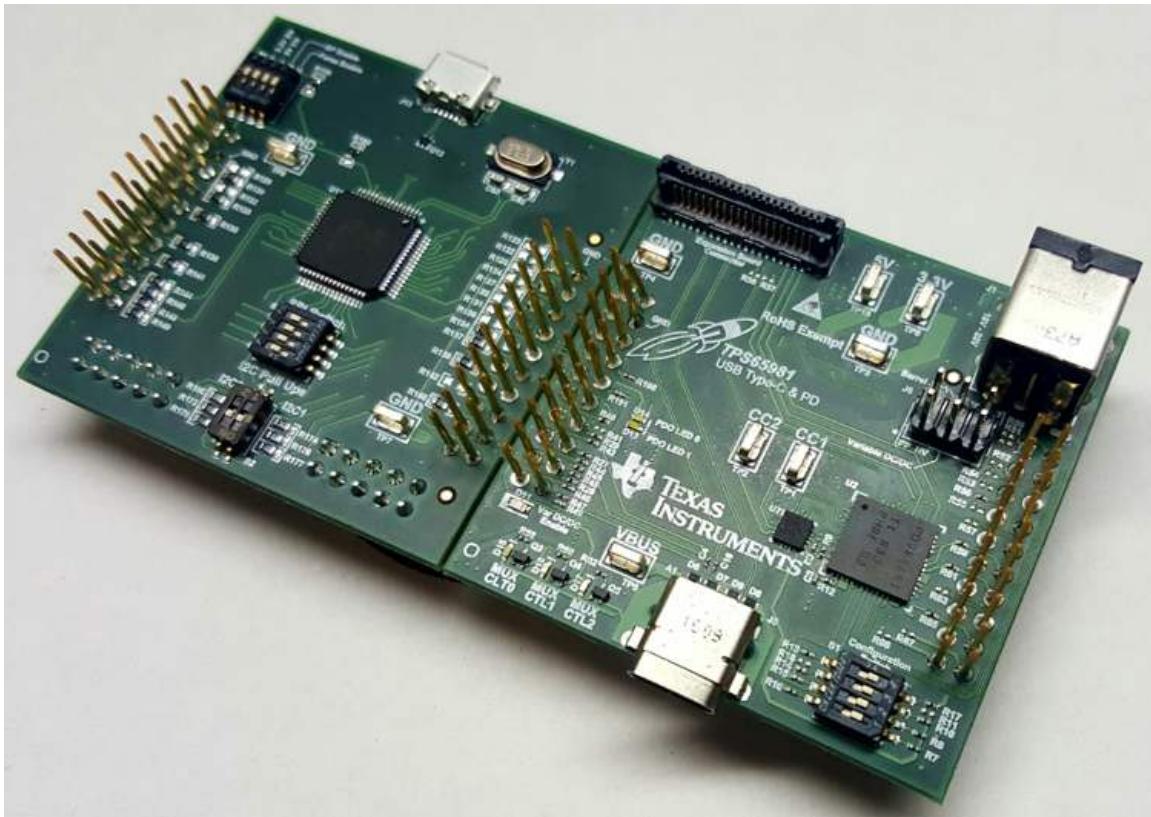


TPS65981EVM User's Guide

This document is the user's guide for the TPS65981 evaluation module (TPS65981EVM). The TPS65981EVM allows for evaluation of the TPS65981 device as part of a stand-alone testing kit and for development and testing of USB Type-C and Power Delivery (PD) end products.



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1 About this Manual

This user's guide describes the TPS65981EVM. The guide consists of an introduction, setup instructions, the EVM schematic, board layouts, component views, internal PWR and GND plane layouts, and a bill of materials (BOM).

2 Information About Cautions and Warnings



CAUTION

This EVM contains components that can potentially be damaged by electrostatic discharge. Always transport and store the EVM in the supplied ESD bag when not in use. Handle using an antistatic wristband. Operate on an antistatic work surface. For more information on proper handling, refer to [Electrostatic Discharge \(ESD\) \[SSYA010\]](#).

3 Items Required for Operation

The following items are required to use the TPS65981EVM:

- TPS65981 data sheet ([TPS65981 USB Type-C and USB PD Controller, Power Switch, and High Speed Multiplexer](#), SLVSDC2)
- TPS65981EVM
- DP-EXPANSION-EVM ([DP-EXPANSION-EVM User Guide](#), SLVUAR1)
 - Testing for DisplayPort, USB data, or both
 - Mini DisplayPort to DisplayPort cable
- TPS6598x Application Customization Tool (www.ti.com/tool/tps6598x-config)
- Barrel-jack adapter or DC power supply
- USB micro-B to Type A or [TotalPhase Aardvark](#)
- USB Type-C cable
- USB Type-C to Type-A cable

4 Introduction

The TPS65981 device is a stand-alone USB Type-C and Power Delivery (PD) controller providing cable-plug and orientation detection at the USB Type-C connector. Upon cable detection, the TPS65981 device communicates on the CC wire using the USB PD protocol. When cable detection and USB PD negotiation are complete, the TPS65981 device enables the appropriate power path and configures alternate mode settings for internal and (optional) external multiplexers.

This user's guide describes the TPS65981EVM and its capabilities with the DP-EXPANSION-EVM. This guide also contains testing procedures of various PD power and alternate mode configurations. The EVM comes with preloaded firmware for *out-of-the-box* functionality and is also customizable through the TPS6598x Application Customization Tool. Additionally, the EVM has a USB micro-B and Aardvark to SPI or I²C interface for debugging and development. The TPS65981EVM is a module based design, allowing the user to design a custom board to prototype Type-C and PD products using the TPS65981 device.

5 Setup

This section describes the various EVM features and how to test the various configurations.

5.1 Switch, Connector, and Test Point Descriptions

5.1.1 Switch Banks

5.1.1.1 S1: Configuration Switch

The S1 switch bank is used to configure the EVM. By default, all switches should be placed in the *right* or off (pulled down to GND) position. The top switch is tied to BUSPOWERZ and allows the EVM to be powered from dead battery using different the different power paths. The second, third, and fourth switches are bits 0, 1, and 2, respectively. These switches are reserved for future use and, currently, should always be set *right*. Bit 0, bit 1, and bit 2 are connected to DEBUG_CTL1, GPIO6, and GPIO5, respectively. The *left* or *high* position is pulled up through an 11-kΩ resistor to LD0_3V3.

5.1.1.2 S3: FTDI Enable and Disable

The switches labeled 3.3V EN and 5V EN pass the supply from the FTDI board to the J8 header. These two switches should be disabled by default and should be in the down position.

The BP Enable and Force Enable switches control the reset on the FTDI device. When BP Enable is set high, the TPS65981 device holds the FTDI in reset until it has successfully loaded the firmware. When set low, a weak pulldown on the FTDI reset pin occurs, holding the device in reset. This switch should be set low by default in the down position.

The Force Enable switch has a weak pullup to the board 3.3-V supply to always enable the FTDI device and a weak pull down on the FTDI reset pin which holds the device in reset when switched low. This switch should be set high in the up position by default.

5.1.2 Connectors

5.1.2.1 J1: Barrel-Jack Power Connector

The barrel-jack power connector accepts a 19-V to 20-V DC supply. A standard Dell or HP notebook adaptor (or similar adapter) provides the required power. This input provides the SYS_PWR with 19 V to 20 V for high-power PD contracts up to 60 W. Be sure to select an appropriate power adapter that is capable of 60-W operation. For example, the Dell 130W part number, 492-BBGP, could be used.

The TPS65981EVM is capable of requesting a power-role swap when the barrel jack is connected on an EVM that is currently bus powered. This is valid for the configurations that are capable of delivering power. The barrel-jack voltage is sensed by a comparator, which drives GPIO2 on the TPS65981 device. To enable barrel-jack detect or other GPIOs, refer to the [TPS6598x Utilities Tool User's Guide](#) and [TPS65981, TPS65982, and TPS65986 Firmware User's Guide](#) (SLVUAH7).

5.1.2.2 J3 and J8: Headers

These headers allow the EVM to be connected to any debug board. Additionally, this allows the left and right halves of the board to be stacked, which produces the equivalent connections prior to breaking off. See [Figure 27](#) for names of all connections.

NOTE: Some of the header pins are not connected unless a 0- Ω option resistor is placed.

5.1.2.3 J4: Expansion Board Connector

The connector routes the power, SSTX/RX, USB_RP_P/N, AUX_P/N, HPD, I²C, and GPIO control signals for the DP-EXPANSION-EVM.

5.1.2.4 J5: Type-C Connector

This receptacle is a full-feature port, with power, SSTX/RX, SBU1/2, and DP/N signals. The TPS65981 device can be used in self-powered and bus-powered configurations for added flexibility. When self-powered, the EVM can provide up to 60 W of power (20 V/3 A). The EVM is also capable of sinking 60 W of power (20 V/3 A) when device is powered or in dead battery or consumer mode.

5.1.2.5 J6: Power Path Connector

This connector allows jumpers to be placed based on which paths are being used for sourcing and sinking. When using the default firmware, the Variable DC/DC pin (bottom-middle) should be connected to the PP_HV pin (left) and the Barrel Jack pin (top-middle) should be connected to PP_EXT (right). See [Figure 23](#) and the EVM labeling for the pin locations and routing.

5.1.2.6 J11: Debug Connector

This connector is only used for TI testing purposes.

5.1.2.7 J13: USB micro-B Connector

J13 is the USB connection to the PC for the TPS6598x Utilities GUI and TPS6598x Application Customization Tool. A standard USB micro-B to Type-A cable can be used to connect the EVM to the USB port on a computer.

5.1.2.8 J14: Aardvark Connector

This connector matches the Aardvark I²C or SPI master that allows the user to access the I²C and SPI pins on the TPS6598x EVM. In other words, this allows the user to use the TotalPhase Aardvark.

