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## Si3459 EVALUATION KIT USER'S GUIDE

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### 1. Introduction

The Si3459 16-port evaluation kit (Si3459-KIT) is intended for Power over Ethernet (PoE) Power Sourcing Equipment (PSE) system designers interested in evaluating the 8-port Si3459 PSE controller.

The Si3459 is controlled through an I<sup>2</sup>C (or SMBus) interface. For convenience in evaluation, a graphical user interface (GUI) is provided, giving an easy-to-use visual display and control of the Si3459 I<sup>2</sup>C registers. The evaluation kit assumes the user has access to a PC to control the evaluation board using the provided GUI.

The user is also responsible for providing an appropriate high-voltage power supply. The power supply should be 45 to 57 V for normal PoE or 51 to 57 V for PoE+. The Si3459 can supply over 30 W to each port. Thus, the two Si3459 controllers for the 16-port demo system can provide over 480 W of total power. While the classification and actual current consumption of each port is available, the demo GUI interacts with the Si3459 on a per-port basis and does not implement system-level power management. Contact Silicon Laboratories for more information about system-level power management options.

The Si3459-KIT kit has been thoroughly tested for standards compliance and interoperability. Contact Silicon Laboratories for test reports using Sifos PoE test equipment and University of New Hampshire PoE standards compliance and interoperability reports.

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## 2. Kit Contents

**Table 1. Evaluation Kit Contents**

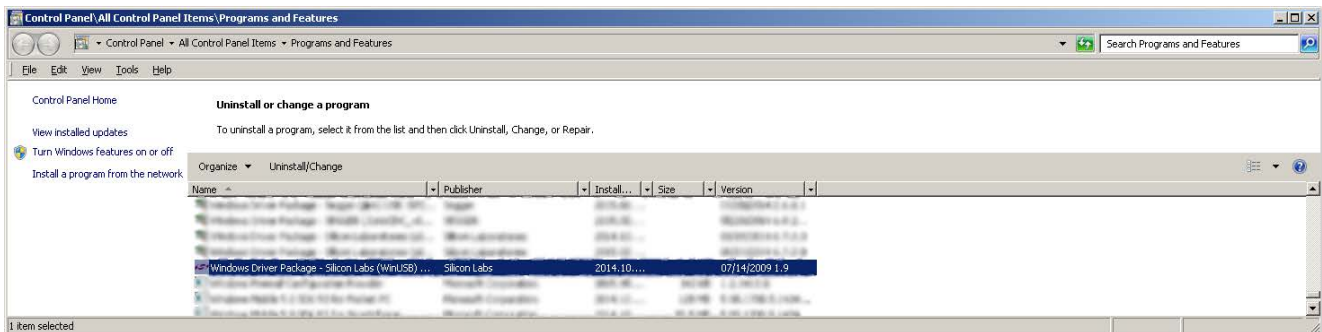
Qty	Item	Contents
1	Si3459-EVB	Si3459 16-port evaluation board with connector for an external 50 V power supply. The power supply must be capable of supplying the required amount of power for all PoE loads being connected. The board is populated with Si3459 parts.
2	Si3459CB-EVB	RJ-45 connector board configured as Power over Ethernet mid-span injector with gigabit Ethernet pass-through.
2	RIBBON-20-4	20-wire cable connects the Si3459 evaluation board to the RJ-45 connector board
1	USB-ADAPT-BRD	USB to I <sup>2</sup> C (or SMBus) translator board. This board is preprogrammed to support I <sup>2</sup> C transactions. The label on this 2"x 2" board is "PoE USB Adapter".
1	S-USB2.06-01	USB cable to connect to a host PC
2	Si3402ISO-EVB	Powered Device evaluation board configured to provide a Class 3 signature.
1	Si3402ISO-C4-EVB	Powered Device evaluation board configured to provide a Class 4 signature.
3	LOADBOARD_REV1_0	Configurable load board.
6	HEXNUT 1/4-32_NIC	Nuts for attaching load boards to powered device evaluation boards
1	CON-2-MALE	Power connector to fit EVB J3
3	CAT5E-01	Ethernet cable to connect the Si3402 evaluation boards to the connector board.
1	CD-ROM	Software drivers for the USB to I <sup>2</sup> C adapter and a GUI for the Si3459 registers on a CD-ROM. Applicable notes and data sheets are also included.

