

LP2951EVM

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1 Introduction

The Texas Instruments LP2951EVM helps evaluate the operation and performance of the LP2951 family of LDOs. The LP2951 family can accommodate a wide input supply-voltage range of up to 30 V.

2 HW Description

This section describes the hardware of the LP2951EVM.

2.1 LP2951 Device

The LP2951EVM comes populated with LP2951-50-Q1 in the SON package. However, this EVM can be used to evaluate the SOIC package LP2951 device as well. [Figure 1](#) shows the EVM populated with the SON package and the pads for the SOIC package on the board. [Table 1](#) shows all LP2951 part numbers and packages that are compatible with the LP2951EVM.

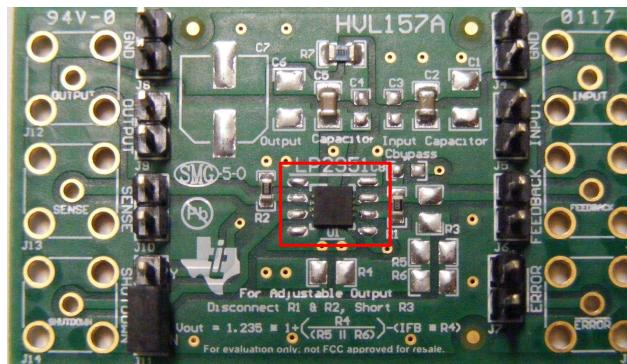


Figure 1. EVM With SON Package and SOIC Pads

Table 1. Compatible Parts and Packages for LP2951EVM

Part Number	Packages
LP2951	SOIC (D)
LP2951-30	SOIC (D)
LP2951-33	SOIC (D), SON (DRG)
LP2951-33-Q1	SON (DRG)
LP2951-50	SOIC (D), SON (DRG)
LP2951-50-Q1	SOIC (D), SON (DRG)
LP2951-N	SOIC (D)

2.2 Input Capacitors

Capacitors C_1 - C_3 are all capacitors routed to the input of the LP2951 device to ground. C_2 comes populated on the board, and has a value of 1 μF . C_1 and C_3 are pads that allow for additional input capacitors to be put on the board and can accommodate different capacitor sizes.

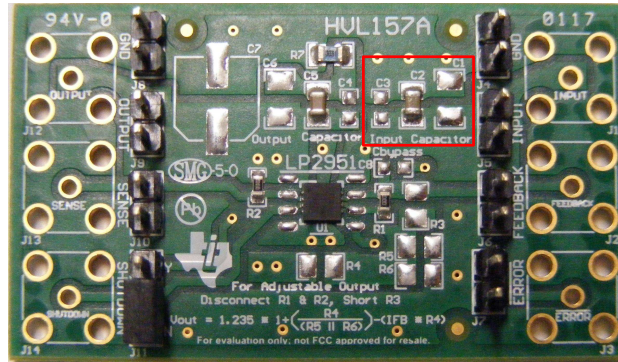


Figure 2. Input Capacitors C_1 - C_3

2.3 Output Capacitors

Capacitors C_4 - C_7 are all capacitors routed to the Output pin. C_4 - C_6 are ceramic caps routed in series with a 1- Ω resistor, R_7 , from the output to ground. This series resistance helps stabilize the internal amplifier of the LP2951 device. See the [LP2951](#) or [LP2951-N](#) data sheet for the recommended series resistance when using a ceramic output capacitor. C_5 comes populated on the board and has a value of 2.2 μF . C_4 and C_6 are pads that allow for additional output capacitors to be put on the board and can accommodate different capacitor sizes. C_7 is meant for an electrolytic capacitor. It is routed directly from the output to ground with no series resistance, but still functionally the same as C_4 - C_6 . Electrolytic Capacitors do not require an external series resistance as the internal ESR of an electrolytic is typically enough to keep the device stable.

