



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Be sure to read the precautions below entirely BEFORE using the Evaluation Board. Do not operate the evaluation board unless you have the appropriate safety precautions in place on your bench to ensure a successful experience.

The list below is not comprehensive and is not a substitute for common sense and good practice.

- Refer to the specific regulator module data sheet for electrical rating of the device, thermal and mechanical product details. It is important to remain within the device rated range when testing.
- When testing electronic products always use approved safety glasses. Follow good laboratory practice and procedures.
- During operation insure the power devices and surrounding structures can be operated safely.
- Care should be taken to protect the user from accidental contact when under power.
- Provide a strain relief for wires and place the system on the bench in such a way as to prevent accidental displacement from bench top.
- Review thermal consideration and guideline associated with operating the evaluation board. Most notably use a bench top fan and use rubber feet to elevate the PCB as they allow air flow to the bottom.
- Remove power and use caution when connecting and disconnecting test probes and interface lines to avoid inadvertent short circuits and contact with hot surfaces.
- Verify power connections to avoid reversing applied voltage polarities.
- Avoid creating ground loops between the SGND and PGND pins when making measurements.
- The product evaluation board is designed for general laboratory evaluation. It is not recommended for installation in end user equipment.

The evaluation board is designed to facilitate the evaluation of the performance of Vicor's mounted ZVS buck products. Sockets are provided to permit quick probing. Input sockets can be used to place a bulk capacitor. The evaluation board provides lugs, and bottom layer banana jack footprint for input and output connections, signal connectors allowing wire, signal test points for easy connection to standard test equipment, and Kelvin Johnson-Jack for accurate voltage measurements of power nodes.

Box Contents

The evaluation board ships with the following contents:

- 1 Customer evaluation board
- 3 x pre-installed jumpers
- 1 x hardware kit: 5 x size 10 screws, lugs and washers

Recommended Test Equipment

The following is a list of recommended test equipment.

1. Safety glasses.
2. DC power supply: Refer to the specific PI352x model datasheet to ensure the supply has sufficient power and current capability.
3. Electronic load: Refer to the specific PI352x model datasheet to ensure the load has sufficient power handling and current capability for testing.
4. Bench top cooling fan.
5. Digital multi-meters (DMMs).
6. Oscilloscope and probes.
7. Interconnect wires, cables and fastening hardware.

Features

1. Input and output lugs for source and load connections.
2. Input sockets to place through-hole input aluminum-electrolytic capacitor.
3. Input source filter (L102, R105).
4. Toggle switch (S101) for enabling and disabling the regulator through the EN pin.
5. Oscilloscope probe jack for accurate, high frequency input (J101) and output (J102) voltage measurement.
6. Signal pins test points and wire connectors.
7. Kelvin voltage test points and sockets for all pins of the SiP product.
8. Access to voltage switching node VS1 with a nearby ground receptacle.
9. Mode selection switch for local (default) and remote sense loop.
10. Trim control selection for both local and remote sense:
 - a. ADJ: potentiometer to exercise the full output range.
 - b. Fixed: resistor to set unit to nominal output.
11. Local and remote sense AC signal injection (J201).

Board Operation Modes

- S101 provides control to enable / disable the powertrain.
 - In the “OFF” position, the switch will connect SGND pin to the EN net, which disables the regulator output.
 - In the “ON” position, the EN net is allowed to float.
- The PI352x evaluation board supports the following operating modes:

Mode	S202	S201	S203	J201	(+VRS, -VRS)
Local loop, fixed Nominal output	LS	FIXED	-	Place jumper (J201 pin 1-2) to short R211 for accurate result	-
Local loop, with Trim range (R206)	LS	ADJ	-	Turn (R206) counterclockwise to increase the output voltage and clockwise to decrease the output voltage.	-
Remote loop, fixed Nominal output	-	FIXED	RS	Place jumper (J201 pin 1-2) to short R211 for accurate result	Used to connect to point of load. If not connected (R223-R224 = 100Ω) will be in the loop connecting this node to local +VOUT
Remote loop, with Trim range (R221)	-	ADJ	RS	Turn (R206) counterclockwise to increase the output voltage and clockwise to decrease the output voltage.	

Thermal Consideration

A fan blowing across the evaluation board is recommended for operation. The fan should be placed about 4 inches away from the evaluation board edge. A typical bench top fan is recommended providing about 1000LFM. Using the supplied rubber feet is also required in order to elevate the board about 0.4 inches off a flat surface and enable air flow underneath the PCB.

Power Up Procedure

1. Confirm bench equipment is powered off.
2. Connect input DC power supply positive lead to +VIN input lug, then connect input power supply negative lead to PGND input lug of the evaluation board.
3. Connect +VOUT lug to the electronic load positive input, connect the PGND output lug to the electronic load negative input.
4. Verify proper polarity of both input and output connections.
5. Verify on-board mechanical switch (S101) desired actuator position. “ON” state allows power up upon application of input voltage. S101 default actuator position is “ON” allowing the unit to power up upon the application of an input voltage greater than V_{UVLO_START} .
6. Verify that three separate two position jumper socket are placed on header (J201) shorting the following J201 pins 1 to 2, 3 to 4, 5 to 6.
7. Verify desired feedback loop operation:
 - On-board mechanical switch (S202) default position is “LS” short for local sense loop
 - On-board mechanical switch (S201) default position is “FIXED” implying the use of the populated exact value resistors producing a regulated, device-specific, nominal output voltage.
8. Place measuring equipment such as DMM, scope probes as desired

9. Direct airflow from the cooling fan towards the evaluation board.
10. Download the latest product datasheet from Vicor power product page and have it on hand for reference
11. Apply input voltage greater than the minimum Input under-voltage lockout start threshold (V_{UVLO_START}).

