User's Guide TPSM863252, TPSM863253 and TPSM863257 Step-Down Converter Module Evaluation Module



ABSTRACT

This user's guide introduces the TPSM863252EVM, TPSM863253EVM and TPSM863257EVM. These three devices differ in their output voltage and light load behavior. The TPSM863252 operates in Eco-mode and the TPSM863253 and TPSM863257 operates in FCCM mode. The TPSM863253 has a fixed 3.3V Vout, and the TPSM863252/7 has an adjustable output voltage. This user's guide contains information for the TPSM863252, TPSM863253 and TPSM863257 as well as support documentation for the TPSM863253EVM and TPSM863257EVM evaluation modules. This document also includes the following information:

- Performance specifications
- Board layout
- Schematic
- Bill of materials

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1 Introduction

In light-load conditions, the TPSM863252 operates in Eco-mode to enable higher efficiency by varying the switching frequency, and the TPSM863253/7 operates in FCCM to maintain constant switching frequency. The main difference is at light loading, but the other behaviors are similar. This user's guide mainly introduces the TPSM863252 and includes some TPSM863253/7 features that are different from the TPSM863252.

The TPSM86325x is a single, adaptive on-time, D-CAP3[™] control mode, synchronous buck converter module that requires a very low external component count. The D-CAP3 control circuit is optimized for low-ESR output capacitors such as POSCAP, SP-CAP, or ceramic types and features fast transient response with no external compensation. The switching frequency is internally set at a nominal 1.2 MHz. The high-side and low-side switching MOSFETs are incorporated inside the TPSM86325x package along with the gate-drive circuitry. The low drain-to-source on resistance of the MOSFETs and fast switching slew rate allow the TPSM86325x to achieve high efficiency and help keep the junction temperature low at high output currents. Power sequencing is possible by correctly configuring the enable and power-good indicator. The TPSM86325x DC/DC synchronous converter module is designed to support up to a 3-A continuous current from an input voltage source of 3 V to 17 V. 0.6 V to 10 V output voltage range for TPSM863257. Rated input voltage and output current ranges for the evaluation module are given in Table 1-1.

The TPSM863252EVM evaluation module (EVM) is a single, synchronous buck converter module providing 1.05 V at 3 A from 3-V to 17-V input. This user's guide describes the TPSM863252EVM performance.

EVM	Input Voltage (V _{IN}) Range	Output Current (I _{OUT}) Range
TPSM863252EVM	V _{IN} = 3 V to 17 V	0 A to 3 A
TPSM863253EVM	V _{IN} = 3.8 V to 17 V	0 A to 3 A
TPSM863257EVM	V _{IN} = 3 V to 17 V	0 A to 3 A

Table 1-1.	. Input Voltage and	Output Current	Summary
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2 Performance Specification Summary

A summary of the TPSM863252EVM performance specifications is provided in Table 2-1. Specifications are given for an input voltage of V_{IN} = 12 V and an output voltage of 1.05 V, unless otherwise noted. The ambient temperature is 25°C for all measurement, unless otherwise noted.

Specifications	Test Conditions	MIN	TYP	MAX	Unit
Input voltage range		3	12	17	V
Output voltage set point			1.05		V
Operating frequency	V _{IN} = 12 V, I _O = 3 A		1.2		MHz
Output current range		0		3	А
Over current limit	V _{IN} = 12 V		4.2		А
Output ripple voltage	V _{IN} = 12 V, I _O = 3 A		16		mV _{PP}

3 Output Voltage Setpoint

The output voltage of the TPSM863252/7EVM can be selected by changing the value of resistor R_5 (R_{FBT}) and R_6 (R_{FBB}). TI recommends using 1% tolerance or better divider resistors. Start with a 10 k Ω or 30 k Ω for R_6 (R_{FBB}) and use Equation 1 to calculate R_5 (R_{FBT}). To improve efficiency at light loads, consider using larger value resistors. If the values are too high, the regulator is more susceptible to noise and voltage errors from the FB input current are noticeable. The TPSM863253EVM is a fixed 3.3V output and does not need to select the divider resistors.

$$R_5 = \frac{R_6 \times (V_{out} - 0.6V)}{0.6V}$$

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4 Test Setup and Results

This section describes how to properly connect, set up, and use the TPSM863252EVM. The section also includes test results typical for the evaluation modules and the following:

- Efficiency
- Output load regulation
- Output line regulation
- Load transient response
- Start-up
- Shutdown
- Output voltage ripple

4.1 Input and Output Connections

The TPSM863252EVM is provided with input and output connectors and test points as shown in Table 4-1. Figure 4-1 shows connectors and jumpers placement on the TPSM863252EVM board.

