



EVQ2179-QH-00A

3A, 6V, 2.4MHz,
Synchronous Step-Down Converter
Evaluation Board, AEC-Q100 Qualified

DESCRIPTION

The EVQ2179-QH-00A is an evaluation board designed to demonstrate the capabilities of the MPQ2179GQHE-AEC1, a monolithic, step-down switch-mode converter with built-in internal power MOSFETs.

The MPQ2179 achieves 3A of output current (I_{OUT}) from a 2.5V to 6V input voltage (V_{IN}) range, with excellent load and line regulation. The output voltage (V_{OUT}) can be regulated to as low as 0.6V. A 100% maximum duty cycle can be reached in low-dropout (LDO) mode.

Constant on-time (COT) control offers a simpler control loop and faster transient response. By using V_{IN} feed-forward, the MPQ2179 maintains a nearly constant switching frequency (f_{SW}) across the input and load ranges. Forced

continuous conduction mode (FCCM) has a stable frequency and a lower output ripple.

An open-drain power good (PG) signal indicates a nominal voltage after the soft-start time. PG pulls high if the feedback voltage (V_{FB}) reaches 90% of the reference voltage (V_{REF}); PG pulls to GND when V_{FB} drops to 85% of V_{REF} .

Full protection features include cycle-by-cycle current limiting, short-circuit protection (SCP), reliable over-voltage protection (OVP), and thermal protection with automatic recovery.

The EVQ2179-QH-00A is a fully assembled and tested evaluation board. The MPQ2179 is available in a QFN-8 (1.5mmx2mm) package, and is available in AEC-Q100 Grade 1.

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Specifications are at $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$, unless otherwise noted.

Parameters	Conditions	Value
Input voltage (V_{IN}) range		2.5V to 6V
Output voltage (V_{OUT})	$V_{IN} = 2.5\text{V to } 6\text{V}$, $I_{OUT} = 0\text{A to } 3\text{A}$	1.2V
Maximum output current (I_{OUT})	$V_{IN} = 2.5\text{V to } 6\text{V}$	3A
Typical efficiency	$V_{IN} = 3.3\text{V}$, $V_{OUT} = 1.2\text{V}$, $I_{OUT} = 3\text{A}$	79.1%
Peak efficiency	$V_{IN} = 2.5\text{V}$, $V_{OUT} = 1.2\text{V}$, $I_{OUT} = 0.4\text{A}$	92.2%
Switching frequency (f_{SW})		2.4MHz

EVQ2179-QH-00A EVALUATION BOARD



LxWxH (6.3cmx6.3cmx1cm)

Board Number	MPS IC Number
EVQ2179-QH-00A	MPQ2179GQHE-AEC1

QUICK START GUIDE

The EVQ2179-QH-00A evaluation board is easy to set up and use to evaluate the MPQ2179's performance. For proper measurement equipment set-up, refer to Figure 2 on page 4 and follow the steps below:

1. Preset the power supply (V_{IN}) between 2.5V and 6V, then turn off the power supply.
2. Set the load current between 0A and 3A. Electronic loads represent a negative impedance to the regulator, and setting a current too high may trigger cycle-by-cycle over-current protection (OCP).
3. If longer cables (>0.5m total) are used between the source and the evaluation board, place a damping capacitor at the input terminals.
4. Connect the power supply terminals to:
 - a. Positive (+): VEMI
 - b. Negative (-): GND
5. Connect the load terminals to:
 - a. Positive (+): VOUT
 - b. Negative (-): GND
6. After making the connections, turn on the power supply.
7. To use the enable function, apply a digital input to the EN pin. Drive EN above 0.9V to turn the regulator on; drive EN below 0.65V to turn the regulator off. If the enable function is not used, EN can be connected directly to V_{IN} .
8. The external resistor divider sets the output voltage (V_{OUT}) (see Figure 1).

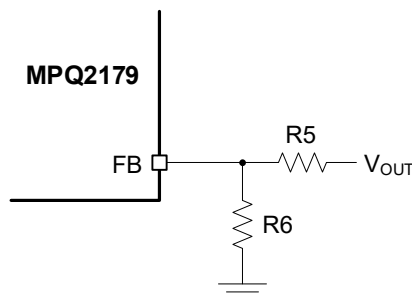


Figure 1: Feedback Divider Network with Adjustable Output

R5 is selected to be between 10k Ω and 100k Ω . R6 can then be calculated with Equation (1):

$$R6 = \frac{R5}{\frac{V_{OUT}}{0.6} - 1} \quad (1)$$

Refer to the Application Information section in the MPQ2179's datasheet to calculate the inductance and output capacitance for different V_{OUT} values. Figure 2 on page 4 shows the proper measurement equipment set-up.

