

# EVM User's Guide: SMARTDAC-DIY-EVM

## SmartDAC-DIY Evaluation Module



### Description

The SmartDAC-DIY-EVM is a supplemental board designed for prototype building and performance evaluation of all smart DAC EVMs (such as the DAC63204EVM, AFE539A4, and more.). The SmartDAC-DIY-EVM contains all tools needed to quickly assemble a system or prototype directly on the board. Additionally, the SmartDAC-DIY-EVM has the required interface to connect to various lab tools and measuring systems.

### Get Started

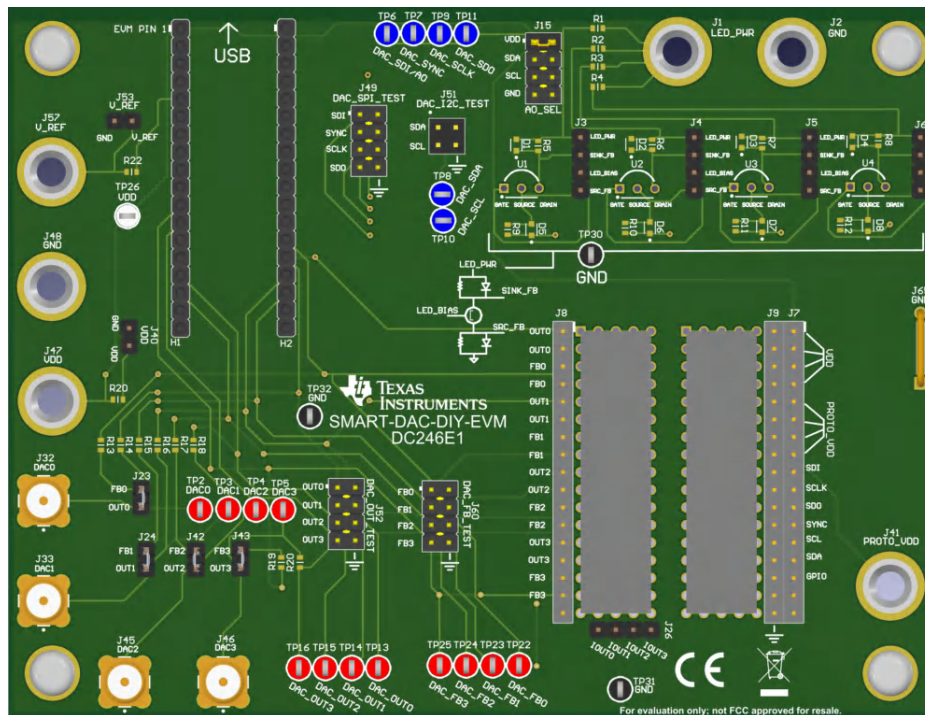
1. Order smart DAC EVM ([Table 1-1](#)).
2. Order [SmartDAC-DIY-EVM](#).
3. Plug in smart DAC EVM into SmartDAC-DIY-EVM.

### Features

- Headers that are compatible with all smart DAC EVMs
- SMA connectors for waveform and error testing
- Variety of ports and connection spaces
- Protoboard space
- Application specific breakout sections

### Applications

- [Barcode scanners](#)
- [Ultrasound](#)
- Laser pointer
- LED biasing
- [Network Interface Card/ Network Switches](#)



# 1 Evaluation Module Overview

## 1.1 Introduction

This user's guide describes the characteristics, operation, and use of the SmartDAC-DIY evaluation module (EVM) and highlights all of the features available on the board.

The board features a pair of headers which are pin compatible with all of the currently available Smart DAC EVMs. Upon insertion, align the top left pin of a Smart DAC EVM with a pin labeled *EVM PIN 1* of header H1.

The board contains multiple access points for standard lab bench equipment for a convenient performance evaluation and prototype integration of a smart DAC. The board also features a protoboard space and application specific subsections.

The DIY EVM has sample schematic diagrams printed on the board to simplify the user experience.

