

TPS7A7001EVM-065 Evaluation Module

This user's guide describes operational use of the TPS7A7001EVM-065 evaluation module as a reference design for engineering demonstration and evaluation of the TPS7A7001, a low-dropout linear regulator. Included in this document are setup instructions, a schematic diagram, layout and thermal guidelines, a bill of materials, and test results.

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1 Introduction

The Texas Instruments TPS7A7001EVM-065 evaluation module (EVM) helps design engineers to evaluate the operation and performance of the TPS7A7001 family of linear regulators for use in their own circuit applications. This particular EVM configuration contains a single linear regulator with internal thermal and current-limit shutdown circuitry in a SOIC-8 package. The regulator is capable of delivering up to 2 A to the load depending on the input/output power dissipation across the part which can be minimized because of the very low-dropout voltage.

2 Setup

This section describes the jumpers and connectors on the EVM as well as how to properly connect, set up, and use the TPS7A7001EVM-065.

2.1 Input/Output Connectors and Jumper Descriptions

The connectors are shown in [Figure 3](#), Assembly Layer.

2.1.1 J1 – VIN

J1 is the input power supply voltage connector. Twist the positive input lead and ground return lead from the input power supply and keep as short as possible to minimize EMI transmission. Add additional bulk capacitance between J1 and J3 if the supply leads are greater than 6 inches. For example, an additional 47- μ F electrolytic capacitor connected from J1 to ground can improve the transient response of the TPS7A7001, while eliminating unwanted ringing on the input due to long-wire connections.

2.1.2 J2 – VOUT

J2 is the regulated output voltage connector.

2.1.3 J3 – GND

J3 is the ground-return connector for the input power supply.

2.1.4 J4 – GND

J4 is the output ground-return connector.

2.2 Soldering Guidelines

Any solder rework to modify the EVM for the purpose of repair or other application reasons must be performed using a hot-air system to avoid damaging the integrated circuit (IC).

2.3 Equipment Setup

- Turn off the input power supply after verifying that its output voltage is set to less than 7 V. Connect the positive voltage lead from the input power supply to VIN at the J1 connector of the EVM. Connect the ground lead from the input power supply to GND at the J3 connector of the EVM.
- Connect a 0-A to 2-A load between the output, VOUT, at connector J2, and ground, GND, at connector J4.

3 Operation

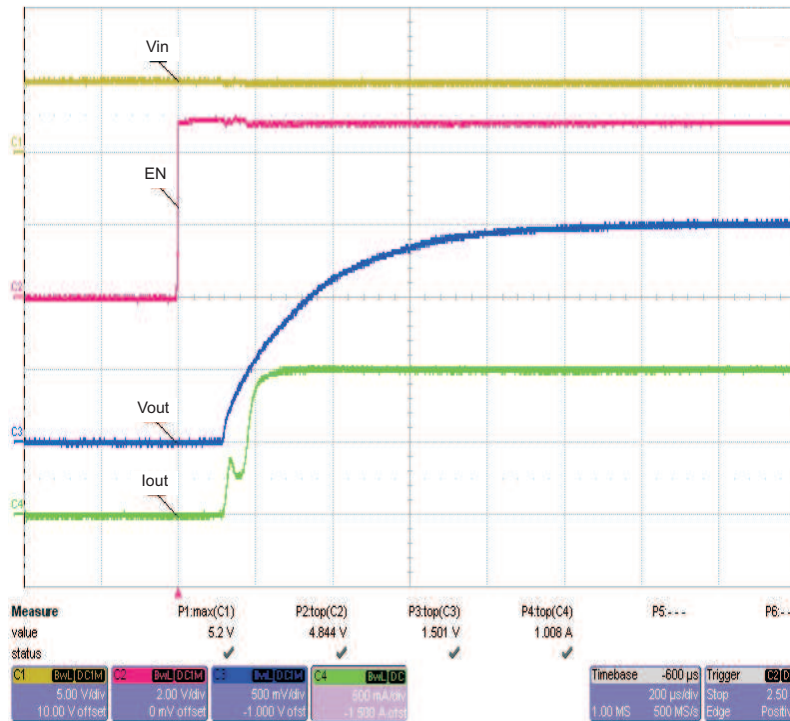
- Turn on the input power supply. For initial operation set the input power supply, VIN – J1, to 5 V.
- Vary the respective loads and VIN voltages as necessary for test purposes.

4 Test Results

This section provides typical performance waveforms for the TPS7A7001EVM-065 printed-circuit board (PCB).

4.1 Turnon Sequence

Figure 1 shows the turnon/off characteristic where 3.3 V is quickly applied to VIN. The output drives a 1-A load. The output voltage start-up ramp is not load dependant.

