TPS62236EVM-574 User's Guide

This user's guide describes the characteristics, operation, and use of the TPS62236EVM-574 evaluation module (EVM). This EVM demonstrates three individual configurations of the Texas Instruments TPS6223x 3-MHz, synchronous, step-down converter capable of supplying up to 500 mA of output current. This user's guide includes setup instructions, a schematic diagram, a bill of materials, and printed-circuit board layout drawings for the evaluation module.

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1 Introduction

The Texas Instruments TPS62236EVM-574 evaluation module helps designers evaluate the operation and performance of the TPS6223x family of devices. These devices are high-efficiency, ultra-small size, buck converters that switch at up to 3 MHz.

The EVM contains three independent dc/dc converters. Table 1 lists the default output voltages of the converters.

Table 1. Device and Output Voltage Configurations

Converter	Integrated Circuit	Output Voltage
U11	TPS62234DRY	2.1 V
U21	TPS62238DRY	2.25 V
U31	TPS62236DRY	1.85 V

See the data sheet (SLVS941) for the various fixed output voltage options available in the TPS6223X device family.

2 Setup

This section describes the jumpers and connectors on the EVM and how to properly connect, set up, and use the TPS62236EVM-574.

2.1 Input/Output Connector Descriptions

2.1.1 J11 , J21, and J31 – VIN

This is the positive input connection to the corresponding converter. Twist the leads to the input supply, and keep as short as possible to minimize EMI transmission.

2.1.2 J13 , J23, and J33 – GND

This is the return connection for the input power supply for the corresponding converter.

2.1.3 J12, J22, and J32 – Input Sense

This connection provides monitoring for input voltage using independent traces to the input capacitor.

2.1.4 J14, J24, and J34 – VOUT

This is the positive connection from the output of the corresponding buck power supply.

2.1.5 J16 , J26, and J36 – GND

This is the negative connection from the output of the corresponding buck power supply.

2.1.6 J15, J25, and J35 – Output Sense

This connection provides monitoring for output voltage using independent traces to the output capacitor.

2.1.7 JP11, JP21, JP31 – ENABLE

This jumper enables or disables the converter through the IC EN pin. Connect the shorting jumper from the center (EN) pin to either the ON or OFF position. Never leave EN floating.

2.1.8 JP12, JP22, and JP32 – Mode

This jumper is used to select the operating mode of the converter. The converter operates in a fixed-frequency, low-noise, PWM mode when a jumper is used to short the MODE pin to the ON pin. Shorting the MODE pin and OFF pin together allows the controller to use the power-saving (PFM) mode for high efficiency at low output currents.

2.2 Converter Configurations

All converters are designed to use an input voltage between 2.05 V and 6 V. But the input voltage must be higher than the output voltage in order to maintain voltage regulation. Input voltage requirement may be as high as 1 V above output depending on output current; see the data sheet for additional information. Connect the input voltage power supply and output according to Table 2.

Table 2. Input and Output Connections

Converter No.	Output Voltage	Signal	Connection
U11	2.1 Vdc Fixed	Positive Input Voltage	J11
		Input Voltage Return	J13
		Positive Output Voltage	J14
		Output Voltage Return	J16
U21	2.25 Vdc Fixed	Positive Input Voltage	J21
		Input Voltage Return	J23
		Positive Output Voltage	J24
		Output Voltage Return	J26
U31	1.85 Vdc Fixed	Positive Input Voltage	J31
		Input Voltage Return	J33
		Positive Output Voltage	J34
		Output Voltage Return	J36

2.3 Operation

The ENABLE jumper and the MODE jumper must be configured for proper operation of the converter.

For ENABLE, the converter enable uses a shorting block to set the JPX1 header to the desired configurations. Each converter has its own header: JP11 for U11, JP21 for U21, and JP31 for U31. The converters are shut down when the EN pin is pulled low; this is the ENABLE-to-OFF connection. The converters are in operate mode when the EN pin is pulled high; this is the ENABLE-to-ON connection. Do not leave the EN pin floating.

The MODE header, JPX2, controls the device power-save mode option. This mode changes the operation at light loads; it has no impact at mid-to-high loads . The device can operate in the low-noise, fixed-frequency PWM mode or high-efficiency, power-saving PFM mode at low power. Each converter has its own mode header: JP12 for U11, JP22 for U21, and JP32 for U31. The converters are in PWM mode when the MODE pin is pulled high; this is the MODE-to-ON connection. The converters operate in PFM mode when the MODE pin is pulled low; this is the MODE-to-OFF connection. Do not leave the MODE pin floating.

2.4 Test Results

See the Typical Characteristics section of the TPS6223x data sheet. This EVM uses the same inductors and similar capacitors as those used for characterization in the data sheet. Performance is consistent with that shown in the data sheet.

