MAX17501A/MAX17501E Evaluation Kits
Evaluate: MAX17501A/MAX17501E in TDFN Packages

General Description

The MAX17501A/MAX17501E evaluation kits (EV kits) provide proven designs to evaluate the MAX17501A/MAX17501E high-efficiency, high-voltage, synchronous step-down DC-DC converters. The EV kits use these devices to generate a fixed 3.3V, at load currents up to 500mA, from a 4.5V to 60V input supply. The MAX17501A supports a PFM control scheme with high light-load efficiency, while the MAX17501E features a forced-PWM control scheme that provides constant switching-frequency operation at all load and line conditions.

Ordering Information appears at end of data sheet.

Features

- **Operates from a 4.5V to 60V Input Supply**
- **3.3V Fixed Output Voltage**
- **500mA Output Current**
- **600kHz Switching Frequency**
- **Enable/UVLO Input**
- **Resistor-Programmable UVLO Threshold**
- **Open-Drain $\overline{\text{RESET}}$ Output**
- **Overcurrent and Overtemperature Protection**
- **PFM/PWM (MAX17501A EV Kit)**
- **PWM (MAX17501E EV Kit)**
- **Proven PCB Layout**
- **Fully Assembled and Tested**

Component List

DESIGNATION	QTY	DESCRIPTION
C1	1	1µF ±10%, 100V X7R ceramic capacitor (1206) Murata GRM31CR72A105KA01L
C2	1	1µF ±10%, 6.3V X7R ceramic capacitor (0603) Murata GRM188R70J105K
C3	1	3300pF ±10%, 50V X7R ceramic capacitor (0402) Murata GRM155R71H332K
C4	1	10µF ±10%, 10V X7R ceramic capacitor (1206) Murata GRM31CR71A106K
C7	1	33µF, 80V aluminum electrolytic (D = 8mm) Panasonic EEEFK1K330P

DESIGNATION	QTY	DESCRIPTION
JU1	1	3-pin header
L1	1	33µH, 1.4A inductor (6mm x 6mm x 3.5mm) Coilcraft LPS6235-333ML
R1	1	3.32MΩ ±1% resistor (0402)
R2	1	866kΩ ±1% resistor (0402)
R4	1	100Ω resistor (0402)
R6	1	10kΩ ±1% resistor (0402)
TP1, TP2	0	Not installed, test points
U1	1	See the *EV Kit-Specific Component List*
—	1	Shunt
—	1	PCB: See the *EV Kit-Specific Component List*

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EV Kit-Specific Component List

EV KIT	DESIGNATION	DESCRIPTION
MAX17501ATEVKIT#	U1	Buck converter (10 TDFN-EP*) Maxim MAX17501AATB+
	—	PCB: MAX17501AT EVALUATION KIT
MAX17501ETEVKIT#	U1	Buck converter (10 TDFN-EP*) Maxim MAX17501EATB+
	—	PCB: MAX17501ET EVALUATION KIT

**EP = Exposed pad.*

Component Suppliers

SUPPLIER	PHONE	WEBSITE
Coilcraft, Inc.	847-639-6400	www.coilcraft.com
Murata Electronics North America, Inc.	770-436-1300	www.murata-northamerica.com
Panasonic Corp.	800-344-2112	www.panasonic.com

Note: *Indicate that you are using the MAX17501 when contacting these component suppliers.*

Quick Start

Recommended Equipment

- MAX17501A or MAX17501E EV kit
- 4.5V to 60V, 1A DC input power supply
- Load capable of sinking 500mA
- Digital voltmeter (DVM)
- Function generator

Procedure

The EV kits are fully assembled and tested. Follow the steps below to verify board operation. **Caution: Do not turn on power supply until all connections are completed.**

1) Set the power supply at a voltage between 4.5V and 60V. Disable the power supply.
2) Connect the positive terminal of the power supply to the VIN PCB pad and the negative terminal to the nearest PGND PCB pad. Connect the positive terminal of the 500mA load to the VOUT PCB pad and the negative terminal to the nearest PGND PCB pad.
3) Connect the DVM across the VOUT PCB pad and the nearest PGND PCB pad.
4) Verify that a shunt is installed across pins 1-2 on jumper JU1.
5) Turn on the DC power supply.
6) Enable the load.
7) Verify that the DVM displays the expected voltage.

