

ADC08L060 Evaluation Module

This user's guide describes the function and use of the ADC08L060 evaluation module (EVM). Included in this document are a quick-start guide, instructions for optimizing evaluation results, jumper and connector descriptions, software description, and alternate hardware configurations.

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1 Overview

The ADC08L060EVM is an evaluation module (EVM) designed to evaluate the ADC08L060. The EVM provides simple and minimal external components to minimize system cost and power consumption.

The following features apply to this EVM:

- 8-bit, low-cost, low-power, high-speed, CMOS interface ADC08L060
- Onboard 60-MHz crystal oscillator for sample clocking, with an external clock option
- TPS7A47 user-programmable RF LDO voltage regulator
- CDCV304 high-performance, low-skew, PCI_X-compliant clock buffer

The ADC08L060EVM is designed to work seamlessly with the TSW1400EVM, TI's CMOS and LVDS pattern generator and data-capture board, through the *High-Speed Data Converter Pro* Graphical User Interface (HSDC Pro GUI) software tool for high-speed data converter evaluation.

1.1 Required Hardware

The following equipment is **included** in the EVM evaluation kit:

- ADC08L060EVM
- Standard banana jack power supply cables

The following list of equipment are items that are **not included** in the EVM evaluation kit but are items required for evaluation of this product in order to achieve the best performance:

- *TSW1400EVM Data Capture Board*, 5-V DC cable connector, and mini-USB cable
- Computer running Microsoft® Windows® 8, Windows 7, or Windows XP
- One low-noise signal generator. Recommendations:
 - RF generator, > +17 dBm, < -40 dBc harmonics, < 500 fsec jitter 20 kHz–20 MHz, 1-MHz to 2-GHz frequency range
 - Examples: TSW2170EVM, HP HP8644B, Rohde & Schwarz SMA100A
- DC power supply. Recommendations:
 - DC Power Supply, 0-6 VDC, > 3 A
 - Examples: Agilent E363A or equivalent
- Bandpass filter for desired analog input. Recommendations:
 - Filter, ≥ 60-dB harmonic attenuation, ≤ 5% bandwidth, > +18-dBm power, < 5-dB insertion loss
 - Examples: Trilithic 5VH-series Tunable BPF, K&L BT-series Tunable BPF, TTE KC6 or KC7-series Fixed BPF
- Signal path cables, SMA or BNC with BNC-to-SMA adapters

1.2 Required Software

The following software is required to operate the TSW1400EVM and is available online. See [References, Section 1.4](#) for links.

- High-Speed Data Converter Pro software

1.3 Evaluation Board Feature Identification Summary

The EVM features are labeled in Figure 1.

