

A81805 Evaluation Board User Guide

DESCRIPTION

The A81805 Evaluation Board is designed to aid system designers with evaluating the operation and performance of the A81805 and A81805-1 2.5 A synchronous buck regulators.

The A81805 Evaluation Board is a PCB that is available in two configurations: the A81805 with V_{OUT} of 3.3 V, and the A81805-1 with V_{OUT} of 5.0 V. The evaluation board will arrive with a mark on one of the two silkscreen boxes at the top right identifying the device for which the evaluation board is configured.

FEATURES

- Operating Input Voltage Range: 3.5 to 36 V
- Output current of up to 2.5 A
- Enable input through jumper or test point
- Option for external Sync frequency

EVALUATION BOARD CONTENTS

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Table 1: A81805 Evaluation Board Configurations

Configuration Name	Part Number	V_{OUT}	f_{sw}	I_{OUT} Max
A81805 Version Evaluation Board	APEK81805KES-01-[MH or TJ]	3.3 V	2.2 MHz	2.5 A
A81805-1 Version Evaluation Board	APEK81805KES-01-[MH or TJ]-1	5.0 V	400 kHz	2.5 A

Table 2: General Specifications

Specification	Min	Nom	Max	Units
Absolute Maximum VIN Pin Voltage	-0.3	-	40	V
Absolute Maximum EN Pin Voltage	-0.3	-	40	V
Absolute Maximum SYNC Pin Voltage	-0.3	-	5.5	V
Operating Input Voltage Range	3.5	-	36	V
Output Voltage – A81805 Version Evaluation Board	-	3.3	-	V
Output Voltage – A81805-1 Version Evaluation Board	-	5.0	-	V
Maximum Output Current	-	2.5	-	A
Synchronous Frequency Range	0.4	-	2.5	MHz

USING THE EVALUATION BOARD

This section provides instructions on proper setup and a basic overview of the configuration options and features of the evaluation board. The A81805 datasheet contains detailed information on the use and functionality of each IC pin and should be used in conjunction with this user guide.

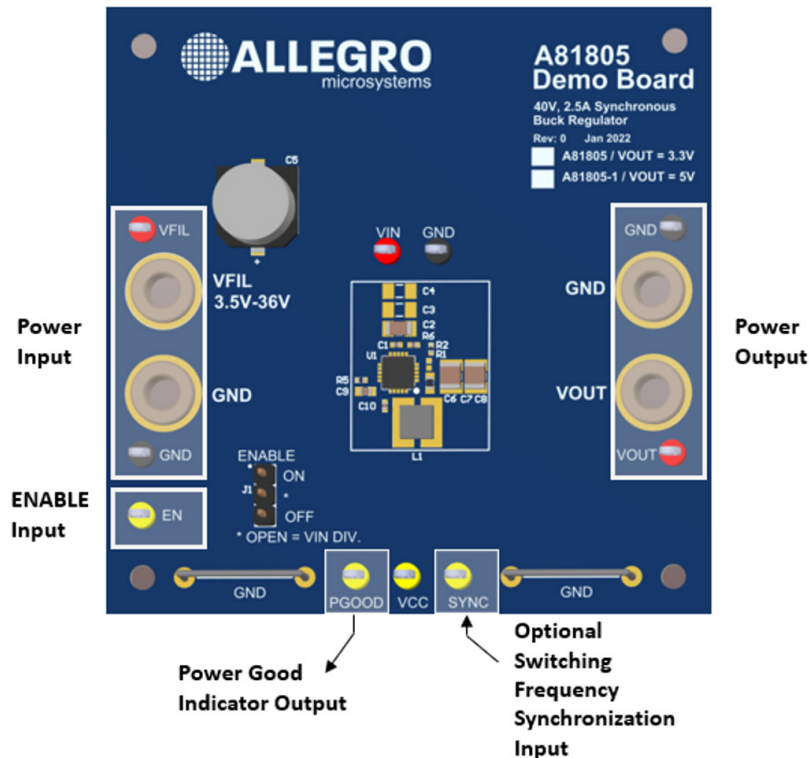


Figure 2: A81805 Evaluation Board Connections

Startup Procedure

Consult Figure 2 for details on interfacing hardware with the evaluation board. For more details on the evaluation board input and output connections, consult the Evaluation Board Inputs and Outputs section below.