To turn on/turn off the part from EN/UVLO, follow the steps below:

1) Remove resistors R1 and R2 and the jumper installed across pins 1-2 on jumper JU1.
2) Connect the power supply to the EV kit and turn on the power supply. Set the power supply at a voltage between 4.5V and 60V.
3) Connect the function generator output to the EN/UVLO test loop.
4) EN/UVLO rising threshold is 1.24V and falling threshold is 1.11V. Make sure that the voltage-high and voltage-low levels of the function generator output are greater than 1.24V and less than 1.11V, respectively.
5) When powering down the EV kits, first disconnect the function generator output from the EN/UVLO test loop and then turn off the DC power supply.

Care should be taken in board layout and systems wiring to prevent violation of the absolute maximum rating of the FB/VO pin under short-circuit conditions. Under such conditions, it is possible for the ceramic output capacitor to oscillate with the board or wiring inductance between the capacitor and short-circuited load, and thereby cause the absolute maximum rating of FB/VO (-0.3V) to be exceeded. This parasitic board or wiring inductance should be minimized and the output voltage waveform under short-circuit operation should be verified to ensure that the absolute maximum rating of FB/VO is not exceeded.

Detailed Description of Hardware

The MAX17501A/MAX17501E EV kits provide proven designs to evaluate the MAX17501A/MAX17501E high-efficiency, high-voltage, synchronous step-down DC-DC converters. The EV kits generate a fixed 3.3V, at load currents up to 500mA, from a 4.5V to 60V input supply. The EV kits feature a 600kHz fixed switching frequency for optimum efficiency and component size. The MAX17501A EV kit supports a PFM control scheme with high light-load efficiency, while the MAX17501E EV kit features a forced-PWM control scheme that provides constant switching-frequency operation at all load and line conditions.

The EV kits include an EN/UVLO PCB pad and jumper JU1 to enable control of the converter output. An additional $\overline{\text{RESET}}$ PCB pad is available for monitoring the converter output. The VCC PCB pad helps measure the internal LDO voltage.

Soft-Start Input (SS)

The devices utilize an adjustable soft-start function to limit inrush current during startup. The soft-start time is adjusted by the value of C3, the external capacitor from SS to GND. To adjust the soft-start time, determine C3 using the following formula:

$$C3 = 5.55 \times t_{SS}$$

where t_{SS} is the required soft-start time in milliseconds and C3 is in nanofarads.

Regulator Enable/Undervoltage-Lockout Level (EN/UVLO)

The devices feature an EN/UVLO input. For normal operation, a shunt should be installed across pins 1-2 on jumper JU1. To disable the output, install a shunt across pins 2-3 on JU1 and the EN/UVLO pin is pulled to GND. See Table 1 for JU1 settings.

Setting the Undervoltage-Lockout Level

The devices offer an adjustable input undervoltage-lockout level. Set the voltage at which the device turns on with a resistive voltage-divider connected from VIN to GND. Connect the center node of the divider to EN/UVLO.

Choose R1 to be 3.3MΩ and then calculate R2 as follows:

$$R2 = \frac{R1 \times 1.218}{(V_{INU} - 1.218)}$$

where V_{INU} is the voltage at which the device is required to turn on.

