

# TPS621x0 Buck Converter Evaluation Module User's Guide



## ABSTRACT

This user's guide describes the characteristics, operation, and use of the Texas Instruments TPS62160 and TPS62170 evaluation modules (EVM). These EVMs are designed to help the user easily evaluate and test the operation and functionality of the TPS62160 and TPS62170. This user's guide includes setup instructions for the hardware, printed-circuit board layouts for the EVMs, a schematic diagram, a bill of materials, and test results for the EVMs.

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## 1 Introduction

The TPS62160 is a 1-A, synchronous, step-down converter in a 2x2-mm, 8-pin WSON package. Both fixed and adjustable output voltage units are available.

The TPS62170 is a 0.5-A, synchronous, step-down converter in a 2x2-mm, 8-pin WSON package. Both fixed and adjustable output voltage units are available.

### 1.1 Background

The TPS62160EVM-627 (HPA627-001) uses the TPS62160 adjustable version and is set to a 3.3-V output. The EVM operates with full-rated performance with an input voltage between 3.7 V and 17 V.

The TPS62170EVM-627 (HPA627-002) uses the TPS62170 adjustable version and is set to a 3.3-V output. The EVM operates with full-rated performance with an input voltage between 3.7 V and 17 V.

### 1.2 Performance Specification

[Table 1-1](#) provides a summary of the TPS621x0EVM-627 performance specifications. All specifications are given for an ambient temperature of 25°C.

**Table 1-1. Performance Specification Summary**

Specification	Test Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Input Voltage		3.7		17	V
Output Voltage	PWM Mode of Operation	3.227	3.327	3.427	V
Output Current	TPS62160EVM-627	0		1000	mA
	TPS62170EVM-627	0		500	mA
Peak Efficiency			93.1%		
Soft-Start Time			180		μs

### 1.3 Modifications

The printed-circuit board (PCB) for this EVM is designed to accommodate both the fixed and adjustable voltage versions of this integrated circuit (IC). Additional input and output capacitors can also be added. Finally, the loop response of the IC can be measured.

#### 1.3.1 Fixed Output Operation

U1 can be replaced with the fixed-voltage version of the IC for evaluation. For fixed-voltage version operation, replace R2 with a 0-Ω resistor and remove R1.

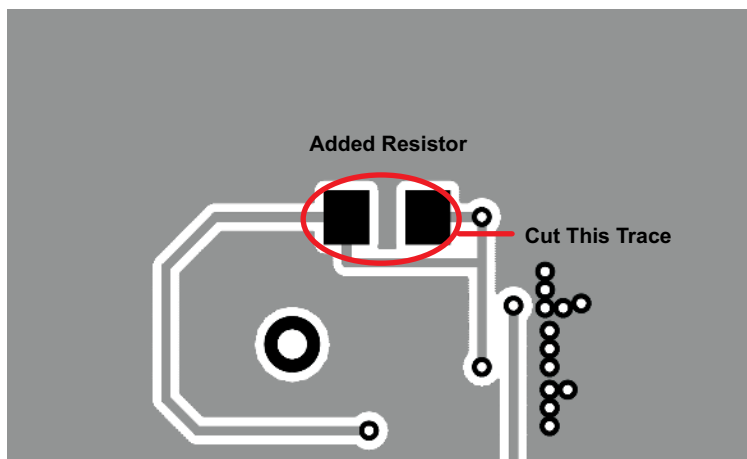
#### 1.3.2 Input and Output Capacitors

C4 is provided for an additional input capacitor. This capacitor is not required for proper operation but can be used to reduce the input voltage ripple.

C3 is provided for an additional output capacitor. This capacitor is not required for proper operation but can be used to reduce the output voltage ripple and to improve the load transient response. The total output capacitance must remain within the recommended range in the data sheet for proper operation.