A power supply capable of supplying 3 A must be connected to J1 through a pair of 20-AWG wires. The load must be connected to J2 through a pair of 20-AWG wires. The maximum load current capability is 3 A. Wire lengths must be minimized to reduce losses in the wires. The TP1 provides a place to monitor the V_{IN} input voltages with TP2 providing a convenient ground reference. TP3 is used to monitor the output voltage with TP4 as the ground reference.



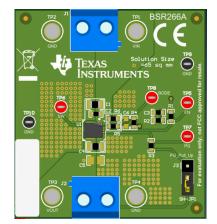


Figure 4-1. TPSM863252EVM Connectors and Jumpers Placement

Reference Designator Function					
J1	V _{IN} (see Table 1-1 for V _{IN} range)				
J2 V _{OUT} , 1.05 V at 3-A maximum					
J3 Source selection for PGOOD, Short pin 1 and pin 2, PG is pull high to Vout					
TP1	V _{IN} positive power point				
TP2, TP4	GND power point				
TP3	V _{OUT} positive power point				
TP5	EN test point				
TP6	Switch node test point				
TP7	PGOOD test point				
TP8	Test point for loop response measurements				
TP9, TP10	GND monitor point				

Table 4-1. Connection and Test Points

4.2 Start-Up Procedure

- 1. Apply appropriate input voltage to VIN (J1-1) and GND (J1-2).
- 2. Apply the loading to VOUT (J2-1) and GND (J2-2).

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4.3 Efficiency

Figure 4-2 shows the efficiency for the TPSM863252EVM at an ambient temperature of 25°C. Figure 4-3 shows the efficiency for the TPSM863257EVM at an ambient temperature of 25°C.

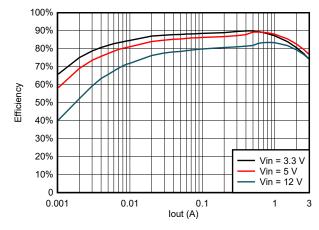


Figure 4-2. TPSM863252EVM Efficiency at 1.05 Vout

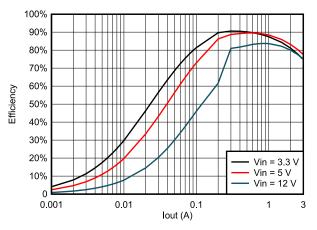


Figure 4-3. TPSM863257EVM Efficiency at 1.05 Vout



4.4 Load Regulation

Figure 4-4 shows the load regulation for the TPSM863252EVM. Figure 4-5 shows the load regulation for the TPSM863257EVM.

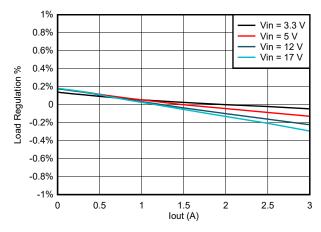


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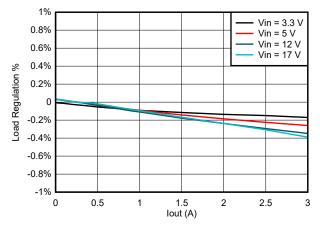


Figure 4-5. TPSM863257EVM Load Regulation

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4.5 Line Regulation

Figure 4-6 shows the line regulation for the TPSM863252EVM. Figure 4-7 shows the line regulation for the TPSM863257EVM.

