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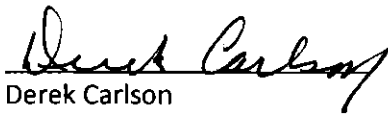
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INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains general information that will be useful to know before using the MCP9600 Thermocouple IC Evaluation Board. Items discussed in this chapter include:

• Document Layout
• Conventions Used in This Guide
• Recommended Reading
• The Microchip Web Site
• Customer Support
• Revision History

DOCUMENT LAYOUT

This document describes how to use the MCP9600 Thermocouple IC Evaluation Board as a development tool. The document is organized as follows:

• **Chapter 1. "Product Overview"** – This chapter includes important information about the MCP9600 Thermocouple IC Evaluation Board.
• **Chapter 2. "Installation and Operation"** – This chapter includes a detailed description of each function of the evaluation board and instructions on how to begin using the board.
• **Appendix A. "Schematic and Layouts"** – Shows the schematic and layout diagrams for MCP9600 Thermocouple IC Evaluation Board.
• **Appendix B. "Bill of Materials (BOM)"** – Lists the parts used to build the MCP9600 Thermocouple IC Evaluation Board.

CONVENTIONS USED IN THIS GUIDE

This manual uses the following documentation conventions:

DOCUMENTATION CONVENTIONS

Description	Represents	Examples
Arial font:		
Italic characters	Referenced books	*MPLAB® IDE User's Guide*
	Emphasized text	...is the *only* compiler...
Initial caps	A window	the Output window
	A dialog	the Settings dialog
	A menu selection	select Enable Programmer
Quotes	A field name in a window or dialog	"Save project before build"
Underlined, Italic text with right angle bracket	A menu path	*File>Save*
Bold characters	A dialog button	Click **OK**
	A tab	Click the **Power** tab
N'Rnnnn	A number in verilog format, where N is the total number of digits, R is the radix and n is a digit.	4'b0010, 2'hF1
Text in angle brackets < >	A key on the keyboard	Press <Enter>, <F1>
Courier New font:		
Plain Courier New	Sample source code	`#define START`
	Filenames	`autoexec.bat`
	File paths	`c:\mcc18\h`
	Keywords	`_asm, _endasm, static`
	Command-line options	`-Opa+, -Opa-`
	Bit values	`0, 1`
	Constants	`0xFF, 'A'`
Italic Courier New	A variable argument	`file`.o, where `file` can be any valid filename
Square brackets [ ]	Optional arguments	`mcc18 [options] file [options]`
Curly brackets and pipe character: { | }	Choice of mutually exclusive arguments; an OR selection	`errorlevel {0|1}`
Ellipses...	Replaces repeated text	`var_name [, var_name...]`
	Represents code supplied by user	`void main (void) { ... }`

RECOMMENDED READING

This user's guide describes how to use MCP9600 Thermocouple IC Evaluation Board. Other useful documents are listed below. The following Microchip documents are available and recommended as supplemental reference resources:

- **MCP9600 Data Sheet –** *"Thermocouple Voltage to Temperature Converter, ±1.5°C Maximum Accuracy"* **(DS20005426)**

This data sheet provides detailed information regarding the MCP9600 device.

- **PIC18F2455/2550/4455/4550 Data Sheet –** *"28/40/44-Pin, High-Performance, Enhanced Flash, USB Microcontrollers with nanoWatt Technology"* **(DS39632)**

This data sheet provides detailed information regarding the PIC18F2455/2550/4455/4550 devices.

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REVISION HISTORY

Revision A (September 2015)

- Original release of this document.

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Chapter 1. Product Overview

1.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides an overview of the MCP9600 Thermocouple IC Evaluation Board and covers the following topics:

• What is the MCP9600 Device?
• What is the MCP9600 Thermocouple IC Evaluation Board?
• What the MCP9600 Thermocouple IC Evaluation Board Kit Contains

1.2 WHAT IS THE MCP9600 DEVICE?

The MCP9600 is a Thermocouple Electromotive Force (EMF) to temperature converter. This device converts thermocouple EMF to degree Celsius with integrated Cold-Junction compensation. MCP9600 corrects the thermocouple nonlinear error characteristics of eight thermocouple types and outputs ±1.5°C accurate temperature data for the selected thermocouple. The correction coefficients are derived from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) ITS-90 Thermocouple Database.

1.3 WHAT IS THE MCP9600 THERMOCOUPLE IC EVALUATION BOARD?

The MCP9600 Thermocouple IC Evaluation Board is used to evaluate MCP9600 Thermocouple EMF voltage to degree Celsius converter. Users can easily evaluate all device features using a Type K thermocouple. The device also supports Types J, T, N, E, B, S and R thermocouples. Each of these types can be evaluated by replacing the Type K thermocouple connector with the corresponding connectors.

In addition, the MCP9600 Thermocouple IC Evaluation Board connects to a PC via a USB interface. Temperature can be data-logged using the Microchip Thermal Management Software Graphical User Interface (GUI).

1.4 WHAT THE MCP9600 THERMOCOUPLE IC EVALUATION BOARD KIT CONTAINS

The MCP9600 Thermocouple IC Evaluation Board package includes:

• MCP9600 Thermocouple IC Evaluation Board (ADM00665)
• Type K Thermocouple
• Mini USB Cable
• Important Information Sheet

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Chapter 2. Installation and Operation

2.1   INTRODUCTION

The MCP9600 Thermocouple IC Evaluation Board enables users to easily evaluate all user-programmable features such as thermocouple selection, temperature alert limit settings, temperature resolutions and Power mode.

Items discussed in this chapter include:

- Required Tool
- Getting Started
- Microchip Thermal Management Software GUI
- Configuring the MCP9600
- Data Acquisition

