TPL0401EVM

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1 Features

- Works with low cost MSP430 based LaunchPad platform
- Simple GUI to control EVM
- EVM can be operated in three different modes
  - Auto run LED mode
  - Adjustable Voltage reference mode
  - Variable gain mode
- Board is powered by USB

2 Introduction

The TPL0401 is an I2C bus controlled, single channel, linear-taper digital potentiometer with 128 wiper positions. TPL0401A/B have an end-to-end resistance of 10k ohms and the low terminal internally connected to ground. The position of the wiper can be adjusted using an I^2C interface. The TPL0401 is available in a 6-pin SC-70 package with a specified temperature range of –40°C to 125°C. The part has a 10k end-to-end resistance and can operate with a supply voltage range of 2.7V to 5.5V.

THE TPL0401EVM also consists of multiple other TI products (port expanders, LED drivers etc.). However, the scope of this document is to illustrate the use of the EVM to evaluate the TPL0401. The TPL0401EVM is designed to operate with the Texas Instruments LaunchPad (MSP-EXP430G2). The TPL0401EVM comes with a preprogrammed MSP430G2553 microcontroller which is to be inserted in the DIP socket on the LaunchPad. The LaunchPad can be separately purchased at www.ti.com/launchpad .

The TPL0401EVM has three different evaluation modes:

Mode 1 – **LED mode** – This is the standard mode the TPL0401 comes up in when powered up. In this mode the TPL0401 devices are used to control the color mixing on the RGB LEDs. The DPOTs are used to set the current limit for the TLC59108 LED driver. This mode is and auto run mode that does not have any GUI control. The flashing lights and color mixing is controlled by the keys on the board and other TI products on the board.

Mode 2 – **Adjustable voltage reference mode** – in this mode the TPL0401 is used in conjunction with an LMV321 op amp as an adjustable voltage reference circuit.

Mode 3 – **Variable gain mode** – in this mode the TPL0401 is configured as part of a variable gain non-inverting amplifier. The gain of the amplifier can be controlled by a digital interface. This mode can be used to evaluate the bandwidth of the TPL0501.

The EVM is operated by connecting the LaunchPad to a PC that has Windows™ (with .NET) via the USB Port. Other standard lab equipment such as Signal generator, multimeter, spectrum analyzer etc may be required for detailed analysis of the TPL0501 performance using this EVM.

3 Mode Selection

To setup any of these two modes, begin by connecting the EVM to the LaunchPad. Note the location of the VCC and GND pins on headers J1 and J2 on both the LaunchPad and the EVM to ensure correct installation.

1. **LED Mode**

   Connect Jumpers 1 and 2 of J6
   Connect +5V supply to J3
   Connect LaunchPad to computer through USB cable

   NOTE: It can be possible to power up the LEDs by connecting a wire from the VCC pin of J1 to the positive pin of J3. A 5V supply might be required because the max voltage drop across the blue LED plus the drop across the TLC59108 is larger than the supply voltage of the LaunchPad.

2. **Voltage reference mode**

   Start up the board in LED mode as described earlier
   Connect pins 1 and 2 of Jumper J7.
   Connect pins 1 and 2 of Jumper J5.
   Connect the LaunchPad and TPL0501EVM to a computer through the USB connector.

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Press keys SW2 and SW3 simultaneously
Start GUI software on computer

3. **Variable Gain mode**

   Connect pins 2 and 3 of jumper J6.
   Connect pins 1 and 2 of jumper J7.
   Attach a signal generator to the EXT_IN connector (SMA or SMB connector may need to be populated).
   Press keys SW2 and SW3 simultaneously
   Start GUI software on computer
   Connect the LaunchPad and TPL0501EVM to a computer through the USB connector

4 Jumpers Connections

1. **J1** & **J2** – **LaunchPad Headers**

   These connectors mate with the male headers on the LaunchPad

2. **J3** – **External LED Power**

   This connector is where the external +5V supply is attached to power the two RGB LEDs.

3. **J4** – **TCA7408 GPIO**

   This is a pin out of the four unused GPIO pins from the TCA7408, GPIO4-GPIO7.

4. **J5** – **Feedback loop**

   For the TPL0401A to function as a voltage reference circuit the negative feedback loop must be shorted, placing a jumper across this header will short the inverting input to the output.

5. **J6** – **LED or Op-amp**

   This header controls what the TPL0401B is attached to. When shorted across position 1 and 2 the TPL0401B is connected in series with the external resistor to control the current through the LED driver. When shorted across position 2 and 3 the TPL0401B is connected to the inverting input of the op-amp to change the gain of the circuit.

6. **J7** – **Op-amp input**

   This header controls the input to the non-inverting pin of the LMV321. When shorted across position 1 and 2, the TPL0401A in a voltage divider mode is attached to the non-inverting input of the LVM321. This setup is used to test the voltage reference setup. When shorted across pins 2 and 3, the SMA connector is attached to the non-inverting input.

