

# Serial Dual QSPI P-SRAM™ for Xilinx Versal ACAP VCK190 Evaluation Kit User Guide AK3XXG208XILCCSOC

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### Table 1: Revision History

Revision No.	Date	History	
1.0	11/22/22	Initial Release	
1.1	12/15/2022	Updated Evaluation Kit Ordering Info	
1.1	1/24/2023	Added information on Direct Load and Boot Using Avalanche ID	

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### 1. Overview

The Avalanche Serial Dual QSPI P-SRAM™ for Xilinx Versal ACAP VCK190 evaluation kit enables users to configure an Avalanche Serial Dual QSPI P-SRAM™ to be a bootable device for a Xilinx Versal ACAP VCK190 FPGA platform. Intended to enable rapid evaluation and prototyping, the evaluation kit connects easily to the VCK190 platform via Samtec connectors.

Xilinx's Versal ACAP/FPGA platform requires a complex high density code configuration and storage memory architecture including multiple memory types such as Boot ROM, SRAM and Flash. Each of these memory technologies faces technical challenges in achievable densities, scalability, endurance/reliability and radiation resilience. Avalanche's 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation (Gen 3) Space Grade Serial Dual Quad Serial P-SRAM™ offers scalable density migration from 1Gb to 8Gb in a common package available today and is designed specifically to address these challenges. As such, this single device replaces ROM, SRAM, Flash and associated support circuitry and is ideal for radiation environments. Leveraging our 22nm high reliability pMTJ STT-MRAM, data is always non-volatile with 10<sup>16</sup> write cycles endurance and greater than 20-year retention @ 85°C.

The Versal ACAP platform provides six different boot modes options: JTAG, Octal SPI, Quad SPI, SD, eMMC1 and SelectMAP. The boot modes are categorized into master or slave boot modes. For the purpose of this user guide, it will focus only on the Quad SPI (QSPI32 option, 4-Byte Address mode) master boot mode function. This Avalanche evaluation kit is effectively a simple daughter card containing a custom socket for any of the Serial Dual Quad Serial P-SRAM densities (the MRAMs themselves are orderable separately), which leverage the 96-Ball FBGA device and connects to a Xilinx VCK190 evaluation board via Samtec high speed connector (240-pin, 8x20). Other boot options are outside of the scope of this user guide.

Writing to the Avalanche Serial Dual QSPI P-SRAM™ can be done through Linux U-Boot sf program or other means. This user guide will provide example and steps to follow on how to write to the device through Linux U-Boot.

### 2. Avalanche P-SRAM™ Product Support & Evaluation Kit Ordering Options

The Avalanche P-SRAM™ daughterboard with a socket can be populated with either one of the following Serial Dual QSPI P-SRAM™ devices:

Table 2: Avalanche Serial Dual QSPI P-SRAM™ Product Support & Evaluation Kit Ordering Options

Device Part #	Density	Voltage	Organization	Package	Evaluation Kit Ordering Options
AS301G208- 0108X0MCC	1Gb	2.7 V to 3.6V	Dual QSPI	96-Ball FBGA	AK301G208XILCCSOC
AS302G208- 0108X0MCC	2Gb	2.7 V to 3.6V	Dual QSPI	96-Ball FBGA	AK302G208XILCCSOC
AS304G208- 0108X0MCC	4Gb	2.7 V to 3.6V	Dual QSPI	96-Ball FBGA	AK304G208XILCCSOC



Device Part #	Density	Voltage	Organization	Package	Evaluation Kit Ordering Options
AS308G208- 0108X0MCC	8Gb	2.7 V to 3.6V	Dual QSPI	96-Ball FBGA	AK308G208XILCCSOC

