



MAX3656 Evaluation Kit

General Description

The MAX3656 evaluation kit (EV kit) is an assembled demonstration board that provides optical evaluation of the MAX3656 155Mbps to 2.5Gbps burst-mode laser driver. The evaluation board allows connection with coaxial laser packages as well as BIDI packages.

EV Kit Contents

◆ MAX3656 EV Kit Board

Features

- ◆ Fully Assembled and Tested
- ◆ Adjustable Laser Bias Current
- ◆ Adjustable Laser Modulation Current
- ◆ Single +3.3V Power-Supply Operation

Ordering Information

| PART | TYPE |
|---------------|--------|
| MAX3656EVKIT+ | EV Kit |

+Denotes lead(Pb)-free and RoHS compliant.

Component List

| DESIGNATION | QTY | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------------|-----|--|
| C1 | 1 | 1 μ F \pm 10% ceramic capacitor (0402) Murata GRM155R61A105KE15D |
| C2 | 1 | 1000pF \pm 10% ceramic capacitor (0402) Murata GRM155R71H102KA01D |
| C3, C10–C15 | 7 | 0.1 μ F \pm 10% ceramic capacitors (0402) Murata GRM155R61A104KA01D |
| C19 | 1 | 10 μ F \pm 10% tantalum capacitor (B case) AVX TAJB106K010RNJ |
| C20 | 1 | 0.1 μ F \pm 10% ceramic capacitor (0603) Murata GRM188R71H104KA93D |
| C21 | 1 | 0.01 μ F \pm 10% ceramic capacitor (0603) TDK C1005X8R1E103K |
| C24 | 1 | 27pF \pm 5% ceramic capacitor (0402) Murata GRM1555C1H270JZ01D |
| D2 | 1 | Green LED, SMD Panasonic LNJ311G8PRA |
| D3, D4 | 2 | Diodes Panasonic MA27P0100L |
| D5 | 0 | Laser, user supplied |
| J18, J20, TP1, TP2 | 4 | Test points Keystone 5000 |
| J23–J26 | 4 | SMA connectors, edge mount, tab contact Johnson 142-0701-851 |

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|--|-----|--|
| JP26, JP28, JP30, JP32, JP33 | 5 | 3-pin headers, 0.1in center Sullins PEC36SAAN |
| JP26, JP28, JP30, JP32, JP33 | 5 | Shunts Sullins SSC02SYAN |
| L1 | 1 | 10nH \pm 5% inductor (0402) Murata LQG15HS10NJ02 |
| Q1 | 1 | npn transistor Zetex FMMT491ATA |
| R1 | 1 | 15 Ω \pm 5% resistor (0402) |
| R2, R3 | 2 | 10 Ω \pm 5% resistors (0402) |
| R12, R126 | 2 | 5.6 Ω \pm 5% resistors (0402) |
| R43 | 1 | 200 Ω \pm 5% resistor (0603) |
| R59, R79, R90 | 3 | 50k Ω variable resistors Bourns 3296W-1-503LF |
| R61, R82, R118 | 0 | Not installed, resistors (0603) |
| R88 | 1 | 4.3k Ω \pm 5% resistor (0603) |
| R91, R92, R94, R95, R97, R98, R100, R101 | 0 | Not installed, resistors (0402) |
| R103, R104 | 2 | 100 Ω \pm 1% resistors (0402) |
| R113–R116 | 4 | 0 Ω \pm 5% resistors (0402) |
| R119 | 1 | 3k Ω \pm 5% resistor (0603) |
| R120 | 1 | 1.5k Ω \pm 5% resistor (0603) |
| R121 | 1 | 75 Ω \pm 5% resistor (0402) |
| U1 | 1 | Burst-mode laser driver (24 TQFN-EP*) Maxim MAX3656ETG+ |
| — | 1 | PCB: MAX3656 EVALUATION BOARD+, Rev D |

*EP = Exposed pad.

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Quick Start

To evaluate the MAX3656 with a laser diode, configure the EV kit as follows:

- 1) Pull shunts off all jumpers (JP33, JP30, JP32, JP26, and JP28).
- 2) Set R_{APCSET} to 20k Ω by adjusting the APCSET variable resistor R79 until the measured resistance between the VAR pin of jumper JP33 and GND is 20k Ω . Then install a shunt on the VAR side of jumper JP33.
- 3) Set R_{MODSET} to 20k Ω by adjusting the MODSET variable resistor R59 until the measured resistance between the VAR pin of jumper JP30 and GND is 20k Ω . Then install a shunt on the VAR side of jumper JP30.
- 4) Set R_{BIASMAX} to 7k Ω by adjusting the BIASMAX variable resistor R90 until the measured resistance between the VAR pin of jumper JP32 and GND is 7k Ω . Then install a shunt on the VAR side of jumper JP32.
- 5) Connect the $\overline{\text{EN}}$ pin to GND by installing a shunt on the GND side of jumper JP26.
- 6) Connect the LONGB pin to GND by installing a shunt on the GND side of jumper JP28.
- 7) Solder a laser to edge connection D5. See Figure 1 for a view of how the laser should be mounted on the EV kit. Be sure to keep the laser leads as short as possible to minimize parasitic inductance.
- 8) Connect a differential data source to IN+ (J26) and IN- (J25) and a differential burst-enable source to BEN+ (J24) and BEN- (J23). Make sure the differential signals are between 200mV_{P-P} and 1600mV_{P-P} and the common-mode is between (V_{CC} - 1.49V) and (V_{CC} - V_{IN}/4). See the *Applications Information* section for more options.
- 9) Attach a +3.3V power supply to J18 (+3.3V) and J20 (GND). Set the current limit to 250mA.
- 10) Connect the output of the user-supplied laser to an optical-to-electrical converter that has the appropriate bandwidth (filter) for the intended application.
- 11) Turn on the power supply and adjust APCSET (R79) for the desired average optical power, then adjust MODSET (R59) for the desired extinction ratio.

Note: The APC loop is functional when the $\overline{\text{FAIL}}$ indicator, green LED D2, is on. The LED is off if the BIASMAX is set too low, the monitor diode (MD) pin is not connected, or the modulation current is set too high.
- 12) If the eye diagram contains too much overshoot or the rise/fall times are too slow, experimentally adjust the values of the RL peaking network (R3, L1) and RC shunt network (R121, C24) to better match the characteristics of the laser.

Applications Information

Continuous Mode Operation

For continuous mode operation, switch the differential burst-enable input (BEN \pm) to a constant high in one of two ways:

- Remove resistor R103. Install a 1k Ω resistor on R101 and 3k Ω resistors on R91, R92, and R100.
- Connect a +2.3V supply to BEN+ and a +1.7V supply to BEN- (or a differential 0.6V supply between BEN+ and BEN-).

LVPECL Input Terminations

If needed, an LVPECL Thevenin equivalent load termination of 50 Ω to (V_{CC} - 2V) can be created by doing the following:

- Remove resistors R103 and R104.
- Solder 130 Ω resistors on R92, R94, R98, and R101.
- Solder 82 Ω resistors on R91, R95, R97, and R100.

For more information, refer to Application Note 291: *HFAN-01.0: Introduction to LVDS, PECL, and CML*.

LVC MOS Burst Enable

To drive the burst-enable input (BEN+) with single-ended LVC MOS levels, do the following:

- Remove resistors R103 and R114.
- Solder 3k Ω resistor on R114.
- Solder 5k Ω resistors on R101 and R92.
- Solder 9k Ω resistor on R91.

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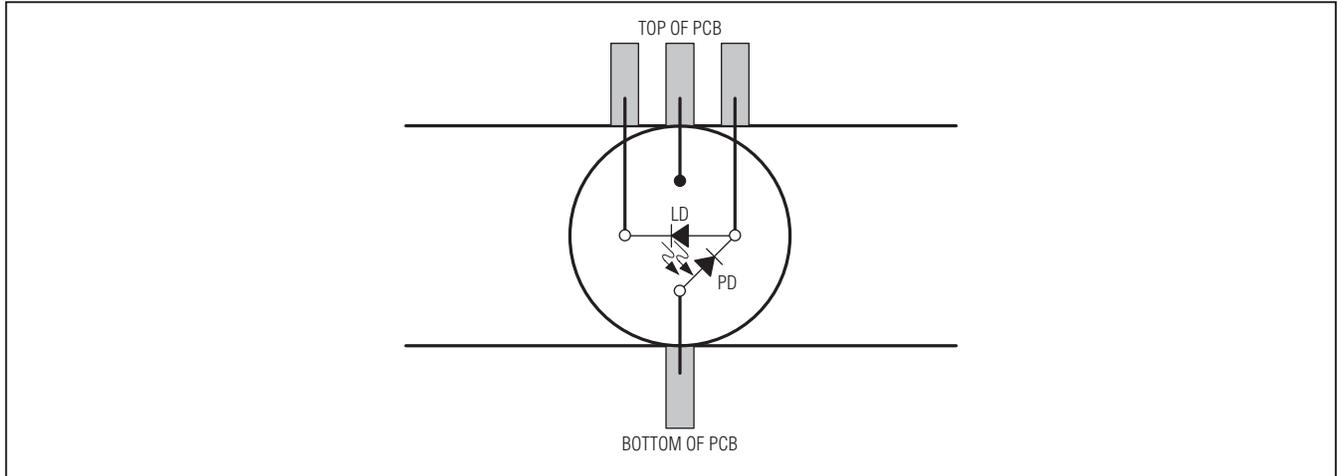


