

TPS7A37xxEVM-529 Evaluation Module

This user's guide describes the operational use of the TPS7A37xxEVM-529 Evaluation Module (EVM) as a reference design for engineering demonstration and evaluation of the TPS7A37xx, 1% overall accuracy low dropout linear regulator (LDO). Included in this user's guide are setup instructions, a schematic diagram, layout, thermal guidelines, a bill of materials.

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1 Introduction

The Texas Instruments TPS7A37xxEVM-529 EVM helps design engineers evaluate the operation and performance of the TPS7A37xx family of linear regulators for possible use in their own circuit application. This particular EVM configuration contains a single linear regulator with ultra low dropout, excellent transient response, and high output voltage accuracy in a small 2 mm × 2 mm DRV package. The regulator is capable of delivering up to 1 A to the load depending on the input-output power dissipation across the part which can be minimized because of the low dropout voltage.

2 Setup

This section describes the jumpers and connectors on the EVM as well as how to properly connect, setup, and use the TPS7A37xxEVM-529.

2.1 Input/Output Connectors and Jumper Descriptions

2.1.1 J1 – VIN

Input power supply voltage connector. Twist the positive input lead and ground return lead from the input power supply and keep them as short as possible to minimize EMI transmission. Add additional bulk capacitance between J1 and J2, if the supply leads are greater than six inches. For example, an additional 47- μ F electrolytic capacitor connected from J1 to ground can improve the transient response of the TPS7A37xx while eliminating unwanted ringing on the input, due to long wire connections.

2.1.2 J2 – GND

Return connector for the input power supply.

2.1.3 J3 – GND

Output ground return connector.

2.1.4 J4 – OUT

Regulated output voltage connector.

2.1.5 JP1 – EN

Output enable. To enable the output, connect a jumper to short the VIN pin 1 to the EN center pin 2. To disable the output, connect a jumper to short EN pin 2 to GND pin3. Do not leave EN floating during operation.

2.1.6 Soldering Guidelines

Any solder re-work to modify the EVM for the purpose of repair or other application reasons must be performed using a hot-air system to avoid damaging the integrated circuit (IC).

2.1.7 Equipment Interconnect

- Set the input power supply to 5.5 V(max). Turn the power supply off. Connect the positive voltage lead from input power supply to VIN, at the J1 connector of the EVM. Connect the ground lead from the input power supply to GND at the J2 connector of the EVM.
- Connect a 0- to 1-A load between the output, OUT, at connector J4, and ground, GND, at connector J3.
- Disable the output by jumping JP1, the EN pin to the OFF pin.

3 Operation

- Turn on the power supply.
- Enable the output by jumping JP1, the EN pin to the ON pin.
- Vary the respective load and input voltage, as necessary, for test purposes.

4 Thermal Guidelines and Layout Recommendations

Thermal management is a key component in the design of any power converter and is especially important when the power dissipation in the LDO is high. Use the following formula to approximate the maximum power dissipation for the particular ambient temperature:

$$T_J = T_A + P_D \times \theta_{JA} \quad (1)$$

Where T_J is the junction temperature, T_A is the ambient temperature, P_D is the power dissipation in the device (Watts), and θ_{JA} is the thermal resistance from junction to ambient. All temperatures are in degrees Celsius. The maximum operating junction temperature, T_J , must not be allowed to exceed 125°C. The layout design must be copper trace and plane areas smartly, as thermal sinks, in order not to allow T_J to exceed the absolute maximum rating under all temperature conditions and voltage conditions across the part.

[Table 1](#) repeats information from the dissipation ratings table of the TPS7A37xx series datasheet for comparison with the thermal resistance, θ_{JA} , for High-K JEDEC standard boards. The maximum input voltage can be calculated for full loads at different ambient temperatures. The input voltage must be less than these values in order to maintain a safe junction temperature.

Table 1. Thermal Resistance, θ_{JA} , and Maximum Power Dissipation

IC	Board	Package	θ_{JA}	Max Vin at 1 A ($T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$)	Max Vin at 1 A ($T_A = 70^\circ\text{C}$)
TPS7A3721	High-K	DRV	67.2°C/W	3.58 V	2.91 V

5 Board Layout

Figure 1 to Figure 3 are the PCB layouts for this EVM.