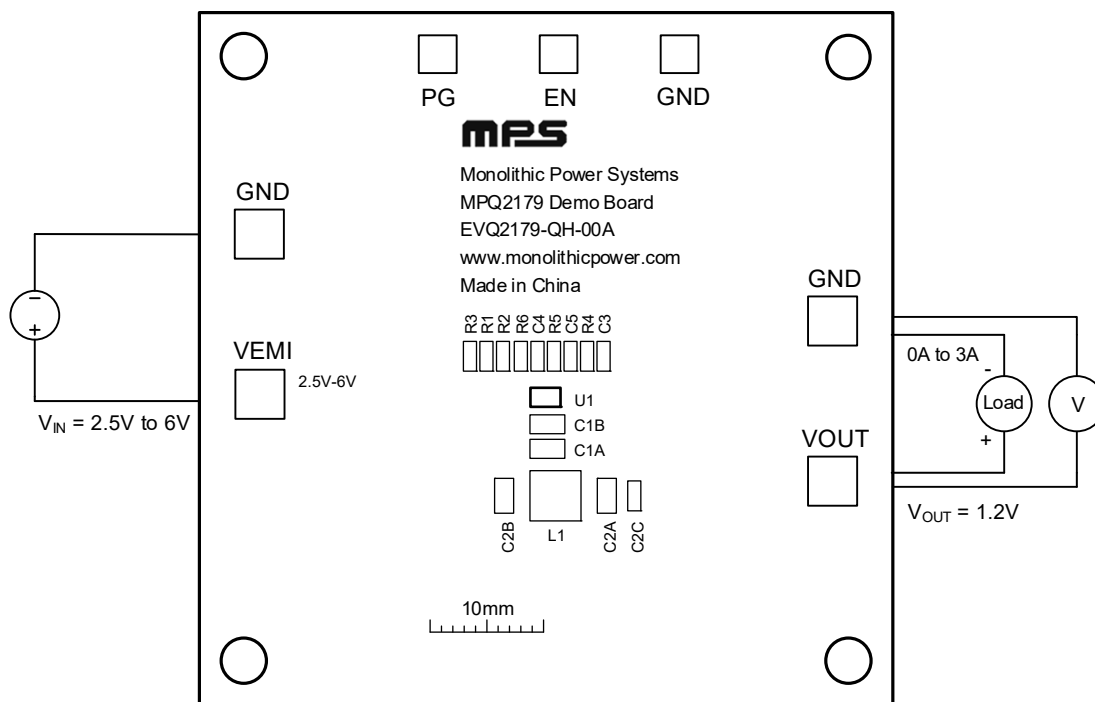


Figure 2: Measurement Equipment Set-Up

EVALUATION BOARD SCHEMATIC

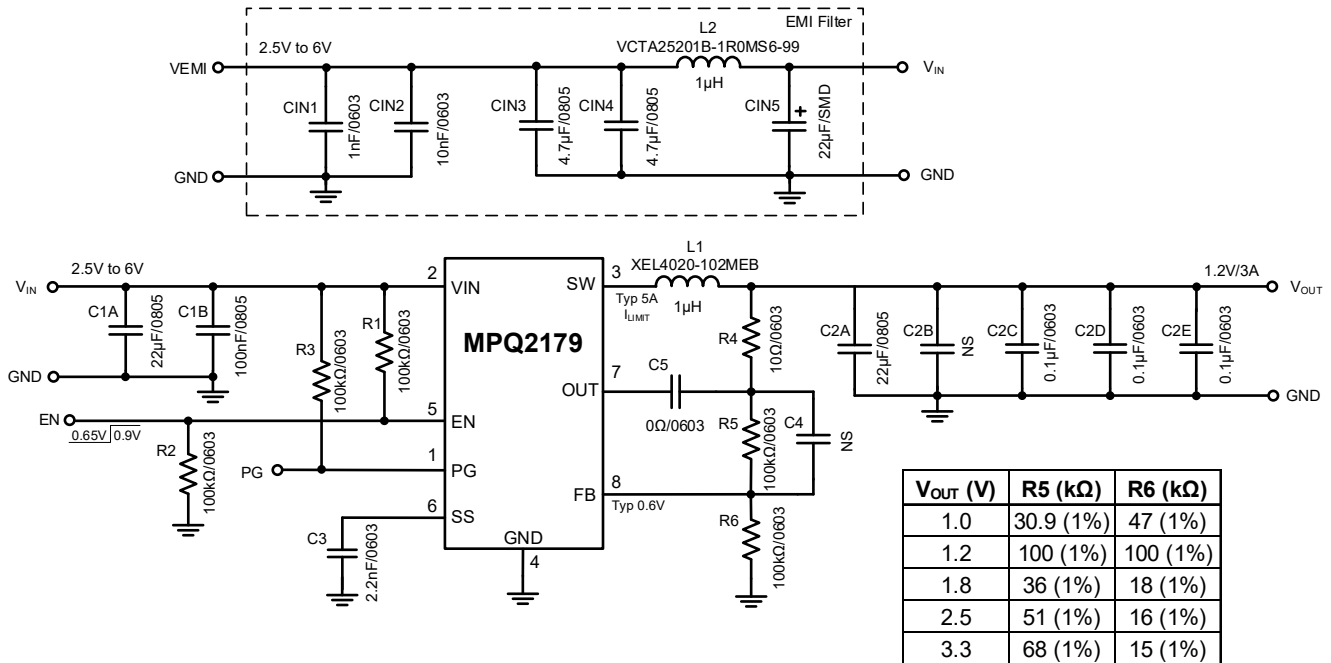
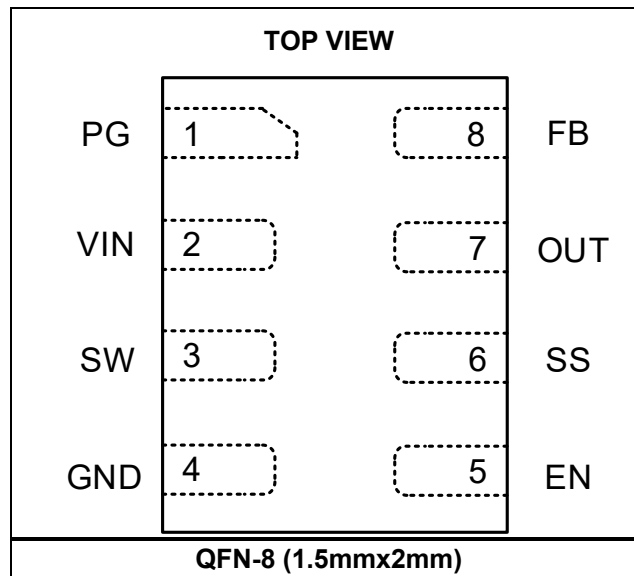


