

# DAC3XJ8XEVM

The DAC3XJ8XEVM is an evaluation module (EVM) designed to evaluate the DAC3XJ8X family of high-speed, JESD204B interface DACs (DAC37J82, DAC37J84, DAC38J82, DAC38J84, DAC39J82, DAC39J84). The EVM includes an onboard clocking solution (LMK04828), transformer coupled outputs, full power solution, and easy-to-use software GUI and USB interface.

The DAC3XJ8XEVM is designed to work seamlessly with the TSW14J56EVM, Texas Instruments' JESD204B pattern generator card, through the High Speed Data Converter Pro (HSDCPro) software tool for high-speed data converter evaluation. The DAC3XJ8XEVM was also designed to work with many of the development kits from leading FPGA vendors that contain an FMC connector.

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# 1 Functional Description

The DAC3XJ8XEVM is intended for evaluation of the DAC3XJ8X family of high-speed, JESD204B interface DACs. The digital input signal to the DAC is provided from the FMC connector (J16) on up to eight 12.5-Gbps SerDes lanes using the JESD204B interface standard. The FMC connector is also used for the SYNC signal required to establish the JESD204B link and both device clock and SYSREF signal for the FPGA.

The analog output of the DAC3XJ8X can be monitored on the installed SMA connectors labeled IOUTA through IOUTD for channels A through D, respectively. The analog outputs are transformer coupled and do not pass low frequency signals below approximately 10 MHz. The transformer converts the differential DAC output to a single-ended output for use with common laboratory equipment.

The clocks for the DAC and FPGA are distributed using the LMK04828 ultra low-noise clock jitter cleaner for JESD204B applications. The LMK04828 can be setup in a variety of configurations including clock distribution mode and dual-loop jitter cleaning mode. In clock distribution mode, the desired DAC output rate is provided to the CLKIN connector and the LMK04828 divides and distributes the device clocks and SYSREF signals. In dual-loop mode, the CLKIN connector can be used to provide a reference to the LMK04828, but the clocks are generated on board using the LMK04828 PLL and onboard 122.88 MHz VCXO.

Figure 1 shows a simplified block diagram of the DAC3XJ8XEVM. See the schematics and bill of materials (BOM) located in the DAC3XJ8X Design Package (<u>SLAC646</u>) for detailed information. Table 1 contains descriptions of many of the connectors and jumpers available on the DAC3XJ8XEVM.

