

MIMXRT595 EVK Board Hardware User's Guide



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Chapter 1

Introduction

This document is a Hardware User's Guide for the MIMXRT595 Evaluation Kit (EVK) based on the NXP Semiconductor i.MX RT595 Cortex-M33 core processor with Cadence Xtensa Fusion F1 DSP and Vivante GCNanoLite-V vector graphics core. This board is fully supported by NXP Semiconductor. This Manual includes system setup, debugging information, and provides detailed information on the overall design and usage of the EVK board from a hardware systems perspective.

1.1 Board overview

This EVK board is a platform designed to showcase many of the most commonly used features of the i.MX RT595 processor in a small, low-cost package. The MIMXRT595 EVK board is an entry level development board, which gives option to developer to becoming familiar with the processor before investing a large amount of resources in more specific designs. This document describes revision D and D1 of the board with B2 silicon (SILICONREV_ID = 0x000B0002).

Features of the MIMXRT595 EVK board are shown below:

- MIMXRT595SFFOC device in 249 FOWLP soldered directly onto the PCB
- Independent voltage domains: VDD_CORE and VDDIO_n's (0-4)
- 1.2 V, 1.8 V, and 3.3 V support for each voltage domain
- On-board 5 V inputs NXP PCA9420UK PMIC providing 1.2 V, 1.8 V, 3.3 V.
- Multiple power-supply schemes supported
- Jumpers to allow power source selection
- Jumpers for IDD measurement on VDD_CORE and VDDIO_n's (0-4)
- VBAT coin cell battery holder
- Li-Ion battery header support
- High frequency crystal 24 MHz with compatible footprint
- Low-frequency crystal 32.768 kHz for RTC
- Octal/Quad/pSRAM external memories via FlexSPI
- One reset push button/bootloader selection
- Two push buttons for user input, including Interrupt (SW2) and NMI_b (SW3)
- One motion sensor combo accelero-/magneto-meter NXP FXOS8700CQ
- One RGB LED for user interface
- One Green LED for target MCU power status
- One Red LED for reset status
- One Orange LED for LPC-Link status
- USB2.0 high-speed host and device with micro USB connector and external crystal
- On-board eMMC chip
- Full-size SD card slot
- On-board, high-speed USB, Link2 debug probe with CMSIS-DAP protocol (supports Cortex-M33 debug only) circuit based on LPC4322 MCU
- Optional external debug probe connections with trace option (10 pin or 20 pin Cortex-M connectors, later required for trace)

- Single row headers for ARDUINO signals
- MikroBus connector
- FlexIO connector for MikroElektronica TFT Proto 5" capacitive touch display
- Pmod/host expansion connector
- MIPI-DSI connector
- M.2 mini card connector
- Stereo audio codec with line-In/ line-Out/ and Microphone
- NXP TFA9896 audio digital amplifier
- Support for up to 8, off-board digital microphones via 12-pin header
- Two on-board digital microphones

1.2 MIMXRT595 EVK contents

The MIMXRT595 EVK contains the following items:

- MIMXRT595 EVK board
- USB cable (Micro B)
- Quick start guide

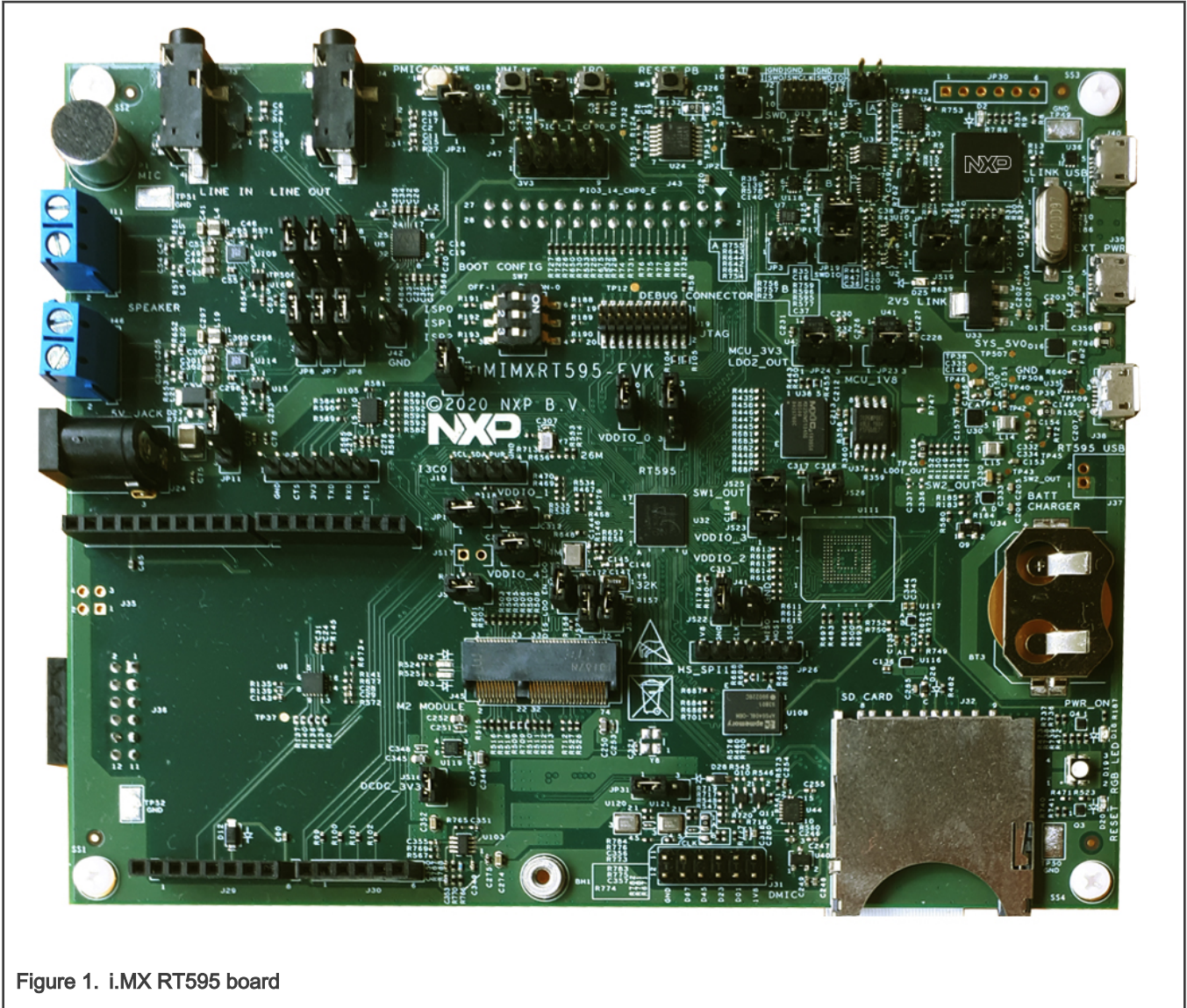


Figure 1. i.MX RT595 board

1.3 MIMXRT595 EVK board revision history

- Rev D
- Rev D1

Chapter 2

Getting started

This section describes how to power up the board and also how to start a first debug session using the MCUXpresso SDK. The board is pre-programmed with a program indicating that the target MCU is running. Connect a micro USB cable from connector J40 (LINK USB) to a host computer or supply to power up the board and run this program.

The following debug probes can be used with the board:

- On-board debug probe (LPC4322 Link2), Cortex® M33 only.
- SEGGER J-link probes (version 9 or newer).

Other debug probes may also be supported by IAR and Keil tools and by other IDEs/debug tools. See third-party websites for further information.

2.1 Starting a debug session using on-board (Link2) Debug Probe

By default, the i.MX RT595 EVK is configured to use the on-board Debug Probe (Link2) via J40 to debug the on-board target (i.MX RT595), using the CMSIS-DAP debug protocol pre-programmed into the Link2 Flash memory. When connecting the USB cable, this powers the board and you see that a virtual COM port enumerates.

When using the MCUXpresso IDE, the on-board Link2 can also be booted in the DFU mode (see jumper settings). If this is done, MCUXpresso IDE downloads CMSIS-DAP to the probe as needed. Using the DFU boot mode, ensure that the most up-to-date/compatible firmware image is used with MCUXpresso IDE.

