

Using the UCC3817EVM

User's Guide



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WARNING

Always follow TI's set-up and application instructions, including use of all interface components within their recommended electrical rated voltage and power limits. Always use electrical safety precautions to help ensure your personal safety and the safety of those working around you. Contact TI's Product Information Center <http://support.ti.com> for further information.

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1. Work Area Safety:

- (a) Keep work area clean and orderly.
- (b) Qualified observer(s) must be present anytime circuits are energized.
- (c) Effective barriers and signage must be present in the area where the TI HV EVM and its interface electronics are energized, indicating operation of accessible high voltages may be present, for the purpose of protecting inadvertent access.
- (d) All interface circuits, power supplies, evaluation modules, instruments, meters, scopes and other related apparatus used in a development environment exceeding 50 V_{RMS}/75 VDC must be electrically located within a protected Emergency Power Off (EPO) protected power strip.
- (e) Use a stable and non-conductive work surface.
- (f) Use adequately insulated clamps and wires to attach measurement probes and instruments. No freehand testing whenever possible.

2. Electrical Safety:

- (a) De-energize the TI HV EVM and all its inputs, outputs, and electrical loads before performing any electrical or other diagnostic measurements. Revalidate that TI HV EVM power has been safely de-energized.
- (b) With the EVM confirmed de-energized, proceed with required electrical circuit configurations, wiring, measurement equipment hook-ups and other application needs, while still assuming the EVM circuit and measuring instruments are electrically live.
- (c) Once EVM readiness is complete, energize the EVM as intended.

WARNING: while the EVM is energized, never touch the EVM or its electrical circuits as they could be at high voltages capable of causing electrical shock hazard.

3. Personal Safety:

- (a) Wear personal protective equipment e.g. latex gloves and/or safety glasses with side shields or protect EVM in an adequate lucent plastic box with interlocks from accidental touch.

4. Limitation for Safe Use:

- (a) EVMs are not to be used as all or part of a production unit.

UCC3817EVM BiCMOS Power Factor Preregulator Evaluation Board

1 Introduction

This user's guide details the Texas Instruments (TI) UCC3817EVM BiCMOS Power Factor Preregulator Evaluation Module (EVM). It includes a list of EVM features, a brief description of the module illustrated with pictorial, schematic diagram and an EVM specification.

The UCC3817EVM evaluation board is designed to illustrate the performance of the controller in a 250-W boost converter with Power Factor Correction (PFC). The board is designed to handle a universal input operating voltage range (85 V_{AC} to 265 V_{AC}) with a regulated 385-V DC output.

CAUTION

Proper precautions must be taken when working with the board.

- High voltage levels are present on the evaluation board whenever it is energized.
- The output capacitor has high levels of energy storage and it must be discharged before the load is removed.
- Improper handling of the evaluation board could cause serious injury.
- It is important to maintain the ambient temperature around the evaluation board to below 40°C during operation.

Description

The UCCx817 provides all the functions necessary for active power-factor-corrected preregulators. The controller achieves near-unity power factor by shaping the AC input-line current waveform to correspond to that of the ac input-line voltage. Average current-mode control maintains stable, low-distortion, sinusoidal line current.

The controller's operation is similar to previously designed Unitrode preregulators with an added feature to reduce the RMS-current in the boost capacitor. The controller uses leading-edge modulation that, when synchronized properly with a downstream DC-to-DC converter, reduces the RMS current in the boost capacitor.

1.1 Features

- Designed for Compliance with IEC 1000-3-2 (Low Total Harmonic Distortion)
- Worldwide Line Operation 85 V_{RMS} to 265 V_{RMS}
- Regulated 385-V, 250-W(max), DC Output
- Accurate Power Limiting
- Accurate Overvoltage Protection

