



# MAX2839 Evaluation Kit

## General Description

The MAX2839 evaluation kit (EV kit) simplifies testing of the MAX2839 receive and transmit performance in WiMAX™ applications operating in the 2.3GHz to 2.7GHz band. The EV kit provides 50Ω SMA connectors for all RF and baseband inputs and outputs. Differential to single-ended and single-ended to differential line drivers are provided to convert the differential I/Q baseband inputs and outputs to single ended.

## Features

- ◆ On-Board Line Drivers and Voltage References
- ◆ 50Ω SMA Connectors on All RF and Baseband Ports

## Ordering Information

PART	TYPE
MAX2839EVKIT+	EV Kit

+Denotes lead-free and RoHS compliant.

## Component List

DESIGNATION	QTY	DESCRIPTION
C1, C3, C8, C21, C22, C24, C30, C36, C38, C41, C42, C44, C49, C76	0	Open, ±10%, 0402 capacitors Murata Leave site open
C2, C15, C54, C56, C68, C69	6	3.9pF ±0.1pF, 0402 capacitors Murata GRM1555C1H3R9B
C4–C7, C10, C13, C17, C18, C35, C40, C43, C45–C48, C50, C51, C52, C59, C60, C67	21	0.1μF ±10%, 0402 capacitors Murata GRM155R61C104K
C9, C16, C19, C70, C89	5	22pF ±5%, 0402 capacitors Murata GRM1555C1H220J
C11, C23, C26, C32, C74, C75, C87, C88	8	0.01μF ±10%, 0402 capacitors Murata GRM155R71C103K
C12, C53, C55, C66	4	10μF ±10%, 0805 capacitors Murata GRM21BR61A106K
C14	1	2200pF ±10%, 0402 capacitor Murata GRM155R71H222K
C25, C77	2	1000pF ±10%, 0402 capacitors Murata GRM155R71H102K
C27	1	2.2μF ±10%, 0805 capacitor Murata GRM21BR71A225K
C29, C86	2	1.0μF ±10%, 0402 capacitors Murata GRM155R60J105K
C33	1	100pF ±5%, 0402 capacitor Murata GRM155C1H101J

DESIGNATION	QTY	DESCRIPTION
C37, C39	2	2.2μF ±10%, 0603 capacitors Murata GRM188R61A225K
C79	1	120pF ±5%, 0402 capacitor Murata GRM1555C1H121J
J17	0	Not installed, 2 x 13-pin header
J18	1	DB25 horizontal male PCB connector AMP 5747238-4
L1, L6, L13–L16	0	Do not install, ±0%, 0402 inductors Murata LQP15MN2N7B02
L2, L4, L5, L7, L9, L10	0	Not installed, inductors
L3, L8	2	3.0nH ±0.1nH, 0402 inductors Murata LQP15MN3N0B02
R1, R7	2	200Ω ±1%, 0402 resistors; use lead-free parts only
R2, R5, R6, R38	4	205Ω ±1%, 0402 resistors; use lead-free parts only
R3, R10	2	226Ω ±1%, 0402 resistors; use lead-free parts only
R4, R26, R40, R57	4	49.9Ω ±1%, 0402 resistors; use lead-free parts only
R8, R11, R12, R14–R19, R24, R25, R28, R30, R31, R35, R42, R45, R47, R48, R50, R52, R53, R54, R58, R59, R60	0	Open, ±1%, 0402 resistors Leave site open

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DESIGNATION	QTY	DESCRIPTION
R9, R13, R23, R27, R29, R32, R39, R41, R55, R56	10	0 $\Omega$ $\pm$ 0%, 0402 resistors; use lead-free parts only
R20, R51	2	750 $\Omega$ $\pm$ 1%, 0402 resistors; use lead-free parts only
R21, R22	2	61.9 $\Omega$ $\pm$ 1%, 0402 resistors; use lead-free parts only
R33, R36	2	1k $\Omega$ $\pm$ 0%, trimmer potentiometers Bourns 3296W-1-102LF
R34	1	576 $\Omega$ $\pm$ 1%, 0402 resistor; use lead-free parts only
R37	1	332 $\Omega$ $\pm$ 1%, 0402 resistor; use lead-free parts only
T1, T2, T4	3	3.6GHz RF baluns Murata LDB182G5010G-120
U1, U3	2	Low-noise-differential ADC drivers ADI AD8139ARDZ
U2, U5, U6, U15	4	Maxim MAX4444ESE+ (16 SO)
U4	1	Maxim MAX2839
U7	1	Low-dropout linear regulator Maxim MAX8887EZK29+ (5 SOT23)
U8, U9	2	SN74LVTH244ADB Texas Instruments SN74LVTH244ADBR
U10	1	Low-dropout voltage reference Maxim MAX6062AEUR+ (3 SOT23)
U11	1	40MHz TCXO Kyocera KT3225N40000ECV28ZAA
U13	1	Ultra-low-noise LDO Maxim MAX8510EXK29+ (5 SC70)
Y1	0	Not installed, quartz crystal
+5V, -5V, VBAT, VCCAUX	4	Test points, PCB red Keystone 5010

