

TPA6203A1 ***Audio Power Amplifier*** ***Evaluation Module***

User's Guide

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- ***TI Plug-N-Play Audio Amplifier Evaluation Platform*** (literature number SLOU011) provides detailed information on the evaluation platform and its use with TI audio evaluation modules.
- ***TPA6203A1 1.25-W Mono Fully Differential Audio Power Amplifier*** (literature number SLOS364) This is the data sheet for the TPA6203A1 audio amplifier integrated circuit.

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Introduction

This chapter provides an overview of the Texas Instruments (TI) TPA6203A1 MicroStar Junior™ BGA audio amplifier evaluation module (SLOP369). It includes a list of EVM features, a brief illustrated description of the module, and a list of EVM specifications.

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1.1 Feature Highlights

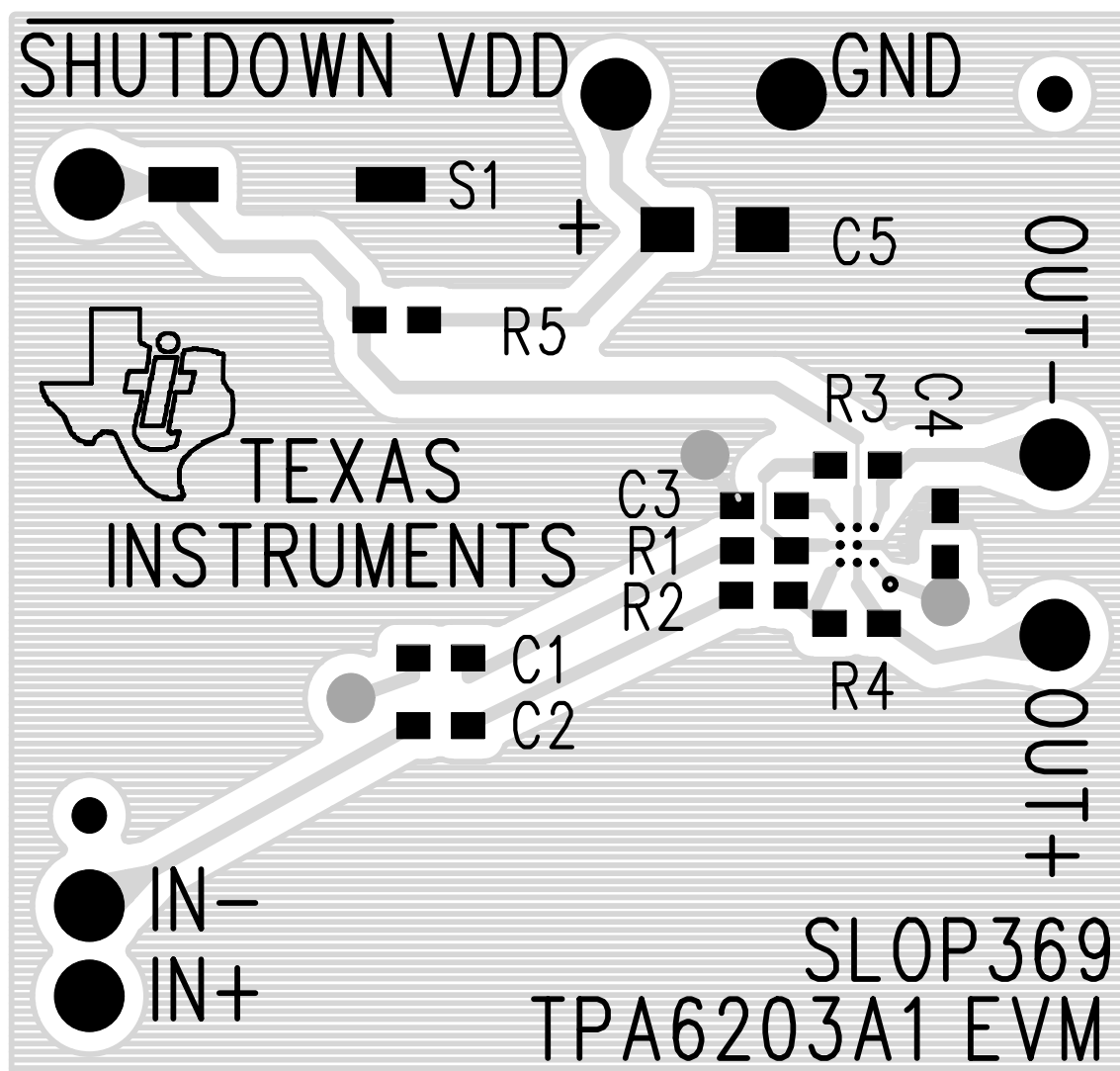
The TI TPA6203A1 audio amplifier evaluation module and the TI plug-n-play audio amplifier evaluation platform include the following features:

- TPA6203A1 Low-Voltage Audio Power Amplifier Evaluation Module
 - 2 mm x 2 mm MicroStar Junior™ BGA
 - Fully differential amplifier
 - Single channel, bridge-tied load (BTL)
 - 2.5-V and 5.5-V operation
 - 1.25-W output power into 8 Ω at 5 V, BTL
 - Internal depop and quick start-up circuitry
 - Internal thermal and short-circuit protection
 - Module gain is set at 5 V/V
- Quick and Easy Configuration With the TI Plug-n-Play Audio Amplifier Evaluation Platform
 - Evaluation module is designed to simply plug into the platform, automatically making all signal, control, and power connections.
 - Platform provides flexible power options.
 - Jumpers on the platform select power and module control options.
 - Switches on the platform route signals.
 - Platform provides quick and easy audio input and output connections.
- Platform Power Options
 - Onboard 9-V battery
 - External 5-V–15-V (V_{CC}) supply inputs
 - External regulated V_{DD} supply input
 - Socket for onboard 5-V/3.3-V V_{DD} voltage regulator EVM
 - Onboard overvoltage and reverse polarity power protection
- Platform Audio Input and Output Connections
 - Left and right RCA phono jack inputs
 - Miniature stereo phone jack input
 - Left and right RCA phono jack outputs
 - Left and right compression speaker terminal outputs
 - Miniature stereo headphone jack output

1.2 Description

The TPA6203A1 audio power amplifier evaluation module is a complete, low-power single-channel audio power amplifier. It consists of the TI TPA6203A1 1.25-W low-voltage audio power amplifier IC in a very small MicroStar Junior™ BGA package, along with a small number of other parts mounted on a circuit board that is approximately one and a quarter inches square (see Figure 1–1).

Figure 1–1. The TI TPA6203A1 Audio Amplifier Evaluation Module



† Due to the very small size of the MicroStar Junior™ BGA IC package, the standard part number TPA6203A1 is replaced with the code AADI.

Single in-line header pins are mounted to the underside of the module circuit board. These pins allow the EVM to be plugged into the TI plug-n-play audio amplifier evaluation platform or to be wired directly into existing circuits and equipment when used stand-alone.

The platform, which has room for a pair of TPA6203A1 evaluation modules, is a convenient vehicle for demonstrating TI's audio power amplifier and

related evaluation modules. The EVMs simply plug into the platform, which automatically provides power to the modules, interconnects them correctly, and connects them to a versatile array of standard audio input and output jacks and connectors. Easy-to-use configuration controls allow the platform and EVMs to quickly model many possible end-equipment configurations.

There is nothing to build, nothing to solder, and nothing but the speakers included with the platform to hook up.

1.3 TPA6203A1 EVM Specifications

Supply voltage range, V_{DD}	2.5 V to 5.5 V
Power supply current rating required	450 mA
Continuous output power, P_O : 8- Ω BTL, $V_{DD} = 5$ V	1.25 W
Audio input voltage, V_I	0 V to V_{DD} , max
Minimum load impedance, Z_L	8 Ω

Operation

Follow the steps in this chapter to prepare the TPA6203A1 audio amplifier EVM for use. Using the TPA6203A1 EVM with the TI plug-n-play audio amplifier evaluation platform is a quick and easy way to connect power, signal and control inputs, and signal outputs to the EVM, using standard connectors. However, the audio amplifier evaluation module can be used stand-alone by making connections directly to the module pins, and it can be wired directly into existing circuits or equipment.

