This user’s guide describes the operational use of the TPS7B8401EVM evaluation module (EVM) as a reference design for engineering demonstration and evaluation of the TPS7B8401 low-dropout (LDO) linear regulator. Included in this user’s guide are setup and operating instructions, thermal and layout guidelines, a printed circuit board (PCB) layout, a schematic diagram, and a bill of materials (BOM).

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1 Introduction

TI's TPS7B8401EVM helps design engineers evaluate the operation and performance of the TPS7B8401 family of linear regulators for possible use in their own circuit application. This particular EVM configuration contains a single wide-input voltage, small size, linear regulator for a wide range of applications. The regulator is capable of delivering up to 150 mA to the load with low $V_{IN}$ to $V_{OUT}$ dropout voltage. For stability, use a minimum derated capacitance of 1-µF (or larger) output capacitor.

1.1 Before You Begin

The following warnings and cautions are noted for the safety of anyone using or working close to the TPS7B8401EVM. Observe all safety precautions.

**WARNING**

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

**CAUTION**

The circuit module can be damaged by overtemperature. To avoid damage, monitor the temperature during evaluation and provide cooling, as needed, for your system environment.

**CAUTION**

Some power supplies can be damaged by application of external voltages. If you are using more than one power supply, check your equipment requirements and use blocking diodes or other isolation techniques, as needed, to prevent damage to your equipment.

**CAUTION**

The circuit module is not a finished product or electrical appliance. The module does not contain current or voltage thresholds for circuit protection. It must be used by qualified personnel with additional equipment for evaluation only.
1.2 Inputs/Outputs Connectors and Jumper Descriptions

1.2.1 J1 – OUT_S
Regulated output voltage sense.

1.2.2 J2 – OUT
Regulated output power supply voltage screw terminal.

1.2.3 J3 – IN
Input voltage banana connector.

1.2.4 J4 – IN_S
Input voltage sense.

1.2.5 J5 – IN_ST
Input supply voltage screw terminal. Twist together the positive input lead and ground return lead from the input power supply, and keep them as short as possible to minimize input inductance.

1.2.6 J6 – EN
Output voltage enable. To enable the output voltage, connect the jumper to short VI to EN.

1.2.7 J7 – OUT
Regulated output voltage banana connector.

1.2.8 J8 – GND
Input supply ground return banana connector.

1.2.9 J9 – GND
Regulated output voltage return banana connector.

1.2.10 J10 – Setpoint Selection
Use the jumper to short the correct resistor to GND for the desired output voltage.

1.2.11 J11 – Test Hookup
Intended for test purposes only.

1.2.12 TP1 – IN
Input voltage test point.

1.2.13 TP2 – OUT
Regulated output voltage test point.

1.2.14 TP3 – GND
Ground test point.
1.2.15 TP4 – GND
Ground test point.

1.2.16 TP5 – GND
Ground test point.

1.2.17 TP6 – SO
Bode plot measurement test point.

1.2.18 TP7 – PG
Bode plot measurement test point.

1.3 Soldering Guidelines
To avoid damaging the integrated circuit (IC), use a hot-air system for any solder rework to modify the EVM for the purpose of repair or other application reasons.

1.4 Equipment Connection
Connect the equipment as shown in the following steps:
1. Set the input power supply up to 40 V (max), and turn them off.
2. Connect the positive voltage lead from the input power supply to VIN at the J3 connector of the EVM.
3. Connect the ground lead from the input power supply to GND at the J8 connector of the EVM.
4. Connect a 0-A to 150-mA load between VOUT and GND.
5. Disable output voltage by connecting J6 pin 2 (EN) to J6 pin 1 (GND).

2 PCB Layout
Figure 2 to Figure 6 illustrate the PCB layout for this EVM.
Table 1 shows the BOM for this EVM.

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(4) Unless otherwise noted in the Alternate Part Number or Alternate Manufacturer columns, all parts can be substituted with equivalents.
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1. **Delivery:** TI delivers TI evaluation boards, kits, or modules, including any accompanying demonstration software, components, and/or documentation which may be provided together or separately (collectively, an “EVM” or “EVMs”) to the User (“User”) in accordance with the terms set forth herein. User's acceptance of the EVM is expressly subject to the following terms.

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**WARNING**

Evaluation Kits are intended solely for use by technically qualified, professional electronics experts who are familiar with the dangers and application risks associated with handling electrical mechanical components, systems, and subsystems.