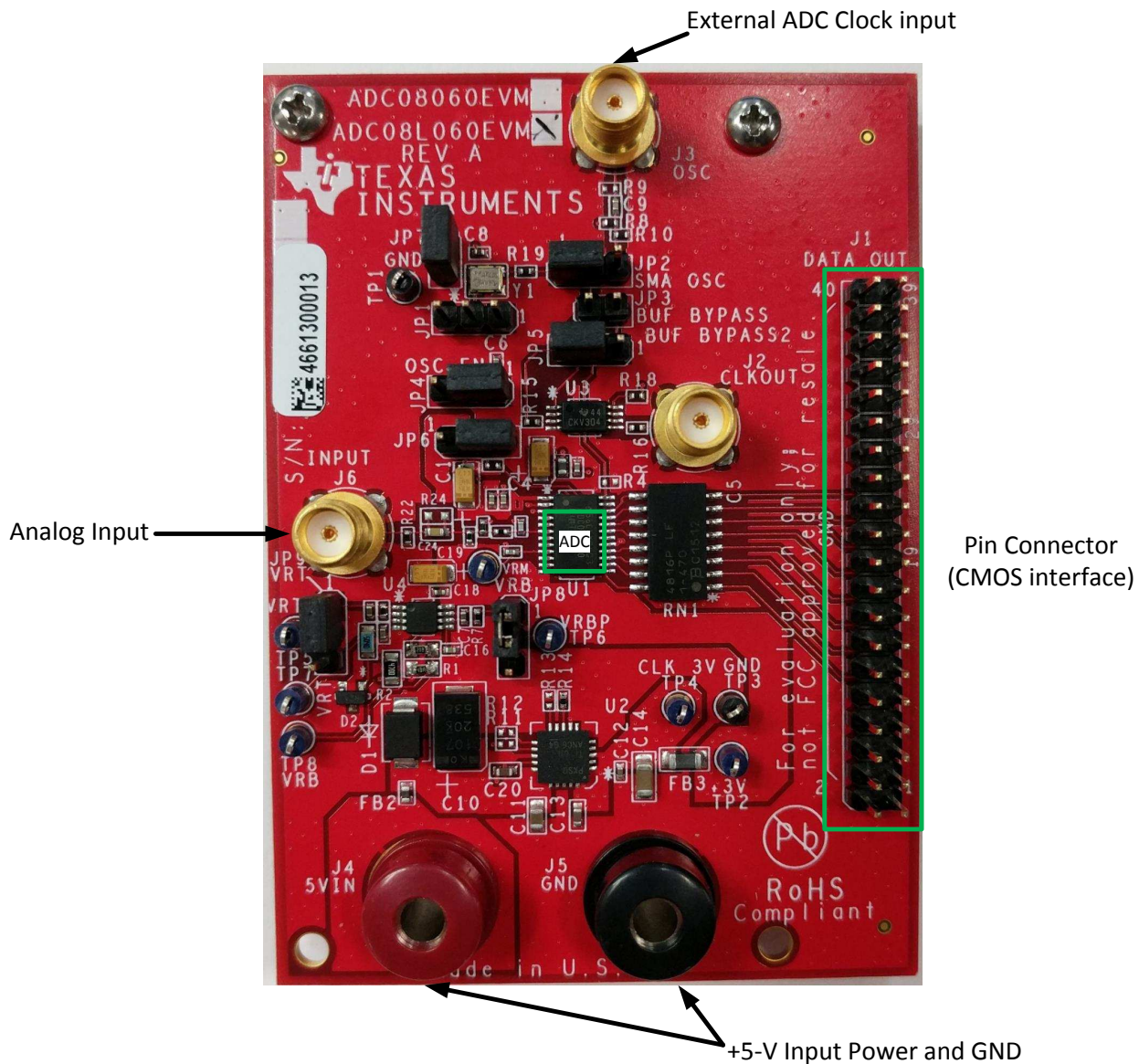


Figure 1. EVM Feature Locations

1.4 References

- ADC08L060 data sheet (SNAS167), available at www.ti.com/product/ADC08L060
- TSW1400EVM User's Guide (SLWU079), available at www.ti.com/tool/TSW1400EVM
- High-Speed Data Converter Pro software (SLWC107) and User's Guide (SLWU087), available at www.ti.com/tool/dataconverterpro-sw

NOTE: Schematics, layout, and BOM are available on the [ADC08L060EVM](http://www.ti.com) product page on www.ti.com.

2 Quick-Start Guide

This section guides the user through the EVM test procedure to obtain a valid data capture from the ADC08L060EVM using the TSW1400EVM capture card. This should be the starting point for all evaluations.

2.1 Software Installation

The proper software must be installed before beginning evaluation. See [Section 1.2](#) for a list of the required software. The [References](#) section of this document contains links to find the software on the TI website.

Important: The software must be installed before connecting the ADC08L060EVM and TSW1400EVM to the computer for the first time.

2.1.1 High-Speed Data Converter Pro GUI Installation

The *High-Speed Data Converter Pro* (HSDC Pro) is used to control the TSW1400EVM and analyze the captured data. See the HSDC Pro user's guide ([SLWU087](#)) for more information.

1. Download HSDC Pro from the TI website. The [References](#) section of this document contains the link to find the software on the TI website.
2. Extract the files from the zip file.
3. Run *setup.exe* and follow the installation prompts.

2.2 Hardware Setup Procedure

A typical test setup using the ADC08L060EVM and TSW1400EVM is shown in Figure 2. This is the test setup used for the quick-start procedure. The rest of this section describes the hardware setup steps.

