



MAX1544/MAX1545 Evaluation Kits

Evaluates: MAX1544/MAX1545

General Description

The MAX1544/MAX1545 evaluation kits (EV kits) demonstrate the high-power, dynamically adjustable multiphase notebook CPU application circuit. This DC-DC converter steps down high-voltage batteries and/or AC adapters, generating a precision, low-voltage CPU core VCC rail. The MAX1544 EV kit meets the mobile and desktop AMD Hammer CPU transient voltage specification. The MAX1545 EV kit meets the desktop and mobile Pentium 4 (P4) CPUs transient voltage specification. The MAX1544/MAX1545 kits consist of the MAX1544 or MAX1545 Dual-Phase Quick-PWM™ step-down controller, two MAX1980 slave controllers and the MAX6590 temperature sensor. The MAX1544/MAX1545 kits include active voltage positioning with adjustable gain and offset, reducing power dissipation and bulk output capacitance requirements. The kit features independent four-level logic inputs for setting the suspend voltage (S0/S1).

The MAX1980 provides additional gate drive circuitry, phase synchronization, current limit, and current balancing. Precision slew-rate control provides "just-in time" arrival at the new DAC setting, minimizing surge currents to and from the battery.

This fully assembled and tested circuit board provides a 5-bit digitally adjustable output voltage from a 7V to 24V battery input range. The EV kit operates at 300kHz switching frequency and has superior line- and load-transient response.

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Features

- ◆ Quad-Phase Quick-PWM™ EV Kit
- ◆ Mobile and Desktop P4 or AMD Hammer Compatible
- ◆ Active Voltage Positioning with Adjustable Gain, Offset and Remote Sensing
- ◆ High Speed, Accuracy and Efficiency
- ◆ Low Bulk Output Capacitor Count
- ◆ Multiphase Fast-Response Quick-PWM Architecture
 - MAX1544/MAX1545 Dual-Phase Controller
 - Two MAX1980 Slave Controllers
- ◆ 7V to 24V Input Voltage Range
- ◆ 5-Bit On-Board DAC
 - Mobile P4: 0.60V to 1.75V Output Range
 - Desktop P4: 1.10V to 1.85V Output Range
 - AMD Hammer: 0.675V to 1.55V Output Range
- ◆ 68A Load-Current Capability (17A Each Phase)
- ◆ 300kHz Switching Frequency
- ◆ MAX6509 Temperature Sensor
- ◆ 40-Pin Thin QFN Package (MAX1544/MAX1545)
- ◆ 20-Pin Thin QFN Package (MAX1980)
- ◆ Fully Assembled and Tested

Ordering Information

| PART | TEMP RANGE | IC PACKAGE |
|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| MAX1544EVKIT | 0°C to +70°C | 40 QFN (MAX154_) |
| MAX1545EVKIT | | 20 QFN (MAX1980) |

Component List

| DESIGNATION | QTY | DESCRIPTION |
|--|-----|--|
| C1-C4, C7, C20, C25, C26, C33, C35, C62, C64 | 0 | Not Installed (0603) |
| C5, C24, C36, C49 | 4 | 100pF 5% 50V C0G ceramic capacitor (0603) Murata GRM1885C1H101J |
| C6, C21, C23, C38, C39, C51, C60 | 7 | 0.22μF 16V X5R ceramic capacitor (0805) Taiyo Yuden EMK212BJ224KG |

| DESIGNATION | QTY | DESCRIPTION |
|--|--------------|--|
| C8-C12, C31, C32, C47 or C8-C12, C31, C32, C47 | 8 or 8 | 330μF, 2.5V 9mΩ Low-ESR polymer capacitor (D case) Sanyo 2R5TP330M9 |
| C13 | 0 | Not installed (E case) |
| C14, C29, C58, C59 | 4 | 330μF, 2V 7mΩ Low-ESR specialty polymer capacitor (D case) Panasonic EEFSD0D331XR |
| | | 1000pF 10% 50V C0G ceramic capacitor (0603) Murata GRM188R71H102K |



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| DESIGNATION | QTY | DESCRIPTION |
|---|-----|--|
| C15, C22, C34, C45 | 4 | 4700pF 10% 50V X7R ceramic capacitor (0603) Murata GRM188R71H472K (Not installed when using Si7442DP) |
| C16 | 1 | 2.2µF 10V X5R ceramic capacitor (0612) TDK C1632X5R1A225KTB09N |
| C17, C18, C19, C41, C42, C43, C53, C54, C65 | 9 | 15µF 20% 25V X5R ceramic capacitor (1812) TDK C4532X5R1E156M |
| C27, C40, C52 | 3 | 1µF 20% 10V X5R ceramic capacitor (0805) Taiyo Yuden LMK212BJ105KG or TDK C2012X7R1C105MKT |
| C28 | 1 | 47pF 5% 50V C0G ceramic capacitor (0603) Murata GRM1885C1H470J |
| C30, C37, C50, C56, C63 | 5 | 470pF 10% 50V X7R ceramic capacitor (0603) Murata GRM188R71H471K |
| C44, C48, C55, C57 | 4 | 1µF 10% 25V X7R ceramic capacitor (0805) TDK C2012X7R1E105K |
| C61 | 1 | 0.1µF 10% 50V X7R ceramic capacitor (0805) Murata GRM21BR71H104K |
| C67, C69, C70, C83, C84, C85, C87, C97-C101 | 12 | 10µF 20% 6.3V X5R ceramic capacitor (0805) TDK C2012X5R0J106M or Taiyo Yuden AMK212BJ106MG |
| C71-C78, C80-C82, C88-C92 | 16 | 22µF 6.3V X5R ceramic capacitor (1206) TDK C3216X5R0J226MT |
| D1 | 1 | 100mA, 30V Dual Schottky Diode Central Semiconductor CMPSH-3A |
| D2, D3, D4, D12 | 4 | 5A Schottky Diode Central Semiconductor CMSH5-40 |
| D5, D13 | 2 | 100mA, 30V Schottky Diode Central Semiconductor CMPSH-3 |
| D6, D11 | 2 | 200mA Switching Diode Central Semiconductor CMPD2838 |
| D7, D10 | 0 | Not Installed 100mA, 30V Dual Schottky Diode Central Semiconductor CMPSH-3C |
| J2 | 1 | 4-pin header Molex 39-29-3046 |
| JUA0-JUA5 | 6 | 2-pin header |
| JU1, JU3, JU4 | 3 | 4-pin header |
| JU13 | 0 | 2-pin header |

| DESIGNATION | QTY | DESCRIPTION |
|--|--------------|---|
| JU2 | 1 | 3-pin header |
| L1-L4 | 4 | 0.6µH 26A 0.9mΩ Power Inductors Panasonic ETQP1H0R6BFA or Sumida CDEP134H-0R6 |
| N1, N2, N5, N6, N7, N10, N15, N16 or N2, N7, N10, N16 | 8 or 4 | N-channel MOSFET (SO-8) International Rectifier IRF7811W or Fairchild FDS6694 Vishay/Siliconix Si7886DP (Power PAK) |
| N3, N4, N8, N9, N11, N12, N13, N14 | 8 | N-channel MOSFET (SO-8) International Rectifier IRF7822 or Fairchild FDS6688 or Vishay/Siliconix Si7442DP (Power PAK) |
| Q1, Q2 | 2 | N-channel MOSFET Central Semiconductor 2N7002 |
| R1, R8, R11, R14, R15, R17, R20, R37, R50, R52, R63, R64, R78, R98, R102 | 0 | Not Installed, (short PC trace) (0603) |
| R2, R9, R39, R45 | 4 | 0.001Ω ±1% 1W resistor (2512) Panasonic ERJM1WTF1M0U |
| R3, R33-R35, R40, R44, R46, R48, R49, R107 | 10 | 100Ω ±5% resistor (0603) |
| R5, R6, R18, R24 | 4 | 1kΩ ±1% resistor (0603) |
| R7 | 1 | 60.4kΩ ±1% resistor (0603) |
| R10 | 1 | 100kΩ ±1% resistor (0603) |
| R12 | 1 | 20kΩ ±1% resistor (0603) |
| R16, R83, R84 | 3 | 10Ω ±5% resistor (0603) |
| R19, R21, R27, R30, R36, R51, R53, R61, R62, R65-R67, R74, R75, R81, R87, R92, R99-R101, R103-R106, R108, R109 | 0 | Not Installed (0603) |
| R26, R28, R73, R76, R77, R79, R80 | 7 | 0Ω ±5% resistor (0603) |
| R29, R31 | 2 | 30.1kΩ ±1% resistor (0603) |
| R32, R42 | 2 | 150kΩ ±1% resistor (0603) |
| R41, R47 | 2 | 20Ω ±5% resistor (0603) |
| R43, R38 | 2 | 10kΩ ±5% resistor (0603) |
| R54-R59, R70, R95-R97, R110 | 11 | 100kΩ ±5% resistor (0603) |
| R60 | 1 | 11kΩ ±1% resistor (0603) |
| R82 | 1 | 1MΩ ±5% resistor (0603) |
| U2, U3 | 2 | MAX1980ETP (20-TQFN) |

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Component List (continued)

| DESIGNATION | QTY | DESCRIPTION |
|-------------|-----|--------------------------|
| U4 | 1 | MAX6509HAUK-T (5-SOT23) |
| U5 | 0 | MAX6509HAUK-T (5-SOT23) |
| None | 10 | Shunts |
| None | 1 | MAX1544/MAX1545 PC Board |

| DESIGNATION | QTY | DESCRIPTION |
|-------------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| None | 1 | MAX1544/MAX1545 EV kit data sheet |
| None | 1 | MAX1544/MAX1545 data sheet |
| None | 1 | MAX1980 data sheet |
| None | 1 | MAX6509 data sheet |

MAX1544 EV Kit Additional Components

| DESIGNATION | QTY | DESCRIPTION |
|-------------|-----|----------------------------|
| R4, R23 | 2 | 2.61kΩ ±1% resistor (0603) |
| R22 | 1 | 24.9kΩ ±1% resistor (0603) |
| R25 | 1 | 100kΩ ±1% resistor (0603) |
| U1 | 1 | MAX1544ETL (40-TQFN) |
| U8 | 1 | Socket 754 |

MAX1545 EV Kit Additional Components*

| DESIGNATION | QTY | DESCRIPTION |
|-------------|-----|----------------------------|
| R4, R23 | 2 | 3.01kΩ ±1% resistor (0603) |
| R22 | 1 | 182kΩ ±1% resistor (0603) |
| R25 | 1 | 20kΩ ±1% resistor (0603) |
| U1 | 1 | MAX1545ETL (40-TQFN) |
| U8 | 1 | None |

*Contact Intel for the Mobile P4 specifications and contact Maxim for a reference schematic.