### 3. Evaluation Kit Ordering Options

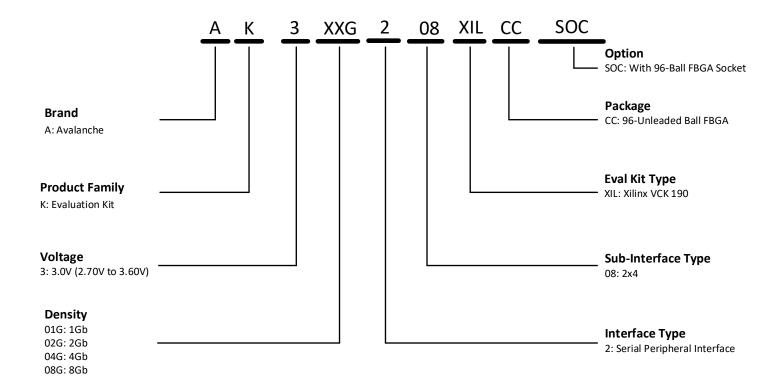


Figure 1: Evaluation Kit Ordering Information



### 4. Evaluation Kit Package Contents

- 1. An Avalanche daughterboard (3 x 2.5 inches) with a 96-FBGA socket
- 2. A 3.3V 1.8A AC/DC power supply cord



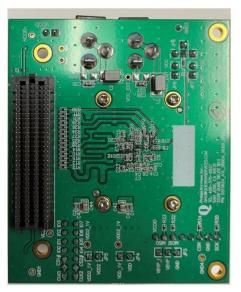


Figure 2: Serial Dual QSPI P-SRAM™ 96-Ball FPGA Socket Daughter Card (Front & Back)

### **Prerequisites**

This user guide assumes the following prerequisite hardware, software and understanding:

- User is familiar with the Xilinx Vivado Design Suite & the Vitis software development platform
- Xilinx Vivado Design Suite has been installed
- Xilinx Vitis Software Platform has been installed
- Xilinx Vivado tools working environment is fully setup
- User has exported the hardware platform and .xsa image file is generated
- PetaLinux software tool has been installed
- User has created a new PetaLinux project or has an existing PetaLinux project

### Requirements

- A PC system with one available USB 2.0/3.0 port
- Windows 10 or higher with 32/64-bit Operation System
- Linux OS to install PetaLinux tools
- Prerequires specified above
- Serial Dual QSPI P-SRAM™ for Xilinx Versal ACAP VCK 190 Evaluation Kit:
  - o Avalanche daughterboard with a 96-FBGA socket
  - 3.3V 1.8A AC/DC power supply cord



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# 5. QSPI32 Boot Commands Supported by Avalanche Serial Dual QSPI P-SRAM™ AS3XXG208 and Xilinx Versal ACAP VCK190

Table 3 below shows read commands in 4-Byte Address (QSPI32) supported by Xilinx RCU. Avalanche AS3XXG208 Dual Quad SPI P-SRAM device fully supports these commands. Refer to Avalanche 1Gb-8Gb Dual Quad SPI P-SRAM™ datasheet for more information. Click here to download datasheet.

Table 3: Quad SPI Read/Write Commands Supported by Xilinx RCU (ROM Code Unit)

Boot Mode	Data Bus Width	SPI Command	Command Op-Code	Address Byte	Latency/Dummy Cycles Required	Avalanche AS3XXG208 Command Support
QSPI32	1	Normal Read	13h	4	-	✓
QSPI32	1	Fast Read	0Ch	4	8	✓
QSPI32	8	Quad Output Fast Read (Dual Parallel Quad SPI)	6C	4	8	✓
QSPI32	1	Normal Write	02h	4	-	✓

Source: Versal ACAP Technical Reference Manual (AM011).

Table 4: Xilinx Versal ACAP VCK190 Supported Quad SPI Boot Mode

Configuration	MRAM Device Count	Chip Select (CS#) Count	Data Bus Width	Avalanche AS3XXG208 Configuration Support
Single (1-bit, 4-bit)	1	1	4	✓
Dual-Parallel (8-bit)	2	2	8	✓



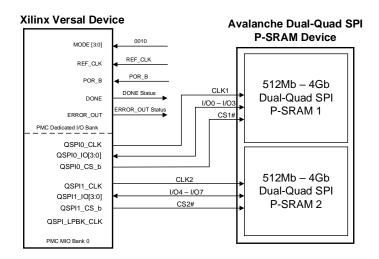


Figure 3: Dual-Parallel Quad SPI Interface Example

Note: For QSPI0\_CLK > 37.5 MHz, QSPI\_LPBK\_CLK must be enabled in the design and unconnected on the board. Source: Versal ACAP Technical Reference Manual (AM011).

