

# Electronics Explorer Board - Reference Manual

- This page is still under construction and new information is being added every day.
- This reference manual provides the technical specifications of the Electronics Explorer Board. For simple instructions on using the EE Board, visit the [Quick Start Guide](#) or check out the projects on the [main page](#).
- Because of the length of this page, it is recommended to use the links on the right for navigation.

## Overview

The Electronics Explorer is an all-in-one package for designing and testing analog and digital circuits. It is built around a large, solderless breadboard to allow for quick and simple prototyping. Operation of the EE Board is easily managed with Digilent's [WaveForms](#) software. Features of the EE Board include:

- 4-channel, 40MSa Oscilloscope
- 4-channel Voltmeter
- 2 Programmable Reference Voltages
- 2-channel Arbitrary Waveform Generator
- Triple-output Power Supply
- 32-channel Digital Pattern Generator
- Discrete Digital I/O's (buttons, switches, LEDs, etc.)

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## Functional Description

When operated with [WaveForms](#), the Electronics Explorer Board is an entire circuit laboratory all in its own. For analog projects, the EE Board can be used as an oscilloscope and waveform generator. It also functions as a voltmeter that has additional access to user-programmable reference voltages. For digital projects, the EE Board can be used as a logic analyzer and digital pattern generator. It offers a variety of options for virtual digital I/O devices as well. Lastly, it includes various user-programmable power supplies.

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## Interfacing

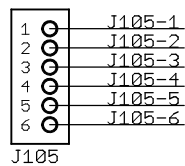
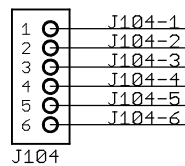
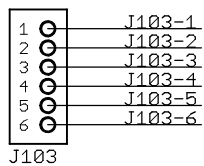
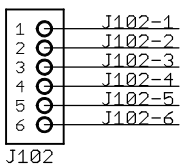
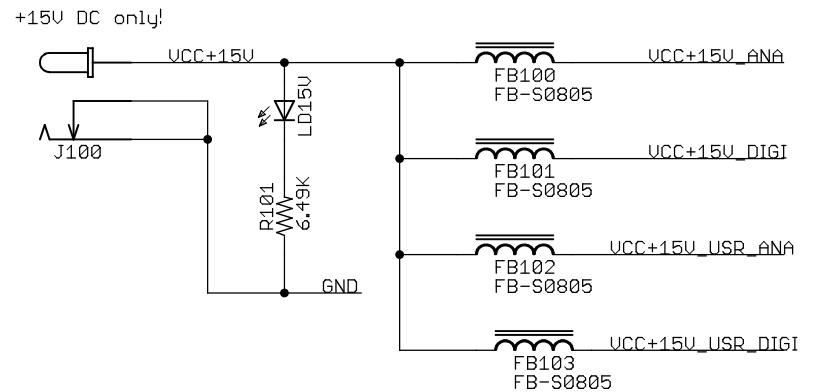
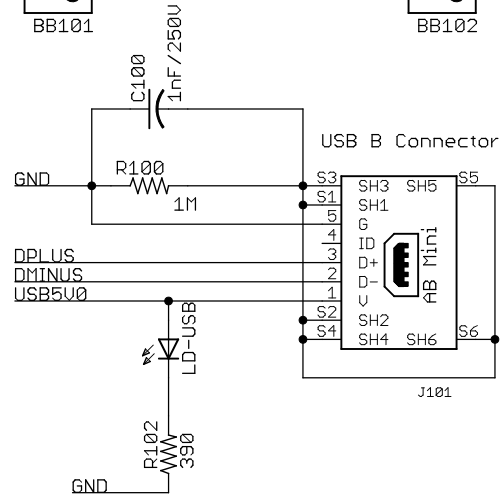
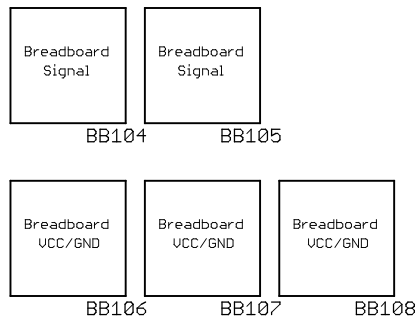
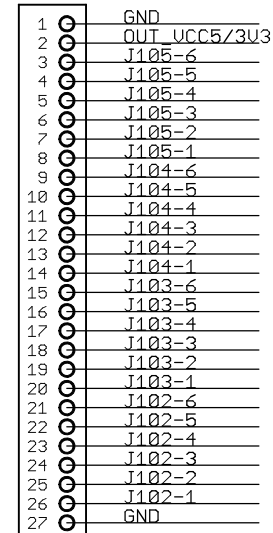
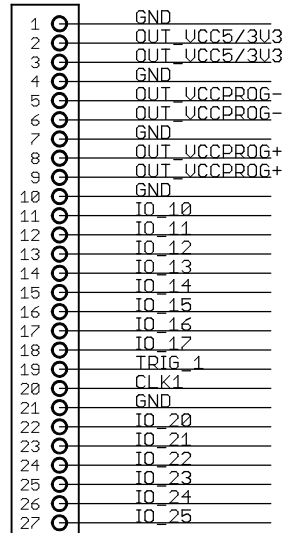
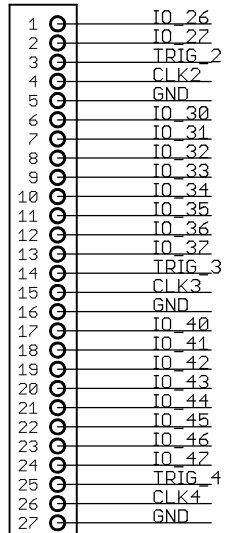
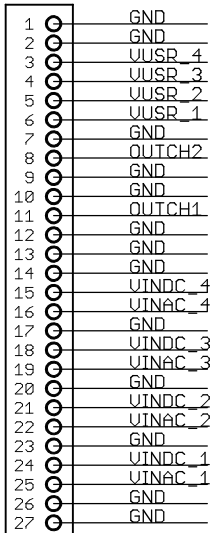
Communication with the EE Board utilizes a USB connection and interfacing is quite simple. A micro-USB cable is used to connect the board to a computer. The EE Board also has a barrel-jack adapter for 12V of external power. With the USB cable and external power supply connected, turning the board switch to "ON" prepares it for communication with WaveForms.

All programming and interfacing is done within the WaveForms software. The [Quick Start Guide](#) discuss this process further.

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## Physical Dimensions

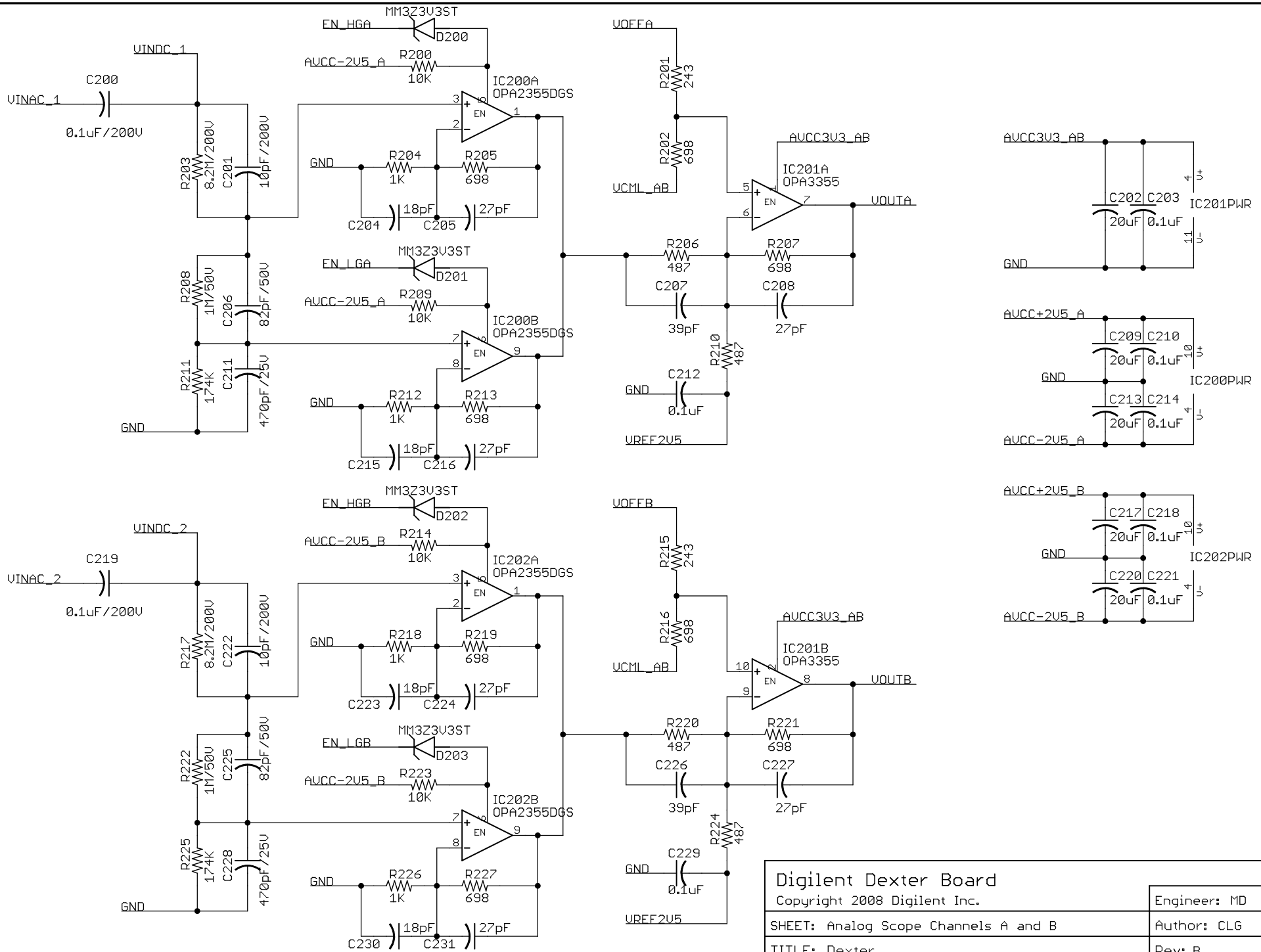
The full assembly is 7.75"W x 6.25"L x 1.00"H. On the surface are two full-size 630-hole breadboards with three 100-hole power rails. There are also seven mini 24-hole breadboards that are wired specifically for the various functions offered by the EE Board. The board is mounted on four 1" lug nuts. These serve to elevate the board as well as hold the protective casing that covers the circuitry on the under-side of the board.