The IAR IDE or other development tools that support the CMSIS-DAP protocol can be used in the default configuration (once support is released for those tools). Check with your toolchain vendor for availability of specific device support packs for the i.MX RT595 series devices.

NOTE

If the Debug Probe is set up to boot in DFU mode, the USB bridge functions (virtual COM port) and Debug Probe features will not be available if the board is not first initialized by the MCUXpresso IDE.

2.2 Download and install the MCUXpresso SDK

In order to download the RT500 SDK, visit the MCUXpresso SDK Builder site.

- Go to <https://mcuxpresso.nxp.com>
- Make sure to log in with NXP account
- Click select development board
- Type in "EVK-MIMXRT595"
- Add desired software components
- Now, download SDK

2.3 Installation steps to use with MCUXpresso IDE

1. Download and install the MCUXpresso IDE v11.3 or latest.
2. Install the RT500 SDK zip package.
3. Install JP1 to force the Link2 Debug Probe to boot in DFU mode.

NOTE

If the Debug Probe is set up to boot in DFU mode, the USB bridge functions (virtual COM port) and Debug Probe features will not be available if the board is not first initialized by the MCUXpresso IDE.

4. Ensure that:
 - The jumper JP2 is fitted in position 1-2, local target powered.
 - The jumper JP3 is not installed.
5. Connect the board to the USB port of your host computer, connecting a micro USB cable to connector J40 (Link USB).
6. Allow about 10 seconds for the i.MX RT595 EVK device to enumerate for the first time. The device will appear as LPC-Link2 UCom Port.

Now you can use the MCUXpresso IDE to run the various SDK examples. If the first attempt to debug a project fails in the IDE, cancel the debug session and repower the board. On some machines the drivers take longer to enumerate for the first time, so these steps should correct the issue.

2.4 Installation steps to use Keil and IAR tools

1. Download and install LPCScript for LPCXpresso boards (<http://www.nxp.com/lpcutilities>). This installs required drivers for the board.

NOTE

The Link2 (LPC4322 device) is pre-programmed with CMSIS-DAP firmware during manufacture, so you do not need to program it.

2. Ensure that JP1 is open to force the Link2 Debug Probe to boot from internal flash.
3. Ensure that jumper JP2 is fitted in position 1-2, and JP3 is not installed. These are the default position set during board manufacture.
4. Connect the i.MX RT595 board to the USB port of your host computer, connecting a micro USB cable to connector J40 (Link USB). Allow about 10 seconds for the Link2 devices to enumerate for the first time. It is not necessary to check the Hardware Manager.

Your board is now ready to use with your third-party tool. Follow the instructions for those tools for using a CMSIS-DAP probe. MCUXpresso IDE can also be used with the board after setting up the board this way.

Now, you can use the Keil/IAR IDE to run the various SDK examples.

NOTE

If using IAR, use v8.50.9 or latest. If using Keil, use v.5.33 or latest.

2.5 Starting a debug session using external Debug Probe

The i.MX RT595 target can also be programmed and debugged using an external Debug Probe that conforms to the standard Arm[®] Cortex-M debug connectors (either with 10 pin or 20 pin). To use an external Debug Probe, connect the probe to one of the SWD connectors (J2 or J19) and connect power via the micro USB connector J39.

Chapter 3

On-board (Link2) debug probe

This section describes the features provided by the on-board Link2 Debug Probe, including how to use this to debug an external target.

The Link2 Debug Probe is implemented using an LPC43xx MCU, which provides a high-speed USB port interface to the host computer that runs the development tools. This device is not intended for developer use, and should only be used with approved firmware images from NXP. The Link2 on-chip flash memory is factory programmed with a firmware image that supports CMSIS-DAP debug protocol, but also includes other USB end-point functions.

- Virtual COM (VCOM) port: a serial device that can be used with any host computer application design for serial port communication (for example, Teraterm, puTTY). Set the terminal program for baud rate to 115200, no parity, 8-bit data, 1 stop bit, no flow control.
- SWO trace end point: this virtual device is used by MCUXpresso to retrieve SWO trace data. See the MCUXpresso IDE documentation for more information.

All of these devices are independent of each other and of the CMSIS-DAP debug device that is enumerated when the board is connected to a host computer; for example, the VCOM port can be used if the board is running an application when no debugger is running.

In order to correctly install and use the Link2 device on the i.MX RT595 EVK (required for any debugging purpose) for Windows 7 or 8 host computers, install the drivers first. These drivers will automatically be installed when MCUXpresso IDE has already been installed. If these IDEs are not being used, it is recommended LPCScript be installed as this also includes the required drivers. All these tools and utilities are available for free download at <https://www.nxp.com/lpcscript>.

The CMSIS-DAP firmware image installed at the factory (and by LPCScript) will uniquely identify itself to the host computer so that more than one board can be connected to that host computer at any time. Some toolchains cannot discern between multiple debug devices, see your toolchain documentation for more information.

NOTE

MCUXpresso does support multiple LPCXpresso board targets.

It is strongly recommended that LPCScript be used to update the Debug Probe firmware in order to ensure that the latest version is being used.

NOTE

The Link2 only boots when the board is power cycled; the reset button on the board does not reset the Link2.

When using MCUXpresso IDE, the Link2 can be automatically booted with the latest / most appropriate firmware for that IDE version by installing JP1 DFU jumper before powering up the board. This is the recommended approach for the MCUXpresso IDE.

NOTE

If JP1 is installed when powering the board, then the VCOM port (and other devices mentioned above) device will not appear until the MCUXpresso IDE boots the Debug Probe. The Debug Probe is booted once a debug session is started (that is, the IDE attempts to download code to the target).

3.1 Programming the Link2 firmware

As mentioned earlier in this section, it is not normally necessary to program the Link2 firmware. However, this can easily be accomplished using the supporting utility, LPCScript.

To program the Link2 flash, the Link2 device (LPC432x) must be in DFU mode. If the Link2 already has a valid image in the flash, it needs to be forced into DFU mode by placing a jumper shunt on JP1, and power cycling (disconnecting then reconnecting power). Link2 MCU programming is performed using the LPCScript utility (see <http://www.nxp.com/lpcscript>). Instructions for using the tool are located at the same webpage. You can also check the instructions in the RT500 Get Started Guide.

3.2 VCOM port

The identifier of the VCOM port varies between boards and hosts as each board enumerates with a unique identifier. On Windows OS, to determine the COM port, open the Windows operating system Device Manager. This can be achieved by going to the Windows operating system click on *Start menu* and typing *Device Manager* in the search bar. In the device manager look under "Ports"; the LPC-LinkII UCom Port device and its name should be visible.

NOTE

This VCOM port will only appear:

- If the Debug Probe has been programmed with the CMSIS-DAP firmware and the Debug Probe DFU link (JP1) is removed at power-up.
 - If the Debug Probe has been configured for DFU boot (JP1) installed at power-up and MCUXpresso IDE has booted it (by starting a debug session).
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Chapter 4

Board layout and settings

This chapter describes the i.MXRT595-EVK layout, including a description of the jumpers and headers on the board.