## 1.2 Kit Contents

The package includes:

1. SMARTDAC-DIY-EVM

## 1.3 Specification

Smart DACs support a list of various applications. SmartDAC-DIY EVM provides a convenient way to test the performance of smart DACs and easily integrate into prototype. The board contains SMA connectors, protoboard space and a variety of test points to make the above processes seamless. The smartDAC-DIY-EVM also supports a typical smart DAC application - LED biasing. The board contains space where such application can be assembled and measured.

## 1.4 Device Information

The Texas Instruments new smart DAC and AFE family is a precision DAC family designed to add simple logic to analog design without the need for run-time software. These devices have built in non-volatile memory (NVM) to store configurations, custom pulse-width modulation (PWM) generation, general purpose input/output (GPIO) control, force-sense output, and Hi-Z output even when VDD is disconnected for low-dropout regulators (LDO) or switched mode power supply (SMPS) voltage margining.

Some devices in the Smart AFE family add on programmable state-machine logic, look up tables, ADCs and DACs channels. As an example, the AFE539A4 has integrated proportional-integral (PI) controller for thermoelectrical cooling (TEC) control.

The table below shows the list of all supported devices by DIY-EVM.

**Table 1-1. Supported Devices**

<a href="#">DAC63204EVM</a>
<a href="#">AFE539A4EVM</a>
<a href="#">DAC63004WCSP-EVM</a>

## 2 Hardware

### 2.1 Setup

Plug in a compatible smart DAC EVM into the H1 and H2 headers on the smartDAC-DIY-EVM. Configure all jumpers on smart DAC EVM before applying power to smartDAC-DIY-EVM.

#### 2.1.1 Electrostatic Discharge Caution

##### **CAUTION**

Many of the components on the Smart DAC DIY EVM are susceptible to damage by electrostatic discharge (ESD). Observe proper ESD handling precautions when unpacking and handling the EVM, including the use of a grounded wrist strap at an approved ESD workstation.

#### 2.1.2 Power Configurations

By default, most of Smart DAC EVMs use 5-V USB power. However, the DIY EVM provides multiple access points to connect an external VDD. Please read the appropriate smart DAC EVM user's guide for the required steps to disconnect VDD from USB. The DIY EVM provides 3 access points for both VDD and VREF. Please refer to the table below for more information:

Designator	Name	Component	Function
J47	VDD	Banana Jack	Provides external VDD
J40	VDD	Header	Provides VDD connection (pin2) and ground connection (pin1)
TP26	VDD	Test point	Provides external VDD
J57	V_REF	Banana jack	Provides connection to VREF pin
J53	V_REF	Header	Provides V_REF connection (pin2) and ground connection (pin1)

#### 2.1.3 Jumper Information

The jumper setting plays an important role in Smart DAC DIY EVM. The table below identifies all of the available jumper positions and their functions.

Jumper	Default position	Available option	Description
J15	1-2 closed: A0 is connected to VDD	3-4: A0 is connected to SDA 5-6: A0 is connected to SCL 7-8: A0 is connected to GND	A0 select
J23	Closed: Short channel 0 of VOUT to VFB	Open: Disconnect channel 0 from VOUT off VFB	Channel 0 VFB select
J24	Closed: Short channel 1 of VOUT to VFB	Open: Disconnect channel 1 from VOUT off VFB	Channel 1 VFB select
J42	Closed: Short channel 2 of VOUT to VFB	Open: Disconnect channel 2 from VOUT off VFB	Channel 2 VFB select
J43	Closed: Short channel 3 of VOUT to VFB	Open: Disconnect channel 3 from VOUT off VFB	Channel 3 VFB select