DESIGNATION	QTY	DESCRIPTION
B0–B7, CSB, DIN, DOUT, ENABLE, LOAD, PABIAS, RSSI, RXBBIA+, RXBBIA-, RXBBIB+, RXBBIB-, RXBBQA+, RXBBQA-, RXBBQB+, RXBBQB-, RXHP, SCLK, TPCLKOUT, TUNEM, TUNEP, TXBBI+, TXBBI-, TXBBQ+, TXBBQ-, TXRX, VCM	34	Test points, PCB mini-red Keystone 5000
CLKOUT, FREF, RXBBIA, RXBBIB, RXBBQA, RXBBQB, RXINA, RXINB, TXBBI, TXBBQ, TXRF	11	SMA edge-mount connectors, round Johnson 142-0701-801
GND1, GND2	2	Test points, PCB black Keystone 5011
JPB0–JPB7, JPENABLE, JPLOAD, JPRXHP, JPTXRX, RXBBBUF1, RXBBBUF2, VBAT_LDO, SYNTH_LDO	16	1 x 3-pin headers Sullins PEC36SAAN
JPCSB, JPDIN, JPDOOUT, JPSCCLK	0	Not installed, 1 x 3-pin headers
SYNTH_LDO	1	1 x 3-pin header Sullins PEC36SAAN
SYNTH_LDO	1	Shorting jumper Sullins SSC02SYAN
VCCCP, VCCLNA_A, VCCLNA_B, VCCRBB1, VCCRBB2, VCCRXXMX, VCCTCXO, VCCTXXMX, VCCVCO, VCCXTAL, VCC_DB, VCC_PAD, VCC_REF	0	Not installed, 1 x 2-pin headers
—	1	PCB: MAX2839 Evaluation Kit+

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## Component Suppliers

SUPPLIER	PHONE	WEBSITE
Analog Device	800-262-5643	www.analog.com
Digi-Key Corp.	800-344-4539	www.digikey.com
Keystone Electronics	800-221-5510	www.keyelco.com
Murata Mfg. Co., Ltd.	770-436-1300	www.murata.com

**Note:** Indicate that you are using the MAX2839 when contacting these component suppliers.

## Quick Start

### Recommended Test Equipment

This section lists the recommended test equipment to verify the operation of the MAX2839. It is intended as a guide only and substitutions may be possible.

- DC supply capable of delivering +5V and 250mA of continuous current
- DC supply capable of delivering -5V and 250mA of continuous current
- DC supply capable of delivering +3.3V and 250mA of continuous current
- One HP 8648 or equivalent signal source capable of generating 0dBm up to 2.7GHz
- Two HP or equivalent arbitrary waveform generators
- One HP 8561E or equivalent RF spectrum analyzer with a minimum 100kHz to 3GHz frequency range
- One HP 437B power meter and power head
- A user-supplied Windows® 95/98/2000/XP (or later) PC with an available parallel port
- One female-to-male 25-pin parallel straight-through cable

### Connections and Setup

The MAX2839 EV kit is fully assembled and factory tested. Follow the instructions below to test the devices. This section provides step-by-step instructions for getting the EV kit up and running in all modes:

- 1) Install and run the MAX2839 control software. Select MAX2839 Ev.Kt for "select IC" under Options.
- 2) To control the EV kit through the 4-wire interface, connect the female-to-male 25-pin parallel straight-through cable between the PC and the EV kit.

- 3) With the power supply turned off, connect the +3.3V power supply to VBAT and VCCAUX. Connect the power-supply ground to the header labeled GND.
- 4) With the power supply turned off, connect the +5V power supply to the +5V pin and the -5V power supply to the -5V pin. Connect the power-supply ground to the header labeled GND. Connect all the power-supply grounds together.
- 5) Set the RXBBBUF jumper across pins 1-2 to enable the Rx baseband buffers.
- 6) Turn on the +3.3V power supply, and the +5V and -5V power supplies.
- 7) In the enables panel of the software, check the EN\_SPI box to enable the 3-wire interface.
- 8) Adjust the Tx common-mode potentiometer (R36) until measuring 0.9V common-mode voltage at the VCM test point.
- 9) In the register panel of the software, set ENABLE to 0 and RXTX to 1 to put the IC into standby mode.
- 10) In the synth panel of the software, set the LO frequency to 2500MHz.

### Receive Mode

- 1) Use the power meter to calibrate the RF signal generator to deliver -98dBm at 2501MHz. After calibration, turn the RF signal generator off, disconnect it from the power meter, and connect it to the RXINA port of the MAX2839 EV kit.
- 2) Connect either the I or the Q baseband output of receiver A to a spectrum analyzer. Set the center frequency to 1MHz and the span to 1MHz.
- 3) In the register panel of the software, enter the recommended register setting shown in Figure 1 for

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operating the MAX2839 in steady state receive mode bench measurement. This setup fixes the VGA highpass corner at 1kHz.