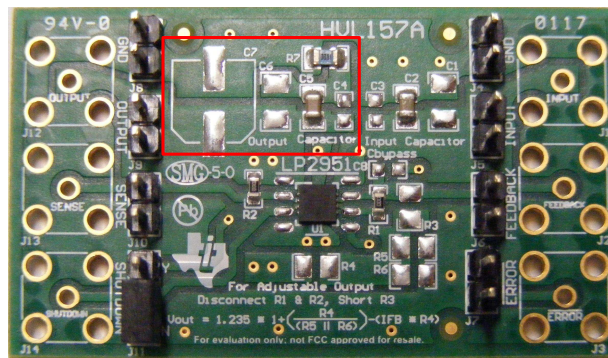


Figure 3. Output Capacitors C_4 - C_7

2.4 Bypass Capacitor

Capacitor C_8 is meant to give additional stability to the internal amplifier of the LP2951 device by placing additional capacitance between the Output and the Feedback pins. Stray capacitance to the LP2951 Feedback pin can cause instability. This may especially be a problem when using high value external resistors to set the output voltage. To fix this problem, populate C_8 with a 100-pF capacitor and increase the output capacitor to at least 3.3 μ F. See the [LP2951](#) and [LP2951-N](#) data sheets for more information regarding the Cbypass.

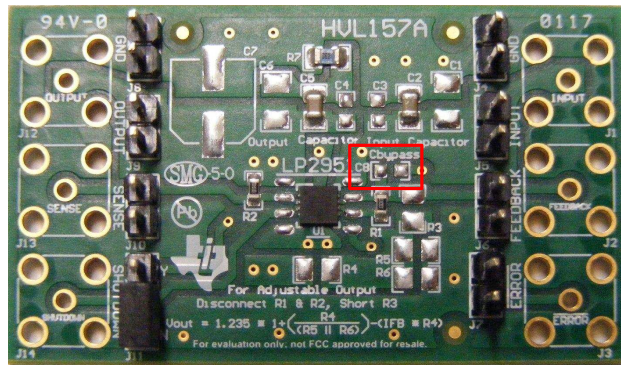


Figure 4. Location for Bypass Capacitor C_8

2.5 Fixed Output Voltage Resistors

Resistors R_1 and R_2 are 0- Ω resistors that keep the output in the fixed output voltage mode when populated. R_1 connects the Feedback pin to the V_{TAP} pin, while R_2 connects the Sense pin and the Output pin.

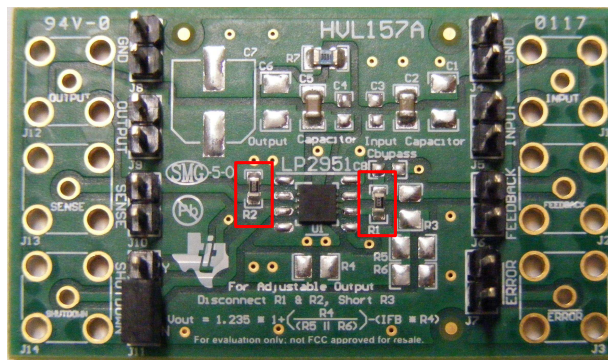


Figure 5. R_1 and R_2 Used to Set Fixed Voltage Mode on EVM

2.6 Adjustable Output Voltage Resistors

Resistors R_3 - R_6 can be populated to set a desired output voltage. To do so, resistors R_1 and R_2 must first be removed. Resistors R_4 - R_6 form a voltage divider and can be populated with values based on the desired output voltage by following the equation on the EVM. R_3 must be populated with a $0\text{-}\Omega$ resistor to short the Feedback pin of the device to the voltage divider of R_4 - R_6 . See [Section 3.2.2](#) for additional information regarding setting an adjustable output voltage.