Figure 3: Evaluation Board Schematic

PACKAGE REFERENCE



EVQ2179-QH-00A BILL OF MATERIALS

Qty	Ref	Value	Description	Package	Manufacturer	Manufacturer PN
1	CIN1	1nF	Ceramic capacitor, 50V, C0G	0603	Murata	GRM1885C1H102JA01D
1	CIN2	10nF	Ceramic capacitor, 50V, X7R	0603	Murata	GRM188R71H103KA01D
2	CIN3, CIN4	4.7μF	Ceramic capacitor, 16V, X7R	0805	Murata	GCM21BR71C475KA73L
1	CIN5	22μF	Electrical capacitor; 63V	SMD	Jianghai	VTD-63V22
1	C1A	22μF	Ceramic capacitor, 16V, X5R	0805	Murata	GRM21BR61C226ME44L
1	C1B	100nF	Ceramic capacitor, 16V, X7R	0805	Murata	GRM219R71C104KA01D
3	C2C, C2D, C2E	0.1μF	Ceramic capacitor, 16V, X7R	0603	Murata	GRM188R71C104KA01D
1	C2A	22μF	Ceramic capacitor, 6.3V, X5R	0805	Murata	GRM21BR60J226ME39L
1	C3	2.2nF	Ceramic capacitor, 50V, X7R	0603	Murata	GRM188R71H222KA01D
2	C4, C2B	NS				
1	C5	0Ω	Film resistor, 1%;	0603	Yageo	RC0603FR-070RL
1	R4	10Ω	Film resistor, 1%	0603	Yageo	RC0603FR-0710RL
5	R1, R2, R3, R5, R6	100kΩ	Film resistor, 1%	0603	Yageo	RC0603FR-07100KL
1	L1	1μH	Inductor, 13.25mΩ, 9A	SMD	Coilcraft	XEL4020-102MEB
1	L2	1μH	Inductor, 35mΩ, 3.8A	SMD	Cyntec	VCTA25201B-1R0MS6-99
4	VEMI, GND, VOUT, GND	2mm	Golden pin	DIP	Custom ⁽¹⁾	
3	EN, PG, GND	1mm	Golden pin	DIP	Custom ⁽¹⁾	
1	U1	MPQ2179- AEC1	3A, 6V, step-down converter	QFN-8 (1.5mmx 2mm)	MPS	MPQ2179GQHE-AEC1

Note:

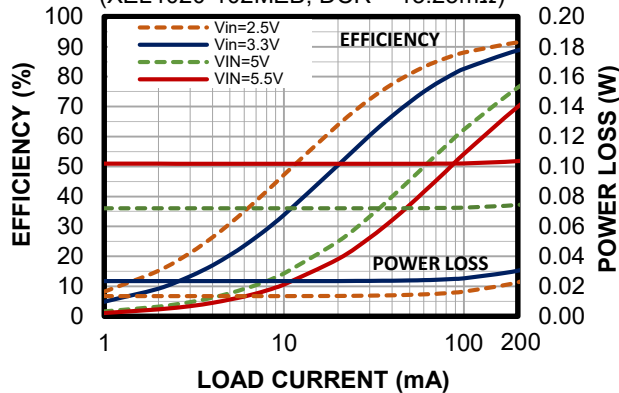
1) MPS custom-produces these pins. Contact an MPS FAE for more information.

EVB TEST RESULTS

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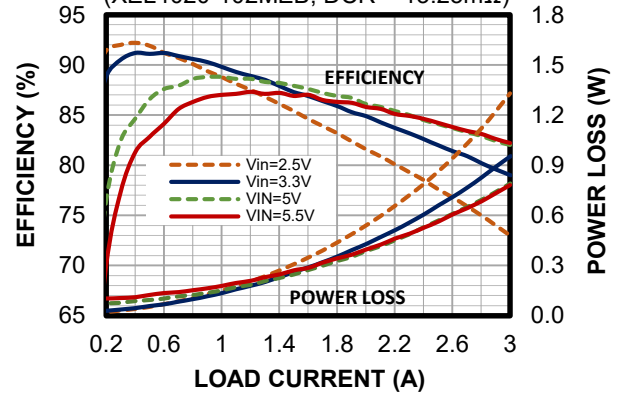
Efficiency vs. Load Current vs. Power Loss (Light Loads)

$V_{OUT} = 1.2V$, $L = 1\mu H$
(XEL4020-102MEB, DCR = 13.25m Ω)



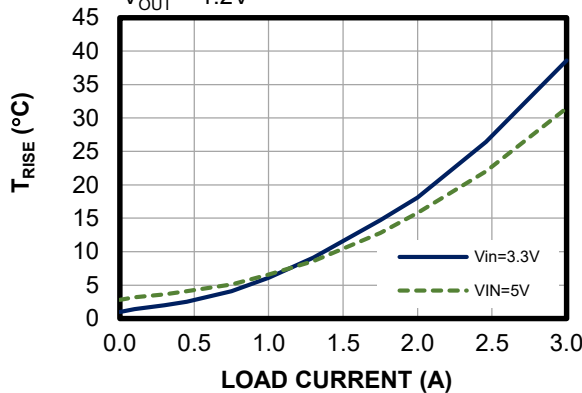
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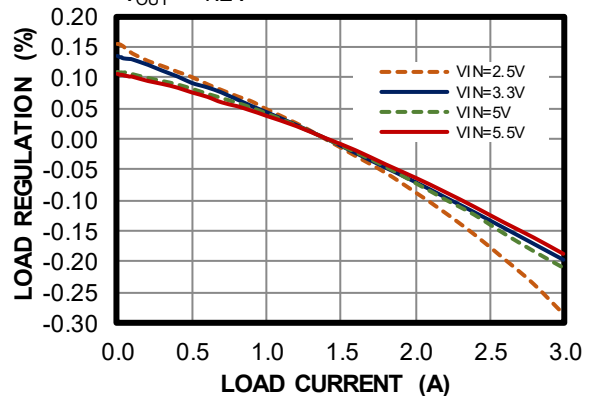
Case Temperature Rise