3 Board Layout

This section provides the TPS62236EVM-574 board layout and illustrations.

Board layout is critical for all high-frequency, switch-mode power supplies. Figure 1, Figure 2, and Figure 3 show the board layout for the TPS62236EVM-574 printed-circuit board. The nodes with high-switching frequencies and currents are kept as short as possible to minimize trace inductance. High-impedance inputs to the TPS62236, such as the Vout pin, have traces that are shielded by ground traces and planes. Careful attention has been 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. Input and output capacitors must be kept as close as possible to the device. A large bulk input capacitor (C13, C23, and C33) is provided to compensate for impedance in long input leads.

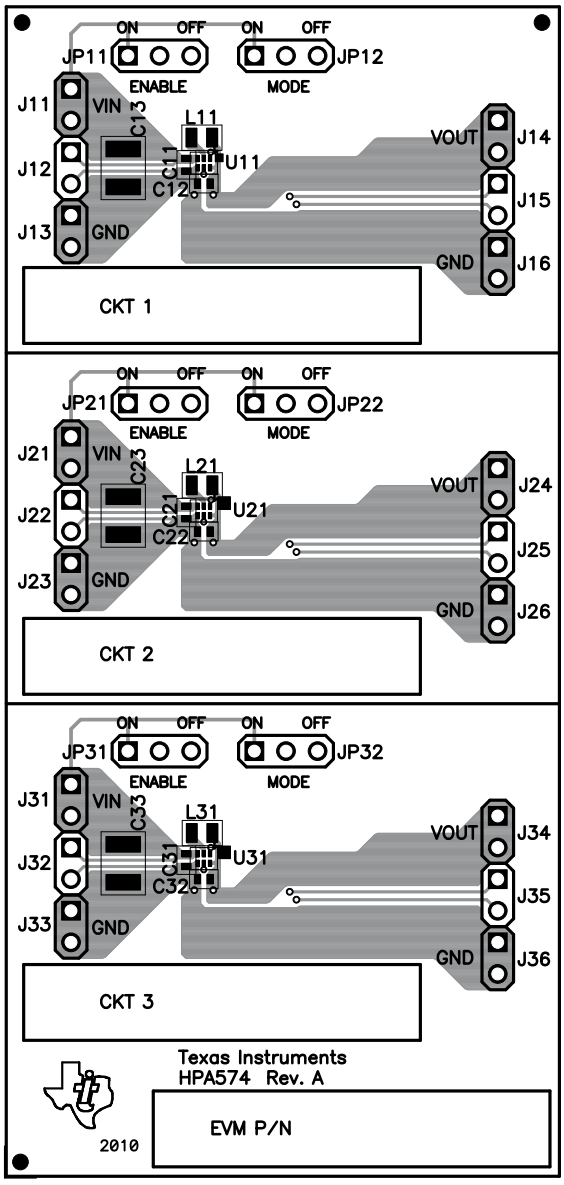

Figure 1. Assembly Layer

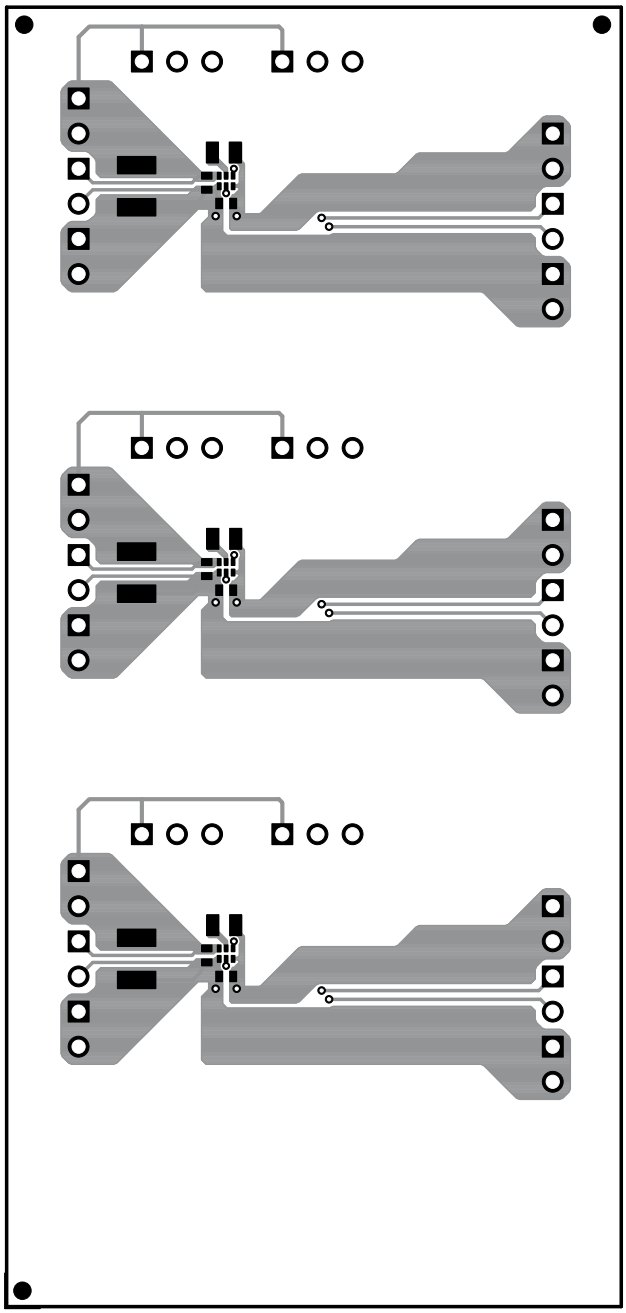

Figure 2. Top Layer Routing

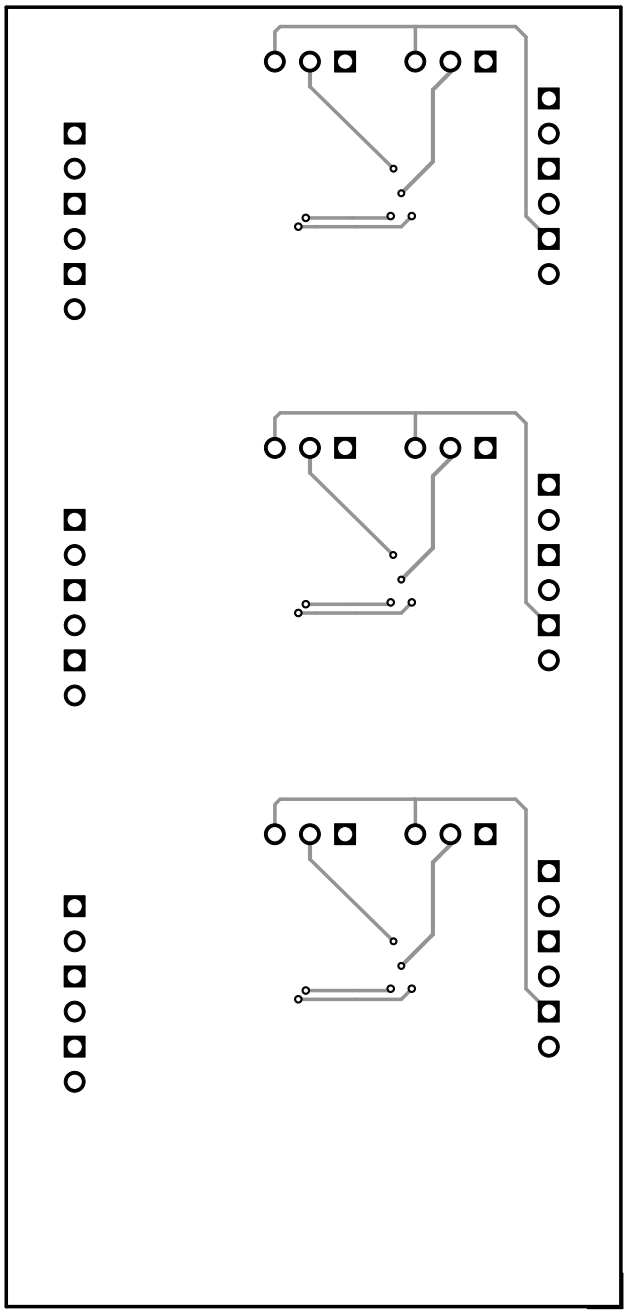

Figure 3. Bottom Layer Routing

4 Schematic and Bill of Materials

This section provides the TPS62236EVM-574 schematic and bill of materials.

