

# MIMXRT1170HDUG

## Hardware Development Guide for the MIMXRT1160/1170 Processor

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User guide

### Document Information

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| Abstract    | The purpose of this document is to help hardware engineers design and test their MIMXRT1170 processor-based designs. It provides information about board layout recommendations and design checklists to ensure first-pass success and avoid board bring-up problems. |



## 1 Introduction

The purpose of this document is to help hardware engineers design and test their MIMXRT1170 processor-based designs. It provides information about board layout recommendations and design checklists to ensure first-pass success and avoid board bring-up problems. This guide is released along with the relevant device-specific hardware documentation such as data sheets, reference manuals, and application notes available on [nxp.com](http://nxp.com).

**Note:** RT1160 shares the same design with RT1170, so engineers can also use this document for RT1160.

## 2 Background

The i.MX RT1170 is a new processor family featuring NXP advanced implementation of the high performance Arm Cortex-M7 Core and power efficient Arm Cortex-M4 core. It provides high CPU performance and real-time response.

The i.MX RT1170 has 2 MB of on-chip RAM in total. It includes a 512 kB RAM which can be flexibly configured as tightly coupled memory (TCM) or general purpose on-chip RAM (OCRAM). The i.MX RT1170 integrates advanced power management module with DC-DC and LDOs that reduce complexity of external power supply and simplify power sequencing.

It provides various memory interfaces, including SDRAM, Raw NAND FLASH, NOR FLASH, SD/eMMC, Quad SPI, Hyper RAM/Flash. It also provides a wide range of other interfaces for connecting external peripherals, such as WLAN, Bluetooth, GPS, displays, and camera sensors. The i.MX RT1170 has rich audio and video features, including MIPI CSI/DSI, LCD display, graphics accelerator, camera interface, S/PDIF, and I<sup>2</sup>S audio interface.

The i.MX RT1170 applications processor can be used in areas such as industrial HMI, IoT, high-end audio appliance, low-end instrument cluster, point-of-sale (PoS), motor control, and home appliances.

## 3 Power supply

For power supply voltage specifications, refer to the operating ranges table in the device data sheets\*. See [Table 1](#) and [Table 2](#) for power supply decoupling recommendations.

**Note:** The [Figure 1](#) in this section is applicable to RT1170 silicon. These tables do not include the on-chip LDO output specification, which can be found in the device data sheet\*.

Table 1. Processor supply capacitors when on-chip DC-DC regulators are used

| Power rail     | 0.1 $\mu\text{F}$ <sup>1</sup> | 0.22 $\mu\text{F}$ <sup>1</sup> | 1 $\mu\text{F}$ <sup>1</sup> | 2.2 $\mu\text{F}$ <sup>1</sup> | 4.7 $\mu\text{F}$ <sup>1</sup> | 22 $\mu\text{F}$ <sup>1</sup> | Notes  |
|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| DCDC_IN        | 1                              |                                 |                              |                                | 1                              | 1                             | Place 0402 under balls M5, N5. Place 0603 as close as possible to the processor. |
| DCDC_ANA       |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              |                                |                               | Place under ball M7  |
| DCDC_ANA_SENSE | 1                              |                                 |                              |                                |                                |                               | Place under ball M6  |
| DCDC_DIG       |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              |                                | 1                             | Place 0402 under ball K8. Place 0603 as close as possible to the processor.      |
| DCDC_DIG_SENSE | 1                              |                                 |                              |                                |                                |                               | Place under ball L7  |
| VDDA_1P8_IN    |                                |                                 | 1                            |                                |                                |                               | Place under ball M11   |

Table 1. Processor supply capacitors when on-chip DC-DC regulators are used...continued

| Power rail             | 0.1 $\mu\text{F}$ <sup>1</sup> | 0.22 $\mu\text{F}$ <sup>1</sup> | 1 $\mu\text{F}$ <sup>1</sup> | 2.2 $\mu\text{F}$ <sup>1</sup> | 4.7 $\mu\text{F}$ <sup>1</sup> | 22 $\mu\text{F}$ <sup>1</sup> | Notes   |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| VDD_SOC_IN_X           | 1                              |                                 | 2                            |                                | 2                              | 1                             | Place 0402 under balls H8, H10, J8, J10, K10. Place 0603 as close as possible to the processor. |
| VDD_LPSR_IN            |                                |                                 |                              |                                | 1                              |                               | Place under ball R12  |
| VDD_LPSR_ANA           |                                |                                 |                              |                                | 1                              |                               | Place under ball P12  |
| VDD_LPSR_DIG           |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              |                                |                               | Place under ball P11  |
| VDD_SNVS_IN            |                                |                                 | 1                            |                                |                                |                               | Place under ball U12  |
| VDD_SNVS_ANA           |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              |                                |                               | Place under ball U14  |
| VDD_SNVS_DIG           |                                | 1                               |                              |                                |                                |                               | Place under ball T14  |
| VDD_USB_1P8            |                                |                                 | 1                            |                                |                                |                               | Place under ball H12, isolate from 1V8 source with series ferrite bead (120 ohm@100MHz)         |
| VDD_USB_3P3            |                                |                                 | 1                            |                                |                                |                               | Place under ball G12, isolate from 3V3 source with series ferrite bead (120 ohm@100MHz)         |
| VDDA_ADC_1P8           |                                |                                 | 1                            |                                |                                |                               | Place under ball K15  |
| VDDA_ADC_3P3           |                                |                                 | 1                            |                                |                                |                               | Place under ball J13  |
| VDDA_1P0               |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              |                                |                               | Place under ball N11  |
| VDD_MIPI_1P8           |                                |                                 | 1                            |                                |                                |                               | Place under ball F9, isolate from 1V8 source with series ferrite bead (120 ohm@100MHz)          |
| VDD_MIPI_1P0           |                                |                                 | 1                            |                                |                                |                               | Place under ball F10, power source is on-chip LDO regulator VDDA_1 P0                           |
| NVCC_SD1               |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              |                                |                               | Place under ball D14  |
| NVCC_SD2               |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              |                                |                               | Place under ball G13  |
| NVCC_EMC1_X            |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              | 1                              |                               | Place 2.2 $\mu\text{F}$ under balls F6, F7  |
| NVCC_EMC2_X            |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              | 1                              |                               | Place 2.2 $\mu\text{F}$ under balls H6, J6  |
| NVCC_GPIO              |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              | 1                              |                               | Place 2.2 $\mu\text{F}$ under ball M12  |
| NVCC_DISP1             |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              |                                |                               | Place under ball D12  |
| NVCC_DISP2             |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              |                                |                               | Place under ball E7   |
| NVCC_LPSR              |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              |                                |                               | Place under ball P7   |
| NVCC_SNVS              | 1                              |                                 |                              |                                |                                |                               | Place under ball U11  |
| ADC_VREFH <sup>2</sup> |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              |                                |                               | Place under ball G16  |
| USB1_VBUS              |                                |                                 | 1                            |                                |                                |                               | Place under ball D17  |
| USB2_VBUS              |                                |                                 | 1                            |                                |                                |                               | Place under ball D16  |

1. 0.1, 0.22, 1, 2.2, 4.7  $\mu\text{F}$  are size 0402, type X5R. 22  $\mu\text{F}$  is size 0603, type X5R.
2. Avoid using the internal DCDC/LDO output for the ADC reference. Use an external voltage reference, which is more accurate.

Table 2. Processor supply capacitors when external PMIC or regulators utilized (on-chip DC-DC regulators not used)

