

TPS54678EVM-155 6-A, SWIFT™ Regulator Evaluation Module

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1 Introduction

This User's Guide contains background information for the TPS54678 as well as support documentation for the TPS54678EVM-155 evaluation module (EVM) (PWR155). Also included are the performance specifications, the schematic, and the bill of materials for the EVM.

1.1 Background

The TPS54678 dc/dc converter is designed to provide up to a 6-A output from an input voltage source of 2.95 V to 6 V. Rated input voltage and output current range for the EVM are given in [Table 1](#). This EVM demonstrates the small printed-circuit board areas that are achieved when designing with the TPS54678 regulator. The switching frequency is externally set at a nominal 500 kHz. The high-side and low-side MOSFETs are incorporated inside the TPS54678 package along with the gate-drive circuitry. The low drain-to-source on resistance of the MOSFETs allow the TPS54678 to achieve high efficiencies and helps keep the junction temperature low at high output currents. The compensation components are external to the integrated circuit (IC), and an external divider allows for an adjustable output voltage. Additionally, the TPS54678 provides adjustable slow start and undervoltage lockout inputs. The absolute maximum input voltage is 7 V for the EVM.

Table 1. Input Voltage and Output Current Summary

EVM	INPUT VOLTAGE RANGE	OUTPUT CURRENT RANGE
TPS54678EVM-155	$V_{IN} = 3 \text{ V to } 6 \text{ V}$	0 A to 6 A

1.2 Performance Specification Summary

A summary of the EVM performance specifications is provided in [Table 2](#). Specifications are given for an input voltage of $V_{IN} = 5 \text{ V}$ and an output voltage of 1.2 V, unless otherwise specified. The EVM is designed and tested for $V_{IN} = 3 \text{ V to } 6 \text{ V}$. The ambient temperature is 25°C for all measurements, unless otherwise noted.

Table 2. TPS54678EVM-155 Performance Specification Summary

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
INPUT CHARACTERISTICS					
Operating voltage range		3	5	6	V
V_{IN} start voltage					V
V_{IN} stop voltage					V
OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS					
Output voltage, V_{OUT}	Output current = 0 to 6A		1.2		V
Output load current, I_{OUT1}	I_{OUT_min} to I_{OUT_max}	0		6	A
Output voltage regulation	Line Regulation: Input voltage = 3 V to 6 V		0.5%		
	Load Regulation: Output current = 0 A to I_{OUT_max}		0.5%		
Transient response	$I_{OUT} = 3 \text{ A to } 6 \text{ A}$ and $6 \text{ A to } 3 \text{ A}$		60		mV
			200		μs
Output voltage ripple	$V_{IN} = 5 \text{ V}$, $I_{OUT} = 6 \text{ A}$				mVpp
Output over current			10		A
SYSTEMS CHARACTERISTICS					
Switching frequency	F_{SW}		500		kHz
Control loop bandwidth	$V_{IN} = 3.3 \text{ V}$, $I_O = 6 \text{ A}$				kHz
Phase Margin	$V_{IN} = 3.3 \text{ V}$, $I_O = 6 \text{ A}$				Degrees
Input ripple voltage					mVp-p
Soft start time					mSec
Peak efficiency	$V_{IN} = V$, $I_{OUT} = A$				%
Full load efficiency	$V_{IN} = V$, $I_{OUT} = 6 \text{ A}$				%
Operating temperature	T_{oper}		25		°C

1.3 Modifications

These evaluation modules are designed to provide access to the features of the TPS54678. This module can be modified.

1.3.1 Output Voltage Set Point

The voltage dividers, R9 and R10, are used to set the output voltage. Change the output voltage of the EVM by changing the value of resistor R9. Changing the value of R9 changes the output voltage above 0.6 V. The value of R9 for a specific output voltage is calculated using [Equation 1](#). Use 10.0 kΩ for R10.

$$R9 = R10 \times \left(\frac{V_{OUT}}{0.6 \text{ V}} - 1 \right) \quad (1)$$

[Table 3](#) lists the R9 and R10 values for some common output voltages. Note that V_{IN} must be in a range so that the minimum on-time is greater than 80 ns, and the maximum duty cycle is less than 92%. The values given in [Table 3](#) show standard values and the closest E96 match.

Table 3. Output Voltages Available

R9 Ideal	R9 Actual (E96)	R10	V _{OUT} Ideal	V _{OUT} Actual
0	0	10.0E+3	0.60	0.60
3.33E+3	3.32E+3	10.0E+3	0.80	0.80
6.67E+3	6.65E+3	10.0E+3	1.00	1.00
10.00E+3	10.00E+3	10.0E+3	1.20	1.20
13.33E+3	13.30E+3	10.0E+3	1.40	1.40
16.67E+3	16.50E+3	10.0E+3	1.60	1.59
20.00E+3	20.00E+3	10.0E+3	1.80	1.80
23.33E+3	23.20E+3	10.0E+3	2.00	1.99
26.67E+3	26.70E+3	10.0E+3	2.20	2.20
30.00E+3	30.10E+3	10.0E+3	2.40	2.41
33.33E+3	33.20E+3	10.0E+3	2.60	2.59
36.67E+3	36.50E+3	10.0E+3	2.80	2.79

1.3.2 Slow Start Time

The slow start time is adjusted by changing the value of C7. Use [Equation 2](#) to calculate the required value of C7 for a desired slow start time

$$C_{ss}(\text{nF}) = 3 \times T_{ss}(\text{ms}) \quad (2)$$

C7 is set to 0.01 μF on the EVM for a default slow start time of 3.33 ms.

1.3.3 Adjustable UVLO

The under voltage lock out (UVLO) can be adjusted externally using R1 and R2. The EVM is set for a start voltage of 2.88 V and a stop voltage of 2.57 V using R1 = 47.5 kΩ and R2 = 35.7 kΩ. The following parameters should be used to determine the UVLO performance:

#	Parameter	Value
1	Enable Pin Current when OFF	700 nA
2	Enable Pin Current when ON	2.8 μA + 700 nA
3	Enable Pin Turn ON Threshold	1.3 V
4	Enable Pin Turn OFF Threshold	1.18 V

Use Equation 3 and Equation 4 to calculate required resistor values for different start and stop voltages.

$$I_{R2ON} = \frac{1.30}{R_2}$$

$$I_{R1ON} = I_{R2ON} - 700n = \frac{(V_{ON} - 1.30)}{R_1}$$

$$V_{ON} = \frac{R_1}{R_2}(1.30) - R_1(700n) + 1.30 \quad (3)$$

$$I_{R2OFF} = \frac{1.18}{R_2}$$

$$I_{R1OFF} = I_{R2OFF} - (2.8u + 700n) = \frac{(V_{OFF} - 1.18)}{R_1}$$

$$V_{OFF} = \frac{R_1}{R_2}(1.18) - R_1(2.8u + 700n) + 1.18 \quad (4)$$

2 Test Setup and Results

This section describes how to properly connect, set up, and use the EVM. The section also includes test results typical for the EVM and covers efficiency, output voltage regulation, load transients, loop response, output ripple, input ripple, and start-up.

