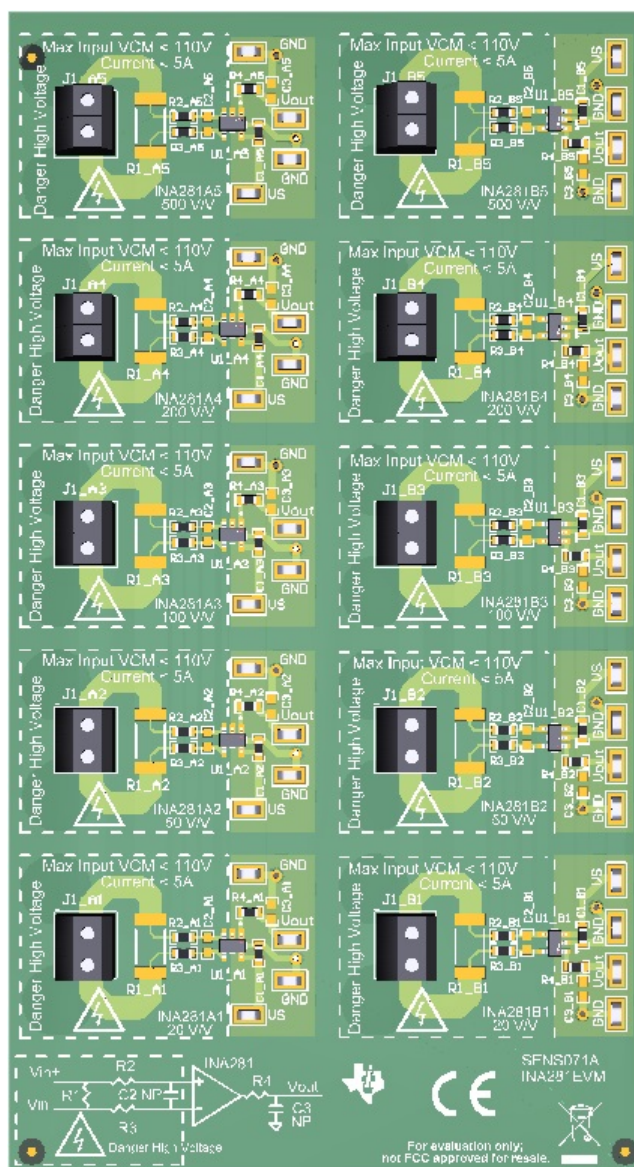


INA281EVM



This user's guide describes the characteristics, operation, and use of the INA281 evaluation module (EVM). This EVM is designed to evaluate the performance of the INA281 voltage-output, current shunt monitor in a variety of configurations. Throughout this document, the terms evaluation board, evaluation module, and EVM are synonymous with the INA281EVM. This document also includes a schematic, reference printed-circuit board (PCB) layouts, and a complete bill of materials (BOM).

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1 General Texas Instruments High Voltage Evaluation (TI HV EVM) User Safety Guidelines



Always follow TI's setup and application instructions, including use of all interface components within their recommended electrical rated voltage and power limits. Always use electrical safety precautions to help ensure your personal safety and those working around you. Contact TI's Product Information Center <http://support.ti.com> for further information.

Save all warnings and instructions for future reference.

WARNING

Failure to follow warnings and instructions may result in personal injury, property damage or death due to electrical shock and burn hazards.

The term TI HV EVM refers to an electronic device typically provided as an open framed, unenclosed printed circuit board assembly. It is *intended strictly for use in development laboratory environments, solely for qualified professional users having training, expertise and knowledge of electrical safety risks in development and application of high voltage electrical circuits. Any other use and/or application are strictly prohibited by Texas Instruments.* If you are not suitable qualified, you should immediately stop from further use of the HV EVM.

1. Work Area Safety

- a. Keep work area clean and orderly.
- b. Qualified observer(s) must be present anytime circuits are energized.
- c. Effective barriers and signage must be present in the area where the TI HV EVM and its interface electronics are energized, indicating operation of accessible high voltages may be present, for the purpose of protecting inadvertent access.
- d. All interface circuits, power supplies, evaluation modules, instruments, meters, scopes and other related apparatus used in a development environment exceeding 50Vrms/75VDC must be electrically located within a protected Emergency Power Off EPO protected power strip.
- e. Use stable and nonconductive work surface.
- f. Use adequately insulated clamps and wires to attach measurement probes and instruments. No freehand testing whenever possible.

2. Electrical Safety

As a precautionary measure, it is always a good engineering practice to assume that the entire EVM may have fully accessible and active high voltages.

- a. De-energize the TI HV EVM and all its inputs, outputs and electrical loads before performing any electrical or other diagnostic measurements. Revalidate that TI HV EVM power has been safely de-energized.
- b. With the EVM confirmed de-energized, proceed with required electrical circuit configurations, wiring, measurement equipment connection, and other application needs, while still assuming the EVM circuit and measuring instruments are electrically live.
- c. After EVM readiness is complete, energize the EVM as intended.

WARNING

While the EVM is energized, never touch the EVM or its electrical circuits, as they could be at high voltages capable of causing electrical shock hazard.

3. Personal Safety

- a. Wear personal protective equipment (for example, latex gloves or safety glasses with side shields) or protect EVM in an adequate lucent plastic box with interlocks to protect from accidental touch.

Limitation for safe use:

EVMs are not to be used as all or part of a production unit.

