

Using the LMX2485E & LMX2487E Evaluation Board

The Texas Instruments LMX2485E-EVM/LMX2487E-EVM helps designers evaluate the operation and performance of any of the devices in the LMX248x family. Although only two options are offered, the other members in the family are all pinout compatible and program compatible to one of these existing board options. They would be expected to have similar performance, just different in the maximum frequency of operation.

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Table 1. Evaluation Device and Package Configurations

Device	RF PLL Frequency Range	Evaluation Vehicle
LMX2485E	50 to 3000 MHz	LMX2485E EVAL
LMX2485	500 to 3000 MHz	
LMX2486	1000 to 4500 MHz	LMX2487E EVAL
LMX2487	1000 to 6000 MHz	
LMX2487E	3000 to 7500 MHz	

The EVM contains one Frequency Synthesizer (See [Table 1](#)).

Table 2. Evaluation Device and Package Configurations

Board Version	Designator	IC	Package	VCO Model	VCO Frequency Range
LMX2485E-EVM	U1	LMX2485E	QFN24	Crystek CVCO55CL	60-80 MHz
				Crystek CVCO55BE-1800-2200	1800-2200 MHz
LMX2487E-EVM	U1	LMX2487E	QFN24	Crystek CVCO44BH	4100-4300 MHz

Although the devices are very broadband, the VCO is ultimately what limits the frequency range of the evaluation board. These VCOs were chosen primarily availability, standard footprint, and for lower risk of being obsolete.

WARNING! Due to availability issues, the LMX2485E-EVM has two different suppliers for VCO. Be sure to check the VCO model number to know what VCO model you have!

1 Setup

Input/Output Connector Description.

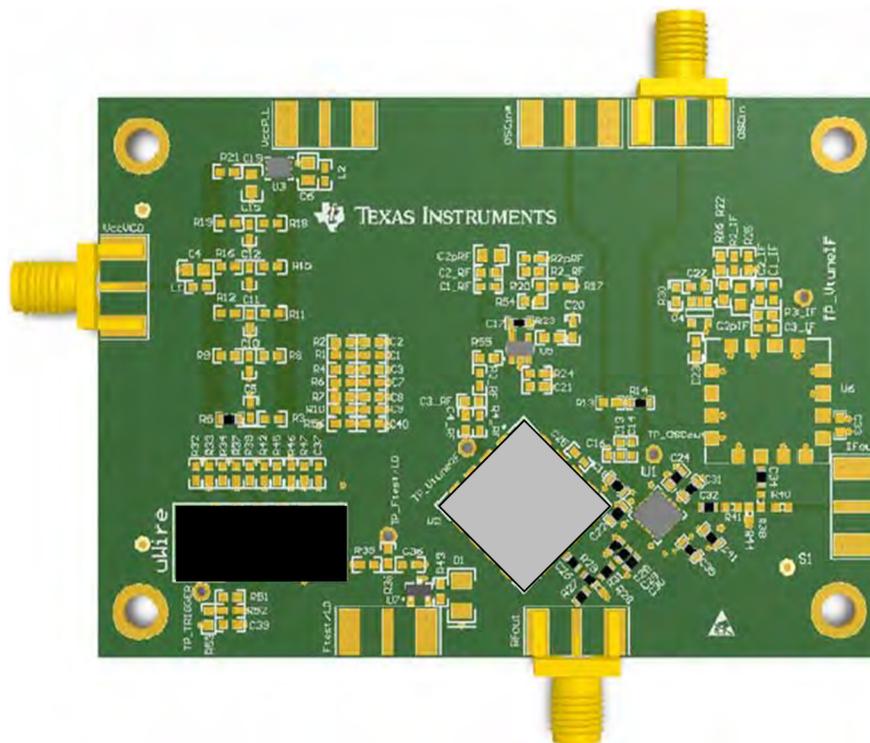


Figure 1. Evaluation Board Setup

VccVCO

Connect this to a 5 V Power supply.

OSCin

Connect this to a signal generator at +4 dBm. Default frequency is 50 MHz for the LMX2485E-EVM and 100 MHz for the LMX2487E-EVM.

RFout

Connect this to a spectrum analyzer. The board has DC blocking capacitors, so the signal is AC coupled.

uWire

Hook this to the programming interface.

1.1 Quick Start for EVM Communications

Codeloader is the software used to communicate with the EVM (Please download the latest version from TI.com - <http://www.ti.com/tool/codeloader>). This EVM can be controlled through the uWire interface on board. There are two options in communicating with the uWire interface from the computer.

Option 1

LPT (aka Parallel port)

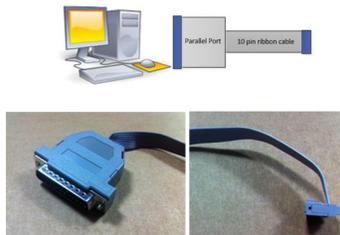


Figure 2. LPT Interface

Open Codeloader.exe → Click “Select Device” → Click “Port Setup” tab → Click “LPT” (in Communication Mode).

Option 2

USB2ANY-uWire

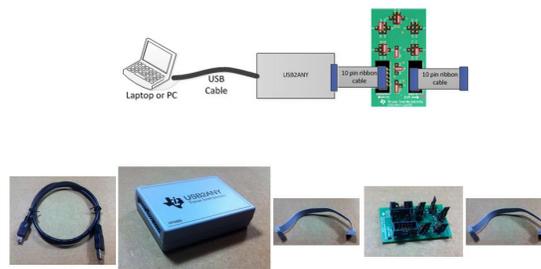


Figure 3. USB2ANY-uWire Adapter Board

The Adapter Board

Table 3 describes the pins configuration on the adapter board for each EVM board (See examples in the table below).

Table 3. Adapter Board Jumper Configuration

EVM	Jumper Bank								Code Loader Configuration
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
LMX2581	A4	B1	C2		E5	F1	G1	H1	BUFEN (pin 1), Trigger (pin 7)
LMX2541	A4		C3		E4	F1	G1	H1	CE (pin 1), Trigger (pin 10)
LMK0400x	A0		C3		E5	F1	G1	H1	GOE (pin 7)
LMK01000	A0		C1		E5	F1	G1	H1	GOE (pin 7)
LMK030xx	A0		C1		E5	F1	G1	H1	SYNC (pin 7)
LMK02000	A0		C1		E5	F1	G1	H1	SYNC (pin 7)
LMK0480x	A0	B2	C3		E5	F0	G0	H1	Status_CLKin1 (pin 3)
LMK04816/ 4906	A0	B2	C3		E5	F0	G0	H1	Status_CLKin1 (pin 3)
LMK01801	A0	B4	C5		E2	F0	G0	H1	Test (pin 3), SYNC0 (pin 10)
LMK0482x (prelease)	A0	B5	C3	D 2	E4	F0	G0	H1	CLKin1_SEL (pin 6), Reset (pin 10)
LMX2531	A0				E5	F2	G1	H2	Trigger (pin 1)
LMX2485/7	A0		C1		E5	F2	G1	H0	ENOSC (pin 7), CE (pin 10)
LMK03200	A0				E5	F0	G0	H1	SYNC (pin 7)
LMK03806	A0		C1		E5	F0	G0	H1	
LMK04100	A0		C1		E5	F1	G1	H1	

Example adapter configuration (LMK01801).

