

TPS61165EVM-283

This user's guide describes the characteristics, operation, and use of the TPS61165EVM-283 evaluation module (EVM). This EVM contains the Texas Instruments TPS61165 boost converter, configured with external components to regulate current through a string of WLEDs. This user's guide includes EVM specifications, recommended test setup, test results, bill of materials, and a schematic diagram.

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1 Introduction

The Texas Instruments TPS61165EVM-283 evaluation module contains a TPS61165 IC, supporting active and passive components and three white light-emitting diodes (WLEDs) in series. The goal of this EVM is to facilitate evaluation of the TPS61165 in a typical WLED application.

1.1 Performance Specification Summary

Table 1 provides a summary of the TPS61165EVM-283 performance specifications. All specifications are given for an ambient temperature of 25°C.

Table 1. Typical Performance Specification Summary

| | CONDITION | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| V _{IN} supply | | 4.5 | 5 | 5.5 | V |
| V _{OUT} | CTRL=VIN, JP2 shorted | | 9.5 | | V |
| | CTRL=VIN, JP2 open | 37 | 38 | 39 | V |
| I _{OUT} | CTRL=VIN, JP2 shorted | 347 | 357 | 368 | mA |

The EVM was designed and tested for an input voltage of 5 V +/-10%. Lower input voltages may result in the part entering current limit and therefore not providing the regulated current in the specification table. Input voltages greater than the drop across the sum of D2-D4 but less than the 18-V maximum do not damage the IC but cause the IC to stop switching and regulating current. At this time, the input voltage, less the drop across D1, is applied across D2-D4, setting the current to that as shown in Equation 1.

$$I_{LED} = \frac{[V_{IN} - (V_{D1} + V_{D2} + V_{D3} + V_{D4})]}{R2} \quad (1)$$

Currents higher than the LEDs' 500-mA maximum rating can damage the LEDs.

1.2 Modifications

To aid user customization of the EVM, the board was designed with devices having 0603 or larger footprints. A real world implementation would likely occupy less total board space.

The inductor and compensation components (R1, C2) were designed for the VIN range in Table 1. Using a different input voltage range may require resizing of the inductor and/or the compensation components. Also, changing components can improve or degrade EVM performance. For example, using inductors with larger dc resistances lowers efficiency of the solution.

The other members of the TPS6116x IC family have the same footprint. Therefore, the TPS61165 IC may be replaced on the TPS61165EVM-283 PCB with either the TPS61160 or TPS61161.

NOTE: When modifying the REV A version of this PCB, it is strongly recommended that you heat the PCB on a hot plate before using a soldering iron to remove/replace components, especially the input capacitor and inductor. Otherwise, the expansion when soldering and contraction when cooling of the wide traces/places connecting these components to the IC pins can damage the IC. For further explanation and guidance, see the TI application report *QFN/SON PCB Attachment* [SLUA271](#).

2 Setup and Test Results

2.1 Input/Output Connections

The connection points are described in the following paragraphs.

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2.1.1 J1-VIN

This header is the positive connection to the input power supply. The leads to the input supply should be twisted and kept as short as possible.

2.1.2 J2-GND

This header is the return connection to the input power supply.

2.1.3 J3-VOUT

This header is the positive output for the device.

2.1.4 J4-FB

This header connects to the IC's FB pin through resistor R4. The EVM does not have resistor R4 populated.

2.1.5 J5-USB-TO-GPIO Connector

This connector is for the 10-pin ribbon cable that connects the EVM to the USB-TO-GPIO interface box. It is only used when the software is used to perform dimming.

2.1.6 J6-GND

This header is the return connection for the load.

2.1.7 JP1-ENable

Installing this jumper ties the EN pin to V_{IN} , thereby enabling the device. Removing the jumper allows the internal pulldown resistor to pull EN to ground, thereby disabling the device. The shorting jumper must be removed when using EasyScale™ control.

