## Using the TPS84250EVM-001

# **User's Guide**



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## TPS84250EVM-001 2.5-A, Integrated Power Solution Evaluation Module

The TPS84250EVM-001 evaluation module is designed as an easy-to-use platform for evaluating the features and performance of the Integrated Power Solution (IPS) device. This user's guide provides information on the correct usage of the TPS84250EVM-001 and an explanation of the numerous test points on the board.

## 1 Description

The TPS84250EVM-001 evaluation module (EVM) features a TPS84250 device configured for operation from a 7-V to 50-V input supply. The output voltage can be set to one-of-five popular values by using a simple configuration jumper. Similarly, the switching frequency can be set to one-of-four values by use of a jumper. The full, 2.5-A-rated output current can be supplied by the EVM. A minimal amount of input and output capacitance is used on the board. Component pads are provided for additional input and output capacitors if desired. A simple 5-V pullup supply for the PWRGD pin is provided on the EVM. It is powered from the input voltage supply. Test points are provided that allow measurement of efficiency, power dissipation, input ripple, output ripple, line and load regulation, soft-start behavior, transient response, and undervoltage lockout (UVLO) behavior. The EVM uses a recommended printed-circuit board (PCB) layout that maximizes thermal performance and minimizes output ripple and noise.

## 2 Getting Started

The host power supply is connected to the EVM at terminal block TB1. The Vin and GND terminals are clearly marked. The terminal block can accept up to 16 AWG wire. For a complete evaluation, the host supply must be adjustable up to 50 V and be capable of delivering at least 3 A of current. The output of the EVM is presented to terminal block TB2. An electronic or resistive load can be connected to the block.

Input and output voltage test points are provided near the terminal blocks. These test points are intended to be used as voltage monitoring points where voltmeters can be connected to measure Vin and Vout. Do not use these test points as the input supply or output load connection points. The PCB traces connecting to the test points are not designed to support high currents.

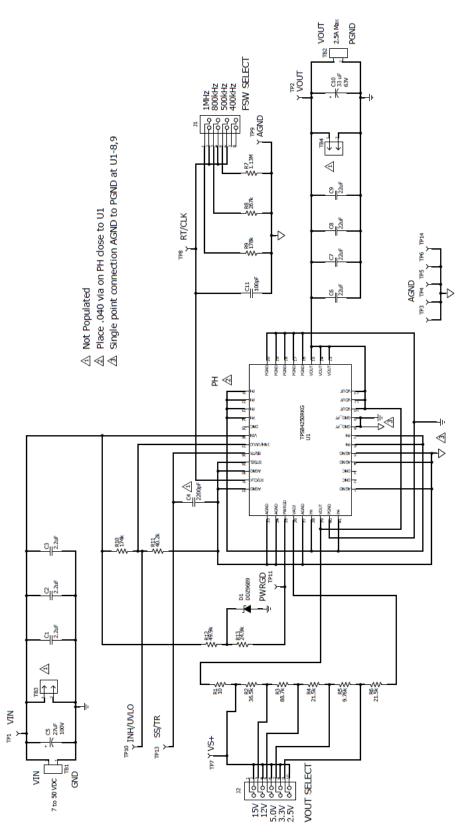
Before applying power, ensure that the Fsw select (J3) and Vout select (J4) jumpers are present and properly positioned for the intended output voltage. SeeTable 1 for the recommended jumper setting. Always remove power before changing the jumper settings.

Once the jumper settings have been confirmed, set the host input supply to a voltage level at least 3 volts higher than the selected output voltage or 7 V, whichever is greater. (The minimum input voltage specification for the TPS84250 is (Vout + 3) or 7 V, whichever is greater.) Turn the host supply on, and then confirm that the selected output voltage is obtained.

Vout Select, J2 (V)	Fsw Select, J1	Minimum V <sub>IN</sub> (V)
2.5	400 kHz	7
3.3	400 kHz	7
5	500 kHz	8
12	800 kHz	15
15	1 MHz	18



## 3 Schematic





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## 4 Test Point Descriptions

Wire-loop test points have been provided as convenient connection points for digital voltmeters (DVM) or oscilloscope probes to aid in the evaluation of this device. A description of each test point follows.