#### 1.3.3 Loop Response Measurement

The loop response of the TPS621x0EVM-627 can be measured with two simple changes to the circuitry. First, install a 10-Ω resistor across the pads in the middle of the back of the PCB. The pads are spaced to allow installation of 0805- or 0603-sized resistors. Second, cut the short section of trace between the via on the output voltage and the trace that connects to the VOS pin via. These changes are shown in [Figure 1-1](#). With these changes, an ac signal (10-mV, peak-to-peak amplitude recommended) can be injected into the control loop across the added resistor.



**Figure 1-1. Loop Response Measurement Modification**

## 2 Setup

This section describes how to properly use the TPS621x0EVM-627.

### 2.1 Input/Output Connector Descriptions

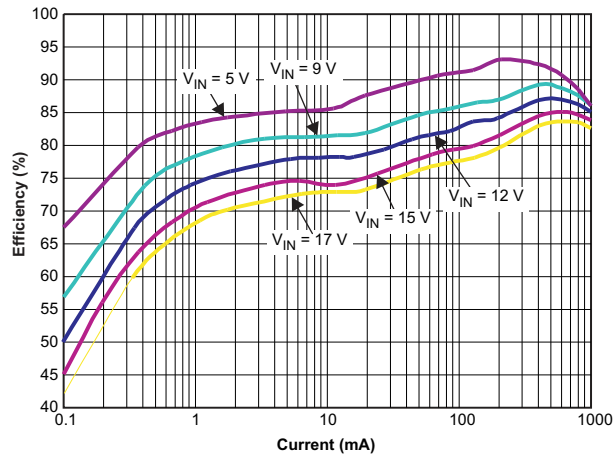
<b>J1 – VIN</b>	Positive input connection from the input supply for the EVM.
<b>J2 – S+/S-</b>	Input voltage sense connections. Measure the input voltage at this point.
<b>J3 – GND</b>	Return connection from the input supply for the EVM.
<b>J4 – VOUT</b>	Output voltage connection.
<b>J5 – S+/S-</b>	Output voltage sense connections. Measure the output voltage at this point.
<b>J6 – GND</b>	Output return connection.
<b>J7 – PG/GND</b>	The PG output appears on pin 1 of this header with a convenient ground on pin 2.
<b>JP1 – EN</b>	EN pin input jumper. Place the supplied jumper across ON and EN to turn on the IC. Place the jumper across OFF and EN to turn off the IC.
<b>JP2 – PG Pullup Voltage</b>	PG pin pullup voltage jumper. Place the supplied jumper on JP2 to connect the PG pin pullup resistor to Vout. Alternatively, the jumper can be removed and a different voltage can be supplied on pin 1 to pull up the PG pin to a different level. This externally applied voltage must remain below 7 V.

### 2.2 Setup

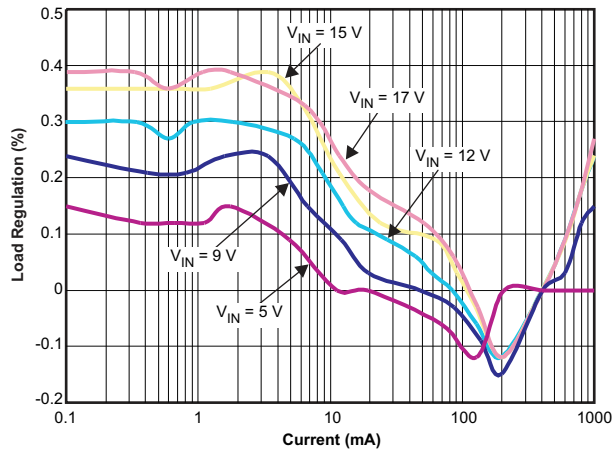
To operate the EVM, set jumpers JP1 through JP2 to the desired positions per [Section 2.1](#). Connect the input supply to J1 and J3 and connect the load to J4 and J6.