- 4) Press the SEND ALL button.
- 5) In the register panel of the software, set ENABLE and RXTX to be 1 to activate the receive path.
- 6) In the Rx panel of the software, toggle the LNA gain enable and the baseband VGA enable both to be SPI. Set both of the gain controls to be max.
- 7) Turn on the RF signal source. The output CW tone at 1MHz should be approximately 0dBm.

### Transmit Mode

- 1) Connect the spectrum analyzer to the TXRF port. Set the center frequency to 2500MHz and the span to 5MHz.
- 2) Connect a 1MHz I/Q signal to pins TXBBI and TXBBQ, respectively. Set the input amplitude of each channel to 90mVRMS with 90° phase shift.
- 3) In the register panel of the software, set ENABLE to 1 and RXTX to 0 to activate the transmit path.
- 4) In the register panel of the software, enter the recommended register setting shown in Figure 2.
- 5) Press the SEND ALL button.

The screenshot shows the MAX2839 software interface with the 'Registers' tab selected. The interface includes a menu bar (Exit, Options, Help, Settings), a toolbar (Registers, Enables, Synth, RX, TX, Misc, Defaults, Send All), and a main panel with a grid of register settings. Each register has a name, a 16-bit binary value, a decimal value, and a 'Send' button. On the right, there are 'Control Pins' (ENABLE, Rx TXRX, LOAD, RXHP) and buttons for 'Pulse "LOAD"', 'Help', 'Send All', and 'Read All'.

Register Name	Binary Value	Decimal Value	Action
RXENABLE	0000000000000000	000	Send
RXRF1	1000000000000000	00C	Send
RXRF2	2000000000000000	081	Send
RXRF & LPF	3000000000000000	189	Send
LPF	4000000000000000	3E6	Send
RX1 LPF & VGA	5000000000000000	100	Send
RX2 LPF & VGA	6000000000000000	000	Send
RSSI & VGA	7000000000000000	208	Send
RXTOP & BIAS	8000000000000000	222	Send
RX_TOP	9000000000000000	028	Send
TX_TOP	1000000000000000	00C	Send
Temp. Sens.	1100000000000000	084	Send
HPFSM1	1200000000000000	24F	Send
HPFSM2	1300000000000000	150	Send
HPFSM3	1400000000000000	1C5	Send
HPFSM4	1500000000000000	239	Send
Block SPI En.	1600000000000000	01	Send
FRAC1	1700000000000000	155	Send
FRAC2	1800000000000000	155	Send
INT DIV.	1900000000000000	153	Send
SYNTH1	2000000000000000	249	Send
SYNTH2	2100000000000000	02	Send
VAS	2200000000000000	1A9	Send
LO CONFIG.	2300000000000000	24F	Send
XTAL	2400000000000000	180	Send
VCO	2500000000000000	000	Send
LOGEN	2600000000000000	3C0	Send
TXLO I/Q	2700000000000000	280	Send
PADAC	2800000000000000	0C0	Send
TX Gain	2900000000000000	000	Send
TX DC Cor. I	3000000000000000	300	Send
TX DC Cor. Q	3100000000000000	2C0	Send

**Control Pins:**

- ☒ ENABLE
- ☒ Rx TXRX
- ☐ LOAD
- ☐ RXHP

**Buttons:** Pulse "LOAD", Help, Send All, Read All

Figure 1. Receive Mode Register Setting

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- 6) Enable the output of the baseband signal sources. The desired tone, LO leakage, and the sideband appear at 2501MHz, 2500MHz, and 2499MHz, respectively. Set the Tx VGA gain to be 3dB below the max gain. The power level of the desired tone is approximately -1dBm in the spectrum analyzer marker reading, assuming that the balun on board contributes 1dB of loss.

### Layout Considerations

The MAX2839 EV kit can serve as a guide for board layout. Keep PCB trace lengths as short as possible to minimize parasitic inductance. Also, keep decoupling

capacitors as close to the IC as possible with a direct connection to the ground plane.

### Power-Supply Layout

To minimize coupling between different sections of the IC, use a "star" power-supply routing configuration with a large decoupling capacitor at a central VCC node. The VCC traces branch out from this node, each going to a separate VCC node in the circuit. Place a bypass capacitor as close to each supply pin as possible. This arrangement provides local decoupling at each VCC pin. Use at least one via per bypass capacitor for a low-inductance ground connection. Do not share the capacitor ground vias with any other branch.

