

MRD2EVM Microreader Evaluation Kit

User's Guide



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WARNING

The terminals across the antenna connectors SJ1 and SJ2, the through-hole contact below mark R6-->R7, and the through-hole contacts 16 and 19 of CON3 operate at potentially hazardous voltages. Effective safety application procedures and knowledge are required to minimize risk of electrical shock hazard when using this EVM. The user should be technically qualified to operate this EVM, including having full knowledge of risks associated in working with electrically live and hazardous voltages commonly found in development platforms. Careful review of *General Texas Instruments High Voltage Evaluation Module (TI HV EVM) User Safety Guidelines* at the end of this document is required prior to using this EVM.

1 Microreader Overview

The microreader evaluation board (RI-STU-MRD2) is a complete USB-based reader module providing the hardware and software to communicate with TI's low-frequency (LF), half-duplex (HDX), and advanced transponders for programming and tuning after the production phase.

The USB reader-writer stick contains the RI-STU-MRD2 DIL module, which is mounted on an antenna base board with a USB connector. The RI-STU-MRD2 is backward compatible with the RS232 based RI-STU-MRD1 reader module.

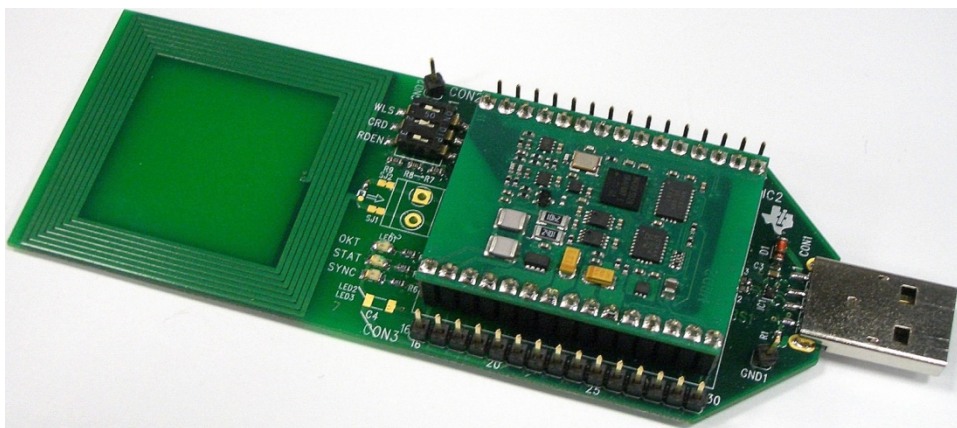


Figure 1. RI-STU-MRD2 EVM Board

The main features of the RI-STU-MRD2 are:

- RS232 and USB interfaces
- Multi-purpose I/Os
- Low-power operation (2.7 V to 5.5 V)
- Supports programming and tuning of advanced transponders
- Easy to design in and use

2 Kit Contents

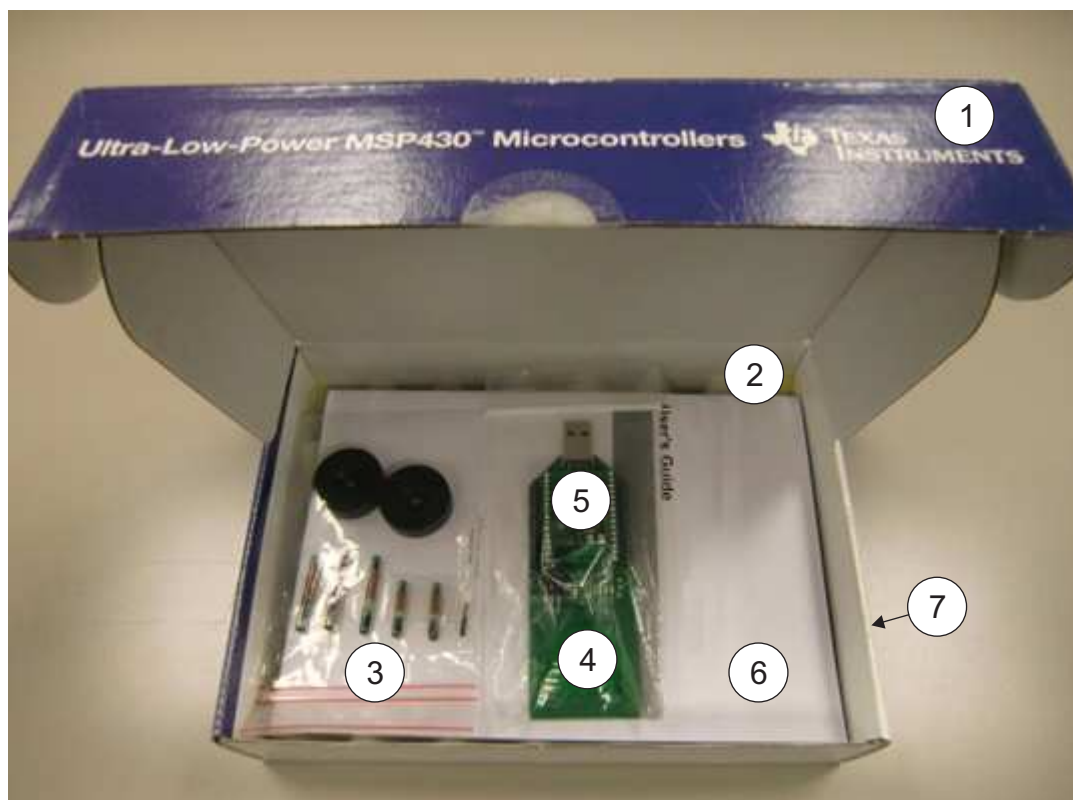


Figure 2. MRD2EVM Carton Box With Contents

Table 1. Kit Contents

Pos	Ref Des	Part Type	Order or Specification Number
1	Box	Carton Box MSP430	
2	Foam	Foam Protection	
3	Samples	Samples	RI-TRP-DR2B-30 RI-TRP-RR2B-30 RI-TRP-WR2B-30 RI-TRP-RR3P-30 RI-TRP-WR3P-30 TRPGR30TGC RI-TRP-R9QL-30
4	Carrier Board		PCB MRD2EVM V2.0
5	Microreader		RI-STU-MRD2
6	Manual		SCBU50
7	Label		

3 Download the Software

Download the latest version of the following files:

1. RI-STU-MRD2 reference manual: [SCBU049](#)
2. RI-STU-MRD2 demo software (GUI): [SCBC010](#)
3. USB device driver: [SCBC010](#)
4. Additional documents, such as application reports and white papers: <http://www.ti.com/rfid>
5. RI-STU-MRD2 product folder: <http://www.ti.com/product/ri-stu-mrd2>

4 Installation

4.1 Driver Installation

1. Download the driver from the link specified in 3. Download the software.
2. Proceed according to the type of Operating system.