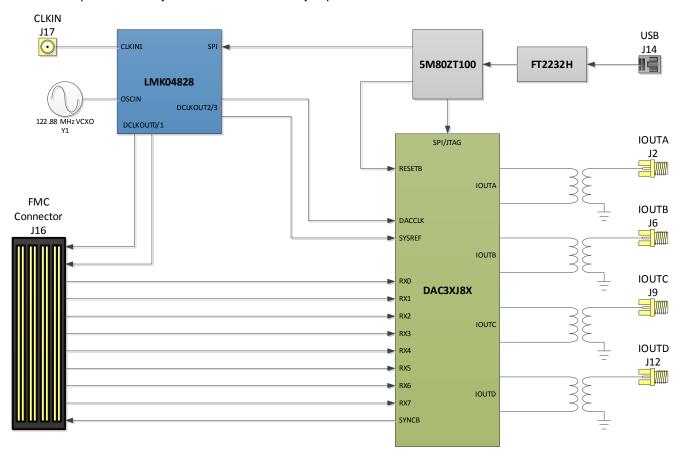


Figure 1. DAC3XJ8XEVM Simplified Block Diagram



**Table 1. Input and Output Connectors and Jumper Descriptions** 

Connector or Jumper Label	Reference Designator	Purpose
IOUTAP	J2	DAC Channel A transformer coupled output
IOUTBN	J8	DAC Channel B transformer coupled output
IOUTCP	J9	DAC Channel C transformer coupled output
IOUTDN	J11	DAC Channel D transformer coupled output
SPI_SELECTOR	JP3	Select SPI signal source. Short 1-2 for the FMC connector, 2-3 for USB.
1.8V_SEL	JP5	Select 1.8-V supply source for CPLD. Short 1-2 for board supply, 2-3 for USB power.
3.3V_SEL	JP6	Select 3.3-V supply source for CPLD. Short 1-2 for board supply, 2-3 for USB power.
CLKIN	J17	The clock input for LMK04828. The default setup provides clock to CLKIN1 but can be configured to provide a clock to OSCIN pins.
XO_PWR	JP2	Short jumper to provide power to onboard 122.88 MHz VCXO for PLL mode of the LMK04828. If not using the VCXO, disconnect power to prevent coupling into externally supplied clock.
TXENABLE	JP1	Controls the TXENABLE pin of the DAC3XJ8X. Short 1-2 to enable transmission.
SLEEP	JP4	Controls the SLEEP pin of the DAC3XJ8X. Short 1-2 to put DAC to sleep.
FMC_CONNECTOR	J16	Connection to TSW14J56 or FPGA development board
USB	J14	USB cable port
+5V_IN	J23	5-V power supply barrel jack

# 2 Schematics, Layout, and BOM

For the EVM schematics, layout, and BOM, please see the DAC3XJ8X Design Package (SLAC646).

# 3 Software Control

The DAC3XJ8XEVM is controlled through an easy-to-use graphical user interface (GUI) to provide access to the DAC3XJ8X and LMK04828 SPI interfaces.

#### 3.1 Installation Instructions

Use the following instructions to install the DAC3XJ8X GUI:

- 1. The software can be downloaded from the DAC38J84EVM product page on <a href="www.ti.com">www.ti.com</a>. Find the page by searching for DAC38J84EVM.
- 2. Extract the files from the zip file named *DAC3XJ8X GUI vXpY* installer.zip where "XpY" represents the version number.
- 3. Run setup.exe and follow the installation prompts.

NOTE: DAC3XJ8X GUI v1.1 or newer is required for DAC39J82 and DAC39J84 evaluation.

- 4. Start the GUI by going to Start Menu  $\rightarrow$  All Programs  $\rightarrow$  Texas Instruments DACs  $\rightarrow$  DAC3XJ8X GUI.
- 5. Connect the EVM board to the computer with the supplied USB cable. A prompt to install the USB drivers is shown after the initial connection.
  - Windows® XP: If Windows XP does not automatically install the drivers, follow the prompts on the screen to do so. Do not let Windows XP search Microsoft update for the drivers, but do let Windows XP install the drivers automatically.
  - Windows 7: After installing the GUI, Windows 7 should automatically install the drivers for the ADS42LBx9EVM with no user input.



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## 3.2 Software Operation

The following sections detail the operation of the DAC3XJ8XEVM GUI.

# 3.2.1 Quick Start Page

The *Quick Start* page should be the starting point for all DAC3XJ8XEVM evaluation. Simply follow the steps to set the clocking mode, data rate, number of SerDes lanes, and interpolation. Before moving forward, the FPGA (TSW14J56 or FPGA development kit) should be programmed and waiting to establish the JESD204B link. After configuring the settings and FPGA, verify the correct settings in the *Step 3 – Stats!* section. Click *1. Program LMK04828 and DAC3XJ8X* to program the registers of both the DAC and clock chip. Once programmed, clicking the *2. Reset DAC JESD Core* button resets the DAC's JESD204B core. Next, trigger the SYSREF signal using the *3. Trigger LMK04828 SYSREF* button. If the FPGA is configured correctly then the DAC should be outputting the digital signal that is sent to it. Figure 2 shows the Quick Start page of the DAC3XJ8X GUI. See the *Basic Test Setup* section of this user's guide for an example setup.