7. **J9** – **Test Points**

   This connector offers test points for the serial data lines, SDA, SCL and the DIN that drives the TCA5405

Table 1. Description of Connectors and Jumpers

Label	Description
J1, J2	Connectors to interface with LaunchPad
J3	External 5V for LED
J4	GPIO4-GPIO7 from TCA7408
J5	Control jumper to short feedback loop
J6	Jumper to control LED or Op-Amp
J7	Jumper to control input to Op-Amp
J8	SMA/B Footprint for external input
J9	Test points for DIN, SDA and SCL

5 Software Setup

The EVM does not require any software set up to operate in the LED mode. The keys SW1-SW4 control the blinking rate of the LEDs and the color mixing of the LEDs, without any additional software setup.

To operate the EVM in any other mode, GUI software is required. The GUI software is available in a zip

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file located on the TPL0401 product page on www.ti.com. Download the zip file and extract its contents to a desired location on your PC. You will see an executable file called TPL0401_GUI.exe in the extracted folder. Double click the file to open it and the GUI program should launch. **IMPORTANT:** Before launching the GUI please make sure the TPL0401EVM is setup in the desired mode and connected to the PC through a USB port.

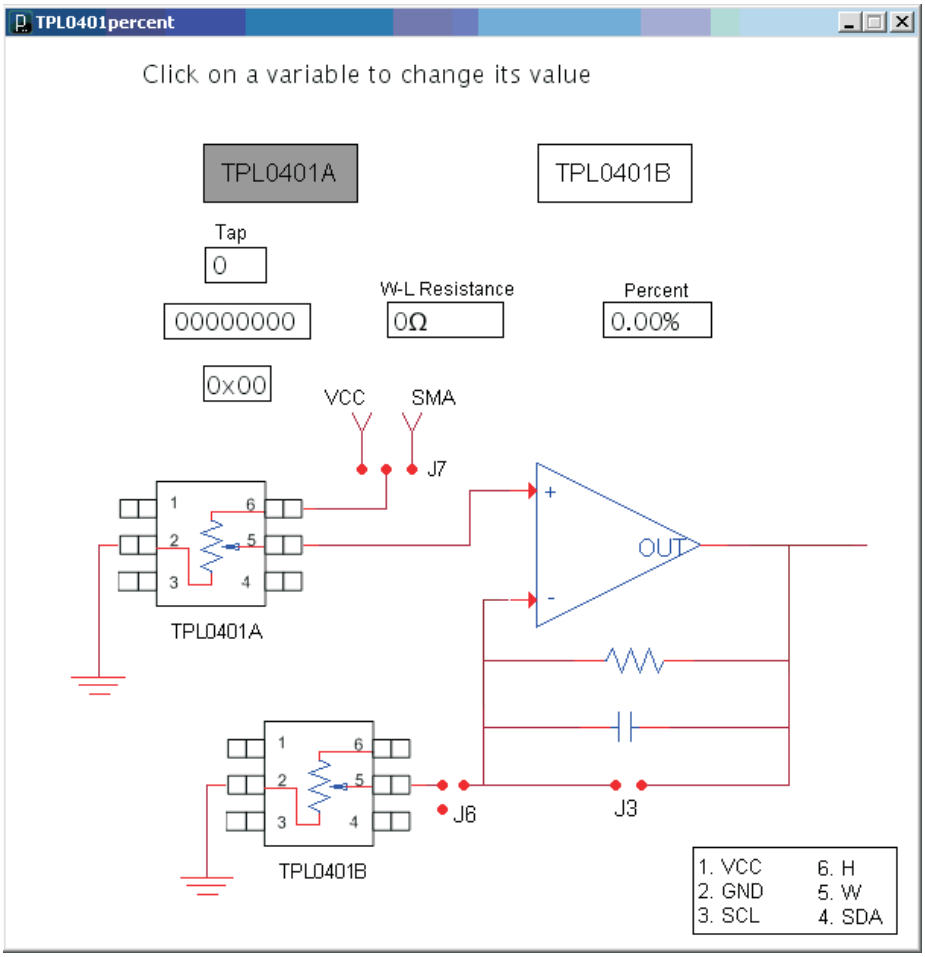


Figure 1. GUI for DPOT Control

There are three methods to adjust the value of the TPL0401A/B. Start by clicking one of the buttons circled in GREEN to select the corresponding TPL0401 device.

To adjust the tap value directly simply click the box that says tap and you will be prompted to input a tap value between 0 and 127. After typing in the desired value press enter and the tap value will be sent to the TPL0401A and the GUI will reflect the value you just entered.

To adjust the TPL0401 by inputting a wiper to low terminal resistance, click the box that says W-L Resistance. You will then be prompted to input a value between 0 and 10,000 ohms; press enter after you have input a value. The GUI will use the theoretical resistance values to find a tap that is closest to the value that was input.