## 3. Installation

This KIT includes a PC-based Monitor GUI. Before you can use the Monitor, you must first install the device driver associated with the PoE USB Adapter card (called “PoEUSB” in this document), then install the Monitor GUI.

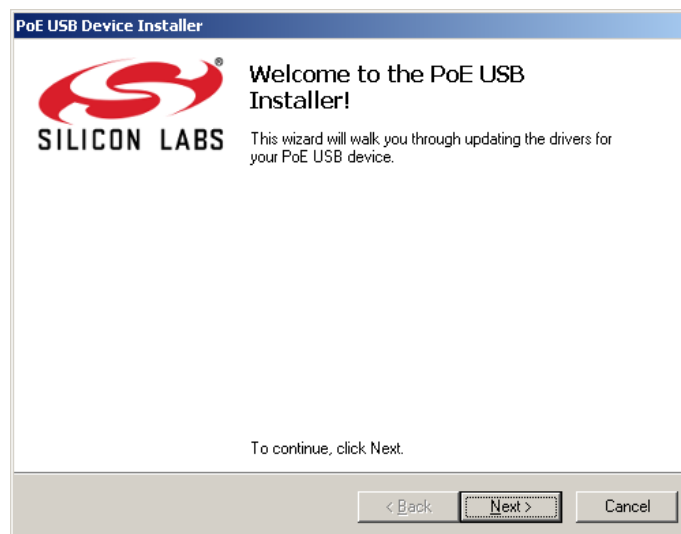
### 3.1. Installing the PoEUSB Device

**Note:** If you have previously installed the PoEUSB device, uninstall the previous driver version before installing the new version. To uninstall the previous version, select “Programs and Features” or “Add or Remove Programs” from the Control Panel, and then uninstall “Windows Driver Package - Silicon Labs, (WinUSB) MultiportSerial” and similar file names.



**Figure 1. Uninstall Previous Revision Windows Driver Package**

To install the PoEUSB device driver, run PoEUSBSetup.exe from the documentation that comes with this KIT.



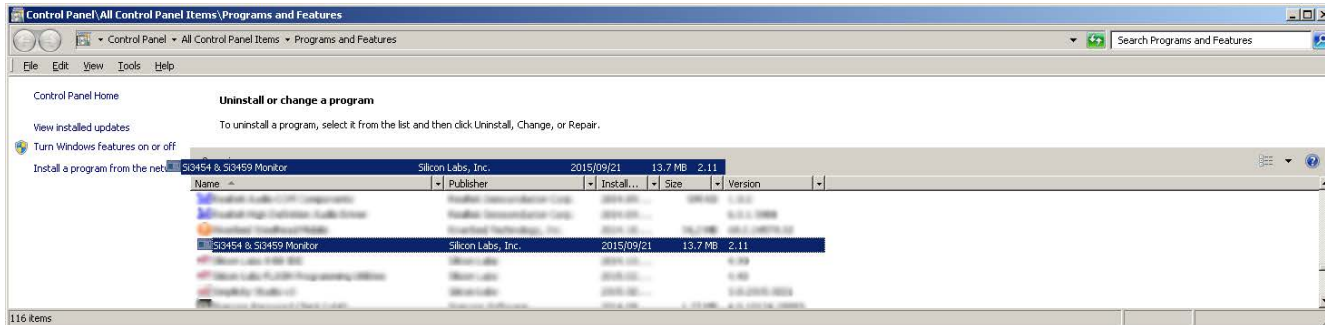
**Figure 2. PoE USB Device Installer Screen**

After the PoEUSB device driver is installed, then complete the installation by connecting the PoEUSB adapter card to the PC with a USB cable.

