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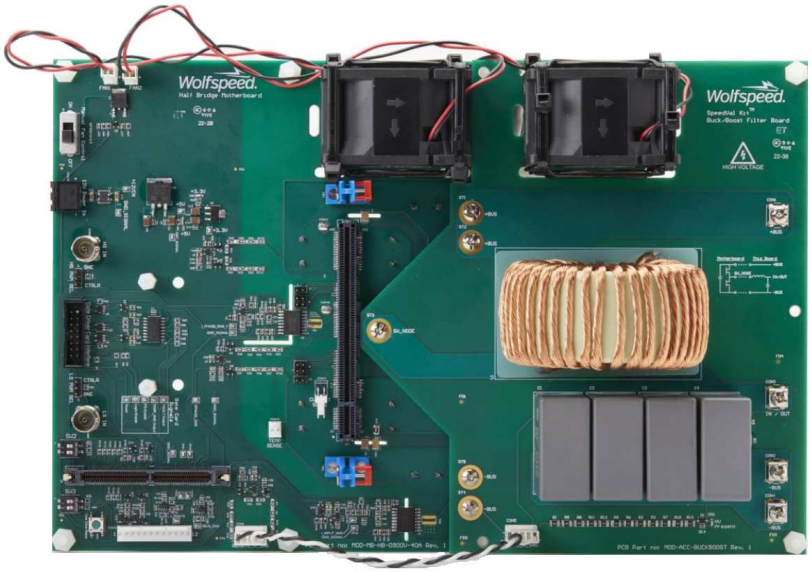
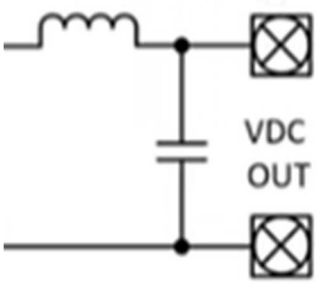
MOD-ACC-BUCKBOOST-xxxuH SpeedVal Kit™ Buck/Boost Filter Board User Guide





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警告

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警告

ボードの使用、危険の対応、そして安全に操作する要求などの大切な情報を含むので、以下の内容をよく読んでください。

CAUTION

DO NOT TOUCH THE BOARD WHEN IT IS ENERGIZED AND ALLOW THE BULK CAPACITORS TO COMPLETELY DISCHARGE PRIOR TO HANDLING THE BOARD. THERE CAN BE VERY HIGH VOLTAGES PRESENT ON THIS EVALUATION BOARD WHEN CONNECTED TO AN ELECTRICAL SOURCE, AND SOME COMPONENTS ON THIS BOARD CAN REACH TEMPERATURES ABOVE 50˚ CELSIUS. FURTHER, THESE CONDITIONS WILL CONTINUE FOR A SHORT TIME AFTER THE ELECTRICAL SOURCE IS DISCONNECTED UNTIL THE BULK CAPACITORS ARE FULLY DISCHARGED.

Please ensure that appropriate safety procedures are followed when operating this board, as any of the following can occur if you handle or use this board without following proper safety precautions:

- **Death**
- **Serious injury**
- **Electrocution**
- **Electrical shock**
- **Electrical burns**
- **Severe heat burns**

You must read this document in its entirety before operating this board. It is not necessary for you to touch the board while it is energized. All test and measurement probes or attachments must be attached before the board is energized. You must never leave this board unattended or handle it when energized, and you must always ensure that all bulk capacitors have completely discharged prior to handling the board. Do not change the devices to be tested until the board is disconnected from the electrical source and the bulk capacitors have fully discharged.

警告

请勿在通电情况下接触板子，在操作板子前应使大容量电容器的电荷完全释放。接通电源后，该评估板上通常会存在危险的高电压，板子上一些组件的温度可能超过 50 摄氏度。此外，移除电源后，上述情况可能会短时持续，直至大容量电容器电量完全释放。

操作板子时应确保遵守正确的安全规程，否则可能会出现下列危险：

- 死亡
- 严重伤害
- 触电
- 电击
- 电灼伤
- 严重的热烧伤

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- 死亡
- 重症
- 感電
- 電撃
- 電気の火傷
- 厳しい火傷

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Buck/Boost Filter Board is an accessory board that is designed to work with the SpeedVal Kit™ platform. This board contains an LC power filter which enables the half-bridge modular setup to be tested in the buck or boost configuration. This board can be directly attached to the screw terminals on the SpeedVal Kit motherboard. A wire harness is connected the SpeedVal Kit motherboard and Buck/Boost Filter Board for voltage feedback.