Board Description

The following section provides a detailed description of the evaluation board features.

Figure 1
PI352x Evaluation Board Photo,
Top Side

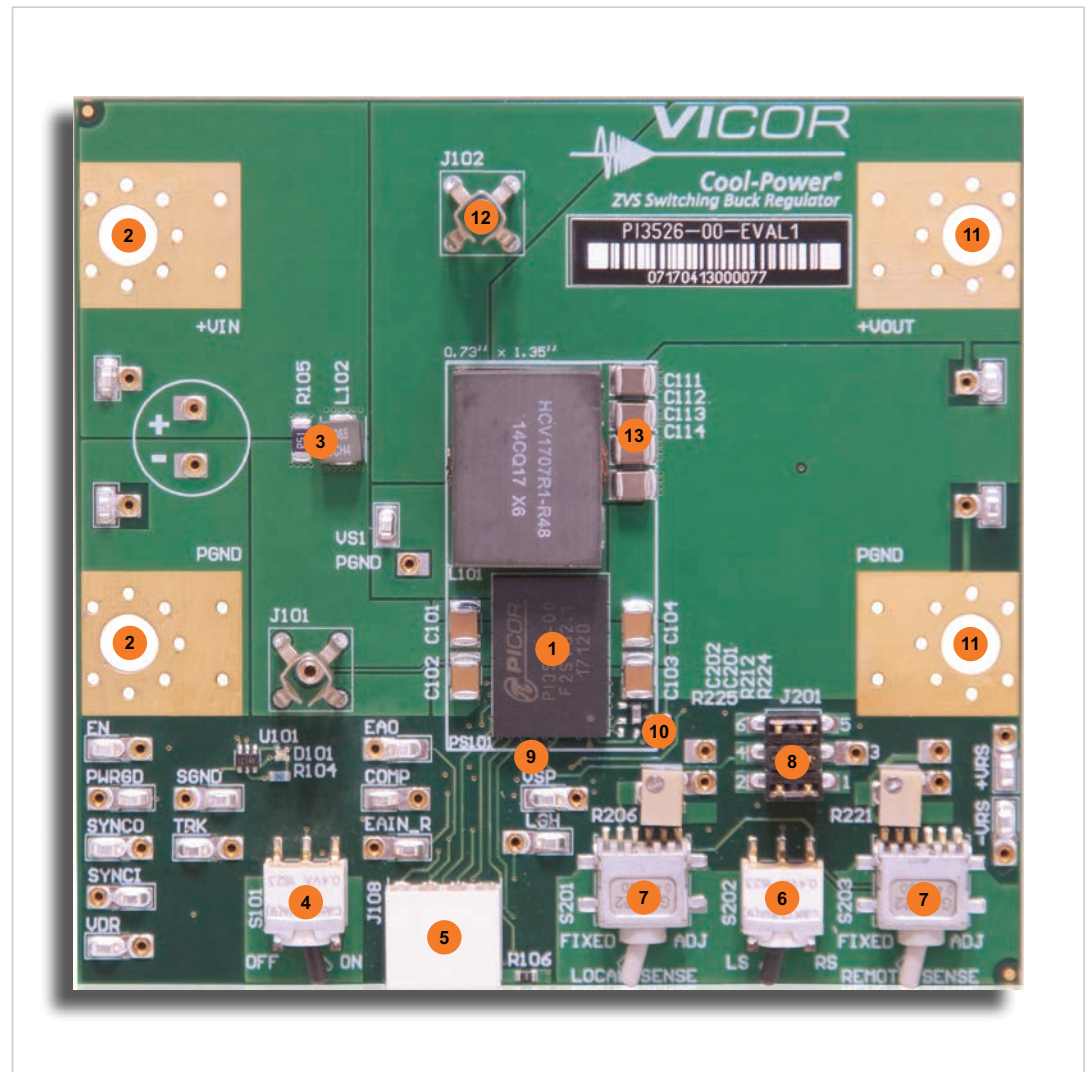
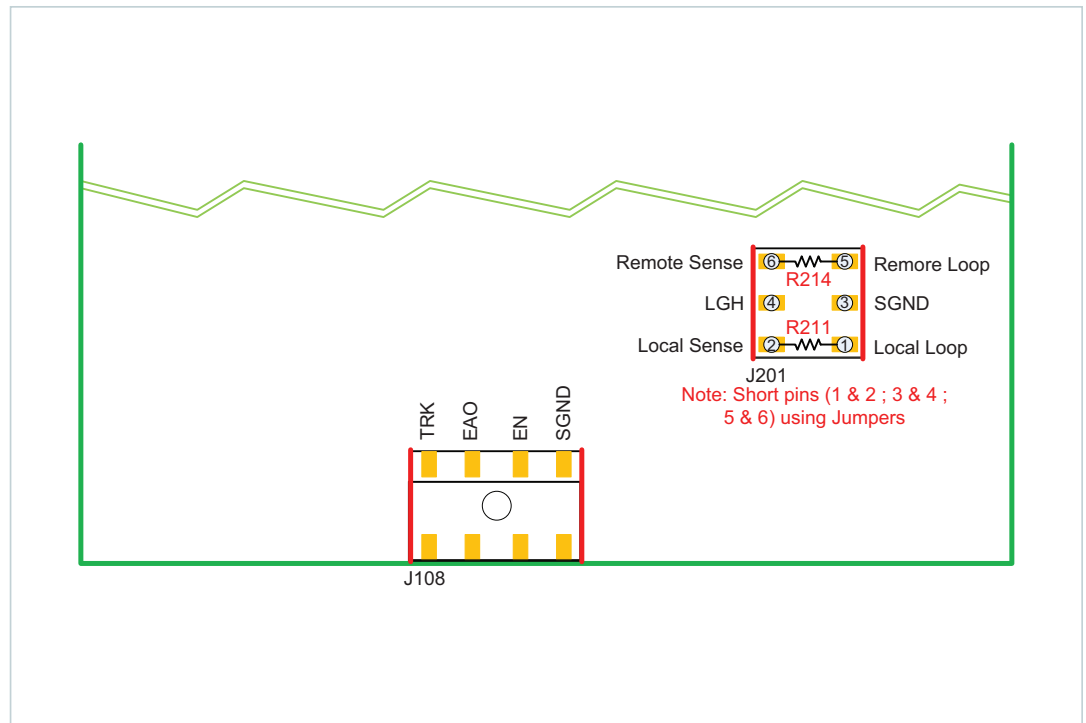