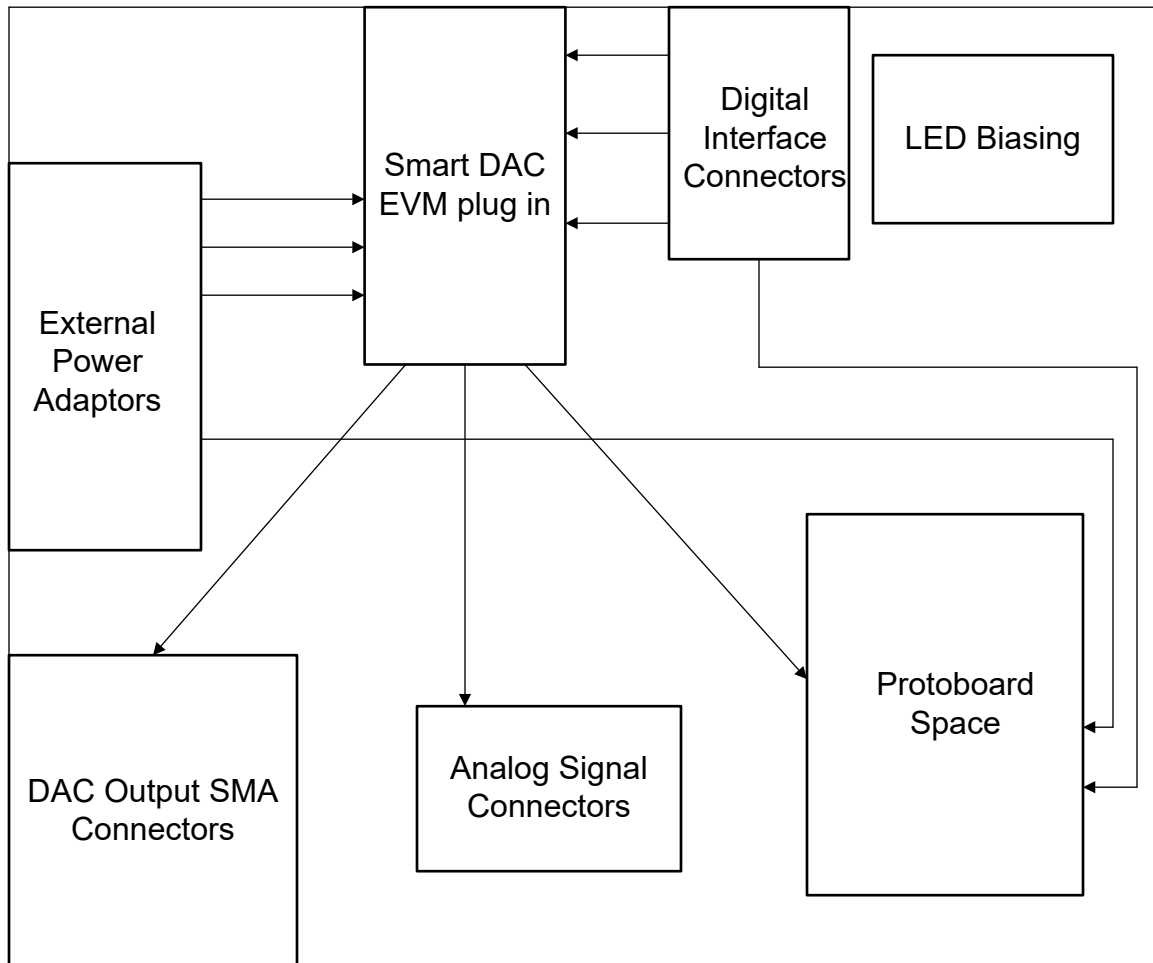
Most smart DAC EVMs have 0 ohm resistor populated connecting VOUT pin to VFB pin. Make sure to depopulate those resistors before utilizing this subsection.

## 2.2 Hardware Description

The following sections provide detailed information on the DIY EVM hardware.

### 2.2.1 Theory of Operation

The reference [Figure 2-1](#) shows a block diagram of DIY EVM. Plug in your smart DAC EVM into headers H1 and H2. The headers is pin compatible to all Smart DAC EVMs. Please note that not all pins on the header are utilized. If that is the case, then make sure that pin 1 on Smart DAC EVM connects to the closest to the edge of the board socket marked *EVM Pin 1* of H1 header.