### 3 TPS621x0EVM-627 Test Results

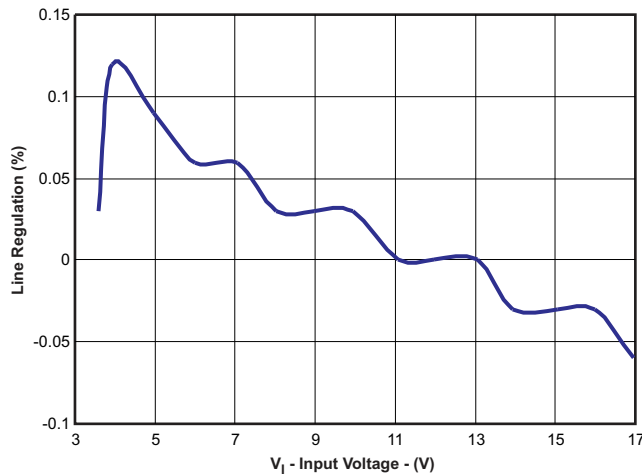
This section provides test results of the TPS621x0EVM-627.



**Figure 3-1. Efficiency**



**Figure 3-2. Load Regulation**



**Figure 3-3. Line Regulation With  $I_{out} = 0.5\text{ A}$**

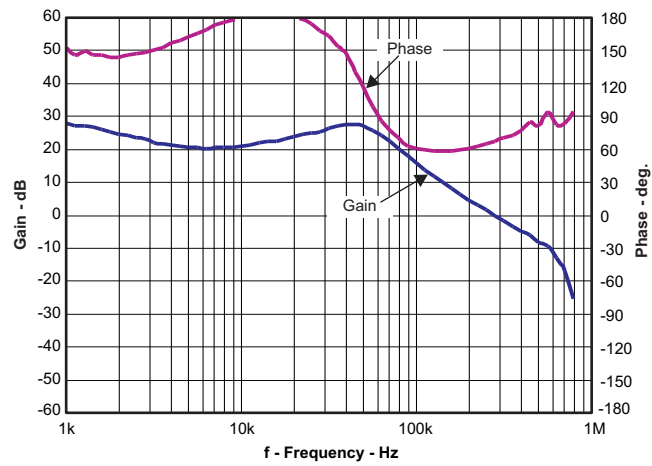


Figure 3-4. Loop Response With  $V_{in} = 12\text{ V}$  and  $I_{out} = 0.5\text{ A}$

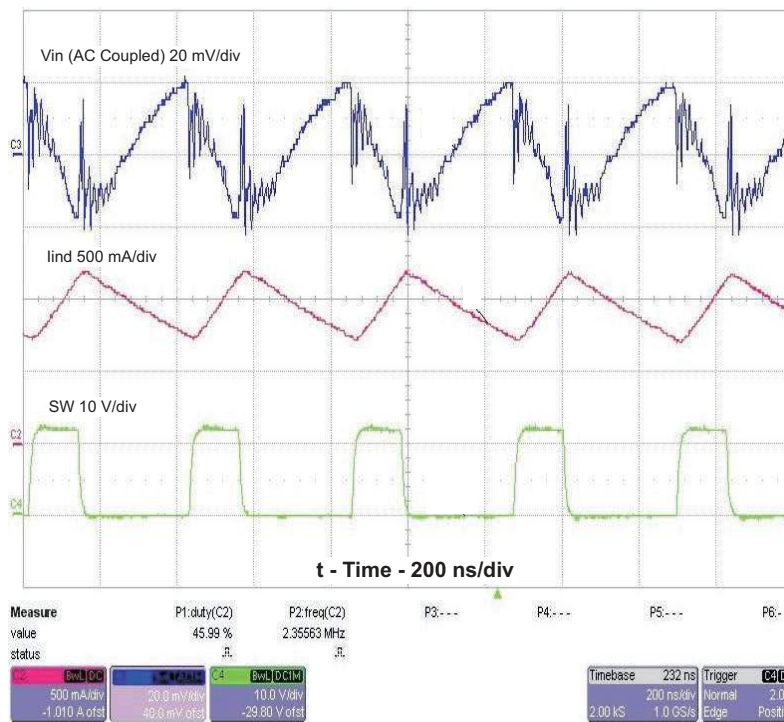


Figure 3-5. Input Voltage Ripple With  $V_{in} = 12\text{ V}$  and  $I_{out} = 1\text{ A}$

