

TPS62090EVM-063 Evaluation Module

This user's guide describes the TPS62090 evaluation module (EVM) and how to perform a stand-alone evaluation or interface with a host or system. The TPS62090 is a step-down converter that operates with an input voltage between 2.5 V and 6 Vdc, an output voltage of 1.8 V using external resistors, and can deliver up to 3000 mA of continuous current. The converter has a programmable soft-start, a power-out good status, and several other safety features. See the data sheet for the complete description.

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1 Introduction

The TPS62090 device family is a high-frequency synchronous step down converter optimized for small solution size, high efficiency and is suitable for battery-powered applications. To maximize efficiency, the converter operates in PWM mode with a nominal switching frequency of 2.8 MHz/1.4 MHz and automatically enters Power Save Mode operation at light-load currents. When used in distributed power supplies and point-of-load regulation, the device allows voltage tracking to other voltage rails and tolerates capacitors ranging from 22 μF up to 100 μF . Using the DCS Control™ topology, the device achieves excellent load transient performance and accurate output voltage regulation. The device is available in 3 x 3-mm, 16-pin package with thermal pad.

2 Considerations When Evaluating the TPS62090

The TPS62090 can be programmed for a switching frequency of 2.8 MHz/1.4 MHz by JP2. The higher switching frequency reduces the ripple current and voltage. If the LC filter is adjusted, note that the inductor minimum value is 1 μH for the 1.4-MHz setting and 0.47 μH for the 2.8-MHz setting. The EVM was built with a 1- μH inductor and a 22- μF output capacitor. The integrated circuit (IC) has a two-stage input current limit that sets the initial current limit to one third (approximately 1.55 A) of the normal peak current limit of approximately 4.6 A, when the output is less than 0.6 V. Most system loads do not become enabled or active until the output has reached 0.8 V, which is after the initial start-up current limit. If a low-resistance load is used (less than approximately 1 Ω), the part can get stuck in short-circuit mode during power up. Thus, very heavy loads may have to be applied after power up or the user can place an N-CH logic level FET in series with the resistor (drain connected to ground side of resistor, source connected to ground and gate tied to the drain). Once the output reaches approximately 1 V, the load turns on.

3 Test Summary

The TPS62090EVM-063 board requires an adjustable dc power supply with up to a 6-V output and ≥ 2.5 A for powering the input to the EVM and a resistive output load between 1 k Ω and 0.6 Ω . Choose the proper power rating for the load resistor, $P = V^2 / R$. Use at least 2x the calculated power dissipation. The test setup connections and jumper settings selections are configured for a stand-alone evaluation, but can be changed to interface with external hardware such as a system load and microcontroller.

3.1 Equipment

- Adjustable dc power supply between 2.5 V and 6 V with adjustable current limit set to approximately 2.5 A
- Load: System load, resistive load of 2 Ω , 3 W, and 25 Ω
- Three Fluke 75 digital multimeters (DMM); (equivalent or better)
- Oscilloscope, model TDS222 (equivalent or better)

3.2 Equipment and EVM Setup

Table 1 shows the setup input/output connections and configuration of the TPS62090 evaluation module.

The silk screen labels appear in parentheses.

Table 1. Setup I/O Connections and Configuration for TPS62090EVM Evaluation

Jack/Component (Silk Screen)	Connect or Adjustment to:
J1-1/2 (Vin)	P/S positive lead, preset to 4.5 Vdc; 2.5-A Current Limit
J2-1 (+ SNS);	Input Positive lead of DMM #1
J2-2 (– SNS);	Input Negative lead of DMM #1
J3-1/2 (GND)	P/S negative lead.
J5-1/2 (Vout)	Positive lead to system load or load resistance
J6-1 (+ SNS);	Output Positive lead of DMM #2
J6-2 (– SNS);	Output Negative lead of DMM #2
J7-1/2 (GND)	Negative lead to system load or load resistance
J4-1 (PG)	Positive lead of DMM #3

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Table 1. Setup I/O Connections and Configuration for TPS62090EVM Evaluation (continued)

