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1 Introduction

The Texas Instruments TPS74x01EVM-177 evaluation module uses the TPS74701 or TPS74801 low-dropout linear regulator device. These regulators require a low-power bias voltage, V_{BIAS} , and a power input voltage, V_{IN} . These two regulators are capable of providing output voltages down to 0.8 V and have an integrated supervisory circuit with open-drain output that goes to high impedance when the output voltage reaches regulation (power good or PG). The TPS74701 and TPS74801 can provide up to 0.5 A and 1.5 A of output current, respectively, and each has a soft start (SS) pin which allows the user to set the linear ramp rate for the output voltage at start-up. The purpose of the EVM is to facilitate evaluation of the TPS74x01 devices.

1.1 Performance Specification Summary

Table 1-1 provides a summary of the TPS74x01EVM-177 performance specifications. All specifications are provided for an ambient temperature of 25°C.

Table 1-1. Typical Performance Specification Summary

	Condition	Voltage Range (V)			Current Range (mA)		
		Min	Typ	Max	Min	Typ	Max
V_{BIAS} supply	TPS74801EVM-177 (HPA177-001), $V_{IN} = V_{BIAS}$, $I_{OUT} = 1.5$ A	2.83 ⁽¹⁾	5	5.5	5		
	TPS74701EVM-177 (HPA177-002), $V_{IN} = V_{BIAS}$, $I_{OUT} = 0.5$ A	2.7 ⁽¹⁾	5	5.5	5		
V_{IN} supply	TPS74801EVM-177 (HPA177-001), $V_{BIAS} - V_{OUT} \geq 3.25$ V, $I_{OUT} = 1.5$ A	1.395 ⁽¹⁾		5.5 ⁽²⁾		1500	
	TPS74701EVM-177 (HPA177-002), $V_{BIAS} - V_{OUT} \geq 1.62$ V, $I_{OUT} = 0.5$ A	1.35 ⁽¹⁾		5.5 ⁽²⁾		500	
V_{OUT}	TPS74801EVM-177 (HPA177-001)	1.17 ⁽³⁾	1.20	1.23 ⁽³⁾	1500 ⁽²⁾		
V_{OUT}	TPS74701EVM-177 (HPA177-002)	1.17 ⁽³⁾	1.20	1.23 ⁽³⁾	500 ⁽²⁾		

- (1) This voltage is the minimum voltage to provide the maximum output current in the table assuming the typical V_{BIAS} voltage is applied. Lower output currents are achievable with lower V_{IN} and V_{BIAS} voltages. See the data sheet for V_{IN} to V_{OUT} and V_{BIAS} to V_{OUT} dropout data.
- (2) Linear regulator power dissipation is computed as $P_D = (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \times I_{OUT}$. As specified in the data sheet, the regulator package has a finite power dissipation rating depending on the ambient temperature, board type, and airflow. Using any V_{IN} or V_{OUT} voltages other than the typical voltages recommended in the table or using the EVM in an environment with an ambient temperature higher than 25°C significantly reduces the maximum allowed output current. See the data sheet for the regulator package thermal resistance data, and see the [Digital Designer's Guide to Linear Voltage Regulators and Thermal Management](#) application note for a full explanation.
- (3) The EVM uses $\pm 1\%$ feedback resistors. Therefore, the EVM output tolerance is the $\pm 2\%$ internal reference tolerance plus $2 \times (1 - V_{REF}/V_{OUT}) \times TOL_{FBRES} = 2 \times (1 - 0.8 \text{ V}/1.2 \text{ V}) \times \pm 1\% = 0.67\%$ or $\pm 2.67\%$. Tighter tolerance feedback resistors must be used for tighter output tolerance.

1.2 Modifications

The TPS74x01EVM-177 board is designed with devices having 0603 or larger footprint to aid user customization of the EVM. A real implementation can occupy less total board space.

