



MAX8704 Evaluation Kit

General Description

The MAX8704 evaluation kit (EV kit) is a fully assembled and tested surface-mount circuit board that contains a MAX8704 low-voltage linear regulator for I/O supplies. The high-current, low-voltage linear regulator provides an adjustable or preset output voltage that can deliver up to 5A continuously. The EV kit requires an input voltage source of 1V to 5.5V and a low-power 5V bias supply.

The MAX8704 EV kit has an output current limit, which prevents damage to the linear regulator. The EV kit also includes an adjustable power limit to protect the external MOSFET from overheating. A power-good (PGOOD) output signal is also available to indicate loss of voltage regulation. The MAX8704 is available in a 10-pin μ MAX® package.

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Features

- ◆ **Output Voltage Range**
Preset to 1.2V or 1.5V (Jumper Selectable)
Adjustable to as Low as 0.5V (Voltage-Dividing Resistors)
- ◆ **Provides Up to 5A, 2.5W Power Limit**
- ◆ **1V to 5.5V Input Voltage Range**
- ◆ **Configurable Output Current Limit**
- ◆ **Open-Drain PGOOD Output Signal**
- ◆ **Low-Profile, Surface-Mount Components**
- ◆ **Fully Assembled and Tested**

Ordering Information

PART	TEMP RANGE	IC PACKAGE
MAX8704EVKIT	0°C to +70°C	10 μ MAX

Component List

DESIGNATION	QTY	DESCRIPTION
C1	1	470 μ F \pm 20%, 6.3V POSCAP capacitor (D4) Sanyo 6TPD470M
C2	1	10 μ F \pm 20%, 6.3V X5R ceramic capacitor (0805) TDK C2012X5R0J106M
C4, C5	2	22 μ F \pm 20%, 6.3V X5R ceramic capacitors (0805) TDK C2012X5R0J226M
C6	1	0.01 μ F \pm 10%, 50V X7R ceramic capacitor (0603) TDK C1608X7R1H103K
C7	1	1 μ F \pm 10%, 6.3V X5R ceramic capacitor (0603) TDK C1608X5R0J105K
C8	1	1000pF \pm 10%, 50V X7R ceramic capacitor (0603) TDK C1608X7R1H102K
C9	1	0.1 μ F \pm 10%, 50V X7R ceramic capacitor (0603) TDK C1608X7R1H104K

DESIGNATION	QTY	DESCRIPTION
JU1	1	3-pin header
JU2	1	2-pin header
N1	1	8.7A, 20V n-channel MOSFET (8-pin SO) International Rectifier IRF7401
N2	1	115mA, 60V n-channel MOSFET (SOT23) Central Semiconductor 2N7002
R1, R2	0	Not installed, resistors (0603)
R3	1	0.010 Ω \pm 1%, 1W sense resistor (2010) IRC LRC-LRF 2010-01-R010-F
R4	1	200k Ω \pm 1% resistor (0603)
R5, R6	2	100k Ω \pm 5% resistor (0603)
None	2	Shunts
None	1	MAX8704 PC board
U1	1	MAX8704EUB (10-pin μ MAX)

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Component Suppliers

SUPPLIER	PHONE	FAX	WEBSITE
Central Semiconductor	631-435-1110	631-435-1824	www.centralsemi.com
International Rectifier	310-322-3331	310-726-8721	www.irf.com
IRC	361-992-7900	361-992-3377	www.irctt.com
Sanyo Electronic Device	619-661-6835	619-661-1055	www.sanyodevice.com
TDK	847-803-6100	847-390-4405	www.component.tdk.com

Note: Indicate that you are using the MAX8704 EV kit when contacting these component suppliers.

Quick Start

The MAX8704 EV kit is fully assembled and tested. Follow these steps to verify board operation. **Do not turn on the power supply until all connections are completed.**

Recommended Equipment

- 5V, 100mA DC power supply (VCC)
- 1V to 5.5V, 5A DC power supply (VIN)
- One electronic load (e.g., HP 6060B)
- One voltmeter

Connections and Setup

- 1) Verify that no shunt is installed on jumper JU2 (EV kit ON).
- 2) Connect the voltmeter to the VOUT and GND pads.
- 3) Connect the positive terminal of the VCC power supply to the VCC pad. Connect the negative terminal of the VCC power supply to the GND pad. Set the VCC power supply to 5V.
- 4) Connect the positive terminal of the VIN power supply to the VIN pad. Connect the negative terminal of the VIN power supply to the GND pad. Set the VIN power supply to 2V.
- 5) Turn on both power supplies.
- 6) Verify that the output (VOUT) is 1.5V if JU1 shunt is between pins 1 and 2, or 1.2V if JU1 shunt is between pins 2 and 3. **Caution:** Do not change the jumper setting on JU1 while the EV kit is powered on.
- 7) Verify that PGOOD is 5V.
- 8) Set the electronic load to 1A, and disable the electronic load's input.