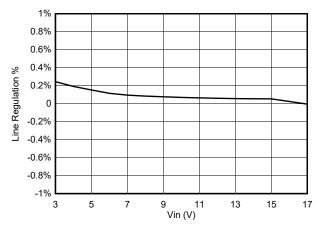


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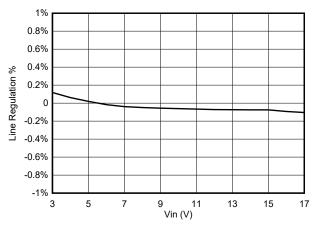


Figure 4-7. TPSM863257EVM Line Regulation



4.6 Load Transient Response

Figure 4-8 shows the TPSM863252EVM response to load transient. Figure 4-9 shows the TPSM863257EVM response to load transient. The current steps slew rate is set as 0.8 A/µs.

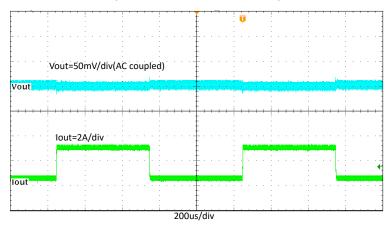


Figure 4-8. TPSM863252EVM Load Transient Response, 10% to 90% (0.3-A to 2.7-A) Load Step

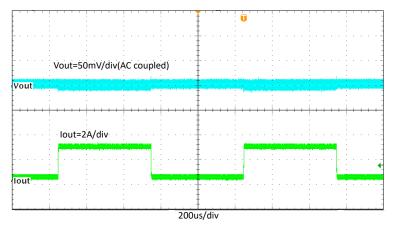


Figure 4-9. TPSM863257EVM Load Transient Response, 10% to 90% (0.3-A to 2.7-A) Load Step



4.7 Start-Up

Figure 4-10 shows the TPSM863252EVM start-up waveform relative to V_{IN}. The load is 3 A.

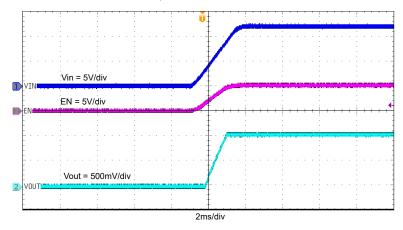


Figure 4-10. TPSM863252EVM Start-Up Relative to VIN

Figure 4-11 shows the TPSM863252EVM start-up waveform relative to enable (EN). The load is 3 A.

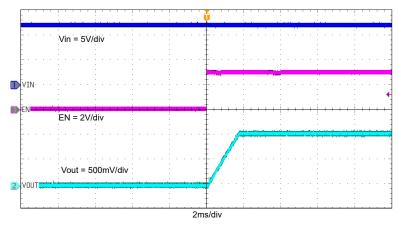


Figure 4-11. TPSM863252EVM Start-Up Relative to EN

4.8 Shutdown

Figure 4-12 shows the TPSM863252EVM shutdown waveform relative to V_{IN}. The load is 3 A.

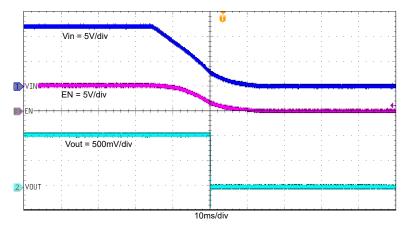


Figure 4-12. TPSM863252EVM Shutdown Relative to V_{IN}

Figure 4-13 shows the TPSM863252EVM shutdown waveform relative to EN. The load is 3 A.

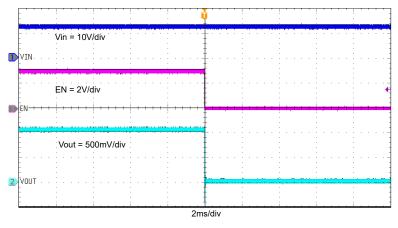


Figure 4-13. TPSM863252EVM Shutdown Relative to EN



4.9 Output Voltage Ripple

Figure 4-14 and Figure 4-15 show the TPSM863252EVM output voltage ripple. Figure 4-16 shows the TPSM863257EVM output voltage ripple. The output currents are as indicated.