2.1 Input/Output Connections

The EVM is provided with input/output connectors and test points as shown in Table 4 and Figure 1. A power supply capable of supplying 3 A must be connected to J1 through a pair of 20 AWG wires. The load must be connected to J2 through a pair of 20 AWG wires. The maximum load current capability must be at least 6 A to use the full capability of this EVM. Wire lengths must be minimized to reduce losses in the wires. Test-point, TP1, provides a place to monitor the V_{IN} input voltages with TP2 providing a convenient ground reference. TP8 is used to monitor the output voltage with TP9 as the ground reference.

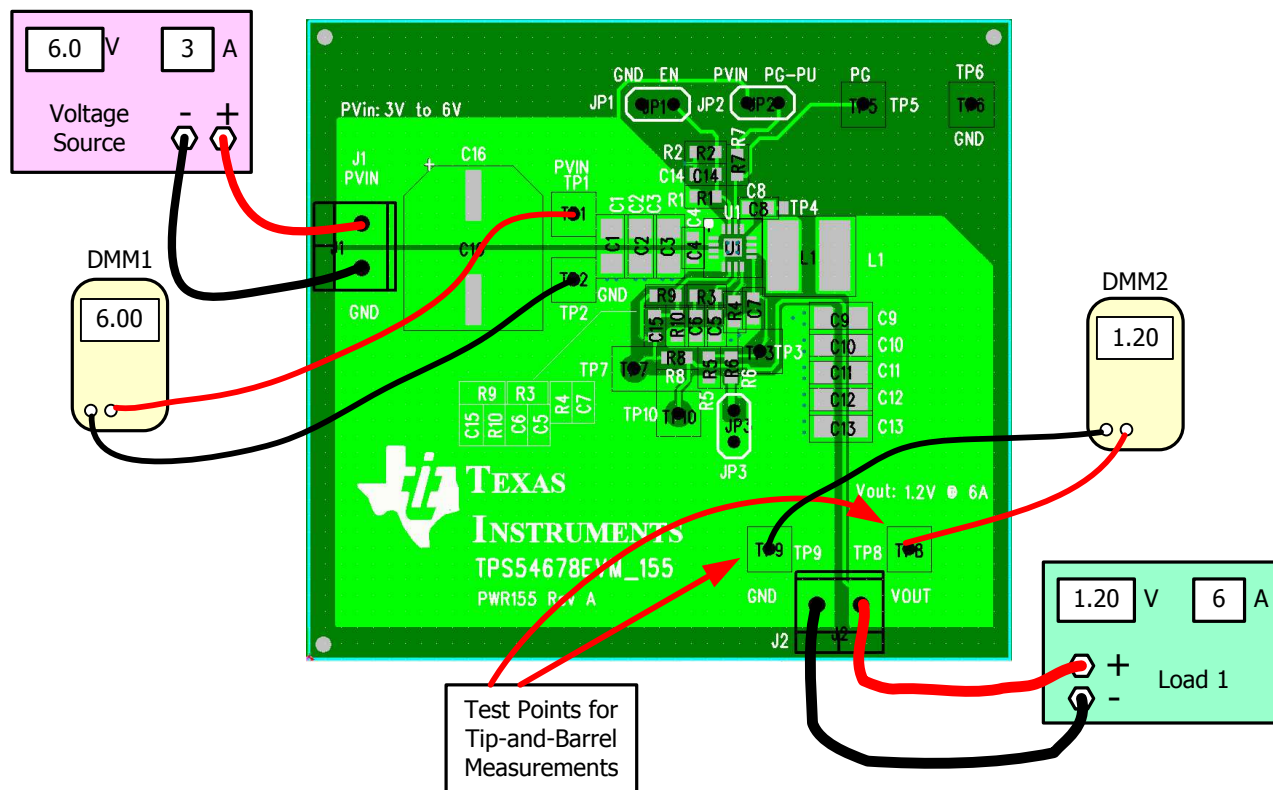


Figure 1. Test Connections

Table 4. EVM Connectors and Test Points

Reference Designator	Function
J1	Input voltage
J2	Access to track function
J3	Output voltage
JP1	2-pin header for enable. Connect EN to ground to disable, open to enable.
JP2	2-pin header allowing pull up of PWRGD to V_{IN} .
TP1	$V_{IN} +VE$
TP2	$V_{IN} -VE$
TP3	SS pin
TP4	Switch node, copper dot
TP5	Power Good pin
TP6	AGND reference
TP7	Bode injection point, input voltage
TP8	$V_{OUT} +VE$
TP9	$V_{OUT} -VE$
TP10	Bode injection point, output voltage

2.2 Efficiency

The efficiency of this EVM peaks at a load current of about 1 A to 2 A and then decreases as the load current increases towards full load. Figure 2 shows the efficiency of the EVM at an ambient temperature of 25°C.

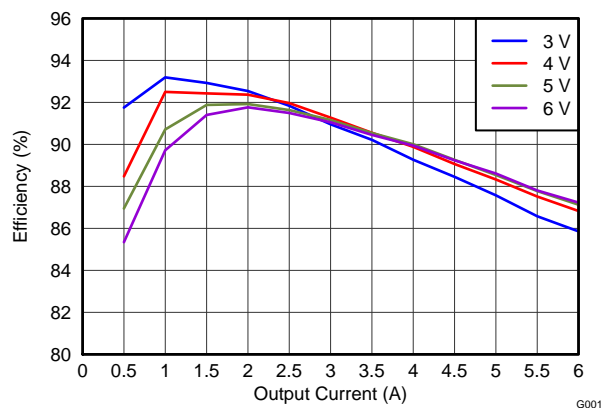


Figure 2. TPS54678EVM-155 Efficiency

The efficiency may be lower at higher ambient temperatures, due to temperature variation in the drain-to-source resistance R_{DS_ON} of the internal MOSFETs.

2.3 Output Voltage Load Regulation

Figure 3 shows the load regulation for the EVM.

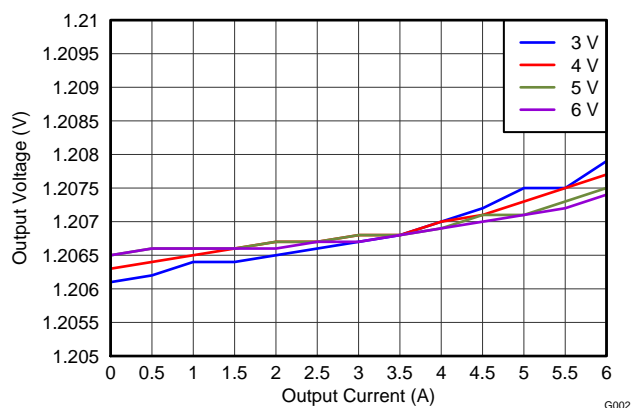


Figure 3. TPS54678EVM-155 Load Regulation

Measurements are given for an ambient temperature of 25°C.