**Figure 2-1. Hardware Block Diagram**

### 2.2.1.1 Digital Interface

All of smart DACs support I<sup>2</sup>C communication protocols and most of them additionally support SPI and PMBus. The DIY EVM contains multiple access points for each digital communication protocol.

Designator	Name	Component	Function
J49	DAC_SPI_TEST	Header	Provides access to all SPI pins and ground
TP6,TP7,TP9,TP11	DAC_SPI_TESTPOINTS	Test points	Provides access to corresponding SPI pin
J51	DAC_I2C_TEST	Header	Provides access to all I2C pins and ground
TP8,TP10	DAC_I2C_TESPOPOINTS	Test points	Provides access to corresponding I2C pin
J15	A0_SEL	Header	Provides A0 selection to all Smart DACs that support external address selection

### 2.2.1.2 Analog

Most Smart DACs can either output a steady DC signal, a custom waveform or PWM. DIY EVM contains two different areas to measure performance of a DC signal output and an area to measure the performance of wave generation.

The analog signal testing area is always connected and has corresponding headers and test points on the board to be accessible using any lab equipment.

The waveform testing section is disconnected from the rest of the board. Place the following 0 Ohm resistors:

Resistor	Function
R13, R14	DAC Channel 0
R15, R16	DAC Channel 1
R17, R18	DAC Channel 2
R19, R20	DAC Channel 3

Each DAC channel is connected to a corresponding SMA connector on the board through the CHANNEL\_X\_FEEDBACK\_SELECT header. Please refer to a table above for jumper configurations. If custom feedback signal is required, then disconnect the jumper, and connect feedback signal to the FBX pin of the header. Most smart DAC EVMS have 0 ohm resistor populated that connects feedback to the output. Make sure to disconnect those resistors before using these features.

### 2.2.1.3 Proto Space

The DIY EVM has a protoboard space which is included for prototype building an external circuit to connect to the smart DAC. The proto space consists of 2 planes with holes positioned at a standard breadboard (100 mil).

Unpopulated headers J8 and J26 provide an easy access for all analog smart DAC outputs.

Unpopulated header J9 on provides a ground connection.

Unpopulated header J7 provides access to VDD, digital communication signals, and custom power supplied only to protospace from banana jack (J41).

### 2.2.1.4 LED Biasing Sub Circuit

One popular applications with Smart DACs is LED biasing. The top right corner of the board is dedicated to a LED biasing module. The area supports both high-side and low-side LED biasing. A banana jack (J1) supplies power for this subsection of the board. The banana jack can be isolated by removing resistors R1 through R4.

LED biasing requires an external FET to set set up current throught the LED. The board provides an option between high side and low side configuration. Populate FET, LED and resistor on the board. Headers (J3, J4, J5 J6) provide connection to additional signals. Pin LED\_PWR for the system. It is equal to the banana jack input (J1) if corresponding resistor is populated. SINK\_FB pin provides feedback connection in case current sink configuration is used. It is not connected to anything so connection needs to be established to the corresponding feedback pin of the DAC that is being used. LED\_BIAS pin is the gate voltage for the FET. It must be connected to the corresponding output DAC channel. SRC\_FB pin is the feedback connection for current

source configuration. It is not connected to anything so connection needs to be established to the corresponding feedback pin of the DAC that is being used.

Please refer to the circuit diagram printed directly on the board for connection guidance.

### **3 Hardware Design Files**

The following sections includes the hardware design files for smartDAC-DIY-EVM. This section includes the schematics, board layouts, and Bill of Materials (BOM).

