

MAXM17623 1.5V Output Evaluation Kit

Evaluates: MAXM17623 1.5V Output-Voltage Application

General Description

The MAXM17623 1.5V output evaluation kit (EV kit) provides a proven design to evaluate the MAXM17623 high frequency, high-efficiency, synchronous step-down DC-DC power module. The EV kit is programmed to deliver 1.5V output for loads up to 1A. The EV kit features selectable mode, and open-drain PGOOD signal. The MAXM17623 data sheet provides a complete description of the module that should be read in conjunction with this EV kit data sheet prior to modifying the demo circuit. For full module features, benefits and parameters, refer to the MAXM17623 data sheet.

Features

- Highly Integrated Solution
- 2.9V to 5.5V Input Range
- Programmed 1.5V Output, Delivers Up To 1A Output Current
- High 90.3% Efficiency ($V_{IN} = 5V$, $V_{OUT} = 1.5V$ at 0.4A)
- 2MHz Switching Frequency
- PFM Feature for Better Light-Load Efficiency
- Fixed Internal 1ms Soft-Start Time
- PGOOD Output, with Pullup Resistor to V_{IN}
- Overcurrent and Overtemperature Protection (OCP and OTP)
- Low-Profile, Surface-Mount Components
- Proven PCB Layout
- Fully Assembled and Tested

Quick Start

Recommended Equipment

- One 2.9V to 5.5V DC, 1A power supply
- One resistive load with 1.5V, 1A sink capacity
- One digital multimeters (DMM)
- MAXM17623EVKIT#

Equipment Setup and Test Procedure

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

Caution: Do not turn on power supply until all connections are completed.

- 1) Set the power supply at a voltage between 2.9V and 5.5V. Then, disable the power supply.
- 2) Connect the positive terminal of the power supply to the VIN PCB pad and the negative terminal to the nearest GND PCB pad. Connect the positive terminal of the 1A load to the VOUT PCB pad and the negative terminal to the nearest GND PCB pad.
- 3) Connect the DVM (DMM in voltage-measurement mode) across the VOUT PCB pad and the nearest GND PCB pad.
- 4) Verify that shunt is installed in the default position on jumper J1 (see [Table 1](#) for details).
- 5) Turn on the DC power supply.
- 6) Enable the load.
- 7) Verify that the DVM displays 1.5V.

Ordering Information appears at end of data sheet.

Detailed Description

The MAXM17623 EV kit is designed to demonstrate salient features of MAXM17623 power module. The EV kit includes an EN PCB pad, and jumper J1, to enable the output. Jumper J2 allows selection of either PWM or PFM mode of operation based on light-load performance requirements. An additional PGOOD pad is available for monitoring if the converter output voltage is in regulation.

Output Capacitor Selection

X7R ceramic output capacitors are preferred due to their stability over temperature in industrial applications. The required output capacitor (C4) for 1.5V output is selected from [Table 1](#) of the [MAXM17623](#) data sheet as 22µF/6.3V.

Adjusting Output Voltage

The MAXM17623 supports an adjustable output-voltage range, from 0.8V to 1.5V, using a feedback resistive divider from V_{OUT} to FB. Output voltage can be programmed using the values given in [Table 1](#) of the [MAXM17623](#) data sheet. For 1.5V output, R1 is chosen as 33.2kΩ, and R2 is chosen as 37.4kΩ.

Input Capacitor Selection

The input capacitor serves to reduce the current peaks drawn from the input power supply and reduces switching frequency ripple at the input. The input capacitance must be greater than or equal to the value given in [Table 1](#) of [MAXM17623](#) data sheet. Input capacitor C3 is chosen to be 2.2µF/10V.

Hot-Plug-In and Long Input Cables

The MAXM17623 EV kit PCB provides an optional Tantalum capacitor (C2, 47µF/8V) to dampen input voltage peaks and oscillations that can arise during hot-plug-in and/or due to long input cables. This capacitor limits the peak voltage at the input of the MAXM17623 power module, when the EV kit is powered directly from a precharged capacitive source or an industrial backplane PCB. Long input cables, between input power source and the EV kit circuit can cause input-voltage oscillations due to the inductance of the cables. The equivalent series resistance (ESR) of the Tantalum capacitor helps damp out the oscillations caused by long input cables. Further, capacitor C1 (0.1µF/100V), placed near the input of the board, helps in attenuating high frequency noise.