The screenshot displays the MAX2839 Transmit Mode Register Setting software interface. The interface is organized into a grid of registers, each with a name, a value field, and a 'Send' button. The registers are arranged in two columns. The left column includes registers such as RXENABLE, RXRF1, RXRF2, RXRF & LPF, LPF, RX1 LPF & VGA, RX2 LPF & VGA, RSSI & VGA, RXTOP & BIAS, RX\_TOP, TX\_TOP, Temp. Sens., HPFSM1, HPFSM2, HPFSM3, and HPFSM4. The right column includes registers such as Block SPI En., FRAC1, FRAC2, INT DIV., SYNTH1, SYNTH2, VAS, LO CONFIG., XTAL, VCO, LOGEN, TXLO I/Q, PADAC, TX Gain, TX DC Cor. I, and TX DC Cor. Q. The interface also features a 'Control Pins' section on the right with checkboxes for ENABLE, Tx TXRX, LOAD, and RXHP, and a 'Pulse "LOAD"' button. The top menu bar includes Exit, Options, Help, and Settings. The bottom right corner has buttons for Help, Send All, and Read All.

Figure 2. Transmit Mode Register Setting

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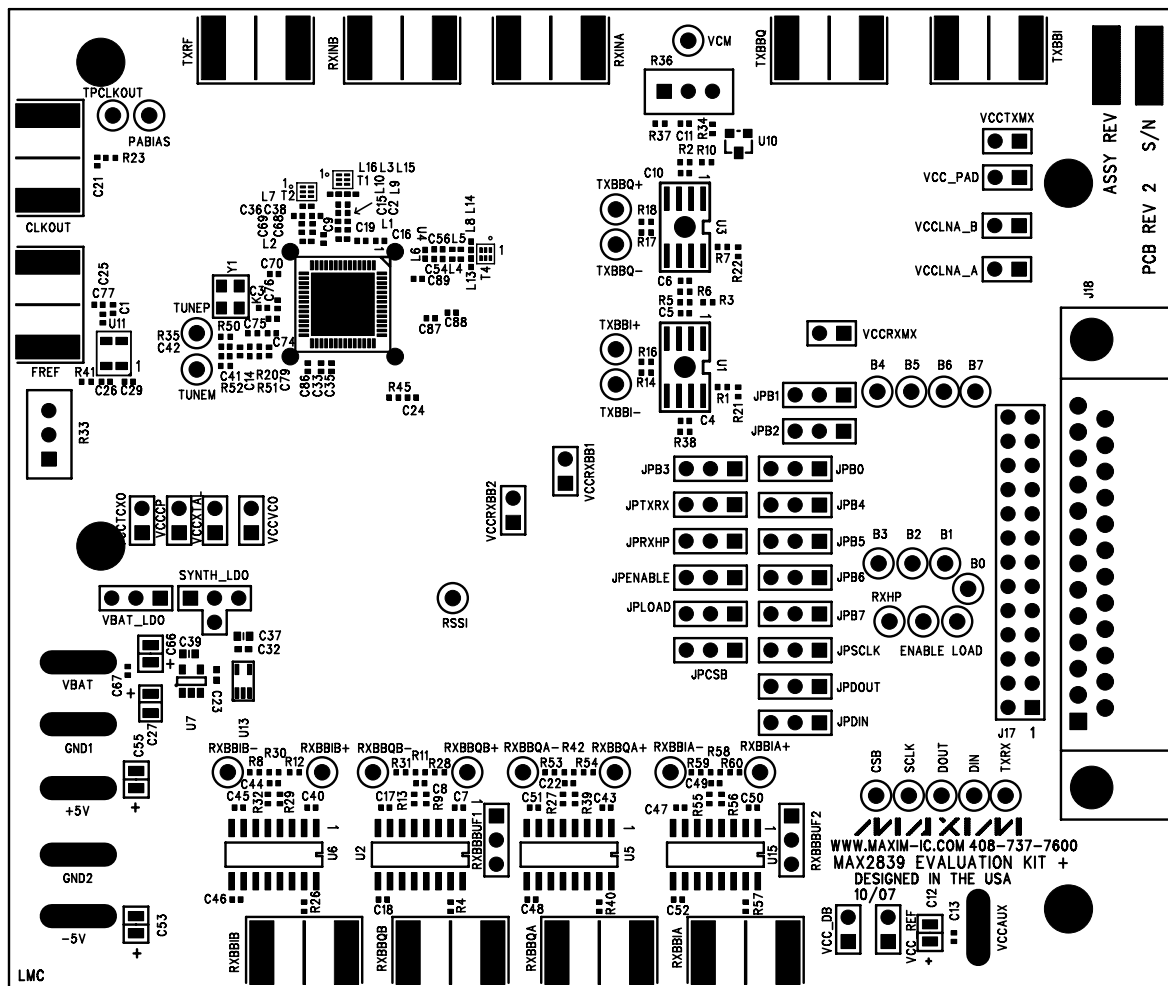


