



MAX6971 Evaluation Kit

General Description

The MAX6971 evaluation kit (EV kit) provides a proven design to evaluate the MAX6971 16-port, constant-current LED driver. The EV kit also includes Windows 2000/XP/Vista®-compatible software that provides a simple graphical user interface (GUI) for exercising the features of the MAX6971.

The MAX6971 EV kit printed-circuit board (PCB) comes with a MAX6971AUG+ installed.

Features

- ◆ Windows 2000/XP/Vista (32-Bit)-Compatible Software
- ◆ USB-PC Connection (Cable Included)
- ◆ USB Powered
- ◆ Optional External LED Supply Voltage
- ◆ Lead-Free and RoHS-Compliant
- ◆ Serial-Interface Terminals
- ◆ Proven PCB Layout
- ◆ Fully Assembled and Tested

Ordering Information

PART	TYPE
MAX6971EVKIT+	EV Kit

+Denotes lead-free and RoHS-compliant.

Component List

DESIGNATION	QTY	DESCRIPTION
C1, C12, C14	3	10 μ F \pm 10%, 16V X5R ceramic capacitors (0805) KEMET C0805C106K4PACTU
C2, C3	2	22pF \pm 5%, 50V C0G ceramic capacitors (0603) Murata GRM1885C1H220J
C4	1	0.033 μ F \pm 10%, 16V X5R ceramic capacitor (0603) Taiyo Yuden EMK107BJ333KA
C5–C10, C17, C18–C23	13	0.1 μ F \pm 10%, 16V X7R ceramic capacitors (0603) TDK C1608X7R1C104K
C11, C13	2	1 μ F \pm 10%, 16V X5R ceramic capacitors (0603) TDK C1608X5R1C105K
C15, C16	2	10pF \pm 5%, 50V C0G ceramic capacitors (0603) Murata GRM1885C1H100J
C24	1	1 μ F \pm 20%, 50V X5R ceramic capacitor (0805) AVX 080550105MAT2A
D1–D13	13	Red LEDs (0603)
D14–D21	8	RGB LEDs (3.2mm x 3.6mm) Lumex SML-LX3632SISUGSBC
H1	0	Not installed, dual-row (2 x 5) 10-pin header

DESIGNATION	QTY	DESCRIPTION
JU1–JU23	23	3-pin headers
L1	1	Ferrite bead (0603) TDK MMZ1608R301A
P1	1	USB series B right-angle PC-mount receptacle
R1, R2	2	27 Ω \pm 5% resistors (0603)
R3	1	1.5k Ω \pm 5% resistor (0603)
R4	1	470 Ω \pm 5% resistor (0603)
R5	1	2.2k Ω \pm 5% resistor (0603)
R6	1	10k Ω \pm 5% resistor (0603)
R7	1	169k Ω \pm 1% resistor (0603)
R8	1	100k Ω \pm 1% resistor (0603)
R9–R13	0	Not installed, resistors—short (PC trace) (0402)
R14	1	4.53k Ω \pm 1% resistor (0603)
U1	1	Maxim 16-port LED driver MAX6971AUG+ (24-pin TSSOP)
U2	1	Maxim microcontroller MAXQ2000-RAX+ (68-pin QFN-EP* 10mm x 10mm)
U3	1	Maxim LDO regulator MAX8511EXK25+ (5-pin SC70) (Top Mark: ADV)

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DESIGNATION	QTY	DESCRIPTION
U4	1	Maxim adjustable output LDO regulator MAX8512EXK+ (5-pin SC70) (Top Mark: ADW)
U5	1	UART-to-USB converter (32-pin TQFP-L, 7mm x 7mm) FTDI FT232BL
U6	1	93C46 type 3-wire EEPROM (8-pin SO) Atmel AT93C46A-10SU-2.7

*EP = Exposed paddle.

DESIGNATION	QTY	DESCRIPTION
U7	1	Maxim level translator MAX3377EEUD+ (14-pin TSSOP)
U8	1	Maxim level translator MAX3370EXK+ (5-pin SC70)
Y1	1	16MHz crystal (HCM49)
Y2	1	6MHz crystal (HCM49)
—	23	Shunts
—	1	USB high-speed A-to-B cables, 6ft
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Component Suppliers

SUPPLIER	PHONE	WEBSITE
AVX Corp.	843-946-0238	www.avxcorp.com
KEMET Corp.	864-963-6300	www.kemet.com
Murata Mfg. Co., Ltd.	770-436-1300	www.murata.com
TDK Corp.	847-803-6100	www.component.tdk.com

Note: Indicate that you are using the MAX6971 when contacting these component suppliers.

MAX6971 EV Kit Files

FILE	DESCRIPTION
INSTALL.EXE	Installs the EV kit files on your computer
MAX6971.EXE	Application program
FTD2XX.INF	USB device driver file
UNINST.INI	Uninstalls the EV kit software
USB_Driver_Help.PDF	USB driver installation help file

Quick Start

Required Equipment

Before beginning, the following equipment is needed:

- MAX6971 EV kit (USB cable included)
- A user-supplied Windows 2000/XP/Vista-compatible PC with a spare USB port

Note: In the following sections, software-related items are identified by bolding. Text in **bold** refers to items directly from the EV kit software. Text in **bold and underlined** refers to items from the Windows operating system.

