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ABSTRACT

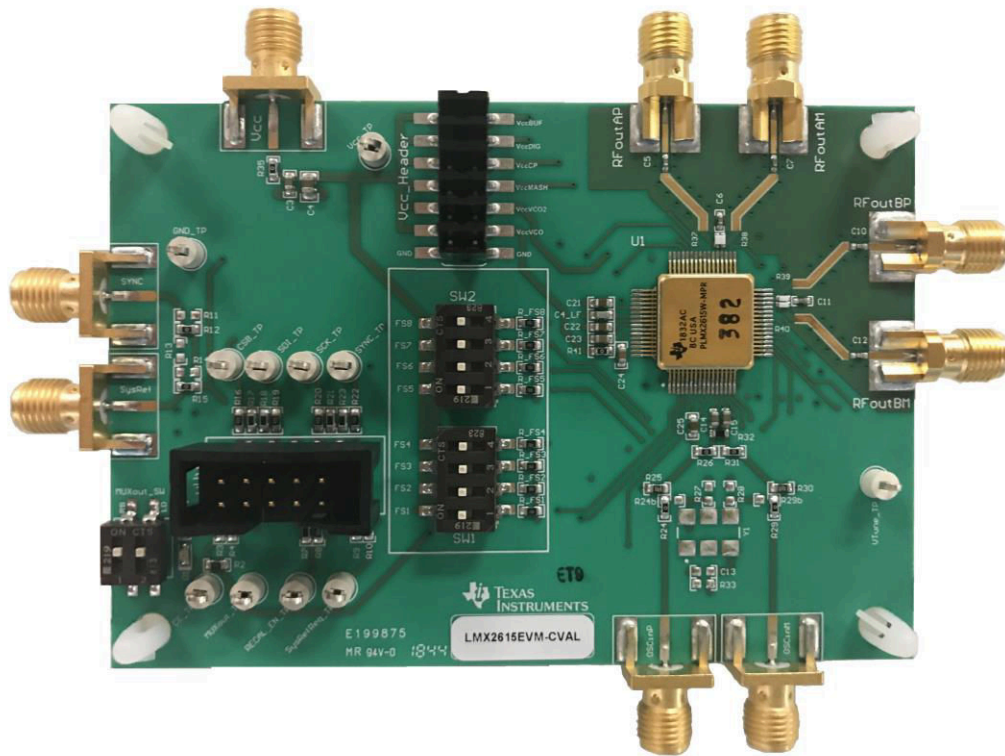


Figure 1-1. LMX2615EVM-CVAL

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1 Evaluation Board Setup and Description

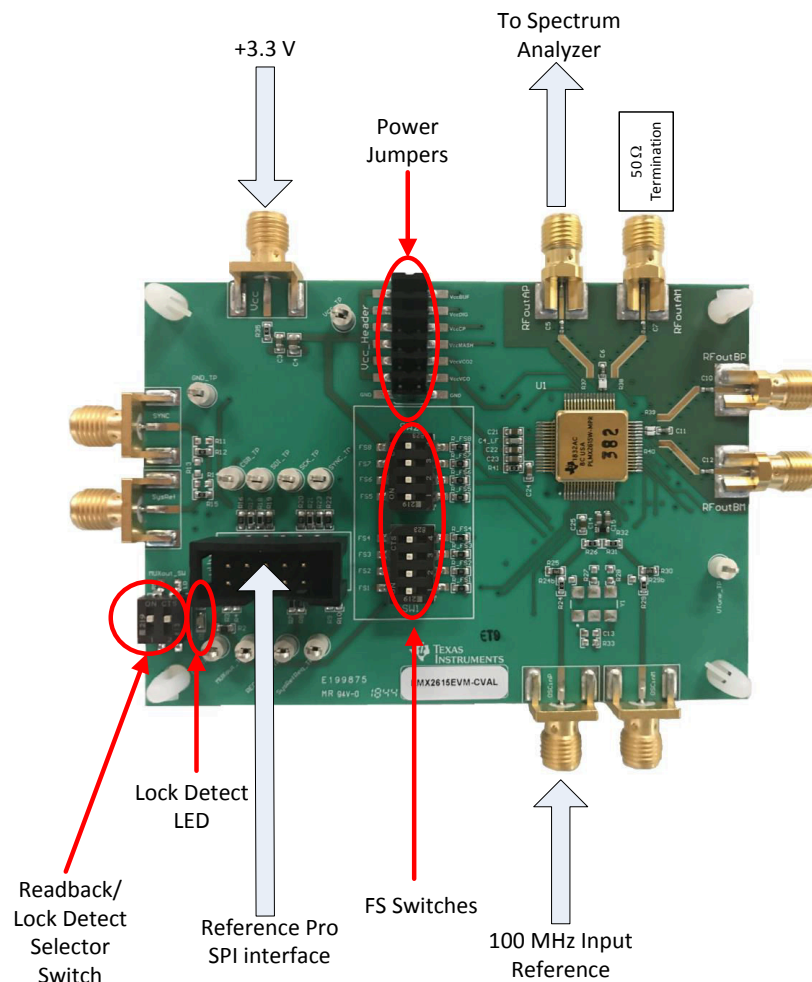


Figure 1-1. LMX2615EVM Setup and Description

1. Power:
 - a. Set power supply to 3.3 V with 600-mA current limit and connect to V_{CC} SMA.
2. Input Signal
 - a. The EVM is designed for a 100-MHz input reference that should be connected to the OSCin SMA. Some of the options for this could be a signal generator, the 100 MHz output from the Reference Pro board, or a very clean signal source such as the Wenzel 501-4623G ultra-low phase noise 100 MHz reference
3. Programming Interface:
 - Reference Pro will provide SPI interface to program LMX2615. If using this, Connect USB cable from laptop or PC to USB port in Reference Pro. This provides power to Reference Pro Board and communication with TICS GUI
 - The other option is to use the dip switch on the board to use Pin mode.
4. Output:
 - a. Connect RFoutAP to a phase noise analyzer and connect a 50-Ω terminator to RFoutAM.

