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#### **Preface**

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For the most up-to-date information on development tools, see the MPLAB<sup>®</sup> IDE on-line help. Select the Help menu, and then Topics to open a list of available on-line help files.

#### INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains general information that will be useful to know before using the MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail Plus Daughter Board. Items discussed in this chapter include:

- Document Layout
- · Conventions Used in this Guide
- Warranty Registration
- Recommended Reading
- The Microchip Web Site
- Development Systems Customer Change Notification Service
- Customer Support
- Document Revision History

#### **DOCUMENT LAYOUT**

This document describes how to use the MRF49XA PICtail™/PICtail Plus Daughter Board. The manual layout is as follows:

- Chapter 1. "Overview" This chapter provides an overview of the MRF49XA PIC-tail/PICtail Plus Daughter Board, including board contents and features.
- Chapter 2. "Getting Started" This chapter describes how to start using your MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail Plus Daughter Board
- Appendix A. "MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail Plus Daughter Board Schematic" This
  appendix contains the schematics, PCB information and Bill of Materials for the
  MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail Plus Daughter Board.

#### **CONVENTIONS USED IN THIS GUIDE**

This manual uses the following documentation conventions:

#### **DOCUMENTATION CONVENTIONS**

| Description                                      | Represents  | Examples                                     |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| Arial font:                                      |   |  |  |
| Italic characters                                | Referenced books  | MPLAB <sup>®</sup> IDE User's Guide          |  |
|  | Emphasized text   | is the only compiler                         |  |
| Initial caps                                     | A window  | the Output window                            |  |
|  | A dialog  | the Settings dialog                          |  |
|  | A menu selection  | select Enable Programmer                     |  |
| Quotes   | A field name in a window or dialog  | "Save project before build"                  |  |
| Underlined, italic text with right angle bracket | A menu path   | File>Save                                    |  |
| Bold characters                                  | A dialog button   | Click <b>OK</b>                              |  |
|  | A tab   | Click the <b>Power</b> tab                   |  |
| N'Rnnnn  | A number in verilog format, where N is the total number of digits, R is the radix and n is a digit. | 4'b0010, 2'hF1                               |  |
| Text in angle brackets < >                       | A key on the keyboard   | Press <enter>, <f1></f1></enter>             |  |
| Courier New font:                                | •   |  |  |
| Plain Courier New                                | Sample source code  | #define START                                |  |
|  | Filenames   | autoexec.bat                                 |  |
|  | File paths  | c:\mcc18\h                                   |  |
|  | Keywords  | _asm, _endasm, static                        |  |
|  | Command-line options  | -Opa+, -Opa-                                 |  |
|  | Bit values  | 0, 1   |  |
|  | Constants   | 0xFF, 'A'                                    |  |
| Italic Courier New                               | A variable argument   | file.o, where file can be any valid filename |  |
| Square brackets [ ]                              | Optional arguments  | mcc18 [options] file [options]               |  |
| Curly brackets and pipe character: {   }         | Choice of mutually exclusive arguments; an OR selection   | errorlevel {0 1}                             |  |
| Ellipses   | Replaces repeated text  | <pre>var_name [, var_name]</pre>             |  |
|  | Represents code supplied by user  | <pre>void main (void) { }</pre>              |  |

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This user's guide describes how to use the MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail Plus Daughter Board. Other useful documents are listed below. The following Microchip documents are available and recommended as supplemental reference resources.

MRF49XA ISM Band Sub-GHz RF Transceiver Data Sheet (DS70590)
PICDEM PIC18 Explorer Demonstration Board User's Guide (DS51721)

**Explorer 16 Development Board User's Guide (DS51589)** 

2K SPI Bus Serial EEPROM with EUI-48™ Node Identity Data Sheet (DS22123)

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- **Emulators** The latest information on Microchip in-circuit emulators. This includes the MPLAB ICE 2000 and MPLAB ICE 4000.
- In-Circuit Debuggers The latest information on the Microchip in-circuit debugger, MPLAB ICD 2.
- MPLAB® IDE The latest information on Microchip MPLAB IDE, the Windows® Integrated Development Environment for development systems tools. This list is focused on the MPLAB IDE, MPLAB SIM simulator, MPLAB IDE Project Manager and general editing and debugging features.
- Programmers The latest information on Microchip programmers. These include the MPLAB PM3 and PRO MATE<sup>®</sup> II device programmers and the PICSTART<sup>®</sup> Plus and PICkit™ 1 development programmers.