Mode of Operation

The MAXM17623 features PFM mode of operation to increase the efficiency at light-load condition. If the MODE pin is left unconnected during powerup, the module operates in PFM mode at light loads. If the MODE pin is connected to GND during power-up, the part operates in constant-frequency PWM mode at all loads. See [Table 2](#) for J2 settings.

Table 1. UVLO Enable/Disable Configuration (J1)

POSITION	EN/UVLO PIN	MAXM17623 OUTPUT
1-2*	Connected to V _{IN}	Enabled if V _{IN} is greater than V _{EN-HIGH} .
2-3	Connected to GND	Disabled

*Default position

Table 2. Mode of Operation (J2)

POSITION	MODE PIN
1-2	Operates in PWM mode at all load conditions.
Not Installed*	Operates in PFM mode at light-load conditions.

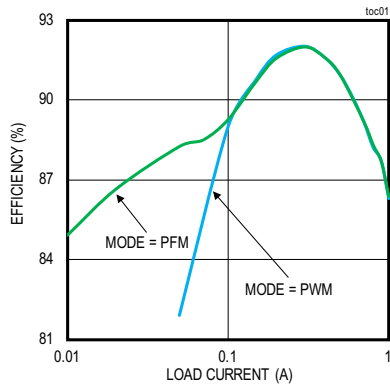
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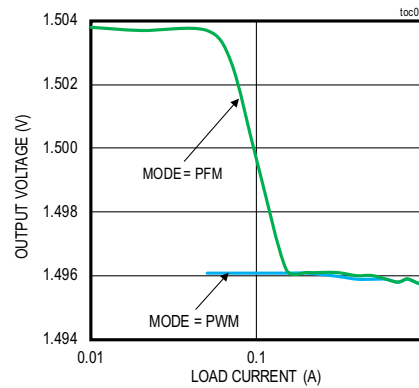
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EV Kit Performance Report

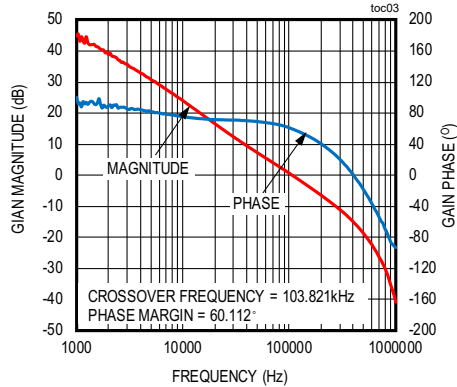
MAXM17623 EFFICIENCY vs. LOAD CURRENT
 $V_{IN} = 3.3V, V_{OUT} = 1.5V, PWM \& PFM \text{ MODE}$



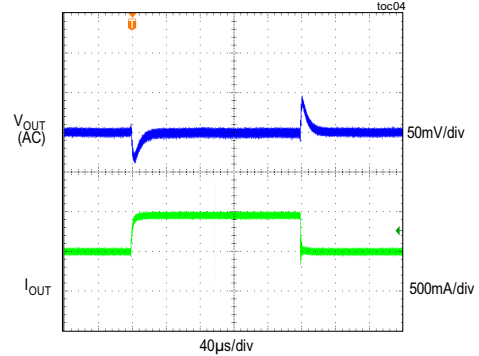
MAXM17623 OUTPUT VOLTAGE vs. LOAD CURRENT
 $V_{IN} = 3.3V, V_{OUT} = 1.5V, PWM \& PFM \text{ MODE}$



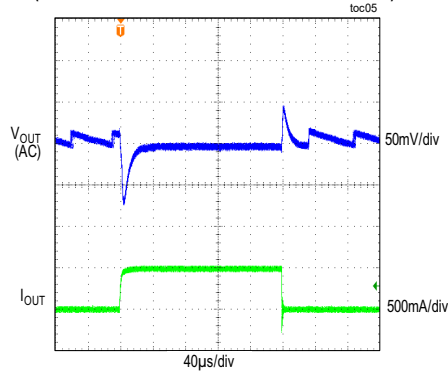
MAXM17623 BODE PLOT
 $V_{IN} = 3.3V, V_{OUT} = 1.5V, \text{ FULL LOAD, PWM MODE}$