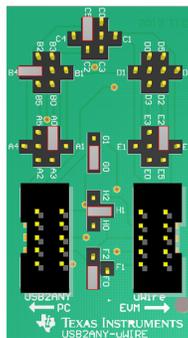


Figure 4. Example Adapter Board Configuration

Open Codeloader.exe → Click “Select Device” → Click “Port Setup” Tab → Click “USB” (in Communication Mode) *Remember to also make modifications in “Pin Configuration” Section according to Table above .

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1.2 Loop Filter Values

TI's Clock Design Tool can be used to optimize PLL phase noise/jitter for given specifications. See <http://www.ti.com/tool/codeloader>.

1.3 RF PLL Loop Filter

Table 4. RF PLL Loop Filter Parameters

	LMX2485E	LMX2487E
VCO Used	Crystek CVCO55CL	Crystek CVCO55BH
VCO Gain	8 MHz/V	100 MHz/V
VCO Input Capacitance	330 pF	10 pF
Nominal Output Frequency	60 to 80 MHz	4100 to 4300 MHz
Phase Margin	44°	50°
Loop Bandwidth	8.7 kHz	15 kHz
Reference Clock Frequency	50 MHz	100 MHz
K ϕ (Charge Pump)	16X (1520 μ A)	8X (760 μ A)
Phase Detector Freq	2000 kHz	20000 kHz
PLL Supply	3.3 V from LDO	3.3 V from LDO
VCO Supply	5 V	5 V
C1	10 nF	5.6 nF
C2	680 nF	120 nF
C3	15 nF	220 pF
C4	1 nF	1 nF
R2	180 Ω	270 Ω
R3	220 Ω	1.2 k Ω
R4	3.3 k Ω	1.2 k Ω

The RF PLL loop filter parameters above are specifically for the VCO listed. If other VCO are used instead, the values for these parameters will change.

For detailed design and simulation, please check our [PLLatinum Sim Tool](#).

1.4 Installing the EVM Software

Go to <http://www.ti.com/tool/codeloader>

Click on the download button to download the software.

Run the executable file.

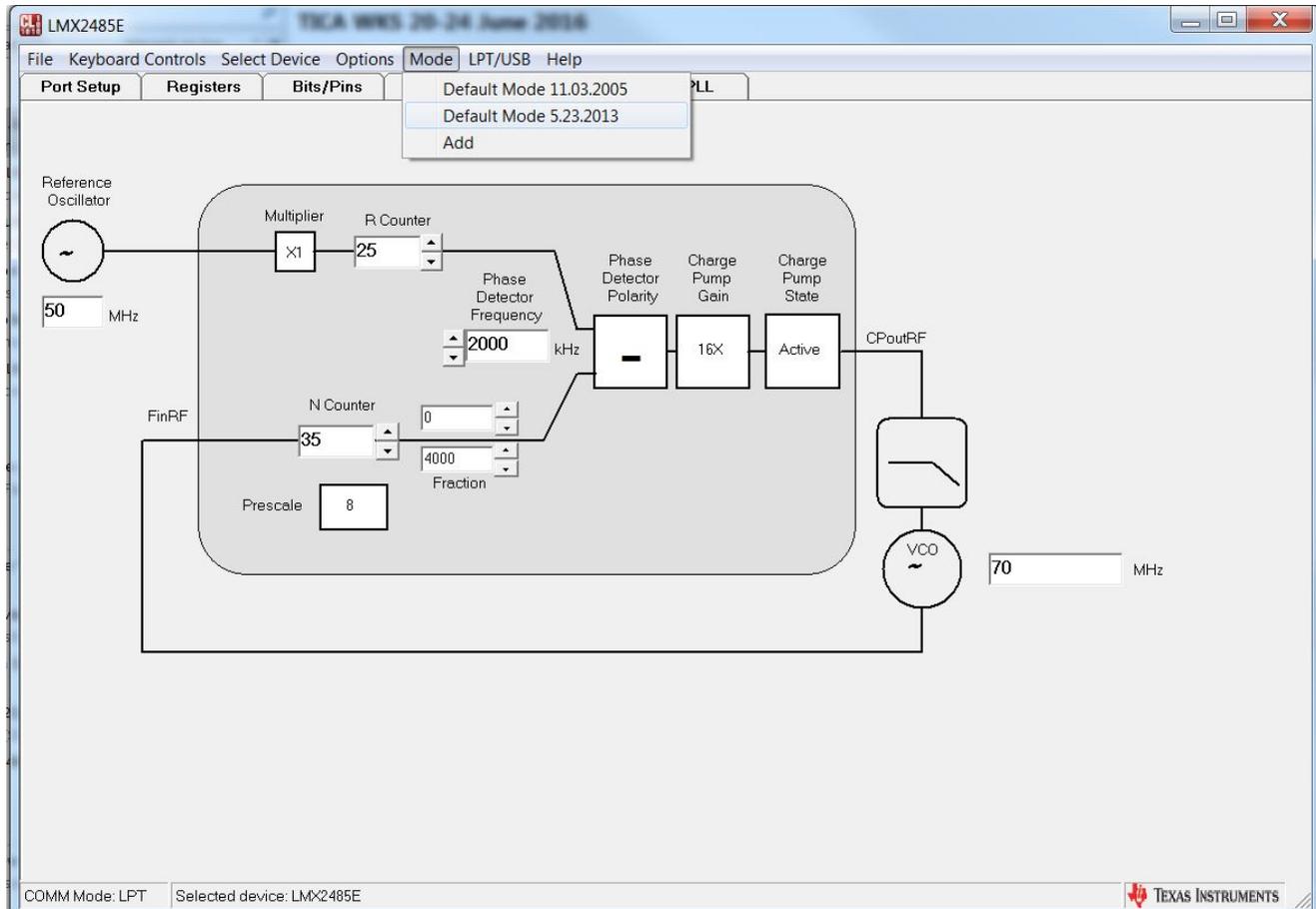


Figure 5. Using the EVM Software

On the Port Setup tab, the user may select the type of communication port (USB or Parallel) that will be used to program the device on the evaluation board. If parallel port is selected, the user should ensure that the correct port address is entered.

Don't forget to press <Ctrl>+L or do Keyboard Controls -> Load Device, to load the settings.