Jack/Component (Silk Screen)	Connect or Adjustment to:
J4-2 (GND)	Negative lead of DMM #3
JP1-1/2 (ON)	Apply shunt to ON for converter operation
JP1-2/3 (OFF)	
JP2-1/2 (1.4 MHz)	Apply shunt to 1.4 MHz
JP1-2/3 (2.8 MHz)	

Connect the meters, scope probes (see [Figure 1](#)), 2-Ω output load, shunt jumpers, and input power supply ([Table 1](#)); set the oscilloscope to 200 ns/div, positive trigger or HF trigger on CH2; CH1: ac-coupled, 50 mV/div; CH2: dc-coupled, 2 V/div; CH3: ac-coupled, 10 mV/div; CH4: dc-coupled, 10 V/div. Users can replace resistive load with system load or decade load box to vary load (2-Ω to 25-Ω load).

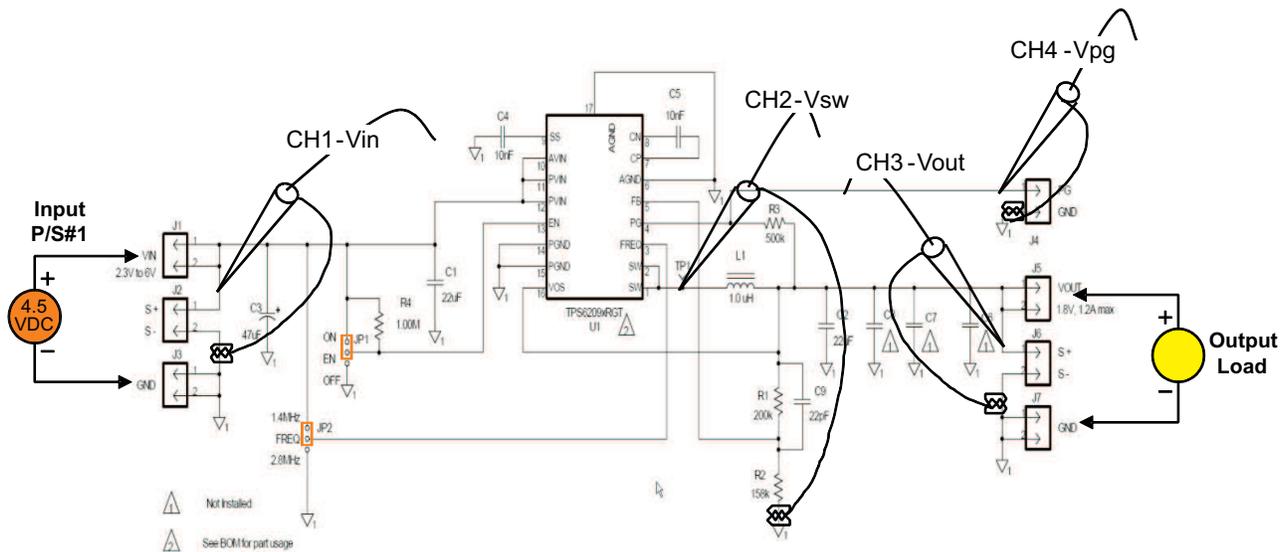


Figure 1. EVM Schematic and Evaluation Setup

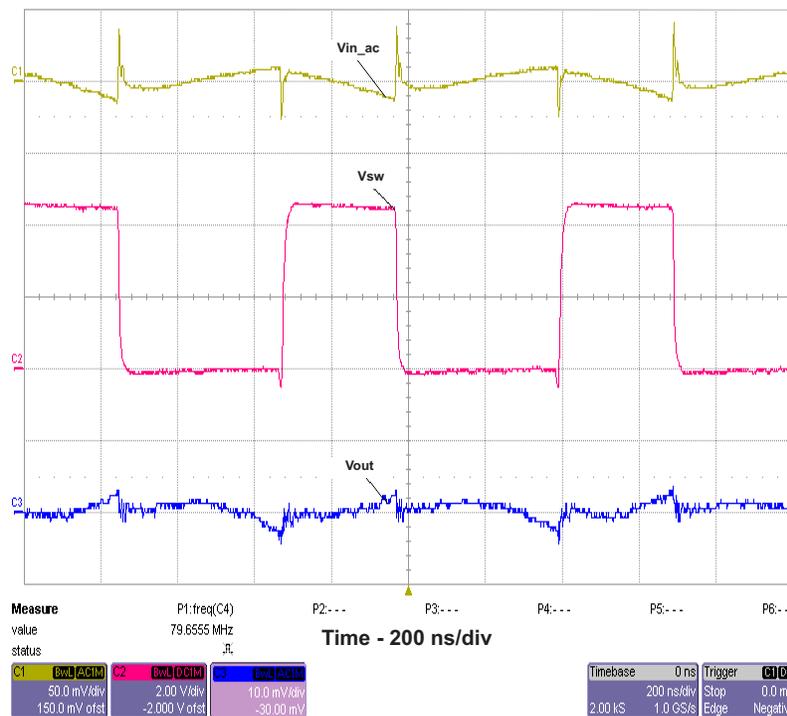
3.3 Test Procedure

1. Set up the EVM is according to [Table 1](#) and [Figure 1](#), and preset the power supply to 4.5 Vdc at approximately 2.5-A current limit.
2. Turn on input supply, and verify that the input voltage is approximately 4.5 Vdc (DMM#1) and the output voltage is at approximately 1.8 Vdc (DMM#2).
3. Refer to [Figure 2](#), and verify that the duty cycle is near 40%, input ripple is less than 50 mVpp (ignoring switching spikes) and the output ripple is less than 10 mVpp. These waveforms were taken with high-frequency probes (meaning that the ground lead was short (approximately 1 cm). This reduces the high-frequency spikes that the ground loop on the probe picks up.
4. Vary input voltage between 2.6 V and 5.5 V, and observe the change in duty cycle and ripple waveforms. Set Vin back to 4.5 Vdc.