The platform switch and jumper settings shown in Table 2–1 are typical for the TPA6203A1 EVM. They cause the TPA6203A1 amplifier IC on the EVM to shut down when a plug is inserted into platform headphone jack J10.

Table 2–1. Typical TI Plug-N-Play Platform Jumper and Switch Settings for the TPA6203A1 EVM

EVM	JP6	JP7	JP8	S2	S3
TPA6203A1	Mute	X	Lo	See Note 2	X

- Notes:**
- 1) X = Don't care
 - 2) Set S2 to ON when signal conditioning board is installed in U1; set S2 to OFF when no signal conditioning board is installed.

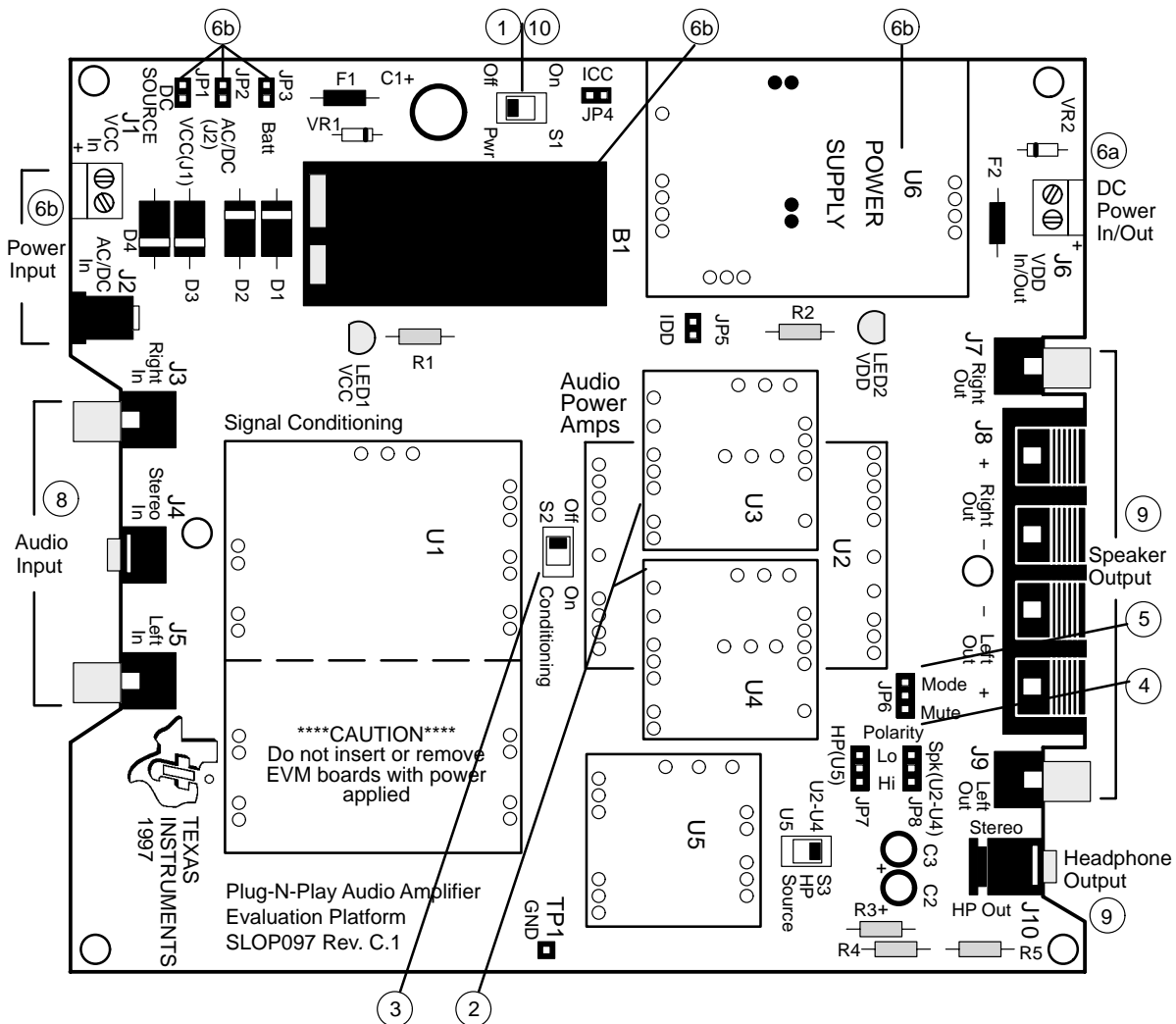
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2.1 Precautions