Procedure

The MAX6971 EV kit is fully assembled and tested. Follow the steps below to verify board operation:

- 1) Visit www.maxim-ic.com/evkitsoftware to download the latest version of the EV kit software, 6971Rxx.ZIP. Save the EV kit software to a temporary folder and uncompress the ZIP file.
- 2) Install the EV kit software on your computer by running the INSTALL.EXE program inside the temporary folder. The program files are copied and icons are created in the Windows **Start | Programs** menu.
- 3) Verify that all jumpers (JU1–JU23) are in their default positions, as shown in Table 1.
- 4) Connect the USB cable from the PC to the EV kit board. A **Building Driver Database** window pops up in addition to a **New Hardware Found** message when installing the USB driver for the first time. If you do not see a window that is similar to the one described above after 30s, remove the USB cable from the board and reconnect it. Administrator privileges are required to install the USB device driver on Windows 2000/XP/Vista.

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- 5) Follow the directions of the **Add New Hardware Wizard** to install the USB device driver. Choose the **Search for the best driver for your device** option. Specify the location of the device driver to be **C:\Program Files\MAX6971** (default installation directory) using the **Browse** button. During device driver installation, Windows may show a warning message indicating that the device driver Maxim uses does not contain a digital signature. This is not an error condition and it is safe to proceed with installation. Refer to the USB_Driver_Help.PDF document for additional information.
- 6) Start the EV kit software by opening its icon in the **Start | Programs** menu. The EV kit software main window should appear as shown in Figure 1.
- 7) Wait for the EV kit to fully connect and click on the **DEMO** button. Verify that all the LEDs turn on, one by one, starting from **LED0** to **LED12** in the software and the EV kit.

Detailed Description of Software

The main window of the evaluation software (Figure 1) displays the state of each LED on the EV kit. Click the **LED0-LED12** icons located in the main window to turn

the LEDs on and off. A clear LED represents off and a red LED represents on. Other options include a **DEMO** and **CLEAR** button.

Demo Button

Clicking the **DEMO** button will always clear any previous ON state of the LEDs before going into its sequence. The LEDs will turn on, one by one, starting from **LED0** to **LED12**. At the end of the sequence, all LEDs will be on. If the **Continuous Demo** checkbox is checked before the **DEMO** button is pressed, the demo sequence will repeat continuously. During this routine, both **DEMO** and **CLEAR** buttons are disabled. To stop the demo, uncheck the **Continuous Demo** checkbox and the **DEMO** and **CLEAR** buttons will be enabled.

Clear Button

Clicking the **CLEAR** button will turn off all of the LEDs. When in demo mode, allow the sequence to finish before clicking the **CLEAR** button. If the **Continuous Demo** checkbox is checked and the **DEMO** button is pressed, the **CLEAR** button will be disabled. To enable the **CLEAR** button, uncheck the **Continuous Demo** checkbox.