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## 3.2. Installing the Si3454 & Si3459 Monitor

If you have previously installed the Monitor, uninstall the previous version before installing the new version. To uninstall the previous version, select “Programs and Features” or “Add or Remove Programs” from the Control Panel, and then uninstall the application.



**Figure 3. Uninstall Previous Rev Si3454 & Si3459 Monitor**

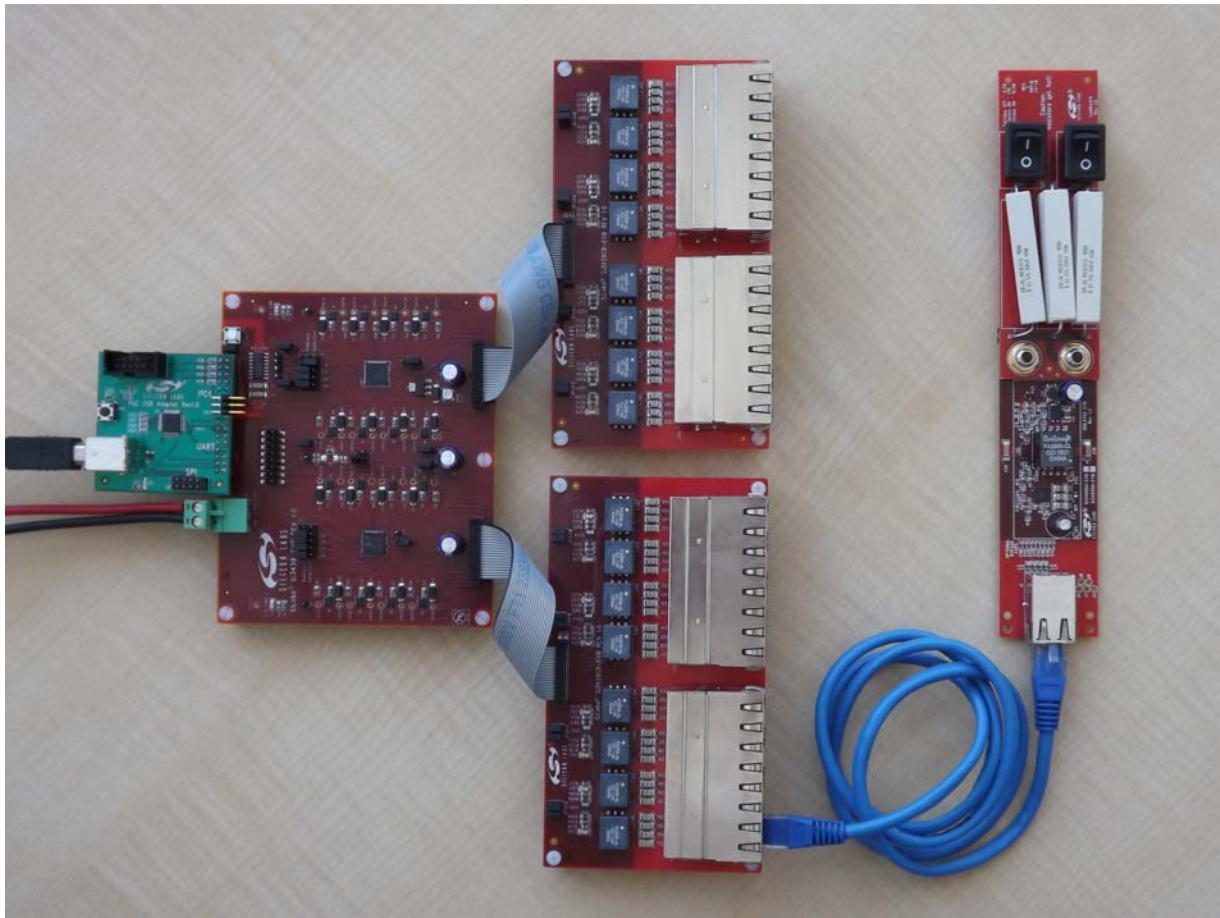
To install the Si3454 & Si3459 Monitor, run si3454\_si3459\_monitor.msi.