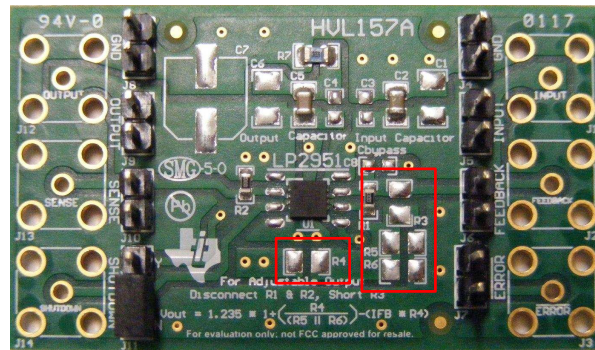


Figure 6. Resistors R_3 - R_6 Used to Set Output Voltage in Adjustable Voltage Mode

3 Setup

These sections describe the jumpers and connectors on the EVM as well as how to properly connect, setup, and use the LP2951EVM.

3.1 *Input/Output Connectors and Jumper Description*

NOTE: Connectors J1-J3 and J12-J14 are blank SMB connectors. These can be populated, or wires can be soldered directly to them. The middle connection of the connector is the signal, while the four edge connections are all ground.

3.1.1 J5 - Input

Input for power. Connect supply to this connector.

3.1.2 J6- Feedback

Determines the output voltage. Connected to V_{TAP} through R_1 with standard setup.

3.1.3 J7 - ERROR

Error output connector. This active low output determines if the output voltage is within 6% of its expected value.

3.1.4 J4/J8 - GND

Return path connectors.

3.1.5 J9 - Output

Regulated output voltage connectors.

3.1.6 J10 - Sense

Output voltage sensing connectors.

3.1.7 J11 - Shutdown

Device shutdown connectors. By shorting the middle pin of J11 to the pin labeled as N, the device remains active. If the middle pin of J11 is shorted to the pin labeled Y, the device will shutdown. See [Table 2](#) for shutdown jumper position connection.

Table 2. Shutdown Jumper Position Versus Output

Jumper Position	Output
N	Enabled
Y	Disabled

3.2 Operating Modes

There are two operating modes of the LP2951EVM. Either fixed voltage operation mode, which is what the EVM is set to out of the packaging, or adjustable voltage mode which the designer can enable.

3.2.1 Fixed Output Voltage Mode

This is the standard way the EVM is populated out of the packaging. For this operation mode the 0-Ω resistors R₁ and R₂ must be populated. Resistor R₁ shorts the Feedback pin to the Shutdown pin, while R₂ shorts the Sense pin to the Output pin. This mode utilizes an internal resistor divider which sets the voltage of the output to a fixed level. The LP2951 device populated on the EVM has an output of 5 V.

3.2.2 Adjustable Output Voltage Mode

To enable the adjustable voltage mode, the resistors R₁ and R₂ must be removed. Resistors R₄-R₆ must be populated with specific values based on the desired output voltage, while R3 is populated with a 0-Ω resistor.

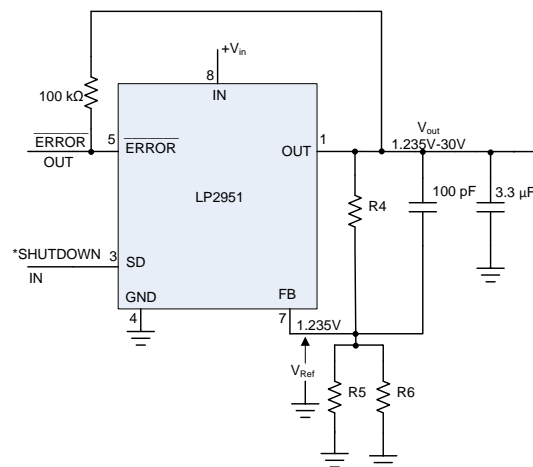
The complete equation for the output voltage is:

$$V_{out} = V_{REF} * 1 + \left(\frac{R_4}{R_5 || R_6} \right) + I_{FB} R_4$$

where

- V_{REF} is the nominal 1.235-V reference voltage and I_{FB} is the Feedback pin bias current, nominally –20 nA

(1)