2 Schematic

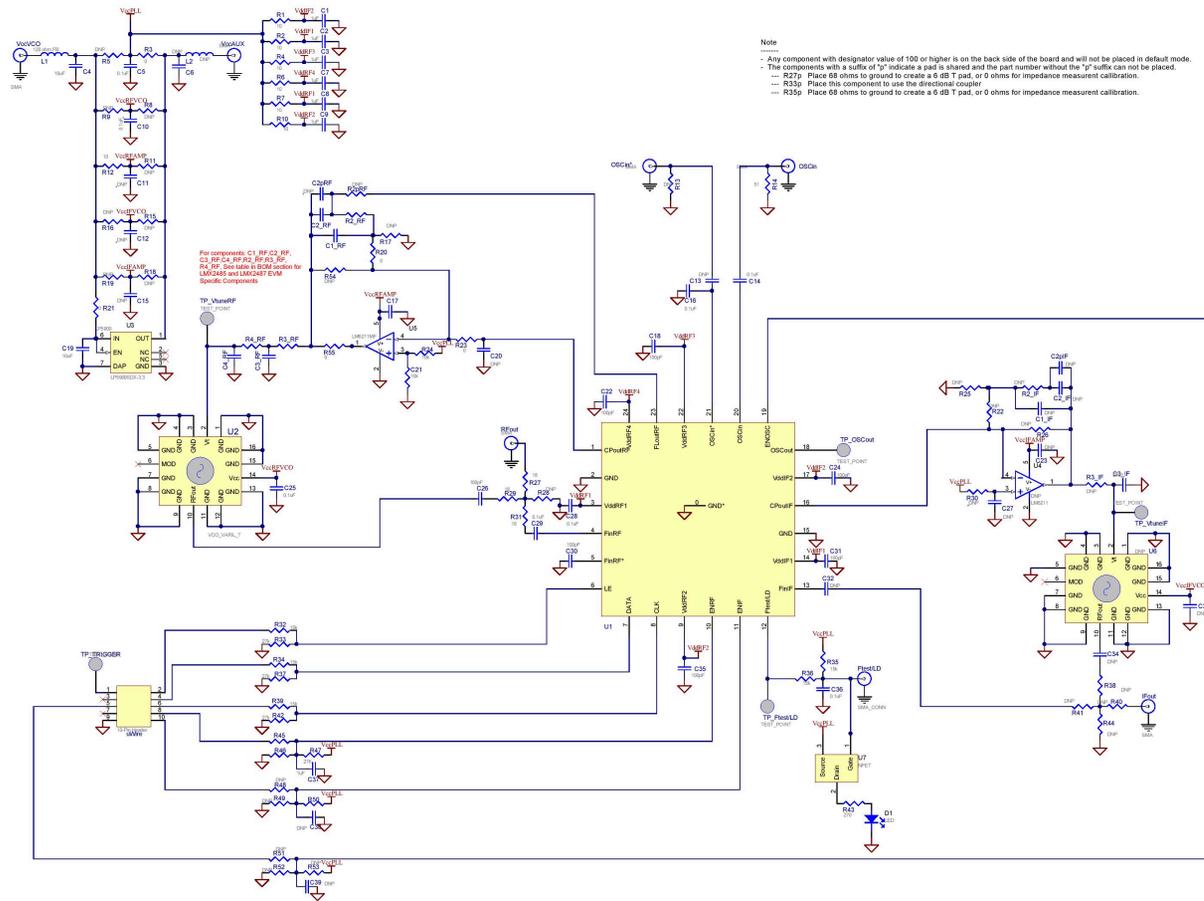


Figure 6. LMX2485E/87E-EVM Schematic

View [Section 3](#) Bill of Materials for actual component values.

3 Bill of Materials

Table 5. Bill of Materials

Item	Designator	Description	Manufacturer	Part Number	Qty
1	C18, C22, C24, C26, C30, C31, C35, C41	CAP, CERM, 100pF, 25V, +/- 10%, X7R, 0603	AVX	06033C101KAT2A	8
2	C5, C10, C11, C14, C16, C17, C25, C28, C29, C36	CAP, CERM, 0.1uF, 16V, +/- 10%, X7R, 0603	Kemet	C0603C104K4RACTU	10
3	C1, C2, C3, C7, C8, C9, C37, C40	CAP, CERM, 1uF, 16V, +/-10%, X5R, 0603	Kemet	C0603C105K4PACTU	8
4	C4, C19	CAP, CERM, 10uF, 10V, +/- 10%, X5R, 0805	Kemet	C0805C106K8PACTU	2
5	D1	LED	Lumex	1594540000	1
6	L1	FB, 120 ohm, 500mA, 0603	Murata	BLM18AG121SN1D	1
7	OSCin, RFout, VccVCO	Connector, SMT, End launch SMA 50 ohm	Emerson Network Power	142-0701-851	3
8	R3, R20, R21, R23, R55	RES, 0 ohm, 5%, 0.1W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW06030000Z0EA	5
9	R1, R2, R4, R6, R7, R9, R10, R12, R56	RES, 10.0 ohm, 1%, 0.1W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW060310R0FKEA	9
10	R27, R29, R31	RES, 18 ohm, 5%, 0.1W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW060318R0JNEA	3
11	R14	RES, 51 ohm, 5%, 0.1W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW060351R0JNEA	1
12	R24, C21	RES, 10k ohm, 5%, 0.1W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW060310K0JNEA	2
13	R43	RES, 270 ohm, 5%, 0.1W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW0603270RJNEA	1
14	R32, R34, R35, R36, R39	RES, 15k ohm, 5%, 0.1W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW060315K0JNEA	5
15	R33, R37, R42, R47	RES, 27k ohm, 5%, 0.1W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW060327K0JNEA	4
16	U3	Ultra Low Noise, 150mA Linear Regulator for RF/Analog Circuits Requires No Bypass Capacitor, 6-pin LLP	Texas Instruments	LP5900SDX-3.3	1
18	U5	Low Noise, RRO Op Amp with CMOS Input	Texas Instruments	LM6211MF	1
18	U7	NFET	Fairchild	BSS138	1
19	uWire	Header	FCI	52601-G10-8LF	1

Table 6. Additional LMX2485E-EVM Specific Components

Item	Designator	Description	Manufacturer	Part Number	Qty
20	U1	LMX2485E	Texas Instruments	LMX2485E	1
21	U2	VCO	Crystek	CVCO55CL-0060-0110	1
22	R45	RES, 15k ohm, 5%, 0.1W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW060315K0JNEA	1
23	R46	RES, 27k ohm, 5%, 0.1W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW060327K0JNEA	1
24	R50	RES, 0 ohm, 5%, 0.1W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW06030000Z0EA	1
25	C1_RF	CAP, CERM, 0.01uF, 100V, +/-5%, X7R, 0603	Kemet	C0603C103J1RACTU	1
26	C2_RF	CAP, CERM, 0.68uF, 10V, +/-10%, X5R, 0603	Kemet	C0603C684K8PAC	1
27	C3_RF	CAP, CERM, 0.015uF, 100V, +/-10%, X7R, 0603	Kemet	C0603C153K1RACTU	1
28	C4_RF	CAP, CERM, 1000pF, 50V, +/-5%, C0G/NP0, 0603	Kemet	C0603C102J5GAC	1
29	R2_RF	RES, 180 ohm, 5%, 0.1W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW0603180RJNEA	1
30	R3_RF	RES, 220 ohm, 5%, 0.1W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW0603220RJNEA	1
31	R4_RF	RES, 3.3k ohm, 5%, 0.1W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW060333K30JNEA	1

Table 7. Additional LMX2487E-EVM Specific Components

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32	U1	LMX2487E	Texas Instruments	LMX2487E	1
33	U2	VCO	Crystek	CVCO55BH-4100-4300	1
35	C1_RF	CAP, CERM, 5600pF, 100V, +/-5%, X7R, 0603	AVX	06031C562JAT2A	1
36	C2_RF	CAP, CERM, 0.12uF, 10V, +/-10%, X5R, 0603	MuRata	GRM188R61A124KA01D	1
37	C3_RF	CAP, CERM, 220pF, 100V, +/-10%, X7R, 0603	AVX	06031C221KAT2A	1
38	C4_RF	CAP, CERM, 1000pF, 50V, +/-5%, C0G/NP0, 0603	Kemet	C0603C102J5GAC	1
39	R2_RF	RES, 270 ohm, 5%, 0.1W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW0603270RJNEA	1
40	R3_RF	RES, 1.2k ohm, 5%, 0.1W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW06031K20JNEA	1
41	R4_RF	RES, 1.2k ohm, 5%, 0.1W, 0603	Vishay-Dale	CRCW06031K20JNEA	1