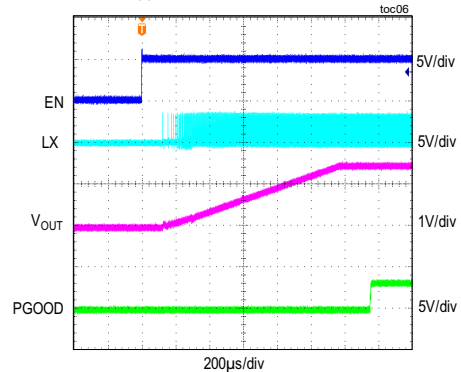
MAXM17623 LOAD TRANSIENT RESPONSE
 $V_{IN} = 3.3V, V_{OUT} = 1.5V, \text{ MODE} = \text{PWM}$
 (LOAD CURRENT STEPPED FROM 0.5 TO 1A)



MAXM17623 LOAD TRANSIENT RESPONSE
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 (LOAD CURRENT STEPPED FROM 0A TO 500mA)



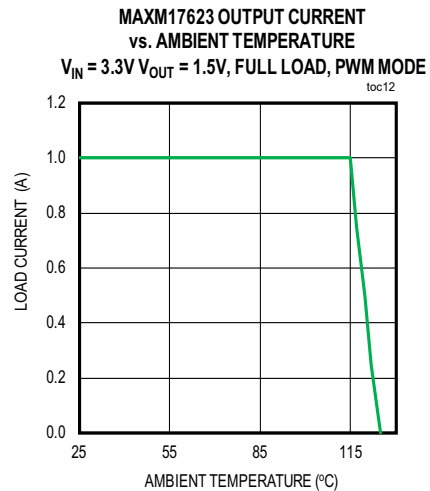
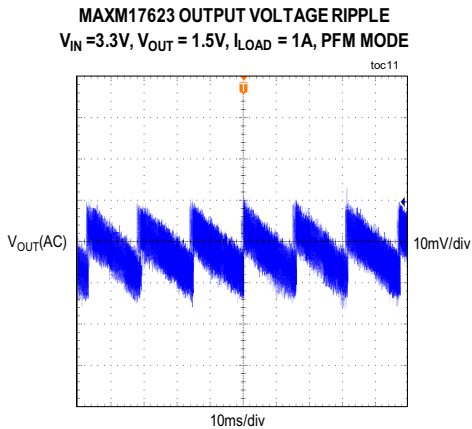
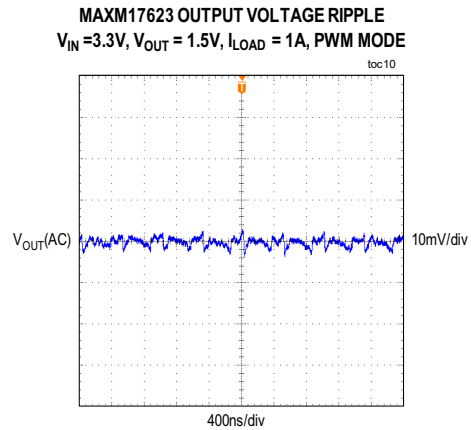
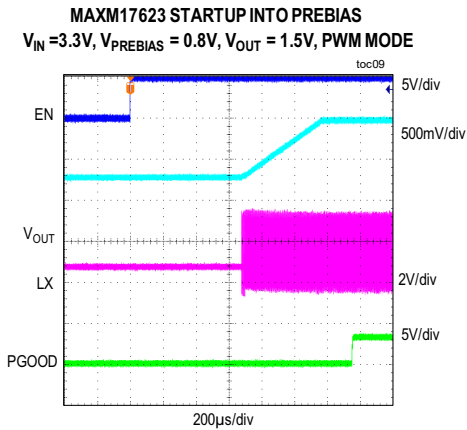
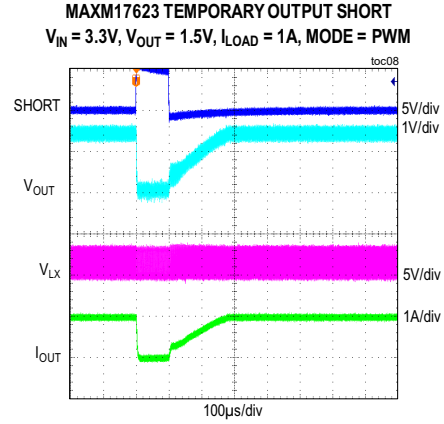
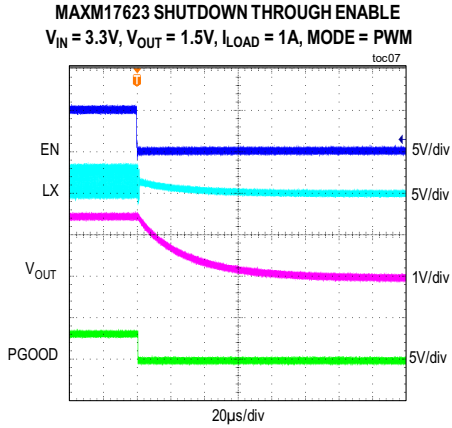
MAXM17623 STARTUP THROUGH ENABLE
 $V_{IN} = 3.3V, V_{OUT} = 1.5V, I_{LOAD} = 1A, \text{ MODE} = \text{PWM}$