NOTE: All W-L resistance values are typical values; the actual value will be within 20% of the displayed value

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5.1 Voltage Reference Mode

Make sure the EVM is set up in voltage reference mode as described in Section 3. With the GUI open and TPL0401A selected you are also given the option to change the voltage divider ratio of the TPL0401A as a percent value. To do this simply click the box that says percent and you will be prompted to input a percent value between 0 and 100; decimal values can be used. After pressing enter, the GUI will find and send the tap value that is closest to the chosen percent value.

Using any of the methods to change the tap value of the TPL0401A will update the output voltage at TP1. The output will be a percent of the supply voltage, 3.6V.

5.2 Variable Gain Mode

The 430Boost-TPL0401EVM allows for a variable gain setup to evaluate the bandwidth of the TPL0401. After following the setup instructions in **section 2.3.2 ?**, the circuit will look as follows:

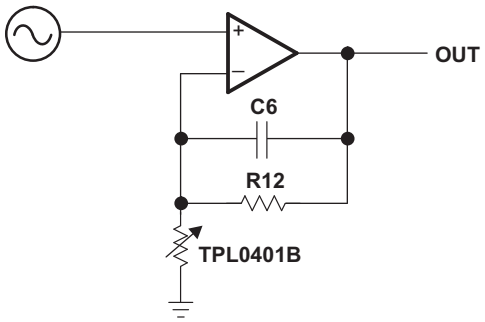


Figure 2. TPL0401B Variable Gain

The capacitor C6 and the resistor R12 are unpopulated and should be set by the user. R12 will set the possible gain values and C6 will keep the loop stable. Changing the value of the TPL0401B works the same as described in the beginning of section 3.1.

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6 Schematics, Layout and Bill of Materials