2.2   REQUIRED TOOL

The Personal Computer (PC) shown in Figure 2-1 needs to run on Windows® 98 SE or later. It provides a convenient interface for the user, communicates with the board and provides power through the USB connection.
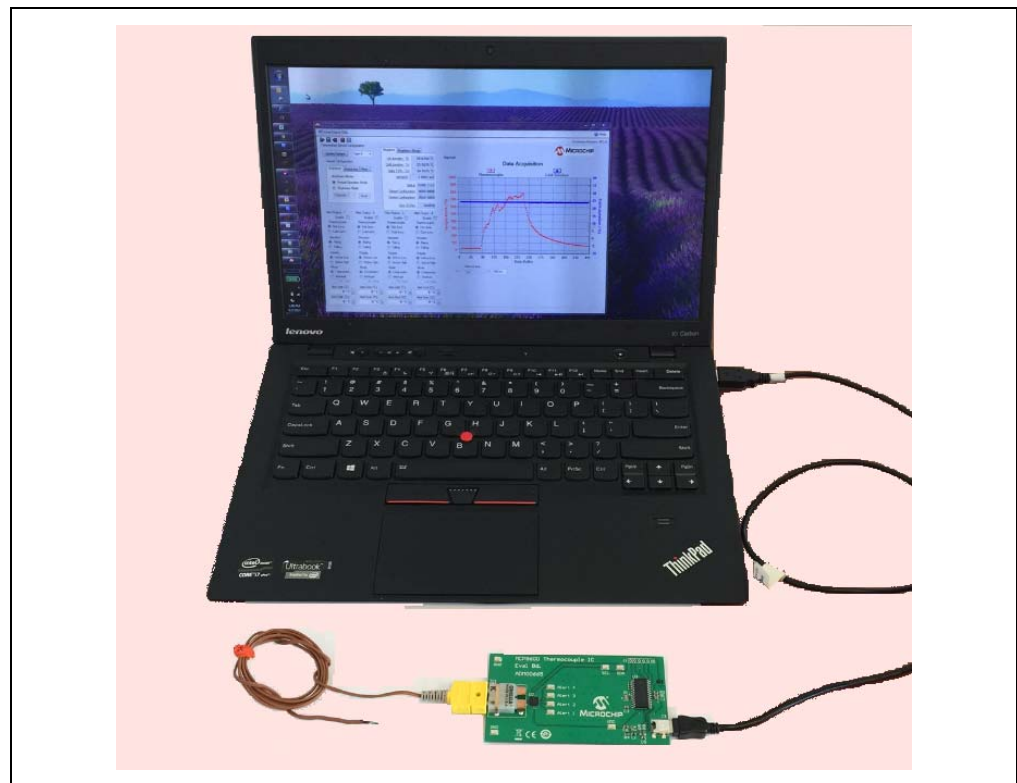

FIGURE 2-1:   *MCP9600 Thermocouple IC Evaluation Board Setup.*

2.3   GETTING STARTED

This section describes how to power up and interface with the MCP9600 Thermocouple IC Evaluation Board.

2.3.1   Hardware Setup

1. The MCP9600 Thermocouple IC Evaluation Board has a mini USB connector for a PC interface. Connect the USB cable from the evaluation board to a PC.
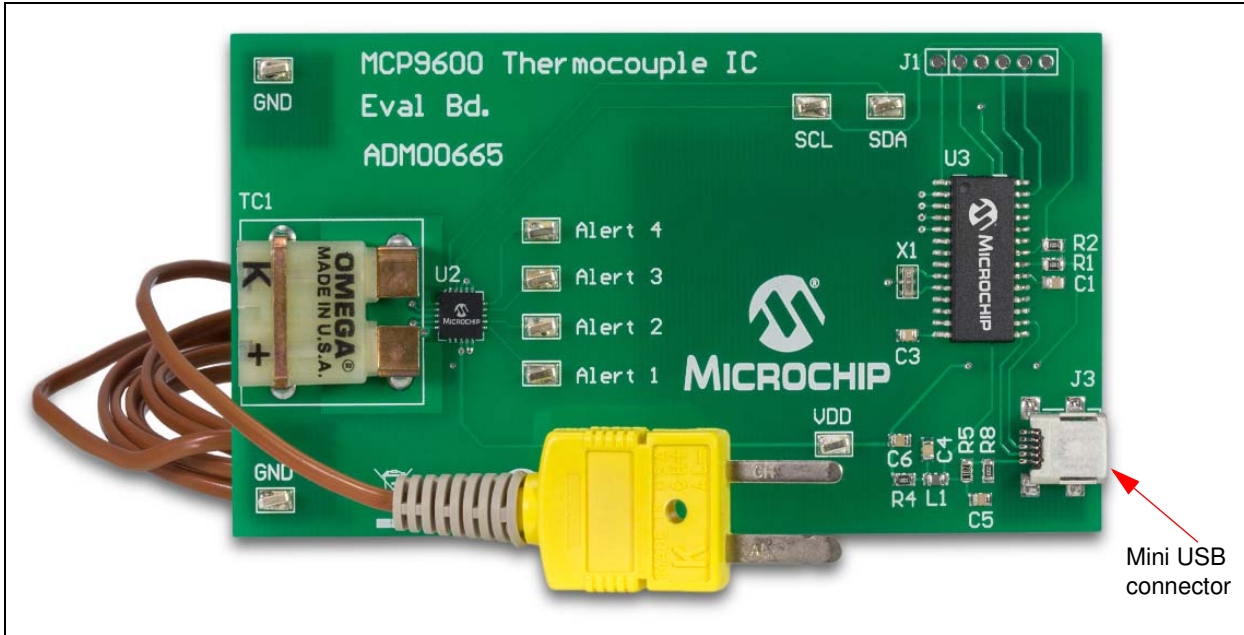

FIGURE 2-2:   *MCP9600 Thermocouple IC Evaluation Board.*

2.3.2   Hardware Operation

The MCP9600 Thermocouple IC Evaluation Board is fully powered from a PC USB 5V source. Once power is applied via USB and the USB is successfully enumerated, the PIC® microcontroller is ready to receive commands from the host PC to program the MCP9600 settings or transfer temperature data.
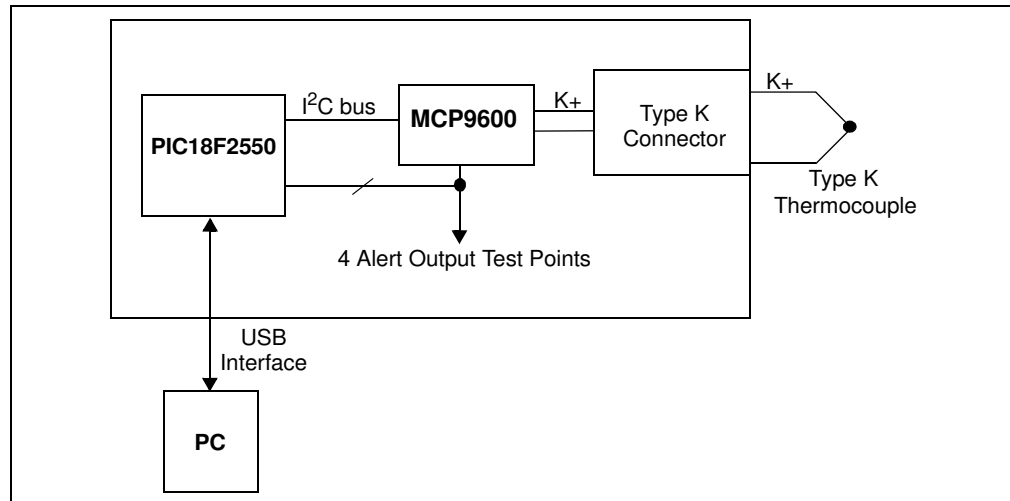

FIGURE 2-3:   *Functional Block Diagram.*

The block diagram (Figure 2-3) shows that the thermocouple connector is directly connected to the MCP9600. The four Alert outputs are connected to test points for external connections. Additionally, these outputs are also connected to the microcontroller I/O pins so that the Alert Output statuses can be detected in software.