### 3.1 Schematic

This section contains the schematics for the Smart DAC DIY EVM

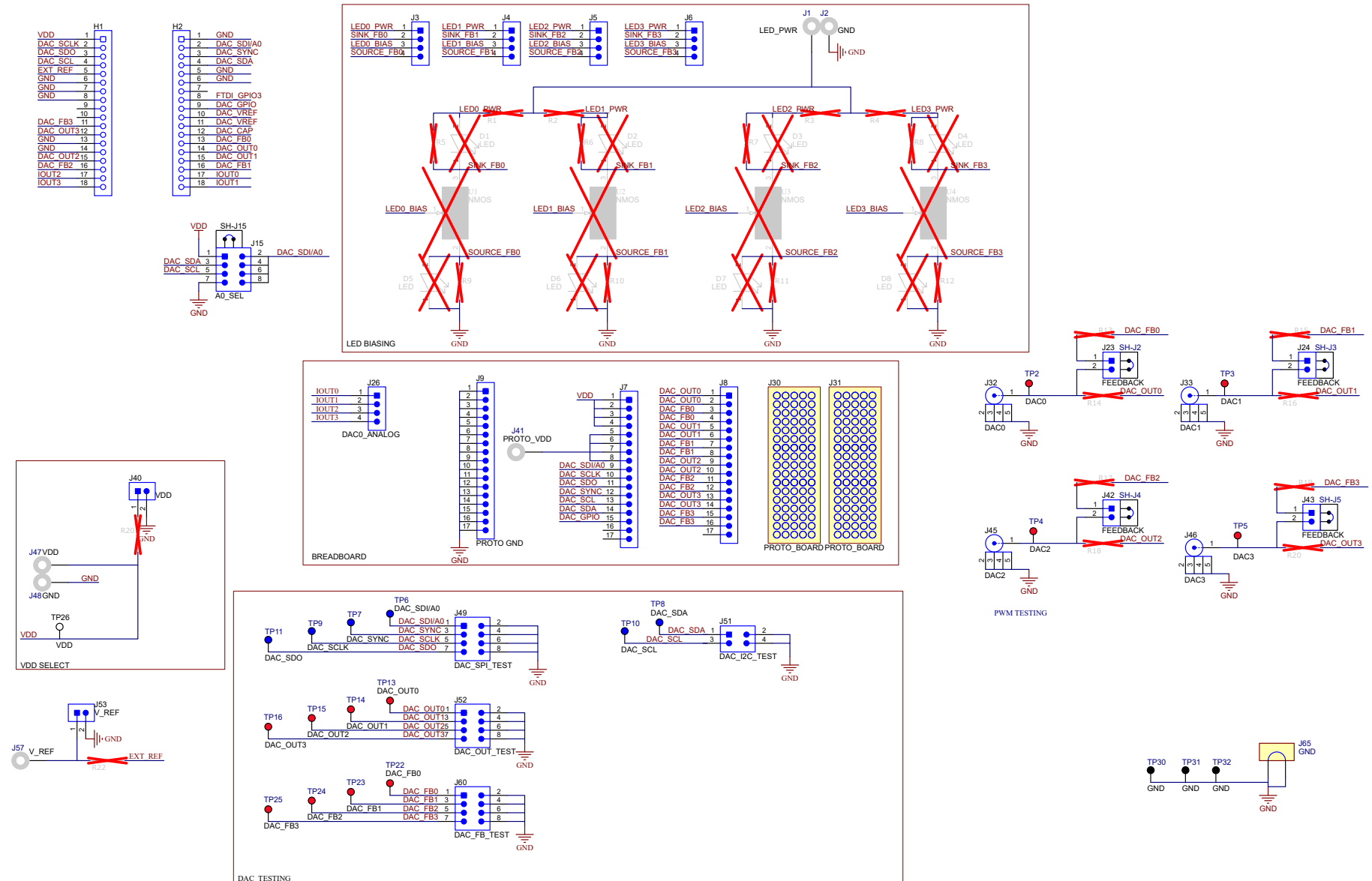


Figure 3-1. Smart DAC DIY EVM Schematic

### 3.2 PCB Layout

This section contains the printed circuit board (PCB) layout diagrams for the DAC63204EVM.