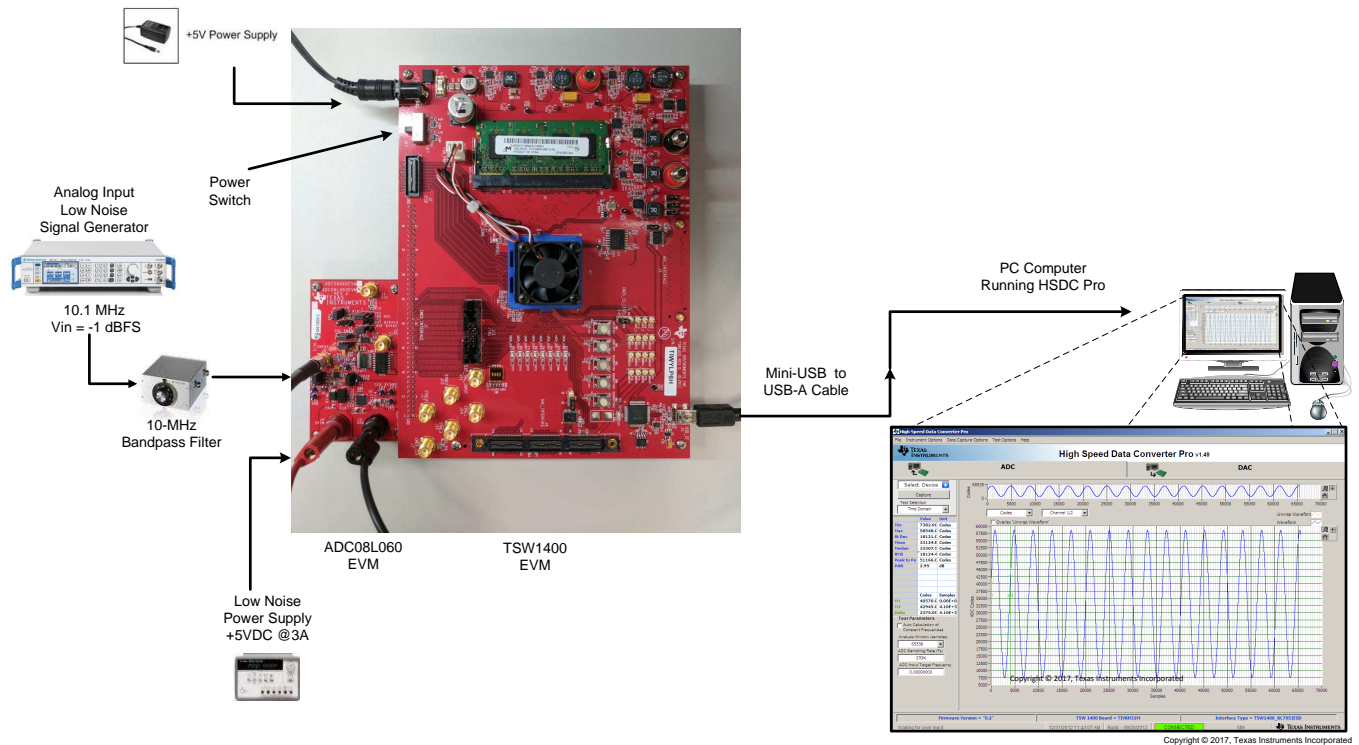


Figure 2. Quick-Start Test Setup

2.2.1 TSW1400EVM Setup

First, set up the TSW1400EVM using the following steps:

1. Connect the ADC08L060EVM to the TSW1400EVM connecting pin 1 of the CMOS_INTERFACE (J1) to pin 1 of ADC08L060EVM output data (J1).
2. Connect the power cable to connector J12 (5 V IN) to the TSW1400EVM.
3. Connect the mini-USB cable to the USB connector (J5).
4. Turn on the power supply. Flip the power switch (SW7) to the ON position. The board should draw around 0.5 A after power up. This will increase to around 1.7 A when loaded with firmware.

2.2.2 ADC08L060EVM Setup

Next, setup the ADC08L060EVM using the following:

1. Connect the banana jack power-supply cables to the EVM. Connect the red wire to 5 VDC ± 0.1 VDC of a power supply rated for at least 3 A to connector J4. Connect the black wire to J5 (GND) of the power supply.
2. Turn on the power supply. The power draw should be around 0.6 A.
3. Set the analog input signal generator for 10.1-MHz, -1 dB from full scale.
4. Place a 10-MHz bandpass filter at the output of the analog signal generator to remove noise and harmonics from the signal generator.
5. Connect the analog input signal generator to the EVM through SMA connector INPUT (J6) and provide a 10.1-MHz signal.

2.3 Software Setup Procedure

The software can be opened and configured once the hardware is properly set up.

2.3.1 HSDC Pro GUI Configuration

1. Open High Speed Data Converter Pro by going to *Start Menu* \rightarrow *All Programs* \rightarrow *Texas Instruments* \rightarrow *High Speed Data Converter Pro*. The GUI main page looks as shown in [Figure 3](#).