Schematic

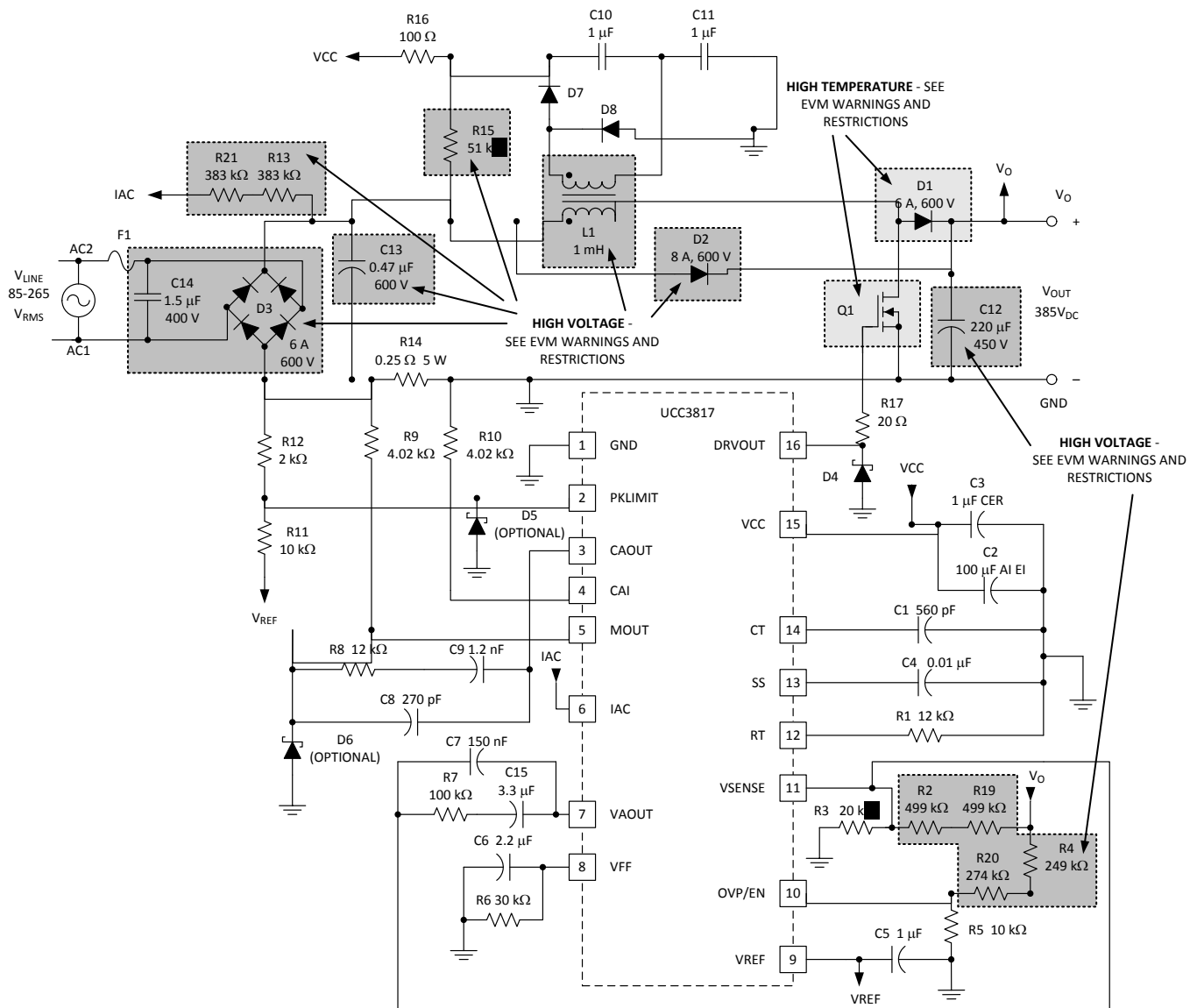


Figure 1. UCC3817EVM Schematic

NOTE: High-voltage component. See EVM Warnings and Restrictions at the back of this document.
High-temperature component. See EVM Warnings and Restrictions at the back of this document.

Operating Guidelines

The operating guidelines for the evaluation board are provided with reference to the schematic in [Figure 1](#).

NOTE: In order for the output voltage to regulate, a load of 10 W must be applied to the evaluation board's output. In order to maintain power factor near unity, the voltage loop is designed with a slow frequency response. Large transient steps in output current can cause the evaluation module to go out of regulation.

