

LMP8480 / 81 EVM User's Guide

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1. Introduction

The Texas Instruments LMP8480/81 evaluation module (EVM) helps designers quickly evaluate the operation and performance of the LMP8480/81 76V Precision High Side Current Sense Amplifiers. The EVM is ready to connect to power, load, and test instruments through the use of on-board terminals.

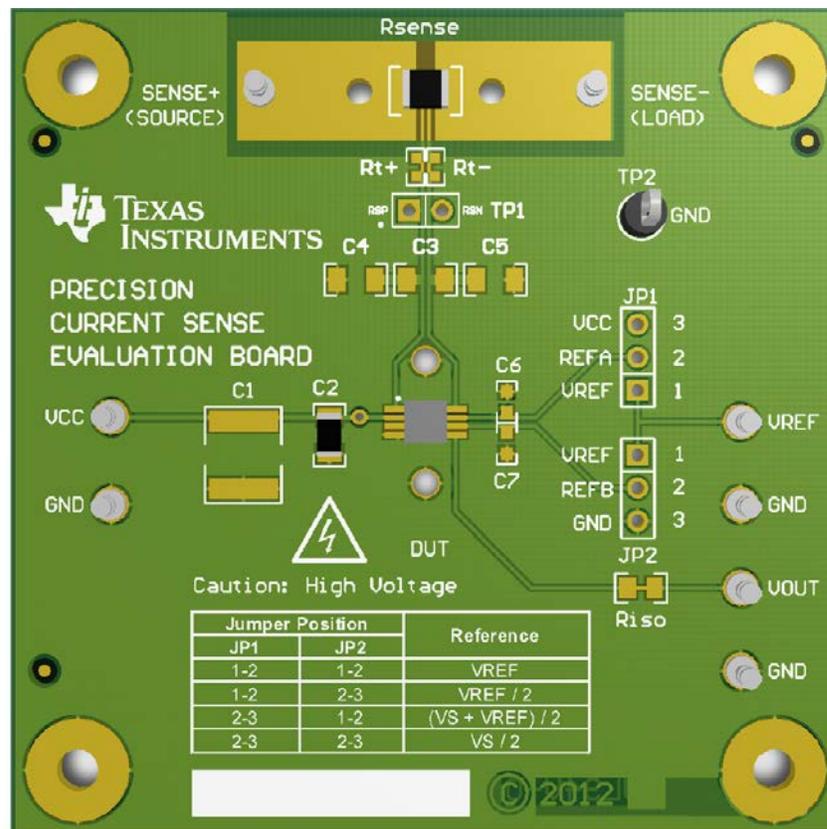


Figure 1: Picture of Evaluation Board (LMP8480 version)

The EVM contains one LMP8480 or LMP8481 high side evaluation circuit. The EVM's come pre-assembled with the LMP8480/81 device, 0.1Ω sense resistor; bypass capacitor and connection terminals installed. The Bi-Directional EVM's include the JP1 and JP2 reference jumpers and terminals.

2. Features

- Selectable reference voltage options through jumpers (LMP8481)
- On-board sense resistor or external resistor
- Optional input EMI/RFI filtering
- Separate DUT and load supplies
- Sense voltage test points
- Optional output isolation resistor

3. Board Connections and Components

This section describes the jumpers and connectors on the EVM as well and how to properly connect, set up the EVM board.

3.1. General Safety Precautions

Connections with 48V or 1A and above should be securely soldered to the terminals to prevent inadvertent disconnection. Voltages above 70V must be soldered. Clip-on leads are not recommended at high voltages. Follow all standard high voltage precautions.

All power should be removed when changing connections, even in the low voltage sections. The use of hand-held probes while powered is not recommended. Connections should be hard wired.

3.2. Power Supply Input - VCC

The device power supply is connected to the VCC and GND pins. Positions for 4.7uF (optional) and 0.1uF ceramic bypass capacitors are provided on the VCC lines. Note that these capacitors should be rated for 100V or more. EVM supply voltage is limited to 75V max.

3.3. Current Sense Resistor and Sense Terminals - RSP and RSN

The large current sense resistor pads allow for multiple mounting configurations of both through-hole and surface mount resistors.