Component Suppliers

| SUPPLIER | PHONE | FAX | WEBSITE |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Central Semiconductor | 516-435-1110 | 516-435-1824 | www.centralsemi.com |
| Fairchild Semiconductor | 408-721-2181 | 408-721-1635 | www.fairchildsemi.com |
| International Rectifier | 310-322-3331 | 310-322-3332 | www.irf.com |
| Panasonic | 714-373-7939 | 714-373-7183 | www.panasonic.com |
| Sumida | 708-956-0666 | 708-956-0702 | www.sumida.com |
| Taiyo Yuden | 408-573-4150 | 408-573-4159 | www.t-yuden.com |
| TDK | 847-390-4373 | 847-390-4428 | www.component.tdk.com |
| Vishay/Siliconix | 203-268-6261 | 203-268-6296 | www.vishay.com |

Note: Please indicate that you are using the MAX1544 and MAX1545 when contacting these component suppliers.

Quick Start

Recommended Equipment

- 7V to 24V, >100W power supply, battery, or notebook AC adapter
- DC bias power supply, 5V at 1A
- One or more dummy loads capable of sinking 68A total
- Digital multimeter (DMM)
- 100MHz dual-trace oscilloscope

Procedure

- 1) Ensure that the circuit is connected correctly to the supplies and dummy load prior to applying any power.
- 2) Verify that the shunts are across JU1 pins 1 and 3 (S0) and JU3 pins 1 and 4 (S1), JU2 pins 1 and 2 (SHDN) and JU4 pins 1 and 3 (TON). The DAC code settings (D4–D0) are set for 1.50V output through installed jumpers JUA3 and JUA1. A fixed +50mV offset sets the final no load output voltage at 1.55V for the MAX1544 EV kit. A fixed -25mV offset sets the final no load output voltage at 1.45V for the MAX1545 EV kit.

- 3) Turn on the battery power before turning on the +5V bias power; otherwise, the output UVLO timer times out and the FAULT latch is set, disabling the regulator until +5V power is cycled or shutdown is toggled.

- 4) Observe the output voltage with the DMM and/or oscilloscope. Look at the LX switching nodes and MOSFET gate-drive signals while varying the load current.

Detailed Description

This 68A multiphase buck-regulator design is optimized for a 300kHz frequency and output voltage settings from 1.0V to 1.5V. At VOUT=1.5V and VIN=12V, the inductor ripple is approximately 30% (LIR=0.3). The MAX1544/MAX1545 controller shares the current between its two phases that operate 180° out-of-phase, supplying 17A per phase. Each MAX1980 slave is triggered by one side of the MAX1544/MAX1545 low-side gate driver, supplying another 17A per slave.

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Setting the Output Voltage

The MAX1544/MAX1545 has two unique internal VID input multiplexers that can select one of three different VID DAC code settings for different processor states. On startup, the controller selects the DAC code from the D0–D4 input decoder when SUS=GND. A second multiplexer selects the lower S0-S1 DAC code when SUS is high (SUS=3.3V or VCC), or the higher S0-S1 DAC code when SUS=REF. The output voltage can be digitally set by the D0-D4 pins (Table 1) or the S0-S1 pins (Table 2).

There are five different ways of setting the output voltage:

- 1) **Drive the external VID0–VID4 inputs (no jumpers installed):** The output voltage can be set by driving VID0–VID4 with open-drain drivers (pullup resistors are included on the board) or 3V/5V CMOS output logic levels (DPSLPVR = GND).
- 2) **Install jumpers JUA0–JUA4:** SUS=low. When JUA0–JUA4 are not installed, the MAX1544/MAX1545's D0–

D4 inputs are at logic 1 (connected to VID_VCC). When JUA0–JUA4 are installed, D0–D4 inputs are at logic 0 (connected to GND). The output voltage can be changed during operation by installing and removing jumpers JUA0–JUA4. As shipped, the EV kit is configured with jumpers JUA0–JUA4 set for 1.50V output (Table 1). Refer to the MAX1544 and MAX1545 data sheets for more information.

- 3) **Drive DPSLPVR (suspend mode configuration):** As shipped, the EV kit is configured for operation in the suspend mode S0-S1 set for 1.000V output (Table 2).
- 4) **Drive DPSLP:** DPSLP can be driven by an external driver to introduce offsets to the output voltage (Table 2).
- 5) **Drive header J1 for full system control:** VID0–VID4, DPSLP, DPRSLPVR, VRON, and VROK are all available directly on header connections J1 (Figure 1c). Do not install jumper JU2 in this mode.

Table 1. MAX1544/MAX1545 Output Voltage Adjustment Settings (SUS=GND)

| D4 | D3 | D2 | D1 | D0 | MAX1544 VOUT (V) | MAX1545 CODE=VCC VOUT (V) | MAX1545 CODE=GND VOUT (V) |
|----|----|----|----|----|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.550 | 1.750 | 1.850 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1.525 | 1.700 | 1.825 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1.500 | 1.650 | 1.800 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1.475 | 1.600 | 1.775 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.450 | 1.550 | 1.750 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1.425 | 1.500 | 1.725 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1.400 | 1.450 | 1.700 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1.375 | 1.400 | 1.675 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.350 | 1.350 | 1.650 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1.325 | 1.300 | 1.625 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1.300 | 1.250 | 1.600 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1.275 | 1.200 | 1.575 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.250 | 1.150 | 1.550 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1.225 | 1.100 | 1.525 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1.200 | 1.050 | 1.500 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1.175 | 1.000 | 1.475 |

| D4 | D3 | D2 | D1 | D0 | MAX1544 VOUT (V) | MAX1545 CODE=VCC VOUT (V) | MAX1545 CODE=GND VOUT (V) |
|----|----|----|----|----|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.150 | 0.975 | 1.450 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1.125 | 0.950 | 1.425 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1.100 | 0.925 | 1.400 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1.075 | 0.900 | 1.375 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.050 | 0.875 | 1.350 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1.025 | 0.850 | 1.325 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 0.825 | 1.300 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.975 | 0.800 | 1.275 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.950 | 0.775 | 1.250 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.925 | 0.750 | 1.225 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0.900 | 0.725 | 1.200 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.875 | 0.700 | 1.175 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.850 | 0.675 | 1.150 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.825 | 0.650 | 1.125 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0.800 | 0.625 | 1.100 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | OFF | 0.600 | OFF |

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Table 2. MAX1544/MAX1545 Output Voltage Adjustment Settings (SUS=High or REF)

| LOWER SUSPEND CODES | | | |
|---------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| SUS* | S1 | S0 | VOUT (V) |
| High | GND | GND | 0.675 |
| High | GND | REF | 0.700 |
| High | GND | OPEN | 0.725 |
| High | GND | VCC | 0.750 |
| High | REF | GND | 0.775 |
| High | REF | REF | 0.800 |
| High | REF | OPEN | 0.825 |
| High | REF | VCC | 0.850 |
| High | OPEN | GND | 0.875 |
| High | OPEN | REF | 0.900 |
| High | OPEN | OPEN | 0.925 |
| High | OPEN | VCC | 0.950 |
| High | VCC | GND | 0.975 |
| High | VCC | REF | 1.000 |
| High | VCC | OPEN | 1.025 |
| High | VCC | VCC | 1.050 |

| UPPER SUSPEND CODES | | | |
|---------------------|------|------|----------|
| SUS* | S1 | S0 | VOUT (V) |
| REF | GND | GND | 1.075 |
| REF | GND | REF | 1.100 |
| REF | GND | OPEN | 1.125 |
| REF | GND | VCC | 1.150 |
| REF | REF | GND | 1.175 |
| REF | REF | REF | 1.200 |
| REF | REF | OPEN | 1.225 |
| REF | REF | VCC | 1.250 |
| REF | OPEN | GND | 1.275 |
| REF | OPEN | REF | 1.300 |
| REF | OPEN | OPEN | 1.325 |
| REF | OPEN | VCC | 1.350 |
| REF | VCC | GND | 1.375 |
| REF | VCC | REF | 1.400 |
| REF | VCC | OPEN | 1.425 |
| REF | VCC | VCC | 1.450 |

*Note: Connect the 3-level SUS input to a 2.7V or greater supply (3.3V or V_{cc}) for an input logic level high.