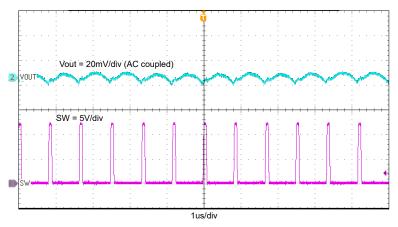


Figure 4-14. TPSM863252EVM Output Voltage Ripple, I_{OUT} = 3 A

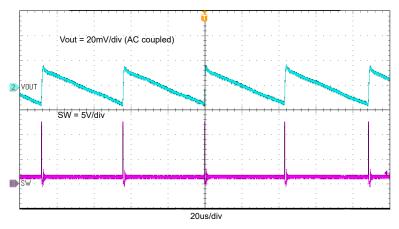


Figure 4-15. TPSM863252EVM Output Voltage Ripple, I_{OUT} = 0.01 A

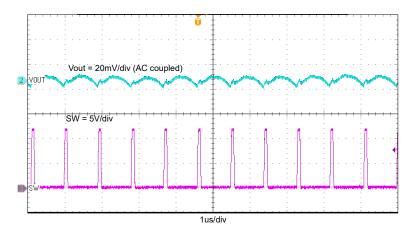


Figure 4-16. TPSM863257EVM Output Voltage Ripple, I_{OUT} = 0.01 A



5 Board Layout

This section provides a description of the TPSM86325xEVM, board layout, and layer illustrations.

5.1 Layout

Figure 5-1, Figure 5-2, Figure 5-3, Figure 5-4, and Figure 5-5 show the board layout for the TPSM863252EVM. The top layer contains the main power traces for VIN, VOUT, and ground. Connections for the pins of the TPSM863252 and a large area filled with ground are also on the top layer. Most of the signal traces are also located on the top side. The input decoupling capacitors C1 and C2 are located as close to the IC as possible. The input and output connectors, test points, and all of the components are located on the top side. The bottom layer is a ground plane along with the signal ground copper fill and the feedback trace from the point of regulation to the top of the resistor divider network. Two internal layers are both set to ground plane. Both the top layer and bottom layer use 2-oz copper thickness and two internal layers use 1-oz copper thickness.

Figure 5-6 and Figure 5-7 are the TPSM863252EVM board top view and bottom view, respectively.

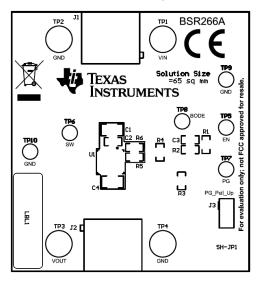


Figure 5-1. TPSM863252EVM Top Assembly

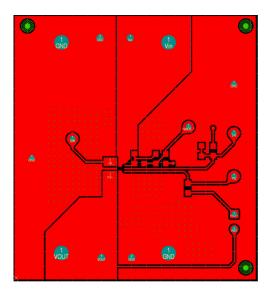
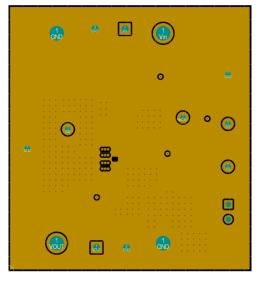


Figure 5-2. TPSM863252EVM Top Layer







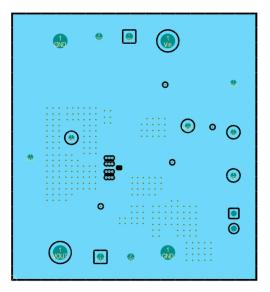
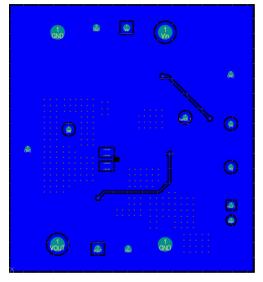
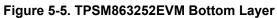
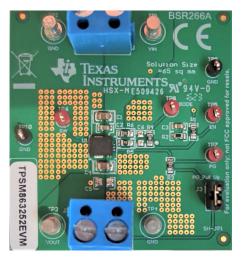


