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INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains general information that will be useful to know before using the MCP7386X Battery Charger Evaluation Board. Items discussed in this chapter include:

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

DOCUMENT LAYOUT

This document describes how to use the MCP7386X Battery Charger Evaluation Board as a development tool to emulate and debug firmware on a target board. The manual layout is as follows:

- **Chapter 1. “Product Overview”** – Important information about the MCP7386X Battery Charger Evaluation Board.
- **Chapter 2. “Installation and Operation”** – For users evaluating the MCP73861/2/3/4 devices, this chapter describes how to use the various features of the hardware.
- **Appendix A. “Schematic and Layouts”** – Shows the schematic and layout diagrams for the MCP7386X Battery Charger Evaluation Board.
- **Appendix B. “Bill Of Materials (BOM)”** – Lists the parts used to build the MCP7386X Battery Charger Evaluation Board.

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CONVENTIONS USED IN THIS GUIDE

This manual uses the following documentation conventions:

DOCUMENTATION CONVENTIONS

Description	Represents	Examples
Arial font:		
Italic characters	Referenced books	<i>MPLAB® IDE User's Guide</i>
	Emphasized text	...is the <i>only</i> 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	<u><i>File>Save</i></u>
Bold characters	A dialog button	Click OK
	A tab	Click the Power tab
Text in angle brackets < >	A key on the keyboard	Press <Enter>, <F1>
Courier New font:		
Plain Courier New	Sample source code	<code>#define START</code>
	Filenames	<code>autoexec.bat</code>
	File paths	<code>c:\mcc18\h</code>
	Keywords	<code>_asm, _endasm, static</code>
	Command-line options	<code>-Opa+, -Opa-</code>
	Bit values	<code>0, 1</code>
	Constants	<code>0xFF, 'A'</code>
Italic Courier New	A variable argument	<i>file.o</i> , where <i>file</i> can be any valid filename
Square brackets []	Optional arguments	<code>mcc18 [options] file [options]</code>
Curly brackets and pipe character: { }	Choice of mutually exclusive arguments; an OR selection	<code>errorlevel {0 1}</code>
Ellipses...	Replaces repeated text	<code>var_name [, var_name...]</code>
	Represents code supplied by user	<code>void main (void) { ... }</code>

RECOMMENDED READING

This user's guide describes how to use the MCP7386X Battery Charger Evaluation Board. Other useful documents are listed below. The following Microchip documents are available and recommended as supplemental reference resources.

MCP73861/2/3/4 Data Sheet, "Advanced Single or Dual-Cell, Fully-Integrated Li-Ion/Li-Polymer Charge Management Controllers" (DS21893)

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- Add disclaimer to Bill of Materials regarding RoHS-Compliant part numbers.

Revision B (September 2005)

- Added References to MCP73861/2/3/4.

Revision A (June 2004)

- Initial Release of this Document.

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Chapter 1. Product Overview

1.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides an overview of the MCP7386X Battery Charger Evaluation Board and covers the following topics:

- What is the MCP7386X Battery Charger Evaluation Board?
- What the MCP7386X Battery Charger Evaluation Board Includes

1.2 WHAT IS THE MCP7386X BATTERY CHARGER EVALUATION BOARD?

The MCP7386X Battery Charger Evaluation Board is an evaluation and demonstration tool for Microchip Technology's MCP7386X Advanced Single or Dual-Cell, Fully-Integrated, Lithium-Ion/Lithium-Polymer Charge Management Controllers. The design provides for dynamic versatility while being able to handle accurate measurements.

When connected, this evaluation board allows for the evaluation of the MCP7386X devices in a variety of applications.