Table 3. MAX1544/MAX1545 Operating Mode Truth Table

| SHDN | SUS | SKIP | OFS | OUTPUT VOLTAGE | OPERATING MODE |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| GND | x | x | x | GND | Low-Power Shutdown Mode. DL __ is forced high, DH __ is forced low, and the PWM controller is disabled. The supply current drops to 1μA (typ). |
| V _{cc} | GND | V _{cc} | GND or REF | D0-D4 (No offset) | Normal Operation. The no load output voltage is determined by the selected VID DAC code (D0-D4, Table 1). |
| V _{cc} | x | REF | GND or REF | D0-D4 (No offset) | Dual-Phase Pulse Skipping Operation. When SKIP is set to 2V, the MAX1544/MAX1545 immediately enters dual-phase pulse skipping operation allowing automatic PWM/PFM switchover under light loads. Both MAX1980 slaves are disabled. The VROK upper threshold is blanked. |
| V _{cc} | x | GND | GND or REF | D0-D4 (No offset) | Single-Phase Pulse Skipping Operation. When SKIP is pulled to GND, the MAX1544/MAX1545 immediately enters single-phase pulse skipping operation allowing automatic PWM/PFM switchover under light loads. Both MAX1980 slaves are disabled. The VROK upper threshold is blanked. |
| V _{cc} | GND | x | 0 to 0.8V or 1.2V to 2.0V | D0-D4 (Plus offset) | Deep Sleep Mode. The no load output voltage is determined by the selected VID DAC code (D0-D4, Table 1) plus the offset voltage set by OFS. |
| V _{cc} | REF or High | x | x | SUS, S0-S1 (Offset disabled) | Suspend Mode. The no load output voltage is determined by the selected suspend code (SUS, S0-S1, Table 2), overriding all other active modes of operation. |
| V _{cc} | x | x | x | GND | Fault Mode. The fault latch has been set by either UVP, OVP (if enabled), or thermal shutdown. The controller will remain in FAULT mode until V _{cc} power is cycled or SHDN toggled. |

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Reduced Power Dissipation

Voltage Positioning

The MAX1544/MAX1545 EV kit uses voltage positioning to decrease the size of the output capacitor and to reduce power dissipation at heavy loads. Current-sense resistors (R_2 and $R_9=1\text{m}\Omega$) are used to sense the inductor current and adjust the output voltage. The current-sense resistors dissipate some power but the net power savings are substantial. This EV kit further improves efficiency by using an internal op-amp gain stage to allow a reduction in the sense resistor value.

The MAX1544 op amp is configured for a gain of 2.5 (only 2 phases sensed) providing a -1.25mV/A voltage-positioning slope at the output when all four phases are active. The MAX1545 op amp is configured for a gain of 3 providing a slope of -1.5mV/A . Remote output and ground sensing eliminate any additional PC board voltage drops.

Dynamic Output Voltage Transition Experiment

Observe the output voltage transition between 1.00V and 1.50V by setting jumpers JUA0–JUA4 to 1.50V and toggling the SUS input between GND and VCC, respectively. This is the worst-case transition and should complete within 100 μs .

This EV kit is set to transition the output voltage at 1 LSB per 2 μs . The speed of the transition can be altered by changing resistor R_7 ($60.4\text{k}\Omega$).

During the voltage transition, watch the inductor current by looking across R_2 and/or R_9 with a differential scope probe or by inserting a current probe in series with the inductor. Observe the low, well-controlled inductor current that accompanies the voltage transition. The same slew rate and controlled inductor current are used during shutdown and startup, resulting in well-controlled currents into and out of the battery (input source).

There are two other methods to create an output voltage transition. Select D0–D4 (JUA0–JUA4). Then either manually change the JUA0–JUA4 jumpers to a new VID code setting (Table 1), or remove all jumpers and drive the VID0–VID4 PC board test points externally to the desired code settings.

Table 4. Jumper JU4 Function (TON Setting)

| SHUNT POSITION | TON PIN | MAX1544/MAX1545 SWITCHING FREQUENCY |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 1 and 2 | Connected to GND | 550kHz. Short R104 and R108 to set the MAX1980s to 550kHz. |
| 1 and 3 (Default) | Connected to REF | 300kHz. |
| 1 and 4 | Connected to V_{cc} | 200kHz. Short R105 and R109 to set the MAX1980s to 200kHz. |
| Not installed | VR_ON driven by external signal | 100kHz. Not supported by MAX1980. Disable MAX1980 when setting MAX1544/MAX1545 at 100kHz for highest suspend mode efficiency. |

Table 5. PIN19 Function and Setting

| PIN 19 | MAX1544 (OVP PIN) | MAX1545 (CODE PIN) |
|--------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| High | Overvoltage Protection Enabled | Selects Mobile P4 VID code set |
| Low | Overvoltage Protection Disabled | Selects Desktop P4 VID code set |

Load-Transient Experiment

One interesting experiment is to subject the output to large, fast load transients and observe the output with an oscilloscope. This necessitates careful instrumentation of the output, using the supplied scope-probe jack. Accurate measurement of output ripple and load-transient response invariably requires that ground clip leads be completely avoided and that the probe must be removed to expose the GND shield, so the probe can be plugged directly into the jack. Otherwise, EMI and noise pickup corrupt the waveforms.

Most benchtop electronic loads intended for power supply testing lack the ability to subject the DC-DC converter to ultra-fast load transients. Emulating the supply current di/dt at the CPU VCORE pins requires at least 10A/ μs load transients. One easy method for generating such an abusive load transient is to solder a power MOSFET directly across the scope-probe jack. Then drive its gate with a strong pulse generator at a low duty cycle (< 5%) to minimize heat stress in the MOSFET. Vary the high-level output voltage of the pulse generator to vary the load current.

To determine the load current, you might expect to insert a meter in the load path, but this method is prohibited here by the need for low resistance and inductance in the path of the dummy load MOSFET. There are two easy alternative methods of determining how much load current a particular pulse-generator amplitude is causing. The easiest method is to observe the currents through inductors L1 and L2 with a calibrated AC current probe, such as a Tektronix AM503, or by looking across R_2 and R_9 with a differential probe. In the buck topology, the load current is approximately equal to the average value of the inductor currents.

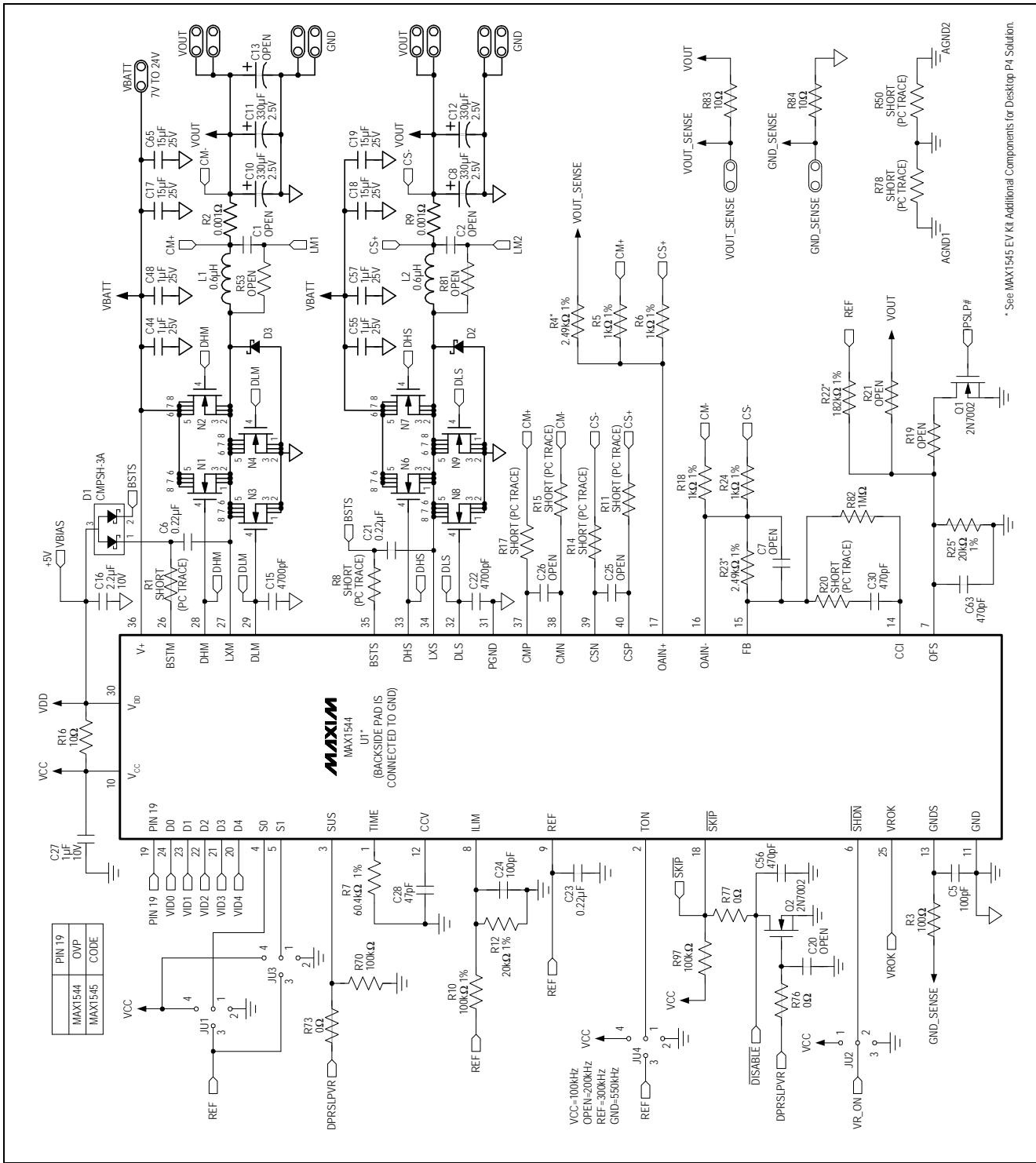
TON Settings

Jumper JU4 selects the MAX1544/MAX1545 switching frequency.

Note: Always set the MAX1980 slaves to the same switching frequency as the MAX1544/MAX1545.

Note: When changing the switching frequency, recalculate the inductor and output capacitor values using the equations in the MAX1544/MAX1545 and MAX1980 datasheets.

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* See MAX1545 EV Kit Additional Components for Desktop P4 Solution.

