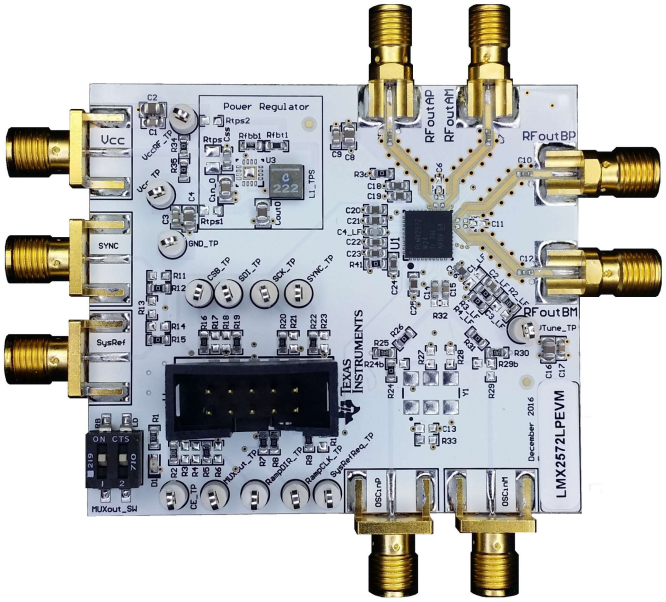
LMX2572LPEVM Evaluation Instructions

The LMX2572LPEVM is designed to evaluate the performance of LMX2572LP. This board consists of a LMX2572LP device.

The LMX2572LP is a low-power, high-performance wideband synthesizer that can generate any frequency from 12.5 MHz to 2 GHz without using an internal VCO doubler. The PLL delivers excellent performance while consuming just 70 mA from a single 3.3-V supply.



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1 LMX2572LPEVM Evaluation Module

1.1 Evaluation Module Contents

In the box, there is:

- One LMX2572LPEVM board (SV601308-004)
- One Reference PRO board (SV601349)
- Two SMA Male-to-Male adaptors (132168)
- One USB cable
- One 10-pin ribbon cable

1.2 Evaluation Setup Requirement

The evaluation requires the following hardware and software:

- A DC power supply
- A spectrum analyzer or a signal analyzer
- A PC running Windows 7 or more recent version
- An oscilloscope (optional)
- A high quality signal generator (optional)
- Texas Instruments Clocks and Synthesizers TICS Pro software
- Texas Instruments PLLatinum Simulator Tool (optional)

1.3 Resources

Related evaluation and development resources are as follows:

- LMX2572LP data sheet
- TICS Pro software
- PLLatinum Simulator Tool (PLL Sim)

2 Setup

2.1 Connection Diagram

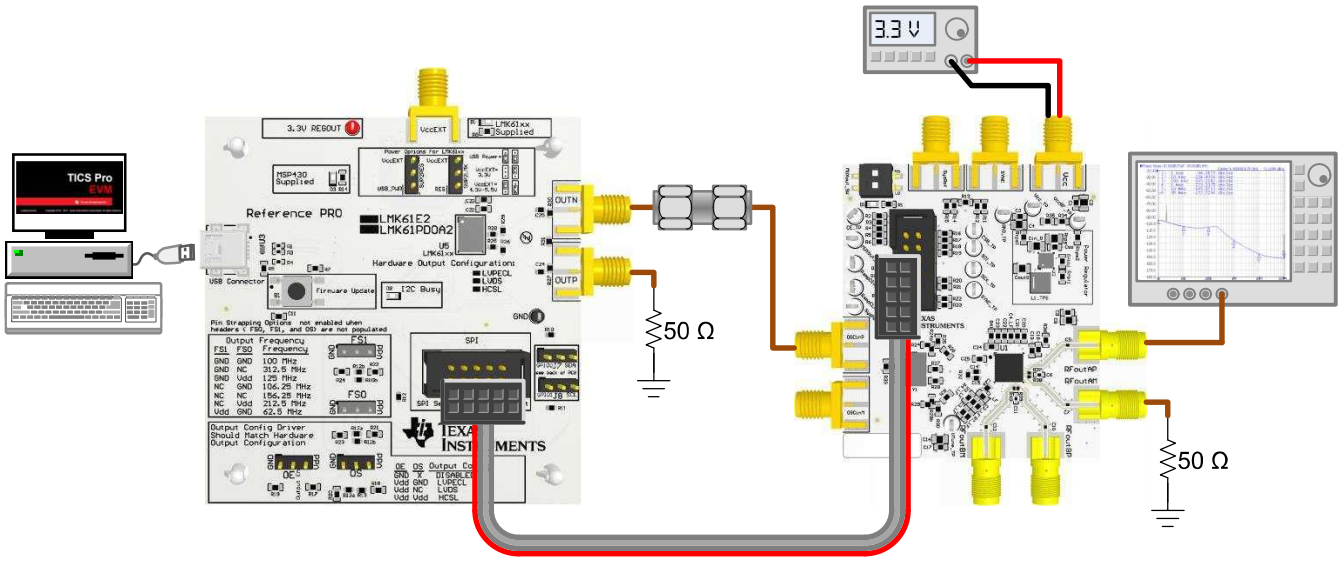


Figure 1. EVM Connection Diagram

2.2 Power Supply

Apply 3.3 V to the V_{CC} SMA connector. The acceptable supply voltage range is 3 V to 3.6 V. The maximum current consumption in the most extreme configuration must not exceed 150 mA.

By default, the onboard DC/DC converter is not used.

2.3 Reference Clock

Use the SMA Male-to-male adopter to connect the OSCinP SMA connector with one of the outputs from the Reference PRO. The OSCinM SMA connector is not connected to LMX2572LP, so this connector can be left open.

The EVM is configured for single-ended input with the OSCin pin connected to the OSCinP SMA connector and the OSCinM pin 50-Ω terminated onboard. If required, the EVM can be modified to operate with a different clock source in a different configuration. See Appendix A for more details.

Terminate the unused output of the Reference PRO board with a 50-Ω resistor or SMA load. By default, the output clock from the Reference PRO is a 100-MHz LVPECL clock. Appendix B has the details of the Reference PRO.

2.4 RF Output

Connect either the RFoutAP or RFoutAM SMA connector to a signal analyzer. The unused connector must be terminated with a 50-Ω resistor or SMA load. Output frequency is 1.5 GHz and the amplitude is about +0.5 dBm.

By default, the TICS Pro evaluation software has RFoutB power down. These SMA connectors can be left open.

2.5 Programming

Connect the ribbon cable from the Reference PRO to the LMX2572LPEVM.

Connect the USB cable from a PC to USB port in the Reference PRO. This provides power supply to the Reference PRO board and communication with the TICS Pro. A firmware update may be required. See Appendix B for more details.

2.6 Evaluation Software

Download and install TICS Pro to a PC.

Run the software and follow these steps to start the program.

1. Go to "Select Device" → "PLL + VCO" → "LMX2572" → "LMX2572LP".

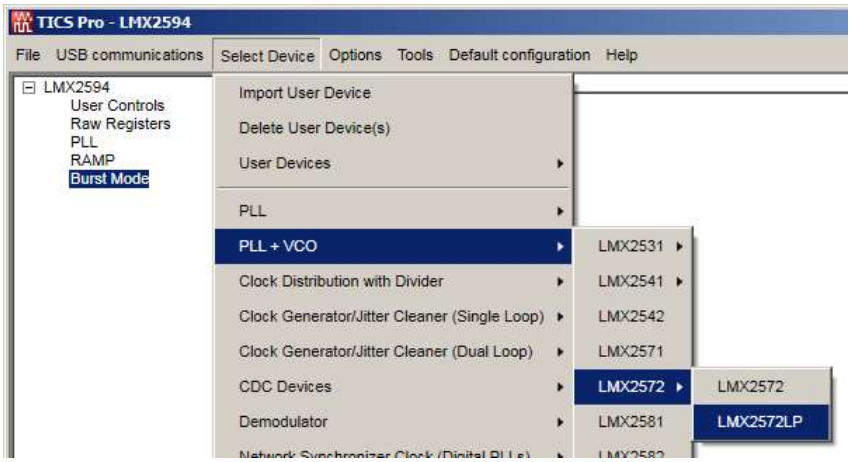


Figure 2. Select Device in TICS Pro

2. Go to "Default Configuration" → "Default Mode YYYY-MM-DD".

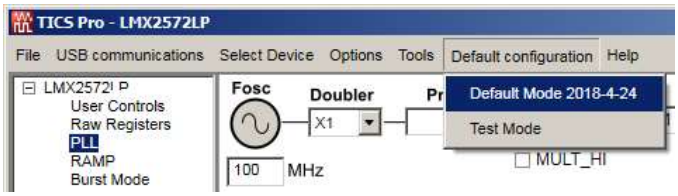


Figure 3. Default Mode

2.7 EVM Strap Options

2.7.1 MUXout_SW

There are two switches in MUXout_SW. Switch 1 is used for register readback, while Switch 2 is used to provide a visual PLL lock status through the LED D1. By default, both switches are in the Make position. To read back register in TICS Pro, set Switch 2 to the Break position.