5. Move JP2 From: 1.4 MHz to 2.8 MHz. Verify that the change is switching frequency as shown in [Figure 3](#). Return the JP2 shunt back to the 1.4-MHz setting.
6. Change the output load to 25 Ω, set CH3 to 50mV/div, and verify how the duty cycle changes into a *burst* low-power mode as seen in [Figure 4](#). At the end of the burst switching, the inductor's current goes to zero, becomes discontinuous, and rings with the FET and output capacitance (normal operation at light loads). Set the load back to approximately 2 Ω.
7. Turn off the input supply. Set CH1 to dc coupled, 2 V/div; set CH3 to dc coupled, 1 V/div; CH4 to dc coupled, 5 V/div; set oscilloscope timing to 500 μs/div, set scope trigger to positive or HF trigger on CH1, and arm oscilloscope. Turn on laboratory supply. The laboratory supply used to capture [Figure 5](#)

ramped up over 3 ms. [Figure 6](#) is a hot plug power up. The output ramp rate is the same in both figures due to the controlled soft-start. The output can be programmed to track another voltage by use of the soft-start pin. See the data sheet for more details.

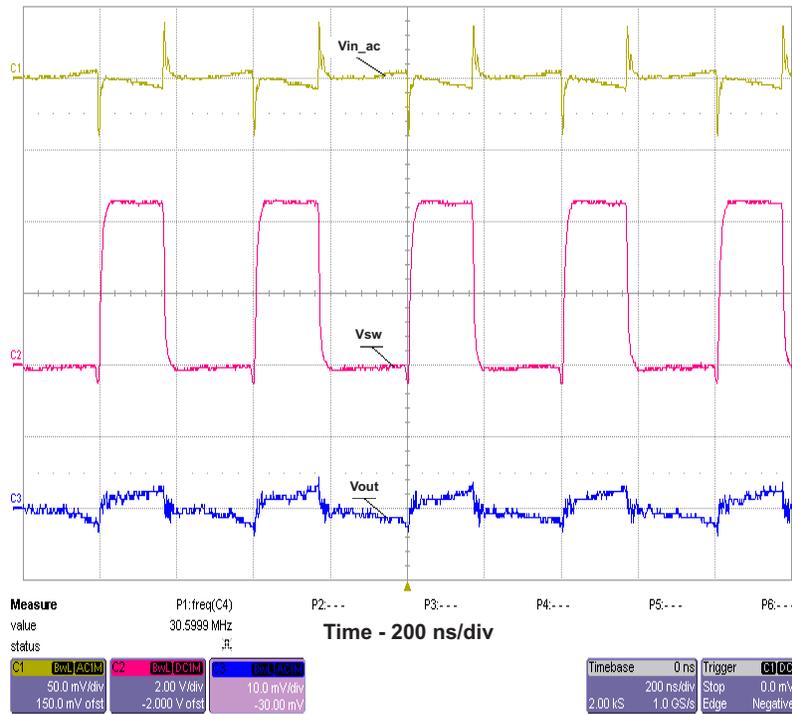
8. Move CH1 to JP1-2 (Enable pin), and set JP1 shunt to off. Arm the scope and remove JP1 shunt. [Figure 7](#) shows the power-up of the converter via the enable pin.
9. Set the scope trigger to negative, arm the oscilloscope, and apply a shunt on JP1-OFF. See [Figure 8](#) for the power-down sequence.
10. With an understanding of the basic functions of the EVM, users may want to integrate the EVM into their system using short, twisted wires, to minimize connection impedances.

