

TPS65137A Evaluation Module

This user's guide describes the characteristics, operation, and use of the TPS65137A evaluation module (EVM). This EVM contains the Texas Instruments OLED display supply IC TPS65137A with a minimum switch current of 0.9 A on the boost converter, OUTP, and a minimum switch current of 1.1 A on the negative buck-boost converter, OUTN. The user's guide includes EVM specifications, the recommended test setup (hardware and software), the schematic diagram, the bill of materials, and the board layout.

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1 Introduction

The Texas Instruments TPS65137A EVM uses a TPS65137A 200-mA, dual-output, AMOLED (Active Matrix Organic Light-Emitting Diode) display power regulator to provide both a positive and negative power rail. The goal of the EVM is to facilitate evaluation of the TPS65137A. The TPS65137A is designed to provide best-in-class picture quality for AMOLED displays requiring positive and negative voltage supply rails. With its wide input voltage range, the device is ideally suited for AMOLED displays, which are used in mobile phones or smart phones. With this device, the input voltage can be higher than the positive output voltage and still maintains accurate regulation of OUTP. Using the digital control pin (CTRL) allows adjustment of the negative output voltage in digital steps. The TPS65137A uses a novel technology enabling excellent line and load regulation with minimum output voltage ripple by using an LDO post regulator for OUTP. This is required in order to avoid disturbance of the AMOLED display due to input voltage transients occurring during transmit periods in mobile phones.

1.1 Requirements

The negative output voltage, OUTN, can be adapted through the CTRL one-wire interface to the individual needs of the application. All components and connectors for this voltage change are supplied in the EVM except for the host computer and the DC power supply. Software must be downloaded from the TI Web site at www.ti.com, if needed.

1.1.1 Power Supply

In order to operate this EVM, only a DC power supply capable of delivering between 2.3 V and 5.5 V at up to 1.5 A is necessary. The EVM is fully functional, except changing the negative output voltage, with just a power supply connected.

1.1.2 Host Computer

A computer with a USB port is required to operate this EVM. The TPS65137A software runs on the personal computer (PC) and communicates with the EVM via the PC's USB port.

PC Requirements:

- Windows™ XP operating system with Service Pack 2
- USB port
- Minimum of 280 MB of free hard disk space (610 MB recommended)
- Minimum of 512 MB of RAM

1.1.3 Software

Texas Instruments provides the software necessary to evaluate the TPS65137AEVM. Check the TPS65137A product folder on the TI Web site (www.ti.com) for updates to the software.

1.2 Application

Active Matrix OLED Power Supply

1.3 Features

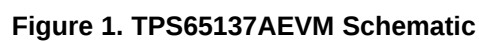
- 2.3-V to 5.5-V input voltage range
- 1 % output voltage accuracy OUTP
- Excellent line transient regulation
- Low-noise operation
- 200-mA output current
- Fixed, 4.6-V positive output voltage
- Digitally programmable negative output voltage down to –5.2 V
- –4.9-V default value for OUTN
- Advanced Power-Save mode
- Short-circuit protection
- Thermal shutdown
- High-impedance output in shutdown
- Double-sided, two-active-layer PCB with all components on top side