4.1.1 Windows 7 or Later

1. Remove the RI-STU-MRD2 EVM board if it is already connected to USB Port.
2. Right click on the driver file and click INSTALL.
3. Click YES if Windows prompts for authentication from User Account Control.
4. Click "Install this driver software anyway", if Windows prompts for authentication.



Figure 3. Windows Security

5. Connect the reader. After installation is complete, the message shown in Figure 4 is displayed.

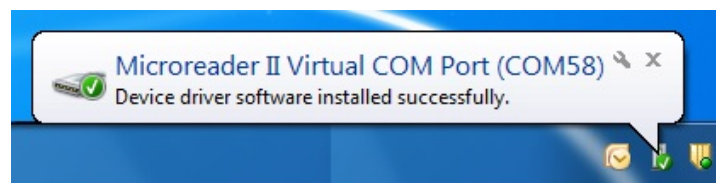


Figure 4. Driver Installed Successfully

6. The USB driver is now installed on the PC, and the system is ready for use.

4.1.2 Windows XP

1. Connect the RI-STU-MRD2 EVM to USB port. When the window shown in [Figure 5](#) is displayed, click "Yes, this time only" and then click Next.



Figure 5. New Hardware Wizard, Step 1

2. When the window shown in [Figure 6](#) is displayed, click "Install from a list or Specific location" and then click Next.



Figure 6. New Hardware Wizard, Step 2

- When the window shown in [Figure 7](#) is displayed, click Browse, select the location of the downloaded driver file on the PC, and then click Next.

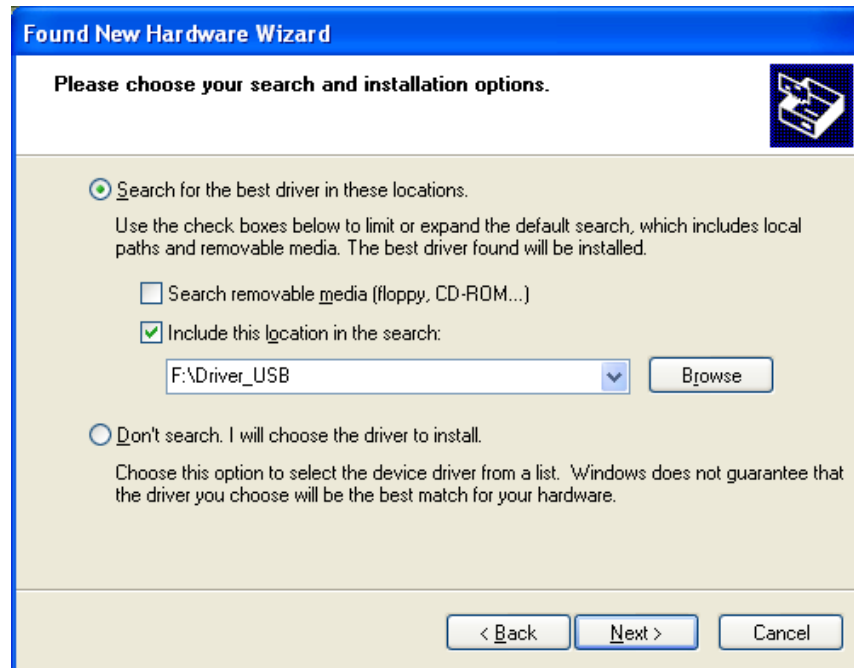


Figure 7. New Hardware Wizard, Step 3

- If Windows prompts for authentication, continue with the installation. After successful installation, the window shown in [Figure 8](#) is displayed. Click Finish.

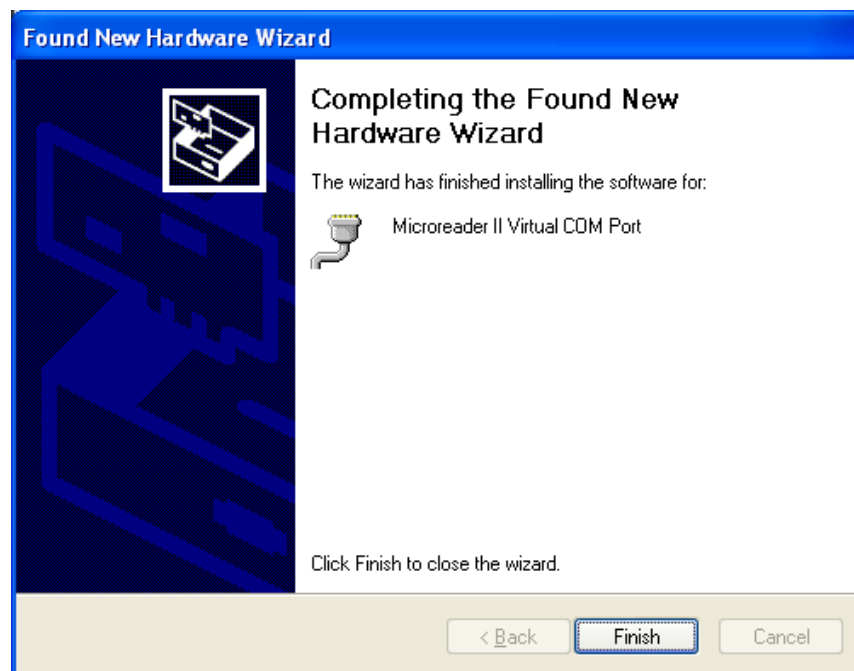


Figure 8. New Hardware Wizard, Step 4

- The USB driver is now installed on the PC, and the system is ready to use.

4.2 RI-STU-MRD2 Demo Software (GUI) Installation

Download the driver from the link specified in 3. Download the software

1. Unpack RI-STU-MRD2 Demo Software.zip.
2. Double click the RI-STU-MRD2 Demo Reader Software.exe.

5 RI-STU-MRD2 Demo Software (GUI) Introduction

The RI-STU-MRD2 demo Software supports simple reading/programming of LF HDX, HDX+, Advanced HDX+ and PaLFI Transponders. When the reader connects to the USB port, the software automatically detects the reader and the COM port data is displayed on the top as shown in below in [Figure 9](#). The five tabs described in [Table 2](#) define use mode depending on type of transponders.

Table 2. GUI Tabs

Tab	Name	Contents and Functions
1	LF / HDX+	Read or write LF tags (R/O, R/W, or MPT 16 /17); read or write memory of HDX+ tags
2	OTP/HDX+ Programming/Tuning	Read or write ID; HDX+ tag read or write ID and tune resonance frequency
3	HDX+ Inventory	Inventory process (read aids of group of HDX+ transponders)
4	PaLFI Transponder	Read, write, battery check, battery charge, MSP access
5	About	Software and hardware version of the RI-STU-MRD2 reader

The initial screen view with the tabs and COM port data is shown in [Figure 9](#).