$V_{OUT} = 1.2V$



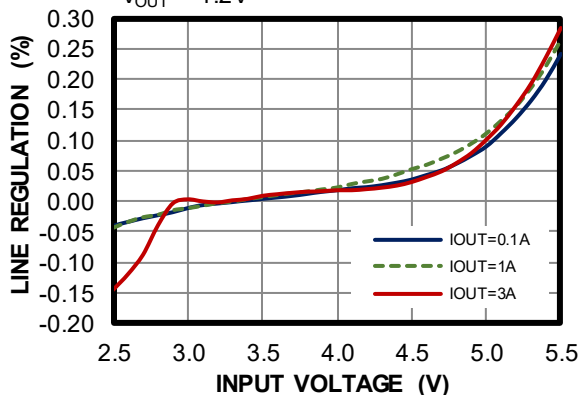
Load Regulation

$V_{OUT} = 1.2V$



Line Regulation

$V_{OUT} = 1.2V$

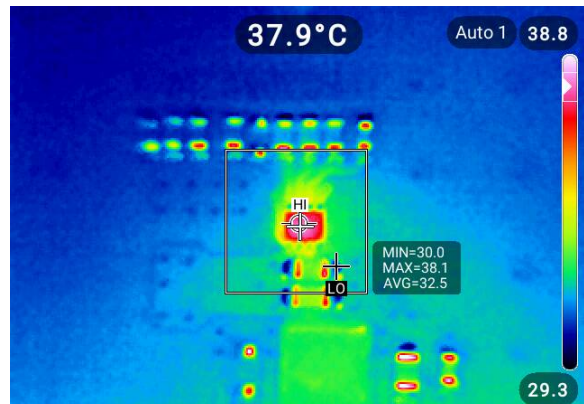


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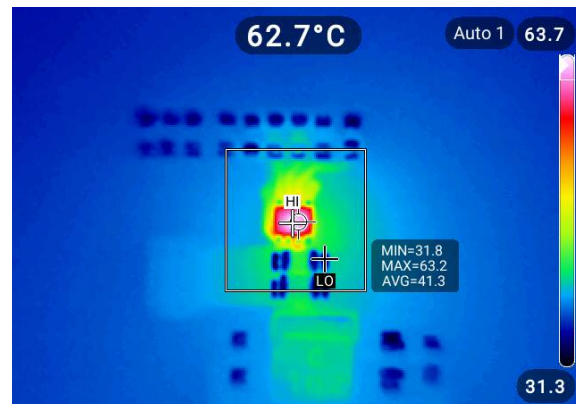
Thermal Performance

$I_{OUT} = 1.5A$, no forced airflow, $T_{CASE} = 38.1^{\circ}C$



Thermal Performance

$I_{OUT} = 3A$, no forced airflow, $T_{CASE} = 63.2^{\circ}C$

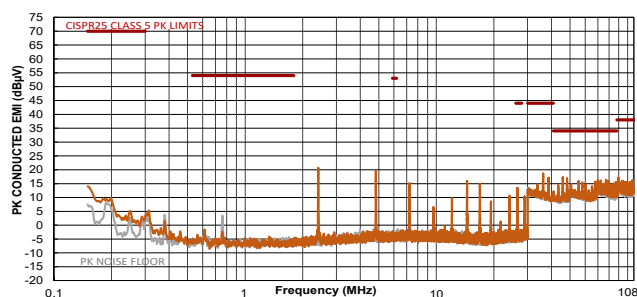


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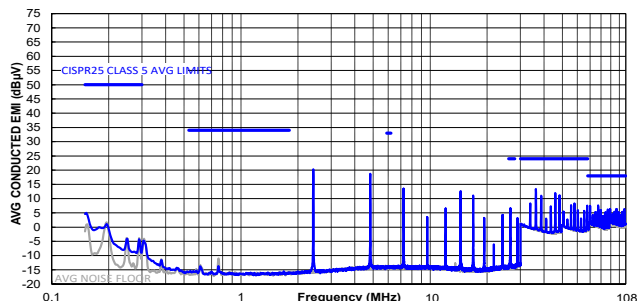
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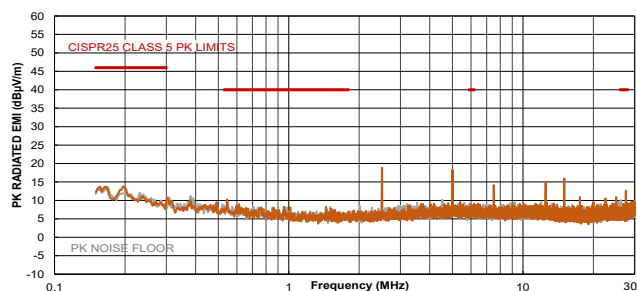
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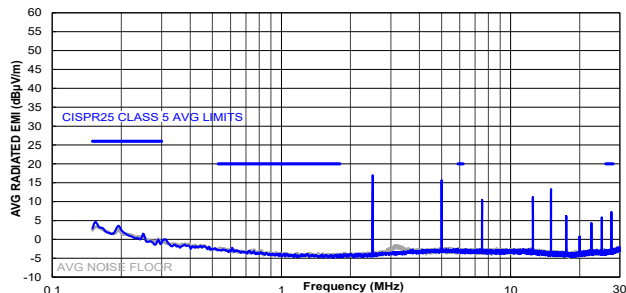
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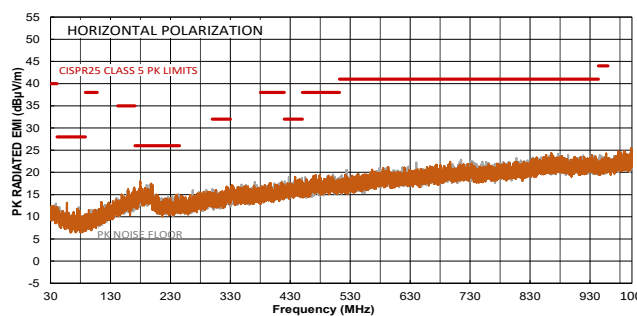
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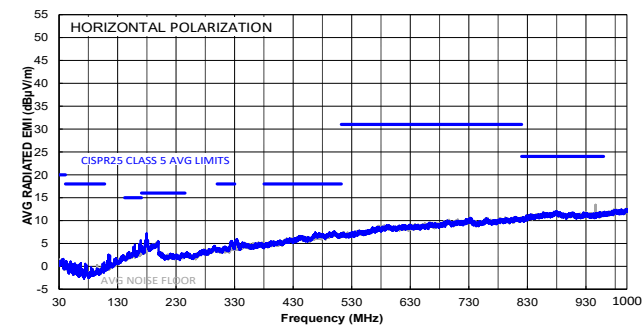
CISPR25 Class 5 Peak Radiated Emissions