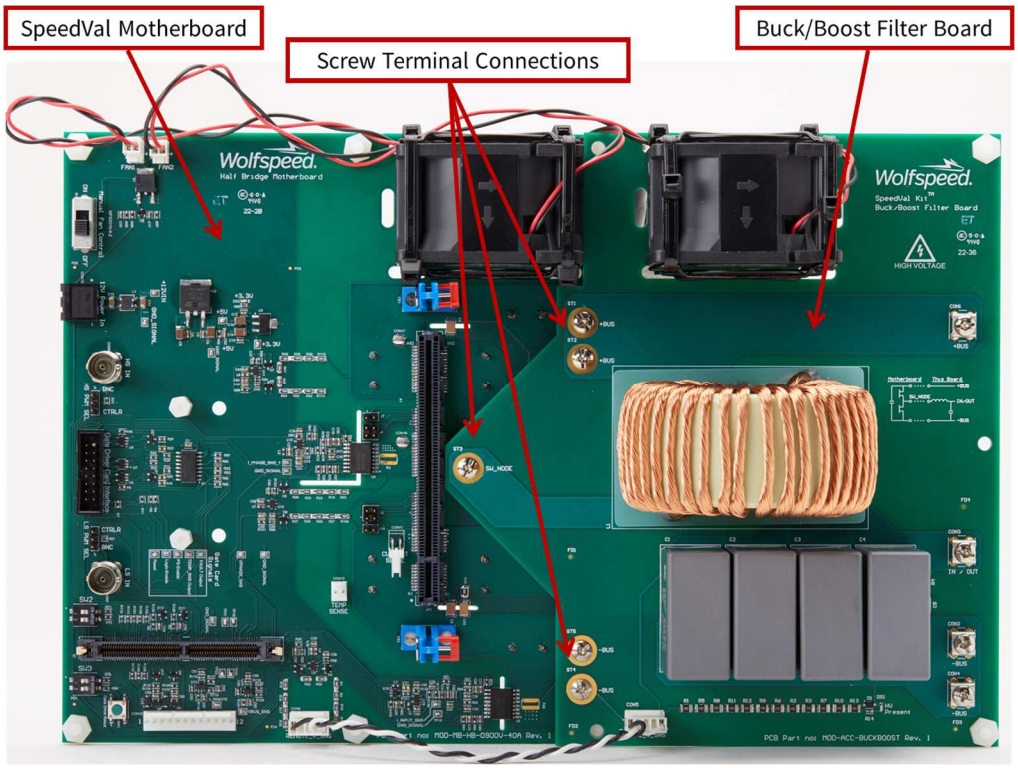

FIGURE 1: SPEEDVAL KIT MOTHERBOARD WITH BUCK/BOOST FILTER BOARD ASSEMBLY

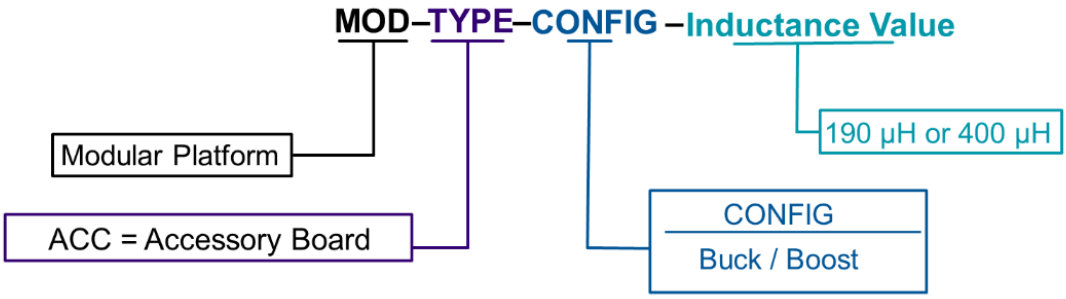

FIGURE 2: ACCESSORY BOARDS NAMING CONVENTION

1.1. Part Numbers

- MOD-ACC-BUCKBOOST-190uH
- MOD-ACC-BUCKBOOST-400uH

2. BOARD OVERVIEW

2.1. Size

The physical dimensions of Buck/Boost Filter Board MOD-ACC-BUCKBOOST-xxxuH are 184.15 mm X 203.3 mm X 91.17 mm, as shown in Figure 3. The Buck/Boost Filter board is a Printed Circuit Board (PCB), which comes populated with a filter inductor, film capacitors, fan, and connection accessories.

