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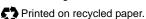
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Preface

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INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains general information that will be useful to know before using the MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board. Items discussed in this chapter include:

- Document Layout
- Conventions Used in this Guide
- Recommended Reading
- The Microchip Web Site
- Customer Support
- Document Revision History

DOCUMENT LAYOUT

This document describes how to use the MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board as a development tool to emulate and debug firmware on a target board. The manual layout is as follows:

- Chapter 1. "Quick Start Instructions" this chapter provides an overview of the MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board and instructions on how to obtain the ADC conversion results using the PICKit Serial Analyzer.
- Appendix A. "Schematic and Layouts" shows the schematic and layout diagrams for the MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board.
- Appendix B. "Bill Of Materials (BOM)" lists the parts used to build the MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation 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 [®] 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 b					
Underlined, italic text with right angle bracket	A menu path	<u>File>Save</u>				
Bold characters	A dialog button	Click OK				
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Plain Courier New	Sample source code	#define START				
	Filenames	autoexec.bat				
	File paths	c:\mcc18\h				
	Keywords	_asm, _endasm, static				
	Command-line options	-0pa+, -0pa-				
	Bit values	0, 1				
	Constants	0xFF, `A'				
Italic Courier New	A variable argument	<i>file</i> .o, where <i>file</i> can be any valid filename				
Square brackets []	Optional arguments	mcc18 [options] <i>file</i> [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>				

RECOMMENDED READING

This user's guide describes how to use the MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board with the PICkit Serial Analyzer. The following Microchip documents are available and recommended as supplemental reference resources.

PICkit[™] Serial Analyzer User's Guide, DS51647

Consult this document for instructions on how to use the PICkit Serial Analyzer hardware and software.

MCP3421 Data Sheet, "18-Bit Analog-to-Digital Converter with I²C Interface and On-Board Reference", DS22003

This data sheet provides detailed information regarding the MCP3421 product.

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Chapter 1. Quick Start Instructions

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The following sections provide an overview of the MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board and demonstrate how to use it with the PICkit[™] Serial Analyzer (P/N: DV164122).

The following topics are covered:

- Description of the MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board
- Using MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board with the PICkit Serial Analyzer to evaluate the MCP3421 device

1.2 DESCRIPTION OF THE MCP3421 SOT23-6 EVALUATION BOARD

The MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board (P/N MCP3421EV) contains a MCP3421 18-bit Delta-Sigma Analog-to-Digital Converter (ADC). The MCP3421 is an 18-bit single channel ADC device with various options. The MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board has analog input connection pads and V_{DD} , SDA, and SCL test pads. The user can connect any sensor input signal to this evaluation board and test the ADC conversion results. The PICkit Serial Analyzer's PC graphic user interface (GUI) provides the user's interface for writing configuration register bits of the MCP3421 and displays the ADC conversion values. The PICkit Serial Analyzer links between the GUI and the MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board, and provides the I²C communication PC to the MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board. The user also can use this MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board. The user also can use this MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board. The user also can use this MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board. The user also can use this MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board. The user also can use this MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board. The user also can use this MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board. The user also can use this MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board. The user also can use this MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board and SCL test pads on the board.

This evaluation board has the following interface:

• PICkit Serial Analyzer (P/N: DV164122) for writing configuration register bits and reading the conversion data.

Note: The user can use this board without the PICkit Serial Analyzer as long as the V_{DD} , SCL, and SDA are provided to the board. This evaluation board does not include MCU.

The user can monitor the I²C communications by connecting an oscilloscope to the SDA and SCL test pads. Refer to **Appendix A. "Schematic and Layouts"**.

1.2.1 I²C Address Bits

The I^2C device code and address bits of the MCP3421 device on this board are "1101000". These bits are programmed at the factory during production.