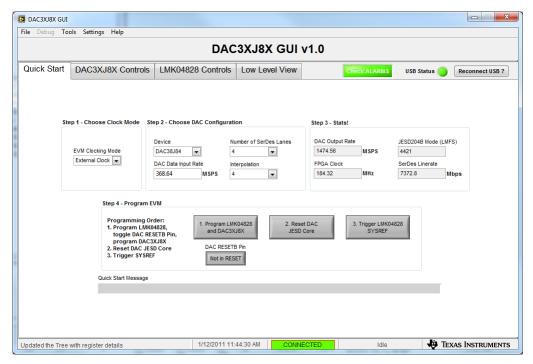


Figure 2. Quick Start Page



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### 3.2.2 DAC3XJ8X

After using the Quick Start page to configure the EVM, the *DAC3XJ8X Controls* tab can be used to access the individual controls of the DAC3XJ8X. Figure 3 shows the Overview page of the *DAC3XJ8X Controls* tab. Table 2 describes each page within the *DAC3XJ8X Controls* tab. The various digital features of the DAC3XJ8X are accessed on the Dig Block 1 and Dig Block 2 pages.

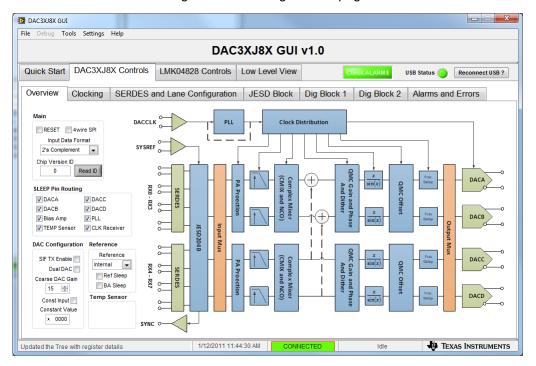


Figure 3. DAC3XJ8X Controls Tab

Table 2. DAC3XJ8X Controls Page Descriptions

DAC3XJ8X Controls Page	Description
Overview	The Overview page shows a block diagram of the DAC3XJ8X and allows access to the input data format, SLEEP pin routing, coarse DAC gain and reference settings.
Clocking	This page shows the basic clocking instruction of the DAC3XJ8X. The Quick Start page sets this up automatically to not use the DAC PLL. The DAC PLL can be enabled using this page. The SERDES block clocking is also configured on this page.
SERDES and Lane Configuration	This page is used to setup the SERDES receivers including enabling lanes, lane routing, and lane IDs. It is not recommended to touch any controls in the SERDES Configuration section, since these will be configured using the Quick Start programming.
JESD Block	The JESD Block page is used to configure the JESD core of the DAC3XJ8X. This page will be programmed automatically using the Quick Start page. The page contains the JESD204B link configuration including L, M, F, K, S, RBD, N, N', HD, and so forth.
Dig Block 1	Dig Block 1 allows access to some of the digital features of the DAC3XJ8X including the coarse mixer and NCO, digital block input mux, interpolation, PA protection, and quadrature modulator correction (QMC).
Dig Block 2	Dig Block 1 allows access to some of the digital features of the DAC3XJ8X including the large and small fractional delay blocks, QMC offset, digital dither, and digital block output mux.
Alarms and Errors	The various alarms in the DAC3XJ8X can be viewed on this page. Clicking <i>Clear All Errors and Read</i> clears the current DAC errors and checks for new errors. Once the errors have been cleared, the <i>Read Errors</i> button can be used to check for new errors during operation.



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### 3.2.3 LMK04828

The *LMK04828 Controls* tab of the DAC3XJ8X GUI allows access to the LMK04828 configuration. Note that the LMK04828 is automatically programmed to the desired configuration using the Quick Start page. Figure 4 shows a screenshot of the LMK04828 tab and Table 3 provides descriptions of the pages within this tab.