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Ordering Information

PART	TYPE
MAXM17623EVKIT#	EV Kit

#Denotes RoHS compliant.

Component Suppliers

SUPPLIER	WEBSITE
Murata Americas	www.murata.com
Panasonic Corp.	www.panasonic.com
TDK Corp.	www.component.tdk.com
Yageo	www.yageo.com

Note: Indicate that you are using the MAXM17623 when contacting these component suppliers.

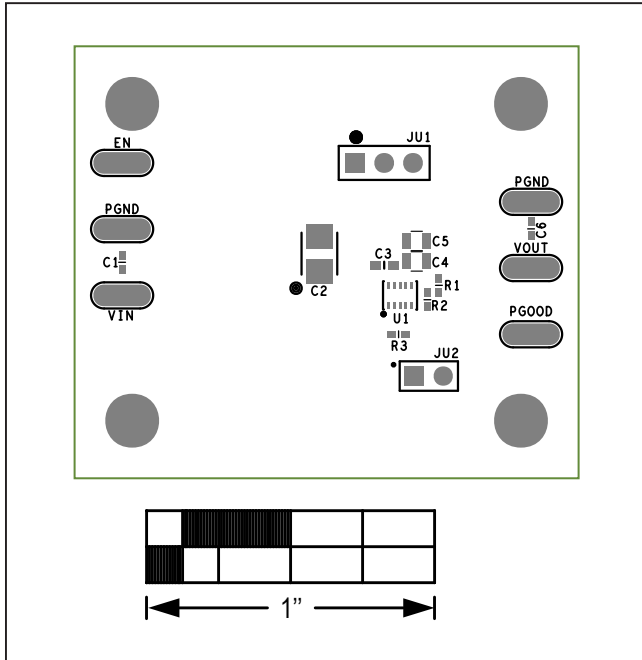
MAXM17623 1.5V EV Kit Bill of Materials

Item	Quantity	Designation	Description	Manufacturer Part No.
1	2	C1, C6	0.1 μ F \pm 10%, 10V, X7R, ceramic capacitor (0402)	TDK C1005X5R1A104K
2	1	C2	47 μ F \pm 20%, 8V, Tantalum capacitor (3528)	Kemet T520B476M008ATE035
3	1	C3	2.2 μ F \pm 10%, 10V, X7R, ceramic capacitor (0603)	Murata GRM188R71A225KE15
4	1	C4	22 μ F \pm 20%, 6.3V, X7R, ceramic capacitor (0805)	Murata GRM21BZ70J226ME44
5	1	R1	33.2k Ω \pm 1% resistor (0402)	Yageo RC0402FR-0733K2L
6	1	R2	37.4k Ω \pm 1% resistor (0402)	Yageo RC0402FR-0737K4L
7	1	R3	100k Ω \pm 1% resistor (0402)	Panasonic ERJ-2RKF1003X
8	1	U1	MAXM17623 10pin u-SLIC Power Module	Maxim MAXM17623
9	1	PCB	MAXM17623 EVKIT PCB	Maxim MAXM17623
10	1	JU1	Jumper pins	Sullins PBC03SAAN
11	1	JU2	Jumper pins	Sullins PBC02SAAN
12	2	SU1, SU2	Jumper heads	Sullins NPB02SVAN-RC
13	6	EN, VIN, PGND, VOUT, PGND1, PGOOD	Test Loops	Weico Wire 9020 BUSS