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Figure 7. LP2951 Adjustable Output Voltage Block Diagram

Figure 7 shows the LP2951 device setup in adjustable output voltage mode. The minimum recommended load current of 1 μA forces an upper limit of 1.2 MΩ on the value of R₅ in parallel with R₆, if the regulator must work with no load (a condition often found in CMOS in standby). I_{FB} produces a 2% typical error in V_{OUT} which may be eliminated at room temperature by trimming R₄. For better accuracy, choosing a parallel combination of R₅ with R₆ = 100 kΩ reduces this error to 0.17% while increasing the resistor program current to 12 μA. Because the LP2951 typically draws 60 μA at no load with pin 2 open-circuited, this is a small price to pay. Figure 8 shows how the LP2951EVM looks set up in adjustable voltage mode.

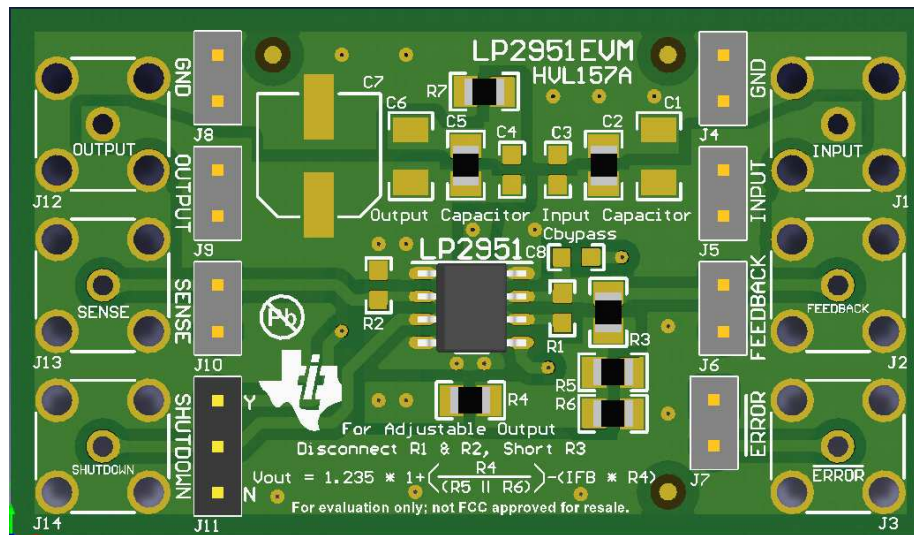


Figure 8. EVM With Adjustable Mode Resistors Populated

3.3 Equipment Connection

- Set power supply to desired input voltage. Verify that the supply is off. Connect positive voltage lead from supply to the input J5 header. Connect the ground lead from the power supply to GND J4/J8 header.
- Connect desired loading device from Output J9 header to GND J4/J8 header.
- Verify that J11 has the Shutdown pin shorted to the pin labeled N.

3.4 Operation

- Turn on the power supply.
- Vary respective load and input voltage, as necessary, for test purposes.

4 Thermal Guidelines and Layout Recommendations

Thermal management is a key component in the design of any power converter and is especially important when the power dissipation in the LDO is high. Use [Equation 2](#) to approximate the maximum power dissipation for the particular ambient temperature:

$$T_J = T_A + P_D * \theta_{JA}$$

where

- Where T_J is the junction temperature, T_A is the ambient temperature
- P_D is the power dissipation in the device (Watts)
- θ_{JA} is the thermal resistance from junction to ambient (2)

All temperatures are in degrees Celsius. The maximum operating junction temperature, T_J , must not be allowed to exceed 125 °C. The layout design must be copper trace. Plane areas smartly, as thermal sinks, to prevent T_J to exceed the absolute maximum rating under all temperature conditions and voltage conditions across the part.