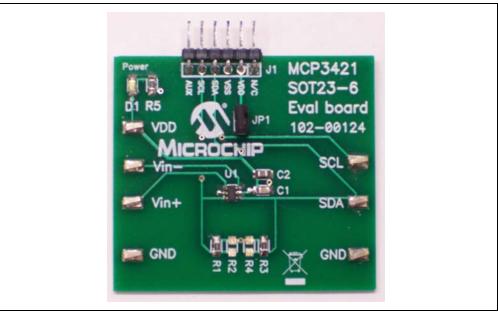


FIGURE 1-1: Front and Back Views of the MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board.

1.3 GETTING STARTED WITH PICKIT SERIAL ANALYZER

Figure 1-1 shows the MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board and Figure 1-2 shows the Evaluation Board and PICkit Serial Analyzer connection.

The following steps describe how to use them together:

- 1. Connect the MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board's J1 pin socket to the PICkit Serial Analyzer as shown in Figure 1-2.
- 2. Connect the oscilloscope probes to SCL and SDA test pins (optional).
- V_{DD} selection: You can use the V_{DD} from the PICkit Serial Analyzer or use your own external V_{DD}. You can select the V_{DD} path using the JP1 connector:
 - (a) Connect JP1, if using V_{DD} from PICkit Serial Analyzer,
 - (b) Disconnect JP1 and apply V_{DD} at V_{DD} pin, if you are using external V_{DD} .

Note: If you are using external V_{DD}, connect the external V_{DD} at V_{DD} pad).

4. Connect V_{DD} , if external V_{DD} is used.

Note: Do not connect V_{DD} if you are using V_{DD} from the PICkit Serial Analyzer. The PICkit Serial Analyzer provides the V_{DD} automatically if it is connected to PC.

- 5. LED D1 turns on when V_{DD} is applied.
 - Note: If the V_{DD} is provided from the PICkit Serial Analyzer, then the LED may not be turned on until you execute a command. See Section 1.3.2.1 "Creating a Script File for Configuration Byte Writing" for executing the I²C command.
- Connecting analog inputs: If you need to measure single-ended input, connect the unused pin (example, V_{IN}-) to V_{SS}.
- Use the PICkit Serial Analyzer PC GUI to send I²C write and read commands. See Section 1.3.2.1 "Creating a Script File for Configuration Byte Writing".
- 8. Execute the PICkit Serial Analyzer Script file and obtain the ADC conversion results. The conversion results appear on the PICkit Serial Analyzer PC GUI. You can also observe the conversion results using the oscilloscope.

CAUTION

The analog input pin has ESD diodes. Certain input conditions can damage the device. Please pay attention to the following conditions:

(a) Do not apply input greater than the input range specified by the MCP3421 data sheet.

(b) Apply input signal after V_{DD} is powered-up.

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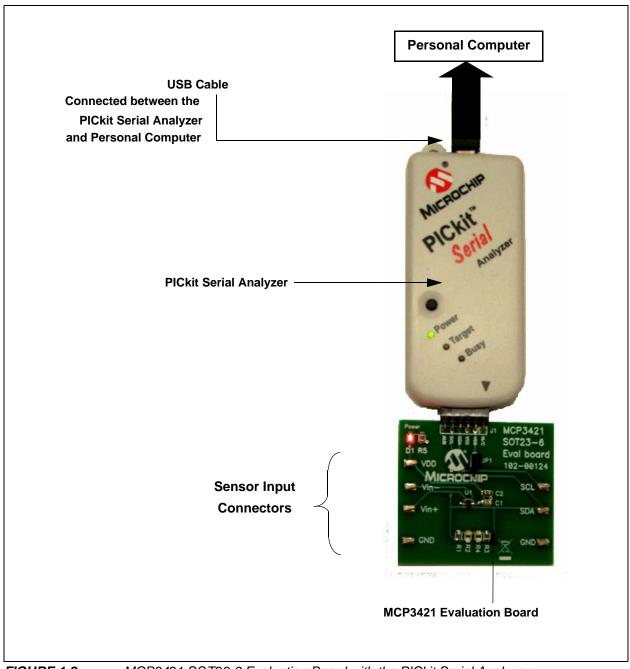


FIGURE 1-2: MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board with the PICkit Serial Analyzer.