2 Overview

The INA281 device is a voltage-output, high-side and low-side measurement, current sense amplifier with an enable pin in a very-small SOT-23 package. As shown in [Table 1](#), the INA281 has gains that range from 20 V/V to 500 V/V, depending on the gain option selected. The voltage developed across the device inputs is amplified by the corresponding gain of the specific device, and is presented at the output pin. The device accurately senses voltage drops across shunts at common-mode voltages from -4 V to $+110\text{ V}$, independent of supply voltages. The device survives common-mode voltages from -20 V to $+120\text{ V}$. The device operates with supply voltages between 2.7 V and 20 V , and draws a typical of 1.7 mA at room temperature.

Table 1. INA281 Gain Option Summary

Product	Gain (V/V)
INA281A1 and INA281B1	20
INA281A2 and INA281B2	50
INA281A3 and INA281B3	100
INA281A4 and INA281B4	200
INA281A5 and INA281B5	500

2.1 EVM Kit Contents

[Table 2](#) summarizes the contents of the INA281EVM kit. Contact the [Texas Instruments Product Information Center](#) nearest you if any component is missing. TI also recommends checking the [INA281 device product folder](#) at [www.ti.com](#) for any further information regarding this product.

Table 2. INA281EVM Kit Contents

Item	Item Part Number	Quantity
INA281EVM test board	INA281EVM	1

2.2 Related Documentation From Texas Instruments

This document provides information regarding Texas Instruments' integrated circuits used in the assembly of the INA281EVM.

Table 3. Related Documentation

Document	Literature Number
INA281 product data sheet	SBOSA29
INA281-Q1 product data sheet	SBOSA01

3 Hardware

The INA281EVM provides basic functional evaluation of the INA281. The fixture layout is not intended to be a model for the target circuit, nor is it laid out for electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) testing. The INA281EVM consists of one PCB with an option to cut out ten individual PCBs, one for each of the five gain options (1 to 5) and the two different pin outs (A and B) listed in [Table 1](#). Be aware that because of the different pinouts of the A and B versions, the layouts and test point locations are also different. Each of the PCB cutouts consists of one INA281Xn device (where X is A or B and n is 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5), and test points and sockets for external hardware connections, as well as pads to solder down optional circuitry.

3.1 Features

The INA281EVM PCB provides the following features:

- Evaluation of all gain options through provided device boards
- Ease of access to device pins with test points
- Pads and sockets for optional filtering at the input pins and output pin
- Multiple input signal options, including a method to solder a shunt resistor (2512) and safely measure current up to 5 A.

See the [device data sheet](#) for comprehensive information about the INA281 and the available gain options.

4 Operation

4.1 Quick Start Setup

Follow these procedures to set up and use one of the panels of the INA281EVM. For the following instructions, X is pinout A or B, and n is gain option 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5.

- Step 1. Choose the desired gain option panel and pin out variation.
- Step 2. Connect an external dc supply voltage (between 1.7 V and 20 V) to a VS test point, and connect the ground reference of that supply to a GND test point on the same panel.
- Step 3. Provide a differential input voltage signal to the Vin+ and Vin– nodes by connecting the signal leads to the J1_Xn pin 1 and J1_Xn pin 2 on the EVM, as explained in [Section 4.2](#). The INA281 is a unidirectional current-sensing device because there is no reference pin; therefore, the device can only measure current in one direction.

4.2 Measurements

The INA281EVM allows the user to either emulate the voltage developed across a sense resistor based on a given set of system conditions, or to connect the device inputs to an external shunt. Optionally, a surface-mount technology (SMT) shunt resistor can be soldered across the Vin+ and Vin– pads, and these inputs can be connected in series with the external system and load.

To configure a measurement evaluation without a the onboard shunt resistor, follow this procedure:

1. Connect a positive differential voltage across the Vin+ (J1_Xn) and Vin– (J1_Xn) tabs. Given the internal GND reference of the device, make sure that the Vin+ pin is the more positive of the two inputs.
2. Additionally, if the differential voltage supply is a floating supply, connect a –4-V to 110-V common-mode voltage to the inputs by connecting the positive lead of the external voltage source to the Vin– (J1_Xn) tab, and source ground to a GND test point. This action effectively raises the absolute common-mode voltage of the input pins, while still retaining a positive input differential signal.
3. If an external shunt is being used make the connections such that the sensing location is across the shunt and there will be no high current on the sensing path. See [Getting Started with TI Precision Labs - Current Sense Amplifiers: Shunt Resistor Layout](#)
4. Measure the output voltage at the Vout test point with respect to GND.

To configure a measurement evaluation with a shunt resistor, follow this procedure:

1. Solder a 2512 resistor at the R1_Xn pads that connects the Vin+ (J1_Xn) and Vin– (J1_Xn) inputs.
2. Connect the Vin+ (J1_Xn) and Vin– (J1_Xn) tabs in series with the load and bus voltage sources while powered off.

WARNING

If measuring current, first make sure that the equipment (shunt resistor, wires, connectors, and so on) can support the amperage and power dissipation. Secondly, make sure that the current flowing through J1 does not exceed 5 A. Failure to do so can result in hot surfaces (> 55°C), damage to the EVM, or personal injury.

3. Power on the system and measure the output voltage at the Vout test point. Vout is equal to the gain of the device multiplied by the differential voltage measured directly at the device input pins.

5 EVM Components

This section summarizes the INA281EVM components. For the following instructions, X is pinout A or B, and n is gain option 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5.

5.1 R2_Xn, R3_Xn, R4_Xn, C2_Xn, C3_Xn

R2_Xn, R3_Xn, R4_Xn, are factory-installed 0-Ω 0603 resistors.

C2_Xn, C3_Xn, are not populated.