MAX1544/MAX1545 Evaluation Kits

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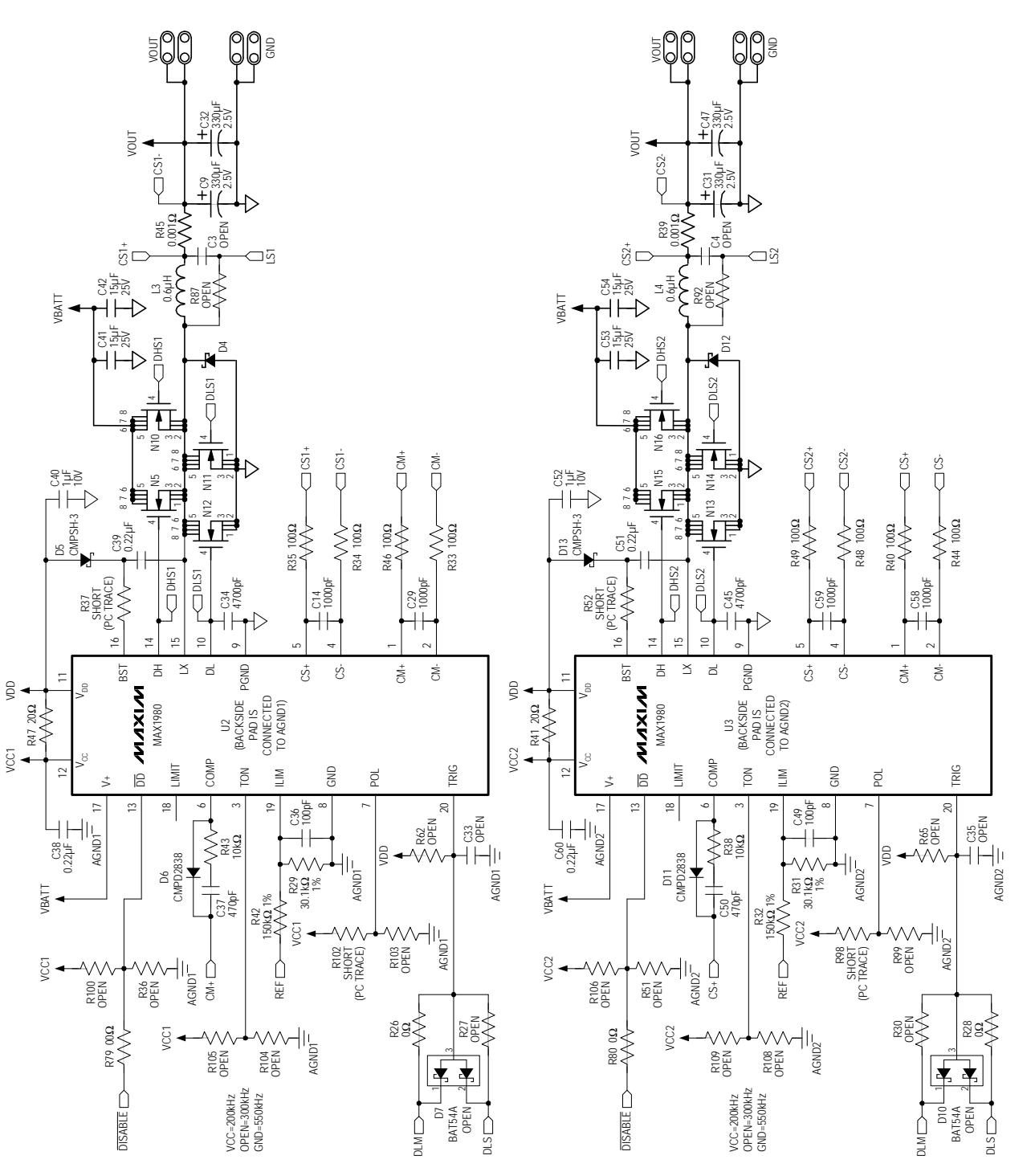


Figure 1b. MAX1544 EV Kit Schematic (Sheet 2 of 3)

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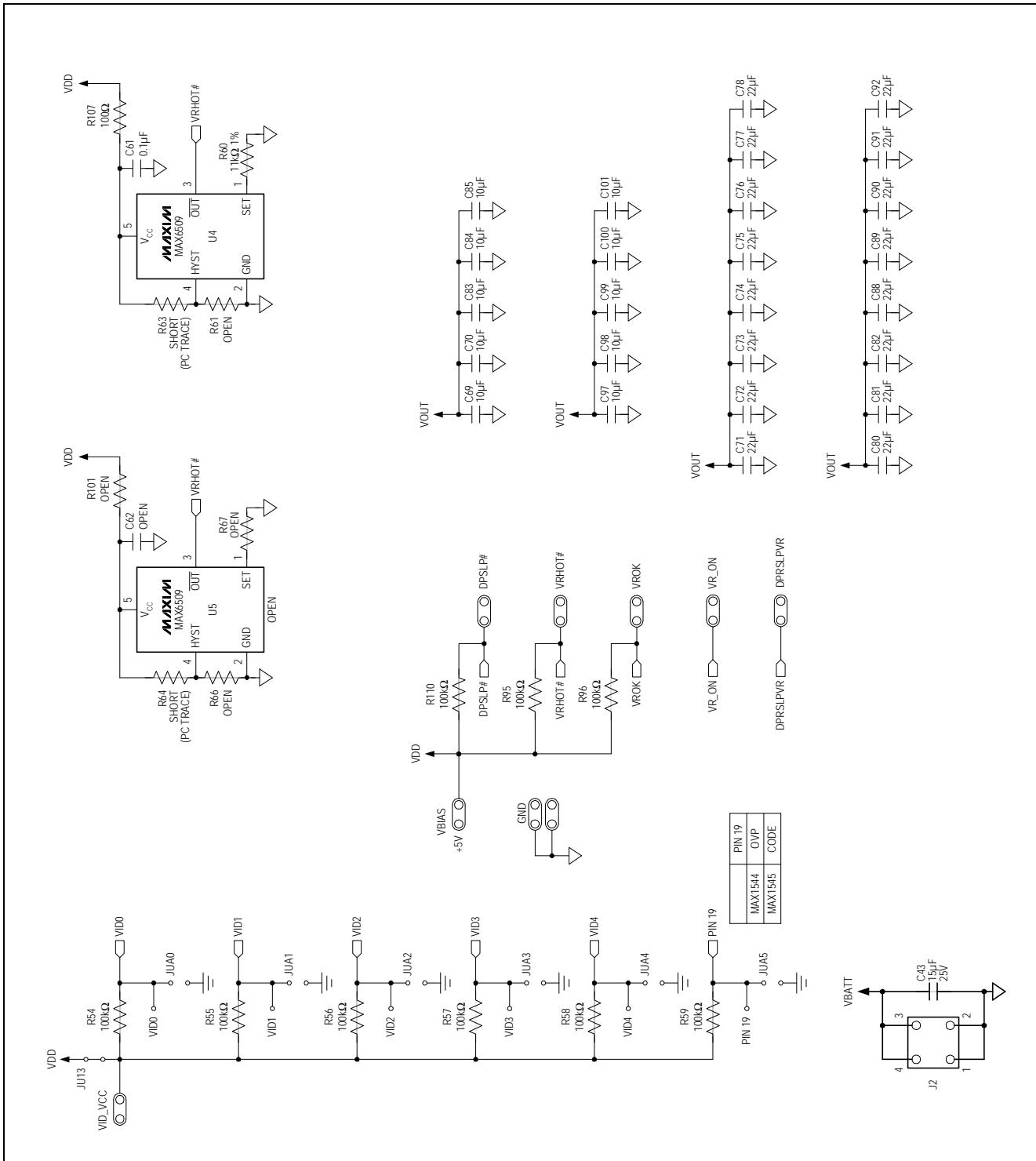


Figure 1c. MAX1544 EV Kit Schematic (Sheet 3 of 3)

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MAX1544/MAX1545 Evaluation Kits