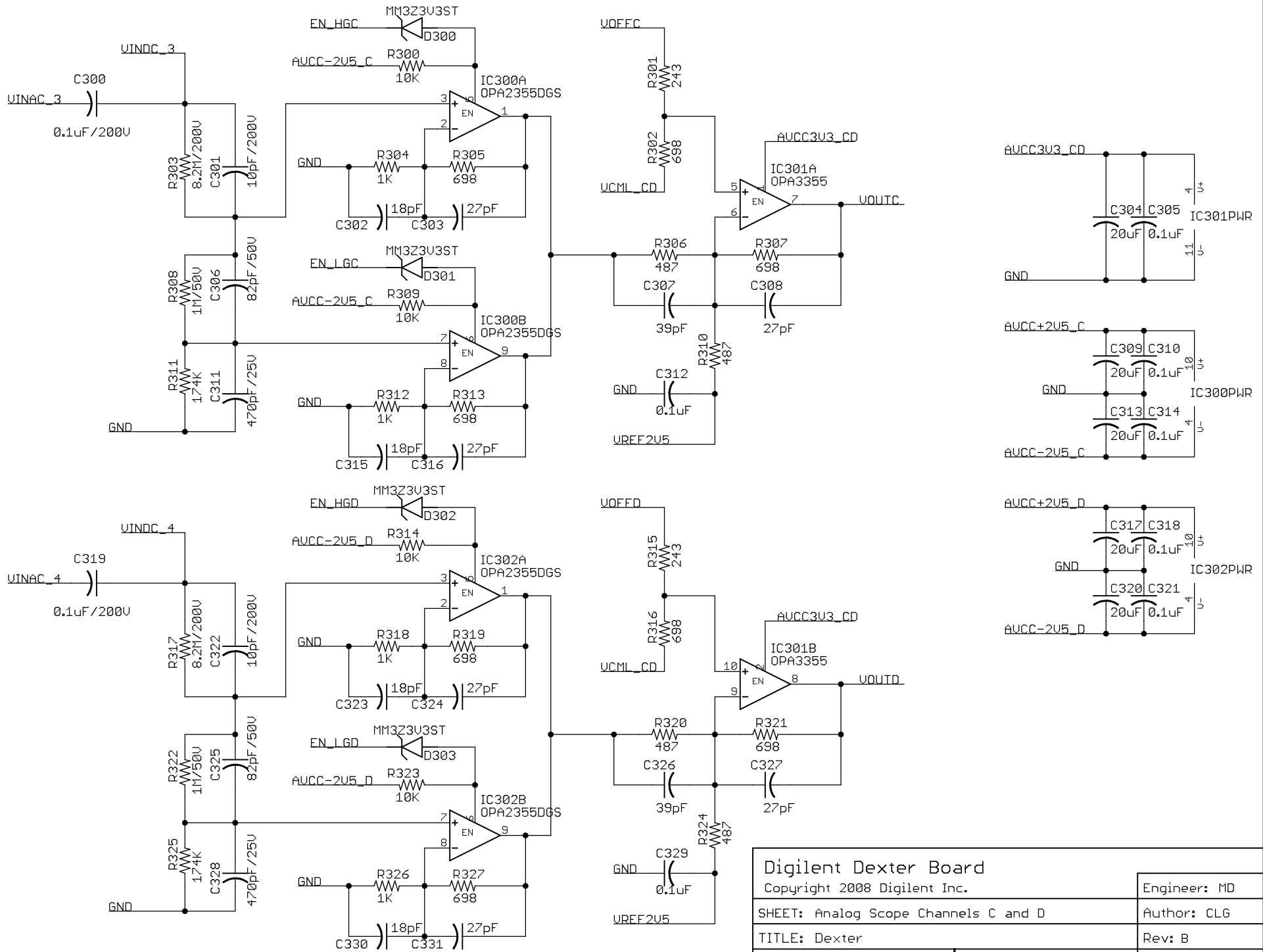
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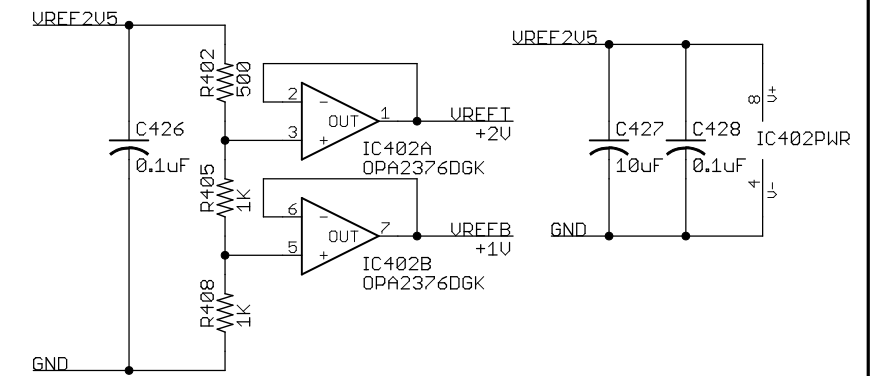
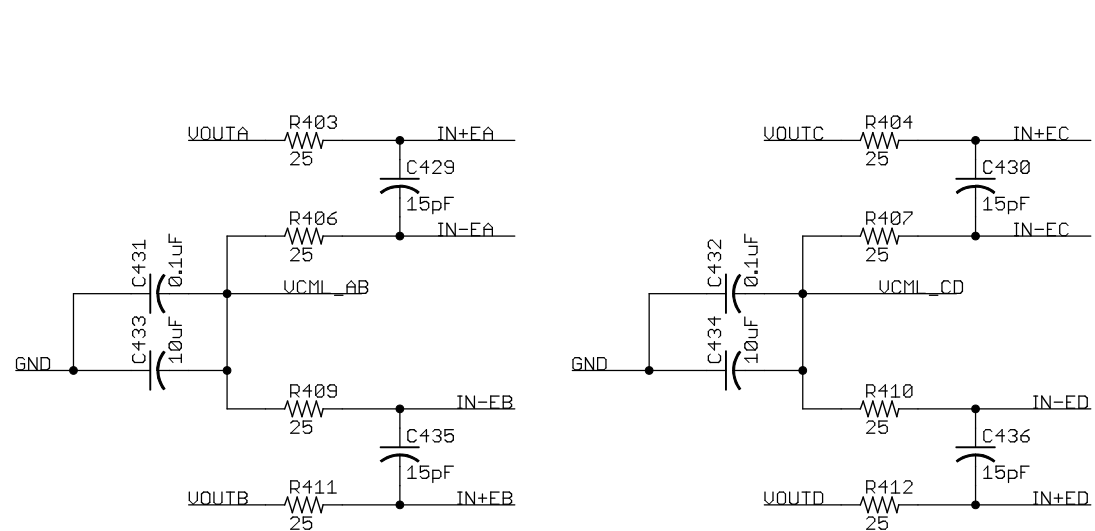
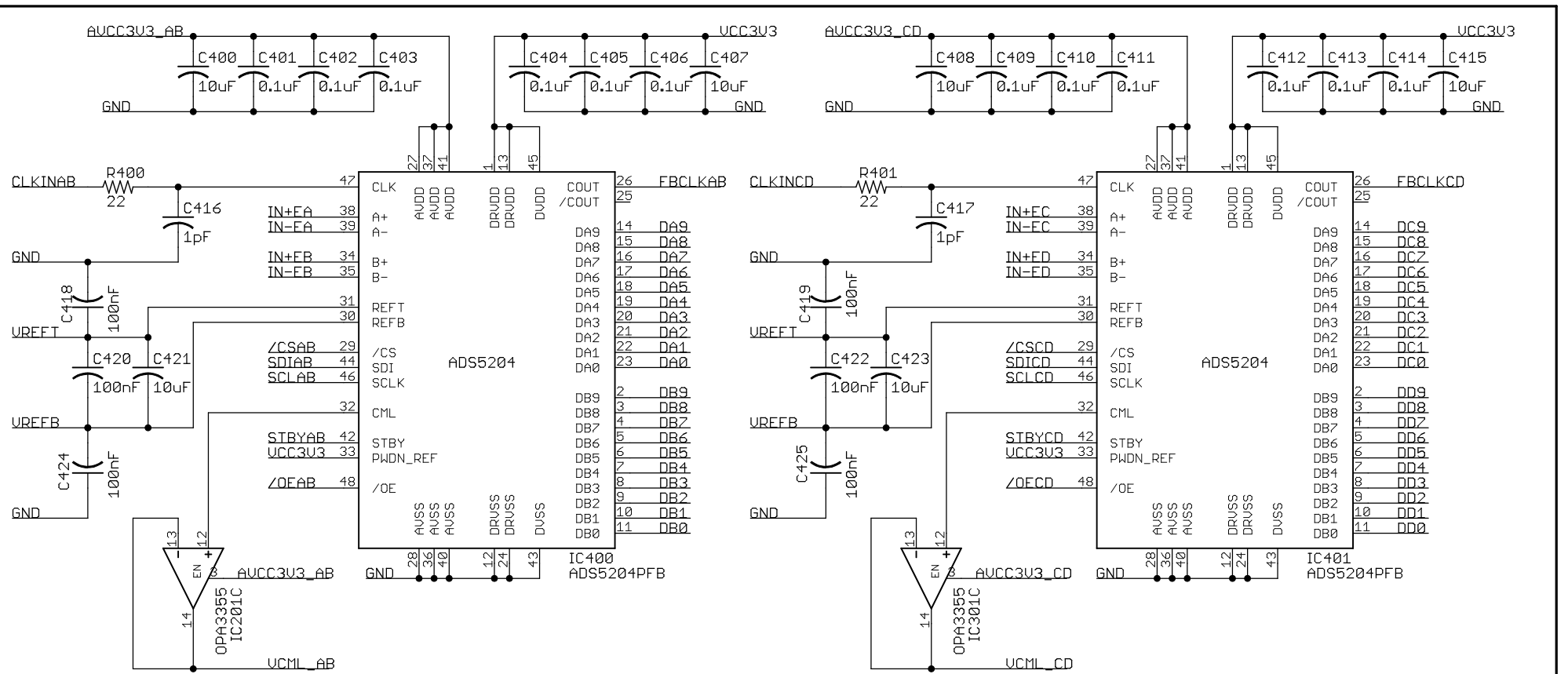
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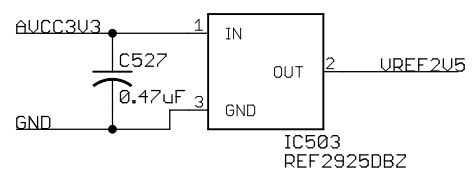
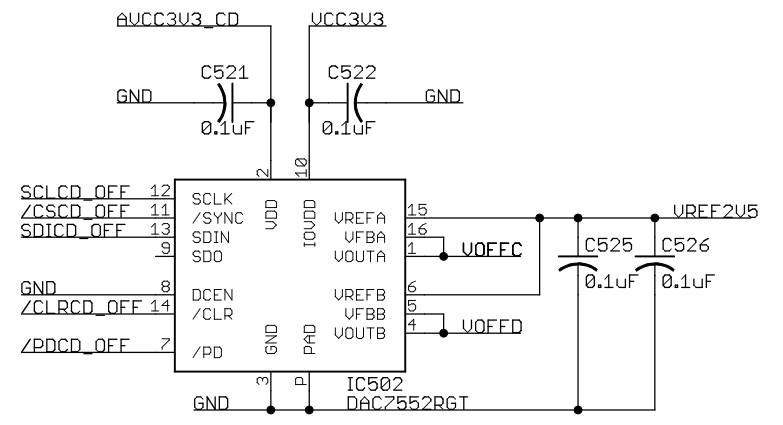
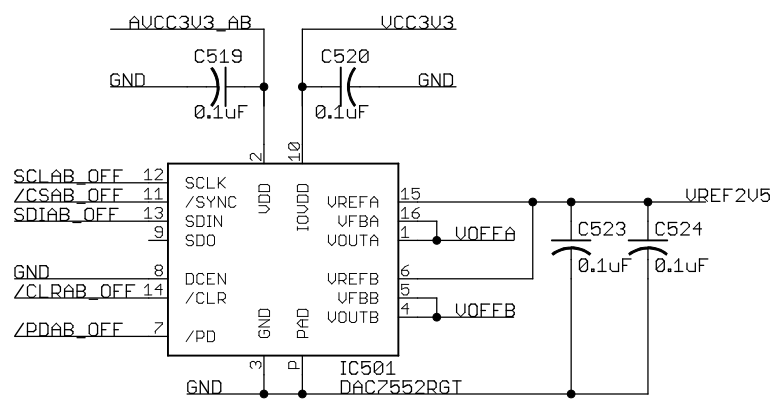