5 Board Layout

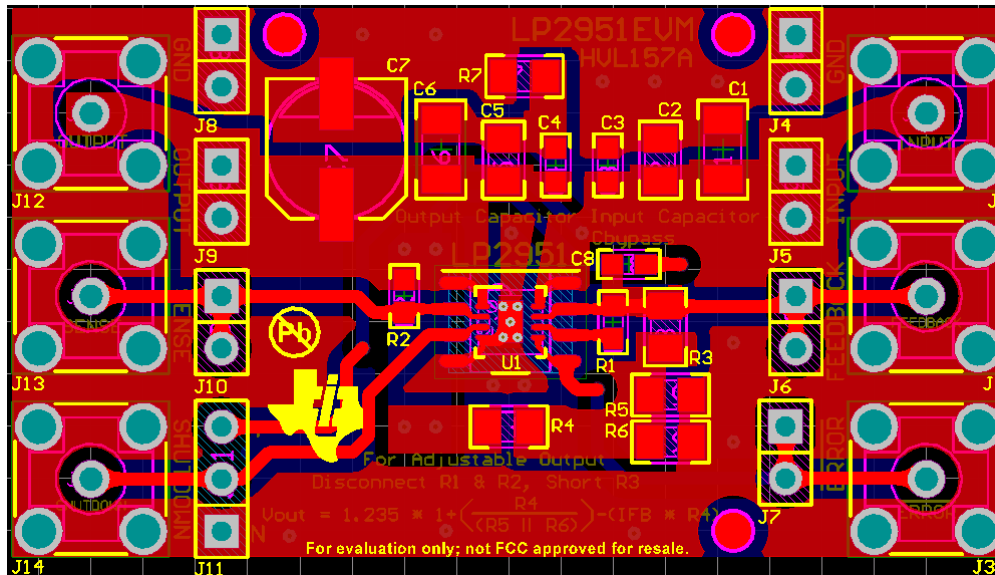
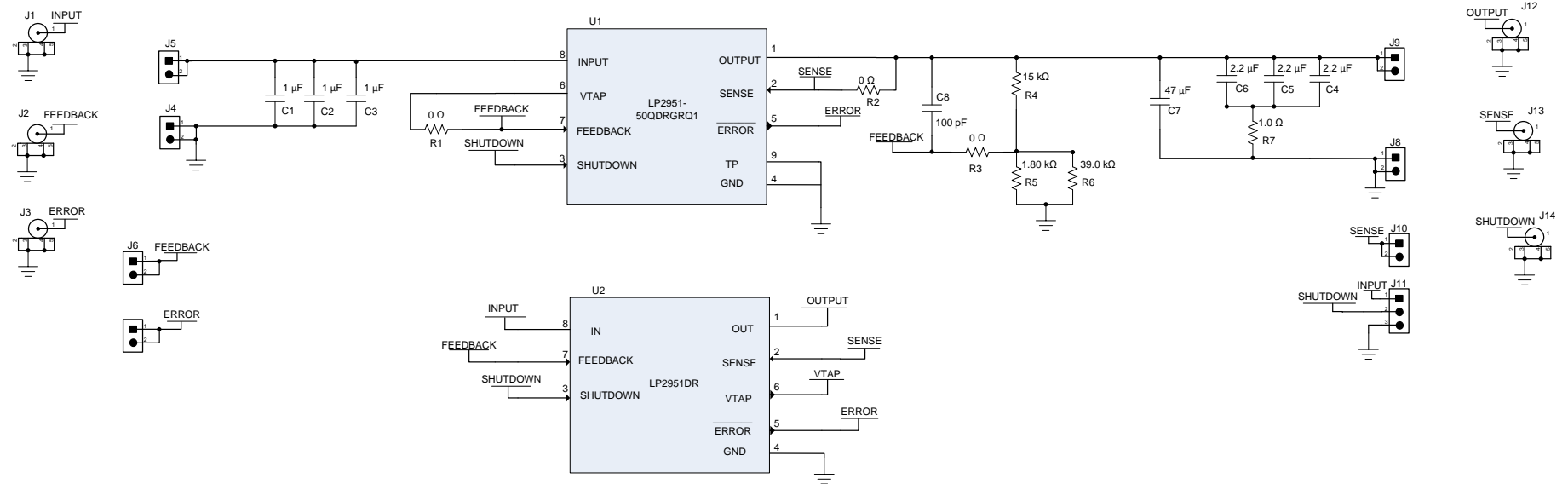