| Power rail             | 0.1 $\mu\text{F}$ <sup>1</sup> | 0.22 $\mu\text{F}$ <sup>1</sup> | 1 $\mu\text{F}$ <sup>1</sup> | 2.2 $\mu\text{F}$ <sup>1</sup> | 4.7 $\mu\text{F}$ <sup>1</sup> | 22 $\mu\text{F}$ <sup>1</sup> | Notes   |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| VDD_SOC_IN_x           |                                |                                 | 2                            |                                | 3                              | 1                             | Place 0402 under balls H8, J8, J9, J10, K10   |
| VDD_LPSR_IN            |                                |                                 |                              |                                | 1                              |                               | Place under ball R12  |
| VDD_LPSR_ANA           |                                |                                 |                              |                                | 1                              |                               | Place under ball P12  |
| VDD_LPSR_DIG           |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              |                                |                               | Place under ball P11  |
| VDDA_ADC_3P3           | 1                              |                                 | 1                            |                                |                                |                               | Place 1 $\mu\text{F}$ under ball J13, place 0.1 $\mu\text{F}$ near J13, isolate from 3V3 source with series ferrite bead (120 ohm@100MHz) |
| ADC_VREFH <sup>2</sup> |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              |                                |                               | Place under ball G16  |
| VDDA_ADC_1P8           |                                |                                 | 1                            |                                | 1                              |                               | Place 1 $\mu\text{F}$ under ball K15, place 4.7 $\mu\text{F}$ near K15, isolate from 1V8 source with series ferrite bead (120 ohm@100MHz) |
| VDDA_1P8_IN            |                                |                                 | 1                            |                                |                                |                               | Place under ball M11  |
| VDDA_1P0               |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              |                                |                               | Place under ball N11  |
| VDD_SNVS_IN            |                                |                                 | 1                            |                                |                                |                               | Place under ball U12  |
| VDD_SNVS_ANA           |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              |                                |                               | Place under ball U14  |
| VDD_SNVS_DIG           |                                | 1                               |                              |                                |                                |                               | Place under ball T14  |
| NVCC_SNVS              | 1                              |                                 |                              |                                |                                |                               | Place under ball U11  |
| NVCC_LPSR              |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              |                                |                               | Place under ball P7   |
| NVCC_GPIO              |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              | 1                              |                               | Place 2.2 $\mu\text{F}$ under ball M12  |
| NVCC_SD1               |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              |                                |                               | Place under ball D14  |
| NVCC_SD2               |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              |                                |                               | Place under ball G13  |
| NVCC_DISP1             |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              |                                |                               | Place under ball D12  |
| NVCC_DISP2             |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              |                                |                               | Place under ball E7   |
| NVCC_EMC1_X            |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              | 1                              |                               | Place under balls F7, G6  |
| NVCC_EMC2_X            |                                |                                 |                              | 1                              | 1                              |                               | Place under balls H6, J6  |
| VDD_MIPI_1P8           |                                |                                 | 1                            |                                |                                |                               | Place under ball F9, isolate from 1V8 source with series ferrite bead (120 ohm@100MHz)  |
| VDD_MIPI_1P0           |                                |                                 | 1                            |                                |                                |                               | Place under ball F10, power source is on-chip LDO regulator VDDA_1P0  |
| VDD_USB_1P8            |                                |                                 | 1                            |                                |                                |                               | Place under ball H12, isolate from 1V8 source with series ferrite bead (120 ohm@100MHz)   |
| VDD_USB_3P3            |                                |                                 | 1                            |                                |                                |                               | Place under ball G12, isolate from 3V3 source with series ferrite bead (120 ohm@100MHz)   |
| USB1_VBUS              |                                |                                 | 1                            |                                |                                |                               | Place under ball D17  |

**Table 2. Processor supply capacitors when external PMIC or regulators utilized (on-chip DC-DC regulators not used)...***continued*

| Power rail | 0.1 $\mu\text{F}$ <sup>1</sup> | 0.22 $\mu\text{F}$ <sup>1</sup> | 1 $\mu\text{F}$ <sup>1</sup> | 2.2 $\mu\text{F}$ <sup>1</sup> | 4.7 $\mu\text{F}$ <sup>1</sup> | 22 $\mu\text{F}$ <sup>1</sup> | Notes                |
|------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| USB2_VBUS  |                                |                                 | 1                            |                                |                                |                               | Place under ball D16 |

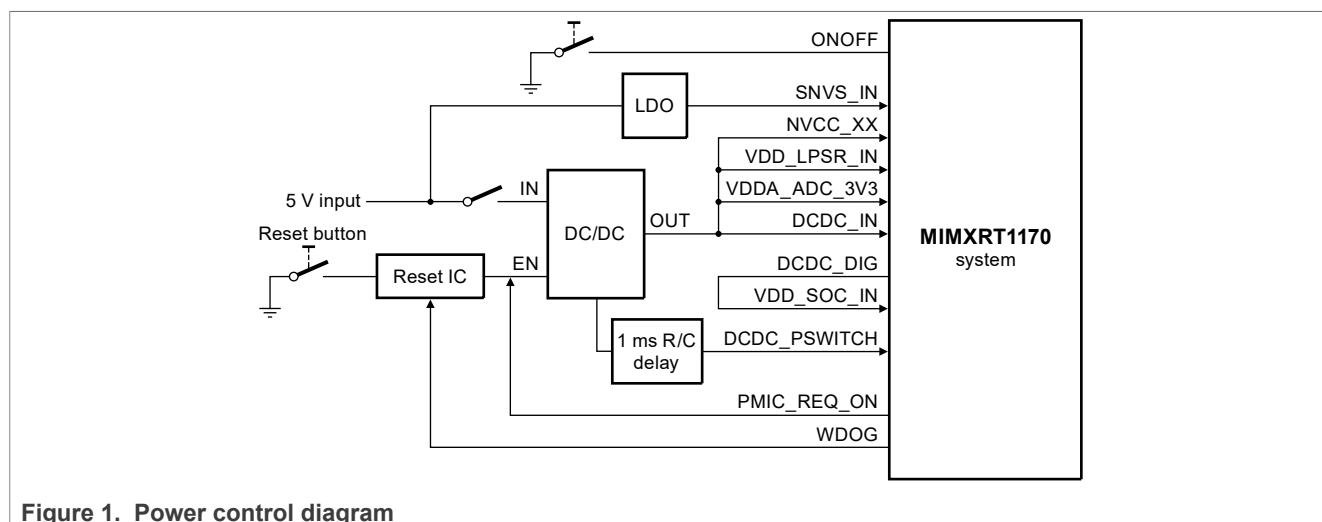
- 0.1  $\mu\text{F}$ , 0.22  $\mu\text{F}$ , 1  $\mu\text{F}$ , 2.2  $\mu\text{F}$ , and 4.7  $\mu\text{F}$  are size 0402 and 22  $\mu\text{F}$  is size 0805. Type X6S is used for automotive cluster and extended temperature range.
- Avoid using the internal DCDC/LDO output for the ADC reference. Use an external voltage reference, which is more accurate.

**Table 3. Power supply and SNVS domain signals**

| Item                | Recommendation   | Description  |
|---------------------|--|--|
| Power sequence      | To guarantee a reliable operation of the device, comply with the power-up/power-down sequence guidelines (as described in the data sheet*).  | Any deviation from these sequences may result in these situations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excessive current during the power-up phase</li> <li>Prevention of the device from booting</li> <li>Irreversible damage to the processor (worst-case scenario)</li> </ul>  |
| SNVS domain signals | Do not overload the coincell backup power rail VDD_SNVS_IN.<br>These I/Os are associated with VDD_SNVS_IN (most inputs have on-chip pull resistors and do not require external resistors): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PMIC_STBY_REQ—configurable output</li> <li>PMIC_ON_REQ—push-pull output</li> <li>TEST_MODE—on-chip pull-down</li> <li>POR—on-chip pull-up</li> <li>WAKEUP—the GPIO that wakes up the SoC in the SNVS mode</li> <li>GPIO_SNVS_XX—on-chip pull-down</li> </ul> | Concerning i.MX RT1170: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The chip internal LDO VDD_SNVS_ANA output power capacity is 1 mA and should be tied together with NVCC_SNVS.</li> <li>Be careful to use SNVS signals to drive external load as the SNVS GPIO drive is low. For more details, refer to the i.MX RT1170 data sheet*.</li> <li>By default, the part number determines the functionality of GPIO_SNVS_XX pin. Tamper function is available only on tamper-enabled parts, and GPIO is the only available function on parts which do not support tamper. The MUX_MODE must be configured to select the function in both cases.</li> <li>The GPIO_SNVS_XX pins automatically switch to tamper function in the SNVS mode even on the part where GPIO function is supported. For more details, refer to <i>i.MX RT1170 Chip Errata</i> (document <a href="#">i.MXRT1170CE</a>).</li> <li>Access delay occurs on the GPIO_SNVS_xx signals due to the module's 32 kHz clock source.</li> </ul> |
| Power ripple        | Maximum ripple voltage limitation.   | The common limitation for the ripple noise shall be less than 5 % Vp-p of the supply voltage average value. The related power rails affected are VDD_XXX, VDD_XXX_IN, VDDA_1P0, VDD_XXX_ANA, VDD_XXX_DIG.  |
| Supply currents     | Maximum supply currents comply with maximum supply currents in data sheet*.  | Concerning i.MX RT1170: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The DCDC_DIG_X output power capacity is 850 mA and DCDC_ANA_X output power capacity is 150 mA.</li> <li>Do not use DCDC_ANA_X to drive load higher than 150mA.</li> <li>For frequencies higher than 600 MHz and up to 800 MHz, refer to the CM7 power source guideline table in the i.MX RT1170 data sheet* for automotive products.</li> </ul>   |

**Power Sequence Requirements:**

- For power supply sequencing requirements, refer to section 4.2.1 of *i.MX RT1170 Crossover Processors Data Sheet for Industrial Products* (document [IMXRT1170IEC](#)).  
The power control logic of the IMXRT1170 EVK board is shown in [Figure 1](#).
- It powers up SNVS first, then PMIC\_REQ\_ON is asserted to enable external DC-DC to power up other power domains.
- ON/OFF button is used to switch PMIC\_REQ\_ON to control power modes.
- RESET button and WDOG output are used to reset the system power.



**Figure 1. Power control diagram**

\*To refer to i.MX RT1170 data sheets, see [Section 9](#).

