



## ABSTRACT

This is the user guide for the HDC3 family, an integrated Relative Humidity (RH) and Temperature sensor that provides high accuracy with ultra-low power consumption. This family of sensors is equipped with a Drift Correction feature to further compensate and improve sensor drift due to contaminants and aging. The HDC3 family is ready to use out of the box and does not require any further calibration.

The hardware is populated with the HDC3020, an open cavity commercial version. Users can replace the HDC3020 device on this EVM with any of the devices from the HDC3020 family. It can be used to evaluate HDC3021 (removable tape) and HDC3022 (IP67 filter membrane), and their respective automotive versions because the HDC3 family are pin-to-pin and 100% software compatible.

This module and the GUI are designed to provide the user a quick setup to evaluate the device. This document includes the details of the EVM hardware and the software installation.

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## 1 Introduction

The Texas Instruments HDC3020 Evaluation Module (HDC3020EVM) enables designers to evaluate the operation and performance of the HDC3020 Relative Humidity and Temperature Sensor. The EVM hosts an MSP430F5528 microcontroller (MCU) as well as the HDC3020. The MCU is used to control the HDC3020 and communicate with a host PC through a USB port. The EVM is designed to be broken into two sections, if desired. The sensor section can be separated from the MCU section of the board to reduce thermal mass surrounding the HDC3020. The HDC3020EVM is configured by default to use the HDC3020 device with I<sup>2</sup>C address 0x44 (7 bit).

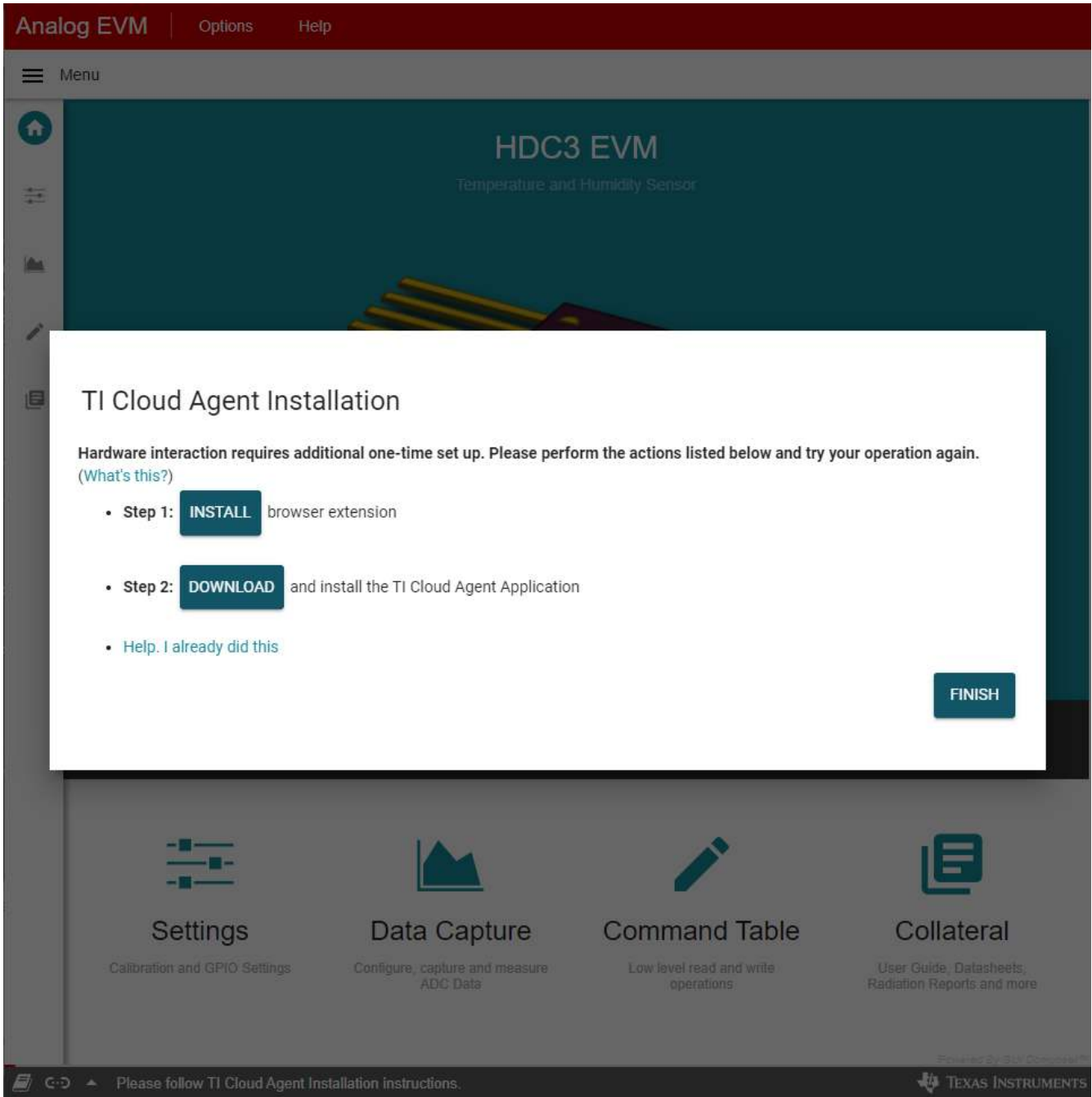
The EVM contains one HDC3020 (see [Table 1-1](#))

**Table 1-1. Device and Package Configurations**



| DEVICE | IC      | PACKAGE             |
|--------|---------|---------------------|
| U1     | HDC3020 | 2.5 mm × 2.5 mm DFN |

## 2 Quick Start

1. Click [here](#) in Safari, Firefox, or Chrome and select the HDC3020EVM GUI from the gallery to access the cloud-based GUI. Follow the onscreen instruction to complete TI Cloud Agent setup.



**Figure 2-1. HDC3020EVM GUI on First Start-Up**

2. Reload the browser window after installation to access the home screen of the HDC3020EVM GUI.
3. Connect the HDC3020EVM to the USB port of your computer through the USB. Drivers for the device will install automatically and the GUI will connect to the EVM.
4. Temperature and humidity data can be recorded and logged on the *Data Capture* tab. Select the  icon to navigate to this page. You can enable register auto-read from this page, and initiate a one-shot to take sample data.
5. Configure device settings from the *Device Configuration* tab .