VIN	Input voltage monitoring point. Connect a DVM to this point for measuring efficiency.
VOUT	Output voltage monitoring point. Connect a DVM to this point for measuring efficiency, line regulation, and load regulation.
TB3 VIN	Connect an oscilloscope probe with a short grounding tip to this pair of holes to measure input ripple voltage.
TB4 VOUT	Connect an oscilloscope probe with a short grounding tip to this pair of holes to measure output ripple voltage and transient response.
SS/TR	Monitor the voltage on the soft-start capacitor here. Also use it as an input for the Tracking function.
INH/UVLO	Ground this terminal to inhibit power conversion. When open, the voltage on this pin is the voltage of the UVLO resistor divider network.
RT/CLK	Monitors the RT pin (timing resistor) of the device. Adding resistance to ground to this pin raises the switching frequency. The pin also can be driven by a 3.3-V, logic-level clock signal to set the switching frequency. A frequency range of 400 kHz to 1 MHz is supported.
PWRGD	Monitors the Power Good pin. A weak pullup to 5.1 V is provided on the EVM. PWRGD is high when the output voltage is within $\pm 8\%$ of its nominal value.
GND	Ground points for meters of oscilloscope probes.
РН	Via test point for monitoring the Phase pin (switching node) of the device with an oscilloscope. This test point can be used to measure the switching frequency of the regulator. Use only a x10 oscilloscope probe to monitor this point. The operation of the device can be affected by the stray capacitance of conventional cables or x1 probes.
VS+	This signal monitors the point where the feedback-loop monitors the output voltage. This point can be used to remote sense the output voltage at an external load. It also can be used as an injection point for a frequency-response loop analyzer. The injection signal can be applied across the SENSE+ and VOUT test points.



#### 5 **Operation Notes**

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The UVLO threshold of the factory-stock EVM is approximately 6.5 V with a 0.5-V hysteresis. The input voltage must be above the UVLO threshold before power conversion will begin. The UVLO threshold is set by resistors R10 and R11. See the data sheet for information on setting the UVLO voltage.

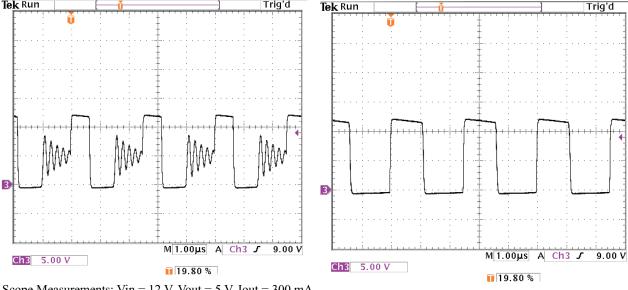
Once the input voltage rises above the UVLO threshold, power conversion begins and the output voltage ramps to its final value in approximately 10 ms. If desired, this soft-start interval can be increased by adding capacitance at location C4 on the bottom side of the EVM. This location is not populated on the factory-stock EVM.

The TPS84250 is a nonsynchronous buck regulator. This means that the power stage can only source current and does not sink current. This also means at lighter loads, the waveform observed on the PH test node exhibits considerable ringing as shown in Figure 2. This is normal behavior. At heavier loads, the PH waveform becomes rectangular, as shown in Figure 3. When attempting to measure switching frequency, it is recommended that a load of 1 A or greater be applied to ensure that an accurate reading is obtained.

The TPS84250 is not designed to endure a sustained short circuit on its output. It can survive momentary shorts (< 5 seconds), but sustained short circuits may cause permanent damage to the device.

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Scope Measurements: Vin = 12 V, Vout = 5 V, Iout = 300 mACh.3> PH Node

Figure 2. PH Node at 300-mA Load

Scope Measurements: Vin = 12 V, Vout = 5 V, Iout = 1.0 ACh.3> PH Node

Figure 3. PH Node at 1-A Load

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EVM Assembly Drawings and PCB Layout

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Figure 4 through 9 show the design of the TPS84250EVM-001 printed circuit board.