2.1.8 JP2-Open LED

Installing this jumper places the WLEDs in the boost converter's feedback path and allows current to flow through the WLEDs. Removing the jumper removes the WLEDs from the boost converter feedback path. With this jumper removed and jumper JP1 installed, the IC's overvoltage protection circuit clamps the boost converter output to 38 V (typ).

WARNING

This EVM has a white LED that shines brightly. Protective eye wear and/or a diffuser to cover the white LED is recommended.

2.2 Hardware Requirements

This EVM requires an external power supply capable of providing 5 V at 1.5 A.

In order to change the default current value (i.e., implement dimming), the user can apply either a PWM or digital control signal to CTRL. Both signals change the feedback voltage at the IC's FB pin, so that the IC performs analog dimming. A function generator capable of driving the CTRL pin with 1.2 V to V_{IN} amplitude and, 5-kHz to 100-kHz PWM signal is required for PWM controlled dimming. The user can also implement dimming using a digital control signal. The EVM kit includes a PC software CD and USB-TO-GPIO interface box which, when installed on a PC and connected to the EVM, allows the user to communicate with the EVM via a GUI interface. The minimum PC requirements are:

- Windows® 2000 or Windows XP operating system
- USB port
- Minimum of 30 MB of free hard disk space (100 MB recommended)

- Minimum of 256 MB of RAM

2.3 Hardware Setup

After connecting the power supply between J1 and J2, turning on the power supply, and installing JP1 and JP2, the EVM regulates the default current per [Table 1](#) through the WLEDs. Additional input capacitance may be required in order to mitigate the inductive voltage droop that occurs at start-up and/or during a load transient event.

In order to implement analog dimming via a PWM signal, remove the jumper on JP1 and the 10-pin ribbon cable from J5 if installed, and perform the following steps in any sequence:

- Connect the power supply between J1 and J2, and turn on the power supply.
- Ensure that JP2 is installed.
- Remove the shorting jumper from JP1, and connect the appropriately configured function generator to the CTRL side of JP1.

The PWM signal's duty cycle is directly proportional to the regulated current.

In order to implement analog dimming by sending the digital control via a PC running the TPS6116x Controller software and USB-TO-GPIO interface box, remove the jumper or the function generator on JP1, and perform the following steps in any sequence:

- Connect one end of the USB-TO-GPIO box to the PC using the USB cable and the other end to J5 of the TPS61165EVM using the supplied 10-pin ribbon cable per [Figure 1](#). The connectors on the ribbon cable are keyed to prevent incorrect installation.
- Connect the power supply between J1 and J2 and turn on the power supply.
- Ensure that JP2's jumper is installed.
- Run the software as explained in the following section.