Collectively, these pads allow for user-defined filters for the input pins (IN+ and IN–) and output pin (OUT) of INA281. If a filter is desired, remove these resistors and replace them with > 0-Ω SMT resistors, and populate the capacitor pads with capacitors. When using input filtering, take into account the input bias current of the device.

5.2 C1_Xn

C1_Xn is a 0.1-μF, power-supply bypass capacitor.

5.3 R1_Xn

R1_Xn is unpopulated, but allows for a surface-mount shunt resistor to be soldered down between the Vin+ and Vin– pads, which are sensed by IN+ and IN– input pins. If used, make sure R1_Xn has proper power dissipation for the selected current load. The chosen resistor must have a 2512 footprint.

5.4 U1_Xn (INA281)

U1_Xn is the location for the INA281Xn test device.

The following list of factors are involved in selecting the appropriate device gain:

- The differential input voltage is either applied across the inputs or developed based on the load current that flows through the shunt resistor.
- Make sure that the output voltage does not exceed the supply voltage. This limiting factor requires attention to device selection.
- The selected device must allow the output voltage to remain within the acceptable range after the developed input voltage is amplified by the respective device gain. The output voltage must remain within the device-specified swing limitations for response in the linear range.
- An output below the minimum allowable output requires the selection of a device with a higher gain. Likewise, an output above the maximum allowable output requires the selection of a device with a lower gain.

6 Schematic, PCB Layout, and Bill of Materials

NOTE: Board layouts are not to scale. These figures are intended to show how the board is laid out; they are not intended to be used for manufacturing INA281EVM PCBs.

6.1 Schematics

Figure 1 shows the schematic of the INA281EVM for all gain versions for the A pinout. The difference is noted on the reference designator ending in the gain option _An. Figure 2 shows the B1 gain panel and this is also a copy for all the other gain options with the reference designator ending with the gain option _Bn.

Input side capable up to 110V; Input Current <5A when using onboard R1 as shunt resistor

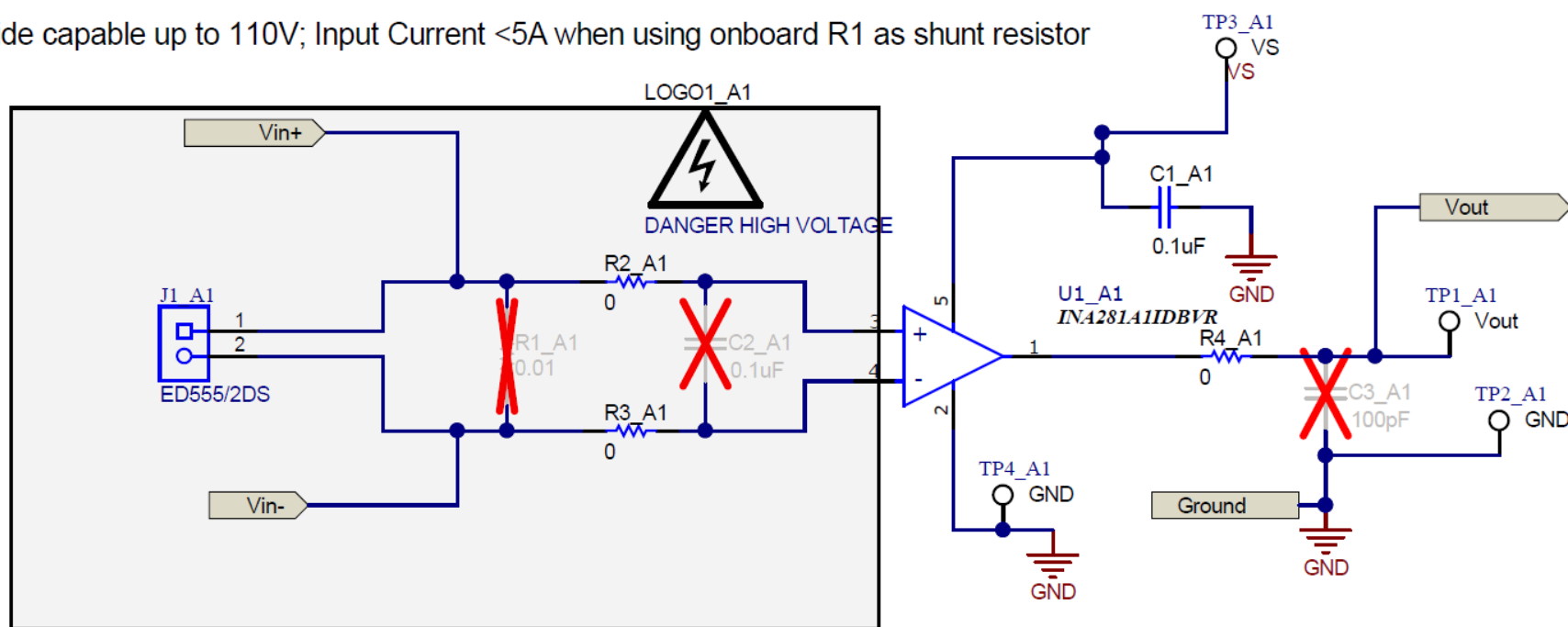


Figure 1. INA281EVM Schematic: Gain A1 Panel

Input side capable up to 110V; Input Current <5A when using onboard R1 as shunt resistor

