REF_Fridge_C101T_IM231 user guide

Refrigerator compressor driver reference design kit

About this document

Scope and purpose

This user guide provides an overview of the reference design board REF_Fridge_C101T_IM231 including its main features, key data, pin assignments and mechanical dimensions, and the guidance on how to run and design the motor with board.

The REF_Fridge_C101T_IM231 board is a complete reference design board designed for refrigerator compressors. It demonstrates the entire Infineon solution including CIPOS™ Micro Pro series IPM IM231-L6S1B, digital motor control IC iMOTION™ IMC101T-T038 and linear voltage regulators IFX54211MB V33.

The REF_Fridge_C101T_IM231 board is developed to support customers in designing their refrigerator compressor drivers with Infineon products.

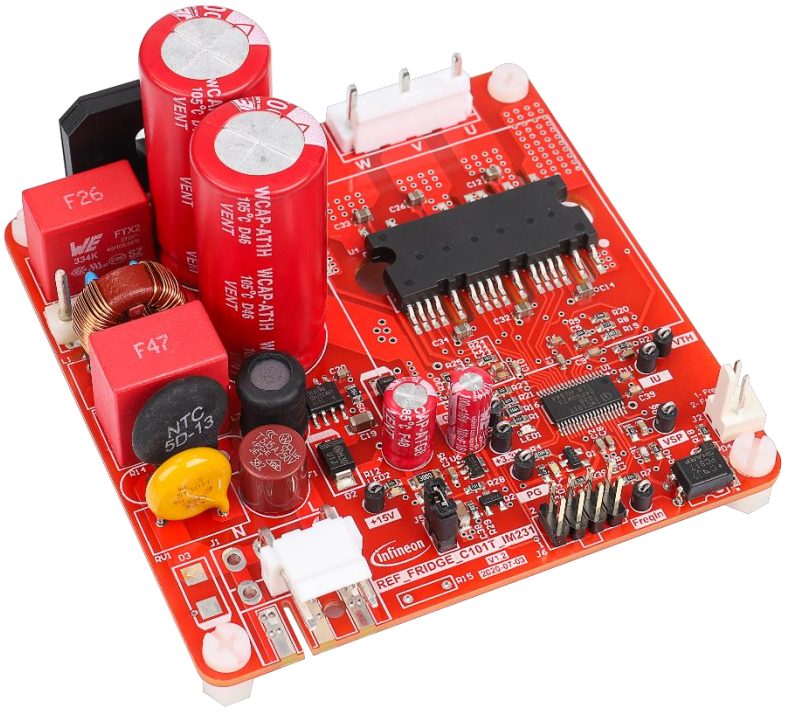
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Reference board/kit

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	**Warning:** *Remove or disconnect power from the drive before you disconnect or reconnect wires, or perform maintenance work. Wait five minutes after removing power to discharge the bus capacitors. Do not attempt to service the drive until the bus capacitors have discharged to zero. Failure to do so may result in personal injury or death.*
	**Caution:** *The heat sink and device surfaces of the evaluation or reference board may become hot during testing. Hence, necessary precautions are required while handling the board. Failure to comply may cause injury.*
	**Caution:** *Only personnel familiar with the drive, power electronics and associated machinery should plan, install, commission and subsequently service the system. Failure to comply may result in personal injury and/or equipment damage.*
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	**Caution:** *A drive that is incorrectly applied or installed can lead to component damage or reduction in product lifetime. Wiring or application errors such as undersizing the motor, supplying an incorrect or inadequate AC supply, or excessive ambient temperatures may result in system malfunction.*
	**Caution:** *The evaluation or reference board is shipped with packing materials that need to be removed prior to installation. Failure to remove all packing materials that are unnecessary for system installation may result in overheating or abnormal operating conditions.*

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1 The board at a glance

The REF_Fridge_C101T_IM231 reference design kit is a part of the iMOTION™ reference design kit for motor drives, which is aimed at driver applications for refrigerator compressors. The kit is a ready-to-use solution in combination with Infineon products such as CIPOS™ Micro Pro IPM IM231-L6S1B, digital motor control IC iMOTION™ IMC101T-T038 and linear voltage regulator IFX54211MB V33. It can easily be switched to a final mass-production application board, and has a fast time to market.

The REF_Fridge_C101T_IM231 reference board is available from Infineon. The features of this board are described in Chapter 1.3 of this document (UG-2020-17). The remaining sections provide information to enable customers to copy, modify and qualify the design for production according to their own specific requirements.

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1.1 Delivery content

The delivery content only contains the board as Figure 2 shown, the detail ordering information is indicated in the Table 2.

The iMOTION™ Link cable shown in the Figure 4 is mandatory for the tuning, and it is not included in the delivery content, please order it if you do not have, ordering information can be found in the section 5.3.

Table 2 Delivery content

Base part number	Package	Standard pack		Orderable part number
		Form	Quantity	
REF_Fridge_C101T_IM231		Boxed	1	REFFRIDGEC101TIM231TOBO1

1.2 Block diagram

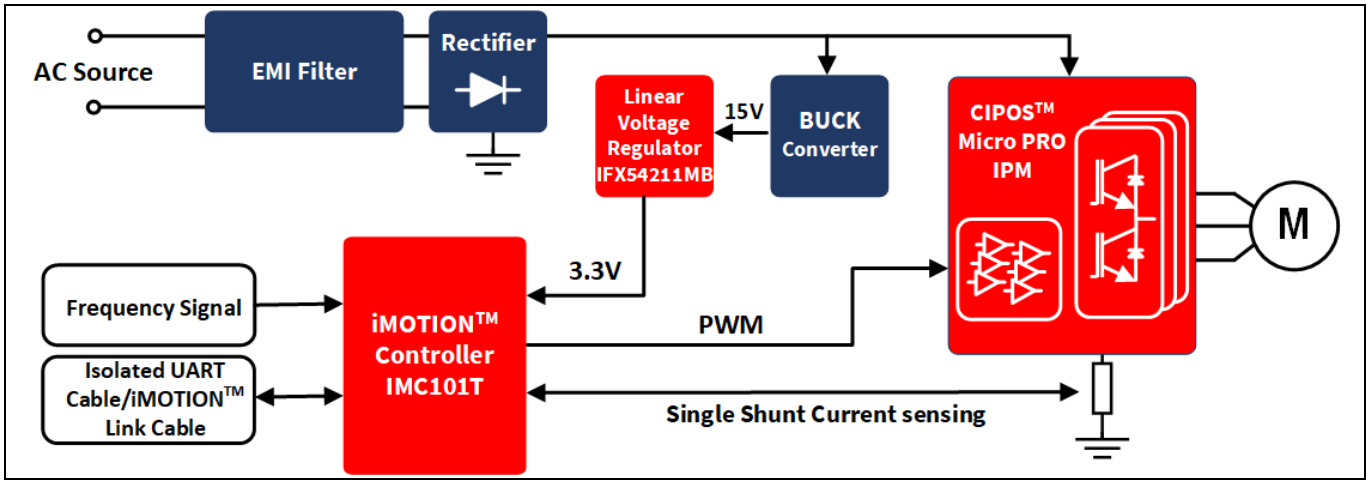
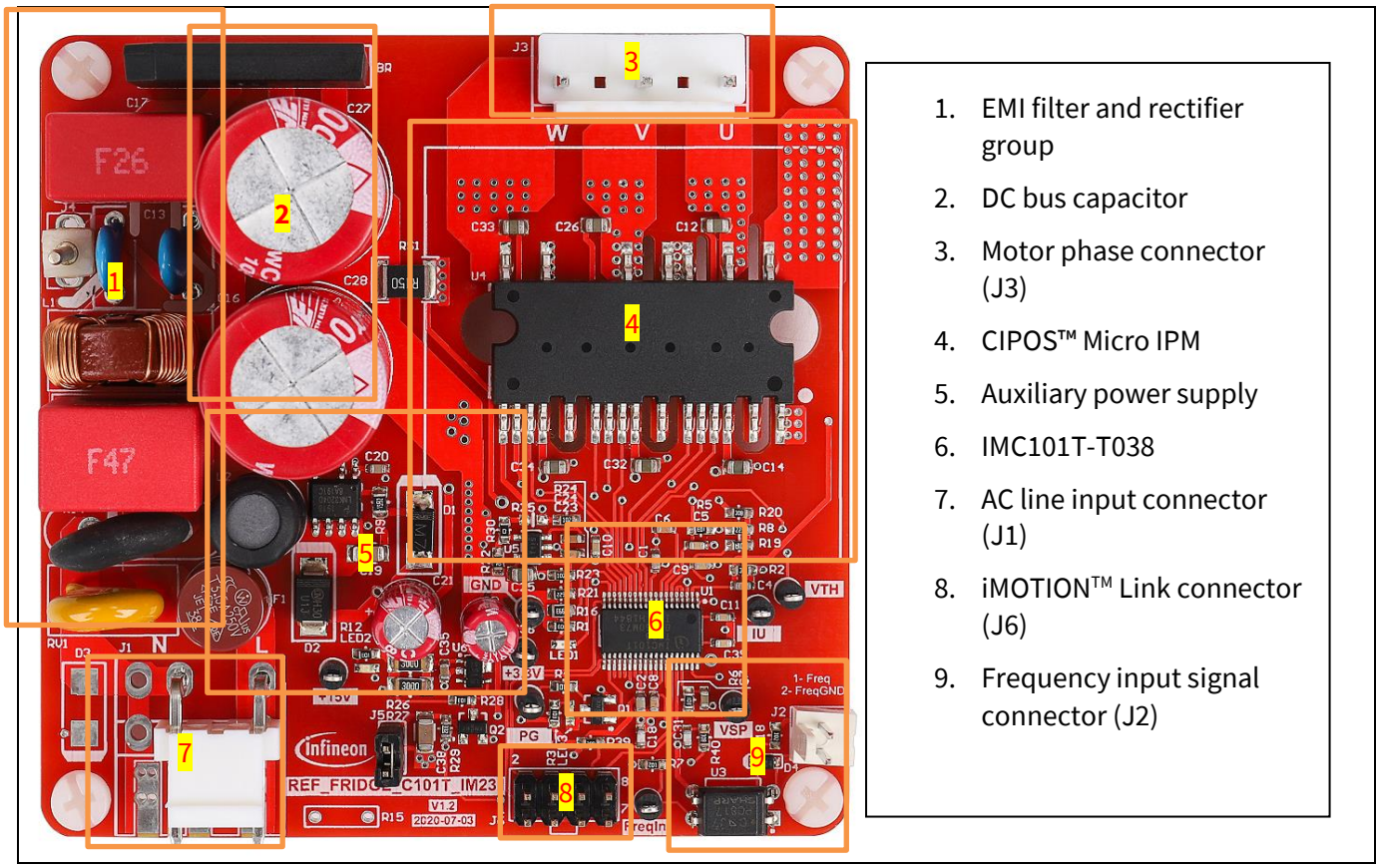


Figure 1 The block diagram of the REF_Fridge_C101T_IM231 reference board

The board at a glance

Figure 1 shows the reference design kit REF_Fridge_C101T_IM231. This document explains the features and details.

Figure 2 depicts the functional groups of the board. Connecter definition details are described in section 0; please see this section if you need more information.



1. EMI filter and rectifier group
2. DC bus capacitor
3. Motor phase connector (J3)
4. CIPOS™ Micro IPM
5. Auxiliary power supply
6. IMC101T-T038
7. AC line input connector (J1)
8. iMOTION™ Link connector (J6)
9. Frequency input signal connector (J2)

Figure 2 Functional groups on top side of board

1.3 Main features

REF_Fridge_C101T_IM231 is a complete reference design board including a 3-phase IPM for motor drive applications. The kit demonstrates Infineon's IPM technology for motor drives.

Main features of IPM IM231-L6S1B include [1]:

- Based on low $V_{CE(sat)}$ TRENCHSTOP™ IGBT6
- Integrated bootstrap function
- All 6 switches turn off during protection
- Accurate overcurrent protection (±5%)
- Fault reporting and programmable fault clear
- Built-in temperature sensor
- Isolation 2000 V_{RMS}, 1 min
- Motor power rating up to 400 W at 10 kHz
- UL-certified

Main features of iMOTION™ controller IMC101T include [2]:

- Motion control engine as ready-to-use controller solution for sensorless and Hall-sensor motor drives
- Field-oriented control (FOC) for permanent magnet synchronous motor (PMSM/BLDC)
- Optional support for Hall sensors (analog or digital)
- Space vector PWM with sinusoidal commutation and integrated protection features
- Current sensing via single shunt or leg shunt
- Integrated analog comparators for overcurrent protection
- Integrated scripting engine for application flexibility
- 3.3 V or 5.0 V supply voltage options for controller
- Flexible host interface options for speed commands: UART, SPI, PWM or analog signal
- Class B pre-certification (IEC60335) for MCE2.0 firmware

For more information about the above-mentioned products, refer to the corresponding reference material.

1.4 Board parameters and technical data

Table 3 depicts the important specifications of the reference design REF_Fridge_C101T_IM231.