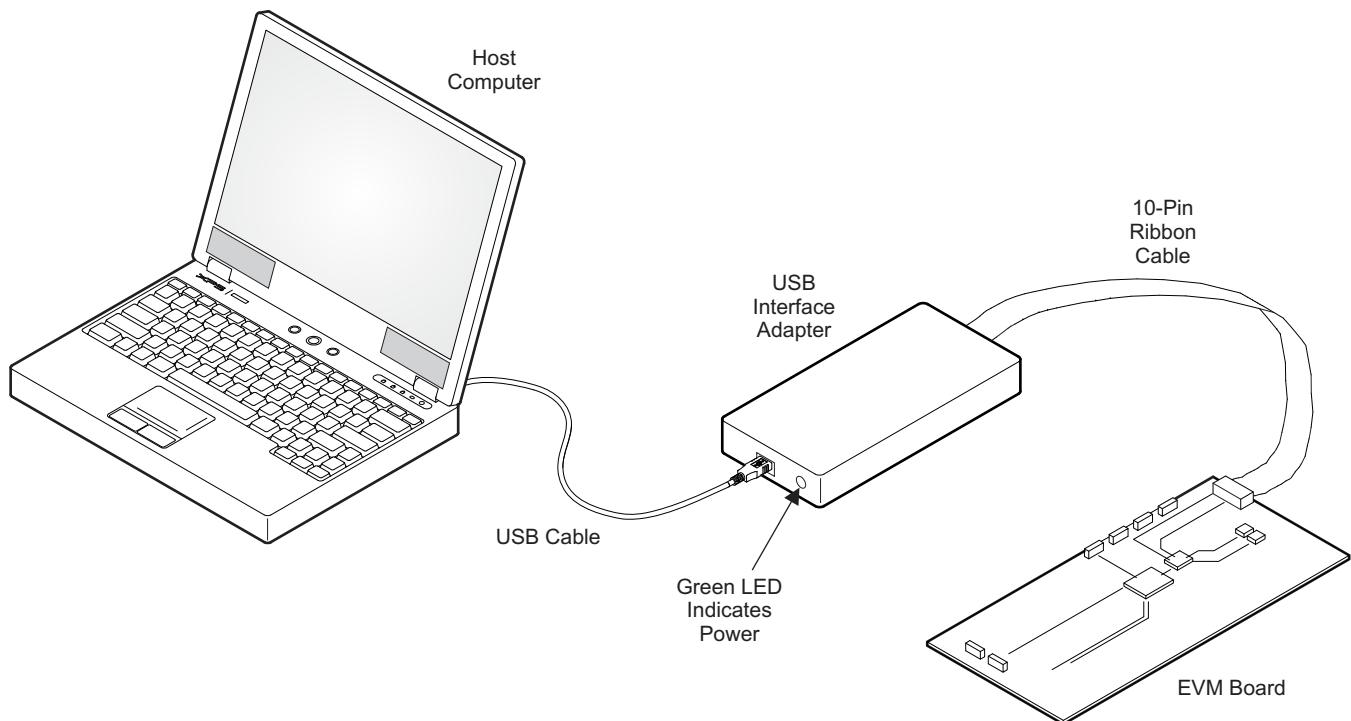


Figure 1. USB Interface Adapter Quick Connection Diagram

2.4 Software Installation and Operation

If installing from a CD, insert the CD and run Setup.exe; follow all the prompts to install the software. The software from the CD may not function well on Windows 7 OS. You can install an updated version compatible with Windows 7 from the TI Web site. Go to the URL: ([SLVC422A](#))

NOTE: This installation page is best viewed with the Microsoft® Internet Explorer® browser (It may not work correctly with other browsers)

Click on the install button; your PC gives you a security warning and asks if you want to install this application. Select Install to proceed. If a pre-release or Beta version is currently installed on your PC, you must uninstall this version of the software before installing the final version from either the CD or the TI Web site.

With both types of installation, the software attempts to install the Microsoft Dot Net Framework 2.0 (if it is not already installed) This framework is required for the software to run.

Immediately following installation, the software automatically runs.

To run the software after installation, go to

Start → all programs → Texas Instruments, Inc. → TPS6116x Controller EVM Software.

At start-up, the software first checks the firmware version of the USB-TO-GPIO adapter box. If an incorrect firmware version is installed, the software automatically searches on the Internet (if connected) for updates. If a new update is available, the software notifies the user of the update, downloads and installs the software. Note that after the firmware is updated, the user must disconnect and then reconnect the USB cable between the adapter and PC, as instructed during the install process. The host PC software also automatically searches on the Internet (if connected) for updates. If a new update is available, the software notifies the user of the update, downloads, and installs it.

NOTE: VeriSign™ Code Signing is used to prevent any malicious code from changing this application. If at any time in the future the binaries are modified, the code no longer attempts to run.

The TPS6116x IC has a 5-bit register that stores the feedback voltage to which the error amplifier regulates the FB pin. Using the EasyScale™ protocol, the user can program a separate digital IC to generate a signal that changes this register to one of 32 discrete settings, thereby changing the FB voltage and subsequent regulated WLED current. The software provides a GUI interface which allows the user to change the bits directly or by a drop-down box. After changing the bits, press the WRITE button. See a screen shot of the software in [Figure 2](#).

