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TPS60231EVM-047

Evaluation Module

User's Guide

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Read This First

About This Manual

This user's guide provides the information needed to set up and operate the TPS60231EVM-047 evaluation module. For a more detailed description of the TPS60231, please refer to the product data sheet available from the Texas Instruments web site at http://www.ti.com. Additional support documents are listed in the sections of this guide entitled *Related Documentation from Texas Instruments.*

How to Use This Manual

Throughout this document, the acronym **EVM** and the phrase **evaluation module** are synonymous with the TPS60231EVM–047.

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TPS60231	SLVS544

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TPS60231EVM-047

This user's guide describes the characteristics, operation, and use of the TPS60231EVM-047 LED charge-pump current-source evaluation module (EVM). This EVM features a high-efficiency charge-pump-based white LED driver designed to operate off a single-cell Li-Ion battery and drive up to three white LEDs with up to 20mA each. This user's guide includes setup instructions, test results, a schematic diagram, a bill of materials (BOM), and printed circuit board (PCB) layout drawings for the evaluation module.

1   Introduction

The Texas Instruments TPS60231EVM-047 evaluation module (EVM) helps designers evaluate the operation and performance of the TPS60231. This device is an efficient charge-pump-based current sink that can drive up to three white LEDs with 25mA each. Efficiency is improved by switching between a 1.0x and 1.5x mode, based on the input voltage.

This EVM is specifically designed and optimized to operate with a single-cell Li-Ion battery input. The default maximum current setting for this EVM is 20mA per LED. If desired, this EVM can easily be modified to supply higher or lower currents by appropriately selecting the ISET resistor, R1. For more information on adjusting the LED current, refer to the TPS60231 data sheet (SLVS544), available for download at www.ti.com.

2   Initial Configuration

This section describes the jumpers and connectors on the EVM, as well as how to properly connect, set up, and use the TPS60231EVM-047.

2.1   Input/Output Connector Descriptions

2.1.1   J1: VIN

This is the positive connection to the input power supply or battery.

2.1.2   J2: GND

This is the return connection for the input power supply or battery.

2.1.3   JP1: EN2

This jumper will ground the EN2 pin or connect it to VIN. If the both EN1 and EN2 are connected to VIN, the LED current will be the full programmed value set by R1. For this EVM, that current is 20mA. If EN2 is connected to ground and EN1 is high, the LED current will be set to 1/3 the programmed value, or 6.66mA. If both EN1 and EN2 are grounded, the LEDs will turn off.

2.1.4   JP2: EN1

This jumper will ground the EN1 pin or connect it to VIN. If the both EN1 and EN2 are connected to VIN, the LED current will be the full programmed value set by R1. For this EVM, that current is 20mA. If EN1 is connected to ground and EN2 is high, the LED current will be set to 2/3 the programmed value, or 13.33mA. If both EN1 and EN2 are grounded, the LEDs will turn off.

2.2 Setup

Connect an input supply or battery between J1 and J2. The voltage range on this supply should stay between 2.7V and 6.0V. Set the appropriate brightness by configuring JP1 and JP2.

2.3 Operation

The EVM has been optimized to operate from a single-cell Li-Ion battery with an input voltage range of 2.7V to 6.0V. The value for R1 programs the maximum LED current. For this EVM, the maximum current is set to 20mA. However, by changing the value of R1, LED currents up to 25mA can be achieved. Currents less than 20mA can be achieved by appropriately configuring JP1 and JP2, as shown in Table 1.
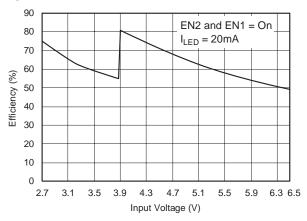
Table 1.   Relative LED Current Levels

JP1 (EN2)	JP2 (EN1)	LED CURRENT
0	0	0
0	1	1/3 full
1	0	2/3 full
1	1	Full (20mA for R1 = 7.87kΩ)

EN1 and EN2 can also be used for pulse width modulator (PWM) dimming. The PWM signal can be applied to EN1, EN2, or both. In this case, the LED current is proportional to duty factor and can have a maximum current dictated by how EN1 and EN2 are configured. The maximum recommended PWM frequency is 50kHz, and the minimum recommended ON time is 2.5μs. For more information on PWM dimming, refer to the TPS60231 data sheet (SLVS544), available for download at www.ti.com.