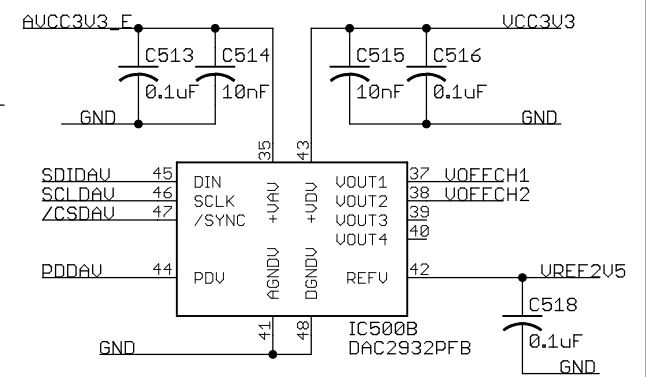
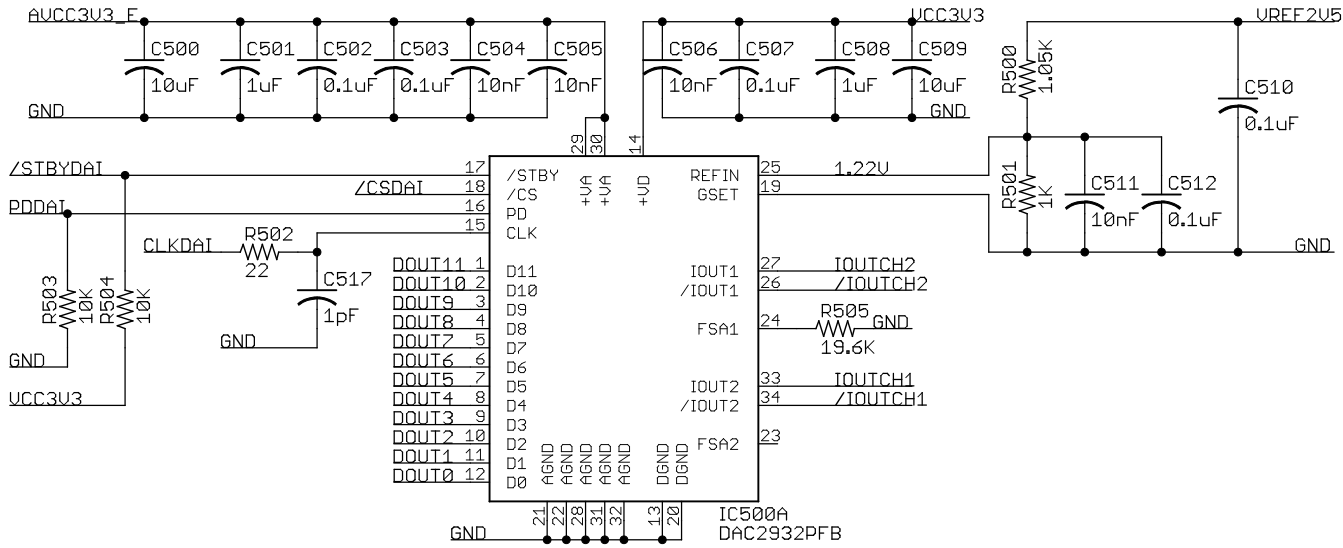
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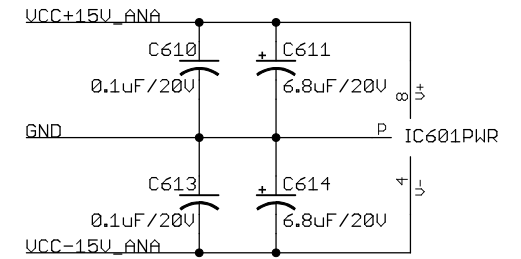
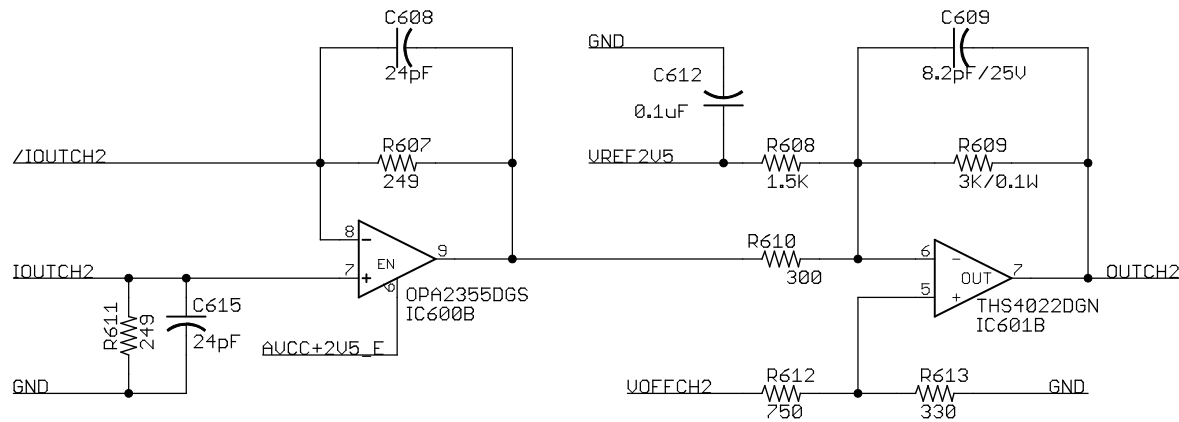
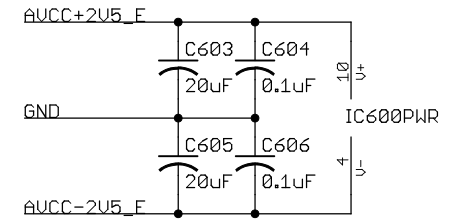
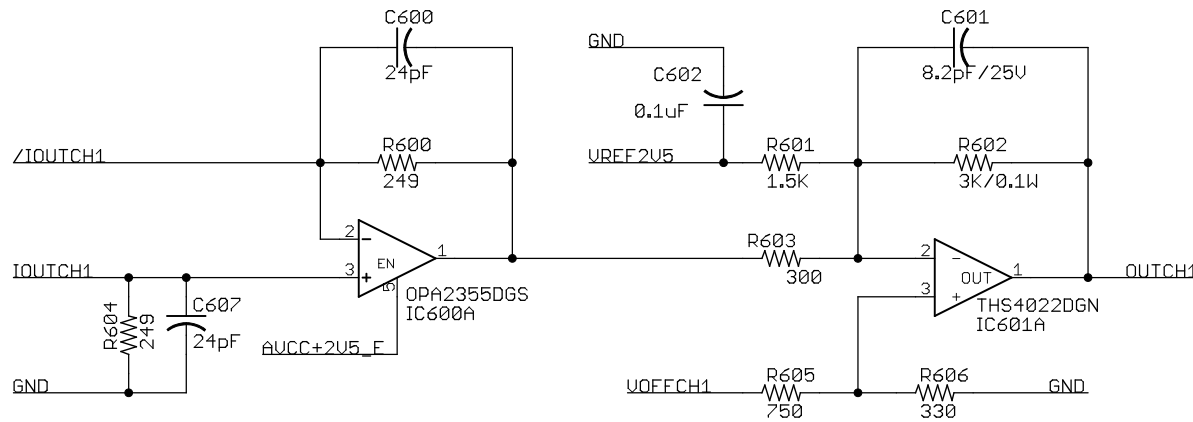
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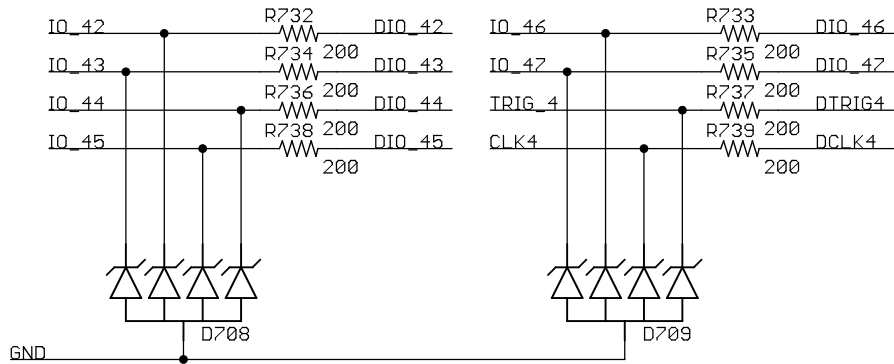