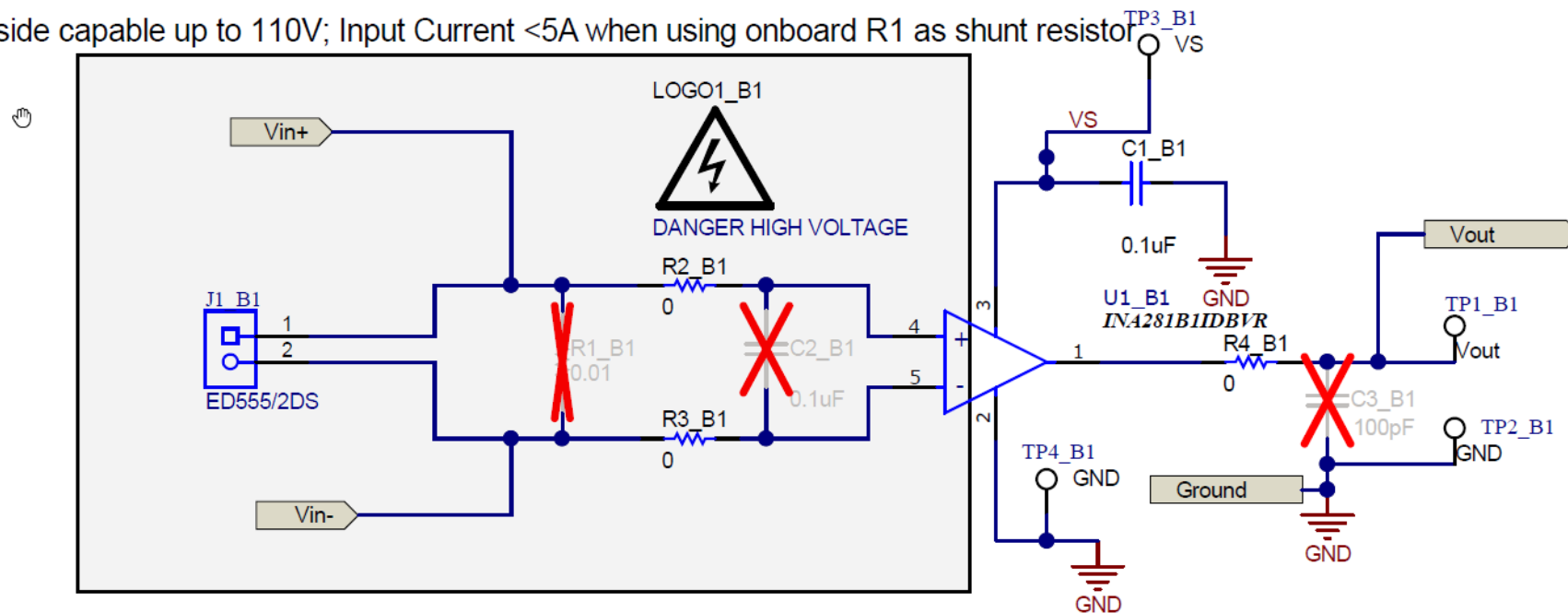


Figure 2. INA281EVM Schematic: Gain B1 Panel

6.2 PCB Layout

Figure 3 through Figure 9 illustrate the PCB layout for the INA281EVM.