2 Setting Up the Software

1. Download the TICS Pro from the TI Website at www.ti.com/tool/TICSPRO-SW and install.
2. From the menu bar choose *Select Device* → *PLL + VCO* → *LMX2615*

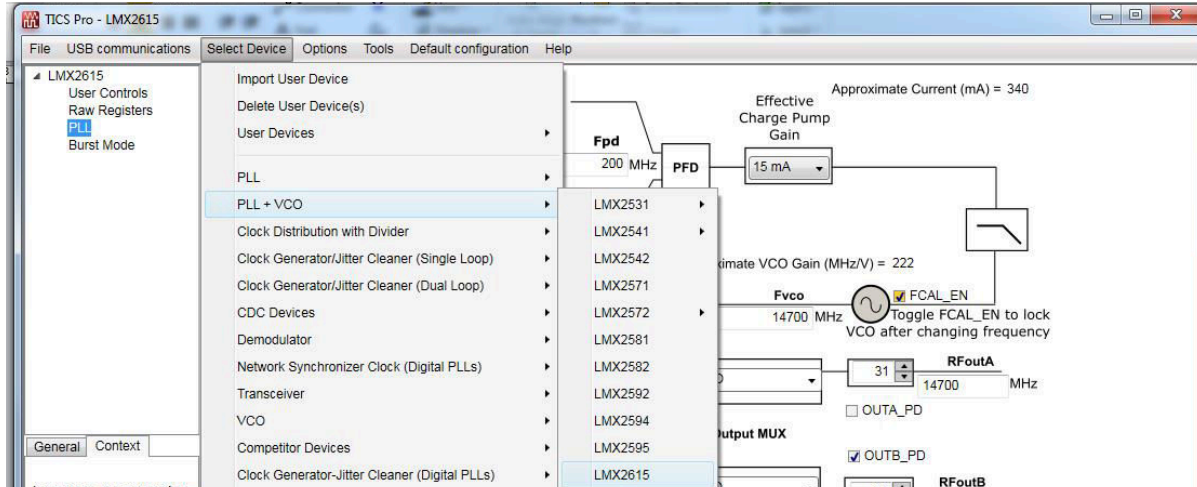


Figure 2-1. Search for LMX2615 on TICS Pro

3. Verify the communication setup with Reference Pro. To do this, select *USB communications* → *Interface* . Click on the identify button and the LED on the Reference Pro should blink.

3 Bringing LMX2615 to a Lock State

Load the default mode as shown in [Figure 3-1](#) The PLL GUI tab gives useful feedback to the user that is helpful in getting the best performance out of the device

- Items highlighted in orange or red indicate that something may be sub-optimal. To view the comment, simply mouse over the colored item and a tooltip will appear. In this case, the feedback suggests that CAL_CLK_DIV and VCO_SEL can be adjusted to improve the VCO calibration time, SEG1_EN could be disabled for better spurs and lower current, and that FCAL_EN should be toggled to calibrate the VCO.
- Mouse over any item and it will display the field value in the lower left corner including the field name, register location, and description.
- On the bottom is the status bar, which indicates when registers are written to and the status of the USB2ANY/ Reference Pro board. In this case, it is indicating that there is no board connected.

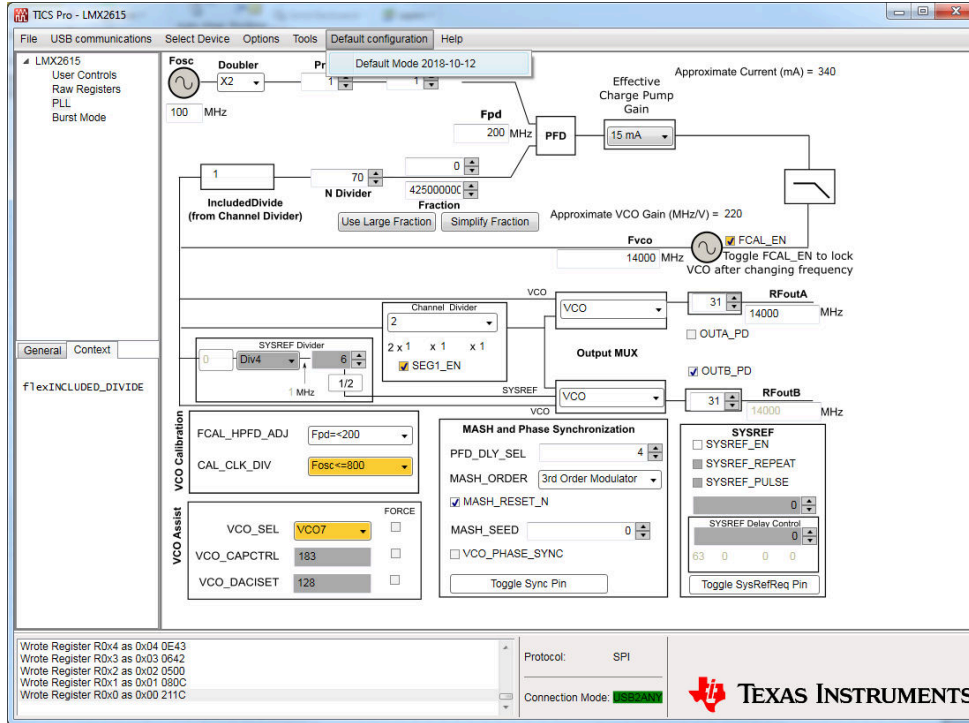


Figure 3-1. TICS Pro GUI LMX2615 Default Configuration

The GUI gives the user feedback to help them understand how to program and get the best performance out of this device.

4 Current Loop Filter Configuration

Note that if the phase detector frequency is changed significantly, the loop filter needs to be redesigned.

Table 4-1. Current Loop Filter Configuration

PARAMETER	VALUE
VCO Gain	132 MHz/V
Loop Bandwidth	285 kHz
Phase Margin	65 deg
C1_LF	390 pF
C2_LF	68 nF
C3_LF	Open
C4_LF	1800 pF
R2	68 Ω
R3_LF	0 Ω
R4_LF	18 Ω
Effective Charge Pump Gain	15 mA
Phase Detector Frequency (MHz)	200 MHz
VCO Frequency	Designed for 15 GHz, but works over the whole frequency range

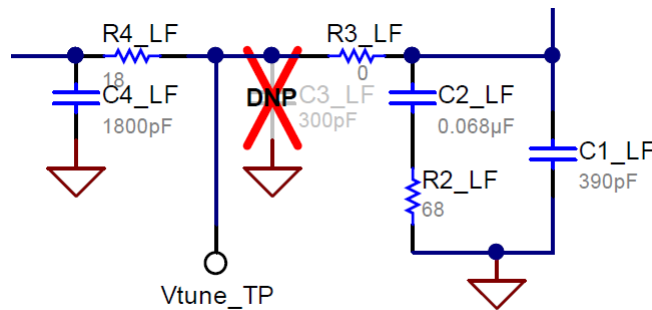


Figure 4-1. Current Loop Filter Configuration

For detailed design and simulation, see the [PLLatinum Sim Tool](#).