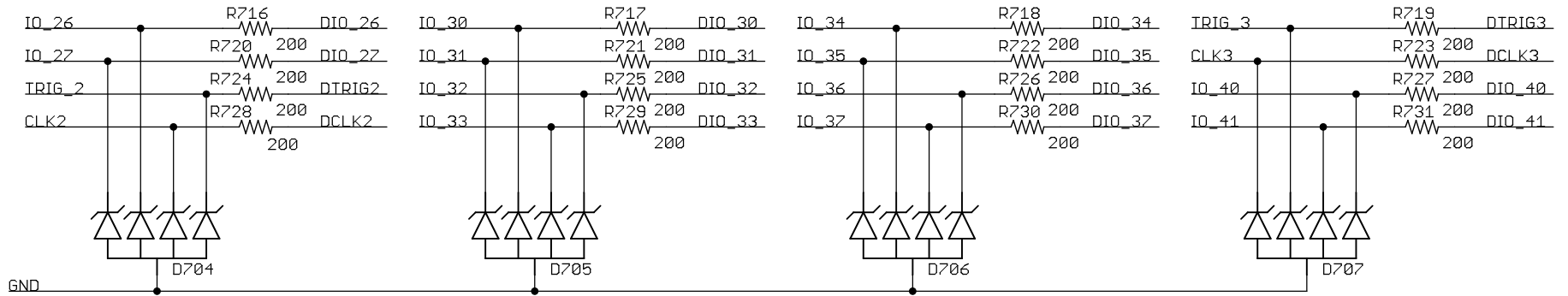
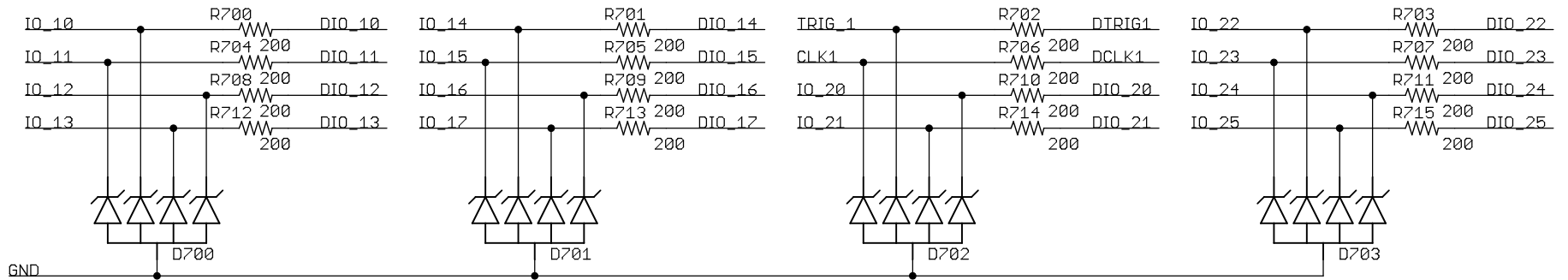
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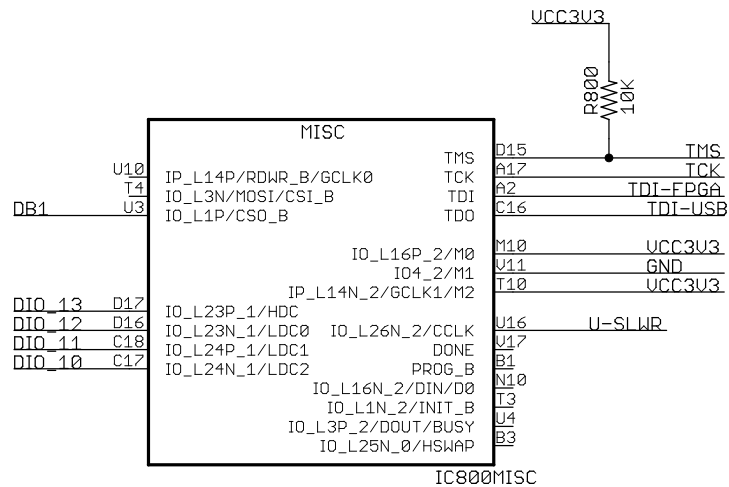
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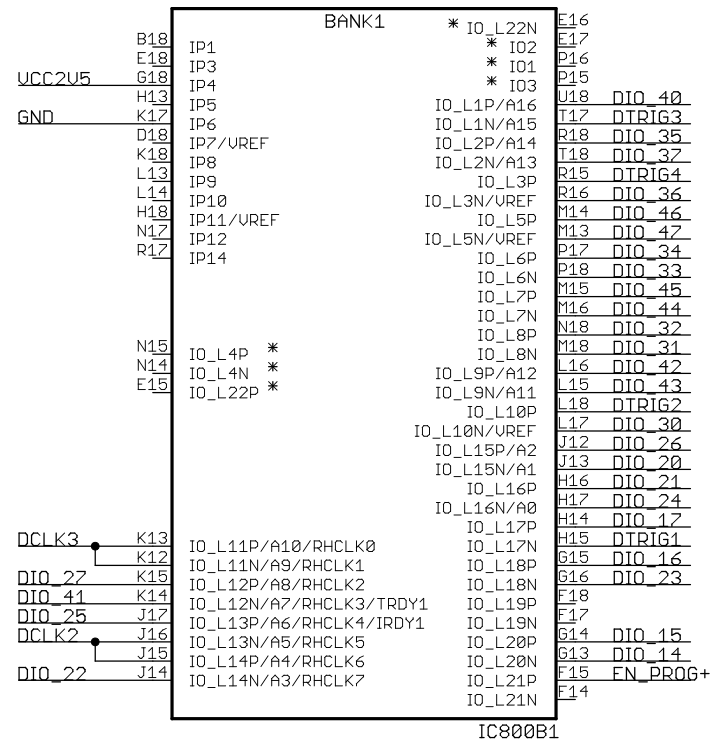
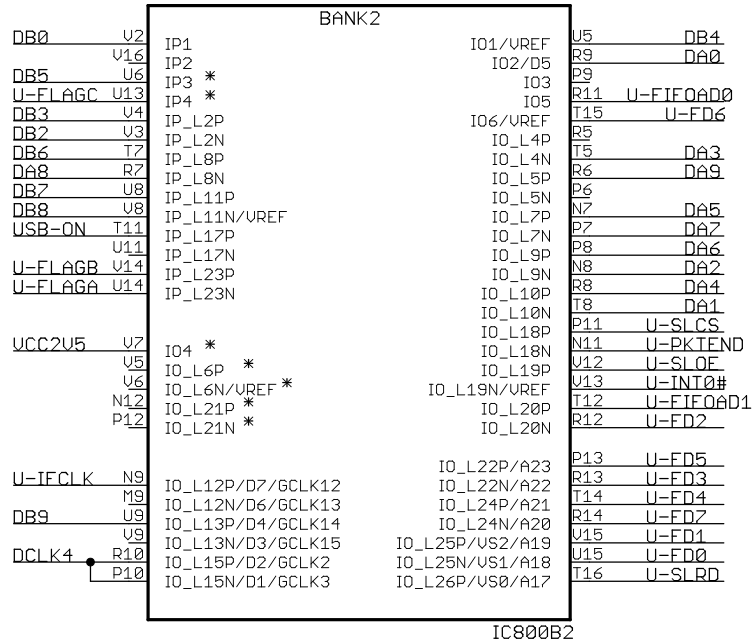
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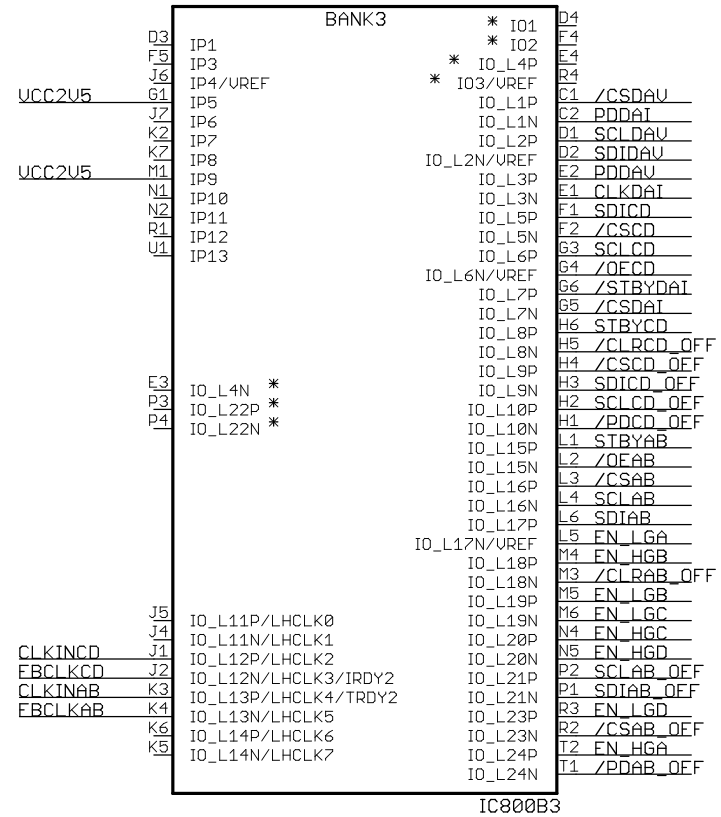