4 PCB Layers Stackup

6-layer PCB Stackup includes:

- Top Layer for high-priority high-frequency signals (2 oz)
- FR4 Dielectric, 10 mils
- RF Ground plane (1 oz)
- FR4, 23 mils
- Power plane #1 (1 oz)
- FR4, 23 mils
- Bottom Layer copper clad for thermal relief (2 oz)

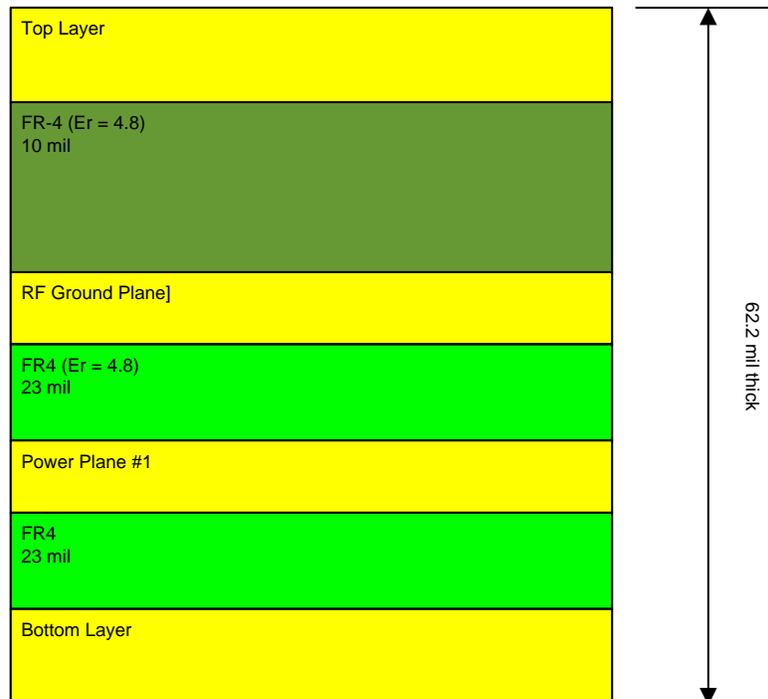


Figure 7. PCB Layers

5 PCB Layout

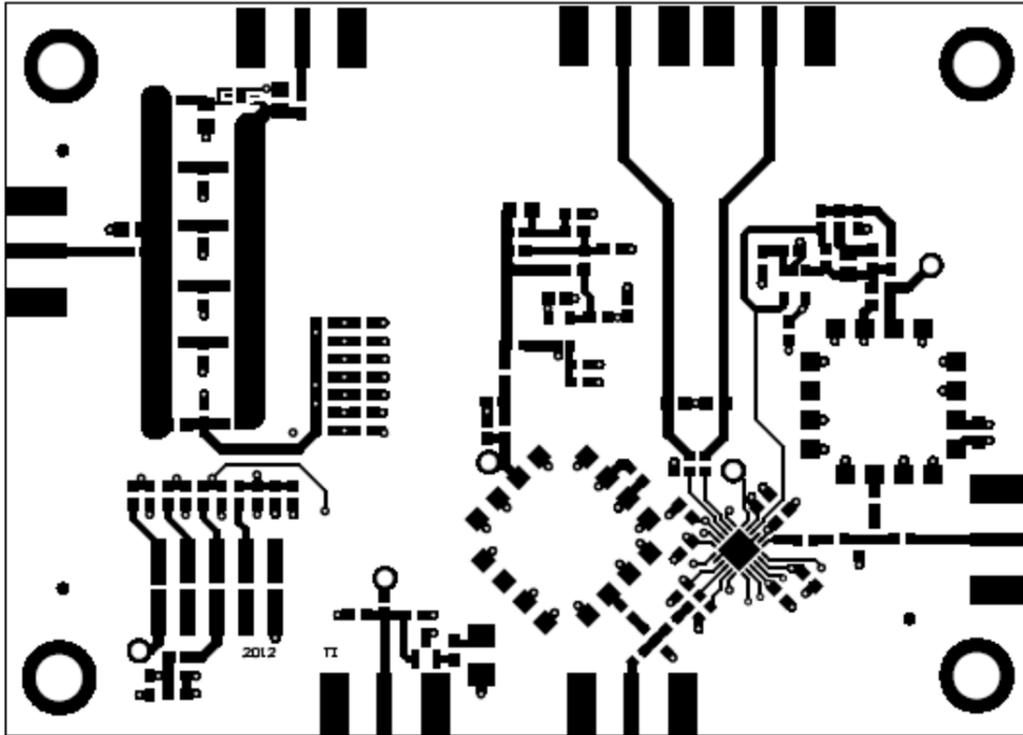


Figure 8. Layer #1 – Top

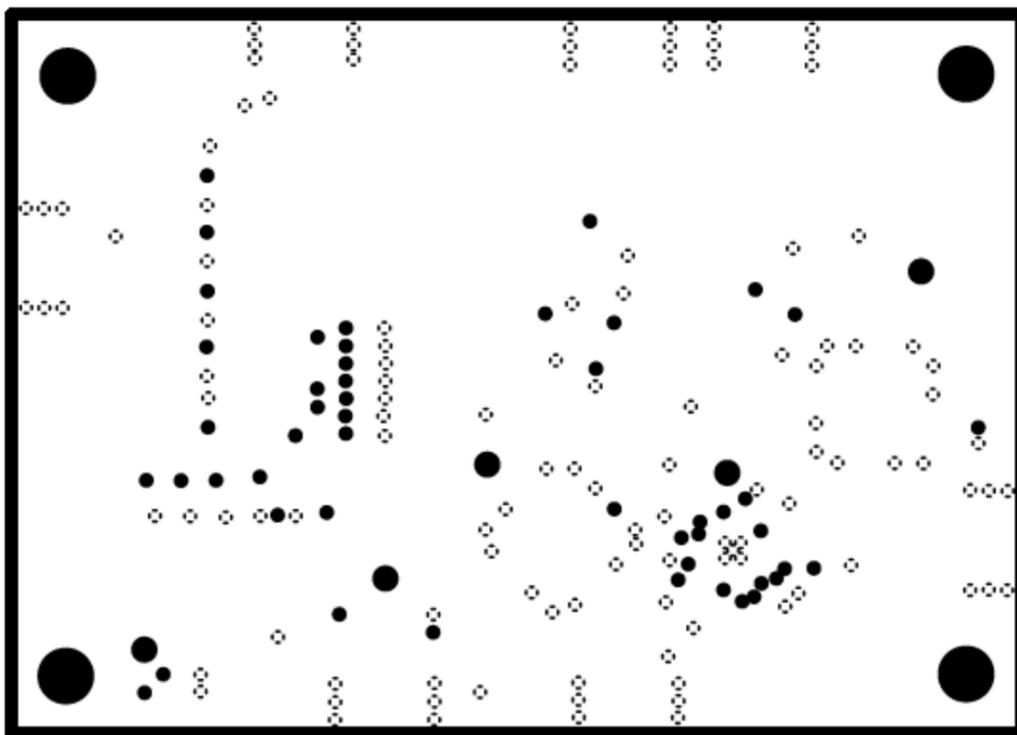


Figure 9. Layer #2 – RF Ground Plane

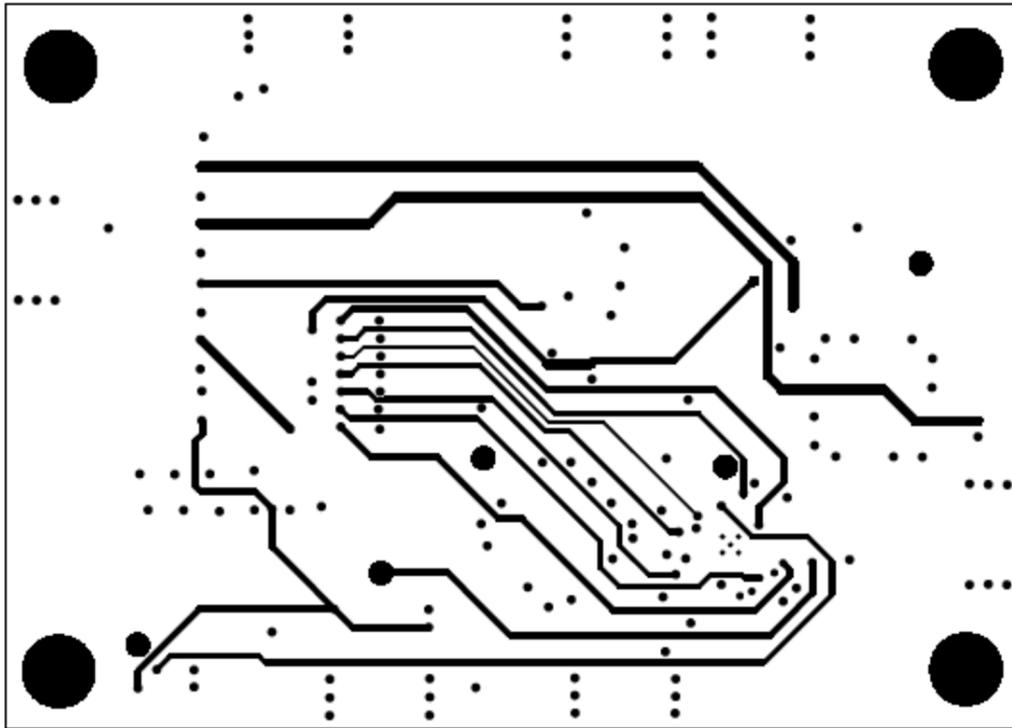


Figure 10. Layer #3 – Power

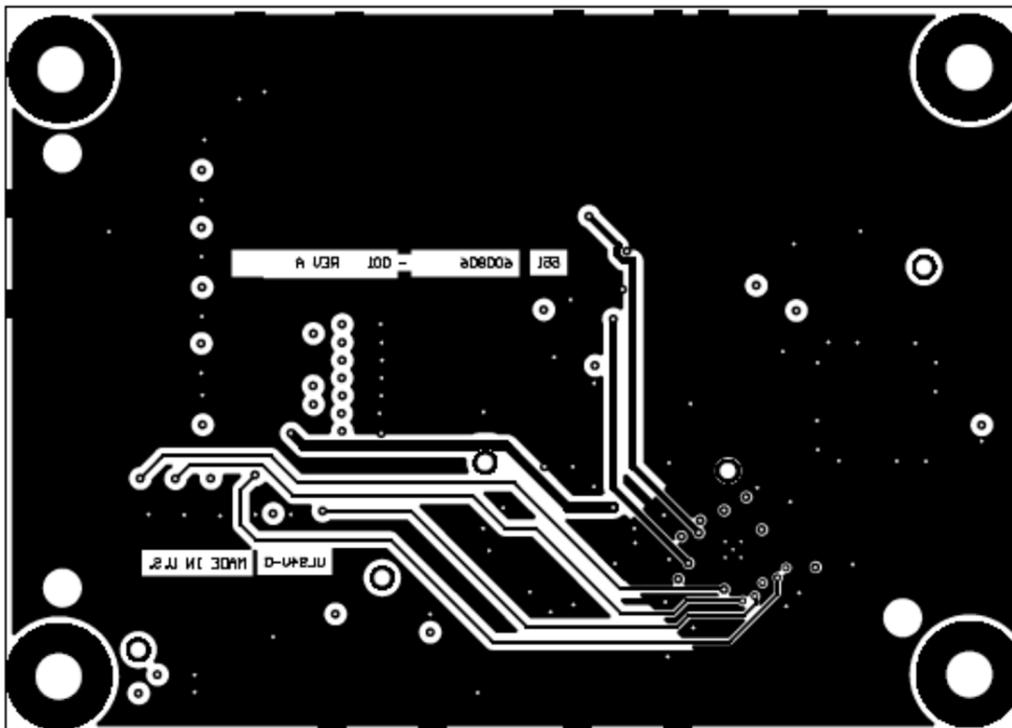


Figure 11. Layer #3 – Bottom Layer

6 Typical Phase Noise Performance Plots

LMX2485E Phase Noise Plots.