6.1 Schematics

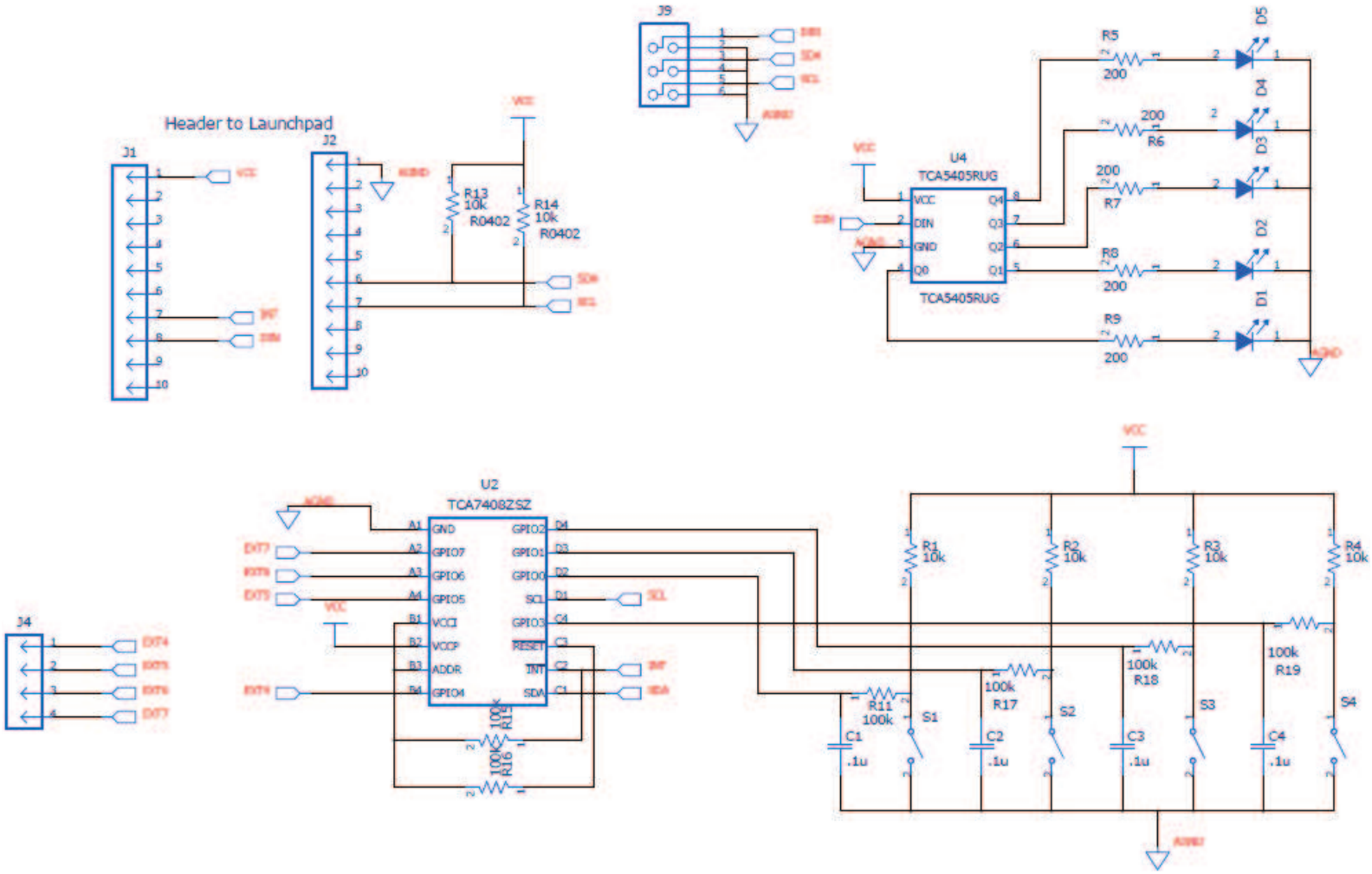


Figure 3. TCA5405, TCA7408 Schematic

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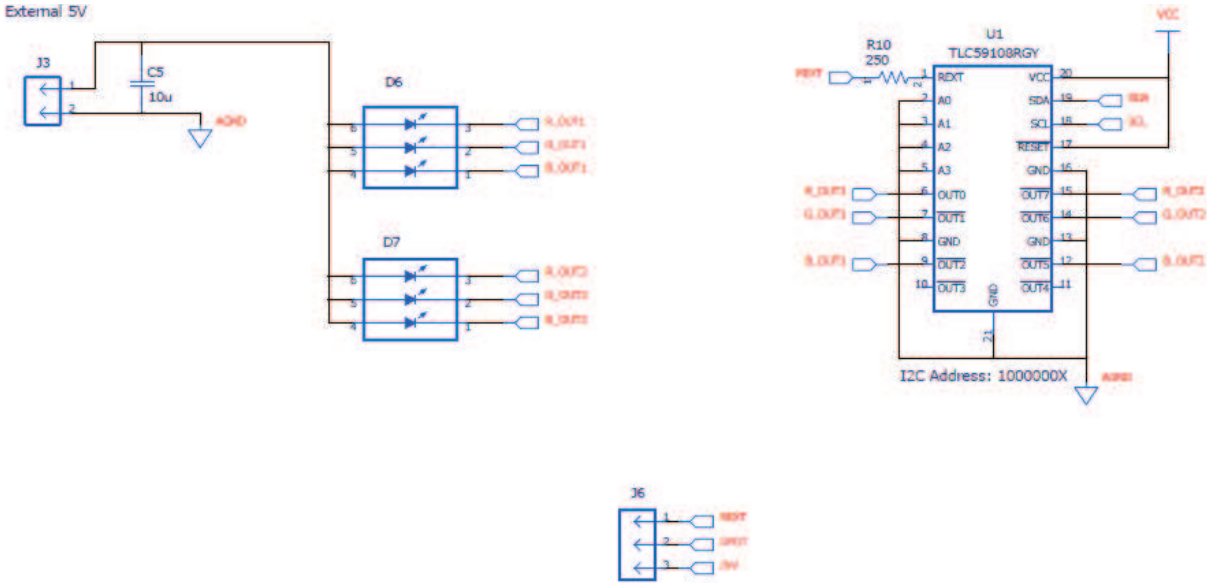


