

# EK1HMC6350 User Guide

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# Getting Started with the **EK1HMC6350** Evaluation Kit and Software

#### **FEATURES**

60 GHz evaluation kit designed for quick evaluation of the HMC6300 and HMC6301 transmit/receive chipset

Demonstration platform allows easy integration of the HMC6300 and HMC6301 radio link with a baseband modem for over the air transmission

#### **APPLICATIONS**

Point to point millimeter wave radio development Wireless Gigabyte Alliance/IEEE 802.11ad radio 60 GHz RF sniffing 60 GHz signal generator Modem development Radar/high resolution Imaging

#### **EVALUATION KIT CONTENTS**

- 1 HMC6300 Tx 60 GHz transmitter motherboard/module assembly with a MMPX interface
- 1 HMC6301 Rx 60 GHz receiver motherboard/module assembly with a MMPX interface
- 2 hand formable 2 inch coaxial cables with a male MMPX connector on one end and a 1.85 mm male connector on the other end
- 1 HMC6300 motherboard/TX module with crystal, USB interface, supply regulators, MCX connector and differential I/Q interface
- 1 HMC6301 motherboard/RX module with crystal, USB interface, supply regulators, MCX connector and differential I/O interface
- 2 wall-mount power supplies
- 2 USB 2.0 male/male 6 foot cables
- 8 phase matched MCX to SMA cables for baseband interface on both motherboards

Evaluation software CD-ROM containing the HMC6300/HMC6301 Graphical User Interface software GUI

## **EQUIPMENT NEEDED**

2 PCs, one designated for each motherboard for GUI control Baseband source Spectrum analyzer

## **DOCUMENTS NEEDED**

HMC6300 data sheet HMC6301 data sheet

## **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The EK1HMC6350 evaluation kit allows users to set up a half-duplex, 60 GHz millimeter wave link using standard baseband analog interfaces. MMPX and 1.85 mm connectors are provided to interface with third party test equipment or millimeter wave antennas. The EK1HMC6350 evaluation kit includes a USB interface and graphical user interface (GUI) software, the HMC6300/HMC6301 Graphical User Interface, allowing the user to program the HMC6300 and HMC6301 by writing to the device registers.

There are two motherboards in the kit: an HMC6300 motherboard with the TX module location populated and the HMC6301 motherboard with the RX module location populated.

Full specifications on the HMC6300 and HMC6301 are available in the HMC6300 and HMC6301 data sheets, which should be consulted in conjunction with this user guide when working with the evaluation board.

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## **REVISION HISTORY**

7/2016—Revision 0: Initial Version

# **EVALUATION BOARD HARDWARE SETUP**

# CONNECTING THE MMPX CABLE TO THE HMC6300 MOTHERBOARD/TX MODULE ASSEMBLY

Remove the HMC6300 motherboard/TX module assembly from the kit. Snap the MMPX semirigid cable into the HMC6300 TX module output connector, shown in Figure 1. The 1.85 mm connector at the other end of the cable can interface with test equipment or a WR-15 waveguide transition to connect with third party antennas.

## ATTACHING THE BASEBAND CABLES

Attach the four phase-matched baseband cables supplied with the EK1HMC6350 evaluation kit to the Tx baseband inputs, and the baseband cables snap into place. Attach the other end of the baseband cables to the user selected baseband source.

The baseband source can be test equipment or a modem that generates a baseband tone or modulated I/Q signal. Connect the baseband inputs on the motherboard to the baseband I/Q source as follows:

- Motherboard BB\_IP connects to the I positive baseband output
- Motherboard BB\_IM connects to I negative baseband output
- Motherboard BB\_QP connects to Q positive baseband output
- Motherboard BB\_QM connects to Q negative baseband output

Locate the wall mounted power supply and USB connector supplied in the kit and connect them to the HMC6300 motherboard/TX module assembly, shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2.

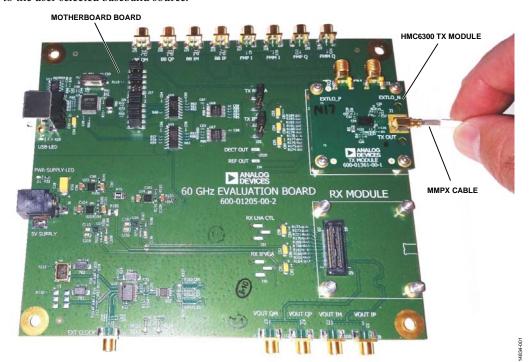


Figure 1. HMC6300 Assembly with the Motherboard Populated with the TX Module

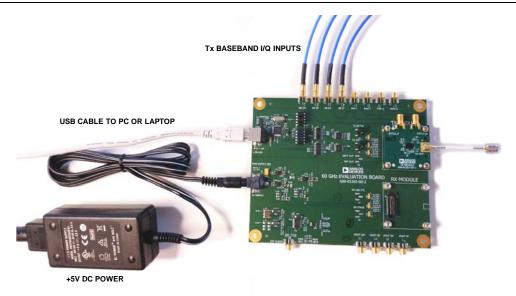


Figure 2. HMC6300 Motherboard/TX Module Assembly with USB, DC Power, and I/Q Cables Installed