Figure 1. Laser Attachment

Table 1. Adjustment and Control Descriptions

| COMPONENT | NAME | FUNCTION |
|-----------|--------------------------|--|
| JP33 | APCSET SELECT | This jumper connects a fixed resistance (R82, not installed) or a variable resistance (R120 + R79) between the APCSET pin and GND. |
| R79 | APCSET RESISTOR | This 50k Ω variable resistor, in addition to a 1.5k Ω series resistor (R120), sets the external resistance between the APCSET pin and GND when a shunt is installed on the VAR side of jumper JP33. Turning the variable resistor clockwise increases the average optical power. |
| JP30 | MODSET SELECT | This jumper connects a fixed resistance (R61, not installed) or a variable resistance (R119 + R59) between the MODSET pin and GND. |
| R59 | MODSET RESISTOR | This 50k Ω variable resistor, in addition to a 3k Ω series resistor (R119), sets the external resistance between the MODSET pin and GND when a shunt is installed on the VAR side of jumper JP30. Turning the variable resistor clockwise increases the modulation current and extinction ratio. |
| JP32 | BIASMAX SELECT | This jumper connects a fixed resistance (R118, not installed) or a variable resistance (R88 + R90) between the BIASMAX pin and GND. |
| R90 | BIASMAX RESISTOR | This 50k Ω variable resistor, in addition to a 4.3k Ω series resistor (R88), sets the external resistance between the BIASMAX pin and GND when a shunt is installed on the VAR side of jumper JP32. Turning the variable resistor clockwise increases the maximum bias current. |
| JP26 | $\overline{\text{EN}}$ | This jumper is used to connect the $\overline{\text{EN}}$ pin to V _{CC} (driver disabled) or to GND (driver enabled). |
| JP28 | LONGB | This jumper is used to connect the LONGB pin to V _{CC} (burst on-time > 1.2 μ s) or to GND (burst on-time \leq 1.2 μ s). |
| D2 | $\overline{\text{FAIL}}$ | The APC loop is functional when the LED is on. The LED is off if the BIASMAX is set too low, the monitor diode (MD) pin is not connected, or the modulation current is set too high. |

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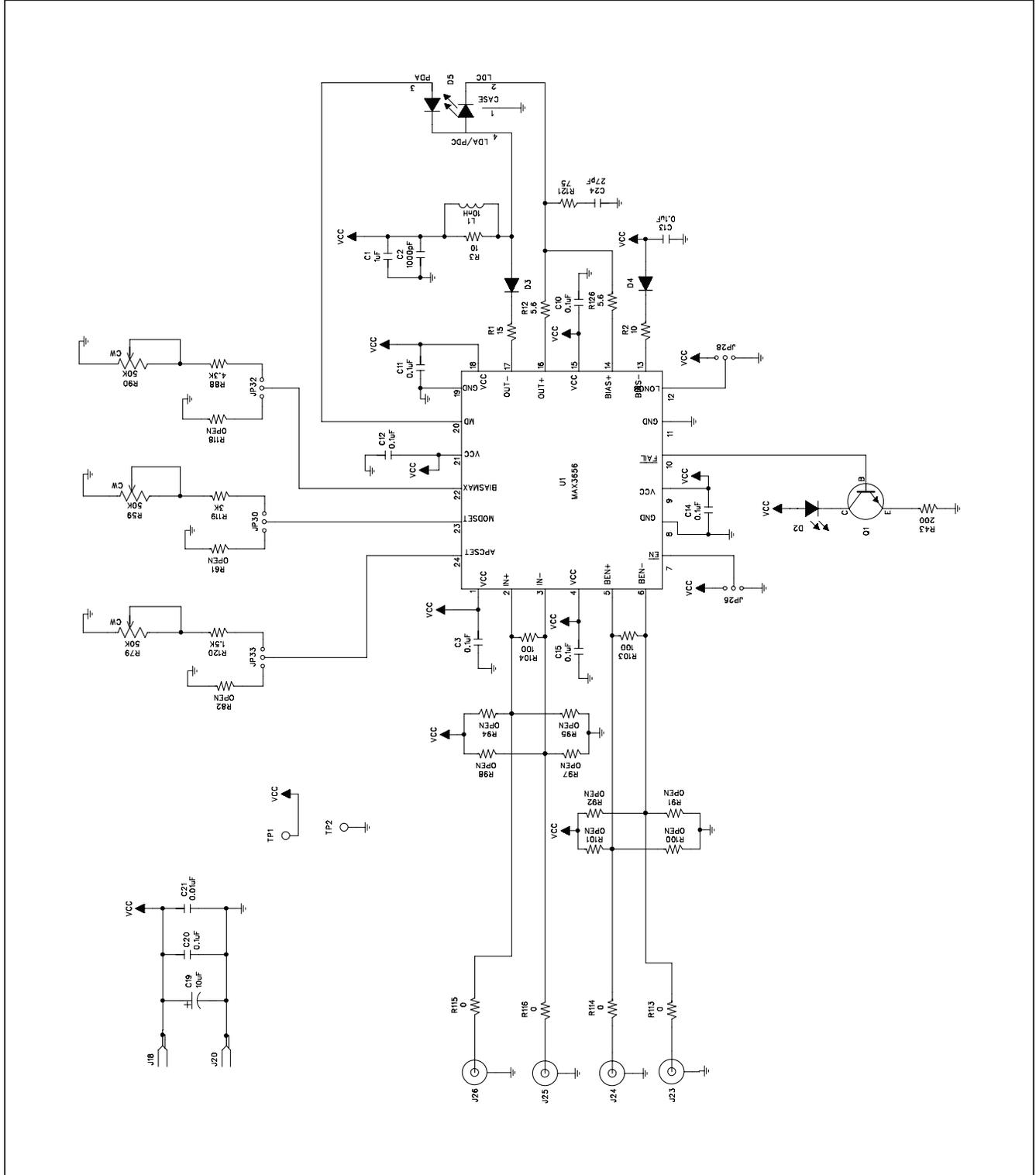