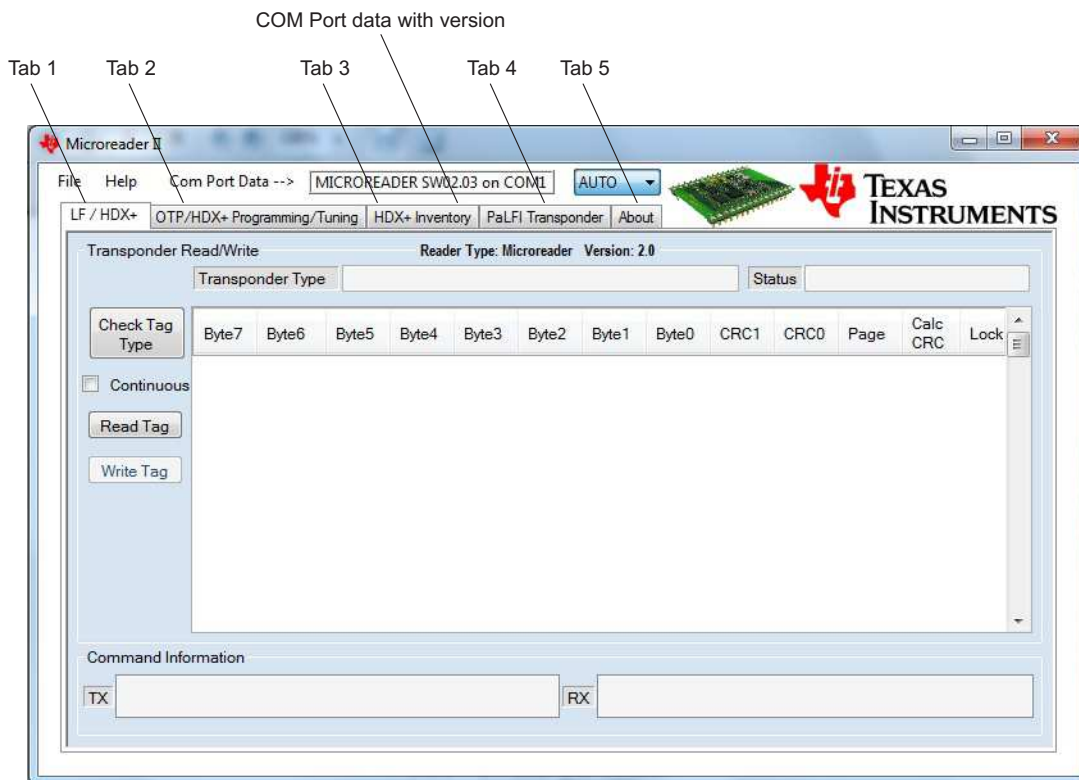


Figure 9. RI-STU-MRD2 Demo Software (GUI): Startup Screen

6 Demo Examples

6.1 Demo 1: Read or Write LF Transponder (Read Only/ Read Write) – Tab 1

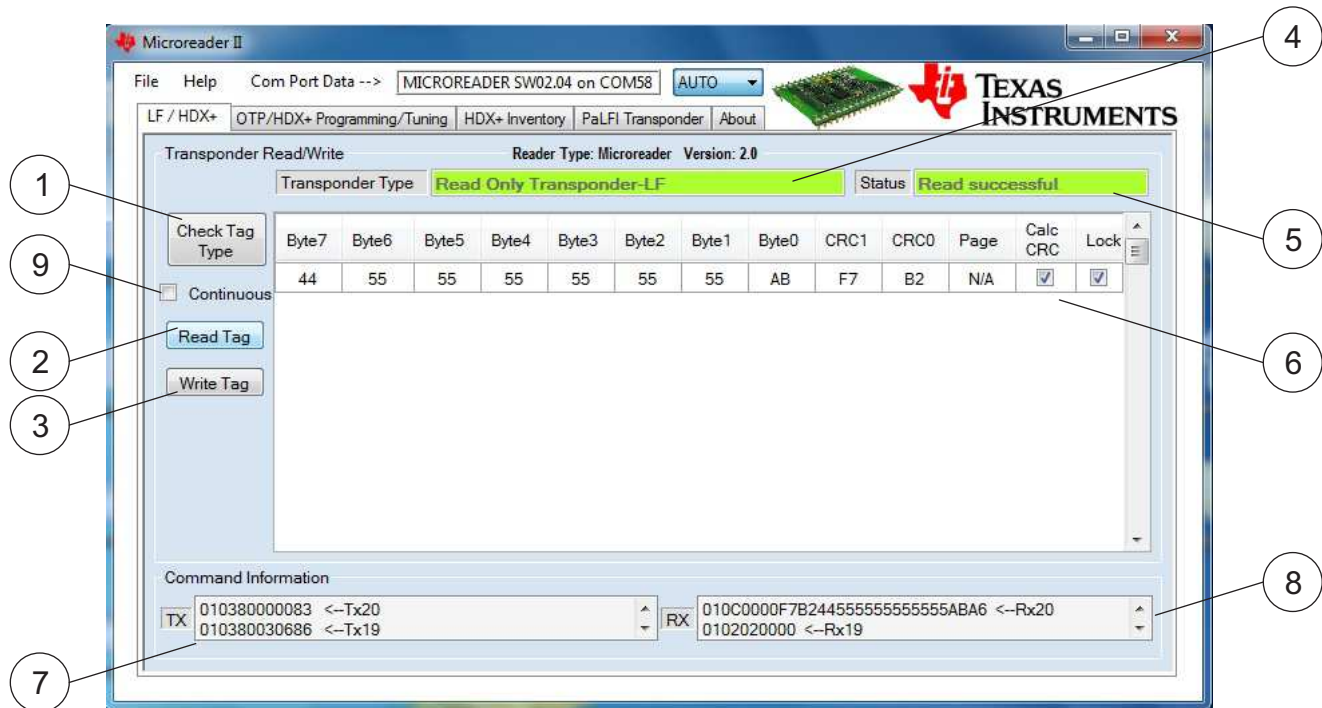
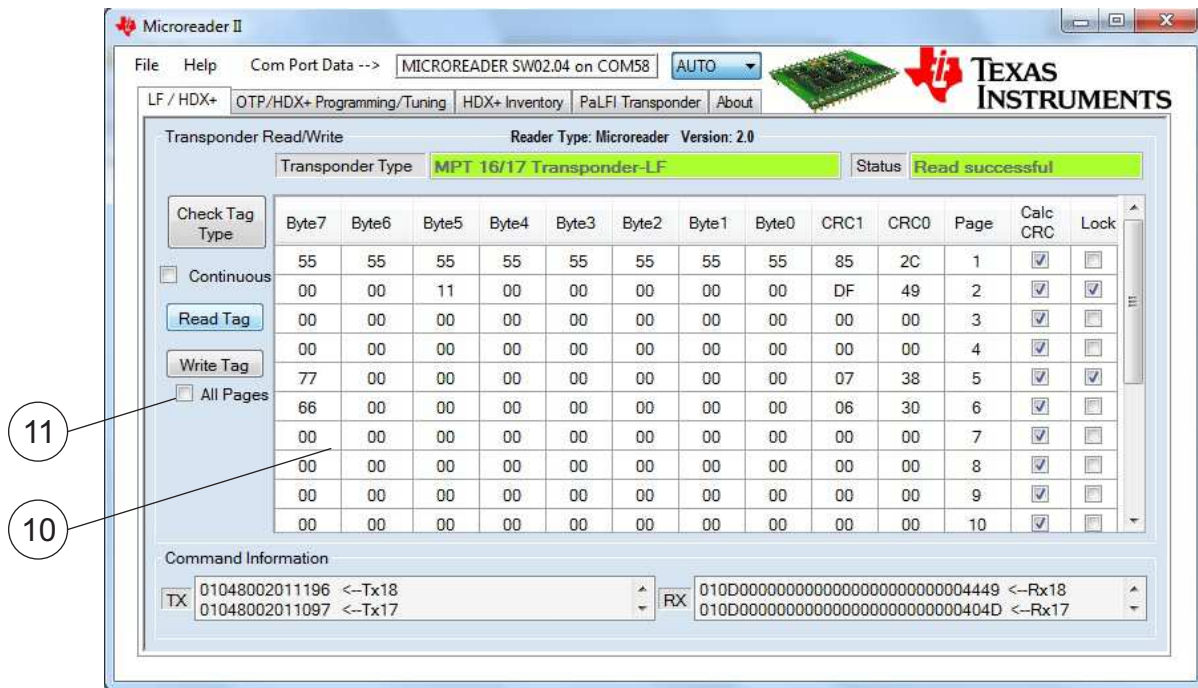