User shall operate the Evaluation Kit within TI's recommended guidelines and any applicable legal or environmental requirements as well as reasonable and customary safeguards. Failure to set up and/or operate the Evaluation Kit within TI's recommended guidelines may result in personal injury or death or property damage. Proper set up entails following TI's instructions for electrical ratings of interface circuits such as input, output and electrical loads.

NOTE:
EXPOSURE TO ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE (ESD) MAY CAUSE DEGRADATION OR FAILURE OF THE EVALUATION KIT; TI RECOMMENDS STORAGE OF THE EVALUATION KIT IN A PROTECTIVE ESD BAG.
Regulatory Notices:

3.1 United States

3.1.1 Notice applicable to EVMs not FCC-Approved:

FCC NOTICE: This kit is designed to allow product developers to evaluate electronic components, circuitry, or software associated with the kit to determine whether to incorporate such items in a finished product and software developers to write software applications for use with the end product. This kit is not a finished product and when assembled may not be resold or otherwise marketed unless all required FCC equipment authorizations are first obtained. Operation is subject to the condition that this product not cause harmful interference to licensed radio stations and that this product accept harmful interference. Unless the assembled kit is designed to operate under part 15, part 18 or part 95 of this chapter, the operator of the kit must operate under the authority of an FCC license holder or must secure an experimental authorization under part 5 of this chapter.

3.1.2 For EVMs annotated as FCC – FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Part 15 Compliant:

CAUTION
This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions; (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

FCC Interference Statement for Class A EVM devices

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

FCC Interference Statement for Class B EVM devices

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- 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:

Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L’exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes: (1) l’appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et (2) l’utilisateur de l’appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d’en compromettre le fonctionnement.

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

Conformément à la réglementation d’Industrie Canada, le présent émetteur radio peut fonctionner avec une antenne d’un type et d'un gain maximal (ou inférieur) approuvé par Industrie Canada. Dans le but de réduire les risques de brouillage radioélectrique à l'intention des autres utilisateurs, il faut choisir le type d'antenne et son gain de sorte que la puissance isotrope rayonnée équivalente (p.i.r.e) ne dépasse pas l'intensité nécessaire à l'établissement d'une communication satisfaisante. Le présent émetteur radio a été approuvé par Industrie Canada pour fonctionner avec les types d'antenne énumérés dans le manuel d’usage et ayant un gain admissible maximal et l’impédance requise pour chaque type d'antenne. Les types d’antenne non inclus dans cette liste, ou dont le gain est supérieur au gain maximal indiqué, sont strictement interdits pour l’exploitation de l’émetteur

3.3 Japan

3.3.1 Notice for EVMs delivered in Japan: Please see http://www.tij.co.jp/lsds/tdja/general/eStore/notice_01.page 日本国内に輸入される評価用キット、ボードについては、次のところをご覧ください。
http://www.tij.co.jp/lsds/tdja/general/eStore/notice_01.page

3.3.2 Notice for Users of EVMs Considered “Radio Frequency Products” in Japan: EVMs entering Japan may not be certified by TI as conforming to Technical Regulations of Radio Law of Japan.

If User uses EVMs in Japan, not certified to Technical Regulations of Radio Law of Japan, User is required to follow the instructions set forth by Radio Law of Japan, which includes, but is not limited to, the instructions below with respect to EVMs (which for the avoidance of doubt are stated strictly for convenience and should be verified by User):

1. Use EVMs in a shielded room or any other test facility as defined in the notification #173 issued by Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications on March 28, 2006, based on Sub-section 1.1 of Article 6 of the Ministry’s Rule for Enforcement of Radio Law of Japan,
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
3. Use of EVMs only after User obtains the Technical Regulations Conformity Certification as provided in Radio Law of Japan with respect to EVMs. Also, do not transfer EVMs, unless User gives the same notice above to the transferee. Please note that if User does not follow the instructions above, User will be subject to penalties of Radio Law of Japan.

3.4 European Union

3.4.1 For EVMs subject to EU Directive 2014/30/EU (Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive):
This is a class A product intended for use in environments other than domestic environments that are connected to a low-voltage power-supply network that supplies buildings used for domestic purposes. In a domestic environment this product may cause radio interference in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures.
EVM Use Restrictions and Warnings:

4.1 EVMS ARE NOT FOR USE IN FUNCTIONAL SAFETY AND/OR SAFETY CRITICAL EVALUATIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO EVALUATIONS OF LIFE SUPPORT APPLICATIONS.

4.2 User must read and apply the user guide and other available documentation provided by TI regarding the EVM prior to handling or using the EVM, including without limitation any warning or restriction notices. The notices contain important safety information related to, for example, temperatures and voltages.

4.3 Safety-Related Warnings and Restrictions:

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