Table 3 REF_Fridge_C101T_IM231 board specifications

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions / comments	Value	Unit
Operation input voltage	V_{ac}	Lower AC input, less motor power output	165 ~ 265	V_{rms}
Maximum input current	$I_{ac(max)}$	Input 220 V_{AC}, T_a=25°C	1.5	A_{rms}
Maximum input power	$P_{in(max)}$	Input 220 V_{AC}, f_{PWM}=5 kHz, T_a=25°C, T_{case}= 100°C without heat sink	200	W
Maximum motor current	$I_{mtr(max)}$	Input 220 V_{AC}, f_{PWM}=5 kHz, T_a=25°C, T_{case}= 100°C without heat sink	0.6	A_{rms}
Maximum DC bus voltage	$V_{dc(max)}$		400	V
Shunt Resistance	R_{sh}		150	mΩ
Protection				
Current protection trigger level	I_{trip}	Level by external comparator circuit	3.05 [1]	A_{peak}
Thermal protection level	$T_{protection}$	Temperature gap between junction and NTC (negative temperature coefficient) sensor needs to be considered; recommended is a setting of 105°C or less	105	°C
Auxiliary power supply 1 - 15V				
Output voltage	V_{out1}		15 ± 5%	V
Maximum output current	I_{out1}		100	mA
Auxiliary power supply 2 - 3.3V				
Output voltage	V_{out2}		3.3 ± 5%	V
Maximum output current	I_{out2}		150	mA
PCB characteristics				
Dimension		Length × width × height	78×78×46	mm
Material		1.6 mm thickness, 1 oz. copper	FR4	

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions / comments	Value	Unit
System environment				
Ambient temperature	T_a	Non-condensing, maximum RH of 95%	0 ~ 50	°C

Note: *1. For iMOTION™ IC IMC1xx, there are three types of Gatekill input source options in MCEWizard setup. If "comparator" mode is selected, the external Gatekill signal will be not used, and the signal V_{Shunt} will be compared by the internal comparator with the "Device overcurrent trigger level setting" value set in MCEWizard.*

2 System and functional description

2.1 Commissioning

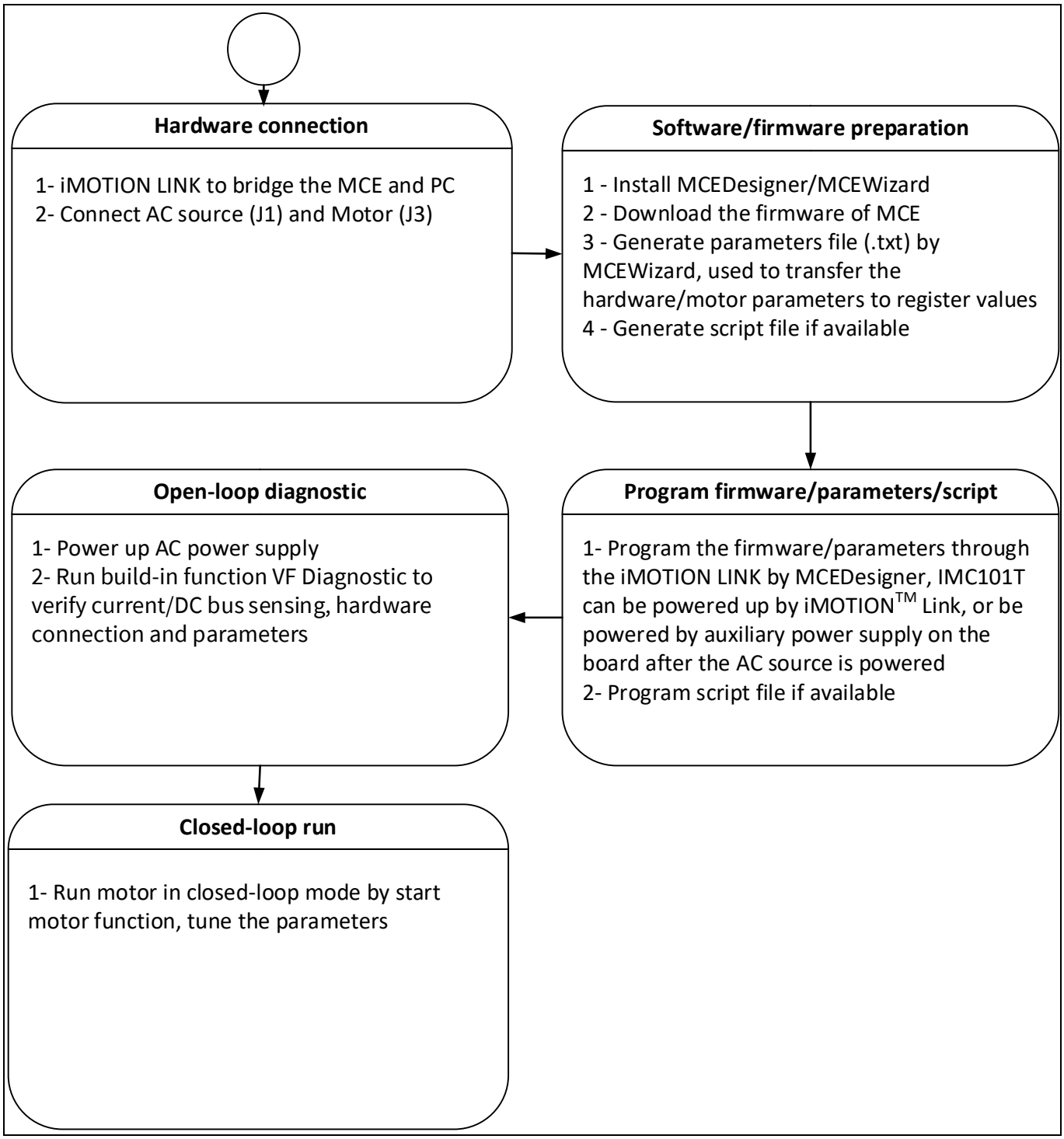


Figure 3 Basic process for running the motor the first time

This section describes how to get the system working when user first installs the board (refer to Figure 3 for general steps). The following items detail these steps. For those who are already familiar with the system, or have already run the board, unnecessary steps can be skipped depending on user's actual situation. For more in-depth commissioning requirements, please refer to the MCE reference manual or the corresponding reference material [5][6][7].

2.1.1 Hardware connection

Figure 4 shows the hardware connection details for the reference design board.

The iMOTION™ Link cable is needed to bridge the PC/debugger side and motor drive system (the target iMOTION™ device, hot side) with 1 kV DC galvanic isolation. Users can go to section 5.3 for more information about iMOTION™ Link.

1. Connect iMOTION™ Link's 8-pin cable to J6 with default pin order, and connect PC and iMOTION™ Link with the USB wire.
2. Then connect AC power supply (J1) and the motor (J3).

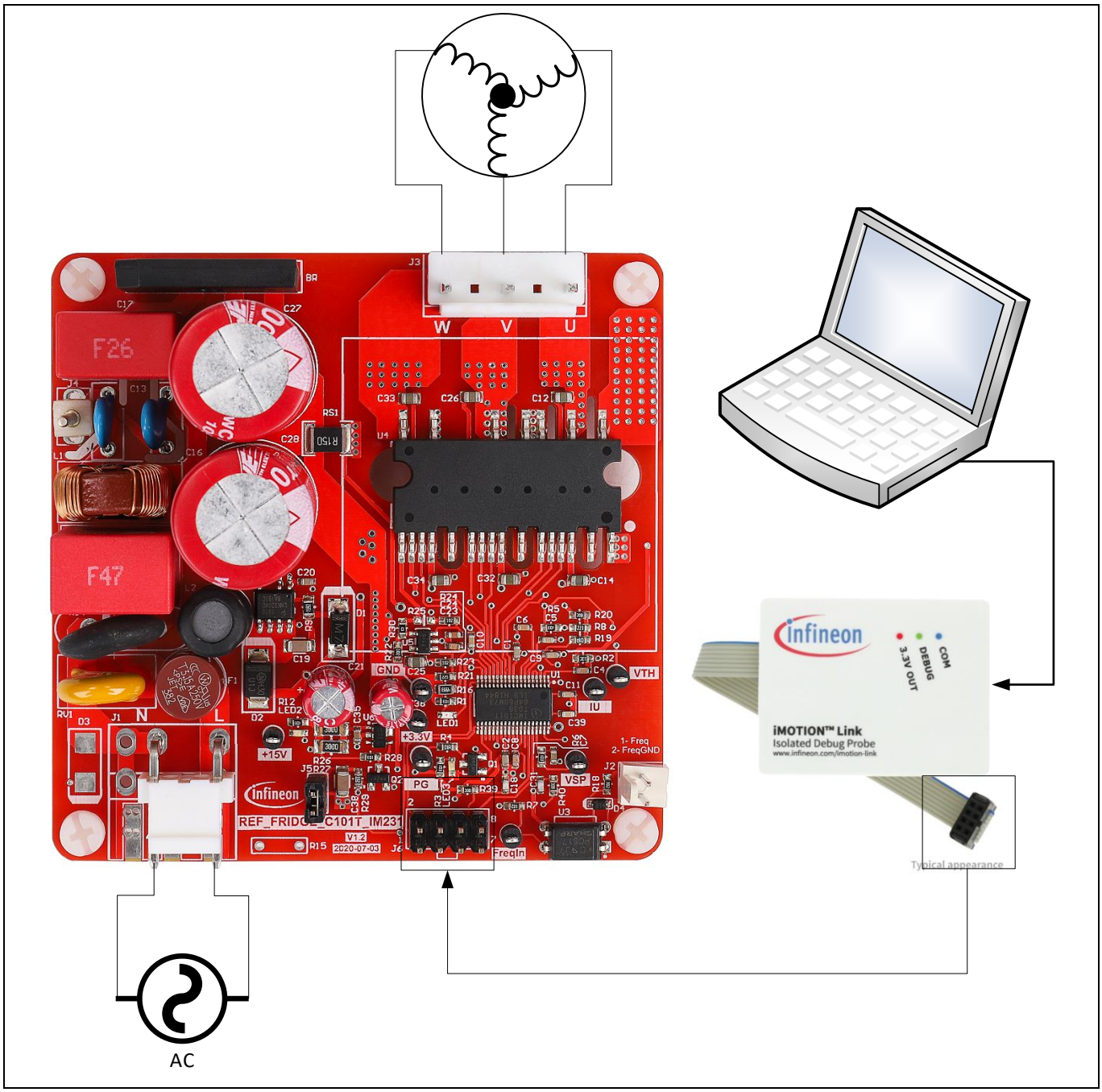


Figure 4 Hardware connection details

2.1.2 Software/firmware preparation

1. The iMOTION™ software tools MCEDesigner and MCEWizard are required in order to initially set up the system, as well as to control and fine-tune the system performance to match the user's exact needs. These tools are available for download via the Infineon website (http://www.infineon.com/imotion-software). Please check this page periodically for tool/software updates.
2. The MCE firmware then has to be downloaded on our website; select the proper version of the firmware based on your requirements. Included in the package are the firmware ('.ldf'), default parameters ('.txt'), the default map file ('.map'), the file for the MCEDesigner ('.irc') and other documents.
3. Generate your parameters' file.

- Use MCEWizard to enter the target motor's system and operating parameters, as well as reference board's hardware parameters, which will then be used to calculate the controller's digital parameter set representing the complete motor drive system.
- After system and operating parameters are set, go to the "Verify & Save Page" and click on "Calculate" button. If no errors are reported, then save the drive parameter set in your project directory by clicking "Export to Designer file (.txt)" (Figure 7); if some errors are detected, double-click on the error message (highlighted in red) and adjust the related parameters. Saved drive system parameter file will be later used for programmers.

Note: *After you log-in on myInfineon, you could download the default MCEwizard file (.mc2) for this board, you only need to modify the parameters related to your motor to make things easier and save time.*

4. Generate the script if available. For users who are tuning the board for the first time, it is recommended not to use this function first, but to add the script function after the motor commissioning is completed.

2.1.3 Program firmware/parameters/script

The REF_Fridge_C101T_IM231 reference design kit is shipped with pre-programmed firmware and default parameters, since the functional tests were done before shipment. Users need to program their parameters, as the motor is different from the one under test.

The following steps have to be performed in order to achieve a usable motor controller IC from a blank IMC101T:

- Program the firmware of the motion control engine (MCE)
- Program parameter sets for system and motor
- Program customer script file (optional)

Or

- Program the combined file, which is combined by MCEWizard containing all three items above. Customer script file is optional depending on whether it is available. The combined file is usually used for production, since it only needs to be programmed once.

The programming process is as follows:

1. Start the MCEDesigner tool and open MCEDesigner default configuration file (.irc) for IMC101T device (IMC101T_Vxxx.irc) by clicking "File" > "Open".

Note: *The IMC101T_Vxxx.irc file is included in the downloaded firmware package "IMC101T MCE Software Package."*

2. Power the iMOTION™ control IC with 3.3 V. It is recommended to program the IC with the 3.3 V isolated power supply that comes from the iMOTION™ Link. There is a switch on the iMOTION™ Link to enable the 3.3 V output. The iMOTION™ control IC will also be powered by the onboard auxiliary power supply after the AC source is powered, but caution due to high voltage.
3. MCEDesigner should automatically connect to the board using default COM port (indicated by green circle next to “COMx Up” status in the bottom frame of the MCEDesigner GUI) when iMOTION™ control IC is powered. If it cannot establish the connection due to an incorrect COM port, change COM port by doing the following: click on the “System Page” window and then click on “Preferences > Connection > Connect using,” and choose one of the other available COM ports from the drop-down list.
4. (In the case of a blank IC) If the firmware has been erased from the IMC101T, the following warning message will pop up “Target device firmware and parameters file are not programmed! Please program firmware and parameters file” as Figure 5. Then you can program as described in the step 5. If it is not the blank IC, no such message will be indicated.