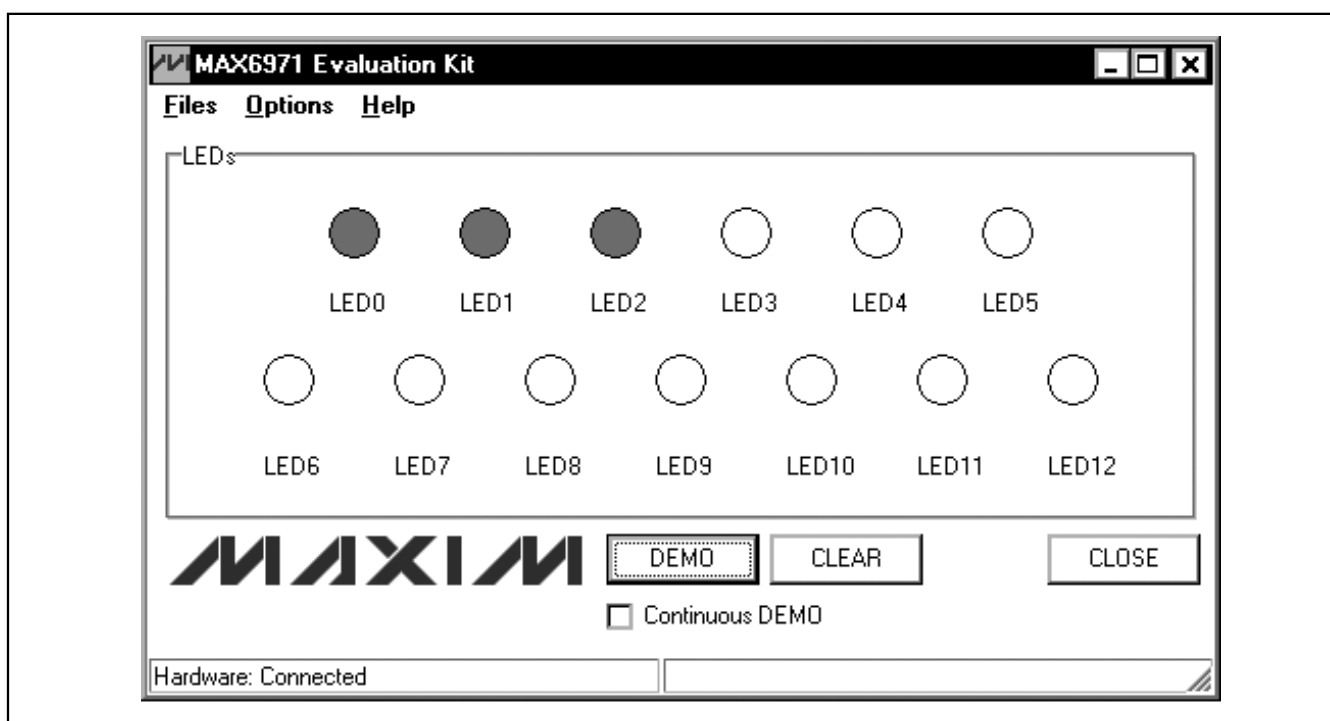


Figure 1. MAX6971 EV Kit Software Main Window

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Options

RGB Option

Move the shunt of JU23 to the 2-3 position and apply a 36V power supply at the VLED pad. Next, reconfigure the shunt of JU19, JU20, and JU21 to the 1-2 position. Restart the program and click **Options | RGB Option** from the main window. The **RGB Option** window (Figure 2) displays the state of the RGB LEDs. The red LEDs are connected to PORT13, the green LEDs are connected to PORT14, and the blue LEDs are connected to PORT15. If an LED icon is selected, that entire row will change states. A clear LED icon represents off and a colored icon represents on.

RGB DEMO Button

Clicking the **RGB DEMO** button will always clear any previous state of the LEDs before going into its sequence. The LEDs will blink the following sequence of LED: (red), (green), (blue), (red, green), (green, blue), (red, blue), and (red, green, blue). At the end of the sequence, all LEDs in PORT13, PORT14, and PORT15 should be on. If the **Continuous RGB Demo** checkbox is checked before the **RGB DEMO** button is pressed, the demo sequence will repeat continuously. During this routine, the **RGB DEMO** and **CLEAR** buttons are disabled. To stop the demo, uncheck the **Continuous RGB Demo** checkbox and the **RGB DEMO** and **CLEAR** buttons will be enabled.

CLEAR Button

Clicking the **CLEAR** button will turn off all the LEDs. When in demo mode, allow the sequence to finish before clicking the **CLEAR** button. If the **Continuous**

RGB Demo checkbox is checked and the **RGB DEMO** button is pressed, the **CLEAR** button will be disabled. To enable the **CLEAR** button, uncheck the **Continuous RGB Demo** checkbox.

Advanced Users Interface

In Figure 3, a serial interface can be used by advanced users when clicking **Options | Interface (Advanced Users)**. Enter data into the **Data bytes to be written** edit box and press the **Send Now** button.

Detailed Description of Hardware

The MAX6971 EV kit provides a proven layout for the MAX6971. On-board level translators, serial-interface pads, and an easy-to-use USB-PC connection are included in the EV kit.

User-Supplied Serial Interface

To use the MAX6971 EV kit with a user-supplied serial interface, first move the shunts of jumpers JU1–JU5 and JU22 to the 2-3 position. Next, apply a 3.3V to 5V power supply at the VCC pad (see the *User-Supplied Power Supply* section). Lastly, connect user-supplied LE, SCLK, DIN, DOUT, and \overline{OE} signals to the corresponding pads on the MAX6971 EV kit board.

User-Supplied Power Supply

The MAX6971 EV kit is powered completely from the USB port by default. Move the shunt of jumper JU22 to the 2-3 position and apply a 3.3V to 5V power supply at the VCC pad. The user can also apply a supply voltage up to 36V to the VLED pad after reconfiguring the JU23 to the 2-3 position.

