



# MAX9217/MAX9218 Evaluation Kit

## General Description

The MAX9217/MAX9218 evaluation kit (EV kit) provides a proven design to evaluate the MAX9217 27-bit, 3MHz to 35MHz DC-balanced LVDS serializer and the MAX9218 27-bit, 3MHz to 35MHz DC-balanced LVDS deserializer. The MAX9217 serializes 27 bits of parallel input data, 18 bits of video, and 9 bits of control to a serial data stream. The MAX9218 deserializes the LVDS serial input, which converts to 18 bits of parallel video data and 9 bits of parallel control data.

The MAX9217/MAX9218 EV kit PCB has a MAX9217ECM+ and a MAX9218ECM+ installed.

## Features

- ◆ 27-Bit Parallel Interface
- ◆ Rosenberger Connector (Cable Included)
- ◆ Independent Evaluation of the MAX9217/MAX9218 Serializer/Deserializer (SerDes)
- ◆ Proven PCB Layout
- ◆ Fully Assembled and Tested

## Ordering Information

PART	TYPE
MAX9217EVKIT+ or MAX9218EVKIT+	EV Kit

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

## Component List

DESIGNATION	QTY	DESCRIPTION
C1–C15, C27–C41	0	Not installed, ceramic capacitors (0603)
C16–C20, C48, C58–C61	10	10 $\mu$ F $\pm$ 10%, 16V X5R ceramic capacitors (0805) Murata GRM21BR61C106K
C21, C25, C42, C44, C46, C51, C54, C57, C62, C64	10	0.001 $\mu$ F $\pm$ 10%, 50V X7R ceramic capacitors (0603) Murata GRM188R71H102K
C22, C23, C24, C26, C43, C45, C47, C49, C50, C52, C53, C55, C56, C63, C65	15	0.1 $\mu$ F $\pm$ 10%, 16V X7R ceramic capacitors (0603) Murata GCM188R71C104K
JU1–JU5	5	4-pin headers
JU6, JU7, JU8	3	3-pin headers
JU9–JU21	13	2-pin headers
H1, H2	2	2 x 20 shrouded-plug connectors (0.100in centers)
H3–H9	7	2 x 10 shrouded-plug connectors (0.100in centers)

DESIGNATION	QTY	DESCRIPTION
P1, P2	2	LVDS connectors, waterblue (with EMI/EMC washer) Rosenberger D4S20D-40ML5-Z
P3, P4	2	SMA vertical-mount connectors
R1, R2, R3, R6, R7, R9, R10, R11, R13, R15, R16, R20–R48	0	Not installed, resistors (0603)
R4, R14	2	82.5 $\Omega$ $\pm$ 5% resistors (0603)
R5, R12	2	130 $\Omega$ $\pm$ 5% resistors (0603)
R8, R19	2	49.9 $\Omega$ $\pm$ 1% resistors (0603)
R17, R18	2	1k $\Omega$ $\pm$ 1% resistors (0603)
U1	1	27-bit deserializer (48 LQFP) Maxim MAX9218ECM+
U2	1	27-bit serializer (48 LQFP) Maxim MAX9217ECM+
—	1	Cable assembly (2m) MD Elektronik PT1482
—	16	Shunts
—	1	PCB: MAX9217/9218 EVALUATION KIT+

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## Component Suppliers

SUPPLIER	PHONE	WEBSITE
MD Elektronik GmbH	011-49-86-38-604-0	www.md-elektronik-gmbh.de
Murata Electronics North America, Inc.	770-436-1300	www.murata-northamerica.com
Rosenberger Hochfrequenztechnik GmbH	011-49-86 84-18-0	www.rosenberger.de

**Note:** Indicate that you are using the MAX9217 and the MAX9218 when contacting these component suppliers.

### Quick Start

#### Required Equipment

- MAX9217/MAX9218 EV kit (cable included)
- Two 3.3V DC power supplies
- Digital data generator (e.g., HP/Agilent 16522A)
- Two low-phase-noise clock generators (e.g., HP/Agilent 8133A)
- Logic analyzer or data-acquisition system (e.g., HP/Agilent 16500C)
- High-performance oscilloscope (e.g., HP/Agilent DSO80304B; see the *Pseudo-Random Bit Sequence (PRBS) Mode* section)

#### Procedure

The MAX9217/MAX9218 EV kit is fully assembled and tested. Follow the steps below to verify board operation.

**Caution:** Do not turn on the power supplies or signal sources until all connections are completed.

- 1) Verify that all jumpers (JU1–JU21) are in their default positions, as shown in Table 1.
- 2) Connect the first 3.3V power supply across the DVCC1 and GND1 pads of the EV kit.
- 3) Connect the second 3.3V power supply across the DVCC2 and GND2 pads of the EV kit.

- 4) Connect the GND1 and GND2 pads together.
- 5) Connect the Rosenberger cable from the P1 to the P2 connector of the EV kit.
- 6) Connect the data generator to the H6–H9 connectors and set to generate 27-bit parallel data at LVCMOS/LVTTL levels. See Table 2 for input bit locations.
- 7) Connect the first clock generator to the P4 SMA connector and set its output frequency between 3MHz and 35MHz (see Table 3 for PCLK\_IN location).
- 8) Connect the second clock generator to the P3 SMA connector and set to within  $\pm 2\%$  of the MAX9217 serializer PCLK\_IN frequency (see Table 3 for REFCLK location).
- 9) Connect the logic analyzer or data-acquisition system to connectors H1 and H2, as shown in Table 4.
- 10) Turn on the power supplies.
- 11) Enable the clock generators.
- 12) Enable the data generator.
- 13) Enable the logic analyzer or data-acquisition system and begin sampling data.