Figure 4. TLC59108 Schematic

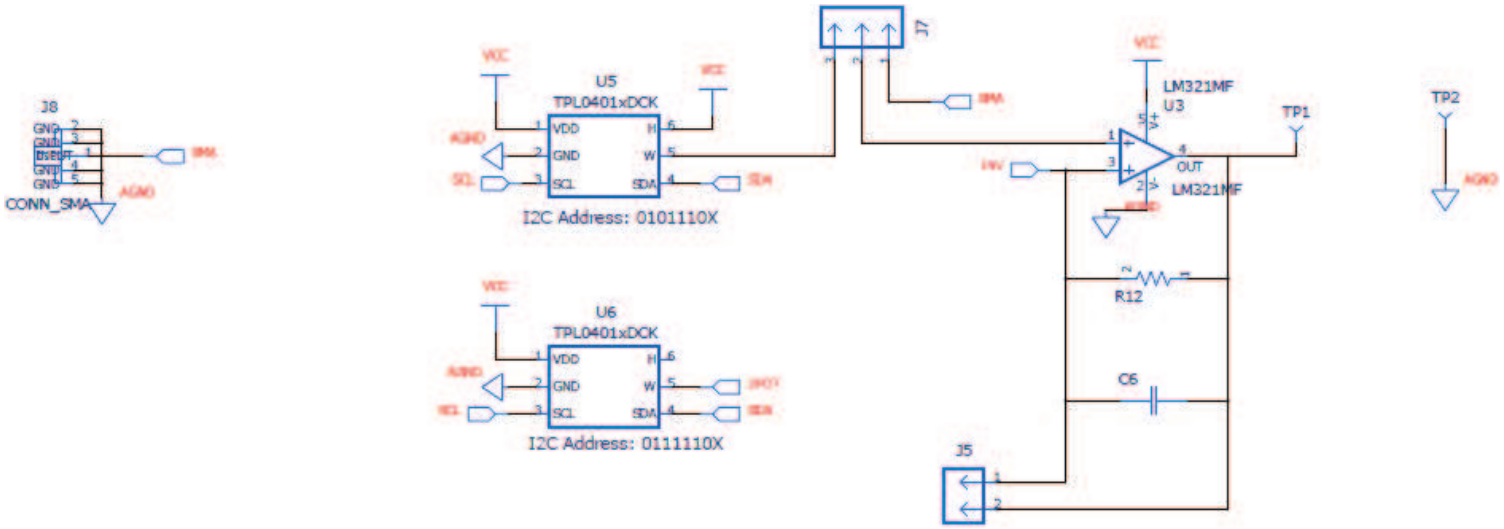


Figure 5. TPL0401 Schematic

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6.2 Layouts