For operation at lowest possible input voltage:

Step 1: Connect a suitable DC power supply to the VFIL and GND terminals. A suitable power supply will be able to provide the desired input voltage while sourcing a DC current of at least 3 A. **Use caution to avoid reversing the polarity when hooking up. Reversing the polarity on VFIL will result in a condition that exceeds VIN absolute maximum ratings and will likely damage the converter.**

Step 2: Connect the desired load to the VOUT and GND terminals. If an active electronic load is used, it may be necessary to apply the load after Step 4 to ensure proper operation of the active load.

Step 3: Set the ENABLE jumper to “ON” for converter operation at minimum input voltage or leave OPEN to use the *accurate enable* functionality.

Step 4: Increase the voltage at VFIL to 10 V. Verify that the output voltage is approximately:

- 3.3 V for A81805 Version Evaluation Board
- 5.0 V for A81805-1 Version Evaluation Board

The converter is now running. At this point, V_{IN} can be adjusted as desired. The maximum operating input voltage range is 36 V. The minimum operating input voltage is dependent upon the ENABLE jumper setting and the *accurate enable* resistor divider.

EVALUATION BOARD INPUTS AND OUTPUTS

Power Input

Connect a power supply using banana cables to the VFIL and GND through-hole banana jacks or with other suitable test leads to the VFIL and GND test points. VFIL is the power input to the board before the simple L-C input filter. Optionally, the VIN test point can be used to apply power directly to the VIN pin of the converter.

Power Output

Both versions of the evaluation board are capable of supplying 2.5 A of output current. For 2.5 A of continuous output current, a minimum input voltage of approximately 6.5 V for the A81805 Version Evaluation Board and approximately 7 V for the 81805-1 Version Evaluation Board is required. For consistent, stable converter operation, ensure the power supply can source 3 A of continuous current to the input of the evaluation board.

Switching Frequency and SYNC Input

Both the A81805 and A81805-1 have an internal oscillator that can generate the switching frequency. Additionally, they both have the capability of running from an external SYNC signal. If external synchronization is desired, a clock pulse can be applied to the SYNC test point on the evaluation board. However, erratic operation may occur if the FSET resistor (R1) is such that it sets the internal oscillator to a significantly different frequency than the externally applied synchronization signal. If external synchronization is desired, consult the datasheet for additional details on FSET selection and external synchronization.

PGOOD Output

The evaluation board has a PGOOD output that indicates the output voltage is in regulation. The datasheet provides details on the operation of the PGOOD output.

VCC Output

The evaluation board has a VCC test point which allows the user to monitor the output of the internal VCC regulators. No external loads should be applied to VCC.

Enable Jumper Configuration

The external circuitry around the Enable pin, EN, is tri-functional. If a shunt is placed in the “ON” position (shorting the upper two pins of J1) then EN is tied to VIN, forcing the converter to operate any time VIN is above UVLO. The Undervoltage Lockout section of the datasheet provides more details on VIN UVLO.

If a shunt is placed in the “OFF” position (shorting the lower two pins of J1), then EN is pulled to GND and the converter will remain disabled.

If no shunt is installed on J1, then EN is biased by a resistor divider from VIN to GND, and the *accurate enable* function of the converter is employed. The resistor divider sets the converter to turn on at a specific input voltage. The standard evaluation board setup will result in converter turn-on when V_{IN} reaches approximately 7.2 V. The VIN turn-on voltage can be adjusted by varying R3, R4, or both.

Table 3: ENABLE Jumper Configuration

Jumper	EN State	Description
ON	HIGH	Converter is on when $V_{IN} \geq V_{IN\ UVLO}$.
OFF	LOW	Converter remains disabled.
OPEN	PROPORTIONAL to VIN	Converter turns on once VIN reaches the set turn-on threshold.

Refer to the datasheet for detailed information about EN pin functionality and implementation of the *accurate enable* functionality.

EVALUATION BOARD PERFORMANCE DATA

The following section provides an overview of the performance data of both the AHVA81805 and A81805-1 versions of the Evaluation Board.

Thermal Performance

The following figures show the thermal performance of both the A81805 and A81805-1 versions of the Evaluation Board.