**Table 1. MAX9217/MAX9218 EV Kit Jumper Descriptions (JU1–JU21)**

JUMPER	FUNCTION	SHUNT POSITION	DESCRIPTION
JU1	MAX9218 falling latch edge	1-2*	Connects the R/ $\bar{F}$ pin of the MAX9218 to GND2 for falling output latch edge
	MAX9218 latch edge	1-3	Connects the R/ $\bar{F}$ pin of the MAX9218 to header H4-9
	MAX9218 rising latch edge	1-4	Connects the R/ $\bar{F}$ pin of the MAX9218 to DVCC2 for rising output latch edge

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**Table 1. MAX9217/MAX9218 EV Kit Jumper Descriptions (JU1–JU21) (continued)**

JUMPER	FUNCTION	SHUNT POSITION	DESCRIPTION
JU2	MAX9218 LVTTLL/ LVCMOS range input	1-2*	Connects the RNG1 pin of the MAX9218 to GND2 for logic 0 (refer to the MAX9218 IC data sheet to determine the frequency range)
	MAX9218 LVTTLL/ LVCMOS range input	1-3	Connects the RNG1 pin of the MAX9218 to header H4-7
	MAX9218 LVTTLL/ LVCMOS range input	1-4	Connects the RNG1 of the MAX9218 to DVCC2 for logic 1 (refer to the MAX9218 IC data sheet to determine the frequency range)
JU3	MAX9218 LVTTLL/ LVCMOS range input	1-2*	Connects the RNG0 pin of the MAX9218 to GND2 for logic 0 (refer to the MAX9218 IC data sheet to determine frequency range)
	MAX9218 LVTTLL/ LVCMOS range input	1-3	Connects the RNG0 pin of the MAX9218 to header H4-5.
	MAX9218 LVTTLL/ LVCMOS range input	1-4	Connects RNG0 pin of the MAX9218 to DVCC2 for logic 1 (refer to the MAX9218 IC data sheet to determine the frequency range)
JU4	MAX9218 power-down	1-2	Pulls the $\overline{\text{PWRDWN}}$ pin of the MAX9218 to low for shutdown
	MAX9218 power-down	1-3	Connects the $\overline{\text{PWRDWN}}$ pin of the MAX9218 to header H4-3
	MAX9218 power-down	1-4*	Pulls the $\overline{\text{PWRDWN}}$ pin of the MAX9218 high for full functionality
JU5	MAX9218 output enable	1-2	Connects the OUTEN pin of the MAX9218 to GND2 for disabling the 27-bit output
	MAX9218 output enable	1-3	Connects the OUTEN pin of the MAX9218 to header H4-1
	MAX9218 output enable	1-4*	Connects the OUTEN pin of the MAX9218 to DVCC2 for enabling the 27-bit output
JU6	MAX9217 hardwired inputs	1-2*	Connects even pins of headers H5–H9 to DVCC2
	MAX9217 hardwired inputs	2-3	Connects even pins of headers H5–H9 to GND2
JU7	MAX9217 preemphasis or MOD1	1-2*	Connects the I.C. pin (25) of the MAX9217 to DVCC2
	MAX9217 preemphasis or MOD1	2-3	Connects the I.C. pin (25) of the MAX9217 to GND2 for enabling PRBS mode

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Table 1. MAX9217/MAX9218 EV Kit Jumper Descriptions (JU1–JU21) (continued)

JUMPER	FUNCTION	SHUNT POSITION	DESCRIPTION
JU8	MAX9217 MOD0	1-2*	Connects the I.C. pin (24) of the MAX9217 to DVCC
	MAX9217 MOD0	2-3	Connects the I.C. pin (24) of the MAX9217 to GND2 for enabling PRBS mode
JU9	MAX9217 IN+	Open*	Used for probing IN+
JU10	MAX9217 IN-	Open*	Used for probing IN-
JU11	MAX9217 REFCLK	Open*	Used for probing REFCLK
JU12	MAX9218 OUT-	Open*	Used for probing OUT-
JU13	MAX9218 OUT+	Open*	Used for probing OUT+
JU14	MAX9217 LVTLL/LVCMOS range input	1-2*	Connects the RNG1 pin of the MAX9217 to DVCC1 for logic 1 (refer to the MAX9217 IC data sheet to determine the frequency range)
	MAX9217 LVTLL/LVCMOS range input	Open	Internally connects the RNG1 pin of the MAX9217 to ground when left unconnected
JU15	MAX9217 LVTLL/LVCMOS range input	1-2*	Connects the RNG0 pin of the MAX9217 to DVCC1 for logic 1 (refer to the MAX9217 IC data sheet to determine the frequency range)
	MAX9217 LVTLL/LVCMOS range input	Open	Internally connects the RNG0 pin of the MAX9217 to ground when left unconnected
JU16	Board-supply connectivity	1-2*	Connects DVCC2 to PVCC2. This shunt reduces the number of supplies required to operate the EV kit.
	Board-supply connectivity	Open	Disconnects DVCC2 from PVCC2. The 2-pin header can be utilized for supply current measurements.
JU17	Board-supply connectivity	1-2*	Connects DVCC2 to LVCC2. This shunt reduces the number of supplies required to operate the EV kit.
	Board-supply connectivity	Open	Disconnects DVCC2 from LVCC2. The 2-pin header can be utilized for supply current measurements.
JU18	Board-supply connectivity	1-2*	Connects DVCC2 to OVCC. This shunt reduces the number of supplies required to operate the EV kit.
	Board-supply connectivity	Open	Disconnects DVCC2 from OVCC. The 2-pin header can be utilized for supply current measurements.
JU19	Board-supply connectivity	1-2*	Connects DVCC1 to IVCC. This shunt reduces the number of supplies required to operate the EV kit.
	Board-supply connectivity	Open	Disconnects DVCC1 from IVCC. The 2-pin header can be utilized for supply current measurements.
JU20	Board-supply connectivity	1-2*	Connects DVCC1 to PVCC1. This shunt reduces the number of supplies required to operate the EV kit.
	Board-supply connectivity	Open	Disconnects DVCC1 from PVCC1. The 2-pin header can be utilized for supply current measurements.