Figure 9. LP2951EVM Board Layout

6 EVM Schematic



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Figure 10. LP2951EVM Schematic

7 Bill of Materials

Table 3. Bill of Materials

Designator	Quantity	Value	Description	Package reference	Part Number	Manufacturer
IPCB1	1		Printed Circuit Board		HVL157	Any
C2	1	1 μ F	CAP, CERM, 1 μ F, 50 V, +/- 10%, X7R, 0805	0805	GRM21BR71H105K A12L	MuRata
C5	1	2.2 μ F	CAP, CERM, 2.2 μ F, 50 V, +/- 10%, X5R, 0805	0805	C2012X5R1H225K1 25AB	TDK
J4, J5, J6, J7, J8, J9, J10	7		Header, 100mil, 2x1, Gold, TH	Header, 100mil, 2x1, TH	HTSW-102-07-G-S	Samtec
J11	1		Header, 100mil, 3x1, Gold, TH	PBC03SAAN	PBC03SAAN	Sullins Connector Solutions
R1,R2	2	0	RES, 0, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	0603	ERJ-3GEY0R00V	Panasonic
R7	1	1.0	RES, 1.0, 5%, 0.125 W, 0805	0805	ERJ-6GEYJ1R0V	Panasonic
U1	1		Fixed Regulator with 1 to 30 V Input and 1.2 to 30 V Output, -40 to 125 degC, 8-Pin SON (DRG), Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	DRG0008A	LP2951-50QDRGRQ1	Texas Instruments
C1	0	1 μ F	CAP, CERM, 1 μ F, 50 V, +/- 10%, X7R, 1206	1206	C3216X7R1H105K	TDK
C3	0	1 μ F	CAP, CERM, 1 μ F, 35 V, +/- 10%, X7R, 0603	0603	C1608X7R1V105K0 80AC	TDK
C4	0	2.2 μ F	CAP, CERM, 2.2 μ F, 35 V, +/- 10%, X5R, 0603	0603	GRM188R6YA225K A12D	MuRata
C6	0	2.2 μ F	CAP, CERM, 2.2 μ F, 50 V, +/- 10%, X7R, 1206	1206	GRM31CR71H225K A88L	MuRata
C7	0	47 μ F	CAP, AL, 47 μ F, 35 V, +/- 20%, 1 ohm, SMD	F55	EMVY350ADA470M F55G	Chemi-Con
C8	0	100 pF	CAP, CERM, 100 pF, 50 V, +/- 5%, C0G/NP0, 0603	0603	GRM1885C1H101J A01D	MuRata
J1, J2, J3, J12, J13, J14	0		Connector, SMB, Vertical RCP 0-4GHz, 50 ohm, TH	236x293x236mil	131-3701-261	Emerson Network Power
R3	0	0	RES, 0, 5%, 0.125 W, 0805	0805	ERJ-6GEY0R00V	Panasonic
R4	0	15.0 k	RES, 15.0 k, 0.1%, 0.125 W, 0805	0805	RG2012P-153-B-T5	Susumu Co Ltd
R5	0	1.80 k	RES, 1.80 k, 0.1%, 0.125 W, 0805	0805	RG2012P-182-B-T5	Susumu Co Ltd
R6	0	39.0 k	RES, 39.0 k, 0.1%, 0.125 W, 0805	0805	RG2012P-393-B-T5	Susumu Co Ltd
U2	0		Adjustable Micropower Voltage Regulator with Shutdown, D0008A (SOIC-8)	D0008A	LP2951DR	Texas Instruments

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• Changed C7 value from 4.7 μ F to 47 μ F in Bill of Materials table	11

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