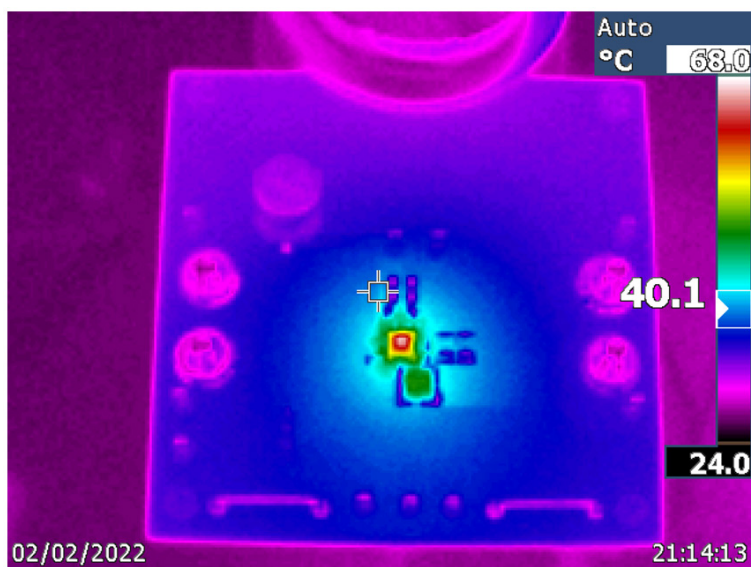


Figure 3: A81805 Version Evaluation Board Thermal Behavior.

$V_{IN} = 13\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 3.3\text{ V}$, $I_{OUT} = 2.5\text{ A}$.

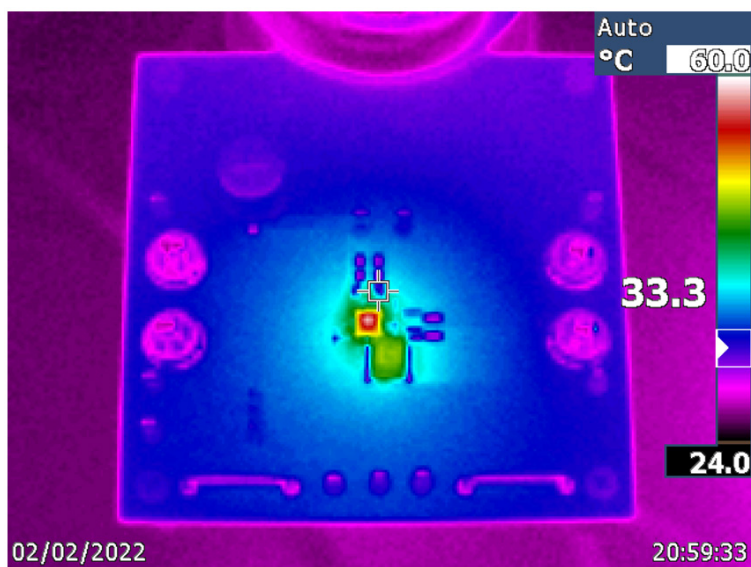


Figure 4: A81805-1 Version Evaluation Board Thermal Behavior.

$V_{IN} = 13\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 5.0\text{ V}$, $I_{OUT} = 2.5\text{ A}$.

EMI Performance

The following figures show the EMI performance of the A81805-1 Version Evaluation Board under nominal V_{IN} conditions and maximum load. This does not reflect the overall EMI signature of an entire system containing the A81805 or A81805-1 but does show that the converter is capable of easily meeting even the stringent automotive CISPR25 Class 5 EMC standards.

NOTE: Allegro is not an accredited EMC laboratory. The information presented here is provided for reference only.