1.3.1 PICkit Serial Analyzer PC Software Set-Up for the MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board

The following steps describe how to set up and use the PICkit Serial Analyzer PC Graphic User Interface (GUI) to write the configuration bits of the MCP3421 on the Evaluation Board and read the ADC conversion results.

- 1. Install the PICkit Serial Analyzer software onto your personal computer (PC).
- 2. Connect the USB cable between the PICkit Serial Analyzer and your PC.
- 3. Run the PICkit Serial PC Software. The following graphic user interface (GUI) will appear. Click the **Next** button and follow the instructions.

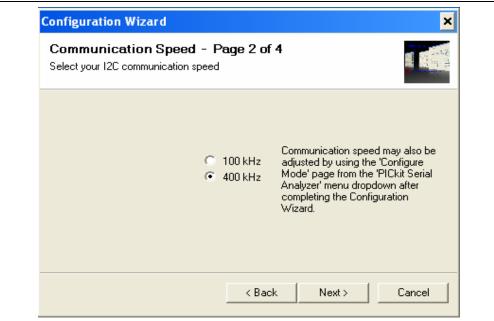
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Pickit Serial	Welcome To The PICkit Serial Analyzer Configuration Wizard The following steps will guide you through the setup of the PICkit Serial Analyzer.
	< Back Next > Cancel

FIGURE 1-3: PICkit Serial Analyzer Configuration Wizard Welcome Window.

4. Select the I²C Master option as communication mode, and click the **Next** button.

ation Mode - Page 1 of 4 mode of communication you wish to use.
I2C Master
SPI Master
O USART Async
USART Sync Master
< Back Next > Cancel

FIGURE 1-4: Step 1 - Communication Mode Selection.



5. Select 100 kHz or 400 kHz. Either one will be fine. Click the **Next** button.

FIGURE 1-5: Step 2 - I2C Communication Speed Window.

Note: The MCP3421 device supports the I²C bus data rate up to 3.4 MHz, but the current version of the PICkit Serial Analyzer supports the I²C bus data rate up to 400 kHz only.

6. Select <u>No</u> on Enable Pull-ups, and click the **Next** button.

Note: The MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board has its own pull-up resistors, therefore, you don't need additional pull-up resistors from the PICkit Serial Analyzer.

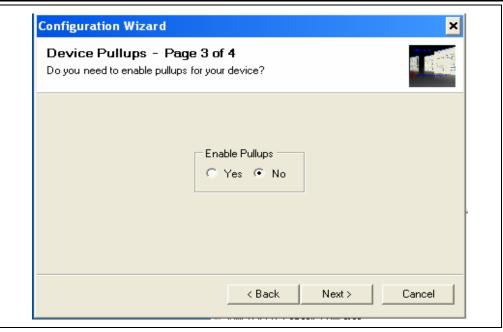


FIGURE 1-6: Step 3 - Device Pullups Window.

7. Select the V_{DD} voltage of the MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board and click the **Next** button.

Case 1: When you use V_{DD} from the PICkit Serial Analyzer:

If you choose **PICkit Serial will power my device** and **5 Volt** as shown below, the MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board is powered by the 5V DC from the PICkit[™] Serial Analyzer through the JP1 jumper. In this case, make sure that the JP1 jumper on the MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board is connected.

Case 2: When you use your own V_{DD}:

You can also provide your own V_{DD} voltage by applying a V_{DD} voltage at the V_{DD} test point on the board. In this case, make sure the JP1 jumper is disconnected.

If PICkit Serial will power your device, select the checkbox to the left, then determine your voltage.

FIGURE 1-7: Step 4 - Voltage Source Selection Window.

8. Click the **OK** button. You have made all of the PICkit Serial Analyzer configuration set-ups. You are now ready to program the MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board using the PICkit Serial Analyzer.

PICkit Serial	You're Done!
	Press 'OK' to complete the Configuration Wizard.
Alcochip Technology Incorporated	Do not show this wizard on startup again Wizard may be accessed anytime from menu dropdown PICkit Serial Analyzer -> Run Configuration Wizard.

