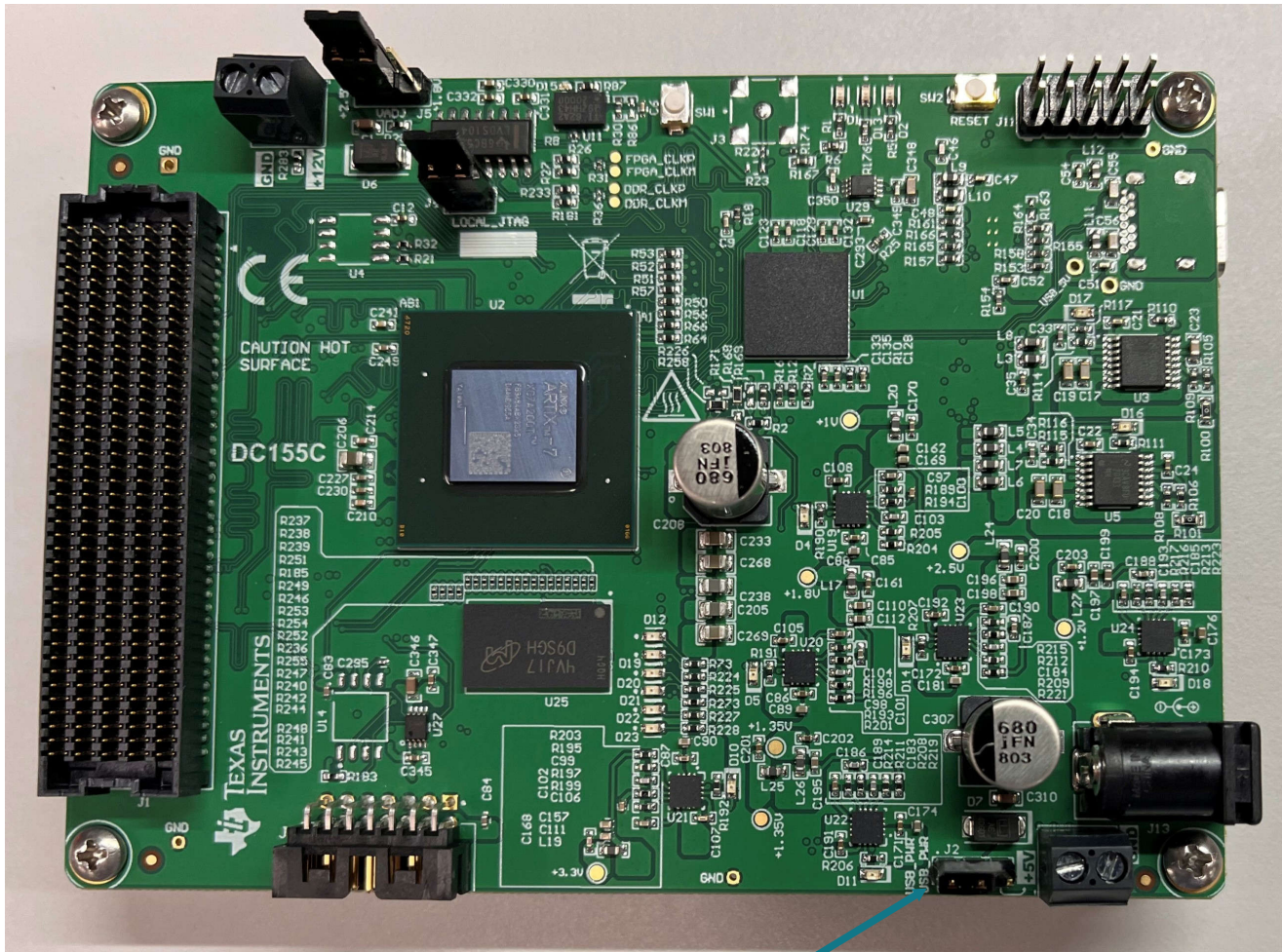
2.2 Required Equipment

The following equipment is not included with the EVM kit, but is required for proper evaluation.

- TSWDC155EVM FPGA Capture card for capturing data from the ADC, and everything required for operation according to the [TSWDC155EVM User's Guide](#)
- One 12V power supply capable of supplying 1A
- At least two low-noise signal generators to provide the ADC sample clock and analog input. TI recommends either of the following signal generators:
 - Rohde & Schwarz SMA100A
 - Rohde & Schwarz SMA100B
- Band-pass filters for the sample clock and analog inputs. TI recommends to use filters with a narrow pass band (within 5%–15% of the desired bandwidth), and minimal insertion loss
- SMA cables to connect the inputs.