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- · Local Sales Office
- Field Application Engineer (FAE)
- Technical Support

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Technical support is available through the web site at: http://support.microchip.com

#### **DOCUMENT REVISION HISTORY**

#### Revision A (June 2009)

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### Chapter 1. Overview

#### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

The MRF49XA PICtail™/PICtail Plus Daughter Board is a demonstration and development daughter board for the MRF49XA ISM Band Sub-GHz RF Transceiver. The daughter board can plug into multiple Microchip Technology demonstration and development boards. For example, for 8-bit microcontroller development using the PIC18 Explorer Board (DM183032) or for 16-bit microcontroller development using the Explorer 16 Development Board (DM240001).

A simple demonstration program has been written for the PIC18 Explorer Board. It may be downloaded from the Microchip website <a href="http://www.microchip.com/wireless">http://www.microchip.com/wireless</a>.

This chapter discusses:

- MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail Plus Daughter Board Contents
- MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail Plus Daughter Board

#### 1.2 MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail PLUS DAUGHTER BOARD CONTENTS

The MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail Plus Daughter Board contains the following items:

• Two MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail Plus Daughter Boards

The daughter boards come in two frequency versions. The individual part numbers are listed in Table 1-1.

TABLE 1-1: MRF49XA PICtail™/PICtail PLUS DAUGHTER BOARD

| Description   | Part Number |
|---|-------------|
| MRF49XA PICtail™/PICtail Plus Daughter Board (433.92 MHz) | AC164137-1  |
| MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail Plus Daughter Board (868/915 MHz) | AC164137-2  |

#### 1.3 MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail PLUS DAUGHTER BOARD

The MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail Plus Daughter Board is a complete sub-GHz wireless transceiver. The features are shown in Figure 1-1.

#### CAUTION

Power to the MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail Plus Daughter Board should be in the range of 2.2-3.8V. Ensure that the development/demonstration board that the daughter board is plugged into meets this voltage requirement; otherwise, damage to the MRF49XA may occur.

**SMA Connector PCB** Footprint Wire Antenna Power Disconnect/ **Current Measurement** Headers 24AA02E48 EUI Node **Identity Serial EEPROM** MRF49XA Sub-GHz Transceiver PICtail™ and PICtail Plus Connectors MRF49XA PICtail Plus Daughter Board

FIGURE 1-1: MRF49XA PICtail™/PICtail PLUS DAUGHTER BOARD

PICtail Connector (P1) – 28-pin right angle connector to connect to 8-bit development boards' PICtail connector.

PICtail Plus Connector (P2) – 30-pin card edge connector for connecting into 16 and 32-bit development boards' PICtail Plus connector.

MRF49XA (U1) - ISM sub-GHz Transceiver.

Power Disconnect/Current Measurement Headers (JP1/JP2) – Two, 2-pin headers are connected in parallel. A shunt connects power to the MRF49XA circuitry. A current meter can be placed on the header and the shunt removed to measure current consumption.

TIP: To prevent power interruption to the MRF49XA, keep the shunt on the header while connecting the current meter. Once connected, remove the shunt to measure current.

**Note:** Do not allow shunt resistance to exceed 50 ohms as it may lower the supply voltage to the MRF49XA and cause a glitch reset.

Antenna Connector (J1) – Populated with a receptacle pin to accept a wire antenna (24 AWG solid wire). For 433.92 MHz, the wire length is 6.8 inches. For 868/915 MHz, the wire length is 3.3 inches.

**Note:** The receptacle can be removed and a SMA or reverse polarity SMA connector can be soldered in place.

EUI Node Identity Serial EEPROM (U2) – Contains a unique IEEE EUI address. For more information, refer to the "2KSPIBusSerialEEPROM with EUI- $48^{TM}$  Node Identity Data Sheet" (DS22123).