2.4 Output Voltage Line Regulation

Figure 4 shows the line regulation for the EVM.

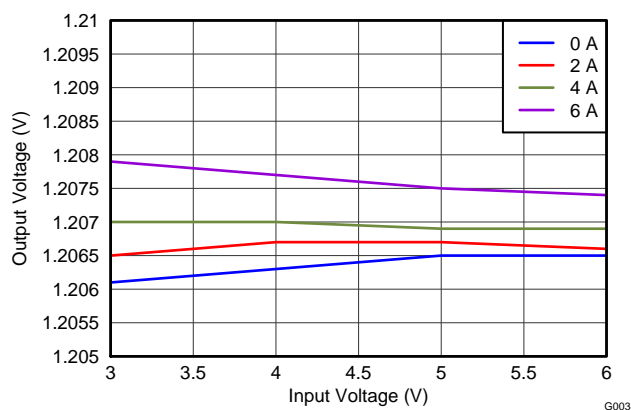
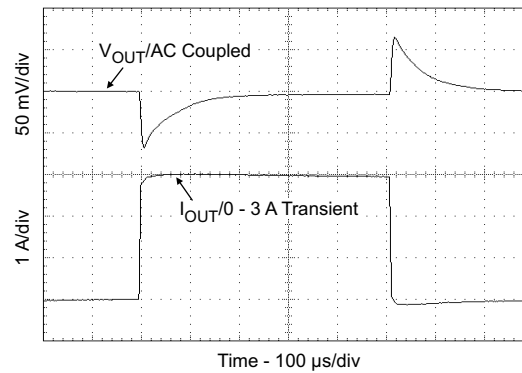


Figure 4. TPS54678EVM-155 Line Regulation

2.5 Load Transients

Figure 5 shows the EVM response to load transients. The current step is from 0% to 50% of maximum rated load at 3.0- V input. Total peak-to-peak voltage variation is as shown.

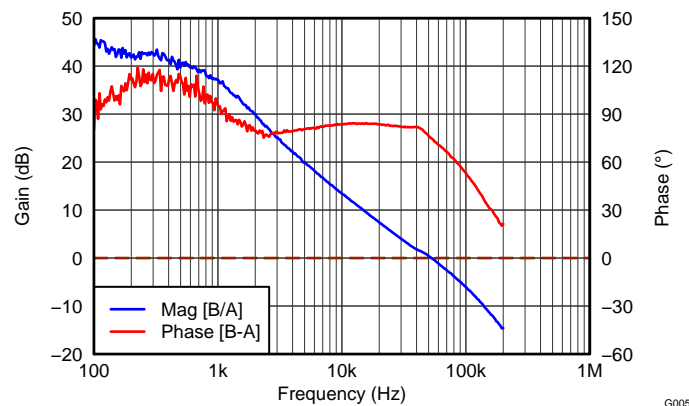


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Figure 5. TPS54678EVM-155 Transient Response

2.6 Loop Characteristics

Figure 6 shows the EVM loop-response characteristics. Gain and phase plots are shown for V_{IN} voltage of 5 V. Load current for the measurement is 6 A.



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Figure 6. TPS54678EVM-155 Loop Response

2.7 Output Voltage Ripple

Figure 7 shows the EVM output voltage ripple. The output current is the rated full load of 6 A and $V_{IN} = 3.0$ V. The ripple voltage is measured directly across the output capacitors.

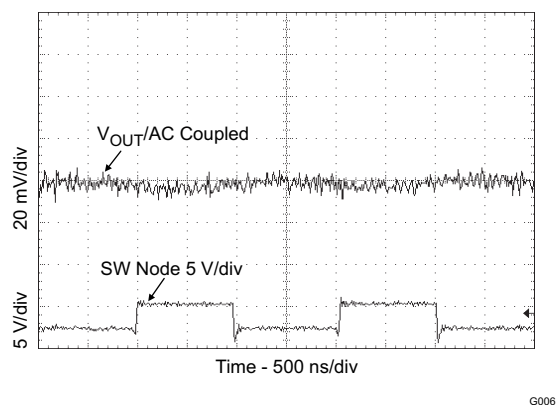


Figure 7. TPS54678EVM-155 Output Ripple at $V_{IN} = 3.0$ V and 6 A

Figure 8 shows the ripple at 6 A and $V_{IN} = 6.0$ V. The ripple voltage is measured directly across the output capacitors.

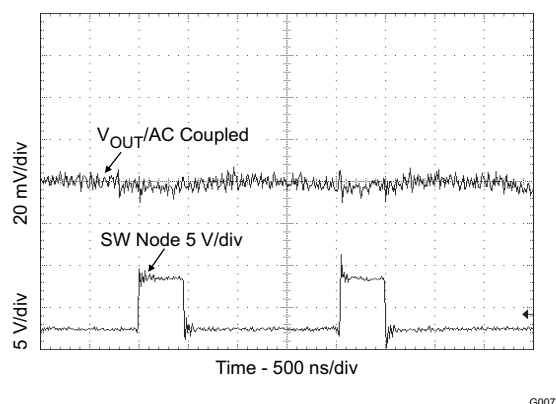


Figure 8. TPS54678EVM-155 Output Ripple at $V_{IN} = 6.0$ V and 6 A

2.8 Input Voltage Ripple

Figure 9 shows the EVM input voltage ripple. The output current is the rated full load of 6 A and $V_{IN} = 3.0$ V. The ripple voltage is measured directly across the input capacitors.

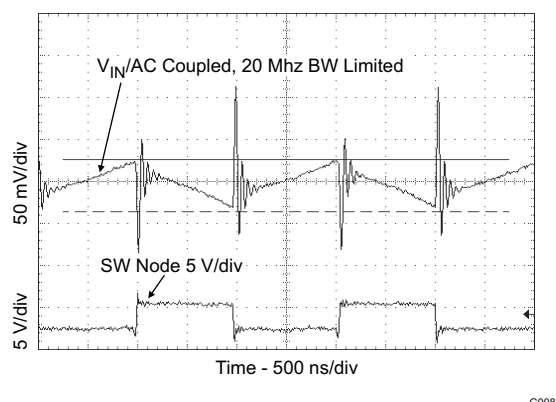
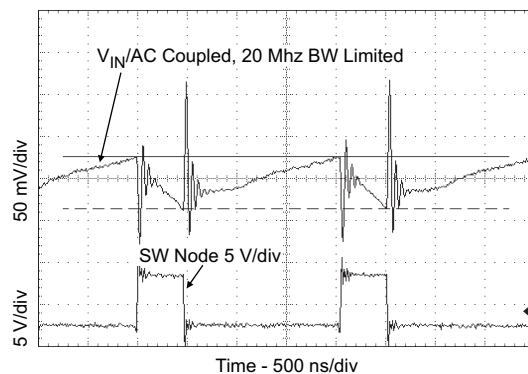


Figure 9. TPS54678EVM-155 Input Ripple at 3 V_{IN} and 6 A

Figure 10 shows the EVM input voltage ripple. The output current is the rated full load of 6 A and $V_{IN} = 6.0$ V. The ripple voltage is measured directly across the input capacitors.