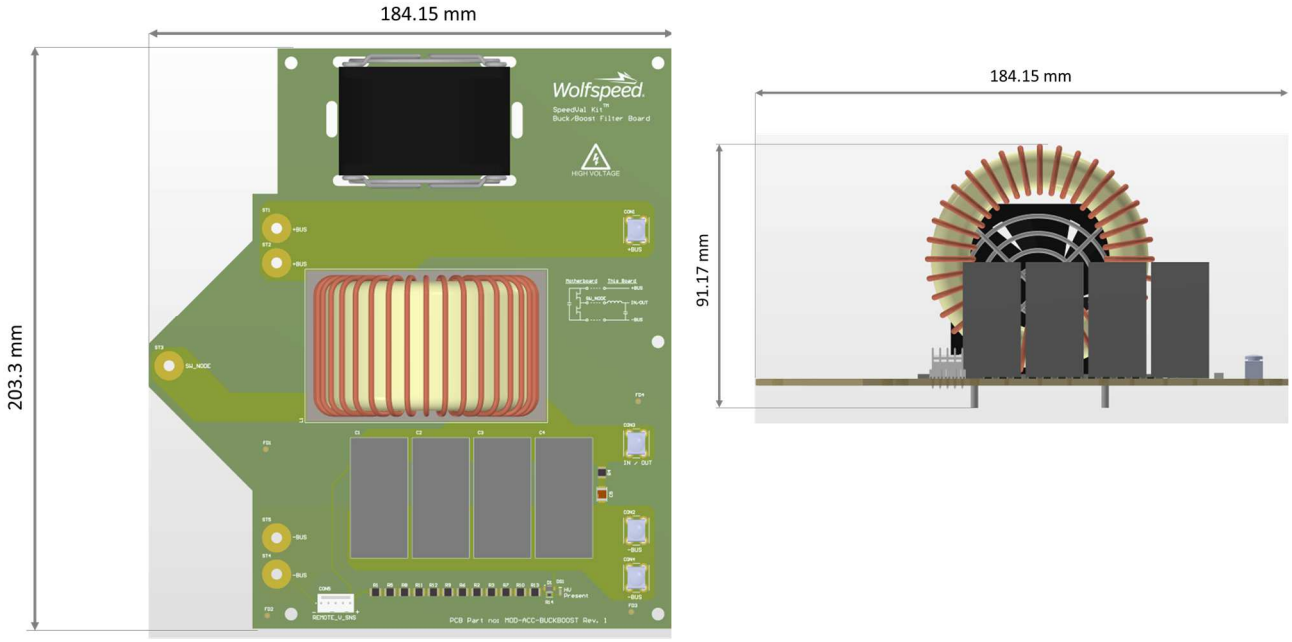

FIGURE 3: DIMENSIONS OF THE BUCK/BOOST FILTER BOARD

2.2. Assembly

The Buck/Boost Filter Board is an accessory board that attaches to the SpeedVal Kit motherboard. The modularity of the SpeedVal Kit platform enables the user to quickly switch between different configurations. The Buck/Boost Filter Board enables the user to quickly perform high-power testing on Wolfspeed SiC devices in 4 different configurations. These configurations are:

- Synchronous Buck Topology
- Asynchronous Buck Topology
- Synchronous Boost Topology

- Asynchronous Boost Topology

Please refer to the SpeedVal Kit motherboard user guide for details about testing in the above-mentioned configurations.