Figure 5-4. TPSM863252EVM Inner2 Layer











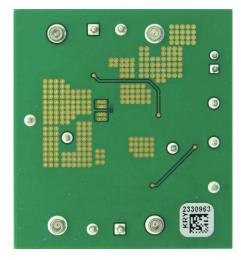


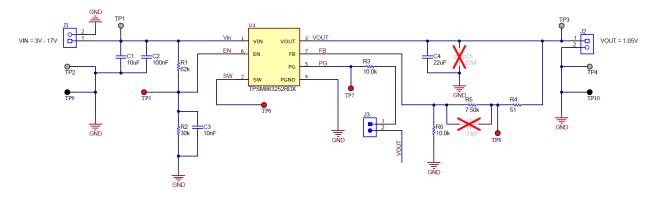
Figure 5-7. TPSM863252EVM Board (Bottom View)

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6 Schematic, Bill of Materials

6.1 Schematic

Figure 6-1 is the schematic for the TPSM863252EVM.





6.2 Bill of Materials

Designator	Qty	Description	Part Number	Manufacturer
!PCB1	1	Printed Circuit Board	BSR266	Any
C1	1	Capacitor, ceramic, 10 µF, 25 V, ±20%, X5R, 0805	GRM21BR61E106MA73L	MuRata
C2	1	Capacitor, ceramic, 0.1 µF, 50 V, ±10%, X7R, 0603	C0603C104K5RACTU	Kemet
C3	1	Capacitor, ceramic, 0.01 µF, 50 V, ±10%, X7R, 0603	C0603X103K5RACTU	Kemet
C4	1	Capacitor, ceramic, 22 µF, 16 V, ±20%, X6S, 0805	GRM21BC81C226ME44L	MuRata
J1, J2	2	Terminal block, 5.08 mm, 2 × 1, Brass, TH	ED120/2DS	On-Shore Technology
J3	1	Header, 100 mil, 2 × 1, Tin, TH	PEC02SAAN	Sullins Connector Solutions
LBL1	1	Thermal transfer printable labels, 0.650" W × 0.200" H – 10,000 per roll	THT-14-423-10	Brady
R1	1	Resistor, 62 kΩ, 5%, 0.1 W, AEC-Q200 Grade 0, 0603	CRCW060362K0JNEA	Vishay-Dale
R2	1	Resistor, 30 kΩ, 5%, 0.1 W, AEC-Q200 Grade 0, 0603	CRCW060330K0JNEA	Vishay-Dale
R3, R6	2	Resistor, 10.0 kΩ, 1%, 0.1 W, AEC-Q200 Grade 0, 0603	CRCW060310K0FKEA	Vishay-Dale
R4	1	Resistor, 51 Ω, 5%, 0.1 W, AEC-Q200 Grade 0, 0603	CRCW060351R0JNEA	Vishay-Dale
R5	1	Resistor, 7.5 kΩ, 1%, 0.1 W, 0603	CRCW06037K50FKEA	Vishay-Dale
SH-JP1	1	Shunt, 100 mil, gold plated, black	SNT-100-BK-G	Samtec
TP1, TP2, TP3, TP4	4	Terminal, turret, TH, double	1502-2	Keystone
TP5, TP6, TP7, TP8	4	Test point, miniature, red, TH	5000	Keystone
TP9, TP10	2	Test point, miniature, black, TH	5001	Keystone
U1	1	3-V to 17-V Input, 3-A Synchronous Buck Module in QFN Package	TPSM863252RDXR	Texas Instruments

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7 Related Documentation

1. Texas Instruments, <u>TPSM86325x 3-V to 17-V Input, 3-A Synchronous Buck Module in QFN Package</u> data sheet

8 Revision History

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

С	hanges from Revision A (June 2023) to Revision B (September 2023)	Page
•	Added TPSM863253EVM features and information	1
•	Updated TPSM863252EVM Connectors and Jumpers Placement image	4

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- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
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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 pour l'émetteur 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
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https://www.ti.com/ja-jp/legal/notice-for-evaluation-kits-delivered-in-japan.html

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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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 - 3.4.1 For EVMs subject to EU Directive 2014/30/EU (Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive):

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