

Evaluation Board User Guide

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Evaluation Board for ADF4360-0 Integrated PLL and VCO Frequency Synthesizer

FEATURES

Self-contained board for generating RF frequencies Flexibility for reference input, PFD frequency, and loop bandwidth

Accompanying software allows complete control of synthesizer functions from a PC USB/battery-operated 9 V supplies Typical phase noise performance of –140 dBc/Hz at 3 MHz offset Typical spurious performance of –75 dBc at 200 kHz offset (2.5 GHz output)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The EV-ADF4360-0EB1Z evaluation board is designed to allow the user to evaluate the performance of the ADF4360-0 frequency synthesizer consisting of an integrated PLL and VCO (see Figure 1). It contains the ADF4360-0BCPZ, a USB connector, and SMA connectors for the RF outputs. Unpopulated SMA footprints are available for the power supplies, the chip enable (CE), and the external reference input. The evaluation board also contains the loop filter to complete the PLL. It can be modified as necessary for the PLL requirements of the user. A USB cable is included with the board to allow software programmability.

The package also contains a CD with Windows® software to allow quick, user-friendly programming of the synthesizer. The CD contains additional PLL data sheets, technical notes, articles, and ADIsimPLL™ V3.4 (Analog Devices, Inc., PLL simulation software). More information is available at www.analog.com/pll.

EVALUATION BOARD PHOTOGRAPH



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EVALUATION BOARD HARDWARE

The evaluation board comes with a cable to connect it to the USB port of a PC. The silkscreen and cable diagram for the evaluation board are shown in Figure 2. The board schematics are shown in Figure 9 through Figure 11.

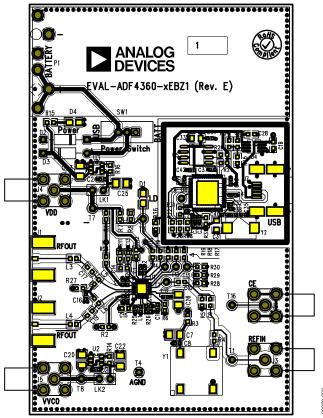


Figure 2. Evaluation Board Silkscreen—Top View

The board is powered from a single 9 V battery, or from the USB supply, by changing the position of Switch SW1. All components necessary for LO generation are catered for on-board. A 10 MHz TCXO from Fox Electronics provides the necessary reference input. Otherwise, an external reference signal can be connected via J3. The PLL comprises the ADF4360-0BCPZ and a passive loop filter. The VCO output from RFoutA is available through the standard SMA Connector J1 and the complementary RFoutB VCO output is available from J2.

Users may provide their own power supplies using the J4 and J5 connectors, as shown in Figure 2. Hardware power-down using the CE pin can be controlled by inserting an SMA connector into J6 and removing R12.

The on-board filter is a third-order, passive, low-pass filter. The filter contains three capacitors (C13, C14, and C15) plus two resistors (R10 and R11). The footprint for R10 is located on the underside of the board. The design parameters for the loop filter are for a center frequency of 2500 MHz, a PFD frequency of 200 kHz, and a low-pass filter bandwidth of 10 kHz. To design a filter for different frequency setups, use the ADIsimPLL simulation software.

RF OUTPUT STAGES

The output stage of the board contains a tuned load for the particular frequency of operation. The particular network inserted in the board is optimized for 2500 MHz operation. This consists of a 4.7 nH shunt inductor, a 10 pF series capacitor, and a 0 Ω resistor. If in doubt, use a 50 Ω resistor instead of the shunt inductor, a 100 pF bypass capacitor, and a series 0 Ω resistor. It is important that the same components be placed on the RF $_{\rm OUT}A$ and RF $_{\rm OUT}B$ lines. In addition, it is essential that both outputs be terminated with 50 Ω loads. Otherwise, the output power is not optimum, and in some cases, the part may malfunction.

EVALUATION BOARD SOFTWARE QUICK START PROCEDURES

The control software and USB drivers for the EV-ADF4360-0EB1Z accompany the EV-ADF4360-0EB1Z on a CD. To install the software, use the following steps:

- 1. Open ADF4360_Setup.msi.
- 2. The install wizard guides you through the installation process. The software and USB drivers will be installed in the default directory called C:\Program Files\Analog Devices\ADF4360.

The software requires Microsoft's .NET Framework Version 2.0 or later to be installed on your machine. The installer automatically downloads the framework from the Microsoft website if you do not have this installed. If you do not have an Internet connection or have a slow connection on the PC, then you can install the .NET framework directly from the CD. Do this by double-clicking **dotnetfx.exe**. Once installed, run the **ADF4360_Setup.msi** again.

WINDOWS XP OS

Once you have installed the software, install the USB drivers. To do so, use the following steps:

- 1. Plug in a USB cable to the USB connector on the evaluation board. The **Found New Hardware** box appears. See Figure 3.
- 2. Choose Install from a list or specified location (Advanced).