Table 1. Regulator Enable (EN/UVLO) Jumper JU1 Settings

SHUNT POSITION	EN/UVLO PIN	MAX17501_ OUTPUT
1-2*	Connected to IN	Enabled
Not installed	Connected to the center node of resistor-divider R1 and R2	Enabled, UVLO level set through the R1 and R2 resistor-divider
2-3	Connected to GND	Disabled

**Default position.*

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EV Kits Performance Report

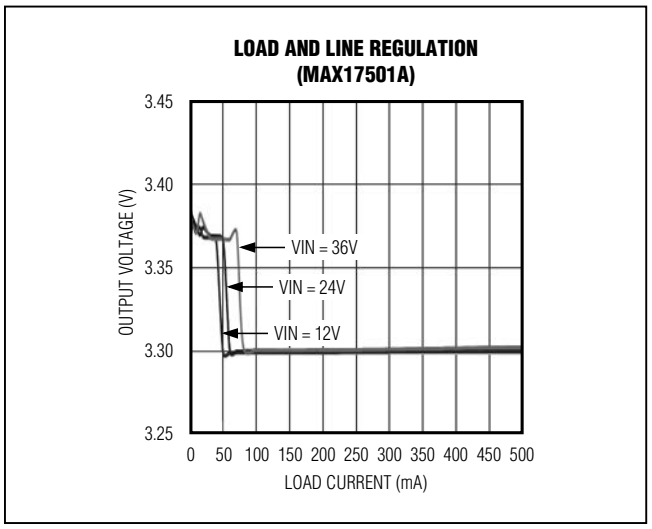


Figure 1. MAX17501A Load and Line Regulation

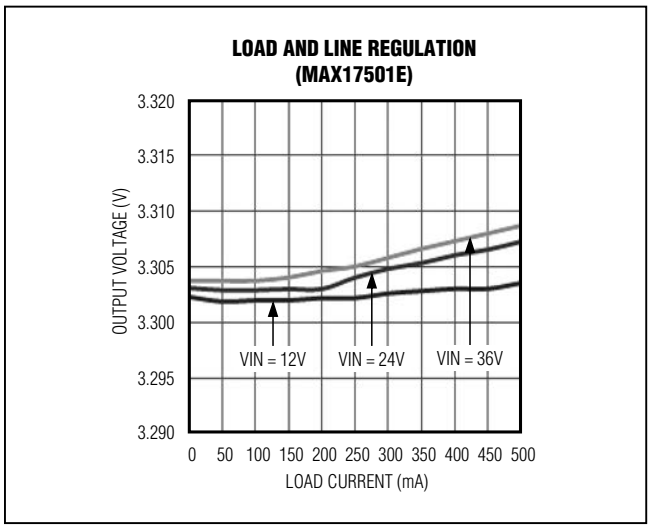


Figure 2. MAX17501E Load and Line Regulation

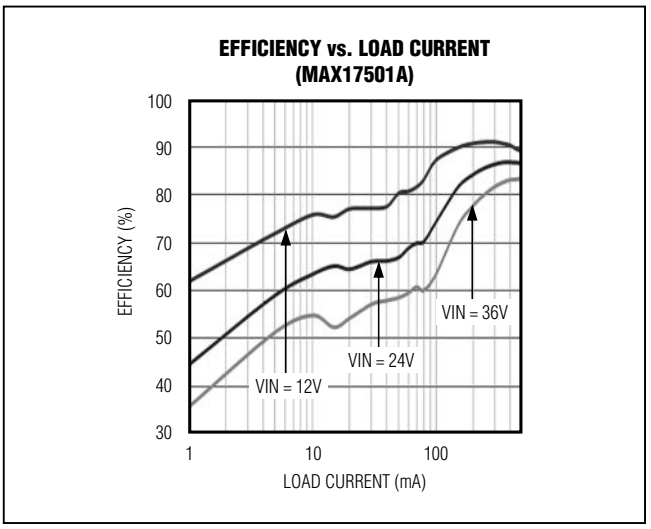


Figure 3. MAX17501A Efficiency

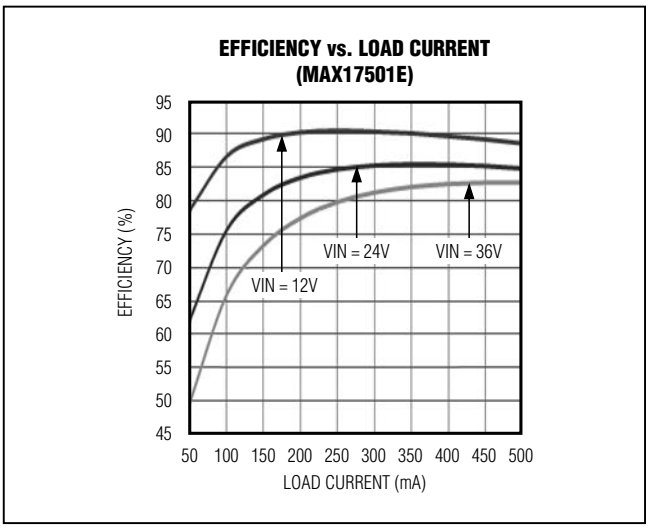


Figure 4. MAX17501E Efficiency

EV Kits Performance Report (continued)

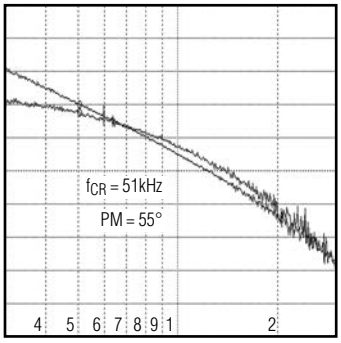


Figure 5. MAX17501A/MAX17501E Full-Load Bode Plot (VIN = 24V)