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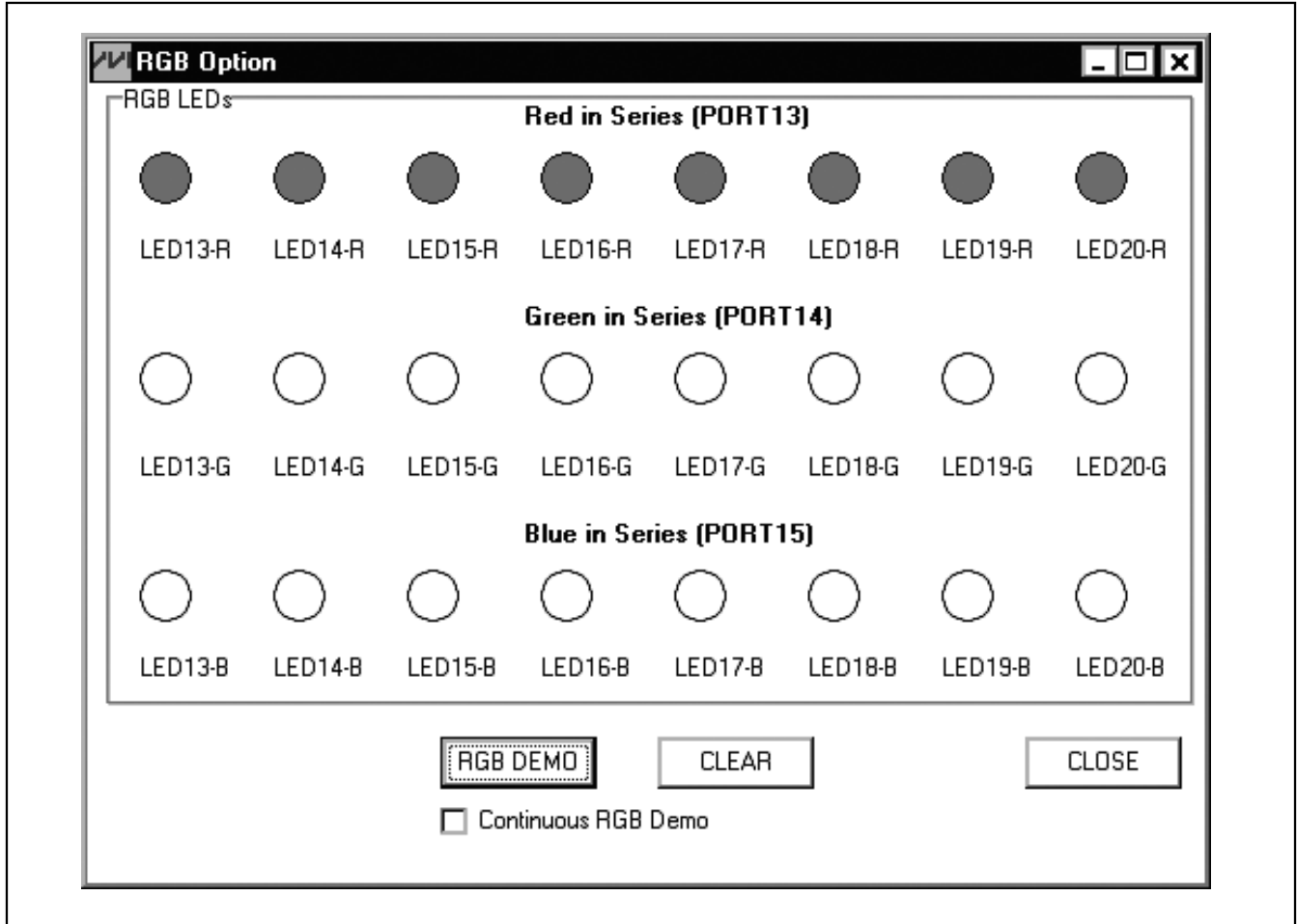