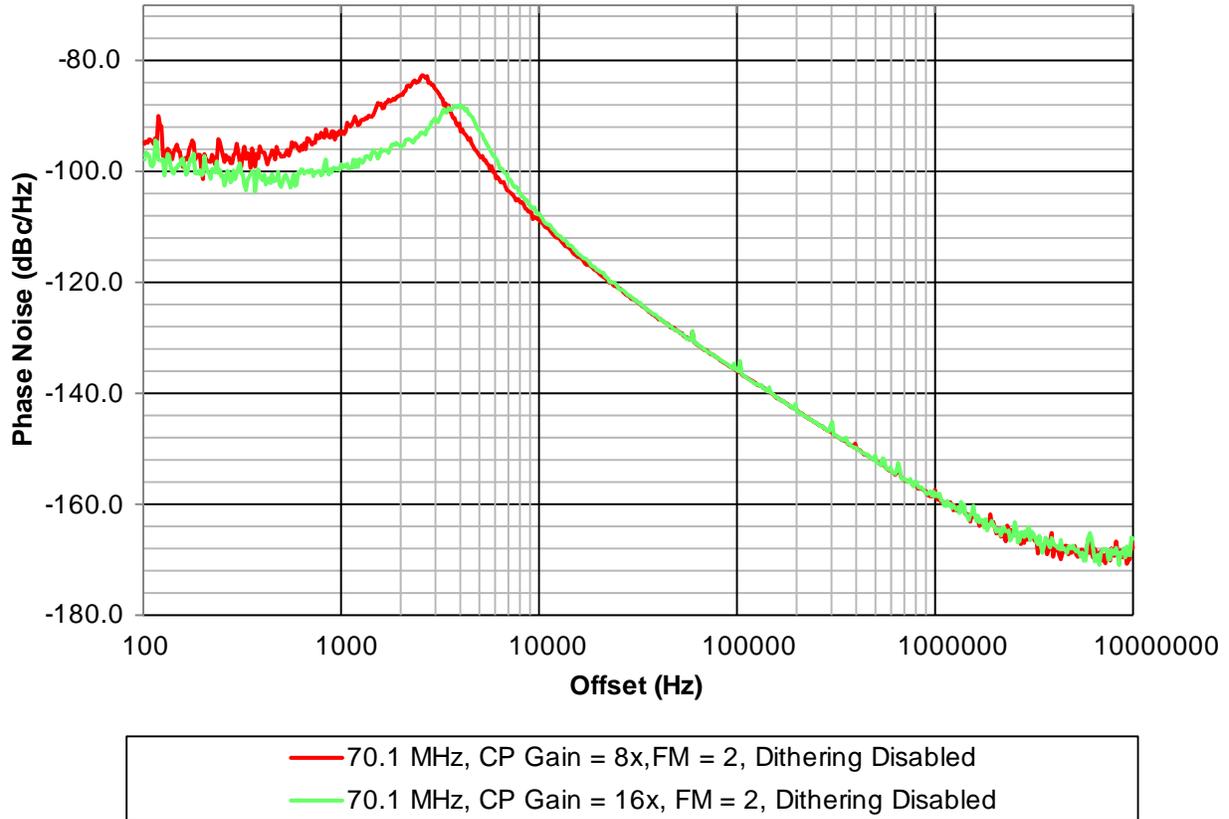


Figure 12. Impact of CPG on Phase Noise

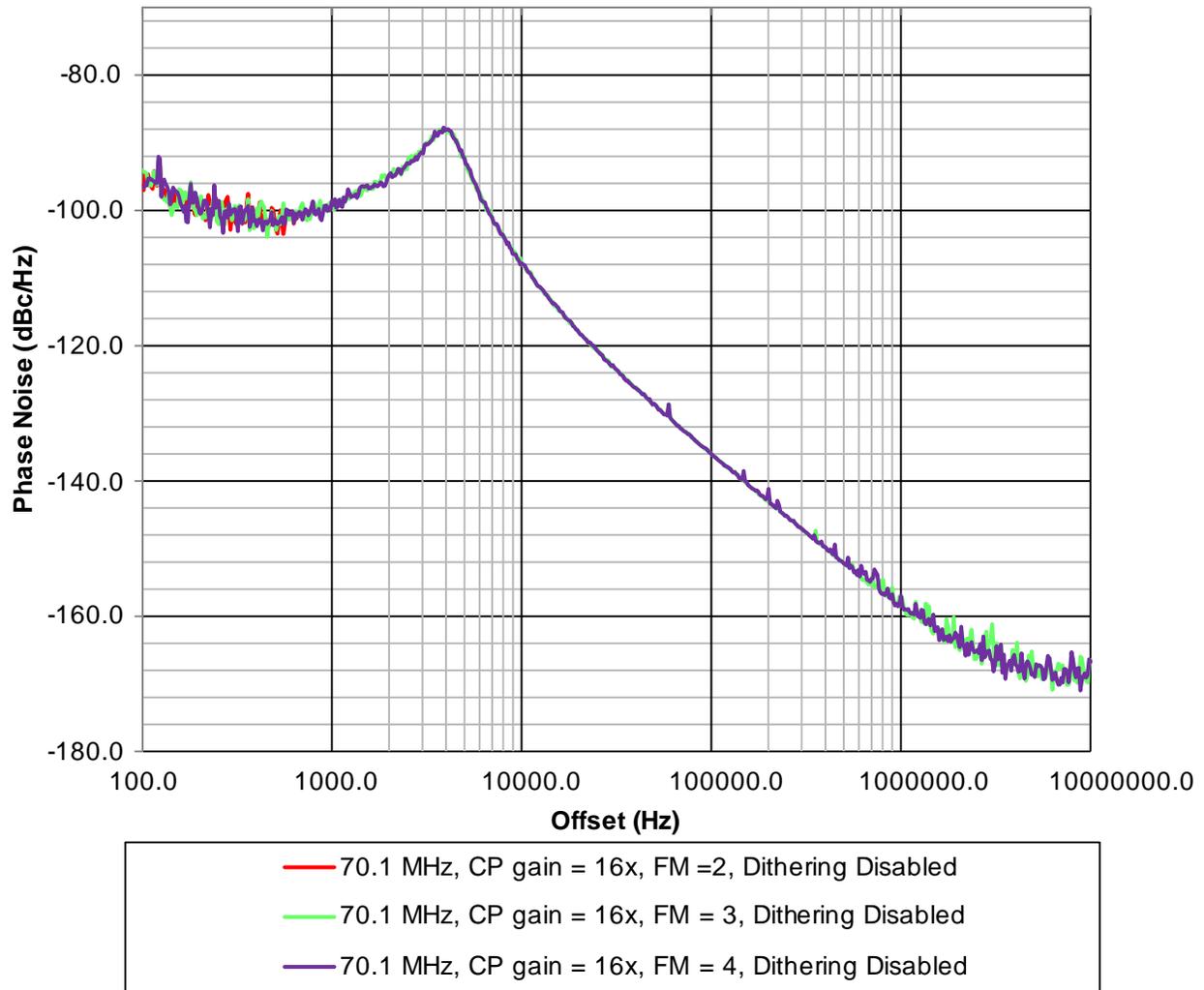