### 3.1 On-chip DC-DC module

The internal DC-DC of RT1170 has two outputs. One output (VDD\_DIG) typical 0.7 V~1.15 V, another output (VDD\_ANA) typical 1.8 V, and its switching frequency is about 1.5 MHz.

The DC-DC requires external inductor and capacitors, as described in [Figure 2](#). Pay attention to the below items:

- The recommended value for the external inductor is about 4.7  $\mu\text{H}$  with the saturation current  $> 1.5\text{ A}$  and ESR  $< 0.1\ \Omega$ .
- The external bulk capacitor total is about 66  $\mu\text{F}$ . It includes all the capacitors used on DCDC\_DIG\_X and VDD\_SOC\_IN.
- DCDC\_PSWITCH should delay 1 ms with respect to DCDC\_IN to guarantee that DCDC\_IN is stable before the DC-DC starts up.
- If you want to bypass the internal DC-DC, DCDC\_PSWITCH and DCDC\_MODE must be tied to the ground. Other signals such as DCDC\_IN, DCDC\_LP, DCDC\_LN, DCDC\_ANA, DCDC\_ANA\_SENSE, DCDC\_DIG, and DCDC\_DIG\_SENSE can be floating.
- Try to keep the DC-DC current loop as small as possible to avoid EMI issues.

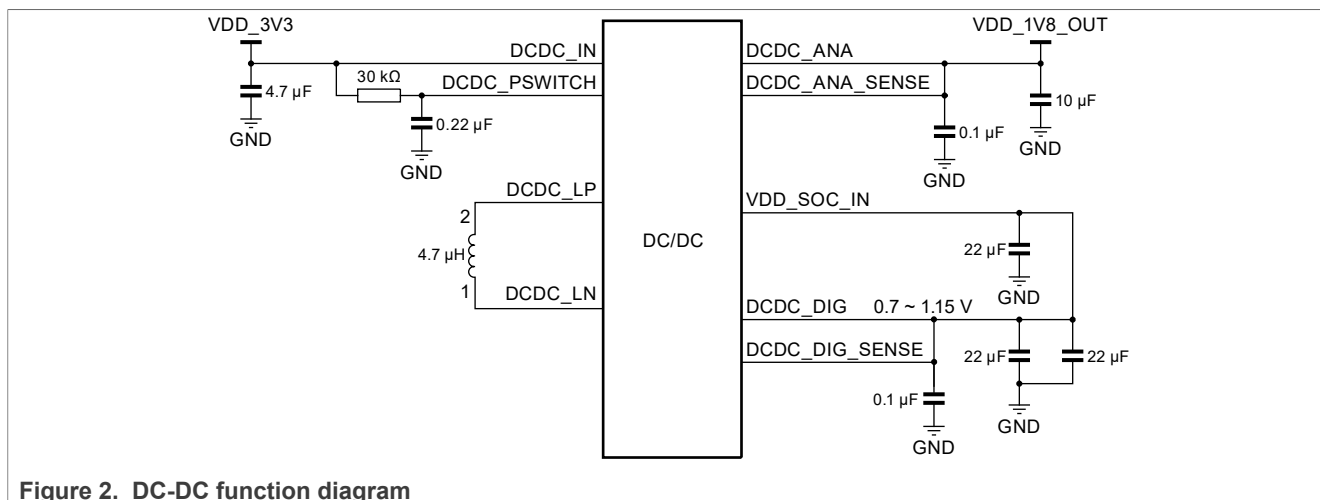


Figure 2. DC-DC function diagram

**Note:** The on-chip DC-DC regulator of the processor is suitable for consumer and industrial applications up to 105 degrees C. For automotive applications, contact your NXP representative.

## 4 Clocks

See [Table 4](#) for the clock configuration. The 32.768 kHz and 24 MHz oscillators are used for the EVK design. For RT1170, it is necessary to use 32.768 kHz and 24 MHz crystals for the hardware design.

Table 4. Clocks configurations

| Signal name         | Recommended connections   | Description   |
|---------------------|---|---|
| RTC_XTALI/RTC_XTALO | For the precision 32.768 kHz oscillator, connect a crystal between RTC_XTALI and RTC_XTALO. Choose a crystal with a maximum ESR (Equivalent Series Resistance) of 100 k and follow the recommendation by manufacturer for the loading capacitance. Do not use an external biasing resistor because the bias circuit is on the chip. | To hit the exact oscillation frequency, the board capacitors must be reduced to account for the board and chip parasitics. The integrated oscillation amplifier is self-biasing, but relatively weak. Care must be taken to limit the parasitic leakage from RTC_XTALI and RTC_XTALO to either the power or the ground (>100 M). This de-biases the amplifier and reduces the startup margin. |
|                     | For the external kHz source (if feeding an external clock into the device), RTC_XTALI can be driven DC-coupled with RTC_XTALO floating or driven by a complimentary signal.   | If you want to feed an external low-frequency clock into RTC_XTALI, the RTC_XTALO pin must remain unconnected or driven by a complementary signal. The logic level of this forcing clock must not exceed the VDD_SNVS_DIG level and the frequency shall be <100 kHz under the typical conditions.   |
|                     | An on-chip loose-tolerance ring oscillator of approximately 32 kHz is available. If RTC_XTALI is tied to GND and RTC_XTALO is floating, the on-chip oscillator is engaged automatically.  | When a high-accuracy real-time clock is not required, the system may use the on-chip 32 kHz oscillator. The tolerance is ±25 %. The ring oscillator starts faster than the external crystal and is used until the external crystal reaches a stable oscillation. If no clock is detected  |

Table 4. Clocks configurations...continued

| Signal name   | Recommended connections  | Description  |
|---------------|--|--|
|               |  | at RTC_XTALI at any time, the ring oscillator also starts automatically.   |
| XTALI/XTALO   | <p>For the precision 24 MHz oscillator, connect a fundamental-mode crystal between XTALI and XTALO. A typical 80 ESR crystal rated for a maximum drive level of 250 <math>\mu</math>W is acceptable. Alternately, a typical 50 ESR crystal rated for a maximum drive level of 200 <math>\mu</math>W may be used.</p> <p>For the RT1170 24 MHz OSCILLATOR, the smaller the ESR, the better the startup and power consumption.</p> <p>To use the high-power mode, populate the 1 M<math>\Omega</math> resistor between XTALI and XTALO.</p> <p>Use a crystal with ESR &lt; 100 <math>\Omega</math> and CL <math>\leq</math> 16 pF for startup.</p> | <p>The SDK software requires 24 MHz on XTALI/XTALO.</p> <p>The crystal can be eliminated if an external 24 MHz oscillator is available in the system. In this case, refer to section of Bypass Configuration (24 MHz) from the <i>i.MX RT1170 Processor Reference Manual</i> (document <a href="#">IMXRT1170RM</a>). For the bypass mode pin connection, the external bypass clock can be put in from EXTAL pin. At the same time, XTALO can be used as other functions.</p> <p>The logic level of this forcing clock must not exceed the VDD_LPSR_ANA level. If this clock is used as a reference for the USB and Ethernet, then there are strict frequency tolerance and jitter requirements. The <math>\pm 50</math> ppm accuracy is required for the Ethernet while the <math>\pm 100</math> ppm accuracy is required for the USB. For more details, see Crystal Oscillator (XTALOSC) chapter in <i>i.MX RT1170 Processor Reference Manual</i> (document <a href="#">IMXRT1170RM</a>).</p> |
| CLK1_P/CLK1_N | Internal use only  | These pins are used for NXP internal testing. The CLK1_P and CLK1_N pair should be left floating.  |

## 5 Debugging and programming

This section provides the JTAG interface summary and recommendations for using the JTAG, SWD debug, and Serial downloader I/O.

**Note:** By default, the RT1170 silicon can use both SWD and JTAG modes using the Arm stitching sequence. For the RT1170EVK board, it defaults to use the SWD debug without any board modification. If you want to use the JTAG debug, solder out R187, R208, R195, and R78, because some JTAG signals are multiplexed with other functions.

The MIMXRT1170-EVK also features a FreeLink circuit, which makes it easier to debug without an external debugger.

Table 5. JTAG interface summary

| JTAG signals | I/O type       | On-chip termination <sup>1</sup> | External termination                        |
|--------------|----------------|----------------------------------|---|
| JTAG_TCK     | Input          | Pull-down                        | Not required                                |
| JTAG_TMS     | Input          | Pull-up                          | Not required; can use 10 k $\Omega$ pull-up |
| JTAG_TDI     | Input          | Pull-up                          | Not required; can use 10 k $\Omega$ pull-up |
| JTAG_TDO     | 3-state output | None                             | Do not use pullup or pull-down              |



Table 5. JTAG interface summary...continued

| JTAG signals | I/O type | On-chip termination <sup>1</sup> | External termination   |
|--------------|----------|----------------------------------|--|
| JTAG_TRSTB   | Input    | Pull-up                          | For the JTAG_TRSTB pin, it is recommended to add a 4.7 kΩ external pull-down resistor for mass production. When in the developing state, this 4.7 kΩ resistor can be removed.<br>To use other functions on this pin (such as GPIO, Timer, and so on), switch JTAG_TCK and JTAG_TMS first, and then switch the setting of JTAG_TRSTB. |
| JTAG_MOD     | Input    | Pull-down                        | Use 4.7 kΩ pull-down or tie to GND   |

1. For on-chip termination values, refer to table 115 of *i.MX RT1170 Crossover Processors Data Sheet for Industrial Products* (document [IMXRT1170IEC](#)).