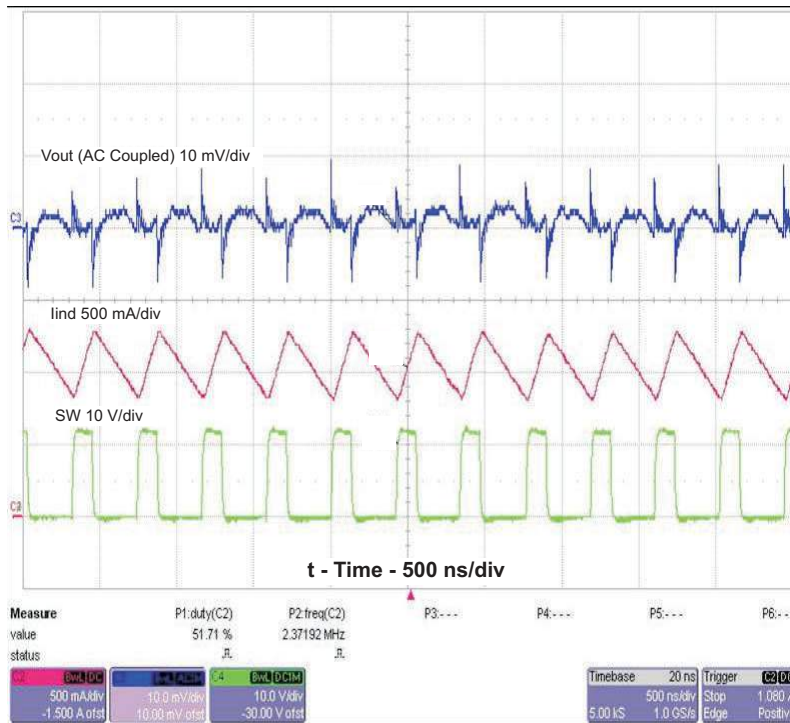


Figure 3-6. Output Voltage Ripple With  $V_{in} = 12\text{ V}$  and  $I_{out} = 1\text{ A}$