2.4   MICROCHIP THERMAL MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE GUI

The Microchip Thermal Management Graphical User Interface allows users to evaluate the MCP9600 for temperature-sensing applications. This software tool can be downloaded and installed from the evaluation board product page. The software requires the 'Microsoft.NET Framework' package. If this framework package is not installed on the computer, then the software will automatically download and install it. After the installation is successfully completed, the hardware is required to start the graphical user interface.

Once the hardware is connected, the software recognizes the device ID and displays the corresponding GUI for the evaluation board. Disconnecting the USB will close the GUI. This tool enables the user to evaluate the sensor features and perform temperature data logging.

Figure 2-4 shows the data acquisition interface with a plot of the thermocouple Hot-Junction and Cold-Junction temperature data. The Y1 axis is the Hot-Junction temperature and the Y2 axis is the Cold-Junction temperature. This data can also be exported by right-clicking the plot and following the export options.
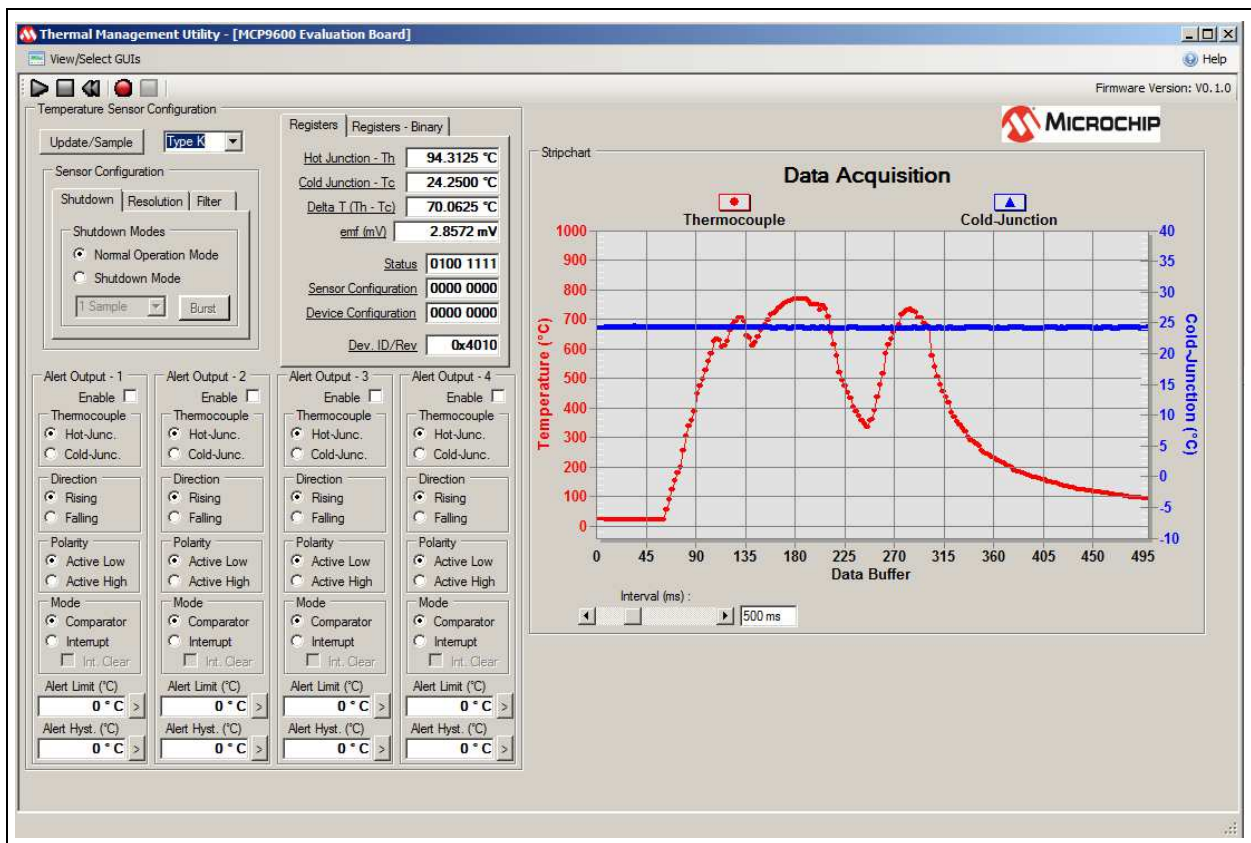

FIGURE 2-4:   *Data Acquisition Interface.*

Use the Thermal Management Software Graphical User Interface (GUI) for temperature data logging or to evaluate the sensor board features. If the hardware is properly connected, the software will recognize the hardware, otherwise, the software will show the 'Hardware Not Detected' message box, as indicated in Figure 2-5.
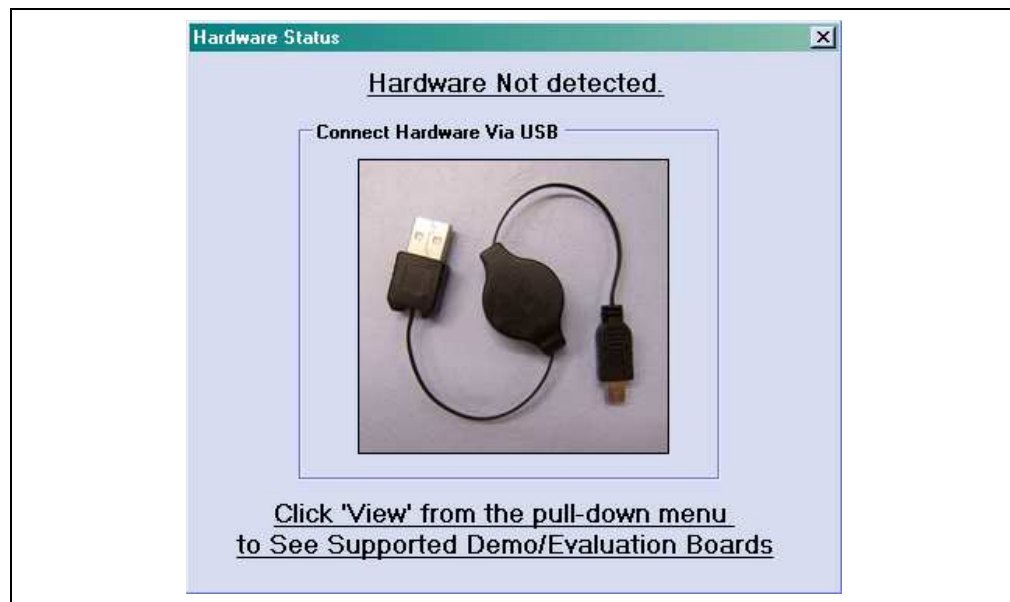

