# EVM User's Guide: TPSM861252, TPSM861253, TPSM861257 TPSM86125xEVM Step-Down Converter Evaluation Module



## Description

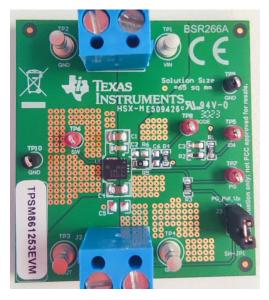
The TPSM86125x is a single, D-CAP3<sup>™</sup> control mode, synchronous buck converter module with input voltage ranging from 3 V to 17 V and supports up to 1 A continuous current. The TPSM861252 operates in Eco-mode and the TPSM861253 and TPSM861257 operates in FCCM mode. The TPSM861253 has a fixed 3.3V Vout, and the TPSM861252/7 has an adjustable output voltage. The TPSM86125xEVM is a fully assembled and tested circuit for evaluating the TPSM86125x converter module.

#### Features

- 3-V to 17-V input voltage range
- Adjustable/Fixed 3.3-V output voltage
- 1-A continuous output current
- Eco/FCCM mode at light load
- Fast transient D-CAP3<sup>™</sup> control mode

## Applications

- Merchant network and server PSU
- AC/DC adapters/PSU
- Factory automation and control
- Test and measurement



TPSM861253EVM Board (Top View)

## **1 Evaluation Module Overview**

## 1.1 Introduction

The TPSM86125x 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 1.4MHz. The high-side and low-side switching MOSFETs are incorporated inside the TPSM86125x package along with the gate-drive circuitry. The low drain-to-source on resistance of the MOSFETs and fast switching slew rate allow the TPSM86125x 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. Rated input voltage and output current ranges for the evaluation module are given in Table 1-1.

EVM	Input Voltage (V <sub>IN</sub> ) Range	Output Voltage (V <sub>out</sub> ) Range	Output Current (I <sub>OUT</sub> ) Range
TPSM861252EVM	3V to 17V	0.6V to 10V	0A to 1A
TPSM861253EVM	3.8V to 17V	Fixed 3.3V	0A to 1A
TPSM861257EVM	3V to 17V	0.6V to 5.5V	0A to 1A

#### Table 1-1. Input Voltage, output voltage and output Current Summary

This user's guide mainly introduces the TPSM861253 features as well as support documentation for the TPSM861253EVM. This document includes the following information:

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

#### **1.2 Kit Contents**

- One TPSM86125xEVM board
- EVM disclaimer Read Me

#### **1.3 Specification**

A summary of the TPSM861253EVM performance specifications is provided in Table 1-2. Specifications are given for an input voltage of  $V_{IN}$  = 12 V and an output voltage of 3.3 V and the ambient temperature is 25°C for all measurement, unless otherwise noted.

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Specifications	Test Conditions	MIN	TYP	MAX	Unit	
Input voltage range		3.8	12	17	V	
Output voltage set point			3.3		V	
Operating frequency	V <sub>IN</sub> = 12 V, I <sub>O</sub> = 1 A		1.4		MHz	
Output current range		0		1	А	
Over current limit	V <sub>IN</sub> = 12 V		2.1		А	
Output ripple voltage	V <sub>IN</sub> = 12 V, I <sub>O</sub> = 1 A		13		mV <sub>PP</sub>	

#### Table 1-2. Performance Specifications Summary

#### 1.4 Device Information

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#### Table 1-3. Input Voltage and Output Current Summary

EVM	Input Voltage (V <sub>IN</sub> ) Range	Output Current (I <sub>OUT</sub> ) Range
TPSM861253EVM	V <sub>IN</sub> = 3.8 V to 17 V	0 A to 1 A

## 2 Hardware

### 2.1 Input and Output Connections

The TPSM861253EVM is provided with input and output connectors and test points as shown in Table 2-1. Figure 2-1 shows connectors and jumpers placement on the TPSM861253EVM board.

A power supply capable of supplying 1 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 1 A. Wire lengths are 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.

