

Features

Evaluation Module

- Evaluation platform for RPX-4.0 buck regulator module
- Thermal design considerations included
- EMI class B filter
- Easy evaluation of output voltage selection, control, and sensing functions

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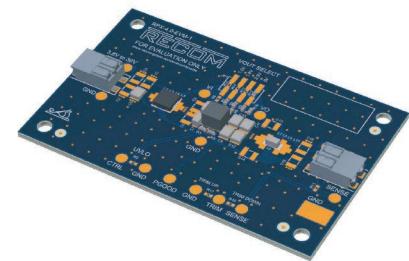
RPX-4.0-EVM-1

Description

The RPX-4.0-EVM-1 generates a constant output voltage selectable from 1.0VDC to 7VDC from a DC input in the range of 4 – 36VDC. It has a maximum continuous output current of 4.0A.

All the functions of the RPX-4.0 such as output voltage selection, control, power good, trim, and output sense can be readily evaluated. The behavior in overload or over-temperature can be evaluated easily before the module is designed in.

The evaluation board also contains the filter components to meet EMC class B levels. Alternate component positions are included to allow experimentation to optimize the EMC performance depending on operating conditions and budget.



Selection Guide

Part Number	Input Voltage Range [VDC]	Output Voltage ⁽¹⁾ [VDC]	Output Current max. [A]
RPX-4.0-EVM-1	4 - 36	1.0, 1.8, 3.3, 5	4.0

Notes:

Note1: refer to [SAFE OPERATING AREA](#) of RPX-4.0 datasheet

Quick Start Guide

1. Connect P₁ to power supply (observe correct polarity)
2. Connect P₂ to the load (no load operation is allowed. For 5V_{OUT}, please refer to safe operating area in the RPX-4.0 datasheet)
3. The evaluation module is preset to 5V_{OUT}.
The output voltage can be selected for values of 1.0VDC, 1.8VDC, 3.3VDC, and 5VDC by shorting a 0Ω resistor to the respective places as seen in the board silkscreen. Please refer to safe operating area in the [RPX-4.0](#) module datasheet.
4. UVLO (Undervoltage Lockout) circuitry implements internal UVLO on the V_{IN} pin. The device is disabled when the internal voltage is under 3.55VDC(typ.). When a higher UVLO threshold is required, assemble resistor R₂. Refer to the [RPX-4.0](#) module datasheet for R₂ values.
5. CTRL
The device is preset as normally on. It can be disabled by pulling the CTRL pin to GND. Short R₂ to disable the device.