NOTE: The FT4323 will load the I²C or SPI pins when powered. TI recommends leaving the FT4323 in reset by having the Force Enable and BP Enable switches in the off (down) position.

5.1.3 Test Points

5.1.3.1 TP1 and TP2: CC1/CC2 Test Points

These test points can be used to tie a PD-protocol analyzer for PD BMC data or to verify the BMC signal integrity with an oscilloscope (depending on the cable orientation). A multimeter or oscilloscope can be used to measure VCONN when an electronically marked Type-C cable is connected. These test points are not intended to provide an external load on VCONN. [Figure 1](#) shows the BMC data oscilloscope capture.



Figure 1. TPS65981 BMC Data

5.1.3.2 TP3, TP4, TPS, TP7, and TP8: GND Test Points

Two GND test points are provided for attaching an oscilloscope, multimeter, or external load GND. These test points are connected to the board GND planes through four vias.

5.1.3.3 TP5: VBUS Test Point

The VBUS test point is used to measure VBUS at the connector. With PD power possibly going up to 20 V, use caution when connecting and disconnecting probes on the TPS65981EVM. The VBUS test point is capable of drawing up to 3 A for an external load. A PD-power contract with the required capability must be negotiated to draw current from the VBUS test point. Refer to the [TPS6598x Application-Customization Tool User Guide](#) (SLVUAR8) for configuration instruction. Figure 2 shows the VBUS voltage during PD-power negotiation.



Figure 2. TPS65981 VBUS Voltage Transition

5.1.3.4 TP9 and TP10: 5V and 3.3V Test Points

These test points can be used to measure the output voltage of the DC-DC converters that produce the required functionality of the voltage rails including power delivery, the TPS65981, LEDs, and more.

5.1.4 LED Indicators

5.1.4.1 MXCTL0-2 LEDs (Super-Speed Mux Control LED)

These LEDs correspond to the GPIOs required to drive a super-speed mux for the SSTX/RX signals to a Type-C connector. [Table 1](#) lists the LED behavior according to the type of connection.

Table 1. MXCTLx LED Functions

LED Indicator	GPIO	Function
MXCTL0	GPIO 0	Type-C Connection
MXCTL1	DEBUG1 (GPIO 15)	HD3SS460 POL
MXCTL2	GPIO 3	HD3SS460 AMSEL

6.3 Connecting the TPS65981EVM

Various Type-C cables can be used to connect the EVM to a legacy Type-A host, legacy Type-A device, or Type-C device.

6.3.1 Connecting to a Legacy Type-A Host

Using a Type-A plug to Type-C cable allows connection to a legacy host. When the billboarding and endpoint functions are enabled on the EVM, the user can access the registers and update the firmware by using the TPS6598x Utilities GUI. The EVM can be powered from the Type-A to Type-C cable and does not require a power-supply function with the TPS6598x Utilities GUI. [Figure 3](#) shows how the TPS65981 device is connected to a notebook with the TPS6598x Utilities GUI.

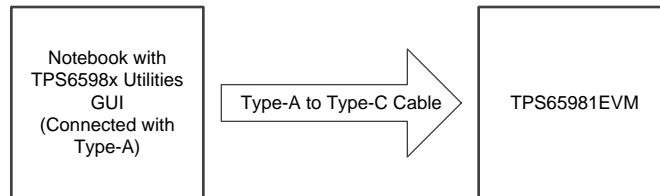


Figure 3. Connecting EVM to Legacy Host

6.3.2 Connecting to a Legacy Type-A Device

Using a Type-C to Type-A receptacle cable allows for connection to a legacy USB device, such as a flash-drive. The TPS65981 device cannot act as a host but can pass the USB connection to a host by using the DP-EXPANSION-EVM (DisplayPort source board). [Figure 4](#) shows how the notebook, DP-EXPANSION-EVM, TPS65981EVM, and flash drive are connected

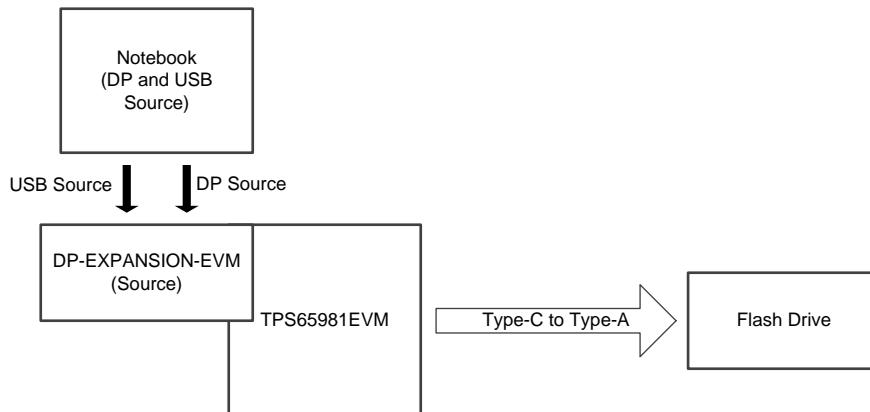


Figure 4. Connecting EVM to Type-A Device

6.3.3 Connecting to Type-C Devices

Using a Type-C cable allows for connection to a Type-C device or host. When two TPS65981EVMs are used with the DP-EXPANSION-EVM (source and sink boards), a complete Type-C system can be verified. The DisplayPort alternate mode is entered when the two setups appropriately configure as defined in [Table 3](#). The source setup requires a USB source with DisplayPort to provide data to the sink board. A monitor can be connected to sink board, along with a USB device to connect to the source board. [Figure 5](#) shows how the boards are connected.

NOTE: Signal integrity can be a factor on USB and DisplayPort video quality because of going through multiple connectors and cables.

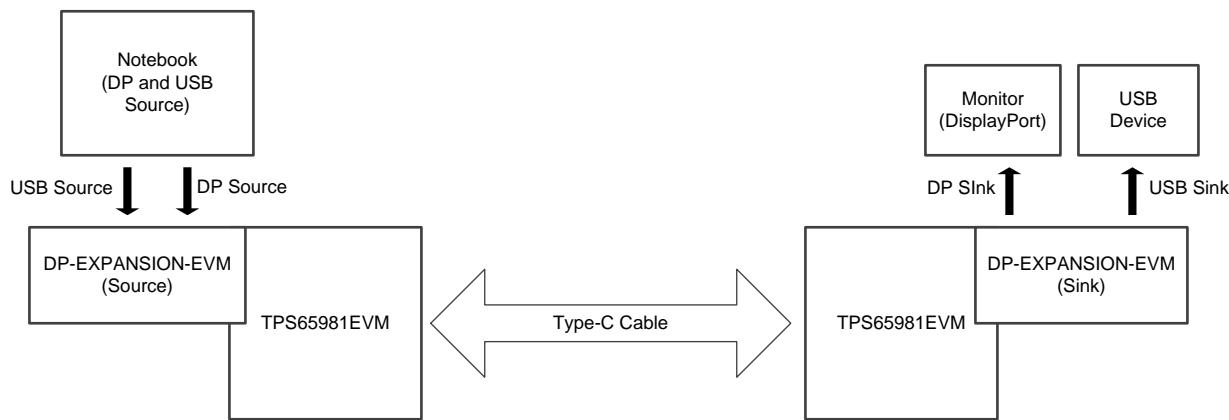


Figure 5. Connecting EVM to EVM for Type-C System

Figure 6 shows how a source setup can be connected to a Type-C device (DisplayPort, USB, or both), such as a Type-C flash drive, Type-C to DisplayPort dongle, Type-C to HDMI, or Type-C docking system.

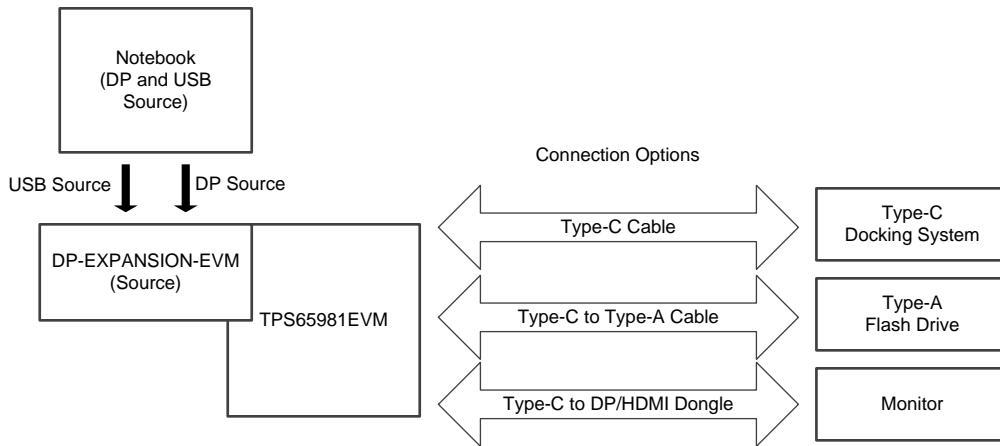


Figure 6. Connecting EVM to Type-C Devices

Figure 7 shows how a sink setup can be connected to a Type-C host, such as MacBook or ChromeBook Pixel, to enter the DisplayPort alternate mode. The sink allows DisplayPort and USB connections to the notebooks.