Table 6. JTAG recommendation

| Signals                                       | Recommendation  | Description  |
|---|---|--|
| JTAG_TDO                                      | Do not add external pull-up or pull-down resistors on JTAG_TDO.   | See <a href="#">Table 5</a> for a summary of the JTAG interface. This I/O has an on-chip keeper circuit which avoids a floating condition.   |
| JTAG signals other than JTAG_TDO and JTAG_MOD | Ensure that the on-chip pull-up/pull-down configuration is followed if external resistors are used with the JTAG signals (except for JTAG_TDO). For example, do not use an external pull-down on an input that has an on-chip pull-up.                              | External resistors can be used with all JTAG signals except for JTAG_TDO, but they are not required. See <a href="#">Table 5</a> for a summary of the JTAG interface.  |
| JTAG_MOD                                      | JTAG_MOD is called SJC_MOD in some documents. Both names refer to the same signal. JTAG_MOD shall be externally connected to GND for normal operation in a system. The termination to GND through an external pull-down resistor is allowed. Use a 4.7 kΩ resistor. | When JTAG_MOD is low, the JTAG interface is configured for a common software debug, adding all the system TAPs to the chain.<br>When JTAG_MOD is low, the JTAG interface is also configured to a mode compliant with the IEEE 1149.1 standard. |

Table 7. SWD recommendation

| Signals | Recommendation            | Description  |
|---------|---------------------------|--|
| SWD_DIO | Same practice as JTAG_TMS | On the RT1170EVK board, the SWD debug port is used by default. There is also a low-cost on-board Fremlink debugger using the SWD port. |
| SWD_CLK | Same practice as JTAG_CLK |  |

The Serial Downloader mode of ROM provides a means to download a program image to the chip over USB or UART serial connection. In this mode, typically a host PC can communicate to the ROM bootloader using serial download protocol. NXP ROM flashloader also uses these same serial connections. All boards should make at least one of the serial downloader ports (USB1 or UART1) available to use NXP image and fuse programming enablement.

Table 8. Serial downloader I/Os table

| Signals | Recommendation  | Description   |
|---------|---|---|
| UART1   | The serial downloader provides a means to download a program image to the chip over the USB and UART serial | The ROM polls for the UART1 and USB1 activity circularly until the ROM gets 0x5A, |

Table 8. Serial downloader I/Os table...continued

| Signals | Recommendation  | Description   |
|---------|---|---|
| USB1    | connections. In this mode, if the WDOG_ENABLE eFuse is 1 and continuously polls for the USB and UART connection, the ROM loads the value from fuse and sets it as the WDOG time-out time (for details, see chapter 26 in <i>i.MX RT1170 Processor Reference Manual</i> (document <a href="#">IMXRT1170RM</a> )). If no activity is found on the USB OTG1 and UART1 and the watchdog timer expires, the Arm core is reset. | 0xA6 from the UART RXD or first HID report from the USB bus. When an active connection port is found, the ROM uses it for the PC downloading. |

## 6 Boot, reset, and miscellaneous

See [Table 9](#) for the boot, reset, and miscellaneous configurations, such as ON/OFF, TEST\_MODE, NC pins, and other.

Table 9. Boot configuration

| Item  | Recommendation   | Description  |
|---|--|--|
| BOOT_CFG[11:0]  | The BOOT_CFG signals are required for a proper functionality and operation. If BOOT_CFG fuses and BT_FUSE_SEL are not configured, the signals shall not be left floating during development. | For the correct boot configuration, see the "System Boot" chapter in your chip reference manual <sup>1</sup> .<br><b>Note:</b> An incorrect setting may result in an improper boot sequence.<br>Take the fuse setting for the boot_CFG in production. Burn the BT_FUSE_SEL and BOOT_CFG fuses accordingly. |
| BOOT_MODE[1:0]  | For logic 0:<br>• Tie to GND through 100 K external resistor<br>For logic 1:<br>• Tie to the NVCC_LPSR power domain through a 4.7 K external resistor  | BOOT_MODE1 and BOOT_MODE0 each has on-chip pull-down devices with a nominal value of 35 kΩ. When the on-chip fuses determine the boot configuration, both boot mode inputs can be disconnected.  |
| BOOT_CFG and BOOT_MODE signals multiplexed with RGMII signals | As the BOOT_CFG pins are multiplexed with RGMII signals, add 22 K isolation resistors to avoid malfunction. For BOOT_MODE pins, add 4.7 K isolation resistors.                               | Refer to the EVK design for reference and try to avoid signal stubs in layout.   |

1. *i.MX RT1170 Processor Reference Manual* (document [IMXRT1170RM](#))

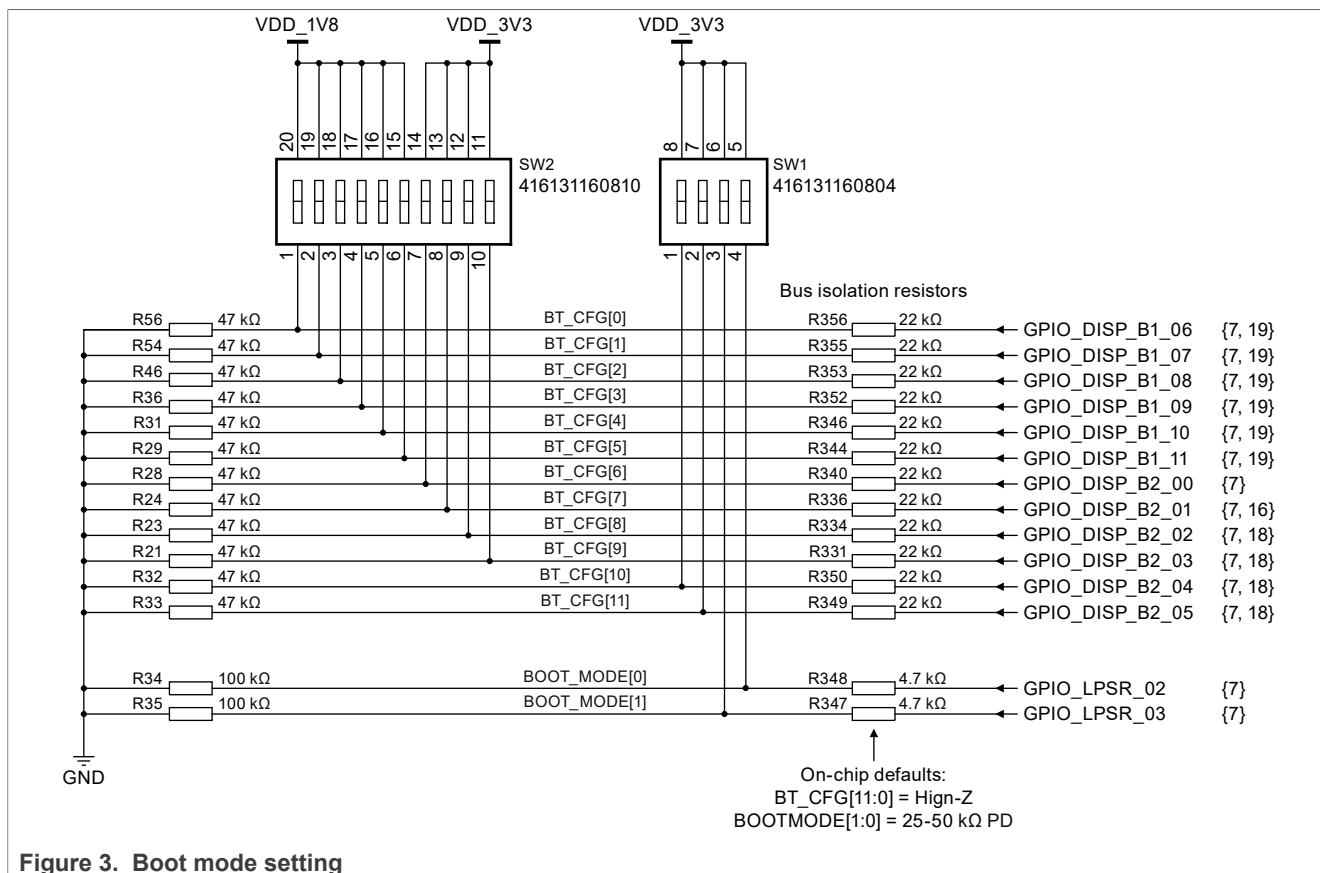


Table 10. Reset and miscellaneous recommendations

| Item  | Recommendation  | Description  |
|-------|---|--|
| POR_B | <p>The POR_B input (if used) must be immediately asserted at power-up and remain asserted until after the last power rail reaches its working voltage. In the absence of an external reset feeding the POR_B input, the internal POR module takes control. For further details and to ensure that all requirements are being met, see reference manual<sup>1</sup>.</p> | <p>For the correct boot configuration, see the "System Boot" chapter in your chip reference manual<sup>1</sup>.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> An incorrect setting may result from an improper boot sequence.</p> <p>POR_B signal has internal 100 K pull up to SNVS domain. It should pull up to VDD_SNVS_ANA if need to add external pull up resistor. Otherwise, it causes additional leakage during SNVS mode.</p> <p>Add the external reset IC to the circuit to guarantee POR_B is properly processed during power up/down, refer to the EVK design for details.</p> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <p>1. As the Low DCDC_IN detection threshold is 2.6 V, the reset threshold of reset IC must be higher than 2.6 V. Then the whole chip is reset before the internal DC-DC module reset to guarantee the chip safety during power down.</p> |