Changing components can improve or degrade EVM performance. For example, adding a larger output capacitor reduces output voltage undershoot but lengthens response time after a load transient event. Inductive leads from the V_{IN} pin power supply can cause droop during a load transient. Adding a larger input capacitor reduces droop at the V_{IN} pin.

2 Input and Output Connector Descriptions

2.1 J1–VIN/GND

This terminal block has both a positive and ground return connection to the power input (V_{IN}) supply. The leads to the input supply must be twisted and kept as short as possible.

2.2 J2–GND

This header is the return connection for the bias (V_{BIAS}) supply.

2.3 J3–VIN

This header is a positive connection to the power input supply (V_{IN}). Use this header for low power (for example, $I_{IN} = I_{OUT} < 1$ A) evaluation or as a voltage test point.

2.4 J4–VBIAS

This header is the positive connection for the bias (V_{BIAS}) supply.

2.5 J5–GND

This header is a ground return connection to the power input (V_{IN}) supply. Use this header for low power (for example, $I_{IN} = I_{OUT} < 1$ A) evaluation or as a ground test point.

2.6 J6–VOUT

This header is the positive connection for the output load on V_{OUT} . Use this header for low power (for example, $I_{IN} = I_{OUT} < 1$ A) evaluation only or as a voltage test point.

2.7 J7–GND

This header is the ground return connection for the output load. Use this header for low power (for example, $I_{IN} = I_{OUT} < 1$ A) evaluation or as a ground test point.

2.8 J8–VOUT/GND

This terminal block has both a positive and ground return connection for the output load. The leads to the output load must be twisted and kept as short as possible.

2.9 J10–EN

This header is a connection to the enable pin (EN), which is also connected to the middle pin of S1. When S1 is OFF, the EN pin is pulled to ground through a pulldown resistor. When applying an external signal to drive EN, S1 must be in the OFF position.

2.10 J11–GND

This header is a ground connection.

2.11 J12-VIN/GND

This SMA connector has both a positive and ground return connection to the power input (V_{IN}) supply. This facilitates probe connections and readings.

2.12 J13-VOUT/GND

This SMA connector has both a positive and ground return connection to the power input (V_{OUT}) supply. This facilitates probe connections and readings.

2.13 JP1–1 ms/Simult Versus 10 ms/Ratio

For the TPS74701 and TPS74801, this jumper allows the user to choose either a 1-ms or 10-ms soft-start time for the output voltage. Leaving the jumper open results in the output voltage ramping up with a default soft-start time of 500 μ s.

2.14 S1

This switch connects to the EN pin of the device and allows the user to turn the device ON or OFF by connecting the enable (EN) pin to either V_{BIAS} or ground through a pulldown resistor.

2.15 TP1

This test point is a Kelvin test point to V_{PG} .

2.16 TP2

This test point is a Kelvin test point to V_{IN} .

2.17 TP3

This test point is a Kelvin test point to IC ground.

2.18 TP4

This test point is a Kelvin test point to V_{OUT} .

3 Test Setup

The absolute maximum voltage allowed on the BIAS, IN, or EN pins is 6 V. The TPS74701 and TPS74801 devices are designed to operate with V_{IN} and V_{BIAS} less than or equal to 5.5 V. To enable the regulator, switch S1 to the ON position. When connecting external loads, use short, twisted leads to minimize DC drop at the connector and inductive voltage dip after a transient load is removed.

4 Test Results

Figure 4-1 and Figure 4-2 depict the test results at $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ using this EVM.