Figure 3. New Hardware Wizard

- 3. Browse to **C:\Program Files\Analog Devices\ADF4360** or the location where you installed the ADF4360 software.
- Click Continue Anyway when asked about Windows Logo testing.
- If the install was successful, the message box in Figure 4 appears.



Figure 4. Successful Install

WINDOWS VISTA OS AND WINDOWS 7 (32-BIT) OS

For Windows Vista or Windows 7 (32-bit), you need to manually install the drivers. To do so, use the following steps:

 Find the new unknown device (the evaluation board) in Device Manager and double-click it to open the properties. The device should be Unknown device, under Other devices (see Figure 5).

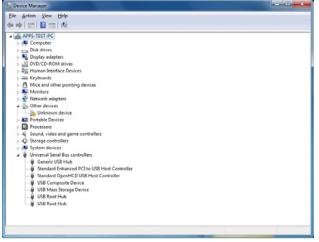


Figure 5. Device Manager

2. Click **Update Driver** in the properties window (see Figure 6).

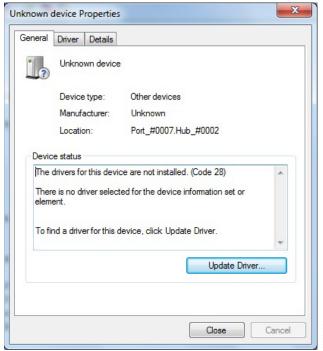


Figure 6. Unknown Device Properties

- 3. On the **Update Driver Software** dialog box, choose **Browse my computer for driver software**.
- 4. Browse to C:\Program Files\Analog Devices\ADF4360.
- 5. Click **OK** or **Next**.
- 6. If prompted by Windows Security, choose **Install this** driver software anyway.
- 7. If the install was successful, the message box in Figure 7 appears.

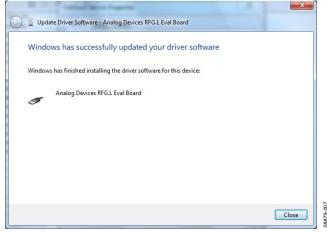


Figure 7. Successful Install

WINDOWS 7 64-BIT OS

If you are using Windows 7 64-bit OS, it is recommended to download Windows XP Mode (a Windows XP emulator) from Microsoft to run the evaluation board software.

Windows XP Mode allows the device driver package to digitally sign allowing you to use Windows 7 64-bit OS in native mode.

USING THE EVALUATION BOARD SOFTWARE

The control software for the EV-ADF4360-xEB1Z accompanies the EV-ADF4360-xEB1Z on a CD. To install the software, see the Evaluation Board Software Quick Start Procedures section.

To run the software, click the **ADF4360.exe** file on the desktop or in the **Start** menu.

The main interface window appears (see Figure 8). Confirm that **Analog Devices RFG.L Eval Board connected** is displayed at the top of the window. Otherwise, the software has no connection to the evaluation board.

The evaluation board can be connected and disconnected while the software is running. Note that when connecting the board, it takes about 5 seconds for the status label to change.

Under the **File** menu, the current settings can be saved to, and loaded from, a text file.

Use the **REF IN Frequency** text box to set the correct reference frequency and the reference frequency divider. The reference TCXO on the evaluation board runs at 10 MHz.

The **Settings** section controls the charge pump current setting, the output power setting, and the multiplexer output setting.

Use the **Frequency Settings** section to control the output frequency. The user can input the desired output frequency in the **RF Output Frequency** text box (in megahertz).

In the **Registers** tab, the user can manually input the desired value to be written to the registers.

In the **Sweeps and hop** tab, the user can make the device sweep a range of frequencies, or hop between two set frequencies.

In the **Latches to write** section, at the bottom of the window, the values to be written to each register are displayed. If the background on the text box is green, then the value displayed is different to the value actually on the device. Click **Write** x **Latch** to write that value to the device.

The F2, F3, and F4 keys switch between the three tabs.