## 3 EVM Hardware

This section describes how to connect, set up, and program the HDC3020EVM.

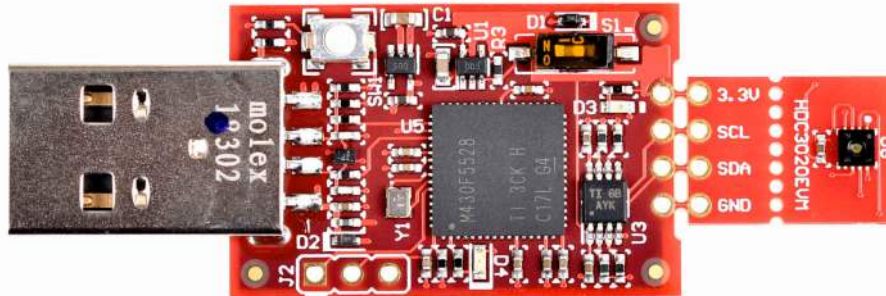


Figure 3-1. HDC3020EVM

### 3.1 EVM Power Supply

The HDC3020EVM power is supplied through the USB connector. The interface is used to access the device's registers and read the conversion data from the HDC3020 through the I<sup>2</sup>C communication protocol. The LDO (U4) converts the 5 V from the USB to 3.3 V used by the HDC3020 and the MSP430. The EVM can be directly inserted into a USB port on a PC or laptop, or connected to the latter using the appropriate USB cable.

### 3.2 Input/Output Connectors

The EVM can be broken off into two sections. The headers on module are not populated and they can be used to debug the firmware by using a 4-wire cable. The through holes can also be used as a test point to probe these signals during EVM operation.

### 3.3 Device Address Configuration

The HDC3020 can support 4 I<sup>2</sup>C addresses, but the HDC3020EVM can only support one fixed I<sup>2</sup>C address: 0x44 (7 Bit).

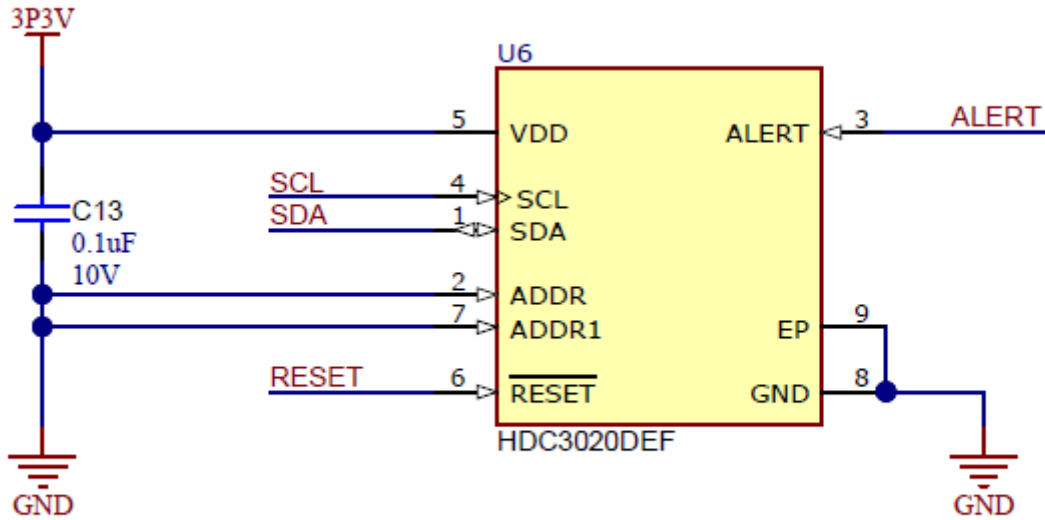
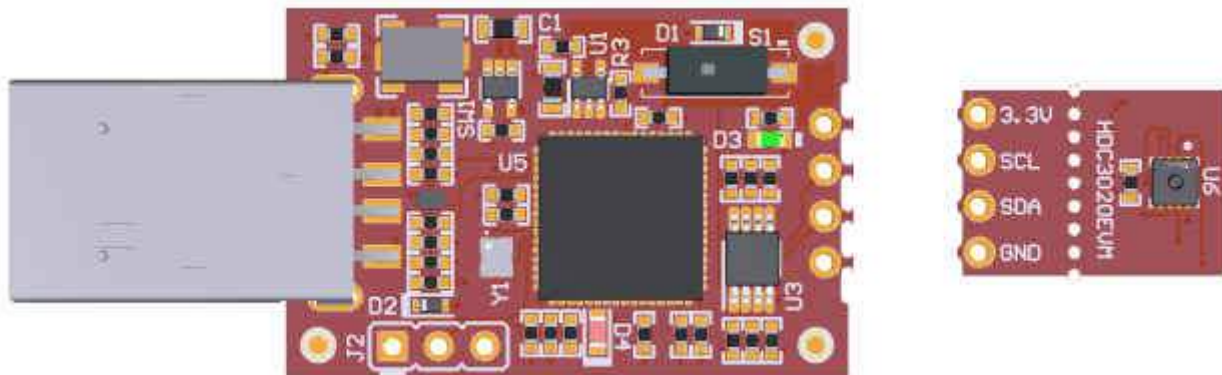