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5 Typical Phase Noise

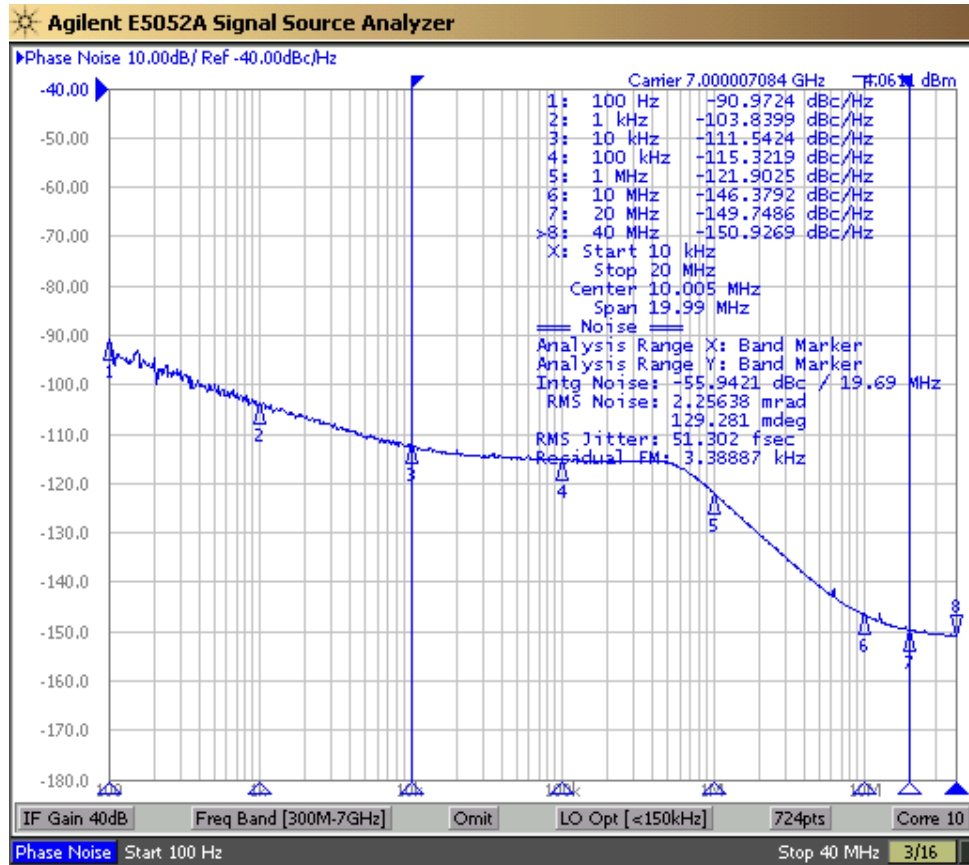


Figure 5-1. Typical Phase Noise with Wenzel 100 MHz Input

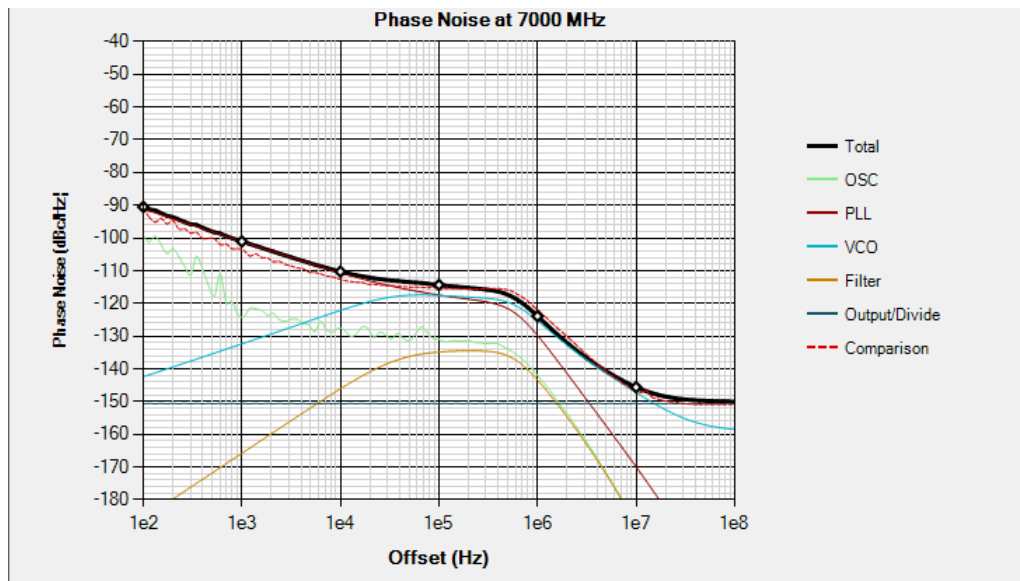


Figure 5-2. PLLatinum Sim Simulation Result for Phase Noise with Wenzel 100 MHz Input (Total Trace = Simulation, Comparison Trace = Actual Measurement)