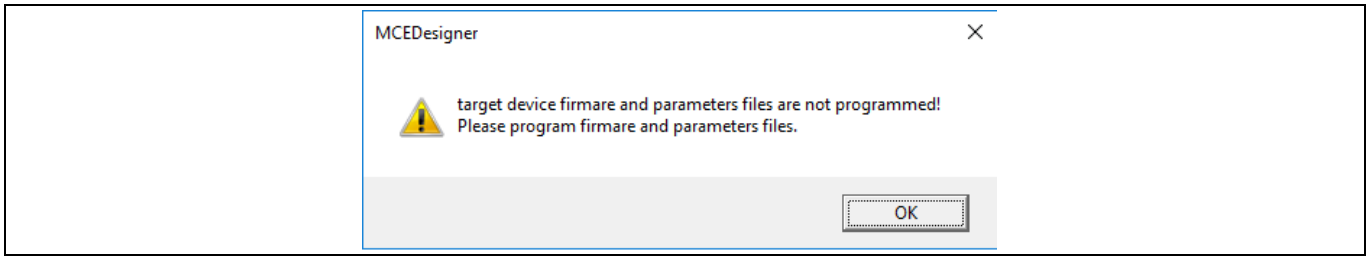


Figure 5 MCEDesigner warning message

5. Use the following steps to program the firmware and the parameters’ file into the internal flash memory of iMOTION™ Control IC: click on system page, click “Tools” > “Programmer” and select “Program Firmware and Parameters.” Shown as in Figure 6 below. The encrypted firmware is available at “IMC101T MCE Software Package;” regarding the parameters’ file, browse and select the’.txt’ file in Section 2.1.2.

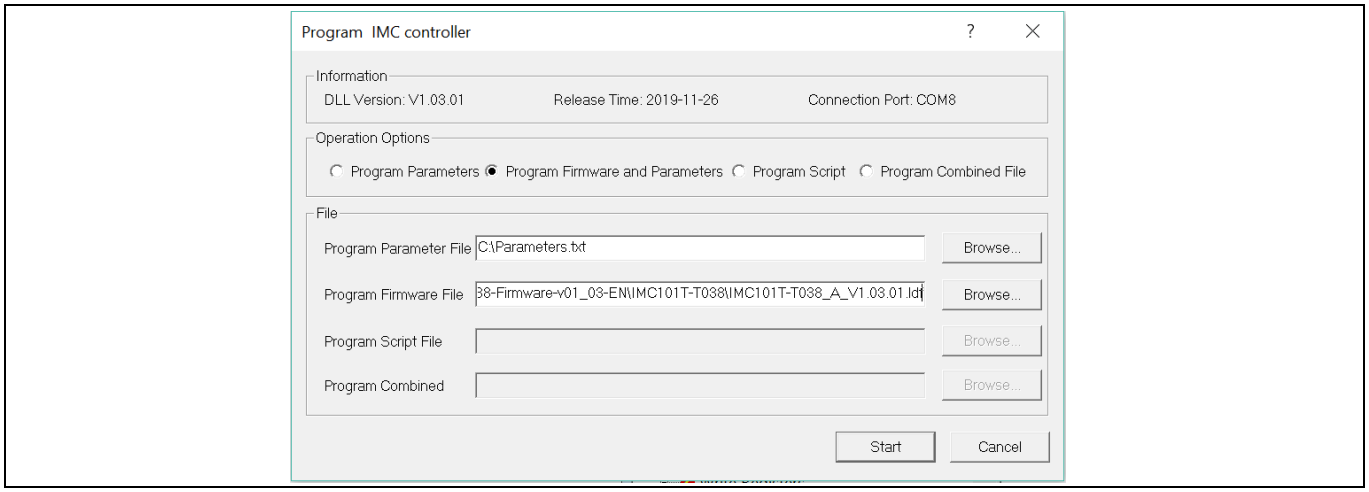


Figure 6 Program the parameters and firmware

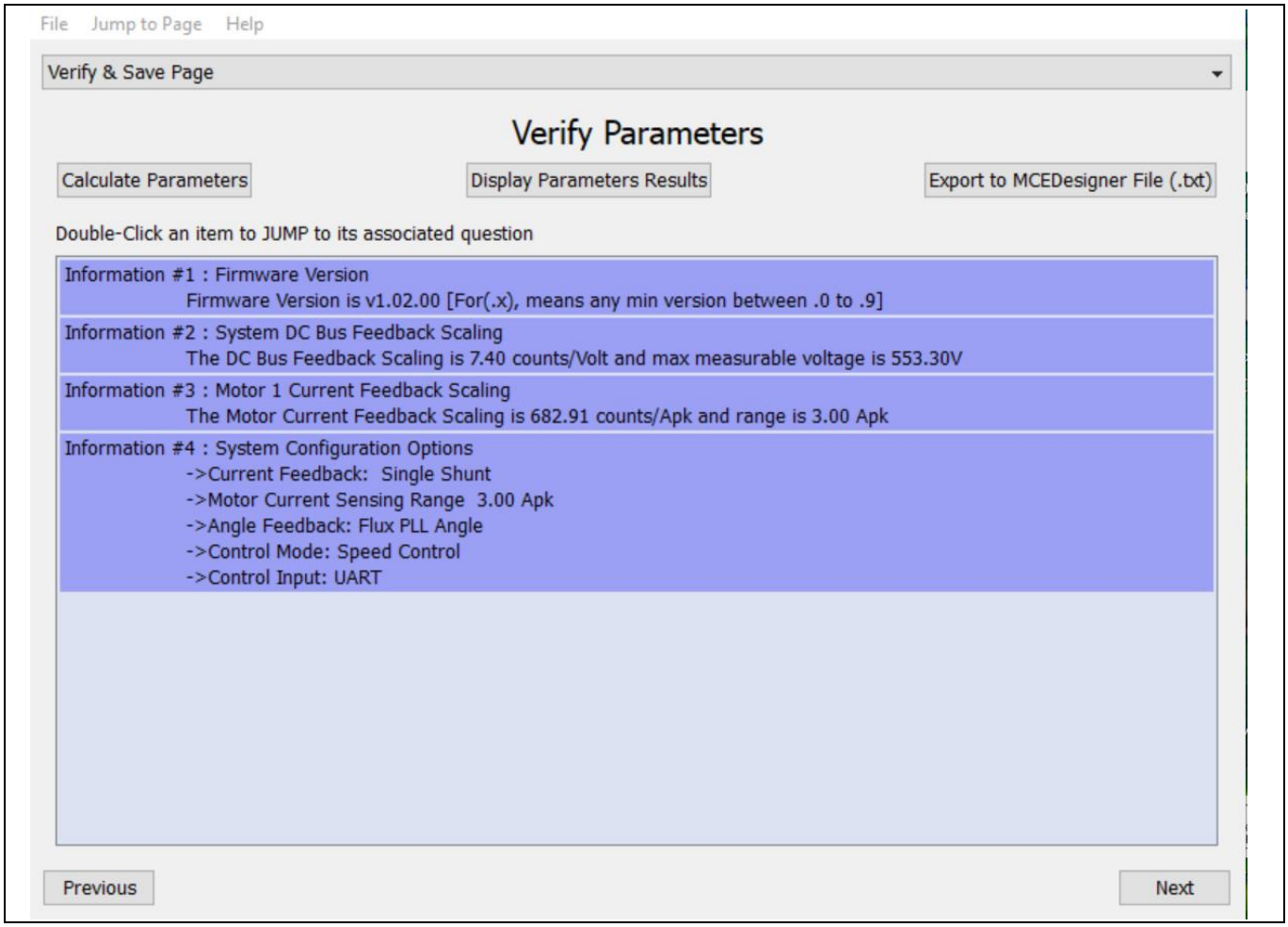


Figure 7 MCEWizard verify and save page

2.1.4 Open-loop diagnostic

Double click the “VF Diagnostic” function in motor1 page, and monitor the motor current with oscilloscope. If the motor current is not sinusoidal, change the TargetSpeed and Vd_Ext in VF Diagnostic sub-function, then double click “VF Diagnostic,” until the oscilloscope shows a steady sinusoidal current, with an amplitude of 30~50% motor rate current.

Double click “Iu & Iv_Slow” in System page - Monitor Definitions. The motor current feedback should be very clean and sinusoidal, as shown in Figure 8; otherwise please tune “Gating Propagation Delay & Phase Shift Window Size” in MCE Wizard.

“VF Diagnostic” sub-function can verify:

- If motor is connected correctly
- If the IPM works as expected
- If current-sensing related parameters are correctly configured
- If PCB layout and DC bus decoupling has been done correctly

  After the “VF Diagnostic” is done, click STOP button (the red traffic light button) or run “Stop Motor” function to stop the motor.

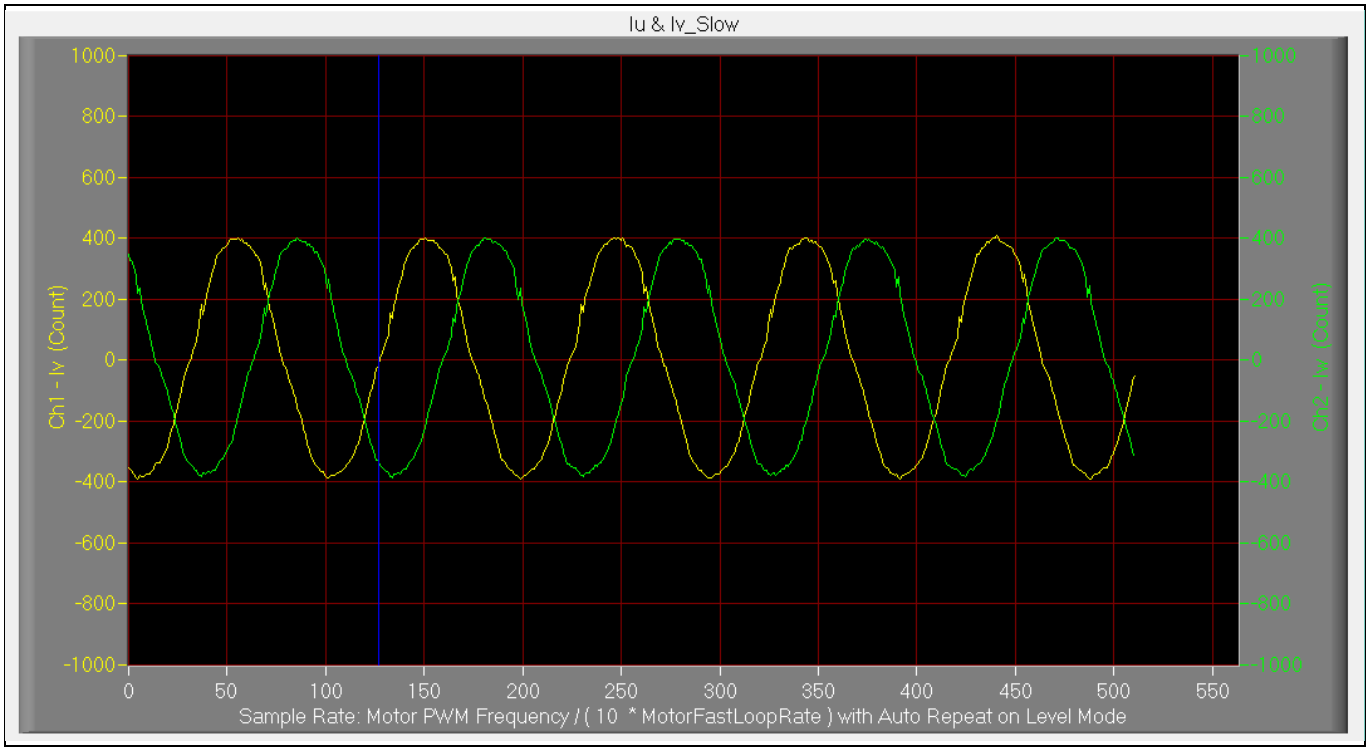


Figure 8 Trace waveform for Iu & Iv open loop diagnostic

2.1.5 Closed-loop run

If the VF Diagnostic works correctly, the hardware circuit and signal sampling will work normally, at which point we can try to run the motor in a closed-loop mode. The steps are listed below.

1. Start the motor by clicking the green traffic light button in the control bar (or double-click “Start Motor” function on Motor1 page, which is in the group of user application function definitions). The motor will run if the above step works well.
2. Check the motor spin direction, adjust the motor winding’s connection order, or set negative TargetSpeed in MCE Designer if the direction is wrong.
3. Set TargetSpeed to about 50% of maximum speed, start “Iu & Flx_M” trace with “Auto Repeat On Level,” see Figure 9. Flx_M is good within the range of 2000~2500 (rated value is 2048), and must be steady and DC-like.

Here are some key tips for better motor-performance tuning:

- If Flx_M is not steady (swing or oscillation), the motor parameters, speed loop PI gain, flux Estimator time constant and PLL PI bandwidth (parameters PLLKp & PLLKi) and related setup need to be checked.
- If Flx_M is very noisy, the current feedback and V_{dc}-related hardware and parameters need to be checked.
- If Flx_M does not come close to 2048, the “Motor Back EMF Constant (Ke)” needs to be adjusted in MCE Wizard.