Figure 2
Signal Connector and Header
Pinout, Front View



General Components

1. PI352x family product (PS101)
2. Input lugs: Sized for #10 hardware. Use for making connection to the input source. This board does not contain reverse polarity protection. Check for proper polarity before applying power.
3. Input filtering: Sockets provision can be used for easy installation of aluminum-electrolytic input capacitor and filtering (inductor and ceramic capacitors) allows for stable operation with most input sources. 10 x 2.2 μ F output ceramic capacitors 1210 (C101- C110) are used to achieve <2% of V_{IN} peak-to-peak ripple.
4. Enable / Disable switch (S101): When actuator is towards "ON" position, the (EN) pin will be open and the regulator will be allowed to power up. When actuator is towards "OFF", the EN pin will be connected to SGND pin and the regulator will be disabled. When switch (S101) is "ON", an external voltage source can control the EN pin state using the external EN test point.
5. Wire to board connector (J108): provides access to the regulator signal. All signal pins are reference to SGND.
 - TRK: An external capacitor may be connected between TRK pin and SGND to slow down the internal reference ramp. With this pin connected to an external capacitor the output voltage will track the slope effectively executing a soft-start function. See datasheet for additional tracking options.
 - EAO: Internal transconductance amplifier output pin.
 - EN: Regulator enable pin. Regulator is disabled when (S101) is in "OFF" state as this pin is connected to SGND. In "ON" state the module pin is allowed to float.
 - SGND: Internal logic ground return for all module. SGND to PGND connection is made inside the regulator package.

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6. Loop compensation mode selection (S202): Used to select one of the following:
 - Local Sense (LS): default. Single ended feedback loop using the internal to the regulator operational transconductance amplifier. +VOUT Lug is the local sensed location. +VOUT lug is connected to the Error Amplifier Inverting Input (EAIN) through a voltage divider network.
 - Remote Sense (RS): Non-isolated remote sensing option using the internal to the regulator independent differential amplifier which outputs (VDIFF) is in turn connected to the transconductance amplifier input (EAIN) pin. Remote sensing is achieved using +VRS and -VRS test points. Resistors R223 and R224 are 100Ω catch resistor placed to prevent an open loop condition if accidentally switched to this mode.
 7. Trim mode selection (S201 or S203): Switch (S201) and trim potentiometer (R206) are associated with local sense loop while switch (S203) and trim potentiometer (R221) are associated with remote sense selection. Both Switches (S201 and S203) provide the following trim modes:
 - Fixed Trim (FIXED): default. Fixed resistor divider is used to set regulator output to the nominal datasheet output voltage.
 - Adjustable Trim (ADJ): selection allows the use of trim potentiometer (R206 or R221) to exercise the full output voltage range. Turn counterclockwise to increase the output voltage and clockwise to decrease the output voltage. The trim potentiometer at either lowest or highest point can only exercise the voltage range defined in the datasheet as valid operational range within tolerance limits. If preferred, through-hole receptacles are available to bypass the potentiometer with external leaded resistor.
 8. Header-jumper (J201): Default setting is all three jumper sockets populated. This header provides the following function:
 - Pin 1 and pin 2 can be used to inject the isolated signal of a network analyzer through (R211= 49.9Ω) used for bode plot measurement in order to evaluate the stability in local sense mode.
 - Pin 3 and pin 4 are used to short the Lighting (LGH)/Constant Current (CC) Sense Input to SGND. LGH header pin 4 is used for lighting and constant current type applications. When not in use the constant current mode (CC mode), the LGH pin should be connected to SGND. Refer to the product datasheet for availability of this pin function.
 - Pin 5 and pin 6 can be used to inject the isolated signal of a network analyzer through (R214 = 49.9Ω) used for bode plot measurement in order to evaluate the stability in remote sense mode.
 9. Soft-start capacitor (C123): Capacitor connected to regulator TRK pin and SGND. The soft-start time is set with an internal 47nF capacitor to roughly 0.94ms. C123 can be added to further stretch the soft-start ramp $C_{TRK} = (I_{TRK_DESIRE} \times 50E-6) - 47E-9$ where $I_{TRK} = 50\mu A$.
 10. Internal operational transconductance amplifier compensation network (C201, R212, R225, C202): this network provides flexibility during loop compensation design to adjust the compensation. For the purpose of this evaluation board C201 in series to the internal R(ZI) of 5kΩ is used. The maximum mid-band gain that can be achieved when using the internal R(ZI) is roughly $(20 \cdot \log(R(ZI) \cdot g_m \cdot V_{REF} / V_{OUT_SET}))$. With a reference voltage of 0.99V and output voltage of 5V max midband gain is ~14dB. R212 + R(ZI) in series can be used to further increase the mid-band gain. C202 can be used to lower the high frequency pole if desired. The high frequency pole is set internally to ~1.7Mhz using a $C(HF) = 56pF$.
 11. Output lugs: Sized for #10 hardware. Use these lugs to connect the output directly to the load.
 12. Output oscilloscope probe Jack (J102): Used for making accurate scope measurements of the output voltage (e.g. ripple). The jack is directly compatible with many common passive voltage probes models. Remove the grounding lead and insulating barrel of the probe and insert the probe tip and barrel directly into the jack, ensuring that the probe tip sits in the center socket of the jack. To avoid the risk of an inadvertent short circuit, do not attempt to install while power is applied. This Johnson Jack is kelvin connected to C126 positive pin.
 13. Output filter: 12x 10μF output ceramic capacitors 1210 (C111- C122). Is used to achieve <1.5% of Vout peak to peak ripple.