### 6. Evaluation Kit Connection



Figure 4: Xilinx Versal VC190 Connecting to Avalanche Serial Dual QSPI P-SRAM™ Daughter Card

Table 5: Evaluation Kit Setup Description

Callout Number	Description
1	USB type C to PC host
2	3.3V 1.8A AC/DC power supply cord*
3	Power Barrel Connector Jack**
4	JP8 jumper setting
5	Avalanche 96-Ball FBGA socket

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Callout Number	Description
6	VCK190 power connector
7	VCK190 Switch SW1 Settings

Note: \*Optional external power supply can be used to supply 3.3V 1.8A to the Avalanche Daughter board

<sup>\*\*</sup> Plug polarity on the Power Barrel Connector Jack: P = Center Positive



### Step 1: Set Configuration Switches on Xilinx Versal VCK190 for QSPI32 Boot Mode

The mode DIP switch SW1 on Xilinx Versal VCK190 must be set at ON, ON, OFF, ON positions as indicated in table 6 below.

Table 6: Xilinx Versal VCK190 Eval Board Quad SPI Boot Mode Settings

<b>Boot Mode</b>	Mode Pins [3:0]	Mode Switch SW1 [4:1]	Data Bus Width	Address Byte
QSPI32	0010	ON, ON, OFF, ON	1-bit, 4-bit	4

Source: Versal ACAP Technical Reference Manual (AM011)

### **Step 2: Power Sequence - Connect Power**

- 1. Attach the Avalanche daughter card to the Versal VCK190 via Samtec connector
- 2. Connect USB cable between VCK190 and PC system
- 3. Connect power cable to VCK190's power connector and power outlet
- 4. Connect the 3.3V 1.8A power supply cord to power outlet
- 5. Turn on the VCK190 power using power switch SW13
- 6. Turn on Avalanche daughter card by connecting the 3.3V power connector to daughter card's connector jack
- 7. Hit the Reset button SW2 on the VCK190

Note: to ensure the Avalanche Serial Dual QSPI P-SRAM $^{\mathbb{M}}$  device to be powered up correctly, a correct order of step 5 and 6 must be followed.

### **Disconnect Power**

- 1. Turn off Avalanche daughter card by disconnecting the 3.3V power connector to daughter card's connector jack
- 2. Turn off the VCK190 power using power switch SW13

Note: to ensure the Avalanche Serial Dual QSPI P-SRAM $^{\text{m}}$  device to be powered down correctly, a correct order of step 1 and 2 must be followed.

### Step 3: Re-building U-Boot to include Avalanche ID

User should download source code using external Kernel and U-Boot with PetaLinux. Click <a href="here">here</a> to download the source code. For more information on how to repackage the U-Boot source, click <a href="here">here</a>

The "SPI-NOR-IDs.c" file is located in "u-boot-xlnx/drivers/mtd/spi/spi-nor-ids.c. User is required to add Avalanche ID information to the file as indicated in the Avalanche Device ID sample code, Figure 5 below.



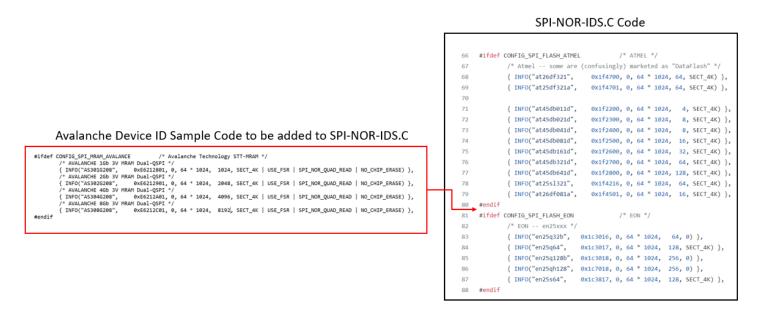


Figure 5: Adding Avalanche Device ID info to Linux SPI-NOR-IDS.c

# **Step 4: Rebuilding PetaLinux with updated U-Boot that includes Avalanche ID** The following Linux commands are used:

- Petaliux-build
- Petaliux-package --boot --u-boot –force



Figure 6: PetaLinux Boot Image Files



# Step 5: Modifying Existing QSPI driver and PLM (Platform Loader and Manager) to add Avalanche ID to "Xloader\_QSPI.C"

Assuming user has exported the hardware platform, the .xsa image file has been generated, and the PLM has been created, the Vitis software platform will create the PLM application project and edit\_versal wrapper platform under the Explorer view as indicated in Figure 7 and Figure 8 below.