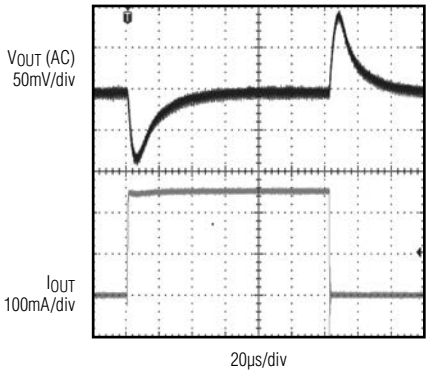


Figure 7. MAX17501E No Load to 250mA Load Transient

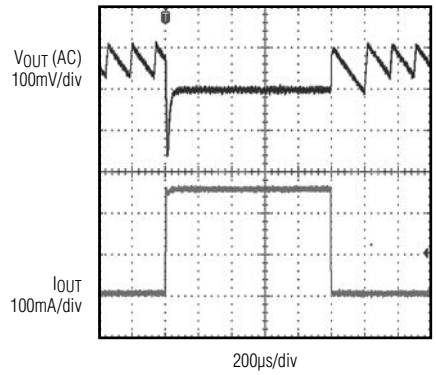


Figure 6. MAX17501A 5mA to 255mA Load Transient

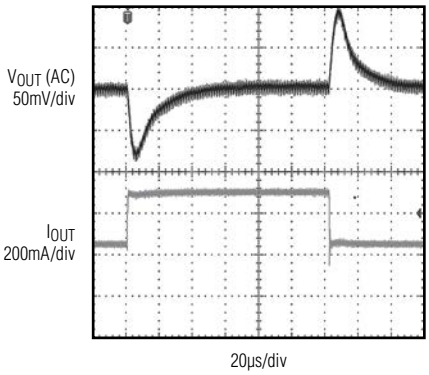


Figure 8. MAX17501A/MAX17501E 250mA to 500mA Load Transient