2.3 Hardware Setup

1. Make sure jumper J2 on the TSWDC155EVM is connected across pins 1-2



Jumper J2
Connected across
Pins 1-2

Figure 2-2. TSWDC155EVM Jumper Configuration

2. Make sure the 12V Power switch on the ADC3669EVM is switched to JACK
3. Make sure the Comms switch on the ADC3669EVM is switched to USB
4. Connect the ADC3669EVM to the TSWDC155EVM by the FMC connectors
5. Connect the mini-USB connector on the ADC3669EVM to the PC using the mini-USB cable provided in the EVM kit
6. Connect the 12V 1A power supply to the barrel jack of the ADC3669EVM
7. Using the included mini-USB cable, connect the PC to the JTAG dongle and connect the JTAG dongle to the JTAG header J7 on the TSWDC155EVM
8. Using the included USB-C® cable, connect the PC to the USB-C port J8 on the TSWDC155EVM
9. Using an SMA cable and an inline 500MHz band-pass filter, connect the signal generator to the SMA connector labeled CLK on the ADC3669EVM. Set the output signal frequency of the signal generator to 500MHz and the signal amplitude to +10dBm
10. By default, the EVM is configured to take a single-ended input, so analog inputs are applied to connectors AINp and BINp on the ADC3669EVM. Using an SMA cable and an inline 10MHz band-pass filter, apply an input signal to Channel A by connecting the signal generator output to the SMA connector on the

ADC3669EVM labeled AINp. Set the output signal frequency of the signal generator to 10MHz and the signal amplitude to roughly +10dBm

Note

Reference lock all signal generators for clock, analog input, and DCLK using the 10MHz REF on the back of the signal generators.

Figure 2-3 shows the ADC3669EVM setup.