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**Table 1. MAX9217/MAX9218 EV Kit Jumper Descriptions (JU1–JU21) (continued)**

JUMPER	FUNCTION	SHUNT POSITION	DESCRIPTION
JU21	Board-supply connectivity	1-2*	Connects DVCC1 to LVCC1. This shunt reduces the number of supplies required to operate the EV kit.
	Board-supply connectivity	Open	Disconnects DVCC1 from LVCC1. The 2-pin header can be utilized for supply current measurements.

\*Default position.

**Table 2. Video and Control Data Inputs**

INPUT SIGNALS	DESIGNATION	DESCRIPTION
RGB_IN0	H9-1	Input video bit 0
RGB_IN1	H9-3	Input video bit 1
RGB_IN2	H9-5	Input video bit 2
RGB_IN3	H9-7	Input video bit 3
RGB_IN4	H9-9	Input video bit 4
RGB_IN5	H9-11	Input video bit 5
RGB_IN6	H9-13	Input video bit 6
RGB_IN7	H8-1	Input video bit 7
RGB_IN8	H8-3	Input video bit 8
RGB_IN9	H8-5	Input video bit 9
RGB_IN10	H8-7	Input video bit 10
RGB_IN11	H8-9	Input video bit 11
RGB_IN12	H8-11	Input video bit 12
RGB_IN13	H8-13	Input video bit 13
RGB_IN14	H7-1	Input video bit 14
RGB_IN15	H7-3	Input video bit 15
RGB_IN16	H7-5	Input video bit 16
RGB_IN17	H7-7	Input video bit 17
CNTL_IN0	H7-9	Input control bit 0
CNTL_IN1	H7-11	Input control bit 1
CNTL_IN2	H7-13	Input control bit 2
CNTL_IN3	H6-1	Input control bit 3
CNTL_IN4	H6-3	Input control bit 4
CNTL_IN5	H6-5	Input control bit 5
CNTL_IN6	H6-7	Input control bit 6
CNTL_IN7	H6-9	Input control bit 7
CNTL_IN8	H6-11	Input control bit 8

**Table 3. Input/Output Clock Locations**

SIGNAL	DESIGNATION
PCLK_IN	H5-5 or P4
REFCLK	H3-5 or P3

## **Detailed Description of Hardware**

The MAX9217/MAX9218 EV kit provides a proven design to evaluate the MAX9217 27-bit, 3MHz to 35MHz DC-balanced LVDS serializer and the MAX9218 27-bit, 3MHz to 35MHz DC-balanced LVDS deserializer. The MAX9217 serializes 27 bits of parallel input data, 18 bits of video, and 9 bits of control to a serial data stream. The MAX9218 deserializes the LVDS serial input, which converts to 18 bits of parallel video data and 9 bits of parallel control data.

### ***Input Signals***

The MAX9217 accepts 27-bit parallel data (18 video data bits and 9 control data bits). The 27-bit pattern is supplied to the EV kit by connecting a data generator to the four 20-pin headers (H6–H9), or by connecting selected pins of H6–H9 to high/low LVCMOS/LVTTL states. See Table 2 for input bit locations designated on H6–H9.

### ***Data-Enable Input (DE\_IN)***

The MAX9217 DE\_IN pin is accessible through header H6-13. Driving the pin high selects RGB\_IN[17:0] to be latched. Driving the pin low selects CNTL\_IN[8:0] to be latched.

### ***Input and Output Clocks***

The MAX9217 parallel input clock (PCLK\_IN) is accessible through H5-5 or SMA connector P4 (see Table 3). Apply a clock frequency to the access points, which latches data and control inputs and provides the PLL clock.

The MAX9218 reference clock (REFCLK) input is accessible through H3-5 or SMA connector P3 (see Table 3). Apply a reference clock to the access point that is within  $\pm 2\%$  of the MAX9217 serializer PCLK\_IN frequency.

### ***Output Signals***

The MAX9218 outputs 27-bit parallel data, 18 video data bits, and 9 control data bits at LVCMOS/LVTTL levels on the 40-pin headers (H1 and H2). To sample the 27-bit

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pattern, connect a logic analyzer or data-acquisition system to H1 and H2. See Table 4 for the output bit locations on the H1 and H2 headers.

### Data-Enable Output (DE\_OUT)

The MAX9218 DE\_OUT pin is accessible through header H2-21. A high output indicates that RGB\_OUT[17:0] are active and a low output indicates that CNTL\_OUT[8:0] are active.

### Output Enable (OUTEN)

The MAX9218 OUTEN pin is accessible through jumper JU5. Drive the pin high by placing a shunt in the 1-4

position of JU5 to activate single-ended outputs. Drive the pin low by placing a shunt in the 1-2 position of JU5 to place the single-ended outputs in high impedance.

### Rising and Falling Input Latch Edge (R/F)

The MAX9218 has a selectable rising or falling output latch edge through logic setting on the R/F pin. Drive the R/F pin low by placing a shunt in the 1-2 position of jumper JU1 (see Table 1). Drive the R/F pin high by placing a shunt in the 1-4 position of JU1.