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | |
|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | A |
| B | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | B |
| C | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | C |
| D | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 | 101 | 102 | 103 | 104 | 105 | 106 | 107 | 108 | 109 | 110 | 111 | 112 | 113 | 114 | 115 | 116 | D |
| E | 117 | 118 | 119 | 120 | 121 | 122 | 123 | 124 | 125 | 126 | 127 | 128 | 129 | 130 | 131 | 132 | 133 | 134 | 135 | 136 | 137 | 138 | 139 | 140 | 141 | 142 | 143 | 144 | 145 | E |
| F | 146 | 147 | 148 | 149 | 150 | 151 | 152 | 153 | 154 | 155 | 156 | 157 | 158 | 159 | 160 | 161 | 162 | 163 | 164 | 165 | 166 | 167 | 168 | 169 | 170 | 171 | 172 | 173 | 174 | F |
| G | 175 | 176 | 177 | 178 | 179 | 180 | 181 | 182 | 183 | 184 | 185 | 186 | 187 | 188 | 189 | 190 | 191 | 192 | 193 | 194 | 195 | 196 | 197 | 198 | 199 | 200 | 201 | 202 | 203 | G |
| H | 204 | 205 | 206 | 207 | 208 | 209 | 210 | 211 | 212 | 213 | 214 | 215 | 216 | 217 | 218 | 219 | 220 | 221 | 222 | 223 | 224 | 225 | 226 | 227 | 228 | 229 | 230 | 231 | 232 | H |
| J | 233 | 234 | 235 | 236 | 237 | 238 | 239 | 240 | 241 | 242 | 243 | 244 | 245 | 246 | 247 | 248 | 249 | 250 | 251 | 252 | 253 | 254 | 255 | 256 | 257 | 258 | 259 | 260 | 261 | J |
| K | 262 | 263 | 264 | 265 | 266 | 267 | 268 | 269 | 270 | 271 | 272 | 273 | 274 | 275 | 276 | 277 | 278 | 279 | 280 | 281 | 282 | 283 | 284 | 285 | 286 | 287 | 288 | 289 | 290 | K |
| L | 291 | 292 | 293 | 294 | 295 | 296 | 297 | 298 | 299 | 300 | | | | | | | | | | 301 | 302 | 303 | 304 | 305 | 306 | 307 | 308 | 309 | 310 | L |
| M | 311 | 312 | 313 | 314 | 315 | 316 | 317 | 318 | 319 | 320 | | | | | | | | | | 321 | 322 | 323 | 324 | 325 | 326 | 327 | 328 | 329 | 330 | M |
| N | 331 | 332 | 333 | 334 | 335 | 336 | 337 | 338 | 339 | 340 | | | | | | | | | | 341 | 342 | 343 | 344 | 345 | 346 | 347 | 348 | 349 | 350 | N |
| P | 351 | 352 | 353 | 354 | 355 | 356 | 357 | 358 | 359 | 360 | | | | | | | | | | 361 | 362 | 363 | 364 | 365 | 366 | 367 | 368 | 369 | 370 | P |
| R | 371 | 372 | 373 | 374 | 375 | 376 | 377 | 378 | 379 | 380 | | | | | | | | | | 381 | 382 | 383 | 384 | 385 | 386 | 387 | 388 | 389 | 390 | R |
| T | 391 | 392 | 393 | 394 | 395 | 396 | 397 | 398 | 399 | 400 | | | | | | | | | | 401 | 402 | 403 | 404 | 405 | 406 | 407 | 408 | 409 | 410 | T |
| U | 411 | 412 | 413 | 414 | 415 | 416 | 417 | 418 | 419 | 420 | | | | | | | | | | 421 | 422 | 423 | 424 | 425 | 426 | 427 | 428 | 429 | 430 | U |
| V | 431 | 432 | 433 | 434 | 435 | 436 | 437 | 438 | 439 | 440 | | | | | | | | | | 441 | 442 | 443 | 444 | 445 | 446 | 447 | 448 | 449 | 450 | V |
| W | 451 | 452 | 453 | 454 | 455 | 456 | 457 | 458 | 459 | 460 | | | | | | | | | | 461 | 462 | 463 | 464 | 465 | 466 | 467 | 468 | 469 | 470 | W |
| Y | 471 | 472 | 473 | 474 | 475 | 476 | 477 | 478 | 479 | 480 | 481 | 482 | 483 | 484 | 485 | 486 | 487 | 488 | 489 | 490 | 491 | 492 | 493 | 494 | 495 | 496 | 497 | 498 | 499 | Y |
| AA | 500 | 501 | 502 | 503 | 504 | 505 | 506 | 507 | 508 | 509 | 510 | 511 | 512 | 513 | 514 | 515 | 516 | 517 | 518 | 519 | 520 | 521 | 522 | 523 | 524 | 525 | 526 | 527 | 528 | AA |
| AB | 529 | 530 | 531 | 532 | 533 | 534 | 535 | 536 | 537 | 538 | 539 | 540 | 541 | 542 | 543 | 544 | 545 | 546 | 547 | 548 | 549 | 550 | 551 | 552 | 553 | 554 | 555 | 556 | 557 | AB |
| AC | 558 | 559 | 560 | 561 | 562 | 563 | 564 | 565 | 566 | 567 | 568 | 569 | 570 | 571 | 572 | 573 | 574 | 575 | 576 | 577 | 578 | 579 | 580 | 581 | 582 | 583 | 584 | 585 | 586 | AC |
| AD | 587 | 588 | 589 | 590 | 591 | 592 | 593 | 594 | 595 | 596 | 597 | 598 | 599 | 600 | 601 | 602 | 603 | 604 | 605 | 606 | 607 | 608 | 609 | 610 | 611 | 612 | 613 | 614 | 615 | AD |
| AE | 616 | 617 | 618 | 619 | 620 | 621 | 622 | 623 | 624 | 625 | 626 | 627 | 628 | 629 | 630 | 631 | 632 | 633 | 634 | 635 | 636 | 637 | 638 | 639 | 640 | 641 | 642 | 643 | 644 | AE |
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| AG | 674 | 675 | 676 | 677 | 678 | 679 | 680 | 681 | 682 | 683 | 684 | 685 | 686 | 687 | 688 | 689 | 690 | 691 | 692 | 693 | 694 | 695 | 696 | 697 | 698 | 699 | 700 | 701 | 702 | AG |
| AH | 703 | 704 | 705 | 706 | 707 | 708 | 709 | 710 | 711 | 712 | 713 | 714 | 715 | 716 | 717 | 718 | 719 | 720 | 721 | 722 | 723 | 724 | 725 | 726 | 727 | 728 | 729 | 730 | 731 | AH |
| AJ | 732 | 733 | 734 | 735 | 736 | 737 | 738 | 739 | 740 | 741 | 742 | 743 | 744 | 745 | 746 | 747 | 748 | 749 | 750 | 751 | 752 | 753 | 754 | 755 | 756 | 757 | 758 | 759 | 760 | AJ |

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|-----|------|-----|-----|-----------|------------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| GND | VOUT | A24 | A23 | GND_SENSE | VOUT_SENSE | AE15 | AF15 | AG14 | AF14 | AG13 | VID[0] | VID[1] | VID[2] | VID[3] | VID[4] |
|-----|------|-----|-----|-----------|------------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|

Figure 3. CPU Socket (U8) pinout

MAX1544/MAX1545 Evaluation Kits

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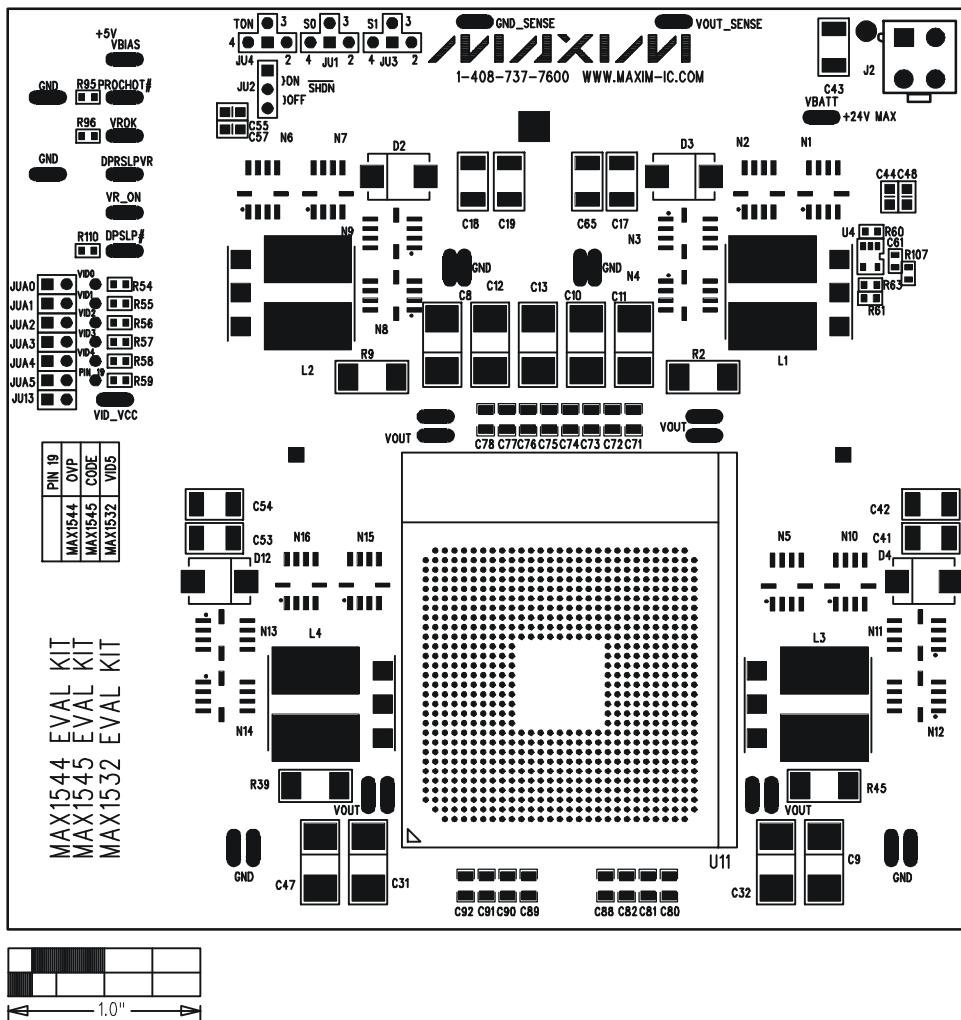