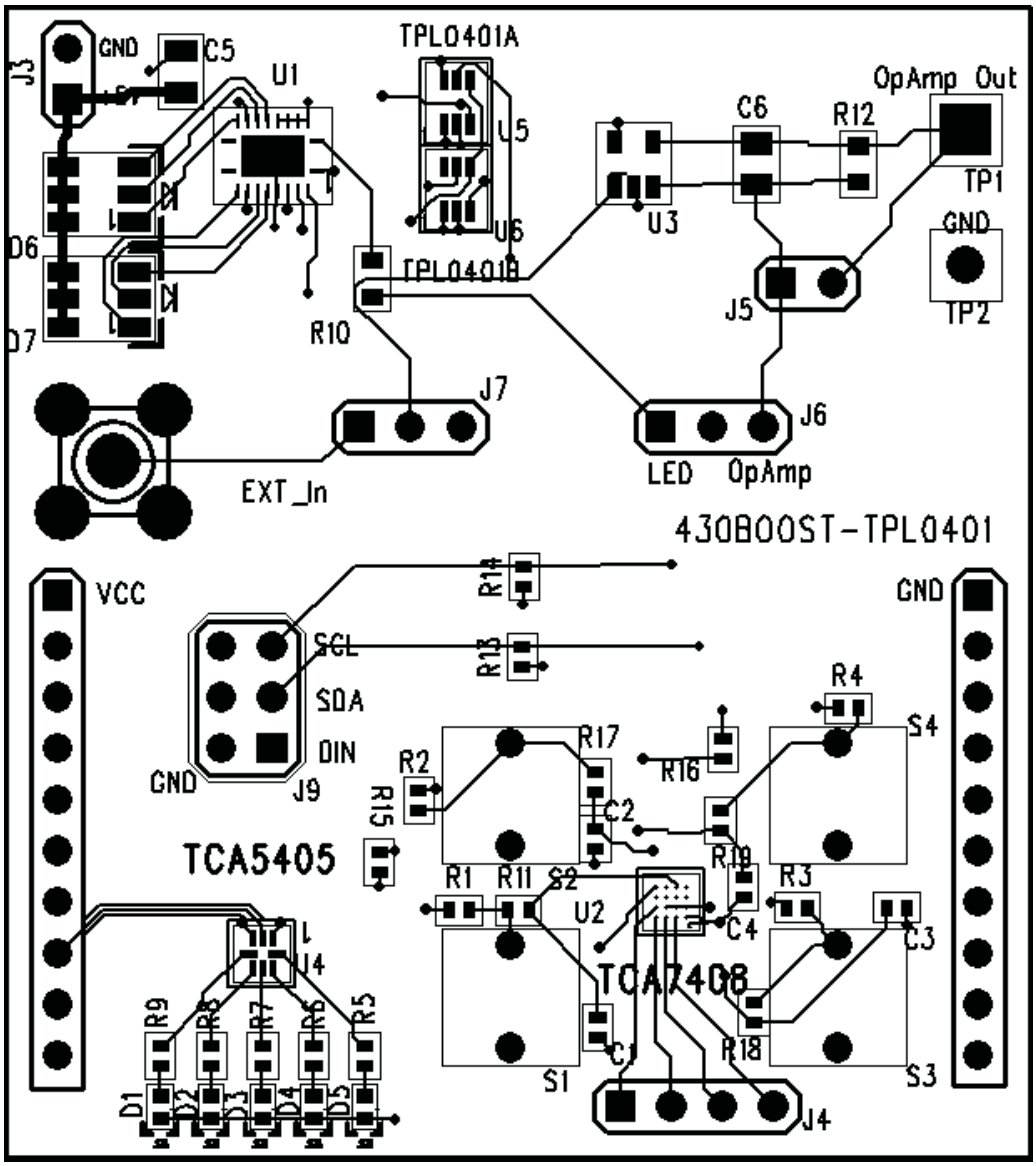


Figure 6. Routing, Assembly and Silkscreen Top

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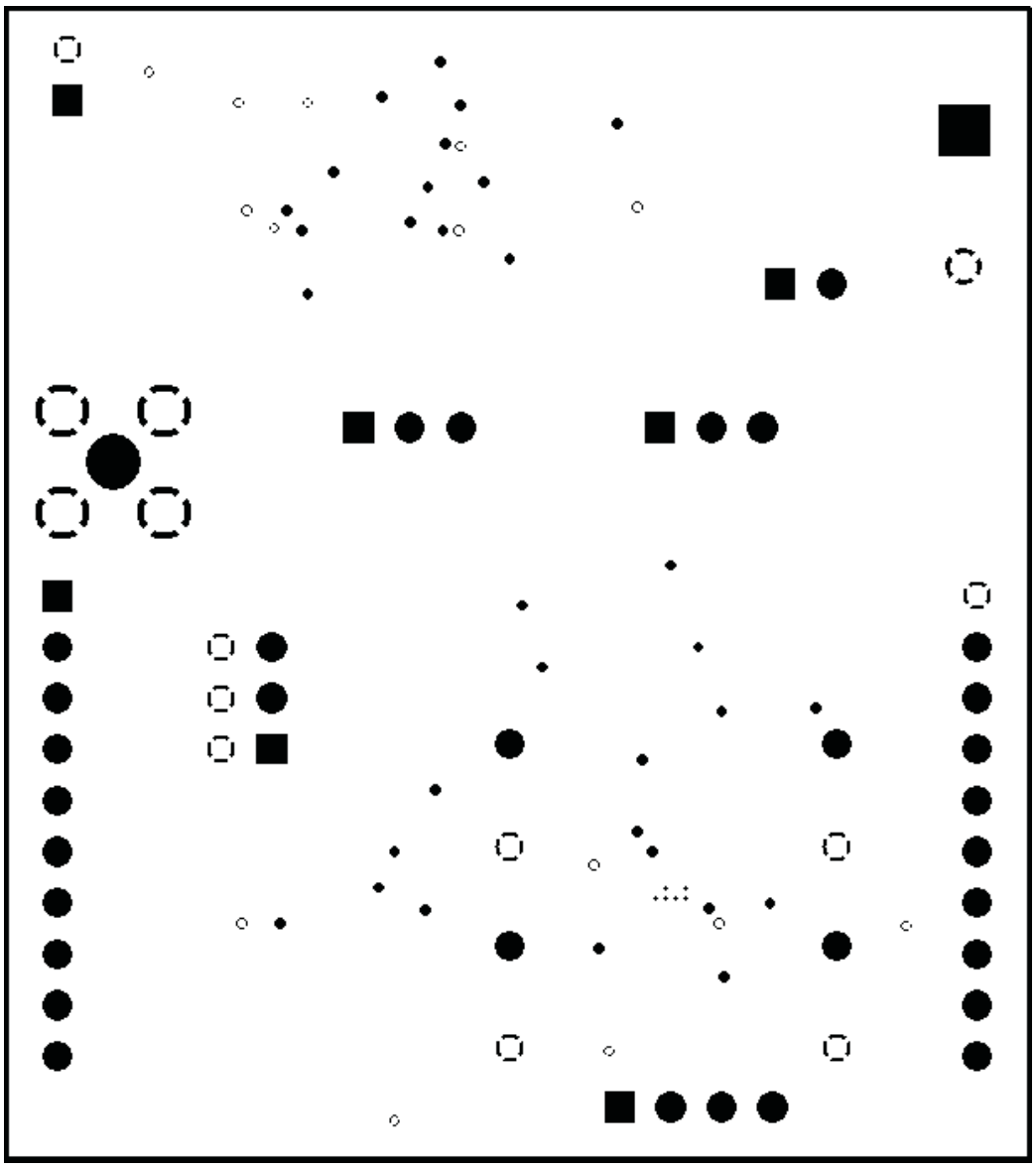