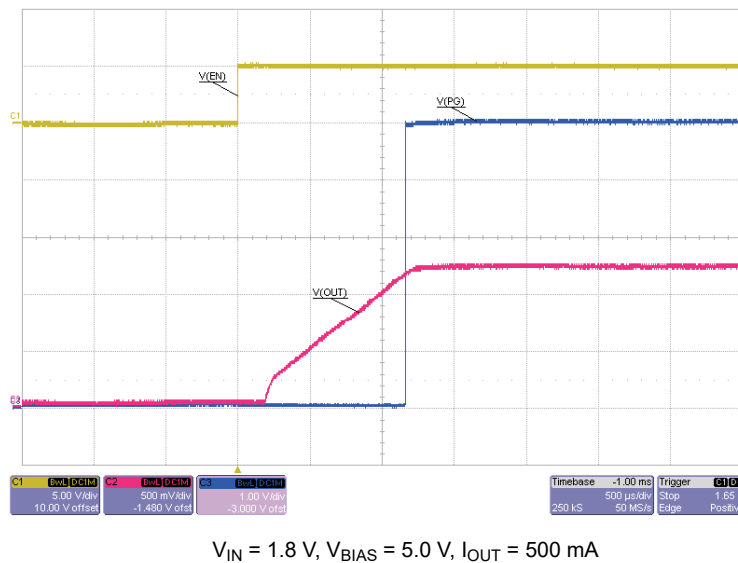


Figure 4-1. TPS74701 and TPS74801 Start-Up in 1 ms With PG

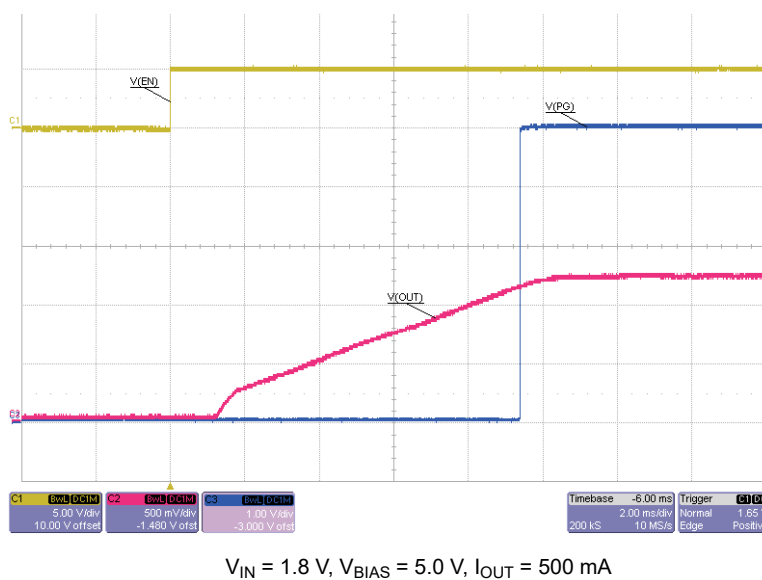


Figure 4-2. TPS74701 and TPS74801 Start-Up in 10 ms With PG

5 Board Layout

Board layout is important for improving power supply rejection ratio (PSRR) and lowering noise. [Figure 5-1](#), [Figure 5-2](#), [Figure 5-3](#), and [Figure 5-4](#) show the board layout for the HPA177 EVM. The switching nodes with high-frequency noise are isolated from the noise-sensitive feedback circuitry. See the data sheet for more specific layout guidelines.