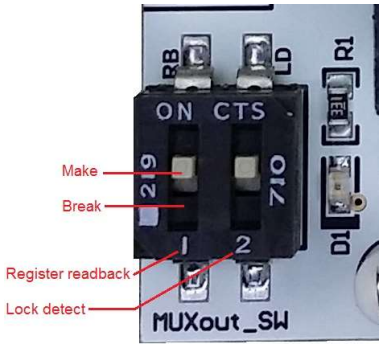


Figure 4. MUXout_SW Switch

3 Typical Measurement

3.1 Default Configuration

3.1.1 Loop Filter

The parameters for the loop filter are listed in Table 1.

Table 1. Loop Filter Configuration

PARAMETER	VALUE
VCO frequency	Designed for 6 GHz, but works over the whole frequency range
VCO gain	66 MHz/V
Effective charge pump gain	2500 µA
Phase detector frequency	100 MHz
Loop bandwidth	115 kHz
Phase margin	48 degrees
C1_LF, C3_LF	Open
C2_LF	15 nF
C4_LF	2.2 nF
R2_LF	330 Ω
R3_LF, R4_LF	0 Ω

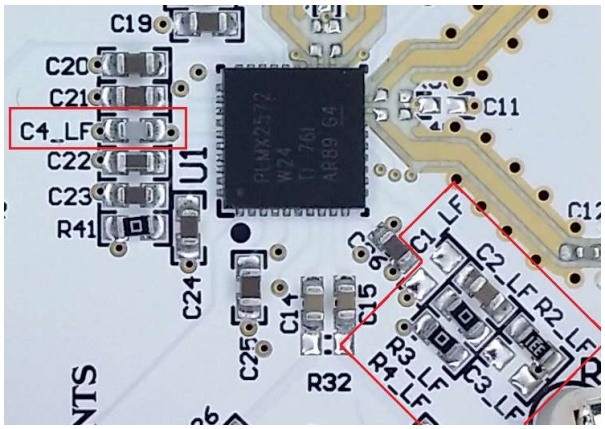


Figure 5. Loop Filter

3.1.2 Typical Output

1. Follow Section 2 to set up the evaluation.
2. Click "Write All Registers" to write all the registers to LMX2572LP.

The default output is 1.5 GHz.

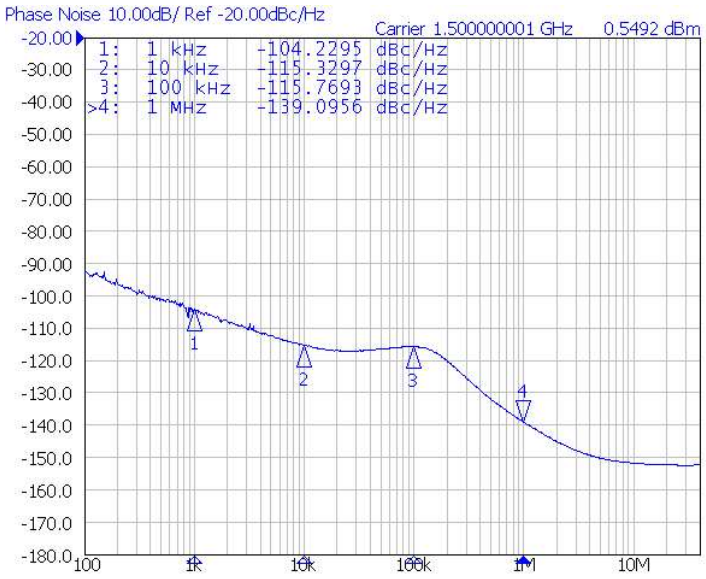


Figure 6. Default Output

3.2 Additional Tests

3.2.1 Phase Adjustment

Use Equation 1 to adjust the phase of the RF output signal.

Phase shift in degree = 360° × (MASH_SEED / PLL_DEN) × (P / CHDIV)

where

- P = 2 when VCO_PHASE_SYNC_EN = 1, otherwise P = 1 (1)

Table 2 and Equation 2 show an example.

Table 2. Phase Adjustment Setting

PARAMETER	EXAMPLE VALUE
MASH_SEED	800
PLL_DEN	1000
CHDIV	32
VCO_PHASE_SYNC_EN	0

Phase shift = 360° × (800 / 1000) × (1 / 32) = 9° (2)

The user can write 800 to MASH_SEED 40 times to get the 360° phase shift.

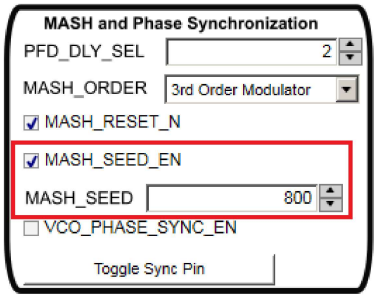


Figure 7. Phase Adjustment Setting

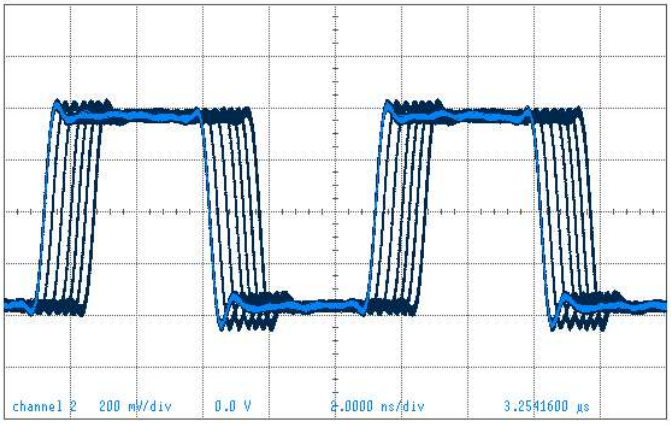


Figure 8. Phase Adjustment

3.2.2 Calibration-Free Automatic Ramping

The LMX2572LP supports linear frequency ramp without the need of VCO calibration in the middle of the ramp. The output waveform is a continuous frequency sweep between the start and the end frequencies. However, the frequency ramp range is limited. When using ramp, these parameters must be set accordingly:

- OUT_FORCE = 1
- LD_DLY = 0
- PLL_DEN = $2^{32} - 1$

Table 3. Calibration-free Automatic Ramp Example

PARAMETER	EXAMPLE VALUE
Ramping start frequency	4795 MHz
Ramping stop frequency	4805 MHz
Phase detector frequency	50 MHz
Ramp up / down time	200 µs
RAMP_LIMIT_HIGH	4995 MHz
RAMP_LIMIT_LOW	4595 MHz

This is a triangular ramp example. Ramp up is defined by RAMP0 while ramp down is defined by RAMP1. RAMP_THRESH, RAMP_DLY_CNT, and RAMP_SCALE_COUNT are set to "don't care" because there is no plan to trigger VCO calibration. RAMP_MANUAL = 0 means Automatic Ramping mode.

Set RAMP_EN = 1 to start ramping. Set RAMP_EN = 0 to turn off ramping.