# CONNECTING THE MMPX CABLE TO THE HMC6301 MOTHERBOARD/RX MODULE ASSEMBLY

Locate the motherboard with the HMC6301 Rx receiver module installed. Snap the MMPX semirigid cable into the HMC6301 RX module output connector, shown in Figure 1. The 1.85 mm connector at the other end of the cable can interface with a test equipment or a WR-15 waveguide transition to connect with third party antennas.

Attach the four phase-matched baseband cables supplied with the EK1HMC6350 evaluation kit to the Rx baseband outputs, the baseband cables snap into place.

Attach the other end of the baseband cables to baseband test equipment or a modem that processes a baseband tone or modulated I/Q signal. Connect the baseband inputs on the motherboard to the baseband I/Q source as follows:

- Motherboard VOUT\_IP connects to I positive baseband input
- Motherboard VOUT\_IM connects to I negative baseband input
- Motherboard VOUT\_QP connects to Q positive baseband input
- Motherboard VOUT\_QM connects to Q negative baseband input

Locate the wall-mounted power supply and USB connector supplied in the EK1HMC6350 evaluation kit and connect them to the HMC6301 motherboard/RX module assembly, shown in Figure 3.



Figure~3.~HMC 6301~Assembly~with~the~Mother board~Populated~with~the~RX~Module

# **EVALUATION BOARD SOFTWARE QUICK START PROCEDURES**

## **PROGRAMMING THE HMC6300 TX MODULE**

Install the HMC6300/HMC6301 Graphical User Interface software on the primary PC and plug in the USB cable connected to the HMC6300 motherboard assembly.

Open the **SoC 60 GHz Tx Control Panel** window by going to the **ADI Directory** in **Program Files** under the Windows® Start menu. When the **SoC 60 GHz Tx Control Panel** window opens, click the **Advanced** button (see Figure 4).

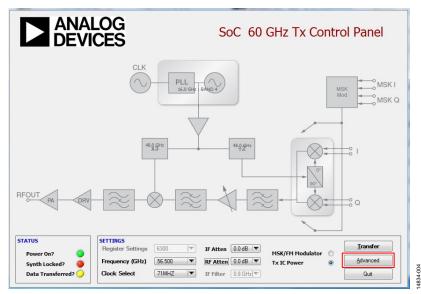


Figure 4. **SoC 60 GHz Tx Control Panel** Window for the HMC6300 Tx GUI

When the **SoC 60GHz Tx Advanced Control Panel** appears, perform the following steps (see Figure 5):

- Select the carrier frequency desired from the Frequency (GHz) drop-down menu.
- 2. Click the **Transfer** button and the HMC6300 device programs and locks to the desired frequency.
- If the HMC6300 device is successfully programed, the R/W LED under PLL Settings turns green, indicating the read/write operation is properly executed.
   If the device locks to the selected frequency, the Locked?
   LED under the PLL Settings turns green (see Figure 6).

Figure 6 shows a successful data transfer and synthesizer lock. The transmitter then functions at full power on the selected channel. The Tx IF and RF attenuators, under the **Filtering/Attenuation Settings**, can be applied to reduce the Tx output power, if required.

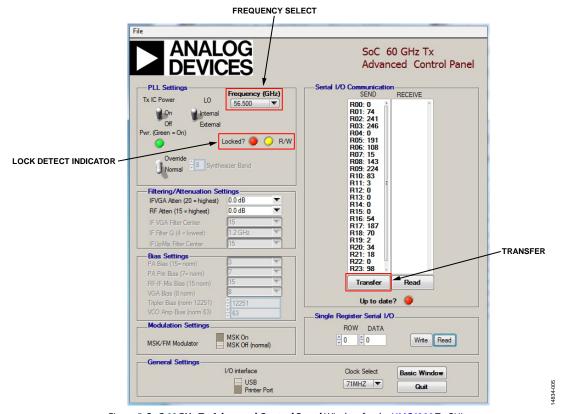
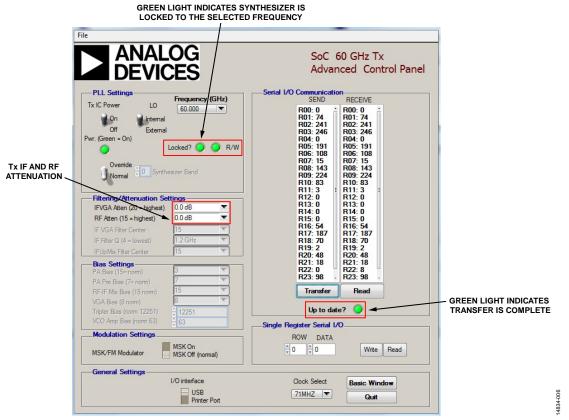