FIGURE 2-5: *Hardware Not Detected Message Box.*

2.5   CONFIGURING THE MCP9600

Figure 2-6 shows the user interface for various sensor options. Once these options are selected, the software programs the device and refreshes the GUI from the device. Therefore the GUI displays the updated device settings.
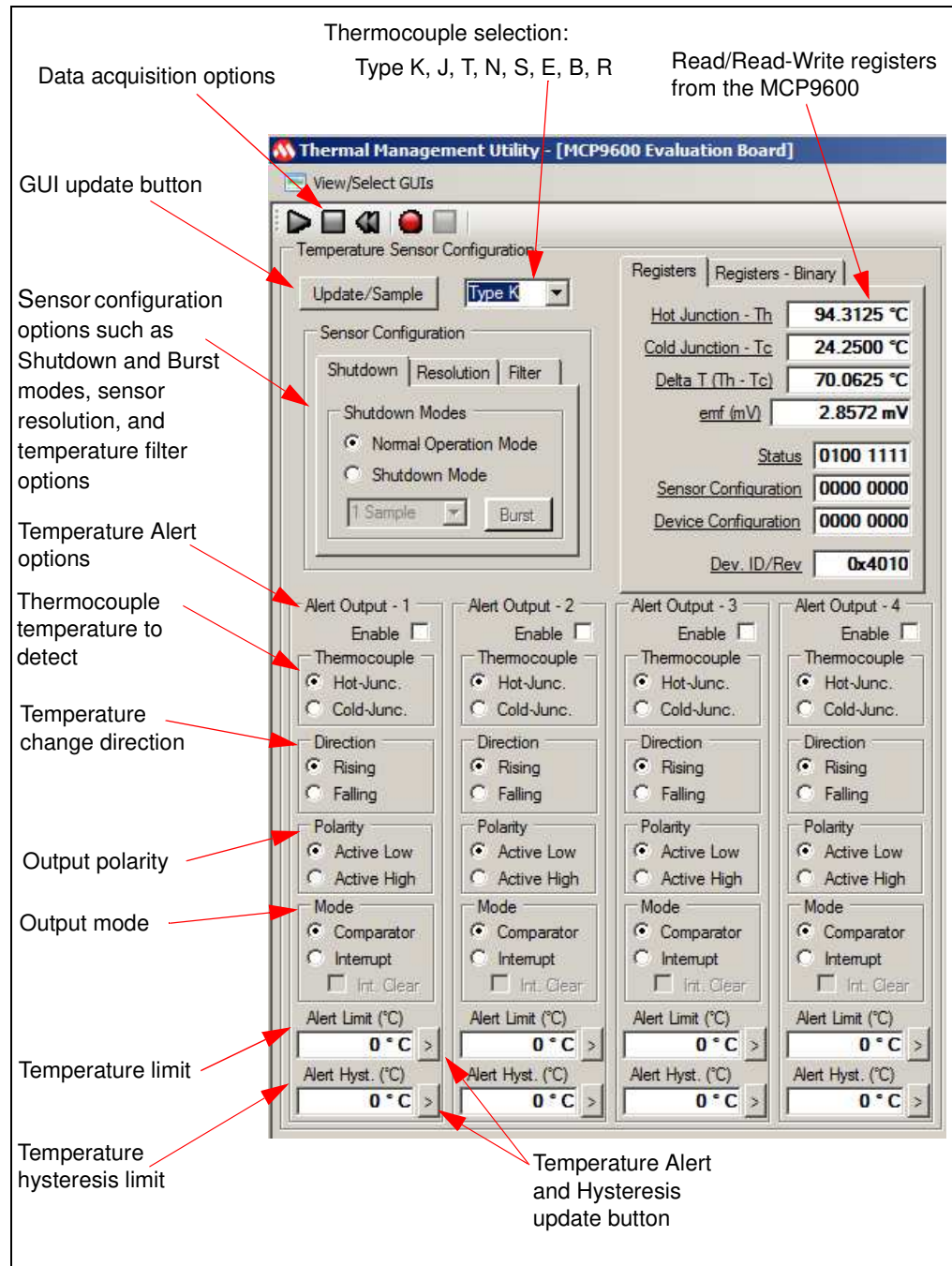

FIGURE 2-6:   *Sensor Configuration Options.*

2.6   DATA ACQUISITION

The black "Play", "Stop", and "Reset" icons (Figure 2-7) can be used to perform continuous data acquisitions. The red "Record" icon enables the user to data log to an external file. The logging interval can be adjusted using the Interval scroll bar from 100 ms to 30s, as shown in Figure 2-4.
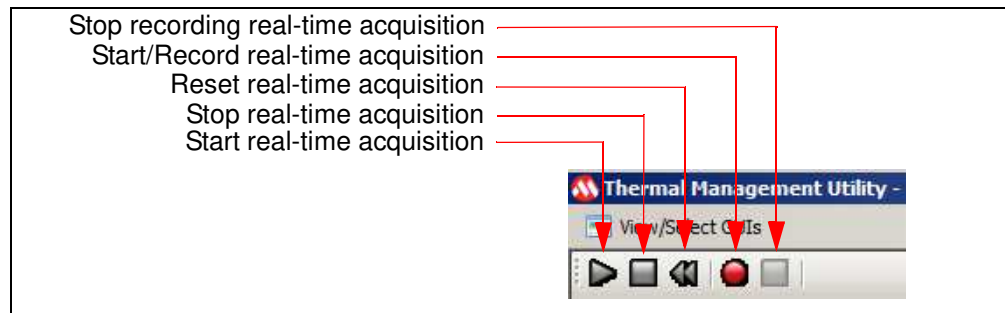