Figure 7. Layer 2 Power Plane

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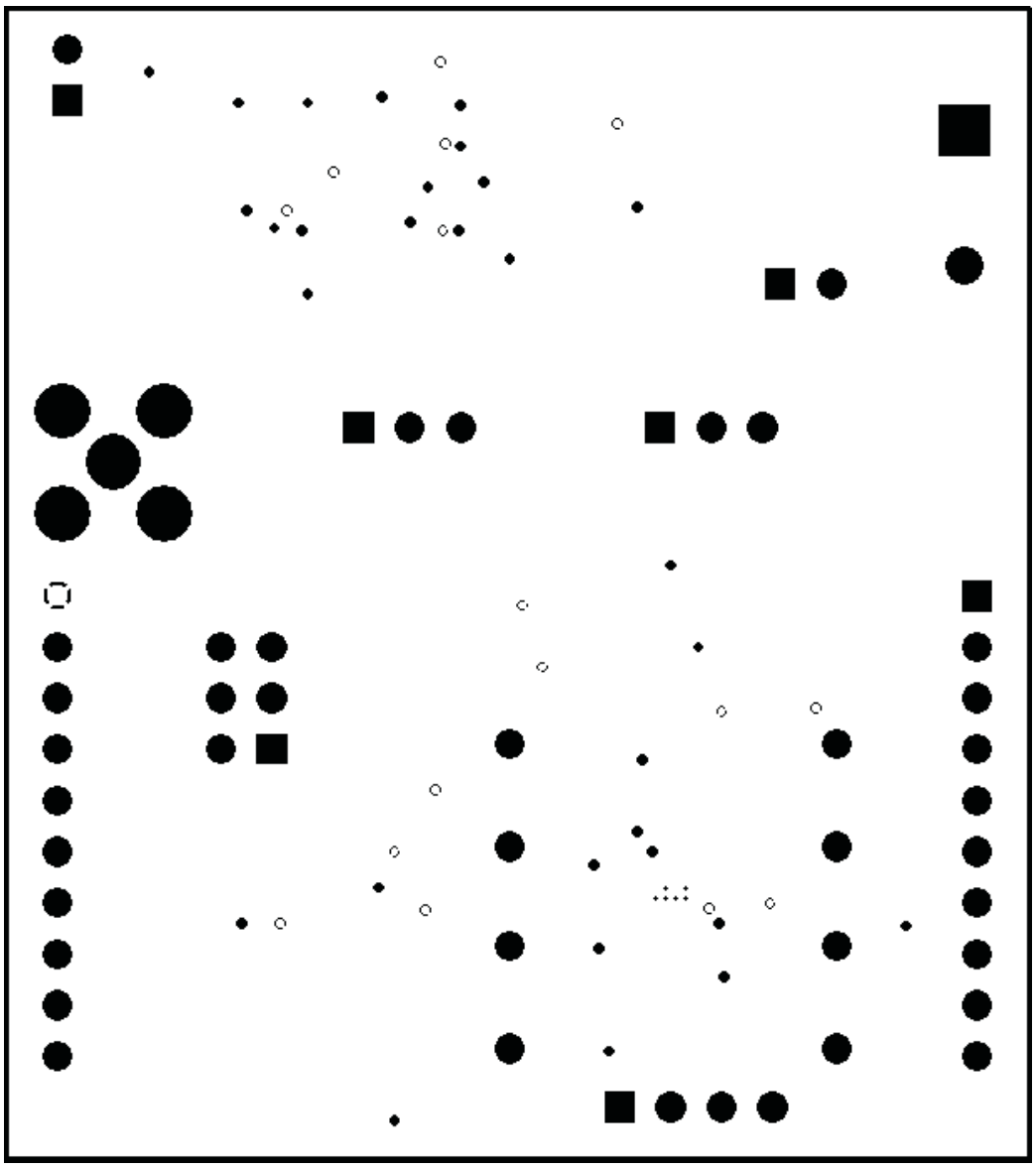


Figure 8. Layer 3 Ground Plane

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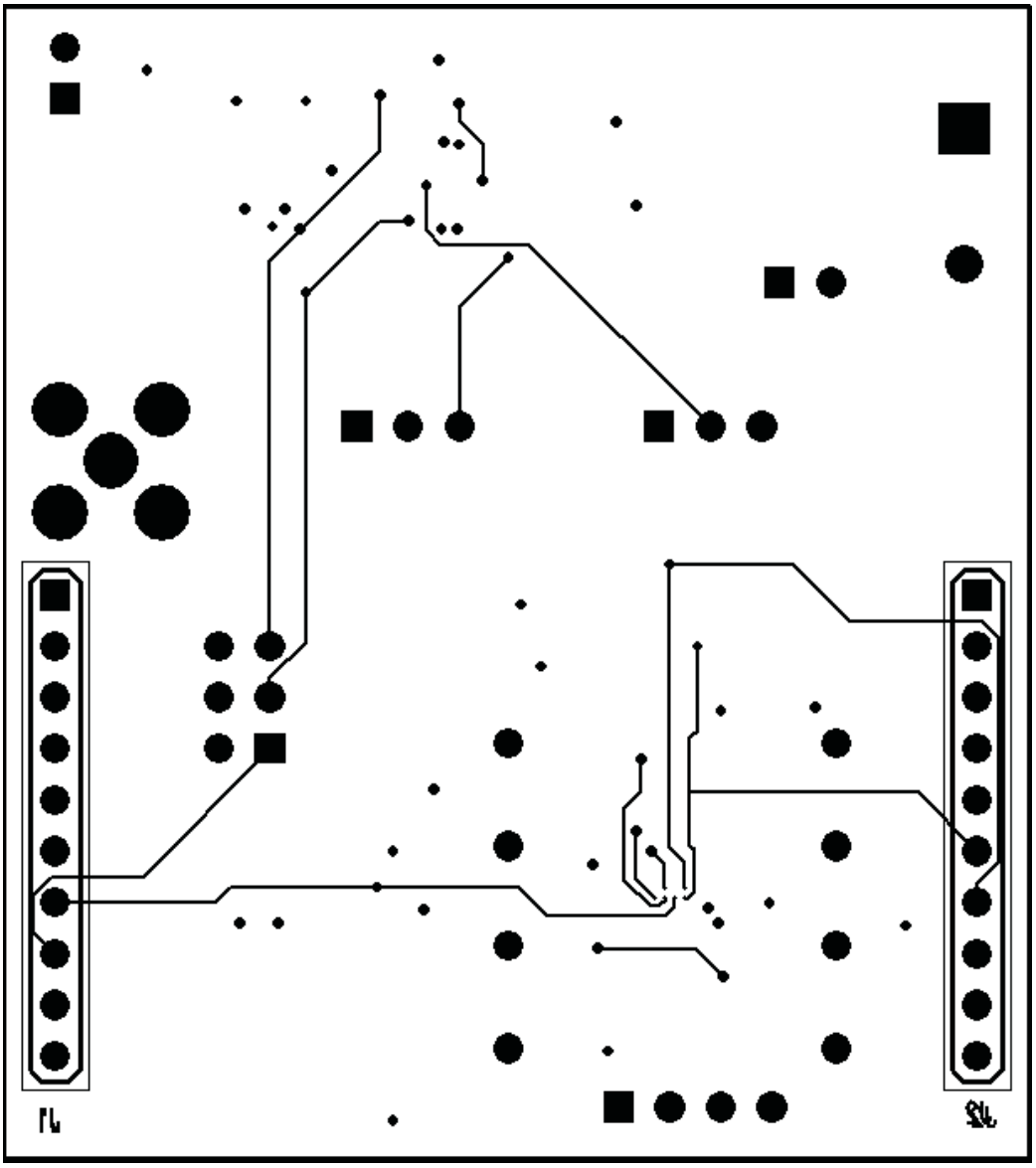