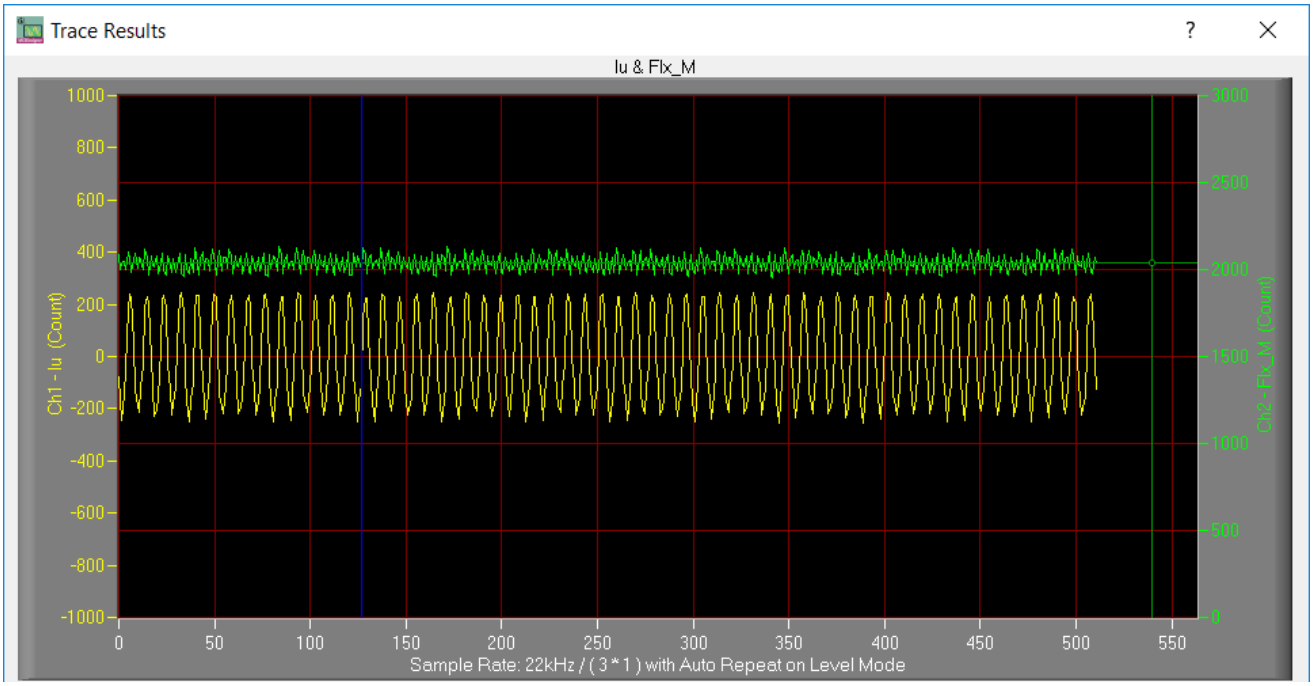


Figure 9 Trace waveform for Iu & Flx-M at 50% Speed

4. Once the firmware has been programmed, and a new parameter file has to be programmed, follow the same instructions given in 2.1.3. In this case, the firmware programming is no longer needed, and you can select the first option “Program Parameters.”

Note: For detailed information on controller programming, refer to AN2018-33 iMOTION™ 2.0 Device Programming, MCEDesigner documentation and MCEWizard documentation.

2.2 Description of the functional blocks

2.2.1 IPM

The inverter section is implemented using the CIPOS™ Micro Pro IPM IM231-L6S1B as sketched in Figure 10. IM231-L6S1B is the CIPOS™ Micro 600 V, a 6 A, three-phase IGBT-based intelligent power module with an open emitter in SOP 29x12 packaging. It provides a fully-featured compact inverter solution for low power motor drive applications including refrigerators, small home appliances, low power industrial drives, etc. The module includes a combination of low VCE (sat) trench IGBT technology and the industry-benchmark, rugged half-bridge drivers. More information about this IPM is available in the reference [2].

The current sampling on this board is implemented by single shunt topology with 150 mΩ resistor. The three capacitors C14, C32 and C34 are used as bootstrap capacitors to provide the necessary floating supply voltages VBS1, VBS2 and VBS3, respectively.

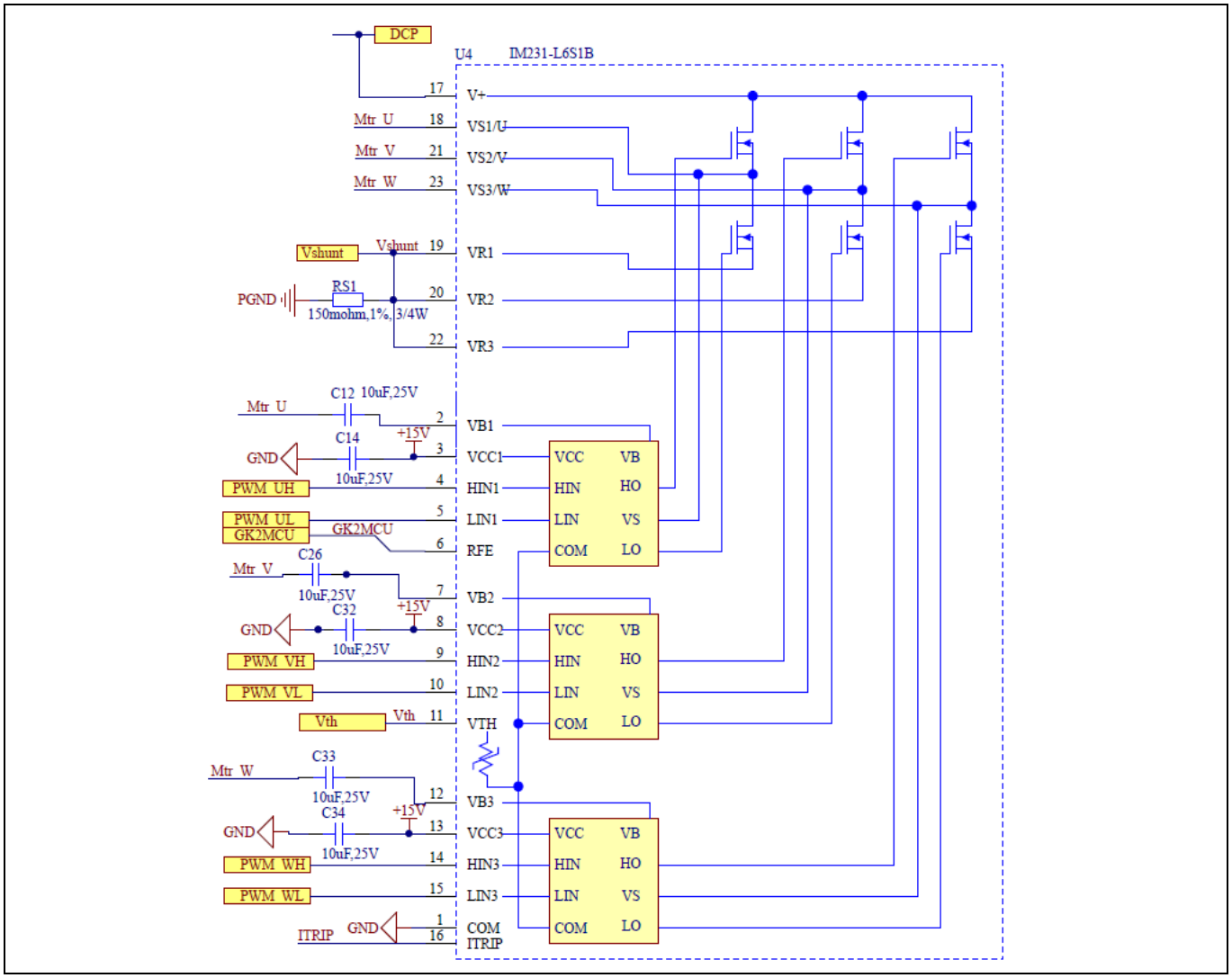


Figure 10 IPM and peripheral circuit

2.2.2 DC bus sensing and MCEWizard configuration

Figure 11 provides the DC bus sensing resistor details on the reference design.

The high-side resistors are 2 MΩ and the low-side resistor is 13.3 kΩ. The default DCBusSense voltage results in a range of 0 to 3.3 V on the ADC input reflecting a range of 0 to 500 V.

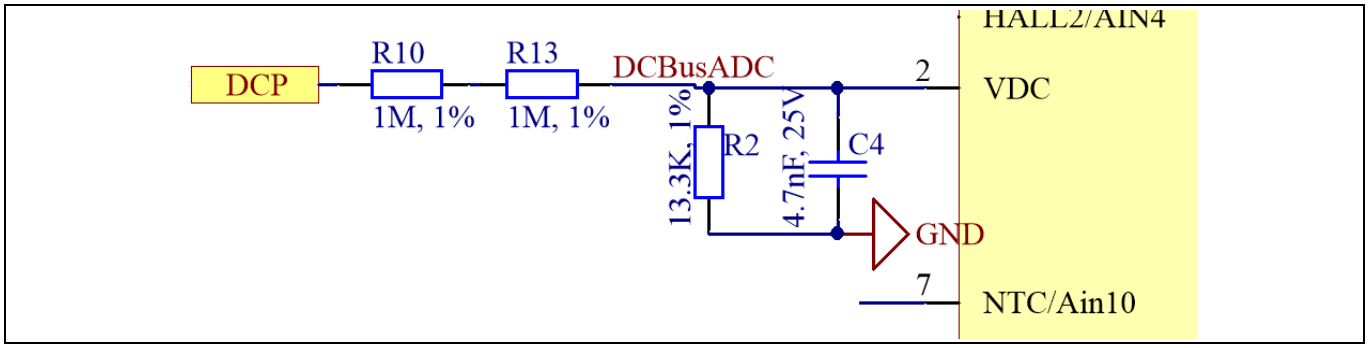


Figure 11 DC bus sensing part

The hardware parameters need to be configured in MCEWizard as show in Figure 12.

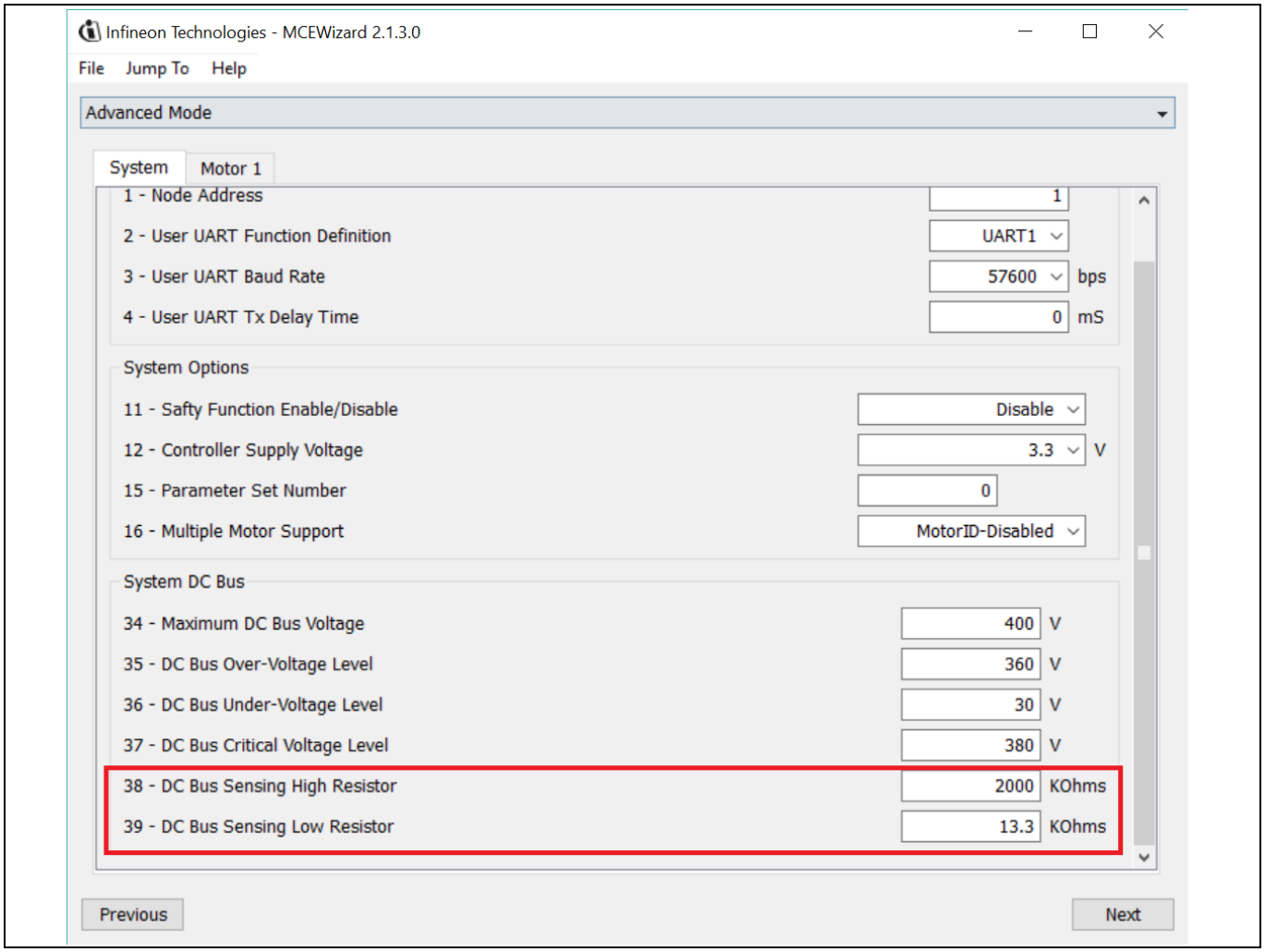


Figure 12 DC bus sensing configuration in MCEWizard

The time constant of the V_{dc} sensing low pass filter is ((R10 + R13) // R15) * C4 = (2 MΩ // 13.3 kΩ) * 4.7 nF = 62.1 µs. C17 can be adjusted to higher capacitance for clean V_{dc} sensing.