### Frequency Range Setting (RNG1 and RNG0)

The parallel clock frequency range for the MAX9217 can be configured through jumpers JU14 and JU15. Place a shunt on JU14 and JU15 to drive RNG1 and RNG0 high, or leave JU14 and JU15 unconnected to drive RNG1 and RNG0 low. Refer to the MAX9217 IC data sheet for actual frequency settings.

The operating frequency range for the MAX9218 can be configured through jumpers JU2 and JU3. Place a shunt in the 1-4 position of JU2 and JU3 to drive RNG1 and RNG0 high, or place a shunt in the 1-2 position of JU2 and JU3 to drive RNG1 and RNG0 low. Refer to the MAX9218 IC data sheet for actual frequency settings.

### Power-Down (PWRDWN)

The power-down mode in the MAX9217 and MAX9218 puts the outputs in high impedance, stops the PLL, and reduces supply current to 50µA or less.

The MAX9217  $\overline{\text{PWRDWN}}$  pin is accessible through header H6-15. Drive the pin high for normal operation of the MAX9217 or drive the pin low to power down the MAX9217.

The MAX9218  $\overline{\text{PWRDWN}}$  pin is accessible through jumper JU4 (see Table 1). Drive the pin high by placing a shunt in the 1-4 position of JU4 for normal operation. Drive the pin low by placing a shunt in the 1-2 position of JU4 to power down the MAX9218.

### Pseudo-Random Bit Sequence (PRBS) Mode

The MAX9217/MAX9218 EV kit offers the user an internal test mode to quickly check full functionality and verify the quality of the SerDes link. This mode is called the pseudo-random bit sequence, or PRBS mode.

The MAX9217 features an on-chip PRBS generator that can be utilized to generate a pseudo-random bit stream to evaluate the quality and performance by comparing the output of the serializer (prior to the link/cable) with the input of the deserializer (after the link/cable).

Table 4. Video and Control Data Outputs

OUTPUT SIGNALS	DESIGNATION	DESCRIPTION
CNTL_OUT0	H2-3	Output control bit 0
CNTL_OUT1	H2-5	Output control bit 1
CNTL_OUT2	H2-7	Output control bit 2
CNTL_OUT3	H2-9	Output control bit 3
CNTL_OUT4	H2-11	Output control bit 4
CNTL_OUT5	H2-13	Output control bit 5
CNTL_OUT6	H2-15	Output control bit 6
CNTL_OUT7	H2-17	Output control bit 7
CNTL_OUT8	H2-19	Output control bit 8
RGB_OUT0	H2-27	Output video bit 0
RGB_OUT1	H2-29	Output video bit 1
RGB_OUT2	H2-31	Output video bit 2
RGB_OUT3	H1-3	Output video bit 3
RGB_OUT4	H1-5	Output video bit 4
RGB_OUT5	H1-7	Output video bit 5
RGB_OUT6	H1-9	Output video bit 6
RGB_OUT7	H1-11	Output video bit 7
RGB_OUT8	H1-13	Output video bit 8
RGB_OUT9	H1-15	Output video bit 9
RGB_OUT10	H1-17	Output video bit 10
RGB_OUT11	H1-19	Output video bit 11
RGB_OUT12	H1-21	Output video bit 12
RGB_OUT13	H1-23	Output video bit 13
RGB_OUT14	H1-25	Output video bit 14
RGB_OUT15	H1-27	Output video bit 15
RGB_OUT16	H1-29	Output video bit 16
RGB_OUT17	H1-31	Output video bit 17

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To activate this feature, the MAX9217 must first enter power-down mode by driving H6-15 low. Place a shunt in the 2-3 position of JU7 and JU8. Activate the internal PRBS mode by applying a negative DC voltage (-1.0V to -3.0V) to the VNEG pad.

To monitor the SerDes signal integrity, connect one channel of the digital oscilloscope with differential probe capabilities to OUT+ and OUT- signal lines from jumpers JU12 and JU13 (MAX9217). Repeat the same test for the deserializer (MAX9218) on signal lines IN+ and IN-, accessible through jumpers JU9 and JU10.

## **Power Supplies**

The MAX9217 is powered by connecting PVCC1, LVCC1, IVCC, and DVCC1 to a DC power supply at 3.0V to 3.6V. The MAX9217 can be configured to reduce wiring to the supply and ground pads by placing shunts on jumpers JU19, JU20, and JU21. The MAX9218 is powered by applying 3.0V to 3.6V to the PVCC2, LVCC2, OVCC, and DVCC2 pads. The MAX9218 can be configured to reduce wiring to the supply and ground pads by placing shunts on jumpers JU16, JU17, and JU18.