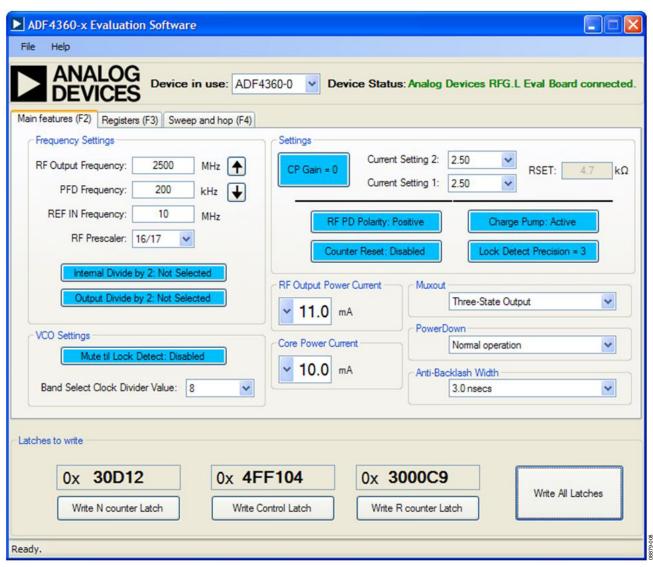


Figure 8. Software Front Panel Display

EVALUATION BOARD SCHEMATIC

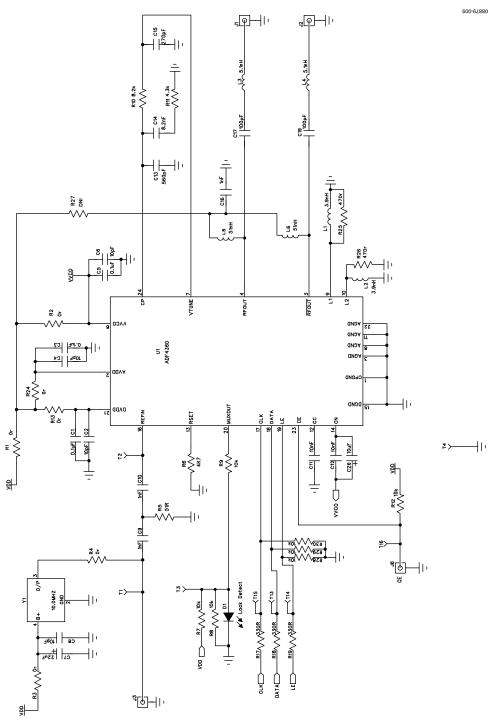


Figure 9. EV-ADF4360-0EB1Z Schematic

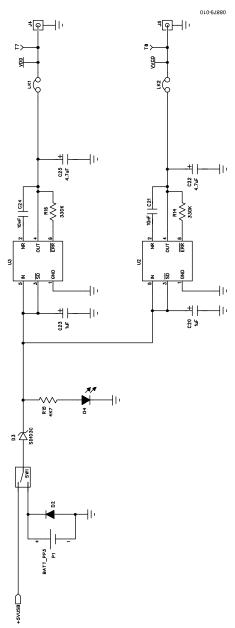


Figure 10. EV-ADF4360-0EB1Z Schematic (Continued)

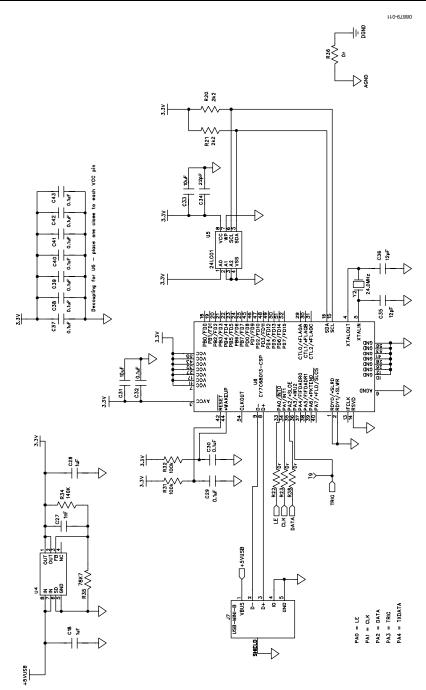


Figure 11. EV-ADF4360-0EB1Z Schematic (Continued)