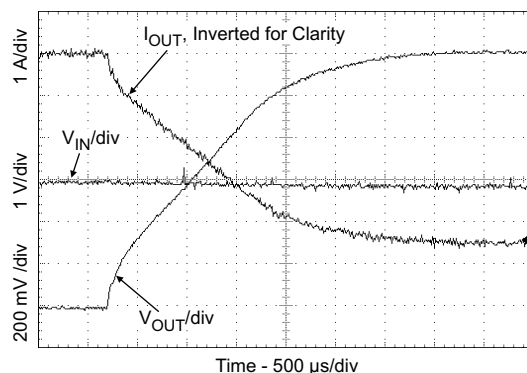


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Figure 10. TPS54678EVM-155 Input Ripple at 6 V_{IN} and 6 A

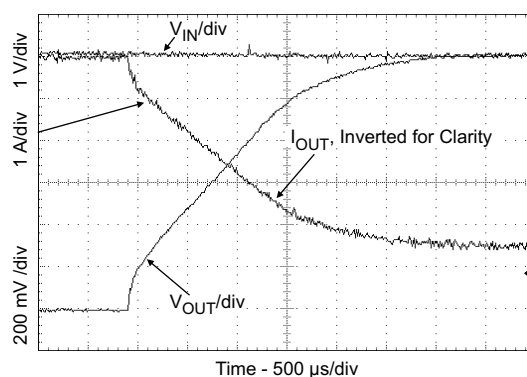
2.9 Powering Up

Figure 11 and Figure 12 show the start-up waveforms for the EVM. In Figure 11, the output voltage ramps up as soon as the input voltage reaches the UVLO threshold as set by the R1 and R2 resistor divider network. In Figure 12, the input voltage is initially applied and the output is inhibited by using a jumper at JP1 to tie EN to GND. When the jumper is removed, EN is released. When the EN voltage reaches the enable-threshold voltage, the start-up sequence begins and the output voltage ramps up to the externally set value of 1.2 V.



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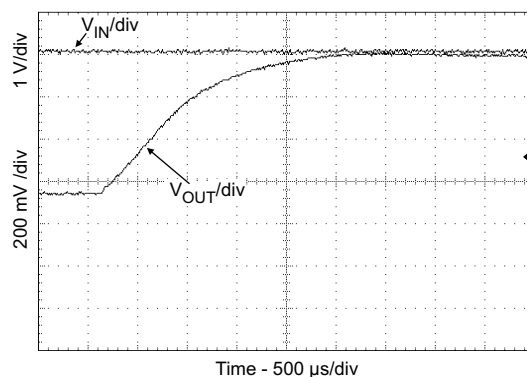
Figure 11. TPS54678EVM-155 Start-Up Relative to V_{IN}



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Figure 12. TPS54678EVM-155 Start-up Relative to Enable

The TPS54678 is designed to start up into pre-biased outputs. Figure 13 shows the output voltage start up waveform when the output is prebiased with 550 mV.

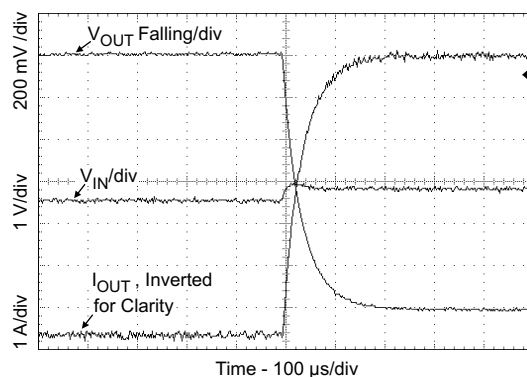


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Figure 13. TPS54678EVM-155 Start-up into Pre-bias

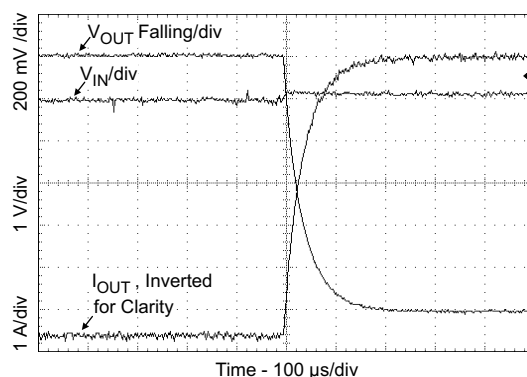
2.10 Powering Down

Figure 14 and Figure 15 show the shut down waveforms for the EVM. In Figure 14, the output voltage ramps down as soon as the input voltage falls below the UVLO stop threshold as set by the R1 and R2 resistor divider network. At the point of shutdown, the input voltage rises slightly due to the resistive drop in the input feed impedance. In Figure 15, the output is inhibited by using a jumper at JP1 to tie EN to GND.



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Figure 14. TPS54678EVM-155 Shut-down Relative to V_{IN}

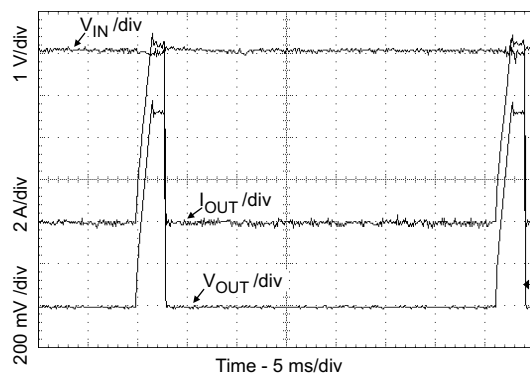


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Figure 15. TPS54678EVM-155 Shut-down Relative to EN

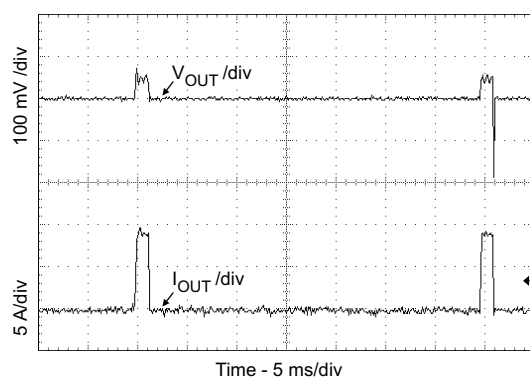
2.11 Hiccup Mode Current Limit

The TPS54678 has hiccup mode current limit. When the peak switch current exceeds the current limit threshold, the device shuts down and restarts. Hiccup mode current limit operation is shown in Figure 16 and Figure 17. Figure 16 shows the activation of hiccup mode current limit. When the peak current limit is exceeded, the output voltage is disabled. Figure 17 shows the operation of the TPS54678 with the output shorted to ground. The device will continuously reset until the fault condition is removed.



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Figure 16. TPS54678EVM-155 Hiccup Mode Current Limit Shut-down



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Figure 17. TPS54678EVM-155 Hiccup Mode Current Limit Restart into Short Circuit

3 Board Layout

This section provides a description of the EVM, board layout, and layer illustrations.