Figure 3-2. HDC3020 Sensor Module

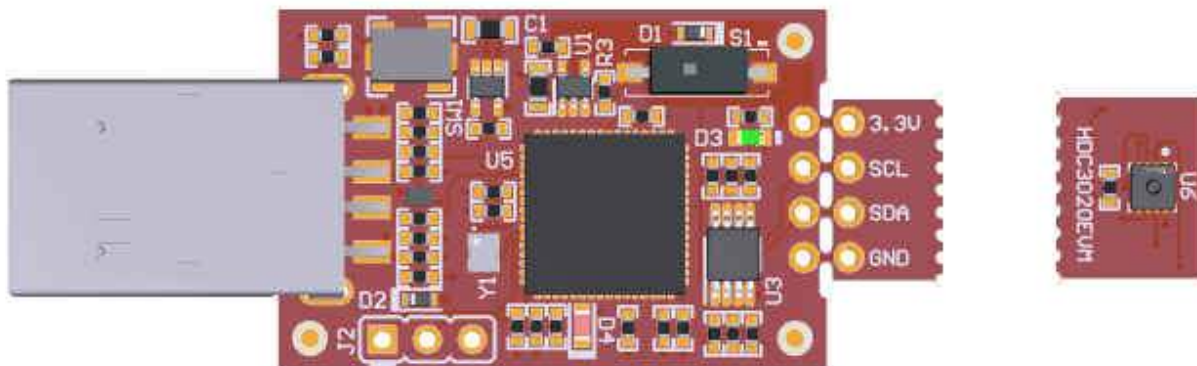
### 3.4 Reducing Thermal Mass

The HDC3020EVM can be broken into 2 sections to isolate the thermal mass of the  $\mu\text{C}$  from the HDC3020. [Figure 3-3](#) shows the board perforations where the two sections can break apart.



**Figure 3-3. PC Interface and Sensor Module**

The purpose of the header connector is to isolate the heat source from the HDC3020. When the HDC3020 is separated from the MSP430, it can be connected through wires or headers on both ends for remote temperature and humidity measurements. In this configuration, the thermal mass is reduced, improving the temperature measurements of the device. The GUI can still be used to communicate with the sensor and collect data.



**Figure 3-4. PC Interface and Smaller Sensor Module**

Alternatively it is possible to connect the sensor module to a custom microcontroller.



**Figure 3-5. Bottom Layer of the HDC3020EVM**

### 3.5 EVM Operating Conditions

The controller and device sides of the EVM have different temperature limits as shown in [Table 3-3](#). These are set by the onboard MSP430F5528 and the HDC3020 ICs on the controller and breakout portions, respectively.

**Table 3-1. EVM Operating Conditions**

| Board Section          | Conditions                        | Temperature Range |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Controller Board       | Recommended Operating $T_J$ Range | -40 °C to 85 °C   |
|                        | Absolute Maximum $T_{stg}$        | -55 °C to 150 °C  |
| HDC3020 Breakout board | Recommended Operating $T_J$ Range | -20 °C to 70 °C   |
|                        | Absolute Maximum $T_{stg}$        | -40 °C to 125 °C  |

## 4 EVM GUI

The EVM software is available through the EVM product folder on the TI website through this [hyperlink](#). The application can be run directly from the gallery with minimal install or it can be downloaded from the gallery to run on desktop local machine.

### 4.1 Live Software

The live software currently works within Chrome, Firefox and Safari browsers. Internet Explorer and Edge browsers are not supported. Users can access the live version through one of the following actions:

1. Go to the HDC3020EVM Tool page on TI.com and click the *View* button.
2. Go to [dev.ti.com/gallery](https://dev.ti.com/gallery) and search for the HDC3020EVM.

Click the application icon within the gallery to launch the software. Follow the prompts onscreen to install the TI Cloud Agent Bridge browser plugin.

### 4.2 Offline Version

Users can access the latest version of the offline software by navigating to the live version as noted above. The offline version allows users to append data to a file without losing any results. Look for the *Download* icon and download both the application and runtime for the operating system as shown in the download pop-up. After download, unzip and run the downloaded executable file. Follow the onscreen instructions to install the local version of the GUI.