2.2.3 Current sensing and overcurrent protection

2.2.3.1 Current sensing

The current sensing on this board uses only the RC network for operational bias and low pass filter to minimize the cost. No additional operational amplifier is needed.

Based on the principle of Kirchhoff's voltage law, and assuming the AD port input impedance is infinite, you obtain the equation below:

$$V_{ADC} = \frac{(V_{cc} - V_{shunt})}{R_1 + R_2} * R_1 + V_{shunt}$$

The equation can be transformed to two parts as shown here:

$$V_{ADC} = \frac{R_2 * V_{shunt}}{R_1 + R_2} + \frac{R_1 * V_{cc}}{R_1 + R_2}$$

The impedance of the RC network is much larger than the R_{shunt}, so it can be assumed that:

$$V_{shunt} = I_{shunt} * R_{shunt}$$

V_{ADC} can then be written as:

$$V_{ADC} = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} * R_{shunt} * I_{shunt} + \frac{R_1 * V_{cc}}{R_1 + R_2}$$

Where $\frac{R_1 * V_{cc}}{R_1 + R_2}$ is the offset, and $\frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} * R_{shunt}$ is the gain of the shunt current.

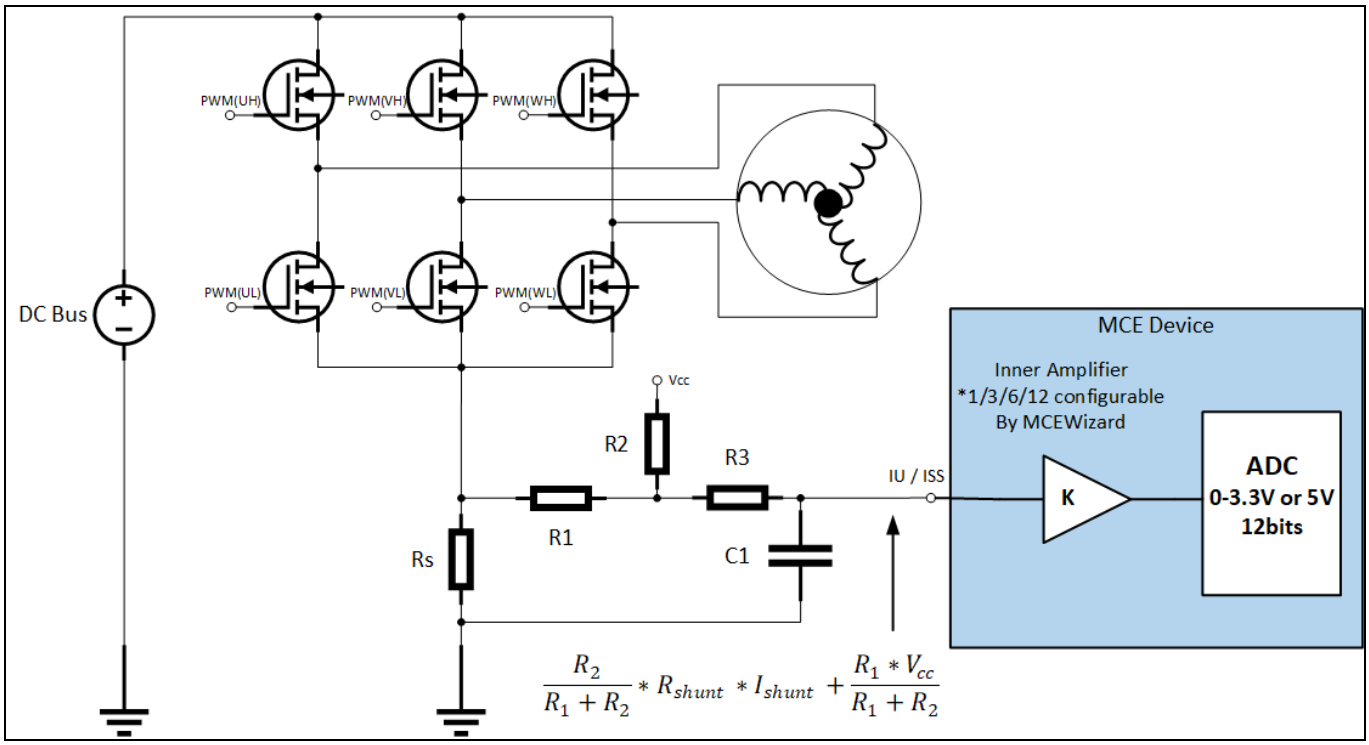


Figure 13 Current sensing topology

Using this board for example, R1 = R20 = 2 kΩ, R2 = R8 = 22.1 kΩ, V_{cc} = 3.3 V, offset = 0.274 V, gain = $\frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} * R_{shunt}$ = 137.6 mV/A.

Note the following points concerning current sampling:

- R8 & R20 also determine the ADC operational bias for current sensing, which corresponds to the motor regeneration operation range. For those applications that do not work at regenerative brake mode, the bias can be as low as possible to reserve enough ADC range for the drive mode, since negative current to DC bus does not occur.
- Since the gain of the external RC circuit is less than 1, internal signal amplification is required to increase the ADC input voltage range with the lower shunt value. If a larger shunt is chosen, the power loss and size are both larger. MCE provides an inner current sampling amplifier with *1, *3, *6 and *12 gain selections, which can be configured in the MCEWizard.
- There is no common mode noise-rejection ability without an outer operational amplifier, so the GND network of the PCB needs to be dealt with very carefully, since any voltage difference between IMC101T's ADC ground and shunt resistor ground will be considered as an "input signal," and will deteriorate control performance or increase audible noise.

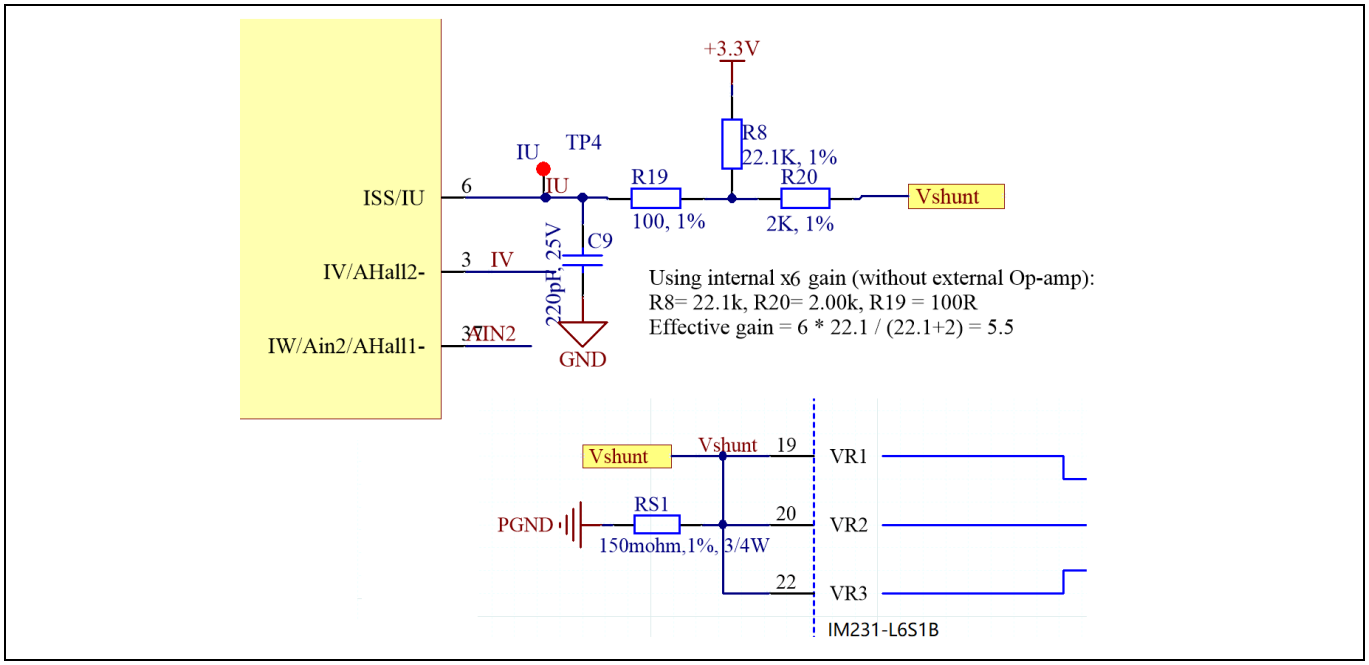


Figure 14 Current-sensing circuit on the board

2.2.3.2 Overcurrent protection

The overcurrent condition can be detected by IMC101T by the two input sources, as shown in Figure 15.

- Internal comparator in the IMC101T
- Trigger ITRIP pin on the IPM to shut down the IPM; the fault signal will transfer to the IMC101T by GK pin, active low

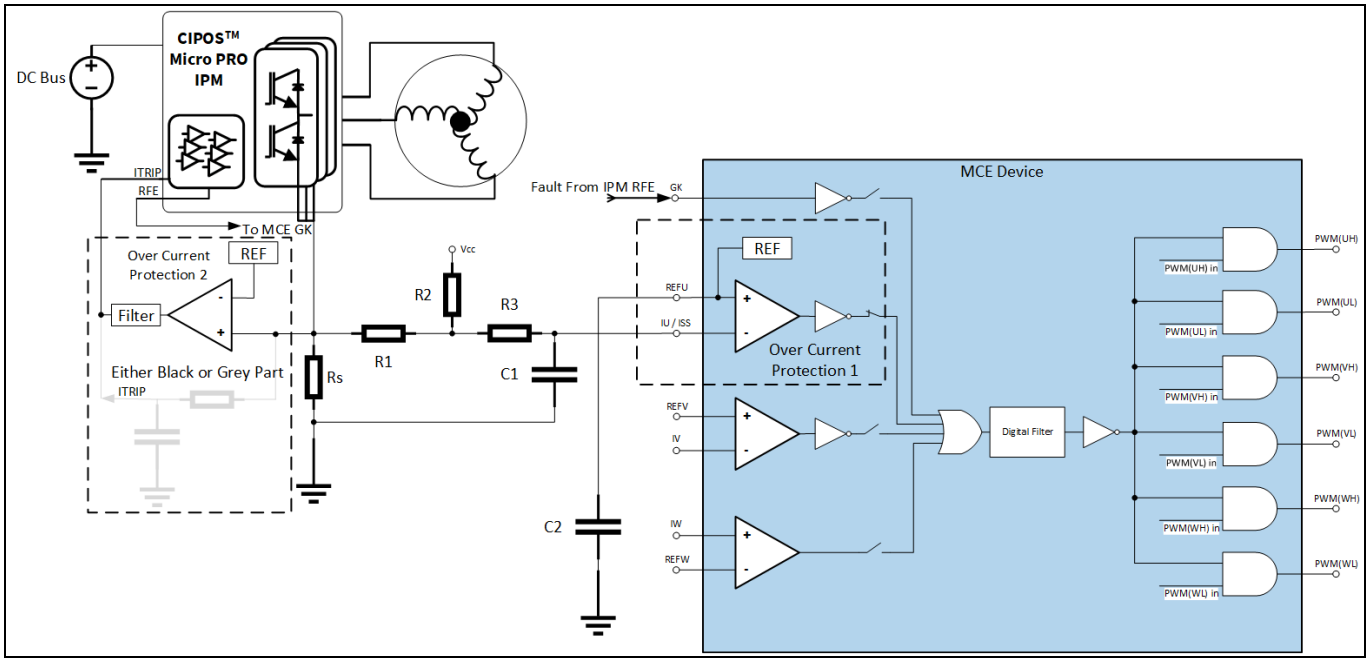


Figure 15 Overcurrent protection on the board

For more details on overcurrent protection (OCP) in the IMC101T, refer to the chapter on motor overcurrent protection in the reference material [7].

1. Internal comparator in the IMC101T

The internal comparator's reference level is set by the internal DAC. The level can be set in the MCEWizard by "Device Overcurrent trigger level setting for Comparator" and "Motor1 Current Input to ADC Offset Voltage." The DAC output pin REFU needs to be connected to a capacitor; 10 nF/16 V is used on the board.

2. Trigger ITRIP pin on the IPM; the fault signal will transfer to the IMC101T by GK pin

The board designs two ways to trigger the ITRIP pin of the IPM, and users can select either one to achieve overcurrent protection.

- Trigger by the comparator U5
- Directly trigger from shunt

Figure 16 shows the ITRIP trigger level which is typically 0.5 V, positive logic. Figure 17 indicates that the inner filter time of ITRIP signal is 500 ns.