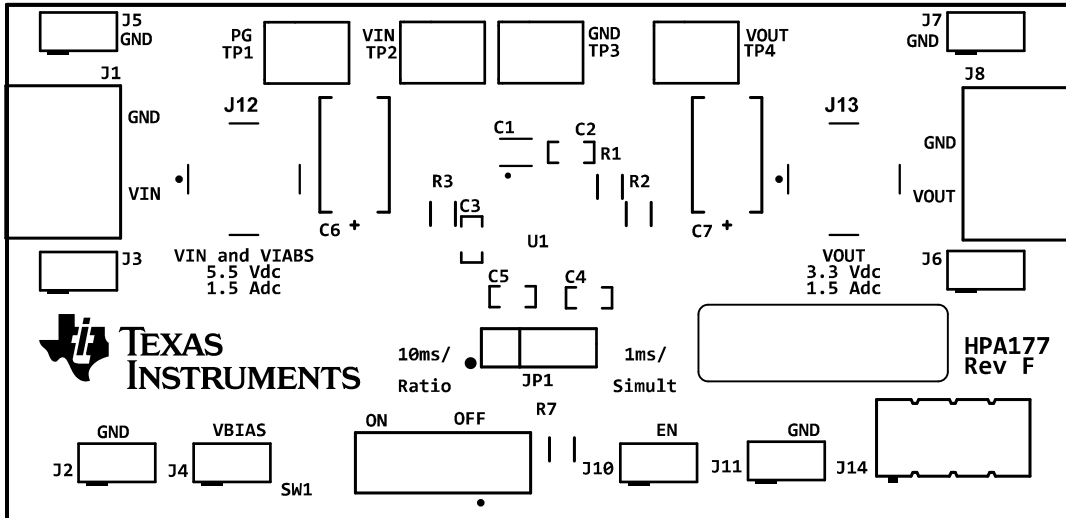


Figure 5-1. Top Overlay

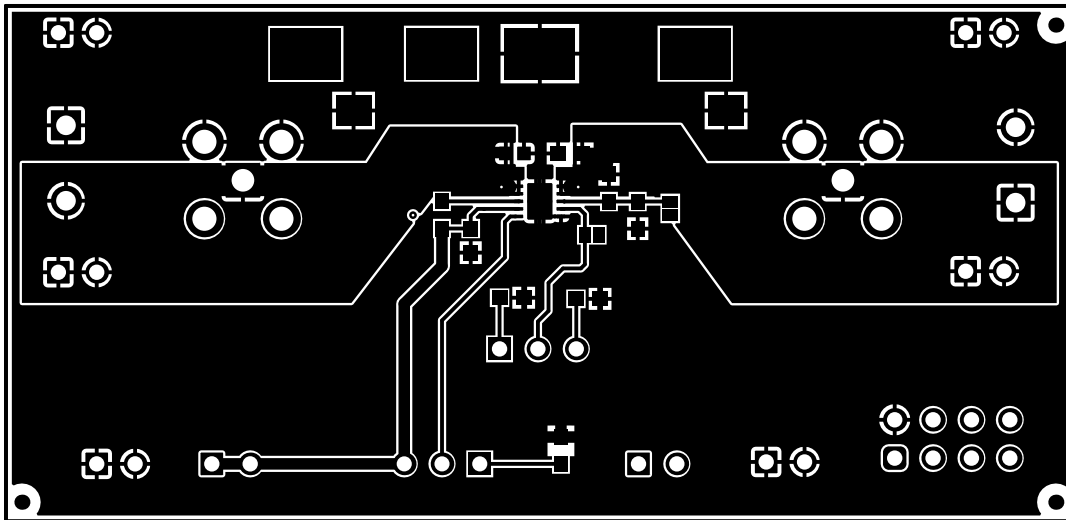


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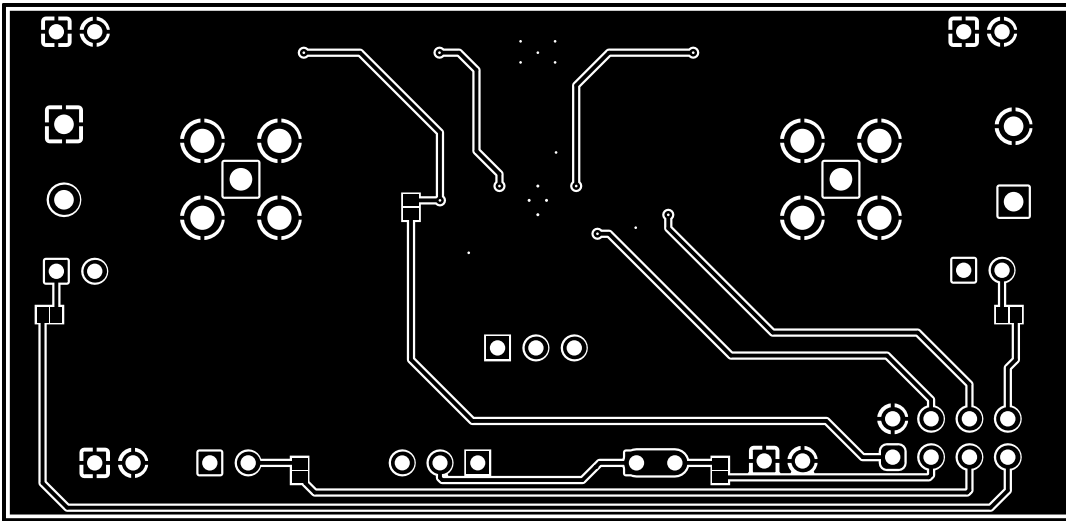