Horizontal, 30MHz to 1GHz



CISPR25 Class 5 Average Radiated Emissions

Horizontal, 30MHz to 1GHz

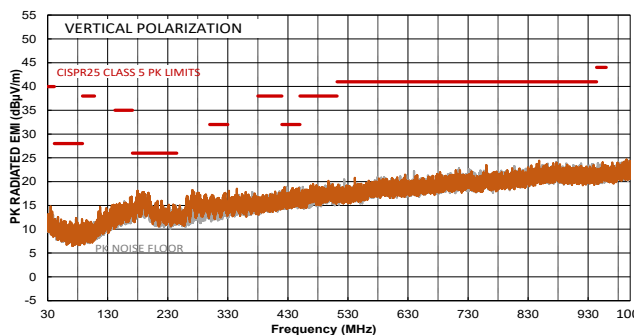


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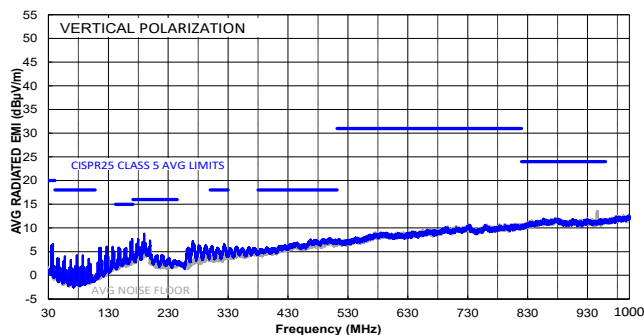
CISPR25 Class 5 Peak Radiated Emissions

Vertical, 30MHz to 1GHz



CISPR25 Class 5 Average Radiated Emissions

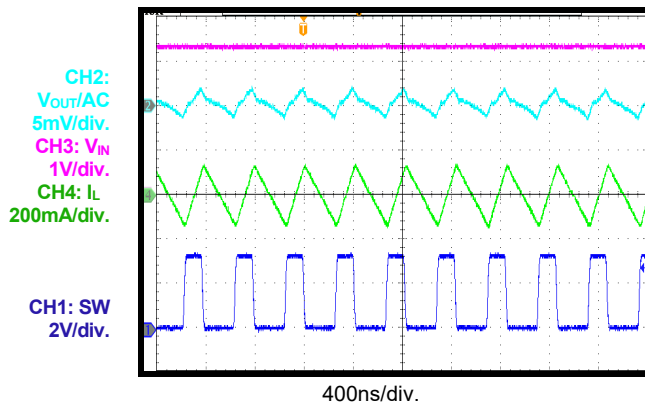
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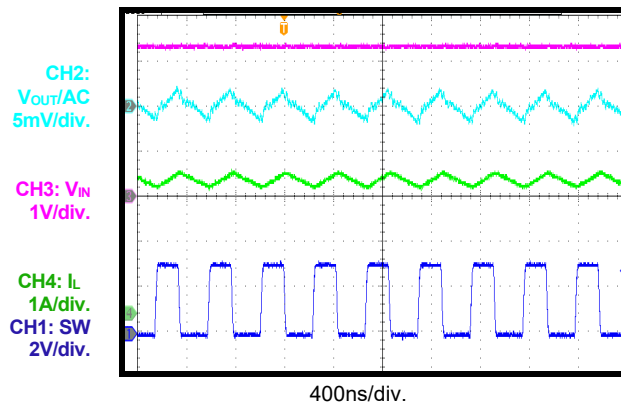
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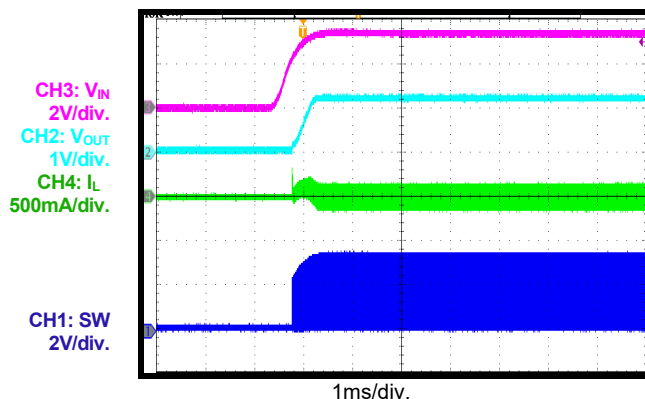
Steady State

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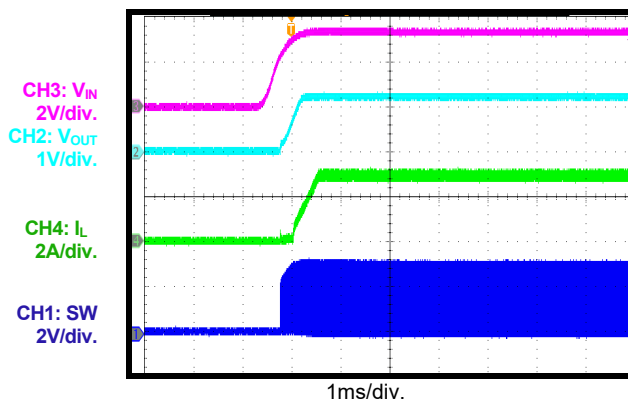
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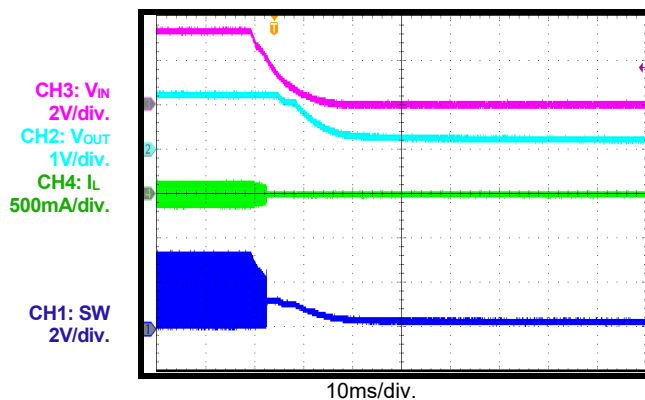
Start-Up through VIN

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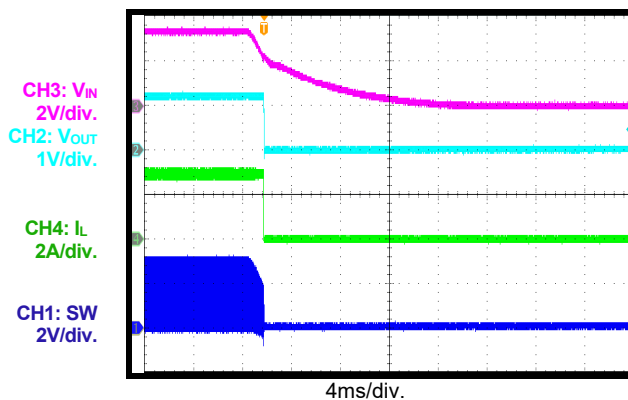
Start-Up through VIN