2 TPS65137AEVM Electrical and Performance Specifications

Table 1. TPS65137AEVM Electrical and Performance Specifications

Parameter		Notes and Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Input Characteristics						
V_{IN}	Input Voltage		2.3		5.5	V
I_{IN}	Input Current	$V_{IN} = 3.5\text{ V}$, $I_{OUT} = 200\text{ mA}$		680		mA
	No Load Input Current	$V_{IN} = 3.5\text{ V}$, $I_{OUTP} = I_{OUTN} = 0\text{ mA}$		0.6	2	mA
Output Characteristics						
V_{OUTP}	Positive Output Voltage	$V_{IN} = 3.5\text{ V}$, $I_{OUTP} = 200\text{ mA}$	4.5	4.6	4.7	V
	Line Regulation OUTP	$V_{IN} = 2.7\text{ V}$ to 4.2 V , $I_{OUTP} = 50\text{ mA}$		3		mV
	Load Regulation OUTP	$I_{OUTP} = 10\text{ mA}$ to 200 mA , PWM; $V_{IN} = 3.5\text{ V}$		2		mV
V_{OUTN}	Default Negative Output Voltage	$V_{IN} = 3.5\text{ V}$, $I_{OUTN} = 200\text{ mA}$	-4.8	-4.9	-5.0	V
	Line Regulation OUTN	$V_{IN} = 2.7\text{ V}$ to 4.2 V , $I_{OUT} = 50\text{ mA}$		3		mV
	Load Regulation OUTN	$I_{OUTN} = 10\text{ mA}$ to 200 mA , ; $V_{IN} = 3.5\text{ V}$		3		mV
$V_{OUTP(PP)}$	Output Voltage Ripple OUTP	$V_{IN} = 3.5\text{ V}$, $I_{OUT} = 200\text{ mA}$		5		mV _{PP}
$V_{OUTN(PP)}$	Output Voltage Ripple OUTN	$V_{IN} = 3.5\text{ V}$, $I_{OUT} = 200\text{ mA}$		40		mV _{PP}
System Characteristics						
f_{SW}	Switching Frequency			1.6		MHz
η_{pk}	Peak Efficiency	$V_{IN} = 3.5\text{ V}$		85%		

Figure 1 is for reference only; see Table 2 for specific values.



4 Connector and Test Point Descriptions

4.1 Input Connectors

4.1.1 J1 – VIN

This header is the positive connection to the input power supply. The power supply must be connected between J1 and J3 (GND). Twist the leads to the input supply, and keep them as short as possible. The input voltage has to be between 2.3 V and 5.5 V.

4.1.2 J2 – Input Sense Connector

This header is intended to measure the input voltage directly on the input capacitor. Therefore, a 4-wire power and sense supply can be connected. Twist the leads to the sensing connector.

4.1.3 J3 – GND

This header is the return connection to the input power supply. Connect the power supply between these pins and J1 (VIN). Twist the leads to the input supply, and keep them as short as possible. The input voltage must be between 2.3 V and 5.5 V.

4.2 Output Connectors

4.2.1 J4 – OUTP

This header is the positive connection of the output voltage of the boost converter. Connect the boost converter's load between J4 and J6 (GND).

4.2.2 J5 – OUTP Output Sense Connector

This header is intended to measure the output voltage of the boost converter directly on the output capacitors.

4.2.3 J6 – GND

This header is the return connection of the output voltage of the boost converter. Connect the boost converter's load between these pins and J4 (VOUT).

4.2.4 J7 – OUTN

This header is the negative connection of the output voltage of the boost converter. Connect the boost converter's load between J7 and J9 (GND).

4.2.5 J8 – OUTN Output Sense Connector

This header is intended to measure the output voltage of the boost converter directly on the output capacitors.

4.2.6 J9 – GND

This header is the return connection of the output voltage of the boost converter. Connect the boost converter's load between these pins and J4 (VOUT).

4.3 Additional Jumper and Connector

4.3.1 JP1 – Enable

This is the enable pin for both converters. Placing a jumper across pins 2 and 3 shorts the EN pin to GND (off), thereby disabling the device. Placing a jumper across pins 1 and 2 shorts the EN pin to VIN (on), thereby enabling the converter.

4.3.2 J10 – CTRL

This is the interface connector for the CTRL interface. Connect the 10-pin ribbon cable between this connector and the I/O connector of the USB interface adapter.

5 Test Setup

5.1 EVM Operation

The user must connect an input power supply set between 2.3 V and 5.5 V between headers J1 and J3 in order for the EVM to operate. The absolute maximum input voltage is 7 V.

The user can connect a load resistance between the positive and negative output voltage, J4 and J7, or the two output voltages and GND, J4 and J6, and J7 and J9.

5.2 Software Setup To Change Negative Output Voltage

The software is not needed for testing the standard operation of the TPS65137AEVM, but if changing the negative output voltage is necessary, the software has to be installed, and the USB interface adapter used with a host computer.

For the newest software version, go to the TPS65137A product folder on the TI Web site (<http://focus.ti.com/docs/prod/folders/print/tps65137.html>), download the software (zipped file), unpack it, and execute the setup.exe file. This installs the newest software version on your PC. It is recommended to remove older versions before installing the newest one.