Figure 4. MAX2839 EV Kit PCB Layout—Top Silkscreen

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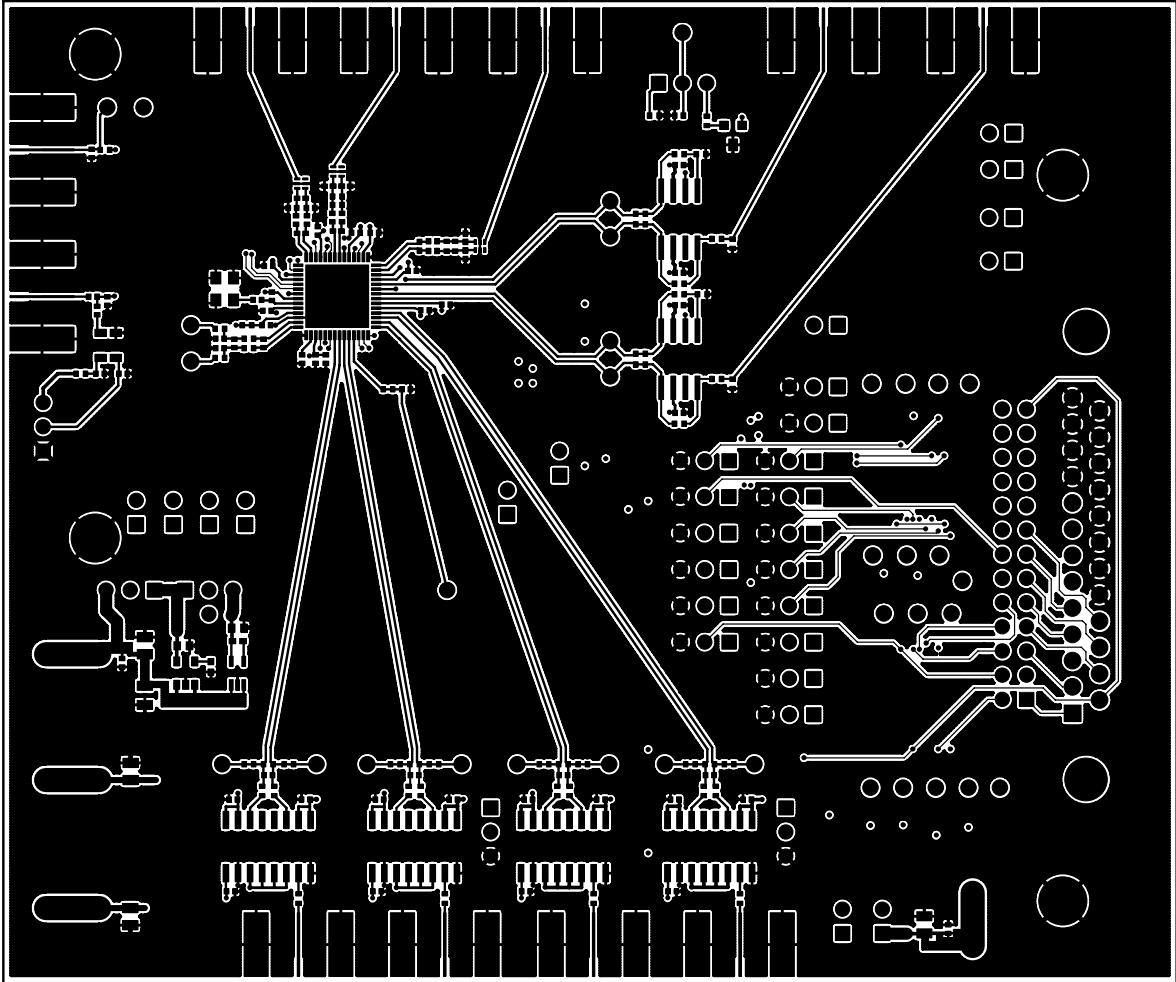