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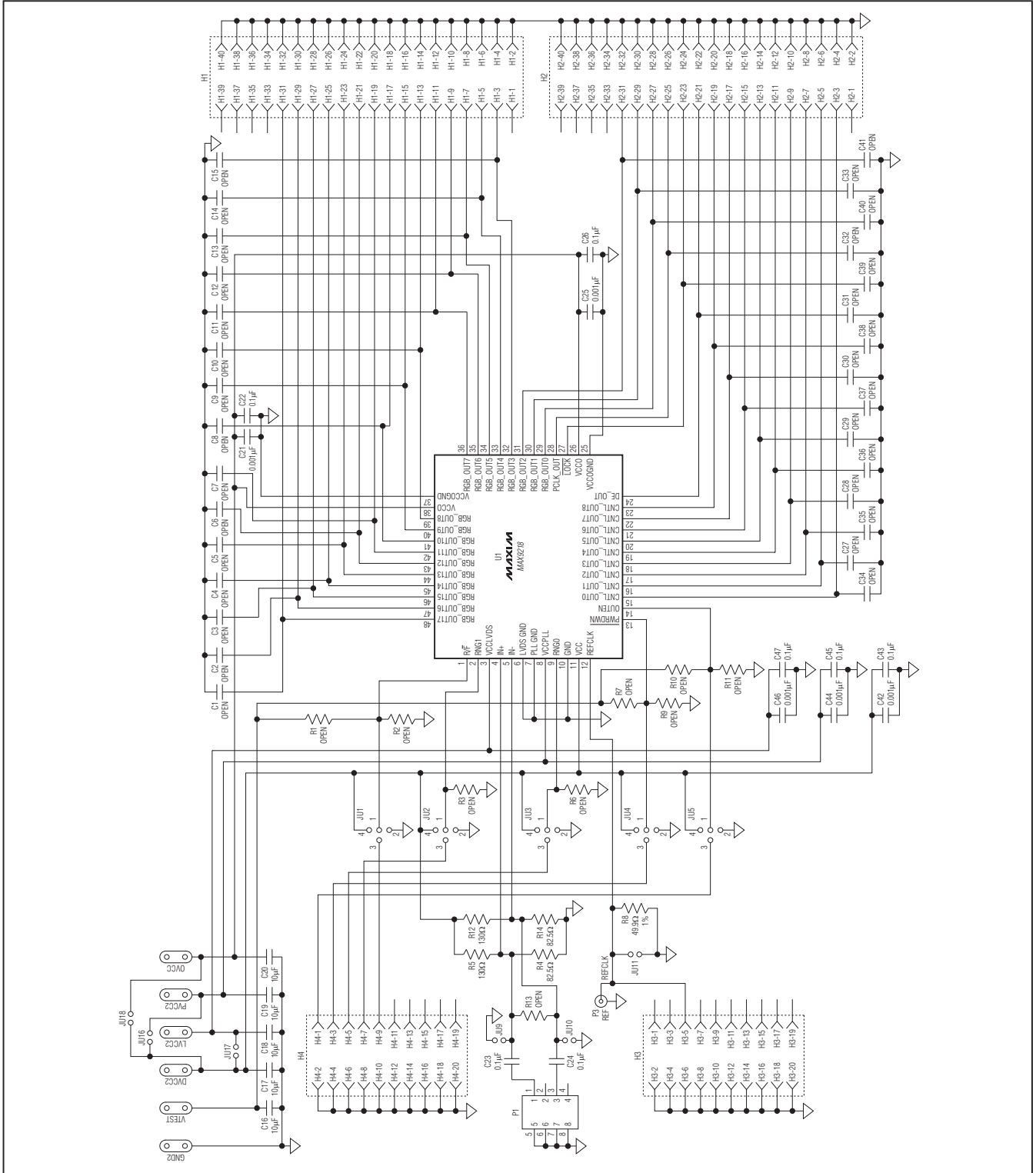


Figure 1a. MAX9217/MAX9218 EV Kit Schematic (Sheet 1 of 2)





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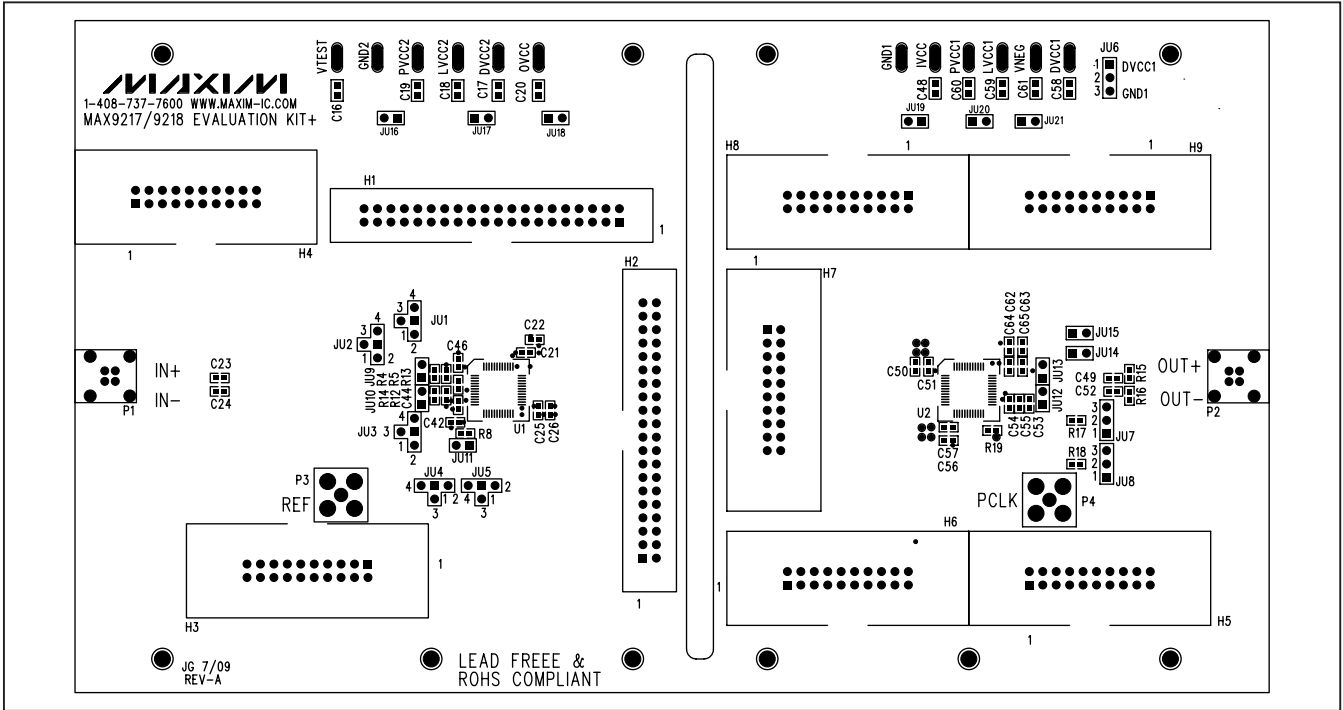