Test Points Description

Each square point test point can be used with standard probes, clips or hooks. All test points are labeled on the board. Each test point is accompanied with an adjacent socket for adding a test lead or to facilitate wiring to external circuitry.

Table 1
Test Point Descriptions

Reference Designator/ Functional name	Description
+VIN, PGND	Input voltage test points provide connection to input lugs. Use Kelvin (J101) to avoid interconnection losses if accuracy is desired.
+VOUT, PGND	Output voltage test points provide connection to output lugs. Use Kelvin (J102) to avoid interconnection losses if accuracy is desired.
VDR	A 5.1V auxiliary supply with max loading of 2mA. If used this pin must have a series resistance such as R103 = 1k Ω with a decoupling cap of 0.1 μ F such as C124.
PWRGD	Power good indicator. During a regulator fault this pin is pulled internally to signal ground.
EN	Input to the regulator. If left floating or driven high ($V_{EN_MAX} = 5.5V$) regulator will be enabled.
SGND	Internal logic ground.
TRK	Soft-start and track input. An external capacitor may be connected between TRK pin and SGND to increase the rise time of the internal reference during soft-start.
COMP	Compensation pin. An internal 5k Ω is in series between this pin and the EAO pin. A default C201 = 4.7nF is used.
EAO	Error Amp output. External connection for additional compensation and current sharing.
EAIN_R	Error Amp Inverting Input separated with R222 = 0 Ω .
VSP	Non-inverting input to an independent differential amplifier.
+VRS, -VRS	Non-isolated remote sense input. When selecting remote sense feedback connect to the regulation point at the load.
J201	Used to inject the isolated signal of a network analyzer into the feedback loop. Pin injection point is depend on loop selection.

Sockets Description

Each socket accepts 0.015 – 0.025 inch diameter leads for easy installation of solid wires and through-hole components for use with external circuit and test equipment.

Table 2
Sockets Descriptions

Reference Designator (Shown in Assembly Drawing)	Functional Name	Description
TP101, TP103	Input voltage (+VIN, -VIN)	Input voltage test points. +VIN location is after input filter inductor. -VIN is connected to PGND.
TP105, TP103	Input Capacitor (C _{IN})	Sockets are used for easy installation of through-hole 100V rated aluminum-electrolytic capacitor. Ensure proper polarity with short leads while installing.
TP112	Power Ground (PGND)	This test point is in close proximity of the voltage switching node (VS1) test point. To be used when probing VS1 to minimizing ground loop.
TP104, TP102	Input voltage (+VOUT, -VOUT)	Output voltage test points. -VOUT is connected to PGND.
TP201, TP203	Local sense trim resistor test points (R206)	Used for easy installation of a fixed through-hole resistor across the Trim pot. Used only when Switch (S202) is in local sense position and switch (S201) is in Adj position.
TP215, TP216	Remote sense trim resistor test points (R221)	Used for easy installation of a fixed through-hole resistor across the Trim pot. Used only when Switch (S202) is in remote sense position and switch (S203) is in Adj position.
TP110	VDR	A 5.1V auxiliary supply with max loading of 2mA. If used this pin must have a series resistance such as R103 = 1k Ω with a decoupling cap of 0.1 μ F such as C124.
TP111	PWRGD	Power good indicator. During a regulator fault this pin is pulled internally to signal ground.
TP107	EN	Input to the regulator. If left floating or driven high (V _{EN_MAX} = 5.5V) regulator will be enabled.
TP109	SGND	Internal logic ground.
TP108	TRK	Soft-start and track input. An external capacitor may be connected between TRK pin and SGND to increase the rise time of the internal reference during soft-start.
TP207	COMP	Compensation pin. An internal 5k Ω is in series between this pin and the EAO pin. A default C201 = 4.7nF is used.
TP209	EAO	Error Amp output. External connection for additional compensation and current sharing.
TP208	EAIN_R	Error Amp Inverting Input separated with R222 = 10k Ω .
TP210	VSP	Non-inverting input to an independent differential amplifier.
TP211, TP212	Remote Sense input (+VRS, -VRS)	Non-isolated remote sense input. When selecting remote sense feedback connect to the regulation point at the load.