Figure 10. Read or Write LF Transponder (Type: Read-Only or Read/Write)

- 1 Check Tag Type button: Shows the tag type at position 4 (Transponder Type).
- 2 Read Tag button: Reads transponder data, depending on the transponder type.
For read only and read/write transponder types, shows LF-8 byte data with 2-byte CRC and data at position 6 of [Figure 10](#).
For MPT 16/17 types, shows 16/17 pages with each page of 8-byte data and 2-byte CRC at position 10 of [Figure 11](#).
For HDX+ types, shows 16 pages of 4-byte data at position 12 of [Figure 12](#).
- 3 Write Tag button: Programs the transponder, depending on the transponder type.
For LF-R/W type transponders, writes 8-byte data with 2-byte CRC (or) 10-byte data. Data can be edited at position 6 of [Figure 10](#) as described in position 6, below.
For MPT 16/17 type transponders, writes 16/17 pages with each page of 8-byte data and 2-byte CRC. Data can be edited at position 10 of [Figure 11](#) as described in [Section 6.2](#).
For HDX+ type transponders, writes 16 pages of 4-byte data. Data can be edited at position 12 of [Figure 12](#) as described in [Section 6.3](#).
- 4 Shows the type of the transponder. If no transponder is found, "no transponder detected" is shown.
- 5 Shows the status (success or error) of the most recent activity.
- 6 Shows the 10-byte data field (8-byte ID and 2-byte CRC) of the LF Transponder (R/O or R/W) in the first row of the table. Data appears after the successful read of transponder.
The Lock column on the right side of table shows the lock status of every single memory row. To lock the transponder check the Lock box and click Write Tag.
Check the Calc CRC box to write 8-byte data (the CRC is calculated by the reader).
Uncheck the Calc CRC box to write 10-byte data (the CRC is not calculated by the reader).
- 7 Shows the last 20 commands transmitted to reader.
- 8 Shows the last 20 commands received from reader.
- 9 Continuous mode operation check box.

6.2 Demo 2: Read or Write LF Transponder (MPT 16/17) – Tab 1

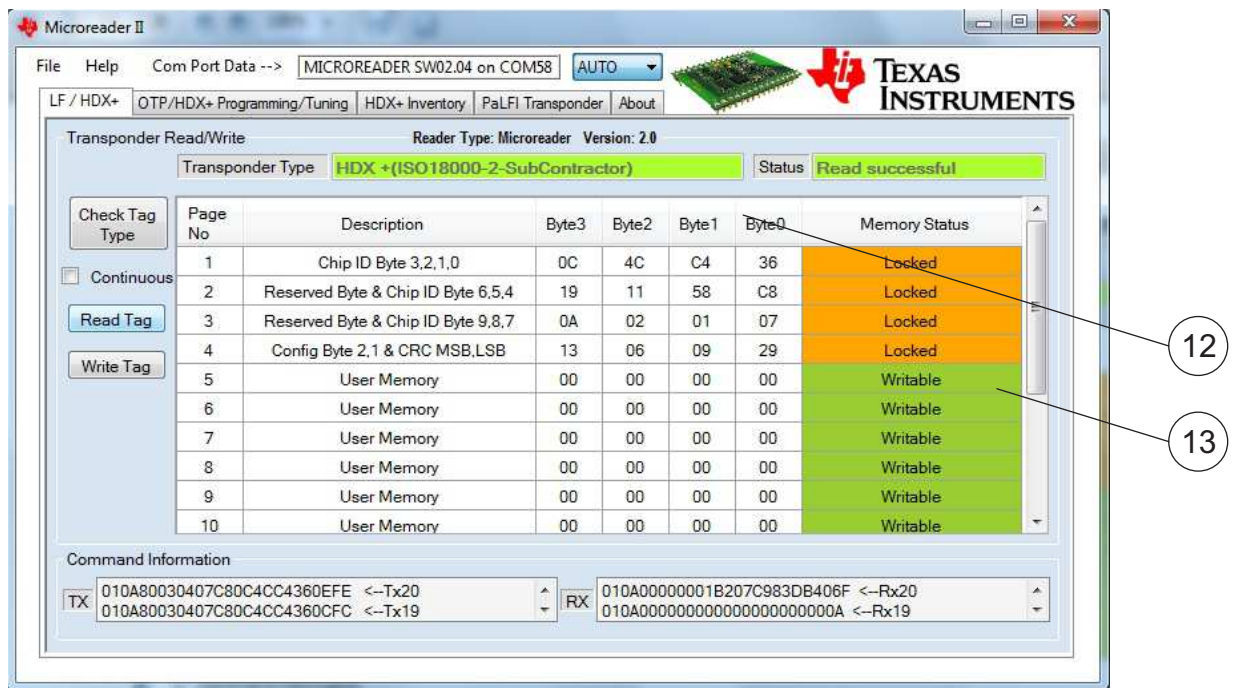


NOTE: See descriptions of positions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9 in [Figure 10](#) for additional details.

Figure 11. Read or Write LF Transponder (Type: MPT 16/17)

- 10 This is the 16/17-page 10-byte data (8-byte data with 2-byte CRC) of the LF Transponder MPT 16/17. Data appears after a successful transponder read.
The Lock column on the right side of the transponder data shows the lock status of every memory block. To lock the transponder pages, check the Lock box of any page and click Write Tag (see the description of position 11 for important details of writing to the tag).
Check the Calc CRC box to write 8-byte data (the CRC is calculated by the reader).
Uncheck the Calc CRC box to write 10-byte data (the CRC is not calculated by the reader).
- 11 Check this box and click Write Tag to write all pages of the MPT 16/17 transponder at one time. Uncheck this box and click Write Tag to write only the edited page data. If the data has not been edited, then reader writes the default page 1 data as shown in [Figure 10](#).