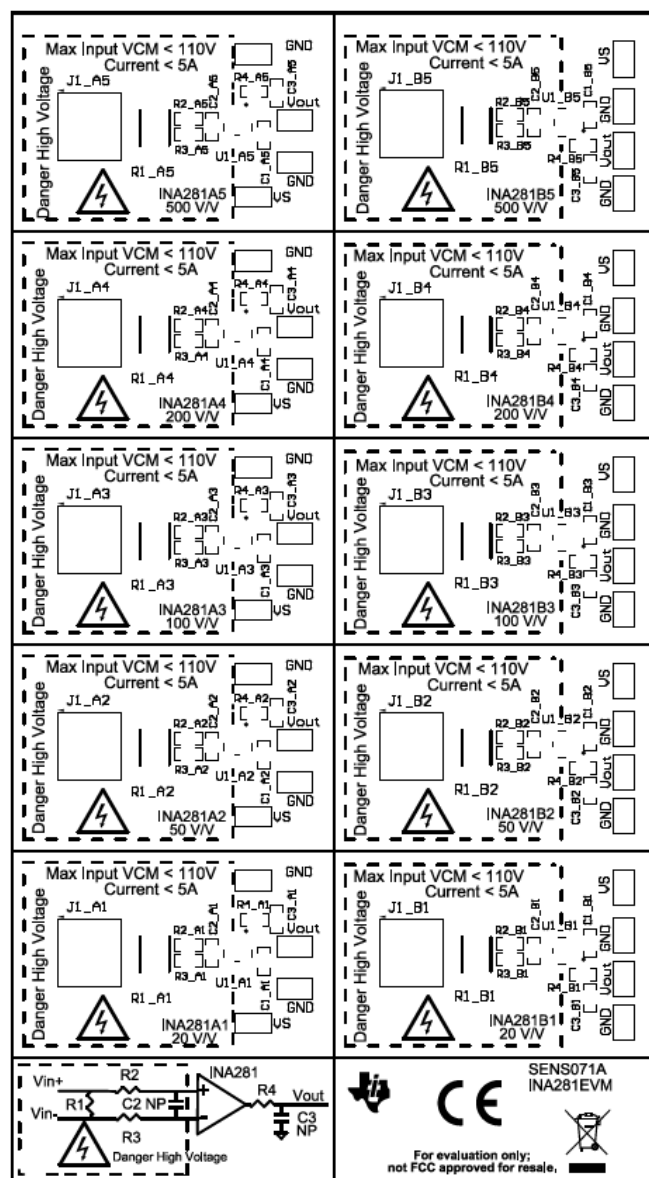


Figure 3. INA281EVM Top Overlay

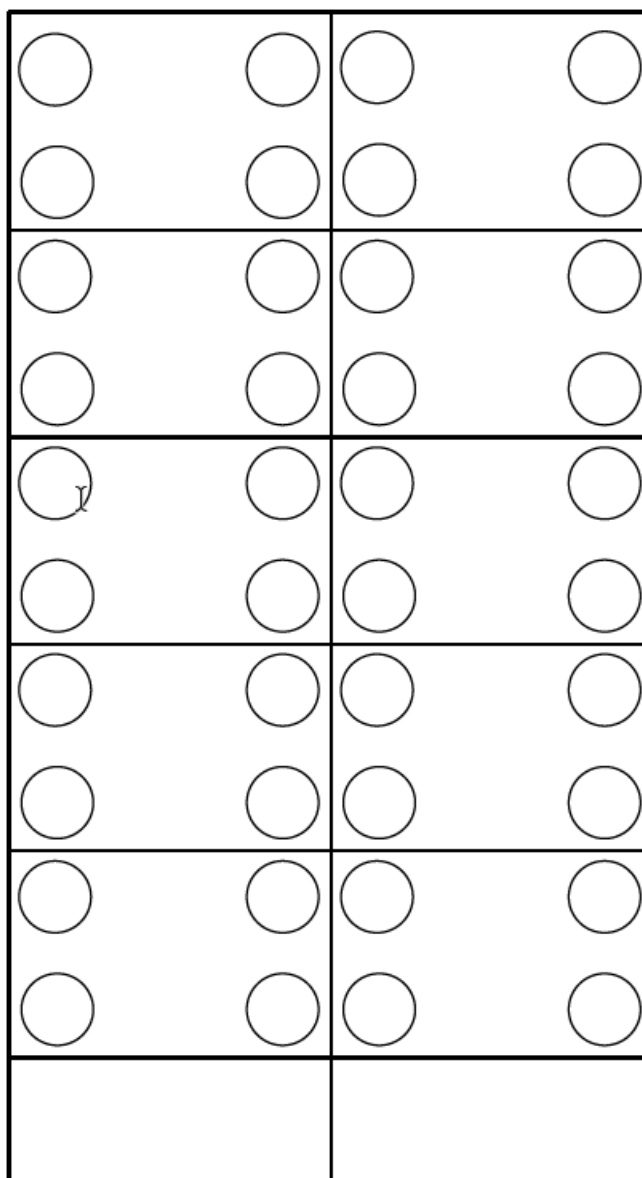


Figure 4. INA281EVM Bottom Overlay