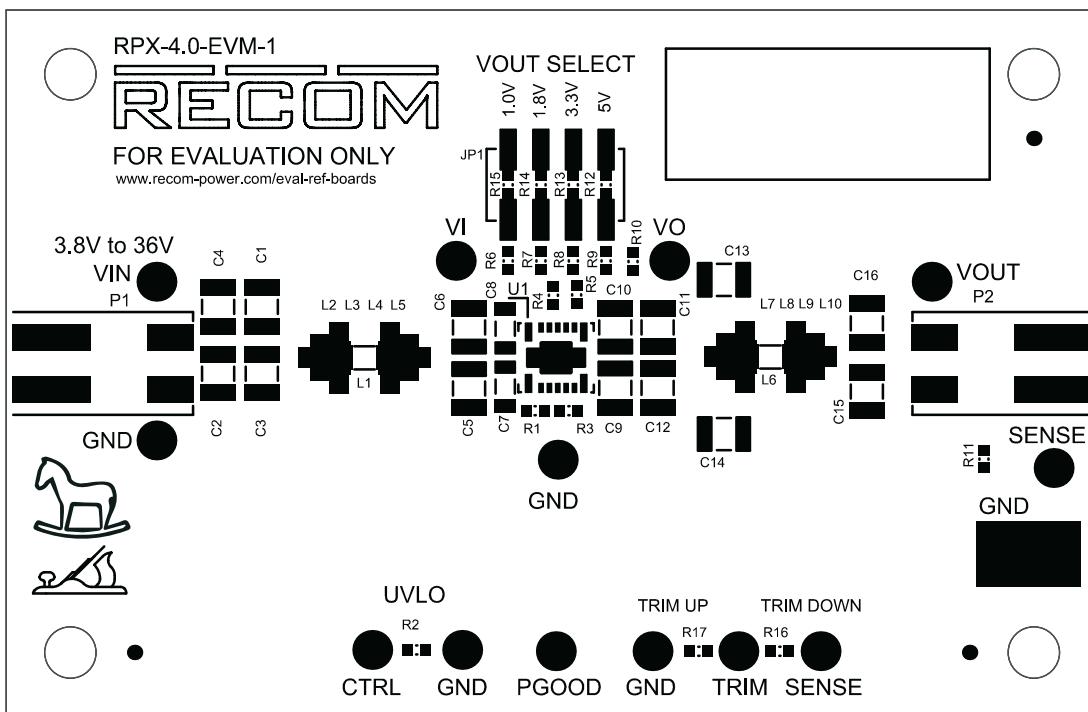


Caution:

ESD sensitive. Always follow ESD preventative procedures when handling the product!

Specifications (measured @ $T_a = 25^\circ\text{C}$, full load and after warm-up unless otherwise stated)

Component Placement



Connector Description

P1

Pin	Name	Description
1	VIN	Positive Input Voltage (observe correct polarity!)
2	GND	Common GND

P2

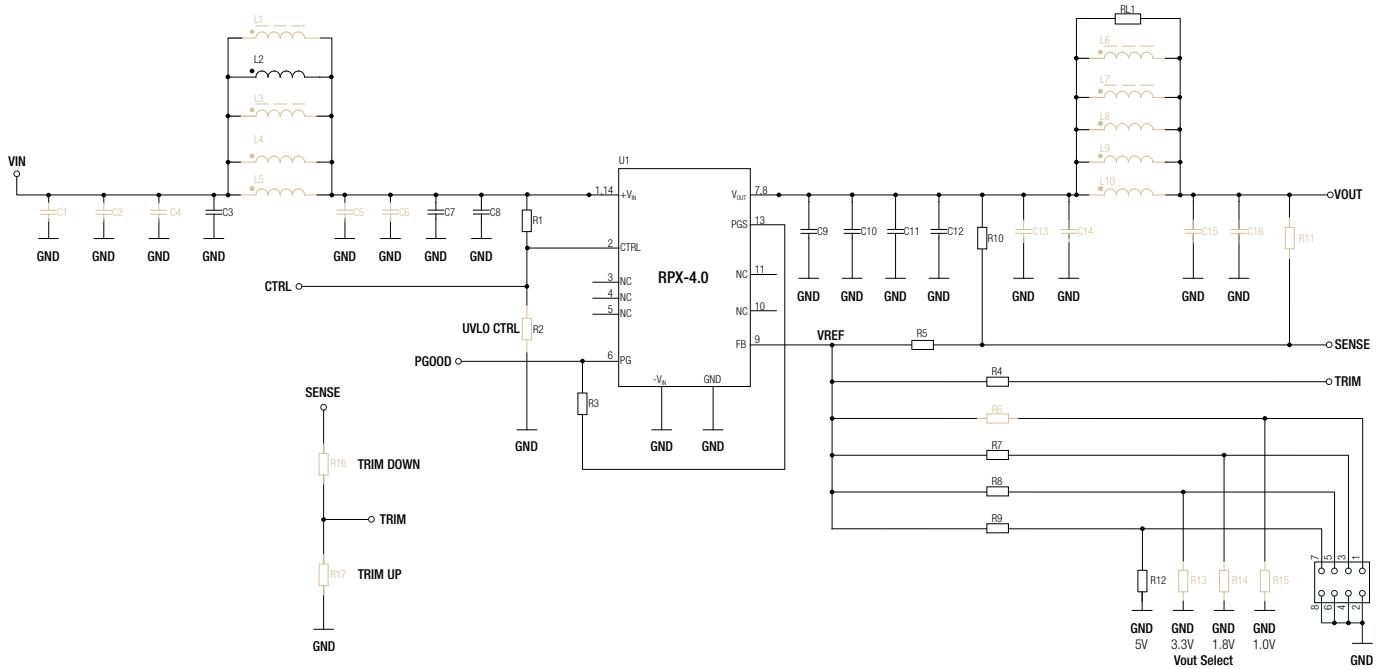
Pin	Name	Description
1	GND	Common GND
2	VOUT	Positive Output Voltage

Pads Direct Connection

Pin	Name	Description
1	VIN	Positive Input Voltage
2	GND	Negative Input Voltage (GND)
3	CTRL	CTRL Pad (leave open if not used) or UVLO setting
4	GND	Negative Input Voltage (GND)
5	PGOOD	Power Good Signal
6	GND	Negative Input Voltage (GND)
7	TRIM	TRIM Pad (leave open if not used)
8, 9	SENSE	Output Voltage Sense Pin (leave open if not used)
10	VOUT	Positive Output Voltage
11	GND	Negative Output Voltage (GND)

Specifications (measured @ $T_a = 25^\circ\text{C}$, full load and after warm-up unless otherwise stated)

Schematic



Notes:

Note2: Grey colored components are not mounted

Description

U₁: RPX-4.0 power module.