2.4 Test Results

The efficiency curve in Figure 1 reflects the power delivered to the LED. The output power used for the efficiency calculation is the sum of all the LED currents multiplied by the LED forward voltage.

Figure 1.   Efficiency vs Input Voltage (VIN)

3   Printed Circuit Board (PCB) Layout

PCB layout is critical for all switch-mode power supplies. Figure 2, Figure 3, and Figure 4 show the board layout for the TPS60231EVM-047 PWB. The nodes with high switching frequencies and currents are short and are isolated from the noise-sensitive feedback circuitry. Careful attention has been given to the routing of high-frequency current loops. For specific layout guidelines, refer to the TPS60231 data sheet (SLVS544), available for download at www.ti.com.
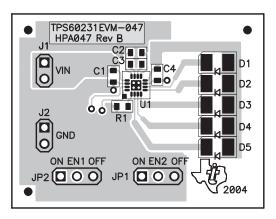
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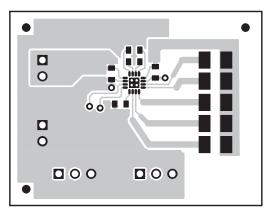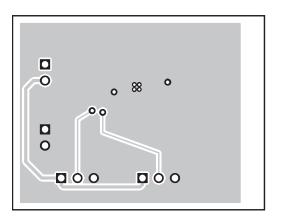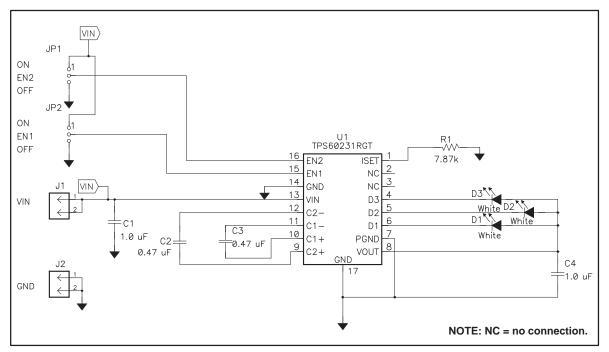

Figure 3. Top Layer Routing

Figure 4. Bottom Layer Routing

4   Schematic

Figure 5.   TPS60231EVM−047 Schematic

5   Bill of Materials

Table 2.   Bill of Materials

Qty	Ref Des	Description	Size	Mfr	Part Number
2	C1, C4	Capacitor, ceramic, 1.0μF, 6.3V, X5R, 10%	603	TDK	C1608X5R0J105KT
2	C2, C3	Capacitor, ceramic, 0.47μF, 10V, X5R, 10%	603	TDK	C1608X5R1A474KT
3	D1 – D3	Diode, LED, White, 30mA	1210	Lumex	SML−LX2832UWC−TR
2	J1, J2	Header, 2-pin, 100mil spacing, (36-pin strip)	0.100 x 2	Sullins	PTC36SAAN
2	JP1, JP2	Header, 3-pin, 100mil spacing, (36-pin strip)	0.100 x 3	Sullins	PTC36SAAN
1	R1	Resistor, chip, 7.87kΩ, 1/16W, 1%	603	Std	Std
1	U1	IC, white LED charge pump current source	0.80 x 0.80	TI	TPS60231RGT
1	−−	PCB, 1.55 in x 1.195 in x 0.062 in		Any	HPA047
2	−−	Shunt, 100mil, black	0.100	3M	929950−00