EVM User's Guide: TCAN24XXEVM

# Evaluation Module with Buck Regulator Output, WAKE/ID, HSS, LIMP, and CAN Transceiver



# **Description**

The TCAN24XXEVM helps designers evaluate device performance, support fast development, and analyze automotive Controller Area Network (CAN) systems using the TCAN24xx-Q1 family of CAN system basis chips (SBCs), which include integrated 1A buck regulator output (3.3V or 5V), LDO regulator output (5V), WAKE/ID functionality, HSS, watchdog, and LIMP, along with optional partial networking and Signal Improvement Capable (SIC) capability.

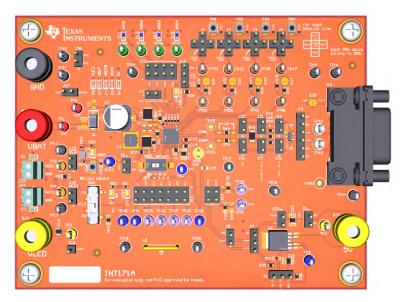
## **Features**

- Buck regulator interface with selectable 3.3V or 5V output capability.
- EMI filtration option for input VSUPB voltage supply.
- Onboard external 5V LDO supply for easy secondsupply evaluation.

- VCC output terminals for SBC power regulators.
- CAN FD physical layer with selectable termination and protection options.
- High-side switch interfaces and synchronization option.
- nRST button input and LIMP/LSS output.
- · Versatile WAKE/ID functionality and mapping.
- · Digital interface input/output connection.
- Multiple onboard connections and options for easy device configuration.
- Indicator LEDs for supplies, outputs, and logic signals.

# **Applications**

- · Body electronics and lighting
- · Car access and security
- · Hybrid, electric and powertrain systems
- · Industrial transportation



TCAN24XXEVM (Top View)

1 Evaluation Module Overview

# 1.1 Introduction

Evaluation Module Overview

This EVM user's guide describes the TCAN24XXEVM evaluation module (EVM). The previous image shows the TCAN24XXEVM including all populated components, without any shunts on the headers.

## 1.2 Kit Contents

This kit contains 1 unit of TCAN24XXEVM. By default, the EVM is populated with TCAN2451MRHBRQ1 at position U1.

## 2 Hardware

# 2.1 Additional Images

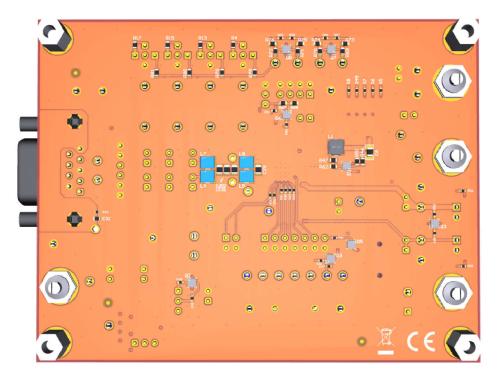


Figure 2-1. TCAN24XXEVM (Bottom View)

# 2.2 Power and Integrated Regulators

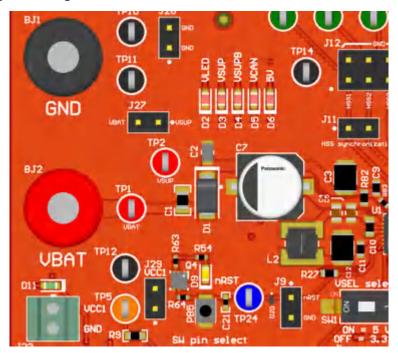


Figure 2-2. VBAT and GND Connections

VBAT is the external power supply for the board (typically 12V). VBAT can be connected to the DC Barrel Jack BJ2. After VBAT passes through a reverse-polarity protection diode, VBAT is called VSUP. The polarity protection diode can be bypassed by connection the input power directly to TP2.

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VSUP and VSUPB are separated by an EMI pi-filter. To bypass the EMI filter, install a zero-ohm resistor at position R82.

VHSS and VSUP are connected together on the EVM via a zero-ohm resistor at position R83 and can be separated by removing R83.

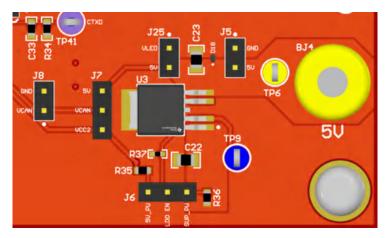


Figure 2-3. 5V LDO Regulator U3

VSUP supplies a 5V LDO that is a utility voltage for the board peripherals, such as LEDs, and can also supply VCAN. Using J6, this LDO can either be disabled or enabled. The enable signal source is easily selectable as either a pull-up to VCC2 or a pull-up to VSUP. The 5V rail is available on header J5. If the LDO is disabled, the 5V rail can be externally supplied via J5 or BJ4.

