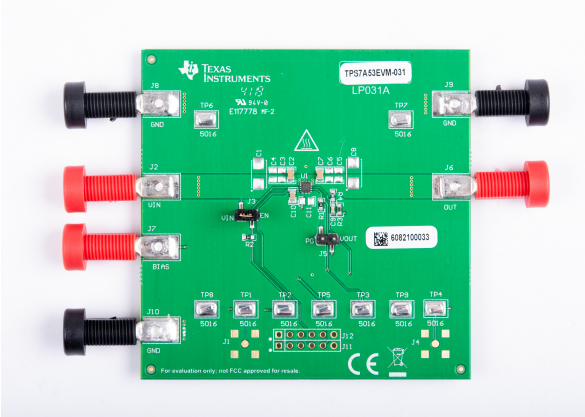
User's Guide

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TPS7A53EVM-031 Evaluation Module



This user's guide describes the operational use of the TPS7A53EVM-031 evaluation module (EVM) as a reference design for engineering demonstration and evaluation of the TPS7A53EVM-031, low-dropout linear regulator (LDO). Included in this user's guide are setup and operating instructions, thermal and layout guidelines, a printed-circuit board (PCB) layout, a schematic diagram, and a bill of materials (BOM).

Throughout this document, the terms *demonstration kit*, *evaluation board*, *EVM*, and *evaluation module* are synonymous with the TPS7A53EVM-031.

The following related documents are available through the Texas Instruments web site at www.ti.com.

Table 1. Related Documentation

Device	Literature Number
TPS7A53-Q1	SBVS298

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1 Introduction

Texas Instruments' TPS7A53EVM-031 EVM helps design engineers evaluate the operation and performance of the TPS7A5301RPS device for possible use in a circuit application. This particular EVM configuration contains a single low-noise, high-PSRR linear regulator for radar applications. The regulator is capable of delivering up to 4 A to the load with ultra-low VIN to VOUT dropout voltage. For stability, use a 47-µF (or larger) output capacitor for the TPS7A53EVM-031.

1.1 Before You Begin

The following warnings and cautions are noted for the safety of anyone using or working close to the TPS7A53EVM-031. Observe all safety precautions.



Warning Warning Hot surface. Contact may cause burns. Do not touch.

CAUTION

The circuit module may be damaged by overtemperature. To avoid damage, monitor the temperature during evaluation and provide cooling, as needed, for your system environment.

CAUTION

Some power supplies can be damaged by application of external voltages. If using more than one power supply, check your equipment requirements and use blocking diodes or other isolation techniques, as needed, to prevent damage to your equipment.

CAUTION

The circuit module is not a finished product or electrical appliance. The module does not contain current or voltage thresholds for circuit protection. It must be used by qualified personnel with additional equipment for evaluation only.

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2 EVM Setup

This section describes how to properly connect and set up the TPS7A53EVM-031, including the jumpers and connectors on the EVM board.

2.1 Input/Output Connectors and Jumper Descriptions

2.1.1 J1 – VIN

Input power-supply voltage SMA jack connector.

2.1.2 J2 – VIN

Input power-supply voltage standard banana jack connector. Twist together the positive input lead and ground return lead from the input power supply, and keep them as short as possible to minimize input inductance. Add additional bulk capacitance between the input supply and ground (use the C1 footprint) if the supply leads are greater than six inches. For example, an additional 47-µF electrolytic capacitor connected from the input supply (J1) to ground can improve the transient response of the TPS7A5401RPS, and eliminates unwanted ringing on the input because of long wire connections.

2.1.3 J3 – EN

Output enable. To enable the output, connect a jumper to short VIN to EN.

2.1.4 J4 – VOUT

Output voltage SMA jack connector.

2.1.5 J5 – PG

Pullup-voltage selector for PG. This EVM is designed so that PG can be pulled up either to VOUT by shorting J5, or pulled up to another voltage by applying an external voltage to the PG post.

2.1.6 J6 – VOUT

Output voltage standard banana jack connector.

2.1.7 J7 – BIAS

Bias voltage standard banana connector.