Figure 9. Routing and Assembly Bottom

6.3 Bill of Materials

Table 2. 430Boost-TPL0401EVM Bill of Material

Qty	RefDes	Value	Description	Part Number	MF	Notes
4	C1-4	0.1µ	Capacitor, Ceramic,			
1	C5	10µ	Capacitor, Ceramic,			
1	C6		Capacitor, Ceramic,			DNI
1	J8		Connector, SMA , Straight, PC mount	901-144-8RFX	AMP	DNI
5	D1-5	SML-P12PTT86	Diode, LED, GREEN 2.2V 20mA	SML-P12PTT86	ROHM	
2	D6-7	APF3236SURKZGQBDC	LED SMD TRI Color	APF3236SURKZGQBDC	Kingbright	
2	J3 J5		Header, Male 2-pin, 100mil spacing,		Sullins	
2	J6-7		Header, Male 3-pin, 100mil spacing,		Sullins	
1	J4		Header, Male 4-pin, 100mil spacing,		Sullins	

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Table 2. 430Boost-TPL0401EVM Bill of Material (continued)

Qty	RefDes	Value	Description	Part Number	MF	Notes
2	J1-2	PPTC101LFBN-RC	Header, Female 10-pin, 100mil spacing,	PPTC101LFBN-RC	Sullins	
1	J9		Header, Male 2x3-pin, 100mil spacing		Sullins	DNI
2	R15-16	100k	Resistor, Chip, 1/16W 5%			
10	R1-4 R11 R13-14 R17-19	10k	Resistor, Chip, 1/16W 5%			
5	R5-9	200	Resistor, Chip, 1/16W 1%			
1	R10	250	Resistor, Chip, 1/16W, 1%			
1	R12	{value}	Resistor, Chip, 1/16W, 5%			DNI
1	TP2	5001	Test Point, Black, Thru Hole Color Keyed	5001	Keystone	
1	TP1	5013	Test Point, Orange, Thru Hole	5013	Keystone	
4	S1-4	EVQ221304M	Switch, SPST, 20-mA, 15-V	EVQ21304M; EVQ21305R; EVQ21307K	Panasonic	Prefer EVQ21304M if unavailable use 305R or 307K
1	U3	LMV321IDBVR	IC Low Power Single Op-amp	LMV321IDBVR	TI	
1	U4	TCA5405RUG	IC, Low Voltage 5-Bit Self-Timed, Single-Wire Output Expander	TCA5405RUG	TI	
1	U2	TCA7408ZSZ	IC, Low-Voltage 8-Bit I2C and SMBus I/O Expander	TCA7408ZSZ	TI	
1	U1	TLC59108RGY	IC, 8-BIT Fm+ I2C-Bus Constant-Current LED Sink Driver	TLC59108RGY	TI	
1	U5	TPL0401ADCK	IC, Digital POT, 1Chan, 128Tap	TPL0401ADCK	TI	
1	U6	TPL0401BDCK	IC, Digital POT, 1Chan, 128Tap	TPL0401BDCK	TI	

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It is important to operate this EVM within the input voltage range of 0 V to 0.5V and the output voltage range of 0 V to 0.5V .

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.

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During normal operation, some circuit components may have case temperatures greater than 50° C. The EVM is designed to operate properly with certain components above 50° 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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