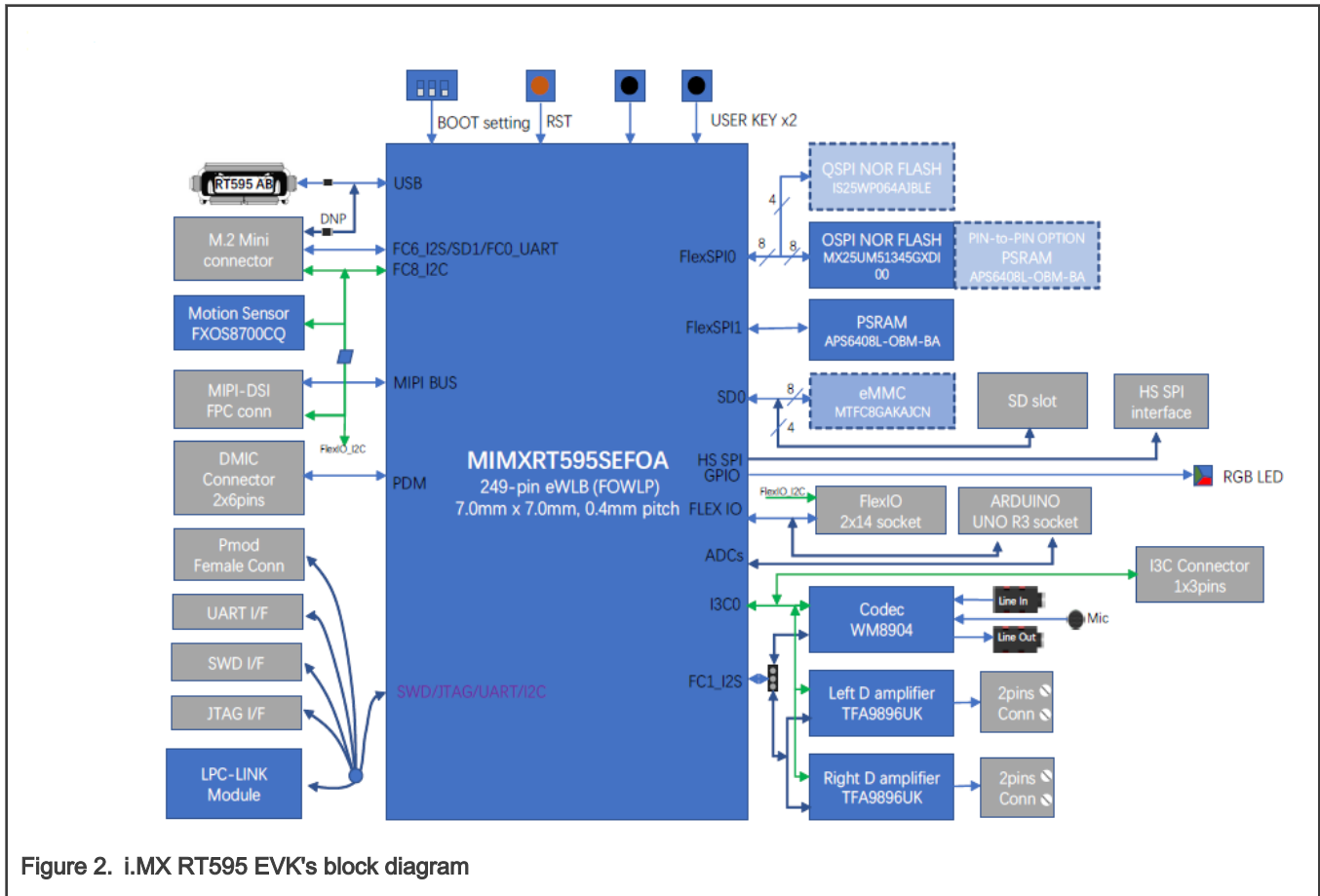


Figure 2. i.MX RT595 EVK's block diagram

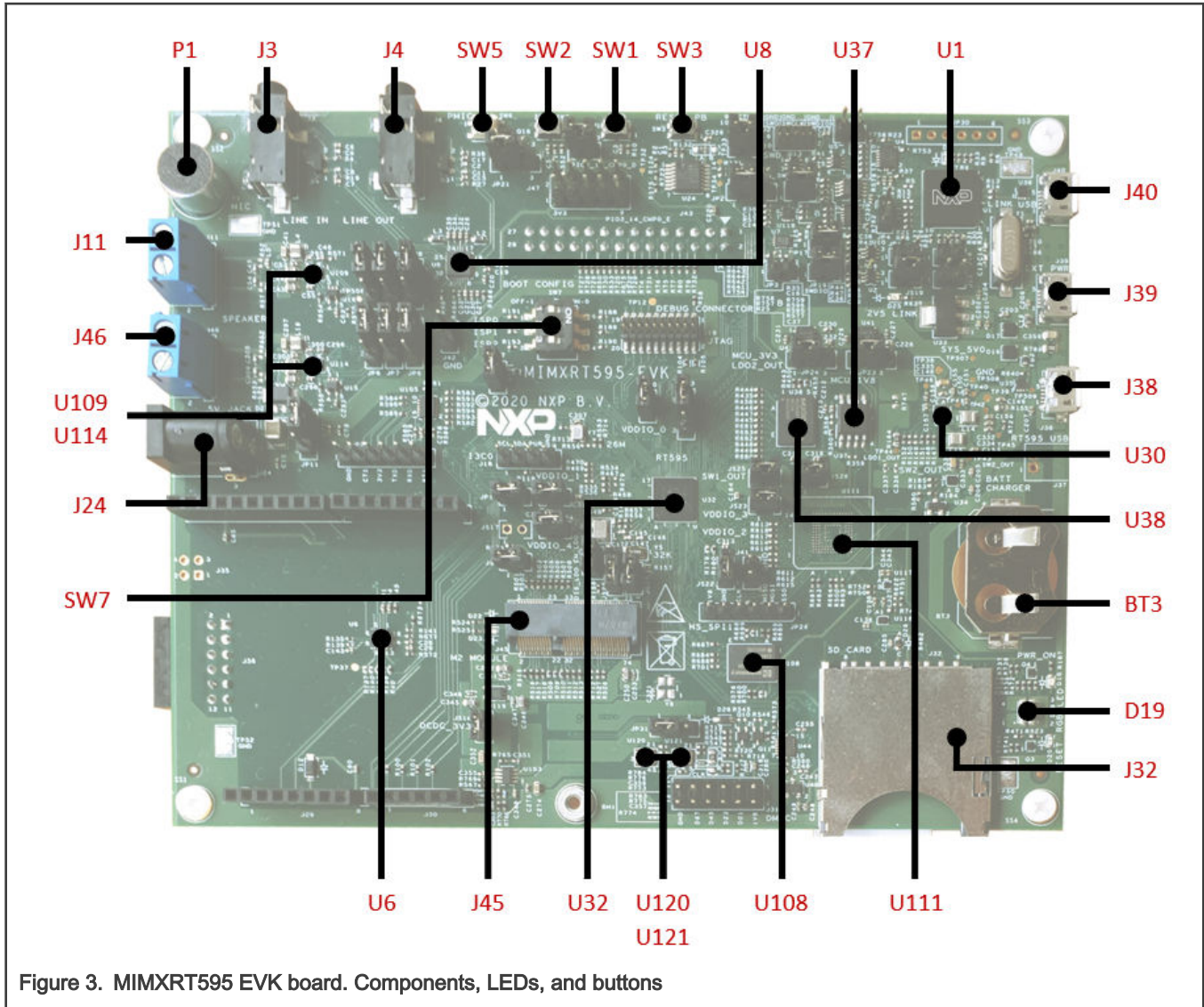


Figure 3. MIMXRT595 EVK board. Components, LEDs, and buttons

Table 1. i.MX RT595 EVK components

Index	Circuit Ref.	Default	Description	Reference
1	BT3	N/A	Coin battery holder.	Li-Ion Battery
2	D19	N/A	User RGB LED.	User LEDs
3	J3	N/A	Audio codec line input jack	Schematic
4	J4	N/A	Audio codec line output jack	Schematic
5	J11, J46	N/A	Screw terminal connections for external speakers. When attaching a speaker, ensure that the appropriate driver settings are used in the TFA9894 devices to avoid damage to the speaker	Schematic

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Table 1. i.MX RT595 EVK components (continued)