3.1 Layout

The following figures show the board layout for the EVM. The topside layer of the EVM is laid out in a manner typical of a user application. The top and bottom layers are 2-oz. copper, and the two internal layers are 1-oz. copper. The top layer contains the main power traces for V_{IN} , V_{OUT} , and V_{PHASE} . Also on the top layer are connections for the remaining pins of the TPS54678 and a large area filled with ground. The bottom and internal layers contain ground planes only. The top-side ground areas are connected to the bottom and internal ground planes with multiple vias placed around the board including four vias directly under the TPS54678 device to provide a thermal path from the top-side ground area to the bottom-side and internal ground planes. The input decoupling capacitors (C1, C2, C3, and C4) and bootstrap capacitor (C8) are all located as close to the IC as possible. In addition, the voltage set-point resistor divider components are also kept close to the IC. The voltage divider network ties to the output voltage at the point of regulation, which is the copper V_{OUT} trace near the output connector, J2. For the TPS54678, an additional input bulk capacitor, C16, is included to provide lower-source impedance, to yield functionality that is less dependent on the impedance of the distribution connection to the input supply.

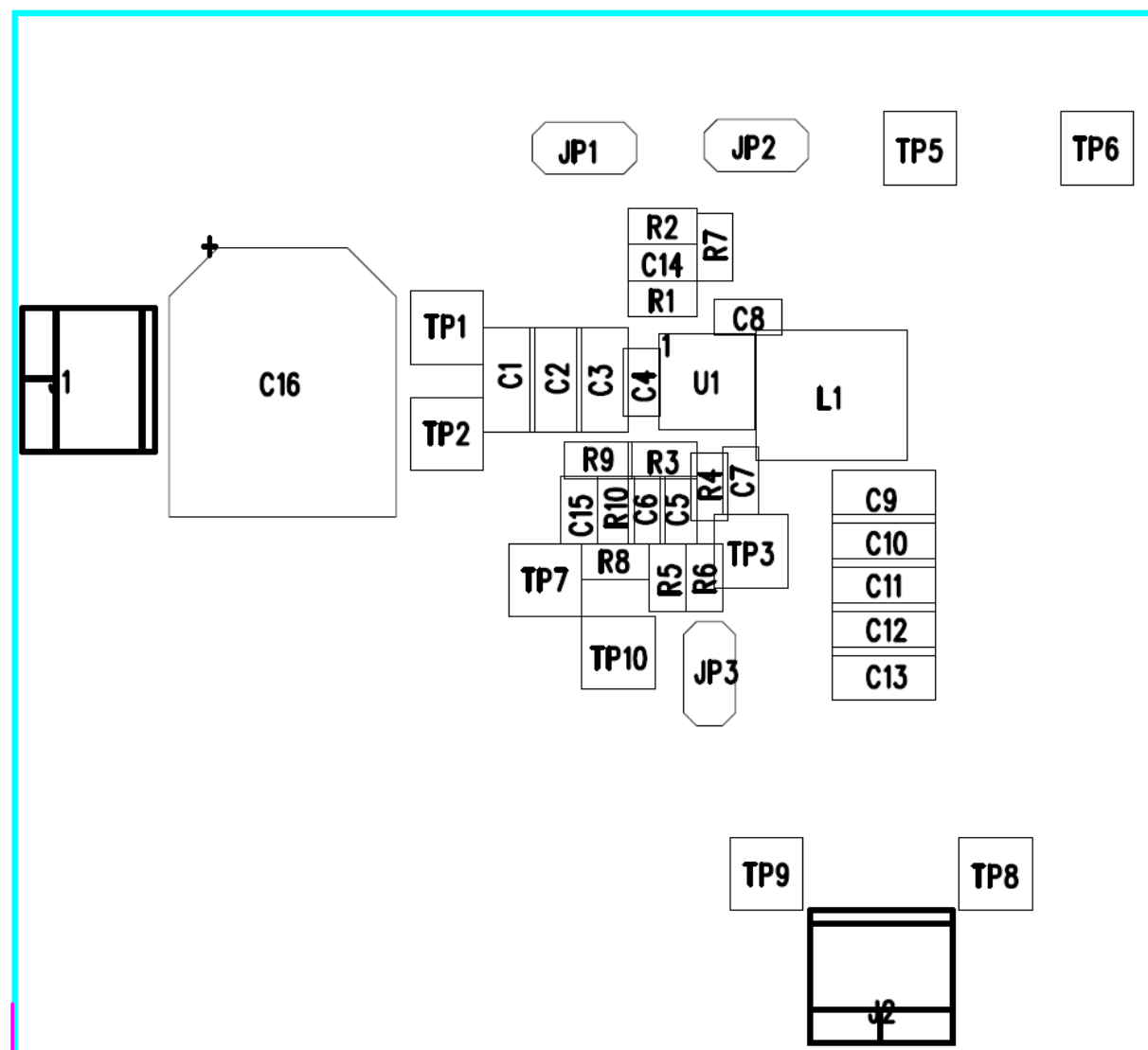


Figure 18. TPS54678EVM-155 Top-Side Assembly

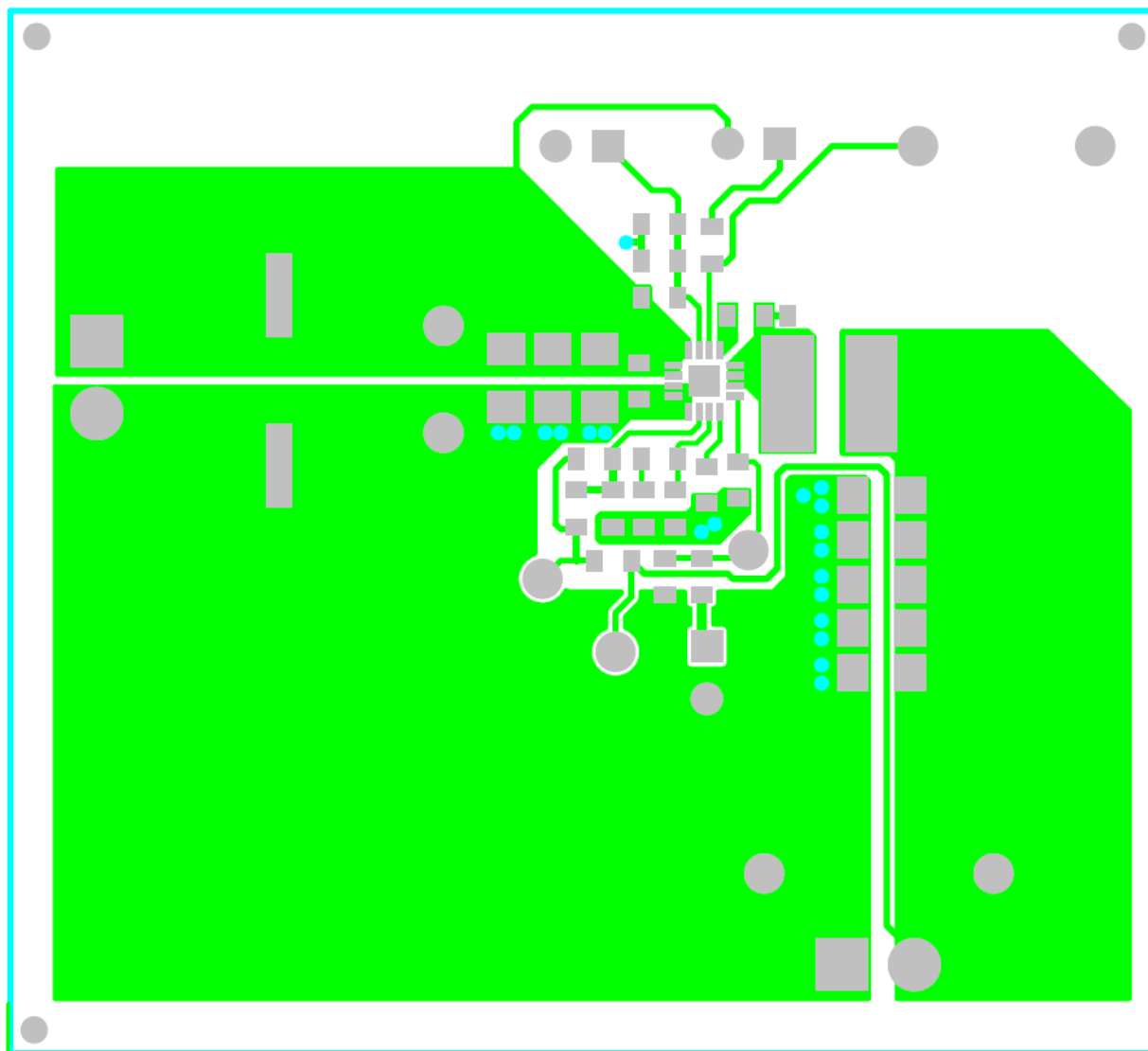


Figure 19. TPS54678EVM-155 Top-Side Layout

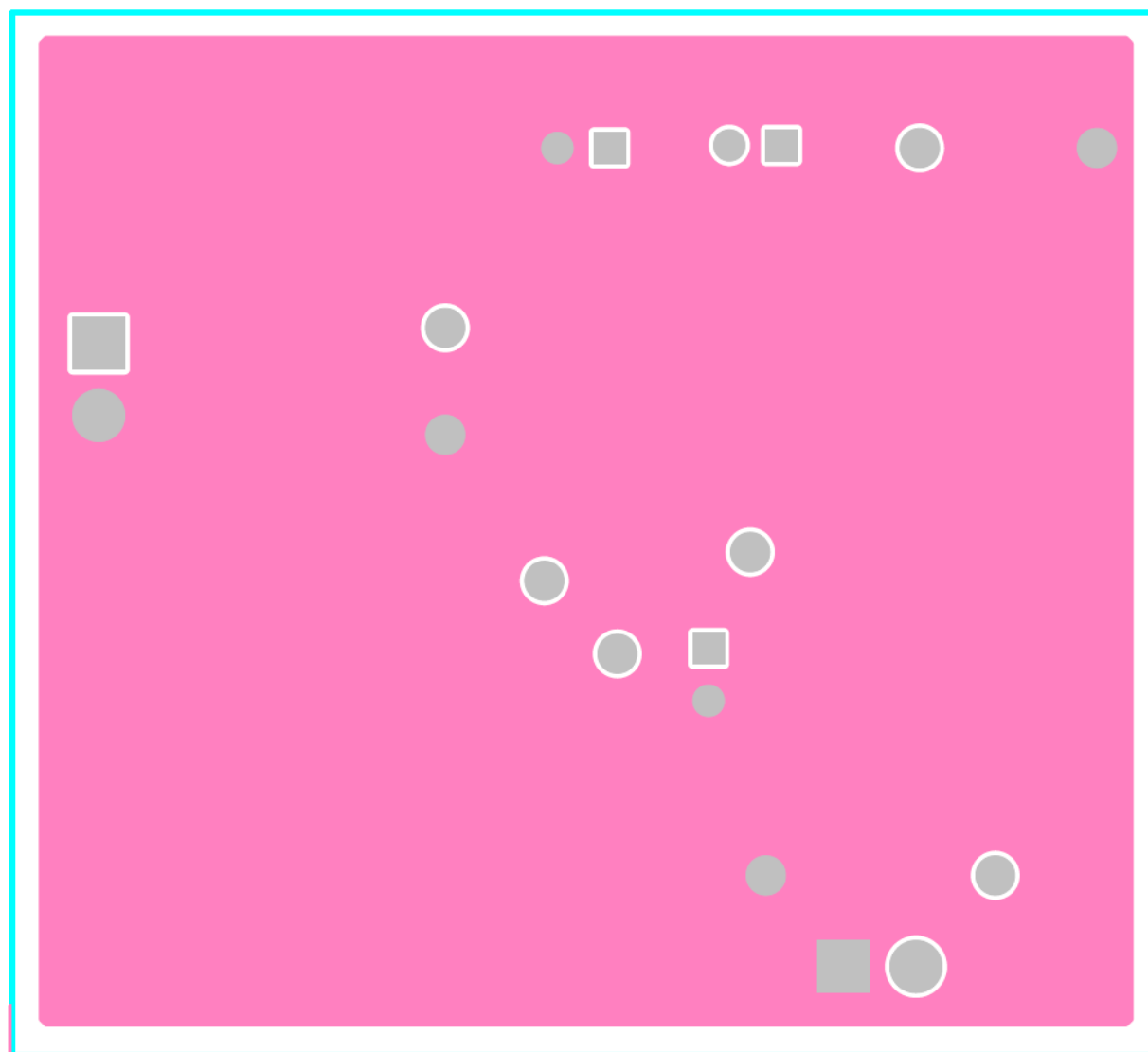


Figure 20. TPS54678EVM-155 Layout 2

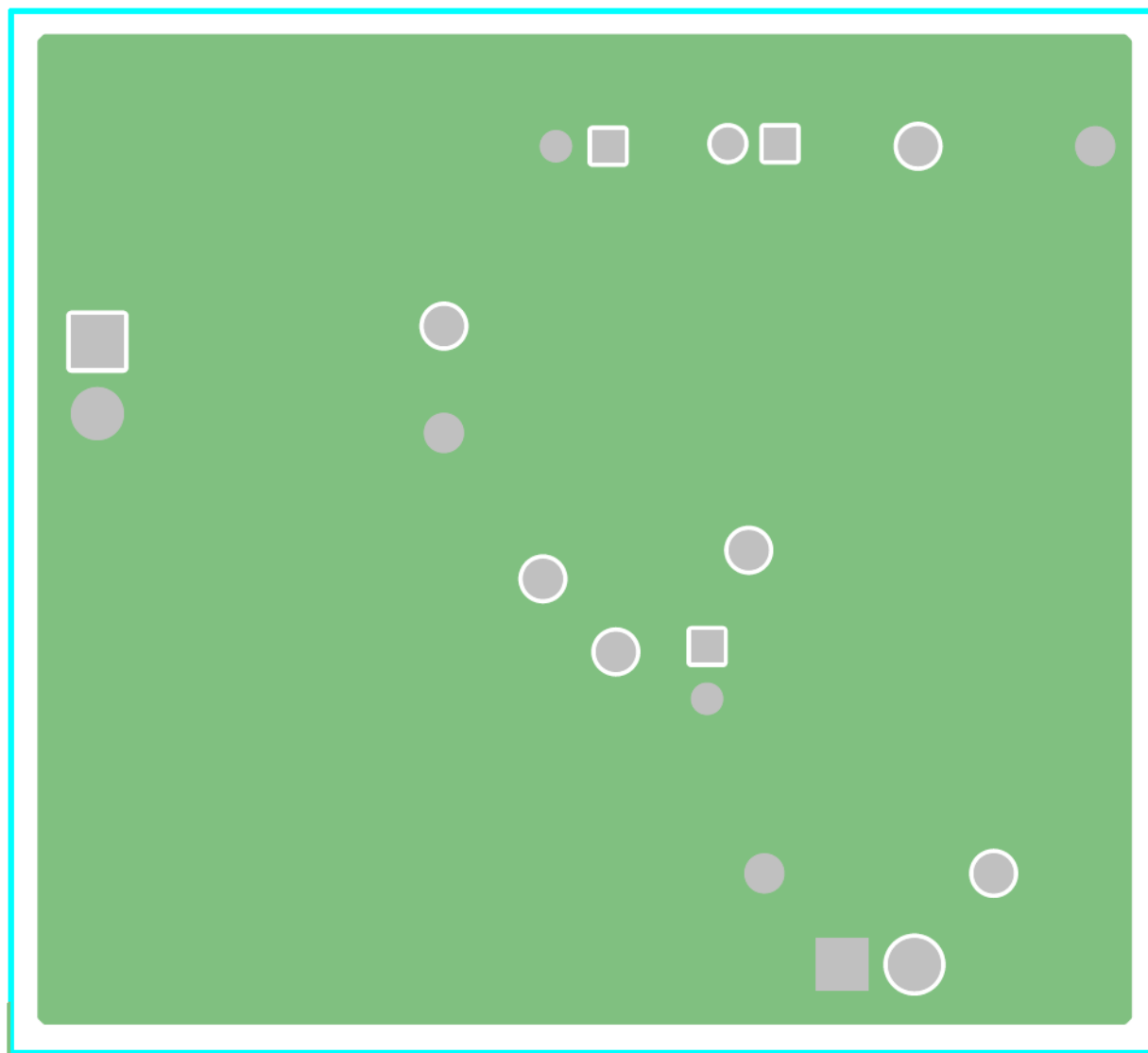


Figure 21. TPS54678EVM-155 Layout 3

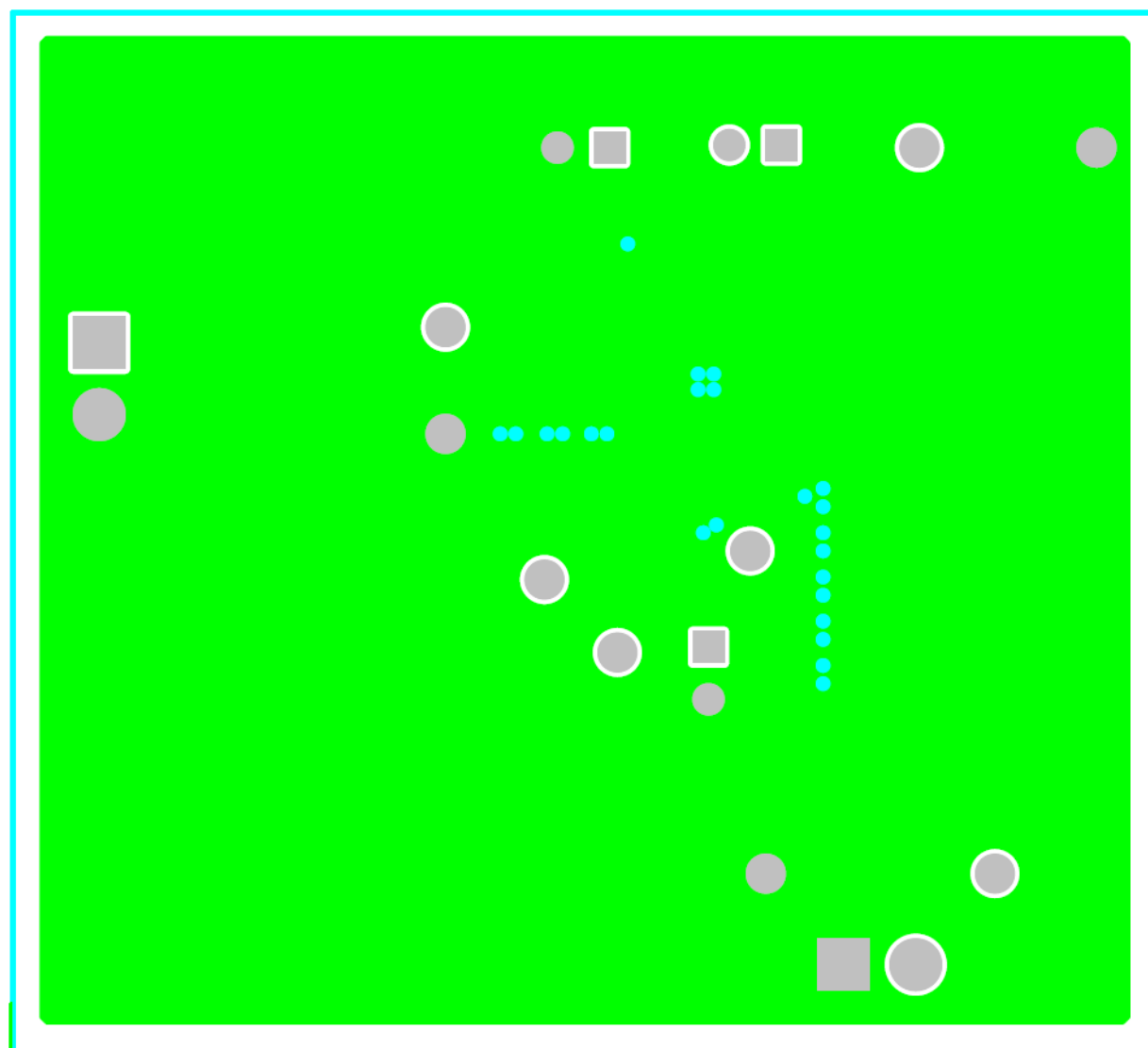


Figure 22. TPS54678EVM-155 Bottom-Side Layout

4 Schematic and Bill of Materials

This section presents the EVM schematic and bill of materials.

4.1 Schematic

Figure 23 is the schematic for the EVM.