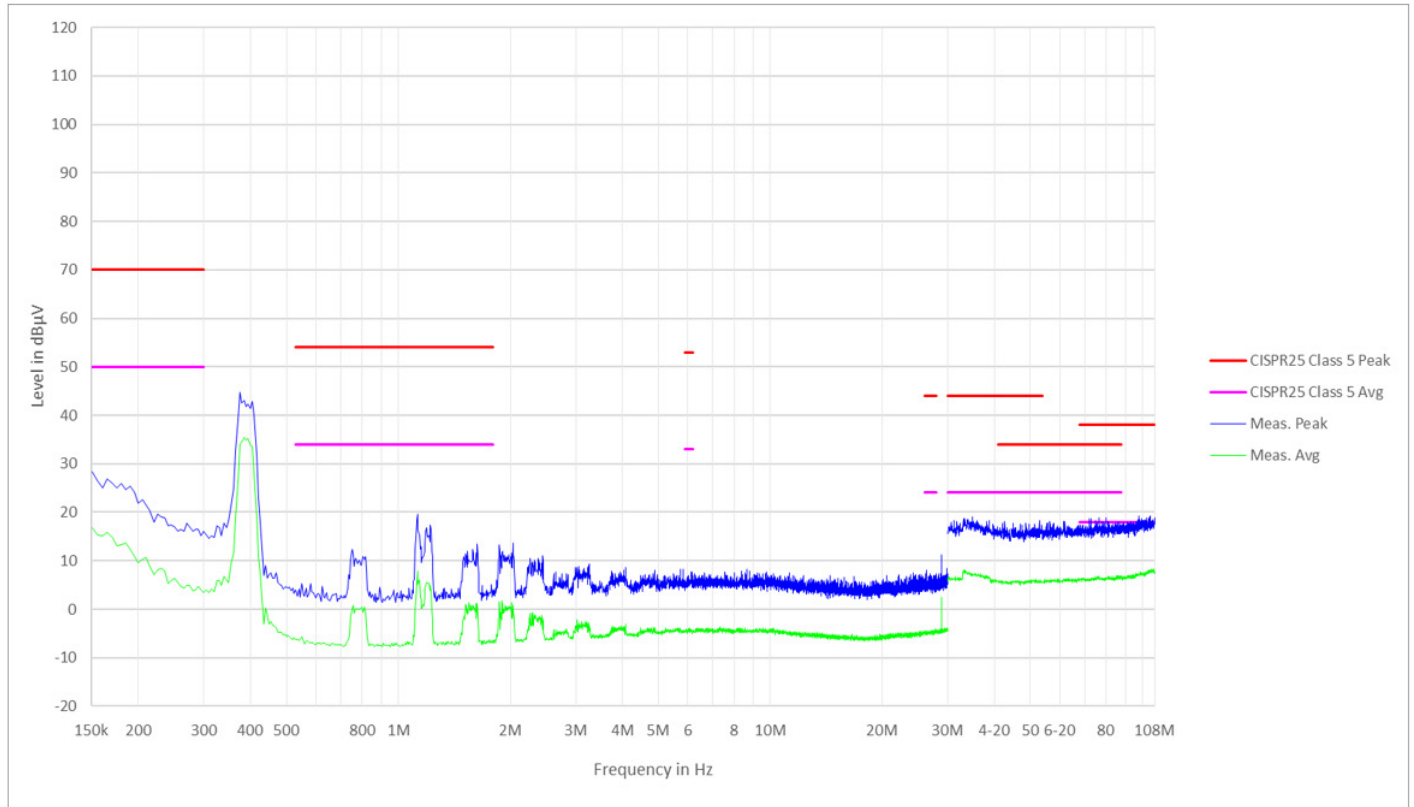


Figure 5: Conducted Emissions (150 kHz - 108 MHz)