If the input supply (VIN) voltage is less than 1.4 V but greater than 1.1 V, use a bias voltage of 3.0 V to 6.5 V to provide power to the TPS7A5401RPS. If the input voltage is greater than 1.4 V, the BIAS pin does not have to be connected. The BIAS supply pin typically consumes 2.3 mA.

2.1.8 J8 – GND

Input and Bias ground return connector.

2.1.9 J9 – GND

Output ground return connector.

2.1.10 J10 -- GND

Inout and Bias ground return connector.

2.1.11 J11

6 × 1 header, can be used as test points for LDO inputs and outputs.

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2.1.12 J12

6 × 1 header, can be used as test points for LDO inputs and outputs.

2.1.13 TP1 – VIN

Input test point.

2.1.14 TP2 – VEN

Input sense test point.

2.1.15 TP3 – PG

PG test point.

2.1.16 TP4 – VOUT

Enable test point.

2.1.17 TP5 – VBIAS

Output test point.

2.1.18 TP6 – GND

Ground sense test point near input.

2.1.19 TP7 – GND

Ground sense test point near output.

2.1.20 TP8 – GND

Ground sense test point near Bias.

2.1.21 TP9 – GND

Ground sense test point.

2.2 Soldering Guidelines

To avoid damaging the integrated circuit (IC), use a hot-air system for any solder rework to modify the EVM for the purpose of repair or other application reasons.

2.3 Equipment Connection

Use the following steps when connecting the equipment:

1. Set the input and bias power supplies to 6.5 V (maximum), and turn the power supplies off.
2. Connect the positive voltage lead from the input power supply to VIN at the J1 or J2 connector of the EVM.
3. Connect the ground lead from the input power supply to GND at the J8 connector of the EVM.
4. Connect a 0-A to 4-A load between OUT and GND. The connector used depends on the desired output current.
5. Disable the output by floating J3.

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3 Operation

Use the following steps to operate the equipment:

1. Turn on the power supplies.
2. Enable the output by jumping J3 (the EN pin) to VIN.
3. Vary the respective load and input voltage as necessary for test purposes.

4 PCB Layout

Figure 1 to Figure 5 illustrate the PCB layout for this EVM.