Figure 2. MAX6971 EV Kit Software RGB Option

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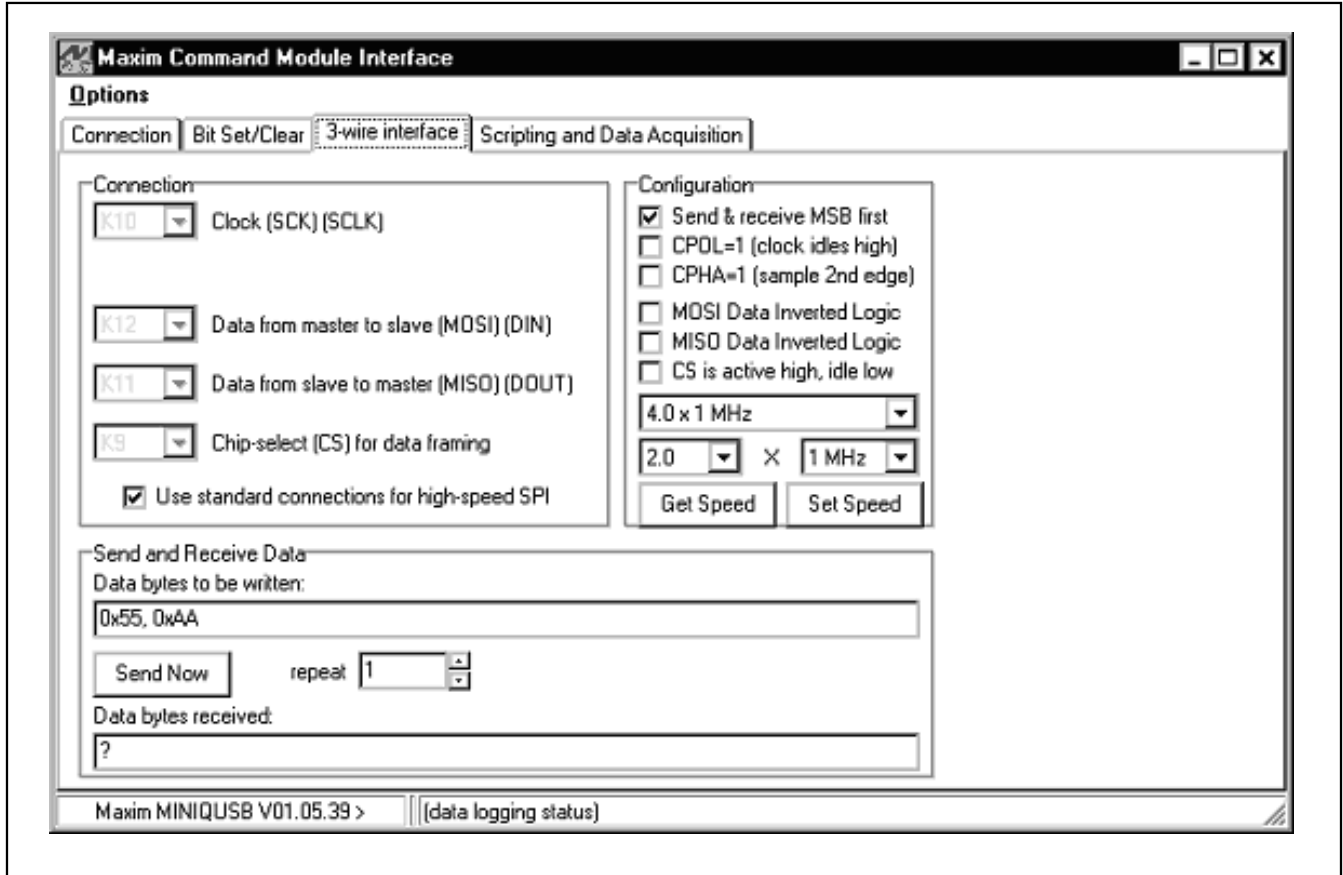


Figure 3. MAX6971 EV Kit Software Advanced Users Interface

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Table 1. MAX6971 EV Kit Jumper Descriptions (JU1–JU15)

JUMPER	SHUNT POSITION	DESCRIPTION
JU1	1-2*	MAX6971 DIN signal connected to on-board microcontroller
	2-3	Connect user-supplied DIN signal to the on-board DIN pad
JU2	1-2*	MAX6971 SCLK signal connected to on-board microcontroller
	2-3	Connect user-supplied SCLK signal to the on-board SCLK pad
JU3	1-2*	MAX6971 LE signal connected to on-board microcontroller
	2-3	Connect user-supplied LE signal to the on-board LE pad
JU4	1-2*	MAX6971 DOUT signal connected to on-board microcontroller
	2-3	Connect user-supplied DOUT signal to the on-board DOUT pad
JU5	1-2*	MAX6971 \overline{OE} signal connected to on-board microcontroller
	2-3	Connect user-supplied \overline{OE} signal to the on-board \overline{OE} pad
JU6	1-2*	Connect to on-board LED0 (D1)
	2-3	Connect user-supplied LED(s) to PORT0
JU7	1-2*	Connect to on-board LED1 (D2)
	2-3	Connect user-supplied LED(s) to PORT1
JU8	1-2*	Connect to on-board LED2 (D3)
	2-3	Connect user-supplied LED(s) to PORT2
JU9	1-2*	Connect to on-board LED3 (D4)
	2-3	Connect user-supplied LED(s) to PORT3
JU10	1-2*	Connect to on-board LED4 (D5)
	2-3	Connect user-supplied LED(s) to PORT4
JU11	1-2*	Connect to on-board LED5 (D6)
	2-3	Connect user-supplied LED(s) to PORT5
JU12	1-2*	Connect to on-board LED6 (D7)
	2-3	Connect user-supplied LED(s) to PORT6
JU13	1-2*	Connect to on-board LED7 (D8)
	2-3	Connect user-supplied LED(s) to PORT7
JU14	1-2*	Connect to on-board LED8 (D9)
	2-3	Connect user-supplied LED(s) to PORT8
JU15	1-2*	Connect to on-board LED9 (D10)
	2-3	Connect to user-supplied LED(s) to PORT9
JU16	1-2*	Connect to on-board LED10 (D11)
	2-3	Connect user-supplied LED(s) to PORT10
JU17	1-2*	Connect to on-board LED11 (D12)
	2-3	Connect user-supplied LED(s) to PORT11
JU18	1-2*	Connect to on-board LED12 (D13)
	2-3	Connect user-supplied LED(s) to PORT12
JU19	1-2	Connect to on-board red LEDs of PORT13
	2-3*	Connect user-supplied LED(s) to PORT13
JU20	1-2	Connect to on-board green LEDs of PORT14
	2-3*	Connect user-supplied LED(s) to PORT14
JU21	1-2	Connect to on-board blue LEDs of PORT15
	2-3*	Connect user-supplied LED(s) to PORT15
JU22	1-2*	Connect to on-board 5V
	2-3	Connect user-supplied 3.3V to 5V
JU23	1-2*	Connect to V+
	2-3	Connect to user-supplied VLED

*Default position.