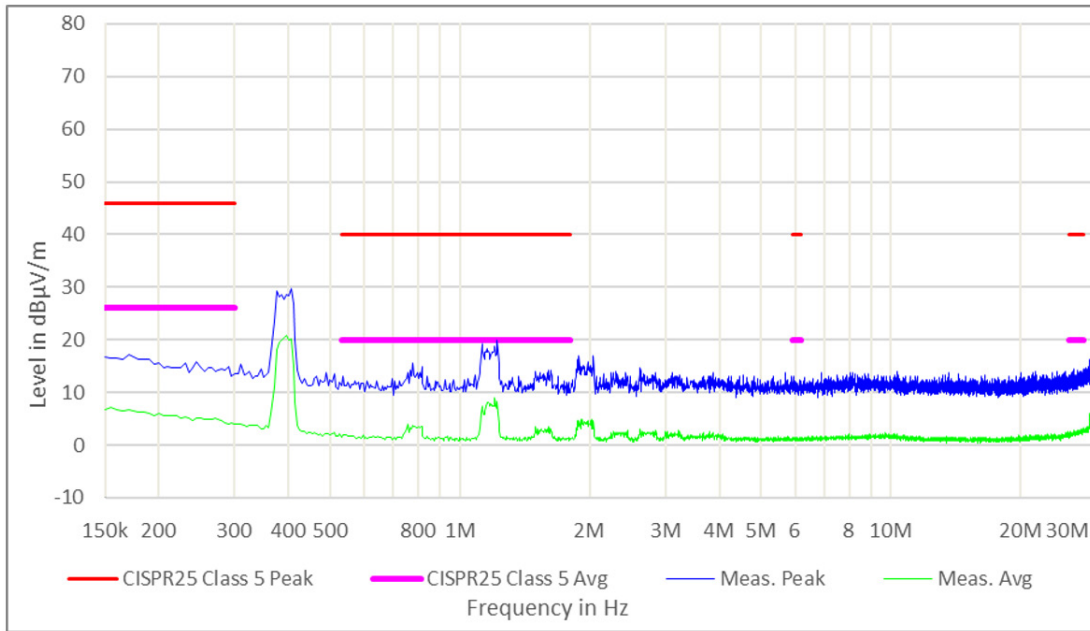


Figure 6: Radiated Emissions (150 kHz - 30 MHz)

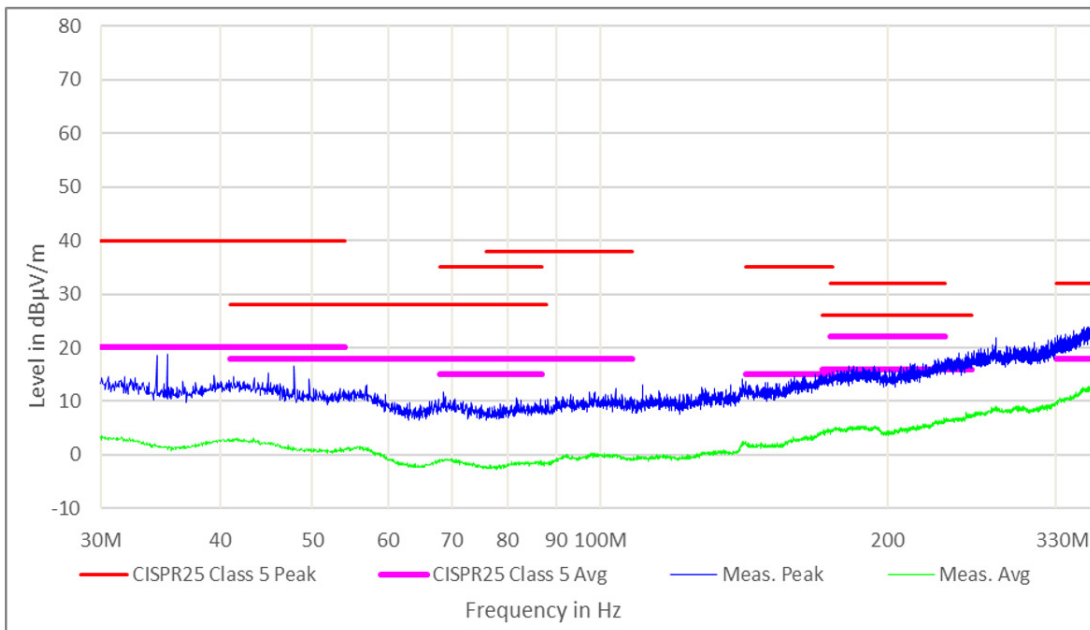


Figure 7: Radiated Emissions (30 MHz - 330 MHz)

A81805 Demo Board Schematic

VOUT = 3.3 V Fsw = 2.2 MHz

The schematic shows the A81805 IC at the center. The input side (VIN) features a filter network with capacitors C1 (470pF), C2 (4.7uF), C3 (DNP), C4 (DNP), and C5 (47uF). The output side (VOUT) includes an inductor L1 (2.2uH) and capacitors C7 (10uF) and C8 (10uF). The IC has pins for FSET, VCC, SYNC, EN, and PGOOD. The board also includes a 3.3V output (VOUT) and a 2.2MHz switching frequency (Fsw). The schematic is labeled with 'A81805' and 'A81805 Demo Board'.