6.3 Demo 3: HDX+ Transponder (Read or Write Memory) – Tab 1



NOTE: See descriptions of positions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9 in [Figure 10](#) for additional details.

Figure 12. Read or Write Memory Content of HDX+ Transponder

- 12 This is the 16 page (64 byte) memory data of the HDX+-Transponder shown in grid view table format. The description of each page is described in column 2 and the corresponding 4 byte data is displayed in column 3, 4, 5 & 6 of the table as shown in table at position 12.
- 13 This is the last column of the grid view table that shows the memory status of each page. The locked pages with orange background are not re-writable. The writable pages with green background are re-writable.

6.4 Demo 4: OTP Transponder (Read or Write ID) – Tab 2

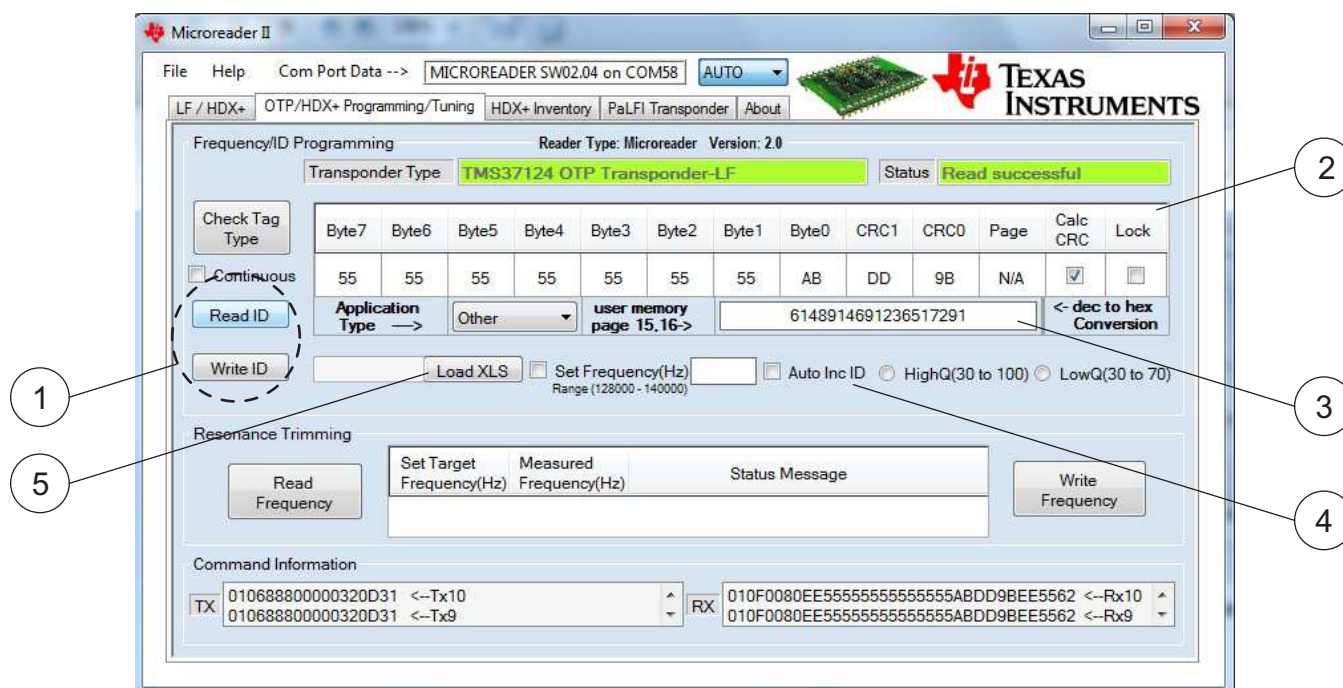


Figure 13. Read or Write ID of OTP Transponder

- 1 Click on Read ID (or) Write ID buttons to read (or) write the 64 byte ID with 16 byte CRC to an OTP transponder.
- 2 This is the 10 byte data (8 byte ID and 2 byte CRC) of the OTP Transponder shown in grid view table first row. The Lock column on the right side of the transponder data shows the lock stats of the ID. To lock the transponder check the Lock box and click Write ID.
- 3 Decimal field for ISO 11785 animal or industrial code. This automatically converts to 8 byte hex data in field 2. If hex data is entered in field 2, data automatically converts to decimal data in field 3.
- 4 Auto increment the ID after successful programming of a transponder.
- 5 Loads a list of IDs from an Excel® spreadsheet to write a batch of transponders. The Auto Inc ID checkbox at position 4 needs to be checked to load the subsequent ID from the Excel spreadsheet after each successful write to the transponder. Click Unload XLS to remove the loaded data.