Figure 2. MAX3656 EV Kit Schematic

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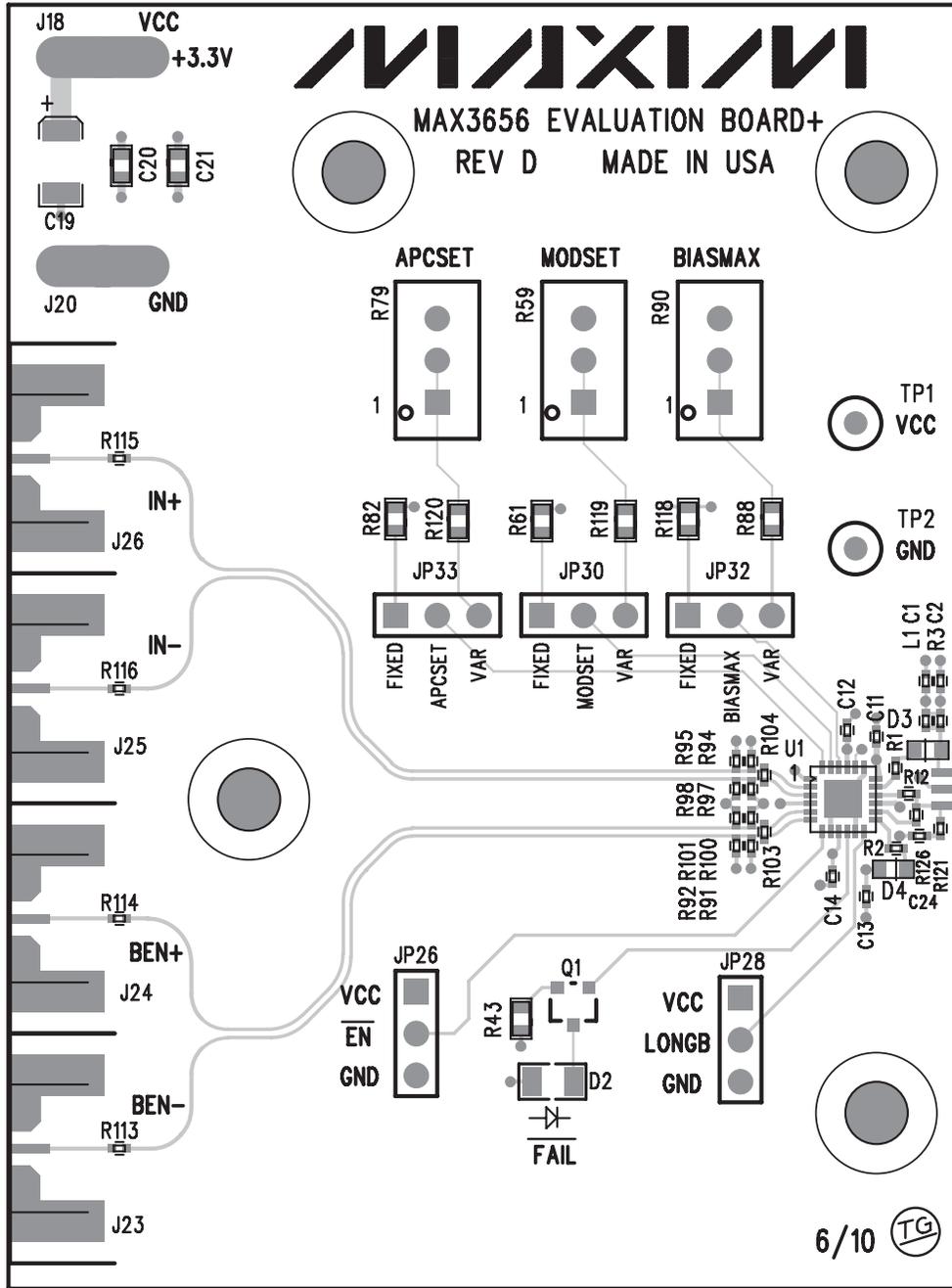