1.3 WHAT THE MCP7386X BATTERY CHARGER EVALUATION BOARD INCLUDES

This MCP7386X Battery Charger Evaluation Board Kit includes:

- The MCP7386X Battery Charger Evaluation Board
- MCP73861 Device (Installed)
- Analog and Interface Products Demonstration Boards CD-ROM (DS21912)
 - MCP7386X Battery Charger Evaluation Board User's Guide

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Chapter 2. Installation and Operation

2.1 FEATURES

The MCP7386X Battery Charger Evaluation Board has the following features:

- Evaluation of MCP7386X devices in 4 x 4, 16-lead QFN packages
- Simple, stand-alone operation or microcontroller-compatible
- Powered from external bench supply or wall cube
- Surface-mount design
- Fully assembled and tested

2.2 GETTING STARTED

The MCP7386X Battery Charger Evaluation Board is a fully-functional, assembled and tested surface-mount board for evaluation of Microchip's MCP7386X Advanced Single or Dual-Cell, Fully Integrated Lithium-Ion/Lithium-Polymer Charge Management Controllers. The following steps provide simple, stand-alone operation. Refer to Figure 2-1 for the setup configuration diagram. The setup configuration diagram depicts evaluation of the installed MCP73861 for single-cell applications.

1. Connect an external bench supply or wall cube to the surface-mount test points provided. The input voltage source should be in the range of 5V to 12V. Refer to **Section 2.3.1 "Input Source"** for details on the input source requirements.

Note: Observe correct polarity of connection. Positive terminal connects to J2 (V_{IN+}); negative terminal connects to J3 (V_{IN-}).

2. Connect a single-cell Lithium-Ion or Lithium-Polymer battery pack to the circuit for evaluation.

Note: Observe correct polarity of connection. Positive terminal connects to J5 (V_{BAT+}); negative terminal connects to J6 (V_{BAT-}).

3. Connect an external battery pack thermistor to the J7 (THERM) input. The thermistor should be connected from J7 (THERM) to J6 (V_{BAT-}). If continuous cell temperature monitoring is not desired, place a 10 k Ω resistor from THERM to V_{BAT-} , or populate R5 with a 10 k Ω resistor.
4. Turn on the bench supply or plug in the wall cube.
5. A green LED (D_1) provides status during the charge cycle. A red LED (D_2) indicates a Fault condition. Refer to the MCP73861/2/3/4 data sheet (DS21893) for details.

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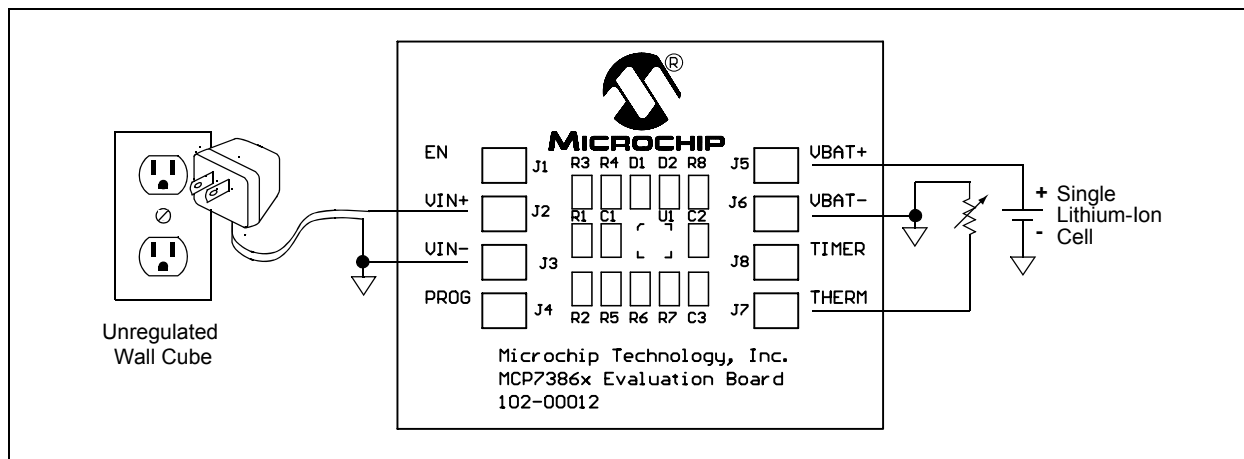


FIGURE 2-1: Setup Configuration Diagram.

