



# MAX16903 Evaluation Kit

## General Description

The MAX16903 evaluation kit (EV kit) provides a proven design to evaluate the MAX16903 2.1MHz high-voltage mini-buck converter in a 16-pin TSSOP package. All components are rated for the automotive temperature range. Various test points are included for evaluation.

The EV kit PCB comes with a MAX16903RAUE50/V+ installed. The EV kit outputs a fixed +5V. The fixed +3.3V output version can also be installed with minimal component changes. Contact the factory for free samples of the pin-compatible MAX16903SAUE50/V+, MAX16903SAUE33/V+, and MAX16903RAUE33/V+ to evaluate these devices.

## Features

- ◆ Up to +42V Input Supply Range
- ◆ Delivers Up to 1A Output Current
- ◆ Proven PCB Layout
- ◆ Fully Assembled and Tested

## Ordering Information

PART	TYPE
MAX16903EVKIT+	EV Kit

+Denotes lead(Pb)-free and RoHS compliant.

## Component List

DESIGNATION	QTY	DESCRIPTION
C1	1	4.7 $\mu$ F $\pm$ 10%, 50V X7R ceramic capacitor (1206) Murata GRM31CR71H475K
C4	1	0.1 $\mu$ F $\pm$ 10%, 16V C ceramic capacitor (0402) TDK C1005X7R1C104K
C5	1	10 $\mu$ F $\pm$ 20%, 25V X7R ceramic capacitor (1210) TDK C3225X7R1E106M
C6	1	2.2 $\mu$ F $\pm$ 20%, 16V X7R ceramic capacitor (0805) TDK C2012X7R1C225K
C8	0	Not installed, ceramic capacitor (0603)
D2	1	Green LED (0603)
JU1, JU2	2	3-pin headers
JU3	1	2-pin header

DESIGNATION	QTY	DESCRIPTION
L1	1	4.7 $\mu$ H, 2.0A power inductor TDK LTF5022T-4R7N2R0
R1, R2	0	Not installed, resistors (0603)
R4	1	3k $\Omega$ $\pm$ 5% resistor (0603)
TP2, TP9, TP10, TP11	4	Black multipurpose test points
TP3, TP4	2	Red multipurpose test points
TP5, TP6	2	Red miniature test points
TP8	0	Not installed, miniature test point
U1	1	2.1MHz mini-buck converter (16 TSSOP-EP*) Maxim MAX16903RAUE50/V+
—	3	Shunts
—	1	PCB: MAX16903 EVALUATION KIT+

\*EP = Exposed pad.

/N denotes an automotive qualified part.

## Component Suppliers

SUPPLIER	PHONE	WEBSITE
Murata Electronics North America, Inc.	770-436-1300	www.murata-northamerica.com
TDK Corp.	847-803-6100	www.component.tdk.com

**Note:** Indicate that you are using the MAX16903 when contacting these component suppliers.



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## Quick Start

### Required Equipment

- MAX16903 EV kit
- +12V, 1A DC power supply (PS1)
- Electronic load or equivalent resistor load
- Two digital multimeters (DMMs)

### Procedure

The EV kit is fully assembled and tested. Follow the steps below to verify board operation:

- 1) Verify that the jumpers are in their default position, as shown in Table 1.
- 2) Connect the positive terminal of the +12V supply to VSUP (TP3) and the negative terminal to PGND (TP2).
- 3) Set DMM1 to measure voltage and connect the positive terminal to VOUT (TP4). Connect the negative terminal to PGND (TP11).
- 4) Set the power supply to 1A current limit. Turn on the power supply.
- 5) With jumper JU3 shorted, the green LED should light up. DMM1 should display an output voltage of +5V.

### Additional Evaluation

- 1) Set DMM2 to measure current and connect the positive terminal to VOUT (TP4). Connect the negative terminal to an electronic load.
- 2) Set the electronic load to 500mA or use an equivalent resistor load. The resistor load is calculated based on +5V output and should be approximately 10Ω. If using a resistor load, make sure it can handle 5W.
- 3) Turn on the power supply and electronic load. DMM2 gives the load current while DMM1 gives the output voltage.
- 4) Increase the load to 1A and observe the output.