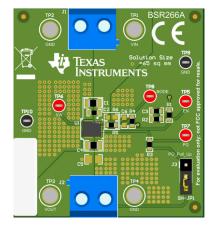


Figure 2-1. TPSM861253EVM Connectors and Jumpers Placement

Reference Designator	Function
J1	V <sub>IN</sub> (see Table 1-1 for V <sub>IN</sub> range)
J2	V <sub>OUT</sub> , 3.3 V at 1 A maximum
J3	Source selection for PGOOD, Short pin 1 and pin 2, PG is pull high to Vout
TP1	V <sub>IN</sub> positive power point
TP2, TP4	GND power point
TP3	V <sub>OUT</sub> 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 2-1. Connection and Test Points



## 2.2 Output Voltage Setpoint

The output voltage of the TPSM861252/7EVM 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 10k $\Omega$  or 30k $\Omega$  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 TPSM861253EVM 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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## 2.3 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).



## **3 Implementation Results**

### 3.1 Test Setup and Results

This section describes how to properly connect, set up, and use the TPSM861253EVM. 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

#### 3.1.1 Efficiency

Figure 3-1 shows the efficiency for the TPSM861253EVM at an ambient temperature of 25°C.

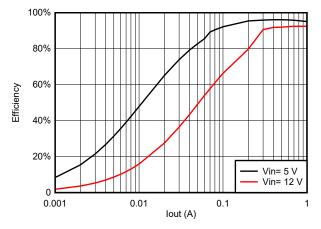


Figure 3-1. TPSM861253EVM Efficiency

#### 3.1.2 Load Regulation

Figure 3-2 shows the load regulation for the TPSM861253EVM.

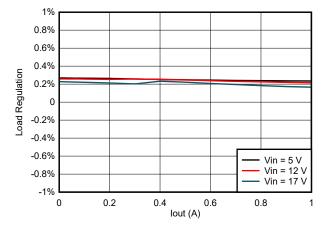


Figure 3-2. TPSM861253EVM Load Regulation

### 3.1.3 Line Regulation

Figure 3-3 shows the line regulation for the TPSM861253EVM.

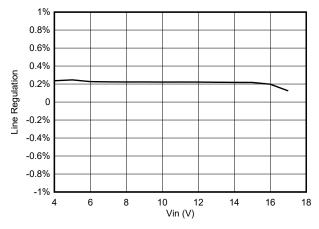


Figure 3-3. TPSM861253EVM Line Regulation

#### 3.1.4 Load Transient Response

Figure 3-4 shows the TPSM861253EVM response to load transient. The current steps slew rate is set as 0.8  $A/\mu s$ .

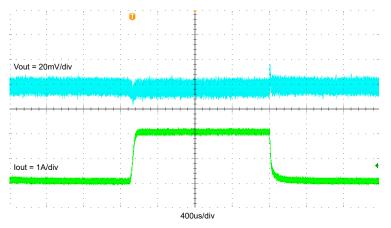


Figure 3-4. TPSM861253EVM Load Transient Response, 10% to 90% (0.3-A to 2.7-A) Load Step



#### 3.1.5 Start-Up

Figure 3-5 shows the TPSM861253EVM start-up waveform relative to VIN.

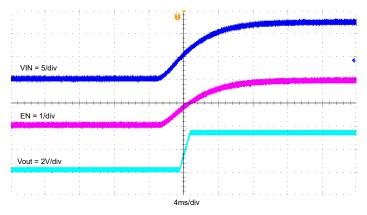
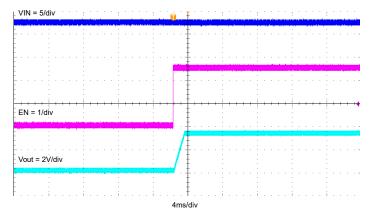




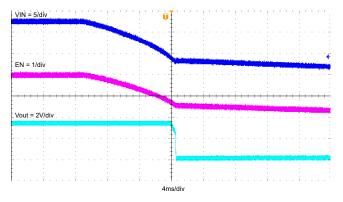
Figure 3-6 shows the TPSM861253EVM start-up waveform relative to enable (EN).





#### 3.1.6 Shutdown

Figure 3-7 shows the TPSM861253EVM shutdown waveform relative to VIN.



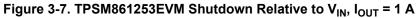


Figure 3-8 shows the TPSM861253EVM shutdown waveform relative to EN.

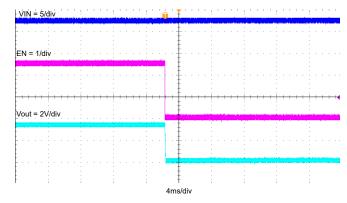


Figure 3-8. TPSM861253EVM Shutdown Relative to EN, I<sub>OUT</sub> = 1 A

#### 3.1.7 Output Voltage Ripple

Figure 3-9 and Figure 3-10 show the TPSM861253EVM output voltage ripple.

