This user’s guide describes the operation of the Guitar SideGig Module (SideGig-GuitarEVM). This SideGig module plugs into any analog input Class-D audio evaluation module (EVM) with an Audio Interface Board (AIB) connector. The document also provides design information including schematics, BOM, and PCB layout. For questions and support, go to the E2E forums (e2e.ti.com).

The main contents of this document are:
• Hardware descriptions and implementation
• Design information

Figure 1. SideGig-GuitarEVM
1 Hardware Overview

The Guitar SideGig turns audio Class-D amplifier EVMs into a guitar or instrument amplifier. The board features selectable CLEAN and DRIVE channels for traditional and overdriven guitar sounds. The CLEAN channel offers volume, treble, middle, bass, and mid-boost switch to tune the sound of the instrument. The DRIVE channel offers additional controls for drive, tone, and level for overdrive characteristics. A ¼-inch mono input jack is used for standard instrument cables.

1.1 Features

The SideGig-GuitarEVM has the following features:

- A ¼-inch mono instrument input jack
- Self-powered when connected to audio Class-D EVM
- 2-channel instrument preamplifier with DRIVE and CLEAN
- The CLEAN channel with treble, middle, bass, and volume controls
- The DRIVE channel adds drive, tone, and level controls
- RC4558 and NE5532 op-amps
- 4-V\text{RMS} differential analog output to drive analog input Class-D amplifiers
- Supports 1 BTL channel or PBTL Class-D amplifier output

1.2 Class-D EVM Compatibility

The SideGig-GuitarEVM is compatible with analog input Class-D EVMs designed with the Audio Interface Board (AIB) connector. This includes TPA3244, TPA3245, and TPA3255 EVMs. See Table 1 for details.

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1.2.1 SideGig Output Type

The SideGig-GuitarEVM drives a single differential analog output capable of over 4-V\text{RMS}.

1.2.2 Class-D EVM Input Type

The SideGig-GuitarEVM is only compatible with analog input Class-D EVMs with the AIB connector.
1.2.3 Supported Class-D Speaker Configurations

- Since the SideGig-GuitarEVM is a single differential analog output, the connected Class-D EVM should be configured as BTL output (where only BTL channel A/AB is driven).
- PBTL output configuration can also be supported with the SideGig-GuitarEVM.

**Figure 2. Class-D Output Drawings**

**NOTE:** Consult the Class-D EVM User’s Guide for proper Class-D EVM configuration.
1.3 AIB Pinout

This section shows the AIB connector pinout used by the Guitar SideGig Module. Any pin names not indicated in this section are unused by this SideGig module.

![AIB Connector Diagram]

Figure 3. AIB Connector for SideGig Module

Table 2. AIB Connector Pin Descriptions

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2 Guitar SideGig Setup

This section describes the setup and use of the Guitar SideGig Module.

2.1 Guitar SideGig Setup

The Guitar SideGig Module plugs into any analog input audio Class-D EVM using the AIB connector. To plug the board in, simply align the AIB connector on the Guitar SideGig Module and the audio EVM and press into place. No additional setup is required. The Guitar SideGig will be automatically powered when the Class-D EVM is powered.

1. Configure the Class-D amplifier EVM in either BTL or PBTL output mode to support the Guitar SideGig.
2. With the Class-D amplifier EVM not powered, connect the Guitar SideGig to the AIB connector. Take care not to misalign the connector, otherwise damage to the SideGig or Class-D EVM can occur.
3. Connect the EVM speaker outputs to a guitar speaker or cabinet.
4. Power the Class-D EVM. The Guitar SideGig is automatically powered.
5. Plug in a ¼-inch mono instrument cable between the electric instrument and SideGig.
6. Adjust knobs for desired sound

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**Figure 4. Plug-In Illustration**

**NOTE:** Misalignment of the SideGig Module on the AIB connector can damage both the SideGig and the Audio EVM. It is recommended to connect the SideGig module to the EVM before powering the audio Class-D EVM.
2.2 **Guitar SideGig Controls and Circuits**

This section describes the controls and use of the *Guitar SideGig Module*. Figure 5 is an illustration of the Guitar SideGig controls.