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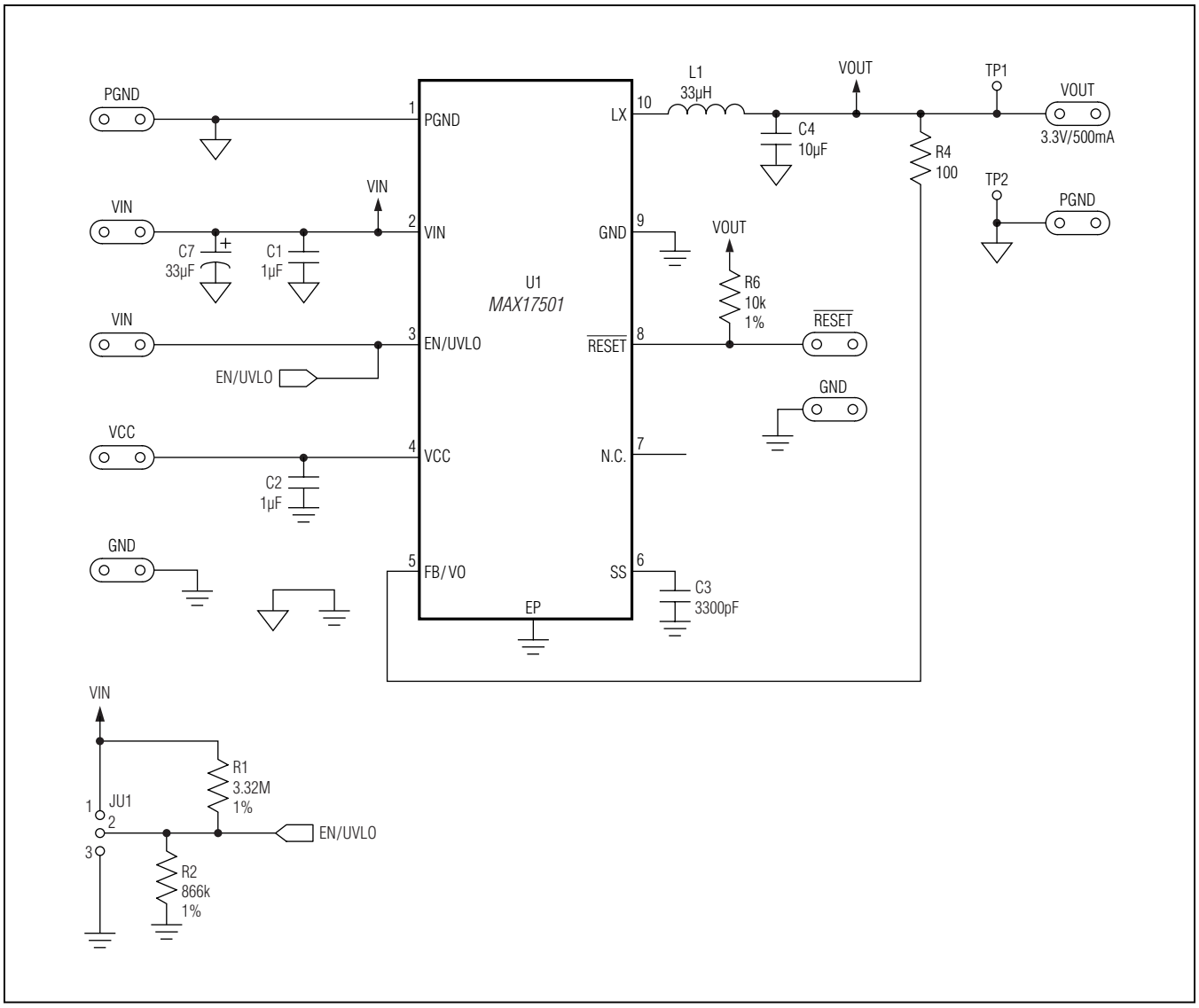


Figure 9. MAX17501A/MAX17501E EV Kits Schematic

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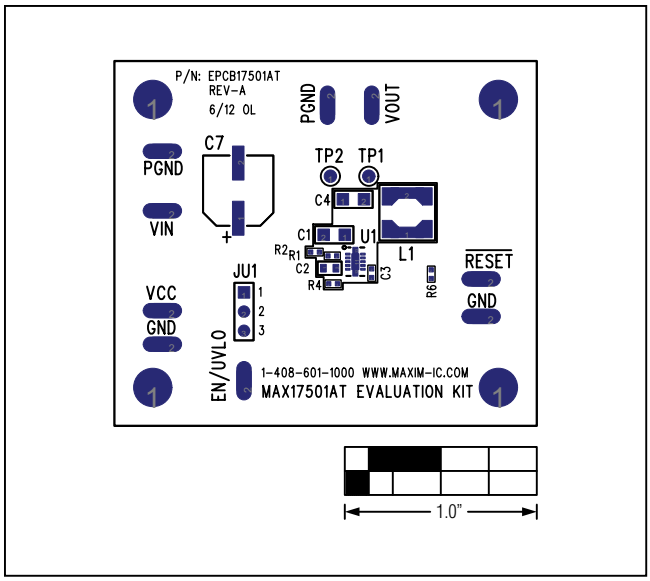