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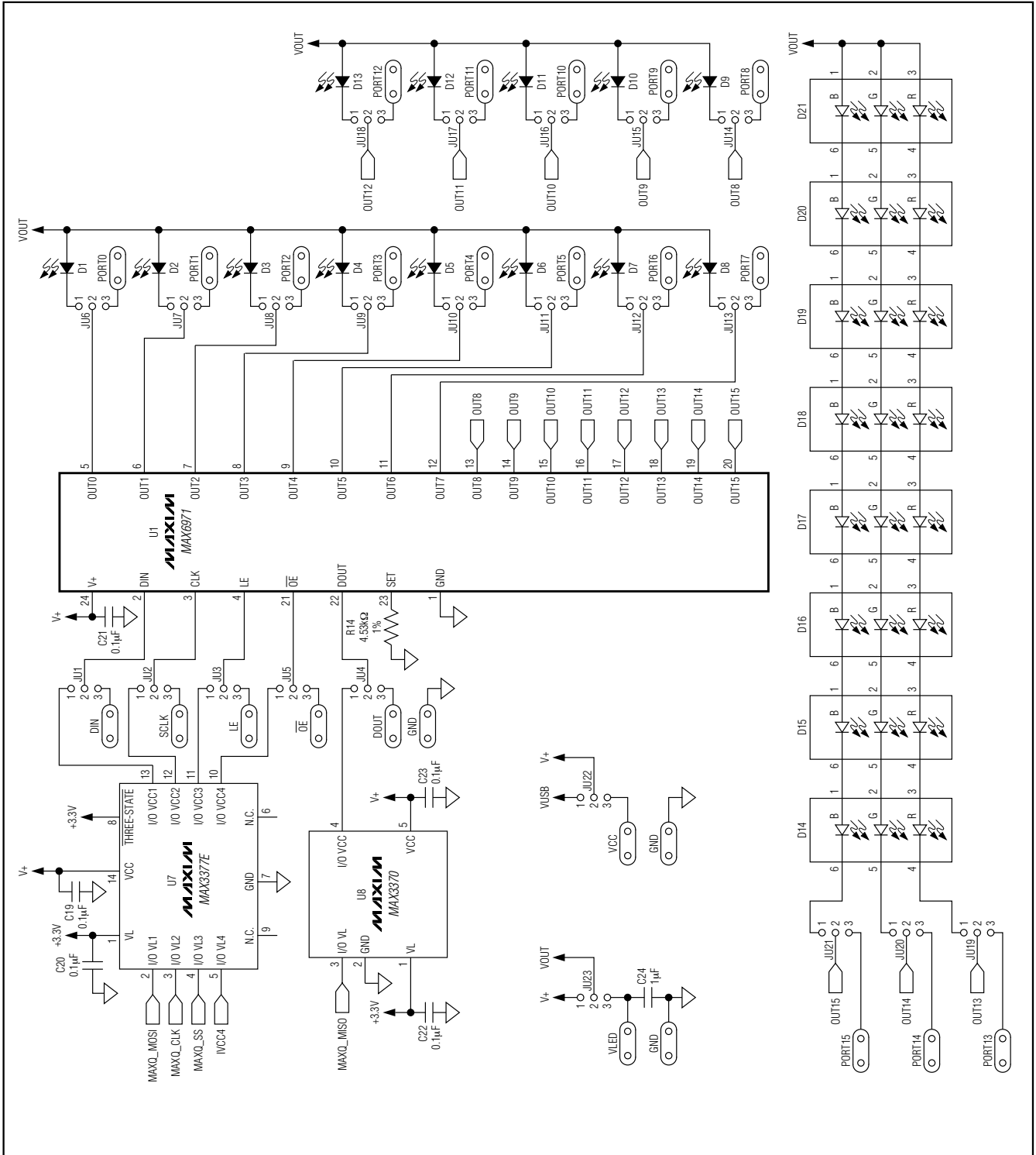


Figure 4a. MAX6971 EV Kit Schematic (Sheet 1 of 2)