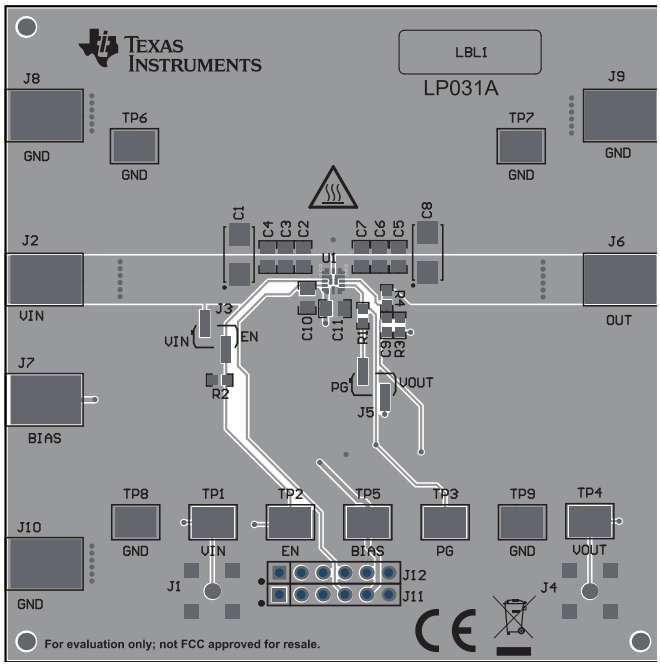


Figure 1. Top Composite View

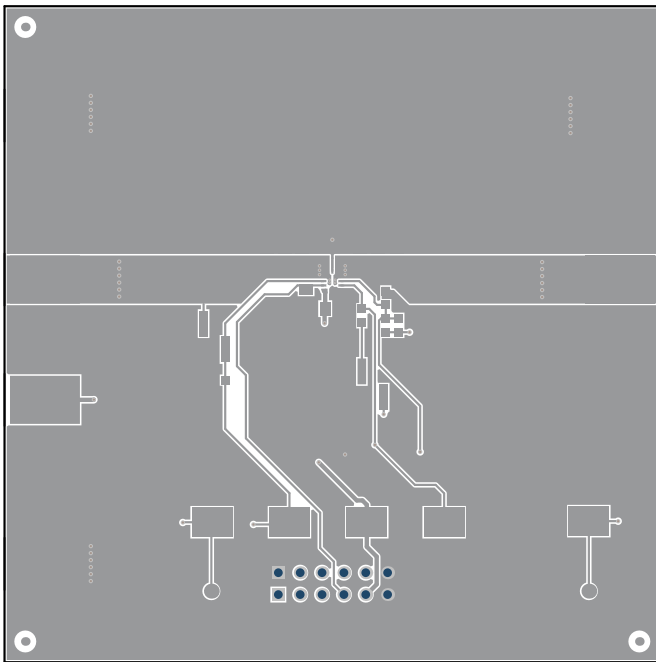


Figure 2. Top Layer Routing

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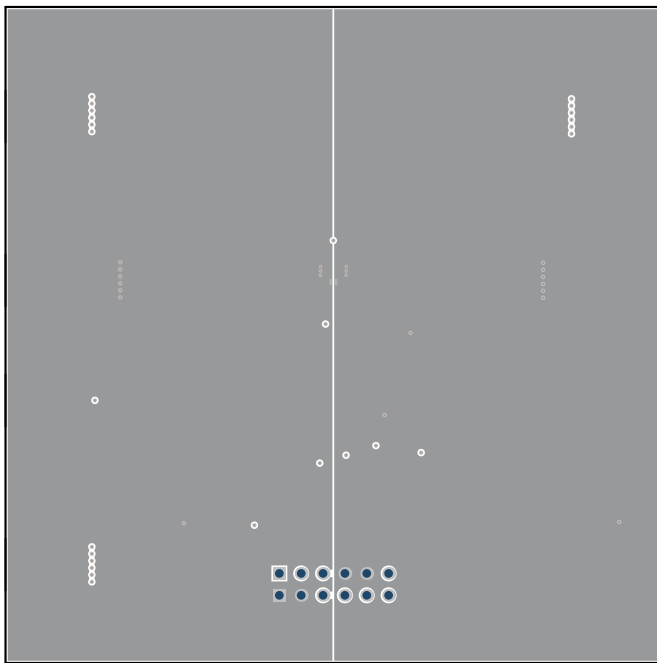