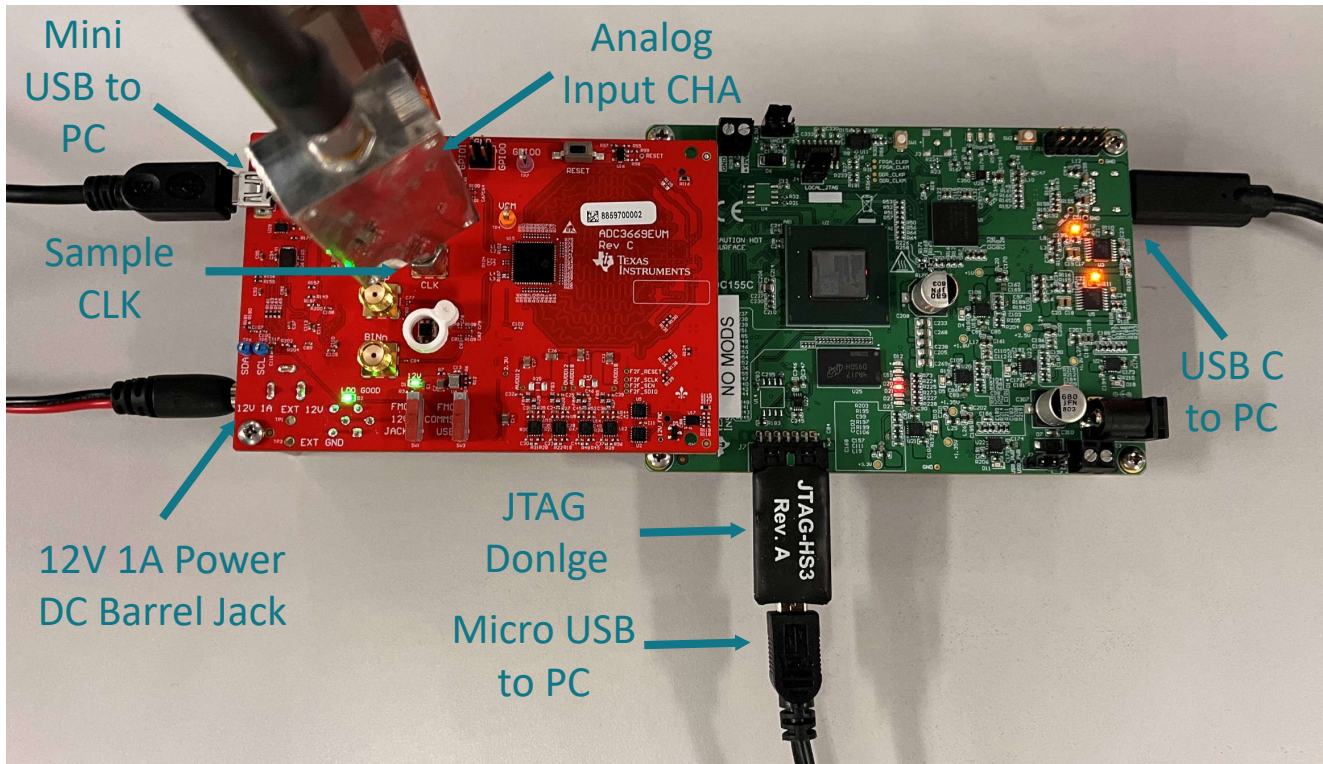


Figure 2-3. Assembled Setup of the ADC3669EVM

3 Software

3.1 Required Software

- [ADC3669EVM-GUI](#)
- [Vivado™ Lab Solutions](#)
- [HSDC Pro Software](#)

3.2 Software Setup

1. Download and install the ADC3669 GUI.
2. Download and install HSDC Pro. This is used to view the captured data.
3. Download and install Vivado Lab. This is required to capture data from the FPGA.
4. Make sure that the Vivado Lab bin folder is added to your PATH system environment variable.
 - a. Search for *System Environment Variables* in the start menu
 - b. Click on *Environment Variables...*
 - c. Under System Variables, locate and click on the *Path* variable
 - d. Click on *Edit...*
 - e. Click on *New* to add a new path
 - f. Add the path to your Vivado Lab installation, depending on where you installed Vivado Lab and what version you installed. The path to the bin folder typically looks something like this:
`C:\Xilinx\Vivado_Lab\2023.1.1\bin`