6.5 Demo 5: HDX+ Transponder (Read or Write ID) – Tab 2

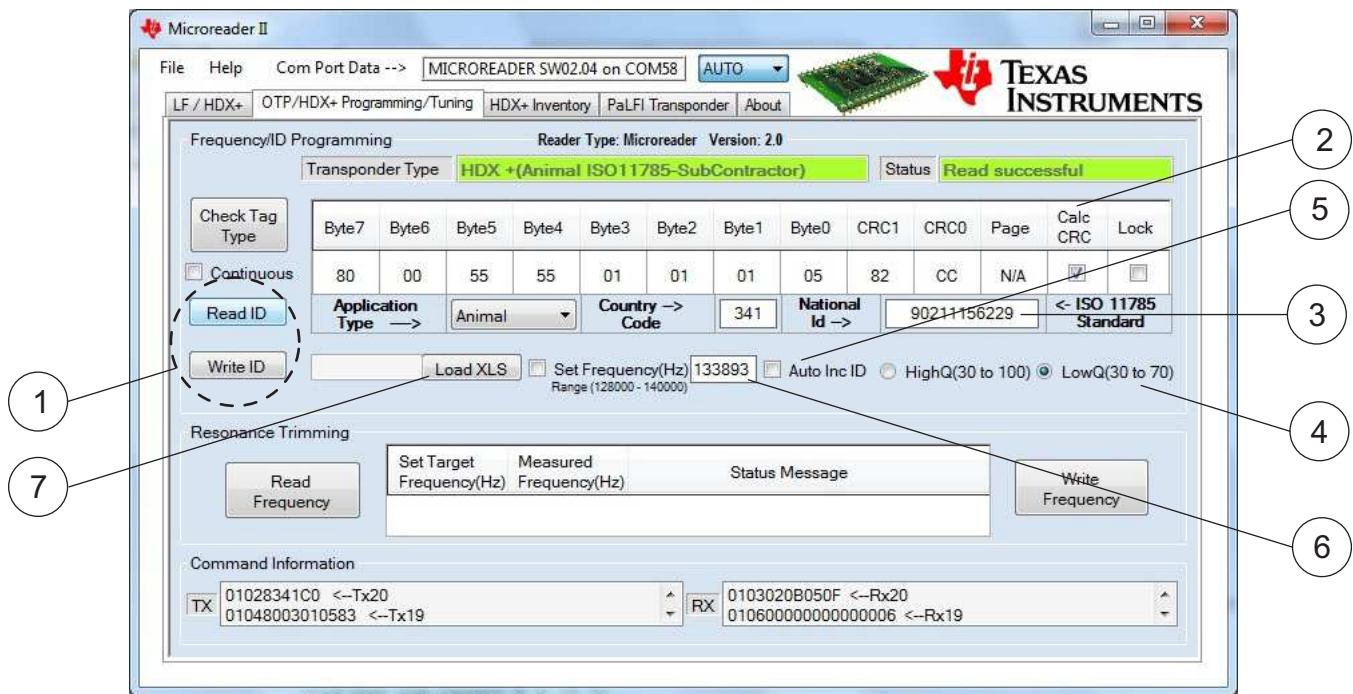


Figure 14. Read or Write ID of HDX+ Transponder

- 1 Read ID (or) Write ID button initiates a read (or) write of the 64 byte ID with 16 byte CRC of an HDX+ transponder.
- 2 This is the 10 byte data (8 byte ID and 2 byte CRC) of the OTP HDX+ Transponder shown in the grid view table first row. The Lock column on the right hand side of the transponder data shows the lock stats of the ID. To lock the transponder check on the Lock checkbox and click on write ID button.
- 3 Decimal field for ISO 11785 animal or industrial code. This automatically converts to 8 byte hex data in field 2. If HEX data is entered in field 2, data automatically converts to decimal data in field 3.
- 4 Q-value of the transponder. Select the correct Q-value of the transponder and click Write ID to write to the transponder.
- 5 Auto increment the ID after successful programming of a transponder.
- 6 Read or write the resonance frequency of a transponder. The frequency of a transponder is shown in this field. To set the frequency at the same time of write ID phase, check the Set Frequency box and type the target frequency in the field.
- 7 Loads a list of IDs from an Excel® spreadsheet to write a batch of transponders. The Auto Inc ID checkbox at position 5 needs to be checked to load the subsequent ID from the Excel® spreadsheet after each successful write to the transponder. Click Unload XLS to remove the loaded data.

6.6 Demo 6: HDX+ Transponder (Trim Frequency) – Tab 2

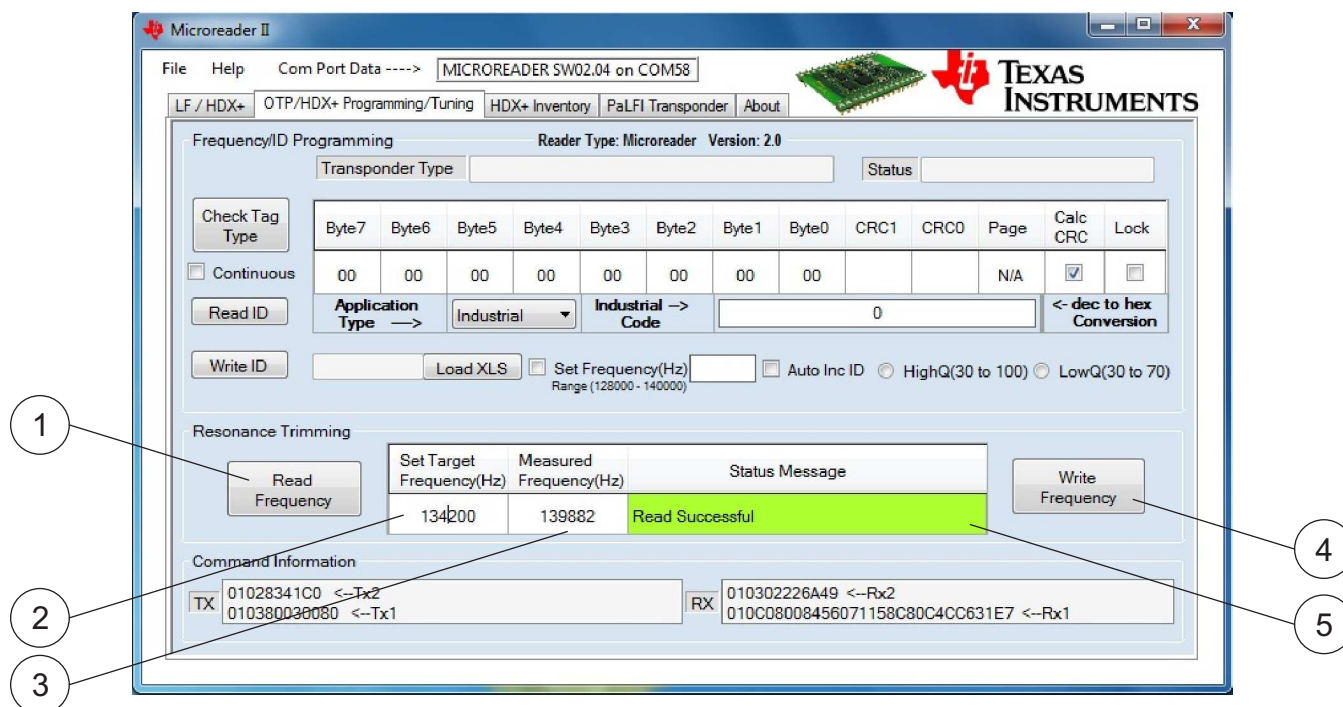


Figure 15. Trim Resonance Frequency of HDX+ Transponder

- 1 Tune or read the frequency of transponder: Click Read Frequency to display the measured frequency value at position 3 (the default target frequency value is displayed at position 2).
- 2 Target frequency field in Hz
- 3 Measured frequency value after each read/write.
- 4 A valid frequency (128000Hz to 140000Hz) needs to be entered in field 2, the frequency is then programmed with the Write frequency button.

NOTE: Depending on transponder form factor, the tag needs to be separated from the antenna by 20 mm to 40 mm to measure and program the correct frequency. The resulting frequency might vary ± 500 Hz due to the limited resolution of the internal tuning circuit.

- 5 Status message field.