Figure 3. MAX3656 EV Kit Component Placement Guide—Component Side

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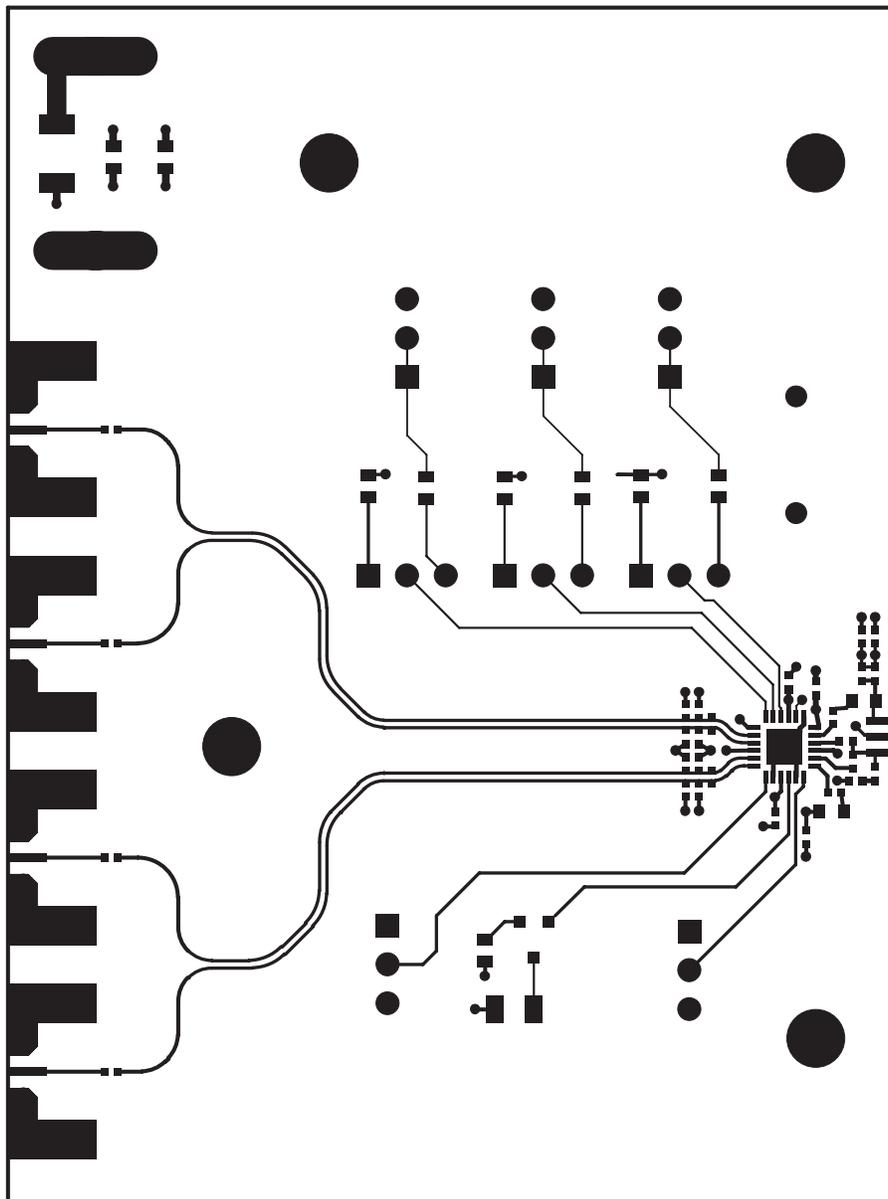