VCAN can be shunted to the 5V LDO or to VCC2 using J7.

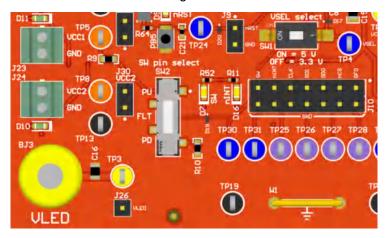


Figure 2-4. VCC1, VCC2, VLED, and VSEL

VSEL can be connected to ground by flipping the switch to the ON position. In the OFF position, the VSEL pin is floating, resulting in a 3.3V output from VCC1.

VCC1 integrated buck regulator output from TCAN24xx-Q1 is available on J23 or TP5. The VCC2 integrated LDO regulator output from TCAN24xx-Q1 is available on J24 or TP8.

Each power rail has an LED indicator that is sourced through the 5V LED input supply, which can be connected to BJ3 if not being sourced from BJ4 or U3 via the J25 header.

#### Note

Without VLED present, the onboard LED indicator circuits for high-voltage signals VSUP, VSUPB, HSS1, HSS2, HSS3, HSS4, and LIMP/LSS sink a small amount of current from the respective signals due to voltage divider circuits. To disconnect these circuits, remove the following resistors:



Table 2-1. LED Voltage Divider Resistors

Signal Rail	Resistor
VSUP	R46
VSUPB	R47
HSS1	R69
HSS2	R70
HSS3	R71
HSS4	R72
LIMP/LSS	R67

## **2.3 CAN FD**

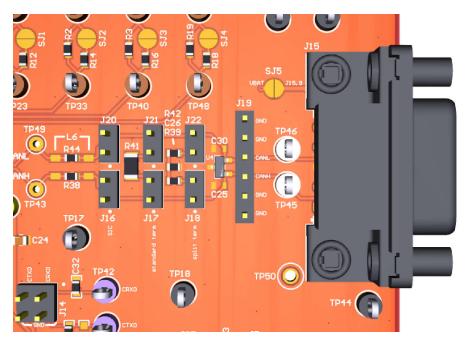


Figure 2-5. CAN FD Circuitry

The CAN FD transceiver has a configurable interface circuit consisting of optional features:

- Paired zero-ohm resistors that can be replaced with a common-mode choke.
- Single 120Ω termination or split termination. Use both for single-board operation bu placing shunts on headers J17, J18, J21, and J22.
- · Filter capacitors (not populated by default).
- ESD diode ESD2CAN24-Q1.
- · Monitor header (J19).
- DB9 wiring harness connector (J15).
- VSUP connection option through SB9 connector by closing solder joint SJ5.

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# 2.4 High-Side Switches

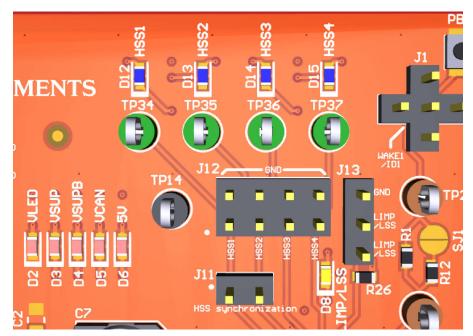


Figure 2-6. High-Side Switch Circuitry

The high-side switches are available on header J12. Each switch has an LED indicator.

HSS1 and HSS2 can be synchronized and configured to share a larger current load by placing a shunt on header J11. Some register configuration of the TCAN24xx-Q1 is required for load sharing. See the TCAN24xx-Q1 data sheet for additional information.

HSS4 output is also made available near the WAKE/ID pins to enable cyclic sensing wake for any of the wake pins.

## 2.5 nRST and LIMP/LSS

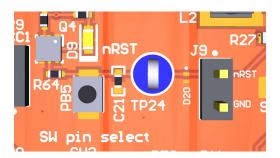


Figure 2-7. nRST Button and Connector

The nRST pin is a dual-use pin that functions as an input pin for an external reset signal or as a VCC1 monitor output to indicate under-voltage and reset events. An external signal can be applied through header J9 or by pressing pushbutton PB5.

An LED indicator lights up during reset events.