![Guitar SideGig Controls](image)

**Figure 5. Guitar SideGig Controls**

2.2.1 **CLEAN Channel**

This channel offers undistorted sounds for guitars and other musical instruments. A preamplifier is used to boost the guitar signal in order to get large signals to drive the input of analog Class-D EVMs. The CLEAN preamplifier also includes controls to shape the sound of the instrument as well as control VOLUME.

- **Treble** – adjusts the high-frequency EQ of the instrument
- **Middle** – adjusts the mid-frequency EQ of the instrument
- **Bass** – adjusts the low-frequency EQ of the instrument
- **Volume** – adjusts the output signal level for louder or quieter sounds

![CLEAN Channel Schematic](image)

**Figure 6. CLEAN Channel Schematic**

The CLEAN channel schematic in Figure 6 consists of buffer (Q2), preamplifier (U2A), tone controls (treble, bass, middle), buffer (U2B), and a single-ended to differential converter using U3A and U3B. When the drive channel is active, the drive channel output is connected to the clean channel input. All op-amps are NE5532AP devices for low distortion.

The volume control on the preamplifier circuit controls the overall level of the guitar and will control the output power of the Class-D EVM connected to the SideGig. The passive tone controls offer flexibility in the sound of the instrument and are highly interactive. That is, the effect each control has over the sound is dependent on the positions of the other controls.
2.2.2 DRIVE Channel

When this channel is active, an additional preamplifier is added in front of the CLEAN channel. This DRIVE preamplifier circuit uses a pair of LEDs for clipping. The LEDs have different threshold voltages for a mixture of even and odd order distortion to mimic the sounds of traditional tube guitar amplifiers. With the DRIVE channel active, all of the controls in the CLEAN channel are still in use.

- **Drive** – Controls the gain of the LED clipping circuit to add more or less distortion
- **Tone** – EQ control of the DRIVE channel
- **Level** – Controls the volume of the DRIVE channel. Higher level settings can make the DRIVE control more pronounced.

![Figure 7. DRIVE Channel Schematic](image)

The DRIVE channel schematic shown in Figure 7 consists of buffer (Q1), clipping circuit (U1A), and tone circuit (U1B). The clipping circuit uses one-half of the dual channel RC4558IP op-amp with LEDs D1 and D2 in the feedback loop.

By using 2 different color diodes (red and blue), the Vth of each diode is different causing asymmetrical clipping. This creates a mix of even and odd order distortion to simulate the complex distortion characteristics of tube amplifier, which are generally comprised of both Class-A preamplifier circuitry and a Class-AB output stage.

2.2.3 Toggle Switches

This section includes descriptions of the toggle switch functions:

- **OVERDRIVE SEL** - Toggle switch selects if the DRIVE channel is active
- **Mid Boost** – Sets an EQ boost on the tone stack of the CLEAN channel

2.2.4 Input

A ¼-inch mono instrument cable input.
3  Board Layouts, Bill of Materials, and Schematic

This section includes the board layouts, board dimensions, bill of materials (BOM), and schematics.

3.1  Schematic

Figure 8 illustrates the SideGig-GuitarEVM schematic.
3.2 SideGig-GuitarEVM Board Layouts

Figure 9 through Figure 15 illustrate the EVM board layouts.

Figure 9. Top Overlay

Figure 10. Top Solder Mask
Figure 15. Drill Drawing
3.3  **Board Dimensions**

Figure 16 illustrates the board dimension drawing.

![Figure 16. Board Dimensions (Image is not Actual Size)]
### 3.4 Bill of Materials

Table 3 lists the SideGig-GuitarEVM BOM.

#### Table 3. Bill of Materials

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- 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.

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Concernant les EVMs avec antennes détachables

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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
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.
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