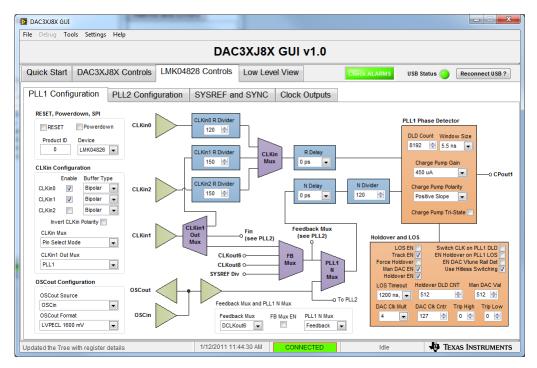


Figure 4. LMK04828 Controls Tab

Table 3. LMK04828 Controls Page Descriptions

LMK04828 Controls Page	Description
PLL1 Configuration	This page shows the block diagram for the first PLL of the LMK04828. This PLL is used to lock a reference provided to the LMK04828 using the CLKIN SMA connector to the onboard 122.88 MHz VCXO. The PLL can be bypassed by setting the "CLKin1 Out Mux" control to "Fin".
PLL2 Configuration	This page shows the block diagram for the second PLL of the LMK04828. The second PLL is used to lock the internal VCO of the LMK04828 to the onboard 122.88 MHz VCXO. PLL2 can be bypassed by setting the "VCO Mux" control to "External VCO". In combination with bypassing PLL1, the LMK04828 can be setup for clock distribution mode.
SYSREF and SYNC	This page allows access to the SYSREF generator block. It also contains the controls required to sync the LMK04828 clock dividers. The dynamic and analog delays for the clock output groups can be accessed from this page.
Clock Outputs	The clock outputs can be configured using this page. Each clock group is labeled with the appropriate signal names for clarity. For use with the TSW14J56, only CLKout0 and 1 and CLKout 2 and 3 are required.



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### 3.2.4 Low Level View

The Low Level View tab can be used to access the various registers of the LMK04828 and DAC3XJ8X. High-level control of most of these registers is accessible in the DAC3XJ8X Controls tab and LMK04828 Controls tab. This page also provides the option of saving a register configuration or loading a previously saved configuration. Figure 5 shows a screenshot of the Low Level View tab.

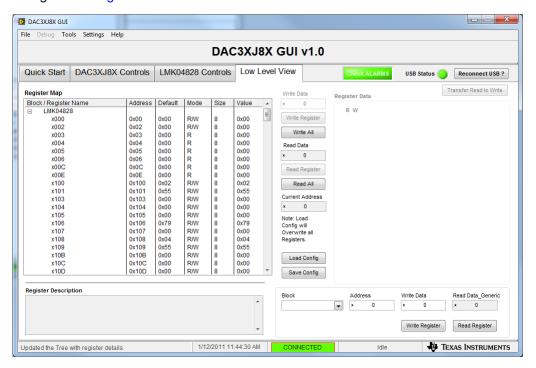


Figure 5. Low Level View Tab



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# 4 Basic Test Setup

# 4.1 Test Block Diagram

Figure 6 illustrates the test setup block diagram.

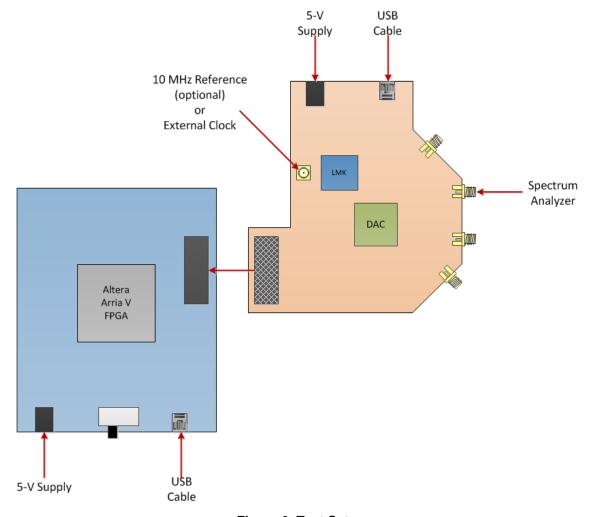


Figure 6. Test Setup

# 4.2 TSW14J56 Setup

Install High Speed Data Converter Pro (HSDCPro) from the TI website (<a href="www.ti.com/tool/dataconverterpro-sw">www.ti.com/tool/dataconverterpro-sw</a>). See the HSDCPro user's guide (<a href="SLWU087">SLWU087</a>) for software installation and use information. See the TSW14J56 user's guide (<a href="SLWU086">SLWU086</a>) for detailed hardware information.