4 Waveforms



4.5V input, 1.8V output, 1.4MHz Switching; CH1: Input Ripple, CH2: Switching Node, CH3: Output Ripple

Figure 2. Typical Switching Waveforms



4.5V input, 1.8V output, 2.8MHz Switching; CH1: Input Ripple, CH2: Switching Node, CH3: Output Ripple

Figure 3. Typical Switching Waveforms

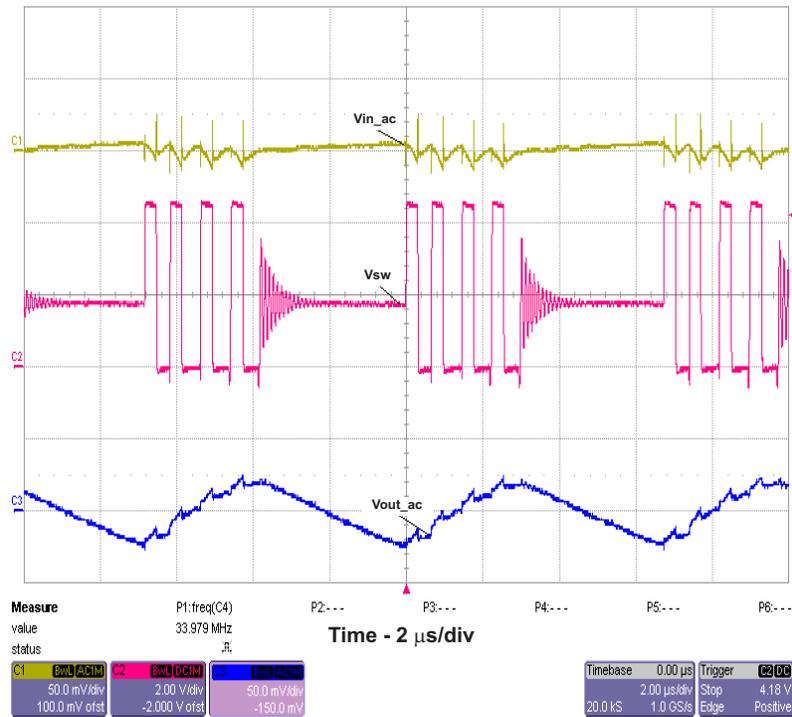


Figure 4. Low-Power Mode, 25-Ω Load – Shows Burst Low-Power Mode

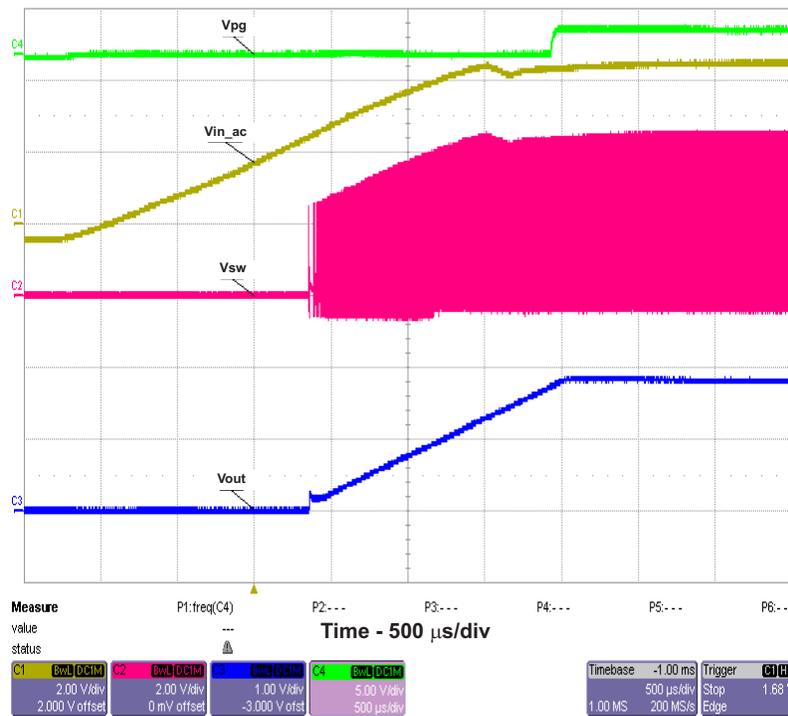


Figure 5. Power Up by Powering Laboratory Supply Connected to Vin

