

## AN-000012

## Differential Analog Output MEMS Microphone Flex Evaluation Board User Guide

#### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

This user guide applies to the following MEMS microphone evaluation boards:

- EV\_ICS-40618-FX
- EV\_ICS-40619-FX
- EV\_ICS-40720-FX
- EV\_ICS-40730-FX

This is a simple evaluation board that allow quick evaluation of the performance of differential output analog MEMS microphones. The small size and low profile of the flexible PCB enables direct placement of the microphone into a prototype or an existing design for an in situ evaluation. The evaluation board consists of a top or bottom port microphone soldered to a flexible PCB with color-coded wires attached. The only other component on the board is a 0.1  $\mu$ F supply bypass capacitor. Table 1 describes the functions of the four connection wires. Table 2 explains the functional differences between the four microphones and evaluation boards.

| TABLE 1. PIN | FUNCTION | DESCRIPTIONS |
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| WIRE<br>COLOR | MICROPHONE<br>PIN | DESCRIPTION                         |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Red           | VDD               | Power Supply. 1.5 V dc to 3.6 V dc. |
| White         | OUTPUT+           | Analog Output Signal +              |
| Blue          | OUTPUT-           | Analog Output Signal –              |
| Black         | GND               | Ground.                             |

# TABLE 2. MICROPHONE FUNCTIONAL DIFFERENCES

| Microphone | Sensitivity | Maximum<br>Output<br>Voltage | Output<br>Impedance | Mic Port<br>Location |
|------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| ICS-40618  | -38 dBV     | 1.0 V rms                    | 355 Ω               | Bottom               |
| ICS-40619  | -38 dBV     | 1.0 V rms                    | 355 Ω               | Тор                  |
| ICS-40720  | -32 dBV     | 0.79 V rms                   | 700 Ω               | Bottom               |
| ICS-40730  | -32 dBV     | 0.79 V rms                   | 430 Ω               | Bottom               |

#### **EVALUATION BOARD CIRCUIT**

Figure 1 shows the schematic of the evaluation boards, and Figures 2-5 show the flex board layouts. See the respective microphone data sheets for complete descriptions and specifications of the microphones.



Figure 1. Evaluation Board Schematic



#### Figure 2. EV\_ICS-40618-FX Board Layout (Top View) 12 mm x 3.6 mm



Figure 3. EV\_ICS-40619-FX Board Layout (Top View) 12 mm x 3.6 mm



Figure 4. EV\_ICS-40720-FX Board Layout (Top View) 12 mm x 3.6 mm



Figure 5. EV\_ICS-40730-FX Board Layout (Top View) 13.5 mm x 5.0 mm



#### **EVALUATION BOARD PHOTOGRAPHS**



Figure 6. EV\_ICS-40618-FX Top View



Figure 9. EV\_ICS-40730-FX Top View



Figure 7. EV\_ICS-40619-FX Top View



Figure 8. EV\_ICS-40720-FX Top View



#### **REVISION HISTORY**

| <b>REVISION DATE</b> | <b>REV NUMBER</b> | DESCRIPTION   |
|----------------------|-------------------|---|
| 09/25/2014           | 1.0               | Initial release                                     |
| 10/16/2015           | 1.1               | Updated eval board guide to show ICS-40618/9 boards |
| 6/15/2016            | 1.2               | Updated Figure 2; updated company logo              |
| 09/06/2017           | 1.3               | Updated eval board guide to show ICS-40730          |





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