Figure 13. LMX2485E Impact of Fractional Modulator Order

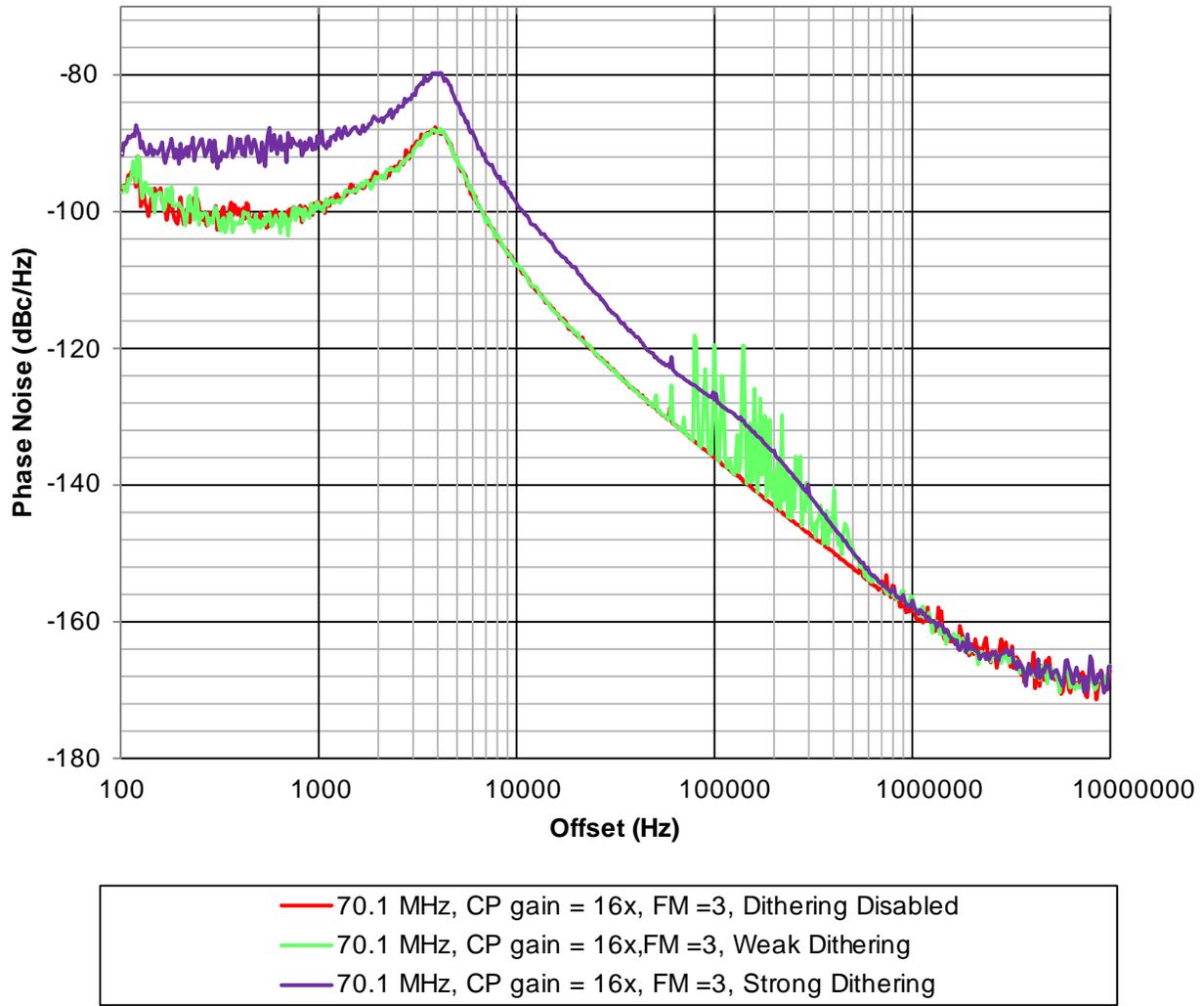


Figure 14. LMK2485E Impact of Dithering