Figure 10. MAX17501A EV Kit Component Placement Guide—Component Side

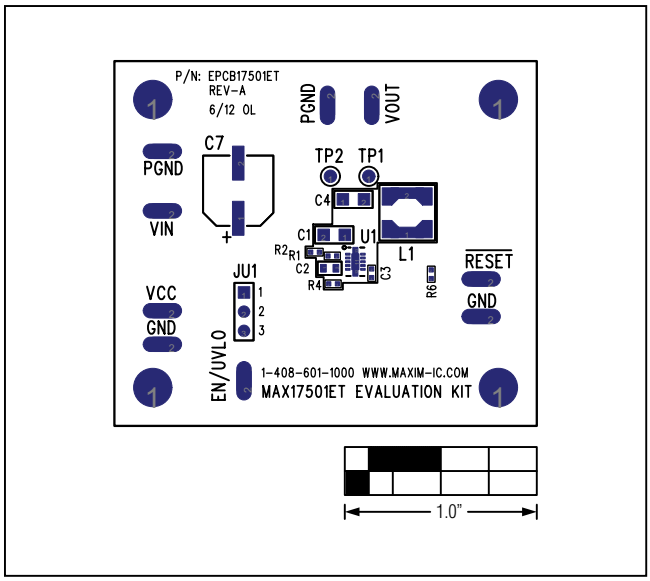


Figure 11. MAX17501E EV Kit Component Placement Guide—Component Side

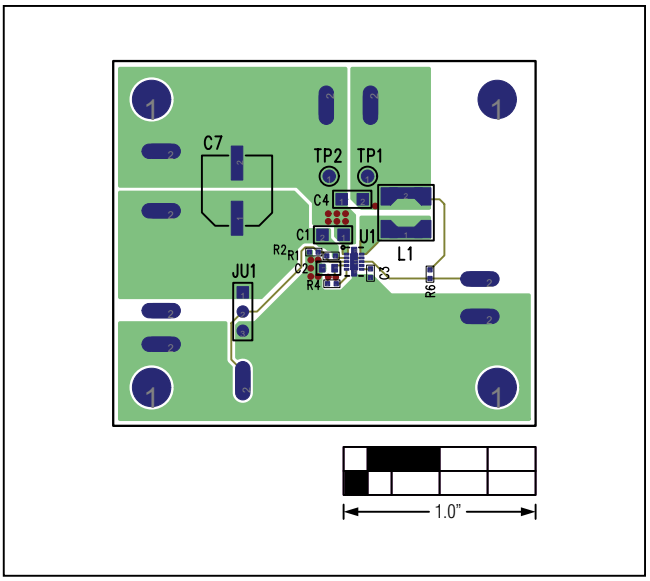


Figure 12. MAX17501A/MAX17501E EV Kits PCB Layout—Component Side

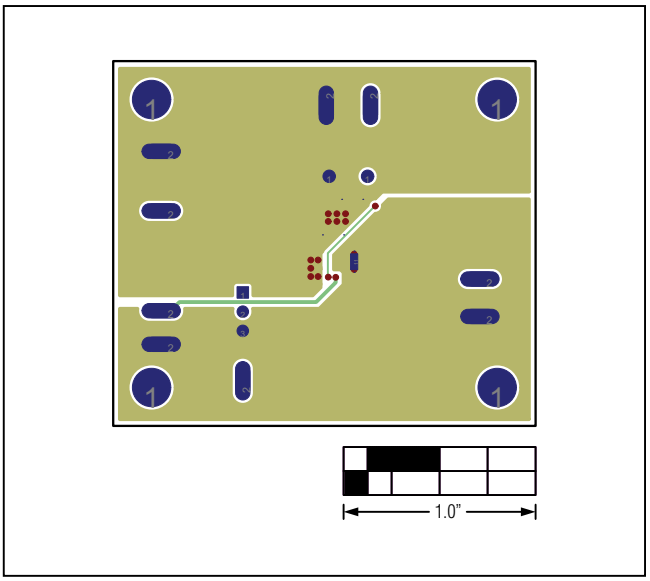


Figure 13. MAX17501A/MAX17501E EV Kits PCB Layout—Solder Side

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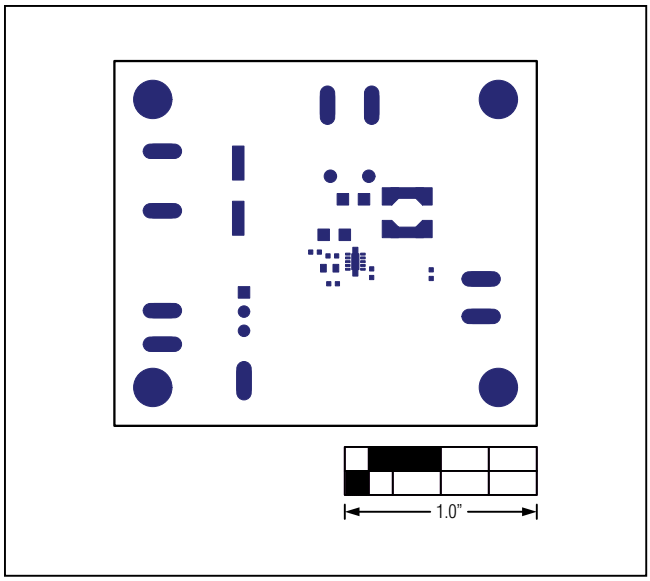


Figure 14. MAX17501A/MAX17501E EV Kits PCB Layout—Top Solder Mask