Step 1, Load Connections

A resistive or electronic load should be applied to the output connections of V_O and GND.

NOTE: For safety reasons the load should be connected before power is supplied to the evaluation board.

Step 2, Applying Input Power

A 50-Hz or 60-Hz AC power source not exceeding 265 V_{RMS} and providing an isolated output needs be applied across terminals AC1 and AC2 for proper operation. If an isolated AC output is unavailable, or if the EVM will be evaluated with the AC wall outlet as power source, then an isolation line transformer MUST be inserted between the AC source/wall outlet and the AC input connector of the EVM.

Step 3, Measuring the Evaluation Board's Performance

With the AC source set between 85 V_{RMS} and 265 V_{RMS} , the output voltage should be regulated and the input current should track the input-voltage shape with near-unity power factor. The operation of the circuit is verified over the line and load range and shows efficiency in the 90% to 95% range. At lighter loads, there may be some distortion in the line current due to DCM operation. Please refer to [Figure 3](#) and [Figure 4](#) for typical evaluation board performance.

Evaluation Board Layouts

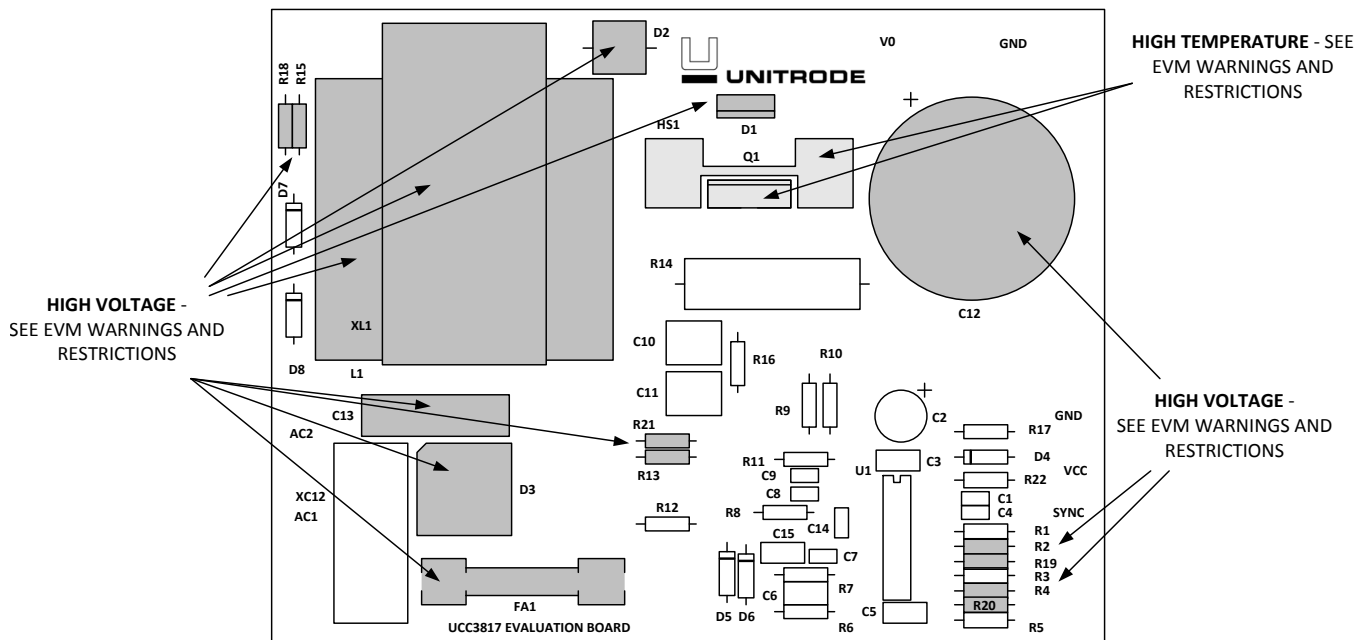


Figure 2. UCC3817EVM Evaluation Board Layout Assembly

NOTE: High-Voltage component. See EVM Warnings and Restrictions at the back of this document.