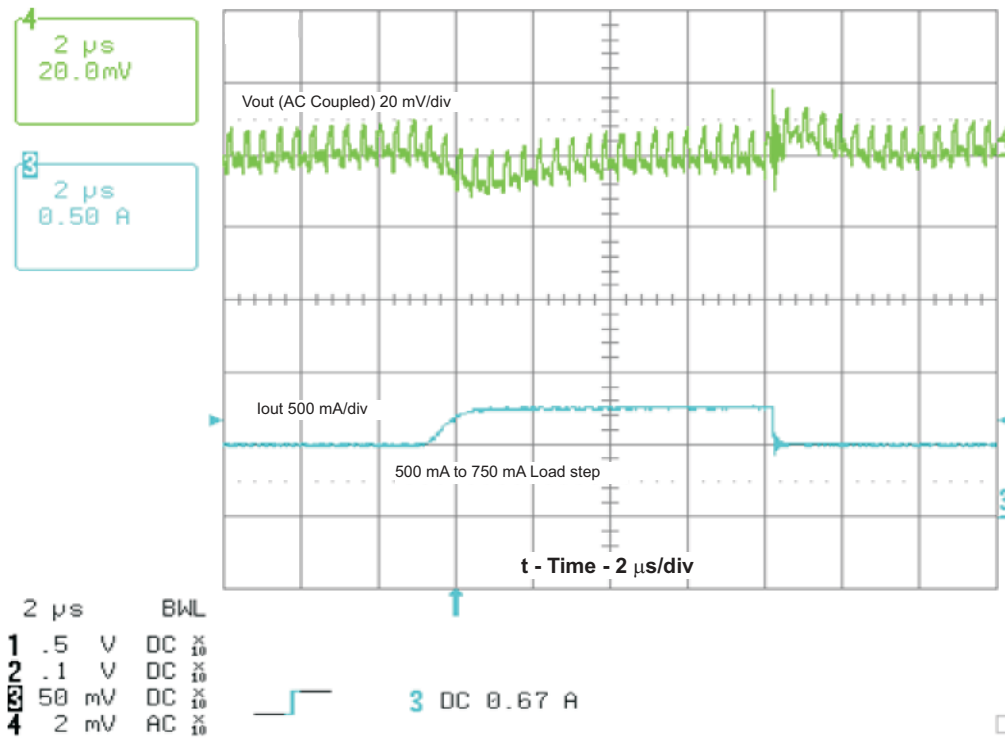


Figure 3-7. Load Transient Response With  $V_{in} = 12\text{ V}$

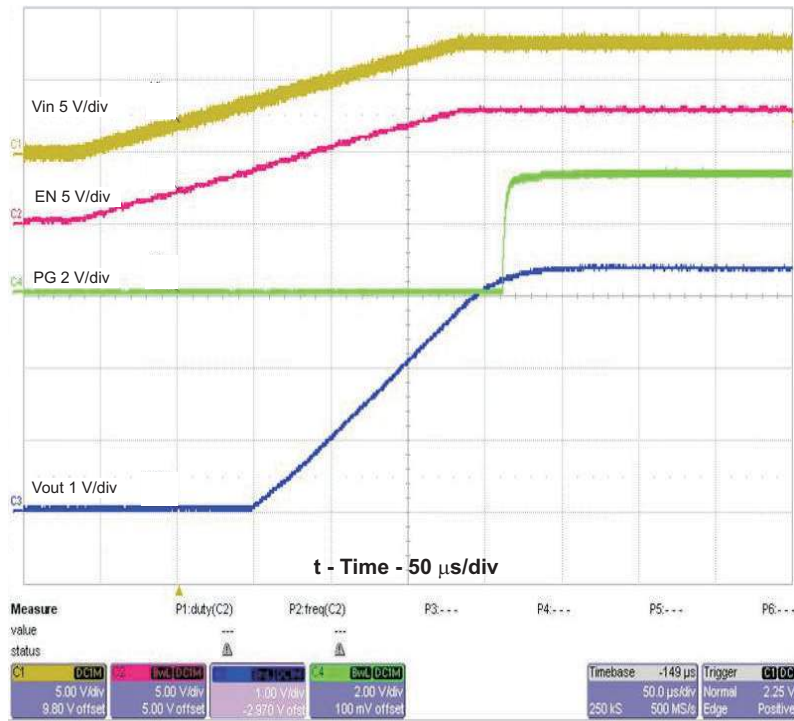


Figure 3-8. Start-Up on Vin With 0.5-A Load

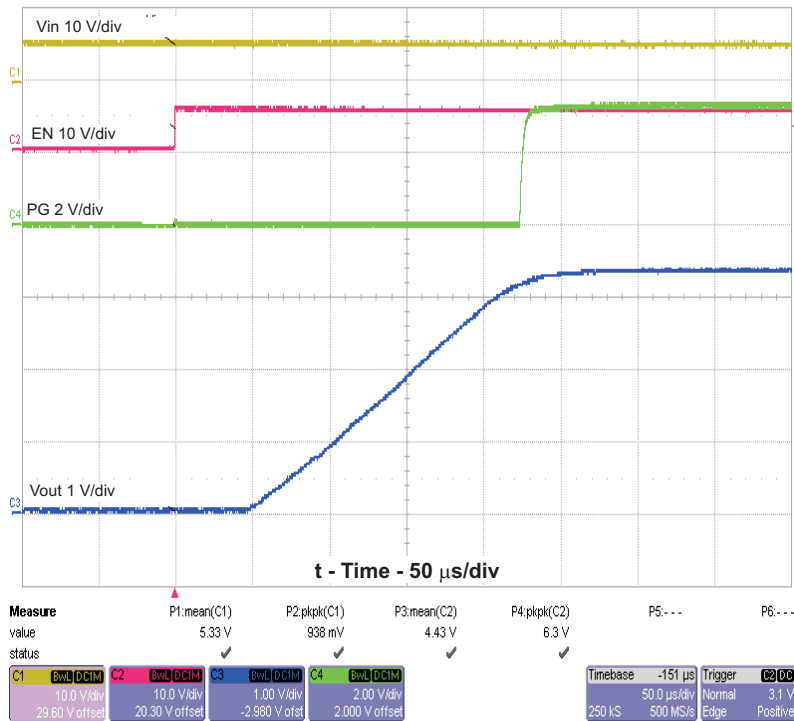