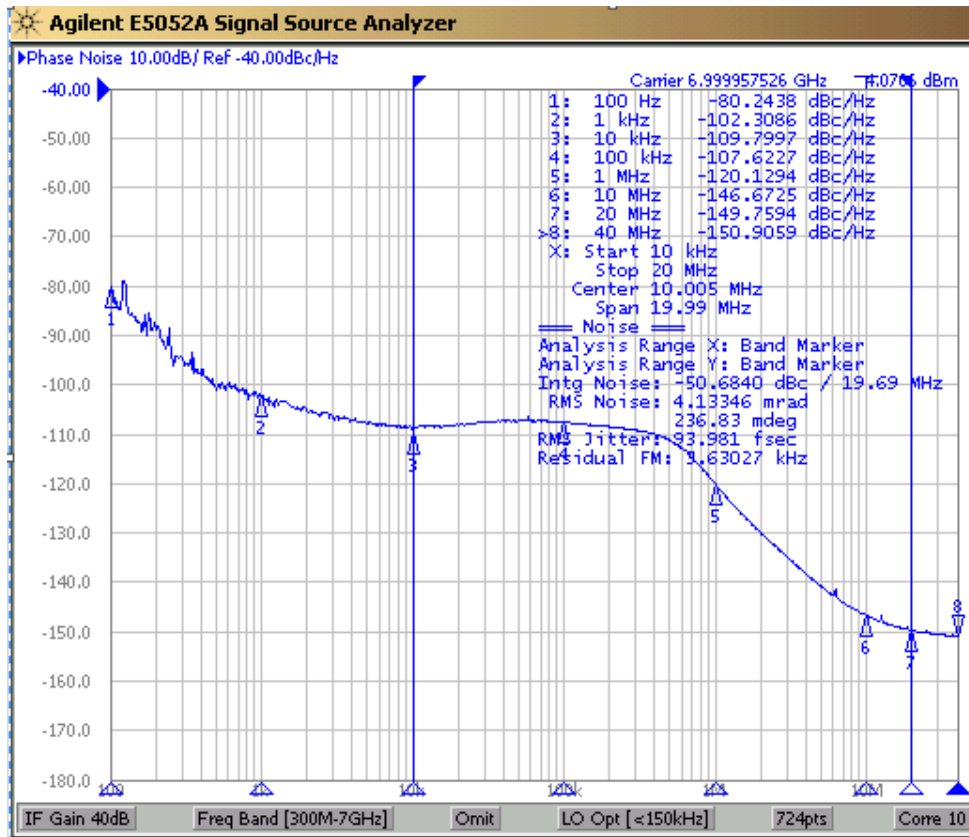


Figure 5-3. Typical Phase Noise 100 MHz Reference Pro as Input

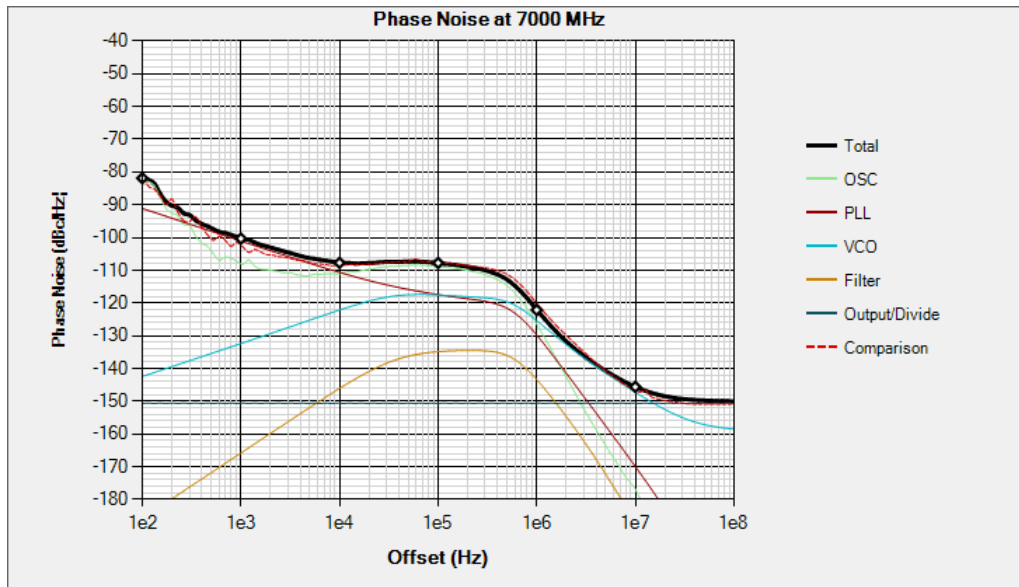


Figure 5-4. PLLatinum Sim Simulation using 100 MHz Reference Pro as Input (Total Trace = Simulation, Comparison Trace = Actual Measurement)

6 Schematic

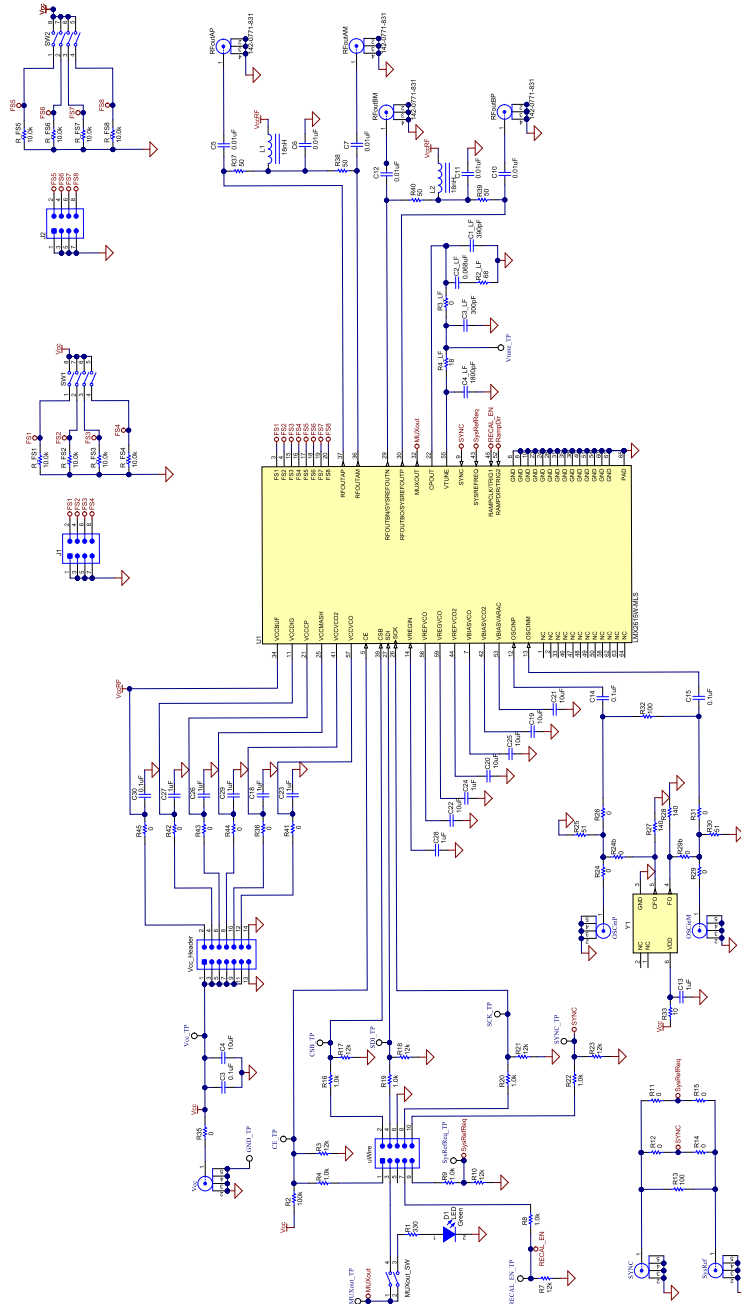


Figure 6-1. Schematic

7 Bill of Materials

Table 7-1. Bill of Materials (BOM)