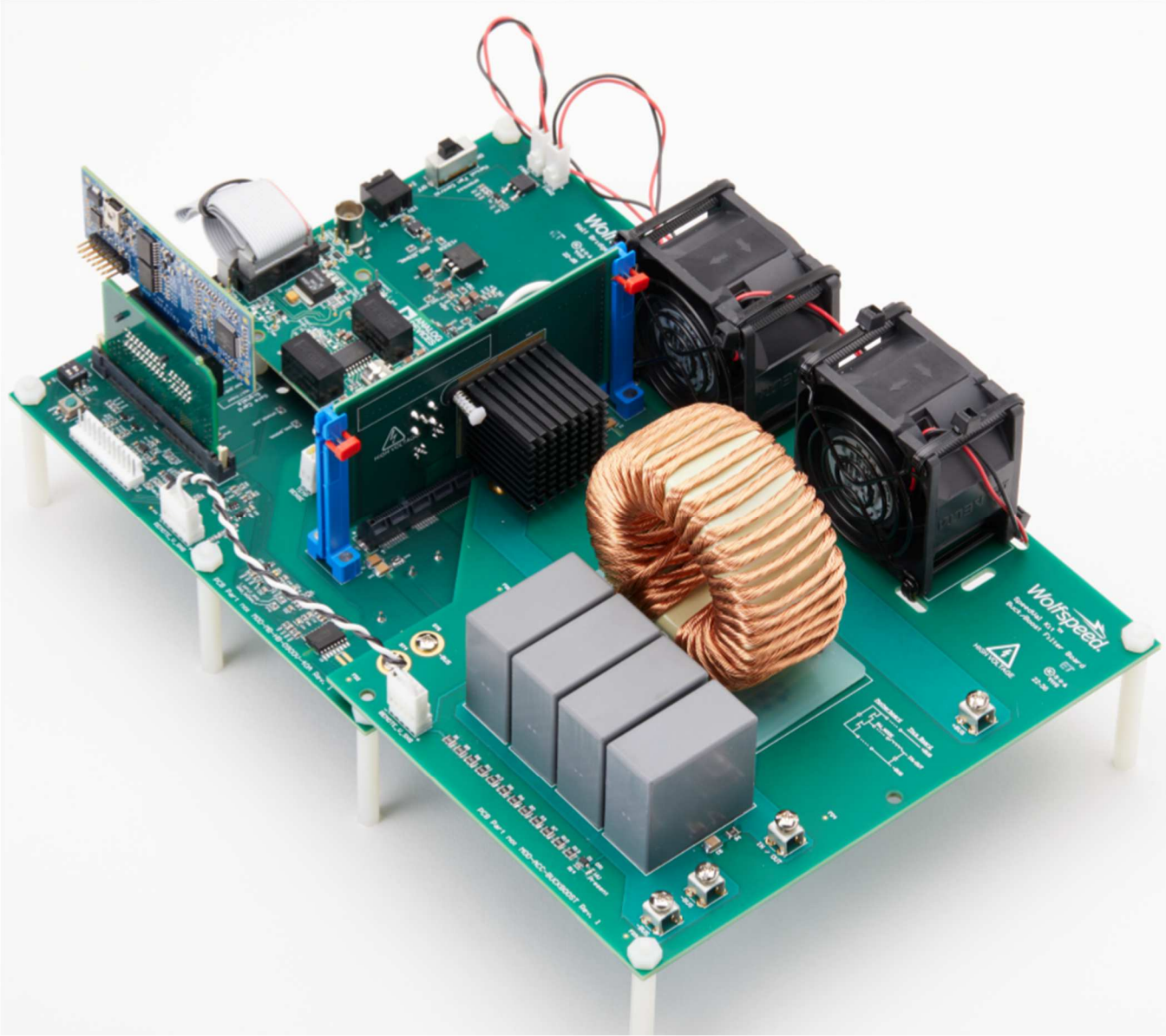

FIGURE 4: MOTHERBOARD AND BUCK-BOOST CARD ASSEMBLY

3. ELECTRICAL FEATURES

CAUTION

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SOME COMPONENTS ON THE BOARD REACH TEMPERATURES ABOVE 50^{O} CELSIUS. THESE CONDITIONS WILL CONTINUE AFTER THE ELECTRICAL SOURCE IS DISCONNECTED UNTIL THE BULK CAPACITORS ARE FULLY DISCHARGED. DO NOT TOUCH THE BOARD WHEN IT IS ENERGIZED AND ALLOW THE BULK CAPACITORS TO COMPLETELY DISCHARGE PRIOR TO HANDLING THE BOARD.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT APPROPRIATE SAFETY PROCEDURES ARE FOLLOWED WHEN OPERATING THIS BOARD AS SERIOUS INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH BY ELECTROCUTION OR SERIOUS INJURY BY ELECTRICAL SHOCK OR ELECTRICAL BURNS, CAN OCCUR IF YOU DO NOT FOLLOW PROPER SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

警告

通电时不必接触板子。连接器件进行测试时，必须切断板子电源，且大容量电容器必须释放完所有电荷。

板子上一些组件的温度可能超过 50 摄氏度。移除电源后，上述情况可能会短暂持续，直至大容量电容器完全释放电荷。通电时禁止触摸板子，应在大容量电容器完全释放电荷后，再操作电路板。

请确保在操作电路板时已经遵守了正确的安全规程，否则可能会造成严重伤害，包括触电死亡、电击伤害、或电灼伤。

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通電している時にボードに接触する必要がありません。設備をつないで試験する時、必ずボードの電源を切ってください。また、大容量のコンデンサーで電力を完全に釈放してください。

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The Buck/Boost Filter Board has an inductor and a capacitor connected as shown in Figure 5 . The list of variants based on the inductor values are listed in Section 1.1.

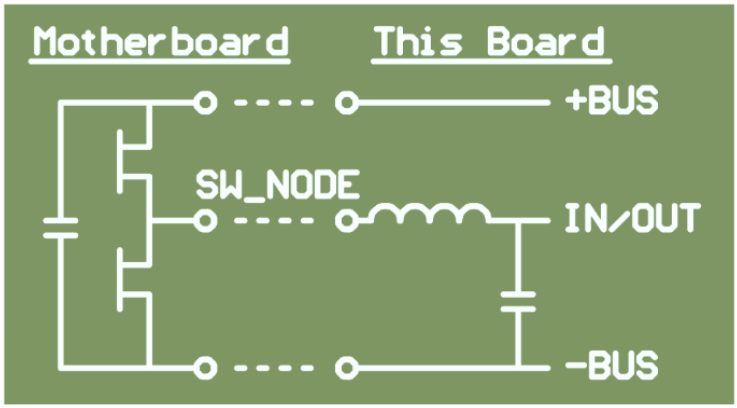

FIGURE 5: BUCK/BOOST BOARD CIRCUIT DIAGRAM

This board connects with the motherboard to test the devices connected in the half-bridge configuration in buck or boost topologies. This section discusses various components or PCB features along with their purpose on the SpeedVal Kit platform configured with the buck/boost filter card. The various features of the filter board are labeled in Figure 6.