Figure 4. MAX1544/MAX1545 EV Component Placement Guide - Top Side

Evaluates: MAX1544/MAX1545

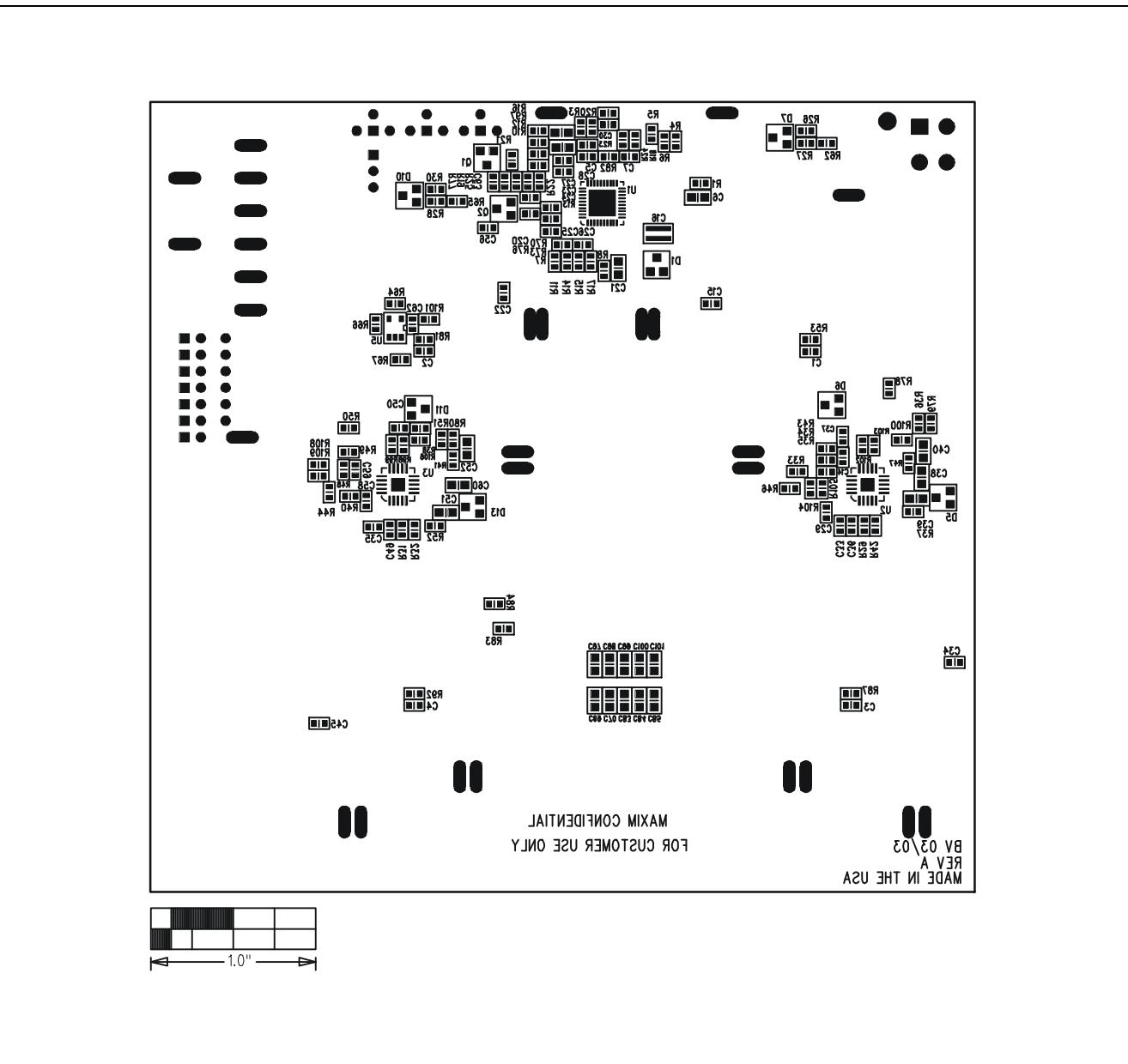


Figure 5. MAX1544/MAX1545 EV Kit Component Placement Guide - Bottom Side

MAX1544/MAX1545 Evaluation Kits

Evaluates: MAX1544/MAX1545

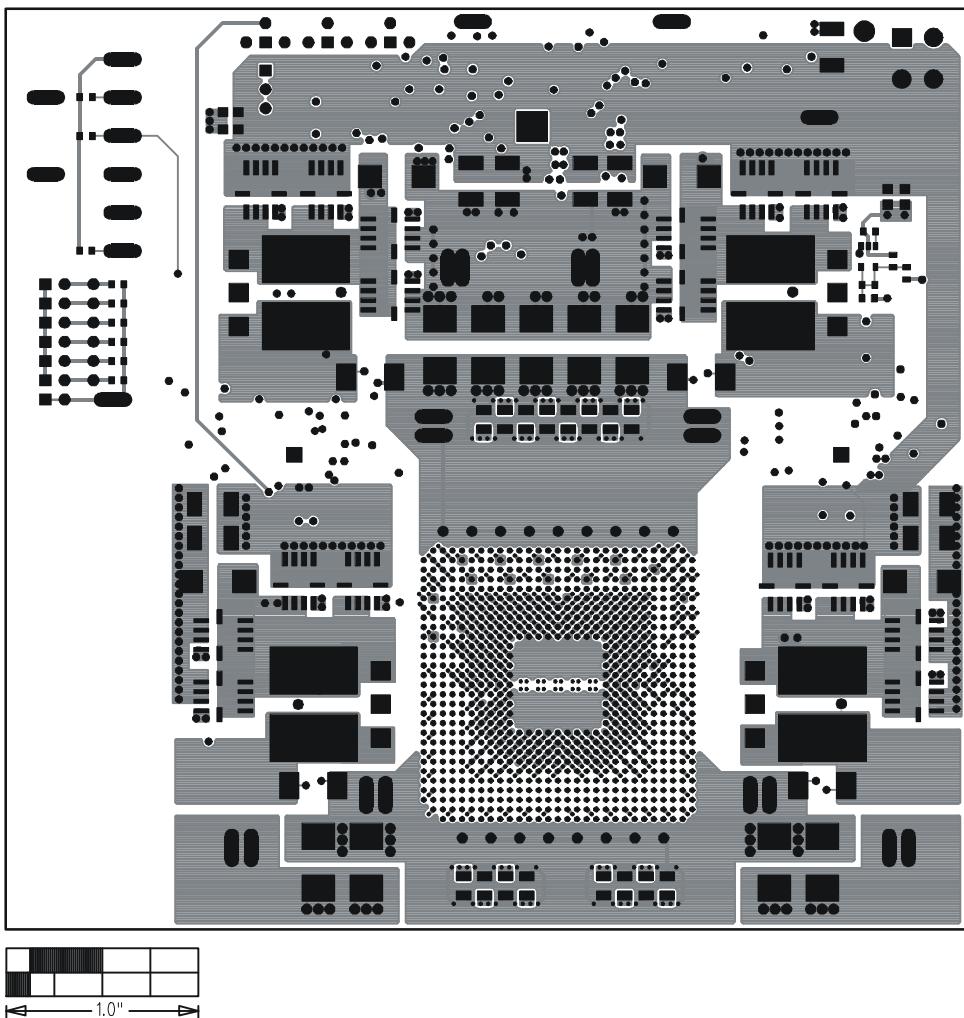


Figure 6. MAX1544/MAX1545 EV Kit PC Board Layout – Top Side