Figure 4. MAX3656 EV Kit PCB Layout—Component Side

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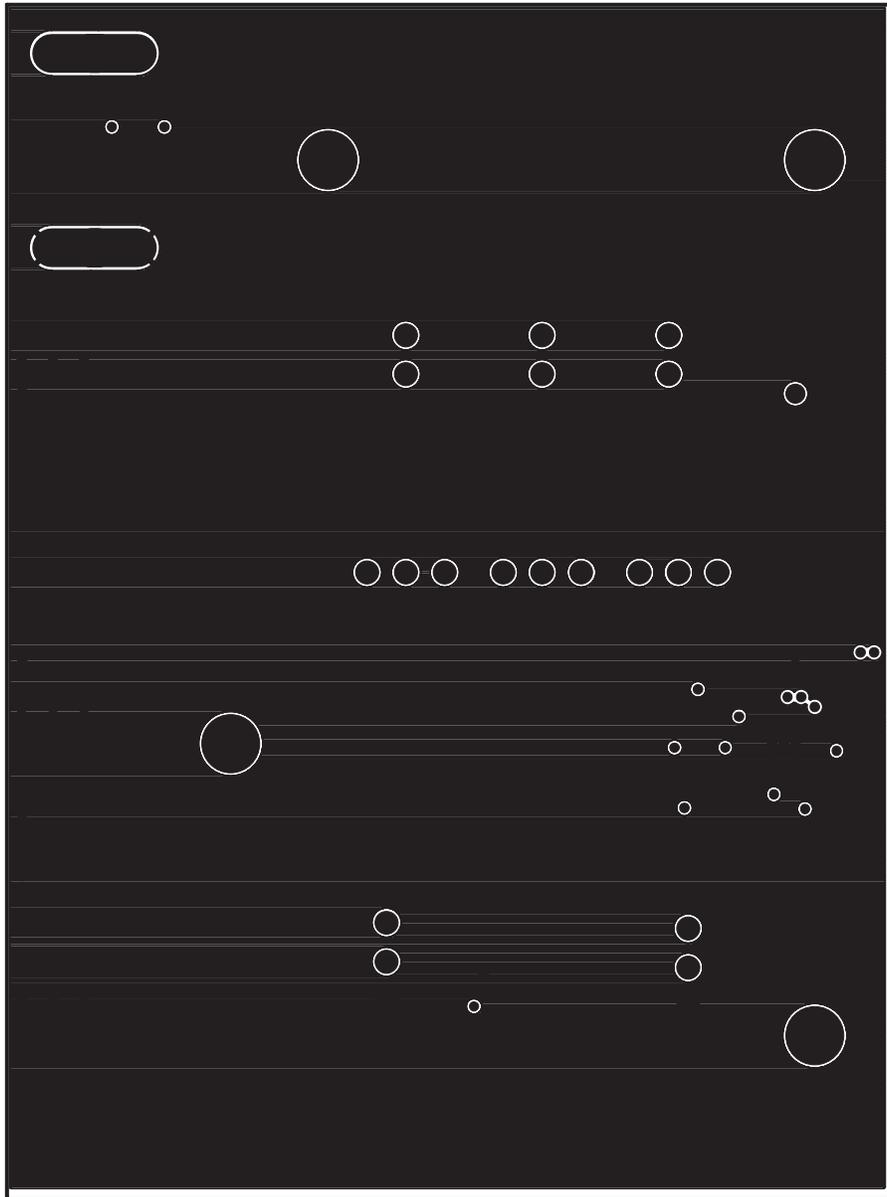


Figure 5. MAX3656 EV Kit PCB Layout—Ground Plane

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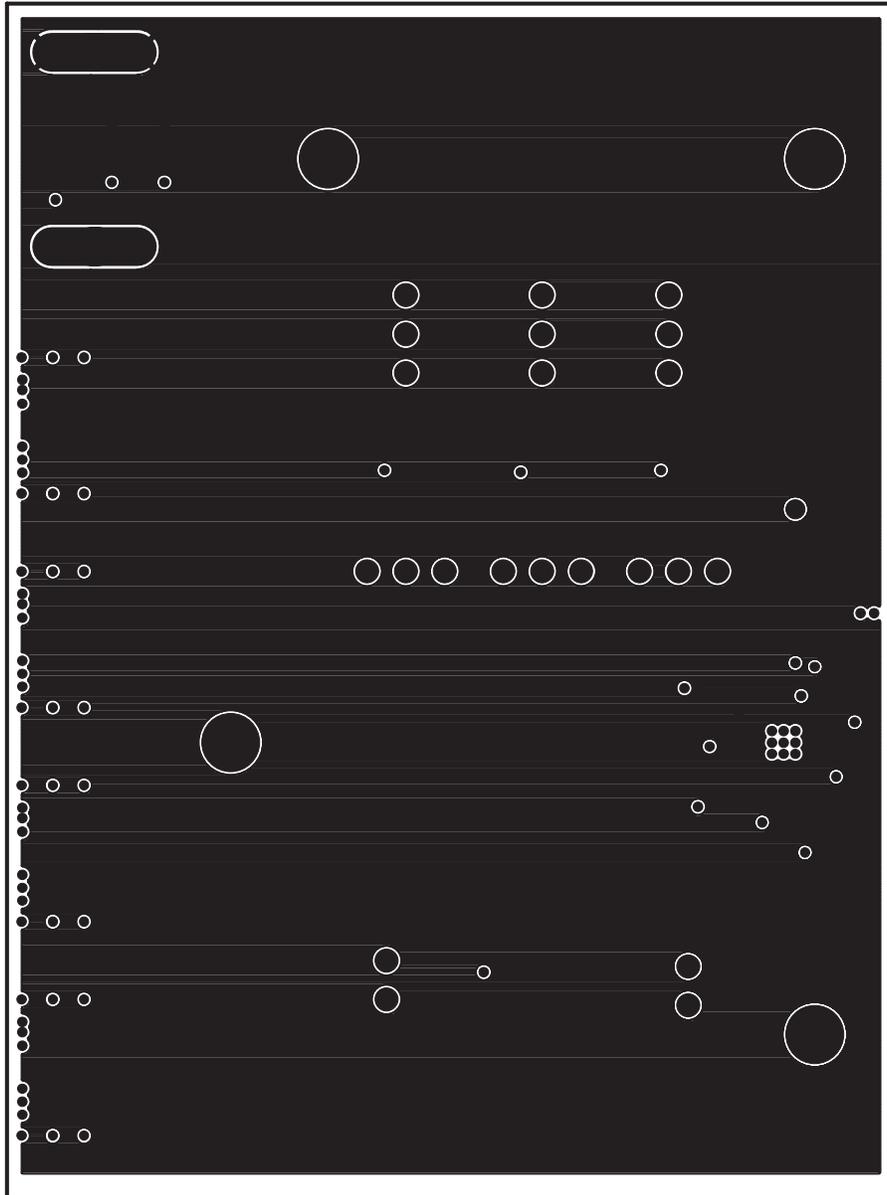