WARNING: The area around the sense resistor can get warm. Use caution when handling or probing.

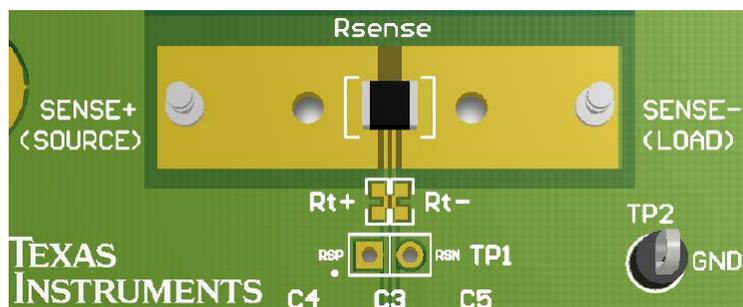


Figure 2: Rsense Terminals

These pads are bare copper to allow for mounting of any size or shape of resistor, as well as providing heat dissipation. The larger inner holes are for optional pin socket receptacles (see Bill of Materials) to allow easy swapping of through-hole resistors for prototyping.

Customer provided sense resistor power dissipation should be limited to less than 1W. The TI supplied 0.1 Ohm resistor power dissipation must be less than 0.5W. Currents higher than 5A should be soldered directly to the sense pads. Currents above 10A should use an off-board shunt resistor with its own heat sink.

For off-board current sense resistors, the sense lines can be connected to the SENSE+ and SENSE- turret terminals (with on-board sense resistor removed). It is recommended that these wires be twisted to prevent noise pickup and to provide some EMI rejection.

For 4-wire, or “Kelvin” resistors, Figure 2 shows how the sense traces can be cut with an E-Xacto knife to attach to the “sense” terminals on a 4-Wire surface mount resistor.

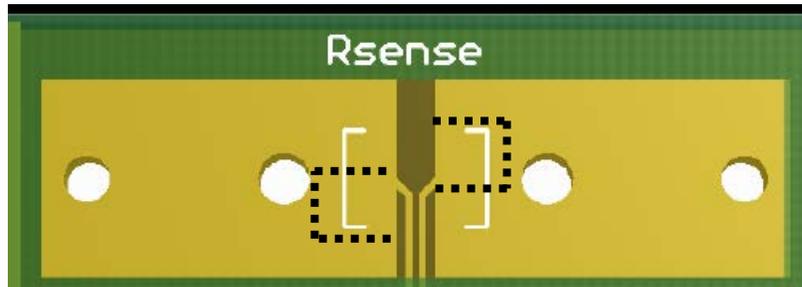


Figure 3: Cutting pads to accommodate 4-wire resistors

Load ground currents should be kept off the board. Load current should be returned directly to the power supply terminals and not through the demo board grounds.

3.4. Optional Input Filtering

The optional R_{t+} and R_{t-} resistor pads are provided to add, in conjunction with C3, C4 and C5, EMI/Noise filtering to the input. These can be series resistors or inductors. To maintain a continuous solid copper path, the R_t pads have shorting traces across them. To use these pads, the shorting traces must be cut before installing R_t .

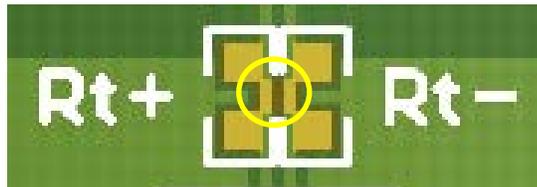


Figure 4: R_t shorting traces must be cut before use

To maintain accuracy, these resistors should be of equal value and well matched, as they are in series with the device’s internal thin-film resistors and will effect the Gain, CMRR and gain accuracy specifications. The values of these resistors should not exceed a few hundred ohms, and should be kept as low as possible.