FIGURE 2-7:   *Real-Time Acquisition.*

The data acquisition display chart (Figure 2-4) can be customized. The customizing options (Figure 2-8) can be selected by either double-clicking or right-clicking the chart (Figure 2-4). The displayed data can also be exported.
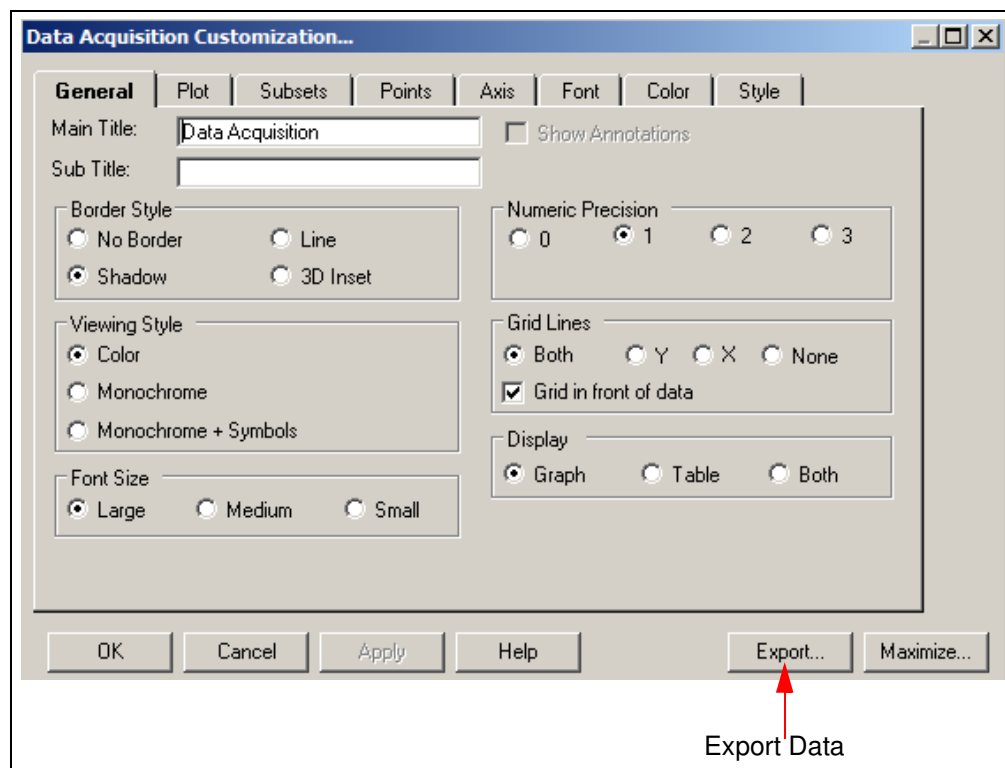

**FIGURE 2-8:**   *Chart Setup Options.*

Appendix A. Schematic and Layouts

A.1   INTRODUCTION

This appendix contains the following schematics and layouts for the MCP9600 Thermocouple IC Evaluation Board:

- Board Schematic
- Board – Top Silk
- Board – Top Copper and Silk
- Board – Top Copper
- Board – Bottom Copper
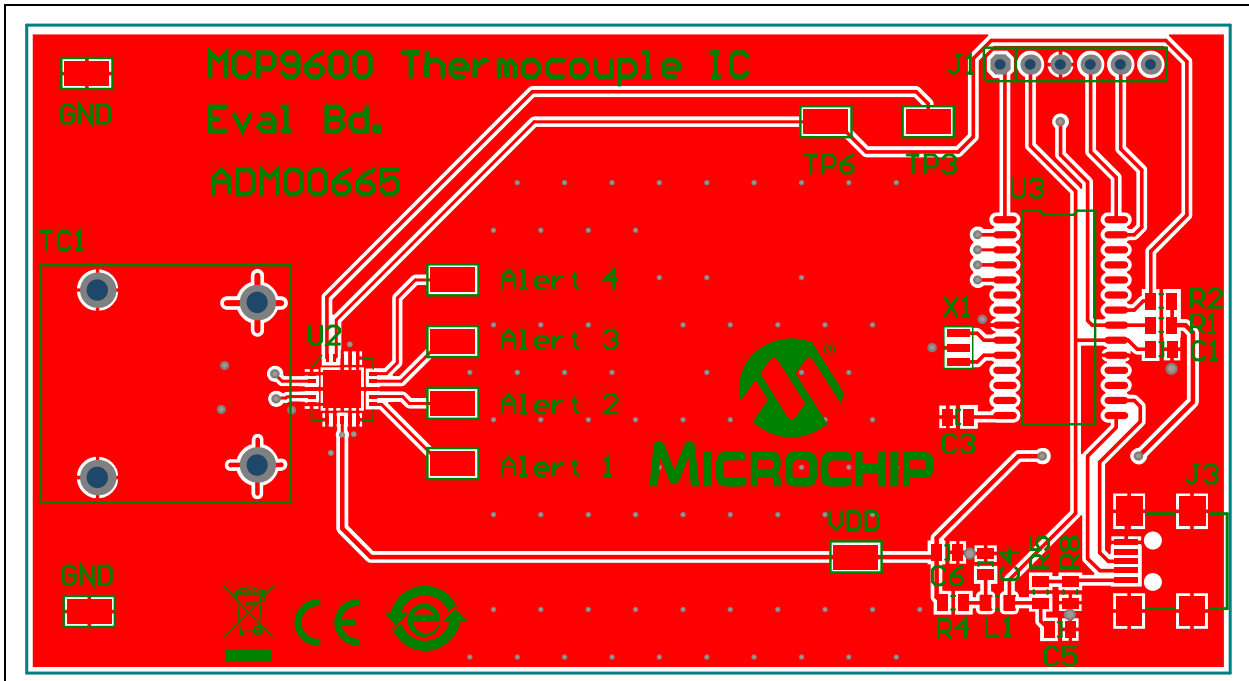- Board – Bottom Copper and Silk
- Board – Bottom Silk