ITRIP positive going threshold	$V_{IT,TH+}$	0.475	0.500	0.525	V
ITRIP negative going threshold	$V_{IT,TH-}$	-	0.430	-	V

Figure 16 IM231 ITRIP threshold specification

Input filter time (ITRIP)	$T_{FIL,ITRIP}$	V_{IN}=0 or V_{IN}=5V	-	500	-	ns

Figure 17 IM231 ITRIP filter time specification

ITRIP to six switch turn-off propagation delay	T_{ITRIP}	V+ = 300V,no cap on RFE	-	1.3	-	µs

Figure 18 IM231 ITRIP signal propagation delay time

Short circuit withstand time	T_{SC}	V_{DC} = 360V, T_J = 150°C, V_{DD} = 15V Allowed number of short circuits: <1000, time between short circuits: >1s	3	µs

Figure 19 IM231 short circuit withstand time

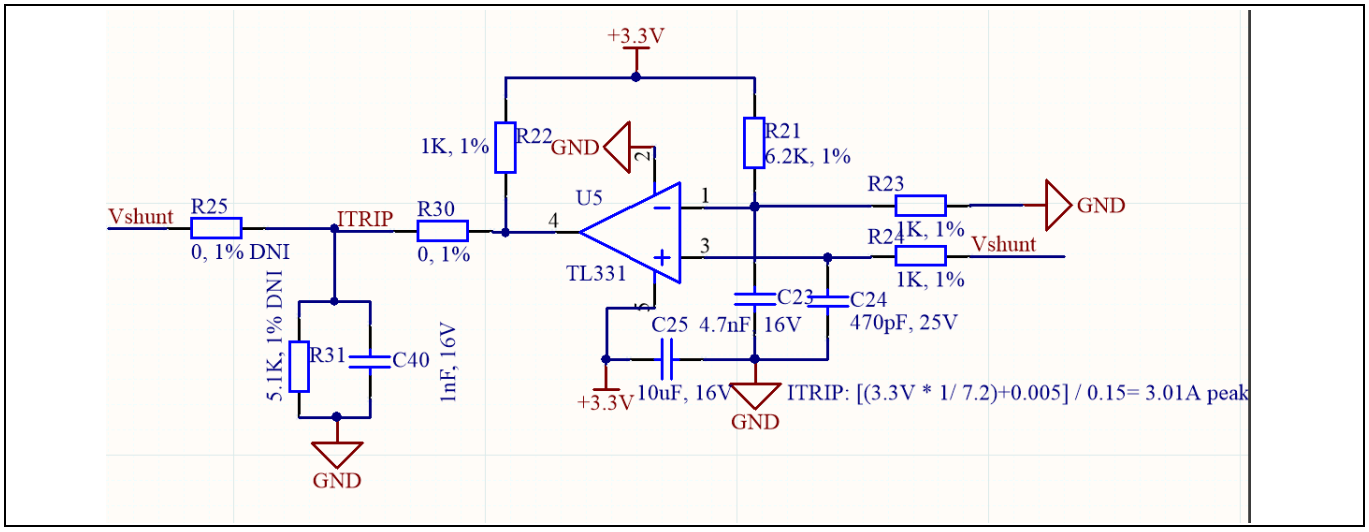


Figure 20 Current protection circuit to ITRIP of IM231

The default protection circuit on the board is the one triggered by the comparator; it is a more flexible way to set the reference voltage. On this board, we set the voltage as $3.3\ V * \frac{1\ k\Omega}{6.2\ k\Omega + 1\ k\Omega} = 0.458\ V$; the shunt resistor on the board is 150 mΩ, i.e., the theoretical protection value is 3.05 A peak. The reference voltage can be easily adjusted by the divider resistor.

On the board, R24 = 1 kΩ, C24 = 470 pF; the filter time constant is RC = 1 kΩ * 470 pF = 470 ns; output part R22 = 1 kΩ, C40 = 1 nF; the filter time constant is RC = 1 kΩ * 1 nF = 1 µs. Therefore, the total delay time is about 1.5 µs.

Figure 21 shows the waveform of the comparator. CH1 is the shunt voltage and CH2 connection to the ITRIP pin of the IPM. You might find that the ITRIP signal time - from 0 to 63.2% (0 - 2.08 V) - is about 0.95 µs, which is close to the theoretical value of 1 µs, and notice that the ITRIP trigger level is only 0.5 V. Therefore, the total response time of the comparator is about 1 µs, plus the added propagation delay time of 1.3 µs in Figure 18 equals a total time of about 2.3 µs, which is only 80% of the short-circuit withstand time of 3 µs in Figure 19.

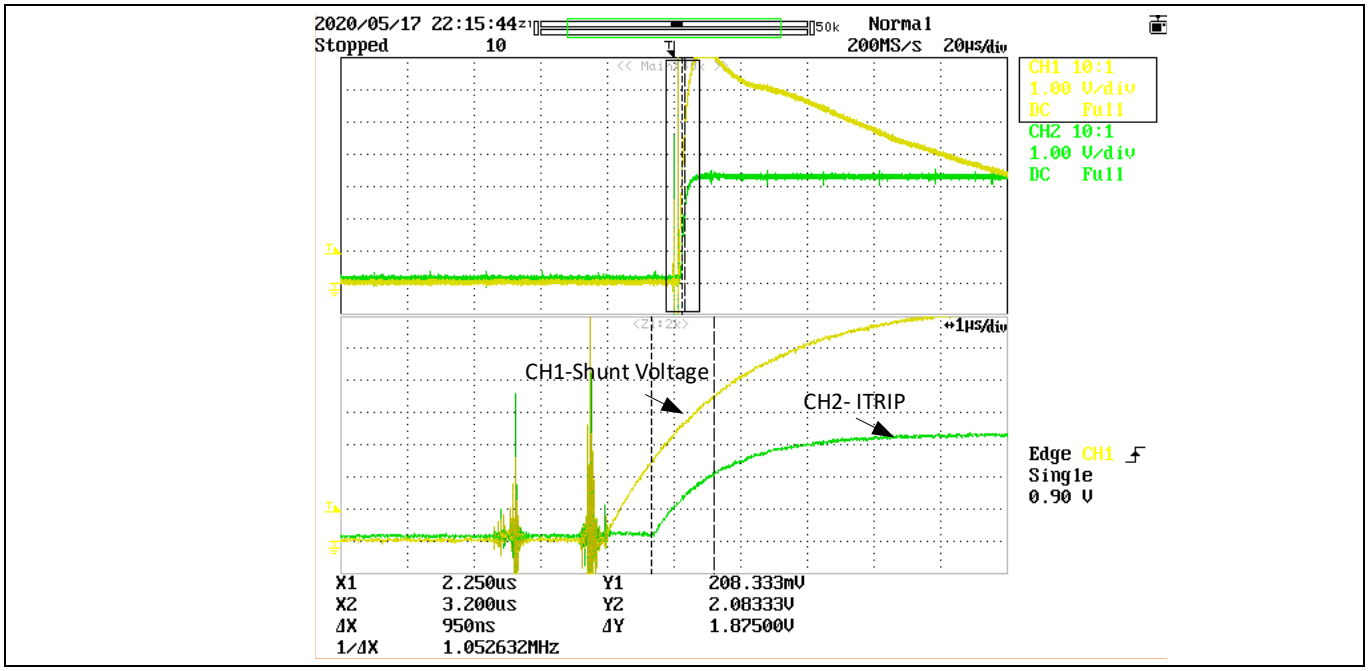


Figure 21 Dynamic response of the protection circuit with comparator

Another way to trigger the ITRIP is to directly connect the shunt to the ITRIP as indicated in Figure 22. It needs to disconnect the output of the comparator U5 by removing R30 and soldering R25. If R25 = 1 kΩ, the RC filter time constant will equal the RC, which is 1µs. Figure 22 shows the test waveform.

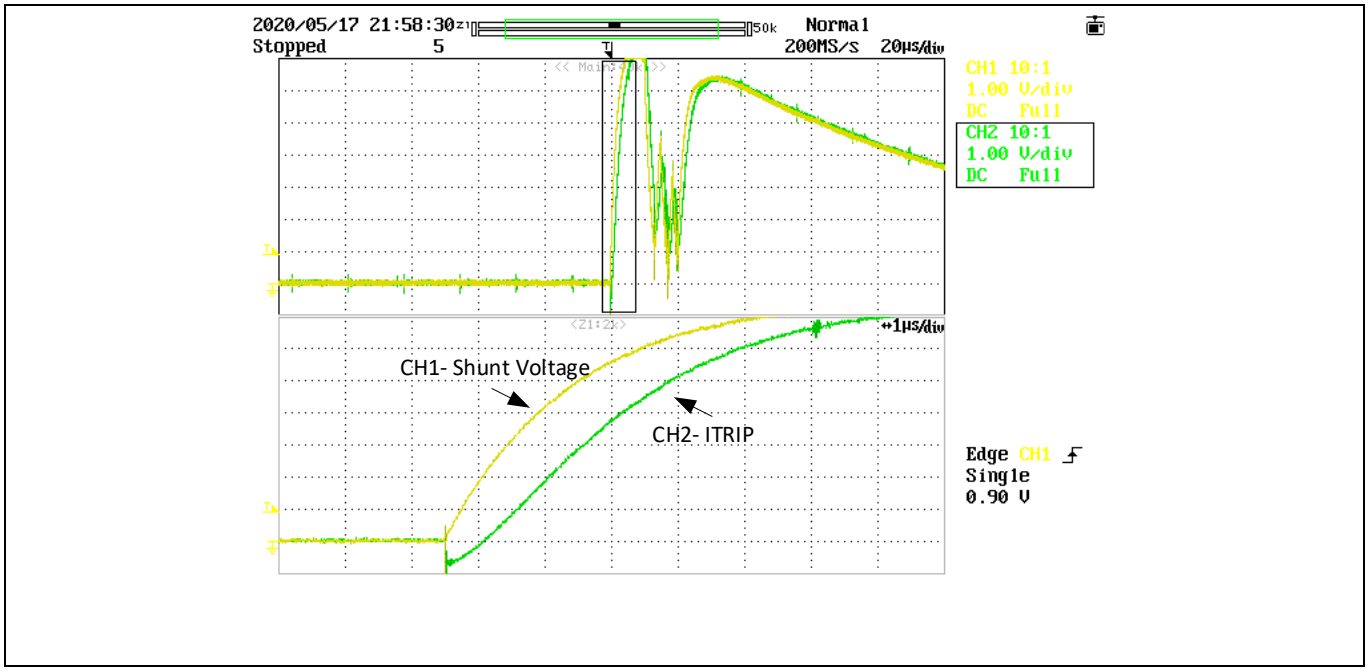


Figure 22 Dynamic response of the protection circuit when directly connecting to shunt

2.2.4 NTC sensing and thermal protection

Pin 7 of IMC101T-T038 is the ADC port dedicated to NTC temperature sampling. On the board, Pin 11 of the IPM IM231-L6S1B is connected to the ADC channel by the circuit shown in Figure 23.

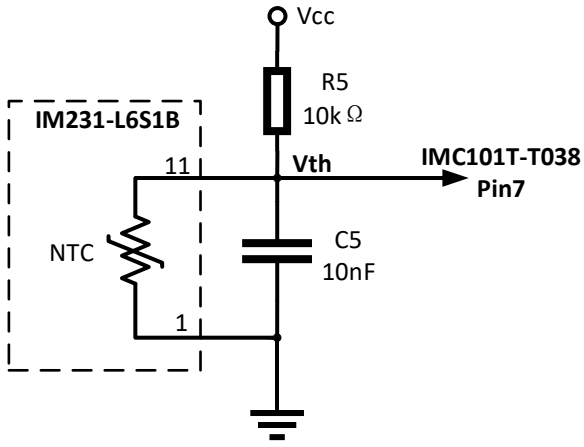


Figure 23 NTC sensing circuit

Referring to the datasheet of IM231 series IPM [1], the parameters of the thermistor can be obtained. The B-constant is 4006 K ± 1%, R_{25} = 47 kΩ ± 5%. Based on the typical value of the thermistor resistance, voltage of the Vth can be obtained in Table 4.

Table 4 Thermistor characteristics with V_{cc} = 3.3 V

Temperature(°C)	Resistance typ. (kΩ)	V_{th} (mV)
50	16.43	2.05
60	11.19	1.74
70	7.77	1.44
80	5.48	1.17
90	3.94	0.93
100	2.87	0.74
110	2.13	0.58
120	1.59	0.45
125	1.38	0.40

The firmware inside the IMC101T integrates the over-temperature protection function, which is triggered by the voltage V_{th}. The only thing to do is to set the proper trigger level in the MCEWizard. More information can be found in the over-temperature protection section of the reference material [7].

2.3 Frequency signal interface

Since current refrigerator applications mainly use frequency signals to control the compressor speed, the board is designed with a frequency signal interface. Figure 24 shows the interface circuit. The input signal is isolated from the control and power parts on the board.

The board have two types of input interface:

- Square wave interface (default, remove the D3, R15)
- AC 220V as the control input (you need to remove R18, and install D3, R15)

Type one is a more common signal type, while type two is used less, leaving only the interface for customers who need it.