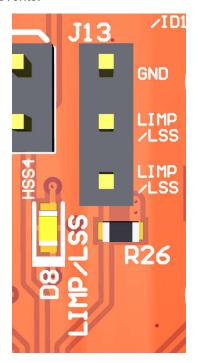


Figure 2-8. LIMP/LSS

The LIMP/LSS output is available on header J13 and pulled-up to VSUP via a  $10k\Omega$  resistor on the board. An LED indicator lights up to indicate LIMP activation or to show LSS output.

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## 2.6 WAKE/ID Function

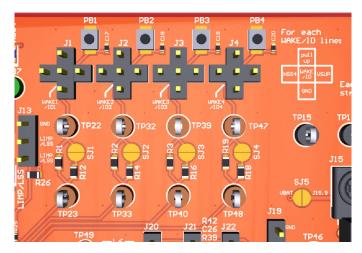


Figure 2-9. WAKE, ID Circuits and Connections

Each WAKE/ID input circuit is shown above. Each pin can be configured either as a WAKE pin or as an ID pin on the board. When using a pin as a static WAKE pin, keep the solder joints SJx open and connect the WAKEx/IDx pin to JxA (pull-up to VSUP). The pushbuttons PB1-PB4 can be used to provide a strong pull-down to GND, creating a local wake signal on the respective lines.

To use cyclic sensing wake, connect the respective pin to HSS4\_OUT by connecting the WAKEx/IDx pin to JxB.

To use as an ID pin, first enable the ID function via SPI register configuration as outlined in the TCAN24xx-Q1 data sheet. Then, short the respective solder joint SJx to get a series resistance of  $510\Omega$  between the IC pin and the external pin. Then, you can connect the pin to GND, connect the pin to VSUP, or leave the pin floating.

# 2.7 Digital Interface

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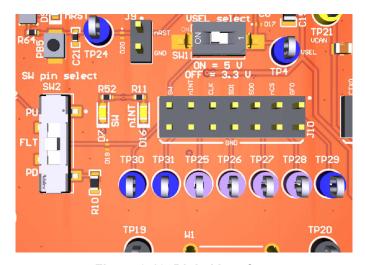


Figure 2-10. Digital Interface

The digital signals are available on header J10 and an external microcontroller or USB2SPI software must be used to communicate with the device via SPI. The software development (SW) pin can be configured to active-high or active-low. The pin can be pulled high, pulled low, or left floating by using switch SW2.

By default, the SW pin is active-high. TI recommends to pull the SW pin high when beginning to work with the EVM to prevent watchdog errors from causing the device to repeatedly enter *Restart Mode*.

The nINT and GFO pins are also available on header J10.

## 2.8 Header Information

There are multiple headers on the TCAN24XXEVM which allow for easy control of device functions and access to the inputs and outputs.

## 2.8.1 WAKE/ID Headers

There are four headers dedicated to controlling the biasing of the WAKE/ID pins on the TCAN24xx-Q1. These headers are arranged in a *plus* formation, allowing for the center pin (WAKEx/IDx) to be biased in different ways:

- Pull-up to VSUP via a 3.0kΩ resistor (using pin pull up)
- Pulled to HSS4 via a 3.0kΩ resistor (using pin HSS4)
- Strongly tied to VSUP (using pin VSUP)
- Strongly tied to GND (using pin GND)
- Floating

## **CAUTION**

Do not use pushbuttons PB1/PB2/PB3/PB4 if the respective WAKE/ID line is connected strongly to VSUP using the *VSUP* connection mentioned above. This can create a low-impedance path between VSUP and GND.

Table 2-2. WAKEx/IDx Headers

Header	Function
J1 (J1A / J1B / J1C)	Biasing control for WAKE1/ID1.
J2 (J2A / J2B / J2C)	Biasing control for WAKE2/ID2.
J3 (J3A / J3B / J3C)	Biasing control for WAKE3/ID3.
J4 (J4A / J4B / J4C)	Biasing control for WAKE4/ID4.

## 2.8.2 Other Control Headers

Other headers on the EVM can be used to easily control specific functions of the TCAN24xx-Q1 or to interface with the outputs.