### Chapter 2. Getting Started

#### 2.1 INTRODUCTION

The MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail Plus Daughter Board can be plugged into multiple Microchip Technology demonstration and development boards. This allows the developer to choose the microcontroller that best suits the customer's development environment.

The PICtail connector right angle header, P1, can plug into 8-bit demonstration and development boards, such as the PIC18 Explorer Board (DM183032). The PICtail Plus card edge connector, P2, can plug into Explorer 16 Development Board (DM240001).

This chapter shows how the daughter board is plugged into the PIC18 Explorer and Explorer 16 Development Boards, and how to run the PIC18 Explorer Board demo programs.

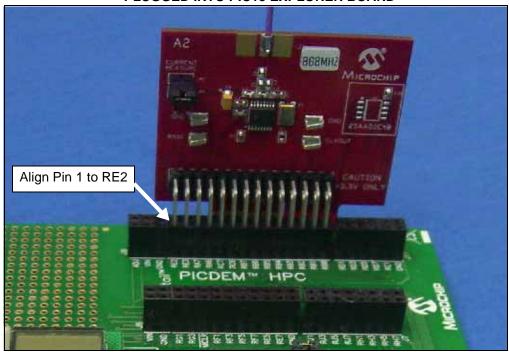
#### 2.2 PLUGGING INTO THE PIC18 EXPLORER BOARD

The MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail Plus Daughter Board can be plugged into the PIC18 Explorer Board PICtail connector, J3, as shown in Figure 2-1. Make sure to align pin 1 to RE2 as shown.

#### CAUTION

Ensure that the PIC18F87J11 PIM is plugged into the PIC18 Explorer Board. This sets the system VDD voltage to 3.3 volts, which is required by the MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail Plus Daughter Board.

FIGURE 2-1: MRF49XA PICtail™/PICtail PLUS DAUGHTER BOARD PLUGGED INTO PIC18 EXPLORER BOARD



#### 2.2.1 Downloading and Running the Demo Program

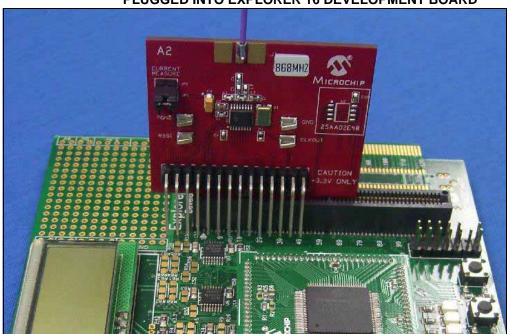
A simple demonstration program has been written for the PIC18 Explorer Board. It may be downloaded from the Microchip website <a href="http://www.microchip.com/wireless">http://www.microchip.com/wireless</a>. A Quick Start Guide is included in the software installation package that explains the installation and operation of the demo program.

#### 2.3 PLUGGING INTO THE EXPLORER 16 DEVELOPMENT BOARD

The MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail Plus Daughter Board can be plugged into the Explorer 16 Development Board as shown in Figure 2-2.

The Daughter Board 30-pin card edge connector can be plugged into the top section of the PICtail Plus connector. This will connect to the SPI Port 1 on the PIC<sup>®</sup> microcontroller plugged into the PIM socket. If the Daughter Board is plugged into the mid-section of the PICtail Plus connector, this will connect to SPI Port 2 on the PIC microcontroller.