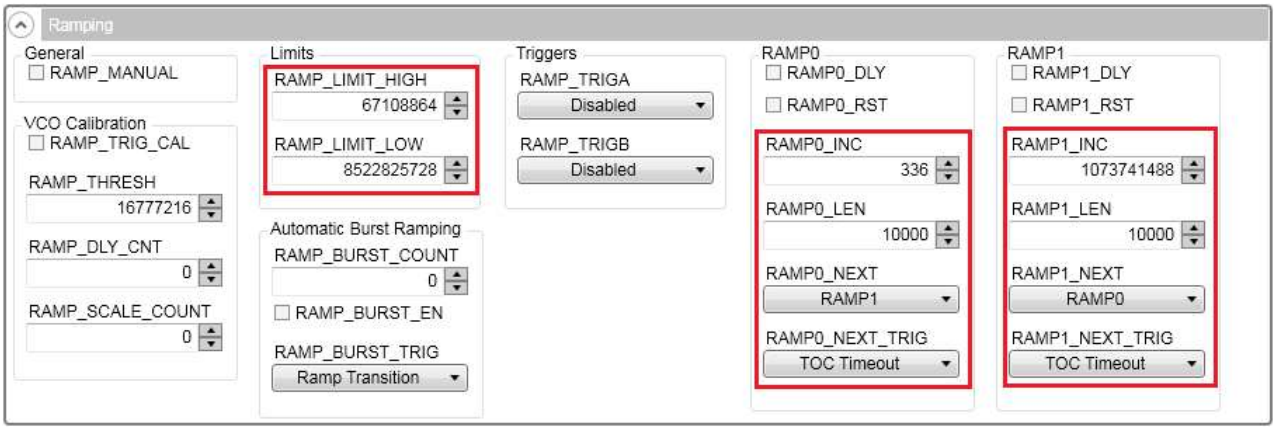


Figure 9. Calibration-Free Automatic Ramp Setting

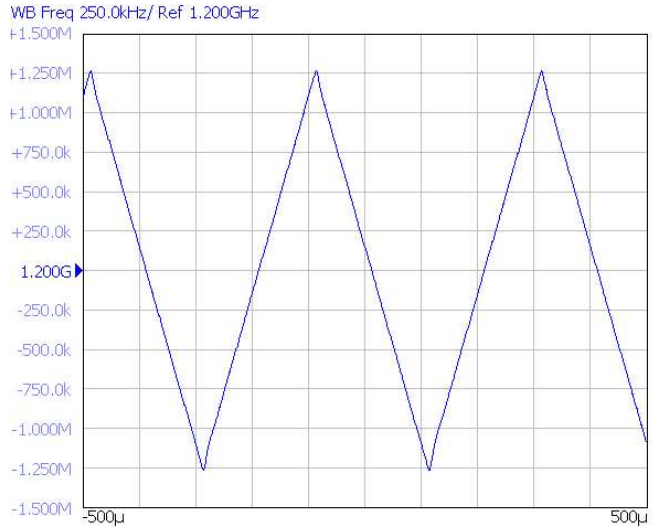


Figure 10. Calibration-Free Automatic Ramp (CHDIV = 4)

3.2.3 Automatic Ramping

This ramping mode supports wider ramp frequency, but there are glitches in the middle of the ramp because of the VCO calibrations that are required to ensure the continuity of the ramp.

Table 4. Automatic Ramp Example

PARAMETER	EXAMPLE VALUE
Ramping start frequency	4740 MHz
Ramping stop frequency	4860 MHz
Phase detector frequency	50 MHz
Ramp up / down time	1000 µs
RAMP_LIMIT_HIGH	5060 MHz
RAMP_LIMIT_LOW	4540 MHz
f_{OSCin}	100 MHz
CAL_CLK_DIV	0
RAMP_THRESH	40 MHz
Pause time for VCO calibration	500 µs

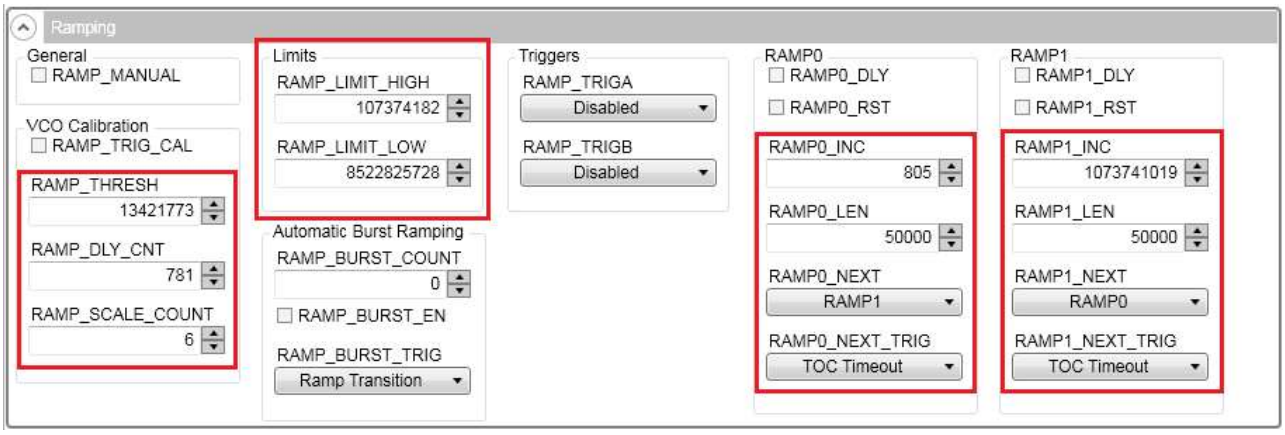


Figure 11. Automatic Ramp Setting

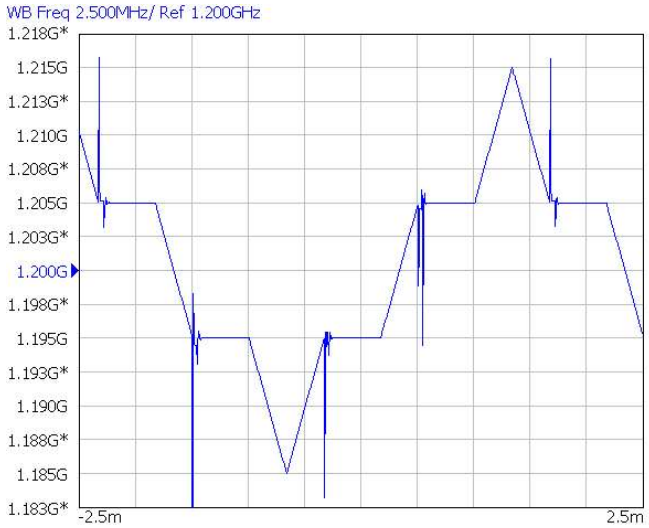


Figure 12. Automatic Ramp (CHDIV = 4)

3.2.4 FSK Modulation

The LMX2572LP supports direct digital FSK modulation. The FSK SPI mode supports discrete 2-, 4-, or 8-level FSK modulation while the FSK SPI FAST and FSK I2S modes support arbitrary level FSK modulation. Table 5 shows a FSK SPI FAST mode example.

Table 5. FSK SPI FAST Mode Example

PARAMETER	EXAMPLE VALUE
Phase detector frequency	100 MHz
CHDIV	8
PLL_DEN	8000000
FSK_DEV_SCALE	1
Frequency deviation	±648 Hz; ±1944 Hz

Write the correct values to the FSK_SPI_FAST_DEV register field. The output of LMX2572LP is a discrete 4-level FSK modulation signal.