Index	Circuit Ref.	Default	Description	Reference
6	J24	N/A	Additional +5 V power connector. This barrel type connector may be used to supply additional power to the digital amplifiers, if needed. It does not power any of the other circuitries on the board	Schematic
7	J32	N/A	SD Card socket	SD Card
8	J38	N/A	Micro AB High-speed USB connector Device/Host	USB High Speed Port
9	J39	N/A	External +5 V power. Micro USB connection for power to the i.MX RT595 target and peripheral circuitry (excluding Link2 Debug Probe)	Schematic
10	J40	N/A	On-board debug probe (LINK USB) micro B USB connector	Schematic and On-board (PCLink 2) Debug Probe
11	J45	N/A	M.2 connector	M.2 Mini Card Connector
12	P1	N/A	Microphone	Schematic
13	SW1, SW2	N/A	User buttons. These buttons, when pressed, pulls the connected i.MX RT595 pin (P0_25 for SW1 and P0_10 for SW2) to ground. A 100 K ohm pull up to MCU_1V8 is connected to the pin	User Buttons
14	SW3	N/A	Reset button. (Arduino header reset, if JP14 is installed)	Reset
15	SW5	N/A	PMIC on button. Press and release to turn on the PMIC. Do not press down for more than three seconds	Schematic
16	SW7	SPI0 – OFF SPI1 – OFF SPI2 – ON	Boot Config switch. ISP boot mode selection. Switch the DIP switch for ISP port signal to ON to pull that pin low via a 1 K ohm resistor. Switch 1 is for ISP0, 2 for ISP1 and 3 for ISP2	Schematic and ISP Boot Config
17	U1	N/A	LPC4322 MCU (Link2 device)	Schematic
18	U6	N/A	FXOS8700CQ Accelerometer/Magnetometer	Accelerometer/Magnetometer
19	U8	N/A	Audio codec	Codec (WM8904)

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Table 1. i.MX RT595 EVK components (continued)

Index	Circuit Ref.	Default	Description	Reference
20	U30	N/A	PMIC. Programmable output voltage regulator with four different outputs: SW1, SW2, LDO1, and LDO2	PMIC (PCA9420UK)
21	U32	N/A	MIMXRT595	Schematic
22	U37	N/A	Quad SPI Flash	Octal/Quad Flash
23	U38	N/A	Octal SPI Flash	Octal/Quad Flash
24	U108	N/A	pSRAM	pSRAM
25	U109, U114	N/A	Digital Audio Amplifiers	Audio Amplifiers
26	U111	N/A	eMMC	eMMC
27	U120, U121	N/A	On-board DMICs.	On-Board DMICs