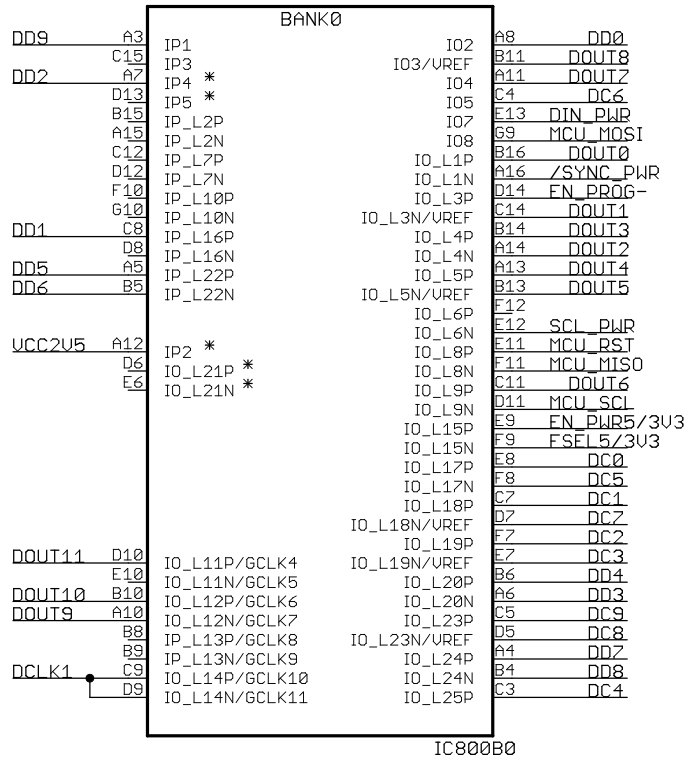
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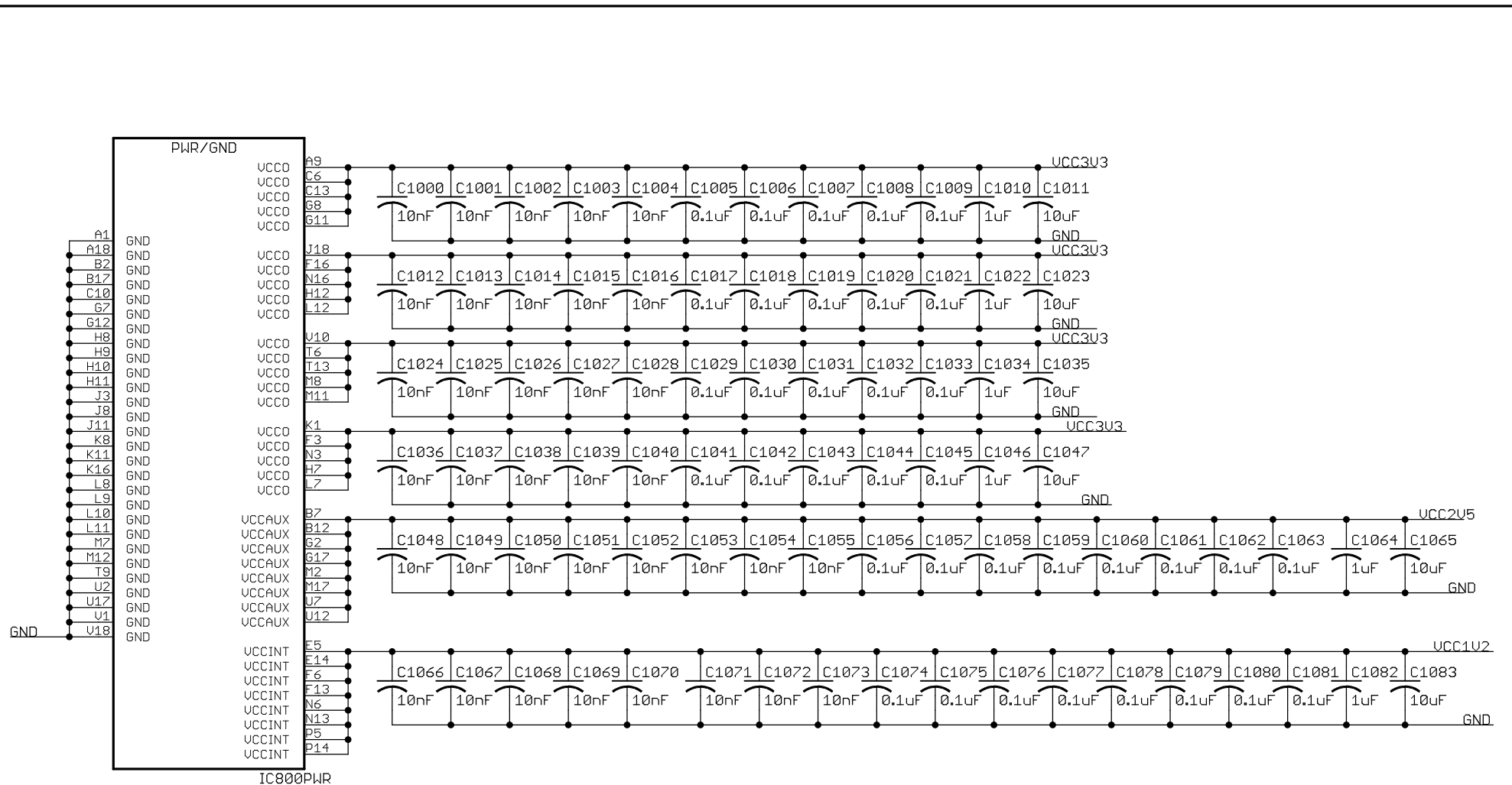
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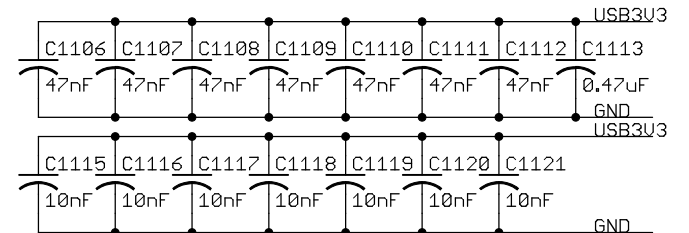
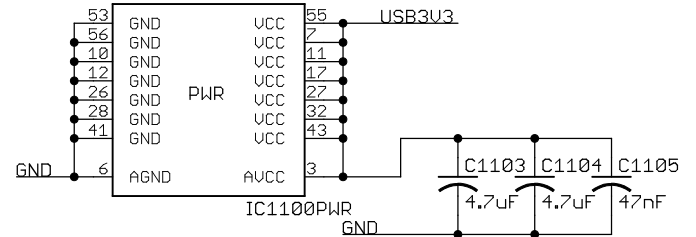
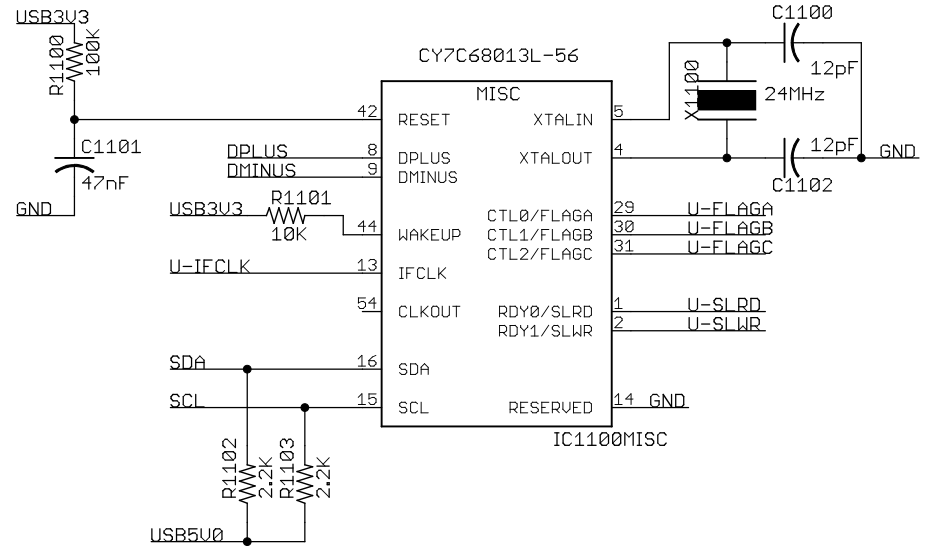
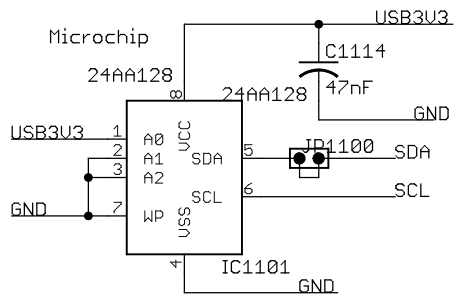
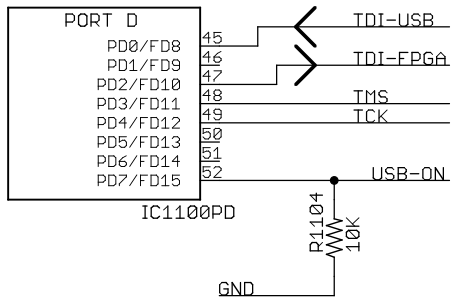
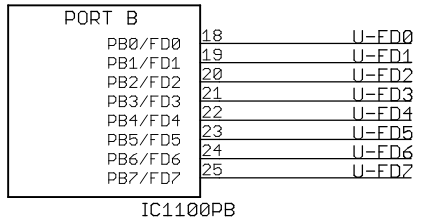