4.1 Schematic

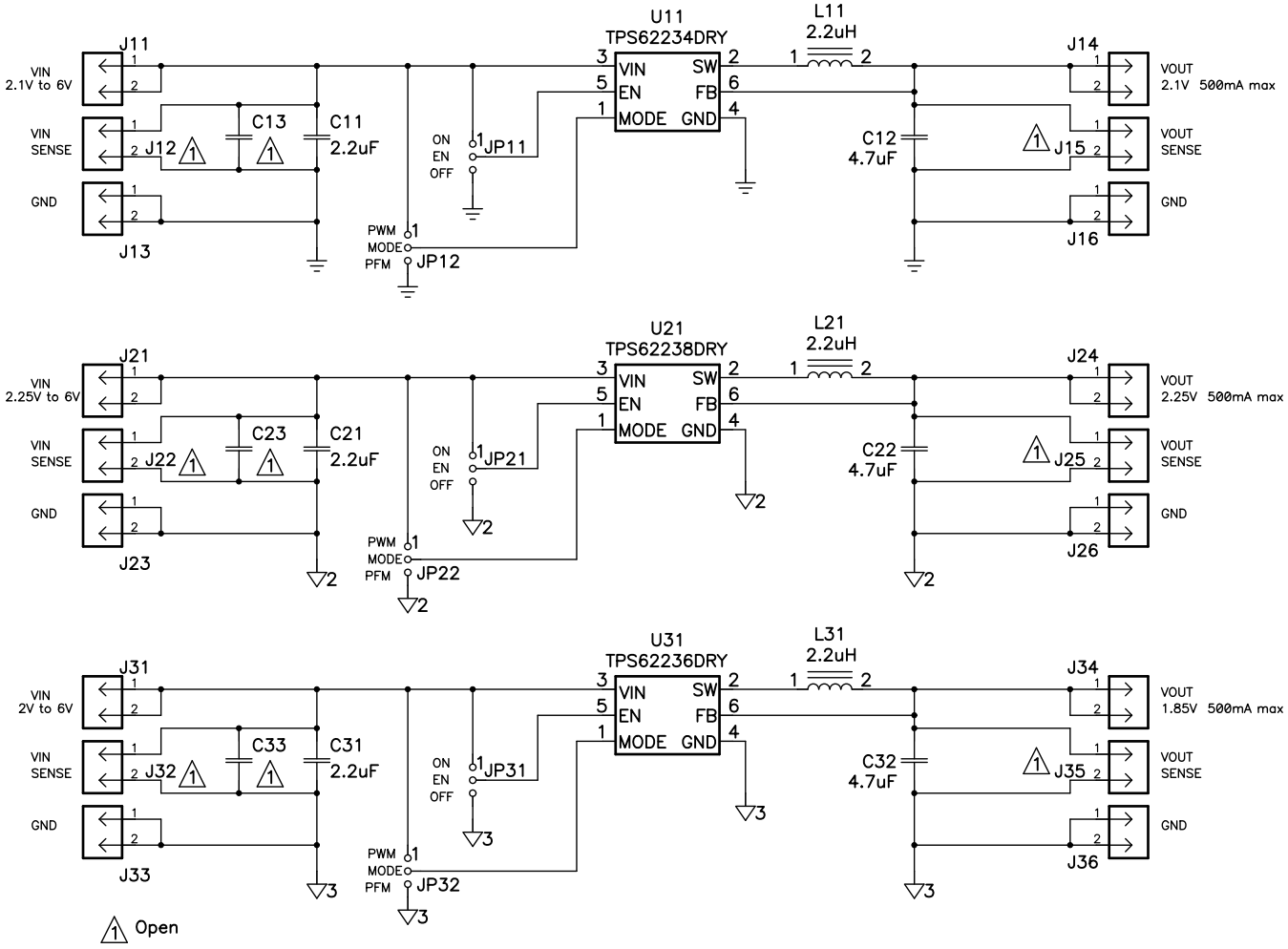

Figure 4. TPS62236EVM-574 Schematic

4.2 Bill of Materials

Table 3. TPS62236EVM-574 Bill of Materials

Count -001	RefDes	Value	Description	Size	Part Number	MFR
3	C11,C21,C31	2.2 μF	Capacitor, Ceramic, 6.3 V, X5R, 20%	0402	JMK105BJ225MV-F CL05A225MQ5NNNC GRM155R60J225ME15D	Taiyo Yuden Samsung Murata
3	C12,C22,C32	4.7 μF	Capacitor, Ceramic, 6.3 V, X5R, 20%	0402	JMK105BJ475MV-F CL05A475MQ5NRNC GRM155R60J475ME87D	Taiyo Yuden Samsung Murata
0	C13, C23, C33	Open	Capacitor, Ceramic	1210	Std	Std
3	L11,L21,L31	2.2 μH	Inductor, SMT, 0.7 A, 230 mΩ	0805	MDT2012-CH1R0AN MIPS2012D1R0-X2 LQM21PN1R0MC0	TOKO DFK Murata
1	U11	TPS62234DRY	IC, 3-MHz, Ultra-Small, Step-Down Converter, 2.1 V	QFN	TPS62234DRY	TI
1	U21	TPS62238DRY	IC, 3-MHz, Ultra-Small, Step-Down Converter, 2.25 V	QFN	TPS62238DRY	TI
1	U31	TPS62236DRY	IC, 3-MHz, Ultra-Small, Step-Down Converter, 1.85 V	QFN	TPS62236DRY	TI

5 Related Documentation From Texas Instruments

TPS62234, TPS62238, TPS62236, 3 MHz Ultra Small Step Down Converter in 1x1.5 SON Package data sheet (SLVS941)

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It is important to operate this EVM within the input voltage range of 1.85 V to 6 V and the output voltage range of 1.85 V to 2.25 V.

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