Figure 5. MAX2839 EV Kit PCB Layout—Component Side

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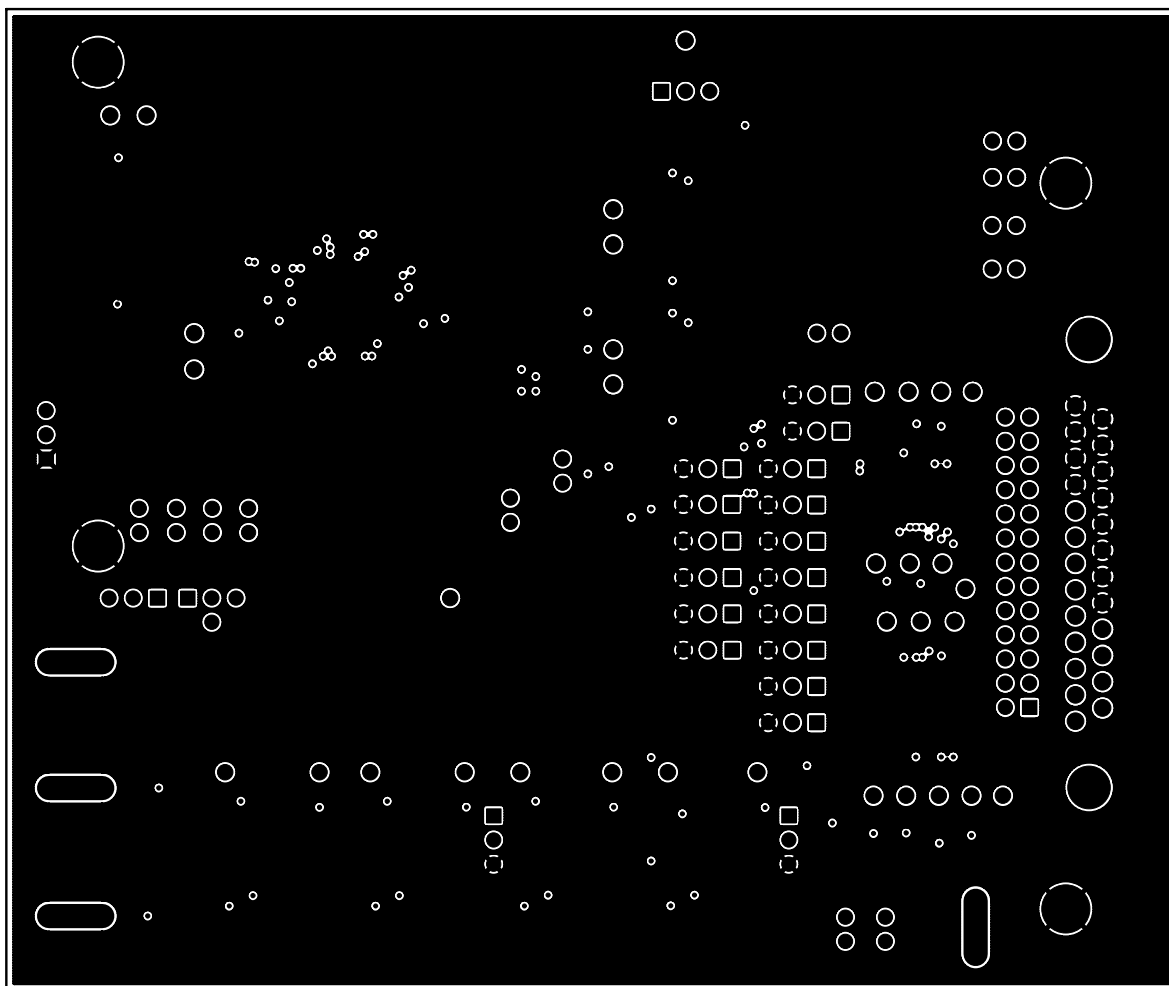


Figure 6. MAX2839 EV Kit PCB Layout—Inner Layer 2, Ground Layer

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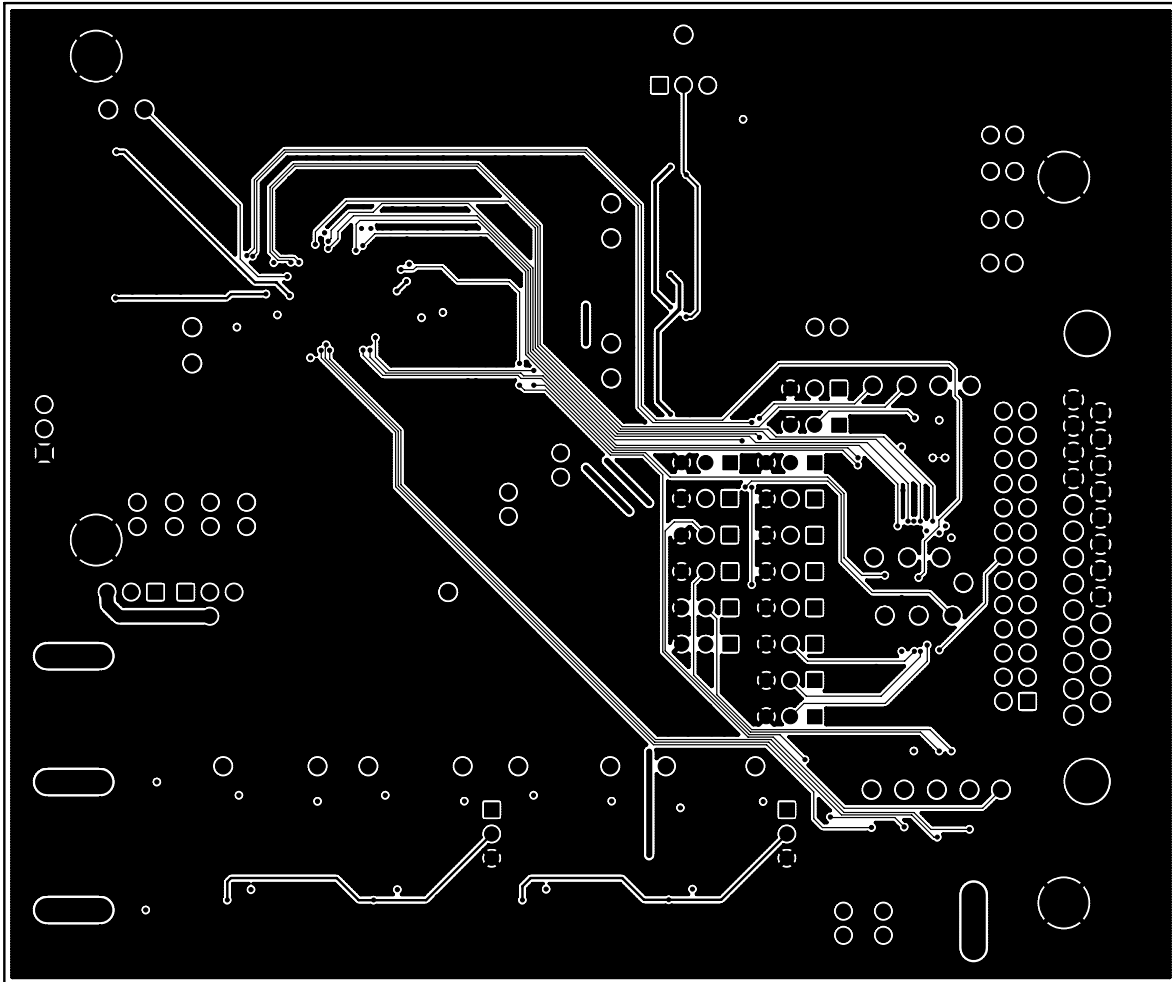