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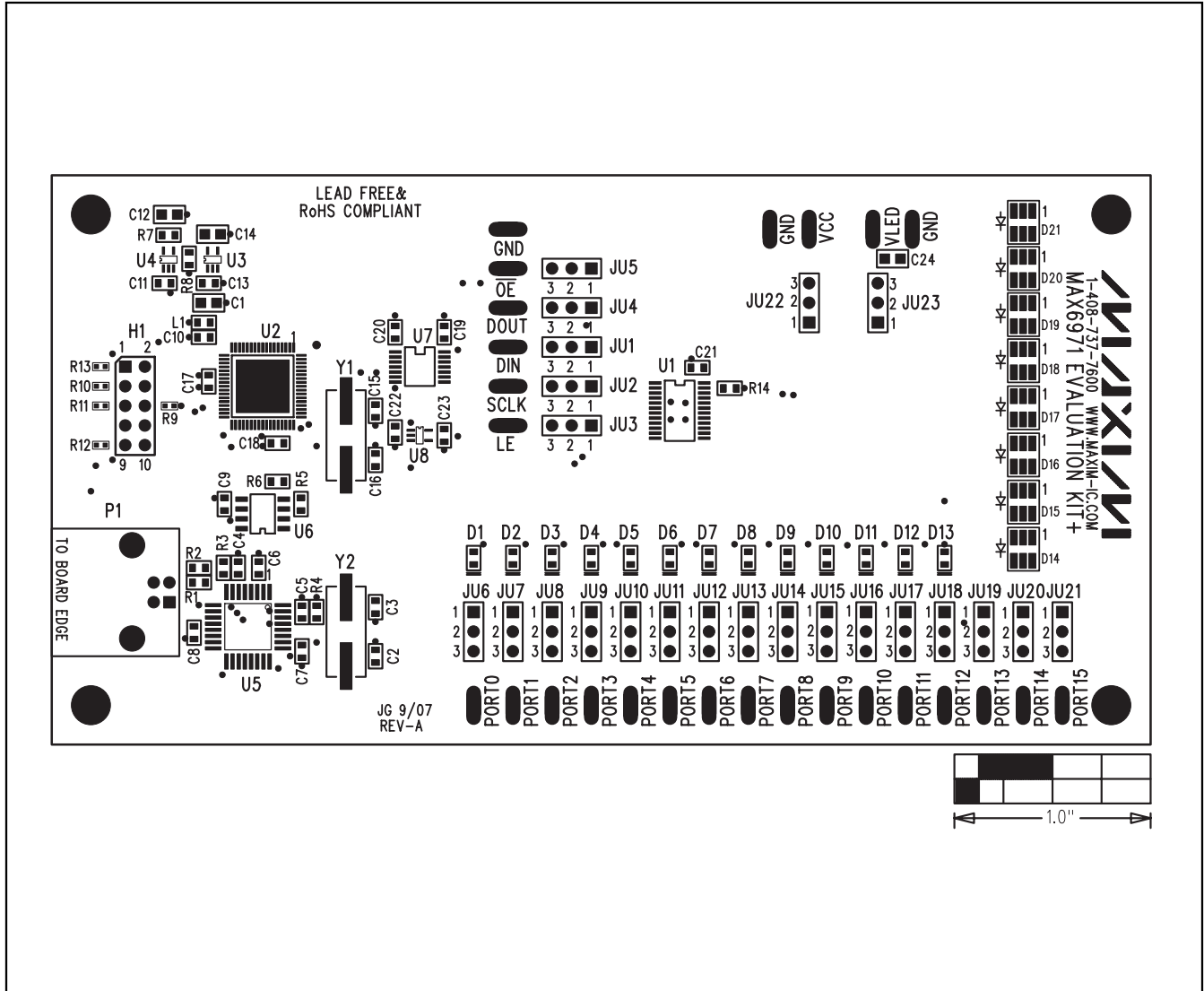