Input Filter

VFIL CN1 L2 4.7uH VIN
C11 4.7uF
GND CN2

Mounting Holes and Hardware

- M3 Screw, 8mm, Nylon
- M3 Thread, 15mm Standoff, Nylon
- M3 Size Mounting Hole

Legend:

- GND BAR 1
- GND BAR 2

Note: "DNP" = "Do Not Populate"

TITLE: APEK81805KES-01-(MH or T)	Allegro A81805 Demo Board	REV: 00
PACKAGE: QFN20	Allegro Microsystems 955 Perimeter Road Manchester NH 03103 USA	PCB: A81805 Demo Board
AUTHOR: B. West		DATE: 2/3/2022
SIZE: A4		SHEET: 1 of 1

A81805 EVALUATION BOARD BILL OF MATERIALS

Table 4: A81805 Version Evaluation Board Bill of Materials

ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS						
Designator	Quantity	Comment	Description	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Part Number	Label on PCB
C1	1	470 pF	CAP, CER, 470 pF, 50 V, C0G, 0402	Kemet	C0603C471J5RACAUTO	C1
C2	1	4.7 µF	CAP, CER, 4.7 µF, 50 V, X7R, 1206	TDK	CGA4J1X7R1H475K125AC	C2
C3, C4	0	DNP				C3, C4
C5	1	47 µF	CAP, ALUM, 47 µF, 20%, 50 V, SMD	Nichicon	UBC1H470MNS1GS	C5
C6	1	0.1 µF	CAP, CER, 0.1 µF, 50 V, X7R, 0603	Murata	GCM155R71H104KE02J	C6
C7, C8	2	10 µF	CAP, CER, 10 µF, 16 V, X7R, 1210	Kemet	C1210C106K4RACTU	C7, C8
C9	1	4.7 µF	CAP, CER, 4.7 µF, 16 V, X7R, 0603	Murata	GCJ21BR71C475KA01L	C9
C10	1	0.1 µF	CAP, CER, 0.1 µF, 50 V, X7R, 0402	Murata	GCM155R71H104KE02J	C10
C11	1	4.7 µF	CAP, CER, 4.7 µF, 50 V, X7R, 1210	Murata Electronics	GRM32ER71H475KA88K	C11
L1	1	2.2 µH	FIXED IND 2.2 µH, 5.6 A, 35.2 mΩ, SMD	Coilcraft	XAL4020-222ME	L1
L2	1	4.7 µH	FIXED IND 4.7 µH, 4.5 A, 60 mΩ, SMD	Vishay Dale	IHLP2020CZER4R7M11	L2
R1	0	DNP	RESISTOR, 1%, 0402	Panasonic		R1
R2	1	0 Ω	RESISTOR, 0 Ω, 1/10 W, 1%, 0402	Panasonic	ERJ-2GE0R00X	R2
R3	1	464 kΩ	RESISTOR, 464 kΩ, 1/10 W, 1%, 0402	Panasonic	ERJ-2RK4643X	R3
R4, R5, R6	3	100 kΩ	RESISTOR, 100 kΩ, 1/10 W, 1%, 0402	Panasonic	ERJ-2RKF1003X	R4, R5, R6
U1	1	A81805	ALLEGRO IC, 40 V, 2.5 A, SYNCHRONOUS BUCK CONVERTER WITH 6 µA QUIESCENT CURRENT	Allegro MicroSystems	A81805KESJSR	U1
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CN2, CN4	2	GND	BANANA JACK - NON-INSULATED, 0.218" LENGTH	Keystone Electronics	575-4	GND
CN3	1	VOUT	BANANA JACK - NON-INSULATED, 0.218" LENGTH	Keystone Electronics	575-4	VOUT
J1	1	Header 1x3	CONN HEADER VERT 3 POS 2.54 MM	Wurth Elektronik	61300311121	ENABLE
MS1, MS2, MS3, MS4	4	Standoff Screw	PAN HEAD SCREW, M3 X 8 MM, NYLON	Wurth Elektronik	97790803111	N/A - mount in corner hole
PCB	1	Circuit Board	A81805 Evaluation BOARD REV: 0 JAN 2022			N/A
STND1, STND2, STND3, STND4	4	Standoff	HEX STANDOFF, M3, NYLON	Keystone Electronics	25512	N/A - mount in corner hole
GND BAR1, GND BAR2	2	GND Connections	GND BAR : TINNED 18 AWG COPPER BUS WIRE			GND
EN, PGOOD, SYNC, VCC	4	Testpoint	PC TEST POINT, MULTIPURPOSE, YELLOW	Keystone Electronics	5014	EN, PGOOD, SYNC, VCC
VFIL, VIN, VOUT	3	Testpoint	PC TEST POINT, MULTIPURPOSE, RED	Keystone Electronics	5010	VFIL, VIN, VOUT
GND, GND	2	Testpoint	PC TEST POINT, MULTIPURPOSE, BLACK	Keystone Electronics	5011	GND