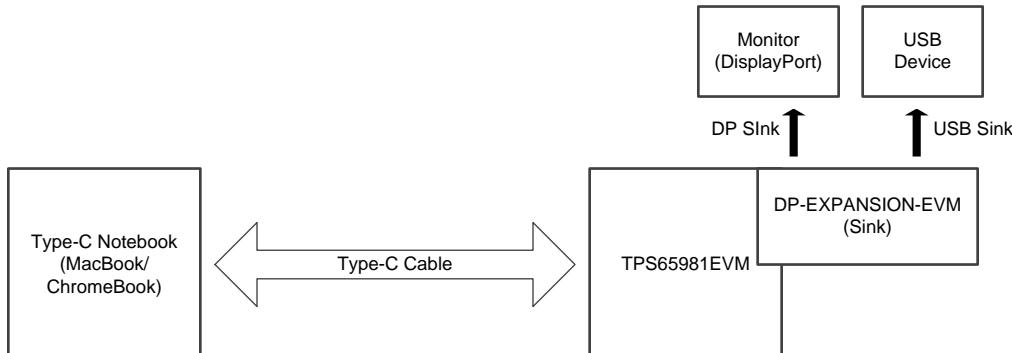


Figure 7. Connecting EVM to Type-C Host

6.3.4 Testing DisplayPort Alternate Mode

The DisplayPort alternate mode can be tested with a non-Type-C notebook, allowing the user to simulate a DisplayPort DFP_D (video source) or UFP_D (video sink). **Table 4** lists the testing flow used to verify DisplayPort functionality with two TPS65981EVMs and the DP-EXPANSION-EVM (DisplayPort source and sink boards).

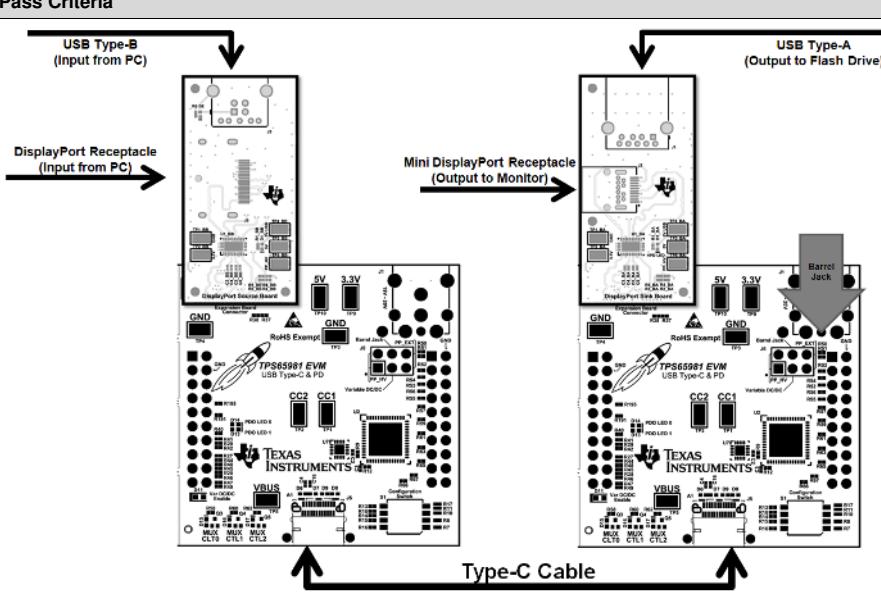
CAUTION

Do not connect the DP-EXPANSION-EVM to the TPS65981EVM when the barrel jack is connected—this may result in a short if the expansion board connectors are misaligned.

The required hardware is listed as follows:

- A Windows PC with a USB Type-A receptacle and DisplayPort video output
 - USB3.0 Type-A to Type-B cable
 - USB3.0 flash drive
 - USB2.0 Type-A to Type-B cable
- USB Type-C Cable
- 1080p Monitor with DisplayPort input
- Mini DisplayPort to DisplayPort cable
- On board FTDI or Aardvark I²C/SPI Host Adapter (Used for programming the TPS65986-EVM and interfacing with Utilities GUI)
- ACS002 DP-EXPANSION-EVM (source and sink board)
- Two TPS65981EVMs with base firmware (preloaded before shipping)
- Dell laptop power-supply model: DA130PE1-00

Table 4. DisplayPort Testing Table

Test Step	Pass Criteria
<p>Left switch setting: 0 → ■ 0 → ■ ■ ← 1 0 → ■ Right switch setting: 0 → ■ 0 → ■ 0 → ■ 0 → ■ </p>	
Connect the ACS002 DisplayPort source board to board on left output of the PC and USB3.0 output of the PC.	DisplayPort source board should be connected to the DisplayPort
Connect the ACS002 DisplayPort sink board to board on right of the monitor and to a USB3.0 flash drive.	DisplayPort sink board should be connected to the DisplayPort input

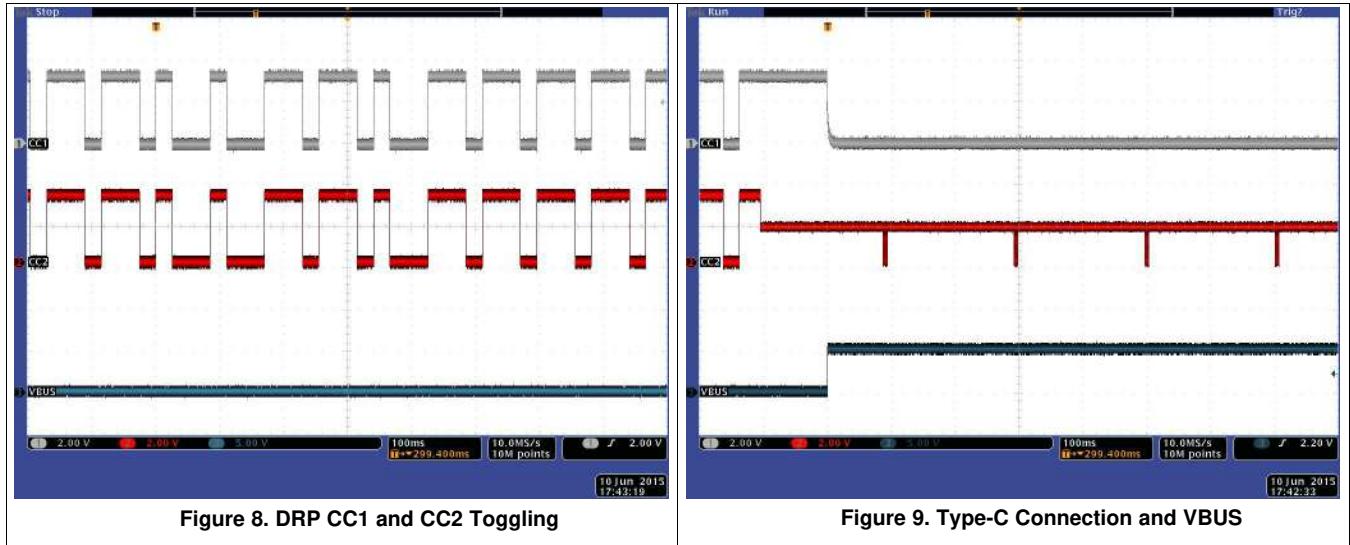


Figure 8. DRP CC1 and CC2 Toggling

Figure 9. Type-C Connection and VBUS

6.4.2 Resetting Behavior

Improper configurations and shorts can cause a Type-C PD system to constantly reset. Use the following checks to debug these types of issues:

- Verify that the required power paths have the correct voltages:
 - PP_5 V0/PP_CABLE: 5 V
 - PP_HV: 20 V (or appropriately configured voltage)
- Probe VBUS, CC1, and CC2 to check for any anomalies. [Figure 10](#) shows a successful power contract.
- When a short occurs on VBUS, the initial 5 V on VBUS is not present.
- Check for a small spike during a cable attach event to verify that the 5-V switch is closed and is opened once the overcurrent event is detected.



Figure 10. Type-C Connection and PD Negotiation

7 Programming the TPS65981EVM Firmware

This section describes loading firmware onto the TPS65981EVM.

NOTE: Other methods of firmware loading are available and are discussed in the TPS6598x Utilities Tool User Guide.

- Step 1. Connect the USB Type-A to micro-B cable from the computer to the TPS65981EVM.
- Step 2. Open the TPS6598x Utilities GUI, click the *Configure* link on the left side of the GUI, verify the settings, and confirm the connection by clicking the *Test Configuration Settings* button (see [Figure 11](#)).

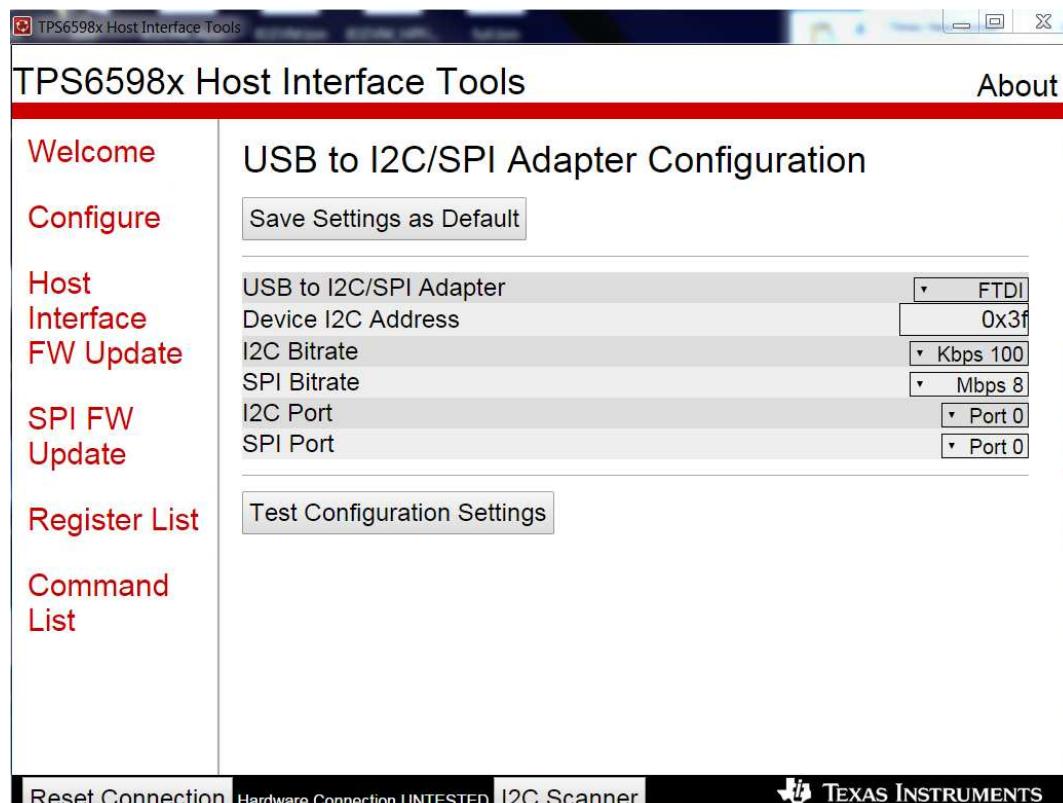


Figure 11. FTDI Configuration Settings

- Step 3. Wait until the results are displayed in the *Connection Results* section. An EVM that does not have firmware displays *BOOT* after the *Mode Register returns* field.
- Step 4. Click the *Save Settings as Default* button to save configuration settings.
- Step 5. Click the *SPI FW Update* link on the left side of the GUI (see [Figure 12](#)).