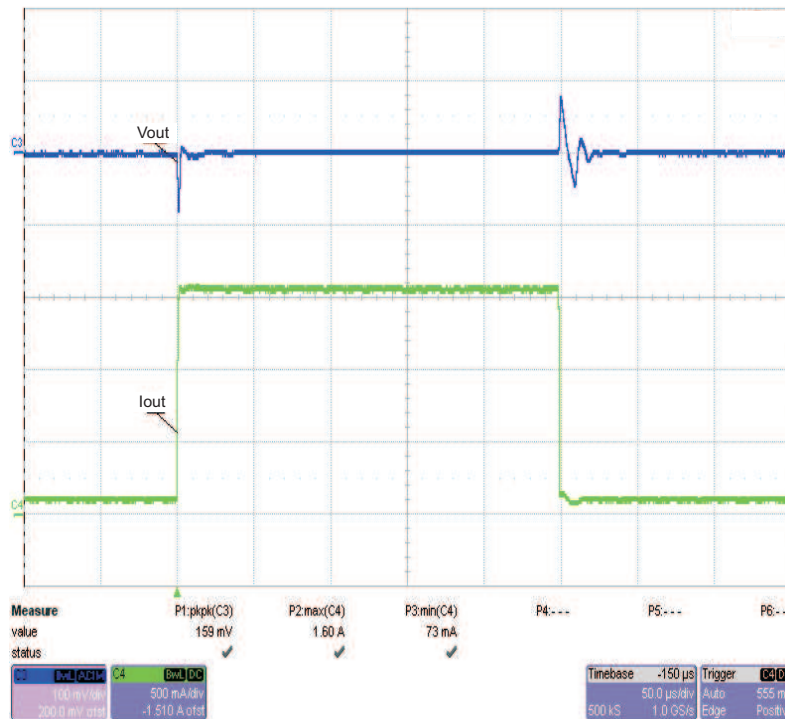


NOTE: Yellow – VIN, Red – EN, Blue – VOUT, Green – IOUT

Figure 1. Turnon Sequence

4.2 Output Load Transient

Figure 2 shows the load transient response for a load-step transient from 100 mA to 1.6 A (IOUT, green). VIN is set at 5 V.



NOTE: Blue – VOUT, Green – IOUT

Figure 2. Load-Step and Transient Response

5 Thermal Guidelines and Layout Recommendations

Thermal management is a key component of design of any power converter and is especially important when the power dissipation in the low-dropout (LDO) regulator is high. Use the following formula to approximate the maximum power dissipation for the particular ambient temperature:

$$T_J = T_A + P_D \times \theta_{JA}$$

Where T_J is the junction temperature, T_A is the ambient temperature, P_D is the power dissipation in the device (Watts), and θ_{JA} is the thermal resistance from junction to ambient. All temperatures are in degrees Celsius. The maximum silicon junction temperature, T_J , must not be allowed to exceed 150°C. The layout design must use copper trace and plane areas effectively, as thermal sinks, in order not to allow T_J to exceed the absolute maximum rating under all temperature conditions and voltage conditions across the part.

The layout designer must carefully consider the thermal design of the PCB for optimal performance over temperature. For this EVM, Figure 4 shows that the PCB top VOUT plane has six, 6-mil thermal via connections to the bottom-side copper VOUT plane to dissipate heat. The PCB is a two-layer board with 2-oz. copper on top and bottom layers. The DDA package drawing can be found at the Texas Instruments Web site in the product folder for the TPS7A7001 LDO.

Table 1 repeats information from the Dissipation Ratings Table of the TPS7A7001 (SBVS134) data sheet for comparison with the thermal resistance, θ_{JA1} , calculated for this EVM layout to show the wide variation in thermal resistances for given copper areas. The High-K value is determined using a standard JEDEC High-K (2s2p) board having dimensions of 3-inch x 3-inch with 1-oz internal power and ground planes and 2-oz copper traces on top and bottom of the board.