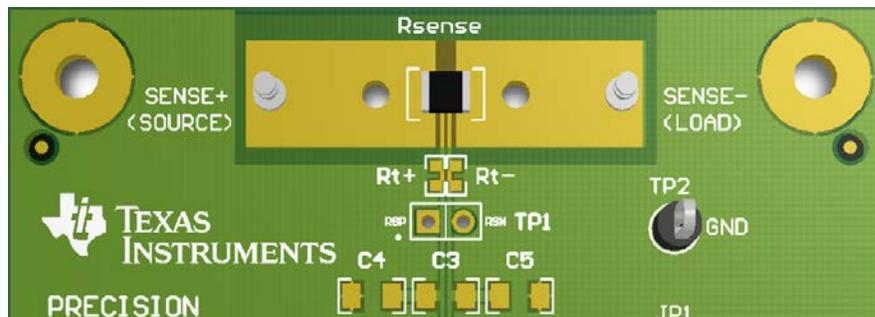


Figure 5: Optional Input Filtering Capacitors

Pads C3, C4 and C5 are provided for optional EMI rejection. For RF/EMI protection, values in the 10 to 100pF range are recommended. For lower frequencies, a lowpass filter can be formed with the R_t series input resistors.

3.5. Reference Inputs (Bi-Directional Devices Only)

For Bi-Directional devices, the “zero” output level can be set by a voltage applied to the reference pins. The reference voltages may be applied externally through the VREF pin, or sourced from the VCC line. **These jumpers will have no effect on devices without reference pins!!!**

C6 and C7 are available if reference line bypassing or filtering is desired.

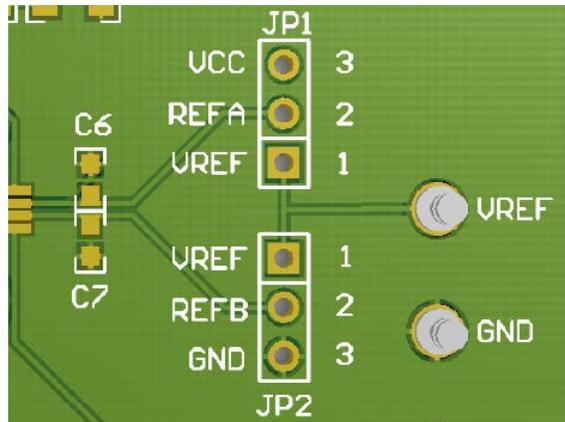


Figure 6: Reference Jumper Pins

Table 1 below shows the jumper positions and the input configuration.

Jumper Position		Reference
JP1	JP2	
1-2	1-2	VREF
1-2	2-3	$VREF / 2$
2-3	1-2	$(VS + VREF) / 2$
2-3	2-3	$VS / 2$

Table 1: Reference Jumper Settings

3.6. Output - VOUT

Similar to the R_t resistors, Riso is available for output isolation when driving capacitive loads or for output short circuit protection. If the output must drive large capacitive loads (like a coax cable), Riso may be needed to prevent oscillations. The jumper trace between the pads must be cut to use Riso.

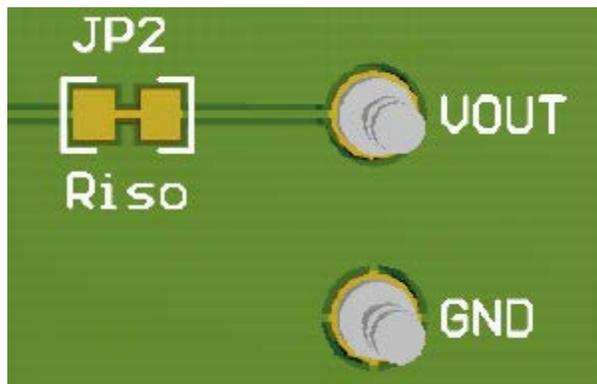


Figure 7: Optional Riso and Shorting Pad

3.7. *Input VSENSE Test Point – TP1*

TP1 allows for the monitoring of the VSENSE voltage through a standard 0.1" header. TP2 provides a convenient ground if needed. The meters terminals need to be "floating" (not grounded) and will be at the common mode voltage (V_{source}) potential.

3.8. *DUT Mounting Options*

For applications where the DUT must be swapped-out, mounting holes are provided for a reusable "Rainbow Clamp" socket from Rainbow Labs (See Bill of Materials). Otherwise, the DUT may be soldered directly to the pads.