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Figure 12. SPI Firmware Update Screen

- Step 6. Choose the TPS65981EVM firmware image to load by clicking on the *Choose File* button (see [Figure 13](#)). Select the appropriate EVM image (2 region binary file) in the window and verify that it is 191KB in size. Click *Open* to load the file to the TPS6598x Utilities GUI.

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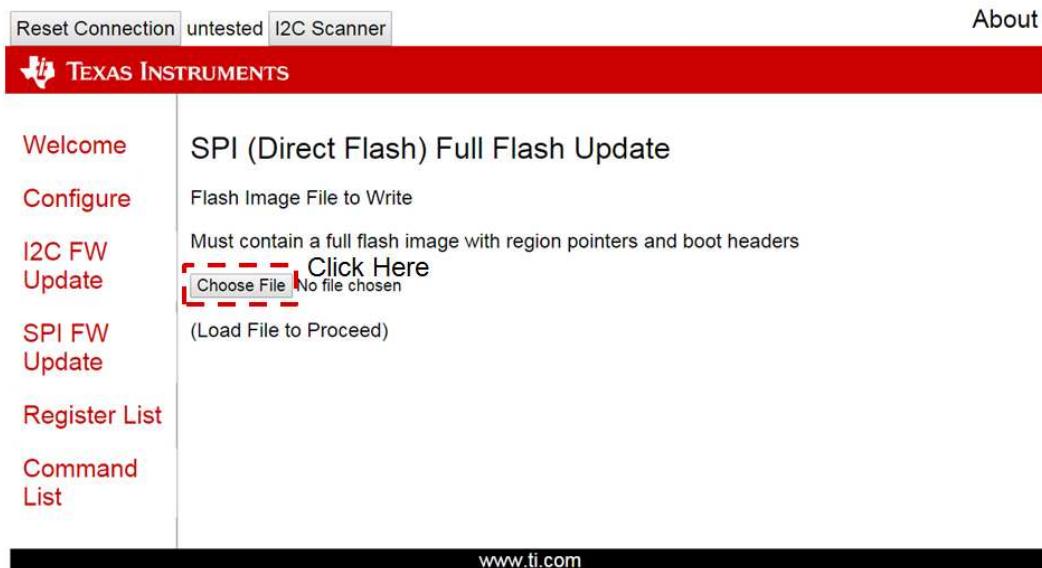


Figure 13. SPI Firmware Update – Choose File

- Step 7. Click the *Program Flash Image* (see [Figure 14](#)).

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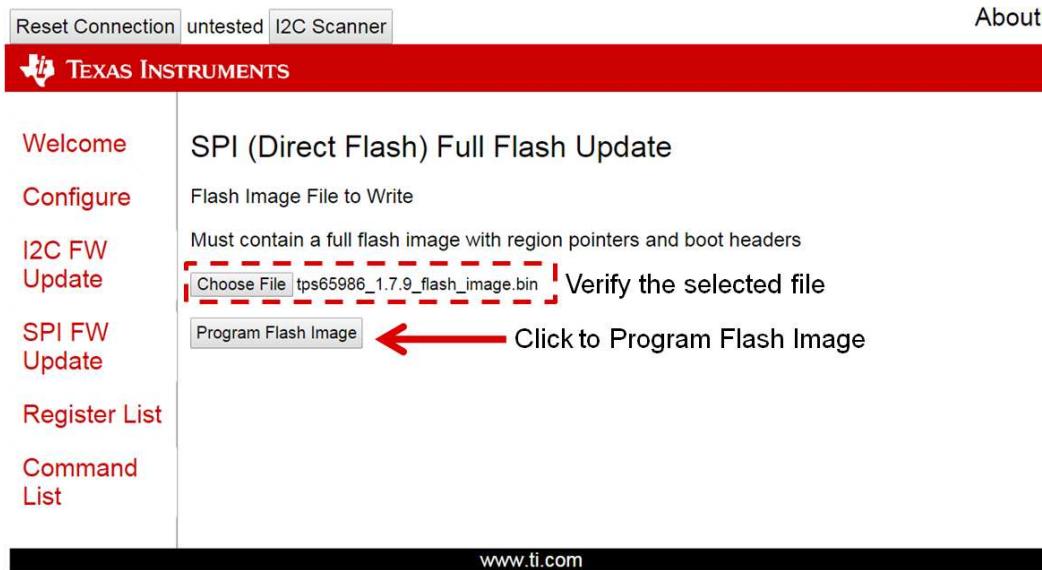


Figure 14. SPI Firmware Update – Start Flash Update

Step 8. Wait until the programming process is complete. Verify that the firmware was successfully loaded. [Figure 15](#) shows a successful firmware update.

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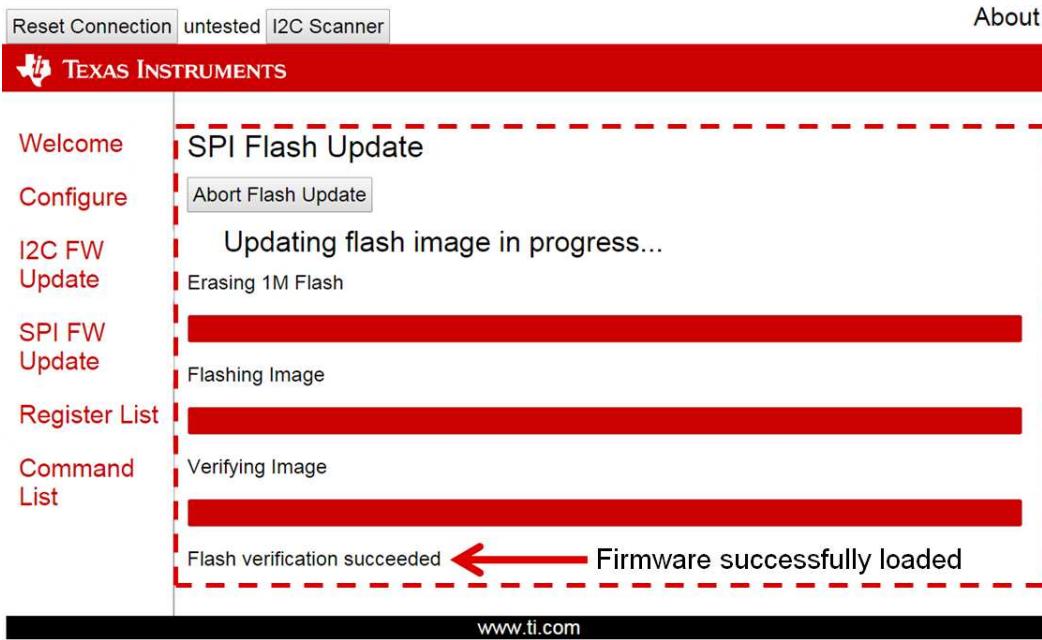


Figure 15. SPI Firmware Update – Firmware Update Complete

Step 9. 8. Power cycle the EVM to load the new firmware image.

Step 10. On the TPS6598x Utilities GUI, click the *Register List* link on the left side of the GUI and then click the *MODE* button (see [Figure 16](#)). This register will check the I²C communication and verify that the firmware was loaded on the EVM.

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TEXAS INSTRUMENTS

Welcome	Vendor ID	Device ID	Unique ID	MODE	VERSION
Configure	Device Info	Customer Use	Boot Flags	Status	Data Status
I2C FW Update	Control Config	System Config	System Power Register	Power Status	PD Status
SPI FW Update	Active PDO	Active RDO	Sink Request RDO	Tx Source Cap	Tx Sink Cap
Click Here	Rx Source Cap	Rx Sink Cap	Autonegotiate Sink	Int Event 1	Int Mask 1
Register List	Int Event 2	Int Mask 2	GPIO Status	Tx Identity	Rx SOP Identity
Command List	Rx SOP Prime Identity	Rx SOP Double-Prime Identity	Rx VDM	Alternate Mode Entry	Data Control
	Display Port Config	Intel VID Config	Display Port Status	Intel VID Status	Switch Control
	CCn State	Sleep Config	Firmware State History	Firmware State Config	Firmware State Focus
	Current Firmware State				

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Figure 16. Register List

Step 11. Verify the that the MODE register reads APP (see Figure 17).