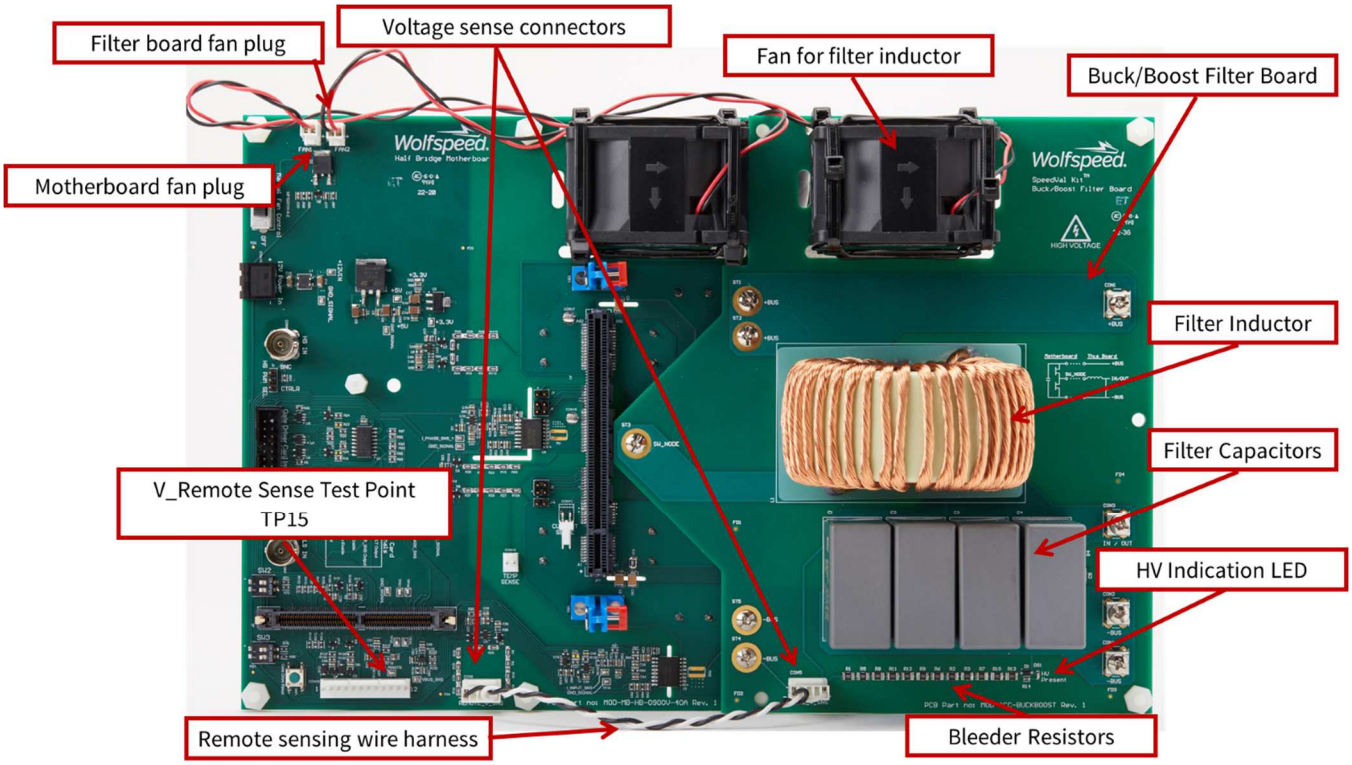

FIGURE 6: BUCK/BOOST ASSEMBLY: FRONT VIEW SHOWING VARIOUS COMPONENTS AND FEATURES OF THE BOARD

3.1. High Voltage Indication and Discharge

A series of twelve 20kΩ resistors are located on the top of the board, as labeled in Figure 6. These bleeder resistors assist in discharging the DC link voltage upon switching off the input power supply. The board also features a red LED to indicate the presence of high voltage on the board when illuminated.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The bleeder resistors and LEDs should only be used as an indication, not a safety feature. The 'HIGH Voltage Indication LED' in the off state is not an indication of DC link being completely discharged. For your safety, make sure the system is discharged by measuring with a calibrated instrument rated for at least 1000V before handling the hardware.

3.2. Connections / Test Points

The Buck/Boost Filter Board requires the following connections for proper functionality:

- The Buck/Boost Filter Board needs to be connected using screw terminals as shown in Figure 1. These terminals pass the high-current positive and negative bus connections as well as the switch node between the motherboard and buck/boost filter board.
- The fan on the Buck/Boost Filter Board is powered by a 12V supply from the motherboard. The connector CON15 labeled "Fan 2" can be utilized for plugging in the fan connector.
- The 5-pin connector CON5 on the filter board should be connected to CON6 on the motherboard using a wire-harness. This connection is for voltage sensing of the input or output supply depending on the topology configuration. This connection is critical when using any of the controller cards, and the measurement can be seen on the graphical user interface (GUI) for the controller. The sensed voltage is stepped down by a 1000:3 ratio on the motherboard before being fed to the control card. The sensed voltage can be measured referenced to control power ground between pin 10 and pin 9 on CON13 on the motherboard at a ratio of 1000:10.

3.3. Thermal Management

The following maximum ratings should be obeyed while operating this board:

- Motherboard rating: 900 V, 40 A
- Inductor maximum temperature: 125 °C
- Inductor current rating: 40A or 25A depending on which variant of the board is used

A DC fan is mounted on the board for cooling the inductor. The motherboard current rating and inductor temperature should be observed during tests.

The two variants of the Buck-Boost Filter Board assemblies differ with respect to the inductors mounted on the board. These options allow the user to select the most appropriate value depending on the voltages, current, and desired operating mode of the system. The respective inductor values as a function of inductor current are shown in the figures below.