Schematic

Figure 3
PI352x Evaluation Board
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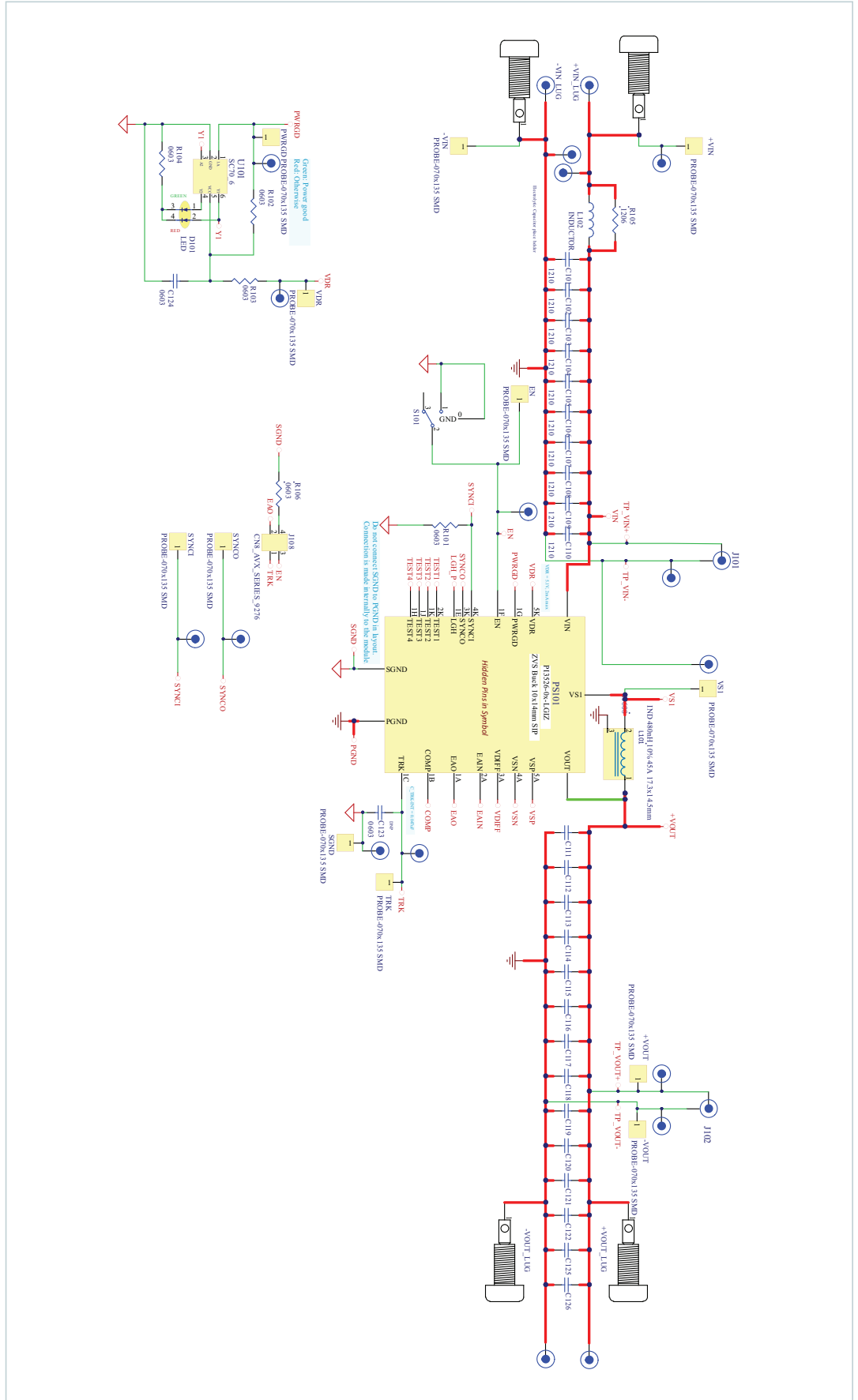