Power Supply Input Polarity and Maximum Voltage
 Always ensure that the polarity and voltage of the external power connected to V_{CC} power input connector J1, J2, and/or V_{DD} power input connector J6 are correct. Overvoltage or reverse-polarity power applied to these terminals can open onboard soldered-in fuses and cause other damage to the platform, installed evaluation modules, and/or the power source.

Inserting or Removing EVM Boards
 Do not insert or remove EVM boards with power applied—damage to the EVM board, the platform, or both may result.

Figure 2–1. Quick Start Platform Map



2.2 Quick Start List for Platform

Follow these steps when using the TPA6203A1 EVM with the TI plug-n-play audio amplifier evaluation platform (see the platform user's guide, SLOU011, for additional details). Numbered callouts for selected steps are shown in Figure 2–1.

□ Platform preparations

- 1) Ensure that all external power sources are set to off and that the platform power switch S1 is set to off.
- 2) Install a TPA6203A1 module in platform sockets U3 and U4 for stereo operation (or a module in either U3 or U4 for single channel operation), taking care to align the module pins correctly.
- 3) Use switch S2 to select or bypass the signal conditioning EVM (U1).
- 4) Set control signal polarity jumper JP8 to Lo.
- 5) Set jumper JP6 to select the mute control input (which causes the TPA6203A1 to shut down if a plug is inserted into platform headphone jack J10).

Table 2–2. Platform Jumper and Switch Settings for the TPA6203A1 EVM

EVM	JP6	JP7	JP8	S2	S3
TPA6203A1	Mute	X	Lo	See Note 2	X

Notes: 1) X = Don't care
 2) Set S2 to ON when signal conditioning board is installed in U1; set S2 to OFF when no signal conditioning board is installed.

□ Power supply

- 6) Select and connect the power supply:
 - a) Connect an external regulated power supply set to a voltage between 2.5 V and 5.5 V to platform V_{DD} power input connector J6, taking care to observe marked polarity,
or
 - b) Install a voltage regulator EVM (SLVP097 or equivalent.) in platform socket U6. Install a 9-V battery in B1 or connect a 7 V–12 V power source to a platform V_{CC} power input J1 or J2 and jumper the appropriate power input (see platform user's guide).

□ Inputs and outputs

- 7) Ensure that signal source level is set to minimum.
- 8) Connect the audio source to left and right RCA phono jacks J3 and J5 or to stereo miniature phone jack J4.
- 9) Connect 8- Ω –32- Ω speakers to left and right RCA jacks J7 and J9 or to stripped wire connector J8.

□ Power Up

- 10) Verify correct voltage and input polarity and set the external power supply to on. If V_{CC} and an on-board regulator EVM are used to provide V_{DD} , set platform power switch S1 to on.