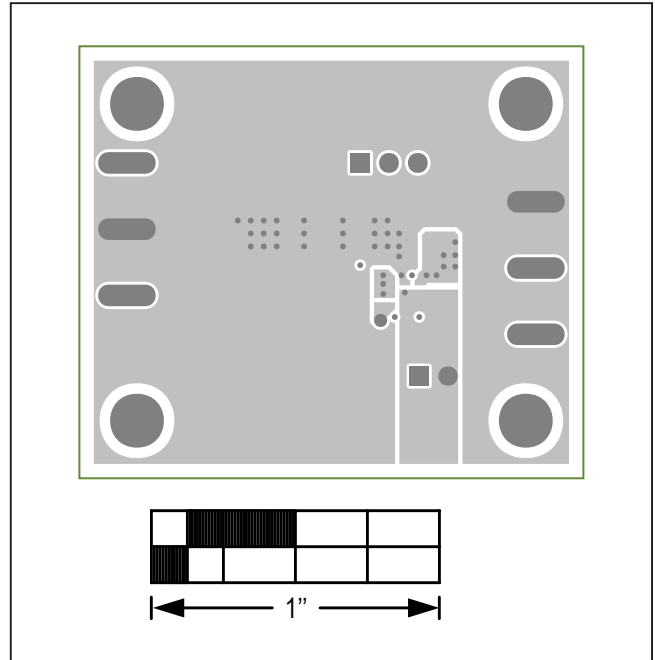
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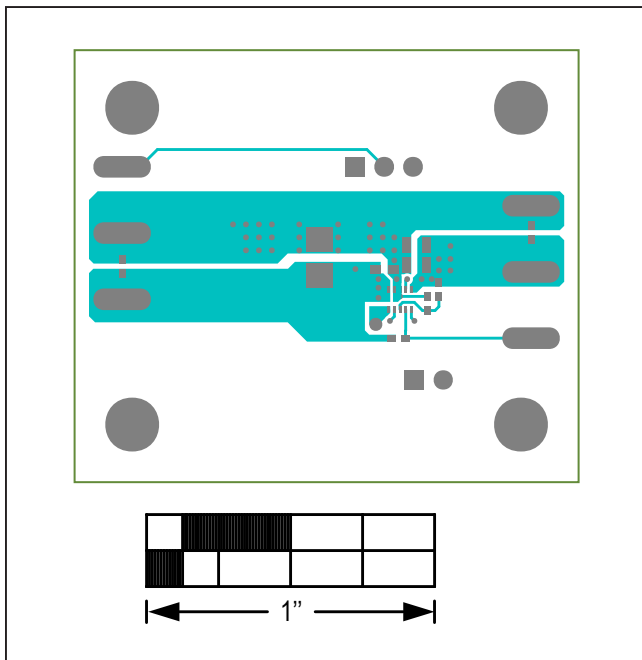
MAXM17623 1.5V EV Kit PCB Layout Diagrams