A.2 BOARD SCHEMATIC

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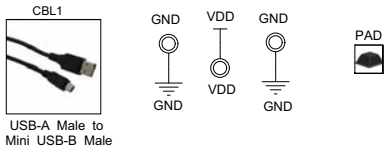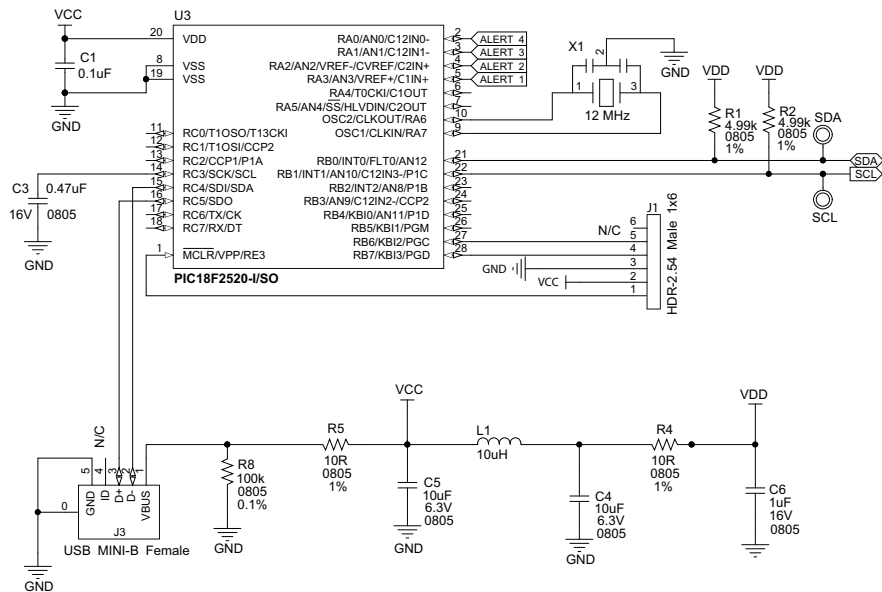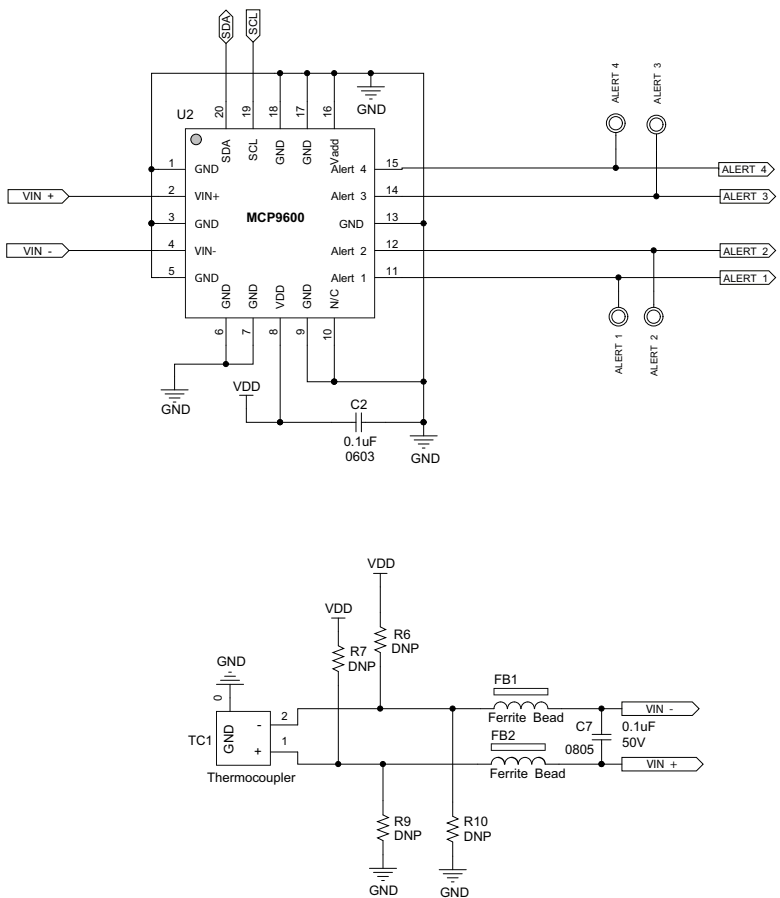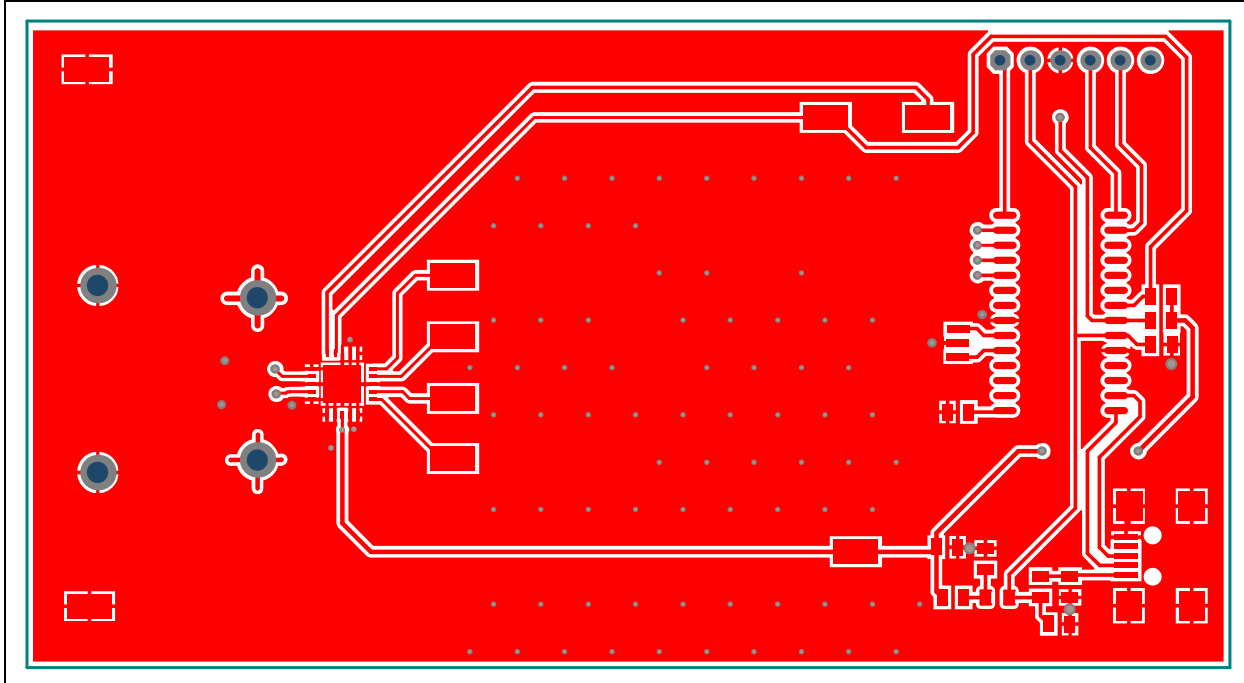