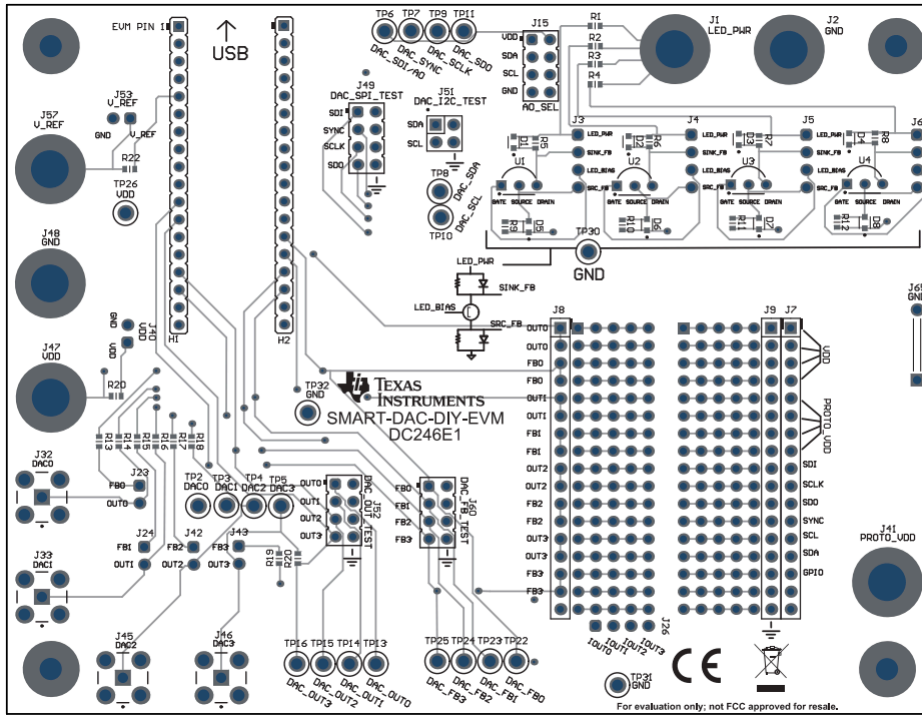


Figure 3-2. Smart DAC DIY Component (Top View)

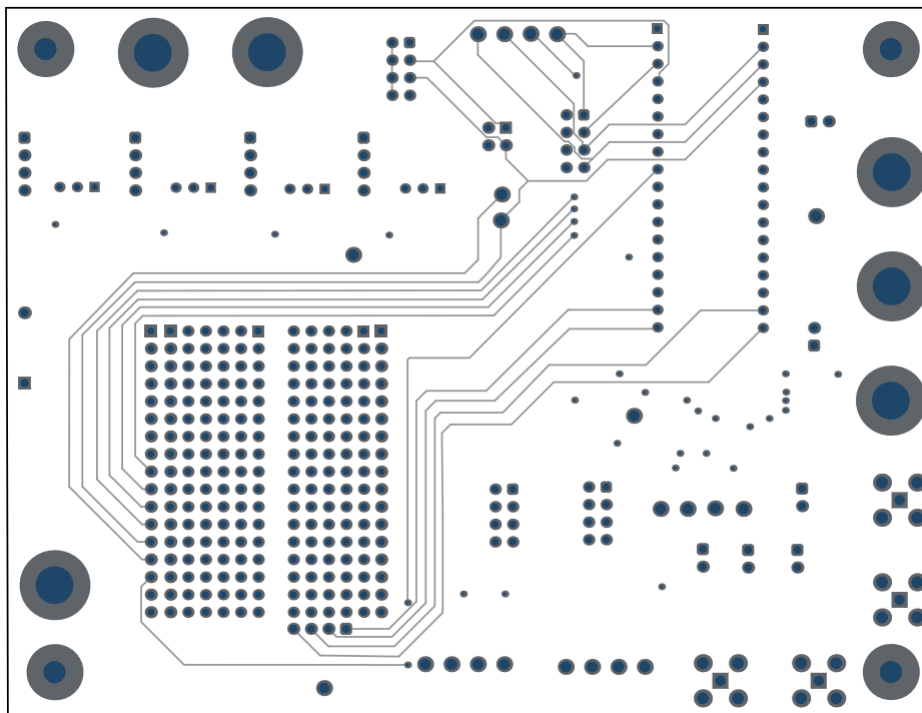


Figure 3-3. Smart DAC DIY Component (Bottom View)