C₁, C₂, C₃, C₄, L₁, L₂, L₃, L₄, L₅, C₅, C₆, C₇, C₈: allow placement of various sized components to test input filter design. The populated filter is designed to meet EN55022 class B.

C₉, C₁₀, C₁₁, C₁₂, C₁₃, C₁₄, L₆, L₇, L₈, L₉, L₁₀, C₁₅, C₁₆, RL₂: allow placement of various sized components to test output filter design. The populated filter is designed to meet EN55022 class B.

R₁, R₂: configure CTRL and UVLO. R₁ is populated to enable the RPX-4.0. Short R₂ in order to disable the RPX-4.0 or populate R₂ in order to set UVLO threshold. Refer to "**UNDERVOLTAGE LOCKOUT**"

R₁₀: populated zero ohm resistor for direct output voltage measurement. If sense is desired at a different location, for example after the filter or directly at the load), unsolder R₁₀, and connect sense to the new measurement point.

R₁₁: sense point for output voltage after the filter. To set sense point here, remove R₁₀, and solder a zero ohm resistor at R₁₁.

V_{OUT} Selection: the output voltage can be selected with values of 1VDC, 1.8VDC, 3.3VDC, and 5VDC by shorting a zero ohm resistor to the respective places as seen in the board silkscreen. Instead of R₁₂-R₁₅ resistors, the JP₁ (SMT 2-row pin header) can be assembled and output voltage can be quickly set with jumper. Remove any resistor from positions R₁₂-R₁₅ before installing SMT header JP₁.

R₁₆, R₁₇: trim the output voltage. Refer to "**OUTPUT VOLTAGE TRIMMING**"

Specifications (measured @ $T_a = 25^\circ\text{C}$, full load and after warm-up unless otherwise stated)

OUTPUT VOLTAGE TRIMMING

The RPX-4.0-EVM-1 offers the feature of trimming the output voltage in range 1.0VDC to 7VDC by using external trim resistors. The recommended value of R_{FB1} is $10\text{k}\Omega$, so margin of trimming down is limited. The values for trim resistors are shown in trim tables below according to E96 values; therefore, the specified voltage may slightly vary. Refer to "**Selection Guide**" for applicable V_{OUT} range.



Calculation:

$V_{\text{out, nom}}$ = nominal output voltage [VDC]

$V_{\text{out, set}}$ = trimmed output voltage [VDC]

R_{up} = trim up resistor [$\text{k}\Omega$]

R_{down} = trim down resistor [$\text{k}\Omega$]

R_{FB1}, R_{FB2} = feedback resistors [$\text{k}\Omega$]

$$R_{\text{up}} = \frac{R_{FB1} + (V_{\text{out, nom}} - V_{\text{out, set}})}{(V_{\text{out, set}} - V_{\text{out, nom}})}$$

$$R_{\text{down}} = \frac{R_{FB1}^2 + R_{FB2} \times (R_{FB1} + 1) \times (V_{\text{out, set}} - V_{\text{out, nom}})}{R_{FB2} \times (V_{\text{out, nom}} - V_{\text{out, set}})}$$

$V_{\text{out, nom}}$	R_{FB1} [$\text{k}\Omega$]	R_{FB2} [$\text{k}\Omega$]
1.0VDC	10k	- (open)
1.8VDC	10k	12k4
3.3VDC	10k	4k32
5.0VDC	10k	2k49

Practical Example RPX-4.0, trim up:

$V_{\text{out, nom}} = 3.3\text{VDC}$, $V_{\text{out, set}} = 3.6\text{VDC}$

$$R_{\text{up}} = \frac{10 + (3.3 - 3.6)}{(3.6 - 3.3)} = \underline{32.3\text{k}\Omega}$$