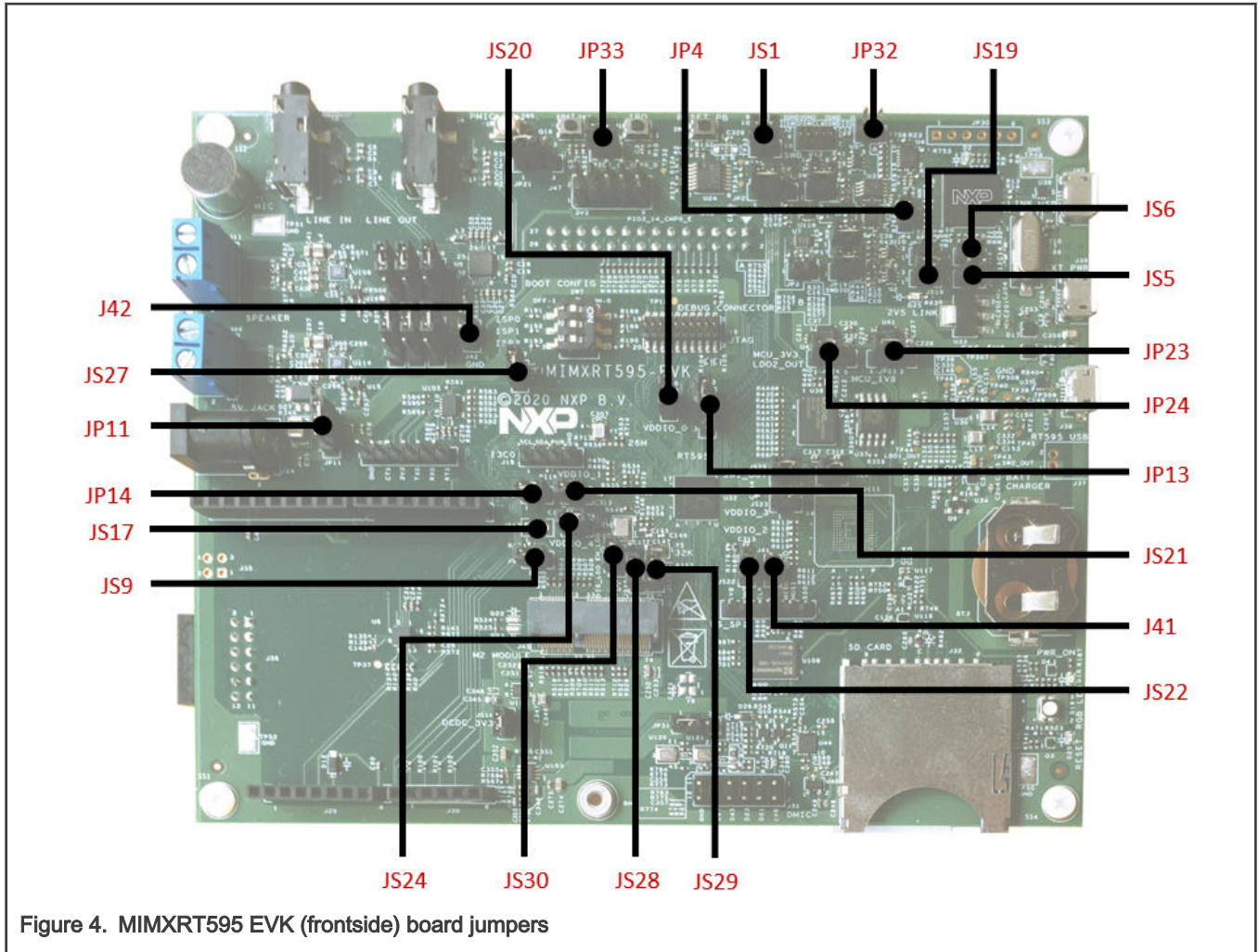


Figure 4. MIMXRT595 EVK (frontside) board jumpers

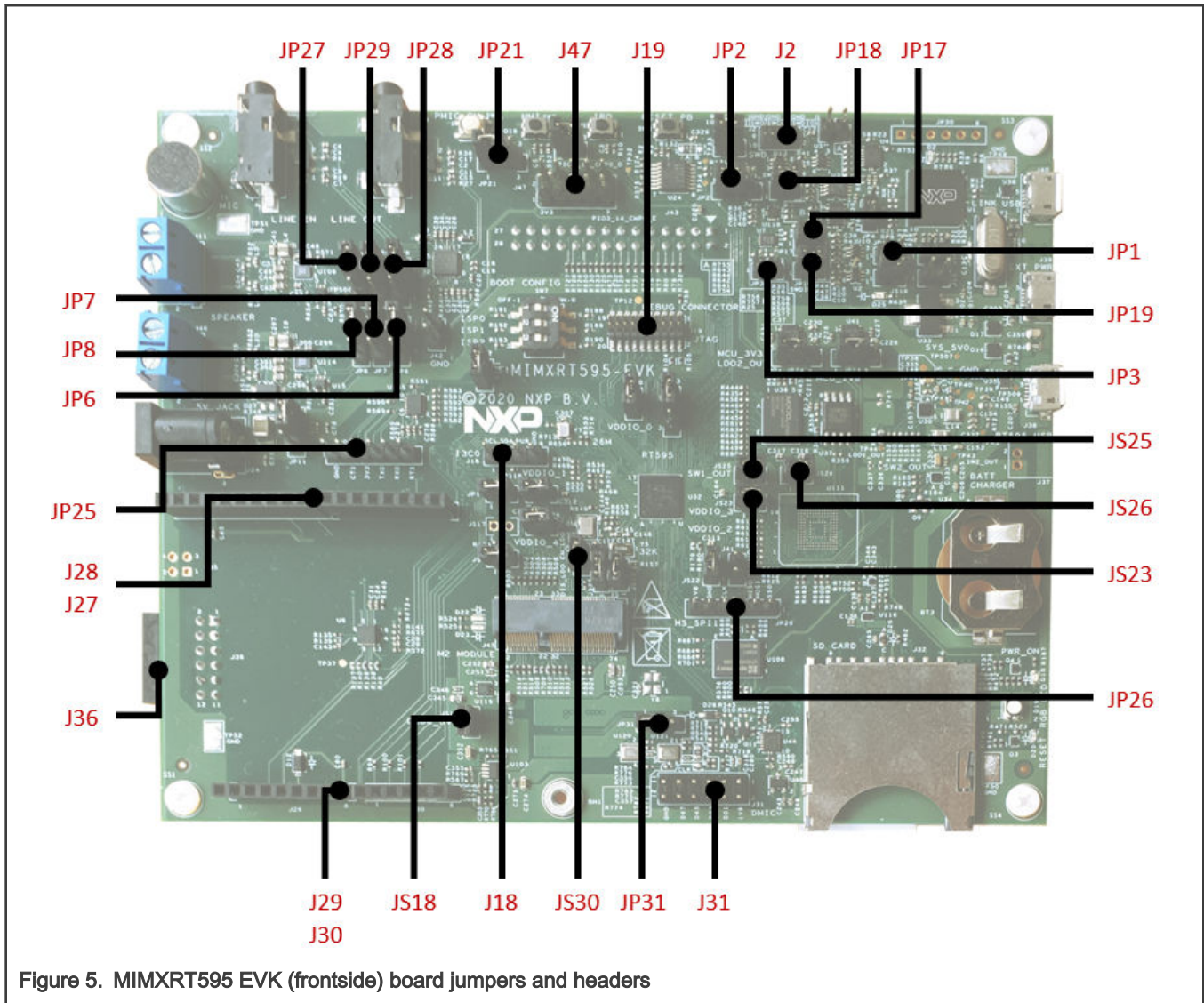


Figure 5. MIMXRT595 EVK (frontside) board jumpers and headers

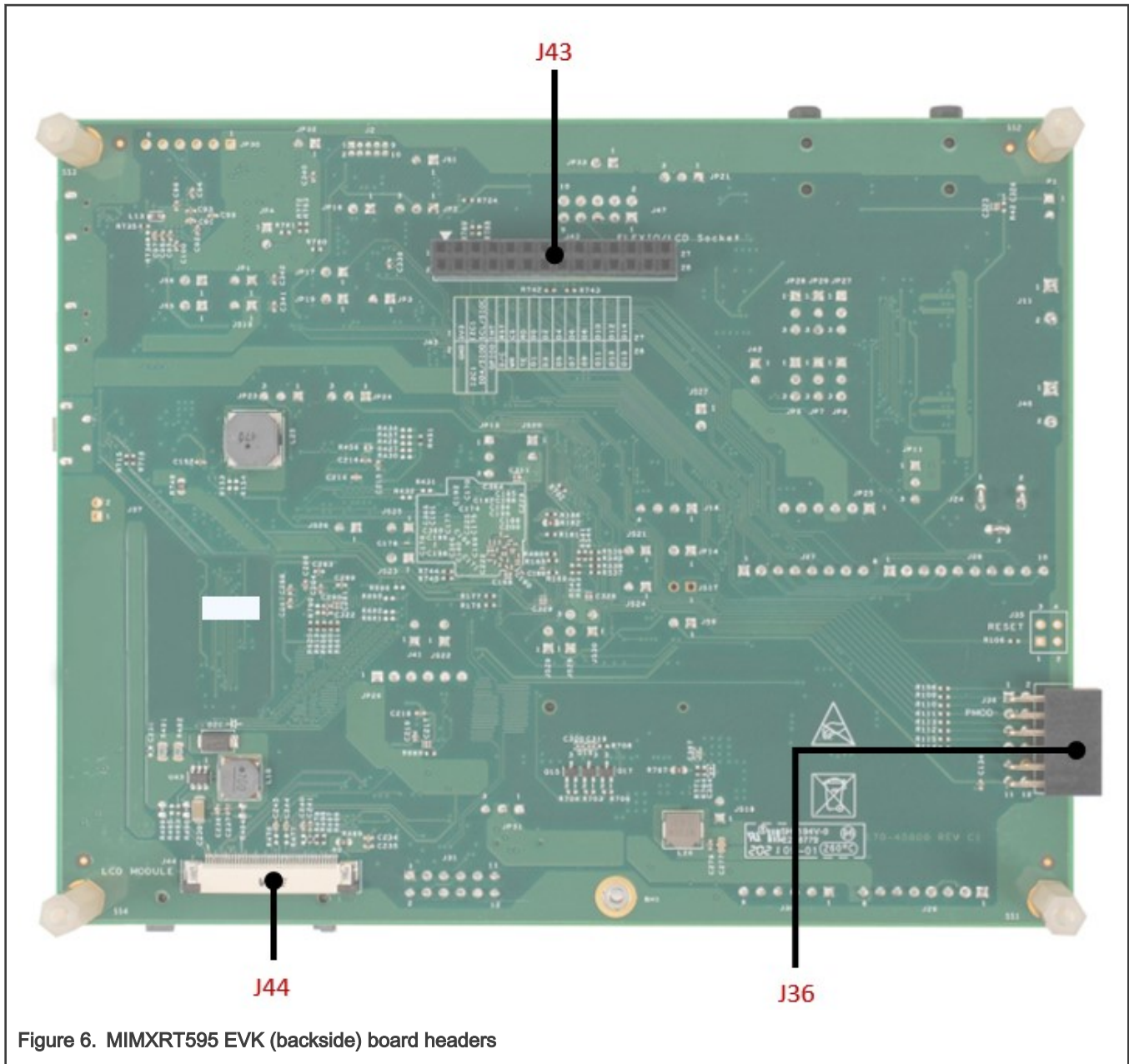


Figure 6. MIMXRT595 EVK (backside) board headers

Table 2. i.MX RT595 EVK expansion headers

Index	Circuit Ref.	Description	Reference
1	J2	10-pin Cortex-M target debug header.	Schematic
	J18	I3C header	Schematic and I3C header
2	J19	Debug Trace Connector. 20-pin Cortex-M debug connector for i.MX RT595 target, including trace pins.	Schematic
3	J27 - J30	J27, J28, J29, J30 Arduino expansion connectors.	Arduino Header

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Table 2. i.MX RT595 EVK expansion headers (continued)

Index	Circuit Ref.	Description	Reference
4	J31	External DMIC header. Provides access to all DMIC (PDM) clock and data lines.	DMIC daughter card connector
5	J36	PMod/Host connector. This connector provides access to the SPI and I2C ports of the i.MX RT595 that are also designated for ISP boot. This connector can be used to work with a remote host, or as an interface to off-the-shelf PMod expansion boards	PMod connector
	J37	Battery Charger	Schematic
	J43	FLEXIO/LCD Socket	FlexIO Socket
	J44	MPI/LCD module	MIPI-DSI Interface
6	J47	Expansion header	Additional expansion Header
7	JP25	USART header	USART Header
8	JP26	High-speed SPI header	High-speed SPI Header

Table 3. Jumper settings

Index	Reference	Default	Description
1	JS1	1-2	IF_DETECT
2	JP1	OPEN	<p>LINK2 ISP BOOT: Link2 (LPC43xx) force DFU boot.</p> <p>Leave this jumper open (default) for Link2 to follow the normal boot sequence. The Link2 will boots from internal flash if image is found there. With the internal flash erased the Link2 normal boot sequence will fall through to DFU boot.</p> <p>Install this jumper to force the Link2 to DFU boot mode. Use this setting to reprogram the Link2 internal flash with a new image (using the LPCScript utility) or to use the MCUXpresso IDE with CMSIS-DAP protocol.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Link2 flash is pre-programmed with a version of CMSIS-DAP firmware by default.</p>
3	JP3	OPEN	<p>Target processor selection for the on-board Debug Probe. Jumper open (default) the i.MX RT595 Target SWD interface enabled. Normal operating mode where the Target SWD is connected to either the on-board Link2 Debug Probe or an external Debug Probe.</p> <p>Jumper shunted, the i.MX RT595 Target SWD interface is disabled. Use this setting only when the on-board Link2 Debug Probe is used to debug an off-board target MCU.</p>

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Table 3. Jumper settings (continued)