Figure 2. MAX9217/MAX9218 EV Kit Component Placement Guide—Component Side

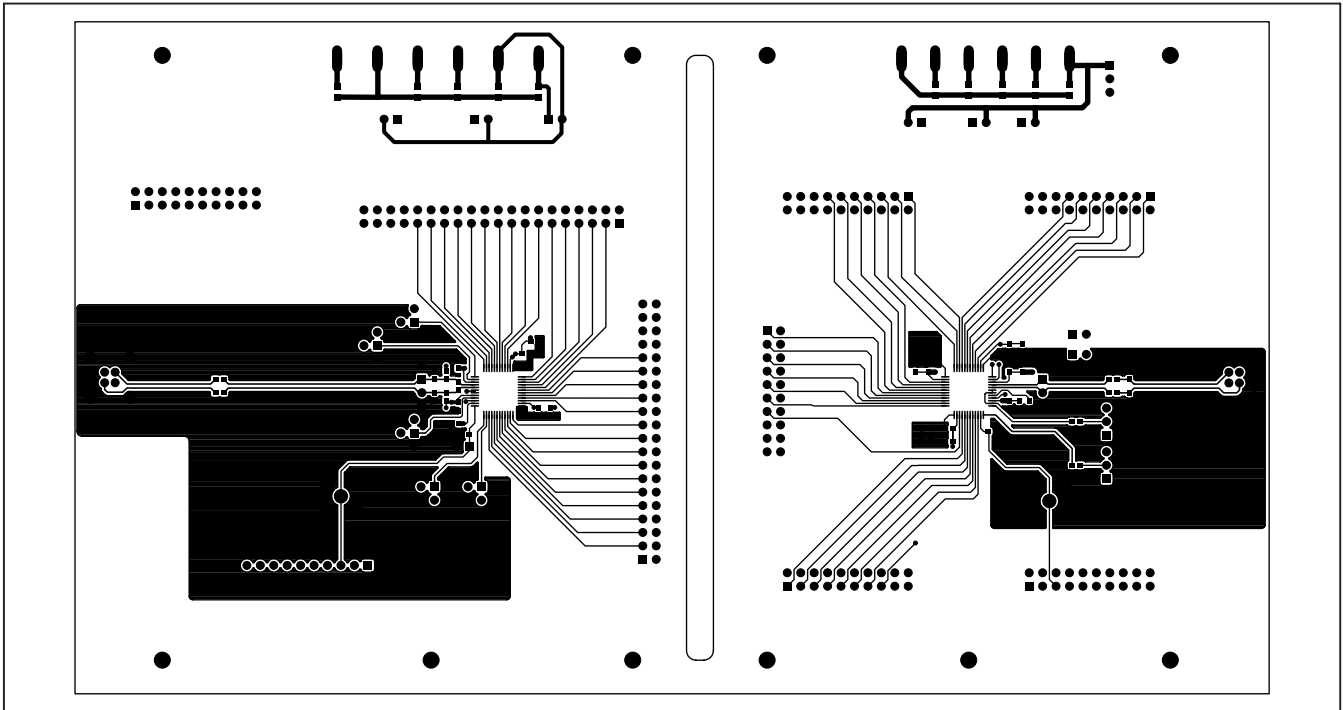


Figure 3. MAX9217/MAX9218 EV Kit PCB Layout—Component Side

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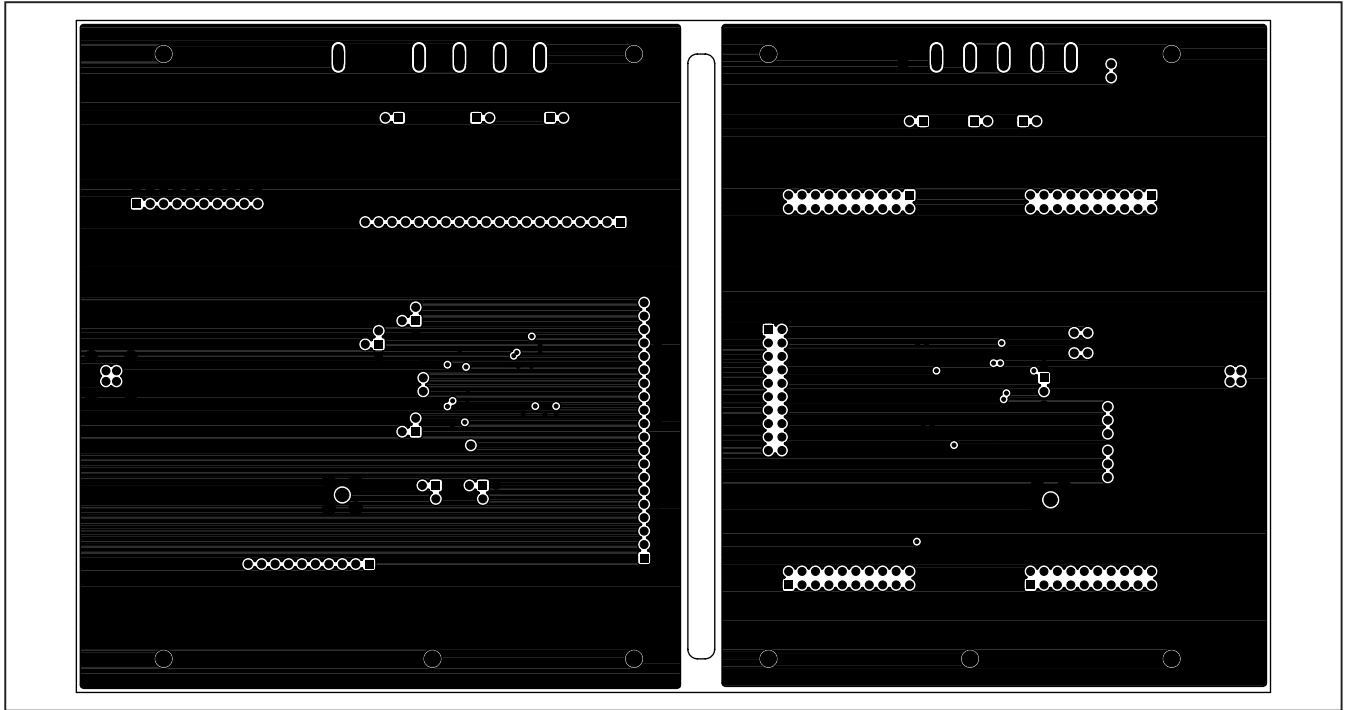