 $I_{OUT} = 3A$


Shutdown through VIN

 $I_{OUT} = 0A$


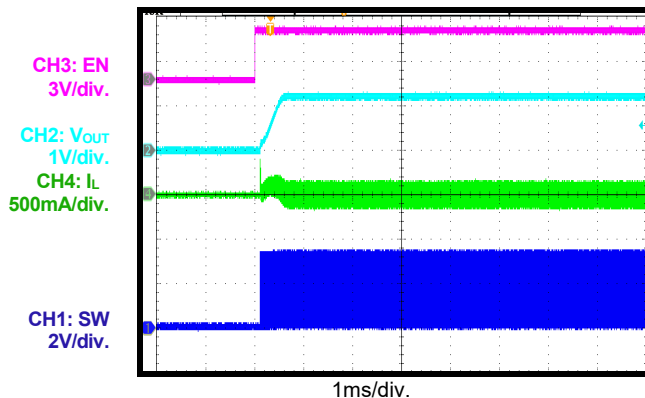
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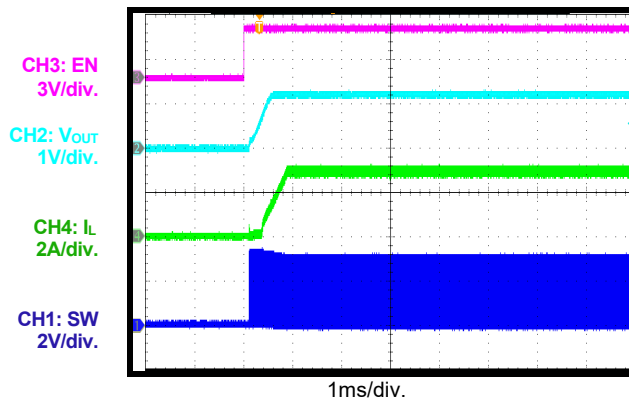
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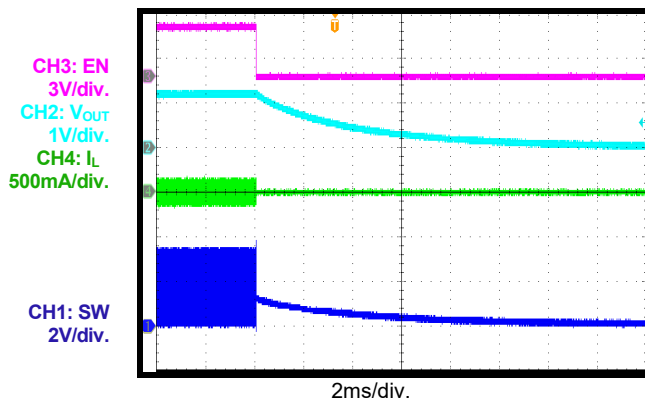
Start-Up through EN

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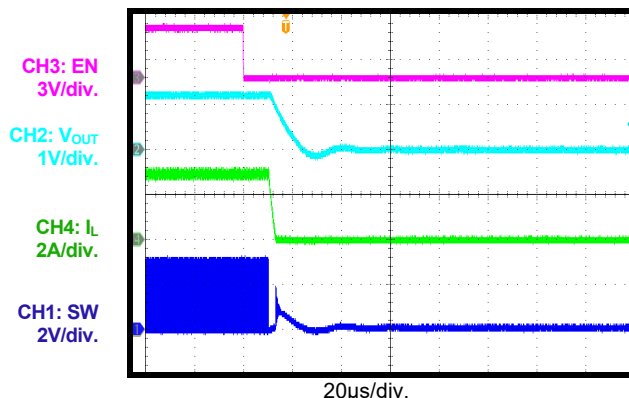
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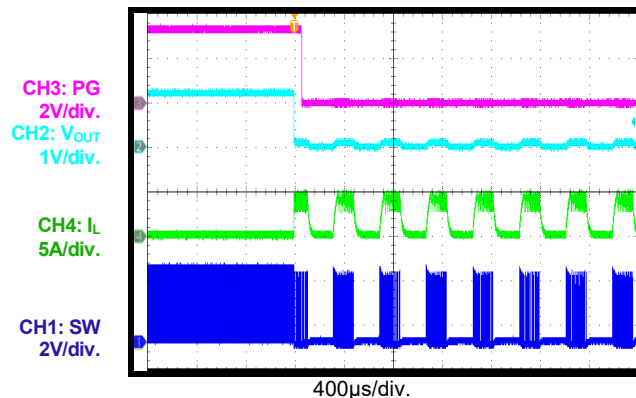
Shutdown through EN

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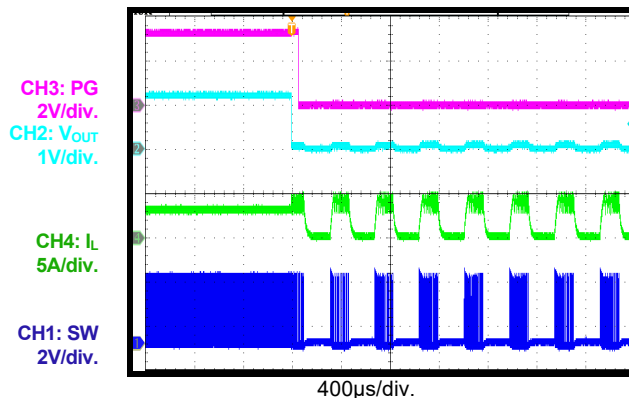
Shutdown through EN