Index	Reference	Default	Description
4	JP4	OPEN	LINK2 BUFFER for UART and SPI: When open (default), the "Bridge" UART and SPI connections from the Link2 probe are driven to the i.MX RT595 target. Install J10 when using the SPI interface at connector J36 and/or FC0 UART at J16. This disables the Link2 SPI and UART (VCOM/bridge) connections.
5	JS5	OPEN	I2C_SDA: Connects to LPC432x
6	JS6	OPEN	I2C_SCL: Connects to LPC432x
7	JS9	1-2	VDD_PMOD: Provides power to PMOD Connector
8	JP14	1-2	UNO_RESET: Reset enable/disable to Arduino. Install jumper to route the i.MX RT595 reset control signal to the standard Arduino reset pin.
9	JS17	1-2	POR_PULL_UP: Pull-up to PMIC_LDO1_OUT
10	JP17	1-2	LINK2_RST: Reset for the SWD interface
11	JS18	1-2	Buck IC , DCDC_3V3
12	JP18	1-2	SWCLK: SWD port isolation jumpers. When using the VCOM port and an external debug probe, remove these jumpers to prevent contention with the on-board debug probe (LPC432x device).
13	JS19	1-2	LDO for LINK2 +2.5V_LINK
14	JP19	1-2	SWDIO SWD port isolation jumpers. When using the VCOM port and an external debug probe, remove these jumpers to prevent connection with the on-board debug probe (LPC432x device).
15	JS20	1-2	VDDIO_0: Supply connection to PMIC / external supply injection. This jumper is provided for optional insertion of an ammeter to measure supply current to the i.MX RT595 VDDIO_0 supply pins.
16	JS21	1-2	VDDIO_1: Supply connection to PMIC / external supply injection. This jumper is provided for optional insertion of an ammeter to measure supply current to the i.MX RT595 VDDIO_1 supply pins.
17	JS22	1-2	VDDIO_2: Supply connection to PMIC / external supply injection. This jumper is provided for optional insertion of an ammeter to measure supply current to the i.MX RT595 VDDIO_2 supply pins.
18	JS23	1-2	VDDIO_3: Supply connection to PMIC / external supply injection. This jumper is provided for optional insertion of an ammeter to measure supply current to the i.MX RT595 VDDIO_3 supply pins.
19	JS24	1-2	VDDIO_4: Supply connection to PMIC / external supply injection. This jumper is provided for optional insertion of an ammeter to measure supply current to the i.MX RT595 VDDIO_4 supply pins.

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Table 3. Jumper settings (continued)

Index	Reference	Default	Description
20	JS25	1-2	VDDCORE: Supply connection to PMIC / external supply Injection, the internal LDO is disabled. This jumper is provided for optional insertion of an ammeter to measure supply current to the i.MX RT595 VDDCORE supply pins. If the internal LDO is enabled, this is the output supply.
21	JS26	1-2	Memory 1V8: Isolation jumper for Octal, Quad, and pSRAM memories
22	J41	OPEN	GND
23	J42	OPEN	GND
24	JP2	1-2	VDD_LINK: Buffer Power Selection For on-board target place in position 1-2 (default) For off-board target place in position 2-3
25	JP6	2-3	AMP_INT: Interrupt source select for audio devices, controlling which audio device drives the interrupt to i.MX RT595. Insert in position 1-2 for the audio codec or 2-3 for the TFA989x amplifiers
26	JP7	2-3	AMP_DAI: I2S data select for audio devices, controlling which audio device drives the I2S connections to the i.MX RT595 I2S port. Insert in position 1-2 for the audio codec or 2-3 for the TFA989x amplifiers. Pin is used for data receive.
27	JP8	2-3	AMP_DAO: I2S data select for audio devices, controlling which audio device drives the I2S connections to the i.MX RT595 I2S port. Insert in position 1-2 for the audio codec or 2-3 for the TFA989x amplifiers. Pin is used for data transmit.
28	JP11	1-2	Supply for AMP VBAT , From USB
29	JP13	1-2	ISP_MODE: Host ISP control selection. This header/jumper can be used to select which of the Port 1 pin 15 (ISP0) or Port 3 pin 28 (ISP1) signals is routed to the Interrupt/ISP pin on the PMod/Host connector. These signals from can be used as GPIO/interrupts to/from the i.MX RT595, and may be used to determine its boot mode following reset.
30	JP21	2-3	Reset signal from PMIC
31	JP23	1-2	MCU_1V8 from PMIC or external LDO
32	JP24	1-2	MCU_3V3 from PMIC or external LDO
33	JP27	2-3	MCLK for codec or AMP
34	JP28	2-3	WS for codec or AMP
35	JP29	2-3	BCLK for codec or AMP

Chapter 5

Board power

The board gets 5 V power from the one of three USB connectors:

- One micro-B connected to the LPC4322 debug probe High-Speed USB port, and which powers the entire board (J40).
- One micro-AB connected to the RT595 High-Speed USB port, and which does not power the debug probe (J38).
- One micro-B for supplying power only to the board (J39).

5.1 Measuring MIMXRT595 EVK device supply current

Current supply to the RT595 Core can be measured via JS25 (VDDCORE). The voltage supplied can be measured on TP42 (SW1_OUT output voltage from PMIC). GPIO current supplies can be measured via JS20 (VDDIO_0), JS21 (VDDIO_1), JS22 (VDDIO_2), JS23 (VDDIO_3), and JS24 (VDDIO_4). Other headers to measure power are JS29 (VDD_AO) and JS30 (VDD1V8). For further details, see board schematics.

5.2 PMIC (PCA9420UK)

The MIMXRT595 EVK includes a discrete Power Management Integrated Circuit (PMIC) converter. Using the PMIC adds flexibility to configure the power supply rails according to the needs of the application. This converter provides all required supplies to all circuitry except the debug probe. The PMIC has four output voltages, SW1_OUT, SW2_OUT, LDO1_OUT, LDO2_OUT.

Table 4. PMIC output voltages

PMIC output voltage	RT500 input voltage	Output voltage ranges	Default value
SW1_OUT	VDDCORE	0.5 – 1.5 V	1.0 V
SW2_OUT	VDD1V8 VDDIO_0 VDDIO_1 VDDIO_4 MIPI_DSI_VDD18	1.5 – 2.1 V/2.7 V – 3.3 V	1.8 V
LDO1_OUT	VDD_AO	1.7 – 1.9 V	1.8 V
LDO2_OUT	VDDIO_3 VDDA_BIAS	1.5 – 2.1 V/2.7 – 3.3 V	3.3 V

PMIC is configured by the RT595 via I2C pins:

Table 5. PMIC pins

PMIC	iMX RT595
SCL	PMIC_I2C_SCL
SDA	PMIC_I2C_SDA
MODESEL0	PMIC_MODE0

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Table 5. PMIC pins (continued)

PMIC	iMX RT595
MODESEL1	PMIC_MODE1
INT	PMIC_IRQ_N
SYSRST	RESET
ON	SW5 (JP21, 1-2)

For further information, see board schematic.

5.3 LDOs

The board design includes 1.8 V and 3.3 V LDOs with 300 mA or more output current capability. Selection between PMIC and the discrete regulators is to be made using a 3 x 1 header for each rail.

5.4 Li-Ion battery support

The board also includes a header for connecting a Li-Ion battery. The header will not be populated (DNP) by default, and the Li-Ion battery will not be included with the board or as part of the kit. The connector will allow users to add a battery to be used as the VBAT power source to the PMIC. The PMIC also includes battery charging capability.

NOTE

When power is supplied from battery, JP31(2-3) must be short. And some functions that belong to 5 V power domain are limited.

Chapter 6

Clock sources

The RT595 MCU has the capability to run up to 200 MHz. The board includes a 24 MHz crystal as the main external clock source by default. It also supports an optional 26 MHz crystal.

Additionally, 32.768 kHz external crystal provides a clock source for the RTC.

Clocking sources included on this device are as follows:

- 192 MHz FRO
 - Post-divider with 96 MHz, 48 MHz, 24 MHz, 12 MHz outputs.
 - Digital feedback control block for frequency tuning.
 - 192 MHz output and each of the divided outputs can be individually disabled.
- 96 MHz FRO
 - Post-divider with 48 MHz, 24 MHz, 12 MHz, 6 MHz outputs.
 - Digital feedback control block for frequency tuning.
 - 96 MHz output and each of the divided outputs can be individually disabled.
- Main crystal oscillator with operating range of 4 MHz to 26 MHz.
- 32 kHz Real-Time Clock (RTC) oscillator that can optionally be used as a system clock.
- 1 MHz Low-Power Oscillator (LPOSC).
 - LPOSC serves as the watchdog oscillator and clock for the OS/Event Timer and the SysTick among others.
 - It is also available as the system clock to both domains.
- Separate PLLs for Main Clock, DSP Clock, and Audio (Main clock and DSP clock PLLs are actually 2 PFD outputs from a single PLL module).