FIGURE 1-8: Configuration Wizard - Finishing Step.

1.3.2 Creating Script Files

In order to make a communication between the PICkit Serial Analyzer and the MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board, a script file is needed. The following procedure shows how to create script files and how to use them.

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- Select Communication ----> Script ---> Script Builder

FIGURE 1-9: Creating a Script File with Script Builder.

1.3.2.1 CREATING A SCRIPT FILE FOR CONFIGURATION BYTE WRITING

- 1. Click on WriteBlockAddrA8 in "Example I²C Scripts" column.
- This will result in filling in the spaces under the **Script Detail** column. Now you can modify the **Script Detail** column parameters by clicking with the right mouse button.

Modifying the Script Details parameters:

- 1. Under the Script Detail box, select the item in the parameter box.
- 2. Right click the mouse button and an option box appears to the right of your selection, displaying the options that are available for the parameter selected.
- 3. Select the desired options (delete or insert the parameter box).
- 4. Keep the parameters in the same order as shown below.

PICkit Serial - I2C Master Mode Communications PICkit Serial Analyzer Demo Boards View: Basic Communications: Basic Operations Reset Script Builder	s User Defined Templates View Window Help
Script Name MCP3421_Write Save Script Execute Script Clear Script Del User Scripts Show Array	Script Detail

FIGURE 1-10: Modifying Parameters in the Script Builder Window.

5. Change the parameter value.

Script Detail	
I2CSTART I2CWRTBYT 02 D0 9C I2CSTOP	<pre>* * *> This means there are two bytes to send> 1st Write Byte: Address byte with W/R bit = 1101-0000> 2nd Write Byte: 1001-1100 *</pre>

Note:	All 6 parameters above must be listed in the same order as shown here.				
	The parameter above with * are not modifiable. Address bits				
	(A2, A1, A0) = (0,0,0) for this evaluation board. See the MCP3421 Data				
	Sheet for more information on address bit selection.				

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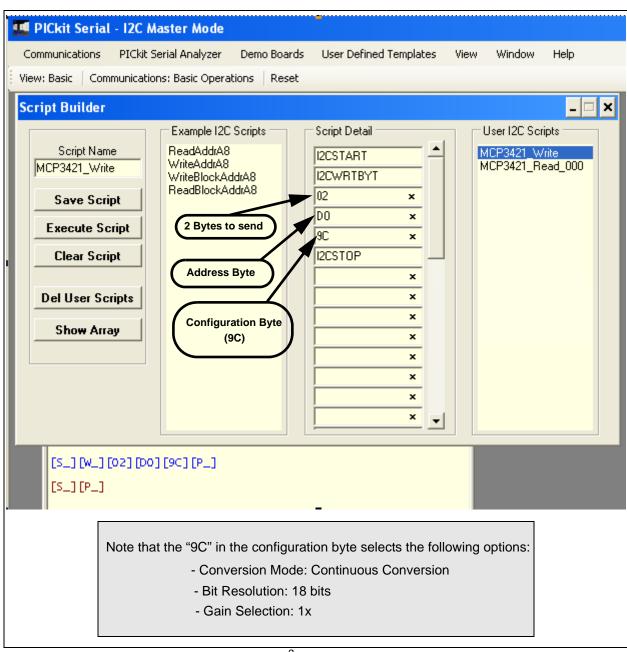


FIGURE 1-11: Script File Example for the I²C Write Command.

1.3.2.2 SAVING THE SCRIPT FILE AND PROGRAMMING THE CONFIGURATION REGISTER

- 1. Change the 2nd and 3rd data bytes you want in the Script Detail.
- 2. Type in any script name (i.e., MCP3421_Write) in the space below the **Script Name** menu.
- 3. Click the Save Script button.
- 4. Click the **Execute Script** button.

Note: At this point, the PICkit Serial transmits the I²C Write Command to the MCP3421 device. The saved file name will appear in **Users I2C Scripts** column and can be re-used any time by selecting the file name.