Designator	Description	Manufacturer	Part Number	Qty
!PCB	Printed Circuit Board	Any	SV601368	1
C1_LF	CAP, CERM, 390 pF, 50 V, +/- 5%, C0G/NP0, 0603	Kemet	C0603C391J5GACTU	1
C2_LF	CAP, CERM, 0.068 uF, 50 V, +/- 10%, X7R, 0603	MuRata	GRM188R71H683KA93D	1
C3, C14, C15, C30	CAP, CERM, 0.1 uF, 16 V, +/- 5%, X7R, 0603	AVX	0603YC104JAT2A	4
C4	CAP, CERM, 10 uF, 10 V, +/- 10%, X5R, 0805	Kemet	C0805C106K8PACTU	1
C4_LF	CAP, CERM, 1800 pF, 50 V, +/- 5%, C0G/NP0, 0603	MuRata	GRM1885C1H182JA01D	1
C5, C6, C7, C10, C11, C12	CAP, CERM, 0.01 uF, 16 V, +/- 10%, X7R, 0402	AT Ceramics	520L103KT16T	6
C18, C23, C24, C26, C27, C28, C29	CAP, CERM, 1 uF, 16 V, +/- 10%, X7R, 0603	TDK	C1608X7R1C105K080AC	7
C19, C20, C21, C22, C25	CAP, CERM, 10 uF, 10 V, +/- 20%, X5R, 0603	TDK	C1608X5R1A106M080AC	5
CE_TP, CSB_TP, GND_TP, MUXout_TP, RECAL_EN_TP, SCK_TP, SDI_TP, SYNC_TP, SysRefReq_TP, Vcc_TP, Vtune_TP	Test Point, Compact, White, TH	Keystone	5007	11
D1	LED, Green, SMD	Lite-On	LTST-C190GKT	1
K1	Reference Pro - SV601349 (Kitting only) - EDGE #: 6607586	Texas Instruments	SV601349	1
K2	Cable USB A - Mini (Kitting only)	Qualtek	Q362-ND	1
K3	10 Pin Ribbon Cable (Kitting only)	3M	M3DDA-1006J	1
K4, K5	SMA - SMA (Kitting only)	Amphenol-RF Division	132168	2
L1, L2	Inductor, Multilayer, Air Core, 18 nH, 0.3 A, 0.36 ohm, SMD	MuRata	LQG15HS18NJ02D	2
LBL1	Thermal Transfer Printable Labels, 0.650" W x 0.200" H - 10,000 per roll	Brady	THT-14-423-10	1
MUXout_SW	Switch, SPST, Slide, Off-On, 2 Pos, 0.1A, 20V, SMD	CTS Electrocomponents	219-2MST	1
OSCinM, OSCinP, SYNC, SysRef, Vcc	Connector, End launch SMA, 50 ohm, SMT	Cinch Connectivity	142-0701-851	5
R1	RES, 330, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	Yageo America	RC0603JR-07330RL	1
R2	RES, 100 k, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW0603100KJNEA	1
R2_LF	RES, 68, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW060368R0JNEA	1
R3_LF, R12, R15, R24, R26, R29, R31, R35, R36, R41, R42, R43, R44, R45	RES, 0, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW06030000Z0EA	14
R4_LF	RES, 18, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW060318R0JNEA	1
R7, R10, R17, R18, R21, R23	RES, 12 k, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW060312K0JNEA	6
R8, R9, R16, R19, R20, R22	RES, 1.0 k, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW06031K00JNEA	6
R25, R30	RES, 51, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW060351R0JNEA	2
R37, R38, R39, R40	RES, 50, 0.1%, 0.05 W, 0402	Vishay-Dale	FC0402E50R0BST1	4
RFoutAM, RFoutAP, RFoutBM, RFoutBP	JACK, SMA, 50 Ohm, Gold, Edge Mount	Cinch Connectivity	142-0771-831	4
R_FS1, R_FS2, R_FS3, R_FS4, R_FS5, R_FS6, R_FS7, R_FS8	RES, 10.0 k, 1%, 0.1 W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW060310K0FKEA	8
H1, H2, H3, H4	HEX STANDOFF SPACER, 9.53 mm	Richco Plastics	TCBS-6-01	4
SW1, SW2	Switch, SPST, Slide, Off-On, 4 Pos, 0.1A, 20V, SMD	CTS Electrocomponents	219-4MST	2
uWire	Header (shrouded), 100mil, 5x2, Gold, SMT	FCI	52601-S10-8LF	1
Vcc_Header	Header, 2.54mm, 7x2, Gold, Black, SMT	Sullins Connector Solutions	GBC07DABN-M30	1
U1	LMX2615-SP	Texas Instruments	LMX2615W-MPR	1
Components of Quantity 0 are DNP				
C3_LF	CAP, CERM, 300 pF, 100 V, +/- 5%, C0G/NP0, 0603	MuRata	GRM1885C2A301JA01D	0
C13	CAP, CERM, 1 uF, 16 V, +/- 10%, X7R, 0603	TDK	C1608X7R1C105K080AC	0

Table 7-1. Bill of Materials (BOM) (continued)

Designator	Description	Manufacturer	Part Number	Qty
FID5, FID6, FID7, FID10, FID11, FID12	Fiducial mark. There is nothing to buy or mount.	N/A	N/A	0
J1, J2	Header, 2.54mm, 4x2, Gold, SMT	Samtec	TSM-104-01-L-DV	0
R3	RES, 12 k, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW060312K0JNEA	0
R4	RES, 1.0 k, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW06031K00JNEA	0
R11, R14, R24b, R29b	RES, 0, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW06030000Z0EA	0
R13	RES, 100, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW0603100RJNEA	0
R27, R28	RES, 140, 1%, 0.1 W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW0603140RFKEA	0
R33	RES, 10, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW060310R0JNEA	0
R32	RES, 100, 1%, 0.1 W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW0603100RFKEA	0
Y1	Crystal Oscillator, 100 MHz, LVDS, 3.3V, SMD	Vectron	VC-708-EDE-FNXN-100M000000	0