User is required to modify xloader\_qspi.c to add Avalanche ID to it (refer to Figure 8 and Figure 9 below). The xloader qspi.c is located in the sub-folder, Figure 7 below.

For more information on how to create the PLM, click here

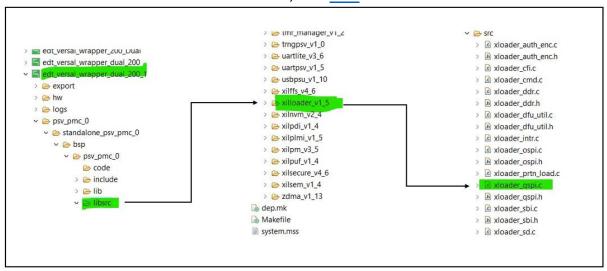


Figure 7: xloader\_qspi.c file location

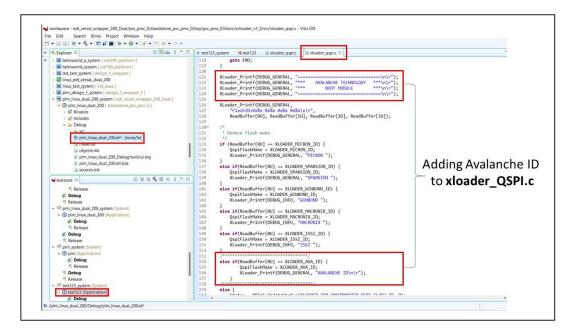


Figure 8: Adding Avalanche ID to Xloader\_QSPI.c

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```
* Deduce flash Size
    if(ReadBuffer[0U] == XLOADER_AVA_ID) {
       if (ReadBuffer[1U] == 0X21U) {
           XLoader Printf(DEBUG GENERAL, "HP Dual-Quad SPI - 3V\n\r");
           Status = XPlmi_UpdateStatus(XLOADER_ERR_UNSUPPORTED_QSPI_FLASH_ID, 0);
11
           XLoader_Printf(DEBUG_GENERAL, "Unsupported Interface or Voltage\n\r");
11
           goto END;
                                                                                                Adding
       if (ReadBuffer[2U] == 0X28U) {
                                                                                                Avalanche ID Information
           XLoader Printf(DEBUG GENERAL, "40C ~ 125C, 1Gbits\n\r");
                                                                                                to xloader_QSPI.c
           QspiFlashSize = XLOADER_FLASH_SIZE_1G;
       else if (ReadBuffer[2U] == 0X29U) {
                   XLoader_Printf(DEBUG_GENERAL, "40C ~ 125C, 2Gbits\n\r");
                   QspiFlashSize = XLOADER_FLASH_SIZE_2G;
       else if (ReadBuffer[2U] == 0X2AU) {
                   XLoader_Printf(DEBUG_GENERAL, "400 ~ 1250, 4Gbits\n\r");
                   QspiFlashSize = XLOADER_FLASH_SIZE_4G;
       else {
            Status = XPlmi_UpdateStatus(XLOADER_ERR_UNSUPPORTED_QSPI_FLASH_SIZE, 0);
           QspiFlashSize = XLOADER_FLASH_SIZE_1G;
           XLoader_Printf(DEBUG_GENERAL, "Unsupported Density\n\r");
           goto END;
   }
    else if (ReadBuffer[2U] == XLOADER_FLASH_SIZE_ID_64M) {
       QspiFlashSize = XLOADER_FLASH_SIZE_64M;
       XLoader_Printf(DEBUG_INFO, "64M Bits\r\n");
    else if ((ReadBuffer[2U] == XLOADER_FLASH_SIZE_ID_128M)
       || (ReadBuffer[2U] ==
```

Figure 9: Adding Avalanche ID Information to xloader\_QSPI.c

A fully modified xloader\_QSPI.c sample code that includes Avalanche ID and device propriety can be downloaded from Avalanche website. Click <u>here</u> to download the sample code.

### Step 6: Building booting Linux image with Modified PLM.elf

The PLM.elf file needs to be re-built and U-Boot source needs to be repackaged. The following commands are used:

- Cp plm new.elf plm.elf
- Petaliux-package --boot --u-boot –force



### Step 7: Configuring Boot Image Using Vivado Hardware Platform

To configure a bootable image, user can use Vivado hardware design to configure the Avalanche Serial Dual QSPI P-SRAM™ daughter card. Use the following steps to generate the .xsa then use PetaLinux to create Linux boot images:

- 1. Select "Boot Mode"
- 2. Select "QSPI" as a Boot/Storage
- 3. Select "Dual Parallel" as QSPI Mode
- 4. Select "x4" as Data Mode
- 5. Select QSPI Reference Clock Frequency (MHz) associated to the QSPI Interface Frequency

MRAM QSPI Interface Frequency (MHz) = QSPI Reference Clock Frequency (MHz)/8

Note: The Xilinx Versal ACAP VCK190 supports up to 40MHz Interface Frequency

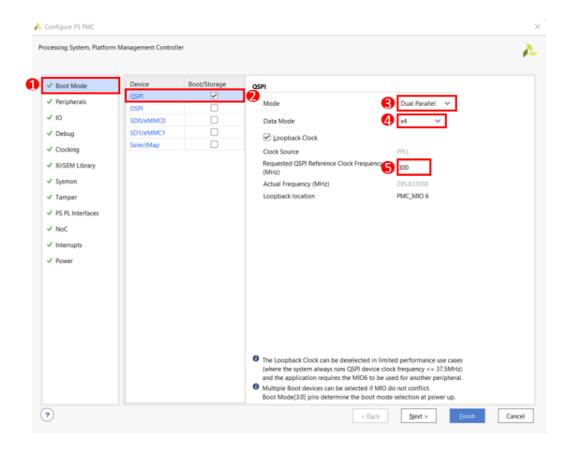


Figure 10: Steps to Configure Boot Images Using Vivado Hardware Platform

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# Step 8: Loading Images to DDR Memory and Writing PetaLinux Images to an Avalanche Serial Dual QSPI P-SRAM™ Daughter Card on Versal Board using JTAG and U-Boot Commands

### **Loading PetaLinux Images to DDR Memory**

1. Create the Tcl script using this PetaLinux command from the Versal project directory: \$petalinux-boot --jtag --kernel --tcl versal.tcl

Note: the versal.tcl file includes commands to select appropriate targets and download application files to required locations in the DDR memory. Below is a sample versal.tcl file

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help

connect
targets -set -nocase -filter {name =- "*PMC*"}
puts stderr "INFO: Downloading BIN file: /home/jun/opt/vck linux 1/images/linux/BOOT.BIN"
targets -set -nocase -filter {name == "*A72*#0"}
stop
targets -set -nocase -filter {name == "*Versal*"}
puts stderr "INFO: Loading image: /home/jun/opt/vck linux 1/images/linux/Image at 0x00200000"
dow -data -force "/home/jun/opt/vck linux 1/images/linux/Image* 0x002000000
puts stderr "INFO: Loading image: /home/jun/opt/vck linux 1/images/linux/rootfs.cpio.gz.u-boot at 0x040000000
puts stderr "INFO: Loading image: /home/jun/opt/vck linux 1/images/linux/rootfs.cpio.gz.u-boot at 0x040000000
puts stderr "INFO: Loading image: /home/jun/opt/vck linux 1/images/linux/boot.scr at 0x2000000000
puts stderr "INFO: Loading image: /home/jun/opt/vck linux 1/images/linux/boot.scr at 0x2000000000
targets -set -nocase -filter {name == "*A72*#0"}
con
exit
puts stderr "INFO: Saving XSDB commands to versal.tcl. You can run 'xsdb versal.tcl' to execute"
```