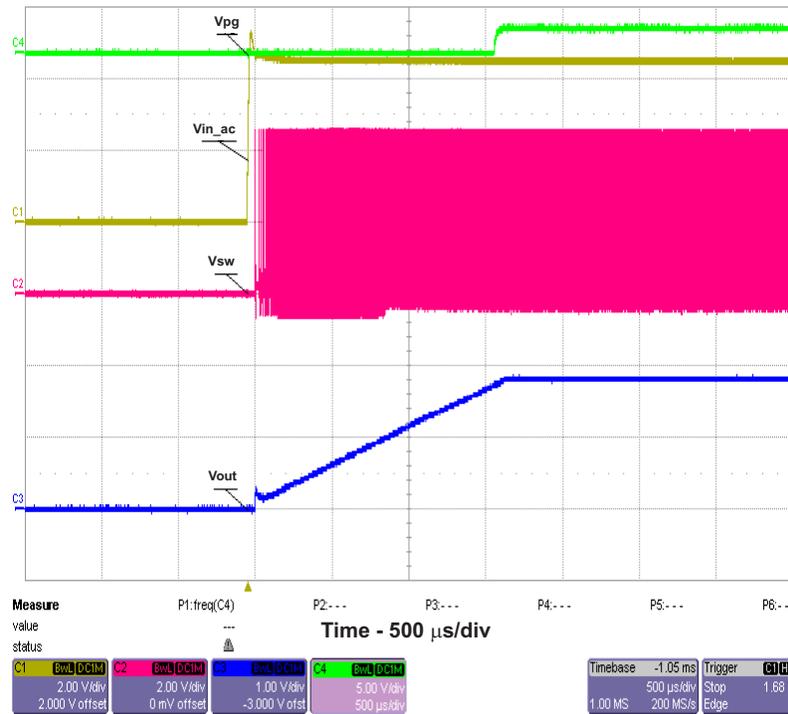


Figure 6. Power Up by Hot Plugging Vin

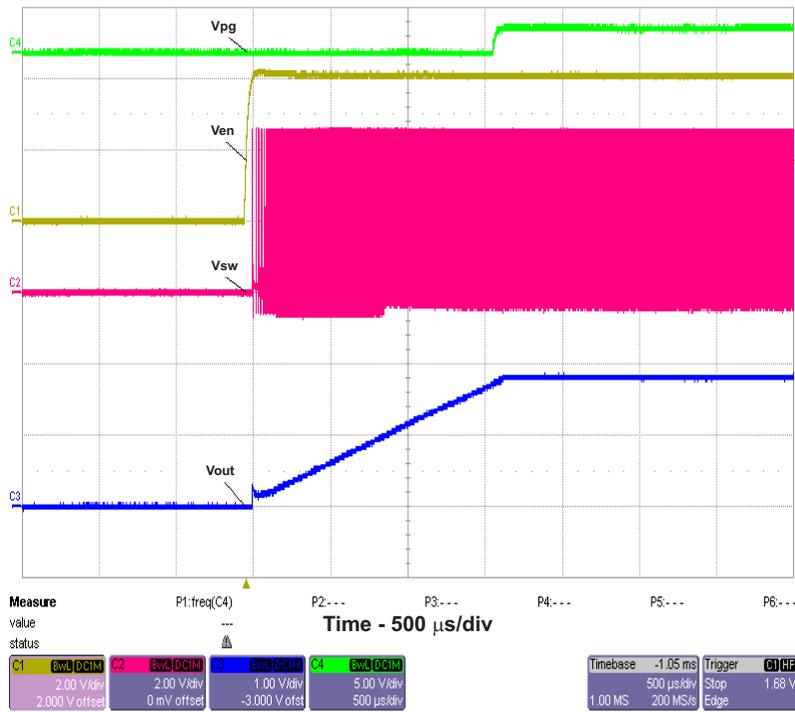


Figure 7. Power Up by Enable Pin Pulled High

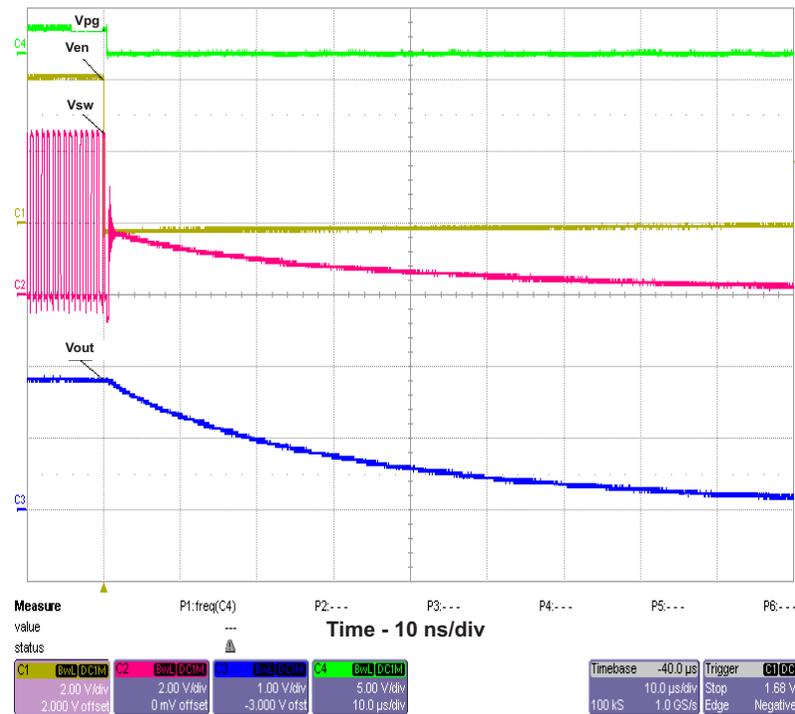
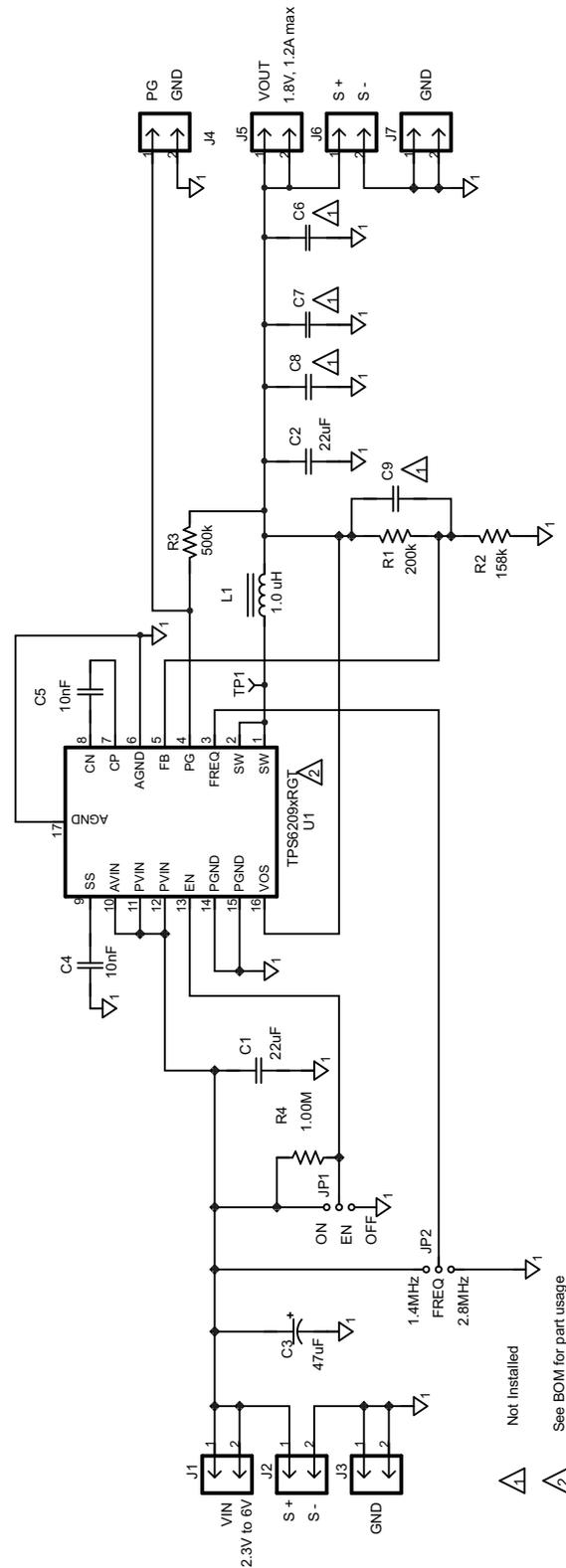