8 PCB Specifications



Figure 8-1. Board Layer Stack-Up

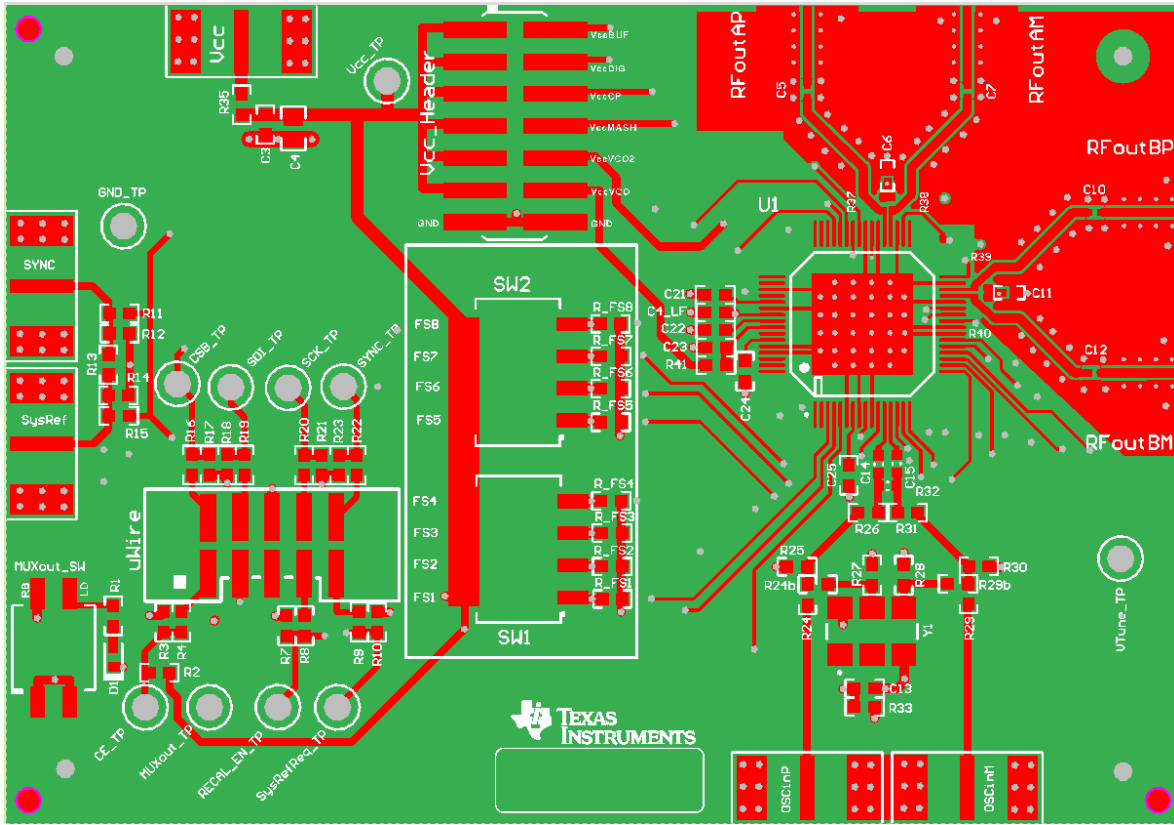


Figure 8-2. Top Layer

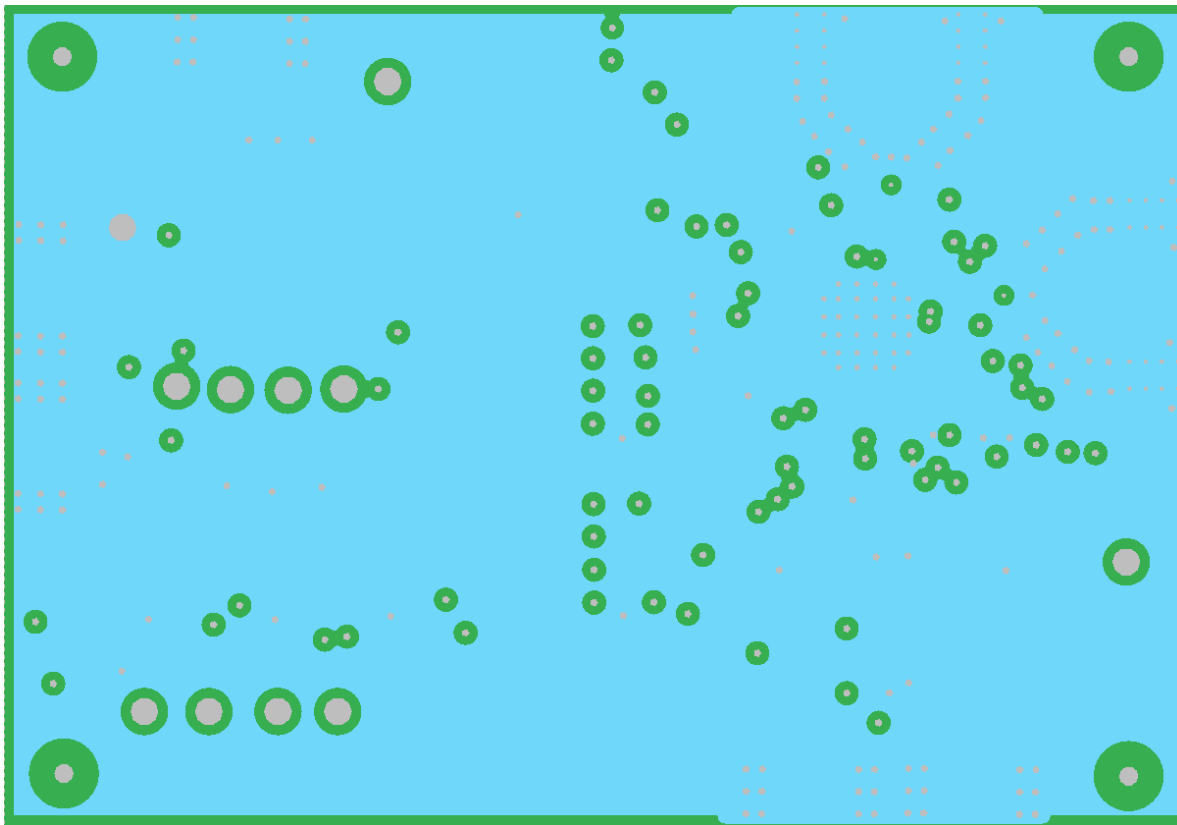