For further information, see Chapter 6. Clock control on the Reference Manual.

Chapter 7

External memory

The board provides various memory options.

7.1 Octal/Quad flash

The board supports a Macronix Octal flash MX25UM51345GXDI00 by default, but the footprint shall accommodate a 1.8 V ISSI Quad SPI NOR SDR/DDR flash IS25WP064AJBLE as optional on FlexSPI0.

Table 6 shows the hardware modifications needed to use the Octal or Quad flash. Use the schematic for label referral.

Table 6. Octal/Quad SPI hardware modifications

Flash	Populated	DNP
OctalSPI flash (MX25UM51345GXDI00)	A, B, C, D, E1, E2, F, G, H, M, Q, S (default)	J, K, L, N, P, T, V1 (default)
QuadSPI flash (IS25WP064AJBLE)	N, P, Q, S, V1	T, A, C, E1, F, L **

Base on OSPI table, and DNP priority is higher than Populated. If DNP and Populated coexist, choose DNP.

7.2 pSRAM

An APM APS6408L-OBx Octal DDR pSRAM memory with compatible footprint is supported on FlexSPI1.

7.3 SD card

A full size SD card slot (J32) in order to accommodate memory SD cards and SDIO Wi-Fi cards. A 4-bit SDIO interface should be used for this socket on first SDIO instance.

Software drivers and related examples for the SD card are provided as part of the MCUXpresso SDK.

Table 7. SD card connections

SDIO interface signals	Circuit reference	RT595 port
Clock (CLK)	SD0_CLK	PIO1_30
Command (CMD)	SD0_CMD	PIO1_31
D0	SD0_D0	PIO2_0
D1	SD0_D1	PIO2_1
D2	SD0_D2	PIO2_2
D3	SD0_D3	PIO2_3
Card Detect (CD)	SD0_CARD_DET_N	PIO2_9
Power Enable (WP)	SD0_WR_PRT_DS	PIO2_4

NOTE

These signals are shared with the eMMC memory, so hardware changes may be required, depending on your application. For circuit further details, see board schematics.

7.4 eMMC

An external eMMC memory supporting the SanDisk SDINBDA6-16G-I with 8-bit interface is provided by default. The device can run at 1.8 V nominal supply voltage.

Software drivers and related examples for the eMMC are provided as part of the MCUXpresso SDK.

Table 8. eMMC connections

eMMC interface signals	Circuit reference	RT595 Port
Clock (CLK)	SD0_CLK	PIO1_30
Command (CMD)	SD0_CMD	PIO1_31
D0	SD0_D0	PIO2_0
D1	SD0_D1	PIO2_1
D2	SD0_D2	PIO2_2
D3	SD0_D3	PIO2_3
D4	SD0_D4	PIO2_5
D5	SD0_D5	PIO2_6
D6	SD0_D6	PIO2_7
D7	SD0_D7	PIO2_8
RESET (RST)	SD0_RST_N	PIO2_10
DS	SD0_WR_PRT_DS	PIO2_4

NOTE

These signals are shared with the SD Card slot, so hardware changes may be required depending on your application. For circuit further details, see board schematics.

7.5 ISP boot config

The ISP pins (PIO1_15, PIO3_28, and PIO3_29) on the boot config SW7, select the boot source:

Table 9. Boot config

Boot mode	ISP2 pin PIO3_29	ISP2 pin PIO3_29	ISP2 pin PIO3_29	Description
-	low	low	low	Reserved
DFU Master Boot	high	low	high	DFU device master serial download boot mode.

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Table 9. Boot config (continued)

Boot mode	ISP2 pin PIO3_29	ISP2 pin PIO3_29	ISP2 pin PIO3_29	Description
USB HID ISP	low	high	low	Boot to ISP mode, using USB-HID class.
FlexSPI Boot	low	high	high	Boot from Quad/Octal Flash devices connected to the FLEXSPI interface. The RT500 will look for a valid image in external Quad/Octal Flash device. If there is no valid image found, the RT500 will enter recovery boot or ISP boot mode based on DEFAULT_ISP_MODE bits.
SDIO0 (eMMC)	high	low	low	Boot from an eMMC device connected to SDIO 0 interface. The RT500 will look for a valid image in the eMMC device. If there is no valid image found, the RT500 will enter the ISP boot mode based on the value of OTPDEFAULT_ISP_MODE bits (6:4, BOOT_CFG[0]).
Serial ISP (UART, I2C, SPI)	high	high	low	The Serial Interface (UART, I2C, SPI) is used to program OTP, external FLASH, SD, or eMMC device.
Serial Download (UART, I2C, SPI, HID)	high	high	high	Serial Master boot (SPI Slave, or UART, I2C, HID) is used to download a boot image over the serial interface(SPI Slave, or UART, I2C, HID).

For further details, See Chapter 18: Non-Secure Boot ROM on the Reference Manual.

Chapter 8

On-board peripherals

This section describes how the on-board peripheral devices of the board are connected to the iMX RT595 and relevant configuration options. For full details of these devices, refer to the individual device datasheets. For circuit further details, see board schematics.

8.1 FlexIO socket

There is a 28-pin header (J43) with FlexIO signals connected on the bottom of the board. It is compatible with our third-party partner, MikroElektronica TFT Proto 5" capacitive touch display, which is supported by the MCUXpresso SDK driver.

8.2 Audio devices

A TFA9896 class D amplifier (stereo configuration) is included on board, using the "easy routing" CSP package. An I2S audio codec (WM8904), supporting a 1.8 V interface to the RT595 and currently supported by an MCUXpresso SDK driver, is also included on the board. Jumpers or DIP switches shall be used to select one of these devices (TFA9896 or codec) as an I2S output channel. The I2S channels (data, SCK, and WS) are connected via zero-ohm resistors to an expansion connector. The (stereo) line inputs/output of the audio codec are available at jack sockets on the board. Connectors are provided for attaching off-board speakers to the TFA9896 output.

8.2.1 Codec (WM8904)

The MIMXRT595 EVK board incorporates a Cirrus Logic WM8904 Audio codec. This codec has both I2C (for control) and I2S (for data) interfaces.

The I2C interface of the codec is routed to Port 2 of the iMX RT595, the same connection as used for the audio amplifiers and the I3C header on the board; the codec has an address of 0b0011010.

The I2S interface of the codec is routed to Port 0/1 of the iMX RT595, the same connection as used for the audio amplifiers.

Table 10. Audio codec port connections

Circuit reference	RT595 port
CODEC_I3C0_SDA	P2_30
CODEC_I3C0_SCL	P2_29
I2S_BCLK_CODEC	P0_7
I2S_DAI_CODEC	P0_9
I2S_DAO_CODEC	P0_23
I2S_WS_CODEC	P0_8
MCLK_CODEC	P1_10
ALT_INT_CODEC	P0_0

There are six jumpers (JP6, JP7, JP8, JP27, JP28, and JP29) to select iMX RT595 I2S lines between codec and amplifier. To select the codec, jumpers must be (1-2).

Line input (J3) and line output (J4) ¼" stereo jack sockets provide analog I/O connections to the codec. See schematic for further information.

8.2.2 Audio amplifier

A pair of audio amplifiers are included on the MIMXRT595 EVK. Select the external power supply between JP24 5 V Jack (JP11, 2-3) or J39 USB (JP11, 1-2).

The I2C interface of the amplifiers is routed to Port 2 of the iMX RT595, the same connection as used for the codec and the I3C header on the board.

The I2S interface of the amplifiers is routed to Port 0/1 of the iMX RT595, the same connection as used for the codec.