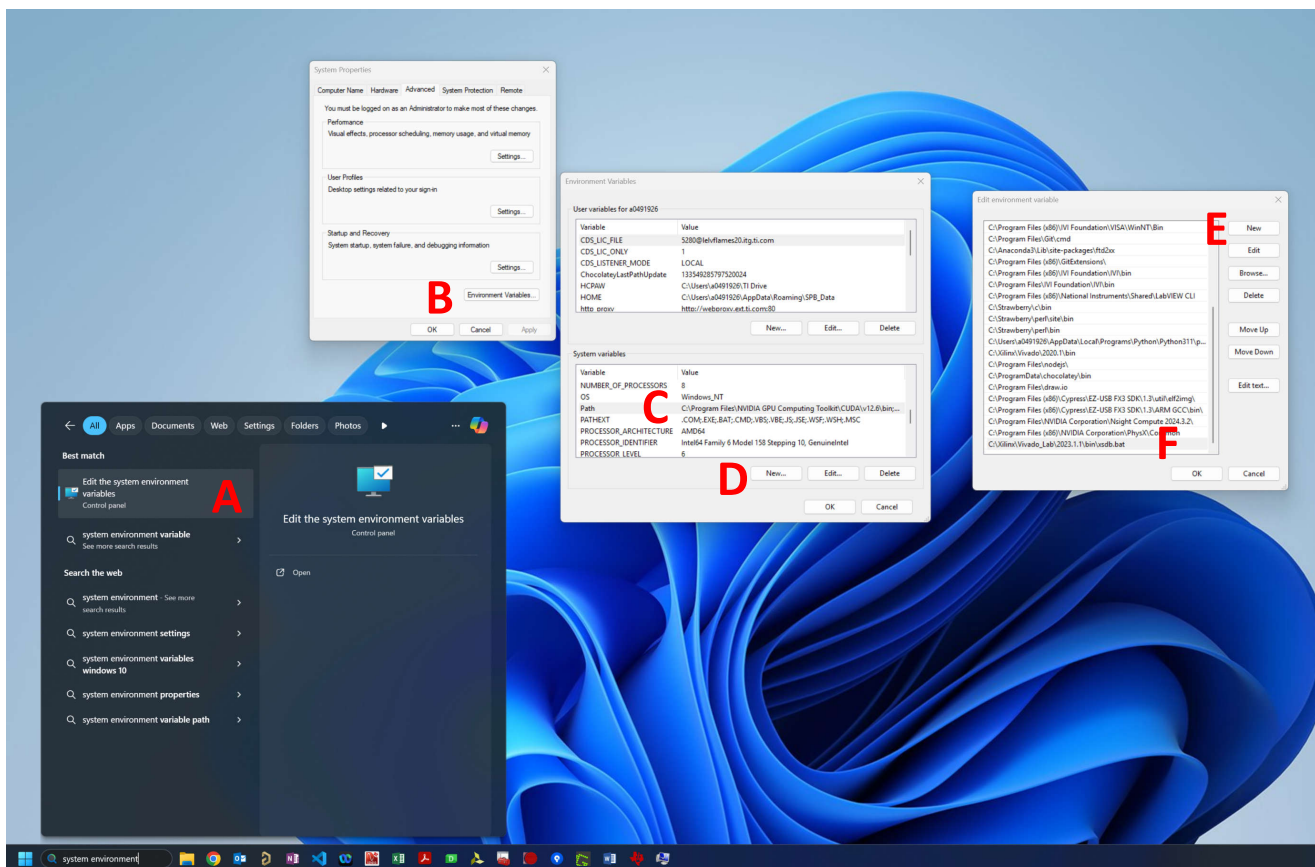


Figure 3-1. Environment Path Example

3.3 Using the GUI

1. Always make sure that HSDC Pro is open *before* opening the GUI. Open HSDC Pro and click on *Cancel* when prompted to connect to a board. The GUI handles all of the other HSDC Pro capture and configurations.

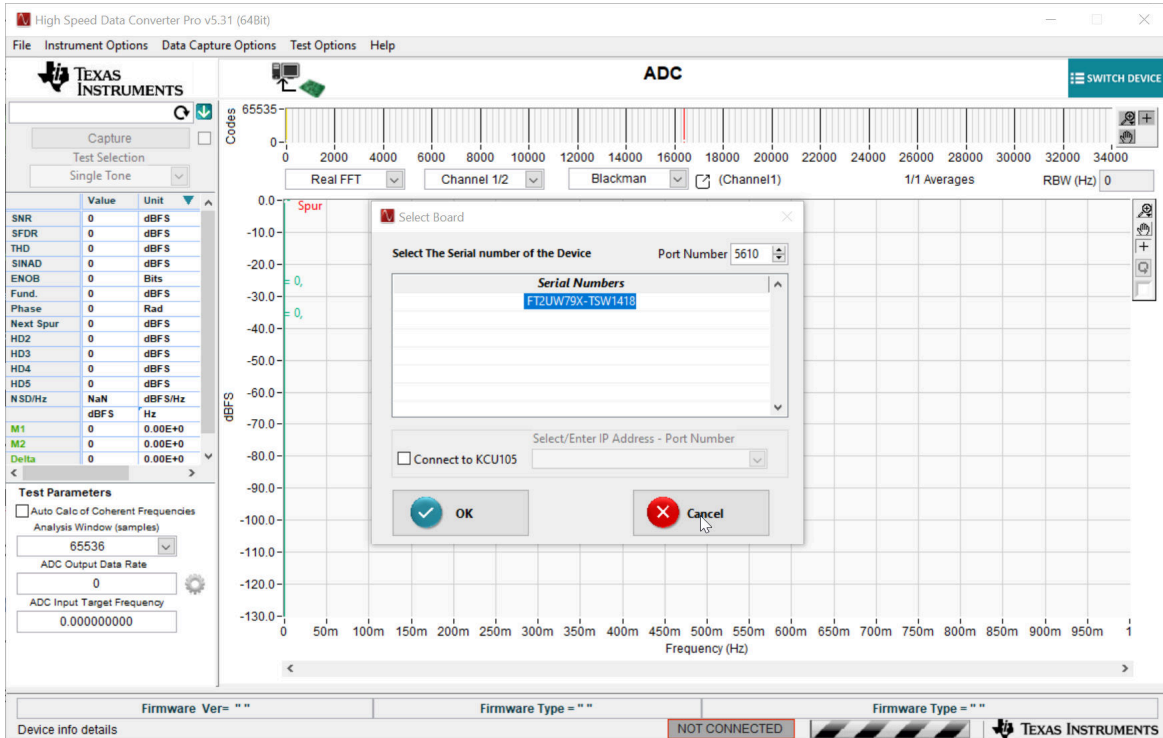


Figure 3-2. Opening HSDC Pro From Start

2. Open the ADC3669 GUI and wait for the GUI to program the FPGA firmware. This can take up to 20 seconds.



Figure 3-3. Server Programming FPGA

- Once the GUI opens successfully, a few additional LEDs illuminate on the TSWDC155EVM.