Figure 4. MAX9217/MAX9218 EV Kit PCB Layout—Inner Layer 2

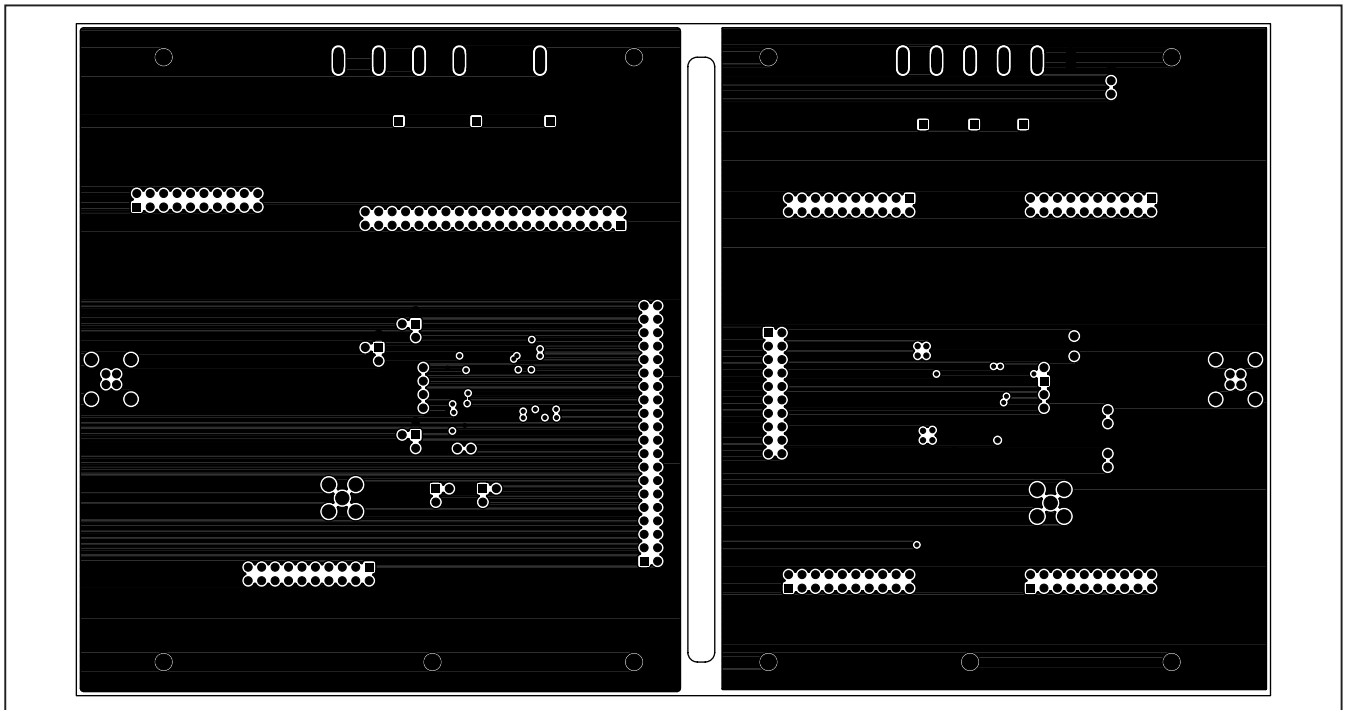


Figure 5. MAX9217/MAX9218 EV Kit PCB Layout—Inner Layer 3

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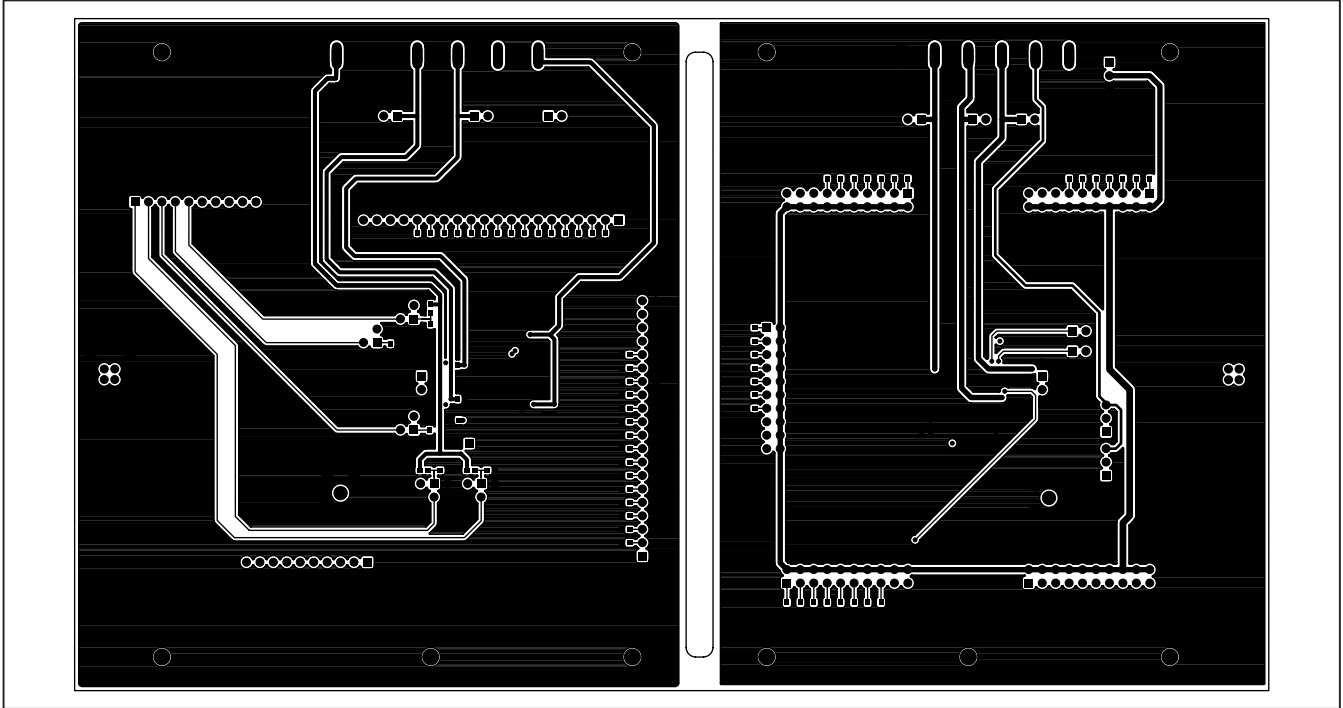