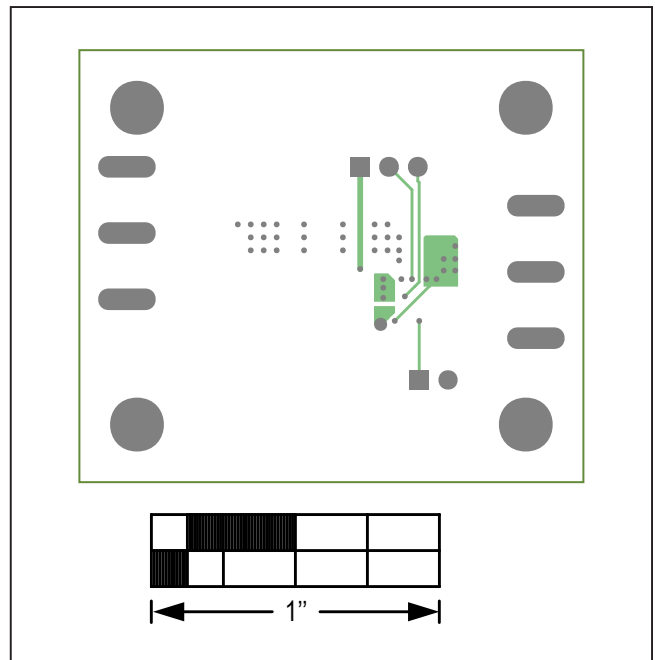
MAXM17623 EV Kit PCB Layout—Silk Top



MAXM17623 EV Kit PCB Layout—Layer 2 Ground

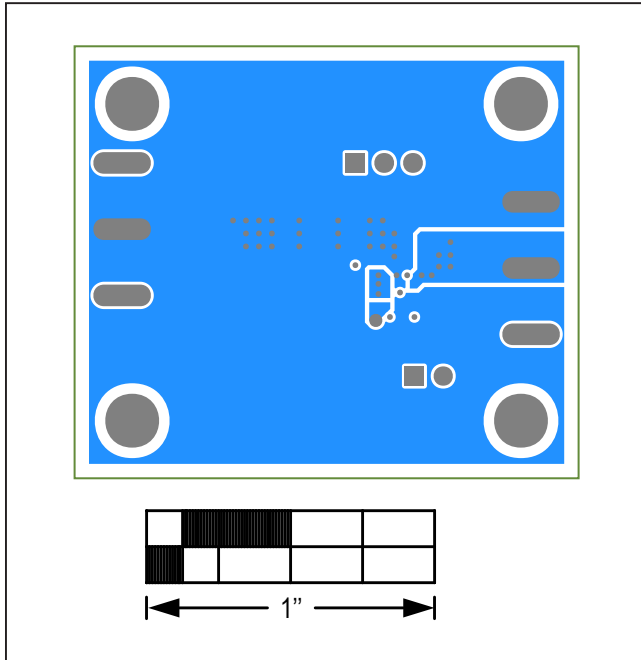


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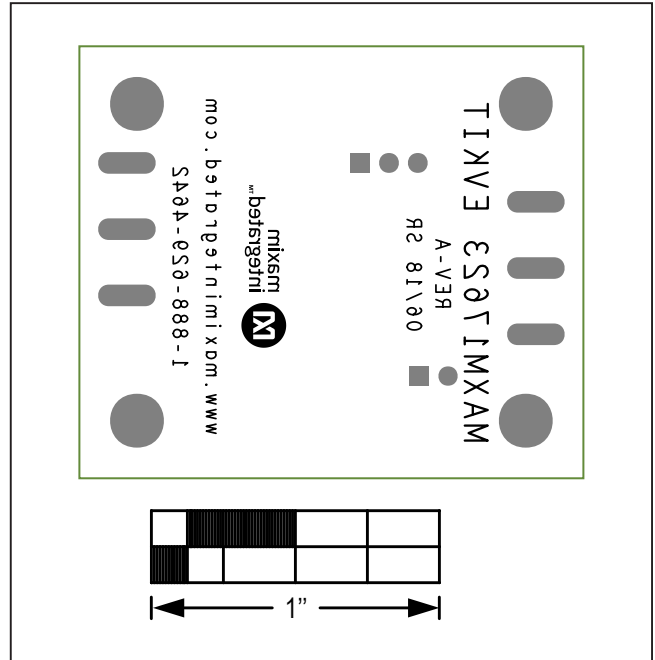


MAXM17623 EV Kit PCB Layout—Layer 3 Power

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MAXM17623 EV Kit PCB Layout—Bottom Layer



MAXM17623 EV Kit PCB Layout—Silk Bottom

Revision History

REVISION NUMBER	REVISION DATE	DESCRIPTION	PAGES CHANGED
0	1/19	Initial release	—

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