2.3 DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The MCP7386X Battery Charger Evaluation Board is set up to evaluate simple, stand-alone, linear charging of single/dual-cell Lithium-Ion/Lithium-Polymer battery packs. The reference design provides constant current charging, followed by constant voltage charging with automatic charge termination. As provided, the MCP7386X Battery Charger Evaluation Board is set for a fast charge, constant current level of 1.2A, typical for single-cell applications. The MCP73861 is provided in a 4 x 4, 16-lead QFN package and is equipped with shutdown control, status indicator, fault indicator, safety timer and a continuous cell temperature monitor. For dual-cell applications, the MCP73862 or MCP73864 can be substituted for the MCP73861. Refer to the MCP73861/2/3/4 data sheet (DS21893) for details on the individual device features.

2.3.1 Input Source

The MCP7386X Battery Charger Evaluation Board is designed to provide a fast charge current of 1.2A, typical. The input source should provide a voltage in the range of 5V to 12V. The input source should be capable of providing a minimum of 7.5W.

Lower peak currents can be obtained by adjusting the value of the charge programming resistors (R_2). A corresponding lower-power input source may then be utilized. Refer to the MCP73861/2/3/4 data sheet (DS21893) for details on determining the appropriate programming resistor.

2.3.2 Safety Timer Periods

The MCP7386X Battery Charger Evaluation Board can be used with a variety of battery packs. As provided, the MCP7386X Battery Charger Evaluation Board is set up to perform well with single-cell, 1000 mAh battery packs. Battery packs with alternative capacities and various charge currents can be implemented. The safety timer periods may need to be adjusted in order to ensure a full charge. The safety timer periods can be adjusted by changing the capacitance of C_3 . Refer to the MCP73861/2/3/4 data sheet (DS21893) for details on determining the appropriate timer capacitance.

2.3.3 Disable Control

The MCP7386X Battery Charger Evaluation Board is designed to provide stand-alone operation. The installed MCP73861 device is enabled whenever the input source is present. To disable charging, a jumper can be placed between J1, EN and J3 (V_{IN-}).

2.3.4 Battery Headers

Independent battery connections are provided. The battery pack positive terminal should be connected to J5 (V_{BAT+}). The battery pack negative terminal should be connected to J6 (V_{BAT-}). In addition, a connection is provided for a nominal 10 k Ω at +25°C NTC thermistor, situated in the battery pack for temperature sensing. When the cell temperature is between -5°C and +55°C, installed resistors provide a charging window when a thermistor with a sensitivity index (β) of 3982 is utilized. Charging is inhibited when the cell temperature deviates outside the preset window. The resistor values can be adjusted to provide the desired charging window for a variety of thermistors. Refer to the MCP73861/2/3/4 data sheet (DS21893) for details.

<p>Note: Improper connection of the battery may result in damage to the battery and increase the possibility of personal injury. It is also important to avoid shorting the battery terminals together.</p>
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2.3.5 Device Support Options

The MCP7386X Battery Charger Evaluation Board supports the entire MCP7386X family. The MCP7386X Battery Charger Evaluation Board is provided with one reference design utilizing the MCP73861. Alternate devices can be substituted in order to evaluate the different MCP7386X family options.

2.3.6 Microcontroller Option

Connection points provide easily-accessible locations for interface to a host microcontroller. The host microcontroller can be used to disable the charger, monitor charge status or terminate a charge.

2.3.7 Output Voltage Options

The MCP7386X Battery Charger Evaluation Board is provided with a Constant-Voltage mode output voltage of 4.2V per cell, the evaluation of which can be achieved by moving resistor R_4 to R_3 , or by shorting the R_3 pads.