Figure 5. **SoC 60GHz Tx Advanced Control Panel** Window for the HMC6300 Tx GUI



 $Figure \ 6. \ \textbf{SoC 60GHz Tx Advanced Control Panel} \ Window for the \ HMC6300 \ Tx \ GUI \ After Successfully \ Programing \ the \ HMC6300 \ to \ 60 \ GHz$ 

## PROGRAMMING THE HMC6301 RX MODULE

Install the HMC6300/HMC6301 Graphical User Interface software on the primary PC and plug in the USB cable connected to the HMC6301 motherboard assembly. Open the SoC 60 GHz Rx Control Panel window by going to the ADI Directory in Program Files under the Windows Start menu. When the SoC 60 GHz Rx Control Panel window opens, click the Advanced button (see Figure 7). When the SoC 60 GHz Rx Advanced Control Panel window appears, perform the following steps (see Figure 8):

- 1. Select the carrier frequency desired from the **Frequency** (GHz) drop-down menu.
- Click the Transfer button and the HMC6301 device programs and locks to the desired frequency. If the HMC6301 device is successfully programed, the R/W LED under PLL Settings turns green, indicating the read/write operation is properly executed. If the device locks to the selected frequency, the Locked? LED under the PLL Settings also turns green (see Figure 9).

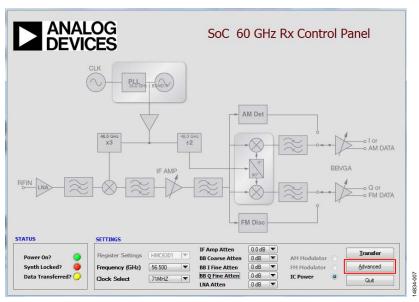


Figure 7. SoC 60 GHz Tx Control Panel Window for the HMC6301 Rx GUI

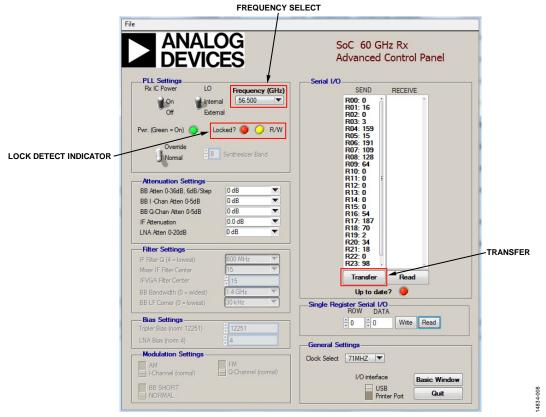
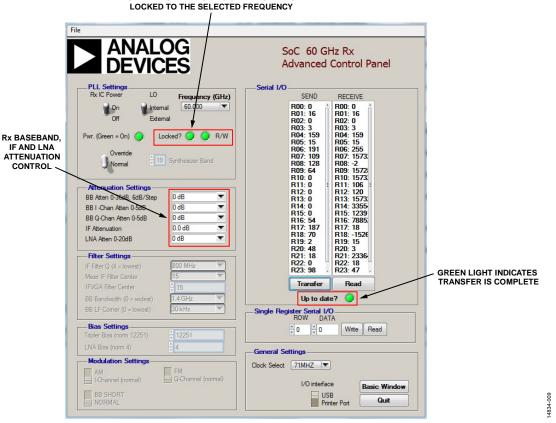


Figure 8. SoC 60GHz Tx Advanced Control Panel for the HMC6301 Rx GUI.

Figure 9 shows a successful data transfer and synthesizer lock. The receiver then functions on the selected channel. The Rx baseband, IF attenuation, and LNA attenuation, under the

**Attenuation Settings**, must be adjusted to optimize the receiver gain to meet the signal-to-noise requirements at the Rx baseband output.



**GREEN LIGHT INDICATES SYNTHESIZER IS** 

Figure 9. SoC 60GHz Tx Advanced Control Panel Window for the HMC6301 Rx GUI After Successfully Programing the HMC6301 to 60 GHz

# **60 GHZ WIRELESS RADIO LINK**

Figure 10 shows a typical half-duplex, 60 GHz link integrated with horn antennas. The modem can connect to the Tx baseband inputs and the Rx baseband outputs.

This configuration is typically used for integration with a baseband modem for 60 GHz over air testing. This allows for testing and characterization of the HMC6300 and HMC6301 devices.



Figure 10. Typical HMC6300 and HMC6301 60 GHz Radio Link



#### **ESD Caution**

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