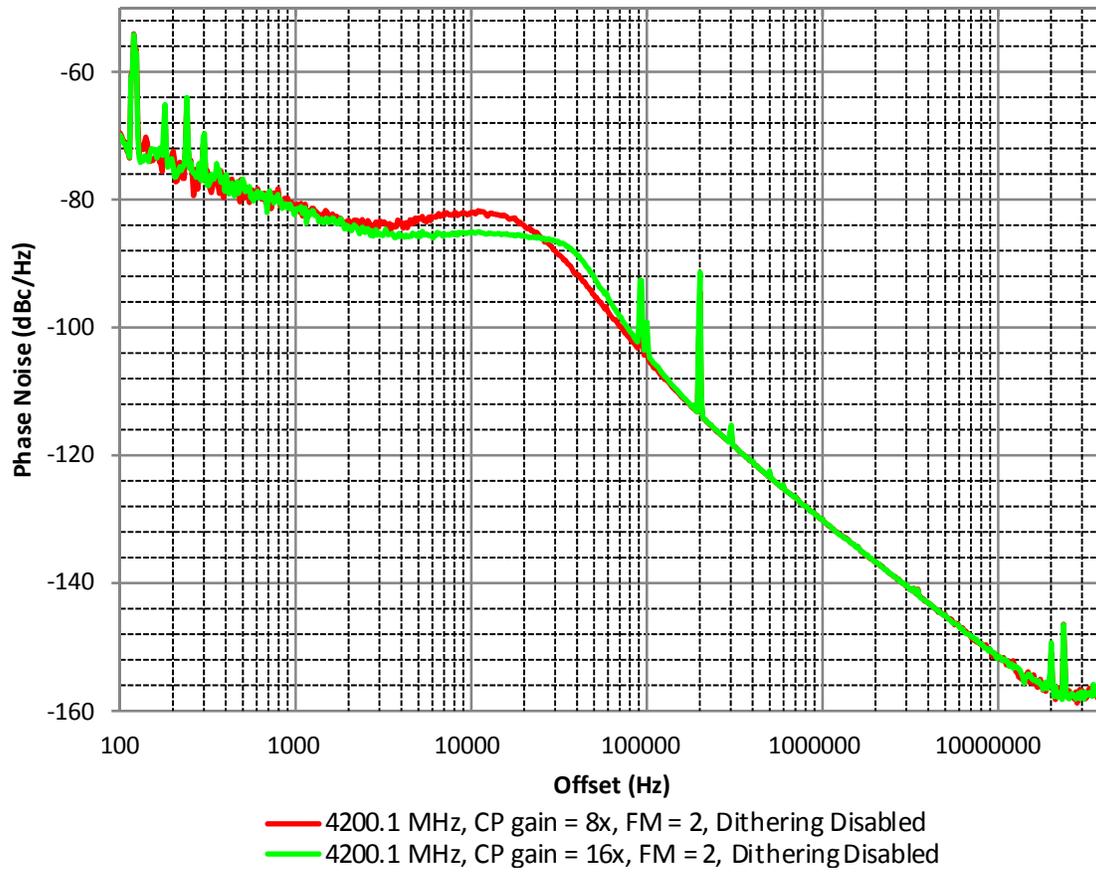
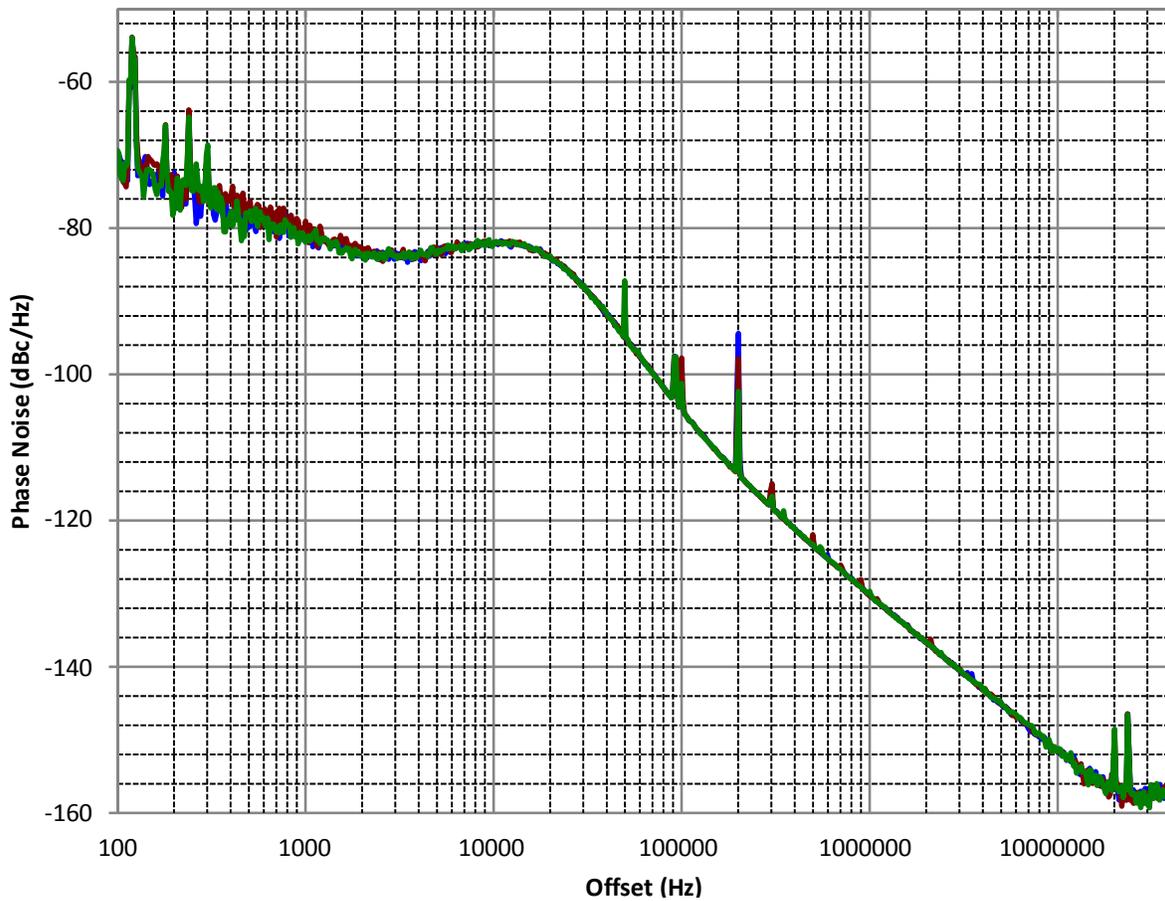
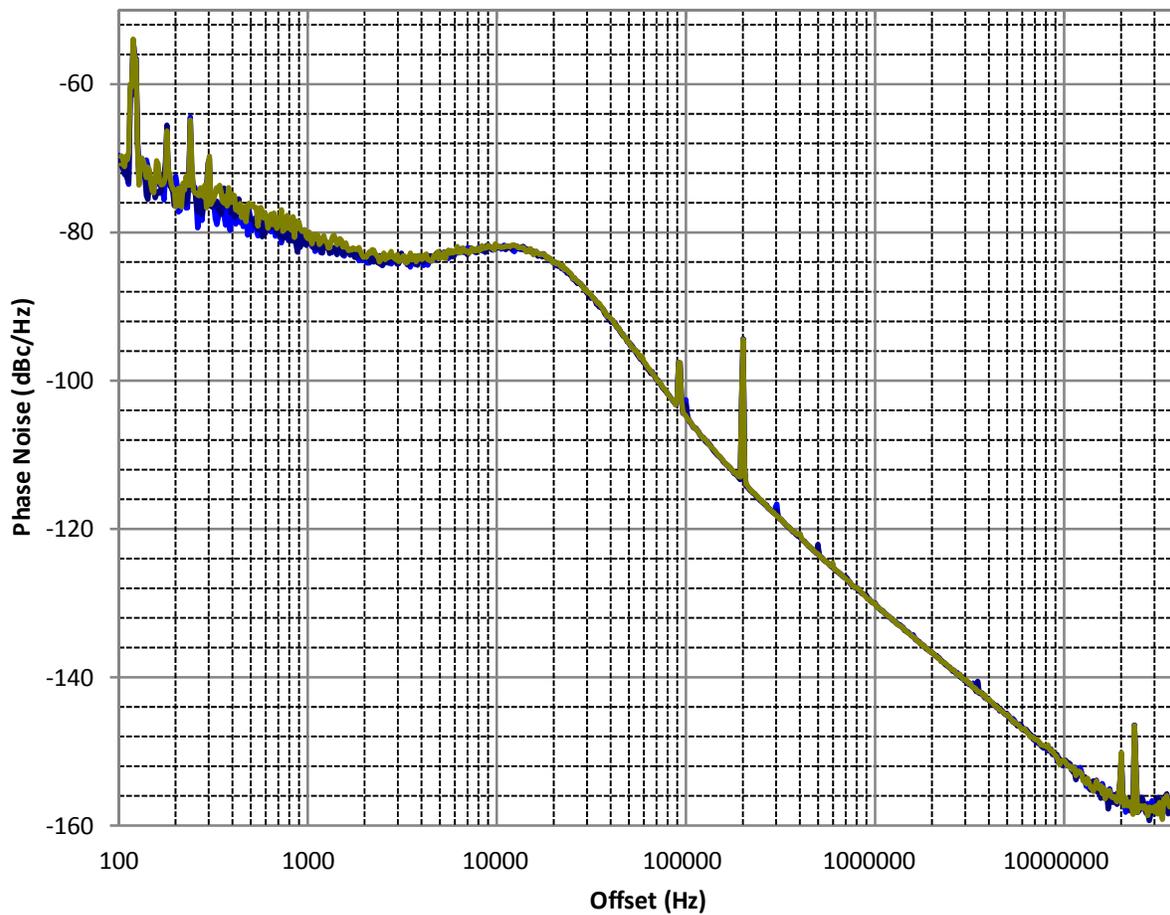