5. You can also see the SCL and SDA waveforms using the oscilloscope.

Note: When you click on the "Execute Script" menu, the "Busy" LED on the PICkit Serial Analyzer will momentarily turn on and then turn off. If the LED remains ON, a communications problem has occurred. Remove the PICkit Serial Analyzer from your computer and re-check the parameter values including the order of parameters under the "Script Detail" column. Try again until the "Busy" LED goes OFF immediately after executing the write command.

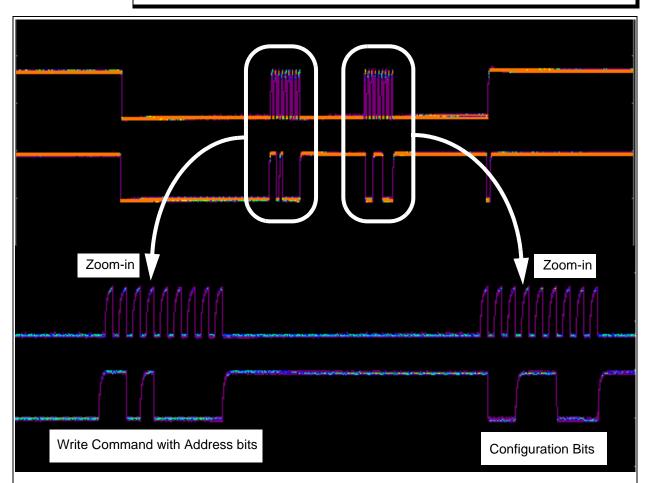


FIGURE 1-12: l^2C Write Command Waveforms for the MCP3421.

1.3.3 Reading the Conversion Data using the PICkit[™] Serial Analyzer

You can read back the conversion data by following the next steps.

1.3.3.1 CREATING A SCRIPT FILE TO READ THE CONVERSION DATA

- 1. Click on **ReadAddrA8** in "Example I2C Scripts" column.
- This will result in filling in the spaces under the **Script Detail** column. Now you can modify the parameter boxes (delete or insert) in the **Script Detail** column with options. The list of options will appear if you click the right mouse button at the parameter box. You can delete the parameter box or add a new one.
- Make sure you have the "Script Detail" parameters are listed in order as follows:

Script Detail]
I2CSTART I2CWRTBYT 01 D1 I2CRDBYTNLB 5 I2CSTOP	* *> This means there is one byte for address> Address byte with W/R bit = 1101-0001 *> 5 bytes to read *

Note:	All 7 parameters above must be listed in the same order as shown here.				
	The parameters above with * are not modifiable. Address bits				
	(A2, A1, A0) = (0,0,0) for the MCP3421 in this evaluation board. See the				
	MCP3421 Data Sheet for more information on address bit selection.				

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Communications PICkit Se	rial Analyzer	Demo Boards	User Defined Templates	View	Window	Help		
View: Basic Communication:	View: Basic Communications: Basic Operations Reset							
Script Builder						-	X	
Script Name MCP3421_Read Save Script Execute Script Clear Script Del User Scripts Show Array	Example I PosdAddi WriteAdda WriteBlock ReadBlock Address Request 5 By	A8 AddA8 AddA8 AddA8 as Byte	Script Detail I2DSTART I2DWRTBYT 01 DD I2DRDBYTNL8 5 X I2DSTOP X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X		User I2C	•		
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FIGURE 1-13: Script File Sample to Read Conversion Data.

- 2. Type in any script name (i.e., MCP3421_Read) in the space below the **Script Name** menu.
- 3. Click Save Script button.
- 4. Click **Execute Script** button.

Note: At this point, the PICkit[™] Serial transmits the I²C Read Command to the MCP3421 device. The saved file name will appear in Users I2C Scripts column and can be re-used any time by selecting the file name.