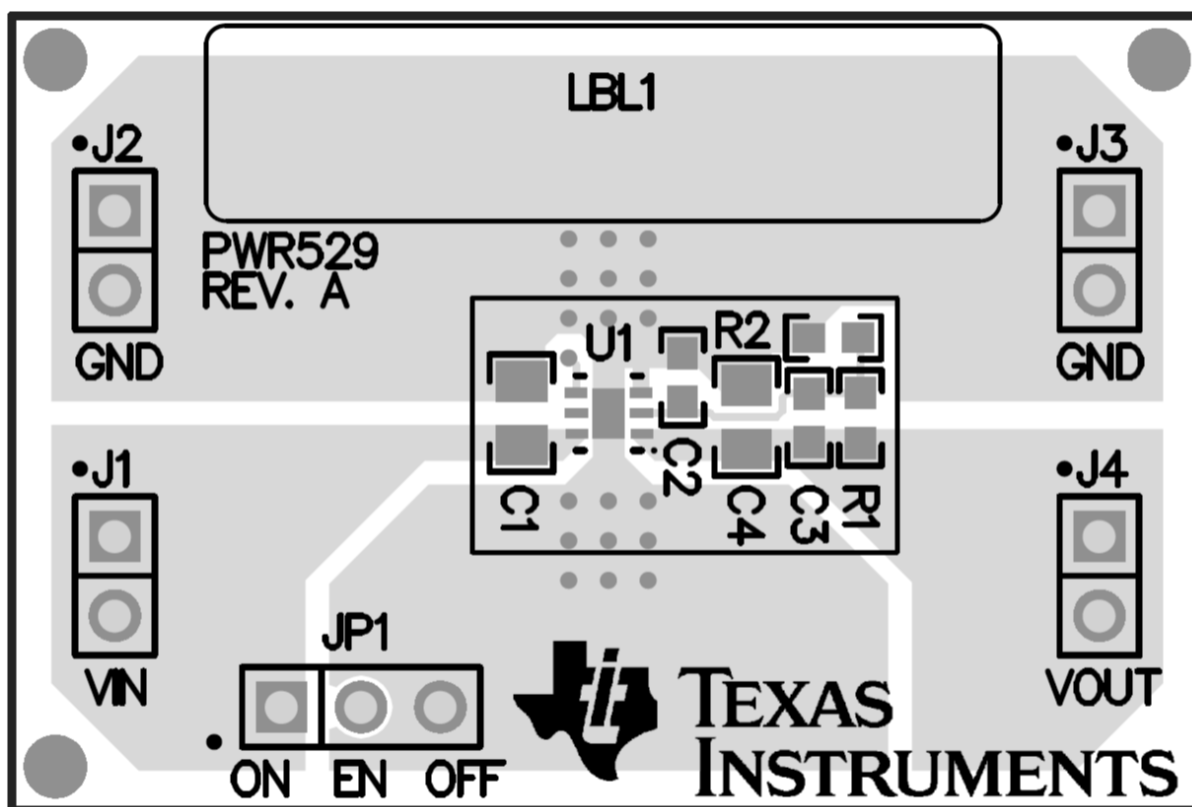


Figure 1. Assembly Layer

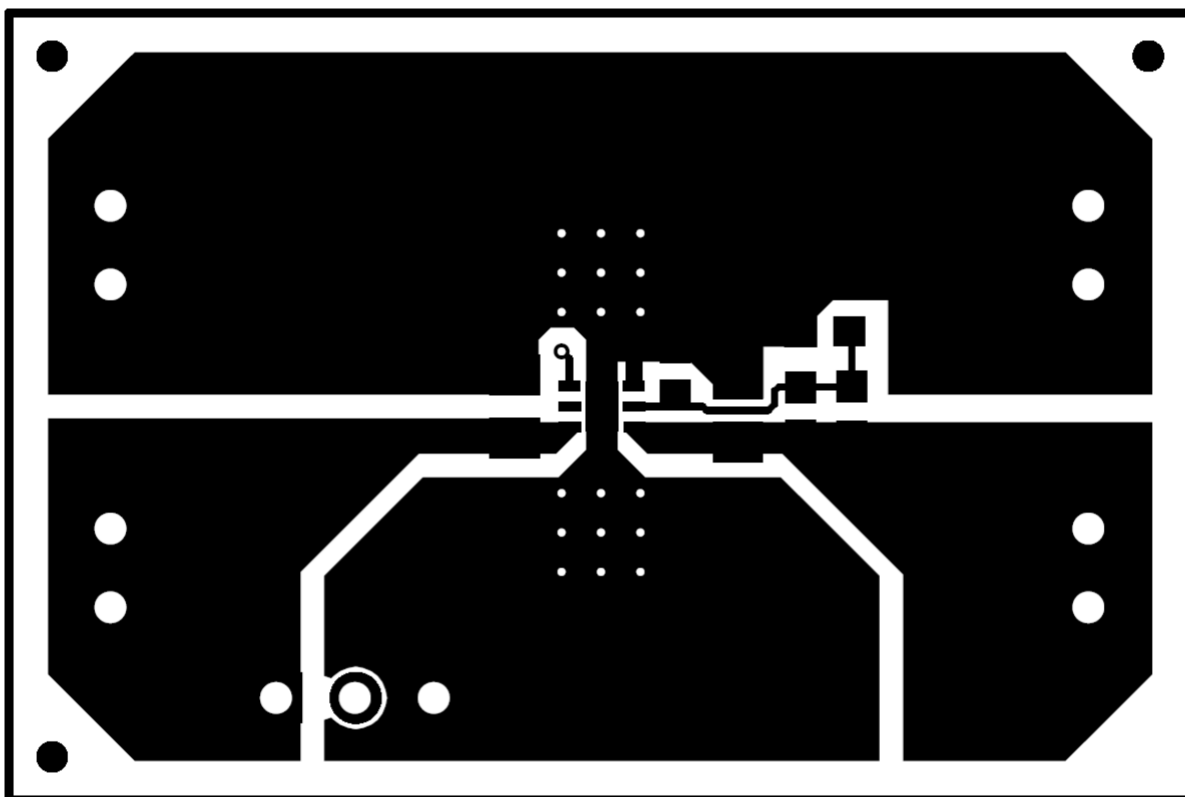


Figure 2. Top Layer Routing