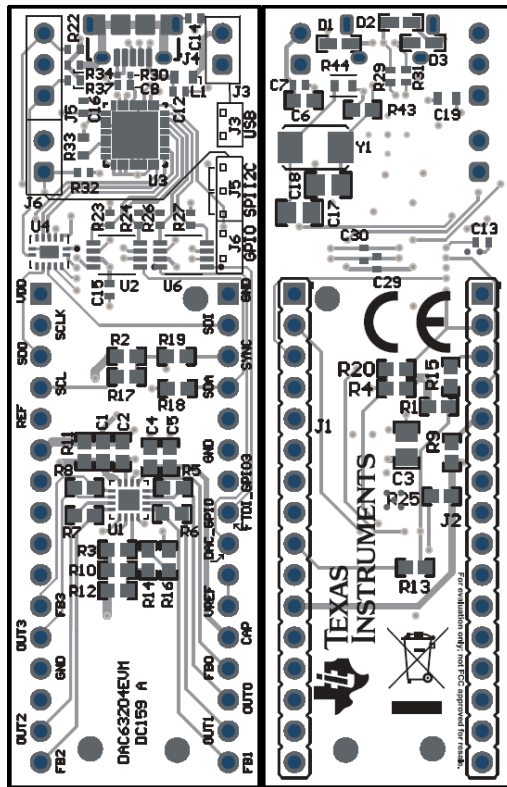


Figure 3-4. DAC63204EVM PCB Components Layout

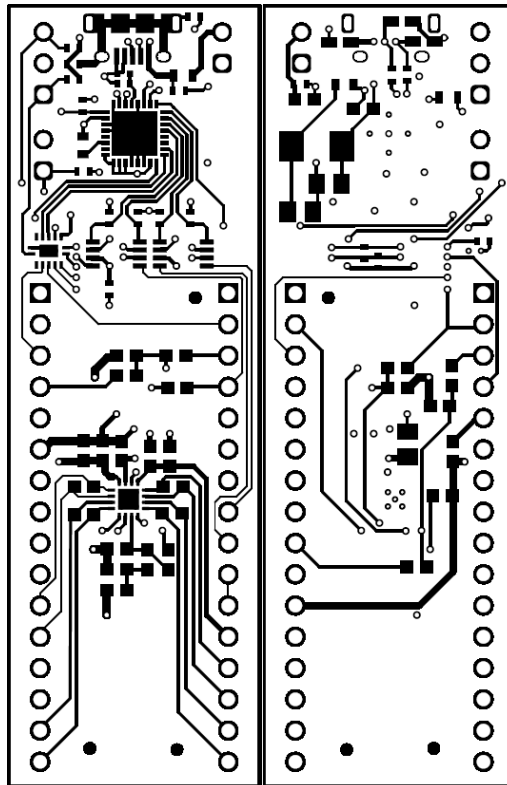


Figure 3-5. DAC63204EVM PCB Layers

### 3.3 Bill of Materials

This section contains the bill of materials for the Smart DAC DIY EVM.