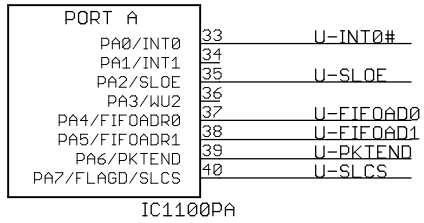
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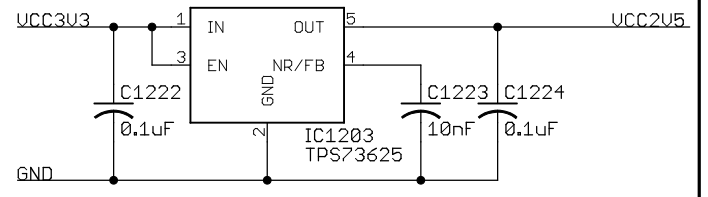
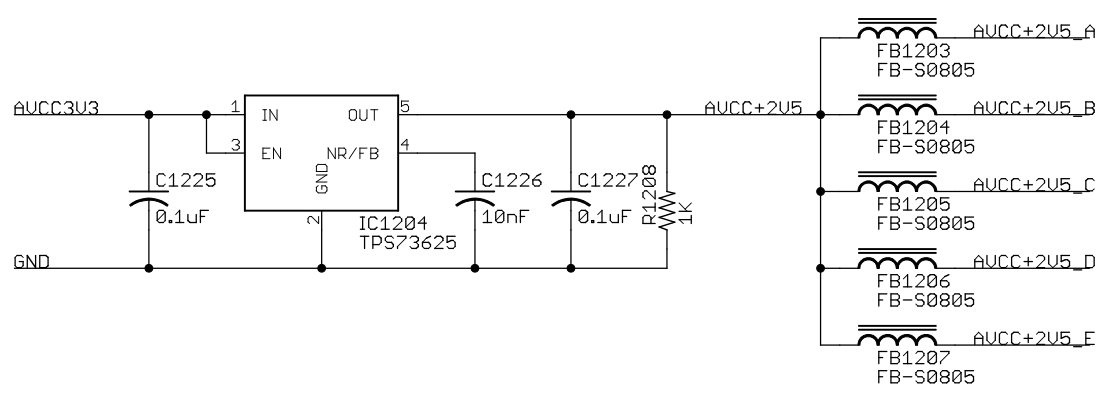
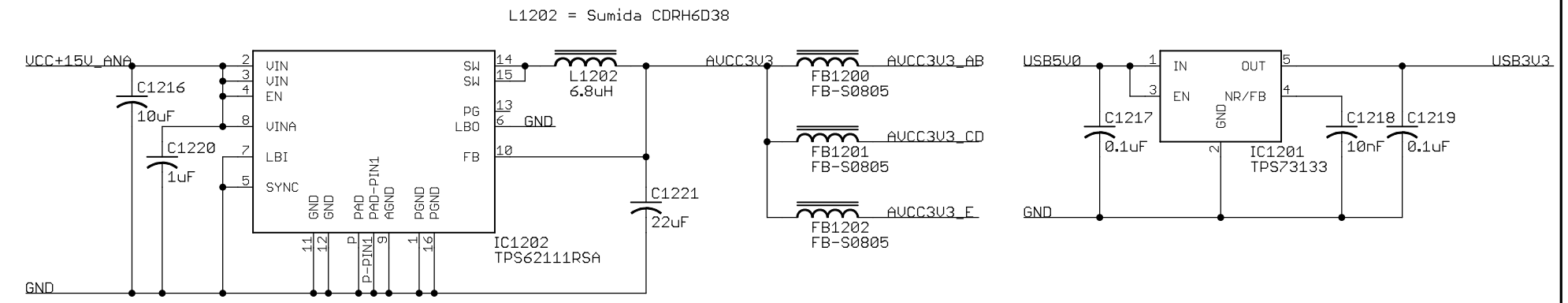
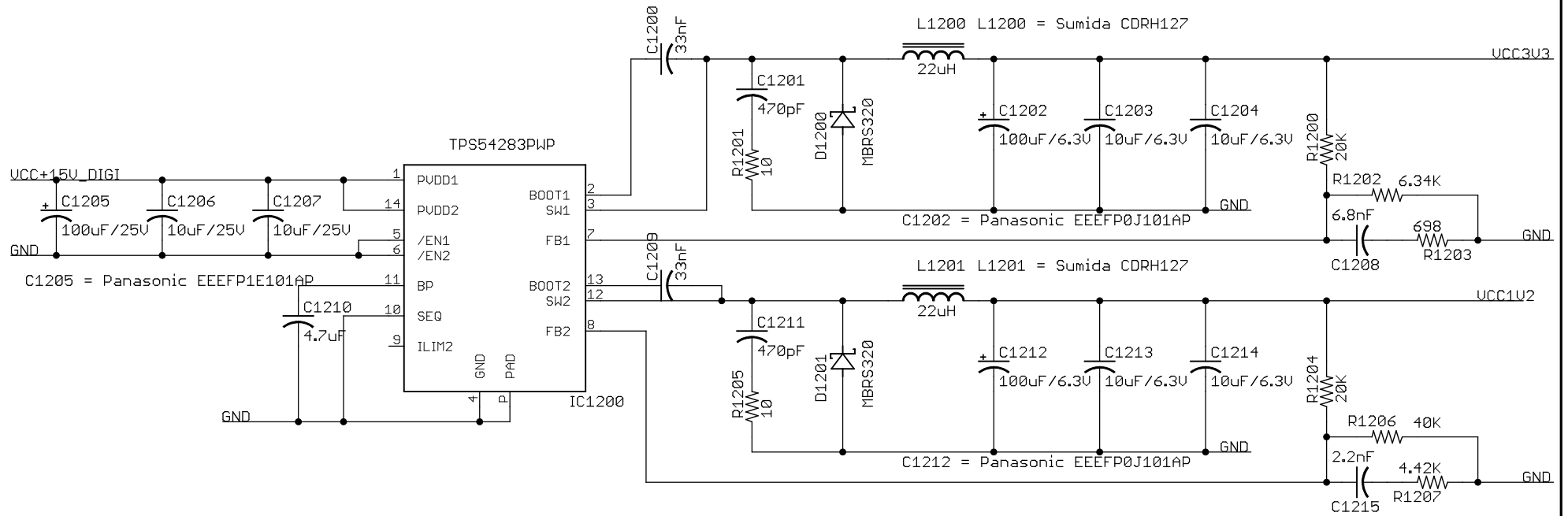
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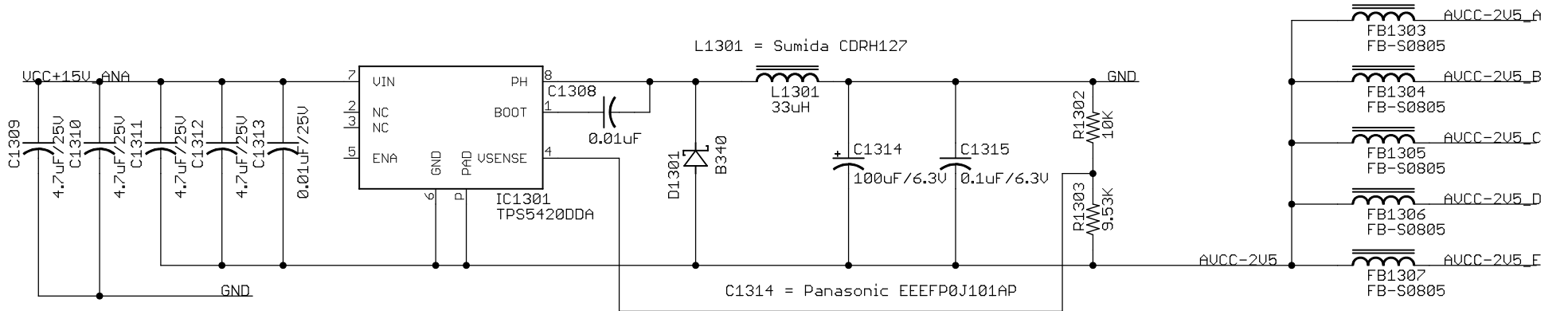
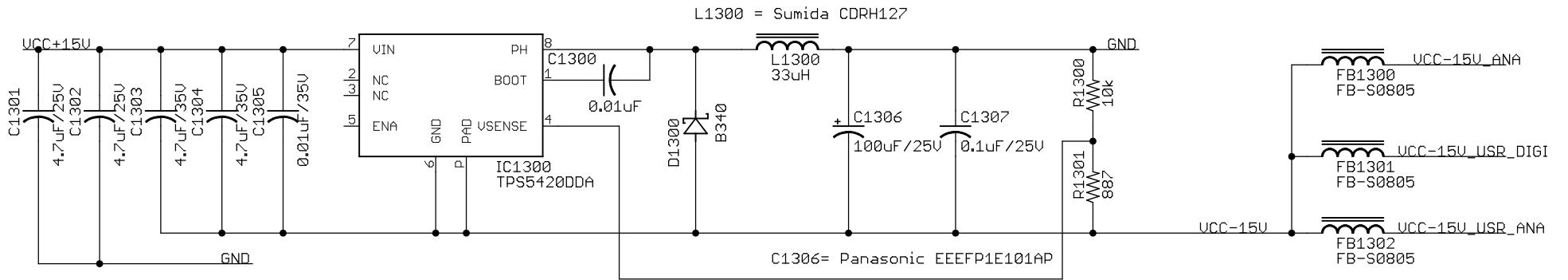