Figure 8-3. Ground Layer

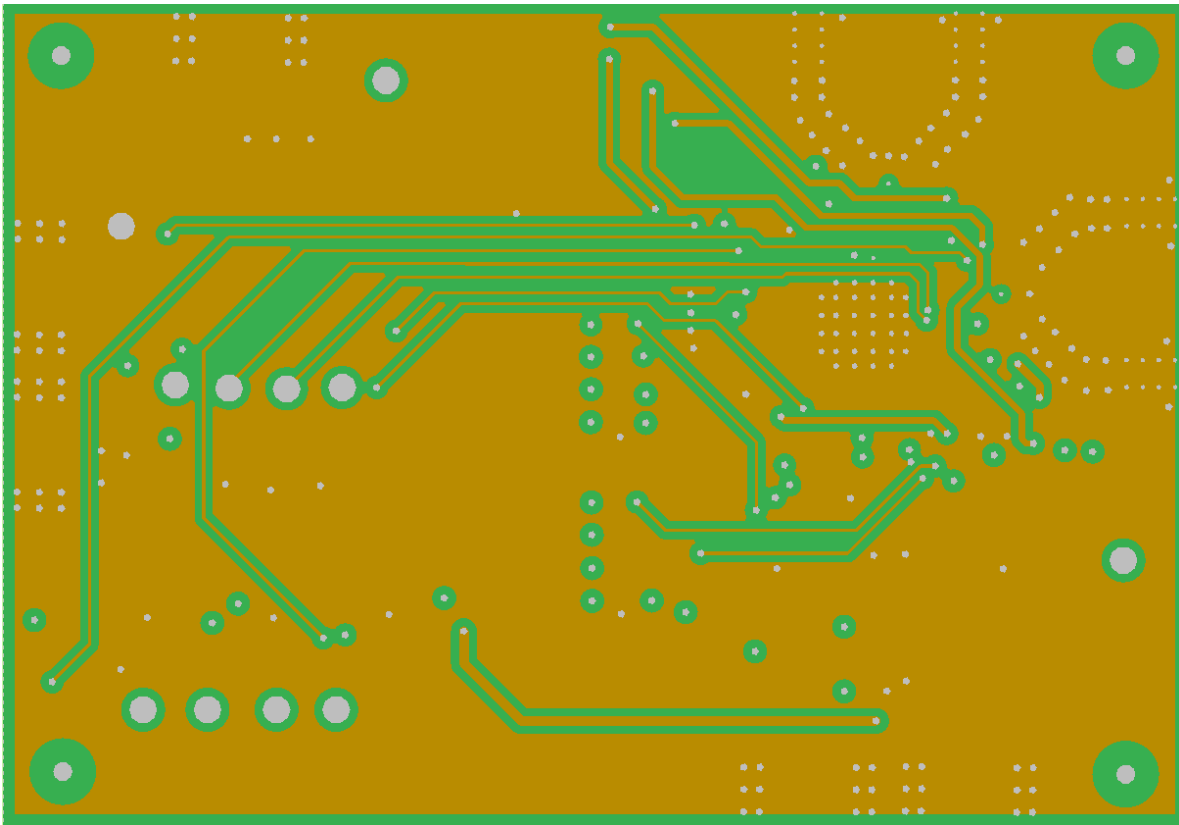


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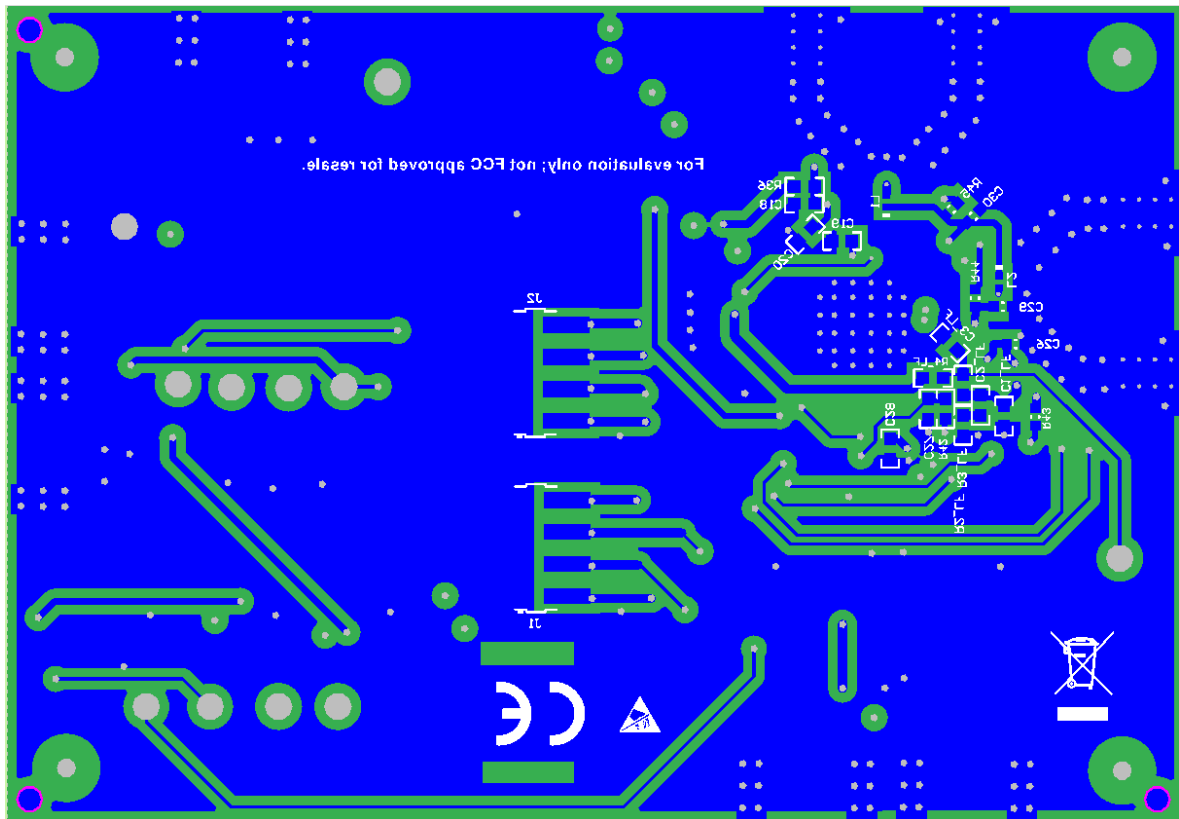