5.3 Hardware Setup

Figure 2 details the connection of the power supply, the load, and the host computer. The host computer is just required if a voltage change on the negative rail is needed. The connection of the load is just an example; the load(s) can also be connected between J4 and J6 and/or J7 and J9.

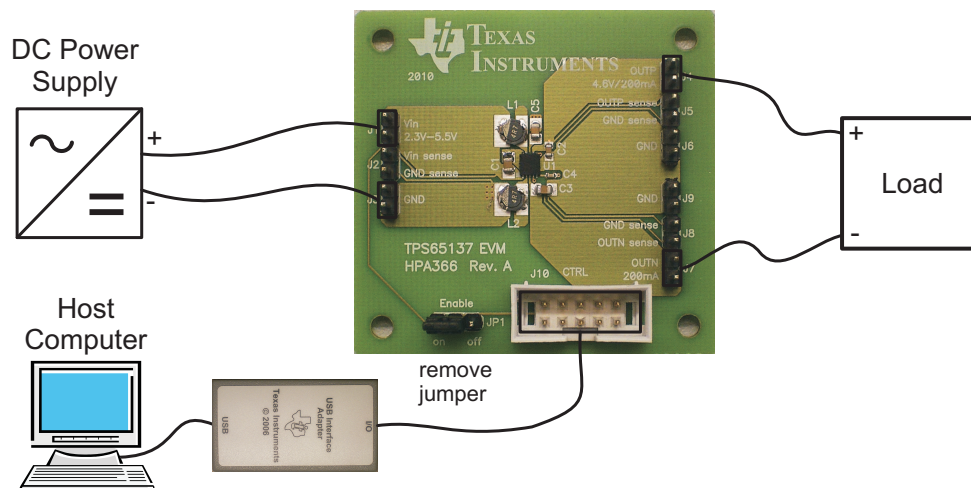


Figure 2. Connection of the Board and Host Computer

5.4 Software Operation

After the installation of the software, an icon with the name TPS65137 EVM appears on the desktop of the host computer. If it does not, browse the program files in the Start menu for the software. The default location is Program Files/Texas Instruments/TPS65137 EVM.

After connecting the USB interface adapter to the host computer, the software can be started. Most likely, at the first startup, the system asks to update the adapter's firmware. After confirmation of this update, the software window shown in Figure 3 appears.