High-Temperature component. See EVM Warnings and Restrictions at the back of this document.

Typical Performance

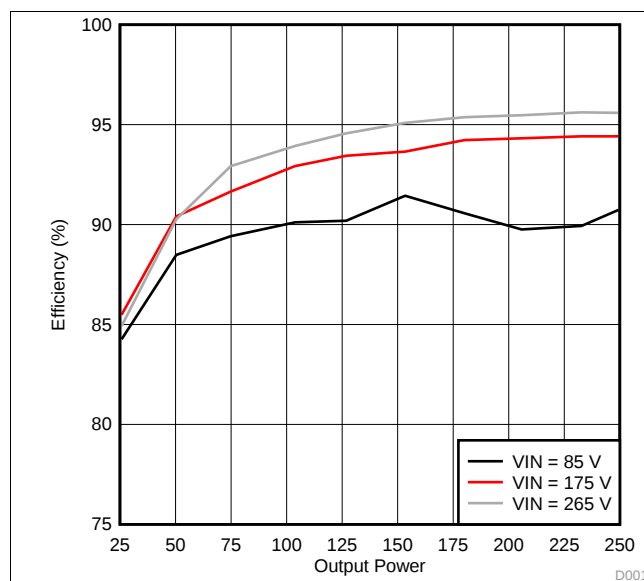


Figure 3. Efficiency vs. Output Power

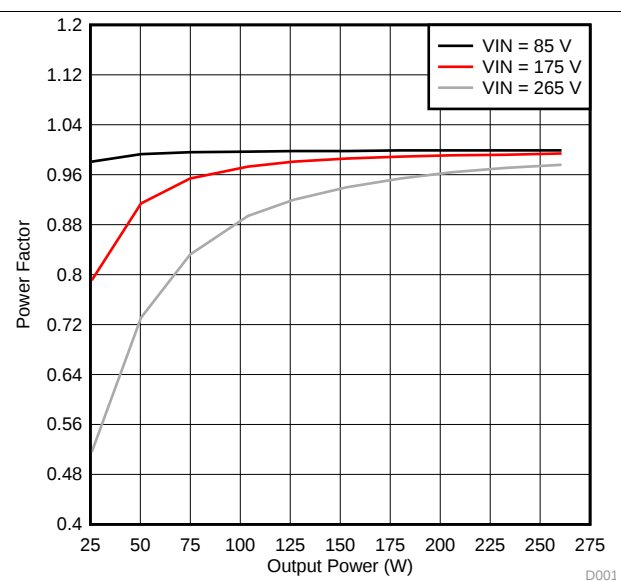


Figure 4. Power Factor vs. Output Power

List of Materials

UCC3817EVM List of Materials⁽¹⁾

QTY	REF DES	DESCRIPTION	MANUFACTURER	PART NUMBER
1	C1	Capacitors, ceramic, 560 pF, 50 V	Panasonic	ECU-S1H561JCA
1	C2	Capacitors, electronic, 100 μ F, 25 V	Panasonic	EEU-FC1V101S
2	C3, C5	Capacitors, ceramic, 1 μ F, 50 V	Panasonic	ECU-S1H105MEB
1	C4	Capacitors, ceramic, 0.01 μ F, 50 V	Panasonic	ECU-S1H103KBA
2	C6, C15	Capacitors, ceramic, 2.2 μ F, 50 V	Panasonic	ECU-S1H225MEB
1	C7	Capacitors, ceramic, 150 nF, 50 V, $\pm 10\%$	Panasonic	ECU-S1H154KBB
1	C8	Capacitors, ceramic, 270 pF, 50 V, $\pm 10\%$	Panasonic	ECU-S1H271JCA
1	C9	Capacitors, ceramic, 1.2 nF, 50 V, $\pm 10\%$	Panasonic	ECU-S1H122JCB
2	C10, C11	Capacitors, stacked metal poly, 1 μ F, 50 V	Panasonic	ECQ-V1H105JL
1	C12	Capacitors, electronic, 220 μ F, 450 V	Panasonic	ECO-S2WB221DA
1	C13	Capacitors, 0.47 μ F, 600 V (optional for user, not used on EVM)	Panasonic	ECQ-E6474KF
1	C14	Capacitors, Poly, 1.5 μ F, 400 V	Panasonic	ECW-F4155JB
1	C16	Capacitors, Not used	Panasonic	ECU-S2A330JCA
1	D1	Diodes, 6 A, 600 V, ultra fast diode	International Rectifier	HFA08TB60
1	D2	Diodes, 8 A, 600 V, 400 A surge	General Instruments	GI756CT
1	D3	Diodes, 6 A, 600 V, bridge	General Instruments	PB66
4	D4, D5, D7, D8	Diodes, 1 A, 40 V, schottky	STD	1N5819
1	D6	Diodes, 100 mA, 20 V, schottky	STD	BAT85
1	D9	Not used	STD	STD
1	F1	Fuses, 6 A, 250 V, 3 AG glass fast acting cartridge type	STD	STD
2	FH1, FH2	Fuses, 3AG fuse clip	STD	STD
1	HS1	Heat sink for Q1	Aavid	513201
1	HS2	Heat sink for D1	Aavid	579302 B 0 00 00
1	L1	Inductor, 1 mH, 5.5 A, 20:1 TR	Cooper Electronic Technologies	CTX08-13679-02
1	Q1	MOSFETs	International Rectifier	IRFP450
1	R1	Resistors, 12.1 k Ω , 1/4 W	STD	STD
1	R3	Resistors, 20 k Ω	STD	STD
1	R4	Resistors, 249 k Ω	STD	STD