Figure 6. MAX3656 EV Kit PCB Layout—Power Plane

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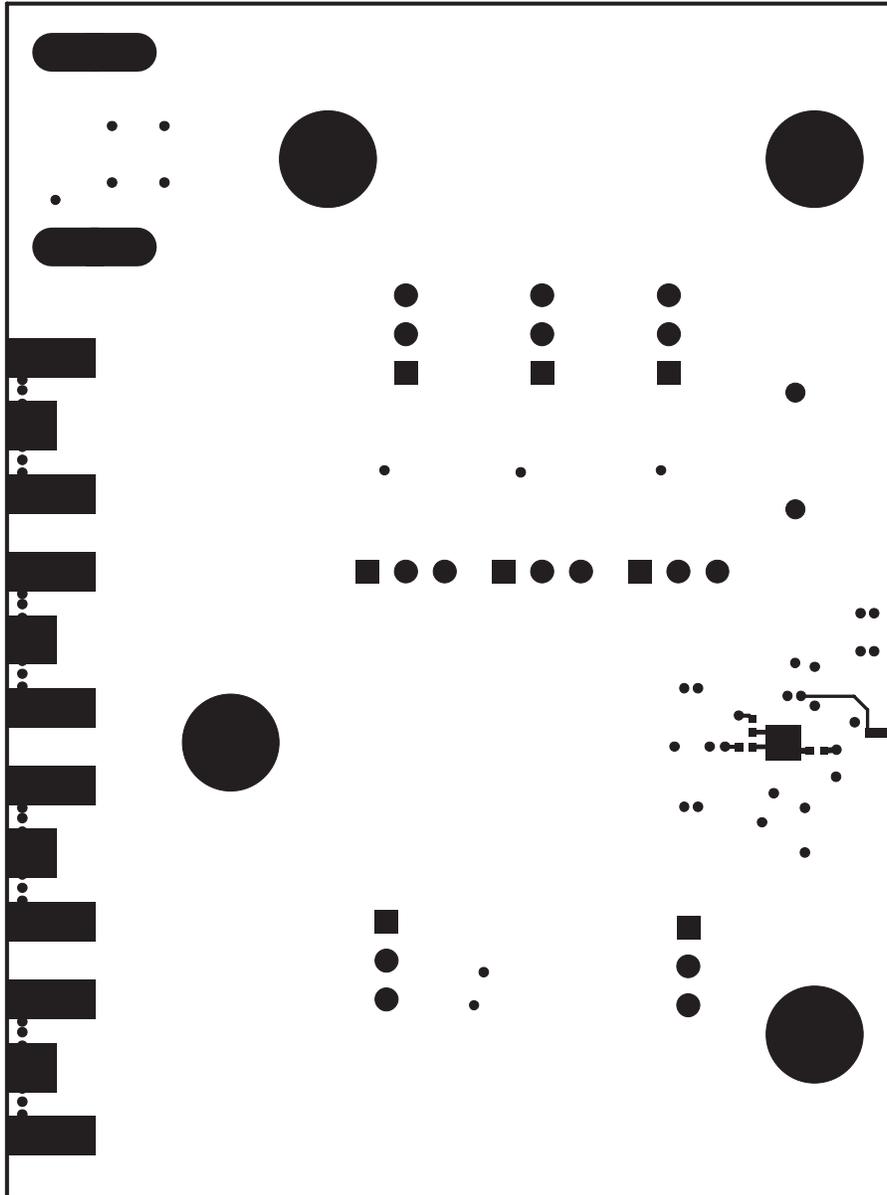