Figure 3. Mid Layer 1 Routing

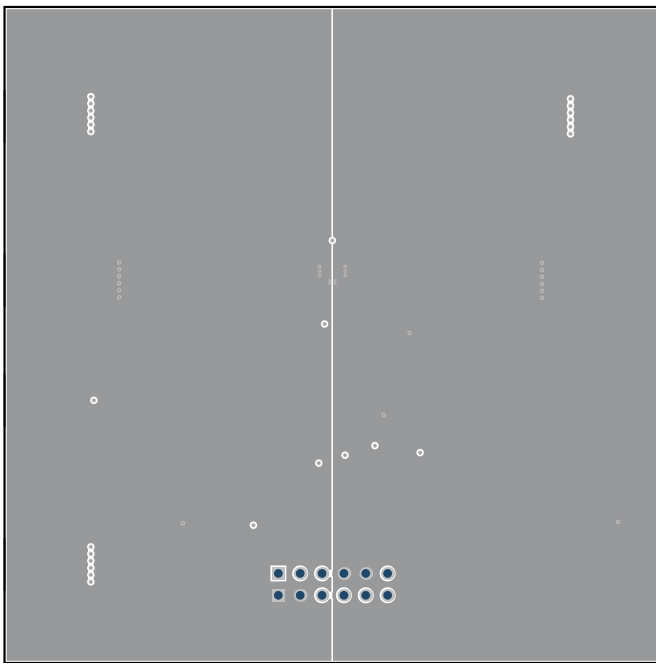


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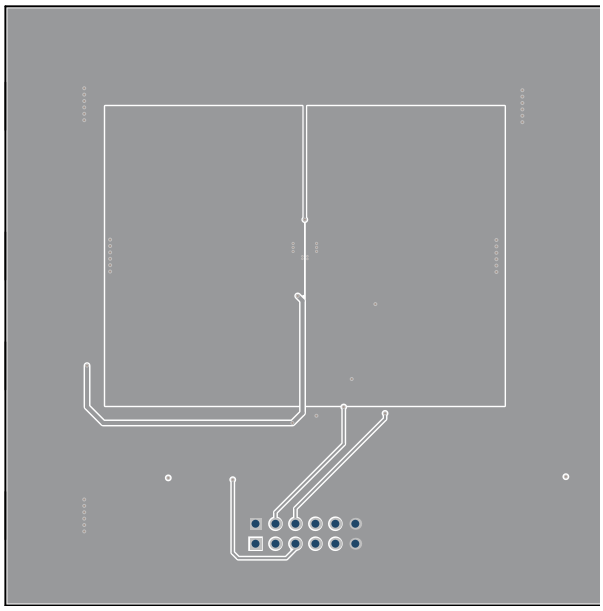


Figure 5. Bottom Layer Routing

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5 Schematic

Figure 6 is the schematic for this EVM.

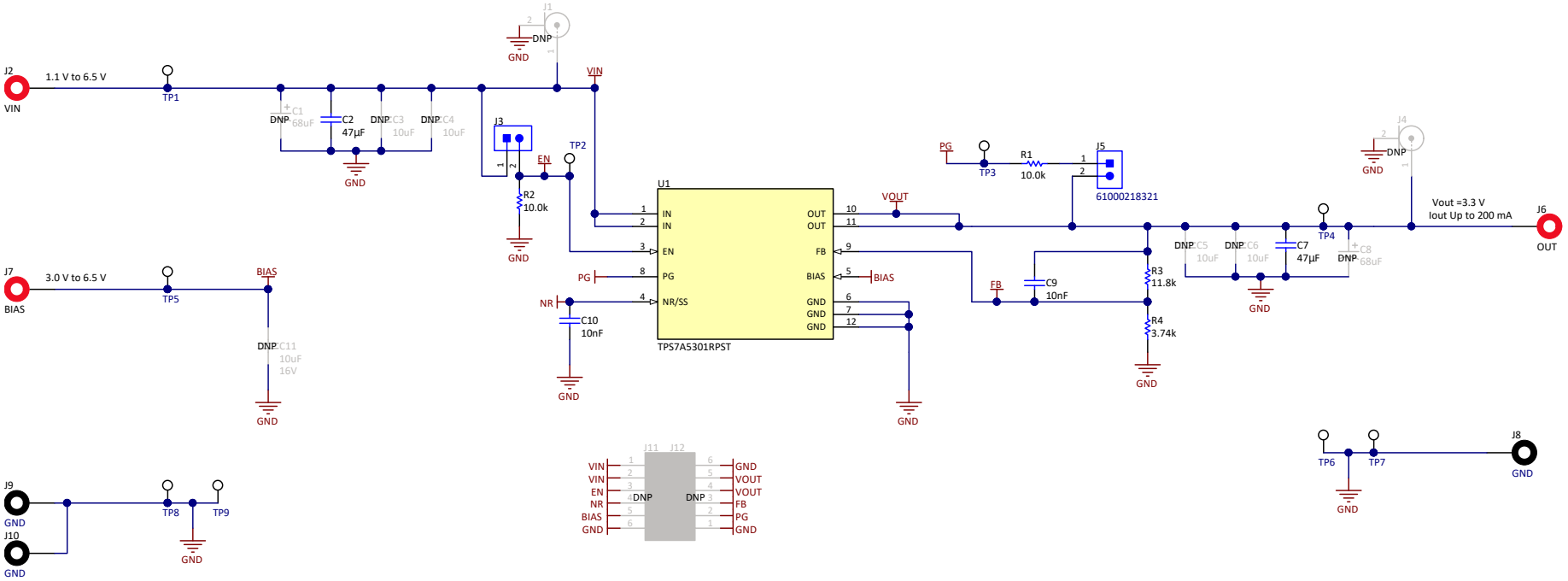


Figure 6. TPS7A53EVM-031 Schematic

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6 Bill of Materials

Table 2 shows the TPS7A53EVM-031 BOM.