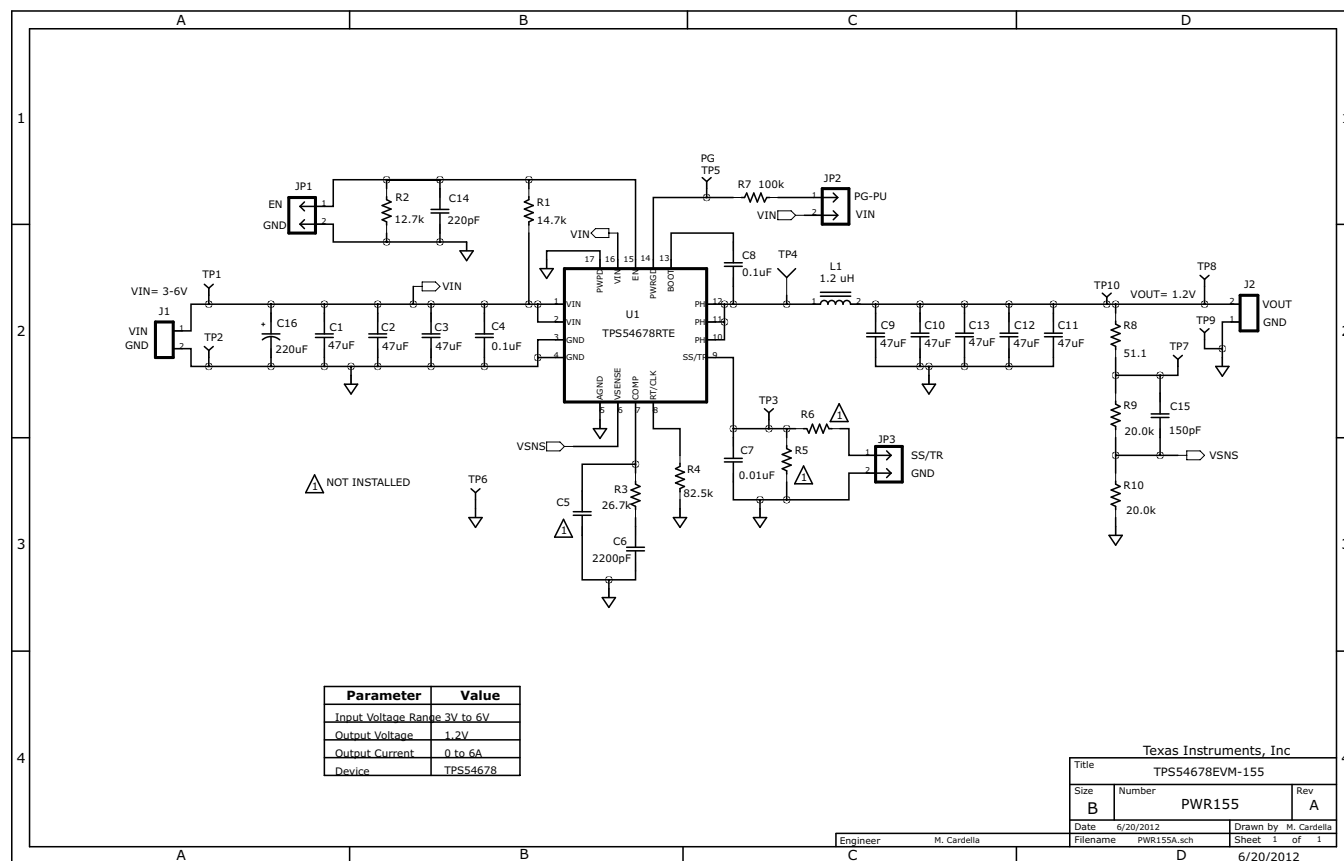


Figure 23. TPS54678EVM-155 Schematic

4.2 Bill of Materials

Table 5 presents the bill of materials for the EVM.

Table 5. TPS54678EVM-155 Bill of Materials

RefDes	Value	Description	Size	Part Number	MFR
C4, C8	0.1 μ F	Capacitor, ceramic, 50 V, X5R, 10%	603	Std	Std
C5	Open	Capacitor, ceramic	603	Std	Std
C6	2200 pF	Capacitor, ceramic, 50 V, X7R, 10%	603	Std	Std
C7	0.01 μ F	Capacitor, ceramic, 25 V, X7R, 10%	603	Std	Std
C14	220 pF	Capacitor, ceramic, 50 V, C0G, 5%	603	Std	Std
C15	150 pF	Capacitor, ceramic, 50 V, C0G, 5%	603	Std	Std
C1-3 C9-13	47 μ F	Capacitor, ceramic, 10 V, X5R, \pm 20%	1206	Std	Std
C16	220 μ F	Capacitor, Electrolytic, SMT, 50 VDC	0.457 x 0.406	EEE-FK1H221P	Panasonic
JP1-2-3	PEC02SAAN	Header, Male 2-pin, 100mil spacing	0.100 in x 2	PEC02SAAN	Sullins
L1	1.2 μ H	Inductor, SMD Shielded Power, 11.8 A, 7.4 m Ω	5.3 x 5.5 mm	XAL5030-122ME	Coilcraft
R1	14.7 k Ω	Resistor, chip, 1/10W, 1%	603	Std	Std
R2	12.7 k Ω	Resistor, chip, 1/10W, 1%	603	Std	Std
R3	26.7 k Ω	Resistor, chip, 1/10W, 1%	603	Std	Std
R4	82.5 k Ω	Resistor, chip, 1/10W, 1%	603	Std	Std
R5-6	Open	Resistor, chip, 1/10W, 1%	603	Std	Std
R7	100 k Ω	Resistor, chip, 1/10W, 1%	603	Std	Std
R8	51.1 Ω	Resistor, chip, 1/10W, 1%	603	Std	Std
R9, R10	20.0 k Ω	Resistor, chip, 1/10W, 1%	603	Std	Std
J1 J3	ED555/2DS	Terminal Block, 2-pin, 6-A, 3.5 mm	0.27 x 0.25 in	ED555/2DS	OST
TP1 TP3 TP5-8 TP10	5000	Test Point, Red, Thru Hole Color Keyed	0.100 x 0.100 in	5000	Keystone
TP2 TP9	5001	Test Point, Black, Thru Hole Color Keyed	0.100 x 0.100 in	5001	Keystone
U1	TPS54678RTE	IC, 3-V to 6-V Input, 6-A Output, 2 MHz, Sync. Step-Down Switcher With Integrated FET	QFN	TPS54678RTE	TI
Label		Label	1.25 x 0.25 in	THT-13-457-10	Brady

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FCC Interference Statement for Class A EVM devices

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

FCC Interference Statement for Class B EVM devices

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

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- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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Concerning EVMs including radio transmitters

This device complies with Industry Canada licence-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Concerning EVMs including detachable antennas

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.

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Concernant les EVMs avec antennes détachables

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For EVMs annotated as IC – INDUSTRY CANADA Compliant

This Class A or B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

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Concerning EVMs including radio transmitters

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