Table 2-3. Control Headers

Header	Function
J6	Enables the 5V LDO (U3). Use a shunt to pull the EN pin to either VSUP or VCC2 via a $10k\Omega$ resistor.
J7	VCAN supply selector. Use a shunt to connect the VCAN rail to either VCC2 or the 5V output from the LDO (U3).
J11	Apply a shunt on this header to synchronize HSS1 and HSS2.
J16/J20	Apply a shunt on these headers to connect a subcircuit that allows for simulated bus loading.
J17/J21	Apply a shunt on these headers to connect a $120\Omega$ standard termination resistor to the bus (R41).
J18/J22	Apply a shunt on these headers to connect split termination to the bus using two $60\Omega$ resistors (R39/R42) and a 4.7nF capacitor (C26).
J25	Apply a shunt to connect the VLED and 5V rails, which allows the onboard LEDs to be powered using the 5V LDO (U3).
SJ5	Close this solder jumper to allow VBAT to be connected to pin 5 of the DB9 CAN connector (J15).

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# 2.9 Push Buttons

There are five buttons on the EVM which allow for triggering different functions.

# **Table 2-4. Push Button Functions**

Button	Function
	Trigger a GND pulse on WAKE1/ID1. Do not press if J1 is connected in VSUP configuration.
	Trigger a GND pulse on WAKE2/ID2. Do not press if J2 is connected in VSUP configuration.
	Trigger a GND pulse on WAKE3/ID3. Do not press if J3 is connected in "VSUP configuration.
	Trigger a GND pulse on WAKE4/ID4. Do not press if J4 is connected in VSUP configuration.
PB5	Trigger a GND pulse on nRST.

# 2.10 Switches

There are two switches on the EVM which allow for selection of device settings.

## **Table 2-5. Switch Functions**

Switch	Function
SW1	VSEL selector.
	• ON: VCC1 = 5V
	• OFF: VCC1 = 3.3V
SW2	SW pin selector.
	PU: SW pin pulled to VCC1 via a 1kΩ resistor.
	FLT: SW pin floating
	PD: SW pin pulled to GND via a 1kΩ resistor.

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The PCB layout and bill of materials (BOM) will be available at RTM.

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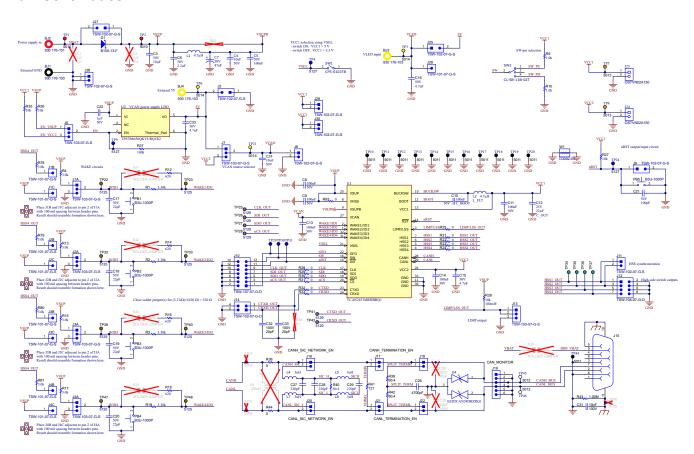


Figure 3-1. TCAN24XXEVM Schematic (Page 1)



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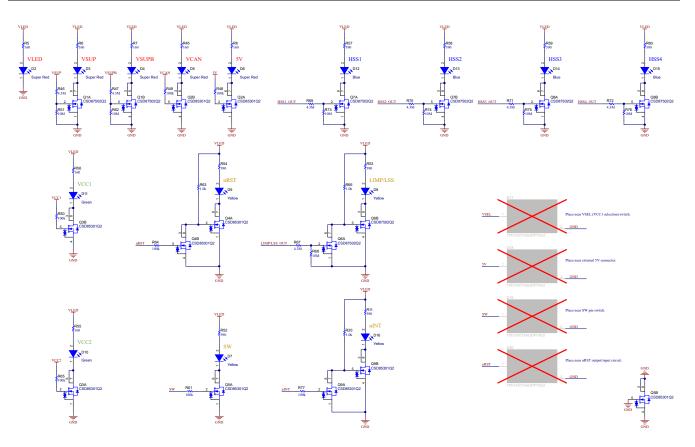


Figure 3-2. TCAN24XXEVM Schematic (Page 2)



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# **5 References**

See the device data sheet: TCAN245x-Q1 Automotive Signal Improvement Capable CAN FD System Basis Chip (SBC) with Integrated Buck Regulator and Watchdog

# **6 Revision History**

NOTE: Page numbers for previous revisions may differ from page numbers in the current version.

Changes from April 30, 2024 to December 31, 2025 (from Revision \* (April 2024) to Revision A (December 2025))

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Changed part number from TCAN2451RHBRQ1 to TCAN2451MRHBRQ1 in Kit Contents section......2

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