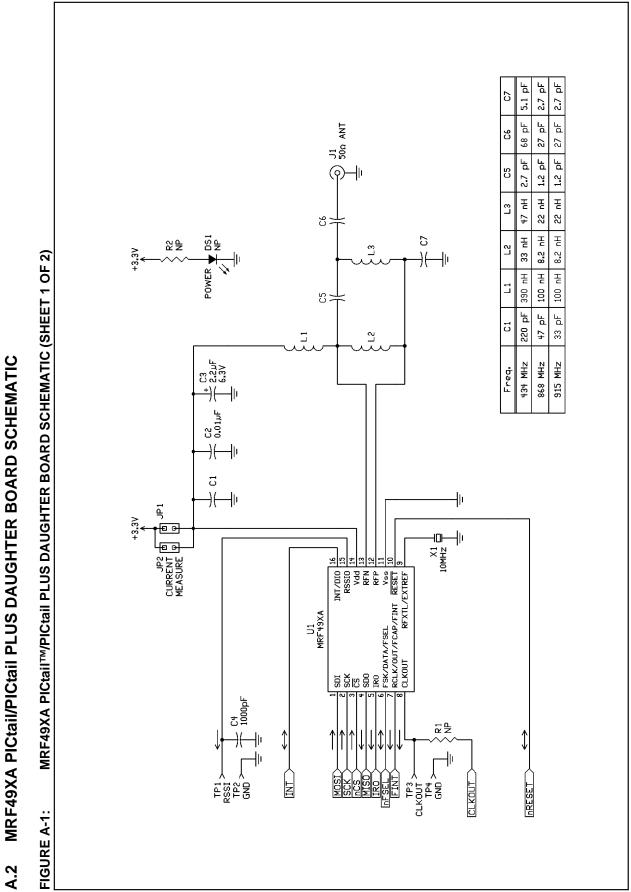
# Appendix A. MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail Plus Daughter Board Schematic

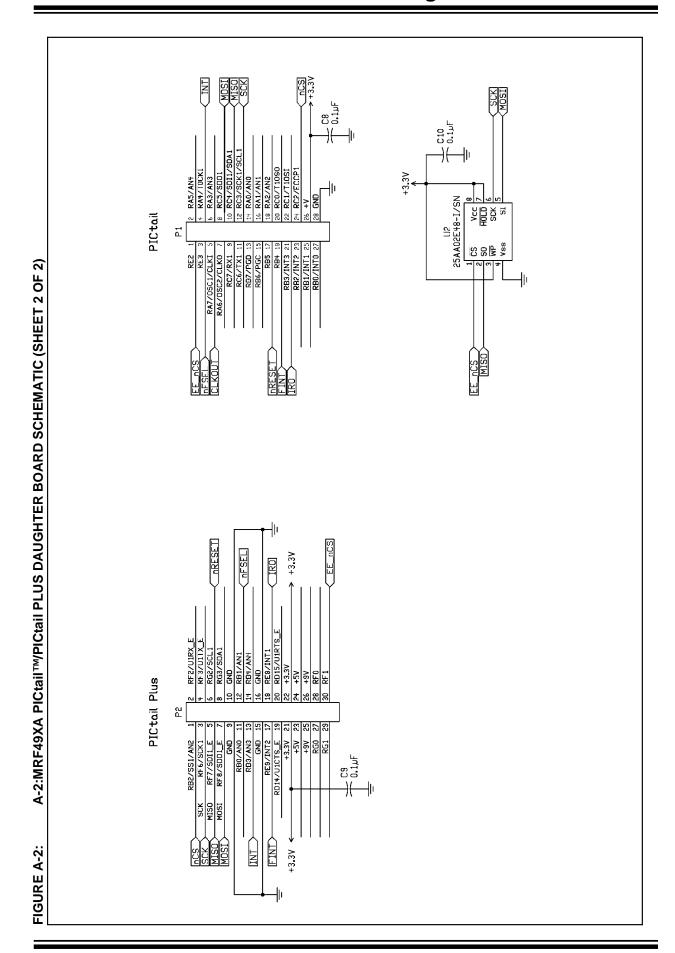
#### A.1 INTRODUCTION

This appendix provides the MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail Plus Daughter Board schematics, PCB layout and Bill of Materials (BOM).

- MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail Plus Daughter Board Schematic
- MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail Plus Daughter Board PCB Layout
- MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail Plus Daughter Board Bill of Materials

**A.2** 





#### A.3 MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail PLUS DAUGHTER BOARD PCB LAYOUT

The MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail Plus Daughter Board is a 2-layer, FR4, 0.062 inch, plated through hole PCB construction.