Figure 11: Sample versal.tcl file

- 2. Modify the generated versal.tcl to include the two commands with parameters: puts stdeer, and down -data -force as shown in the sample versal.tcl file above.
- 3. Set the boot mode switch SW1 to ON-ON-ON JTAG boot mode.
- 4. Configure the Tera Term serial application with default serial settings 115200, N8 and open the Tera Term console.
- 5. In the XSCT console, connect to the target over JTAG using this connect command: xsct% connect The connect command returns the channel ID of the connection.
- 6. Run the following target command to list the available targets and select a target using its ID: xsct% targets.
- 7. Download the versal.tcl file which will load the following files and images: BOOT.BIN, Image, rootfs.cpio.gz.u-boot, boot.scr on the DDR memory of the VCK190 board using the following commands:
  - xsct% targets 1
  - xsct% rst
  - xsct > source versal.tcl



### Writing PetaLinux Images from DDR Memory to the Serial Dual QSPI Daughter Card

- 8. During U-Boot sequence, when the message "hit any key to stop" displays on the Terminal, hit any key to go to Linux prompt.
- 9. From Linux prompt, use this command to write data from DDR memory to the Serial Dual QSPI daughter card: sf write <address> <offset> \$filesize
- 10. Follow **Step 2: Power Sequence Disconnect Power** to disconnect power to both the Avalanche daughter card and the VCK190. Set the boot mode switch SW1 to ON-ON-OFF-ON QSPI32 boot mode as indicated in table 6.

**Step 9: Booting Images from an Avalanche Serial Dual QSPI P-SRAM™ Daughter Card**Follow **Step 2: Power Sequence – Connect Power** to power cycle both the Avalanche daughter card and the VCK190 to complete Linux boot from Avalanche Serial Dual QSPI device.

### 8. Avalanche Serial Dual QSPI P-SRAM™ Daughter Card

The Avalanche Serial Dual QSPI P-SRAM™ daughter card (part # AK3XXG208XILCCSOC) is an 8-layer board.

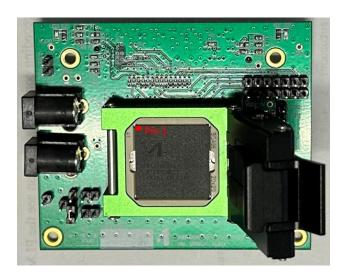


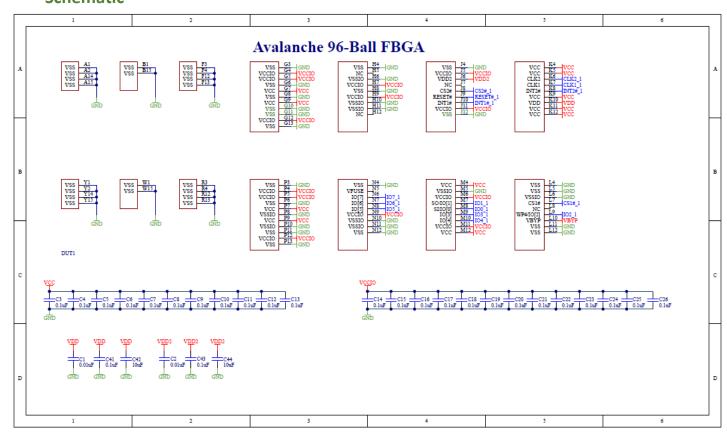
Figure 12: Avalanche Serial Dual QSPI P-SRAM™ Daughter Card with AS30XG208 Device



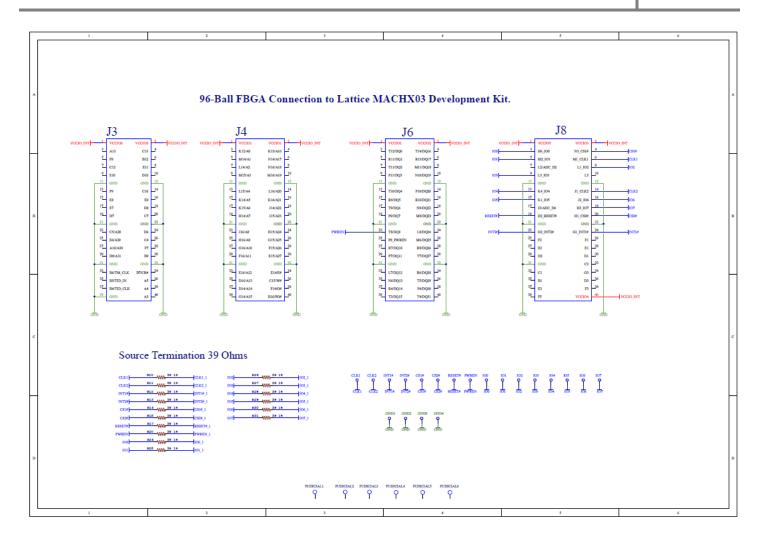
### 9. Schematic and BOMs

Click here to download gerber file, board layout and schematic in high resolution ALTIUM format.