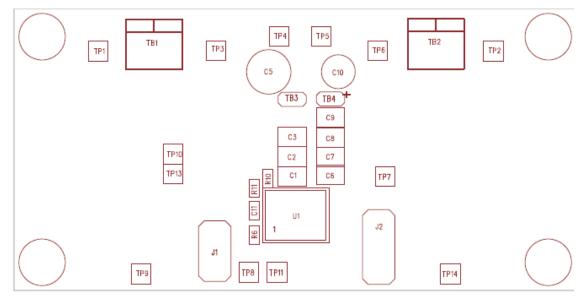


Figure 4. Top Layer

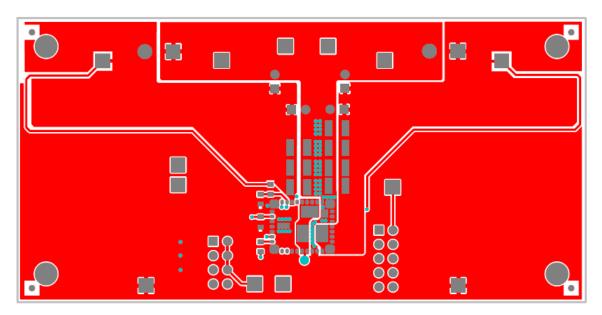


Figure 5. Layer 1



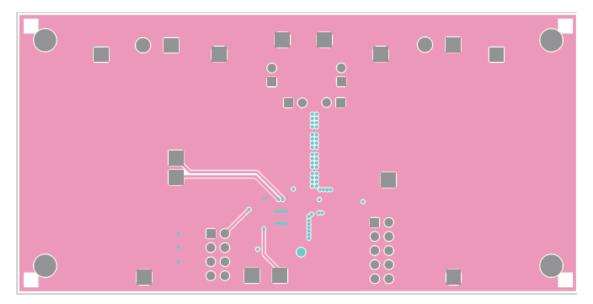


Figure 6. Layer 2

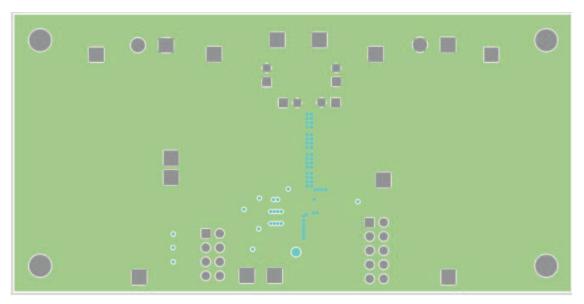


Figure 7. Layer 3



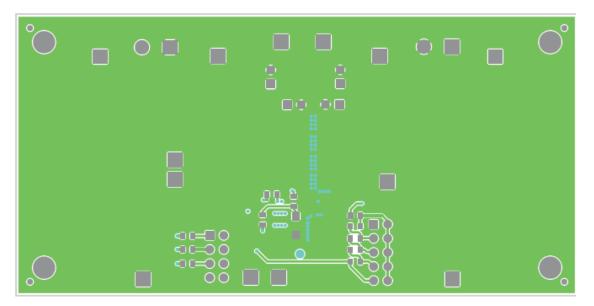


Figure 8. Layer 4

R9 R8 R7	KI3 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21	R1 R2 R3 R4 R5	