Figure 15. LMX2487E Impact of CPG on Phase Noise



- 4200.1 MHz, CP gain = 8x, FM = 2, Dithering Disabled
- 4200.1 MHz, CP gain = 8x, FM = 3, Dithering Disabled
- 4200.1 MHz, CP gain = 8x, FM = 4, Dithering Disabled

Figure 16. LMX2487E Impact on Fractional Modulator



- 4200.1MHz, CP gain = 8x, FM = 2, DitheringDisabled
- 4200.1MHz, CP gain = 8x, FM = 2, Weak Dithering
- 4200.1MHz, CP gain = 8x, FM = 2, Strong Dithering

Figure 17. LMX2487E Impact of Dithering

Revision History

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- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

3.2 Canada

3.2.1 For EVMs issued with an Industry Canada Certificate of Conformance to RSS-210

Concerning EVMs Including Radio Transmitters:

This device complies with Industry Canada license-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Concernant les EVMs avec appareils radio:

Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes: (1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et (2) l'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement.

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Under Industry Canada regulations, this radio transmitter may only operate using an antenna of a type and maximum (or lesser) gain approved for the transmitter by Industry Canada. To reduce potential radio interference to other users, the antenna type and its gain should be so chosen that the equivalent isotropically radiated power (e.i.r.p.) is not more than that necessary for successful communication. This radio transmitter has been approved by Industry Canada to operate with the antenna types listed in the user guide with the maximum permissible gain and required antenna impedance for each antenna type indicated. Antenna types not included in this list, having a gain greater than the maximum gain indicated for that type, are strictly prohibited for use with this device.

Concernant les EVMs avec antennes détachables

Conformément à la réglementation d'Industrie Canada, le présent émetteur radio peut fonctionner avec une antenne d'un type et d'un gain maximal (ou inférieur) approuvé pour l'émetteur par Industrie Canada. Dans le but de réduire les risques de brouillage radioélectrique à l'intention des autres utilisateurs, il faut choisir le type d'antenne et son gain de sorte que la puissance isotrope rayonnée équivalente (p.i.r.e.) ne dépasse pas l'intensité nécessaire à l'établissement d'une communication satisfaisante. Le présent émetteur radio a été approuvé par Industrie Canada pour fonctionner avec les types d'antenne énumérés dans le manuel d'usage et ayant un gain admissible maximal et l'impédance requise pour chaque type d'antenne. Les types d'antenne non inclus dans cette liste, ou dont le gain est supérieur au gain maximal indiqué, sont strictement interdits pour l'exploitation de l'émetteur.

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