Figure 5. MAX6971 EV Kit Component Placement Guide—Component Side

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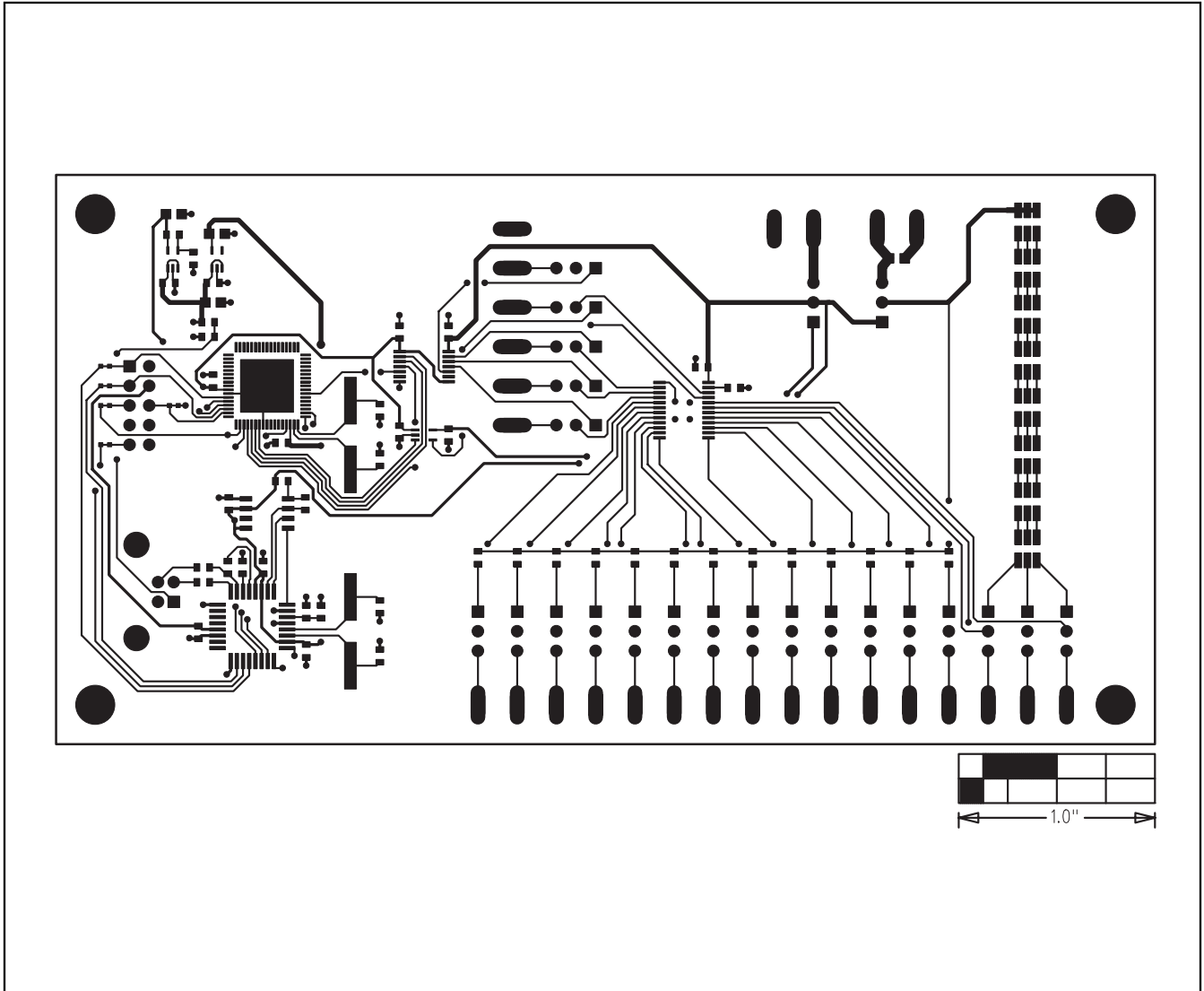


Figure 6. MAX6971 EV Kit PCB Layout—Component Side

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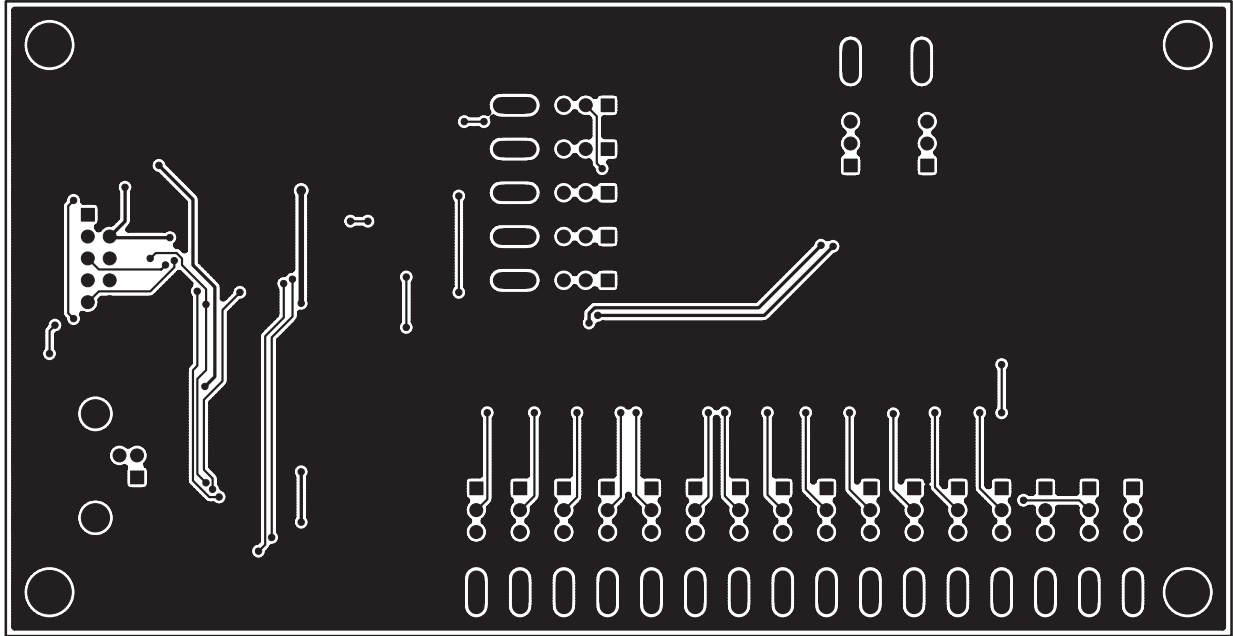


Figure 7. MAX6971 EV Kit PCB Layout—Solder Side

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