**Table 3-1. Bill of Materials**

Designator	Qty	Description	Package Reference	Part Number	Manufacturer
!PCB	1	Printed Circuit Board		DC246	Any
H1, H2	2	Receptacle, 2.54mm, 18x1, Gold, TH	Receptacle, 2.54mm, 18x1, TH	801-41-018-10-001000	Mill-Max
H1, H2, H3, H4	4	Machine Screw, Round, #4-40 x 1/4, Nylon, Philips panhead	Screw	NY PMS 440 0025 PH	B&F Fastener Supply
H5, H6, H7, H8	4	Standoff, Hex, 0.5"L #4-40 Nylon	Standoff	1902C	Keystone
J1, J2, J41, J47, J48, J57	6	Standard Banana Jack, Uninsulated, 5.5mm	Keystone_575-4	575-4	Keystone
J3, J4, J5, J6, J26	5	Header, 2.54 mm, 4x1, Gold, TH	Header, 2.54mm, 4x1, TH	61300411121	Würth Elektronik
J7, J8, J9	3	Header, 100mil, 17x1, Gold, TH	17x1 header	TSW-117-08-G-S	Samtec
J15, J49, J52, J60	4	Header, 2.54mm, 4x2, Gold, TH	Header, 2.54mm, 4x2, TH	TSW-104-08-L-D	Samtec
J23, J24, J40, J42, J43, J53	6	Header, 2.54 mm, 2x1, Gold, TH	Header, 2.54mm, 2x1, TH	61300211121	Würth Elektronik
J30, J31	2				
J32, J33, J45, J46	4	SMA Connector Jack, Female Socket 50Ohm Through Hole Solder	CONN_SMA_PTH	6.0312E+13	Würth Electronics
J51	1	Header, 100mil, 2x2, Gold, TH	2x2 Header	TSW-102-07-G-D	Samtec
J65	1		JUMPER2	D3082-05	Harwin
LBL1	1	Thermal Transfer Printable Labels, 0.650" W x 0.200" H - 10,000 per roll	PCB Label 0.650 x 0.200 inch	THT-14-423-10	Brady
SH-J2, SH-J3, SH-J4, SH-J5	4	Shunt, 2.54mm, Gold, Black	Shunt, 2.54mm, Black	60900213421	Würth Elektronik
SH-J15	1	Shunt, 100mil, Gold plated, Black	Shunt	SNT-100-BK-G	Samtec
TP2, TP3, TP4, TP5, TP13, TP14, TP15, TP16, TP22, TP23, TP24, TP25	12	Test Point, Multipurpose, Red, TH	Red Multipurpose Testpoint	5010	Keystone Electronics
TP6, TP7, TP8, TP9, TP10, TP11	6	Test Point, Multipurpose, Blue, TH	Blue Multipurpose Testpoint	5127	Keystone Electronics
TP26	1	Test Point, Multipurpose, White, TH	White Multipurpose Testpoint	5012	Keystone
TP30, TP31, TP32	3	Test Point, Multipurpose, Black, TH	Black Multipurpose Testpoint	5011	Keystone Electronics
D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D7, D8	0	Red 630 nm LED Indication - Discrete 2 V 0603 (1608 Metric)	0603	APG1608SURKC/T	Kingbright
FID1, FID2, FID3	0	Fiducial mark. There is nothing to buy or mount.	N/A	N/A	N/A
R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9, R10, R11, R12, R13, R14, R15, R16, R17, R18, R19, R20, R22	0	0 Ohms ±1% Chip Resistor 0603 (1608 Metric) Thick Film	0603	CR160000F	Meritek Electronics
U1, U2, U3, U4	0	100 mA Adjustable Output Negative Voltage Regulator, LP0003A (TO-92-3)	LP0003A	LM337LZ/NOPB	Texas Instruments

## 4 Additional Information

### Trademarks

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## 5 Related Documentation from Texas Instruments

The following document provides information regarding Texas Instruments integrated circuits used in the assembly of the Smart DAC DIY EVM. This user's guide is available from the TI web site under literature number SLAU898. Any letter appended to the literature number corresponds to the document revision that is current at the time of the writing of this document. Newer revisions can be available from the TI web site at [www.ti.com](http://www.ti.com), or call the Texas Instruments Literature Response Center at (800) 477-8924 or the Product Information Center at (972) 644-5580. When ordering, identify the document by both title and literature number.

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- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

#### 3.2 Canada

##### 3.2.1 For EVMs issued with an Industry Canada Certificate of Conformance to RSS-210 or RSS-247

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