Figure 8-5. Bottom Layer

9 Proper Jumper and Switch Positions

9.1 Reference Pro Board

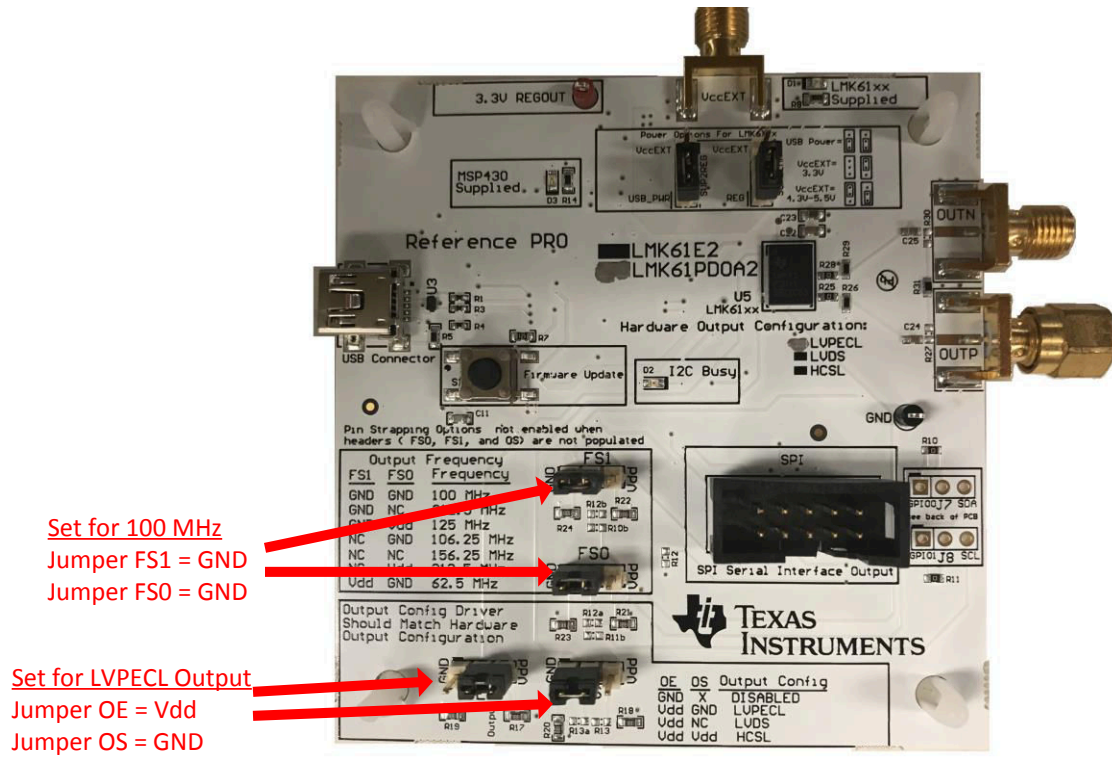


Figure 9-1. Reference Pro Board Jumper Positions

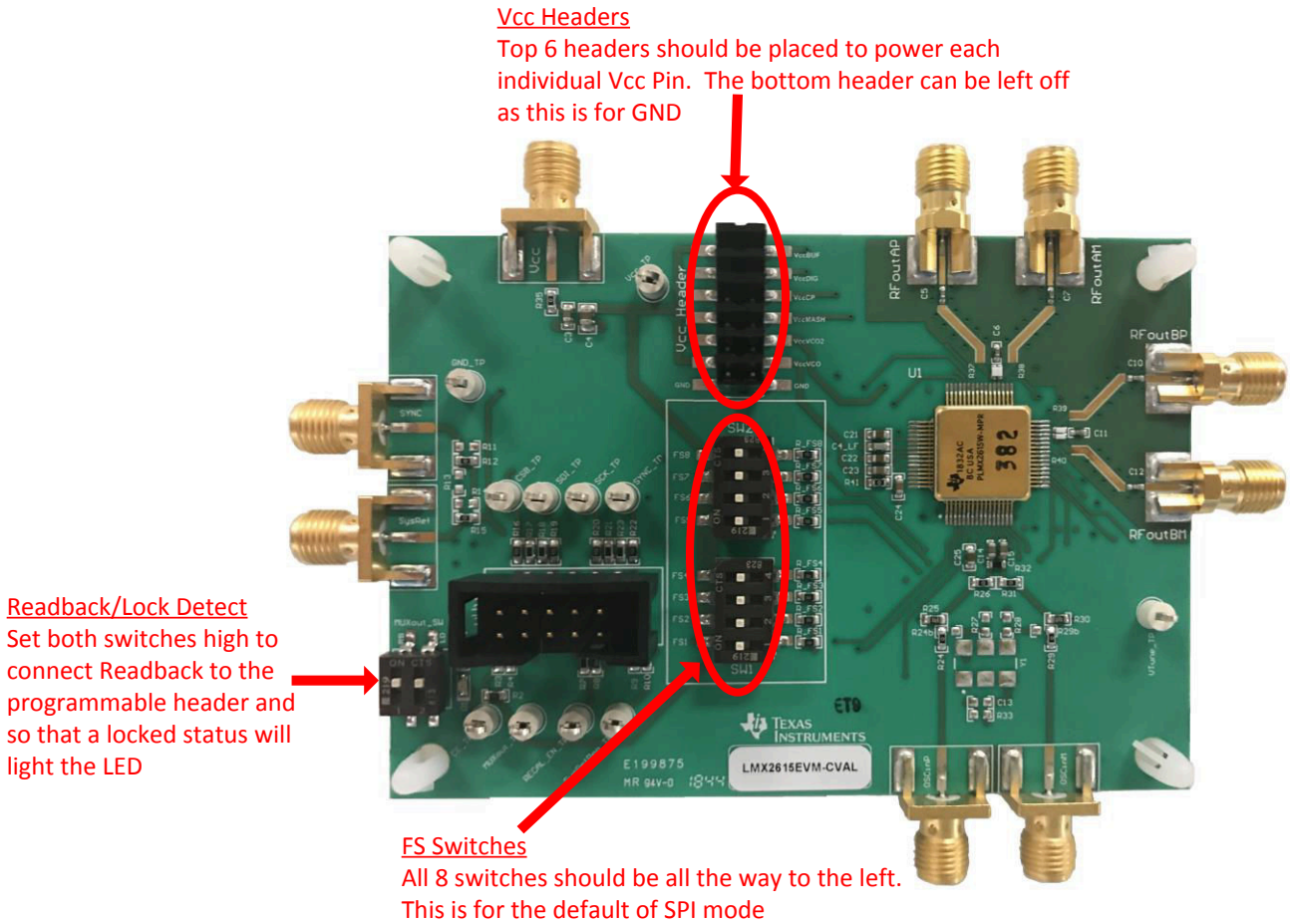


Figure 9-2. EVM Jumper and Switch Positions

10 Revision History

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Changes from Revision * (November 2018) to Revision A (August 2022)	Page
• Changed U1 description in Table 7-1 from: LMX2615HBD, HBD0064A (CFP-64) to: LMX2615-SP.....	9
• Changed U1 part number in Table 7-1 from: LMX2615HBD to: LMX2615W-MPR.....	9
• Changed Item 32 designator in Table 7-1 from: S1, .., S4 to: H1, .., H4.....	9
• Changed the R32 quantity (Qty) in Table 7-1 from 1 to 0.....	9
• Removed U2 from Table 7-1	9

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- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
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