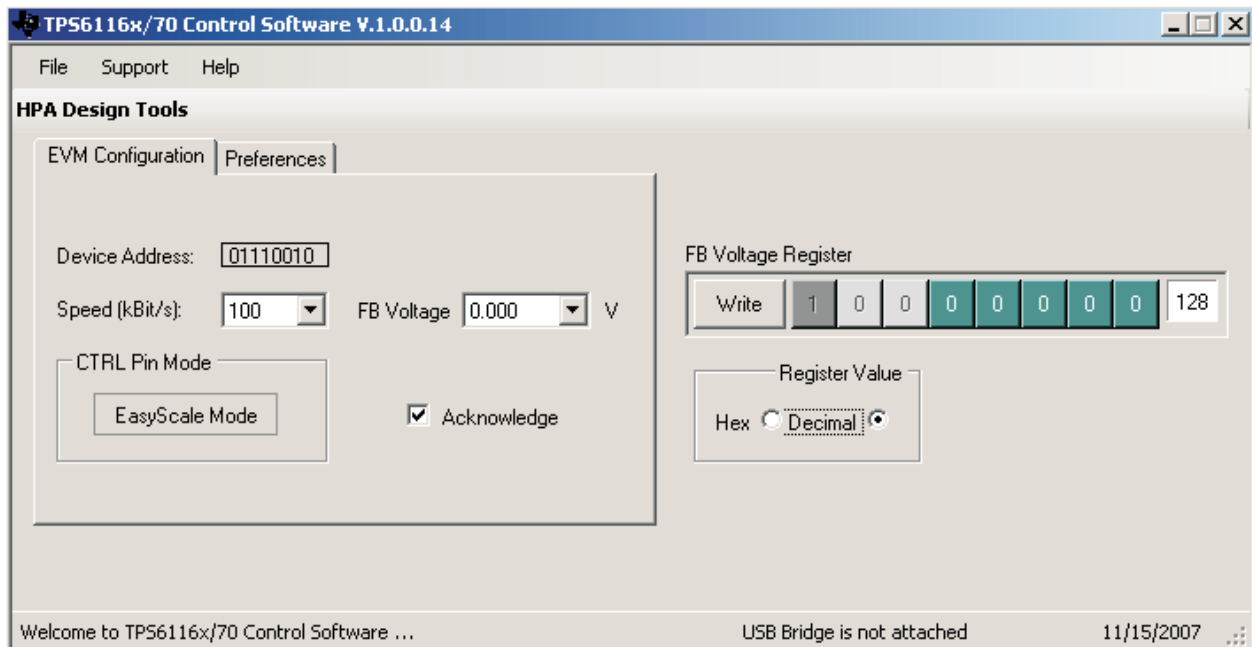


Figure 2. Screen Capture of TPS6116x Controller Software GUI Interface

2.5 Test Results

This section provides typical performance characteristics for the TPS61165EVM-283 board.

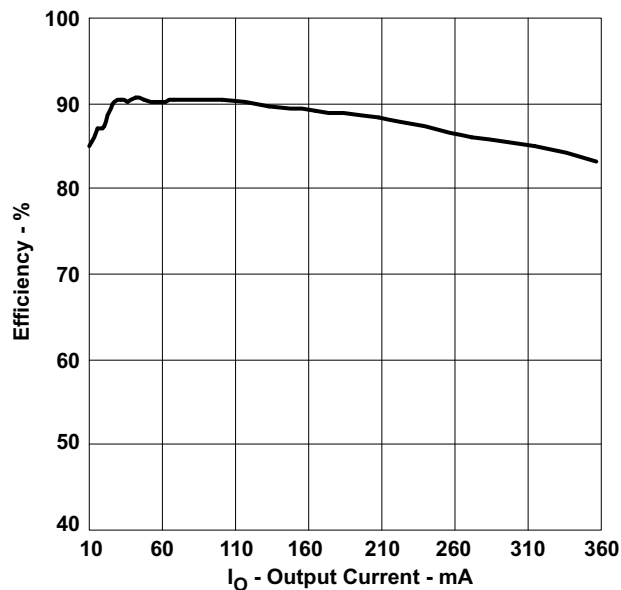


Figure 3. LED Efficiency vs Output Current

3 Board Layout

This section provides the TPS61165EVM-283 board layout and illustrations.