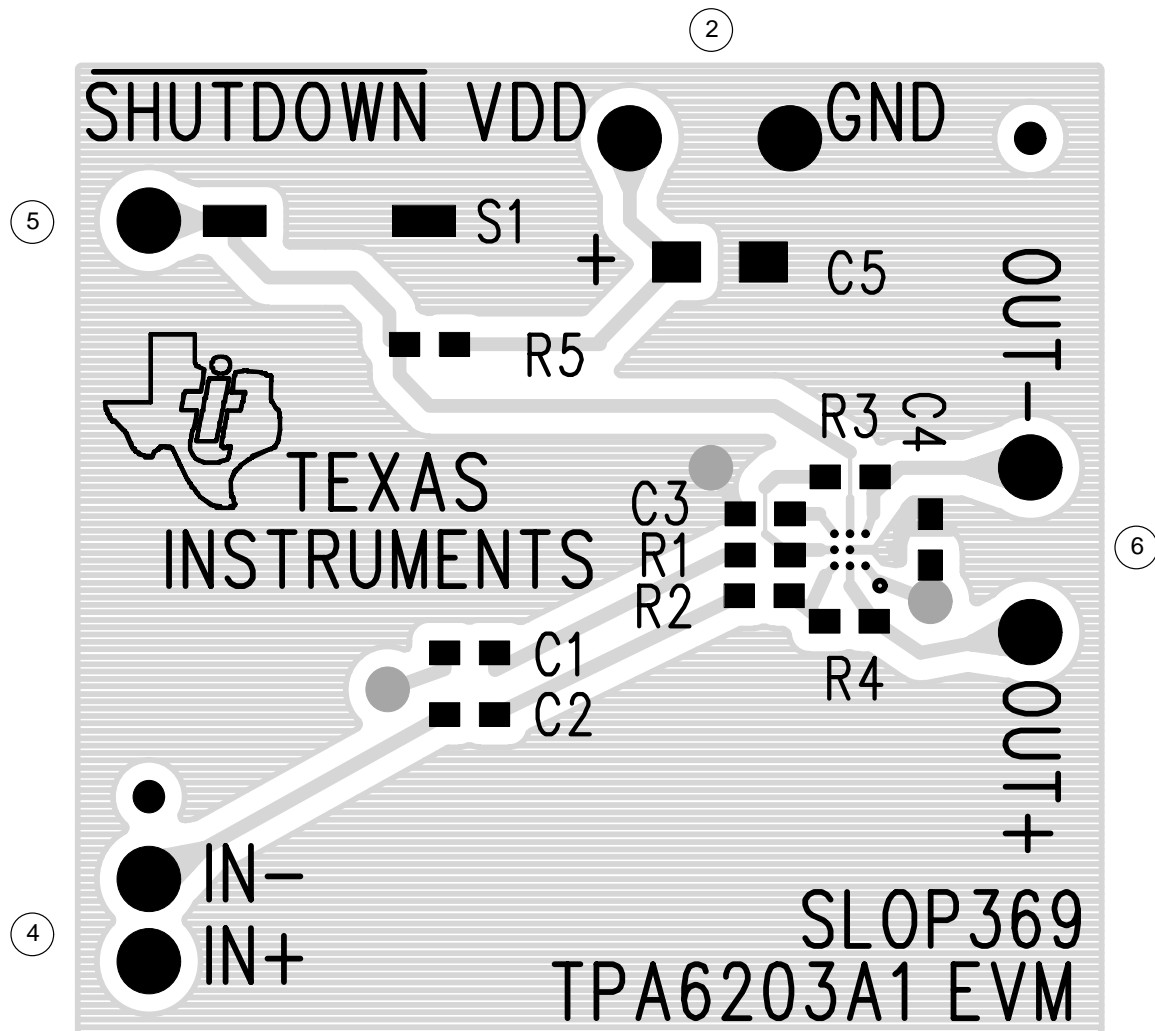
Platform LED2 lights, indicating the presence of V_{DD} , and the evaluation modules installed on the platform begin operation.

- 11) Adjust the signal source level as needed.

2.3 Quick Start List for Stand-Alone

Follow these steps to use the TPA6203A1 EVM stand-alone or when connecting it into existing circuits or equipment. Connections to the TPA6203A1 module header pins can be made via individual sockets, wire-wrapping, or soldering to the pins, either on the top or the bottom of the module circuit board. Numbered callouts for selected steps are shown in Figure 2–2.

Figure 2–2. Quick Start Module Map



‡ Due to the very small size of the MicroStar Junior™ BGA IC package, the standard part number TPA6203A1 is replaced with the code AADI.

Power supply

- 1) Ensure that all external power sources are set to *off*.
- 2) Connect an external regulated power supply set to 5 V to the module V_{DD} and GND pins, taking care to observe marked polarity.

Inputs and outputs

- 3) Ensure that the signal source level is set to minimum.
- 4) Connect the positive lead from the audio source to the module IN+ pin and the negative lead to the IN- pin.