- 5. You can also see the SCL and SDA waveforms using the oscilloscope.
 - **Note:** When you click on the "Execute Script" menu, the "Busy" LED on the PICkit Serial Analyzer will momentarily turn on and then turn off. If the LED remains ON, a communications problem has occurred. Remove the PICkit Serial Analyzer from your computer and re-check the parameter values including the order of parameters under the "Script Detail" column. Try again until the "Busy" LED goes OFF immediately after executing the read command.

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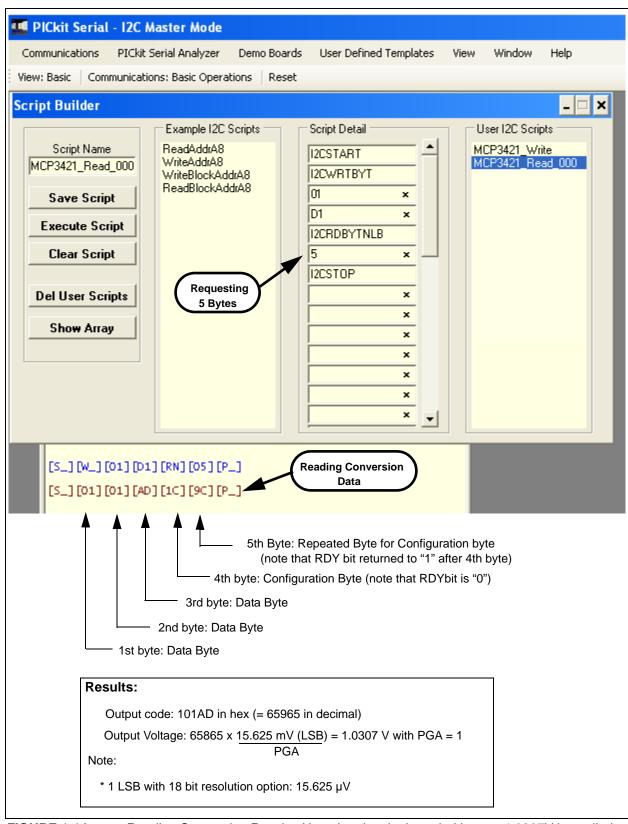


FIGURE 1-14: Reading Conversion Results: Note that the single ended Input = 1.0307V is applied at Ch.1. The reading indicates the measured value is 1.0307V. See Figure 1-15 for waveforms.

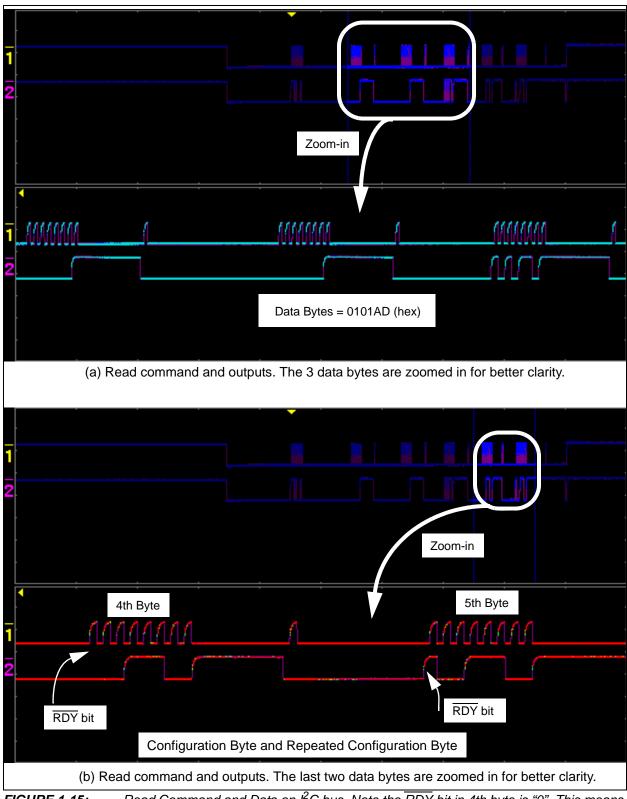


FIGURE 1-15: Read Command and Data on l^2C bus. Note the \overline{RDY} bit in 4th byte is "0". This means the conversion data just read is the latest conversion data. After the \overline{RDY} bit is read out at the 4th byte, the \overline{RDY} bit becomes "1" in the 5th byte (repeated byte). This means the device is now in the process of a new conversion and the latest conversion result is not ready yet.