## Detailed Description of Hardware

The MAX16903 EV kit provides a proven layout for the MAX16903 2.1MHz synchronous buck regulator. The device accepts input voltages as high as +28V and delivers up to 1A at +5V. The EV kit can handle an input-supply transient up to +42V. Various test points are included for evaluation.

### SYNC

The device can operate in two modes, forced PWM or skip mode. For light-load conditions, skip mode has better efficiency. When SYNC is pulled low, the device operates in skip mode for light loads and PWM mode for larger loads. By applying a high level on SYNC, the device is forced to do PWM even under light-load conditions.

SYNC can also be used to synchronize with other supplies if a clock source is present. The device forces PWM when a clock source is present based on the input clock.

### Evaluating the +3.3V Version

The device is available in fixed +5V and +3.3V outputs. The EV kit comes installed with the +5V output version. The +3.3V output part can be swapped with the +5V part on the EV kit and the device functions without changing other components. To optimize efficiency, refer to the MAX16903 IC data sheet.

**Table 1. Jumper Descriptions (JU1, JU2, JU3)**

JUMPER	SHUNT POSITION	DESCRIPTION
JU1	1-2*	Connects EN to VSUP (normal operation).
	2-3	Connects EN to PGND (shutdown).
JU2	1-2*	Connects SYNC to VBIAS to enable forced-PWM mode.
	2-3	Connects SYNC to AGND to enable skip mode under light-load conditions.
	Open	When SYNC is unconnected or when a clock source is present, forced-PWM mode is enabled. SYNC can be used to synchronize with other supplies when a clock source is present.
JU3	1-2*	Powers the green LED from the VBIAS supply.
	Open	Does not power the green LED from the VBIAS supply.

\*Default position.

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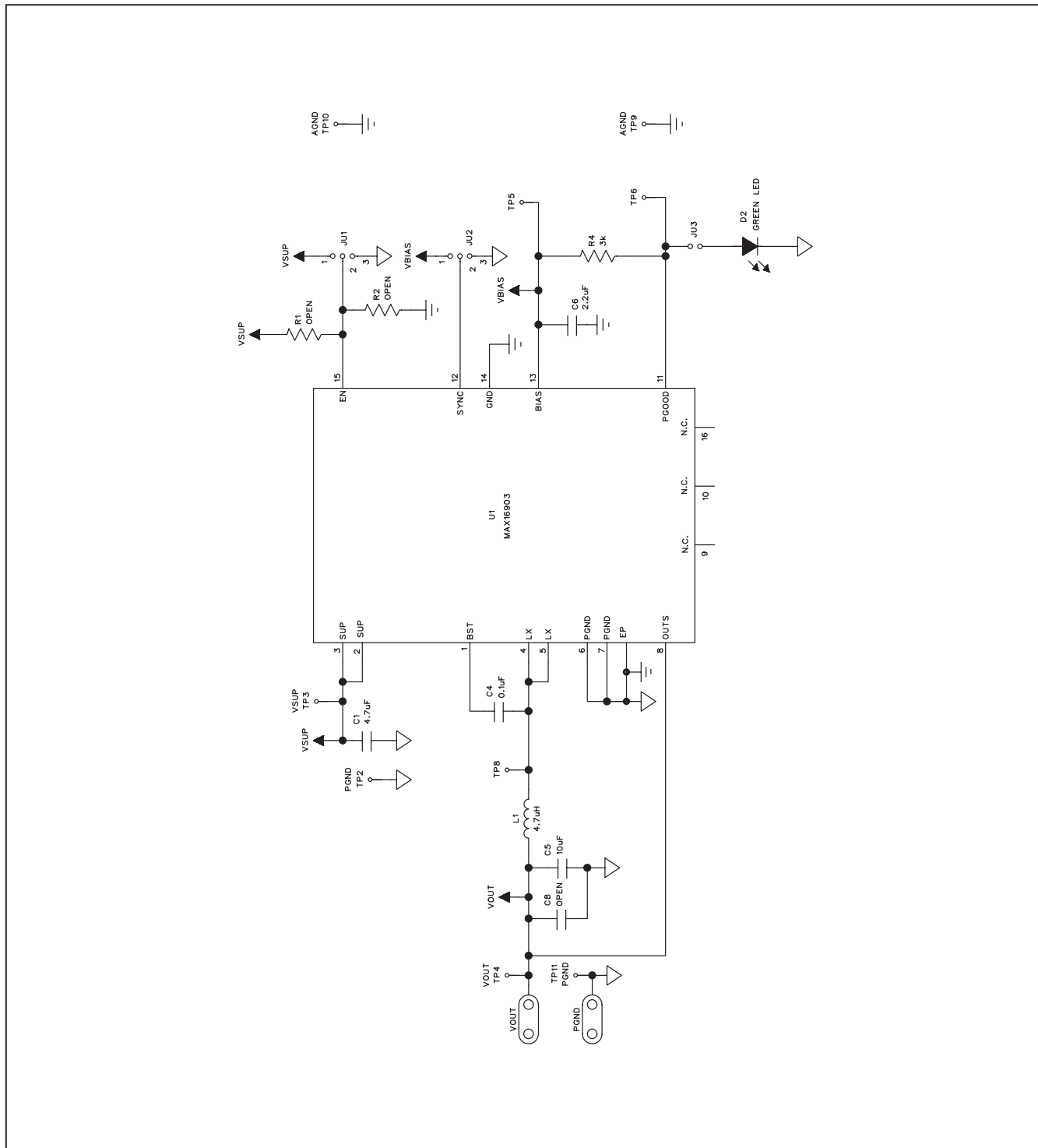