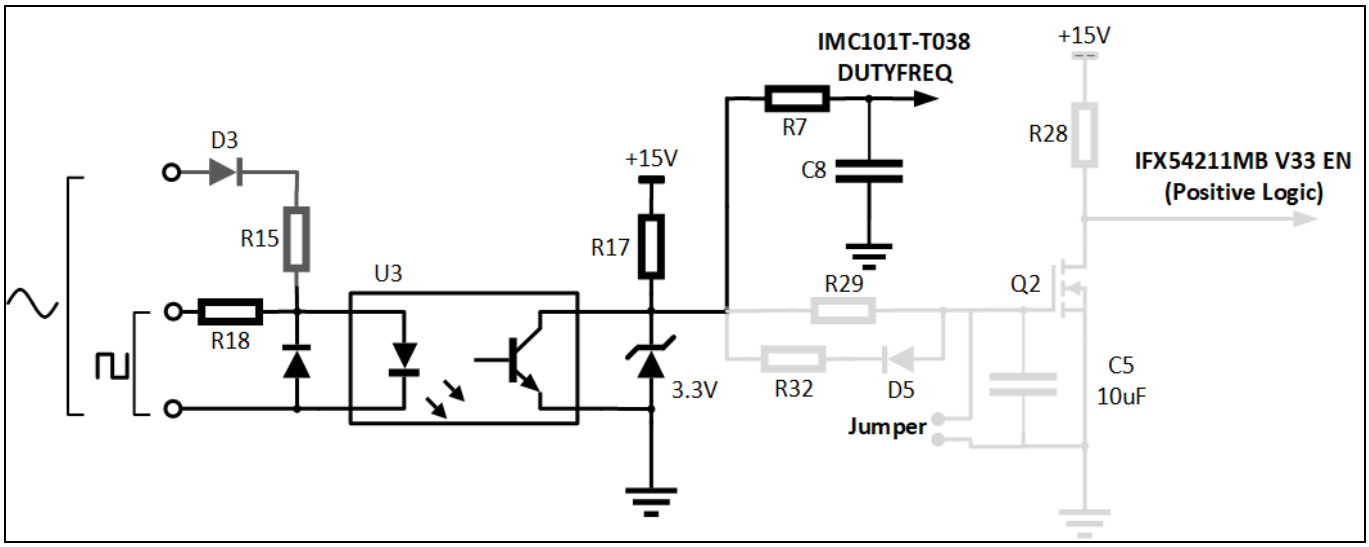


Figure 24 Frequency interface circuit

The optocoupler output is pulled up to 15 V, because the board uses the output signal to control the linear voltage regulator IFX54211MB V33. If this function is not needed, the user can use the 3.3 V/5 V to pull up. The

grey part of the circuit is used to control the Enable/Disable of the linear voltage regulator, which can be disabled during no control signal input. The detail will be introduced in Section 2.4.

A typical square wave input signal for refrigerator applications is shown in Table 5 for reference.

Table 5 Typical frequency/speed characteristic

Signal frequency f_n (Hz)	Motor speed n (RPM)
$f_n < 30$	Stop
$30 \le f_n < 40$	Minimum speed
$40 \le f_n < 150$	$30 * f_n$
$150 \le f_n < 200$	Maximum speed
$f_n \ge 200$	Stop

2.4 Linear voltage regulator and control

Considering the requirements for standby power consumption in refrigerator applications, the board selects a linear power supply with an Enable function. The part number of this linear voltage regulator is IFX54211MB V33 which is also an Infineon product. On the board, we have designed the circuit to transfer the Frequency signal to enable signal as shown in Figure 25. If you do not need this function, jump the jumper J5 on the board so that the linear voltage regulator is always on Enable.

Here is a brief explanation of the principle of the circuit: IFX54211MB V33's Enable signal is positive logic, which means high level input enable the 3.3 V output. If there is no frequency signal input, the gate drive voltage of Q2 is high, which means the Q2 is on, the Enable signal is low so that the LDO of 3.3 V is disabled. If there is a frequency signal input, the charge in the capacitor C5 will discharge through the D5-R32-U3 during the high level input, and charge through R27, R29. When the voltage of capacitor C5 drops down to the gate threshold voltage of Q2, the Q2 will shut down, and the Enable signal will be high, so the LDO of 3.3 V will be enabled.

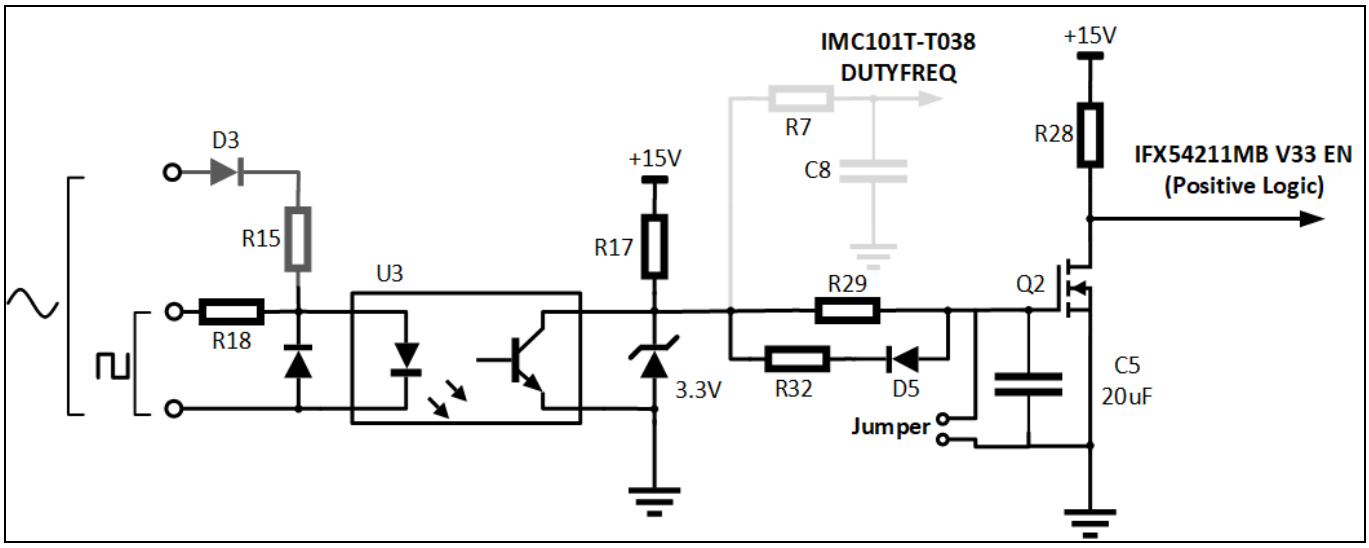


Figure 25 IFX54211MB V33 Enable function control circuit

3 Details of the schematics, layout, BOM and connectors

This section provides the complete details of the schematics, layout and connectors. Please note that the schematics, routing and Gerber generation are done in Altium designer. Customers who are interested in the original Altium format files or pdf files for better clarity can visit www.infineon.com.

3.1 Schematics

The major function blocks are introduced in the Section 2.2. Customers who are interested in the further details can download the design files after logging in your account on Infineon webpage.

3.2 Layout

The board is designed in two layers, and its dimensions are 78 mm × 78 mm, manufactured with 1 oz. (35 µm) copper thickness. The project is designed with Altium Designer, and all design files can be downloaded after logging in your account on Infineon webpage.

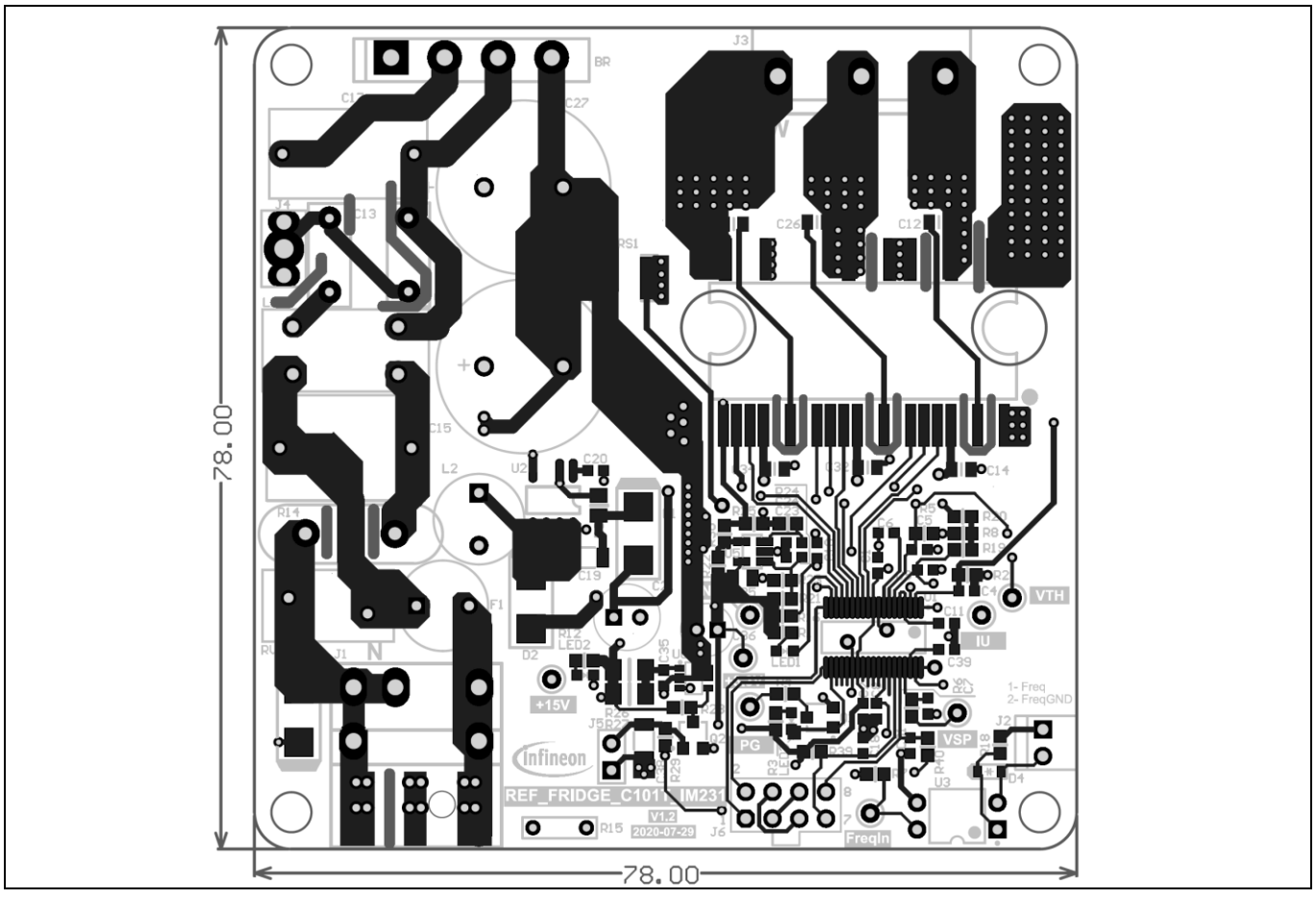


Figure 26 Top view of the board

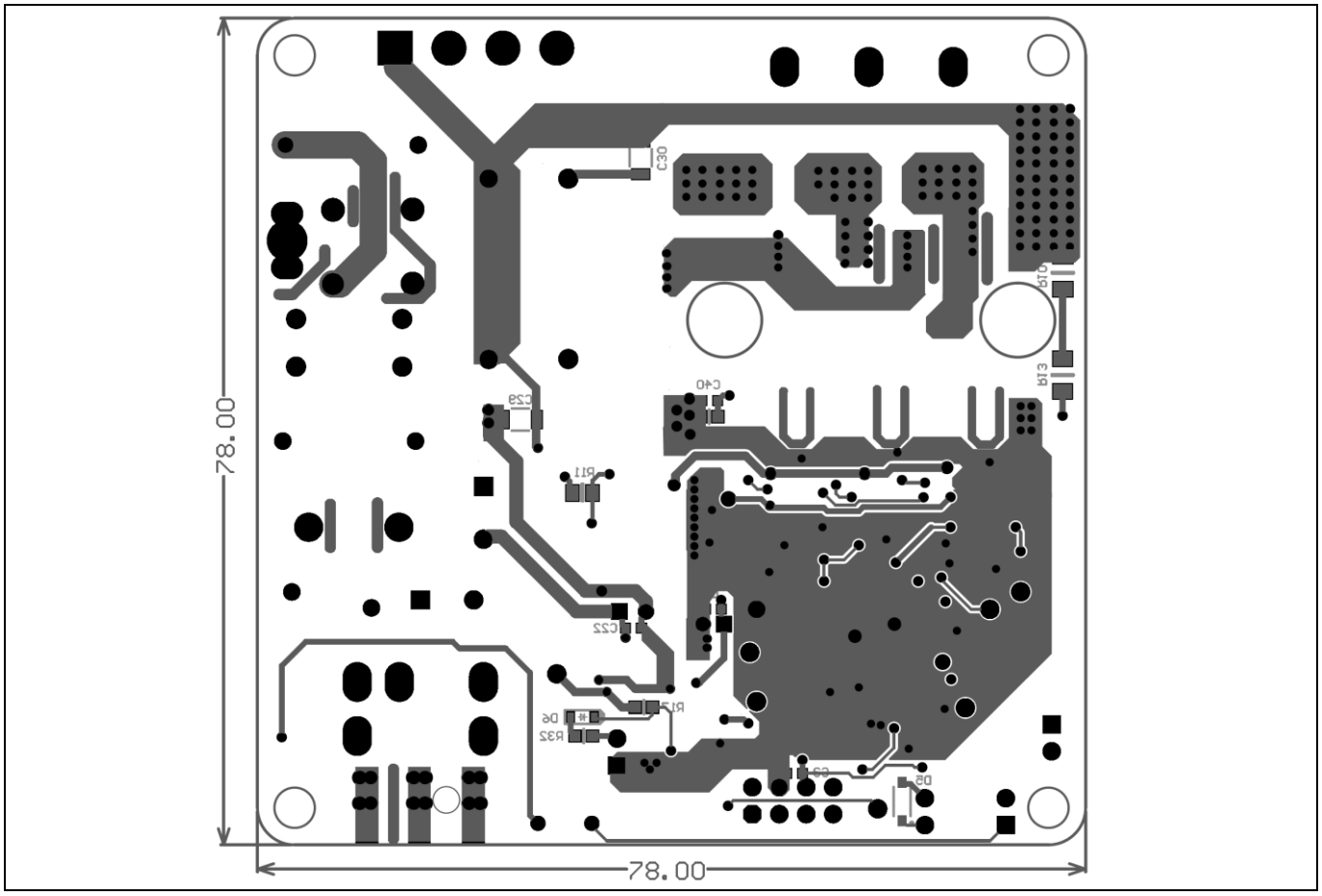


Figure 27 Bottom view of the board

Here are a few design tips to note for your reference.