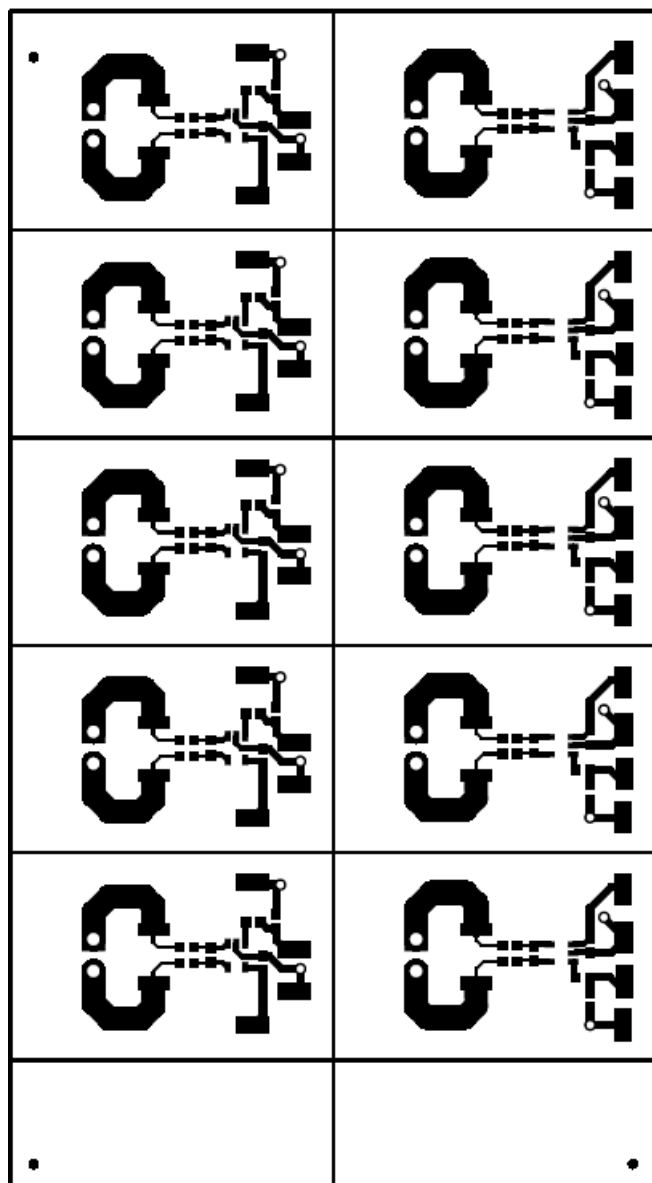


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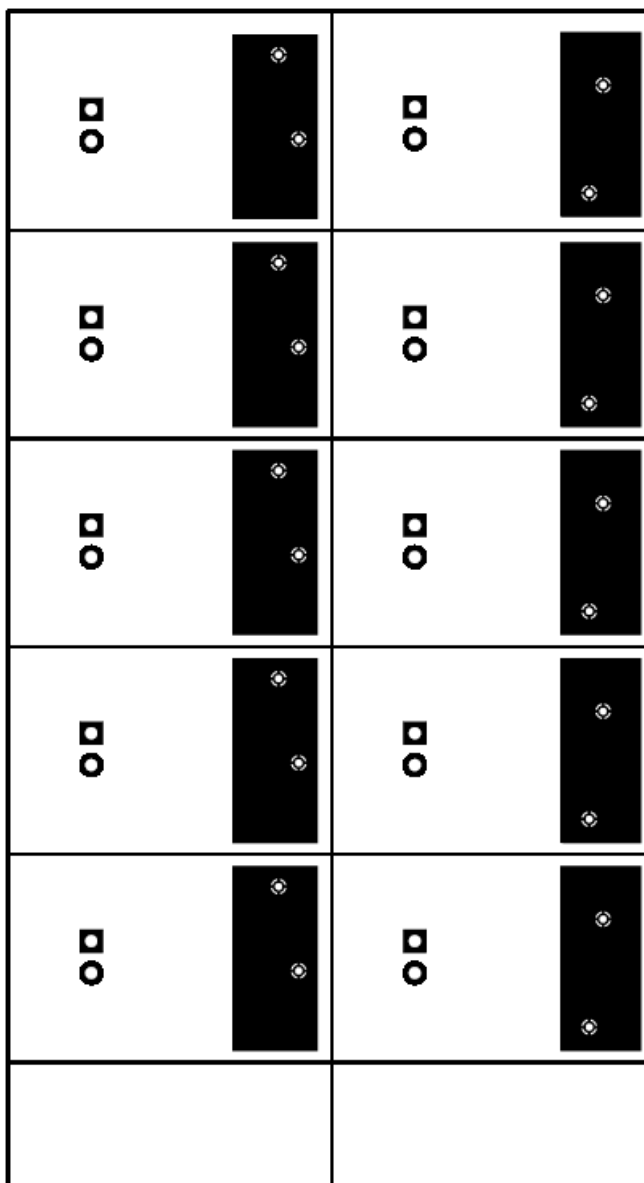