Figure 5
 PI352x Evaluation Board
 Assembly, Top Side

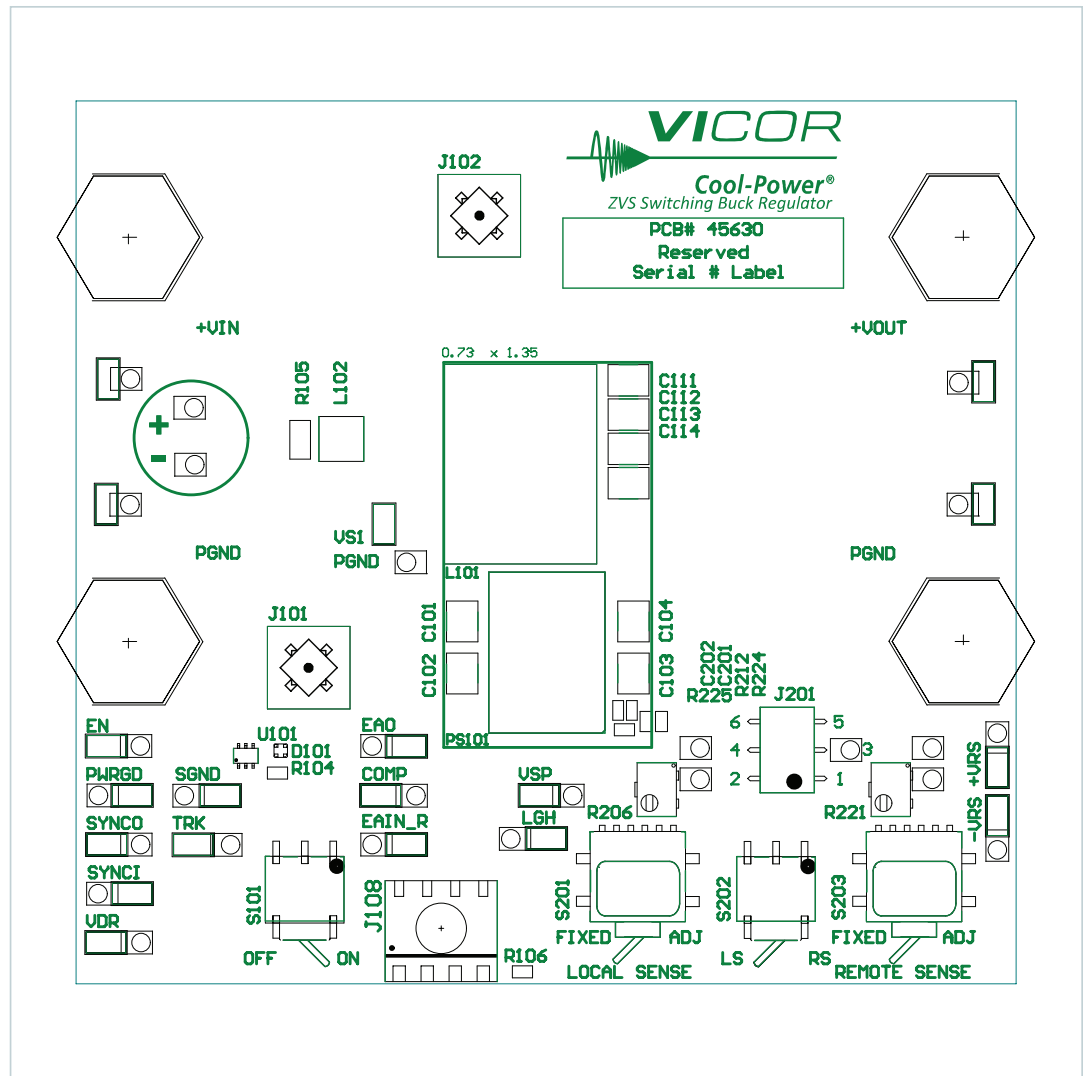
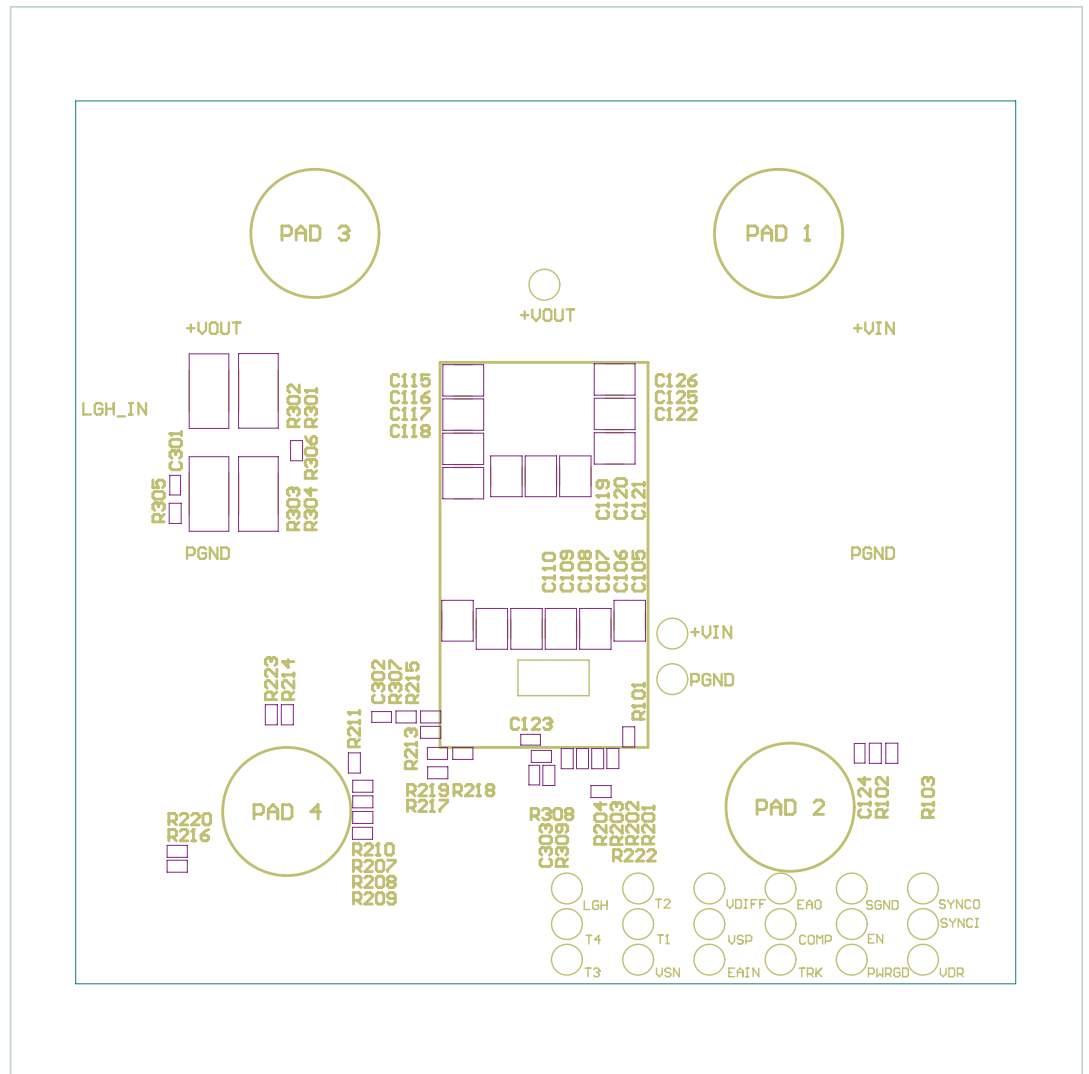