Evaluates: MAX1544/MAX1545

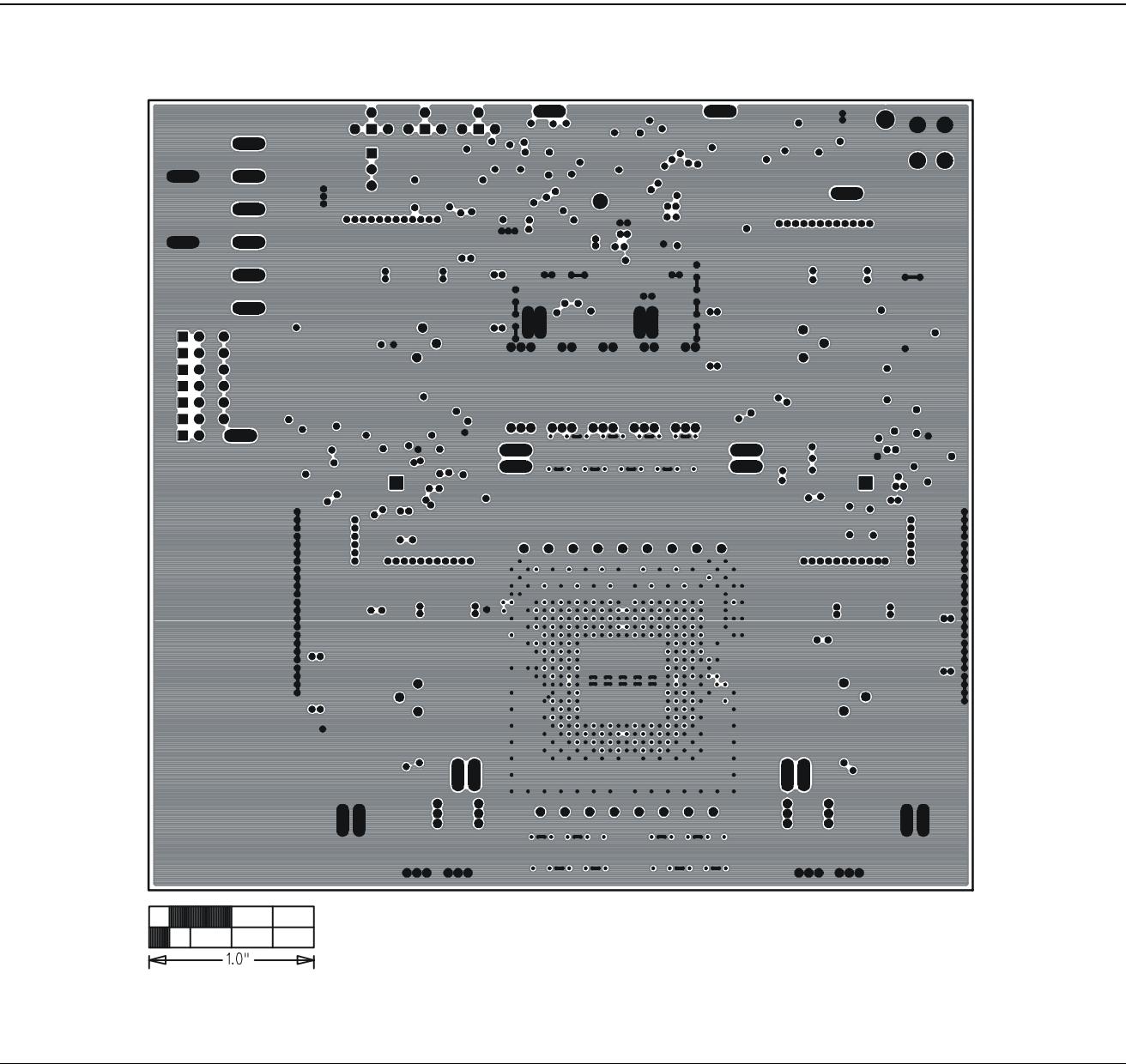


Figure 7. MAX1544/MAX1545 EV Kit PC Board Layout – GND Layer 2

MAX1544/MAX1545 Evaluation Kits

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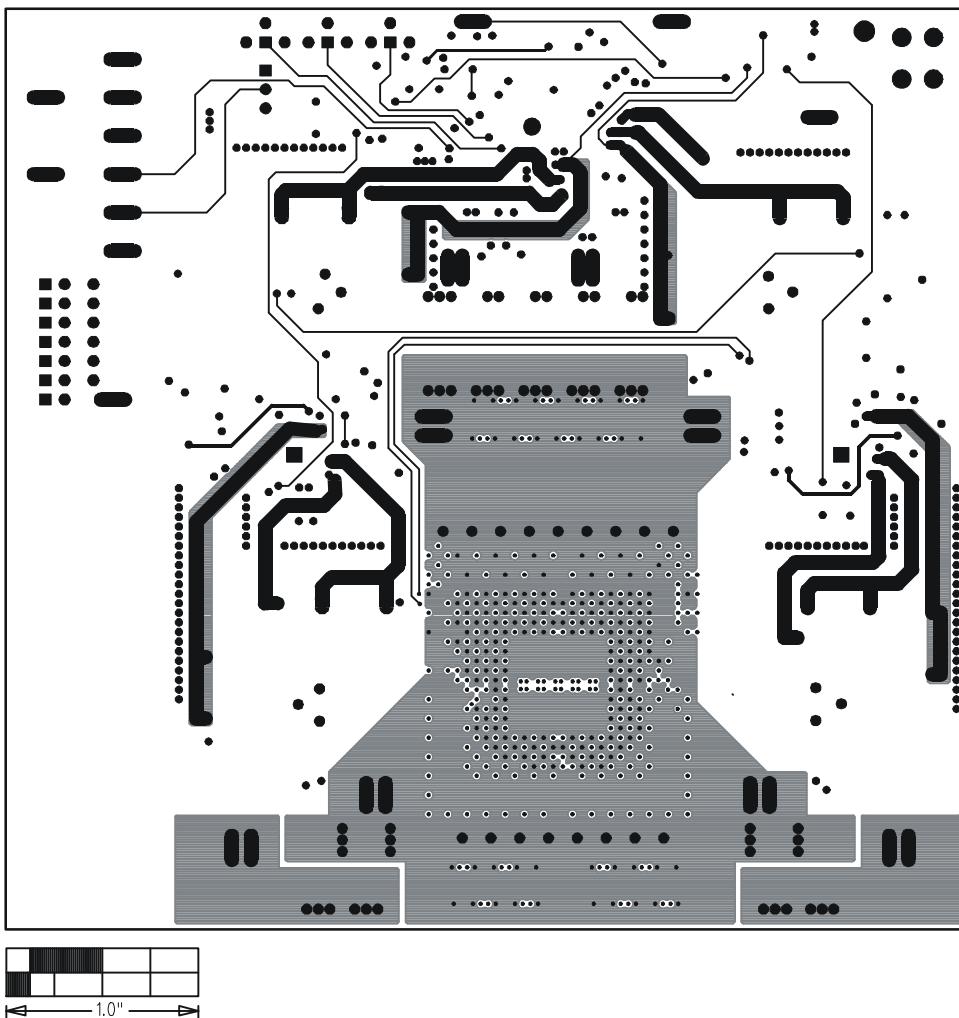


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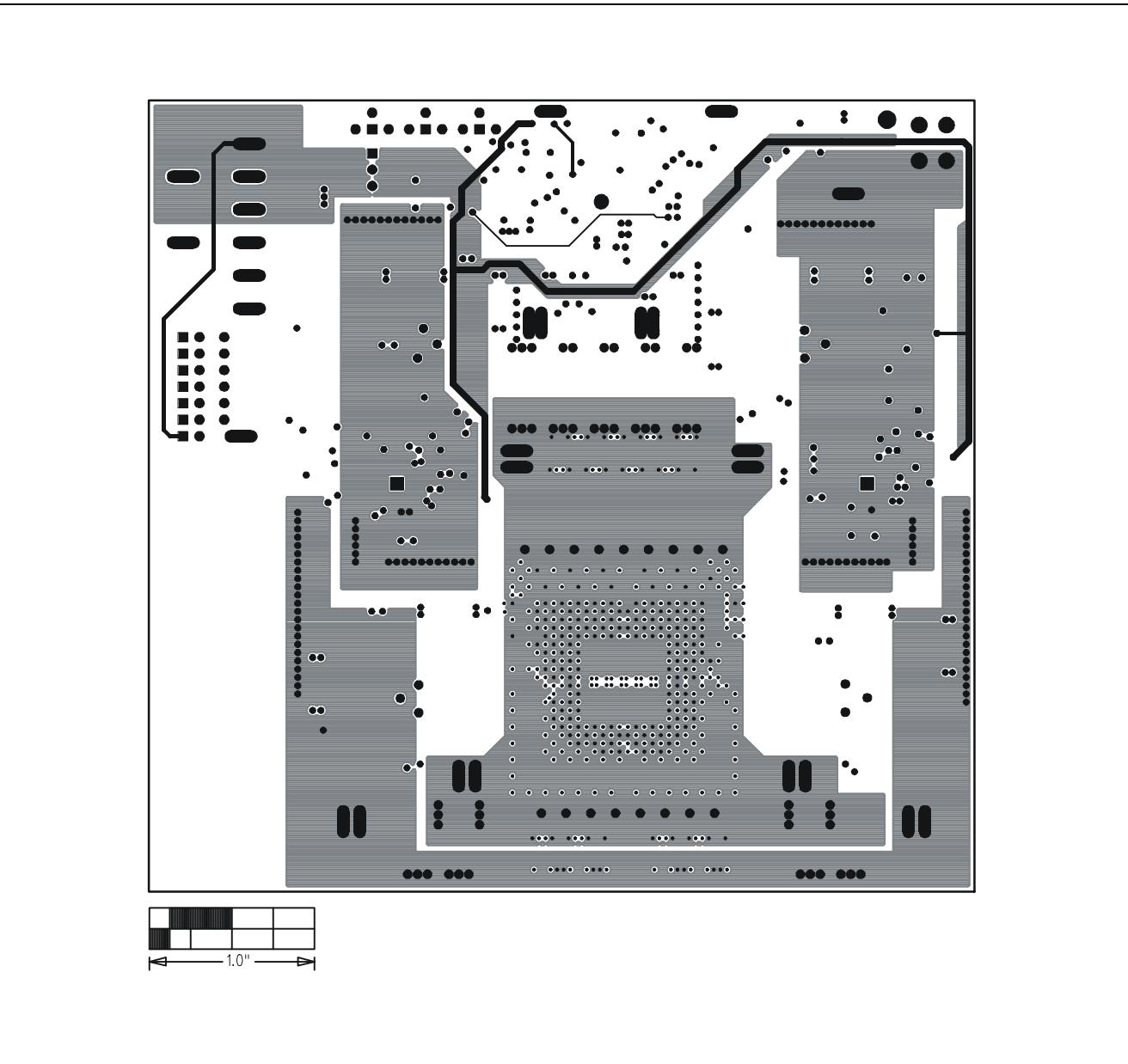