Table 10. Reset and miscellaneous recommendations...continued

| Item      | Recommendation  | Description   |
|-----------|---|---|
|           |   | 2. For power on reset, on any conditions ones must make sure the voltage on <i>DCDC_PSWITCH PIN</i> is below 0.5 V before power up.   |
| ON/OFF    | For portable applications, the ON/OFF input may be connected to the ON/OFF SPST push-button. The on-chip debouncing is provided, and this input has an on-chip pullup. If not used, ON/OFF can be a no-connect. A 4.7 kΩ to 10 kΩ series resistor can be used when the current drain is critical. | A brief connection to GND in the OFF mode causes the internal power management state machine to change the state to ON. In the ON mode, a brief connection to GND generates an interrupt (intended to be a software-controllable power-down). Approximately 5 seconds (or more) to GND causes a forced OFF. |
| TEST_MODE | The TEST_MODE input is internally connected to an on-chip pull-down device. You may either float this signal or tie it to GND.  | This input is reserved for NXP manufacturing use.   |

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Table 11. ROM bootloader peripheral PinMux

| Peripheral | Instance | Port (IO function) | PAD             | Mode | Note   |
|------------|----------|--------------------|-----------------|------|--|
| LPUART     | 1        | LPUART1_TX         | GPIO_AD_24      | ALT0 | Can be used for serial downloader mode. For more information, refer to Serial downloader in reference manual <sup>1</sup> .  |
|            |          | LPUART1_RX         | GPIO_AD_25      | ALT0 |  |
| LPSPI      | 1        | LPSP1_SCK          | GPIO_AD_28      | ALT0 | Serial NOR/EEPROM connected to one of the LPSPI ports can be used as a recovery device.  |
|            |          | LPSP1_PCS0         | GPIO_AD_29      | ALT0 |  |
|            |          | LPSP1_SDO          | GPIO_AD_30      | ALT0 |  |
|            |          | LPSP1_SDI          | GPIO_AD_31      | ALT0 |  |
|            | 2        | LPSP2_SCK          | GPIO_SD_B2_07   | ALT6 | For more information, refer to Recovery devices in reference manual <sup>1</sup> .<br><b>Note:</b> Recovery device boot is disabled by default. Fuses must be blown to enable and configure this option. |
|            |          | LPSP2_PCS0         | GPIO_SD_B2_08   | ALT6 |  |
|            |          | LPSP2_SDO          | GPIO_SD_B2_09   | ALT6 |  |
|            |          | LPSP2_SDI          | GPIO_SD_B2_10   | ALT6 |  |
|            | 3        | LPSP3_SCK          | GPIO_DISP_B1_04 | ALT9 |  |
|            |          | LPSP3_PCS0         | GPIO_DISP_B1_07 | ALT9 |  |
|            |          | LPSP3_SDO          | GPIO_DISP_B1_06 | ALT9 |  |
|            |          | LPSP3_SDI          | GPIO_DISP_B1_05 | ALT9 |  |
|            | 4        | LPSP4_SCK          | GPIO_DISP_B2_12 | ALT9 |  |
|            |          | LPSP4_PCS0         | GPIO_DISP_B2_15 | ALT9 |  |
|            |          | LPSP4_SDO          | GPIO_DISP_B2_14 | ALT9 |  |
|            |          | LPSP4_SDI          | GPIO_DISP_B2_13 | ALT9 |  |
| SEMC NAND  | N/A      | SEMC_DATA00        | GPIO_EMC_B1_00  | ALT0 | Parallel NAND flash connected to the SEMC is a primary boot  |

Table 11. ROM bootloader peripheral PinMux...continued

| Peripheral | Instance | Port (IO function) | PAD            | Mode  | Note  |
|------------|----------|--------------------|----------------|-------|---|
|            |          | SEMC_DATA01        | GPIO_EMC_B1_01 | ALT0  | option. For more information, refer to Parallel NAND flash Boot over SEMC in reference manual <sup>1</sup> .  |
|            |          | SEMC_DATA02        | GPIO_EMC_B1_02 | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | SEMC_DATA03        | GPIO_EMC_B1_03 | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | SEMC_DATA04        | GPIO_EMC_B1_04 | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | SEMC_DATA05        | GPIO_EMC_B1_05 | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | SEMC_DATA06        | GPIO_EMC_B1_06 | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | SEMC_DATA07        | GPIO_EMC_B1_07 | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | SEMC_DATA08        | GPIO_EMC_B1_30 | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | SEMC_DATA09        | GPIO_EMC_B1_31 | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | SEMC_DATA10        | GPIO_EMC_B1_32 | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | SEMC_DATA11        | GPIO_EMC_B1_33 | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | SEMC_DATA12        | GPIO_EMC_B1_34 | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | SEMC_DATA13        | GPIO_EMC_B1_35 | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | SEMC_DATA14        | GPIO_EMC_B1_36 | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | SEMC_DATA15        | GPIO_EMC_B1_37 | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | SEMC_ADDR09        | GPIO_EMC_B1_18 | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | SEMC_ADDR11        | GPIO_EMC_B1_19 | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | SEMC_ADDR12        | GPIO_EMC_B1_20 | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | SEMC_BA1           | GPIO_EMC_B1_22 | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | SEMC_CSX0          | GPIO_EMC_B1_41 | ALT0  |   |
| uSDHC      | 1        | USDHC1_CD_B        | GPIO_AD_32     | ALT4  | eMMC/MMC or SD/eSD connected to one of the USDHC ports is a primary boot option. For more information, refer to Expansion device in reference manual <sup>1</sup> . |
|            |          | USDHC1_WP          | GPIO_AD_33     | ALT4  |   |
|            |          | USDHC1_VSELECT     | GPIO_AD_34     | ALT4  |   |
|            |          | USDHC1_RESET_B     | GPIO_AD_35     | ALT4  |   |
|            |          | USDHC1_CMD         | GPIO_SD_B1_00  | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | USDHC1_CLK         | GPIO_SD_B1_01  | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | USDHC1_DATA0       | GPIO_SD_B1_02  | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | USDHC1_DATA1       | GPIO_SD_B1_03  | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | USDHC1_DATA2       | GPIO_SD_B1_04  | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | USDHC1_DATA3       | GPIO_SD_B1_05  | ALT0  |   |
|            | 2        | USDHC2_CD_B        | GPIO_AD_26     | ALT11 |   |
|            |          | USDHC2_WP          | GPIO_AD_27     | ALT11 |   |
|            |          | USDHC2_VSELECT     | GPIO_AD_28     | ALT11 |   |
|            |          | USDHC2_DATA3       | GPIO_SD_B2_00  | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | USDHC2_DATA2       | GPIO_SD_B2_01  | ALT0  |   |
|            |          | USDHC2_DATA1       | GPIO_SD_B2_02  | ALT0  |   |