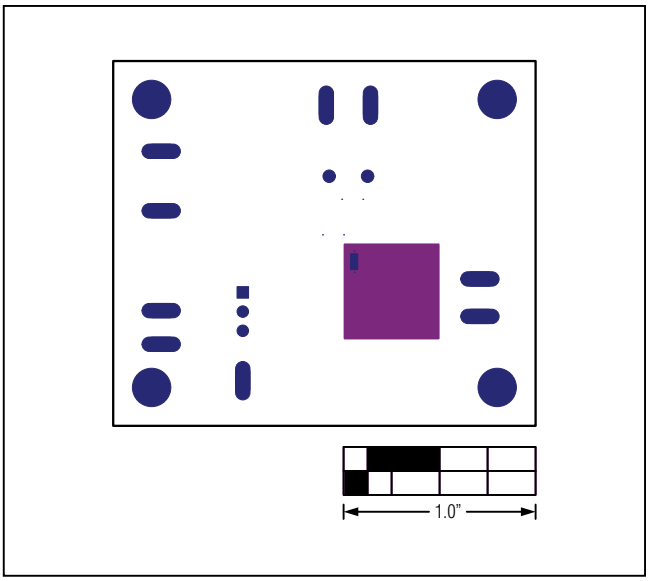


Figure 15. MAX17501A/MAX17501E EV Kits PCB Layout—Bottom Solder Mask

Ordering Information

PART	TYPE
MAX17501ATEVKIT#	EV Kit
MAX17501ETEVKIT#	EV Kit

#Denotes RoHS compliant.

Revision History

REVISION NUMBER	REVISION DATE	DESCRIPTION	PAGES CHANGED
0	8/12	Initial release	—
1	10/13	Replaced the R4 resistor value from 0Ω to 100Ω in the *Component List* and Figure 9 schematic; added new paragraph to the *Procedure* section about preventing violation of the abs max rating for FB/VO	1, 2, 6

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