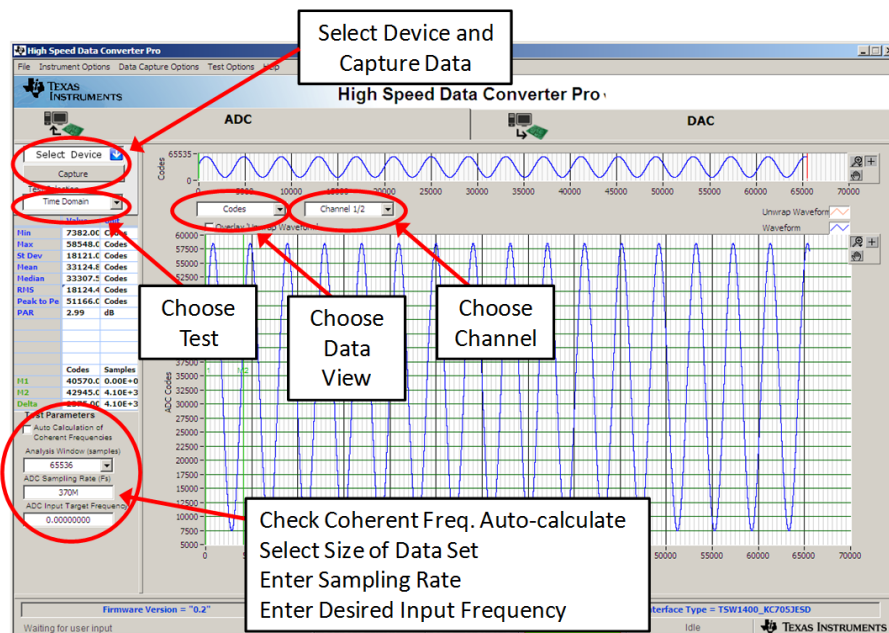
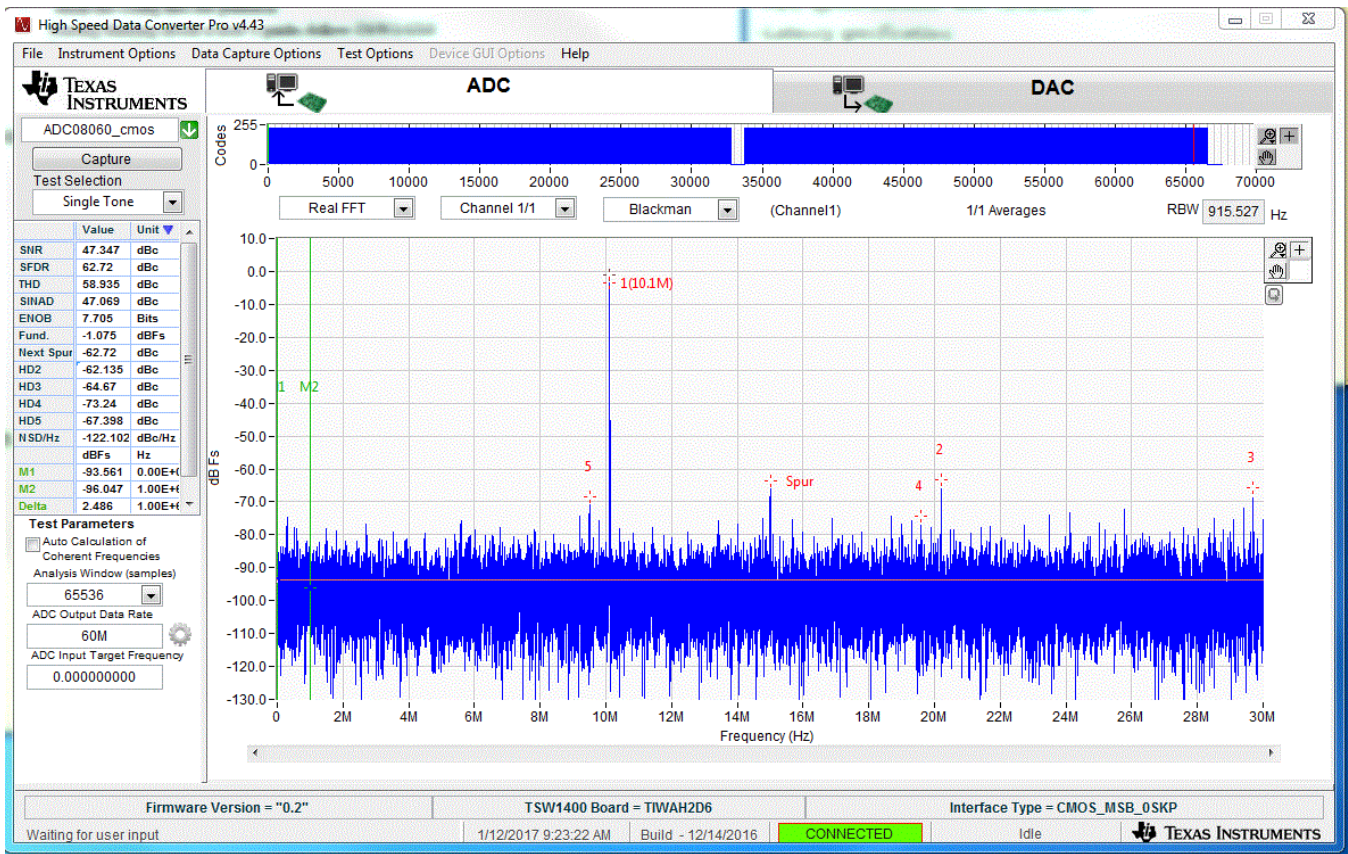