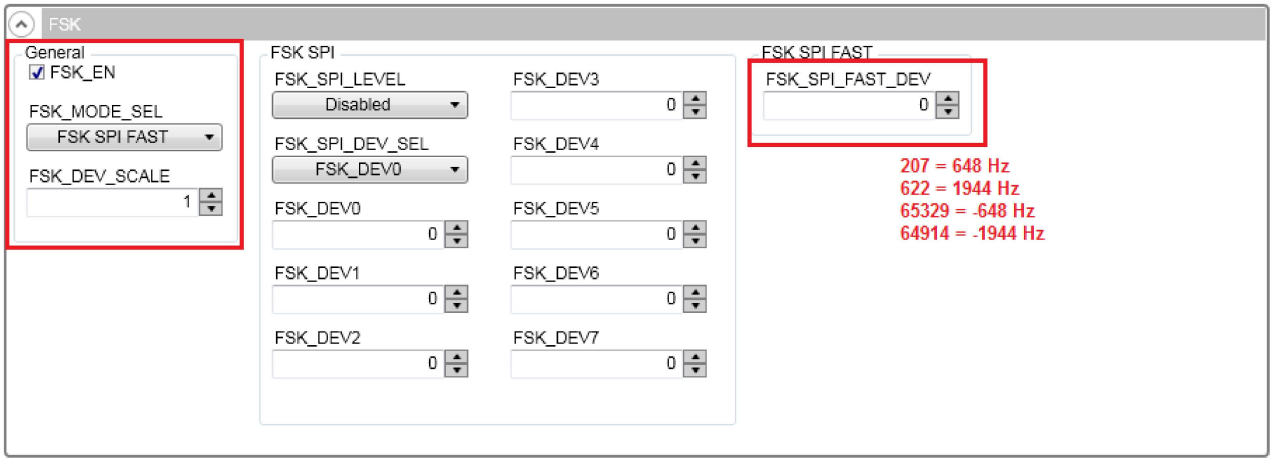


Figure 13. FSK SPI FAST Mode Setting

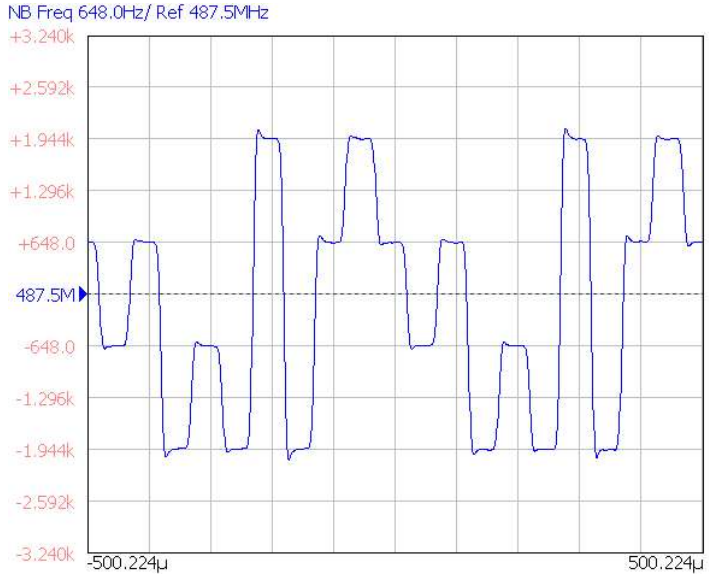


Figure 14. FSK SPI FAST Mode

3.2.5 Register Readback

To read back the written register values, follow these steps:

1. Set MUXout_SW Switch 2 to Break position. See Section 2.7.1 for details.
2. Set MUXOUT_LD_SEL to *Readback* in TICS Pro.

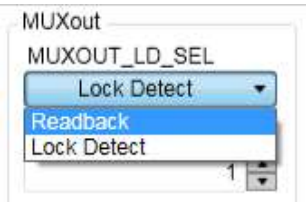


Figure 15. Readback Setting

3. Click on the Register Name that you want to read back.
4. Click the Read Register button to read back the register value.

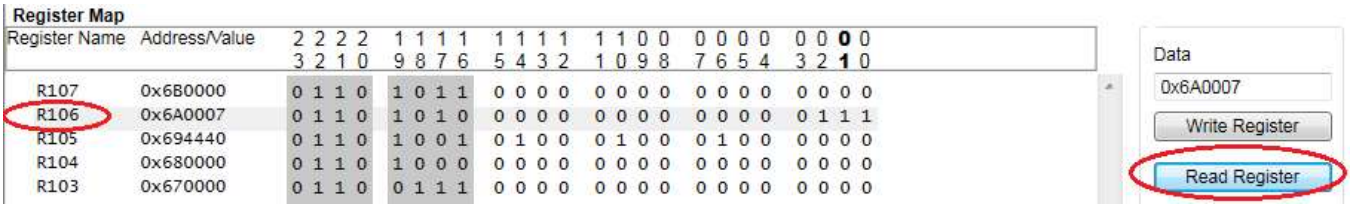


Figure 16. Register Readback

4 Schematic

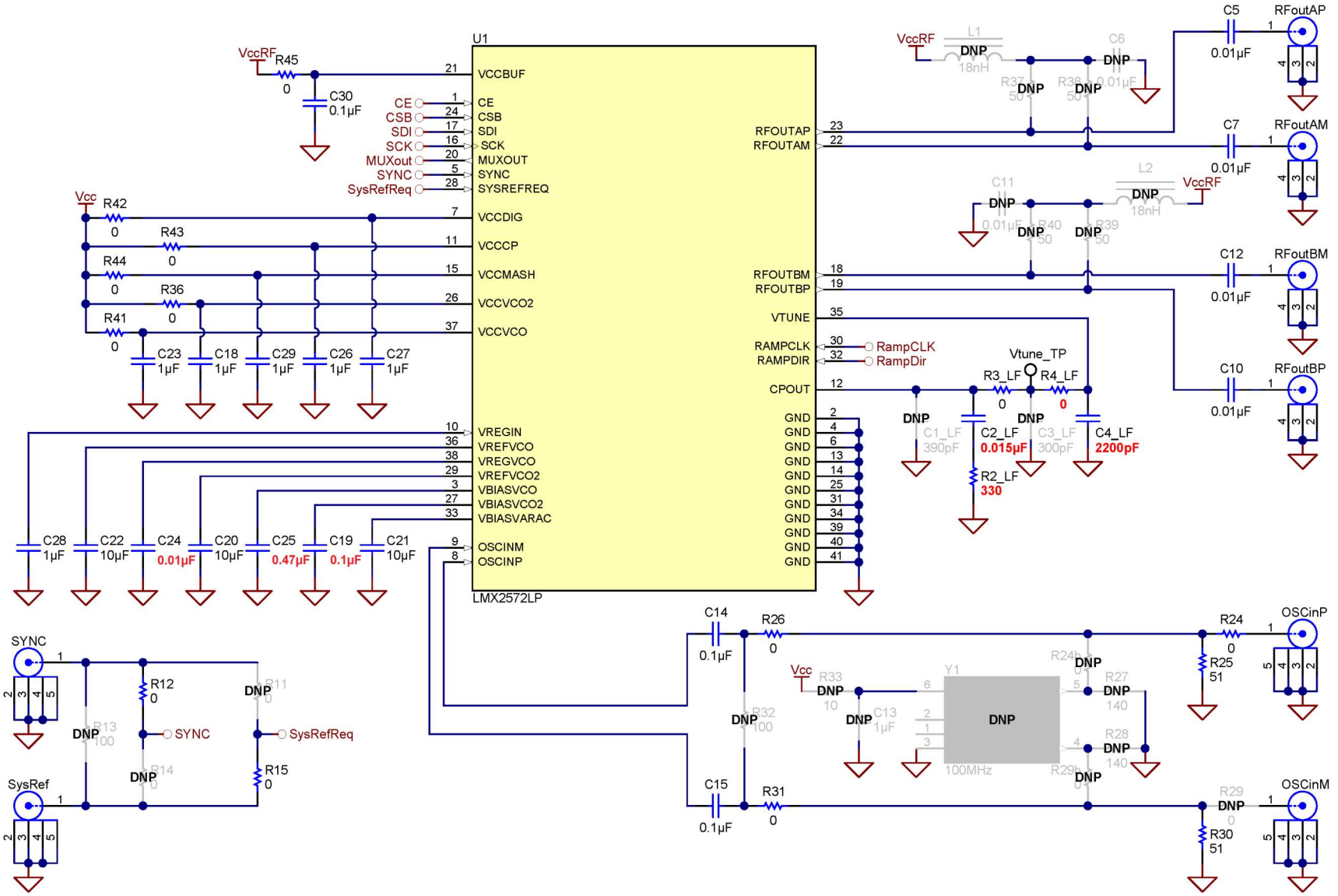


Figure 17. LMX2572LPEVM Schematic (Page 1)