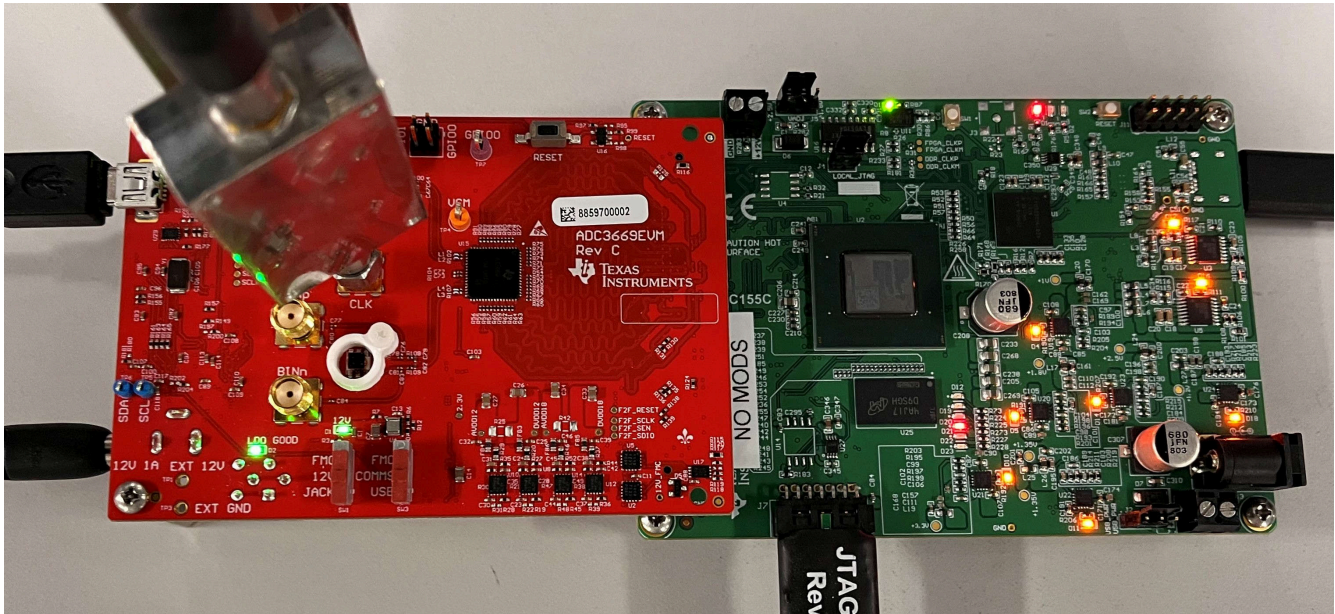


Figure 3-4. TSWDC155EVM After GUI is Opened

- In the GUI, click the *Program* button to program the ADC into the default DDC bypass mode and perform FPGA IO calibration.

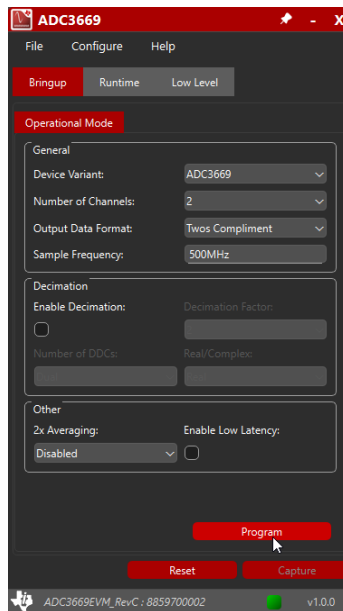


Figure 3-5. Programming the ADC Using the ADC3669 GUI

- When the ADC is programmed, the *Capture* button is enabled. Click the *Capture* button to capture data in HSDC Pro. Data capture can take several seconds.