Figure 6. INA281EVM Bottom Layer

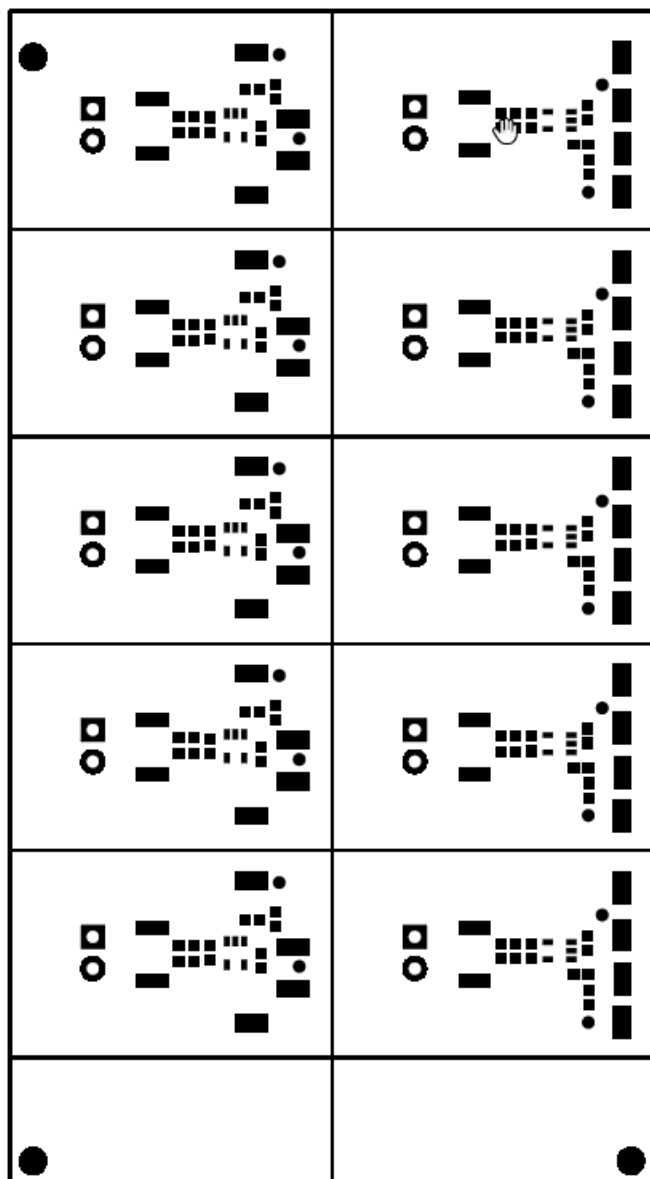


Figure 7. INA281EVM Top Solder

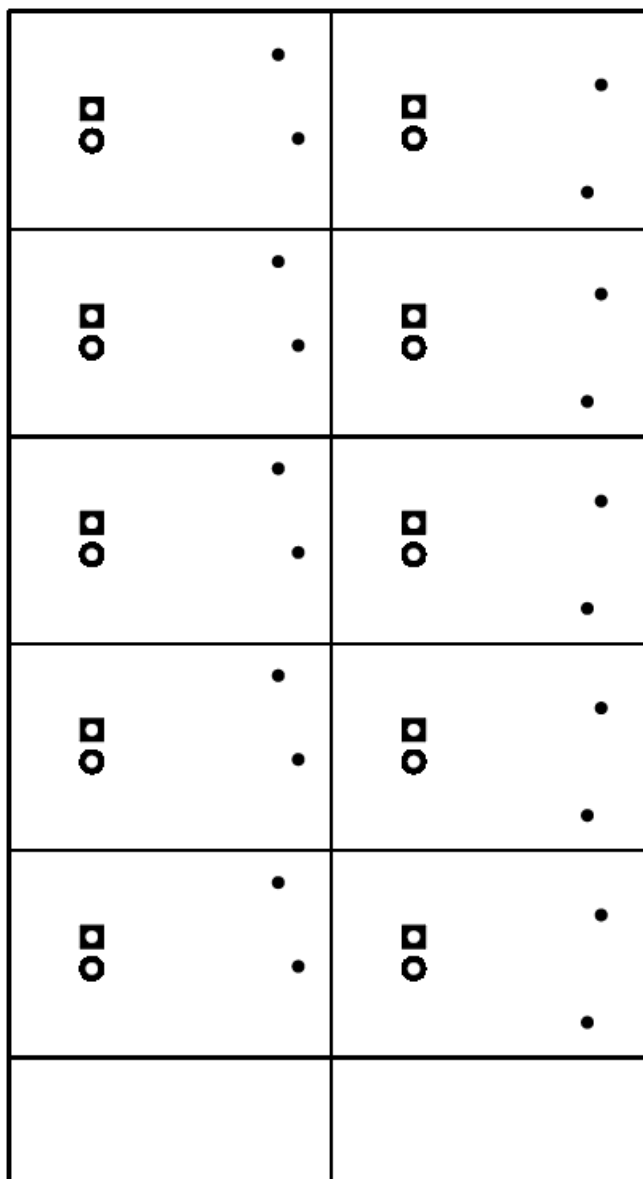


Figure 8. INA281EVM Bottom Solder

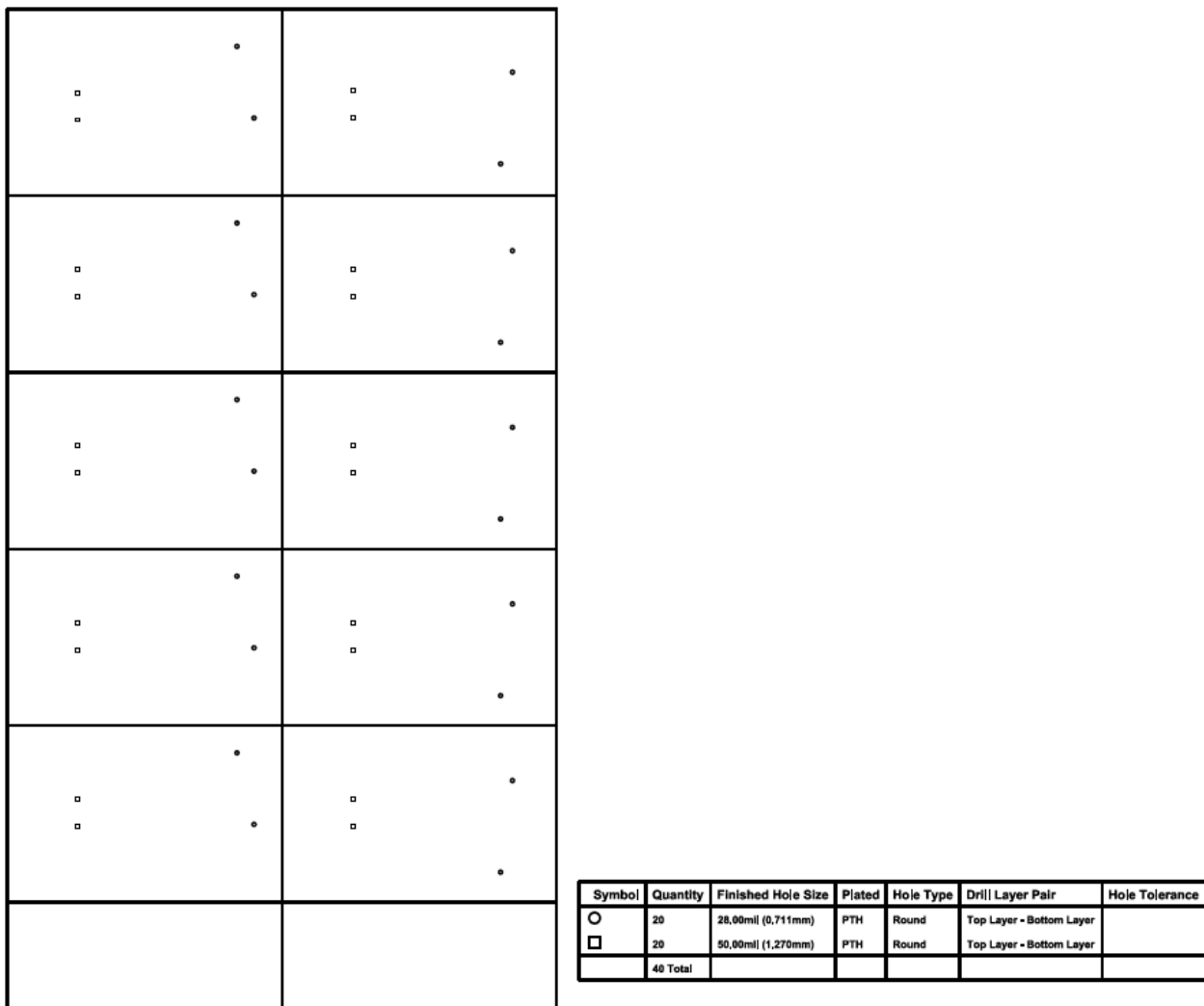


Figure 9. INA281EVM Drill Drawing

6.3 Bill of Materials

Table 4 provides the parts list for the INA281EVM.