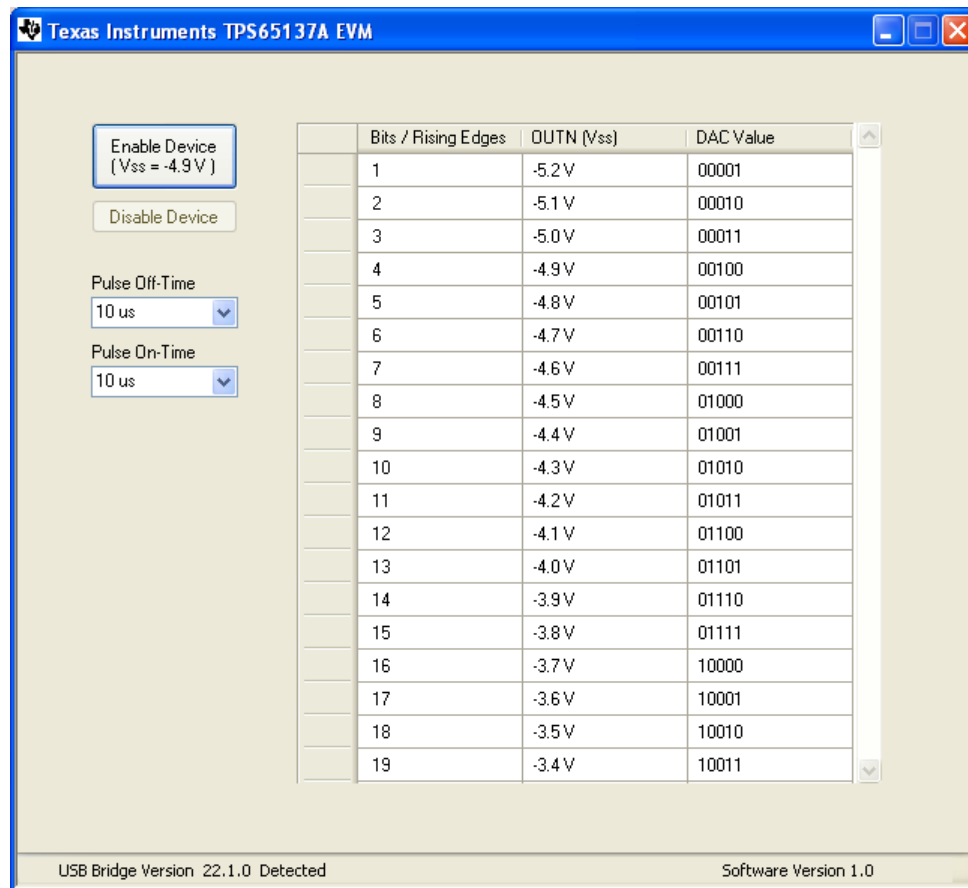


Figure 3. TPS65137A Software Window

Remove the jumper from the enable connector, JP1, to enable control of the EVM via the TPS65137A software. On the left top corner is the 'Enable Device' button that turns the TPS65137A on with the default -4.9 V on OUTN. After this button is pressed, it grays out and the 'Disable Device' button becomes active. With the drop-down menus, the selections 'Pulse Off-Time' and 'Pulse On-Time' can be used to change the pulse width of the controlling signal between 4 μ s and 24 μ s to test the different pulse widths possible with this interface. For more details on the interface, see the TPS65137A data sheet.

On the right side, the list of possible output voltages is displayed. By clicking on one of the output voltages, the software sends the necessary amount of rising edges to change the DAC value in the TPS65137A, which finally changes the voltage on the negative rail, OUTN. Whenever the part is disabled and enabled again, it starts with the default negative output voltage of -4.9 V.

6 TPS65137AEVM Assembly Drawings and Layout

Figure 4 through Figure 6 show the design of the TPS65137AEVM printed-circuit board (PCB). The EVM has been designed using a two-layer, 35- μ m (1 oz), copper-clad circuit board. All components are on the top side, and all active traces on the top and bottom layers allow the user to easily view, probe, and evaluate the TPS65137A control IC in a practical, double-sided application. Moving components to both sides of the PCB or using additional internal layers can offer additional size reduction for space-constrained systems.