- 9) Connect the positive terminal of the electronic load to the VOUT pad. Connect the negative terminal of the electronic load to the GND pad.
- 10) Enable the electronic load's input. Repeat steps 6 and 7.

Detailed Description

The MAX8704 EV kit contains a low-voltage linear regulator. The regulator delivers an accurate preset or adjustable output voltage from an input voltage in the 1V to 5.5V range. The EV kit uses a separate 5V biasing power supply to power the control circuitry of the MAX8704 and drive the external n-channel power MOSFET.

Output Voltage (VOUT)

The MAX8704 EV kit features a Dual-Mode™ feedback circuit that enables the output voltage to be set by either jumper JU1, or by voltage-dividing resistors R1 and R2. Resistors R1 and R2 are not populated. In the jumper feedback mode, jumper JU1 presets the MAX8704 EV kit output voltage to either 1.2V or 1.5V (see Table 1). In the voltage-divider feedback mode, the MAX8704 EV kit's output voltage can be set by voltage-dividing resistors R1 and R2 in the following equation:

$$V_{OUT} = V_{FB} \times \left(1 + \frac{R1}{R2}\right) \Rightarrow R1 = \left(\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{FB}} - 1\right) \times R2$$

where $R2 = 10k\Omega$ (typ), and $V_{FB} = 0.5V$.

The minimum adjustable output voltage is 0.5V (FB = CSN). The maximum adjustable output voltage is limited by the gate driver's output-voltage swing range, and the gate-threshold voltage of the selected MOSFET.

Refer to the *Output Voltage and Dual-Mode Feedback* section in the MAX8704 IC data sheet for more information on selecting the voltage-dividing resistor values for R1 and R2.

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Output Current Limit

The MAX8704 EV kit features an output current limit that prevents damage to the linear regulator. As configured, the output current limit is set to 5A by current-sense resistor R3. To set the output current limit to a different value, replace the surface-mount resistor R3 (2010) with a different resistor value. Refer to the *Current Limit* section in the MAX8704 IC data sheet for more information on setting the output current limit.

External MOSFET Power Limit

The MAX8704 EV kit features a power limit to protect the external MOSFET from overheating. As configured, the external MOSFET power limit is set to 2.5W by power limiting resistor R4. To set the external MOSFET power limit to a different value, replace surface-mount resistor R4 (0603) with a different resistor value. Refer to the *MOSFET Power-Limit Protection* section in the MAX8704 IC data sheet for more information on setting the external MOSFET power limit.

PGOOD

The MAX8704 features an open-drain power-good output (PGOOD). The MAX8704 pulls the PGOOD output pin low when the output is out of regulation, or when the EV kit is in shutdown mode. The MAX8704 EV kit includes a PGOOD PC board pad for interfacing with this signal. A pullup resistor (R5) is connected between PGOOD and VCC to provide a 5V logic-level output.

Jumper Selection

Output Voltage Selection

The MAX8704 EV kit's output voltage can be changed by the setting on jumper JU1, or by voltage-dividing resistors R1 and R2. Jumper JU1 provides the options to set the EV kit's output voltage. Table 1 lists the selectable jumper options.

Shutdown (SHDN and SHDN)

The MAX8704 EV kit features a shutdown mode that reduces the MAX8704 quiescent current. Jumper JU2 selects the shutdown mode for the MAX8704. Table 2 lists the selectable jumper options.

Table 1. Jumper JU1 Functions

SHUNT LOCATION	FB PIN CONNECTED TO	MAX8704 EV KIT OUTPUT VOLTAGE
1-2 (default)	VCC	1.5V
2-3	GND	1.2V
Not installed*	Voltage-dividing resistors R1 and R2*	$V_{OUT} = 0.5V \times \left(1 + \frac{R1}{R2}\right)$

*Refer to the *Output Voltage and Dual-Mode Feedback* section in the MAX8704 IC data sheet for more information on selecting the voltage-dividing resistor values for R1 and R2.