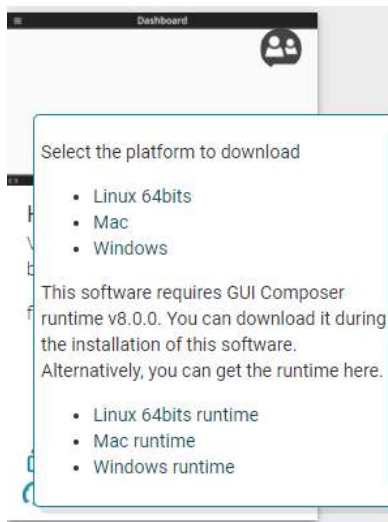


Figure 4-1. Download Pop-Up for the Offline Version



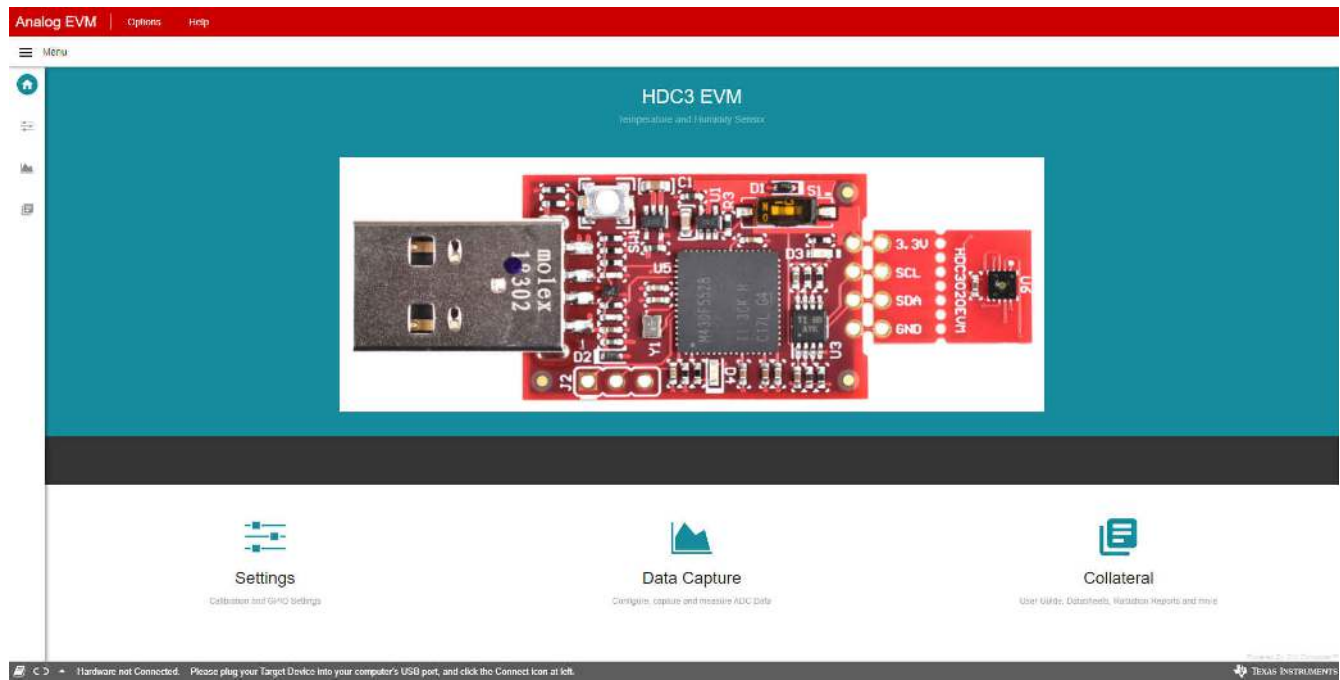
## 5 GUI Operation

This section describes how to use the HDC3020EVM GUI

### 5.1 Home Tab

The *Home* tab is shown at software launch. The icons on the left side of the screen are shortcuts which can be used for navigation to other tabs within the GUI. They are identical to the icons on the bottom half of the Home page.

If the HDC3020EVM is connected to the PC and powered on, the *Hardware Connected* icon will appear on the left corner of the status bar.



**Figure 5-1. Home Tab of the HDC3020EVM GUI**

## 5.2 Data Capture Tab

The *Data Capture* tab reports the temperature and humidity from the HDC3020 device included on the HDC3020EVM. Each selection option/button on this tab has a specific function as described below:

- Measurement Mode tab
  - Measurement mode: Can select Trigger-On Demand (one-shot mode) or the Auto Measurement mode with the appropriate frequency
  - Measurement duration: Changes the number of measurement bits for humidity/temperature measurements
- Chart Controls
  - I<sup>2</sup>C polling rate: Changes the communication frequency between the MCU and the HDC3020EVM
- Offset
  - Temperature Offset: Offsets the temperature value and sets it within the HDC3020 device
  - Humidity Offset: Offsets the humidity value and sets it within the HDC3020 device
- Status
  - Read Status: Reads the information about the operating state of the HDC3020
  - Clear Status: Clears the contents stored in the status registers
- Alert
  - Temperature Limit: Reads/writes the temperature threshold
  - Humidity Limit: Reads/writes the humidity threshold
  - Limit Code: Hex code representing the truncated 16-bit threshold value
- Other
  - Software reset: Issues a software reset
  - Enable Heater: Heating element included in device to remove any condensation on the device
  - Disable Heater: Disables the heater
- NIST ID
  - Read NIST ID: Returns the unique 48-bit value of the HDC3020.

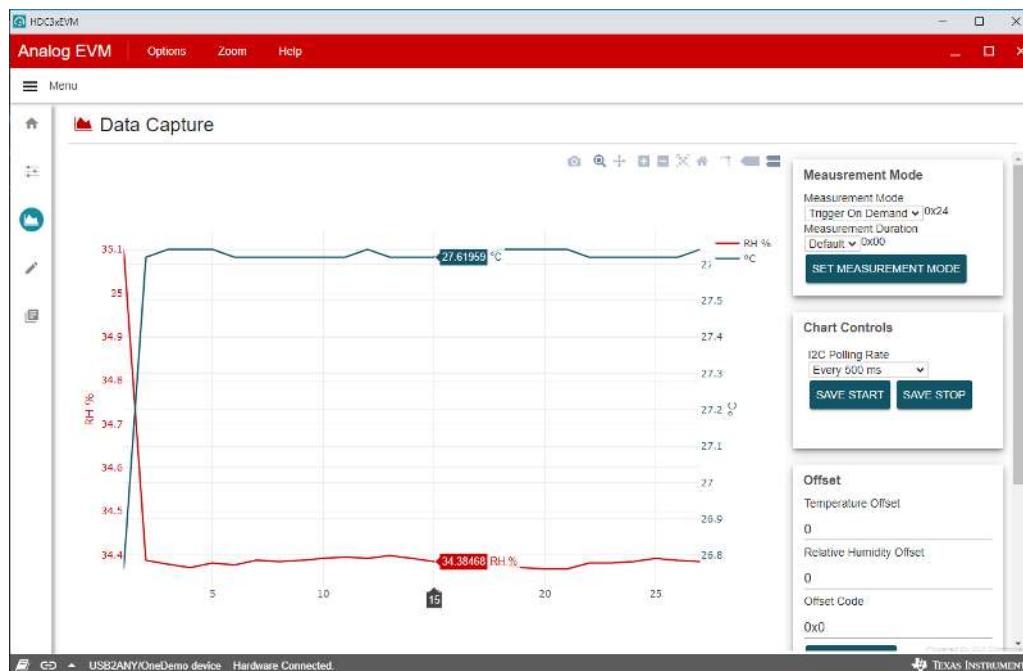
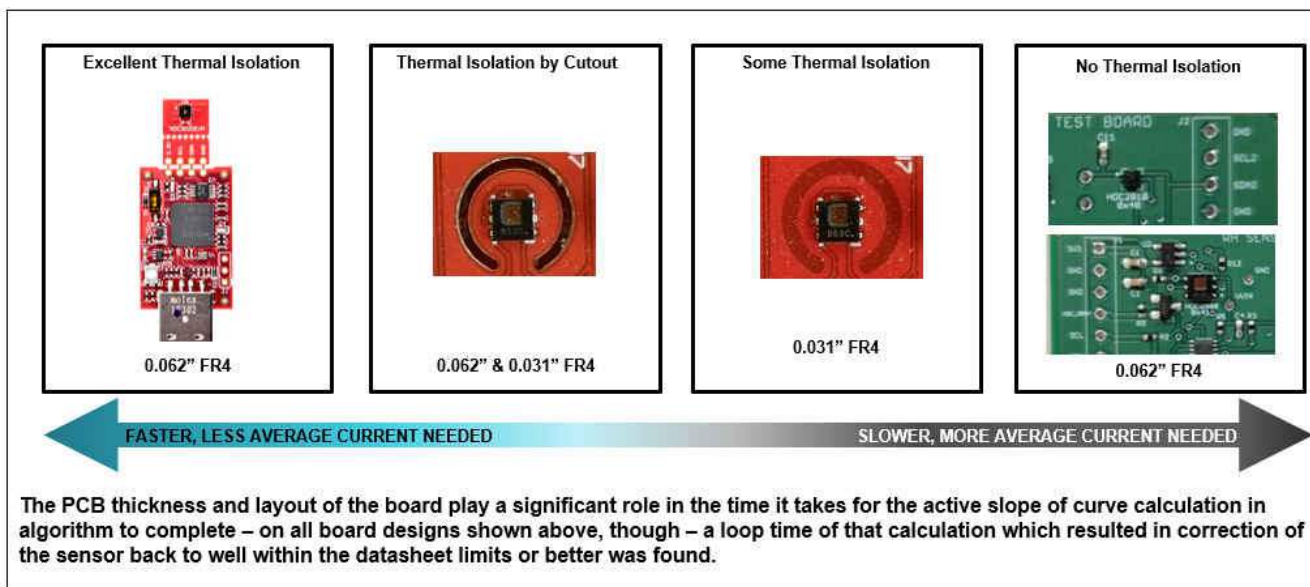