 $I_{OUT} = 3A$


SCP Entry

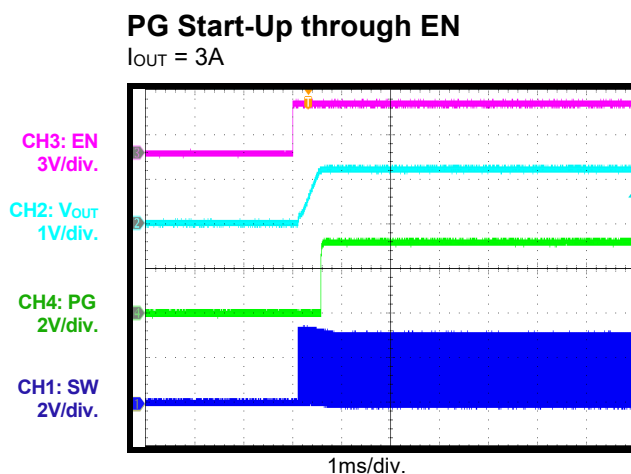
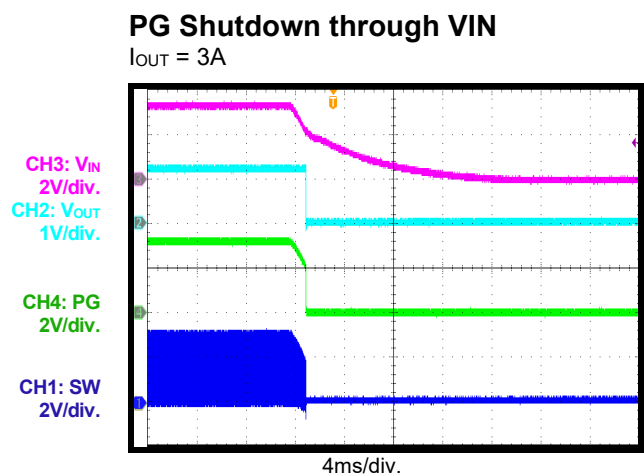
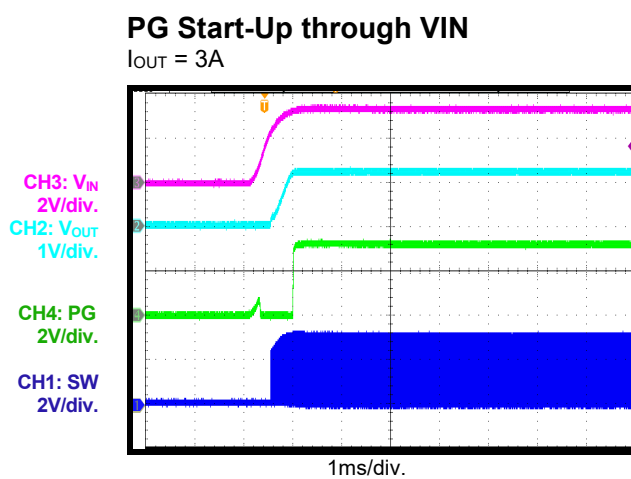
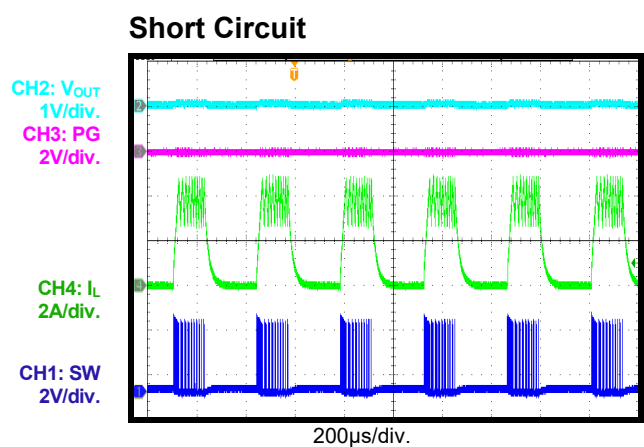
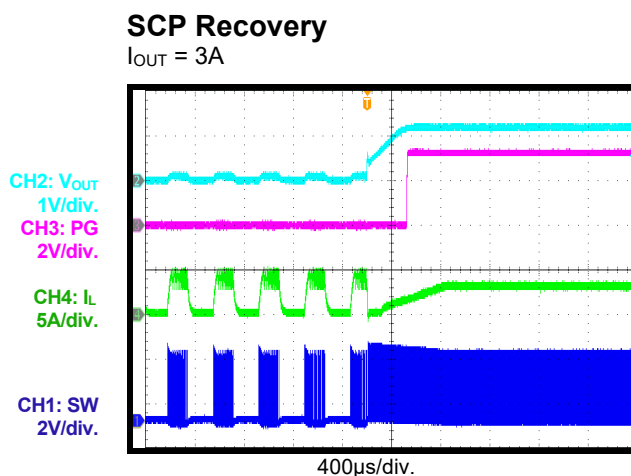
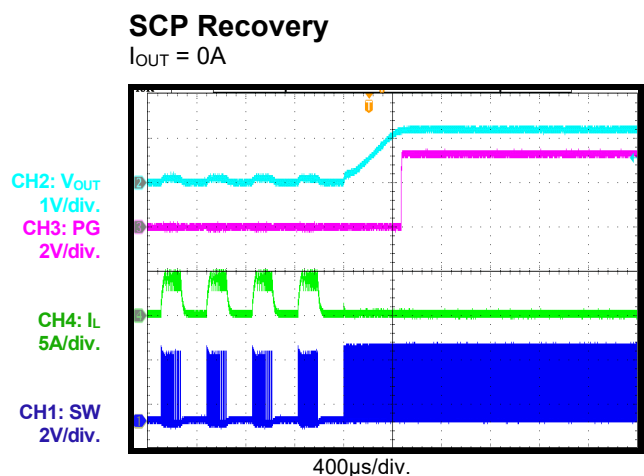
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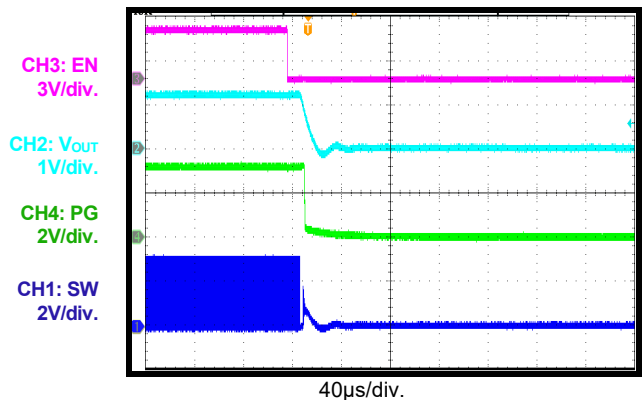
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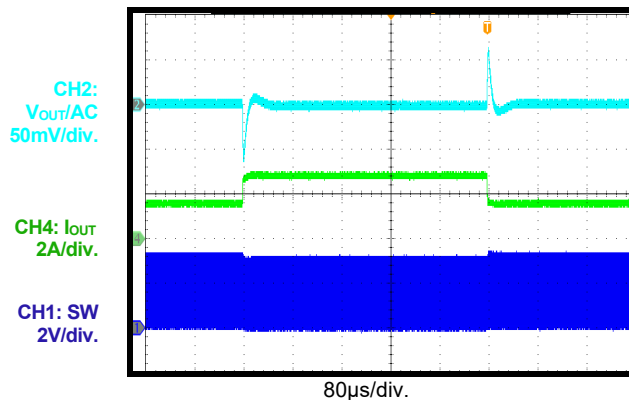
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PG Shutdown through EN