Figure 5-3. Bottom Layer



Figure 5-4. Bottom Overlay

6 Bill of Materials and Schematic

Table 6-1. HPA177 Bill of Materials

Count		RefDes	Value	Description	Size	Part Number	MFR
-001	-002						
1	0	U1		IC, 1.5A LDO Regulator with Soft-Start	SON-10	TPS74801DRCRM3	TI
0	1	U1		IC, 500mA LDO With Programmable Soft Start	SON-10	TPS74701DRCRM3	TI
1	1	C1	1.0 μ F	Chip Capacitor,0603,X5R,25V,1uF, \pm 10%	0603	C0603X5R250-105KNE	Venkel
2	2	C3, C2	4.7 μ F	Chip Capacitor,0603,X5R,6.3V,4.7uF, \pm 10%	0603	C0603X5R6R3-475KNE	Venkel
1	1	C4	560 pF	Chip Capacitor,0603,C0G,50V,560pF, \pm 1%	0603	C0603C0G500-561FNE	Venkel
1	1	C5	5600 pF	Chip Capacitor,0603,C0G,50V,5600pF, \pm 5%	0603	C0603C0G500-562JNP	Venkel
2	2	J1, J8		Terminal Block, Wire to Board, 2pin, 16A, 5mm		691137710002	Würth Elektronik
8	8	J2, J3, J4, J5, J6, J7, J10, J11		Header, 100mil, 2x1, Tin, TH	100mil x 2	PEC02SAAN	Sullins Connector Solutions
1	1	JP1		Header, 100mil, 3x1, Tin, TH	100mil x 2	PEC03SAAN	Sullins Connector Solutions
1	1	R1	2.49 k Ω	Chip Resistor,0603,1/16W,2.49k, \pm 1%	0603	CR0603-16W-2491FT	Venkel
1	1	R2	4.99 k Ω	Chip Resistor,0603,1/16W,4.99k, \pm 1%	0603	CR0603-16W-4991FT	Venkel
1	1	R3	10 k Ω	Chip Resistor,0603,1/16W,10k, \pm 1%	0603	CR0603-16W-1002FT	Venkel
1	1	R7	100 k Ω	Chip Resistor,0603,1/16W,100k, \pm 1%	0603	CR0603-16W-1003FT	Venkel
1	1	SH-J1	1x2	Shunt, 100mil, Gold plated, Black	Shunt	SNT-100-BK-G	Samtech
1	1	SW1		Slide Switch, 30 V, -20 to 70 $^{\circ}$ C, 3-Pin TH	EG1218	EG1218	E-Switch
4	4	TP1, TP2, TP3, TP4		Test Point, Compact, SMT	Testpoint_Key stone_Compact	5016	Keystone Electronics
0	0	C6, C7	330 μ F			2917	
0	0	J12, J13		SMA Connector Jack, Female Socket 50Ohm Through Hole Solder	CONN_RF_7MM00_7MM00	RF2-04A-T-00-50-G	Adam Tech
0	0	J14		Header, 2.54mm, 4x2, Gold, TH			
0	0	J15, J16, J17, J18, J19, J20, J21		Solder Shorting Jumper		JMP-36-30X40SMT	

6.1 Schematic Drawing

Figure 6-1 is the schematic for the TPS74x01EVM-177.