**Figure 4. Monitor Setup Wizard**

## 4. Hardware Installation

Figure 5 shows how all the hardware components of the Si3459 evaluation kit fit together.



**Figure 5. Evaluation Kit Hardware**

Reference Figure 5 for overall system connection. Perform initial setup as follows:

1. Verify that Evaluation Board jumper placements are correct, according to Figure 18 schematic, Figure 6. “Si3459 Jumpers” and Table 2. On the Connector Board, the default condition occurs when all jumpers are installed.
2. Connect the Si3459 evaluation card (Si3459-EVB) to the two RJ45 (Si3459CB-EVB) cards using the 20-pin ribbon cables.
3. Plug J104 (refer to the silkscreen on the bottom of the board) of the PoEUSB adapter into J2 of the Si3459-EVB.
4. Connect a 52 V power supply to J3. When the high voltage supply is turned on, the power LED D3 will indicate that the on-board generated 3.3 V logic supply is active. The power LED location is indicated by green circles in Figure 6. “Si3459 Jumpers”.
5. Plug the PoEUSB adapter into an available computer USB port if this was not already done during the software installation step. If the drivers were installed properly, the PC should recognize the adapter.
6. The Si3459 Evaluation Board is configured as a midspan power injector. The data input lines are on the top row, and the power plus data output lines are on the bottom row. See Figure 7. A Powered Device (PD) is plugged into the bottom row.
7. Start the Si3454 & Si3459 Monitor.