Table 2. Jumper JU2 Functions

SHUNT LOCATION	SHDN PAD	SHDN PAD	EV KIT STATUS
Not installed (default)	Floating	Floating	VOUT enabled
Not installed	Connected to external TTL source*	Floating	Logic low: VOUT disabled Logic high: VOUT enabled
Not installed	Floating	Connected to external TTL source*	Logic low: VOUT enabled Logic high: VOUT disabled
Installed	Floating	Floating	VOUT disabled

*Note: The external TTL source can only be connected to either the SHDN pad or the SHDN pad, but not both simultaneously.

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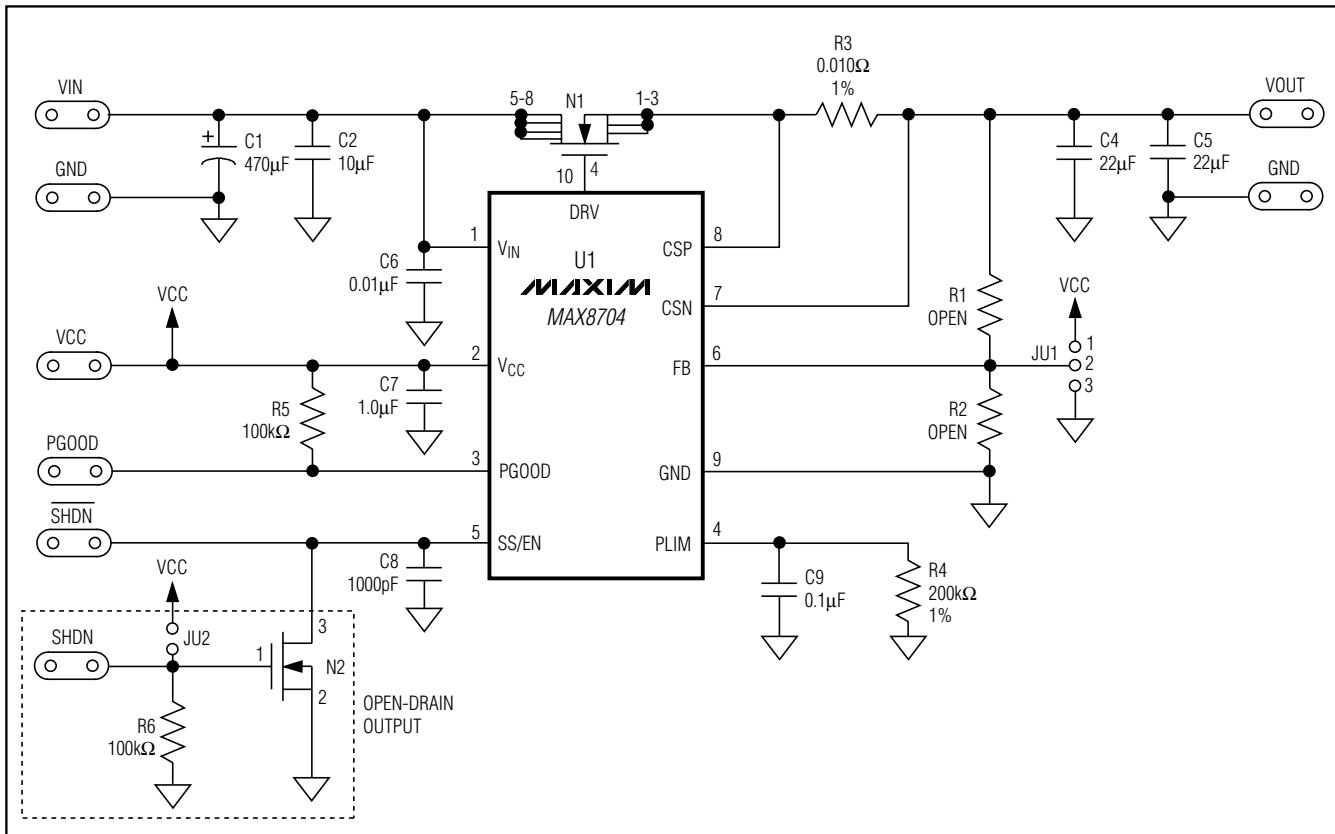