- 5) Connect the SHUTDOWN pin through a normally open switch to GND.
- 6) Connect an 8- Ω –32- Ω speaker to the module OUT+ and OUT– pins.

Power Up

- 7) Verify correct voltage and input polarity and set the external power supply to on.

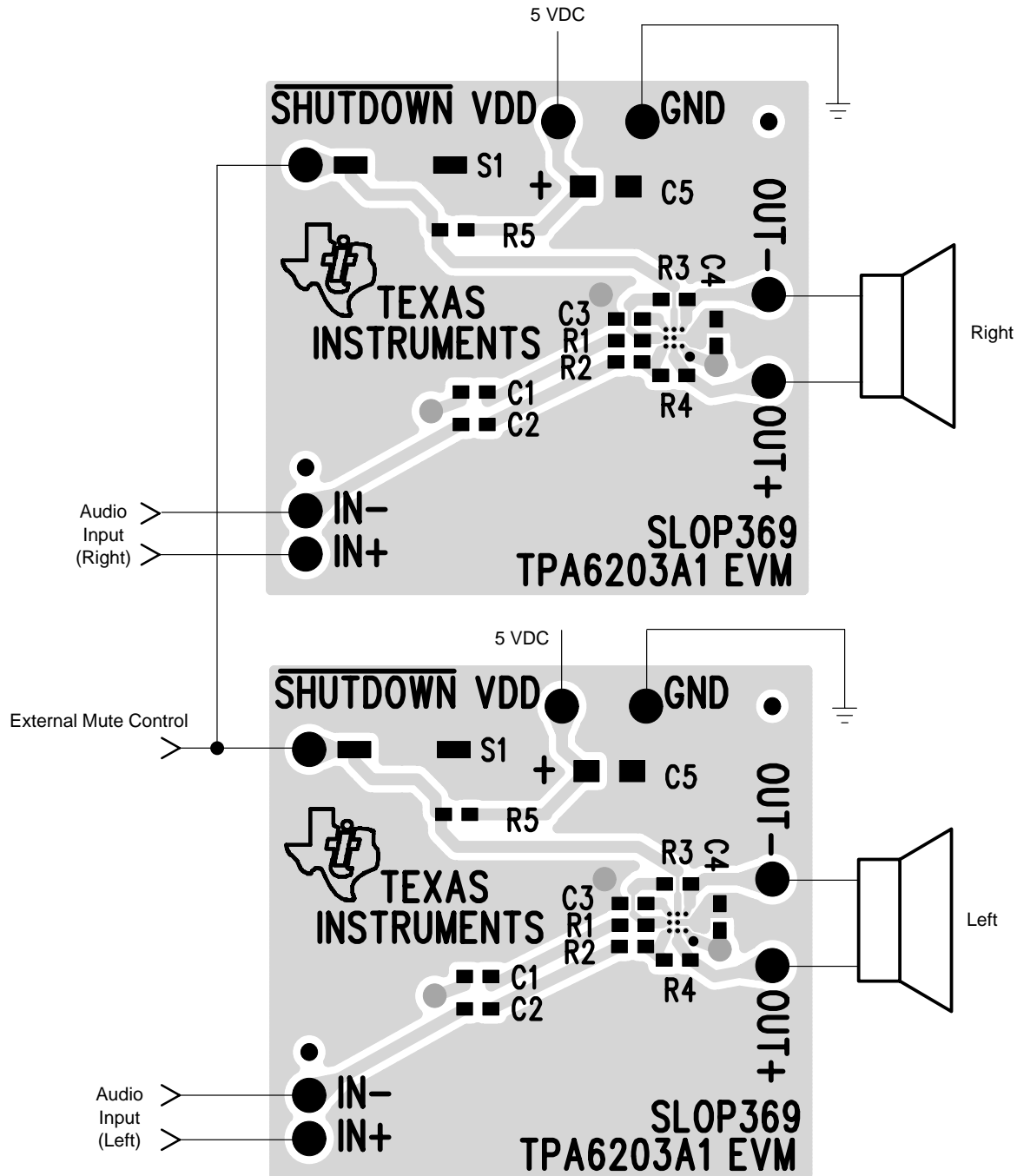
The EVM begins operation.