A81805-1 EVALUATION BOARD SCHEMATIC

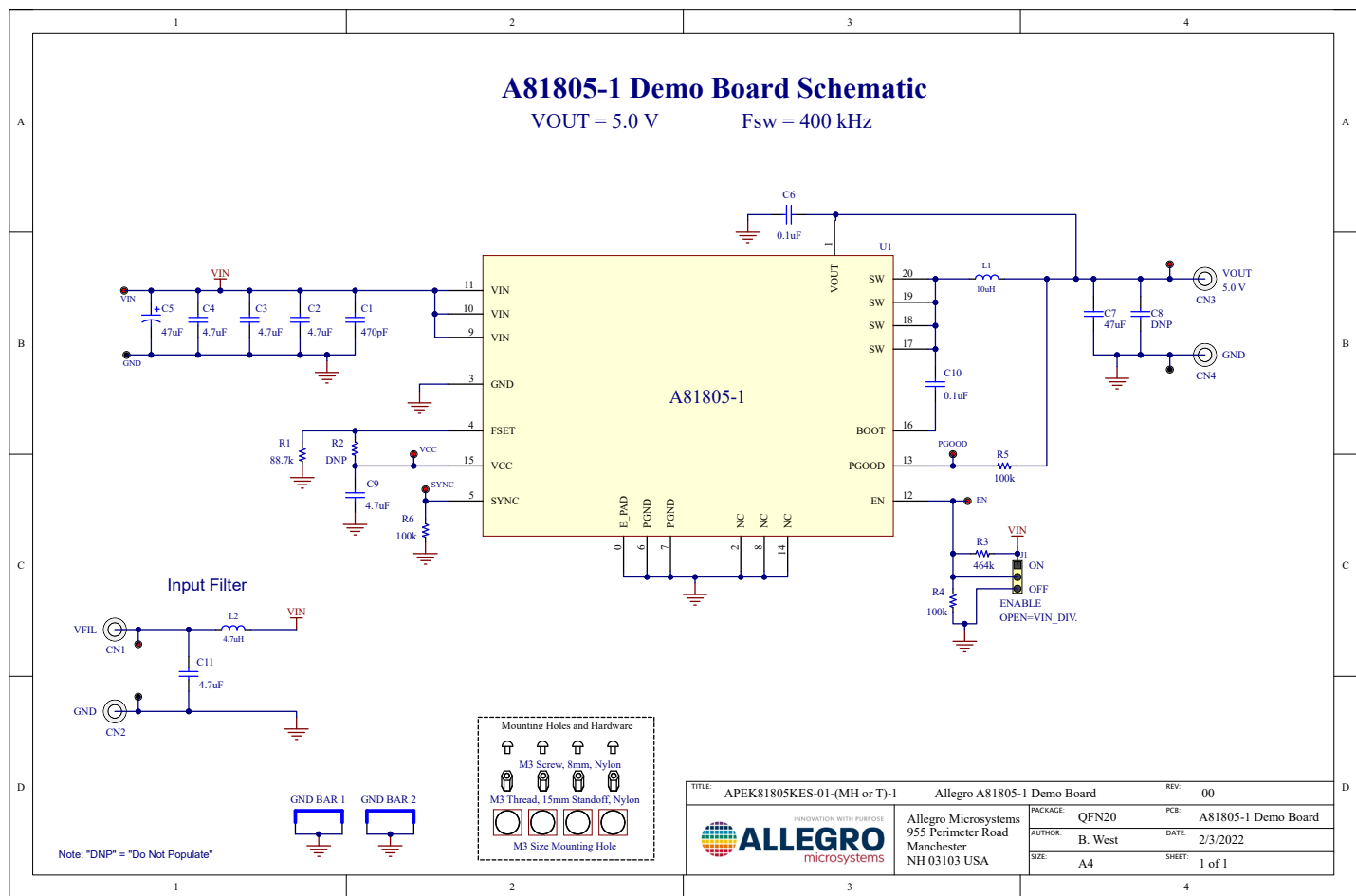


Figure 9: A81805-1 Evaluation Board Schematic

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L2	1	4.7 µH	FIXED IND, 4.7 µH, 4.5 A, 60 mΩ, SMD	Vishay Dale	IHLP2020CZER4R7M11	L2
R1	1	88.7 kΩ	RESISTOR, 88.7 kΩ, 1/10 W, 1%, 0402	Panasonic	ERJ-2RKF8872X	R1
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PCB LAYOUT