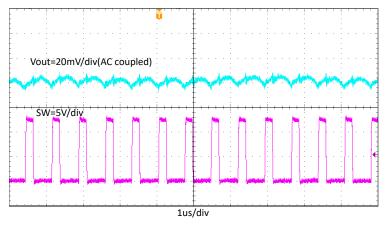


Figure 3-9. TPSM861253EVM Output Voltage Ripple, I<sub>OUT</sub> = 1 A

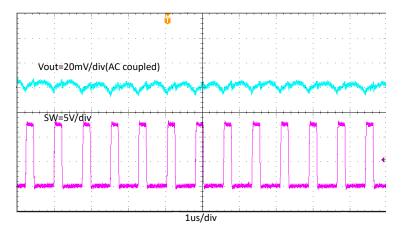


Figure 3-10. TPSM861253EVM Output Voltage Ripple, I<sub>OUT</sub> = 0.01 A



## **4 Hardware Design Files**

### 4.1 Schematic

Figure 4-1 is the schematic for the TPSM861253EVM.

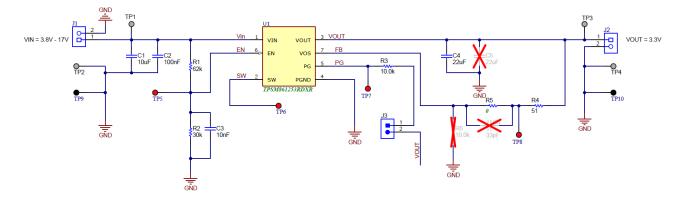


Figure 4-1. TPSM861253EVM Schematic Diagram

## 4.2 PCB Layout

This section provides a description of the TPSM86125xEVM, board layout, and layer illustrations.

Figure 4-2, Figure 4-3, Figure 4-4, Figure 4-5, and Figure 4-6 show the board layout for the TPSM861253EVM. The top layer contains the main power traces for VIN, VOUT, and ground. Connections for the pins of the TPSM861253 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.

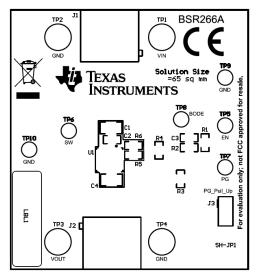


Figure 4-2. TPSM861253EVM Top Assembly

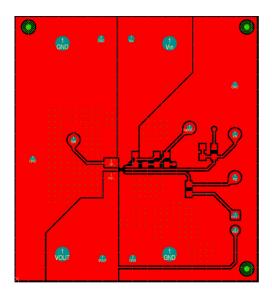
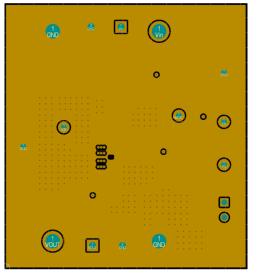


Figure 4-3. TPSM861253EVM Top Layer







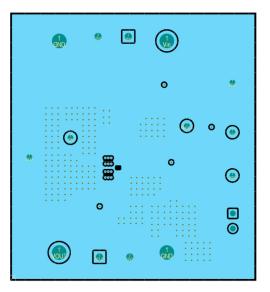


Figure 4-5. TPSM861253EVM Inner2 Layer



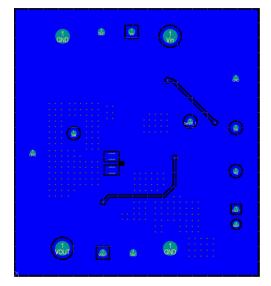


Figure 4-6. TPSM861253EVM Bottom Layer

## 4.3 Bill of Materials

#### Table 4-1. Bill of Materials

Designator	Qty	Description	Part Number	Manufacturer
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
С3	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	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, 0, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	RC0603JR-070RL	Yageo
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	3.8-V to 17-V Input, 1-A Synchronous Buck Module in QFN Package	TPSM861253RDXR	Texas Instruments

## **5** Additional Information

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## 6 Related Documentation

1. Texas Instruments, *TPSM86125x 3V to 17V Input, 1A Synchronous Buck Module in QFN Package* data sheet

## **7 Revision History**

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

С	Changes from Revision * (September 2023) to Revision A (February 2024)			
•	Added application descriptions for TPSM861252 and TPSM861257	2		
•	Added Output Voltage Setpoint section	4		

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