4. Board Test Procedure for Uni-Directional Devices (LMP8480-S)

Required Equipment:

- 1 ea. 20V, >1A power supply
- 2 ea. 4.5 digit or better DMM (Agilent 34401 or equiv)
- 1 ea. 20 ohm, >25W power resistor or programmable load sinking 1A.
- Misc test leads for connections.

Connect board as shown, but do not connect SENSE- to load yet.

1. Connect 20V power supply as VSOURCE (turn off power for now).
2. Connect DMM1 to the output and ground terminals (+ to output, - to GND)
3. Connect DMM2 to the TP1 terminals or sense terminals (+ to RSP, - to RSN)
4. Confirm SENSE- is not connected and turn on power.
5. DMM1 should be between 0V and 5.5mV.
6. Now connect RLOAD to SENSE- as shown.
7. Record reading from DMM1 (should be around 6V for the “S” device)
8. Record reading from DMM2 (should be around 100mV – depending on accuracy of RLOAD)
9. The reading of DMM1 should be within 0.1% of the gain (60 for “S” version) times the DMM2 reading.
10. Turn off Vsource or disconnect RLOAD to prevent excessive heating.

Keep in mind that heating of the load and sense resistors may cause drift between steps 7 and 8. DMM measurements should be taken quickly or simultaneously (use manual trigger function to trigger the readings at the same time).

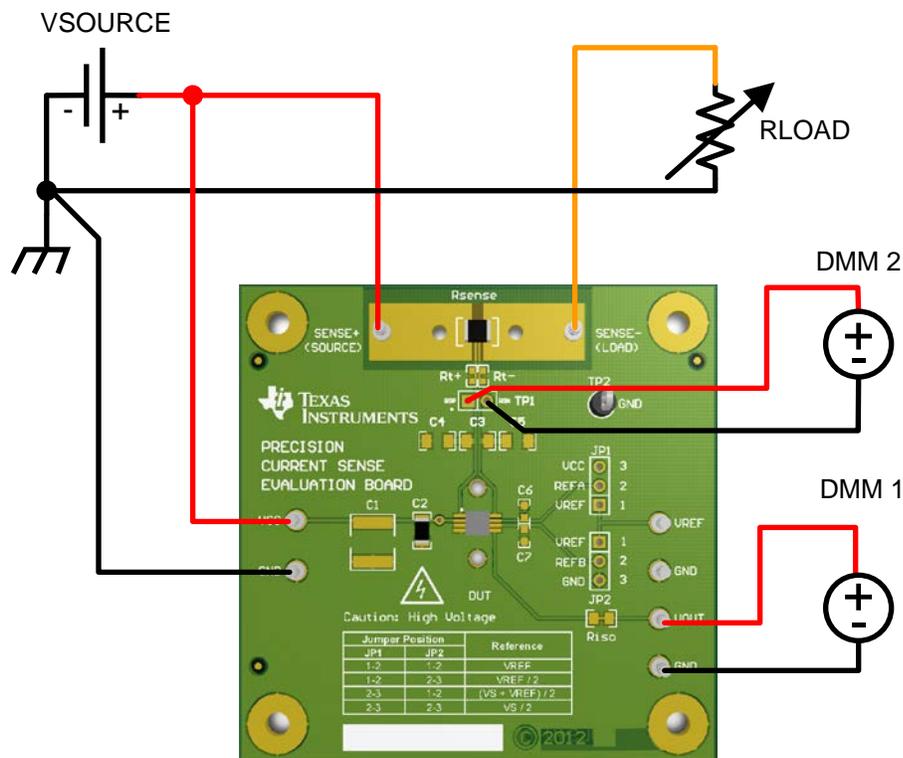


Figure 8: Setup for Uni-Directional Devices

5. Board Test Procedure for Bi-Directional Devices (LMP8481-S)

Required Equipment:

- 1 ea. 10V, >1A power supply
- 2 ea. 4.5 digit or better DMM (Agilent 34401 or equiv)
- 1 ea. 20 ohm, >20W power resistor or programmable load sinking 0.5A.
- 2 ea 0.1" Jumper blocks
- Misc test leads for connections

Connect board as shown, but **do not** connect SENSE- to load yet.