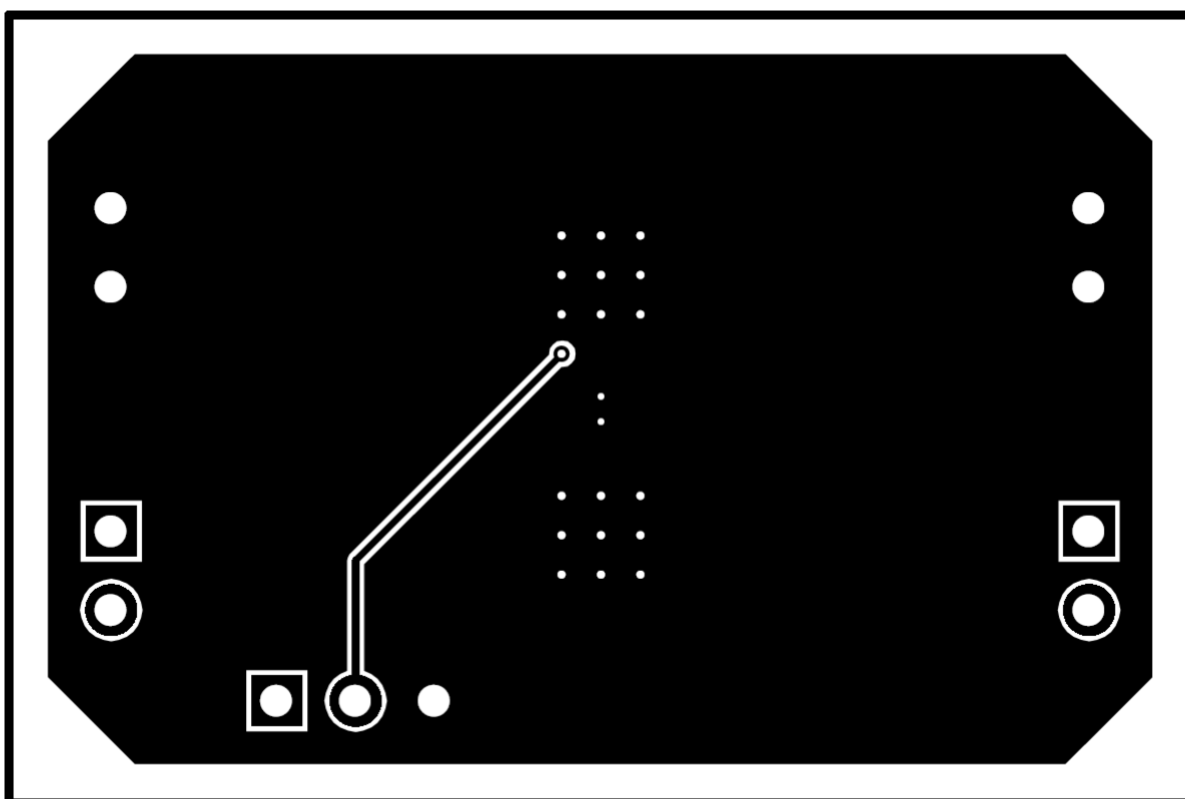


Figure 3. Bottom Layer Routing

6 TPS7A37xxEVM-529 Schematic

Figure 4 shows the schematic for this EVM.