6.7 Demo 7: HDX+ Transponders (Inventory Command) – Tab 3

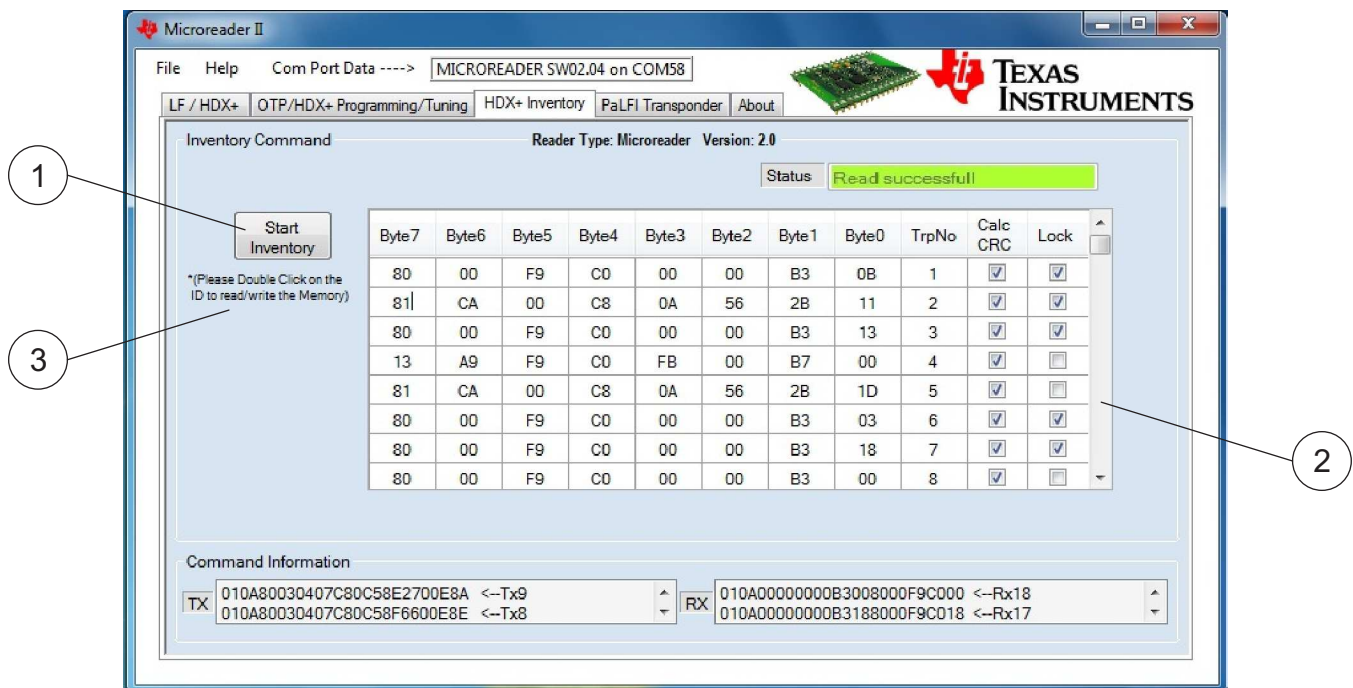


Figure 16. Read Inventory of HDX+ Transponder

- 1 Start inventory button: Reads AIDs of a group of advanced HDX+ transponders in the vicinity region. The list of AIDs of transponders is shown at position 2 of Figure 10.
- 2 This is the 8 byte ID (8 byte AID) of the HDX+-Transponders detected and shown in each row of grid view table. The Lock column on the right hand side of the transponder data shows the lock status of the IDs.
- 3 A double click on any of ID data in the table initiates a read of the memory content of the selected transponder.

6.8 Demo 8: PaLFI (Read, Write, Battery Charge and Check, and Flash LED) – Tab 4

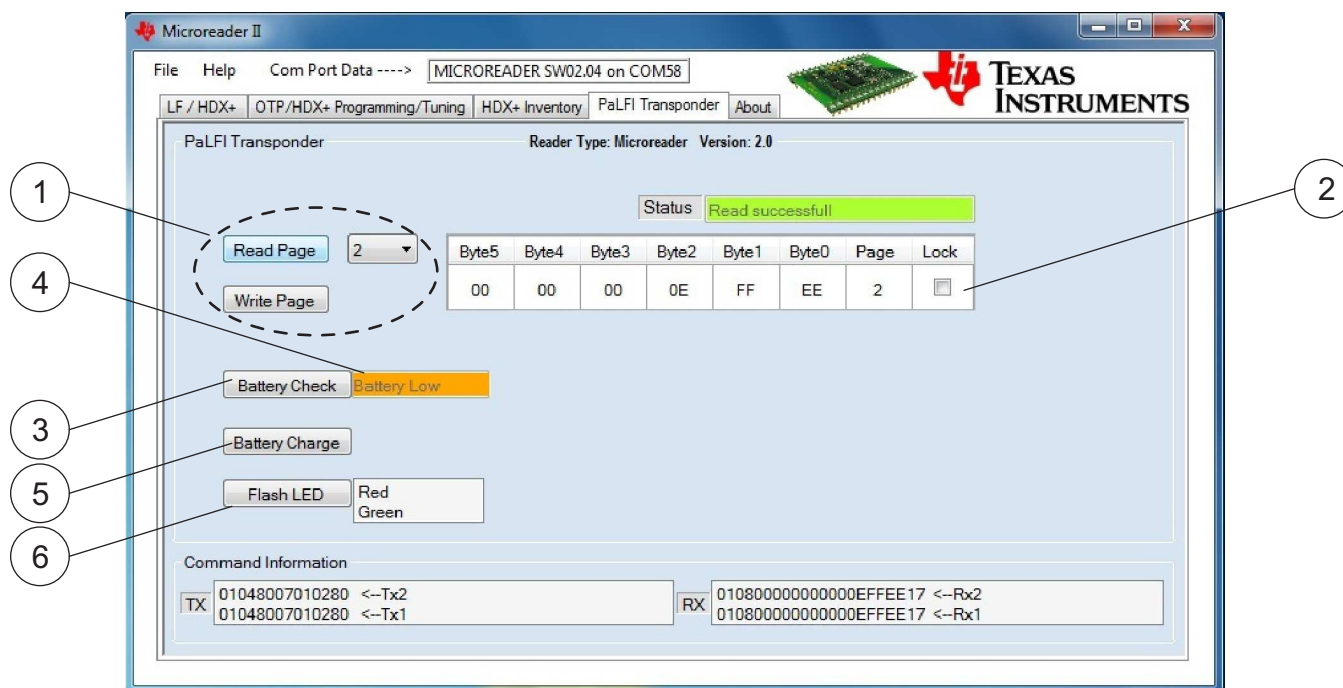


Figure 17. Read, Write, Battery Charge, Battery Check, and Flash LED of PaLFI

- 1 Selection of page number and click on read/write page reads/writes the memory content of the selected page.
- 2 The grid view table shows the 5 byte memory content of the selected page. The Lock field on the right hand side of the memory data shows the lock status of the IDs.
- 3 Battery Check button: Battery voltage level check of PaLFI.
- 4 Battery charge status is indicated with 3 different colors orange (low voltage), yellow (medium voltage) and green (high voltage).
- 5 Battery charge button: Charge PaLFI module.
- 6 Flash LED: Selection of the LED color in the field. A click on the flash LED button initiates the corresponding LED to blink on PaLFI tag which is providing an example for an MSP access command to the PaLFI tag.