Board layout is critical for all high-frequency, switch-mode power supplies. Figure 4 through Figure 6 show the board layout for the TPS61165EVM-283 printed circuit board (PCB). The nodes with high-switching frequencies and currents are kept as short as possible to minimize trace inductance. Careful attention was given to the routing of high-frequency current loops and a single-point grounding scheme is used. See the data sheet for specific layout guidelines.

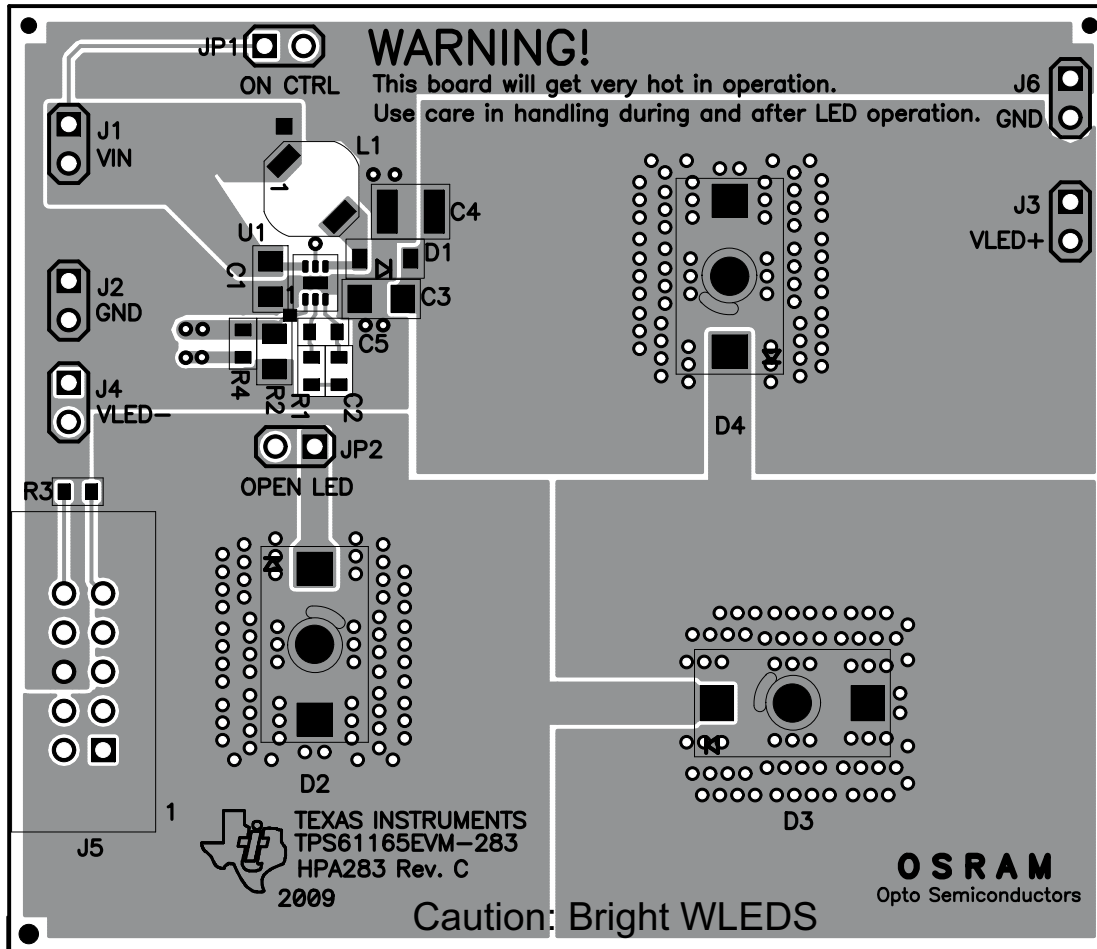