Figure 3. HSDC Pro GUI Main Panel

2. When prompted to select the capture board, select the TSW1400 whose serial number corresponds to the serial number on the TSW1400EVM and click *OK*. This popup can be accessed through the *Instrument Options* menu.
3. If no firmware is currently loaded, there is a message indicating this. Click on *OK*.
4. Verify the *ADC* tab at the top of the GUI is selected.
5. Use the *Select ADC* drop-down menu at the top left corner to select *ADC08060_cmos*.
6. When prompted to update the firmware for the ADC, click *Yes* and wait for the firmware to download to the TSW1400. This takes a couple of seconds.
7. Enter "60M" into the *ADC Output Data Rate* field at the bottom left corner then click outside this box or press *Return* on the PC keyboard.
8. Click *Capture* in HSDC Pro to capture data from the ADC.

- The results from the captured data of Channel 1 should look like Figure 4 and the performance should be similar to Table 1. If this result is not achieved, then see the Quick Start Troubleshooting section of this document.



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Figure 4. Data Capture Results From Quick-Start Procedure

Table 1. Quick-Start Performance Measurements

Result	Measured Value	Units
SNR	47	dBFS
SFDR	62	dBFS

2.4 Quick-Start Troubleshooting

Use [Table 2](#) to assist with problems that may have occurred during the quick-start procedure.

Table 2. Troubleshooting Tips

Issue	Troubleshooting Tips
General problems	Verify the test setup shown in Section 2 and repeat the setup procedure as described in this document.
	Check power supplies to the EVMs. Verify that the power switches are in the ON position and supplies are drawing the appropriate current.
	Check signal and clock connections to the EVM.
	Check that all boards are properly connected together.
	Try power-cycling the external power supply to the EVM and reprogram the ADC devices.
TSW1400 LEDs are not correct: D2 – D9 OFF	Verify the settings of the configuration switches on the TSW1400EVM.
	Verify that the EVM configuration GUI is communicating with the USB and that the configuration procedure has been followed.
	Try capturing data in HSDC Pro to force an LED status update.
HSDC Pro software is not capturing good data or analysis results are incorrect.	Verify that the TSW1400EVM is properly connected to the PC with a mini-USB cable and that the board serial number is properly identified by the HSDC Pro software.
	Check that the proper ADC device is selected. In default conditions, ADC08L060_cmos should be selected.
	Check that the analysis parameters are properly configured.
	Check that the fundamental power is no larger than –1 dBFs.
HSDC Pro software gives a time-out error when capturing data	Restart HSDC Pro and reload the firmware.
	Verify that the ADC sampling rate is correct in the HSDC Pro software.
Sub-optimal measured performance	Measure test points to verify operating voltage ranges.
	Verify the jumper configurations are in default locations.
	Verify that filters are used in the clock and input signal paths and that low-noise signal sources are used.

3 Optimizing Evaluation Results

This section assists the user in optimizing the performance during evaluation of the product.

3.1 Clocking Optimization

The sampling clock provided to the ADC needs to have very low phase noise to achieve optimal results. The default EVM configuration uses a crystal oscillator to generate the sampling clock. Another option to improve the clock noise performance is bypassing the onboard clock in favor of an external clock. The clock must have very low noise and must use an external narrow pass-band filter to achieve optimal noise performance. The clock amplitude must be within the data sheet limits. See [Section 4](#) for more information regarding this setup.