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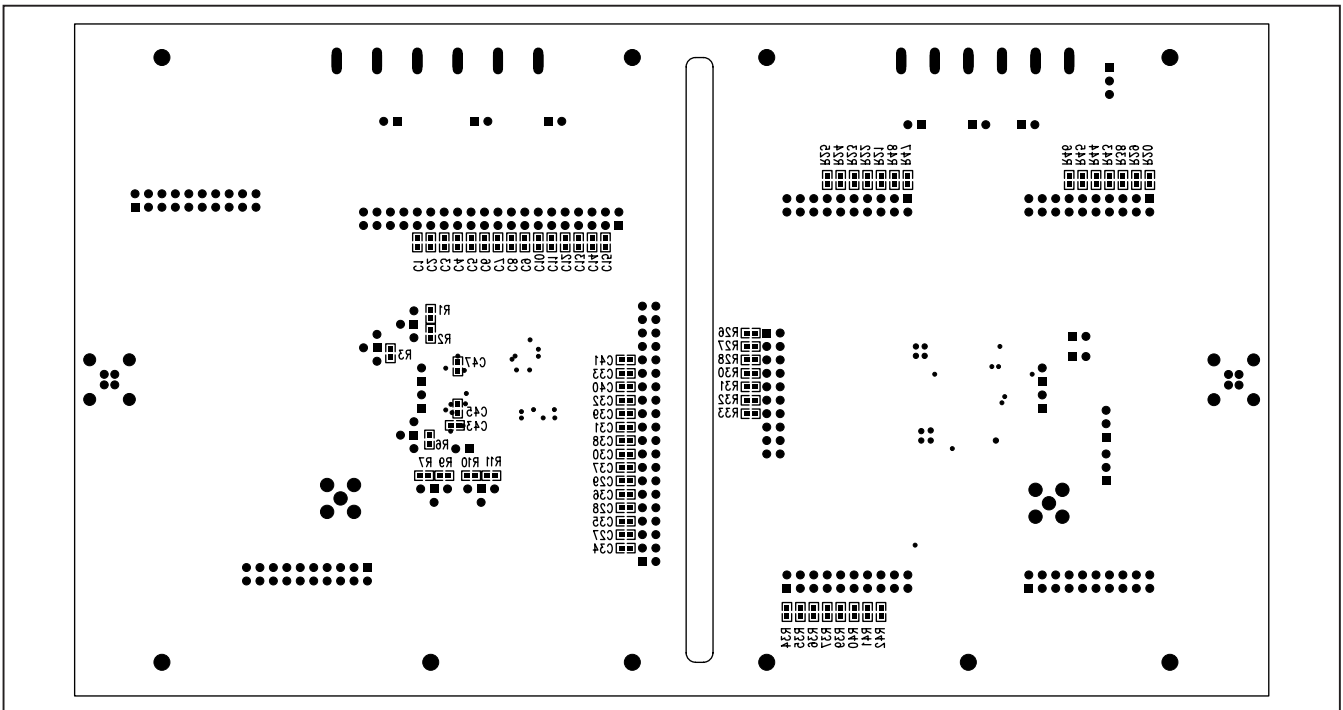


Figure 7. MAX9217/MAX9218 EV Kit Component Placement Guide—Solder Side

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