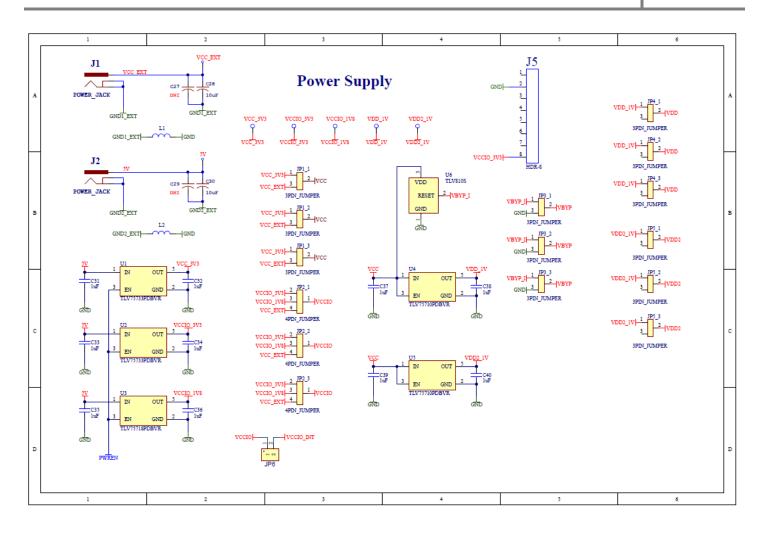
### **Schematic**











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### **BOMs**

Item	Quantity	Description	Designator	Footprint
1	2	0.1μF	C1, C2	N_0402
2	26	0.1μF	C3, C4, C5, C6, C7, C8, C9, C10,	N_0402
			C11, C12, C13, C14, C15, C16,	
			C17, C18, C19, C20, C21, C22,	
			C23, C24, C25, C26, C41, C43	
3	2	DNI	C27, C29	N_1206
4	5	10μF	C28, C30, C69, C72, C75	N_0603
5	10	1μF	C37, C38, C39, C40, C70, C71,	N_0603
			C73, C74, C76, C77	
6	2	10μF	C42, C44	N_0805
7	18	5pF	C78, C79, C80, C81, C82, C83,	N_0402
			C85, C86, C87, C88, C89, C90,	
			C91, C92, C93, C94, C95, C96	
8	1	96-Ball FBGA footprint/socket	DUT1	Ava 96-Ball FBGA
9	8	TP	GND1, GND2, GND3, GND4, Vcc,	Test Point
			Vccio, Vdd2_1V, Vdd_1V	
10	2	Power Jack	J1, J2	Power Jack
11	1	Samtec Connector	J3	Samtec
		(SEAM-30-02.0-L-08-1-A-K-TR)		
12	1	HDR-8	J5	HDR 1x8
13	2	HDR-8	J6, J7	HDR 1x7
14	1	HDR-2-Pin	J15	HDR-2
15	1	3-Pin Jumper	JP3	3-Pin Jumper
16	4	HDR-TH 2P-P2.54	JP4, JP5, Jp6, JP7	1x2 Header with
				Shunt 051914
17	1	4-Pin Jumper	JP8	4-Pin Jumper
18	2	FB	L1, L2	FB
19	2	Red LED	LED1, LED2	N_0603
20	3	OR	R2, R3, R6	N_0603
21	2	DNI	R4	N_0603
22	19	39.1% Resistor	R10, R11, R12, R13, R14, R15,	N_0402
			R17, R24, R25, R26, R27, R28,	
			R29, R30, R31, R32, R33, R34,	
			R35, R20	
23	1	666 Resistor	R20	N_0603
24	1	261 Resistor	R21	N_0603
25	2	TI TLV75710PDBVR	U4, U5	SOT23-5
26	1	TI TLV810S	U6	SOT23-3
27	2	TP	Vcc_ext, Vccio_ext	Test Point