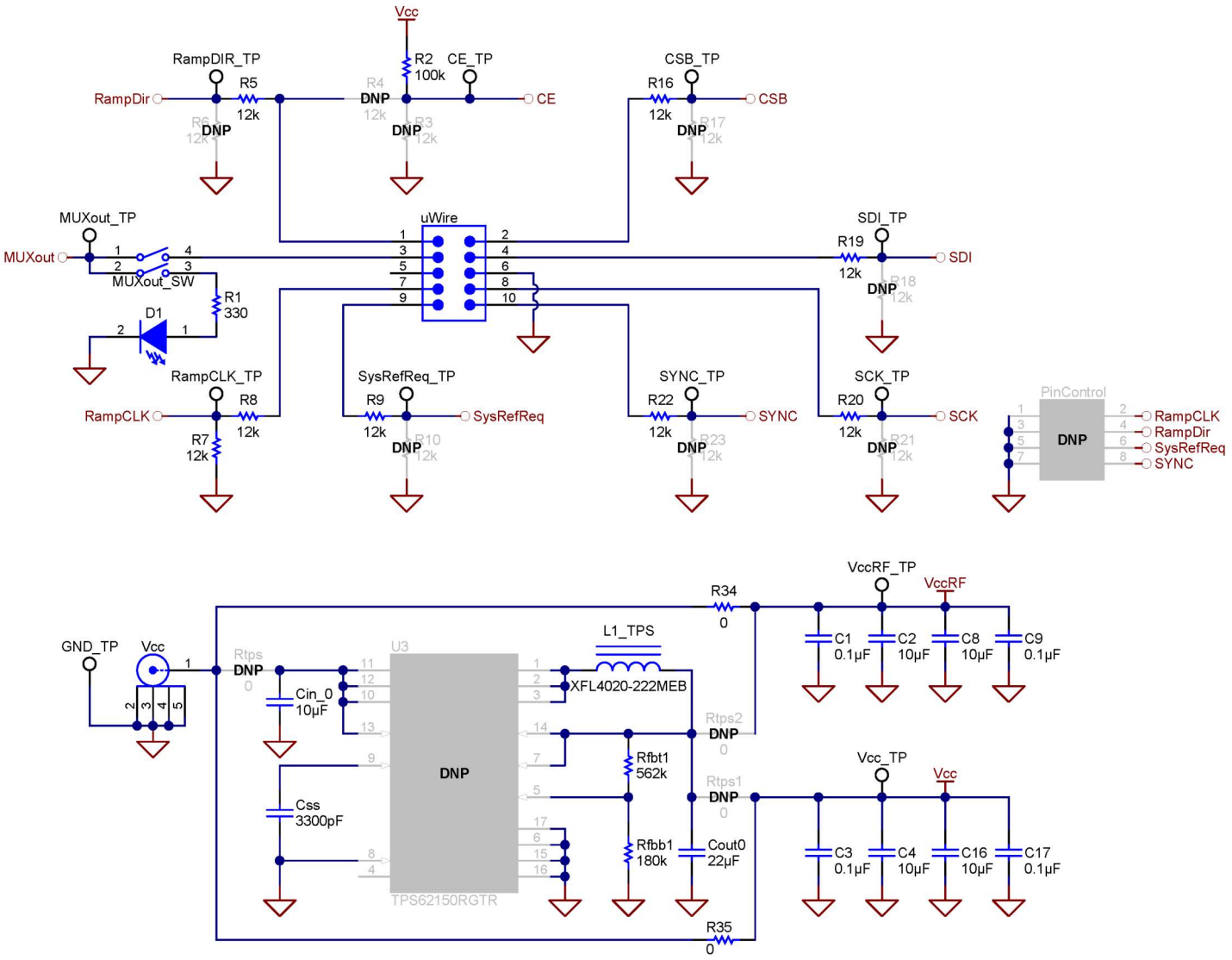


Figure 18. LMX2572LPEVM Schematic (Page 2)

5 PCB Layout and Layer Stack-Up

5.1 PCB Layer Stack-Up

The top layer is 1-oz. copper.