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Appendix A. Schematic and Layouts

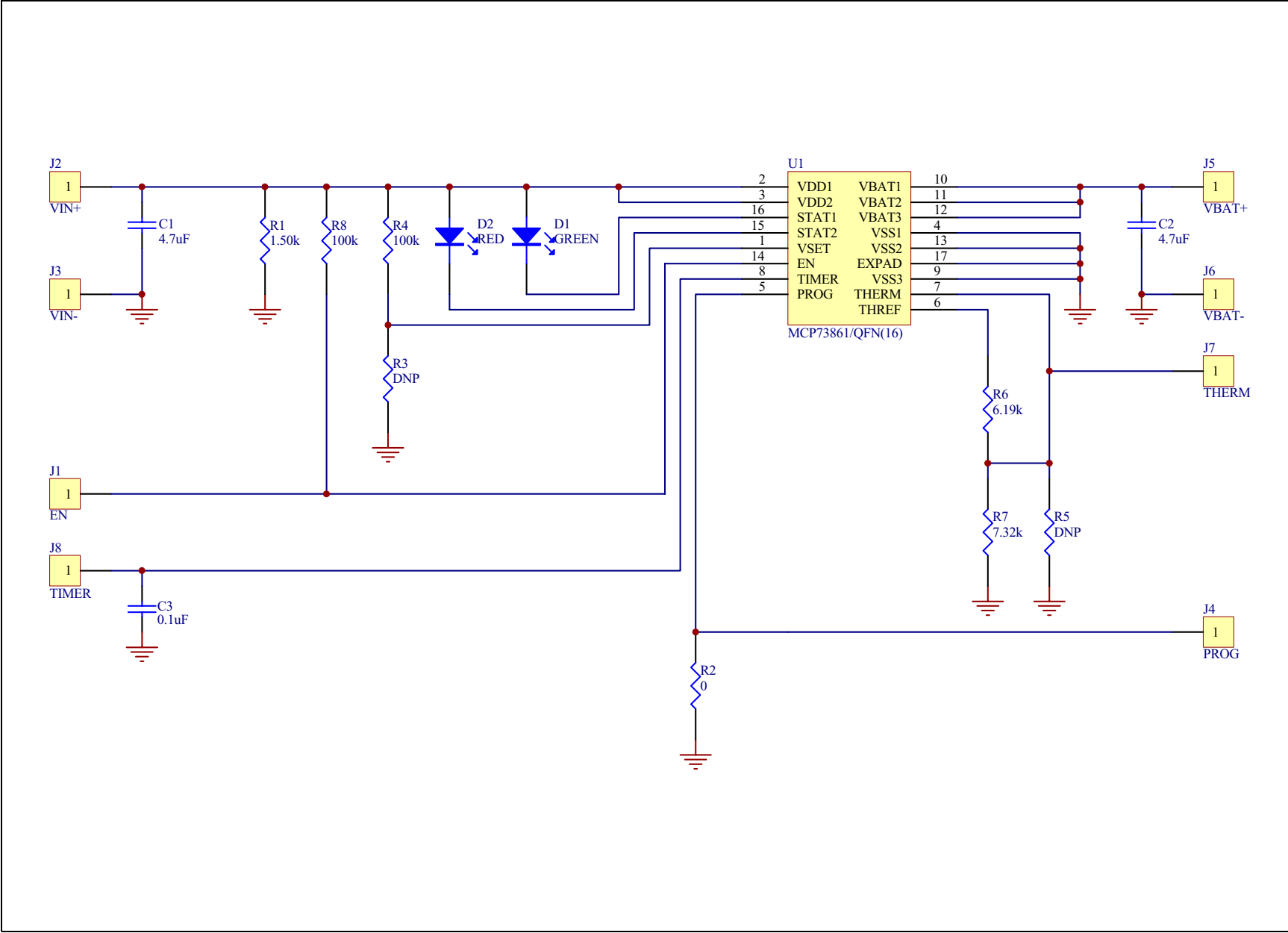
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This appendix contains the following schematics and layouts for the MCP7386X Evaluation Board:

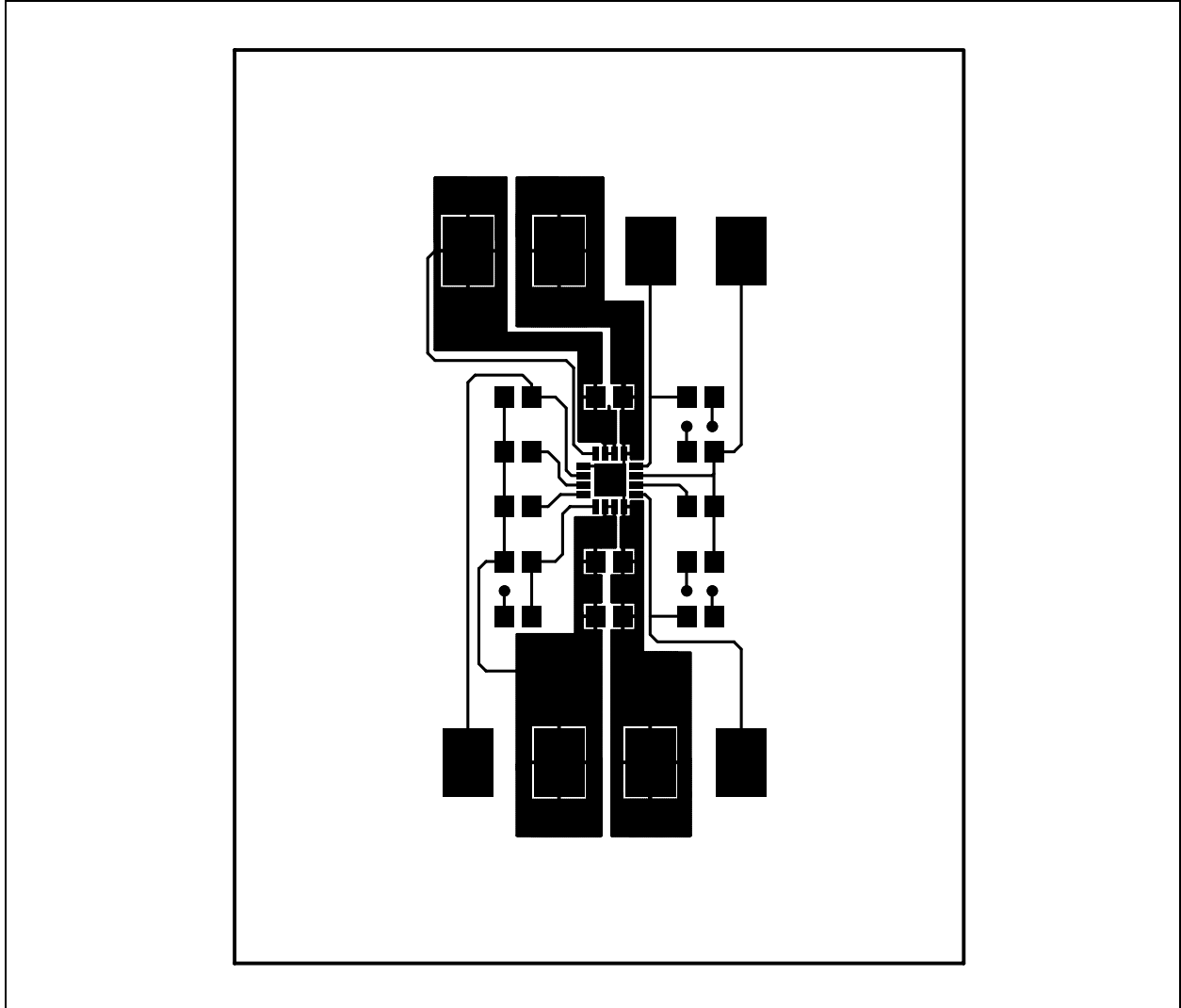
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A.2 BOARD SCHEMATIC