Figure 9. MAX1544/MAX1545 EV Kit PC Board Layout – Layer 4

MAX1544/MAX1545 Evaluation Kits

Evaluates: MAX1544/MAX1545

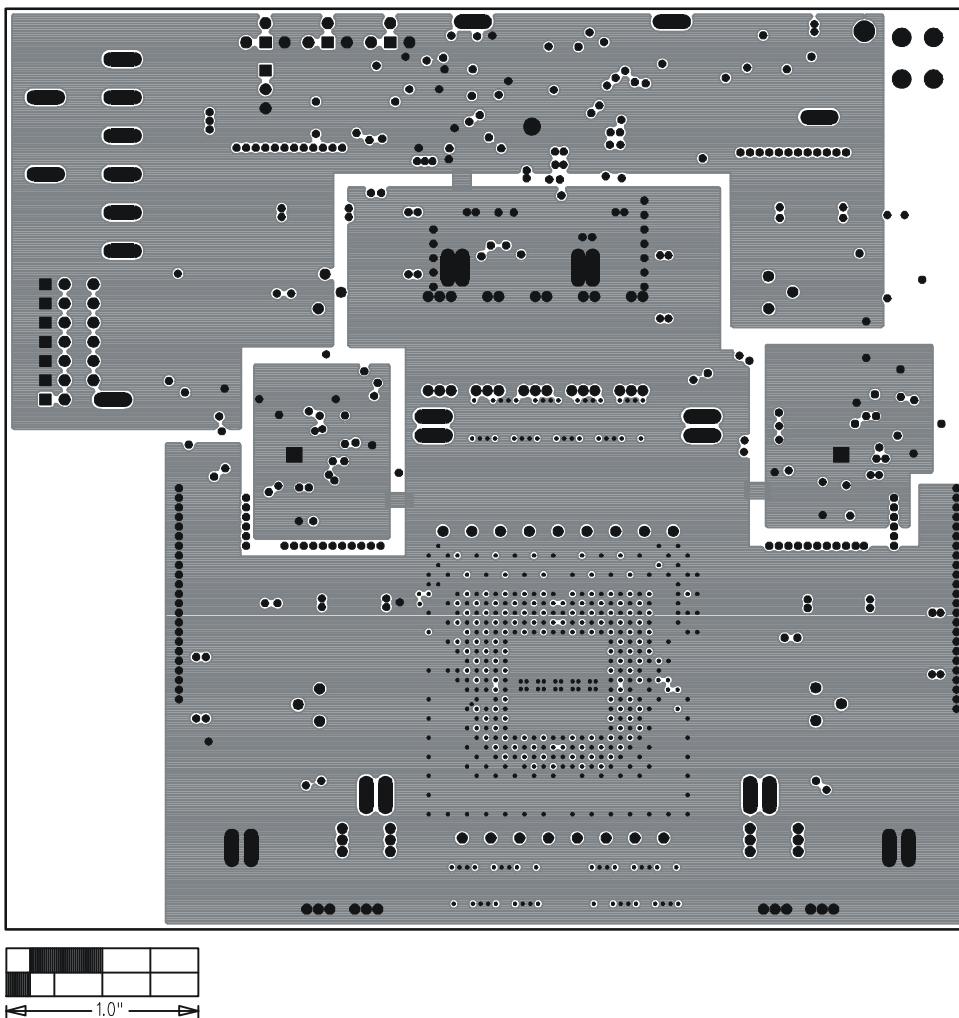


Figure 10. MAX1544/MAX1545 EV Kit PC Board Layout – Layer 5

Evaluates: MAX1544/MAX1545

MAX1544/MAX1545 Evaluation Kits

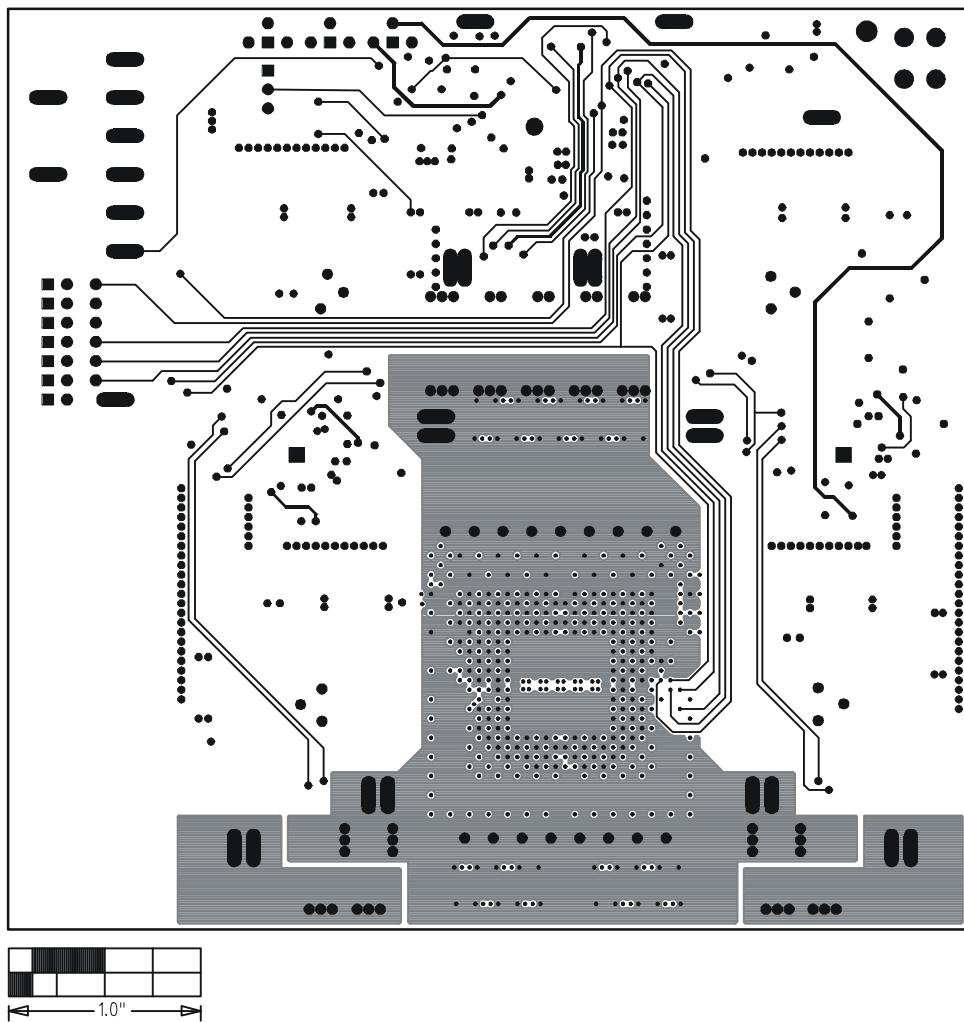


Figure 11. MAX1544/MAX1545 EV Kit PC Board Layout – Layer 6

MAX1544/MAX1545 Evaluation Kits

Evaluates: MAX1544/MAX1545

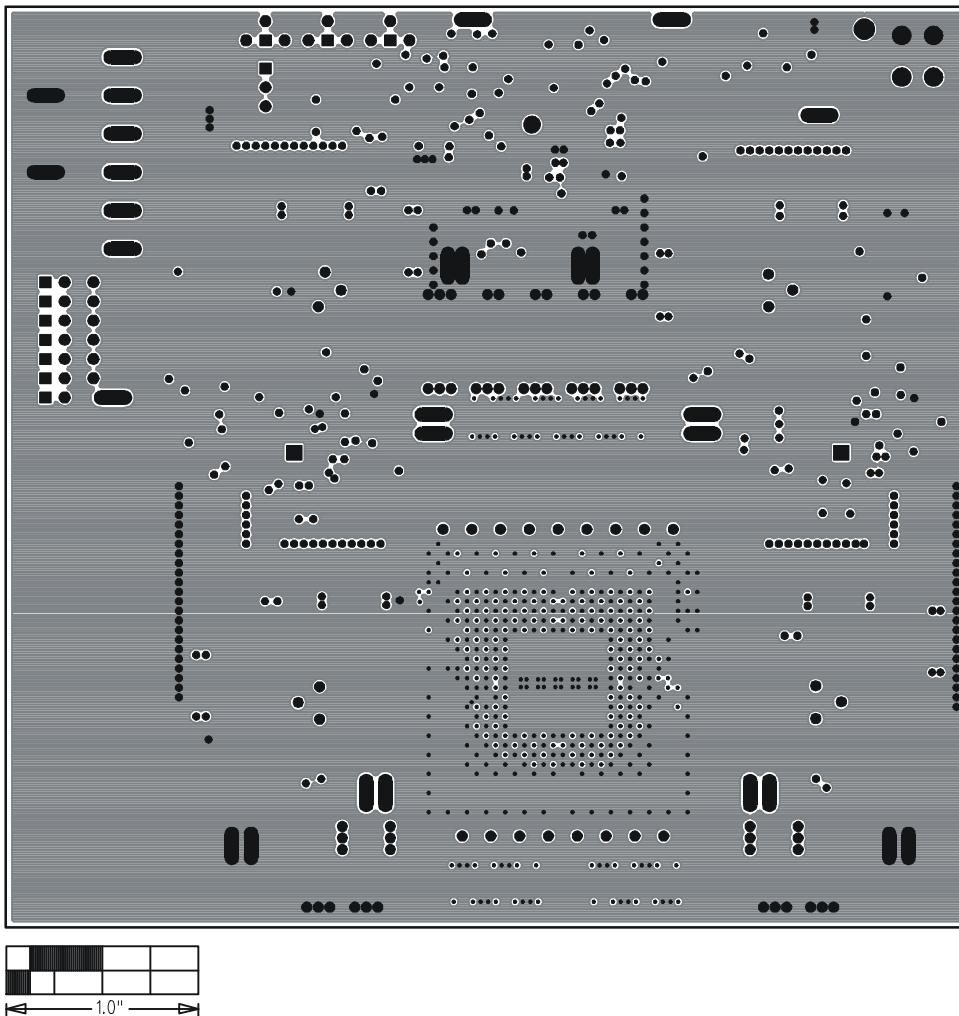


Figure 12. MAX1544/MAX1545 EV Kit PC Board Layout – Layer 7

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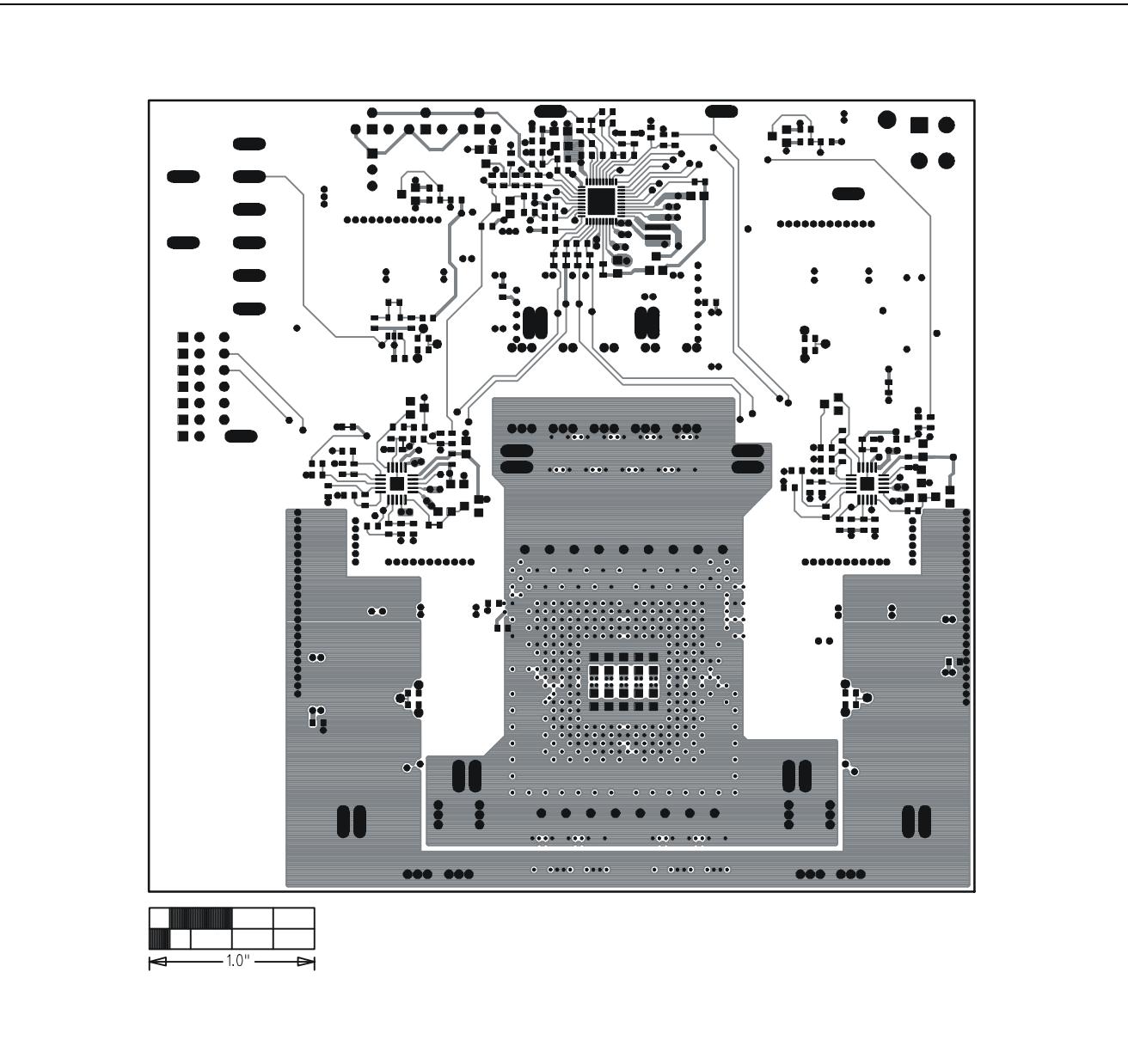


Figure 13. MAX1544/MAX1545 EV Kit PC Board Layout – Bottom Layer