FIGURE A-3: MRF49XA PICtail™/PICtail PLUS DAUGHTER BOARD SILKSCREEN

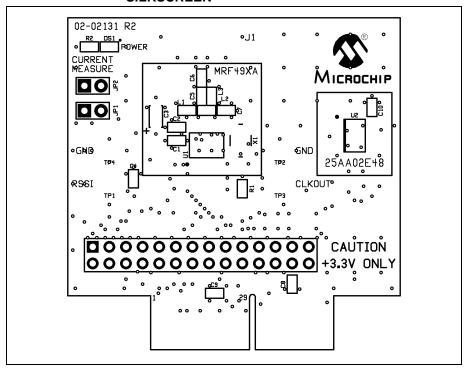


FIGURE A-4: MRF49XA PICtail™/PICtail PLUS DAUGHTER BOARD TOP COPPER

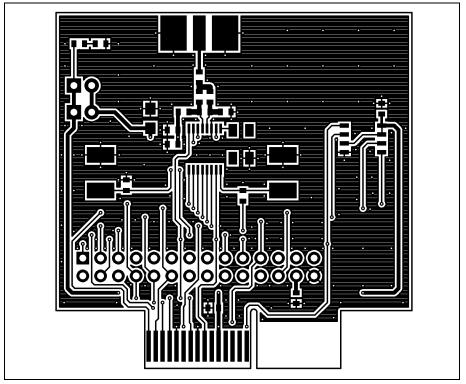


FIGURE A-5: MRF49XA PICtail™/PICtail PLUS DAUGHTER BOARD BOTTOM COPPER

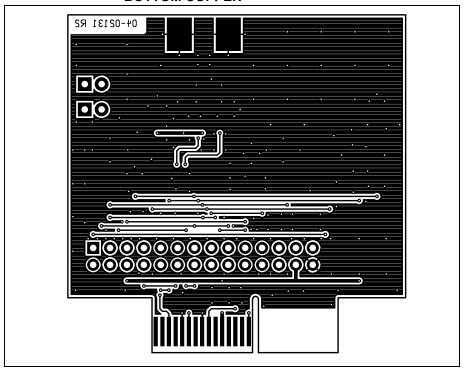
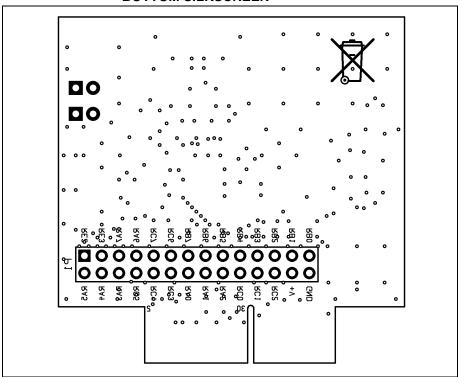