Table 11. Digital audio amplifiers port connections

Circuit reference	RT595 port
CODEC_I3C0_SDA	P2_30
CODEC_I3C0_SCL	P2_29
I2S_BCLK_CODEC	P0_7
I2S_DAI_CODEC	P0_9
I2S_DAO_CODEC	P0_23
I2S_WS_CODEC	P0_8
MCLK_CODEC	P1_10
ALT_INT_CODEC	P0_0

There are 6 jumpers (JP6, JP7, JP8, JP27, JP28, and JP29) to select iMX RT595 I2S lines between codec and amplifier. To select the amplifiers, jumpers must be (2-3).

The connectors provided for attaching off-board speakers to the TFA9896 output are included on the board (J11 and J46). See schematic for further information.

8.3 USB high-speed port

The board includes a high-speed USB host/device port (J38) connected to the USB signals on the processor. The USB connector should be micro-AB type.

When the port is used in host mode, the power only USB connector shall be used to provide power to externally connected USB devices. Jumpers shall be used to configure the USB port for host operation (enabling on-board load switch).

For further details, See High-Speed Device/Host Controller in the Reference Manual.

8.4 MIPI-DSI interface

The board provides a 40-pin FPC connector (J44) to support either MIPI-DSI Video or Smart Displays.

8.5 M.2 Mini card connector

This connector supports the second SDIO instance, UART, I2S, I2C, and USB.

8.6 Accelerometer/magnetometer

The board includes an NXP FXOS8700CQ accelerometer, controlled by I2C interfaced to port 0 (P0_29 and P0_30) with its interrupt output connected to P0_22. The accelerometer has an I2C address of 0x1E. See schematic for further information.

I2C software drivers are provided as part of the MCUXpresso SDK, and example code is provided to illustrate how to read values from the accelerometer.

8.7 User LEDs

The board provides an RGB LED. The LEDs in this device are controlled by MIMXRT595 ports P3_17 (Blue), P0_14 (Red), P1_0 (Green) with the LEDs being illuminated when the respective LED is pulled low.

8.8 User buttons

The board provides two user push buttons SW1 and SW2 for general input purposes and for wake-up.

8.9 Reset button

A reset button SW3 for the RT595 is provided and resets all devices on the boards except the debug probe.

Chapter 9

Expansion headers

This section describes the various expansion header options and some on-board serial peripherals that are provided on the MIMXRT595 EVK.

9.1 Arduino header

The connectors J27-J30 provide Arduino compatibility and access to several other signals for use in prototyping.

NOTE

Some ports used on these connectors are shared with other devices/connectors on the board.

The header includes I2C, SPI, UART, GPIOs, and ADC signals.

Table 12. J27 Arduino header pinout

Pin number	Circuit reference	Functionality
1	FXIO_D11	D0 / UART RX
2	FXIO_D10	D1 / UART TX
3	FXIO_D0	D2 / INT0
4	FXIO_D3	D3 / INT1 / PWM / OC2B
5	FXIO_D4	D4 / T0 / PWM
6	FXIO_D5	D5 / T1 / PWM
7	FXIO_D6	D6 / AIN0 / PWM / OC0A
8	FXIO_D7	D7 / AIN1

Table 13. J28 Arduino header pinout

Pin number	Circuit reference	Functionality
1	FXIO_D8	D8 / CLK0 / ICP1
2	FXIO_D9	D9 / OC1A / PWM
3	FXIO_D12	D10 / SPI_CS
4	FXIO_D13	D11 / OC2A / PWM / SPI_MOSI
5	FXIO_D14	D12 / SPI_MISO
6	FXIO_D15	D13 / SPI_CLK
7	GND	

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Table 13. J28 Arduino header pinout (continued)

Pin number	Circuit reference	Functionality
8	DCDC_3V3	AREF
9	FXIO_D2	D14 / I2C_SDA
10	FXIO_D1	D15 / I2C_SCL

Table 14. J29 Arduino header pinout

Pin number	Circuit reference	Functionality
1	NC	
2	DCDC_3V3	IOREF
3	nRESET_TRGT	RESET_b
4	DCDC_3V3	3V3
5	SYS_5V0	5 V
6	GND	GND
7	GND	GND
8	SYS_5V0	VIN

Table 15. J30 Arduino header pinout

Pin number	Circuit reference	Functionality
1	UNO_P0_5_ADC0_0 *	A0
2	UNO_P0_6_ADC0_8 *	A1
3	UNO_P0_19_ADC0_2 *	A2
4	UNO_P0_13_ADC0_9 *	A3
5	FXIO_D2	SDA
6	FXIO_D1	SCL

Special Pins. Analog function: 0 V to 1.8 V. Digital function: 0 V or 1.8 V.

NOTE

Arduino shield used should not exceed 200 mA power requirements through 3V3.

9.2 PMod connector

Connector J36 is an optional connector which can provide access for a remote host that support ISP mode. The SPI and I2C serial ports that support ISP boot shall be available at this connector, along with 2 GPIO/interrupt signals. One of the GPIO signals shall be ISP0, so an external host can select serial / serial master ISP boot (assuming ISP1 and ISP2 are pulled up internally to RT595).

Table 16. PMod connections

PMOD Pin	Circuit Reference	RT595 Port
Pin 1	RT_P1_14_SPI_SS0	P1_14
Pin 2	BRIDGE_INTR_ISP	P3_28
Pin 3	RT_P1_13_SPI_MOSI	P1_13
Pin 4	RT_P0_3_FC0_CTS	P0_3
Pin 5	RT_P1_12_SPI_MISO	P1_12
Pin 6	RT_P0_15_FC2_SCL	P0_15
Pin 7	RT_P1_11_SPI_CLK	P1_11
Pin 8	RT_P0_16_FC2_SDA	P0_16
Pins 9, 10	GND	n/a
Pins 11, 12	VDD_PMOD	VCC_1V8 (JS9)

9.3 I3C header

This header (J18) provides generic access to the I3C interface of the RT595 along with a ground signal. This signals are shared with the codec and amplifier.

9.4 USART header

Header JP25 is provided as a convenient way to use the USART with a serial to USB cable. Flexcomm 0 ports (P0_1 and P0_2) are used for this feature, since these ports are assigned for UART ISP mode. These ports are shared with the Link2 debug probe (LPC4322).

NOTE

When using this header ensure to disable the connection to the Link2. Disconnect JS27 and short JP4.

9.5 High-speed SPI header

Header JP26 provides generic access to the high-speed SPI interface of the RT595 along with a ground signal.

9.6 Additional expansion header

Table 17 shows the pinout for the additional 10-pin header J47.

Table 17. J47 Header pinout

Header pin	RT595 port
Pin 1	DCDC_3V3
Pin 2	GND
Pin 3	NC

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Table 17. J47 Header pinout (continued)

Header pin	RT595 port
Pin 4	PIO4_5
Pin 5	PIO4_1
Pin 6	PIO4_6
Pin 7	PIO4_3
Pin 8	PIO0_11
Pin 9	PIO3_14
Pin 10	PIO2_15

9.7 DMIC

MIMXRT595 EVK provides two DMIC interfaces described below.

9.7.1 On-board DMIC

The board incorporates a couple of DMICs on the board. Both DMICs share the data (PIO5_8) and clock (PIO5_4) signals and are directly routed the RT595.

NOTE

These pins are shared with the External DMIC. By default, on-board DMICS are selected (see R782). For further details, see board schematics.

9.7.2 DMIC daughter card connector

The board includes a 5x2 0.1" header with connection to the PDM DMIC interfaces of the RT595, for support of the 8 DMIC daughter board. 2 PDM microphones will be driven in pairs, one sampling data on each edge of the clock signal; therefore 4 clock, 4 data, one ground, and one power signal are required.

Table 18. External DMIC connections

Circuit reference	RT595 port
DMIC_PDM_CLK01	PIO5_4
DMIC_PDM_DAT01	PIO5_8
DMIC_PDM_DAT23	PIO3_1
DMIC_PDM_DAT45	PIO3_2
DMIC_PDM_DAT67	PIO3_3

Chapter 10

Known issues/errata for revision D

- Change R547, R548 with RES 12 K from 4.7 K.
- Update layout for DMICs:
 - Microphones U120 and U121 to be placed 66 cm apart.
 - Acoustic holes should face to the top and not to the bottom.

Chapter 11

Revision history

[Table 19](#) summarizes the changes made to this document since the initial release.

Table 19. Revision history

Revision number	Date	Substantive changes
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