Figure 4. Assembly Layer

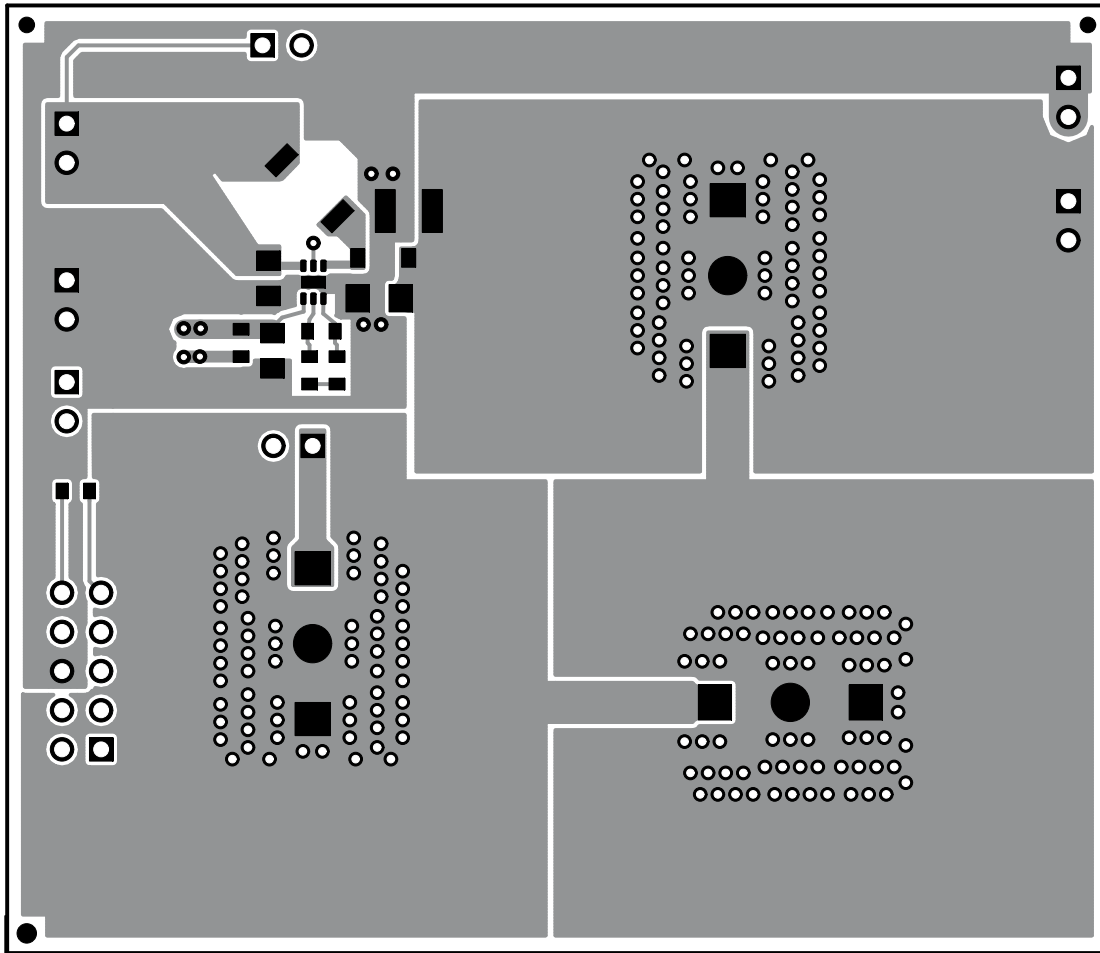


Figure 5. Top-Side Layer

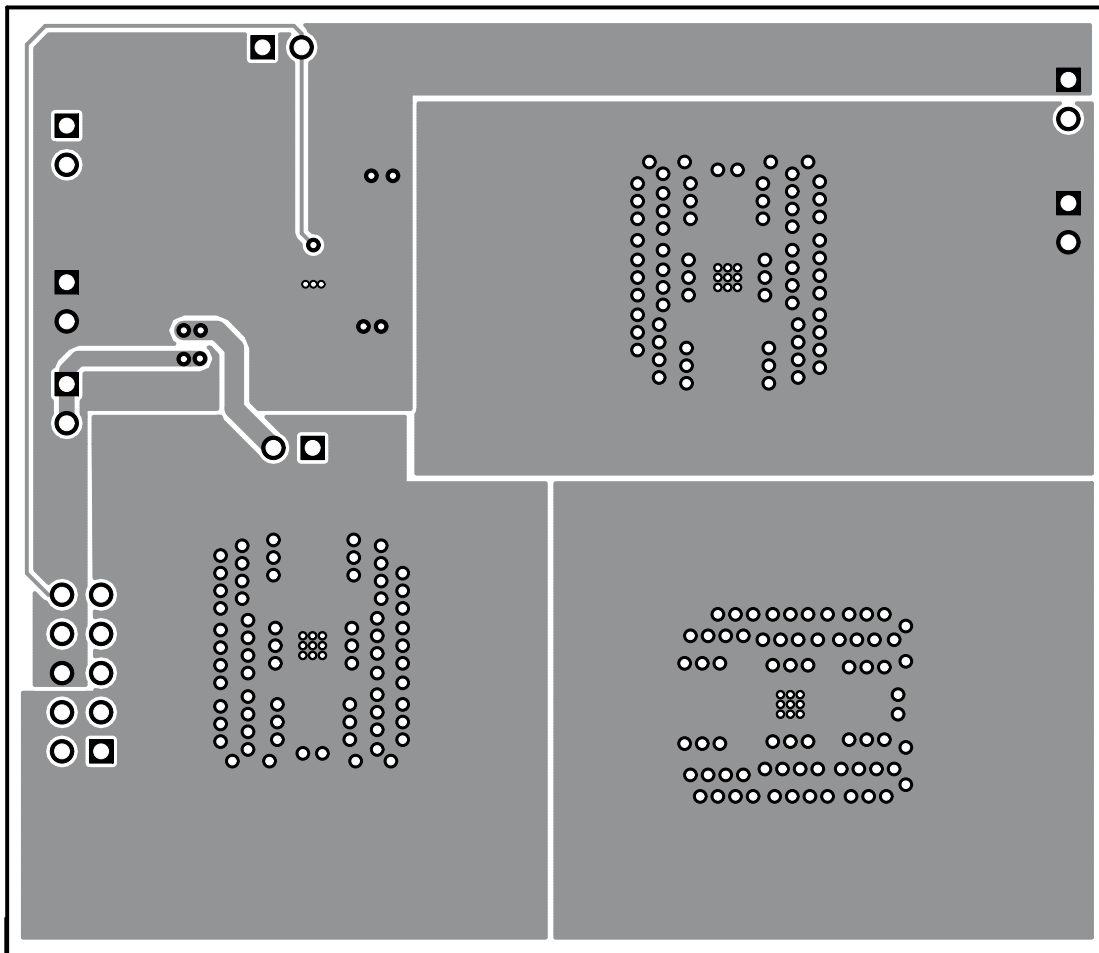


Figure 6. Bottom-Side Layer

4 Schematics and Bill of Materials

This section provides the TPS61165EVM-283 schematic and bill of materials. The EVM was designed and tested assuming the input voltage is $5\text{ V} \pm 10\%$. Lower input voltages may result in the part entering current limit and therefore not providing the regulated current in the specification table. Input voltages greater than the drop across the sum of D2-D4 but less than the 18-V maximum does not damage the IC but causes the IC to stop switching and regulating current. At this time, the input voltage, less the drop across D1, is applied across D2-D4, potentially damaging the diodes.

4.3 Related Documentation From Texas Instruments

TPS61165, High Brightness White LED Driver in 2mm x 2mm QFN Package data sheet ([SLVS790](#))

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