3.2 Coherent Input Source

A *Rectangular* window function can be applied to the captured data when the sample rate and the input frequency are set precisely to capture an *integer* number of cycles of the input frequency (sometimes called coherent frequency). This may yield better SNR results. The clock and analog inputs must be frequency locked (such as through 10-MHz references) in order to achieve coherency.

3.3 HSDC Pro Settings

HSDC Pro has some settings that can help improve the performance measurements. These are highlighted in [Table 3](#).

Table 3. HSDC Pro Settings to Optimize Results

HSDC Pro Feature	Description
Analysis Window (Samples)	Selects the number of samples to include in the selected test analysis. Collect more data to improve frequency resolution of Fast-Fourier Transform (FFT) analysis. If more than 65,536 samples are required, increase the setting in the <i>Data Capture Options</i> to match this value.
Data Windowing Function	Select the desired windowing function applied to the data for FFT analysis. Select <i>Blackman</i> when sampling a non-coherent input signal or <i>Rectangle</i> when sampling a coherent input signal.
Test Options → Notch Frequency Bins	Select bins to be removed from the spectrum and back-filled with the average noise level. May also customize which Harmonics and Spurs are considered in SNR and THD calculations and select the method for calculating spur power.
Test Options → Bandwidth Integration Markers	Enable markers to narrow the <i>Single-Tone FFT</i> test analysis to a specific bandwidth.
Data Capture Options → Capture Options	Configure the number of contiguous samples per capture (capture depth). May also enable <i>Continuous Capture</i> and <i>FFT Averaging</i> .

4 Alternate Hardware Configurations

This section describes alternate hardware configurations in order to achieve better results or to more closely mimic the system configuration.

4.1 Clocking Options

The default clocking mode uses a crystal clock oscillator to generate the ADC sampling clock and FPGA clocks. An alternative option is described in the following section.

4.1.1 External ADC Sampling Clock

An external clock can be used as the sampling clock for the ADC. For this option, the oscillator must be bypassed with a jumper (JP2) by changing its position to SHUNT 2–3. Provide a filtered, low-noise 60-MHz signal from an RF generator to the SMA connection on the EVM (J3).

4.2 Voltage Reference Options

The default configurations uses a LM8272 rail-to-rail precision op amp to drive the reference voltage. By default, the top reference voltage is set to 1.9 V and the bottom voltage is set to 0.3 V. Alternative options are described in the follow sections.

4.2.1 External Voltage Reference

An external voltage reference can be used to supply the reference voltage to the ADC. For this option, jumper VRT (JP9) and VRB (JP8) must be pulled out and left OPEN. Apply a top voltage reference at the test point VRTP (TP5) and bottom reference at VRBP (TP6). If the desired voltage references are 3 V and GND, change jumpers JP9 and JP8 to SHUNT 2-3.

4.2.2 Divider Resistor Modification

If the LM8272 is desired to drive the reference voltages, but at a different range, the divider resistors (R1 and R3) can be changed to suit the reference voltage needed. R1 and R3 are larger for easy soldering modifications.

Jumper and Connector Descriptions

A.1 Jumper Descriptions

The EVM jumpers are shown in [Table 4](#) as well as the default settings for the jumpers. Use this table to reset the EVM in the default configuration, in case of issues.

Table 4. Jumper Descriptions and Default Settings

Jumper	Description	Default Setting
JP1	INH function for onboard sample clock (active, by default)	OPEN
JP2	Selects either onboard or external sample clock (default is onboard)	Shunt pins 1-2
JP3	Option to bypass clock buffer (not bypassed, by default)	OPEN
JP4	Enable outputs from clock buffer (active high)	Shunt pins 1-2
JP5	Option to bypass clock buffer (not bypassed, by default)	Shunt pins 2-3
JP6	Powerdown mode for ADC08L060 (default not in powerdown mode)	Shunt pins 2-3
JP7	Provides power to onboard clock (powered, by default)	Shunt pins 1-2
JP8	Top reference voltage option (supplied by LM8272, by default)	Shunt pins 1-2
JP9	Bottom reference voltage option (supplied by LM8272, by default)	Shunt pins 1-2

A.2 Connector Descriptions

The EVM connectors and their function are described in [Table 5](#).

Table 5. Connector Descriptions

Connector	Description
J1	CMOS pin header connector
J2	Clock output for ADC sampling and FPGA
J3	External ADC sample clock input
J4	5-V DC banana jack connector
J5	GND banana jack connector
J6	Single-ended SMA analog input

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