- 8) Adjust the signal source level as needed.

2.4 References

2.4.1 TPA6203A1 EVM Connected for Stereo BTL Output

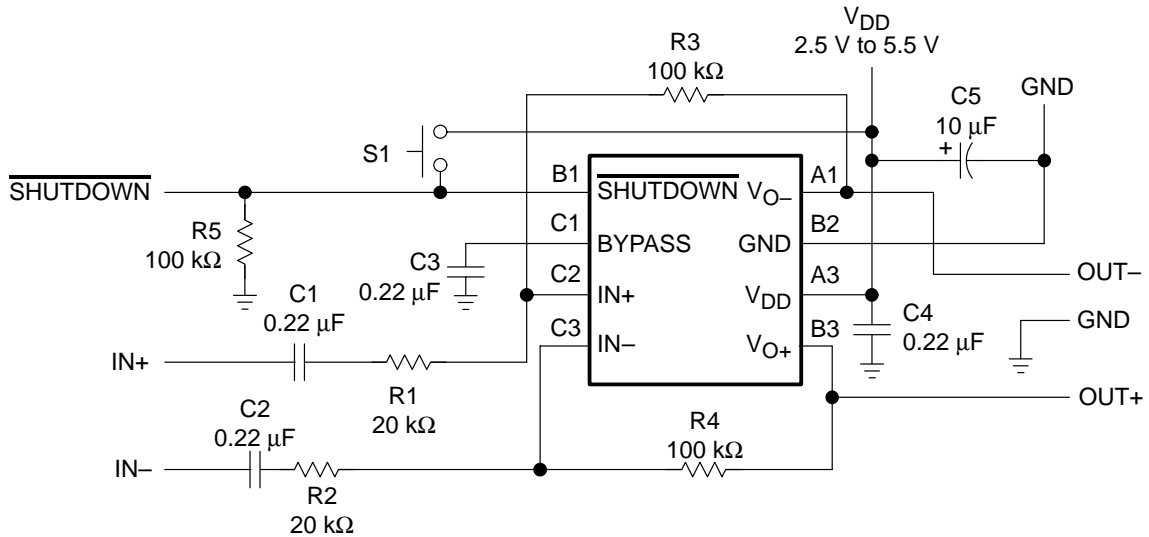
Figure 2–3. TPA6203A1 EVM Connected for Stereo BTL Output



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2.4.2 TPA6203A1 EVM Schematic Diagram

Figure 2–4. TPA6203A1 EVM Schematic Diagram



2.4.3 TPA6203A1 Audio Power Amplifier Evaluation Module Parts List

Table 2–3. TPA6203A1 EVM Parts List

Reference	Description	Size	Qty.	Manufacturer/ Part Number	Digi-Key Number
C5	Capacitor, 10 μ F, 6.3 V	A	1	Panasonic ECS-TOJY106R	Digi-Key PCS1106CT-ND
C1 – C4	Capacitor, 0.22 μ F, 80%/–20%, nonpolarized	0603	4	Panasonic ECJ–1VF1C224Z	Digi-Key PCC1790TR–ND
R1, R2	Resistor, 20 k Ω , 1/16 W, 1%	0603	2	Panasonic ERJ3RBF	
R3 – R5	Resistor, 100 k Ω , 1/16 W, 1%	0603	3	Panasonic	
S1	Switch, momentary		1	Panasonic P8048SCT-ND	Digi-Key P8048SCT-ND
	Terminal post headers		7	Sullins PTC36SABN	Digi-Key S1022-36-ND
U1	IC, TPA6203A1GQV [†] , audio amplifier, 1.25 W, mono	2mm x 2mm	1	TI TPA6203A1DGN	
PCB1	PCB, TPA6203A1 EVM		1		

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Note: All items are SMD except terminal posts.

2.4.4 TPA6203A1 EVM PCB Layers

The following illustrations depict the TPA6203A1 EVM PCB layers and silkscreen. These drawings are not to scale. Gerber plots can be obtained from any TI sales office.