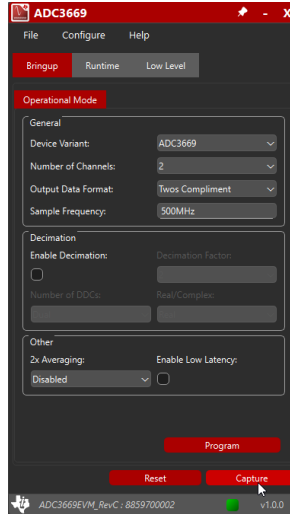


Figure 3-6. Capturing ADC Data Using the ADC3669 GUI

- When the data is captured, the FFT capture is displayed in HSDC Pro, where users can view the performance of the device. For more functions and features of HSDC Pro, refer to the [High Speed Data Converter Pro GUI user's guide](#).

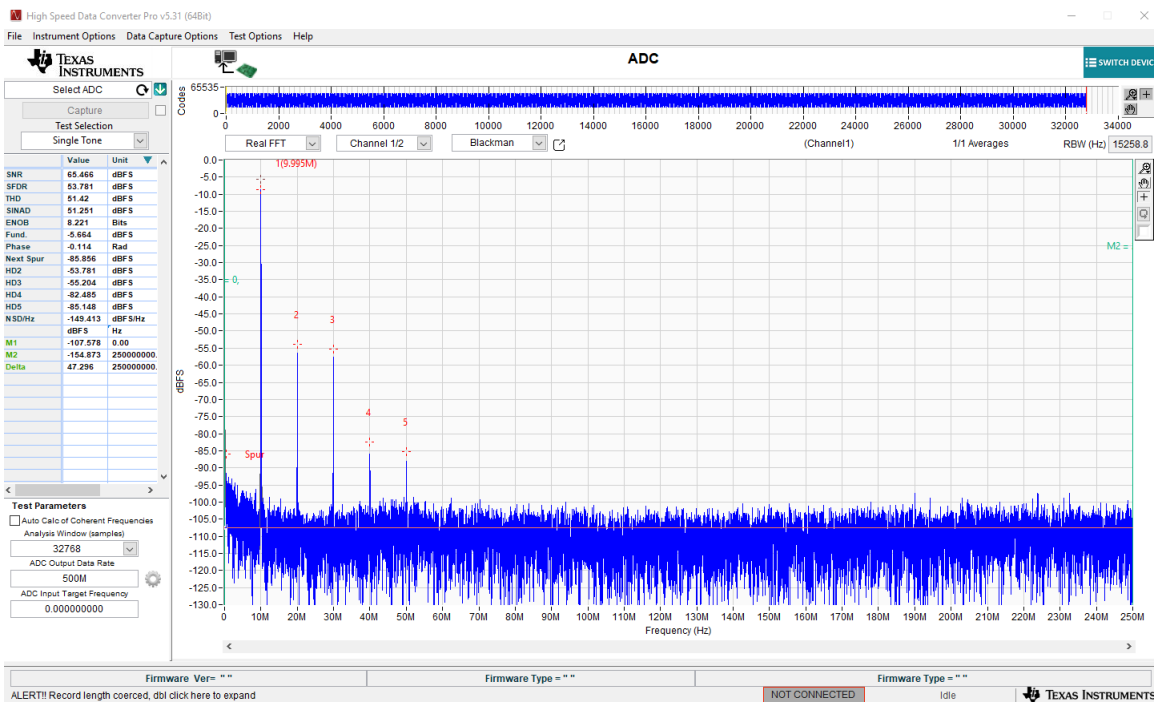


Figure 3-7. Successful Capture in HSDC Pro

4 Hardware Design Files

The schematics, PCB Layout files, and Bill of Materials (BOM) are all available for download on the EVM product page: ([ADC3669EVM](#)).

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- Texas Instruments, [ADC3669EVM product page](#)
- Texas Instruments, [ADC3668, ADC3669 Dual-Channel, 16-Bit 250MSPS and 500MSPS Analog-to-Digital Converter \(ADC\)](#), data sheet
- Texas Instruments, [TSWDC155EVM User's Guide](#)
- Texas Instruments, [High-Speed Data Converter Pro GUI](#), user's guide

6 Revision History

NOTE: Page numbers for previous revisions may differ from page numbers in the current version.

Changes from Revision A (June 2025) to Revision B (October 2025)	Page
• Fixed typos.....	1
• Added link to GUI.....	1
• Fixed typos.....	3
• Removed TSW Modifications page and updated to reflect new GUI.....	4
• Updated GUI link.....	6
• Updated to reflect GUI changes.....	6
• Updated to reflect new GUI.....	7

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