Table 2. TPS7A53EVM-031 BOM(1)(2)(3)(4)

Designator	QTY	Value	Description	Package Reference	Part Number	Manufacturer	Alternate Part Number	Alternate Manufacturer
!PCB1	1		Printed Circuit Board		LP031	Any		
C2, C7	2	47 µF	CAP, CERM, 47 µF, 10 V, ±20%, X5R, 0805	0805	GRM21BR61A476ME15	MuRata		
C9	1	0.01 µF	'CAP, CERM, 0.01 µF, 100 V, ±10%, X7R, 0603	0603	C0603C103K1RACTU	Kemet		
C10	1	0.01 µF	CAP, CERM, 0.01 uF, 50 V, ±5%, X7R, 0805	0805	08055C103JAT2A	AVX		
J2, J6, J7	3		Standard Banana Jack, Insulated, Red	6091	6091	Keystone		
J3, J5	2		Header, 2.54 mm, 2×1, Gold, SMT	Header, 2.54 mm, 2×1, SMT	61000218321	Wurth Elektronik		
J8, J9, J10	3		Standard Banana Jack, Insulated, Black	6092	6092	Keystone		
LBL1	1		Thermal Transfer Printable Labels, 0.650" W × 0.200" H - 10,000 per roll	PCB Label 0.650 × 0.200 in	THT-14-423-10	Brady		
R1, R2	2	10.0 kΩ	RES, 10.0 kΩ, 1%, 0.1 W, 0603	0603	CRCW060310K0FKEA	Vishay-Dale		
R3	1	11.8 kΩ	RES, 11.8 kΩ, 1%, 0.1 W, 0603	0603	CRCW060311K8FKEA	Vishay-Dale		
R4	1	3.74 kΩ	RES, 3.74 kΩ, 1%, 0.1 W, 0603	0603	CRCW06033K74FKEA	Vishay-Dale		
SH-J1	1	1×2	Shunt, 100 mil, Gold plated, Black	Shunt	969102-0000-DA	3M	SNT-100-BK-G	Samtec
TP1, TP2, TP3, TP4, TP5, TP6, TP7, TP8, TP9	9	SMT	Test Point, Compact, SMT	Testpoint_Keystone_Compact	5016	Keystone		
U1	1		Automotive-Grade 4-A, High-Accuracy, Low-Noise, LDO Voltage Regulator, RGR0020A (VQFN-20)	RGR0020A	TPS7A5301RPS	Texas Instruments		
C1, C8	0	68 µF	CAP, TA, 68 µF, 16 V, ±10%, 0.2 Ω, SMD	6032-28	TPSC686K016R0200	AVX		
C3, C4, C5, C6	0	10 µF	CAP, CERM, 10 µF, 16 V, ±10%, X5R, 0805	0805	GRM21BR61C106KE15L	MuRata		
C11	0	10 µF	CAP, CERM, 10 µF, 16 V, ±20%, X5R, 0805	0805	0805YD106MAT2A	AVX		
FID1, FID2, FID3	0		Fiducial mark. There is nothing to buy or mount.	N/A	N/A	N/A		
J9, J10	0		Connector, SMA Jack, Vertical, Gold, SMD	SMA	142-0711-201	Cinch Connectivity		
J11, J12	0		TH, 6-Leads, Body 608 × 100 mil, Pitch 100 mil	PEC06SAAN	Sullins Connector Solutions			

(1) These assemblies are ESD sensitive, observe ESD precautions.
(2) These assemblies must be clean and free from flux and all contaminants. Use of no-clean flux is not acceptable.
(3) These assemblies must comply with workmanship standards IPC-A-610 Class 2.
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