Figure 8. Power Down by Enable Pulled Low

5 Schematic, Printed-Circuit Board, and Bill of Materials

5.1 Schematic



5.2 Printed-Circuit Board Layouts

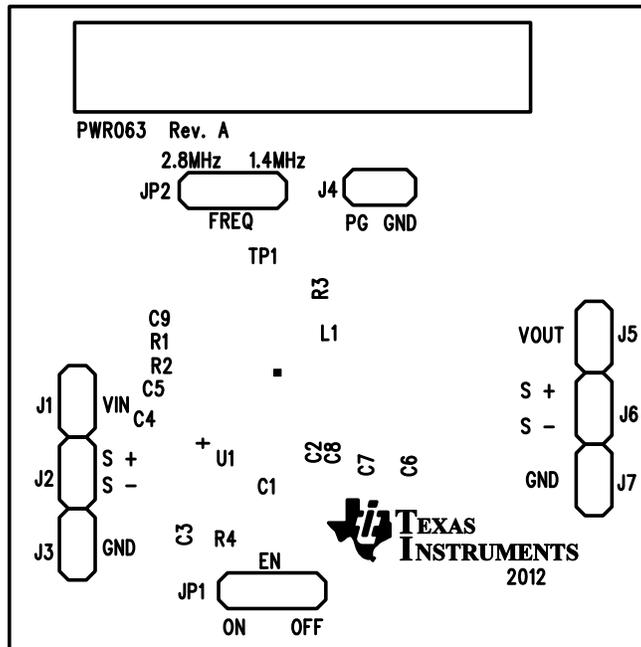


Figure 9. Assembly Layer

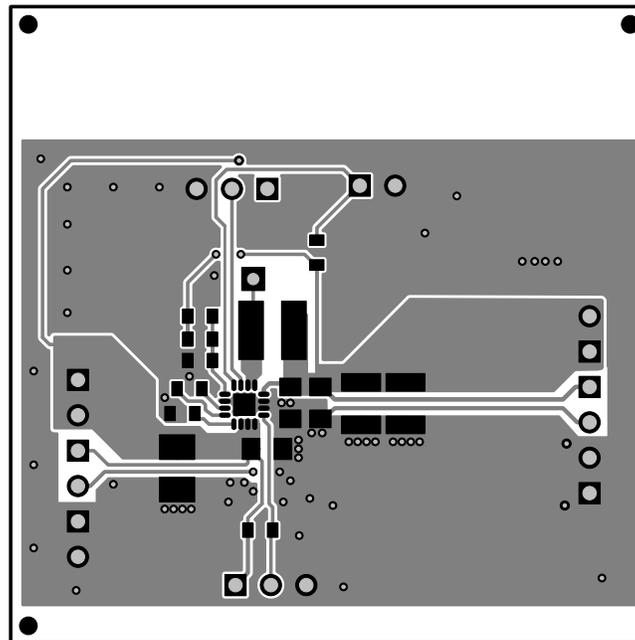


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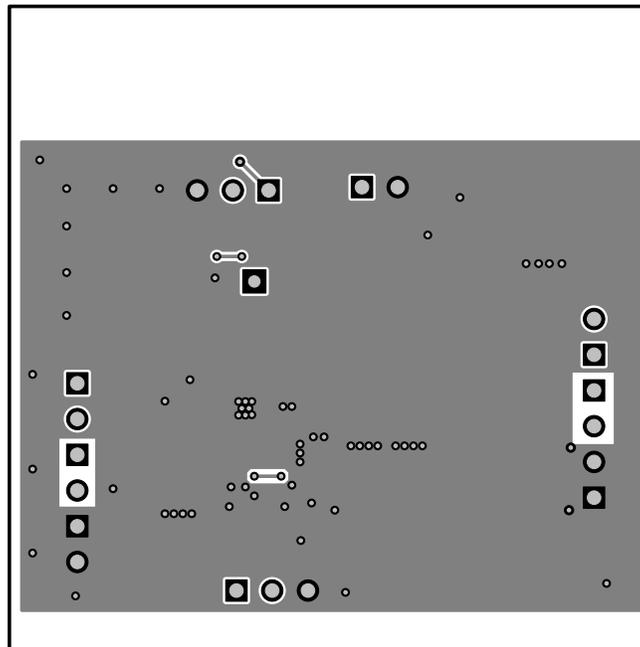


Figure 11. Bottom Layer

5.3 Bill of Materials

Table 2. PWR063A Bill of Materials

Count	RefDes	Value	Description	Size	Part Number	MFR
2	C1-2	22µF	Capacitor, Ceramic Chip, 10V, X5R, 10%	0805	STD	STD
1	C3	47µF	Capacitor, Tantalum, 8V, 35milliohm, 20%	3528(B)	T520B476M008ATE035	Kemet
2	C4-5	10nF	Capacitor, Ceramic, 25V, X5R, 10%	0603	Std	Std
0	C6-7	open	Capacitor, Ceramic	1210	Std	Std
0	C8	open	Capacitor, Ceramic	0805	Std	Std
0	C9		Capacitor, Ceramic, 50V, C0G, 5%	0603	Std	Std