- MOD-ACC-BUCKBOOST-190 uH (Continuous max current = 40 A)

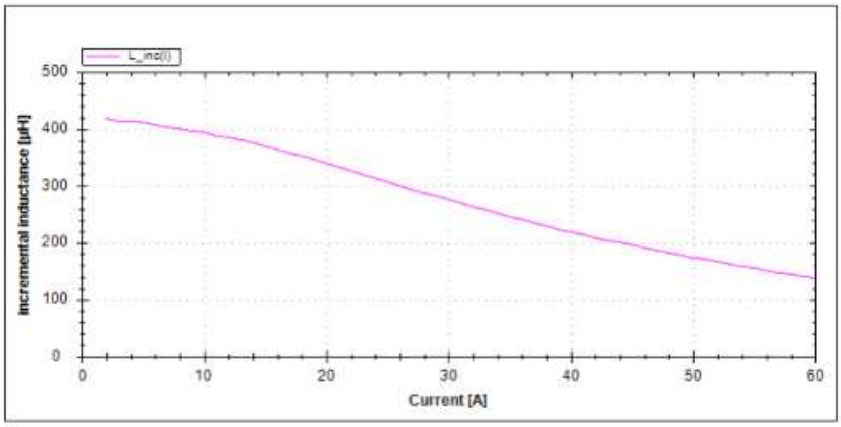

FIGURE 7: INDUCTOR VALUE AS A FUNCTION OF CURRENT

- MOD-ACC-BUCKBOOST-400 uH (Continuous max current = 25 A)