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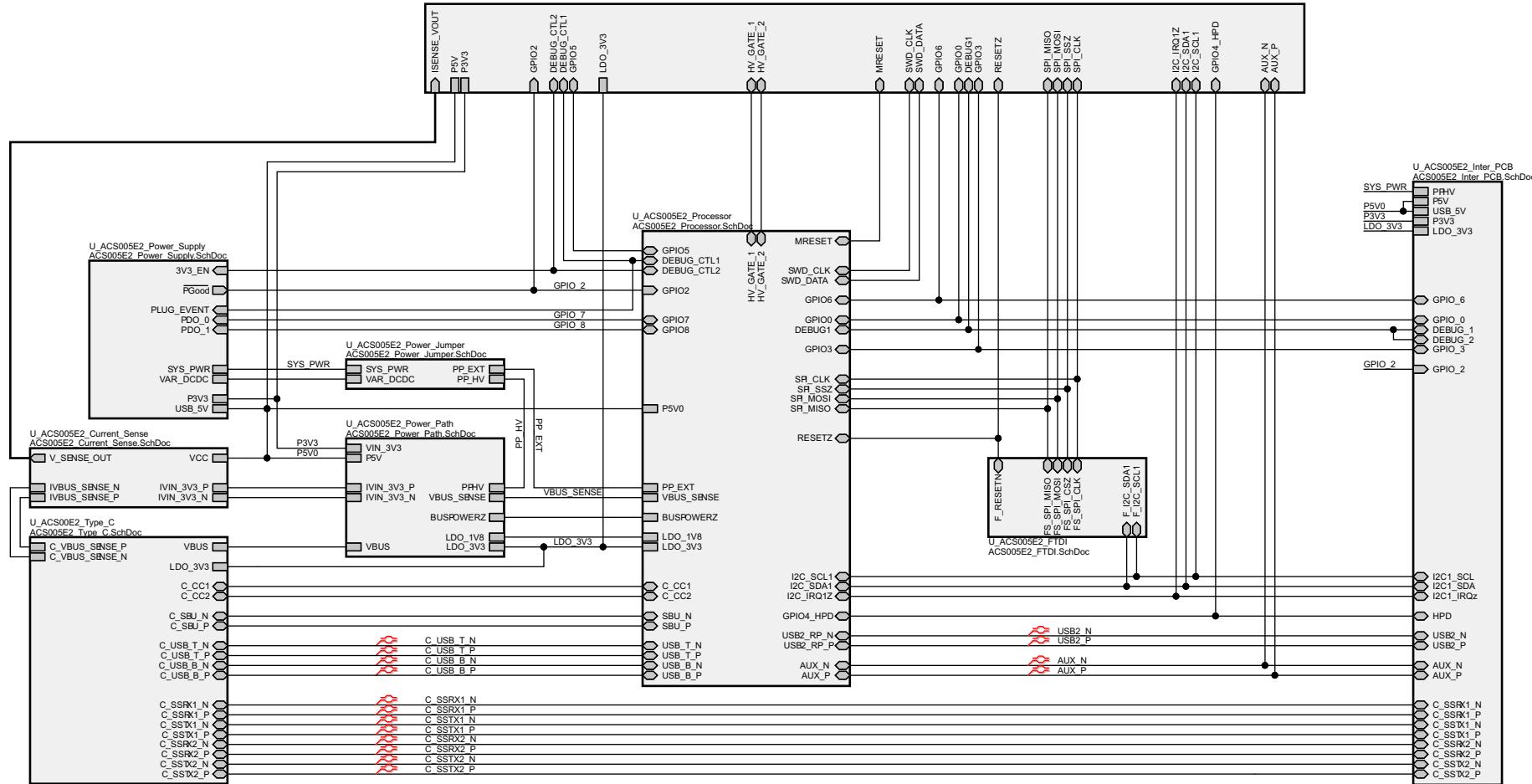
Welcome	MODE (0x3)	
Configure	Re-read Register	
I2C FW Update	Byte_1	
	Byte_2	
	Byte_3	
	Byte_4	
Register List	Verify that the register read "APP"	
Command List		

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Figure 17. Mode Register

8 TPS65981EVM Schematic

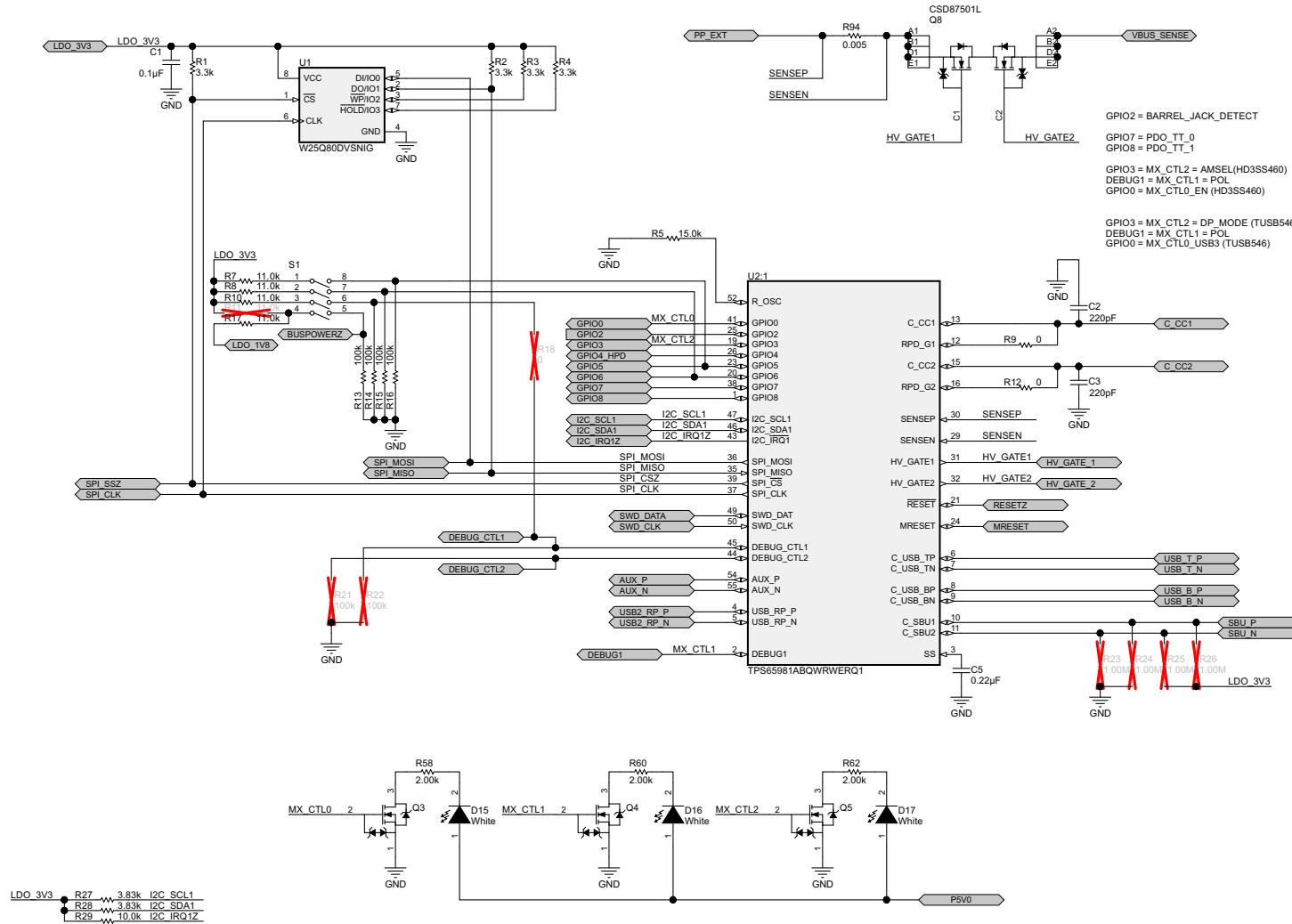
Figure 18 shows the block diagram of the main components of the TPS65981EVM.



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Figure 18. TPS65981EVM Block Diagram

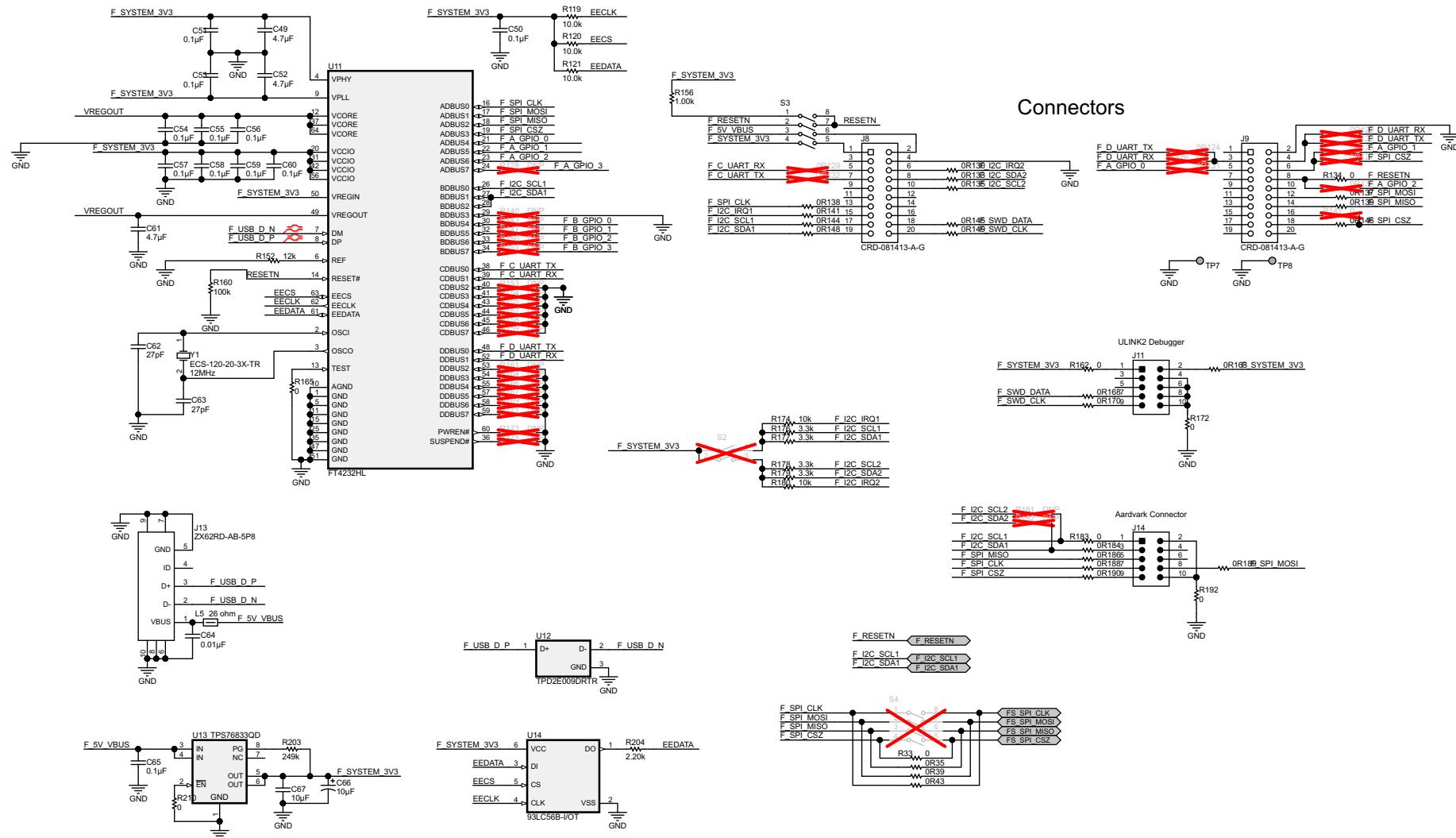
Figure 19 shows the processor block, which contains the TPS65981 PD protocol functions, flash for the TPS65981 device, S2 for the firmware configuration, and the required passives.