- Thermal performance of the IPM

Pin17 (DCP) /18 (U)/21 (V)/23 (W) of the IPM are the terminals for directly connecting the lead frame. Maximizing the copper area of these pins could effectively reduce the IGBT junction temperature.

- Ground layout

Since current sampling is non-differential and without op-amp, the area should be carefully laid out; the digital ground should refer to the shunt ground to ensure sampling noise is correct.

3.3 Bill of material

The complete bill of material is available on the download section of the Infineon homepage. A log-in is required to download this material.

Table 6 The most critical parts of the reference board

S. No.	Ref designator	Description	Manufacturer	Manufacturer P/N
1	U1	IC MOTOR DRIVER 3V-5.5 V TSSOP-38	Infineon Technologies	IMC101TT038XUMA1
2	U4	IPM CIPOS MICRO	Infineon Technologies	IM231-L6S1B
3	U6	IC REG LINEAR 3.3 V 150 mA SCT595	Infineon Technologies	IFX54211MBV33
4	Q1, Q2	MOSFET N-CH 30 V 2.7 A SOT-23-3	Infineon Technologies	IRLML2030TRPBF
5	C15	WCAP-FTX2 Film Capacitors, 15x10x16 mm, 275 V AC, 470 nF	Wurth Elektronik	890324024005
6	C17	WCAP-FTX2 Film Capacitors, 15x8.5x14 mm, 275 V AC, 330 nF	Wurth Elektronik	890324024003
7	C21	WCAP-ATG8 Aluminum Electrolytic Capacitors, 6.3x11 mm, 25 Vdc, 220 uF	Wurth Elektronik	860010473011
8	C36	WCAP-ATG8 Aluminum Electrolytic Capacitors, 5x11 mm, 16 Vdc, 100 uF	Wurth Elektronik	860010372006
9	J2	WR-WTB 2.54 mm Male Locking Header, 2p	Wurth Elektronik	61900211121
10	L1	WE-CMB Common Mode Power Line Choke, Type XS, 4 mH, 1.5 A, 250 V	Wurth Elektronik	744821240
11	RV1	WE-VD Disk Varistor, size 10 mm, 300 Vrms, 385 Vdc	Wurth Elektronik	820513011
12	C27, C28	WCAP-AT1H THT Aluminum Electrolytic Capacitors, D16 mm x L35.5 mm, 100 uF, +/-20%, 450 VDC	Wurth Elektronik	860241480001
13	C29, C30	WCAP-CSST Soft Termination Ceramic Capacitors, size 1206, 22 nF, +/-10%, 500 VDC	Wurth Elektronik	885382208010
14	J5	CONN HEADER VERT 2 POS 2.54 MM	Würth Elektronik	150060RS75000

3.4 Connector details

Table 7 J1- AC Line connector

PIN	Label	Function
1	L	AC line input
2	N	AC neutral input
3	N	AC neutral input

Table 8 J2- Frequency input signal connector

PIN	Label	Function
1	Frequency input	Frequency input signal, isolated by optocoupler
2	Frequency ground	Frequency input signal ground, isolated by optocoupler

Table 9 J3- Motor side connector

PIN	Label	Function
1	U	Connected to motor phase U
2	V	Connected to motor phase V
3	W	Connected to motor phase W

Table 10 J4- Earth connector

PIN	Label	Function
1	Earth	

Table 11 J5- Jumper

PIN	Label	Function
1	MOSFET’s Gate	Short pin 1 and 2 will enable 3.3 V directly, otherwise 3.3 V is controlled by frequency signal.
2	Ground	

Table 12 J6- iMOTION™ Link connector

PIN	Label	Function
1	TXD1	User UART for script communication
2	RXD1	User UART for script communication
3 & 6	+3.3V	On board 3.3 V supply
4 & 5	GND	Ground
7	RXD0	MCEDesigner & firmware download
8	TXD0	MCEDesigner & firmware download

4 System performance

4.1 Thermal characterization test

Figure 28 and Figure 29 show the thermal characterizations of REF_Fridge_C101T_IM231, based on 2 layers FR4 PCB with 1 oz. copper.

The tests reported on were performed under the following conditions: t_{amb}=25°C, V_{ac} = 220 V, with different input power until the IPM case reaches 100°C. There are three PWM frequencies (5, 8 and 16 kHz), and 3-phase modulation mode only.

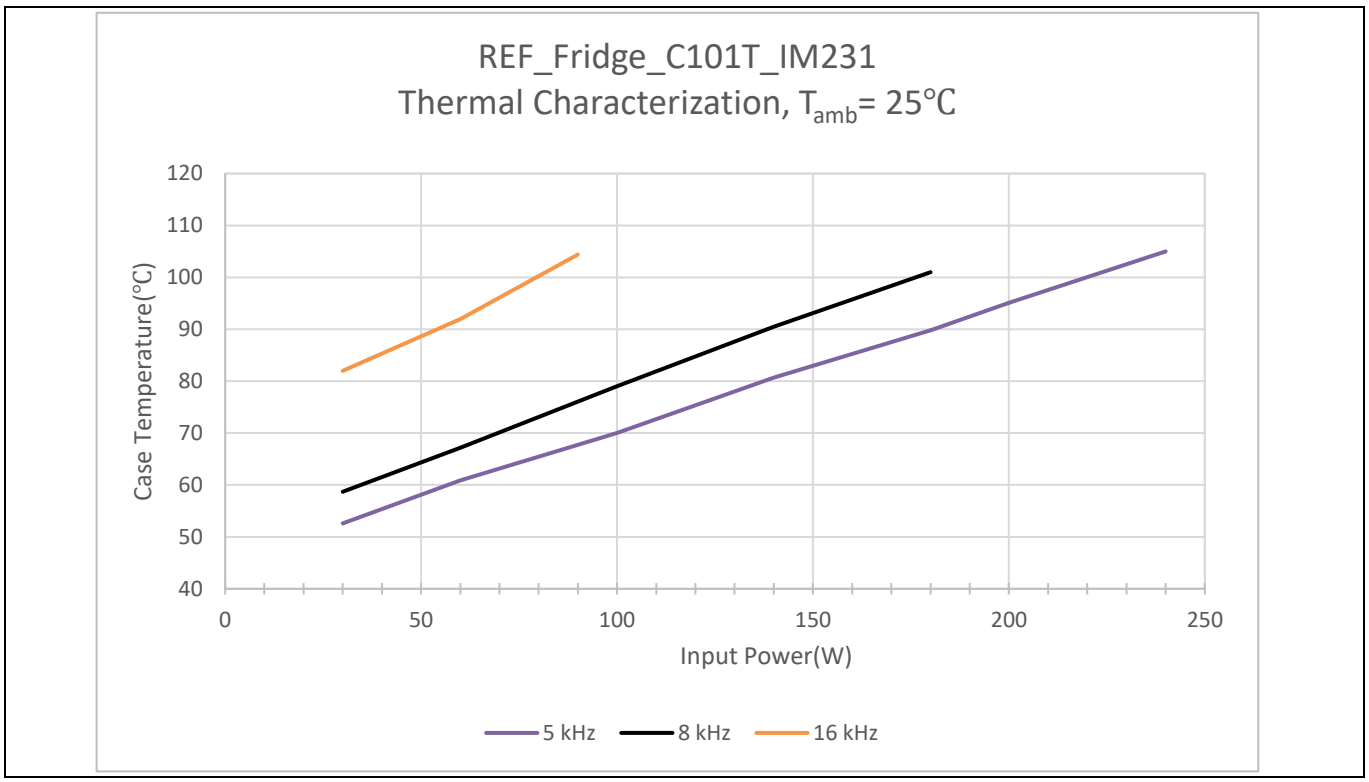


Figure 28 REF_Fridge_C101T_IM231 thermal characterization case temperature – input power, t_{amb} = 25°C

Table 13 Input power and current characterization

Input power (W)	30	60	100	140	180	220
Input current (A)	0.24	0.45	0.72	1.03	1.32	1.6

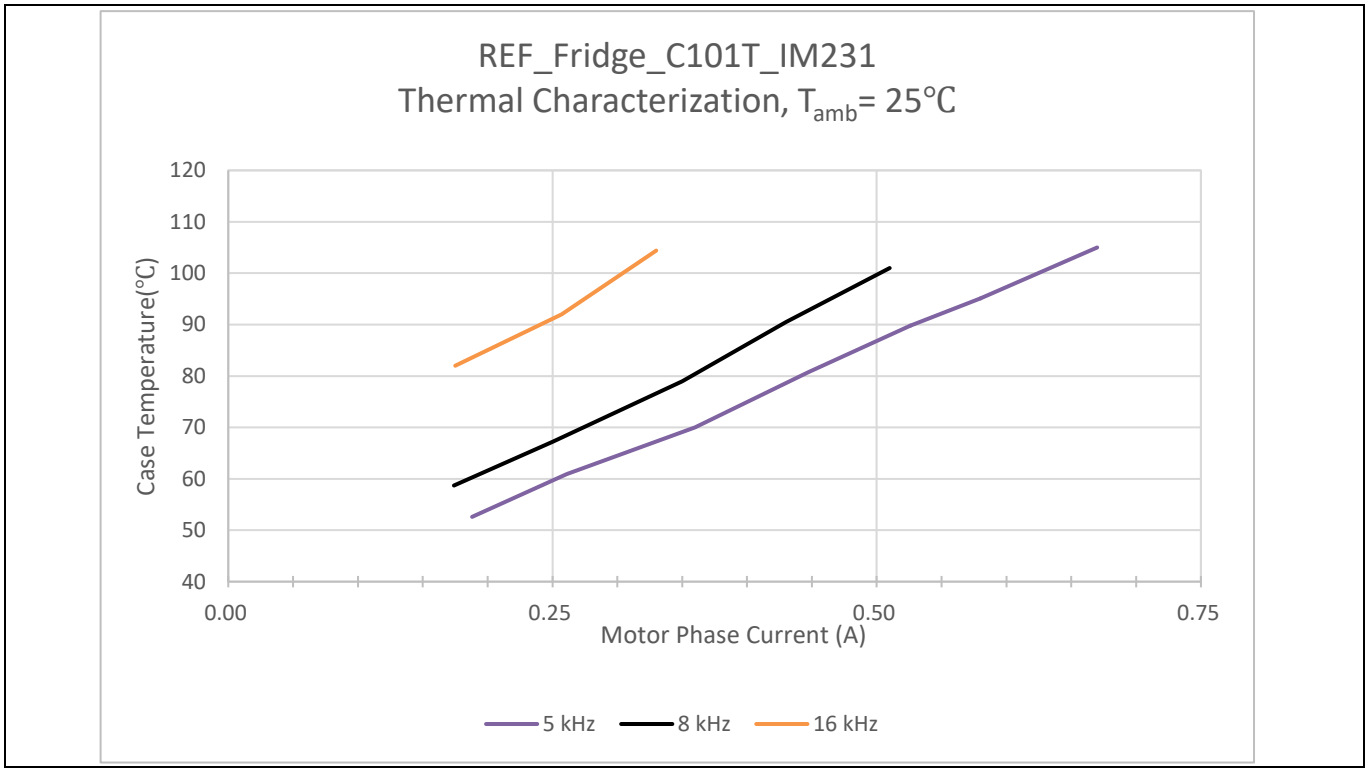


Figure 29 REF_Fridge_C101T_IM231 thermal characterization, case temperature - motor phase current, t_{amb} = 25°C

5 Reference and appendices

5.1 Abbreviations and definitions

Table 14 Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Meaning
BLDC	Brushless direct current motor
CIPOS	Control integrated power system
FOC	Field oriented control
IPM	Intelligent power module
UL	Underwriters Laboratories
PMSM	Permanent magnet synchronous motor

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5.3 Additional information

In order to initiate testing, customers are advised to order the iMOTION™ Link, the information is listed in the Table 15.

The Infineon's components on the board are listed in the Table 15 as well, the customers can visit the corresponding webpage for more information.

Table 15 Additional information of tools and Infineon's components

Base part number	Package	Standard pack		Orderable part number
		Form	Quantity	
iMOTION™ Link		Container	1	IMOTIONLINK
IMC101T-T038	PG-TSSOP-38-9	Tape and reel	3000	IMC101TT038XUMA1
IM231-L6S1B	SOP 29x12	Tube	240	IM231L6S1BALMA1
IM231-L6S1B	SOP 29x12	Tape and reel	500	IM231L6S1BAUMA1
IFX54211MB V33	PGSCT595	Tape and reel	3000	IFX54211MBV33HTSA1
IRLML2030TRPBF	SOT-23	Tape and reel	3000	IRLML2030TRPBF

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