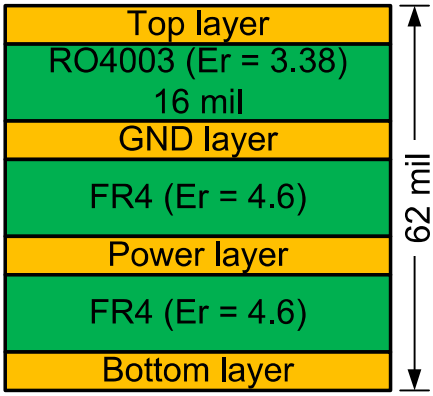


Figure 19. PCB Layer Stack-Up

5.2 PCB Layout

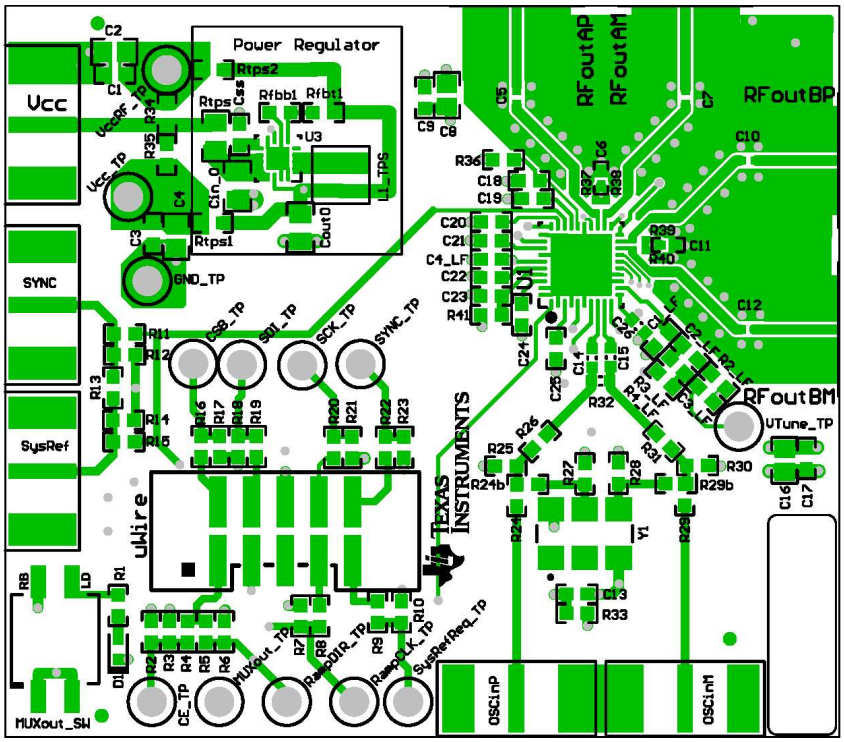


Figure 20. Top Layer

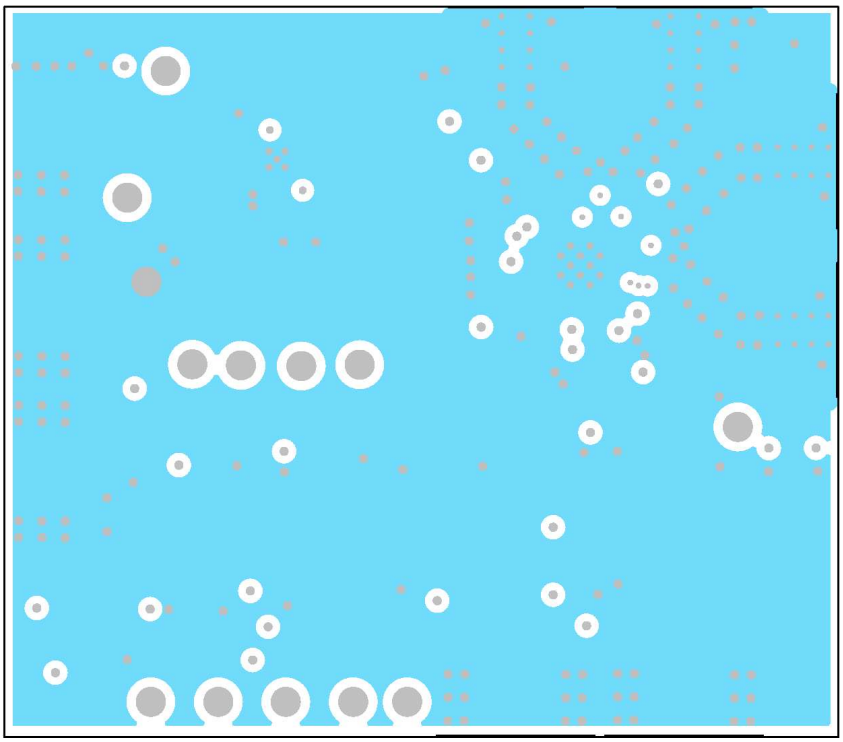


Figure 21. GND Layer

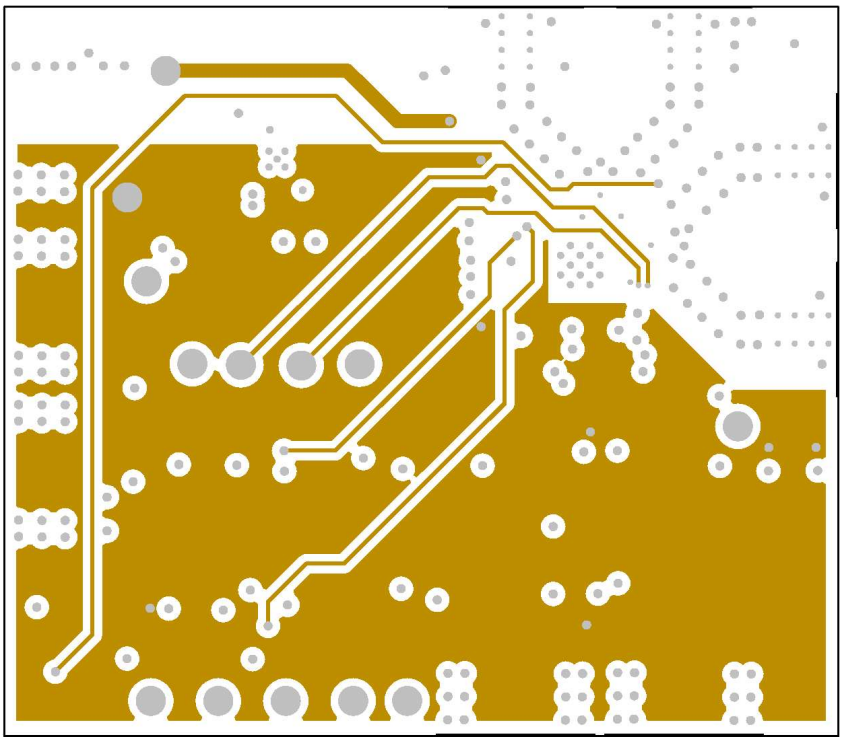


Figure 22. Power Layer

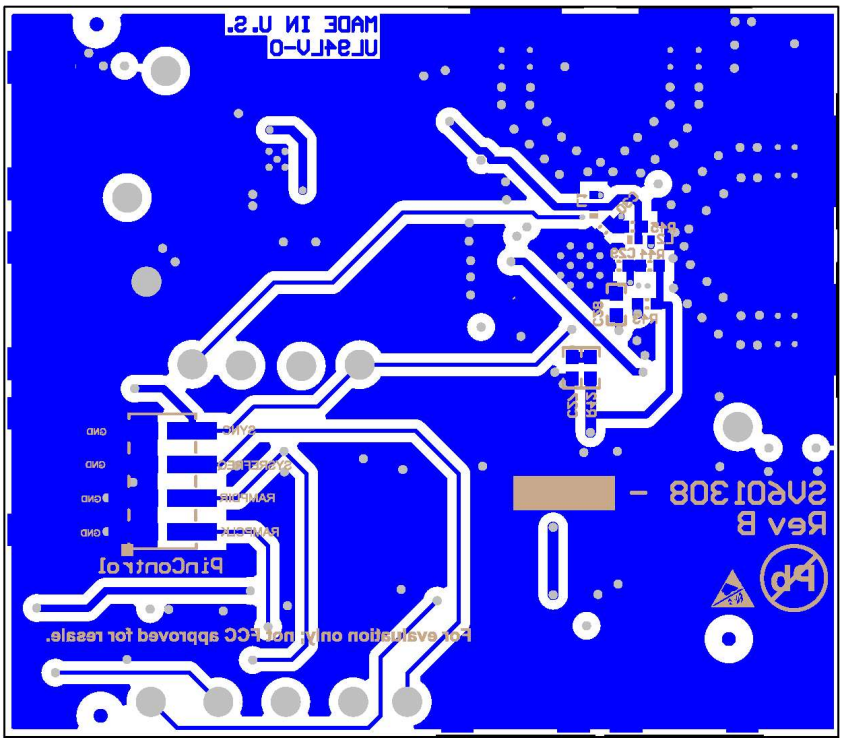


Figure 23. Bottom Layer

6 Bill of Materials

Table 6. Bill of Materials

DESIGNATOR	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PART NUMBER	MANUFACTURER
C1, C3, C9, C14, C15, C17, C19, C30	8	CAP, CERM, 0.1 µF, 16 V, ±5%, X7R, 0603	0603YC104JAT2A	AVX
C2, C4, C8, C16	4	CAP, CERM, 10 µF, 10 V, ±10%, X5R, 0805	C0805C106K8PACTU	Kemet
C2_LF	1	CAP, CERM, 0.015 µF, 50 V, ±10%, X7R, 0603	GRM188R71H153KA01D	MuRata
C4_LF	1	CAP, CERM, 2200 pF, 50 V, ±5%, C0G/NP0, 0603	GRM1885C1H222JA01D	MuRata
C5, C7, C10, C12	4	CAP, CERM, 0.01 µF, 16 V, ±10%, X7R, 0402	520L103KT16T	AT Ceramics
C18, C23, C26, C27, C28, C29	6	CAP, CERM, 1 µF, 16 V, ±10%, X7R, 0603	C1608X7R1C105K080AC	TDK
C20, C21, C22	3	CAP, CERM, 10 µF, 10 V, ±20%, X5R, 0603	C1608X5R1A106M080AC	TDK
C24	1	CAP, CERM, 0.01 µF, 50 V, ±5%, X7R, 0603	C0603C103J5RACTU	MuRata
C25	1	CAP, CERM, 0.47 µF, 25 V, ±10%, X7R, 0603	GRM188R71E474KA12D	Kemet
CE_TP, CSB_TP, GND_TP, MUXout_TP, RampCLK_TP, RampDIR_TP, SCK_TP, SDI_TP, SYNC_TP, SysRefReq_TP, Vcc_TP, VccRF_TP, Vtune_TP	13	Test Point, Compact, White, TH	5007	Keystone
Cin_0	1	CAP, CERM, 10 µF, 25 V, ±10%, X5R, 0805	GRM219R61E106KA12D	MuRata
Cout0	1	CAP, CERM, 22 µF, 16 V, ±10%, X5R, 0805	C2012X5R1C226K125AC	TDK
Css	1	CAP, CERM, 3300 pF, 50 V, ±5%, C0G/NP0, 0603	GRM1885C1H332JA01D	MuRata
D1	1	LED, Green, SMD	LTST-C190GKT	Lite-On
L1_TPS	1	Inductor, Shielded, Composite, 2.2 µH, 3.7 A, 0.02 Ω, SMD	XFL4020-222MEB	Coilcraft
MUXout_SW	1	Switch, SPST, Slide, Off-On, 2 Pos, 0.1 A, 20 V, SMD	219-2MST	CTS Electrocomponents
OSCinM, OSCinP, SYNC, SysRef, Vcc	5	Connector, SMT, End launch SMA 50 Ω	142-0701-851	Emerson Network Power Connectivity
R1	1	RES, 330 Ω, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	RC0603JR-07330RL	Yageo America
R2	1	RES, 100 kΩ, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	CRCW0603100KJNEA	Vishay-Dale
R2_LF	1	RES, 330 Ω, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	CRCW0603330RJNEA	Vishay-Dale
R3_LF, R4_LF, R12, R15, R24, R26, R31	7	RES, 0 Ω, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	CRCW06030000Z0EA	Vishay-Dale
R5, R7, R8, R9, R16, R19, R20, R22	8	RES, 12 kΩ, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	CRCW060312K0JNEA	Vishay-Dale
R25, R30	2	RES, 51 Ω, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	CRCW060351R0JNEA	Vishay-Dale
R34, R35, R36, R41, R42, R43, R44, R45	8	RES, 0 Ω, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	CRCW06030000Z0EA	Vishay-Dale
Rfbb1	1	RES, 180 kΩ, 0.1%, 0.1 W, 0603	RT0603BRD07180KL	Yageo America
Rfbt1	1	RES, 562 kΩ, 1%, 0.1 W, 0603	CRCW0603562KFKEA	Vishay-Dale
RFoutAM, RFoutAP, RFoutBM, RFoutBP	4	JACK, SMA, 50 Ω, Gold, Edge Mount	142-0771-831	Johnson
U1	1	High Performance, Wideband PLLatinum RF Synthesizer	LMX2572LPRHAR	Texas Instruments
uWire	1	Header (shrouded), 100 mil, 5x2, Gold plated, SMD	52601-S10-8LF	FCI

7 Troubleshooting Guide

If the EVM does not work as expected, use Figure 24 to identify potential root causes. Consider the following:

- Do not make modifications to the EVM or change the default settings until AFTER it is verified to be working.
- Register readback requires the correct hardware and software setup. See Section 3.2.5 for details.
- The POR current of the LMX2572LPEVM is approximately 30 mA.
- The power-down current of the LMX2572LPEVM is approximately 2.5 mA.