Figure 1. MAX8704 EV Kit Schematic

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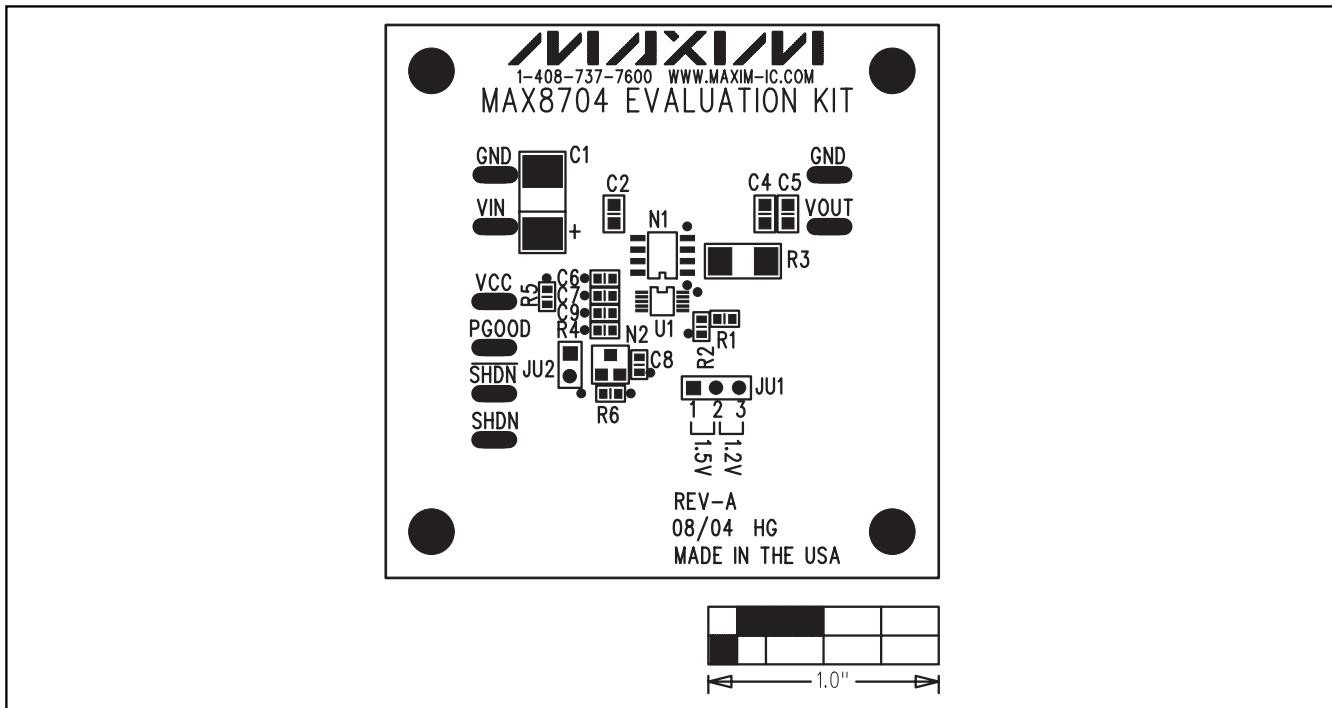