Table 11. ROM bootloader peripheral PinMux...continued

| Peripheral                   | Instance | Port (IO function) | PAD            | Mode | Note   |
|------------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------------|------|--|
|                              |          | USDHC2_DATA0       | GPIO_SD_B2_03  | ALT0 |  |
|                              |          | USDHC2_CLK         | GPIO_SD_B2_04  | ALT0 |  |
|                              |          | USDHC2_CMD         | GPIO_SD_B2_05  | ALT0 |  |
|                              |          | USDHC2_RESET_B     | GPIO_SD_B2_06  | ALT0 |  |
|                              |          | USDHC2_DATA4       | GPIO_SD_B2_08  | ALT0 |  |
|                              |          | USDHC2_DATA5       | GPIO_SD_B2_09  | ALT0 |  |
|                              |          | USDHC2_DATA6       | GPIO_SD_B2_10  | ALT0 |  |
|                              |          | USDHC2_DATA7       | GPIO_SD_B2_11  | ALT0 |  |
| FlexSPI1                     | 1        | FLEXSPI1_B_DATA3   | GPIO_SD_B2_00  | ALT1 | <p>QSPI memory attached to FlexSPI is a primary boot option. For more information, refer to Serial NOR Flash Boot via FlexSPI in reference manual<sup>1</sup>. The ROM reads the 512 byte FlexSPI NOR configuration parameters described in FlexSPI Serial NOR Flash Boot Operation in reference manual<sup>1</sup> using the non-italicized pins.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These pins are a secondary pinout option for FlexSPI serial NOR flash boot.</p> |
|                              |          | FLEXSPI1_B_DATA2   | GPIO_SD_B2_01  | ALT1 |  |
|                              |          | FLEXSPI1_B_DATA1   | GPIO_SD_B2_02  | ALT1 |  |
|                              |          | FLEXSPI1_B_DATA0   | GPIO_SD_B2_03  | ALT1 |  |
|                              |          | FLEXSPI1_B_SCLK    | GPIO_SD_B2_04  | ALT1 |  |
|                              |          | FLEXSPI1_B_DQS     | GPIO_SD_B1_05  | ALT8 |  |
|                              |          | FLEXSPI1_B_SS0_B   | GPIO_SD_B1_04  | ALT8 |  |
|                              |          | FLEXSPI1_B_SS1_B   | GPIO_SD_B1_03  | ALT9 |  |
|                              |          | FLEXSPI1_A_DQS     | GPIO_SD_B2_05  | ALT1 |  |
|                              |          | FLEXSPI1_A_SS0_B   | GPIO_SD_B2_06  | ALT1 |  |
|                              |          | FLEXSPI1_A_SS1_B   | GPIO_SD_B1_02  | ALT9 |  |
|                              |          | FLEXSPI1_A_SCLK    | GPIO_SD_B2_07  | ALT1 |  |
|                              |          | FLEXSPI1_A_DATA0   | GPIO_SD_B2_08  | ALT1 |  |
|                              |          | FLEXSPI1_A_DATA1   | GPIO_SD_B2_09  | ALT1 |  |
|                              |          | FLEXSPI1_A_DATA2   | GPIO_SD_B2_10  | ALT1 |  |
|                              |          | FLEXSPI1_A_DATA3   | GPIO_SD_B2_11  | ALT1 |  |
|                              |          | FLEXSPI1_A_DQS     | GPIO_EMC_B2_18 | ALT6 | Second option  |
| FlexSPI2 (QSPI / HyperFLASH) | 2        | FLEXSPI2_B_DATA7   | GPIO_EMC_B1_41 | ALT4 | <p>Octal serial NOR flash memory attached to FlexSPI is a primary boot option. For more information, refer to Serial NOR Flash Boot via FlexSPI in</p>   |
|                              |          | FLEXSPI2_B_DATA6   | GPIO_EMC_B2_00 | ALT4 |  |

Table 11. ROM bootloader peripheral PinMux...continued

| Peripheral | Instance | Port (IO function) | PAD            | Mode | Note  |
|------------|----------|--------------------|----------------|------|---|
|            |          | FLEXSPI2_B_DATA5   | GPIO_EMC_B2_01 | ALT4 | reference manual <sup>1</sup> . The ROM reads the 512 byte FlexSPI NOR configuration parameters described in FlexSPI Serial NOR Flash Boot Operation in reference manual <sup>1</sup> using the non-italicized pins. For 8-bit wide memories, the FLEXSPI_B_DATA[3:0] pins are combined with the FLEXSPI_A_DATA[3:0] lines to get the full 8-bit port.<br><b>Note:</b> ROM can configure the italicized signals based on the FlexSPI NOR configuration parameters provided. |
|            |          | FLEXSPI2_B_DATA4   | GPIO_EMC_B2_02 | ALT4 |   |
|            |          | FLEXSPI2_B_DATA3   | GPIO_EMC_B2_03 | ALT4 |   |
|            |          | FLEXSPI2_B_DATA2   | GPIO_EMC_B2_04 | ALT4 |   |
|            |          | FLEXSPI2_B_DATA1   | GPIO_EMC_B2_05 | ALT4 |   |
|            |          | FLEXSPI2_B_DATA0   | GPIO_EMC_B2_06 | ALT4 |   |
|            |          | FLEXSPI2_B_DQS     | GPIO_EMC_B2_07 | ALT4 |   |
|            |          | FLEXSPI2_B_SS0_B   | GPIO_EMC_B2_08 | ALT4 |   |
|            |          | FLEXSPI2_B_SCLK    | GPIO_EMC_B2_09 | ALT4 |   |
|            |          | FLEXSPI2_A_SCLK    | GPIO_EMC_B2_10 | ALT4 |   |
|            |          | FLEXSPI2_A_SS0_B   | GPIO_EMC_B2_11 | ALT4 |   |
|            |          | FLEXSPI2_A_DQS     | GPIO_EMC_B2_12 | ALT4 |   |
|            |          | FLEXSPI2_A_DATA0   | GPIO_EMC_B2_13 | ALT4 |   |
|            |          | FLEXSPI2_A_DATA1   | GPIO_EMC_B2_14 | ALT4 |   |
|            |          | FLEXSPI2_A_DATA2   | GPIO_EMC_B2_15 | ALT4 |   |
|            |          | FLEXSPI2_A_DATA3   | GPIO_EMC_B2_16 | ALT4 |   |
|            |          | FLEXSPI2_A_DATA4   | GPIO_EMC_B2_17 | ALT4 |   |
|            |          | FLEXSPI2_A_DATA5   | GPIO_EMC_B2_18 | ALT4 |   |
|            |          | FLEXSPI2_A_DATA6   | GPIO_EMC_B2_19 | ALT4 |   |
|            |          | FLEXSPI2_A_DATA7   | GPIO_EMC_B2_20 | ALT4 |   |
|            |          | GPIO_MUX2_IO08     | GPIO_EMC_B1_40 | ALT5 | Second option   |
|            |          | GPIO_MUX4_IO03     | GPIO_SD_B1_00  | ALT5 | FlexSPI Reset   |
|            |          | SEMC_ADDR09        | GPIO_EMC_18    | ALT0 |   |
|            |          | SEMC_ADDR11        | GPIO_EMC_19    | ALT0 |   |
|            |          | SEMC_ADDR12        | GPIO_EMC_20    | ALT0 |   |
|            |          | SEMC_BA1           | GPIO_EMC_22    | ALT0 |   |

Table 11. ROM bootloader peripheral PinMux...continued

| Peripheral                  | Instance | Port (IO function) | PAD           | Mode | Note  |
|-----------------------------|----------|--------------------|---------------|------|---|
|                             |          | SEMC_RDY           | GPIO_EMC_40   | ALT0 |   |
|                             |          | SEMC_CSX0          | GPIO_EMC_41   | ALT0 |   |
|                             |          | SEMC_CSX1          | GPIO_B0_00    | ALT6 |   |
|                             |          | SEMC_CSX2          | GPIO_B0_01    | ALT6 |   |
|                             |          | SEMC_CSX3          | GPIO_B0_02    | ALT6 |   |
|                             |          | SEMC_ADDR08        | GPIO_EMC_17   | ALT0 |   |
| FlexSPIN OR Flash-QSPI      | 1        | FLEXSPI_B_DATA3    | GPIO_SD_B1_00 | ALT1 | <p>QSPI memory attached to FlexSPI is a primary boot option. For more information, refer to Serial NOR Flash Boot via FlexSPI in reference manual<sup>1</sup>. The ROM reads the 512 byte FlexSPI described in FlexSPI Serial NOR Flash Boot Operation in reference manual<sup>1</sup> using the non-italicized pins.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> ROM can configure the italicized signals based on the FlexSPI NOR configuration parameters provided.</p>  |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_B_DATA2    | GPIO_SD_B1_01 | ALT1 |   |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_B_DATA1    | GPIO_SD_B1_02 | ALT1 |   |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_B_DATA0    | GPIO_SD_B1_03 | ALT1 |   |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_B_SCLK     | GPIO_SD_B1_01 | ALT1 |   |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_B_DQS      | GPIO_SD_B0_05 | ALT4 |   |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_B_SS0_B    | GPIO_SD_B0_04 | ALT4 |   |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_B_SS1_B    | GPIO_SD_B0_01 | ALT6 |   |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_A_DQS      | GPIO_SD_B1_05 | ALT1 |   |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_A_SS0_B    | GPIO_SD_B1_06 | ALT1 |   |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_A_SS1_B    | GPIO_SD_B0_00 | ALT6 |   |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_A_SCLK     | GPIO_SD_B1_07 | ALT1 |   |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_A_DATA0    | GPIO_SD_B1_08 | ALT1 |   |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_A_DATA1    | GPIO_SD_B1_09 | ALT1 |   |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_A_DATA2    | GPIO_SD_B1_10 | ALT1 |   |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_A_DATA3    | GPIO_SD_B1_11 | ALT1 |   |
| FlexSPIN OR-QSPI-2nd Option | 1        | FLEXSPI_A_SS0_B    | GPIO_AD_B1_15 | ALT0 | <p>QSPI memory attached to FlexSPI is a primary boot option. For more information, refer to Serial NOR Flash Boot via FlexSPI in reference manual<sup>1</sup>. The ROM reads the 512 byte FlexSPI NOR configuration parameters described in FlexSPI Serial NOR Flash Boot Operation reference manual<sup>1</sup> using the non-italicized pins.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These pins are a secondary pinout option for FlexSPI serial NOR flash boot.</p> |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_A_SCLK     | GPIO_AD_B1_14 | ALT0 |   |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_A_DQS      | GPIO_AD_B1_09 | ALT0 |   |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_A_DATA0    | GPIO_AD_B1_13 | ALT0 |   |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_A_DATA1    | GPIO_AD_B1_12 | ALT0 |   |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_A_DATA2    | GPIO_AD_B1_11 | ALT0 |   |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_A_DATA3    | GPIO_AD_B1_10 | ALT0 |   |
| FlexSPIN OR Flash-Octal     | 1        | FLEXSPI_B_DATA3    | GPIO_SD_B1_00 | ALT1 | <p>Octal serial NOR flash memory attached to FlexSPI is a primary boot option. For more information, refer to Serial NOR Flash Boot via FlexSPI in reference manual<sup>1</sup>. The ROM reads the 512 byte FlexSPI</p>   |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_B_DATA2    | GPIO_SD_B1_01 | ALT1 |   |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_B_DATA1    | GPIO_SD_B1_02 | ALT1 |   |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_B_DATA0    | GPIO_SD_B1_03 | ALT1 |   |
|                             |          | FLEXSPI_B_SCLK     | GPIO_SD_B1_01 | ALT1 |   |