Figure 7. MAX2839 EV Kit PCB Layout—Inner Layer 3, Routes

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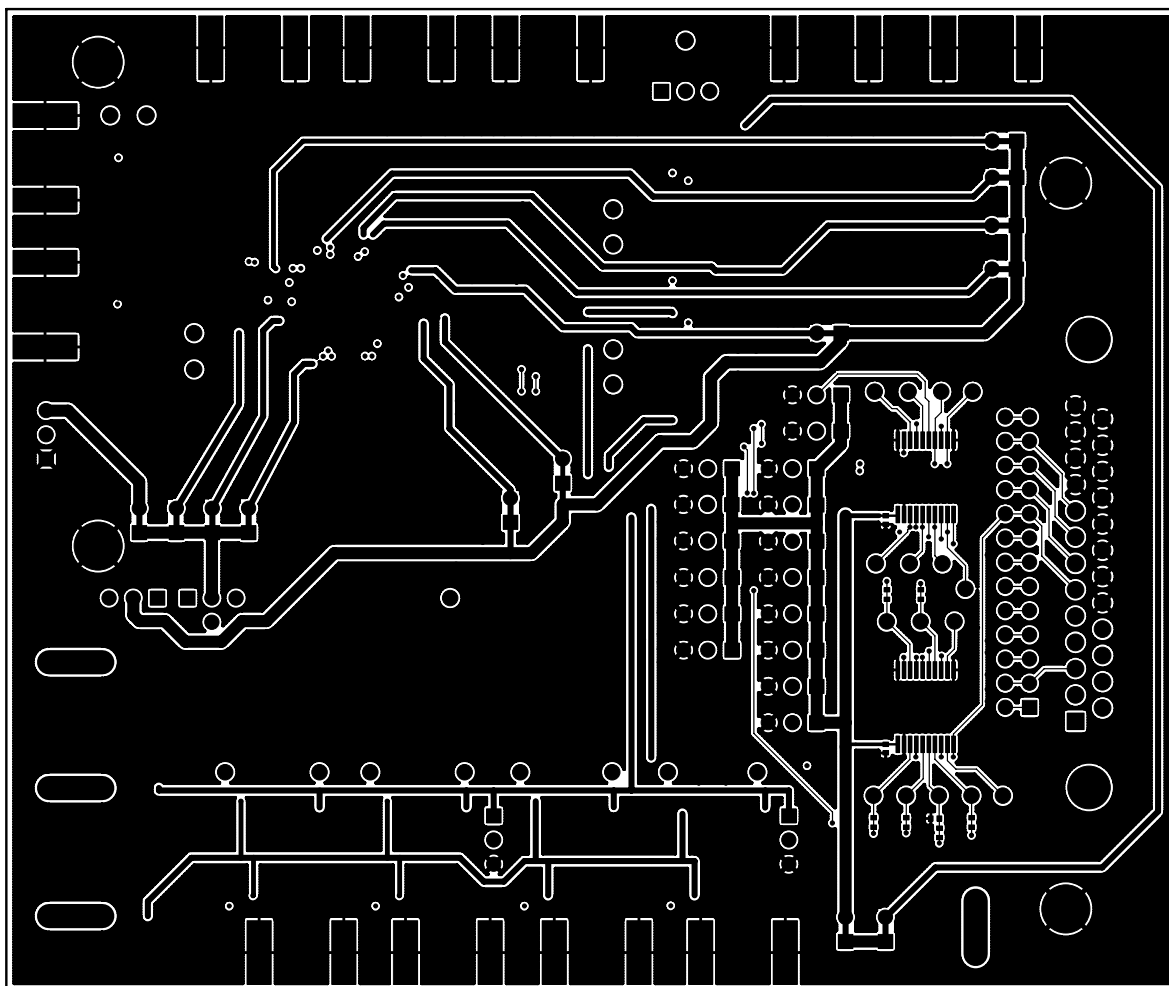