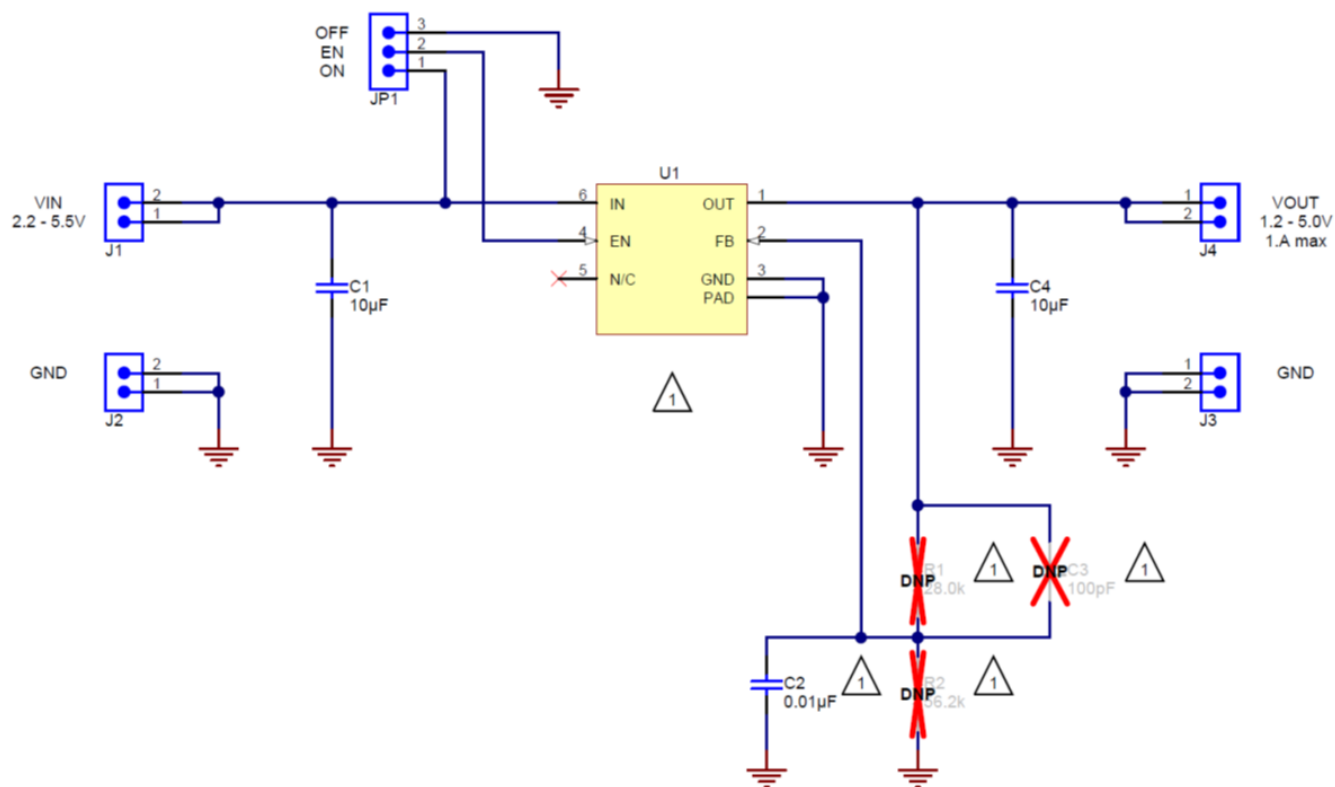


Figure 4. TPS7A37xxEVM-529 Schematic

7 Bill of Material

Table 2 is the BOM for TPS7A37xxEVM-529

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Designator	Description	Manufacturer	PartNumber	Quantity
!PCB	Printed Circuit Board	Any	PWR529	1
C1, C4	CAP, CERM, 10uF, 10V, +10/%, X5R, 0805	MuRata	GRM21BR61A106KE19L	2
C2	CAP, CERM, 0.01uF, 50V, +10/%, X7R, 0603	TDK	C1608X7R1H103K	1
FID1, FID2, FID3	Fiducial mark. There is nothing to buy or mount.	N/A	N/A	3
J1, J2, J3, J4	Header, TH, 100mil, 2x1, Gold plated, 230 mil above insulator	Samtec, Inc.	TSW-102-07-G-S	4
JP1	Header, TH, 100mil, 3x1, Gold plated, 230 mil above insulator	Samtec, Inc.	TSW-103-07-G-S	1
LBL1	Thermal Transfer Printable Labels, 1.000" W x 0.250" H - 10,000 per roll	Brady	THT-14-423-10	1
SH-JP1	Shunt, 100mil, Gold plated, Black	Samtec, Inc.	SNT-100-BK-G	1
U1	2.1V 1% Accuracy 1A Low-Dropout Regulator with Reverse Current Protection	Texas Instruments	TPS7A3721DRV	1
C3	CAP, CERM, 100pF, 50V, +5/%, C0G/NP0, 0603	TDK	C1608C0G1H101J	0
R1	RES, 28.0k ohm, 0.1%, 0.1W, 0603	Yageo America	RT0603BRD0728KL	0
R2	RES, 56.2k ohm, 0.5%, 0.1W, 0603	Yageo America	RT0603DRE0756K2L	0

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