Figure 6
 PI352x Evaluation Board
 Assembly, Bottom Side



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Table 3
PI352x Common Components

Reference Designator	Description	QTY	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Part Number
C101-C110	CAP X7R 2.2μF 10% 100V 1210	10	Murata	GRM32ER72A225KA35L
C124	CAP X7R .1μF 10% 100V 0603	1	Murata	GRM188R72A104KA35J
C201	CAP X7R 4700pF 5% 100V 0603	1	TDK	C1608C0G2A472J080AC
CKIT	BOM CONN KIT ARRAY DEMO BD	1	Arnold Industries	26647
COMP, EAIN_R, EAO, EN, PWRGD, +VRS, -VRS, SGND, TRK, VDR, SYNCO, SYNCL, LGH, +VIN, PGND, +VOUT, PGND, VS1, VSP	TEST POINT, SURFACE MOUNT	19	Keystone Electronics	5017
J101, J102	JACK VERTICAL MECH THRU HOLE	2	Tektronix	131-5031-00
J108	CONN 4 POS WIRE TO BOARD SMD	1	AVX	009276004021106
J201	HEADER 6 PIN STRAIGHT SMT	1	FCI	95278-101A06LF
JMPR_1, JMPR_2, JMPR_3	JUMPER SOCKET 2POS 2.54mm WHANDLE	3	TE Connectivity	2-881545-2
L102	INDUCTOR WW 65nH 15% 19A 0404	1	Eaton	FP0404R1-R065-R
PAD_1, PAD_2, PAD_3, PAD_4	ADHESIVE-BACK BUMPER, 3/8"D x 7/32"H	4	McMaster-Carr	95495K57
R101, R106, R201, R202, R203, R204, R212, R222, R306	RES 0Ω JUMPER 1A 0603	9	KOA Speer	RK73Z1JTDD
R102	RES 10kΩ 1/10W 1% 0603	1	KOA Speer	RK73H1JTDD1002F
R103	RES 1kΩ 1/10W 1% 0603	1	KOA Speer	RK73H1JTDD1001F
R104	RES 2.4kΩ 1/10W 1% 0603	1	KOA Speer	RK73H1JTDD2401F
R105	RES 0.51Ω 1/4W 5% 1206	1	KOA Speer	SR732BTDDR51J
R206	RES TRIM POT 5kΩ 1/4W 10% SMD	1	Bourns	3224W-1-502E
R211, R214	RES 49.9Ω 1/16W 0.1% 0603	2	Susumu	RG1608P-49R9-B-T5
R223, R224	RES 100Ω 1/10W 1% 0603	2	KOA Speer	RK73H1JTDD1000F

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Reference Designator	Description	QTY	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Part Number
S101, S202	SW Horizontal SPDT 1 POS SMD	2	C&K	GT11MSABETR
S201, S203	SW TOGGLE DPDT G3T22AH SMD	2	NKK	G3T22AH
TP101, TP102, TP103, TP104, TP105, TP106, TP107, TP108, TP109, TP110, TP111, TP112, TP201, TP203, TP207, TP208, TP209, TP210, TP211, TP212, TP215, TP216	PIN RECPT .015/.025 DIA 0667 SER TH	22	Mill-Max	0667-0-57-15-30-27-1
U101	IC SCHMITT TRIGGER INVERTER DUAL SC70-6	1	Fairchild	NC7WZ14EP6X
C123, C202, C301, C302, C303, D101, J104, J105, J106, J107, LGH_IN, R212, R305, R307, R308, R309	NOT APPLIED	16		