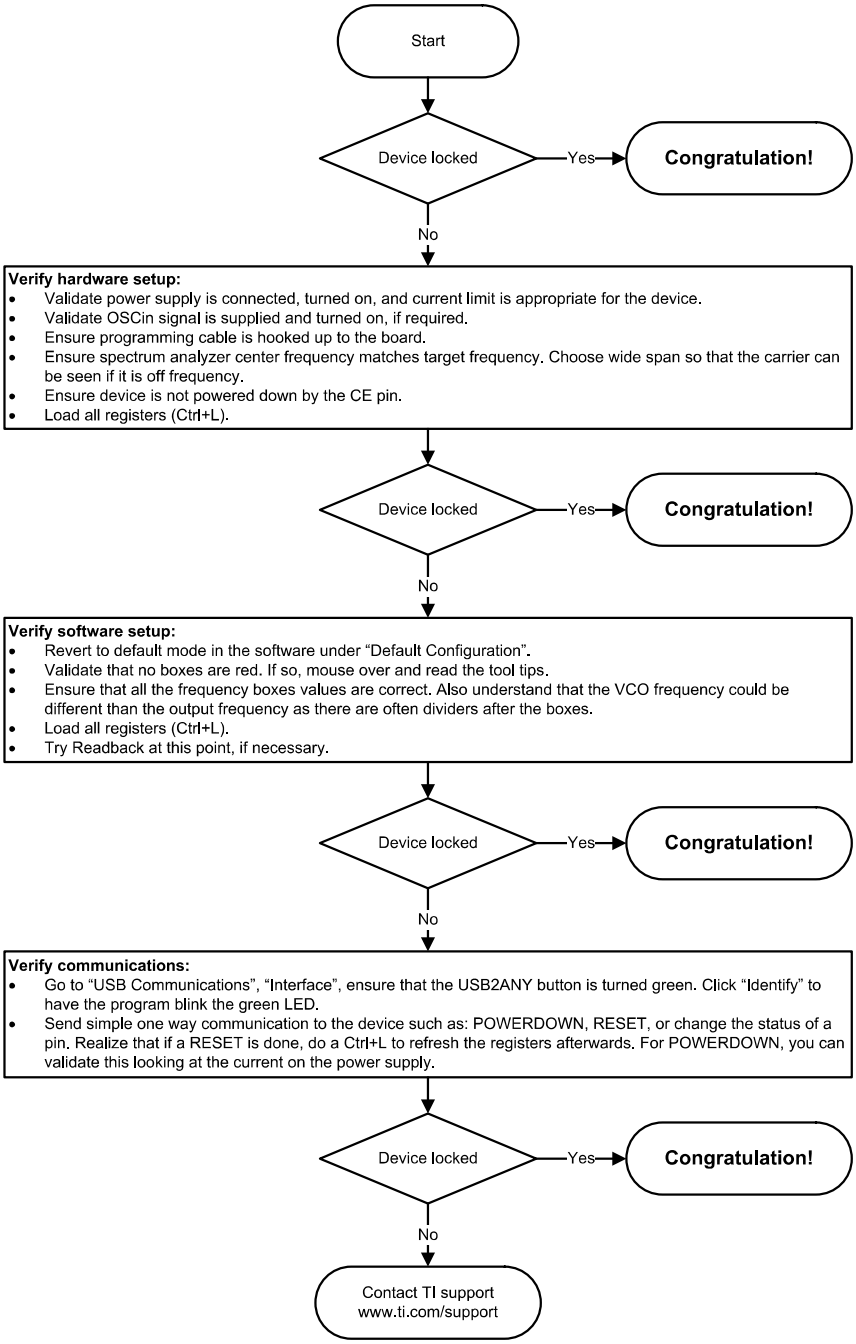
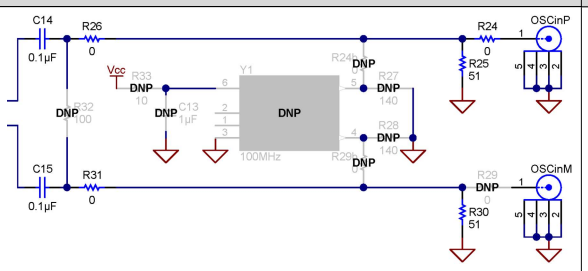
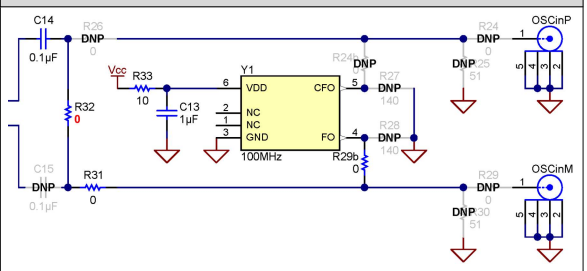
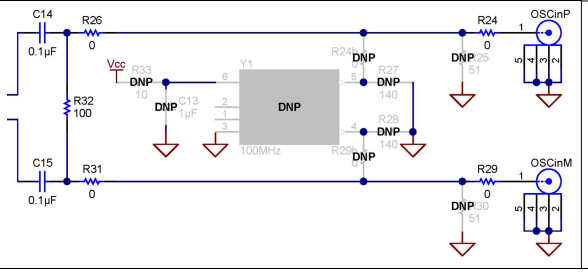
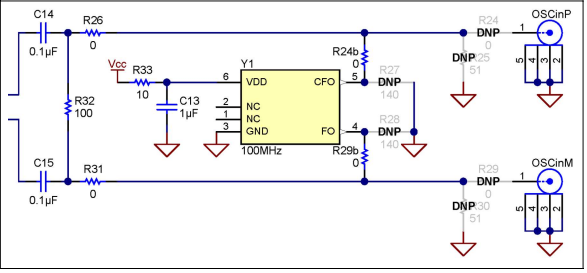


Figure 24. Troubleshooting Guide

Using Different Reference Clock

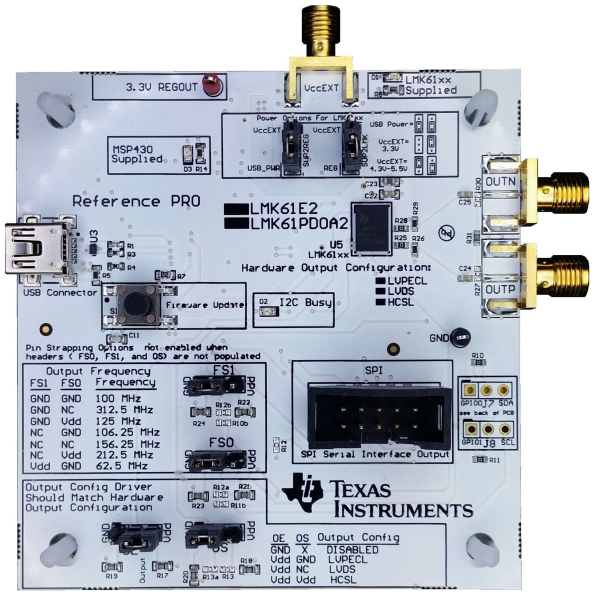
These are the different options to provide a reference clock to LMX2572LPEVM. By default, the EVM is configured for an external single-ended clock.

Table 7. Reference Clock Input Configuration

INPUT	EXTERNAL CLOCK	CRYSTAL OSCILLATOR
Single-ended		
Differential (LVDS)		

Reference PRO

The Reference PRO board is used to program the LMX2572LPEVM and provide a clean reference clock to LMX2572LPEVM at the same time. The board has several control pins dedicated for control of output format, output frequency, and output enable control. These control pins are configurable through the jumpers by strapping the center pin to Vdd position or GND position. Connections from the Vdd position to the device supply or from the GND position to the ground plane are connected by 1.5-kΩ resistors. By default, the board is configured for 100-MHz LVPECL output. Connect the Reference PRO to the PC through the USB interface to provide the Reference PRO a steady power supply.



B.1 Output Frequency Selection

Jumpers FS1 and FS0 are used to set the output frequency.

Table 8. Reference PRO Output Frequency Selection

FS1	FS0	OUTPUT FREQUENCY (MHz)
GND	GND	100
GND	NC	312.5
GND	Vdd	125
NC	GND	106.25
NC	NC	156.25
NC	Vdd	212.5
Vdd	GND	62.5

B.2 Output Format Selection

The OE pin is used to enable or disable the output.

The OS pin is used to bias internal drivers and change the output format.

Table 9. Reference PRO Output Format Selection

OE	OS	OUTPUT FORMAT
GND	Don't Care	Disabled
Vdd	GND	LVPECL
Vdd	NC	LVDS
Vdd	Vdd	HCSL

It is imperative to match the output termination passive components as shown in Table 10.

Table 10. Output Termination Configuration

OUTPUT FORMAT	COUPLING	COMPONENT	VALUE
LVPECL	AC (Default configuration)	R15, R28	0 Ω
		R26, R29	150 Ω
		C24, C25	0.01 µF
		R27, R30, R31	DNP
	DC(1)	R15, R28, C24, C25	0 Ω
		R26, R27, R29, R30, R31	DNP
LVDS(2)	AC	R25, R27, R28, R30	0 Ω
		R31	100 Ω
		C24, C25	0.01 µF
		R26, R29	DNP
	DC	R25, R27, R28, R30, C24, C25	0 Ω
		R31	100 Ω
		R26, R29	DNP
HCSL	AC	R25, R28	0 Ω
		R26, R29	50 Ω
		C24, C25	0.01 µF
		R27, R30, R31	DNP
	DC	R25, R28, C24, C25	0 Ω
		R26, R29	50 Ω
		R27, R30, R31	DNP

(1) 50-Ω to V_{CC} – 2-V termination is required on receiver.