R_{up} according to E96 $\approx \underline{32.4\text{k}\Omega}$

Practical Example RPX-4.0, trim down:

$V_{\text{out, nom}} = 3.3\text{VDC}$, $V_{\text{out, set}} = 3.1\text{VDC}$

$$R_{\text{down}} = \frac{10^2 + 4.32 \times (10 + 1) \times (3.1 - 3.3)}{4.32 \times (3.3 - 3.1)} = \underline{104.740\text{k}\Omega}$$

R_{down} according to E96 $\approx \underline{105\text{k}\Omega}$

$V_{\text{out, set}} = 1.8\text{VDC}$

Trim up

$V_{\text{out, set}}$	1.85	1.90	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.5	[VDC]
R_{up} (E96) \approx	200k	100k	48k7	32k4	19k1	13k3	[\mathbf{\Omega}]

Trim down

$V_{\text{out, set}}$	1.75	1.72	1.7	[VDC]
R_{down} (E96) \approx	150k	88k7	69k8	[\mathbf{\Omega}]

$V_{\text{out, set}} = 3.3\text{VDC}$

Trim up

$V_{\text{out, set}}$	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.8	4.0	4.2	[VDC]
R_{up} (E96) \approx	100k	48k7	32k4	19k1	13k3	10k	[\mathbf{\Omega}]

Trim down

$V_{\text{out, set}}$	3.2	3.1	3.0	[VDC]
R_{down} (E96) \approx	221k	105k	66k5	[\mathbf{\Omega}]

$V_{\text{out, set}} = 5\text{VDC}$

Trim up

$V_{\text{out, set}}$	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.5	6.0	6.5	7.0	[VDC]
R_{up} (E96) \approx	100k	48k	32k4	19k1	9k09	5k62	4k02	[\mathbf{\Omega}]

Trim down

$V_{\text{out, set}}$	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.5	[VDC]
R_{down} (E96) \approx	392k	191k	124k	69k8	[\mathbf{\Omega}]

UNDERVOLTAGE LOCKOUT

The RPX-4.0-EVM-1 offers the feature of setting UVLO threshold. The values for UVLO resistor value are shown in UVLO table below according to E96 values; therefore, the specified voltage may slightly vary.

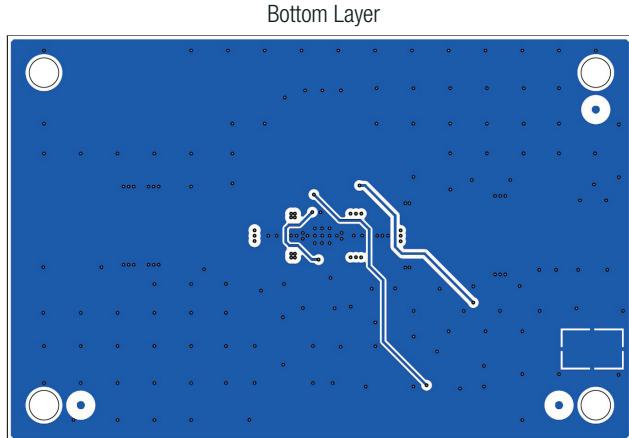
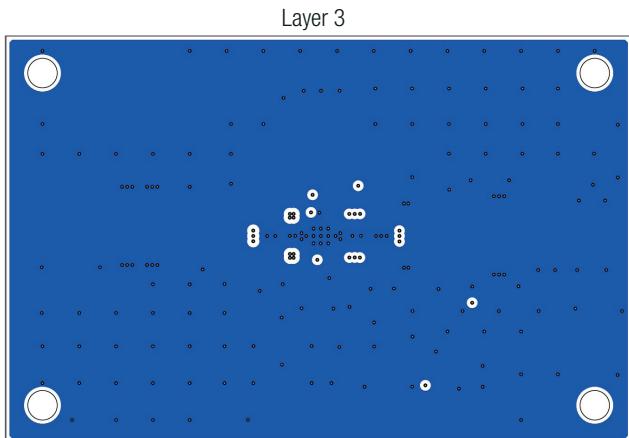
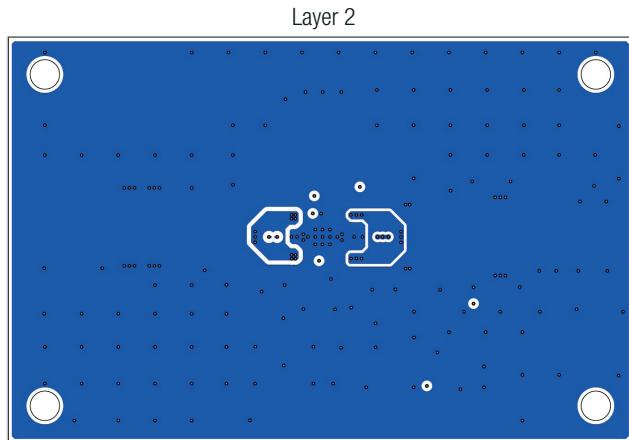
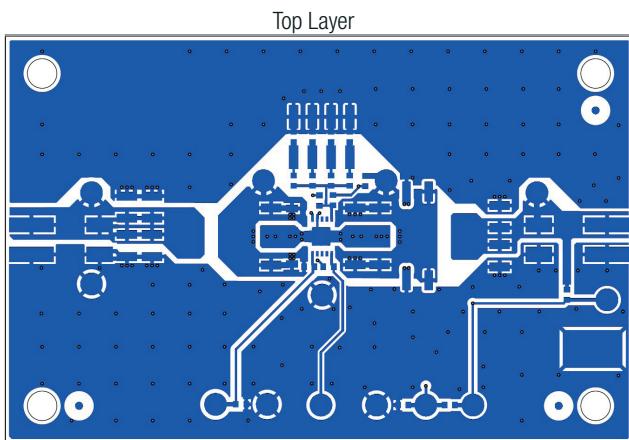
V_{IN} UVLO threshold	6.5	10	15	20	25	30	[VDC]
R_2 (E96) \approx	23k7	14k3	9k09	6k65	5k23	4k32	[\mathbf{\Omega}]