Table 11. ROM bootloader peripheral PinMux...continued

| Peripheral         | Instance | Port (IO function) | PAD           | Mode | Note   |
|--------------------|----------|--------------------|---------------|------|--|
|                    |          | FLEXSPI_B_DQS      | GPIO_SD_B0_05 | ALT4 | NOR configuration parameters described in FlexSPI Serial NOR Flash Boot Operation in reference manual <sup>1</sup> using the non-italicized pins. For 8-bit wide memories, the FLEXSPI_B_DATA[3:0] pins are combined with the FLEXSPI_A_DATA[3:0] lines to get the full 8-bit port. FlexSPI NOR configuration parameters provided. |
|                    |          | FLEXSPI_B_SS0_B    | GPIO_SD_B0_04 | ALT4 |  |
|                    |          | FLEXSPI_B_SS1_B    | GPIO_SD_B0_01 | ALT6 |  |
|                    |          | FLEXSPI_A_DQS      | GPIO_SD_B1_05 | ALT1 |  |
|                    |          | FLEXSPI_A_SS0_B    | GPIO_SD_B1_06 | ALT1 |  |
|                    |          | FLEXSPI_A_SS1_B    | GPIO_SD_B0_00 | ALT6 |  |
|                    |          | FLEXSPI_A_SCLK     | GPIO_SD_B1_07 | ALT1 |  |
|                    |          | FLEXSPI_A_DATA0    | GPIO_SD_B1_08 | ALT1 |  |
|                    |          | FLEXSPI_A_DATA1    | GPIO_SD_B1_09 | ALT1 |  |
|                    |          | FLEXSPI_A_DATA2    | GPIO_SD_B1_10 | ALT1 |  |
|                    |          | FLEXSPI_A_DATA3    | GPIO_SD_B1_11 | ALT1 |  |
| FlexSPI NAND Flash | 1        | FLEXSPI_A_DQS      | GPIO_SD_B1_05 | ALT1 | Serial NAND memory attached to FlexSPI is a primary boot option. For more information, refer to Serial NAND Flash Boot over FlexSPI in reference manual <sup>1</sup> .   |
|                    |          | FLEXSPI_A_SS0_B    | GPIO_SD_B1_06 | ALT1 |  |
|                    |          | FLEXSPI_A_SCLK     | GPIO_SD_B1_07 | ALT1 |  |
|                    |          | FLEXSPI_A_DATA0    | GPIO_SD_B1_08 | ALT1 |  |
|                    |          | FLEXSPI_A_DATA1    | GPIO_SD_B1_09 | ALT1 |  |
|                    |          | FLEXSPI_A_DATA2    | GPIO_SD_B1_10 | ALT1 |  |
|                    |          | FLEXSPI_A_DATA3    | GPIO_SD_B1_11 | ALT1 |  |
| FlexSPI RESET      |          | GPIO1_IO29         | GPIO_AD_B1_13 | ALT5 |  |

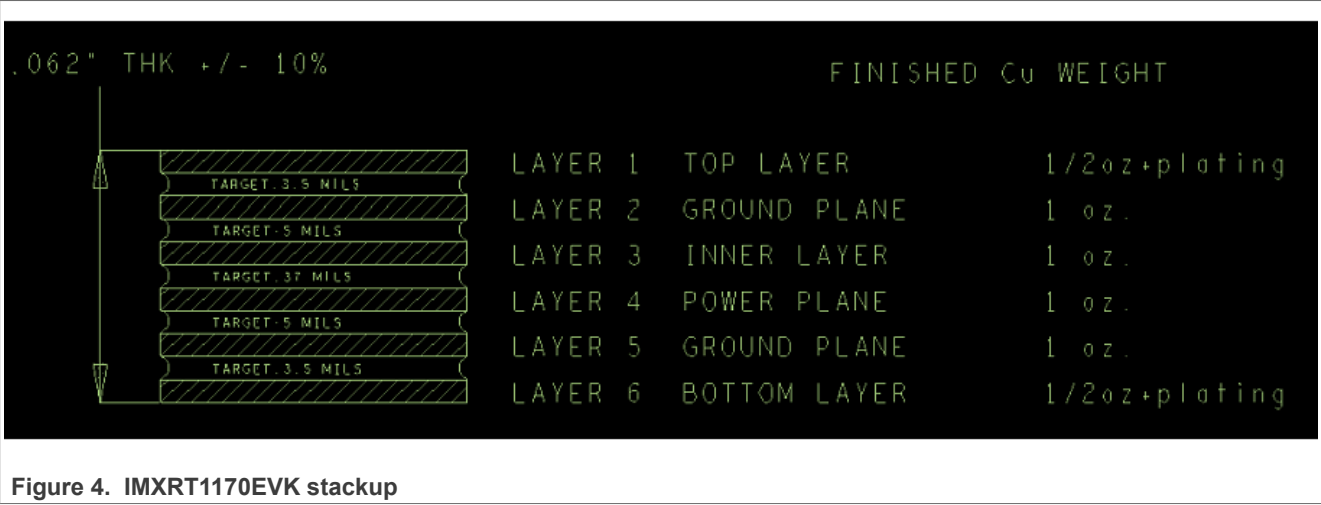
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**Note:** ROM does not support boot from FLEXSPI\_B port directly. ROM always seeks a valid Flash Configuration Block from the FLEXSPI\_A port and then reconfigures the FLEXSPI controller using the valid parameters in the block read-out. This reconfiguration can include, but is not limited to, FLEXSPI\_B port support.

## 7 Layout recommendations

### 7.1 Stackup

A high-speed design requires a good stackup to have the right impedance for the critical traces.



The constraints for the trace width depend on many factors. These factors are board stackup and the associated dielectric and copper thickness, required impedance, and required current (for power traces). The stackup also determines the constraints for routing and spacing. Consider the following when designing the stackup and selecting the material for your board:

- The board stackup is critical for the high-speed signal quality.
- Preplan the impedance of the critical traces.
- The high-speed signals must have reference planes on adjacent layers to minimize crosstalk.
- The NXP reference design equals Isola FR4.
- The NXP validation boards equal Isola FR4.
- The recommended stackup is six layers, with the layer stack shown in [Figure 4](#). The left-hand image shows the detail provided by NXP inside the fabrication detail as a part of the Gerber files. The right-hand side shows the solution suggested by the PCB fabrication company for the requirements. [Figure 5](#) shows the IMXRT1170EVK PCB stackup implementation.



## 7.2 Placement of bulk and decoupling capacitors

Place the small decoupling capacitors and the larger bulk capacitors on the bottom side of the CPU. The 0402 decoupling capacitors and the 0603 bulk capacitors must be placed as close as possible to the power balls.

Placing the decoupling capacitors close to the power balls is critical to minimize inductance and ensure the high-speed transient current demand of the processor. The correct via size, trace width, and trace space are critical to preserve the adequate routing space. The recommended geometry is as follows:

- For the BGA constraint area:
  - The via type is 18/8 mils, the trace width is 4 mils, and the trace space is 3.79 mils.
- For the default area (except for the BGA):
  - The via type is 18/8 mils, the trace width is 7 mils, and the trace space is 7 mils.
  - The preferred BGA power-decoupling design layout is available at [www.nxp.com](http://www.nxp.com).
  - Use the NXP design strategy for power and decoupling.