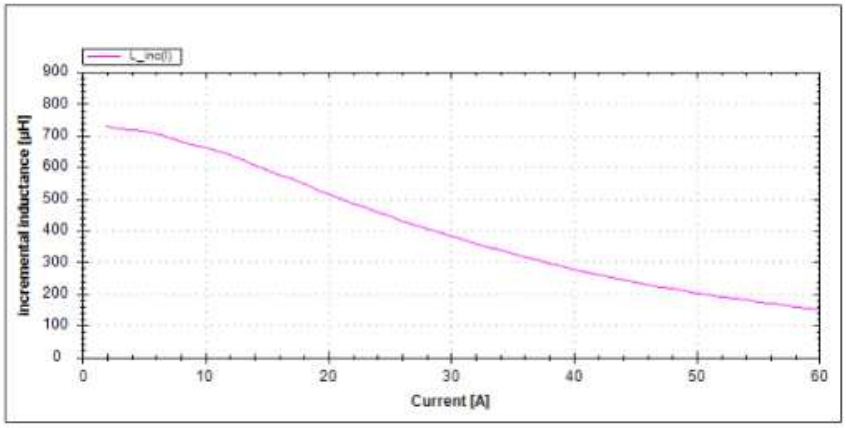

FIGURE 8: INDUCTOR VALUE AS A FUNCTION OF CURRENT

4. PCB LAYOUT

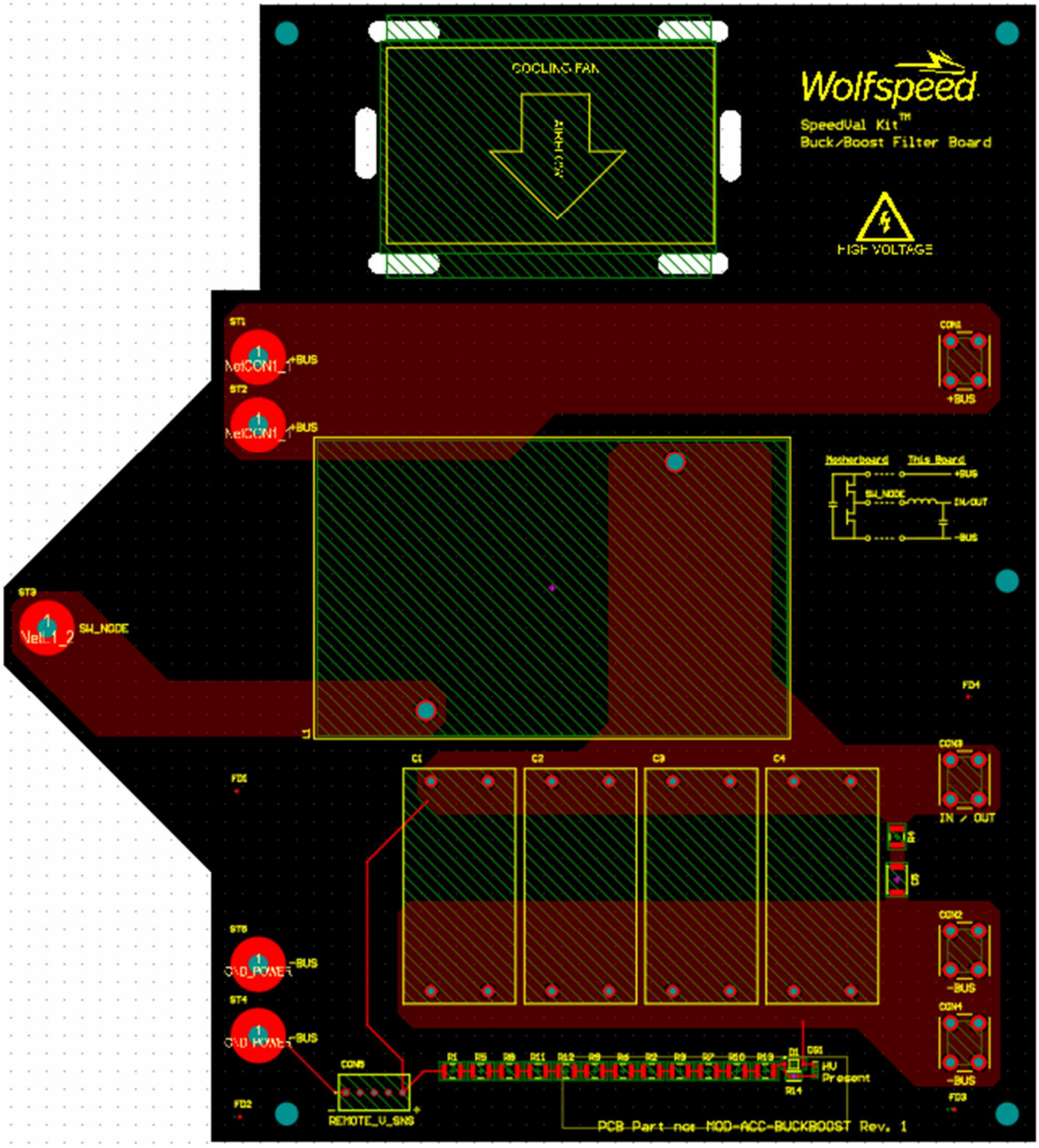

FIGURE 9: PCB LAYOUT- TOP LAYER

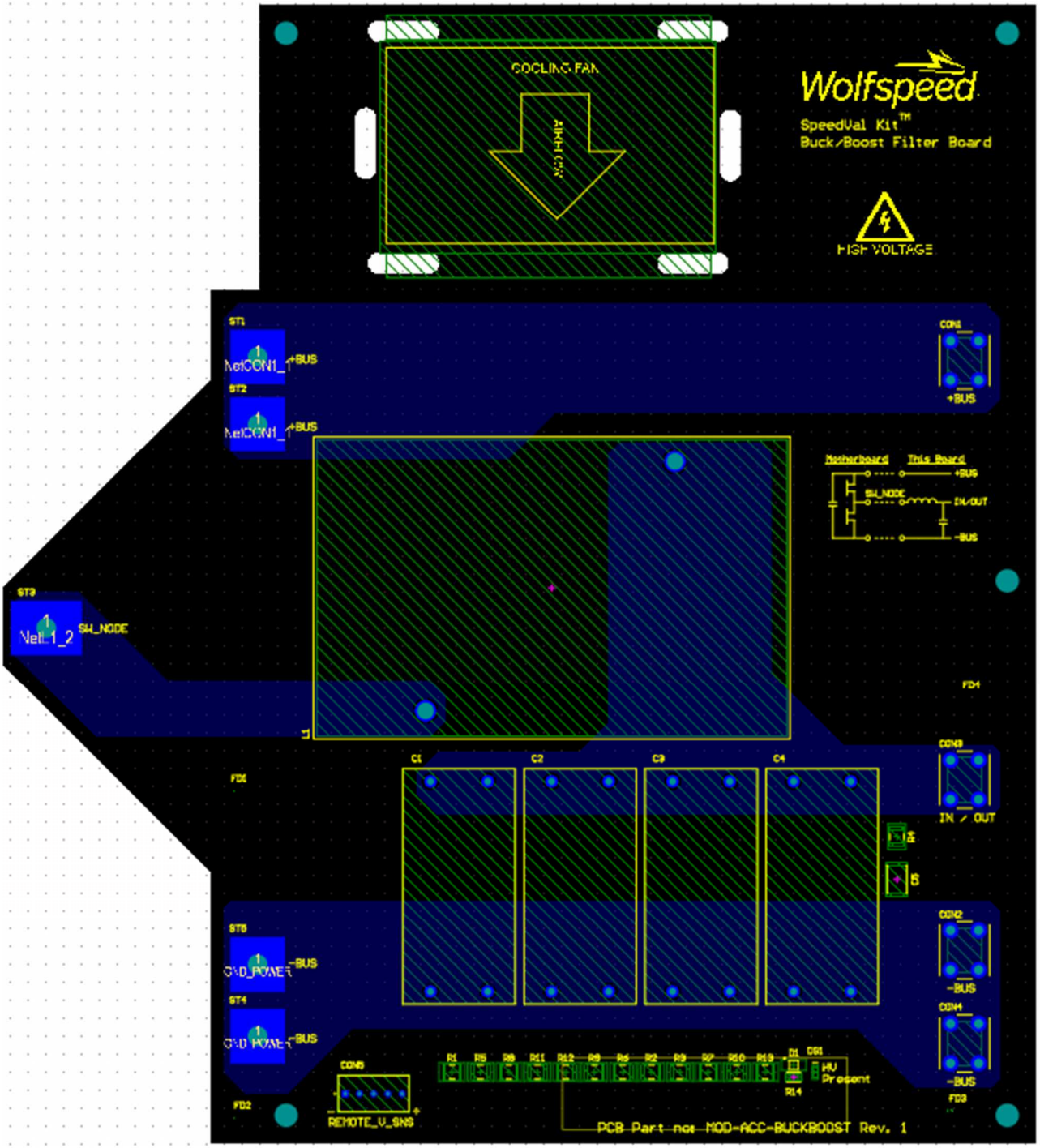

FIGURE 10: PCB LAYER- BOTTOM LAYER

5. REVISION HISTORY

Date	Revision	Changes
December 2022	Rev. 1	1st Issue

6. IMPORTANT NOTES

Purposes and Use

Wolfspeed, Inc. (on behalf of itself and its affiliates, "Wolfspeed") reserves the right in its sole discretion to make corrections, enhancements, improvements, or other changes to the board or to discontinue the board.

THE BOARD DESCRIBED IS AN ENGINEERING TOOL INTENDED SOLELY FOR LABORATORY USE BY HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS TO EVALUATE THE PERFORMANCE OF WOLFSPEED POWER SWITCHING DEVICES. THE BOARD SHOULD NOT BE USED AS ALL OR PART OF A FINISHED PRODUCT. THIS BOARD IS NOT SUITABLE FOR SALE TO OR USE BY CONSUMERS AND CAN BE HIGHLY DANGEROUS IF NOT USED PROPERLY. THIS BOARD IS NOT DESIGNED OR INTENDED TO BE INCORPORATED INTO ANY OTHER PRODUCT FOR RESALE. THE USER SHOULD CAREFULLY REVIEW THE DOCUMENT TO WHICH THESE NOTIFICATIONS ARE ATTACHED AND OTHER WRITTEN USER DOCUMENTATION THAT MAY BE PROVIDED BY WOLFSPEED (TOGETHER, THE "DOCUMENTATION") PRIOR TO USE. USE OF THIS BOARD IS AT THE USER'S SOLE RISK.

Operation of Board

It is important to operate the board within Wolfspeed's recommended specifications and environmental considerations as described in the Documentation. Exceeding specified ratings (such as input and output voltage, current, power, or environmental ranges) may cause property damage. If you have questions about these ratings, please contact Wolfspeed prior to connecting interface electronics (including input power and intended loads). Any loads applied outside of a specified output range may result in adverse consequences, including unintended or inaccurate evaluations or possible permanent damage to the board or its interfaced electronics. Please consult the Documentation prior to connecting any load to the board. If you have any questions about load specifications for the board, please contact Wolfspeed for assistance.

Users should ensure that appropriate safety procedures are followed when working with the board as serious injury, including death by electrocution or serious injury by electrical shock or electrical burns can occur if you do not follow proper safety precautions. It is not necessary in proper operation for the user to touch the board

while it is energized. When devices are being attached to the board for testing, the board must be disconnected from the electrical source and any bulk capacitors must be fully discharged. When the board is connected to an electrical source and for a short time thereafter until board components are fully discharged, some board components will be electrically charged and/or have temperatures greater than 50˚ Celsius. These components may include bulk