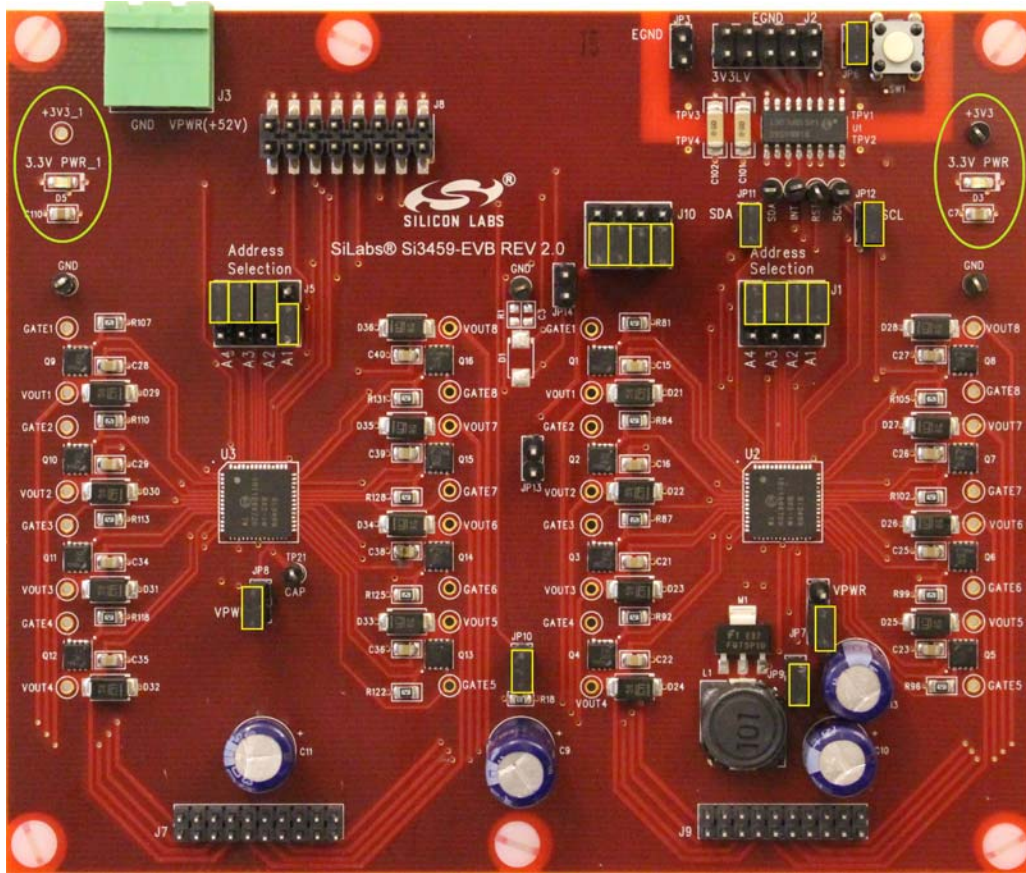
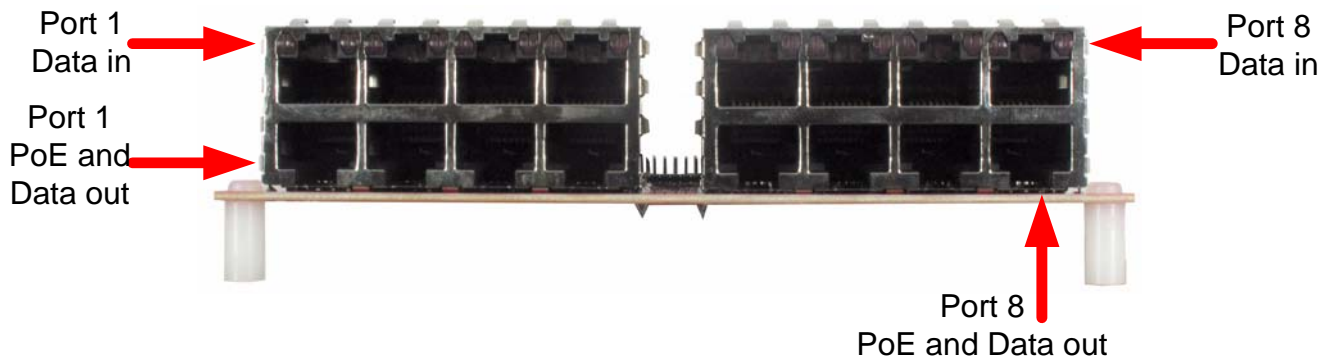


Figure 6. Si3459 Jumpers

Table 2. Si3459-EVB Jumper Table

Jumper	Function	Initial Setting
J1	Si3459 U12 address	0,0,0,0
J5	Si3459 U11 address	0,0,0,1
J10	Auto mode selection	1,1,1,1
JP3	Assert reset from host voltage domain	OFF
JP6	Debounce reset from SW1	ON
JP7	Enable buck converter	ON (1,2)
JP8	Disable buck converter	ON
JP9	Isolate buck components when chained	ON
JP10	Isolate buck components when chained	ON
JP11	Remove pullup for chained operation	ON
JP12	Remove pullup for chained operation	ON
JP13	Force shutdown	OFF
JP14	Breaker for isolated Reset line. Remove when chained and/or PoEUSB is not connected.	OFF



**Figure 7. Connector Board Configuration**

EVB board connector J8 supports chaining multiple Si3459 boards together to demonstrate and test configurations with larger numbers of Si3459 devices. Chaining is done with a standard 0.1 inch spacing ribbon cable. Using jumpers, switching supplies on chained boards should be disabled. Redundant I<sup>2</sup>C pullups may be disabled as well. Consult with Silicon Labs applications engineering for further details.

## 5. Using the Si3454 & Si3459 Monitor

To run the Si3454 & Si3459 Monitor, double click on the “Si3454 & Si3459 Monitor” desktop icon. You may also run the Si3454 & Si3459 Monitor from the Start menu, by selecting: **Start**→**All Programs**→**Silicon Laboratories**→**Si3454 & Si3459 Monitor**. Figure 8 shows the Si3454 & Si3459 GUI when it is initially opened. The version of the Monitor is displayed in the upper left corner of the window.