Figure 3-9. Start-Up on EN with 0.5-A Load



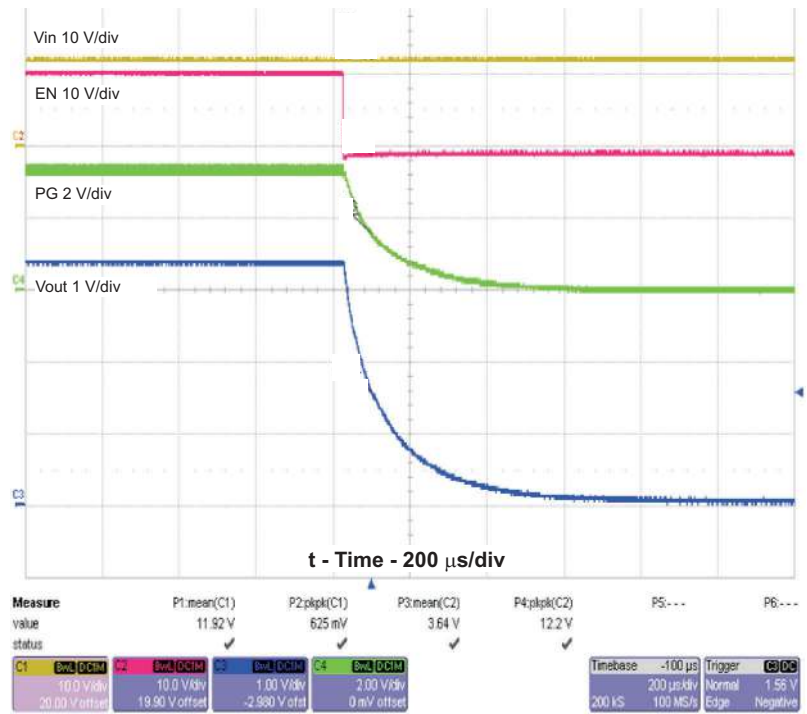


Figure 3-10. Shutdown on EN With 0.5-A Load

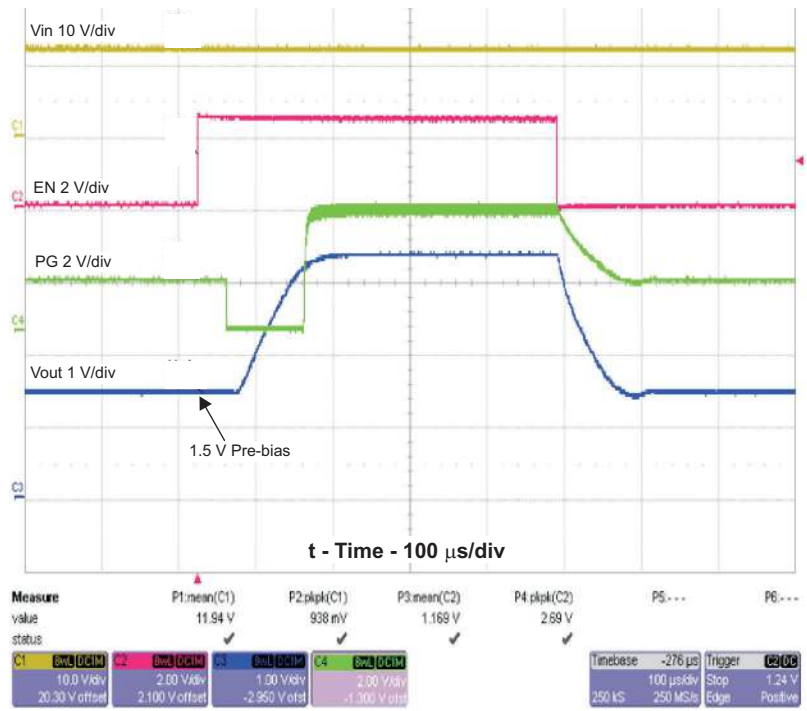


Figure 3-11. Prebias Start-Up and Shutdown on EN With 0.5-A Load



Figure 3-12. Thermal Performance With  $V_{in} = 12\text{ V}$  and  $I_{out} = 1\text{ A}$

## 4 Board Layout

This section provides the TPS621x0EVM-627 board layout and illustrations.