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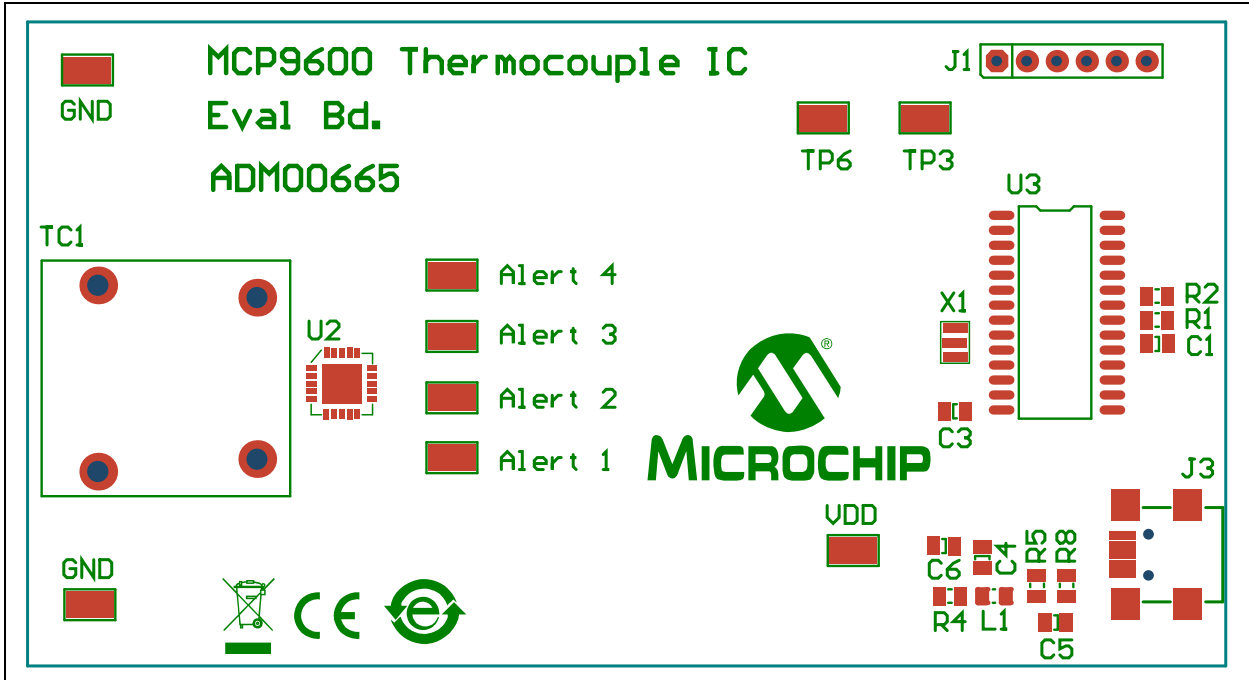
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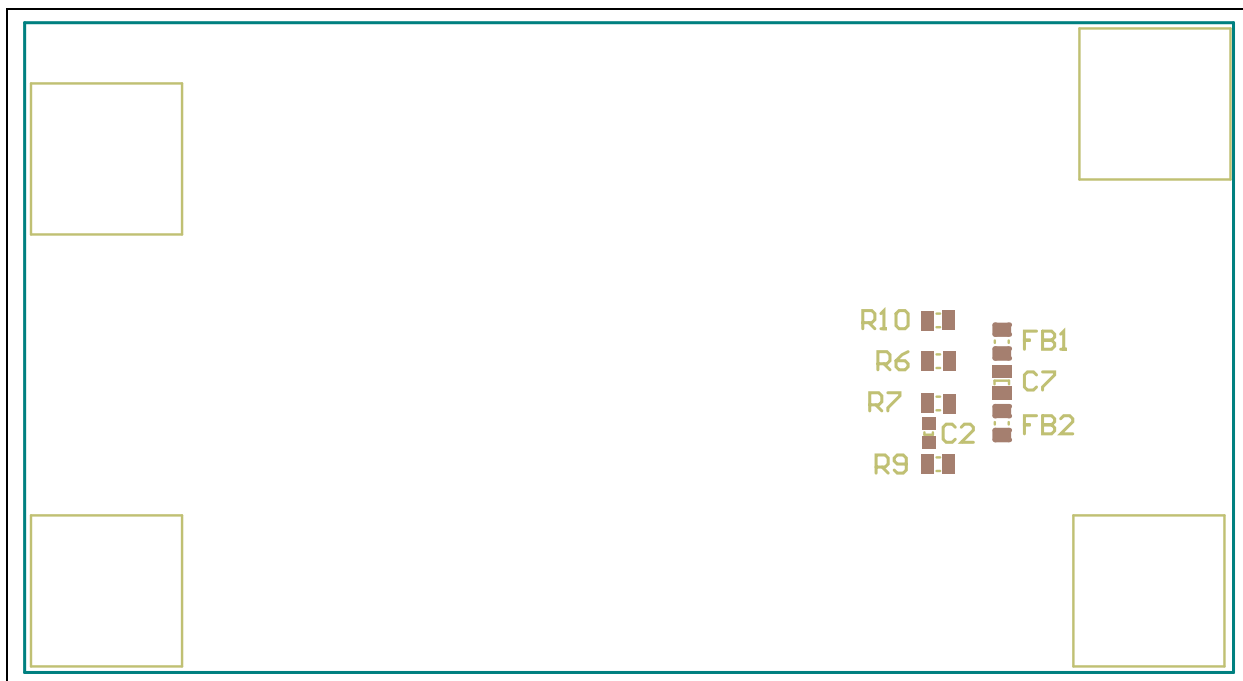
A.5   BOARD – TOP COPPER