ORDERING INFORMATION

BILL OF MATERIALS

Table 1

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Reference Designator	Part Description	Manufacturer/Part No.		
C1, C3, C5, C29, C30, C32, C37, C38, C39, C40, C41, C42, C43	Capacitor, 0402, 0.1 μF, 16 V	Kemet C0402C104K4RAC		
C2, C4, C6, C8	Capacitor, 0402, 10 pF, 50 V	Kemet C0402C100J5GACTU		
C7	Capacitor, Case A, 22 μF, 6.3 V	AVX TAJA226K006R		
C9, C10, C27	Capacitor, 0603, 1 nF, 50 V	AVX 06035A102JAT2A		
C11, C12, C21, C24	Capacitor, 0402, 10 nF, 16 V	Yageo (Phycomp) CC0402ZRY5V7BB103		
C13	Capacitor, loop filter, 0603, 470 pF, 50 V	Phycomp 2238 586 15618		
C14	Capacitor, loop filter, 0603, 6.8 nF, 50 V	Phycomp 2238 586 15634		
C15	Capacitor, loop filter, 0603, 220 pF, 50 V	Phycomp 2238 586 15614		
C16	Multilayer ceramic capacitor, 50 V, X7R, 1 nF, ±10%, 0402	Murata GRM155R71H102KA01D		
C17, C19	Capacitor, 0603, 10 pF, 50 V	AVX 06035A100JAT2A		
C18, C28	Capacitor, 0603, 1 μF, 25 V	Taiyo Yuden TMK107BJ105KA-T		
C20, C23	Capacitor, Case A, 1 μF, 16 V	AVX TAJA105K016R		
C22, C25	Capacitor, Case A, 4.7 μF, 10 V	AVX TPSA475K010R1400		
C26	Capacitor, Case A, 10 μF, 6.3 V	Kemet T491A106M016AT		
C31, C33	Capacitor, 0805, 10 μF, 6.3 V	Murata GRM21BR71A106KE51L		
C34	Capacitor, 0402, 22 pF, 50 V NPO	Kemet C0402C220J5GACTU		
C35, C36	Capacitor, 0402, 12 pF, 50 V	Kemet C0402C120J5GACTU		
D1	LED, SMD red	Avago HSMS-C170		
D2	Diode, 1 A, 50 V	Multicomp 1N4001		
D3	Schottky diode, 20 V	Micro Commercial Components, Inc., SD103C-TP		
D4	LED, SMD red	Avago HSMS-C170		
J1, J2	Jack SMA end launch tab	Johnson Components 142-0701-851		
J3 to J6	Jack SMA end launch tab (not inserted)			
J7	USB mini-B	Molex 56579-0576		
L1, L2	Ceramic chip inductor, 0402 (not inserted)			
L3, L4	0 Ω, 0603, resistors	Multicomp MC 0.063W 0603 0R		
L5, L6	Ceramic chip inductor, 4.7 nH, 5%, 0603	Coilcraft 0603CS-4N7X_LU		
LK1, LK2	Header, 1-row, 2-way and jumper socket black	Harwin Plc M20-9990245 and Harwin Plc M7567-05		
P1	Battery clip, PCB mounting	Keystone Electronics Corp. 593+594		
R1 to R4, R13, R22 to R24, R27, R36, R38	Resistor, 0603, 0 Ω	Multicomp MC 0.063W 0603 0R		
R5	Resistor, 0603, 51 Ω	Multicomp MC 0.063W 0603 1% 51R		
R6, R15	Resistor, 0603, 4.7 kΩ	Multicomp MC 0.063W 0603 1% 4K7		
R7, R8, R12, R28, R29, R30	Resistor, 0603, 10 kΩ	Multicomp MC 0.063W 0603 1% 10K		
R9	Resistor, 0603, 100 Ω	Multicomp MC 0.063W 0603 1% 100R		
R10	Resistor, loop filter, 0805, 13 k Ω	Multicomp MC 0.1W 0805 1% 13K		
R11	Resistor, loop filter, 0805, 6.8 k Ω	Multicomp MC 0.1W 0805 1% 6K8		
R14, R16	Resistor, 0603, 330 kΩ	Multicomp MC 0.063W 0603 1% 330K		
R17 to R19	Resistor, 0603, 330 Ω	Multicomp MC 0.063W 0603 1% 330R		
R20, R21	Resistor, 0603, 2.2 kΩ	Multicomp MC 0.063W 0603 1% 2K2		
R25, R26	Resistor, 0603, 470 Ω	Multicomp MC 0.063W 0603 1% 470R		
R31, R32	Resistor, 0603, 100 kΩ	Multicomp MC 0.063W 0603 1% 100K		
R34	Resistor, 0603, 140 kΩ	Multicomp MC 0.063W 0603 1% 140K		
R35	Resistor, 0603, 78.7 kΩ	Multicomp MC 0.063W 0603 1% 78K7		

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Reference Designator	Part Description	Manufacturer/Part No.
SW1	Switch, PCB SPDT	APEM TL36P0050
T1 to T8, T13 to T16	Terminal, PCB, red, PK100	Vero Technologies, Ltd. 20-313137
T9 to T12	Test point (not inserted)	
U1	Integrated integer-N synthesizer	Analog Devices, ADF4360-0BCPZ
U2	High accuracy low dropout linear 5 V regulator	Analog Devices, ADP3300ARTZ-3
U3	High accuracy low dropout linear 3 V regulator	Analog Devices, ADP3300ARTZ-3
U4	ADP3334 Adjustable LDO regulator	Analog Devices, ADP3334ARMZ
U5	IC Serial EEPROM 8-SOIC	Microchip 24LC64-ISN
U6	USB Microcontroller	Cypress CY7C68013A-56LFXC
Y1	10 MHz TCXO (FOX801)	Fox Electronics FOX801-BELF



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ESD (electrostatic discharge) sensitive device. Charged devices and circuit boards can discharge without detection. Although this product features patented or proprietary protection circuitry, damage may occur on devices subjected to high energy ESD. Therefore, proper ESD precautions should be taken to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.

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