(2) 100-Ω differential termination (R31) is provided onboard. Removing this termination is possible if the differential termination is available on the receiver.

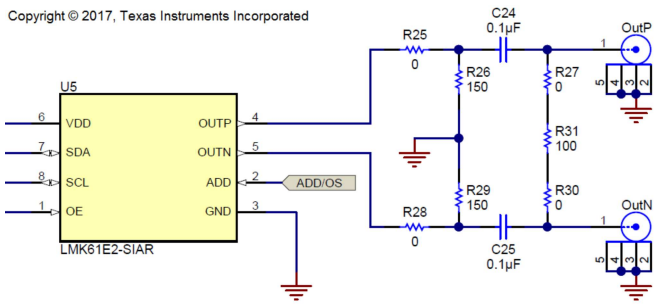


Figure 25. Output Termination Schematic

B.3 Typical Output Characteristics

Figure 26. Default Output Phase Nosie

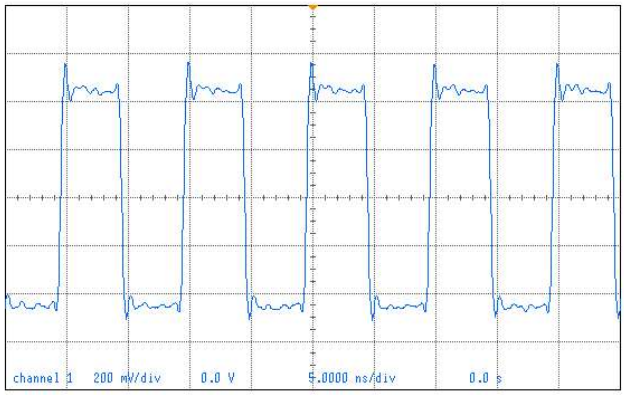


Figure 27. Default Output Waveform

B.4 Firmware Update

Usually when the Reference PRO board is used at the first time, TICS Pro will request a firmware update. Follow the pop-up instructions to complete the update. This update is necessary to ensure that the USB connection between the PC and the Reference PRO board is properly set up, otherwise the programming to LMX2572LPEVM will not be successful.

1. When you see this message, click the "OK" button.

Figure 28. Firmware Requirement

2. Next, follow the on-screen procedure.

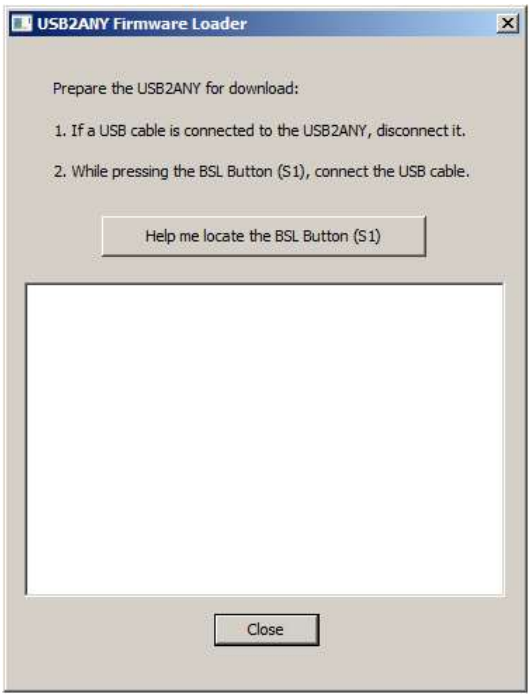


Figure 29. Firmware Loader

3. The BSL button is located next to the USB connector.

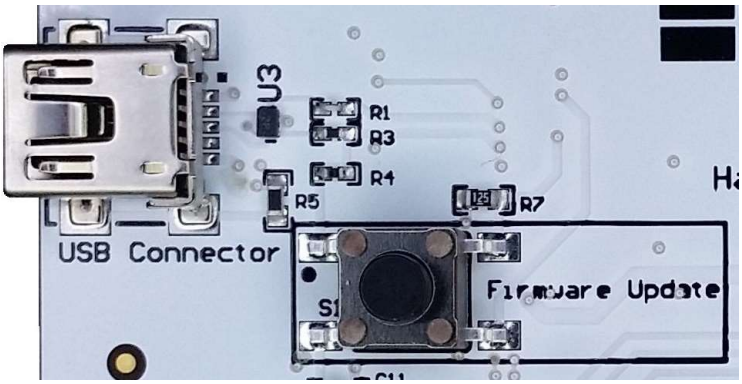


Figure 30. BSL Button

4. Follow the on-screen procedure until the "Update Firmware" button pops up.

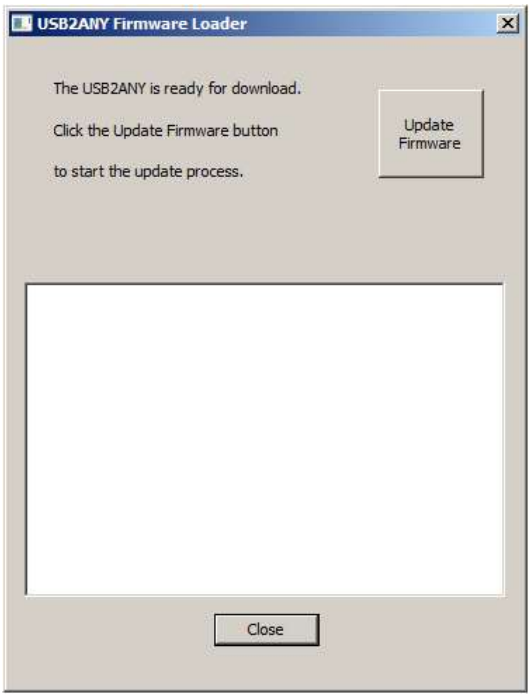


Figure 31. Update Firmware

5. Click the "Upgrade Firmware" button to start the upgrade and click the "Close" button after the upgrade is complete.

Figure 32. Firmware Update Complete

6. Check the USB connection in TICS Pro by clicking "USB communications" → "Interface". Make sure that the "USB Connected" button is green.

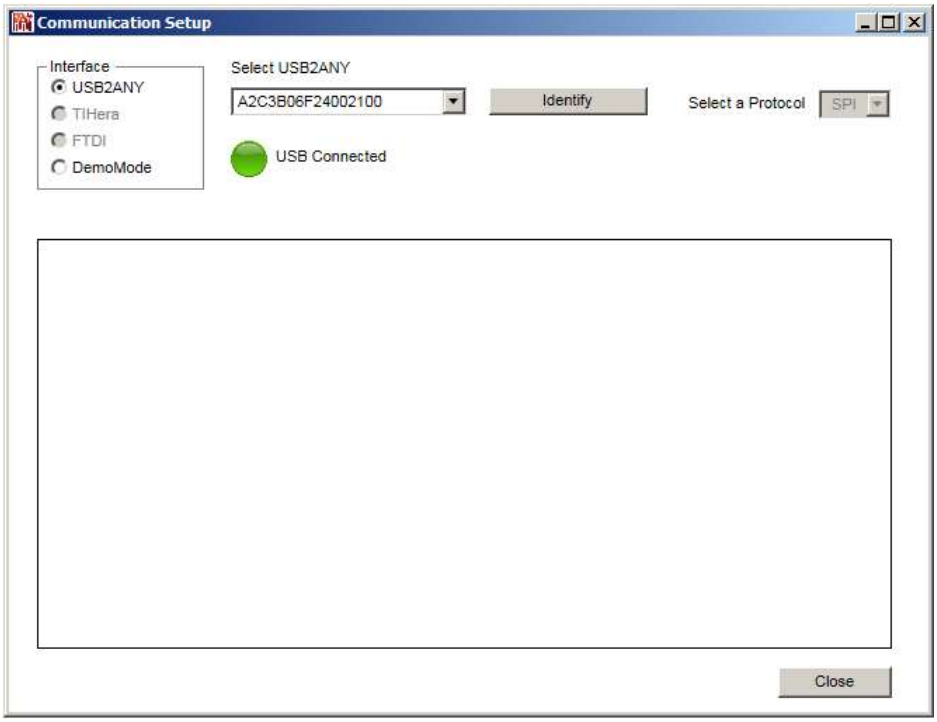


Figure 33. USB Communications

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