capacitors, connectors, linear regulators, switching transistors, heatsinks, resistors and SiC diodes that can be identified using board schematic. Users should contact Wolfspeed for assistance if a board schematic is not included in the Documentation or if users have questions about a board's components. When operating the board, users should be aware that these components will be hot and could electrocute or electrically shock the user. As with all electronic evaluation tools, only qualified personnel knowledgeable in handling electronic performance evaluation, measurement, and diagnostic tools should use the board.

User Responsibility for Safe Handling and Compliance with Laws

Users should read the Documentation and, specifically, the various hazard descriptions and warnings contained in the Documentation, prior to handling the board. The Documentation contains important safety information about voltages and temperatures.

Users assume all responsibility and liability for the proper and safe handling of the board. Users are responsible for complying with all safety laws, rules, and regulations related to the use of the board. Users are responsible for (1) establishing protections and safeguards to ensure that a user's use of the board will not result in any property damage, injury, or death, even if the board should fail to perform as described, intended, or expected, and (2) ensuring the safety of any activities to be conducted by the user or the user's employees, affiliates, contractors, representatives, agents, or designees in the use of the board. User questions regarding the safe usage of the board should be directed to Wolfspeed.

In addition, users are responsible for:

● compliance with all international, national, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations that apply to the handling or use of the board by a user or the user's employees, affiliates, contractors, representatives, agents, or designees.

● taking necessary measures, at the user's expense, to correct radio interference if operation of the board causes interference with radio communications. The board may generate, use, and/or radiate radio frequency energy, but it has not been tested for compliance within the limits of computing devices pursuant to Federal Communications Commission or Industry Canada rules, which are designed to provide protection against radio frequency interference.

● compliance with applicable regulatory or safety compliance or certification standards that may normally be associated with other products, such as those established by EU Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on 8 June 2011 about the Restriction of Use of Hazardous Substances (or the RoHS 2 Directive) and EU Directive 2002/96/EC on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (or WEEE). The

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No Warranty

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