Figure 1. MAX16903 EV Kit Schematic

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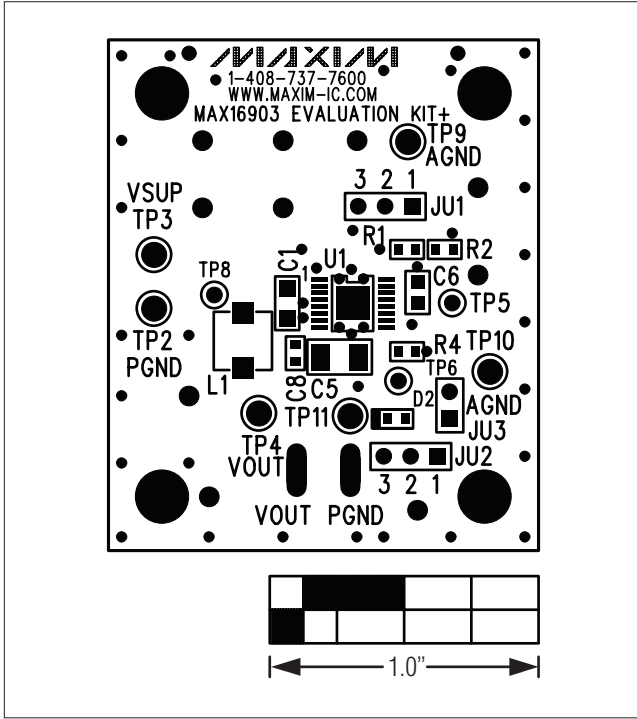