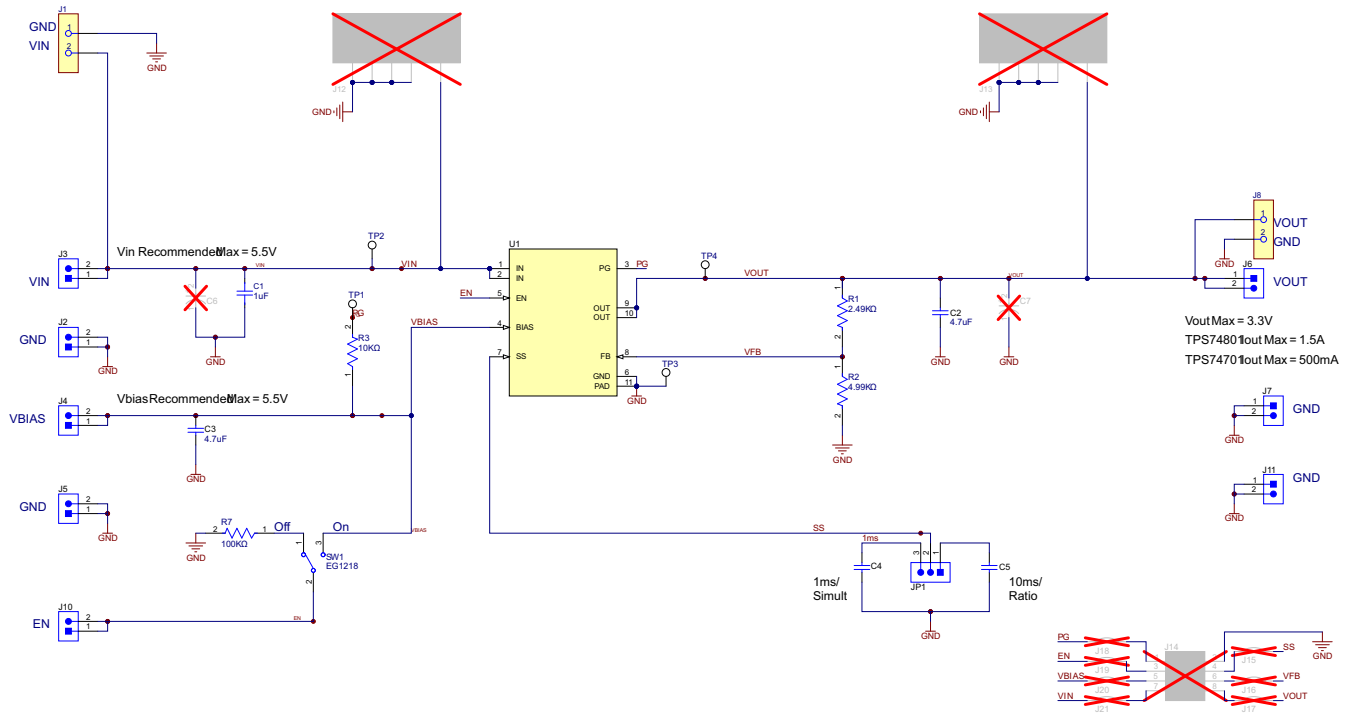


Figure 6-1. Schematic

7 Revision History

Changes from Revision A (December 2007) to Revision B (May 2023)		Page
• Updated the numbering format for tables, figures, and cross-references throughout the document.....		1
• Added board image of TPS74x01EVM-177 to front page.....		1
• Deleted header information for unused header <i>J9-TRACK IN</i>		3
• Added information for <i>S1</i> switch described in Section 2.14		3
• Changed board layout images to reflect changes to EVM layout and silkscreen.....		6
• Added Figure 5-4 to Section 5 to show the bottom overlay of the HPA177 EVM.....		6
• Added and deleted information in the Table 6-1 to reflect changes to EVM layout and changes to populated components on the EVM		8
• Changed Figure 6-1 to reflect the current TPS74x01EVM-177 schematic		9

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