Figure 5-2. HDC3020EVM GUI Data Capture Tab

- Drift Correction
  - The Drift Correction Algorithm calibrates the device and corrects any observed sensor drift that may be encountered due to device mishandling or exposure to contaminants. This feature is not supported in Auto Measurement Mode and the device can only support this algorithm if the drift is less than 25% RH. If the observed drift after running this algorithm is greater than 25%, then the error is only reduced by (actual drift - 25%)
  - [Figure 5-3](#) describes the different layout considerations that can be implemented on the HDC devices. The EVM and the layout with the cutout would require lower current to execute the Drift Correction Algorithm. However, the layout that has little to no thermal isolation would require a lot more current to execute this command. The HDC3020EVM GUI offers three different power levels to run this algorithm: Min Power, Mid Power and Max Power



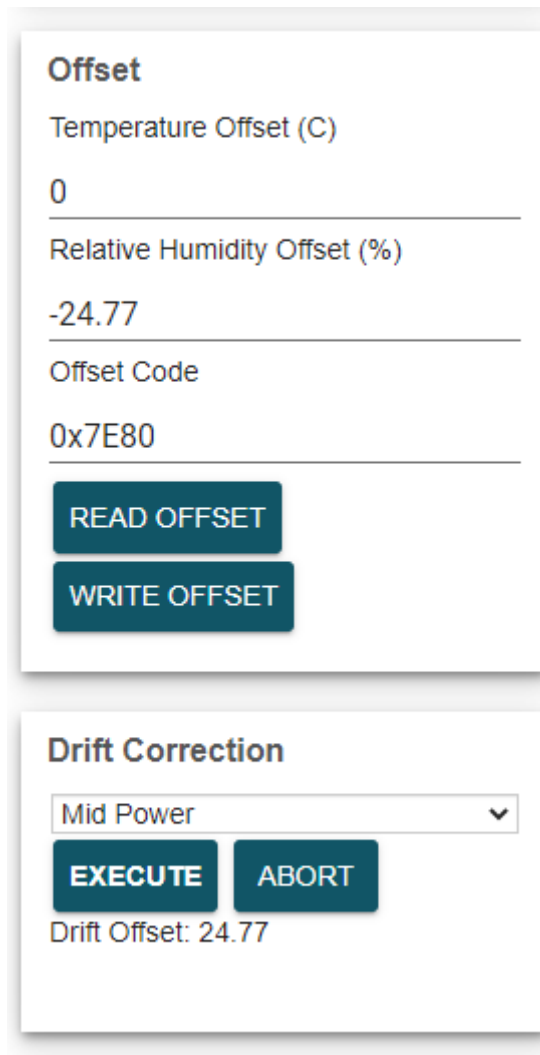
**Figure 5-3. Thermal Isolation Examples**

- This feature is currently only available for a demonstration purpose on the HDC3020EVM. The power settings are specifically chosen to correct the drift on the HDC3020EVM and code compensates for this layout.

**Note**

The Max power should only be used when there is no thermal isolation on the PCB. Using this setting for more than 5 minutes can damage the sensor.

- Execute: This command executes the Drift Correction Algorithm
  - After running this algorithm, the drift offset is displayed in the offset register tab (as shown in [figure 5-4](#)). To correct the offset, select the Write Offset command and the RH value is corrected.
  - The execution time depends on the power setting and the drift observed, but should not last more than 5 minutes. If the algorithm is taking a lot of time, abort the execution and re-start after a few minutes.