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# 4.3 DAC3XJ8X Quick-Start Procedure

The following sections provide quick-start procedures for the TSW14J56, DAC3XJ8XEVM, HSDCPro, and the DAC3XJ8X GUI:

#### 4.3.1 TSW14J56

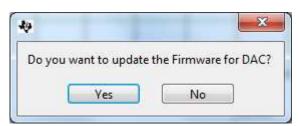
- 1. Connect TSW14J56 and DAC3XJ8XEVM via the FMC connector.
- 2. Connect a 5-V power supply to connector J11 (+5V IN).
- 3. Connect a USB cable to the USB connector (J9).
- 4. Flip the power switch (SW6) to the "ON" position.

#### 4.3.2 DAC3XJ8XEVM

- 1. Connect a 5-V power supply to connector J23 (MAIN PWR) on the bottom of the board.
- 2. Connect a USB cable to the USB connector (J14).
- 3. Provide a 6-dBm, 10-MHz, reference clock to J17 (CLK\_IN). This is optional if synchronization with other test equipment is not required.
- 4. Connect a spectrum analyzer to any of the DAC output SMA connectors (J2, J8, J9, J11).

## 4.3.3 High Speed Data Converter Pro (HSDCPro)

- 1. Open High Speed Data Converter Pro (v2.4 or later) by going to *Start Menu* → *All Programs* → *Texas Instruments* → *High Speed Data Converter Pro*.
- 2. Select the DAC tab.
- 3. Use the Select DAC drop down menu at the top left corner to select the desired DAC and configuration:
  - DAC3XJ82\_LMF\_222 for DAC37J82, DAC38J82, or DAC39J82
  - DAC3XJ84 LMF 442 for DAC37J84, DAC38J84, or DAC39J84
- 4. When prompted to update the firmware for the DAC, click "Yes" as shown in the following image, and wait for the firmware to download to the TSW14J56.

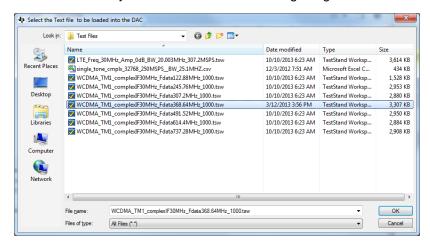


- 5. Enter "368.64M" in the Data Rate (SPS) field.
- 6. Choose "2's Complement" in the DAC Option drop down menu.



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Click "Load File to transfer into TSW1400" and select 
"WCDMA\_TM1\_complexIF30MHz\_Fdata368.64MHz\_1000.tsw" in the "Test Files" folder of the 
HSDCPro installation directory as illustrated in the following image.



8. Do not send the data until the DAC3XJ8X EVM is configured. Complete the DAC3XJ8X GUI configuration in the next section before clicking the *Send* button.

#### 4.3.4 DAC3XJ8X GUI

- Open the DAC3XJ8X GUI by going to Start Menu → All Programs → Texas Instruments DACs → DAC3XJ8X GUI.
- 2. Verify that the green USB Status indicator is lit. If it is not, click the *Reconnect USB* button and check the *USB Status* indicator again.



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 On the Quick Start tab, setup the controls as shown in Figure 7 for the DAC3XJ82, or Figure 8 for the DAC3XJ84, respectively. This configures the DAC3XJ8X EVM to use clocks generated onboard by the LMK04828 and 122.88 MHz VCXO. The DAC will be programmed for 1 lane per DAC, 4x interpolation, and an input data rate of 368.64 MSPS.

**NOTE:** To achieve the higher DAC output rates of the DAC39J82 and DAC39J84, the "External" clock mode must be used and an external clock must be provided to the CLK\_IN connector.