Figure 2. MAX16903 EV Kit Component Placement Guide—Component Side

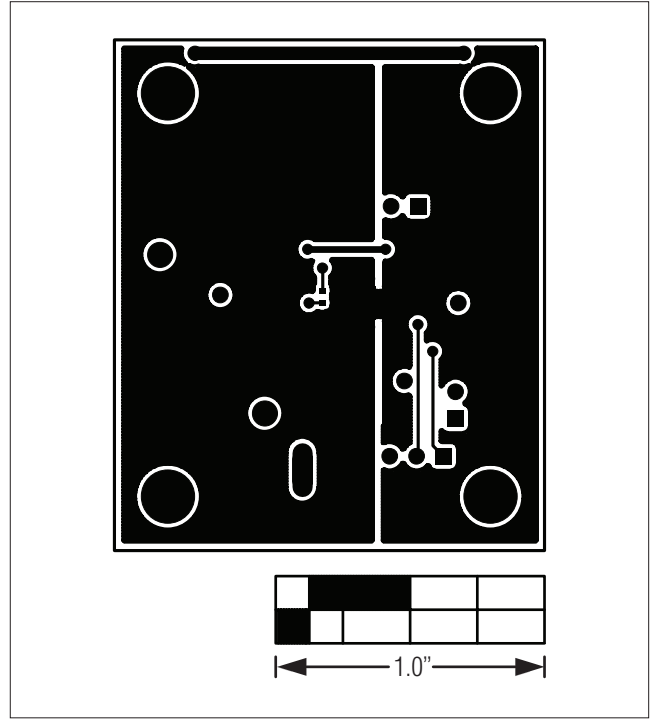


Figure 4. MAX16903 EV Kit PCB Layout—Solder Side

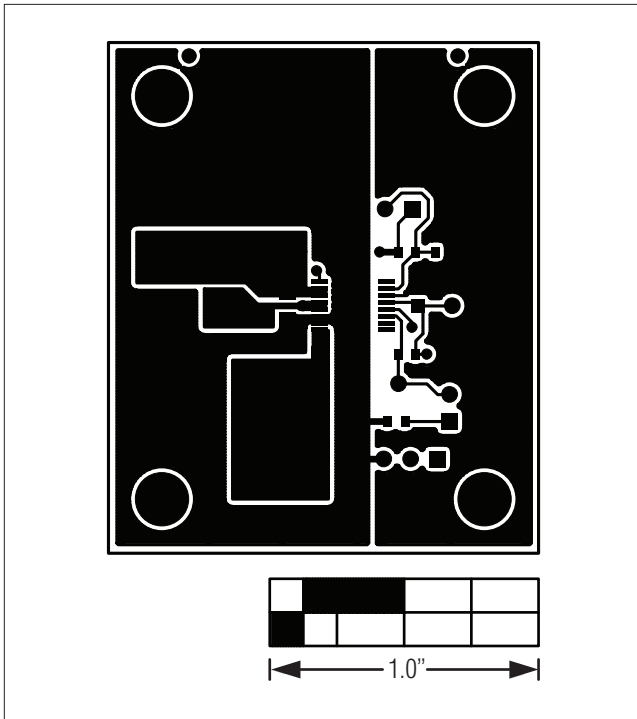


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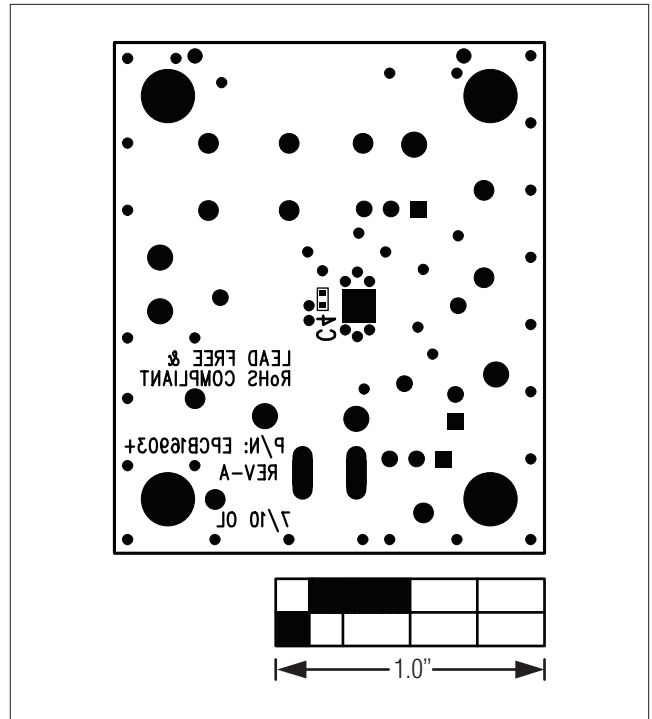


Figure 5. MAX16903 EV Kit Component Placement Guide—Solder Side

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## Revision History

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