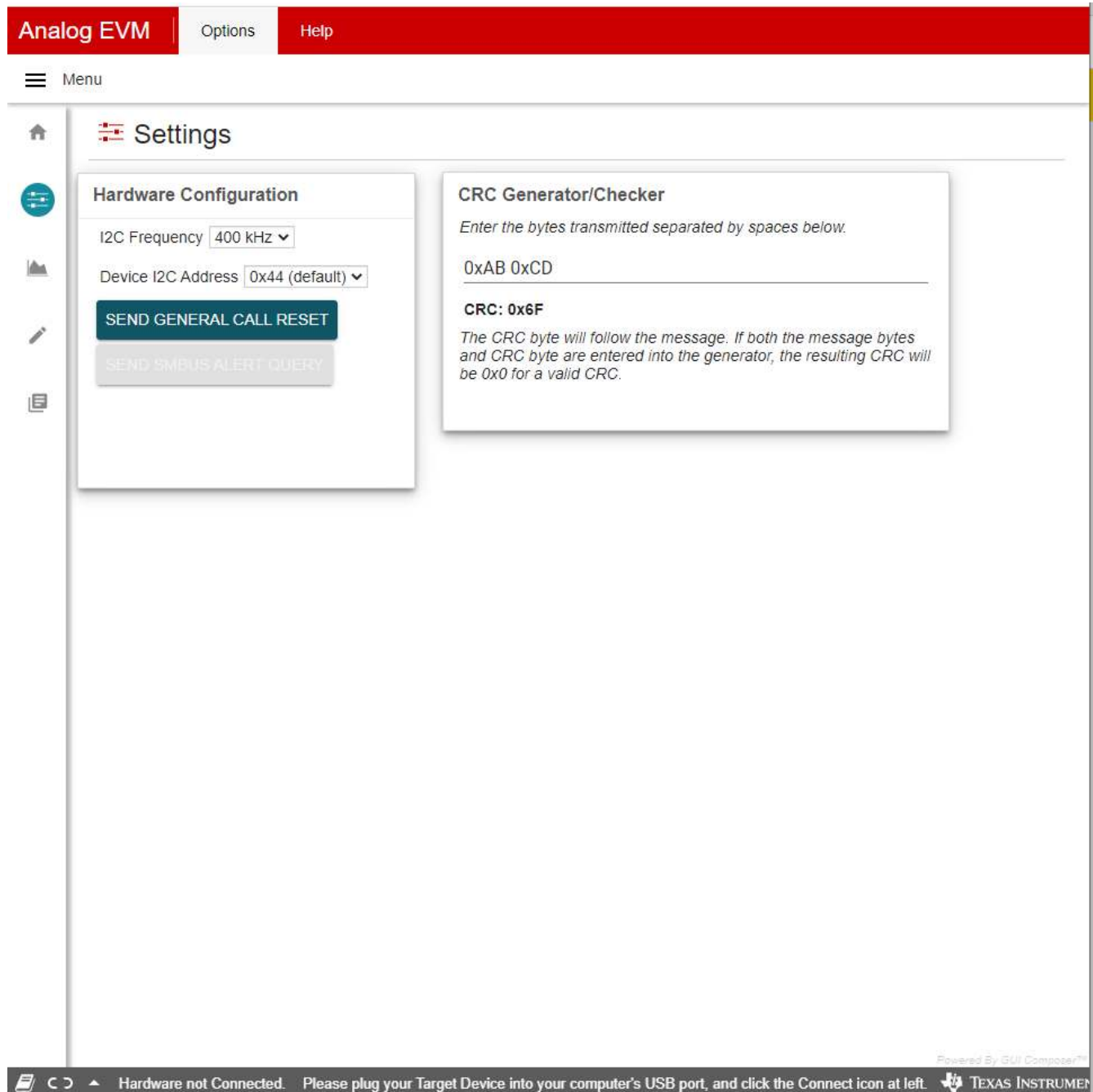
**Figure 5-4. Offset Register Displaying the HDC3020 Drift Offset**

- Abort: Aborts the drift Correction in the middle of an execution.

### 5.3 EVM Settings Tab

The *EVM Settings* tab allows for setup of features for the USB to I<sup>2</sup>C bridge and EVM GUI.

- I<sup>2</sup>C Frequency: Change the communication frequency between the control board and HDC3020EVM.
- I<sup>2</sup>C Address: Selects the address option of the HDC3020.
- CRC Generator: Retrieves the 8-bit CRC byte from the HDC3020. The message bytes must be a hex value and must be separated by a single space.



**Figure 5-5. HDC3020EVM GUI Settings Tab**

## 5.4 Collateral

The *Collateral* tab contains links to articles, guides, reports, and videos which are relevant to the HDC3020 device. This includes the device data sheet and EVM user's guide.