7	J1-7	PEC02SAAN	Header, Male 2-pin, 100mil spacing	0.100 inch x 2	PEC02SAAN	Sullins
2	JP1-2	PEC03SAAN	Header, 3 pin, 100mil spacing	0.100 x 3	PEC03SAAN	Sullins
1	L1	1 µH	Inductor, Power, 4.5A, ±20%	0.157 x 0.157 inch	XFL4020-102ML	Coilcraft
1	R1	200k	Resistor, Chip, 1/16W, 1%	0603	Std	Std
1	R2	158k	Resistor, Chip, 1/16W, 1%	0603	Std	Std
1	R3	500k	Resistor, Chip, 1/16W, 1%	0603	Std	Std
1	R4	1.00M	Resistor, Chip, 1/16W, 1%	0603	Std	Std
0	TP1	STD	Test Point, 0.032 Hole	0.032	Std	Std
1	U1	TPS62090RGT	IC, 3A High Efficient Synchronous Step Down Converter	QFN-16	TPS62090RGT	TI
2	--	--	Shunt, 100-mil, Black	0.100	929950-00	3M
1	--	--	PCB	1.8 x 1.8 x 0.031 inch	PWR063	Any
1	--	--	Label	1.25 x 0.25 inch	THT-13-457-10	Brady

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- 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.
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