FIGURE A-6: MRF49XA PICtail™/PICtail PLUS DAUGHTER BOARD BOTTOM SILKSCREEN



#### A.4 MRF49XA PICtail™/PICtail PLUS DAUGHTER BOARD BILL OF MATERIALS

TABLE A-1: MRF49XA PICtail™/PICtail PLUS DAUGHTER BOARD BILL OF MATERIALS

| TABLE A-1.          |                  |   |                         | N BOARD BILL O                         | _  |
|---------------------|------------------|---|-------------------------|--|--|
| Reference           | Value            | Description   | Vendor                  | Vendor P/N                             | Comments   |
| C1 (433.92<br>MHz)  | 200 pF           | Capacitor, Ceramic, 50V, C0G, SMT 0603                    | Murata                  | GRM1885C1H20<br>1JA01D                 | Bypass capacitor dependant on transmit frequency           |
| C1 (868/915<br>MHz) | 33 pF            | Capacitor, Ceramic, 50V, C0G, SMT 0603                    | Murata                  | GRM1885C1H33<br>0JA01D                 | Bypass capacitor dependant on transmit frequency           |
| C2                  | 10000 pF         | Capacitor, Ceramic, 50V, 10%, SMT 0603, X7R               | Murata                  | GRM188R71H10<br>3KA01D                 | Bypass capacitor   |
| C3                  | 2.2 uF           | Capacitor, Tantalum, 10%,<br>SMT 3216-18 (A)              | Kemet                   | T491A225K010AT                         | Filter and bulk supply capacitor                           |
| C4                  | 1000 pF          | Capacitor, Ceramic, 50V, 10%, SMT 0603, X7R               | Murata                  | GRM188R71H10<br>2KA01D                 | Bypass capacitor for analog RSSI signal                    |
| C5 (433<br>MHz)     | 2.7 pF           | Capacitor, Ceramic, 50V, C0G, SMT 0603                    | Murata                  | GRM1885C1H2R<br>7CZ01D                 | High frequency capacitor                                   |
| C5 (868/915<br>MHz) |                  |   | Murata                  | GRM1885C1H1R<br>2CZ01D                 | High frequency capacitor, balun circuit                    |
| C6 (433<br>MHz)     |                  | Capacitor, Ceramic, 50V, C0G, SMT 0603                    | Murata                  | GRM1885C1H68<br>0JA01D                 | High frequency capacitor, balun circuit                    |
| C6 (868/915<br>MHz) |                  |   | Murata                  | GRM1885C1H27<br>0JA01D                 | High frequency capacitor, balun circuit                    |
| C7 (433<br>MHz)     |                  | Capacitor, Ceramic, 50V, C0G, SMT 0603                    | Murata                  | GRM1885C1H5R<br>1DZ01D                 | High frequency capacitor, balun circuit                    |
| C7 (868/915<br>MHz) |                  |   | Murata                  | GRM1885C1H2R<br>7CZ01D                 | High frequency capacitor, balun circuit                    |
| C8, C9, C10         | 0.1 uF           | Capacitor, Ceramic, SMT 0603, X7R                         | Murata                  | GRM188R71C10<br>4KA01D                 | Bypass capacitor   |
| L1 (433.92<br>MHz)  | 390 nH           | Inductor, Ceramic, 5%,<br>SMT 0603                        | Murata                  | LQW18ANR39J0<br>0D                     | Balun circuit  |
| L1 (868/915<br>MHz) | 100 nH           | Inductor, Ceramic, 5%,<br>SMT 0603                        | TDK<br>Corporation      | MLG1608BR10J                           | Balun circuit  |
| L2 (433.92<br>MHz)  | 33 nH            | Inductor, Ceramic, 5%,<br>SMT 0603                        | TDK<br>Corporation      | MLG1608B33NJ                           | Balun circuit  |
| L2 (868/915<br>MHz) | 8.2 nH           | Inductor, Ceramic, 5%,<br>SMT 0603                        | TDK<br>Corporation      | MLG1608B8N2D                           | Balun circuit  |
| L3 (433.92<br>MHz)  | 47 nH            | Inductor, Ceramic, 5%,<br>SMT 0603                        | TDK<br>Corporation      | MLG1608B47NJ                           | Balun circuit  |
| L3 (868/915<br>MHz) | 22 nH            | Inductor, Ceramic, 5%,<br>SMT 0603                        | TDK<br>Corporation      | MLG1608B22NJ                           | Balun circuit  |
| R1                  | Not<br>Populated |   |                         |  | Jumper if CLKOUT feature to PIC microcontroller is desired |
| R2                  | Not<br>Populated |   |                         |  | Current limit series resistor for DS1                      |
| DS1                 | Not<br>Populated |   |                         |  | Power indication   |
| U1                  | MRF49XA          | ISM Sub-GHz Transceiver                                   | Microchip<br>Technology |  |  |
| U2                  | 25AA02E48        | EUI-48 Node Identity<br>Serial EEPROM                     | Microchip<br>Technology |  |  |
| X1                  | 10 MHz           | Crystal, +/-10 ppm, 12 pF,<br>ESR 80 ohms, SMT<br>5x3.2mm | Abracon                 | ABM3B-10.000M<br>HZ-12-R80-B-1-U<br>-T |  |

# MRF49XA PICtail/PICtail Plus Daughter Board Schematic

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