### 7.3 FlexSPI

FlexSPI is a flexible SPI host controller which supports two SPI channels and up to 4 external devices. Each channel supports Single/Dual/Quad/Octal mode data transfer (1/2/4/8 bidirectional data lines). FlexSPI is the most commonly used external memory.

For more information, refer to section FlexSPI parameters from the data sheet (see [Section 9](#)). There are several sources for the internal sample clock for FlexSPI read data:

- Dummy read strobe generated by FlexSPI controller and looped back internally
  - (FlexSPIn\_MCR0[RXCLKSRC] = 0x0)
- Dummy read strobe generated by FlexSPI controller and looped back through
  - DQS pad (FlexSPIn\_MCR0[RXCLKSRC] = 0x1)
- Read strobe provided by memory device and input from
  - DQS pad (FlexSPIn\_MCR0[RXCLKSRC] = 0x3)

For QSPI Flash without a DQS provided by the memory, only the option of FlexSPIn\_MCR0[RXCLKSRC] = 0x1 can achieve 133 MHz SDR R/W speed, and FlexSPI\_DQS pin should be left floating.

The Octal Flash, where a DQS signal is provided by the memory, must use the option of FlexSPIn\_MCR0[RXCLKSRC] = 0x3 which can achieve 166 MHz DDR R/W. In such case, FlexSPI\_DQS pin should be connected to the flash directly.

### 7.4 SDRAM

The SDRAM interface (running at up to 200 MHz) is one of the critical interfaces for the chip routing. The controlled impedance for the single-ended traces must be 50  $\Omega$ . Ideally, route all signals at the same length as the EVK board. To route all signals at the same length ( $\pm 50$  mils), see the IMXRT1170-EVK layout.

The SDRAM routing must be separated into two groups: data and address/control. To separate all SDRAM signals into two groups, see the EVK layout:

- SEMC\_DQS signal line should be left floating.
- All data lines and DM[x]
- All address lines and control lines

RT1170EVK is a 6-layer board design, both routing groups refer to the GND plane for the impedance control. One group is routed at the top layer (the reference plane is the second layer), while the other group is routed at the bottom layer (the reference plane is the fifth layer).

### 7.5 USB

Use these recommendations for the USB:

- Route the DP and DM differential pair first.

- Route the DP and DM signals on the top (or bottom) layer of the board.
- The trace width and spacing of the DP and DM signals must meet the differential impedance requirement of 90  $\Omega$ .
- Route the traces over the continuous planes (power and ground):
  - They must not pass over any power/GND plane slots or anti-etch.
  - When placing the connectors, make sure that the ground plane clearouts around each pin have ground continuity between all pins.
- Maintain the parallelism (skew-matched) between DP and DM, and match the overall differential length difference to fewer than 5 mils.
- Maintain the symmetric routing for each differential pair.
- Do not route the DP and DM traces under the oscillators or parallel to the clock traces (and/or data buses).
- Minimize the lengths of the high-speed signals that run parallel to the DP and DM pair.
- Keep the DP and DM traces as short as possible.
- Route the DP and DM signals with a minimum number of corners. Use 45-degree turns instead of 90-degree turns.
- Avoid layer changes (vias) on the DP and DM signals. Do not create stubs or branches.
- Provide the ground return vias within a 50 mil distance from the signal layer-transition vias when transitioning between different reference ground planes.
- When the USB signals are not used, it is recommended to follow [Section 8](#).

## 7.6 Ethernet

RT1170 has two Ethernet controllers, one is 10M/100M Ethernet controller with support for IEEE1588 and the other one is Gigabit Ethernet controller with support for AVB/TSN. For the RGMII port, the layout is critical and below are the guidelines.

- To ensure correct RGMII function, the length of PCB trace should be less than 15 cm with a 5 pF loading to comply with maximum 1 ns delay regulation, and the total trace loading (5 pF input loading included) should be within 15 pF.
- Clock and other high-speed traces must be as short as possible. It is necessary to have a GND plane under these traces.
- RXC and TXC are high-speed (125 MHz) signals; Keep a 20 mil space between clock and data signals.
- Match each RGMII TX and RX (RXC/RXD/RXCTL/RXDV) group trace length to within +/-50mil.
- Route the RGMII traces at 50 ohm impedance, and make sure to route those traces over an unbroken GND reference ground plane.
- For the RXC signal from the PHY, place R/C close to the PHY (fewer than 500 mils) and adjust the R/C value to tune the timing.

## 7.7 High-speed signal routing recommendations

The following list provides recommendations for routing the traces for high-speed signals.

**Note:** *The propagation delay and the impedance control must match to have a correct communication with the devices.*

- The high-speed signals (SDRAM, RMII, RGMII, USB, Display, HyperFlash, SD card) must not cross gaps in the reference plane.
- Avoid creating slots, voids, and splits in the reference planes. To ensure that they do not create splits (space out vias), review the via voids.
- Provide ground return vias within a 100 mil distance from the signal layer-transition vias when transitioning between different reference ground planes.
- A solid GND plane must be directly under the crystal-associated components, and traces.

- The clocks or strobes that are on the same layer need at least 2.5× spacing from the adjacent traces (2.5× height from the reference plane) to reduce crosstalk.
- All synchronous modules must have the bus length matching and relative clock length control.
- For the SD module interfaces:
  - Match the data, clock, and CMD trace lengths (length delta depends on the bus rates).
  - Follow similar SDRAM rules for data, address, and control as for the SD module interfaces.
- For the RT1170 FlexSPI module to support QSPI flash, FlexSPI\_DQS pin should be kept floating to achieve high-speed access.

## 8 Unused pins recommendation

Table 12. Recommended connections for unused analog interfaces

| Module     | Ball Name  | Recommendations if Unused   |
|------------|--|---|
| 32 kHz OSC | RTC_XTALI, RTC_XTALO   | Not connected<br>It is recommended that RTC_XTALI ties to GND if external crystal is not connected.   |
| ADC        | ADC_VREFH  | 10 kΩ resistor to ground  |
|            | VDDA_ADC_1P8   | 10 kΩ resistor to ground  |
|            | VDDA_ADC_3P3   | 10 kΩ resistor to ground  |
| CCM        | CLK1_N, CLK1_P   | Not connected   |
| DAC        | DAC_OUT  | Not connected   |
| MIPI       | VDD_MIPI_1P0   | For lowest leakage, 10 kΩ resistor to ground. For possible easier layout but higher leakage, tie directly to power (inductors and capacitors are not required). Leakage is typically 45 μA but could be a few hundred μA at high temperature. |
|            | VDD_MIPI_1P8   | For lowest leakage, 10 kΩ resistor to ground. For possible easier layout but higher leakage, tie directly to power (inductors and capacitors are not required). Leakage is typically 45 μA but could be a few hundred μA at high temperature. |
|            | MIPI_DSI_CKN, MIPI_DSI_CKP, MIPI_DSI_DN0, MIPI_DSI_DP0, MIPI_DSI_DN1, MIPI_DSI_DP1 | Not connected   |
|            | MIPI_CSI_CKN, MIPI_CSI_CKP, MIPI_CSI_DN0, MIPI_CSI_DP0, MIPI_CSI_DN1, MIPI_CSI_DP1 | Not connected   |
| DCDC       | DCDC_IN, DCDC_IN_Q, DCDC_DIG, DCDC_ANA   | Not connected   |
|            | DCDC_DIG_SEANSE, DCDC_ANA_SENSE, DCDC_LP, DCDC_LN                                  | Not connected   |
|            | DCDC_PSWITCH, DCDC_MODE  | To ground   |
| USB        | USB1_DN, USB1_DP, USB1_VBUS, USB2_DN, USB2_DP, USB2_VBUS                           | Not connected   |

Table 12. Recommended connections for unused analog interfaces...continued

| Module  | Ball Name    | Recommendations if Unused                           |
|---------|--------------|---|
|         | VDD_USB_1P8  | Tie directly to power; capacitors are not required. |
|         | VDD_USB_3P3  | Tie directly to power; capacitors are not required. |
| SYS OSC | XTALI, XTALO | Not connected                                       |

**Note:** For unused digital IO, suggest tying low or configure it to pull down.

## 9 Related resources

- *i.MX RT1170 Crossover Processors Data Sheet for Consumer Products* (document [IMXRT1170CEC](#))
- *i.MX RT1170 Crossover Processors Data Sheet for Industrial Products* (document [IMXRT1170IEC](#))
- *i.MX RT1170 Crossover Processors Data Sheet for Automotive Products* (document [IMXRT1170AEC](#))
- *i.MX RT1170 Processor Reference Manual* (document [IMXRT1170RM](#))

## 10 Revision history

[Table 13](#) summarizes the revisions to this document.

### Revision history

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