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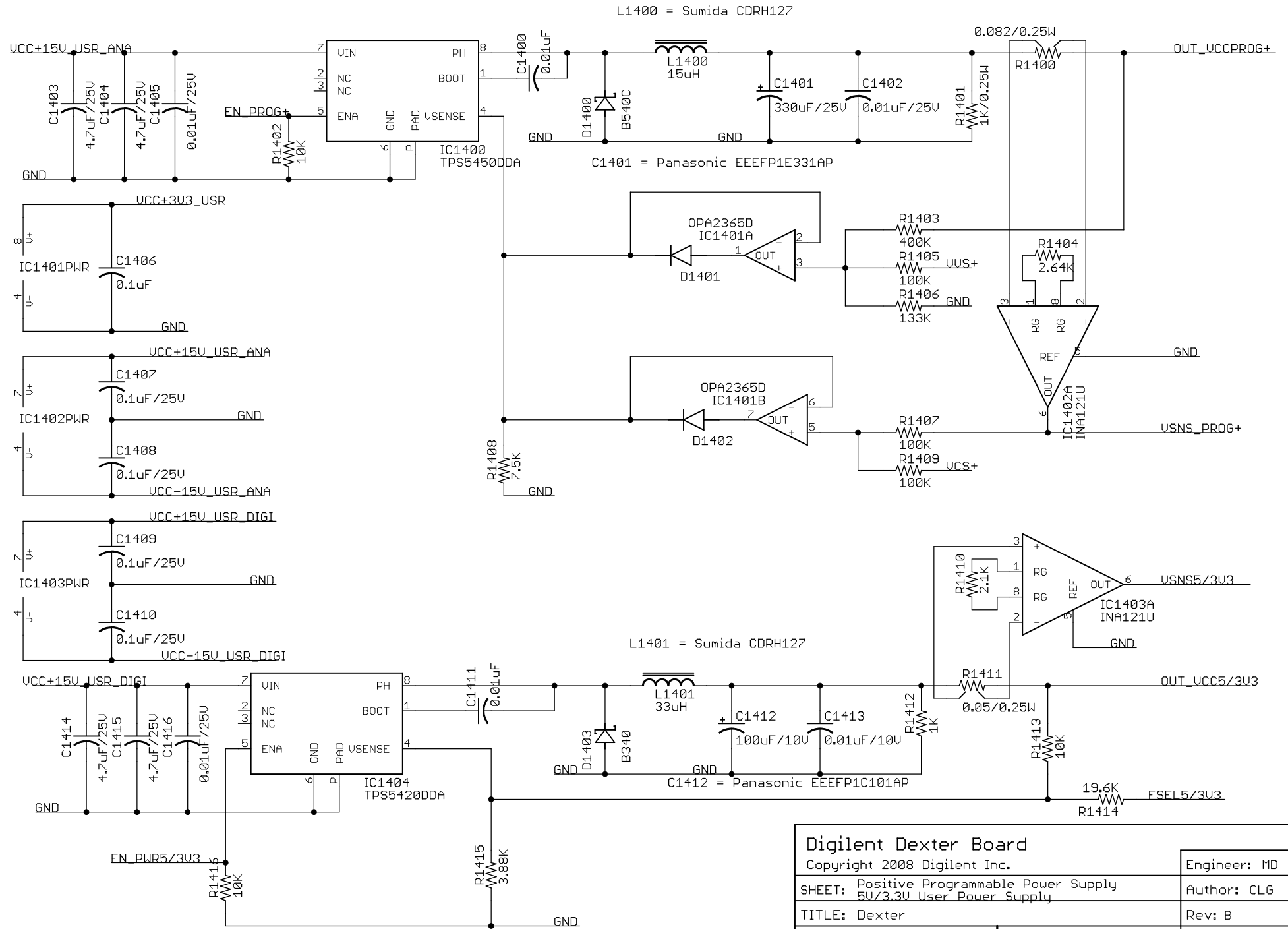
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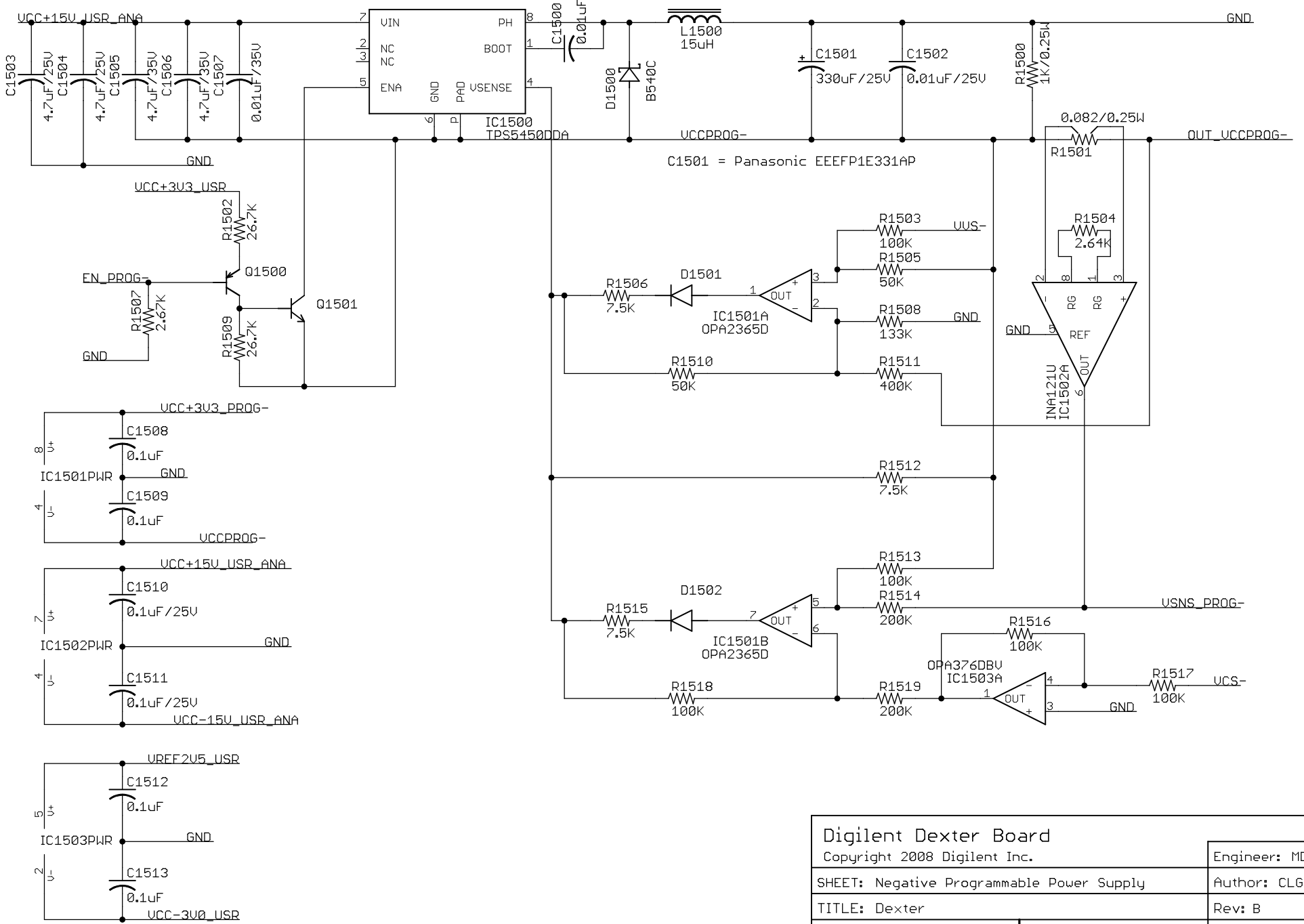
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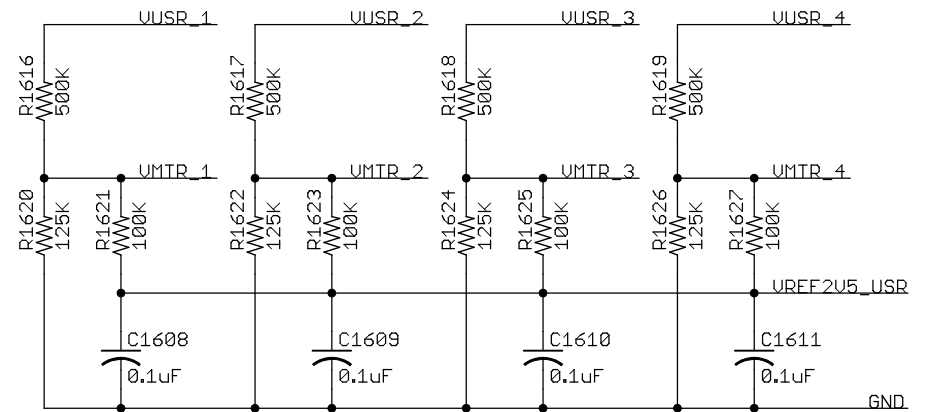
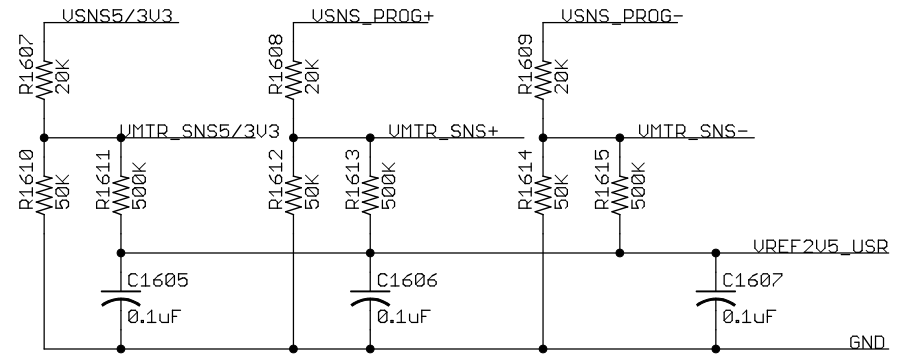
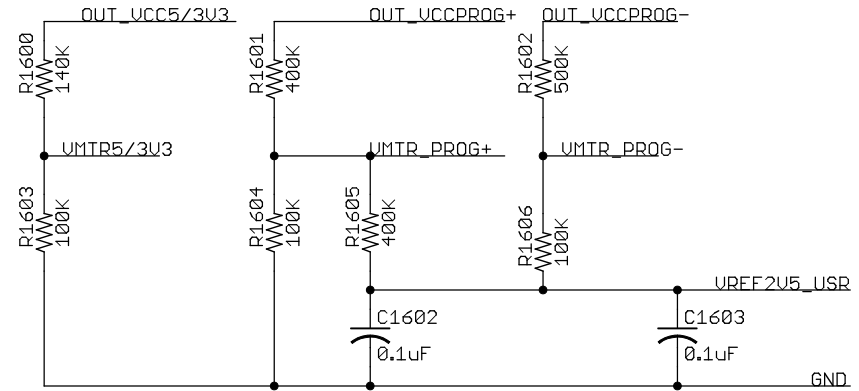
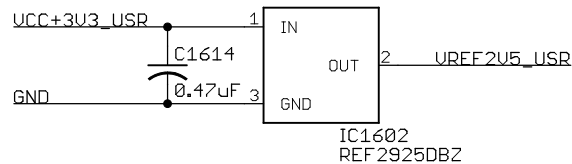