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Figure 19. TPS65981EVM Processor Block

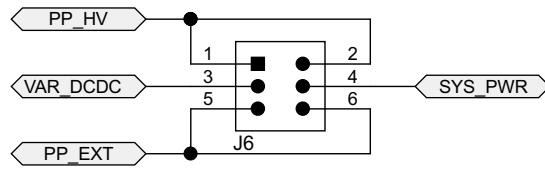
Figure 20 shows the FTDI block, which contains circuitry for the USB and Aardvark to SPI or I²C interface.



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Figure 20. FTDI Block

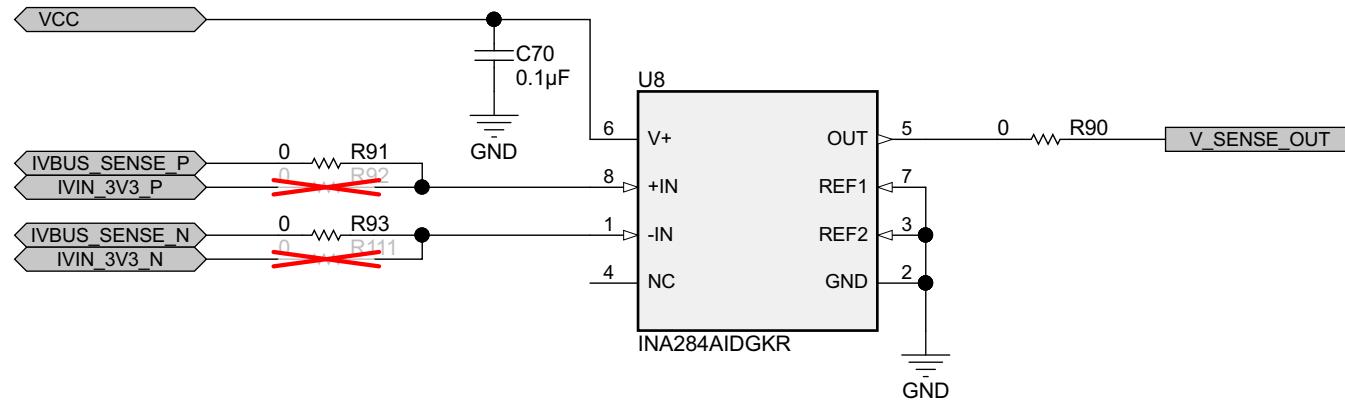
Figure 21 shows the power-jumper connector, which allows the user to connect the power paths according to the firmware configuration.



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Figure 21. Power Jumper Block

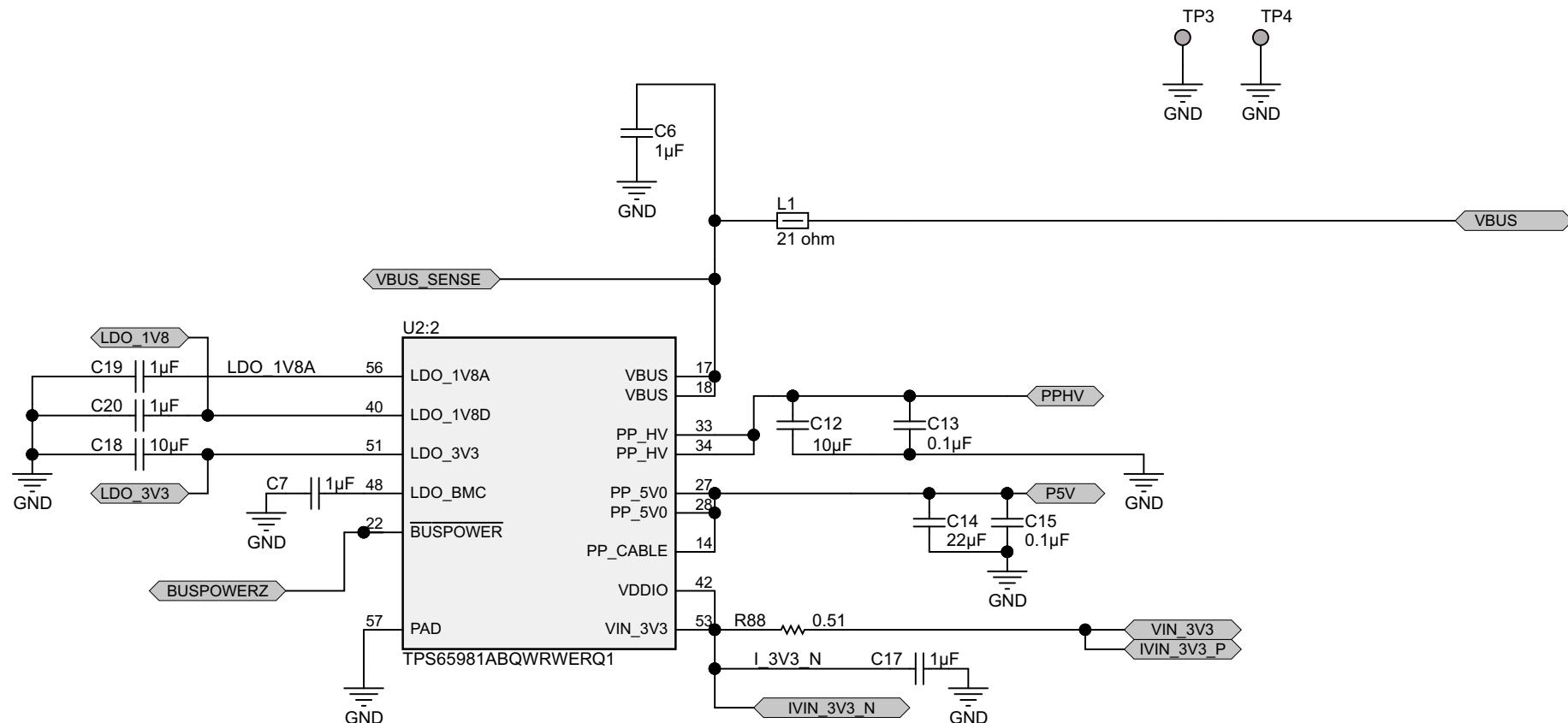
Figure 22 shows the optional current-sense circuitry for VBUS and VIN_3V3.



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Figure 22. Current-Sense Block