## 6 Board Layout

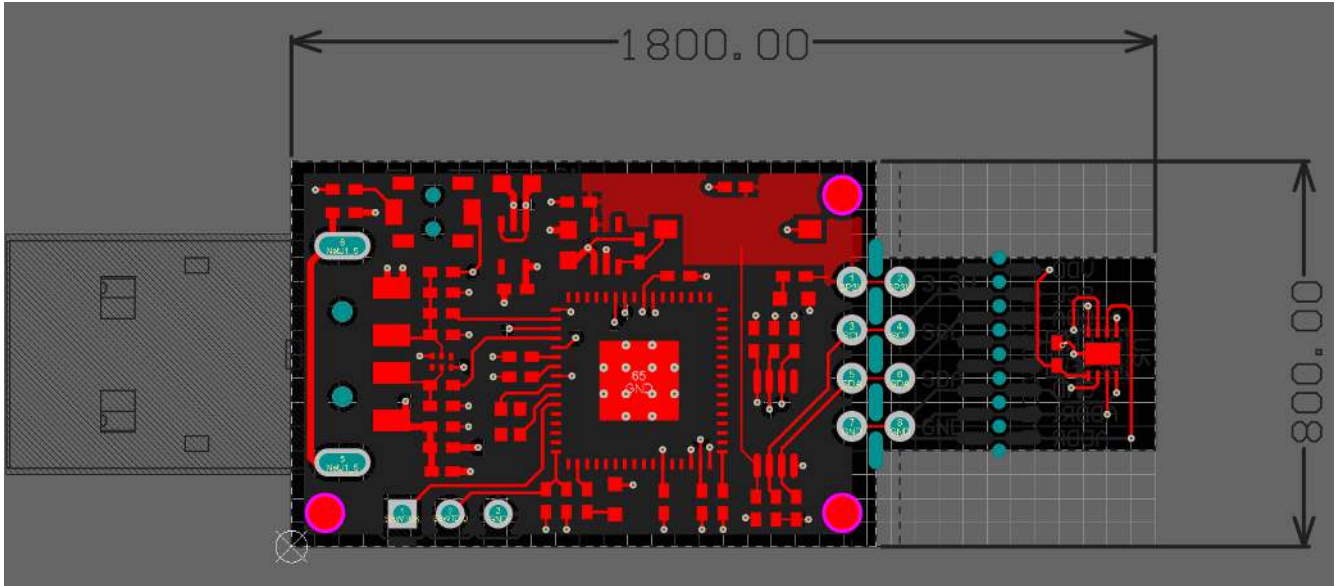


Figure 6-1. Top Layer Routing

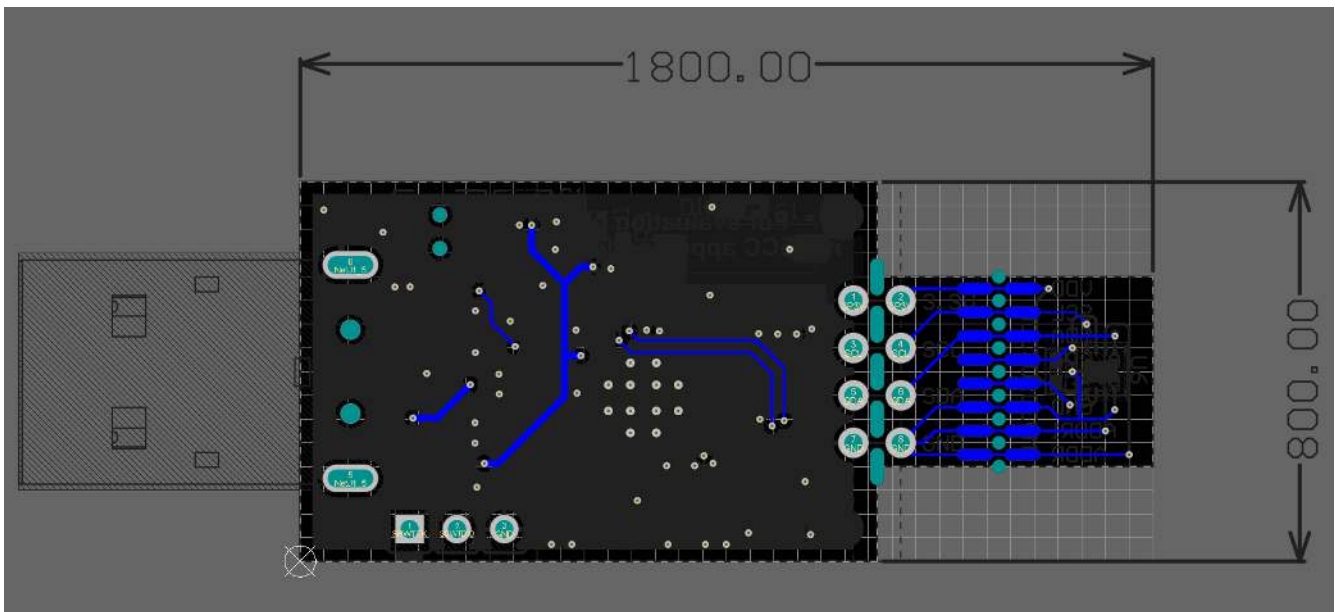


Figure 6-2. Bottom Layer Routing

## 7 Schematic

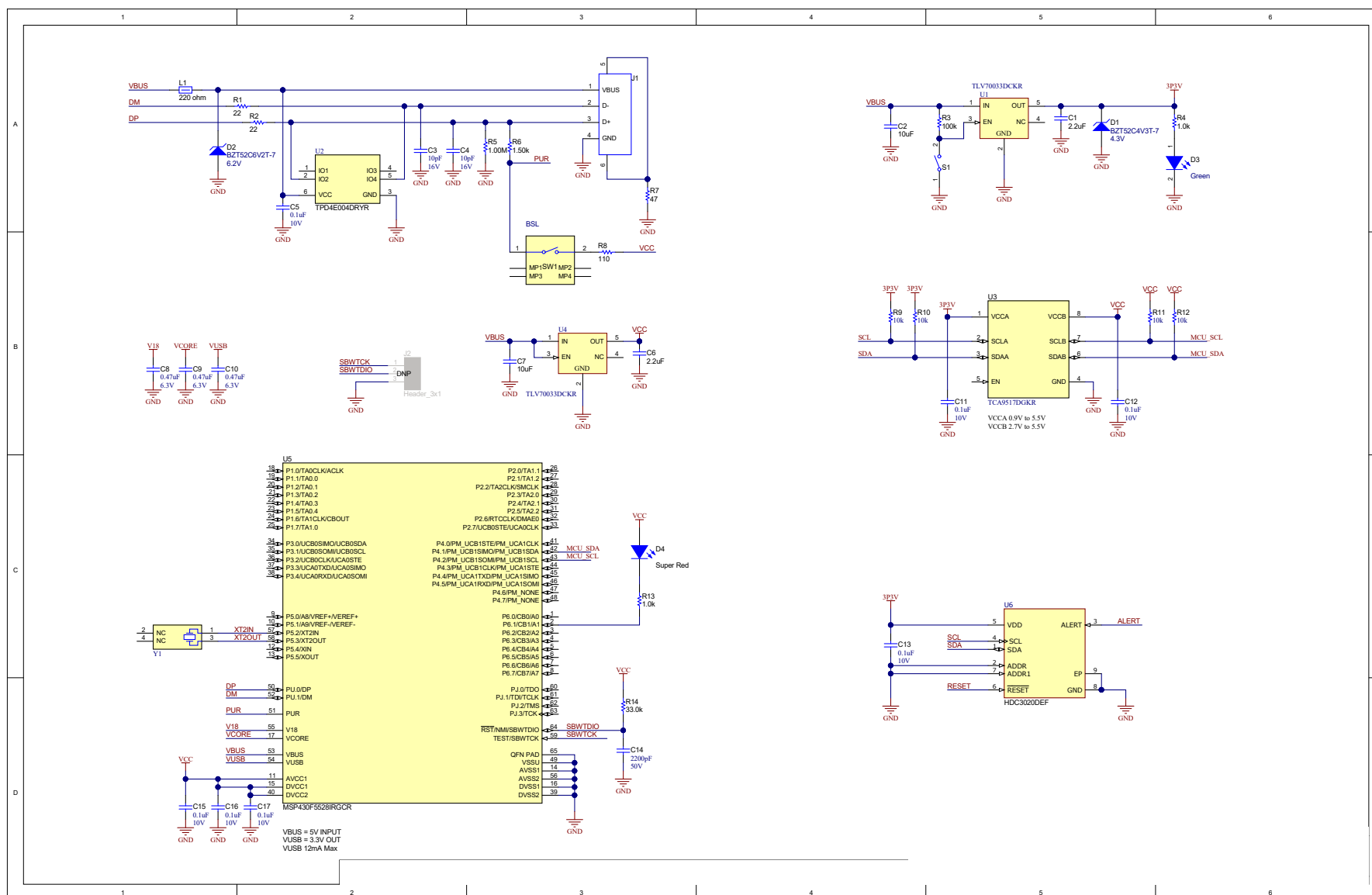


Figure 7-1. HDC3020EVM Schematic



## 8 HDC3020EVM Build of Materials

| Designator                       | Quantity | Description                                      | Package Reference        | PartNumber          |
|----------------------------------|----------|--|--------------------------|---------------------|
| C1, C6                           | 2        | CAP, CERM, 2.2 uF, 16 V, +/- 10%, X5R, 0402      | 0402                     | GRM155R61C225KE11D  |
| C2, C7                           | 2        | CAP, CERM, 10 uF, 10 V, +/- 20%, X5R, 0603       | 0603                     | C1608X5R1A106M080AC |
| C3, C4                           | 2        | CAP, CERM, 10 pF, 16 V, +/- 10%, C0G, 0402       | 0402                     | C0402C100K4GACTU    |
| C5, C11, C12, C13, C15, C16, C17 | 7        | CAP, CERM, 0.1 uF, 10 V, +/- 10%, X5R, 0402      | 0402                     | LMK105BJ104KV-F     |
| C8, C9, C10                      | 3        | CAP, CERM, 0.47 uF, 6.3 V, +/- 10%, X7R, 0402    | 0402                     | JMK105B7474KVHF     |
| C14                              | 1        | CAP, CERM, 2200 pF, 50 V, +/- 5%, X7R, 0402      | 0402                     | CL05B222JB5NNNC     |
| D1                               | 1        | Diode, Zener, 4.3 V, 300 mW, SOD-523             | SOD-523                  | BZT52C4V3T-7        |
| D2                               | 1        | Diode, Zener, 6.2 V, 300 mW, SOD-523             | SOD-523                  | BZT52C6V2T-7        |
| D3                               | 1        | LED, Green, SMD                                  | LED, GREEN, 0603         | SML-LX0603GW-TR     |
| D4                               | 1        | LED, Super Red, SMD                              | LED_0603                 | 150060SS75000       |
| J1                               | 1        | Connector, Plug, USB Type A, R/A, Top Mount SMT  | USB Type A right angle   | 48037-1000          |
| J2                               | 1        | Header, 2.54 mm, 3x1, Gold, TH                   | Header, 2.54 mm, 3x1, TH | GBC03SAAN           |
| L1                               | 1        | Ferrite Bead, 220 ohm @ 100 MHz, 0.45 A, 0402    | 0402                     | BLM15AG221SN1D      |
| R1, R2                           | 2        | RES, 22, 5%, 0.1 W, AEC-Q200 Grade 0, 0402       | 0402                     | ERJ-2GEJ220X        |
| R3                               | 1        | RES, 100 k, 5%, 0.1 W, AEC-Q200 Grade 0, 0402    | 0402                     | ERJ-2GEJ104X        |
| R4, R13                          | 2        | RES, 1.0 k, 5%, 0.1 W, AEC-Q200 Grade 0, 0402    | 0402                     | ERJ-2GEJ102X        |
| R5                               | 1        | RES, 1.00 M, 1%, 0.063 W, AEC-Q200 Grade 0, 0402 | 0402                     | RMCF0402FT1M00      |