2	R5, R11	Resistors, 10 k Ω	STD	STD
1	R6	Resistors, 30.1 k Ω	STD	STD
1	R7	Resistors, 100 k Ω	STD	STD
1	R8	Resistors, 12.1 k Ω	STD	STD
2	R9, R10	Resistors, 4.02 k Ω	STD	STD
1	R12	Resistors, 2 k Ω	STD	STD
2	R12, R21	Resistors, 383 k Ω	STD	STD
1	R14	Resistors, 0.25 Ω , 3 W	STD	STD
2	R15, R18	Resistors, 24 k Ω , 1W, metal oxide/metal film	Panasonic	ERG 1S G 243
1	R16	Resistors, 100 Ω	STD	STD
1	R17	Resistors, 20 Ω	STD	STD
1	R18	Resistors, 24 k Ω , 1W, metal oxide/metal film	Panasonic	ERX 1S G 243
2	R2, R19	Resistors, 499 k Ω	STD	STD
1	R20	Resistors, 274 k Ω	STD	STD

⁽¹⁾ Unless otherwise specified, all resistors are 0.25 W metal film with a 1% tolerance.

UCC3817EVM List of Materials⁽¹⁾ (continued)

QTY	REF DES	DESCRIPTION	MANUFACTURER	PART NUMBER
1	R22	Resistors, 0-Ω jumper or 26 AWG wire	STD	STD
1	U1	UCC3817N	Texas Instruments	UCC3817N
1	X at U1	Socket, 16 pin DIP socket	STD	STD
1	PCB	Board, UCC3817 bare pc board	STD	STD
1	X1 at Q1	Hardware, Thermal pad silicone TO220	STD	STD
1	X2 at HS1	Hardware, Screw pan head #6–32 X 3/8	STD	STD
1	X3 at HS1	Hardware, Nut #6X32	STD	STD

Additional Information

For more information, pin description and specifications for the UCC3817 PFC Controller, please refer to the UCC3817 datasheet, [Texas Instruments Literature Number SLUS395](#), or contact the Texas Instruments Semiconductor Product Information Center at 1–800–336–5236 or 1–972–644–5580. Product information can also be found on the at <http://www.ti.com>.

This evaluation module can also be used to evaluate the performance of the UCC3818 PFC control device by removing R16 and applying the bias voltage to the VCC pin through a separate bias supply.

Revision History

Changes from C Revision (November 2002) to D Revision	Page
• Added first-page EVM warnings.	2

NOTE: Page numbers for previous revisions may differ from page numbers in the current version.

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- *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.*
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