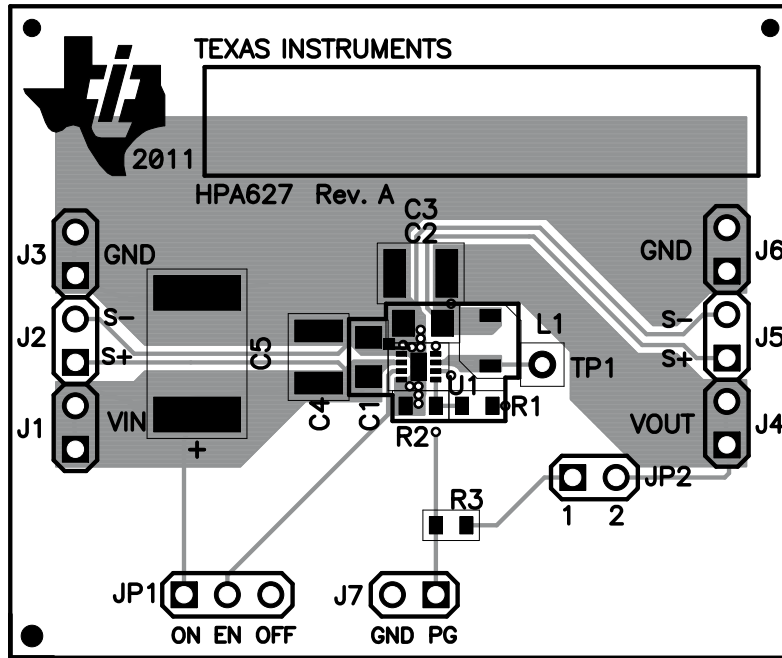


Figure 4-1. Assembly Layer

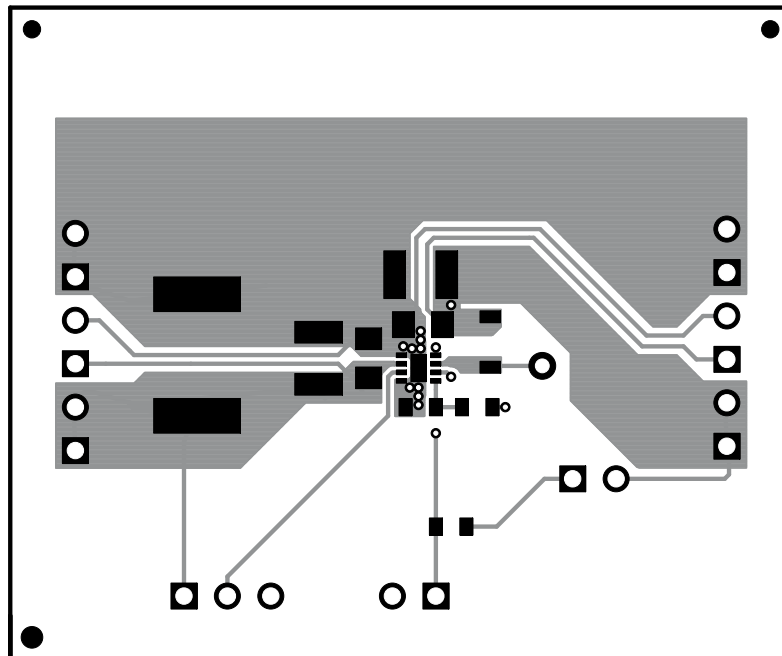
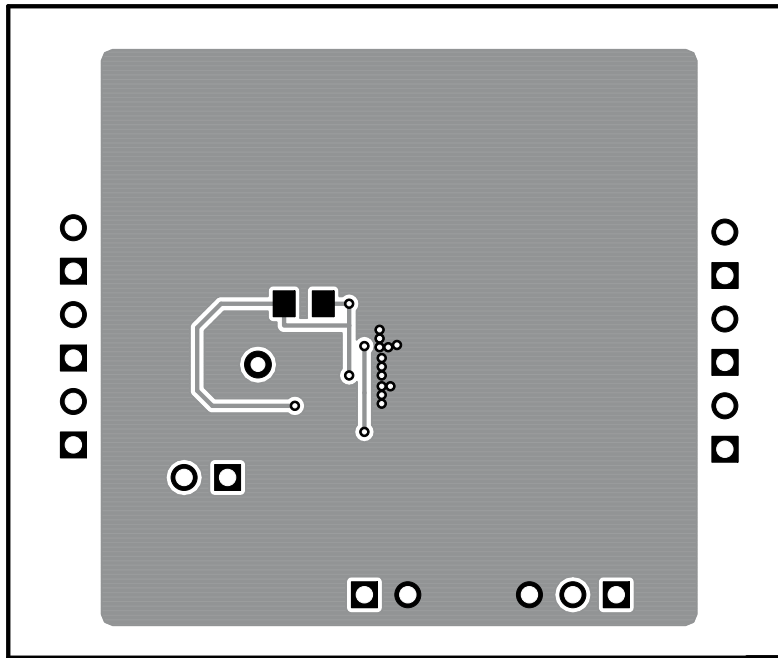


Figure 4-2. Top Layer Routing



**Figure 4-3. Bottom Layer Routing**



## 5.2 Bill of Materials

**Table 5-1. TPS621x0EVM-627 Bill of Materials**

Count		RefDes	Value	Description	Size	Part Number	MFR
-001	-002						
1	1	C1	10 $\mu$ F	Capacitor, Ceramic, 25V, X5R, 20%	0805	Std	Std
1	1	C2	22 $\mu$ F	Capacitor, Ceramic, 6.3V, X5R, 20%	0805	Std	Std
1	1	C5	68 $\mu$ F	Capacitor, Tantalum, 35V, 68 $\mu$ F, $\pm$ 20%	7361[V]	TPSV686M035R0150	AVX
1	1	L1	2.2 $\mu$ H	Inductor, SMT, 2.2 uH, 1.4A, 60-milliohm	2.80 X 3.00 mm	VLF3012ST-2R2M1R4	TDK
1	1	R1	1.21M	Resistor, Chip, 1/16W, 1%	0603	Std	Std
1	1	R2	383k	Resistor, Chip, 1/16W, 1%	0603	Std	Std
1	1	R3	100k	Resistor, Chip, 1/16W, 1%	0603	Std	Std
1	0	U1	TPS62160DSG	IC, 17V 1A Buck Converter	2 x 2 mm WSON	TPS62160DSG	TI
0	1	U1	TPS62170DSG	IC, 17V 0.5A Buck Converter	2 x 2 mm WSON	TPS62170DSG	TI

## 6 Revision History

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