Figure 7. MAX3656 EV Kit PCB Layout—Solder Side

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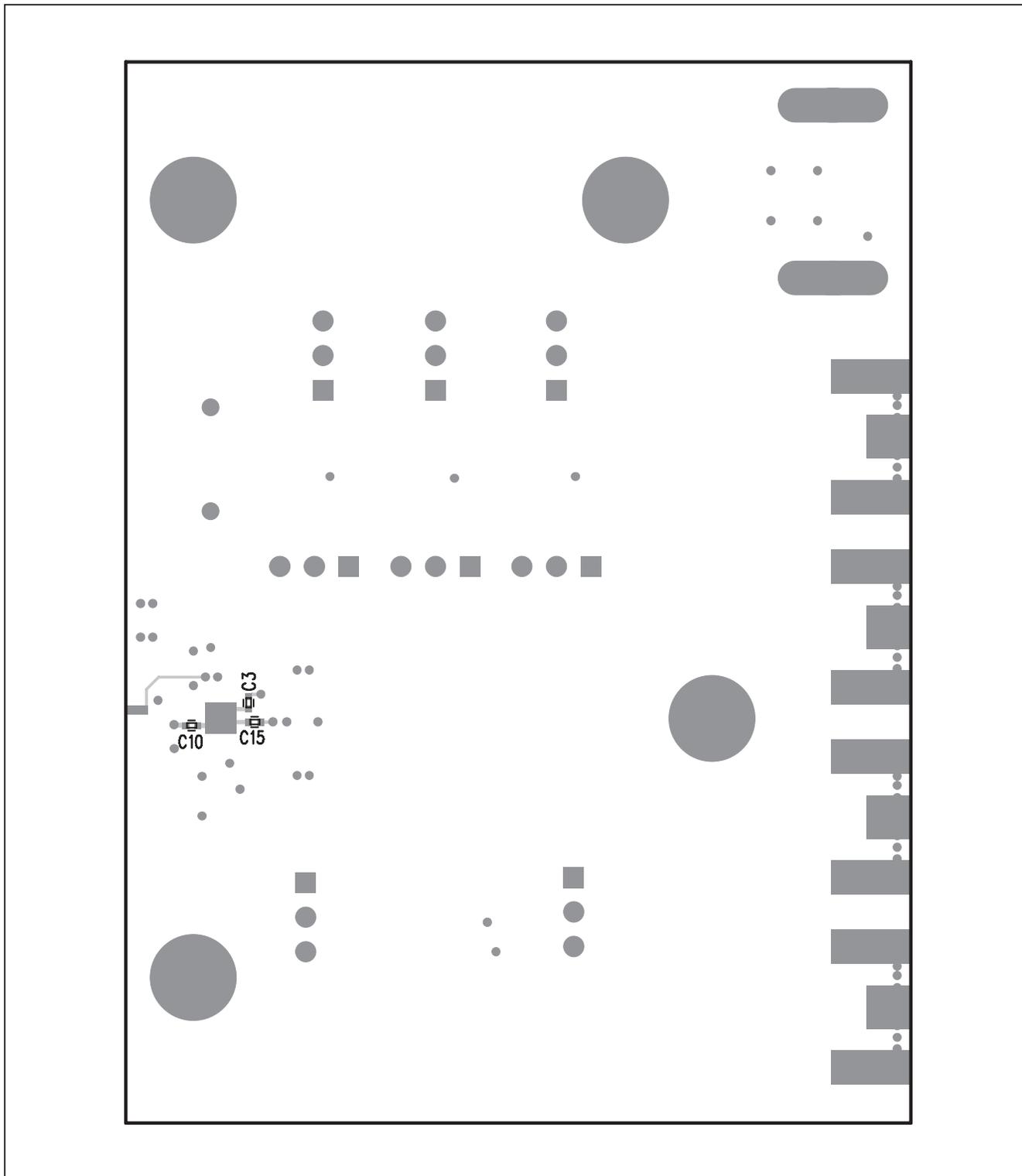


Figure 8. MAX3656 EV Kit Component Placement Guide—Solder Side

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Revision History

| REVISION NUMBER | REVISION DATE | DESCRIPTION | PAGES CHANGED |
|-----------------|---------------|---|---------------|
| 0 | 7/03 | Initial release | — |
| 1 | 10/04 | Corrected the electrical and optical component list, corrected the quick start steps, added text about diodes to OUT- and BIAS-, corrected the schematics and replaced the layout figures | 1-4, 7-11 |
| 2 | 8/10 | Redesigned the EV kit to work up to 2.5Gbps | All |

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