Figure 2–5. TPA6203A1 EVM Top Layer

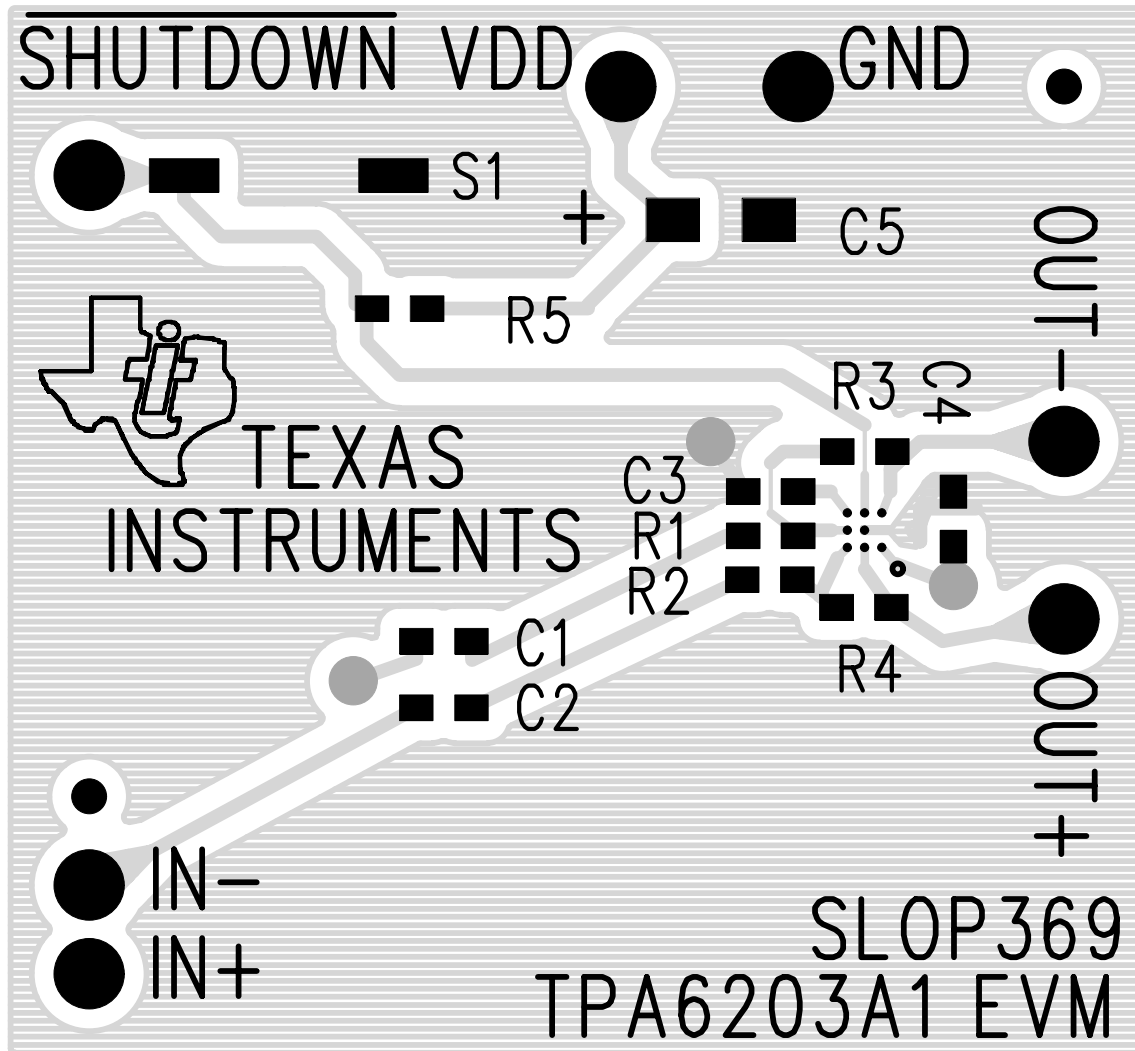


Figure 2–6. TPA6203A1 EVM Bottom Layer