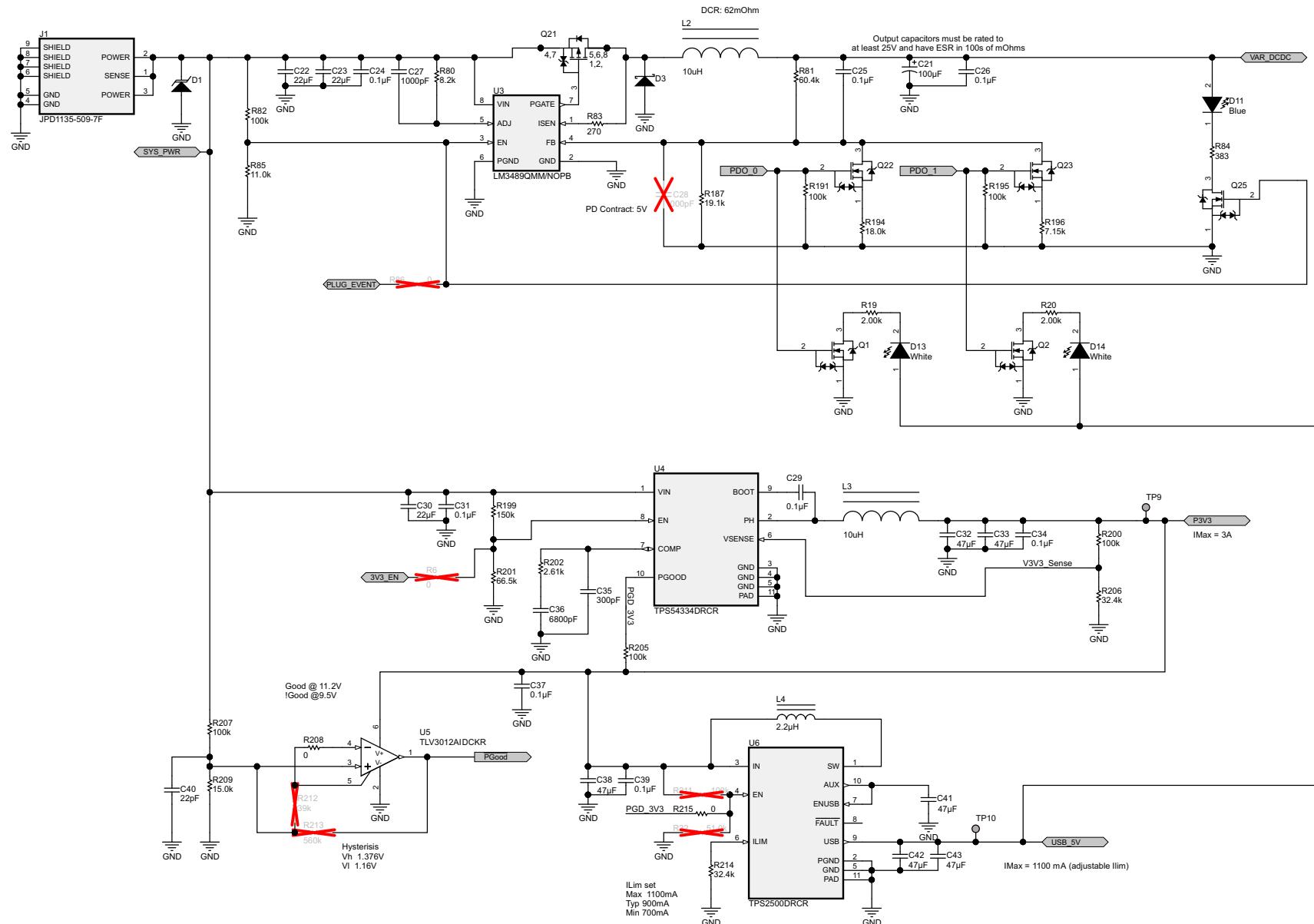
Figure 23 shows the power path block of the TPS65981 and the required passives.



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Figure 23. TPS65981EVM Power Path Block

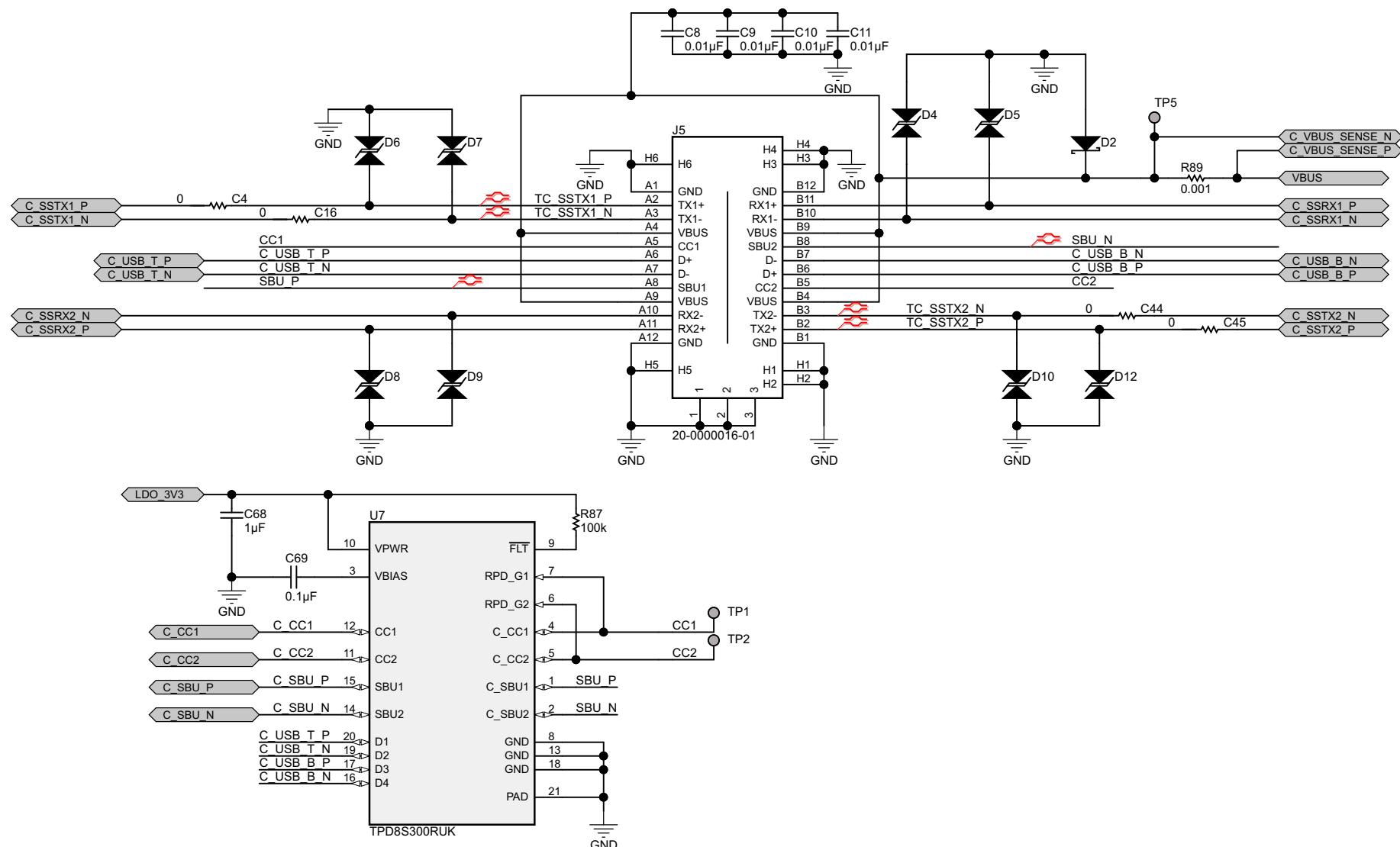
Figure 24 shows the power-supply block, which has all of the board supplies generated and the comparator circuit for barrel jack detection. The P3V3 rail is on in bus-powered and self-powered conditions, and it has the ability to operate at 4 V to compensate for IR drop through the Type-C cable. The P5V supply can operate at 4.5 V at 100% duty cycle, but it is intended to supply the 5 V at 3 A when the barrel jack (J4) is connected to the EVM only. USB_5V is supplied by a boost converter from the main 3.3-V rail and is intended to ensure there is 5 V for the USB DFP port on the DP-EXPANSION_EVM, when acting bus-powered or self-powered.



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Figure 24. TPS65981EVM Power-Supply Block

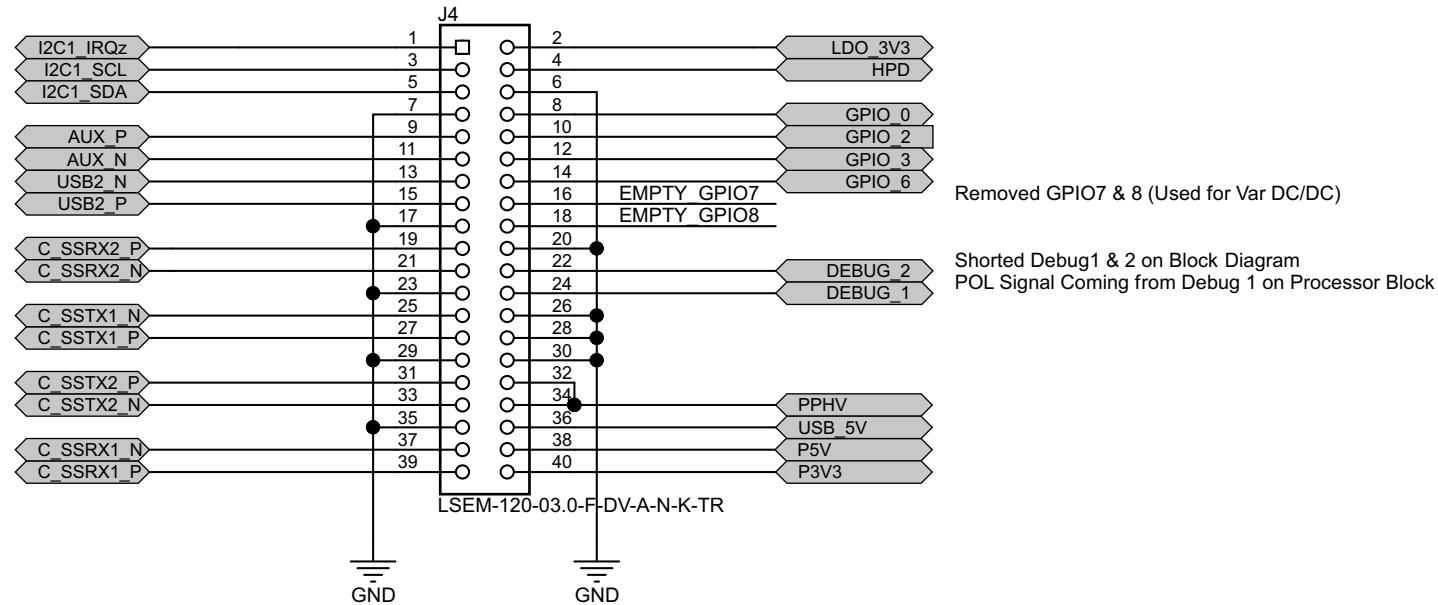
Figure 25 shows the Type-C block, which includes the Type-C connector and ESD protection.