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Load Transient Response

 $I_{OUT} = 1.5 \text{ to } 3A, 1A/\mu s$


PCB LAYOUT (2)

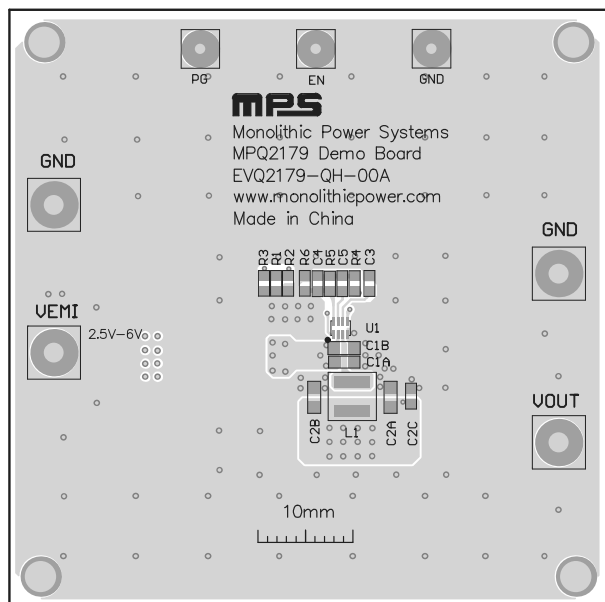


Figure 4: Top Silk and Top Layer

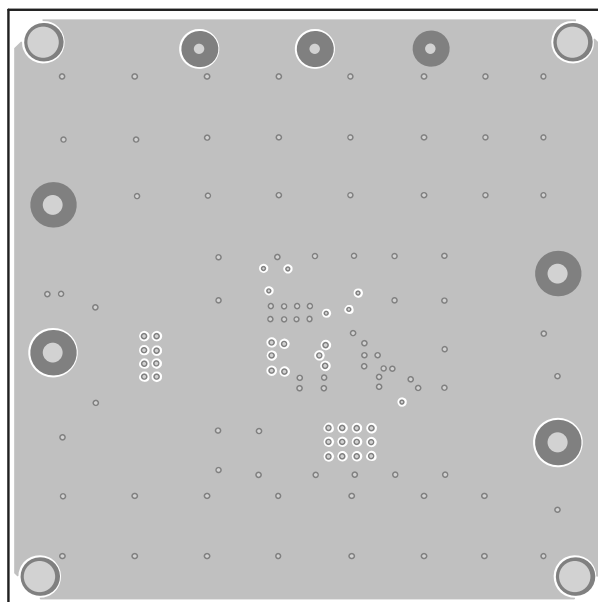


Figure 5: Mid-Layer 1

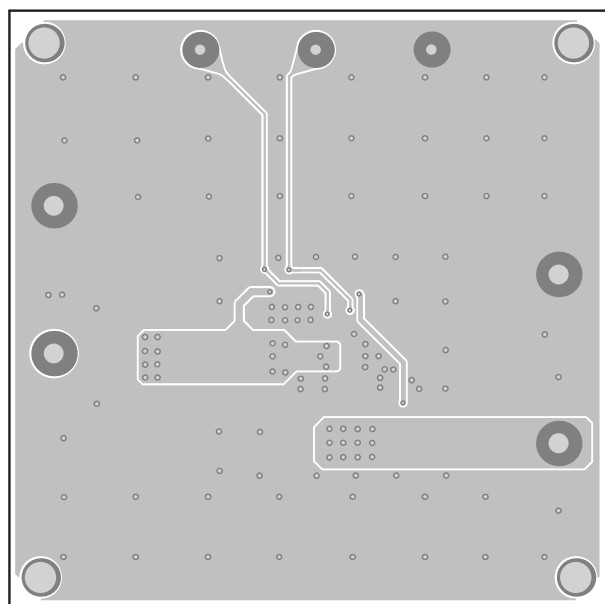


Figure 6: Mid-Layer 2

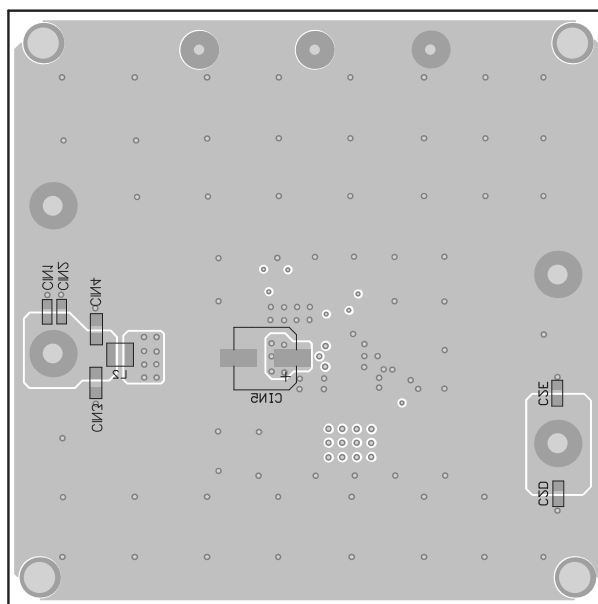


Figure 7: Bottom Layer and Bottom Silk

Note:

2) The copper thickness is 2oz.



REVISION HISTORY

Revision #	Revision Date	Description	Pages Updated
1.0	11/6/2023	Initial Release	-

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