1. Connect 10V power supply as VSOURCE (turn off power for now).
2. Connect DMM1 to the output and ground terminals (+ to output, - to GND)
3. Connect DMM2 to the TP1 terminals or sense terminals (+ to RSP, - to RSN)
4. Place jumpers across JP1 2&3 and JP2 2&3 to set reference to VS/2.
5. Confirm SENSE- (load) is not connected.
6. Turn on power and record DMM1 reading (should be 5V* - this is the VREF voltage).
7. Now connect RLOAD to SENSE- as shown.
8. Record reading from DMM1 (should be around 8V for the "S" device)
9. Record reading from DMM2 (should be around 50mV)
10. The difference in the two readings of DMM1 should be within 0.1% of device gain (60) times the DMM2 reading plus the VREF reading in step 6.
11. Reverse the SENSE+ and SENSE- leads. DMM2 should measure -100mV and the output should be at 3V for the "S" device.
12. Turn off Vsource or disconnect RLOAD to prevent excessive heating.

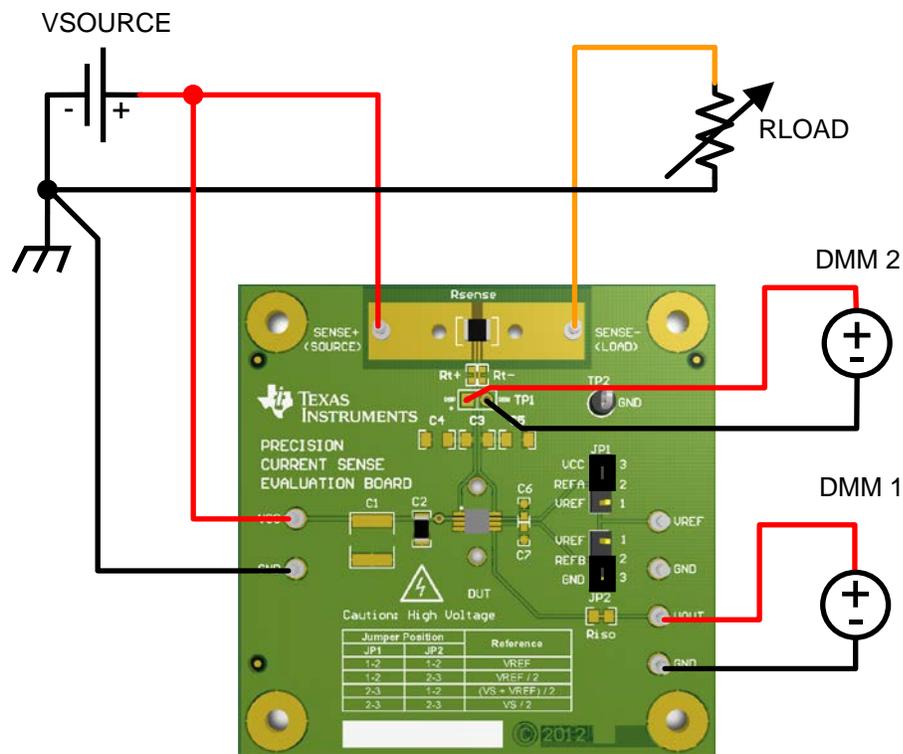


Figure 9: Setup for Bi-Directional Devices

6. Schematic

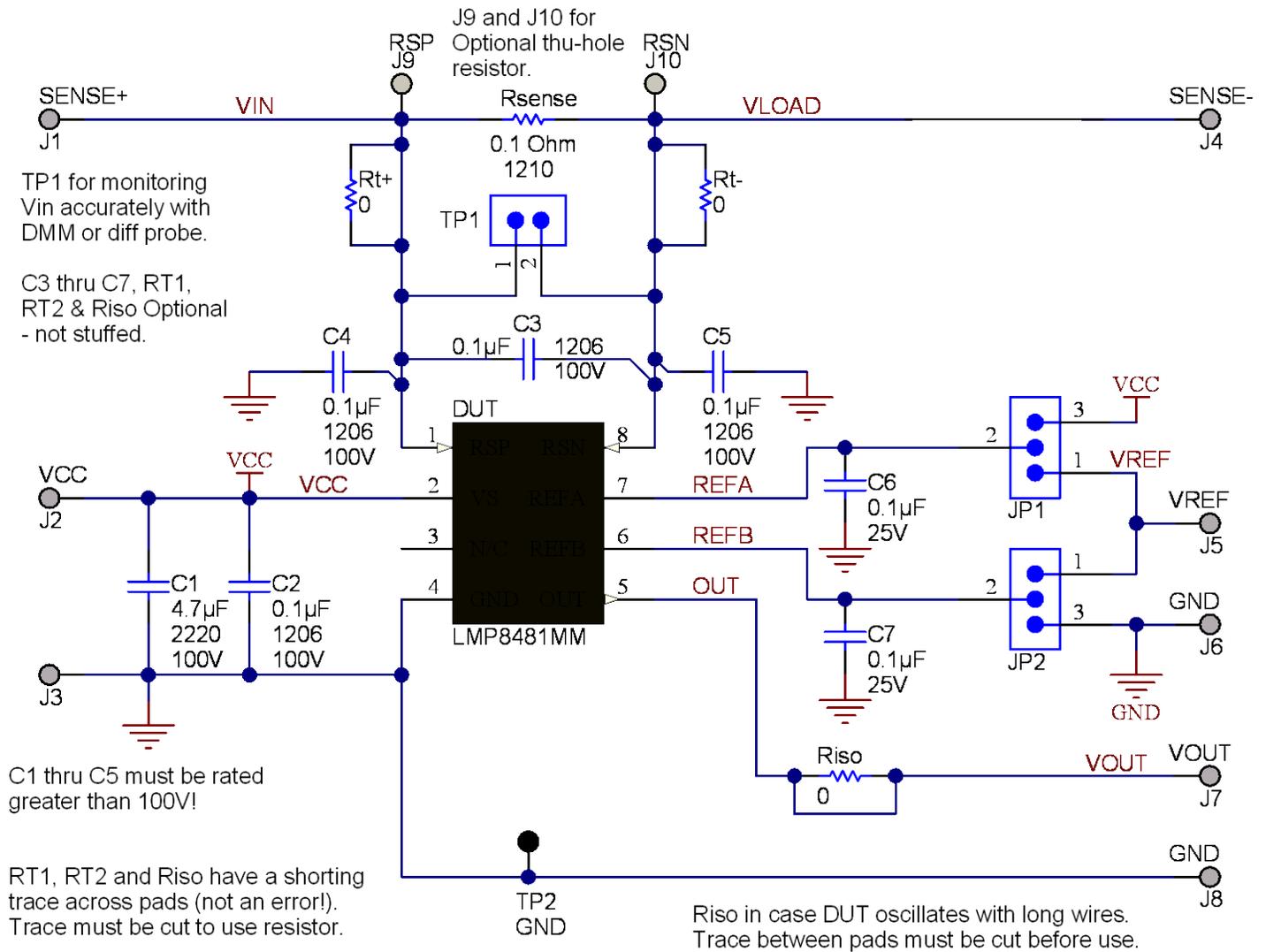


Figure 10: EVM Schematic

7. Bill of Materials

Table 2: Bill of Materials

Designator	Description	Manufacturer	PartNumber
EVB	Current Sense Evaluation Board	Texas Instruments	551600825-001
C1 [†]	CAP, CERM, 4.7uF, 100V, +/-20%, X7R, 2220	TDK	C5750X7R2A475M
C2, C3 [†] , C4 [†] , C5 [†]	CAP, CERM, 0.1uF, 100V, +/-10%, X7R, 1206	TDK	C3216X7R2A104K
C6 [†] , C7 [†]	CAP, CERM, 0.1uF, 25V, +/-10%, X7R, 0603	TDK	C1608X7R1E104K
C8 [†]	CAP, CERM, 1000pF, 100V, +/-5%, C0G/NP0, 0603	TDK	C1608C0G2A102J
DUT1	76V Common Mode, Precision Current Sensing Amplifier, 8-pin MSOP	Texas Instruments	LMP8480MM-x or LMP8481MM-x
H1 [†] , H2 [†] , H3 [†] , H4 [†]	Machine Screw, Round, #4-40 x 1/4, Nylon, Philips panhead	B&F Fastener Supply	NY PMS 440 0025 PH
H5 [†] , H6 [†] , H7 [†] , H8 [†]	Standoff, Hex, 0.5"L #4-40 Nylon	Keystone	1902C
J1, J2, J3, J4, J5 [†] , J6 [†] , J7, J8	Terminal, Turret, TH, Double	Keystone	1593-2