A.6   BOARD – BOTTOM COPPER

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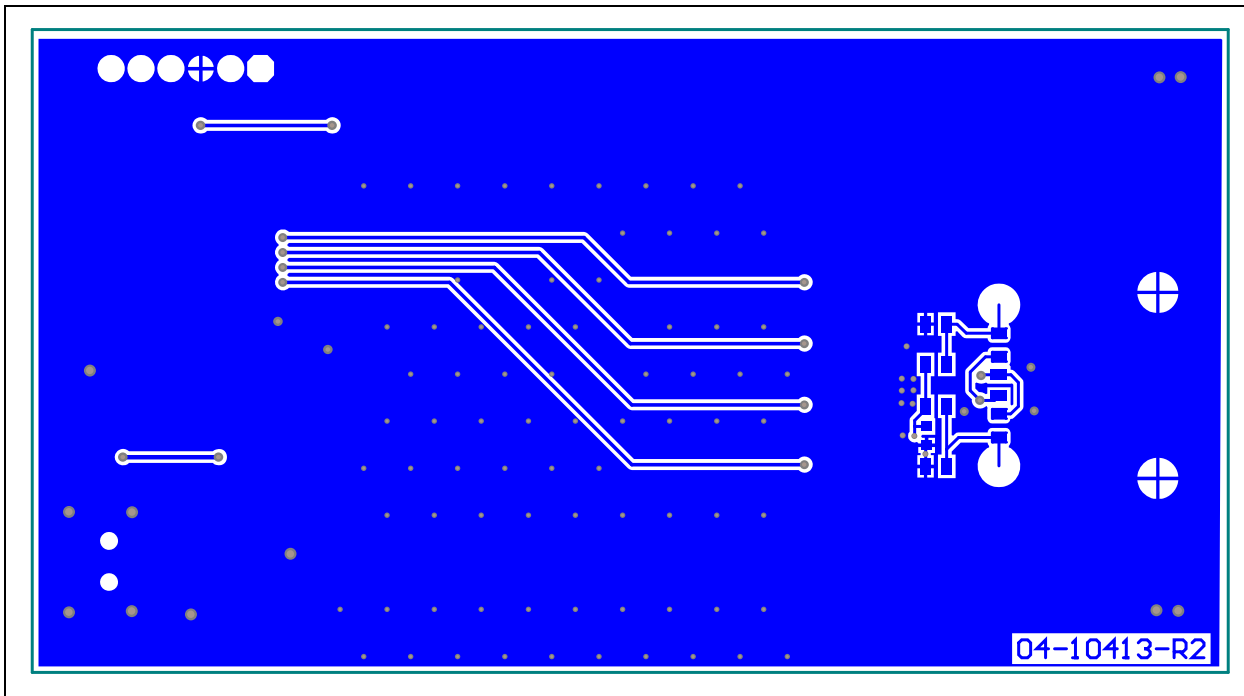
A.7 BOARD – BOTTOM COPPER AND SILK
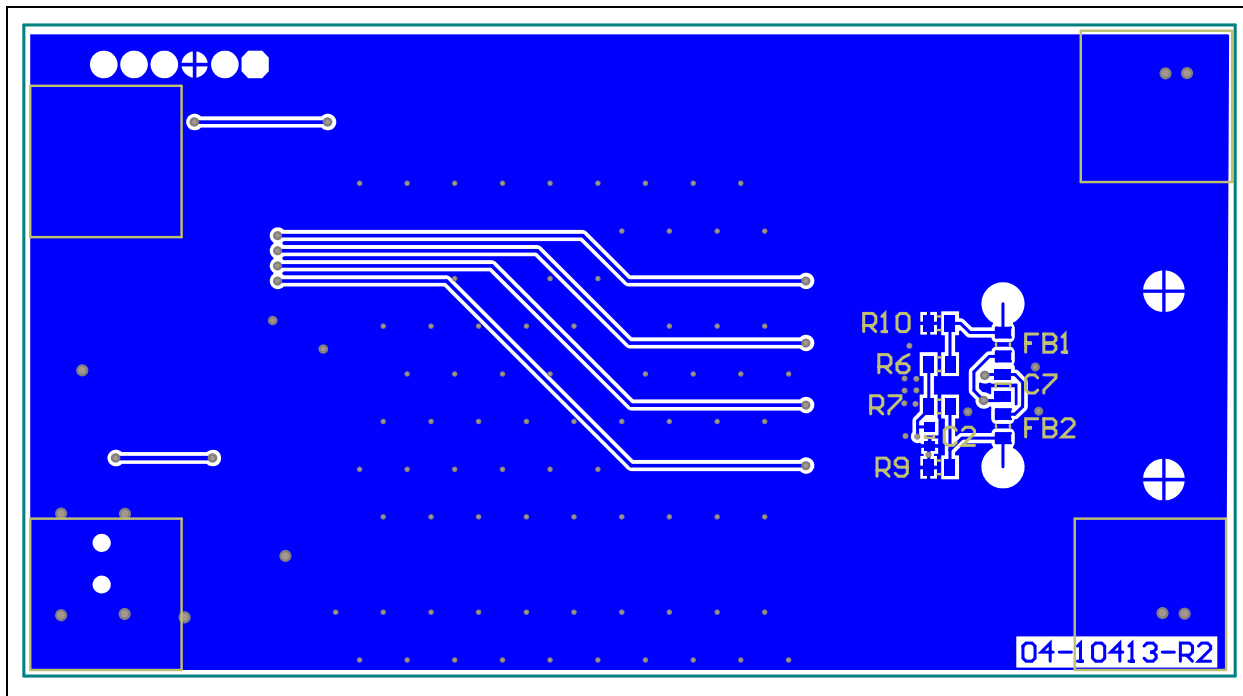
A.8 BOARD – BOTTOM SILK

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Appendix B. Bill of Materials (BOM)

TABLE B-1:   BILL OF MATERIALS (BOM)

Qty	Reference	Description	Manufacturer	Part Number
9	Alert 1, Alert 2, Alert 3, Alert 4, GND, GND, SCL, SDA, V_{DD}	Connector TP tab silver mini 3.8x2.03 SMD	Keystone Electronics Corp.	5019
2	C1, C7	Ceramic capacitor,1 µF, 50V, 10%, X7R SMD, 0805	Cal-Chip Electronics Inc.	GMC21X7R104K50NTLF
1	C2	Ceramic Capacitor, 0.1 µF, 25V, 20%, Y5V SMD, 0603	Cal-Chip Electronics Inc.	GMC10Y5V104Z25NTLF
1	C3	Ceramic capacitor, 0.47 µF, 16V, 10%, X7R SMD, 0805	Panasonic® - ECG	ECJ-2YB1C474K
2	C4, C5	Ceramic capacitor, 10 µF, 6.3V, 20%, X5R SMD, 0805	Taiyo Yuden Co., Ltd.	JMK212BJ106MG-T
1	C6	Ceramic capacitor, 1 µF, 16V, 20%, Y5V SMD, 0805	AVX Corporation	0805YG105ZAT2A
2	FB1, FB2	Ferrite chip beads, 800 mA, 0.15R SMD, 0805	Laird Technologies®	LI0805H151R-10
0	J1	Connector header, 2.54 male 1x6, tin, 5.84 mm, Through Hole, vertical – **DO NOT POPULATE**	Sullins Connector Solutions	PEC06SAAN
1	J3	Connector, Mini USB, B-Type, female, SMD R/A	Hirose Electric Co., Ltd.	UX60-MB-5ST
1	L1	Inductor, 10 µH, 100 mA, 20%, SMD, 0805	Murata Electronics®	LQM21FN100M70L
4	PAD1, PAD2, PAD3, PAD4	Mechanical HW rubber pad, square, L12.1xW12.1xH3.1, black	Hammond Manufacturing Ltd.	1421T8BK
0	PCB	MCP9600 Thermocouple IC Evaluation Board – Printed Circuit Board	—	04-10413-R2
2	R1, R2	Resistor, TKF 4.99K ohm, 1%, 1/8W,SMD, 0805	ROHM Semiconductor	MCR10EZHF4991
2	R4, R5	Resistor, TKF 10R, 1%, 1/8W, SMD 0805	ROHM Semiconductor	MCR10EZHF10R0
0	R6, R7	Resistor, TKF 100K, 1%, 1/8W, SMD 0805 – **DO NOT POPULATE**	NIC Components Corp.	NRC10F1003TRF
1	R8	Resistor TF, 100K, 0.1%, 1/8W, SMD 0805	Panasonic® - ECG	ERA-6AEB104V
0	R9, R10	Resistor TKF, 47.5K, 1%, 1/8W, SMD 0805 – **DO NOT POPULATE**	Panasonic® - ECG	ERJ-6ENF4752V

Note: The components listed in this Bill of Materials are representative of the PCB assembly. The released BOM used in manufacturing uses all RoHS-compliant components.