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Figure 25. TPS65981EVM Type-C Block

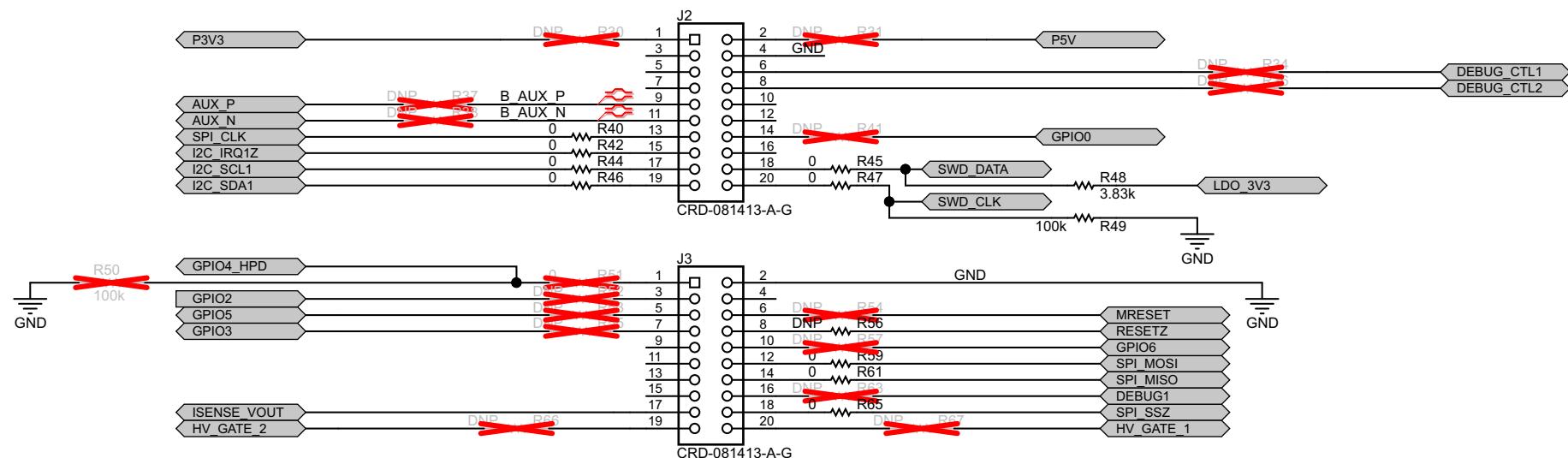
Figure 26 shows the Inter_PCB block, which has the connections that go to the DP-EXPANSION-EVM.



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Figure 26. TPS65981EVM Inter PCB Block

Figure 27 shows the Debug_Connectors block, which contain the connections to the debug headers.



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Figure 27. TPS65981EVM Debug Connector Block

9 TPS65981EVM Board Layout

The following figures contain the PCB layouts of the TPS65981EVM.

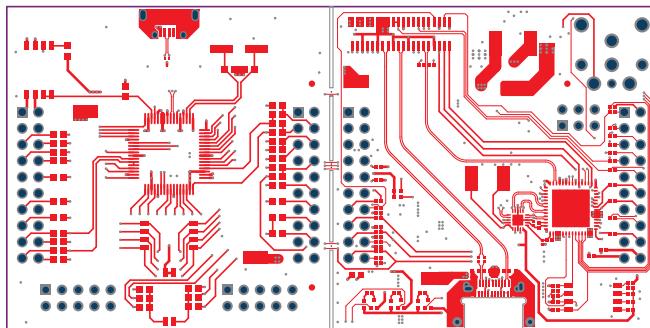


Figure 28. TPS65981EVM Top Layer

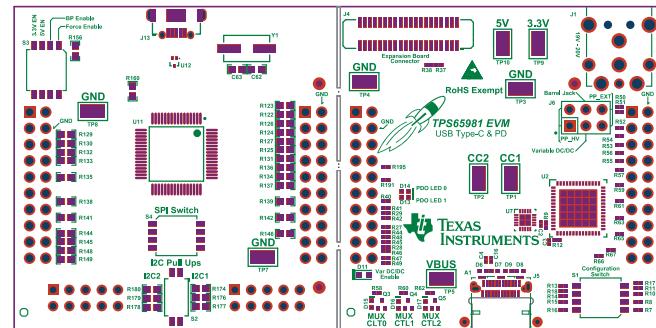


Figure 29. TPS65981EVM Top Layer Component View

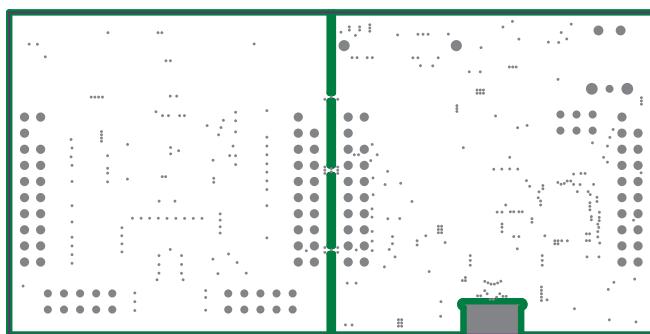


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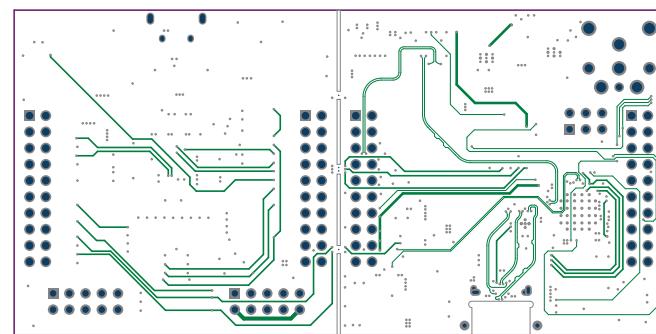


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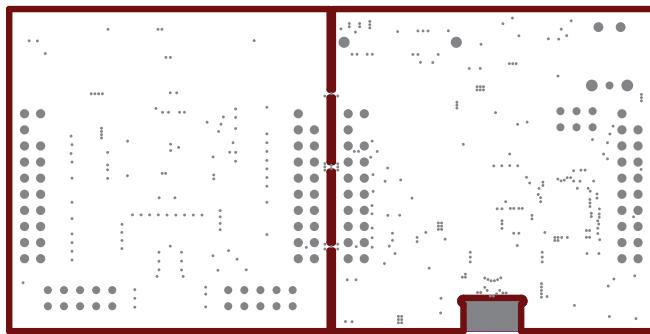


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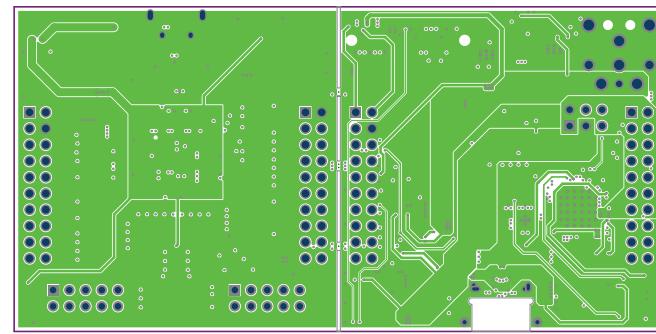


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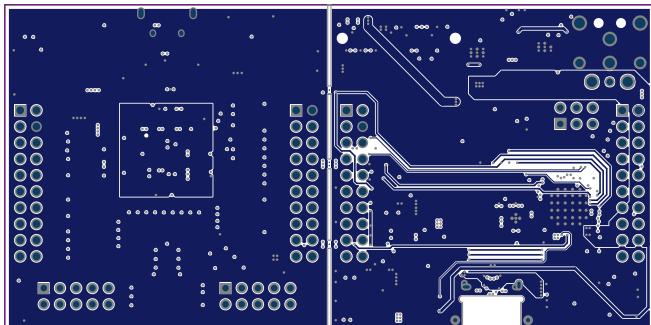


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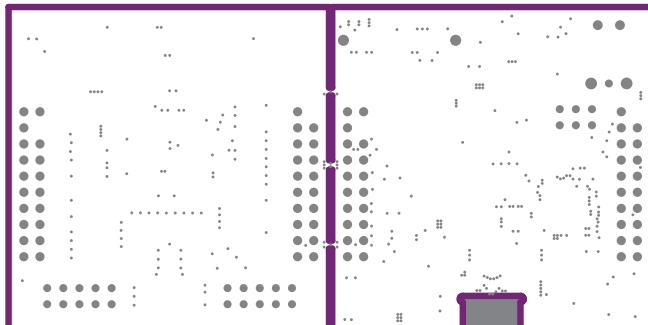


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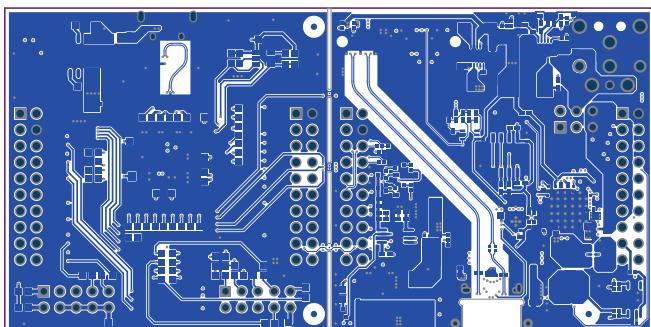


Figure 36. TPS65981EVM Bottom Layer

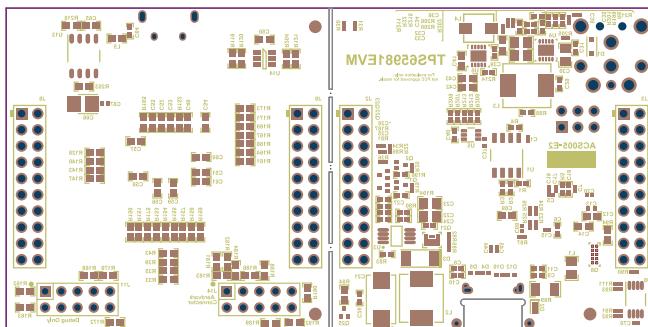


Figure 37. TPS65981EVM Bottom Layer Component View