Table 4

PI352x Design Specific Components

Reference Designator	Description	QTY	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Part Number
Evaluation board number: PI3525-00-EVAL1				
PCB	SNGLTD PCB PI3525-00-EVAL1	1	Vicor Power Component	45519
PS101	COOL-POWER NI BUCK REG 60V/5V 20A	1	Vicor Power Component	PI3525-00-LGIZ
L101	IND 230nH 10% 70A 22.2X8.2	1	Eaton	FP2207R1-R230-R
C111-C122	CAP X7R 47µF 10% 10V 1210	12	Murata	GRM32ER71A476KE15L
R207	RES 7.50Ω 1/10W 1% 0603	1	KOA Speer	RK73H1JTTD7R50F
R208	RES 1.18kΩ 1/10W 0.1% 0603	1	Panasonic	ERA3AEB1181V
R209	RES 449Ω 1/10W 0.1% 0603	1	KOA Speer	RN731JTTD4990B25
R210	RES 4.81kΩ 1/10W 0.1% 0603	1	Vishay	TNPW06034K81BEEA
R213, R219	RES 10.2kΩ 1/10W 0.1% 0603	2	Vishay	TNPW060310K2BEEA
R215, R218	RES 2.74kΩ 1/16W 0.1% 0603	2	Susumu	RG1608P-2741-B-T5
R216	RES 1.27kΩ 1/10W 0.1% 0603	1	Vishay	TNPW06031K27BEEA
R217	RES 453Ω 1/10W 0.1% 0603	1	Susumu	RG1608P-4530-B-T5
R220	RES 4.64kΩ 1/16W 0.1% 0603	1	Susumu	RG1608P-4641-B-T5
R221	RES TRIM POT 5kΩ 1/4W 10% SMD	1	Bourns	3224W-1-502E

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PI352x Design Specific
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Reference Designator	Description	QTY	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Part Number
Evaluation board number: PI3526-00-EVAL1				
PCB	SNGLTD PCB PI3526-00-EVAL1	1	Vicor Power Component	45630
PS101	COOL-POWER NI BUCK REG 60V/12V 18A	1	Vicor Power Component	PI3526-00-LGIZ
L101	IND 480nH 10% 45A 17.3x14.5mm	1	Eaton	HCV1707R1-R48-R
LGH	TEST POINT, SURFACE MOUNT	1	Keystone Electronics	5017
C111-C126	CAP X7R 10 μ F 10% 50V 1210	16	Murata	GRM32ER71H106KA12L
R207	RES 4.99 Ω 1/16W 0.1% 0603	1	TE	CPF0603B4R99E1
R208	RES 316 Ω 1/10W 0.1% 0603	1	Panasonic	ERA-3AEB3160V
R209	RES 324 Ω 1/10W 0.1% 0603	1	Panasonic	ERA-3AEB3240V
R210	RES 3.57k Ω 1/10W 0.1% 0603	1	Panasonic	ERA-3AEB3571V
R213, R219	RES 20k Ω 1/16W 0.1% 0603	2	Susumu	RG1608P-203-B-T5
R215, R218	RES 6.12k Ω 1/16W 0.1% 0603	2	Vishay	PAT0603E6121BST1
R216	RES 1.47k Ω 1/10W 1% 0603	1	Panasonic	ERA3AEB1471V
R217	RES 4.02k Ω 1/10W 0.1% 0603	1	Panasonic	ERA-3AEB4021V
R220	RES 2.49k Ω 1/16W 0.1% 0603	1	Susumu	RG1608P-2491-B-T5
R221	RES TRIP POT 10k Ω 1/4W 10% SMD	1	Bourns	3224W-1-103E

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Reference Designator	Description	QTY	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Part Number
Evaluation board number: PI3523-00-EVAL1				
PCB	SNGLTD PCB PI3523-00-EVAL1	1	Vicor Power Component	45519
PS101	COOL-POWER NI BUCK REG 60V/3.3V 22A	1	Vicor Power Component	PI3523-00-LGIZ
L101	IND 230nH 10% 70A 22.2x8.2mm	1	Eaton	FP2207R1-R230-R
C111-C122	CAP X6S 100µF 20% 6.3V 1210	12	Murata	GRM32EC80J107ME20L
R207	RES 7.50Ω 1/10W 1% 0603	1	KOA Speer	RK73H1JT7R50F
R208	RES 1.02kΩ 1/10W 1% 0603	1	Panasonic	ERJ-3EKF1021V
R209	RES 1.37kΩ 1/10W 1% 0603	1	KOA Speer	RK73H1JT7D1371F
R210	RES 2.4kΩ 1/10W 1% 0603	1	KOA Speer	RK73H1JT7D2401F
R213, R215, R218, R219	RES 18.7kΩ 1/10W 1% 0603	4	KOA Speer	RK73H1JT7D1872F
R216	RES 1.2kΩ 1/16W 0.1% 0603	1	Susumu	RG1608P-122-B-T5
R217	RES 2.8kΩ 1/10W 1% 0603	1	KOA Speer	RK73H1JT7D2801F
R220	RES 1.24kΩ 1/10W 1% 0603	1	KOA Speer	RK73H1JT7D1241F
R221	RES TRIP POT 5kΩ 1/4W 10% SMD	1	Bourns	3224W-1-502E

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