Specifications (measured @ $T_a = 25^\circ\text{C}$, full load and after warm-up unless otherwise stated)

DIMENSION AND PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Parameter	Type	Value
Dimension (LxWxH)		85.0 x 55.0 x 6.5mm
Weight		21g typ.

Layout



Notes:

Note3: Visit www.recom-power.com/eval-ref-boards to download the Gerber files

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Comp.	Description	Manufacturer Part Number	Manufacturer	Remarks
C1, C2, C4, C5, C6, C13, C14, C15, C16	CAP 1210			not mounted
C3, C7, C8	10uF 50V X7R 1206	CL32B106KBJNNNE	Samsung Electro-Mechanics	
C9, C10	47uF 10V X7R 1210	GRM32ER71A476KE15L	MURATA	
C11, C12	22uF 25V X7R 1210	CL32B226KAJNFNE	Samsung Electro-Mechanics	
L1, L3, L4, L5, L6, L7, L8, L9, L10	FERRITE BEAD			not mounted
L2	IND 2.2uH 5.8A 29mΩ 0530	0530CDMCCDS-2R2MC	SUMIDA	

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Specifications (measured @ Ta= 25°C, full load and after warm-up unless otherwise stated)

Comp.	Description	Manufacturer Part Number	Manufacturer	Remarks
P1, P2	CONNECTOR	2060-452_998-404	WAGO	
JP1	PIN HEADER			not mounted
R1, R3	100kΩ 0.1W 0603	RC0603FR-07100KL	YAGEO	
R2, R6, R11, R13, R14, R15, R16, R17	RES 0603			not mounted
R4	1kΩ 0.1W 0603	RC0603FR-071KL	YAGEO	
R5	10kΩ 0.1W 0603	RC0603FR-0710KL	YAGEO	
R7	12.4kΩ 0.1W 0603	RC0603FR-0712K4L	YAGEO	
R8	4.32kΩ 0.1W 0603	RC0603FR-074K32L	YAGEO	
R9	2.49kΩ 0.1W 0603	RC0603FR-072K49L	YAGEO	
R10, R12	0Ω 0.1W 0603	RC0603JR-070RL	YAGEO	
RL1	0Ω 0.25W 1206	CRCW12060000Z0EAC	VISHAY	
U1	RPX-4.0 MODULE	RPX-4.0	RECOM	

PACKAGING INFORMATION

Parameter	Type	Value
Packaging Dimension (LxWxH)		114.0 x 60.0 x 28.0mm
Packaging Quantity		1pc

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- RPX-4.0-EVM-1 Evaluation Module
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