Figure 2. MAX8704 EV Kit Component Placement Guide—Component Side

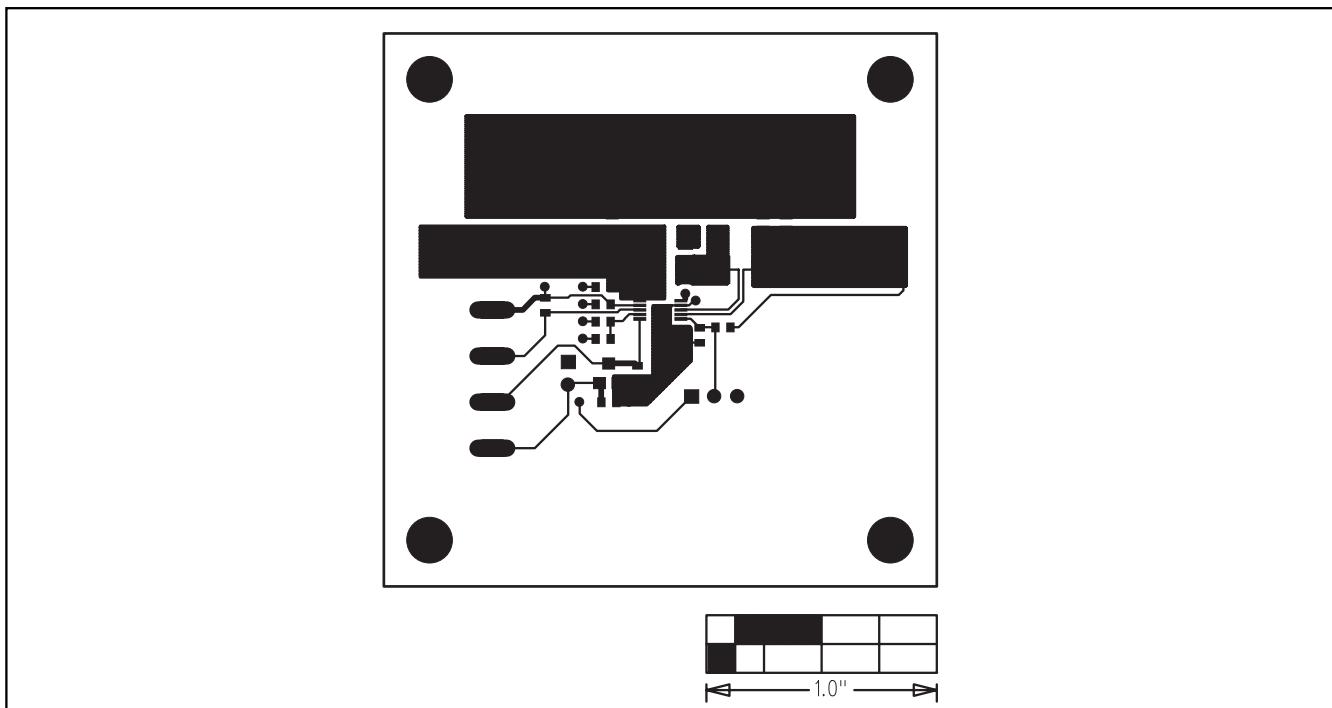


Figure 3. MAX8704 EV Kit PC Board Layout—Component Side

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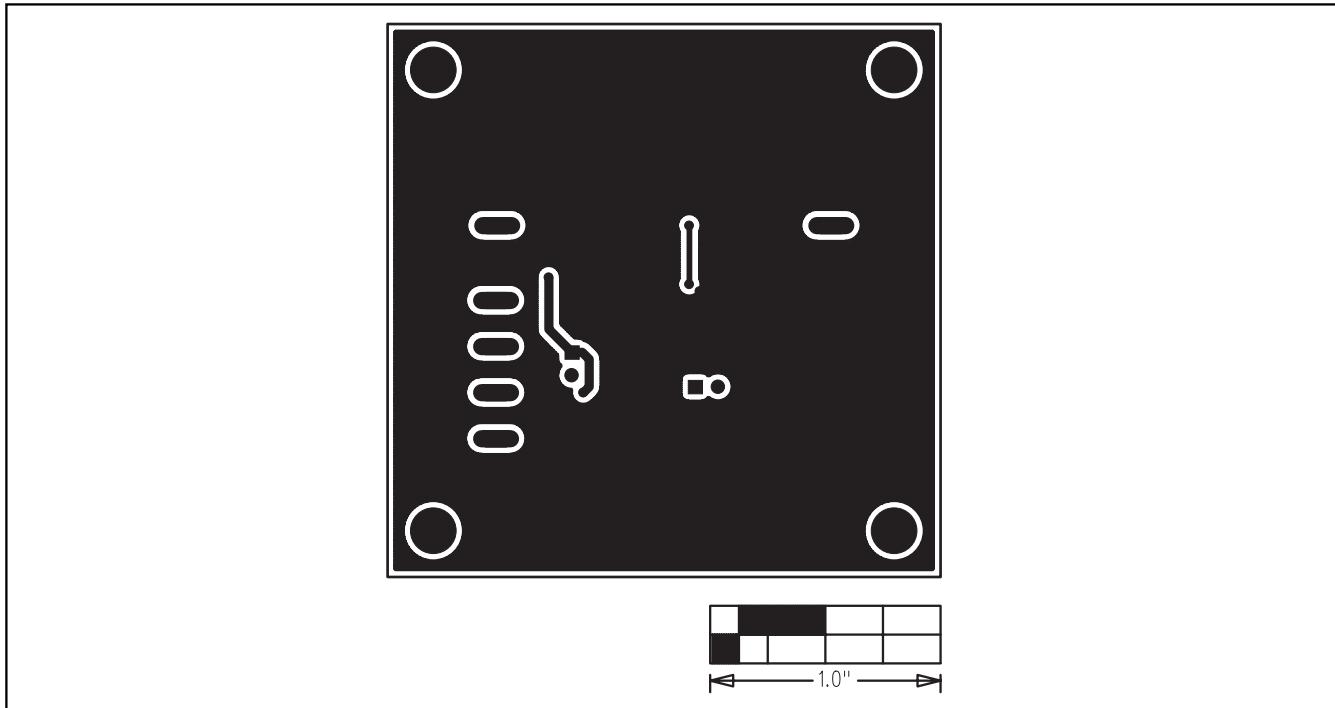


Figure 4. MAX8704 EV Kit PC Board Layout—Solder Side

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