Figure 8. MAX2839 EV Kit PCB Layout—Solder Side

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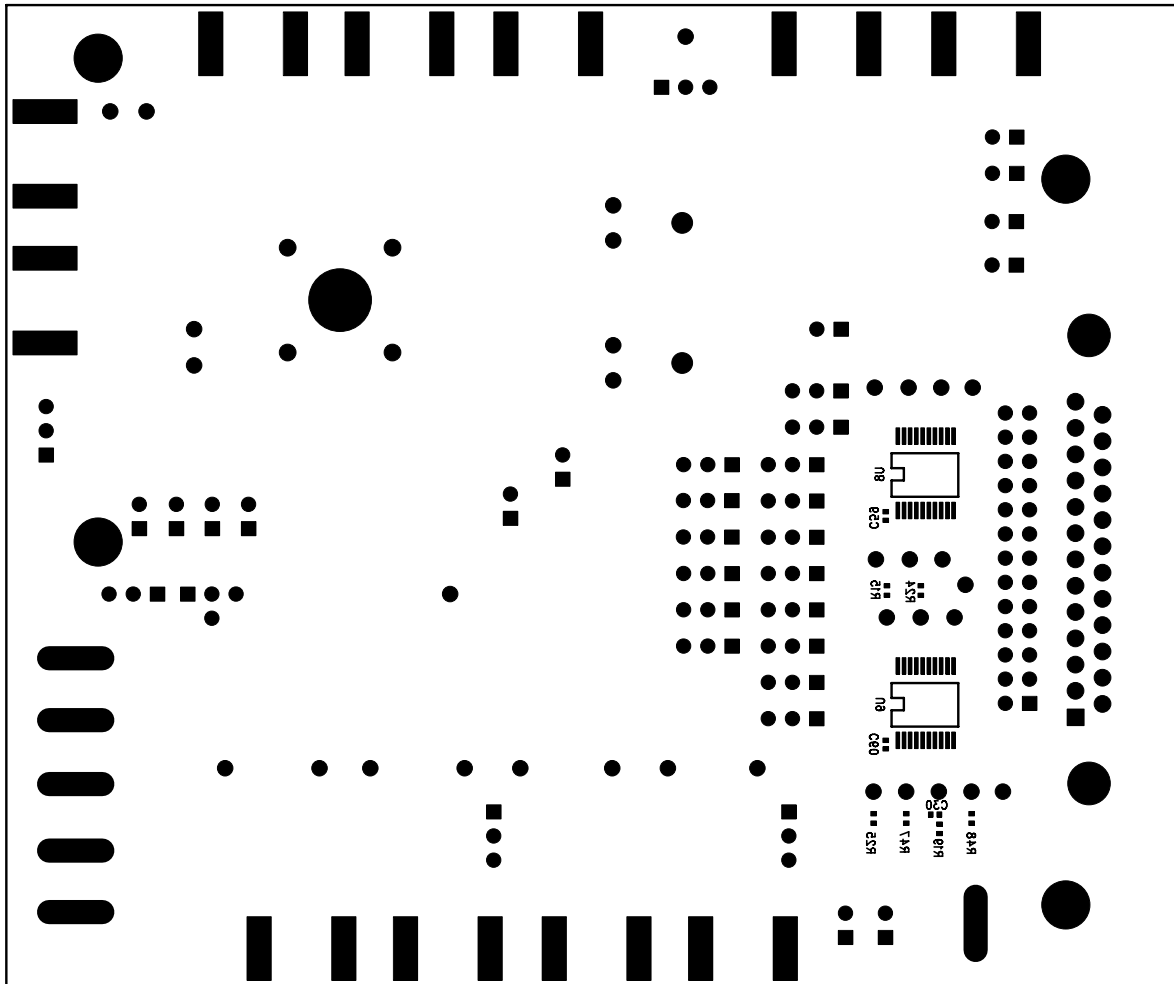


Figure 9. MAX2839 EV Kit PCB Layout—Bottom Silkscreen

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