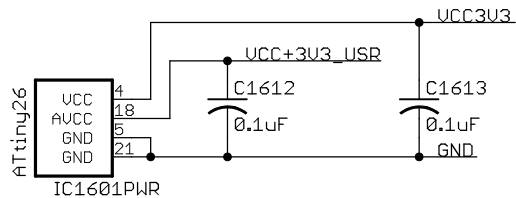
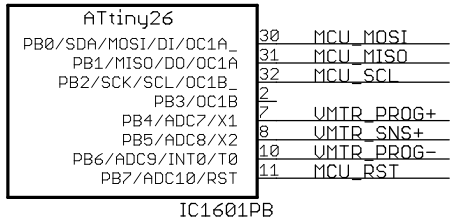
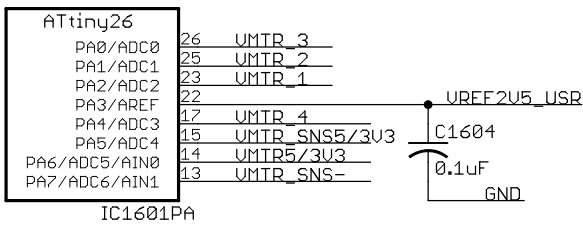
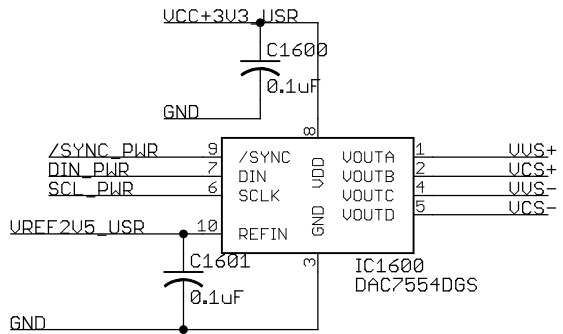
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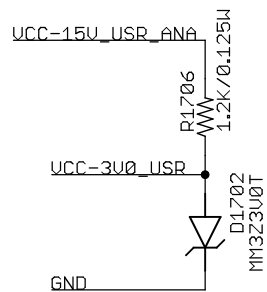
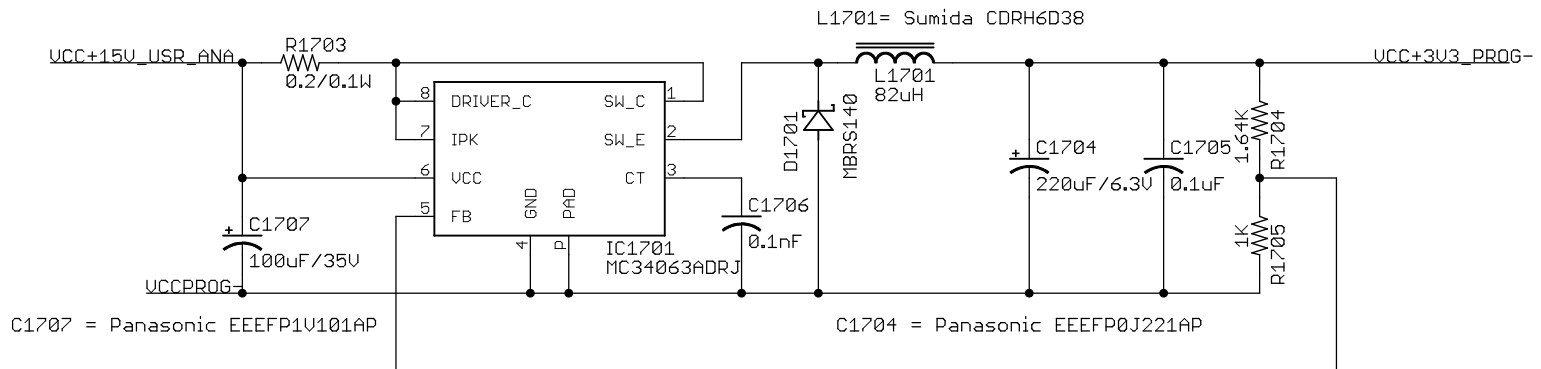
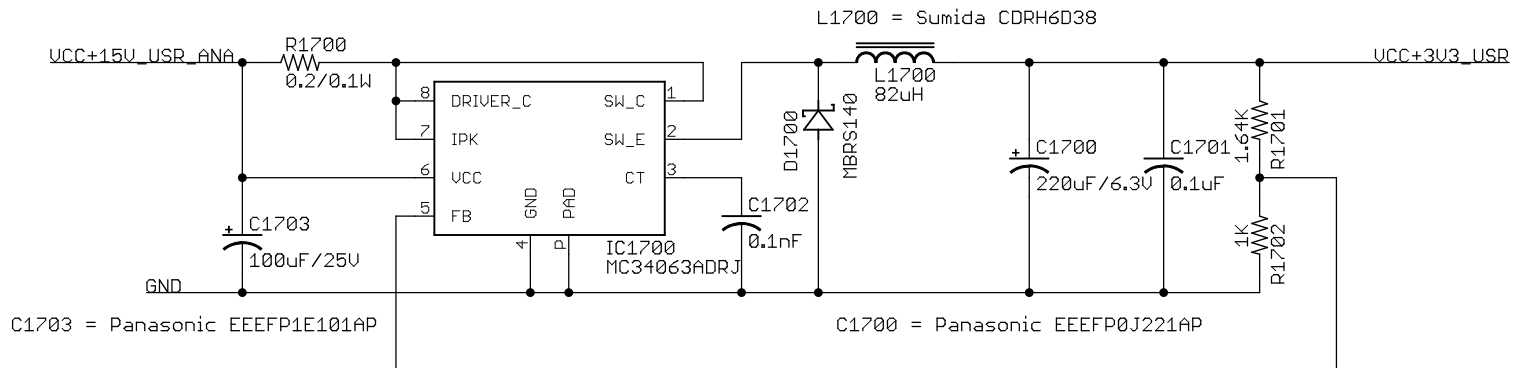
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