7 Schematics

7.1 RI-STU-MRD2 EVM Board

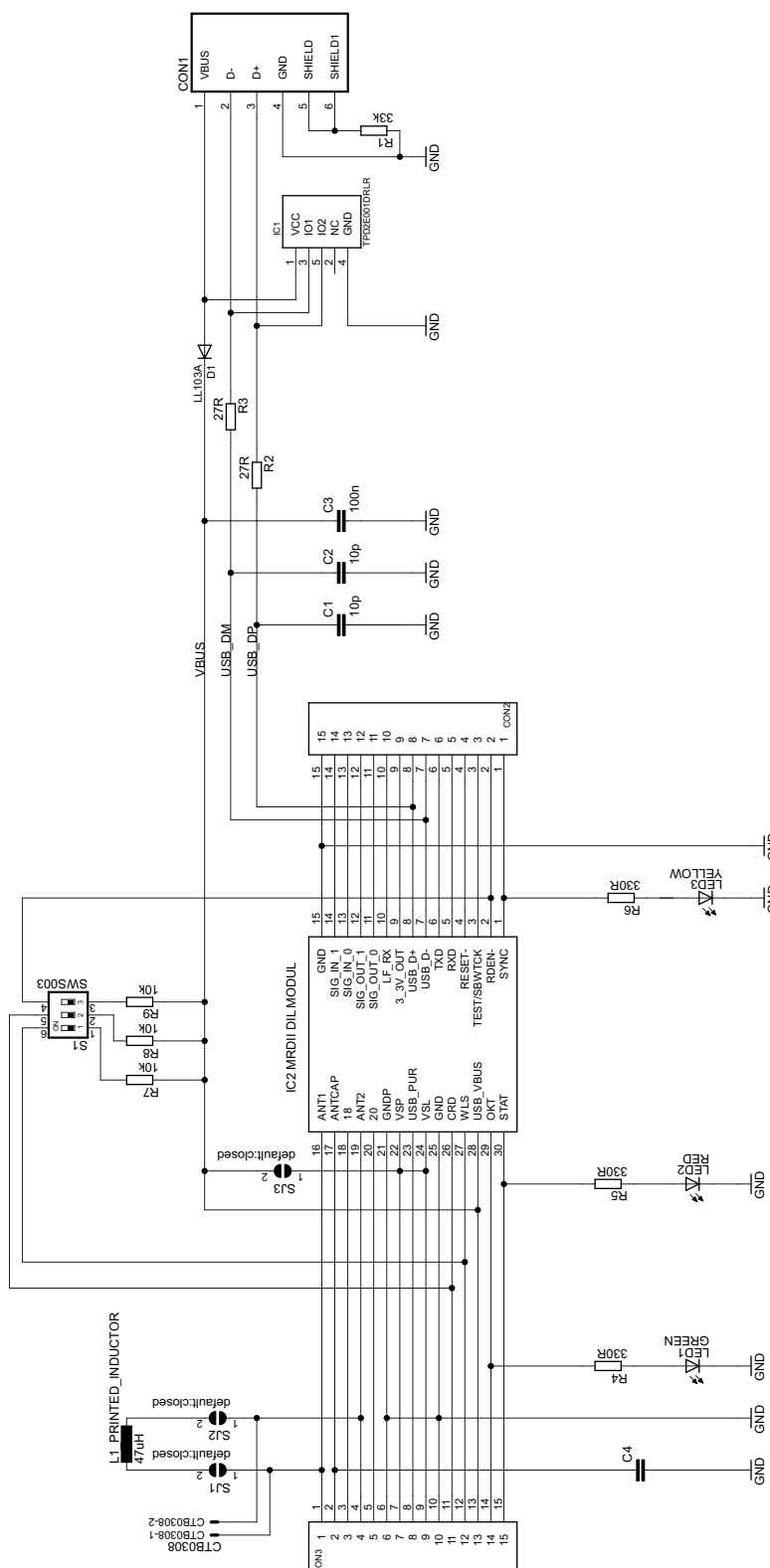


Figure 18. RI-STU-MRD2 EVM Board Schematic

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General Statement for EVMs including a radio

User Power/Frequency Use Obligations: This radio is intended for development/professional use only in legally allocated frequency and power limits. Any use of radio frequencies and/or power availability of this EVM and its development application(s) must comply with local laws governing radio spectrum allocation and power limits for this evaluation module. It is the user's sole responsibility to only operate this radio in legally acceptable frequency space and within legally mandated power limitations. Any exceptions to this are strictly prohibited and unauthorized by Texas Instruments unless user has obtained appropriate experimental/development licenses from local regulatory authorities, which is responsibility of user including its acceptable authorization.

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Caution

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

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

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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.

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

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

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.

Cet appareil numérique de la classe A ou B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

Les changements ou les modifications pas expressément approuvés par la partie responsable de la conformité ont pu vider l'autorité de l'utilisateur pour actionner l'équipement.

Concernant les EVMs avec appareils radio

Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes : (1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et (2) l'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement.

Concernant les EVMs avec antennes détachables

Conformément à la réglementation d'Industrie Canada, le présent émetteur radio peut fonctionner avec une antenne d'un type et d'un gain maximal (ou inférieur) approuvé pour l'émetteur par Industrie Canada. Dans le but de réduire les risques de brouillage radioélectrique à l'intention des autres utilisateurs, il faut choisir le type d'antenne et son gain de sorte que la puissance isotrope rayonnée équivalente (p.i.r.e.) ne dépasse pas l'intensité nécessaire à l'établissement d'une communication satisfaisante.

Le présent émetteur radio a été approuvé par Industrie Canada pour fonctionner avec les types d'antenne énumérés dans le manuel d'usage et ayant un gain admissible maximal et l'impédance requise pour chaque type d'antenne. Les types d'antenne non inclus dans cette liste, ou dont le gain est supérieur au gain maximal indiqué, sont strictement interdits pour l'exploitation de l'émetteur.

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2. Use this product only after you obtained the license of Test Radio Station as provided in Radio Law of Japan with respect to this product, or
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WARNING

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- (d) All interface circuits, power supplies, evaluation modules, instruments, meters, scopes, and other related apparatus used in a development environment exceeding 50Vrms/75VDC must be electrically located within a protected Emergency Power Off (EPO) protected power strip.
- (e) Use a stable and nonconductive work surface.
- (f) Use adequately insulated clamps and wires to attach measurement probes and instruments. No freehand testing whenever possible.

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- (b) With the EVM confirmed de-energized, proceed with required electrical circuit configurations, wiring, measurement equipment hook-ups, and other application needs, while still assuming the EVM circuit and measuring instruments are electrically live.
- (c) Once EVM readiness is complete, energize the EVM as intended.

WARNING

While the EVM is energized, never touch the EVM or its electrical circuits as they could be at high voltages capable of causing electrical shock hazard.

3. Personal Safety:

- (a) Wear personal protective equipment; for example, latex gloves or safety glasses with side shields or protect EVM in an adequate lucent plastic box with interlocks from accidental touch.

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