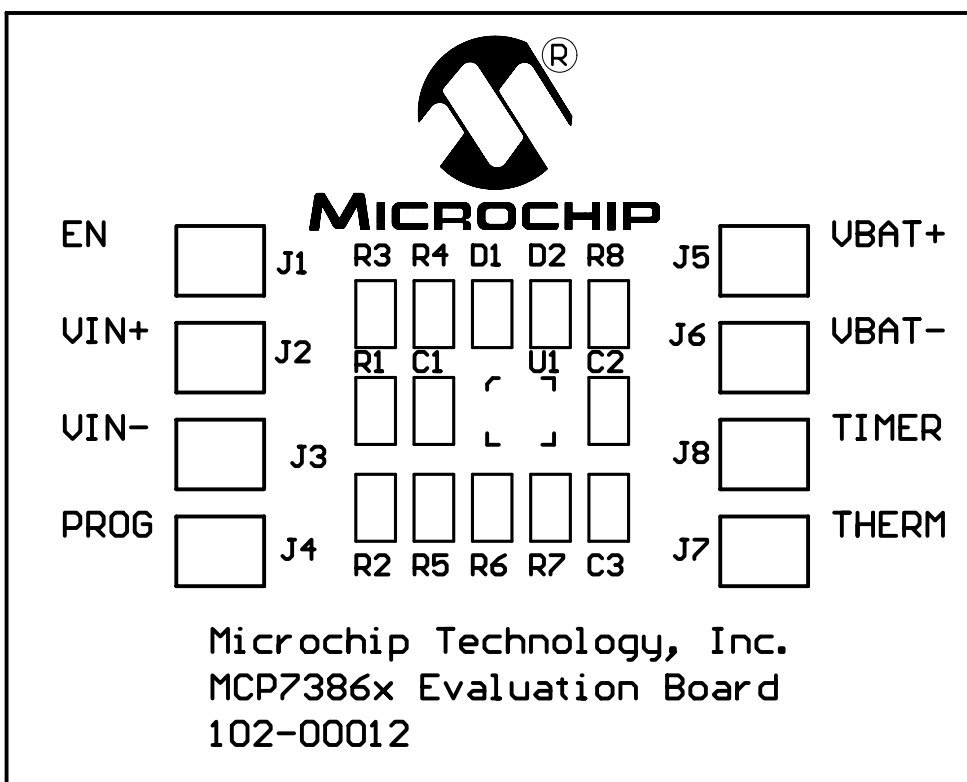


A.3 BOARD – TOP LAYER

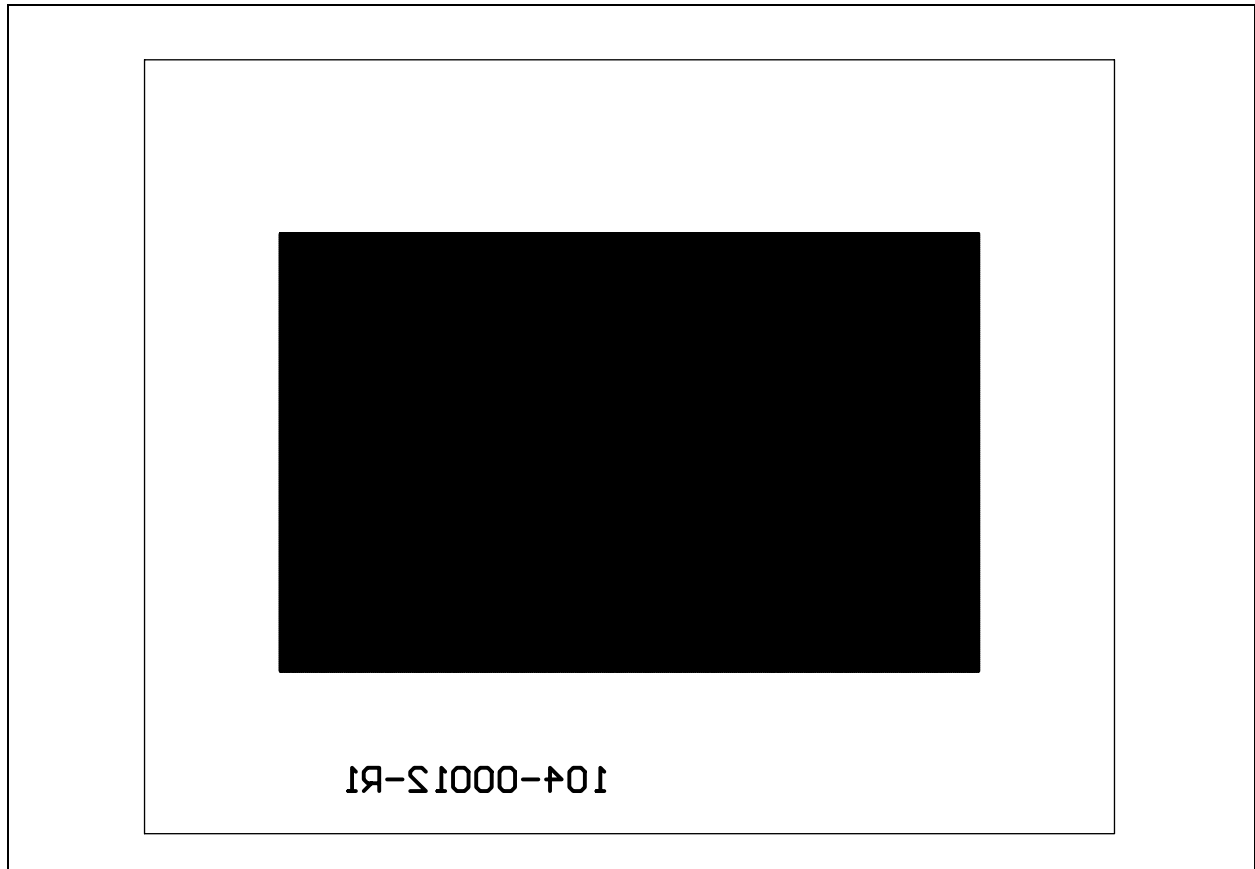


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A.4 BOARD – SILK SCREEN LAYER



A.5 BOARD – BOTTOM LAYER



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Appendix B. Bill Of Materials (BOM)

TABLE B-1: BILL OF MATERIALS (BOM)

Qty	Designator	Description	Manufacturer	Part Number
2	C1, C2	4.7 μ F, X5R Ceramic, 16V, 0805	Panasonic®	ECJ-2FB1C475K
1	C3	0.1 μ F, X7R Ceramic, 16V, 0805	Panasonic	ECJ-2VB1C104K
1	D1	Green LED, 0805	Lumex® Opto/ Components Inc.	SML-LXT0805GW
1	D2	Red LED, 0805	Lumex Opto/ Components Inc.	SML-LXT0805SRW
8	J1 - J8	Surface-Mount Test Point, 5016	Keystone® Electronics	5016
1	R1	1.5 k Ω , 1/8W, Chip Resistor, 0805	Panasonic	ERJ-6GEYJ152V
1	R2	0 Ω Jumper, 0805	Panasonic	ERJ-6GEY0R00V
0	R3, R5	DNP, 0805		
2	R4, R8	100 k Ω , 1/10W, Chip Resistor, 0805	Panasonic	ERJ-6ENF1003V
1	R6	6.19 k Ω , 1/10W, Chip Resistor, 0805	Panasonic	ERJ-6ENF6191V
1	R7	7.32 k Ω , 1/10W, Chip Resistor, 0805	Panasonic	ERJ-6ENF7321V
1	U1	Single-Cell Lithium-Ion Charger, 4X4QFN16	Microchip Technology Inc.	MCP73861-I/MLG

Note 1: 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.



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