Table 4. Bill of Materials

Designator	QTY	Value	Description	Package Reference	Part Number	Manufacturer
C1_A1, C1_A2, C1_A3, C1_A4, C1_A5, C1_B1, C1_B2, C1_B3, C1_B4, C1_B5	10	0.1uF	CAP, CERM, 0.1 uF, 25 V, +/- 10%, X7R, AEC-Q200 Grade 1, 0603	0603	CGA3E2X7R1E104K080A	TDK
H1_A1, H1_A2, H1_A3, H1_A4, H1_A5, H1_B1, H1_B2, H1_B3, H1_B4, H1_B5, H2_A1, H2_A2, H2_A3, H2_A4, H2_A5, H2_B1, H2_B2, H2_B3, H2_B4, H2_B5, H3_A1, H3_A2, H3_A3, H3_A4, H3_A5, H3_B1, H3_B2, H3_B3, H3_B4, H3_B5, H4_A1, H4_A2, H4_A3, H4_A4, H4_A5, H4_B1, H4_B2, H4_B3, H4_B4, H4_B5	40		Bumpon, Cylindrical, 0.312 X 0.200, Black	Black Bumpon	SJ61A1	3M
J1_A1, J1_A2, J1_A3, J1_A4, J1_A5, J1_B1, J1_B2, J1_B3, J1_B4, J1_B5	10		Terminal Block, 3.5mm Pitch, 2x1, TH	7.0x8.2x6.5mm	ED555/2DS	On-Shore Technology
R2_A1, R2_A2, R2_A3, R2_A4, R2_A5, R2_B1, R2_B2, R2_B3, R2_B4, R2_B5, R3_A1, R3_A2, R3_A3, R3_A4, R3_A5, R3_B1, R3_B2, R3_B3, R3_B4, R3_B5, R4_A1, R4_A2, R4_A3, R4_A4, R4_A5, R4_B1, R4_B2, R4_B3, R4_B4, R4_B5	30	0	RES, 0, 5%, 0.1 W, AEC-Q200 Grade 0, 0603	0603	ERJ-3GEY0R00V	Panasonic
TP1_A1, TP1_A2, TP1_A3, TP1_A4, TP1_A5, TP1_B1, TP1_B2, TP1_B3, TP1_B4, TP1_B5, TP2_A1, TP2_A2, TP2_A3, TP2_A4, TP2_A5, TP2_B1, TP2_B2, TP2_B3, TP2_B4, TP2_B5, TP3_A1, TP3_A2, TP3_A3, TP3_A4, TP3_A5, TP3_B1, TP3_B2, TP3_B3, TP3_B4, TP3_B5, TP4_A1, TP4_A2, TP4_A3, TP4_A4, TP4_A5, TP4_B1, TP4_B2, TP4_B3, TP4_B4, TP4_B5	40		Test Point, Miniature, SMT	Testpoint_Keystone_Miniature	5015	Keystone
U1_A1	1		INA281, -4-V to 110-V, 1.3-MHz Current-Sense Amplifier	SOT23-5	INA281A1IDBVR	Texas Instruments
U1_A2	1		INA281, -4-V to 110-V, 1.3-MHz Current-Sense Amplifier	SOT23-5	INA281A2IDBVR	Texas Instruments
U1_A3	1		INA281, -4-V to 110-V, 1.3-MHz Current-Sense Amplifier	SOT23-5	INA281A3IDBVR	Texas Instruments
U1_A4	1		INA281, -4-V to 110-V, 1.3-MHz Current-Sense Amplifier	SOT23-5	INA281A4IDBVR	Texas Instruments
U1_A5	1		INA281, -4-V to 110-V, 1.3-MHz Current-Sense Amplifier	SOT23-5	INA281A5IDBVR	Texas Instruments
U1_B1	1		INA281, -4-V to 110-V, 1.3-MHz Current-Sense Amplifier	SOT23-5	INA281B1IDBVR	Texas Instruments
U1_B2	1		INA281, -4-V to 110-V, 1.3-MHz Current-Sense Amplifier	SOT23-5	INA281B2IDBVR	Texas Instruments

Table 4. Bill of Materials (continued)

Designator	QTY	Value	Description	Package Reference	Part Number	Manufacturer
U1_B3	1		INA281, -4-V to 110-V, 1.3-MHz Current-Sense Amplifier	SOT23-5	INA281B3IDBVR	Texas Instruments
U1_B4	1		INA281, -4-V to 110-V, 1.3-MHz Current-Sense Amplifier	SOT23-5	INA281B4IDBVR	Texas Instruments
U1_B5	1		INA281, -4-V to 110-V, 1.3-MHz Current-Sense Amplifier	SOT23-5	INA281B5IDBVR	Texas Instruments
C2_A1, C2_A2, C2_A3, C2_A4, C2_A5, C2_B1, C2_B2, C2_B3, C2_B4, C2_B5	0	0.1uF	CAP, CERM, 0.1 uF, 25 V, +/- 10%, X7R, AEC-Q200 Grade 1, 0603	0603	CGA3E2X7R1E104K080A A	TDK
C3_A1, C3_A2, C3_A3, C3_A4, C3_A5, C3_B1, C3_B2, C3_B3, C3_B4, C3_B5	0	100pF	CAP, CERM, 100 pF, 50 V, +/- 10%, X7R, 0603	0603	CL10B101KB8NNNC	Samsung Electro-Mechanics
FID1, FID2, FID3	0		Fiducial mark. There is nothing to buy or mount.	N/A	N/A	N/A
R1_A1, R1_A2, R1_A3, R1_A4, R1_A5, R1_B1, R1_B2, R1_B3, R1_B4, R1_B5	0	0.01	RES, 0.01, 1%, 3 W, 2512	2512	CRA2512-FZ-R010ELF	Bourns

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