| R6                               | 1        | RES, 1.50 k, 1%, 0.063 W, AEC-Q200 Grade 0, 0402 | 0402                     | RMCF0402FT1K50      |
| R7                               | 1        | RES, 47, 5%, 0.1 W, AEC-Q200 Grade 0, 0402       | 0402                     | ERJ-2GEJ470X        |
| R8                               | 1        | RES, 110, 1%, 0.1 W, AEC-Q200 Grade 0, 0402      | 0402                     | ERJ-2RKF1100X       |
| R9, R10, R11, R12                | 4        | RES, 10 k, 5%, 0.1 W, AEC-Q200 Grade 0, 0402     | 0402                     | ERJ-2GEJ103X        |
| R14                              | 1        | RES, 33.0 k, 1%, 0.063 W, 0402                   | 0402                     | RC0402FR-0733KL     |

|        |   |  |                                       |                      |
|--------|---|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| S1     | 1 | Switch, Slide, SPST, Top Slide, SMT  | Switch, Single Top Slide, 2.5x8x2.5mm | CHS-01TB             |
| SW1    | 1 | Switch, SPST-NO, Off-Mom, 0.05A, 12VDC, SMD  | 3.9x2.9mm                             | PTS820 J20M SMTR LFS |
| U1, U4 | 2 | Single Output LDO, 200 mA, Fixed 3.3 V Output, 2 to 5.5 V Input, with Low IQ, 5-pin SC70 (DCK), -40 to 125 degC, Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br) | DCK0005A                              | TLV70033DCKR         |
| U2     | 1 | 4-Channel ESD Protection Array for High-Speed Data Interfaces, DRY0006A (USON-6)   | DRY0006A                              | TPD4E004DRYR         |
| U3     | 1 | Level-Shifting I2C Bus Repeater, DGK0008A (VSSOP-8)  | DGK0008A                              | TCA9517DGKR          |
| U5     | 1 | 16-Bit Ultra-Low-Power Microcontroller, 128KB Flash, 8KB RAM, USB, 12Bit ADC, 2 USCIs, 32Bit HW MPY, RGC0064B (VQFN-64)                  | RGC0064B                              | MSP430F5528IRGCR     |
| U6     | 1 | Integrated Humidity and Temperature Digital Sensor   | WSON8                                 | HDC3020DEF           |
| Y1     | 1 | Crystal, 24 MHz, SMD   | 2x1.6mm                               | XRCGB24M000F2P00R0   |

## 9 Revision History

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Under Industry Canada regulations, this radio transmitter may only operate using an antenna of a type and maximum (or lesser) gain approved for the transmitter by Industry Canada. To reduce potential radio interference to other users, the antenna type and its gain should be so chosen that the equivalent isotropically radiated power (e.i.r.p.) is not more than that necessary for successful communication. This radio transmitter has been approved by Industry Canada to operate with the antenna types listed in the user guide with the maximum permissible gain and required antenna impedance for each antenna type indicated. Antenna types not included in this list, having a gain greater than the maximum gain indicated for that type, are strictly prohibited for use with this device.

### Concernant les EVMs avec antennes détachables

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