Figure 9. Bottom Layer



## 7 List of Materials

COUNT	REF DES	DESCRIPTION	PART NUMBER	MFR
0	C10	Capacitor, aluminum, 35 $V_{\text{DC}},$ ±20%, 100 $\mu\text{F},$ 6.3 mm x 11 mm	ESMG350ELL101MF11D	United ChemiCon
1	C11	Capacitor, ceramic, 100 V, 5%, NP0, 100 pF, 0603	C1608C0G2A101F	TDK
3	C1-3	Capacitor, ceramic, 100 V, 5%, X7R, 2.2 µF, 1210	C3225X7R2A225K	TDK
0	C4	Capacitor, ceramic, 100 V, 10%, X7R, 2200 pF, 0603	STD	STD
1	C5	Capacitor, aluminum, 100 V, 20%, 22 µF, 0.200 inch Dia.	EKZE101ELL270MHB5D	United ChemiCon
4	C6-9	Capacitor, ceramic, 25 V, 10%, X7R, 22 µF, 1210	GRM32ER71E226KE15L	MuRata
1	D1	Diode, Zener, 5.1 V, 500 mW, SOD-123	DDZ9689-7	Diodes Inc
1	J1	Header, male 2x4 pin, 100-mil spacing, 0.20 inch x 0.40 inch	PEC04DAAN	Sullins
1	J2	Header, male 2x5 pin, 100-mil spacing, 0.100 inch x 5 inch x 2 inch	PEC05DAAN	Sullins
1	R1	Resistor, chip, 1/10 W, 1%, 10 Ω, 0603	STD	STD
1	R10	Resistor, chip, 1/10 W, 1%, 174 kΩ, 0603	STD	STD
1	R11	Resistor, chip, 1/10 W, 1%, 40.2 kΩ, 0603	STD	STD
1	R12	Resistor, chip, 1/10 W, 1%, 49.9 kΩ, 0603	STD	STD
1	R13	Resistor, chip, 1/10 W, 1%, 24.9 kΩ, 0603	STD	STD
1	R2	Resistor, chip, 1/10 W, 1%, 36.5 kΩ, 0603	STD	STD
1	R3	Resistor, chip, 1/10 W, 1%, 88.7 kΩ, 0603	STD	STD
2	R4 R6	Resistor, chip, 1/10 W, 1%, 21.5 kΩ, 0603	STD	STD
1	R5	Resistor, chip, 1/10 W, 1%, 9.76 kΩ, 0603	STD	STD
1	R7	Resistor, chip, 1/10 W, 1%, 1.13 M, 0603	STD	STD
1	R8	Resistor, chip, 1/10 W, 1%, 267 kΩ, 0603	STD	STD
1	R9	Resistor, chip, 1/10 W, 1%, 178 kΩ, 0603	STD	STD

## Table 2. EVM List of Material<sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> These assemblies are ESD sensitive, ESD precautions shall be observed. Use of no clean flux is not acceptable.

<sup>(2)</sup> These assemblies must comply with workmanship standards IPC-A-610 Class 2.

<sup>(3)</sup> Ref designators marked with an asterisk (\*\*\*') cannot be substituted. All other components can be substituted with equivalent MFG's components.

<sup>(4)</sup> Install label after final wash. Text shall be 8 pt font. Text shall be per Table 3.



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COUNT	REF DES	DESCRIPTION	PART NUMBER	MFR
2	TB1-2	Terminal block, 2 pin, 15 A, 5.1 mm, 0.40 inch x 0.35 inch	ED120/2DS	OST
0	TB3-4	Header, male 2 pin, 100-mil spacing, 0.100 inch x 2 inch	PEC02SAAN	Sullins
7	TP1-2 TP7-8 TP10-11 TP13	Test point, white, thru hole, 5012, 0.125 inch x 0.125 inch	5012	Keystone
6	TP3-6 TP9 TP14	Test point, black, thru hole, 5011, 0.125 inch x 0.125 inch	5011	Keystone
1	U1	7 V to 50 V Input, 2.5-A Non-synchronous Buck, QFN	TPS84250RKG	ТІ
1	РСВ	PCB, FR4, 0.062 inch, 1 oz copper all layers, 4.0 inch x 2.0 inch	PWR087	ТІ
2	Shunt <sup>(5)</sup>	Connector, jumper, shorting, gold flash, 2 (1 x 2) x 100 mil	SPC02SYAN	Sullins
4	Standoff	Bumpon hemisphere 0.44 inch x 0.20 inch clear, 0.440 inch x 0.200 inch	SJ-5303	ЗМ
1		Label, 1.25 inch x 0.25 inch	THT-13-457-10	Brady

## Table 2. EVM List of Material<sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)</sup> (continued)

 $^{\rm (5)}$   $\,$  Place in position over pins 1 and 2 on both J1 and J2  $\,$ 

## Table 3. Label Text

ASSEMBLY NUMBER	TEXT
PWR087-001	TPS84250EVM-001

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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.

#### For EVMs annotated as IC – INDUSTRY CANADA Compliant

This Class A or B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

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#### Concerning EVMs including radio transmitters

This device complies with Industry Canada licence-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

#### 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.

Cet appareil numérique de la classe A ou B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

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#### Concernant les EVMs avec appareils radio

Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes : (1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et (2) l'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement.

#### Concernant les EVMs avec antennes détachables

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