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Appendix A. Schematic and Layouts

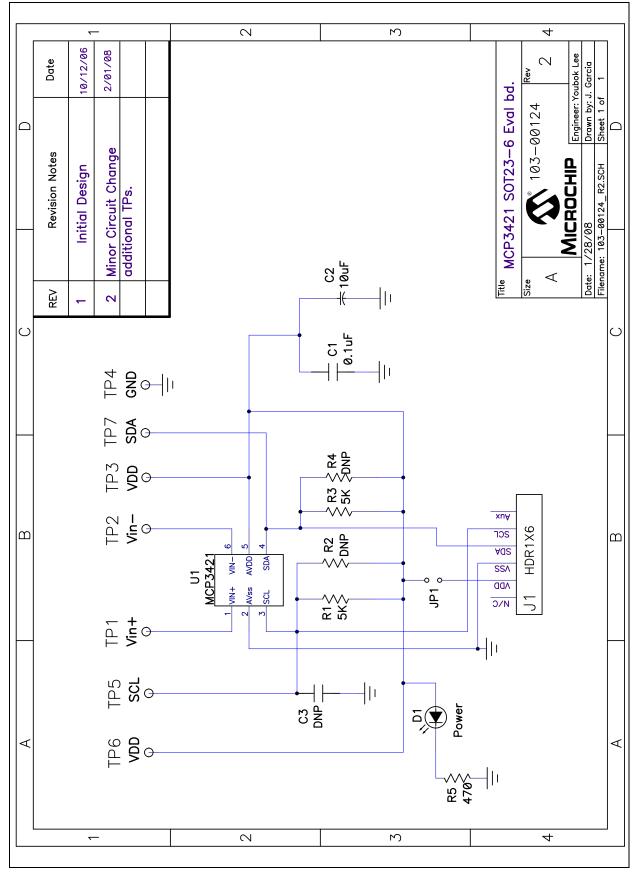
A.1 INTRODUCTION

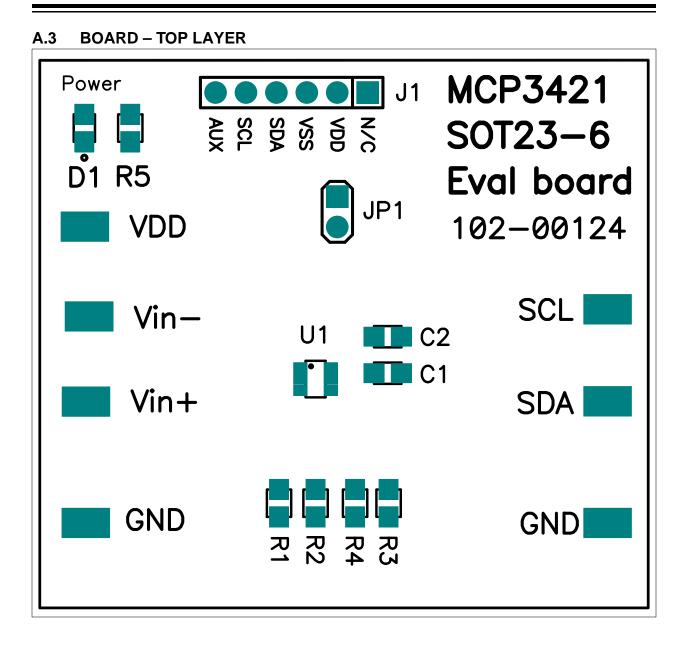
This appendix contains the following schematics and layouts for the MCP3421 SOT23-6 Evaluation Board:

- Board Schematic
- Board Top Layer
- Board Top Metal Layer
- Board Bottom Layer

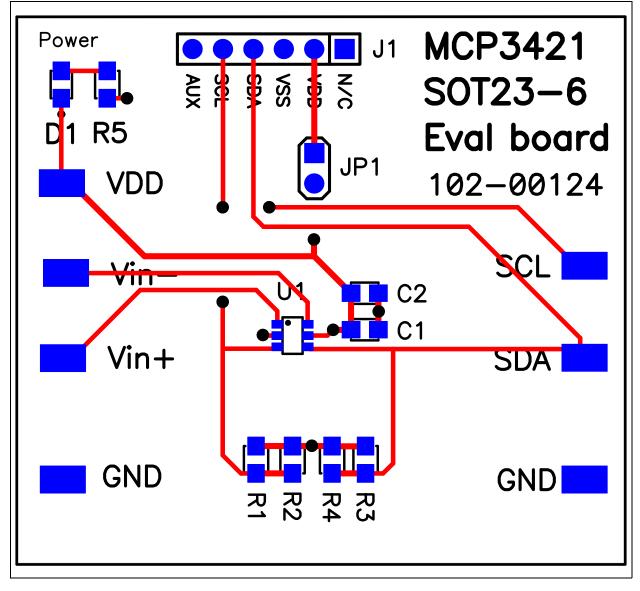
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A.2 BOARD – SCHEMATIC

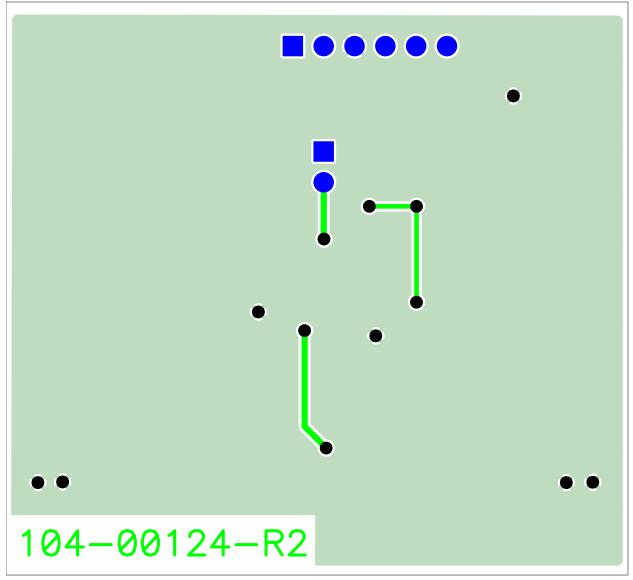




A.4 BOARD – TOP METAL LAYER



A.5 BOARD – BOTTOM METAL LAYER



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Appendix B. Bill Of Materials (BOM)

TABLE B-1: BILL OF MATERIALS

Qty	Reference	Description	Manufacturer	Part Number
1	C1	CAP .1UF 25V CERAMIC X7R 0805	Panasonic [®] - ECG	ECJ-2VB1E104K
1	C2	CAP CERAMIC 10UF 6.3V X5R 0805	Panasonic - ECG	ECJ-2FB0J106K
1	D1	LED RED ORANGE CLEAR 0805 SMD	LITE-ON INC	LTST-C170EKT
1	J1	CONN HEADER 6POS .100 R/A TIN	Molex/Waldom [®] Electronics Corp	22-05-2061
1	PCB	RoHS Compliant Bare PCB, MCP3421EV	_	104-00124
2	R1,R3	RES 4.99K OHM 1/8W 1% 0805 SMD	Panasonic - ECG	ERJ-6ENF4991V
2	R2,R4	DO NOT POPULATE	—	—
1	R5	RES 470 OHM 1/8W 5% 0805 SMD	Panasonic - ECG	ERJ-6GEYJ471V
1	U1	18-Bit Analog-to-Digital Converter with I2C Interface and On-Board Reference	Microchip Technology Inc.	MCP3421A0T-E/OT
7	VDD Vin+ Vin- GND SCL SDA VDD	TEST POINT PC COMPACT SMT	Keystone Electronics [®]	5016

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