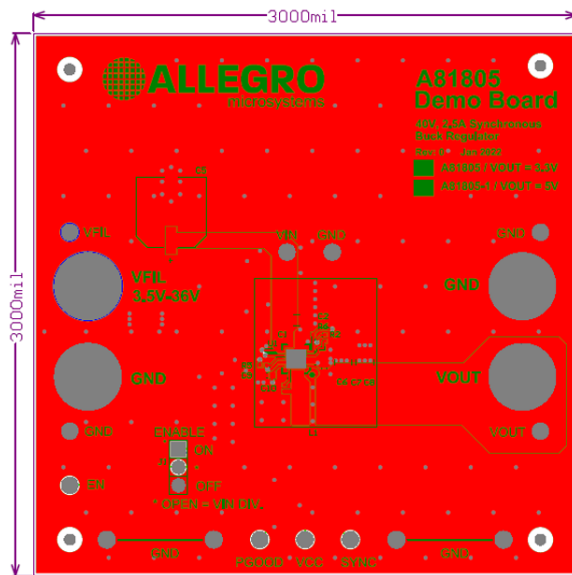


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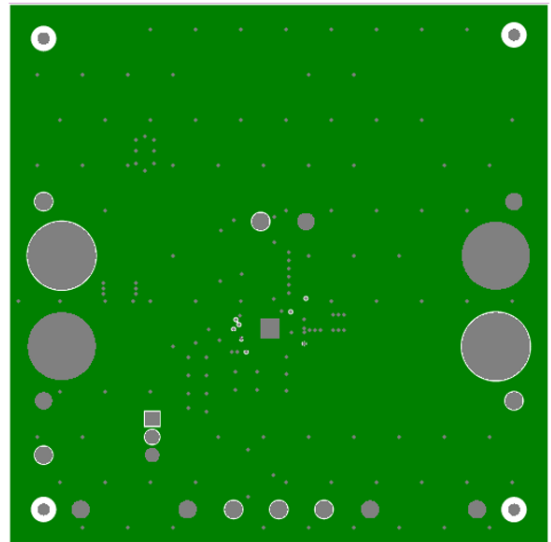


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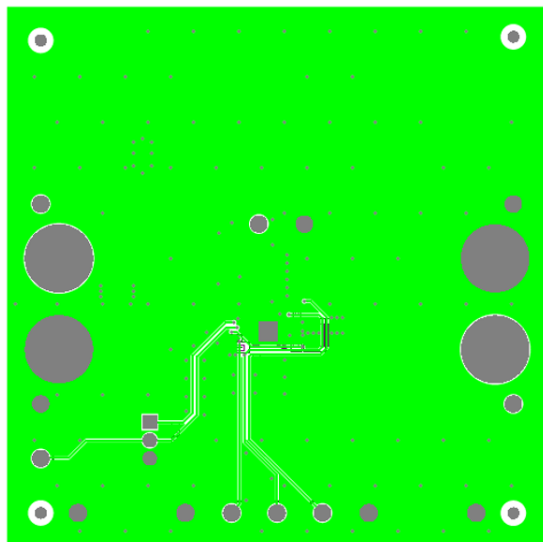


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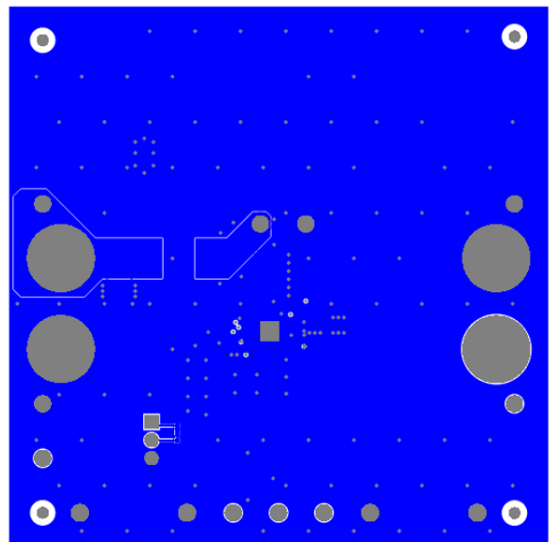


Figure 13: Bottom Layer

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Revision History

Number	Date	Description
–	December 9, 2022	Initial release
1	February 22, 2024	Update to new template
2	October 4, 2024	Updated Features section (page 1)

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