J9 [†] , J10 [†]	PCB Socket, solderless Pressfit, Large, .032 to .046	Mill-Max	0328-0-15-15-34-27-10-0
JP1 [†] , JP2 [†]	Header, TH, 100mil, 3x1, Gold plated, 230 mil above insulator	Samtec Inc.	TSW-103-07-G-S
Riso [†]	RES, 0 ohm, 5%, 0.125W, 0805	Panasonic	ERJ-6GEY0R00V
Rsense	RES, 0.1 ohm, 1%, 0.5W, 1210	IRC	LRC-LR1206LF-01_R100_F
Rt+ [†] , Rt- [†]	RES, 0 ohm, 5%, 0.1W, 0603	Yageo America	RC0603JR-070RL
TP1 [†]	Header, TH, 100mil, 2x1, Gold plated, 230 mil above insulator	Samtec Inc.	TSW-102-07-G-S
TP2	Test Point, TH, Multipurpose, Black	Keystone	5011
SKT [†]	8-PIN Mini-SO .118W Clamp Socket	Rainbow Technologies	MSO8SD

† User Option – not installed

‡ Installed on devices with reference pins

EVM Warnings and Restrictions

It is important to operate this EVM within the input voltage range of 4.0V to +75V; a supply voltage (V_s) range of +4.5V to +75V; and the output voltage range of GND + 0.05V to ($V_s - 0.4V$ or 13.6 – whichever is less). Total dissipation of the TI installed sense resistor shall not exceed 0.5W. Turret terminals are rated for 5A max.

Exceeding the specified input range may cause unexpected operation and/or irreversible damage to the EVM. If there are questions concerning the input range, please contact a TI field representative prior to connecting the input power.

Applying loads outside of the specified output range may result in unintended operation and/or possible permanent damage to the EVM. Please consult the EVM User's Guide prior to connecting any load to the EVM output. If there is uncertainty as to the load specification, please contact a TI field representative.

During normal operation, some circuit components may have case temperatures greater than +25°C. The EVM is designed to operate properly with certain components above +25°C as long as the input and output ranges are maintained. These components include but are not limited to linear regulators, switching transistors, pass transistors, and current sense resistors. These types of devices can be identified using the EVM schematic located in the EVM User's Guide. When placing measurement probes near these devices during operation, please be aware that these devices may be very warm to the touch.

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General Statement for EVMs including a radio

User Power/Frequency Use Obligations: This radio is intended for development/professional use only in legally allocated frequency and power limits. Any use of radio frequencies and/or power availability of this EVM and its development application(s) must comply with local laws governing radio spectrum allocation and power limits for this evaluation module. It is the user's sole responsibility to only operate this radio in legally acceptable frequency space and within legally mandated power limitations. Any exceptions to this are strictly prohibited and unauthorized by Texas Instruments unless user has obtained appropriate experimental/development licenses from local regulatory authorities, which is responsibility of user including its acceptable authorization.

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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

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

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.

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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.

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2. Use this product only after you obtained the license of Test Radio Station as provided in Radio Law of Japan with respect to this product, or
3. Use of this product only after you obtained the Technical Regulations Conformity Certification as provided in Radio Law of Japan with respect to this product. Also, please do not transfer this product, unless you give the same notice above to the transferee. Please note that if you could not follow the instructions above, you will be subject to penalties of Radio Law of Japan.

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