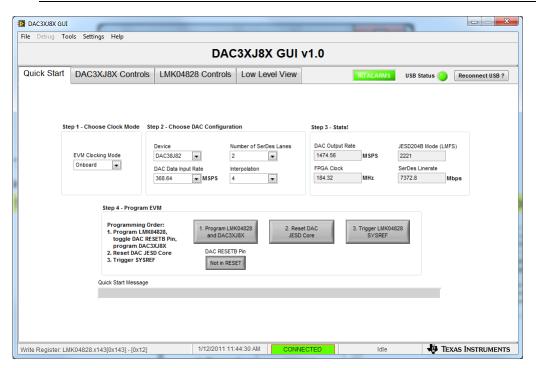


Figure 7. DAC3XJ8X GUI Configuration for DAC37J82, DAC38J82, and DAC39J82



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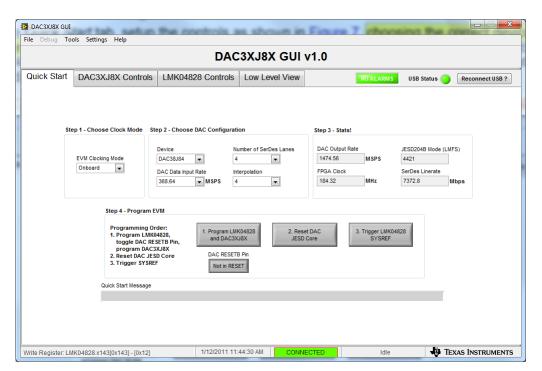


Figure 8. DAC3XJ8X GUI Configuration for DAC37J84, DAC38J84, and DAC39J84

- 4. Click the 1. Program LMK04828 and DAC3XJ8X button to program the EVM. Wait until programming is completed.
- 5. Verify that the LMK04828 PLLs are locked by checking that the "PLL1 LOCKED" and "PLL2 LOCKED" LEDs are lit. The "PLL1 LOCKED" LED will only be lit if a 10-MHz reference clock is connected to the CLK\_IN SMA connector (J17), which is not required. If these LEDs are not lit, check the hardware setup and make sure that JP2 (XO PWR) has a jumper installed. Then try to reprogram the DAC3XJ8X EVM.
- 6. Once correct clock operation is verified, switch back to the HSDCPro GUI and click the *Send* button to send the pattern to the TSW14J56.
- 7. Click the 2. Reset DAC JESD Core button to reset the DAC3XJ8X JESD204B core.
- 8. Click the 3. Trigger LMK04828 SYSREF button to trigger the SYSREF signal



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9. You should now see a WCDMA signal centered at 30 MHz on the spectrum analyzer, as shown in Figure 9.

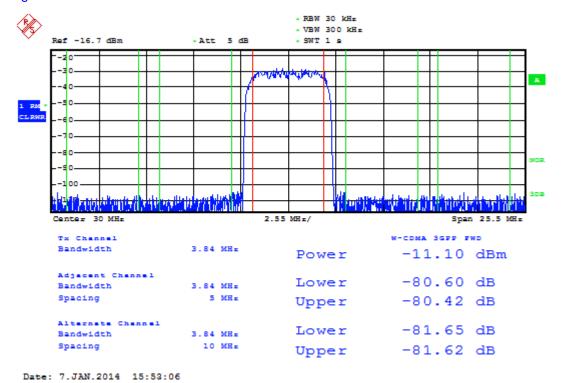


Figure 9. Spectrum Analyzer Example



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# 5 Clock Configuration

This section includes DAC3XJ8XEVM clocking options, and LMK04828 configuration options.

# 5.1 DAC3XJ8XEVM Clocking Options

The DAC3XJ8XEVM allows three clocking options for the DAC3XJ8X:

- 1. Clocks Generated or Distributed by LMK04828
  The DAC clocks and FMC clocks come from the onboard LMK04828 clock chip. This is the default option. The device clock for the DAC is DCLKOUT2 and SYSREF is SDCLKOUT3. There are three pairs of clocks sent to the FMC connector meant for the FPGA or other use. The device clock and SYSREF pairs sent to the FMC connector are as follows: DCLKOUT0 and SDCLKOUT1, DCLKOUT6 and SDCLKOUT7, and DCLKOUT8 and SDCLKOUT9. Any of these pairs can be configured as a device clock and SYSREF pair or as two device clocks of the same frequency. Only one clock is needed for use with the TSW14J56 which is DCLKOUT0 and SDCLKOUT1 and the other two FMC clock pairs can be powered off.
- 2. FMC Port Provides Clocks to DAC3XJ8X
  The DAC device clock and SYSREF are provided through the FMC port on the signals
  FMC\_DACCLK\_P/N and FMC\_SYSREF\_P/N. For this option, R16, R18, R4, and R7 must be
  uninstalled and R187, R188, R189, and R190 need to be installed. If a common-mode voltage of 0.5 V
  cannot be guaranteed on these signals then it is recommended to install 0.01-μF capacitors instead of
  0-Ω resistors for these components. The LMK04828 can still be used to provide clocks to the FMC
  connector, but the DACCLK and FPGA clocks should share the same time base for proper operation. If
  the LMK04828 is not used then it should be powered down.
- 3. DAC3XJ8X Clocks are Provided through SMP Connectors
  The DAC device clock and SYSREF are provided through the SMP connectors (J1, J3, J5, J7). For this option, R16, R18, R4, and R7 need to be uninstalled and C12, C16, C1, and C8 need to be installed. DC coupling of these signals is only recommended if a common-mode voltage of 0.5 V can be guaranteed on these signals, in which case, 0-Ω resistors can be installed instead. The LMK04828 can still be used to provide clocks to the FMC connector, but the DACCLK and FPGA clocks should share the same time base for proper operation. If the LMK04828 is not used then it should be powered down.



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# 5.2 LMK04828 Configuration Options

The following list describes three options for using the LMK04828 to provide clocks to the DAC3XJ8X and FMC connector:

#### 1. Clock Distributor

The LMK04828 is used as a clock distributor. This mode is selected by choosing "External" for the EVM Clocking Mode on the Quick Start tab of the GUI. In this case, the fastest required clock, or an integer multiple of it, should be provided to the CLKIN SMA connector (J17) with a maximum frequency of 2.5 GHz. The LMK04828 is used to divide down to the desired clock frequencies. Leave JP2 open to turn off the onboard VCXO to avoid crosstalk.

## 2. Clock Generator using Onboard VCXO

The LMK04828 is used as a clock generator using the onboard 122.88 MHz VCXO. This mode is selected by choosing "Onboard" for the EVM Clocking Mode on the Quick Start tab of the GUI. JP2 must be shorted to turn on the onboard VCXO. The internal PLLs of the LMK04828 can be used with the onboard VCXO to generate the desired frequencies. The possible LMK04828 VCO frequencies are 2457.6 MHz and 2949.12 MHz with the possible clock outputs being an integer division of those, with a maximum division of 32. The first PLL of the LMK04828 can be used to lock to an external reference provided to the CLKIN SMA connector (J17), but it is not required.

# 3. Clock Generator using External Reference

The LMK04828 is used a clock generator using an external reference provided to the CLKIN SMA connector (J17). For this option, R177, C206, and C121 should be uninstalled and R185, R186, and C92 should be installed. JP2 can be left open to turn off the onboard VCXO to avoid crosstalk. This option allows a wider frequency range of generated clock frequencies only limited by the VCO frequency ranges of the LMK04828 (see LMK04828 datasheet (SNAS605) for VCO frequency ranges). The possible clock outputs are an integer division of the VCO frequency with a maximum division of 32. PLL1 of the LMK04828 is bypassed in this mode

#### 6 References

- 1. High Speed Data Converter Pro software (SLWC107).
- 2. High Speed Data Converter Pro User's Guide (SLWU087).
- 3. TSW14J56 User's Guide (SLWU086).
- 4. DAC3XJ8X Design Package (SLAC646).
- 5. DAC3XJ8XEVM Software (SLAC644).

# **Revision History**

CI	Changes from Original (January 2014) to A Revision		
•	Added DAC39J82, DAC39J84 devices to list of DACs	1	
•	Added note in Installation Instructions section	3	
•	Added DAC39J82 and DAC39J84 to HSDCPro section of the Quick-Start Procedures	9	
•	Added External clock mode requirement for the DAC39J82 and DAC39J84 device in the DAC3XJ8X GUI section	11	
•	Added DAC39J82 to GUI configuration caption.	11	
•	Added DAC39J84 to GUI configuration caption.	12	

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