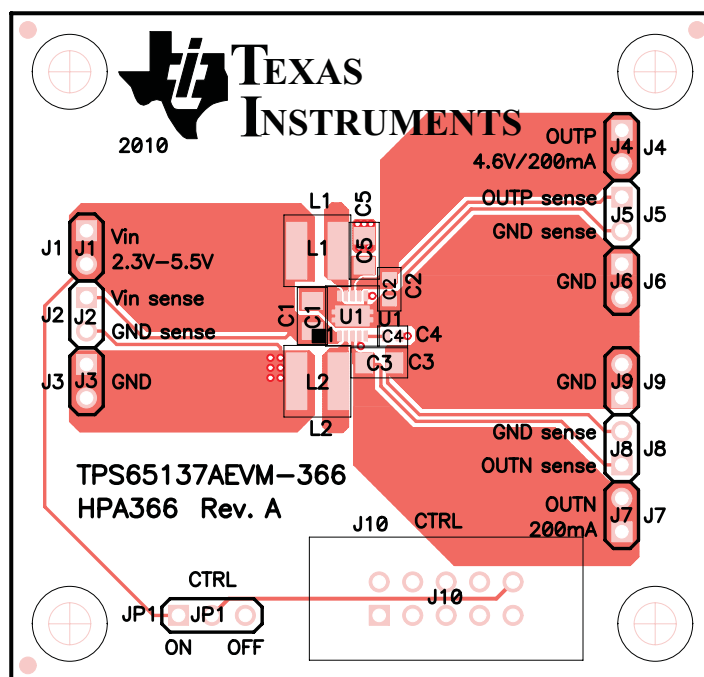


Figure 4. TPS65137AEVM Component Placement, Viewed From Top

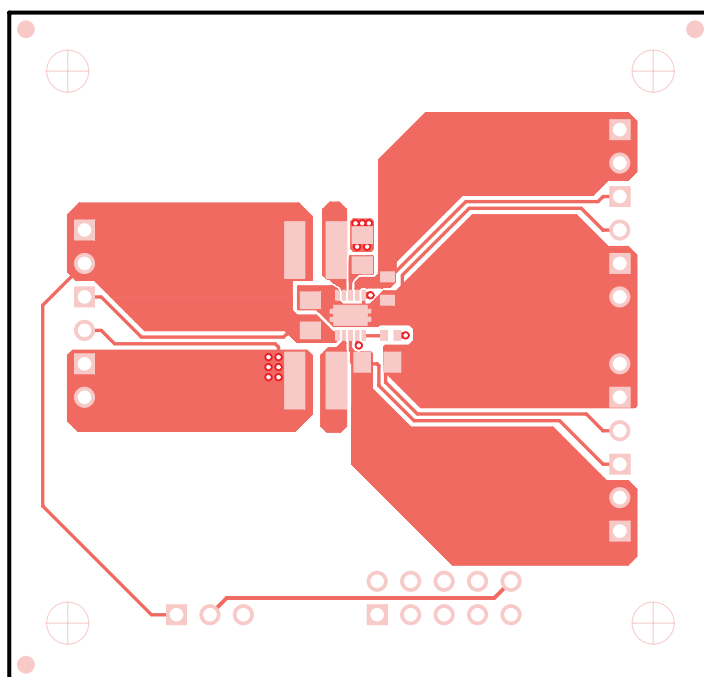


Figure 5. TPS65137AEVM Top Copper, Viewed From Top

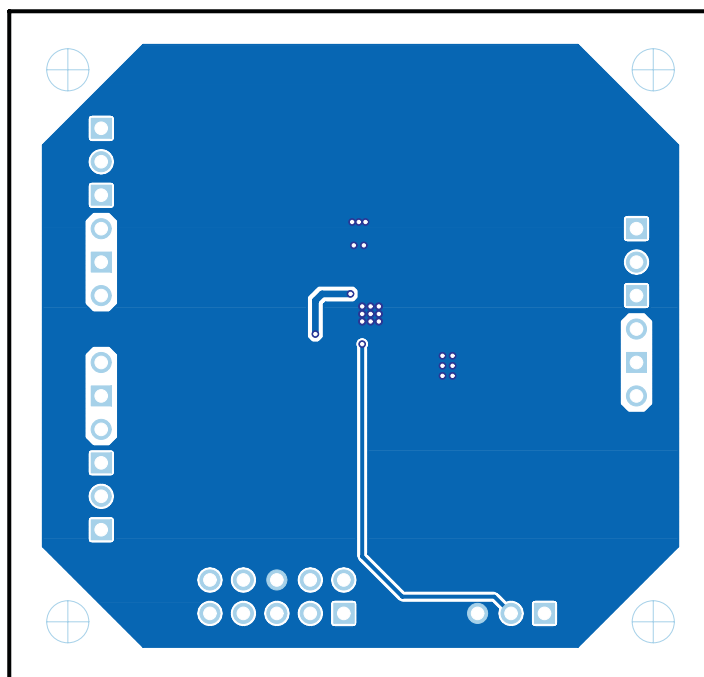


Figure 6. TPS65137AEVM Bottom Copper, Viewed From Bottom

7 List of Materials

Table 2 lists the EVM components as configured according to the schematic shown in Figure 1.

Table 2. TPS65137AEVM Bill of Materials

Count	RefDes	Value	Description	Size	Part Number	MFR
3	C1, C3, C5	4.7 μ F	Capacitor, Ceramic, 16V, X5R, 10%	0805	GRM21BR61C475KA88	Murata
1	C2	2.2 μ F	Capacitor, Ceramic, 10V, X5R, 10%	0603	GRM188R61A225KE34	Murata
1	C4	100 nF	Capacitor, Ceramic, 10V, X7R, 10%	0402	Std	Std
2	L1, L2	4.7 μ H	Inductor, SMT, 1.1A, 160milliohm	0.153 x 0.153 inch	VLF4012AT-4R7M1R1	Coilcraft
1	U1	TPS65137ADSC	IC, Triple output AMOLED Display Power Supply	QFN-10	TPS65137ADSC	TI

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It is important to operate this EVM within the input voltage range of 2.3 V to 5.5 V and various output voltages between 4.6 V and -5.2 V.

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