Table 1. Thermal Resistance, θ_{JA} , and Maximum Power Dissipation

Board	Package	θ_{JA}	Maximum Dissipation Without Derating ($T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$)	Maximum Dissipation Without Derating ($T_A = 70^\circ\text{C}$)
High-K	DDA	51.5°C/ W	1.94 W	1.06°C/ W
TPS7A7001EVM-065	DDA	23.6°C/ W	4.24 W	2.33 W

6 Board Layout

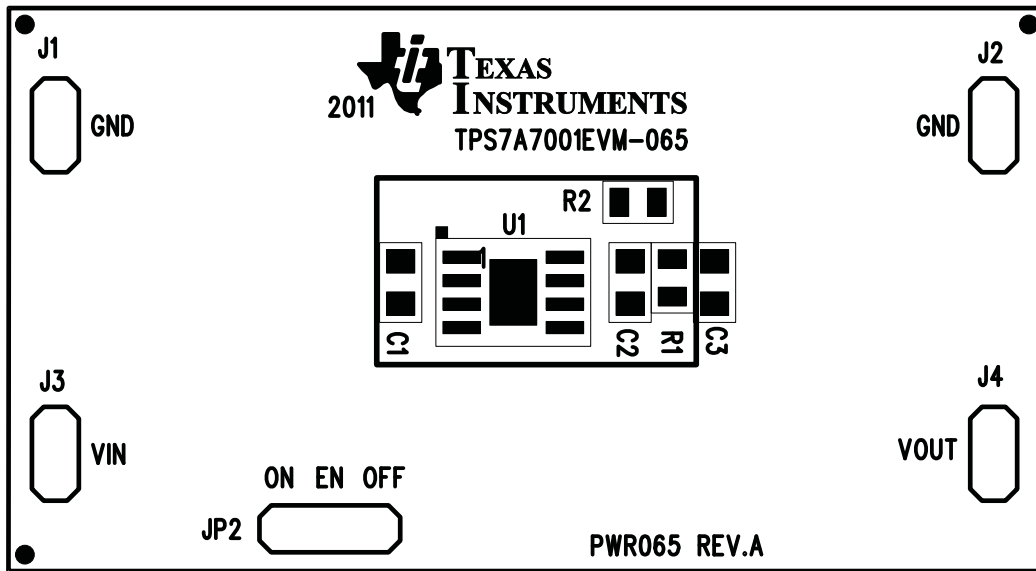


Figure 3. Assembly Layer

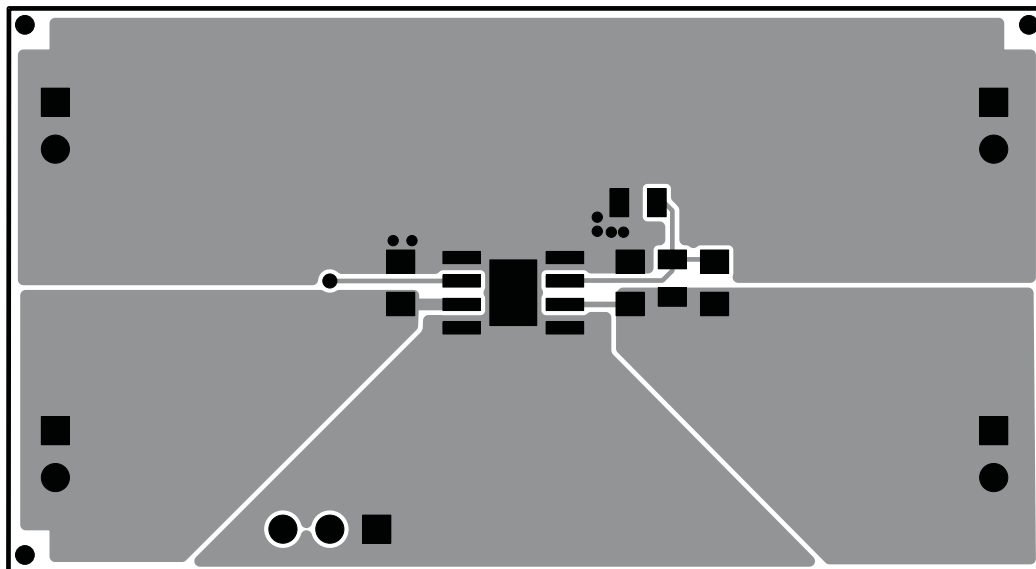


Figure 4. Top-Layer Routing

Table 2. TPS7A7001EVM-065 Bill of Materials (continued)

Count	RefDes	Value	Description	Size	Part Number	MFR
1	JP1	PEC03SAAN	Header, Male 3-pin, 100-mil spacing	0.100 inch x 3	STD	Sullins
1	R1	20 k Ω	Resistor, Chip, 1/16-W, 1%	0603	STD	STD
1	R2	10 k Ω	Resistor, Chip, 1/16-W, 1%	0603	STD	STD
1	U1	TPS7A7001DDA	IC, Wide Vin, Very Low-Dropout Regulator	HSOP	TPS7A7001DDA	TI
1	—		PCB, 1.200 In x 2.200 In x 0.62 In	1.20 x 2.200 x 0.62 In	PWR065	Any

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