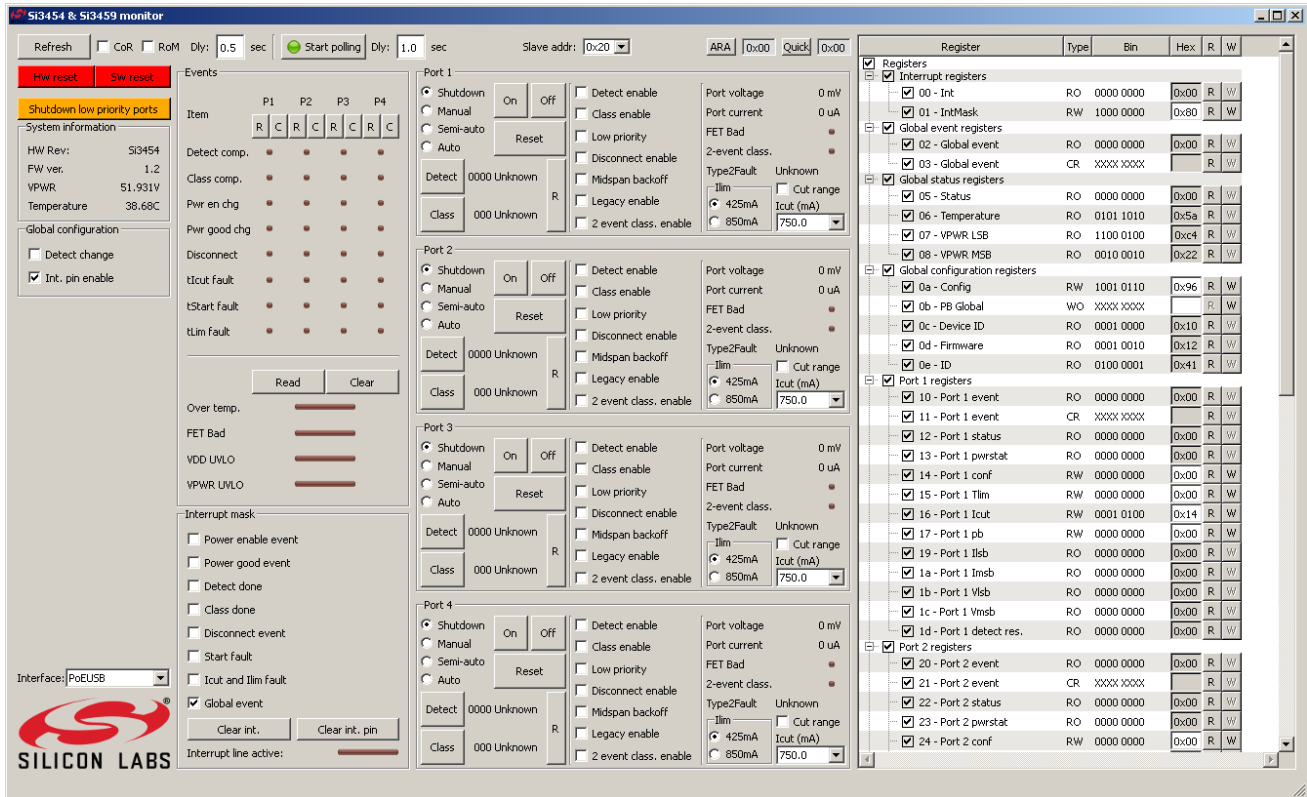


Figure 8. Si3454 & Si3459 Monitor GUI

### 5.1. Interface Selector

Ensure that the Interface Selector in the lower left of the monitor window indicates “Interface: PoEUSB”. If it shows “Interface: Dummy”, you have not successfully installed and connected to the PoE USB interface adapter.

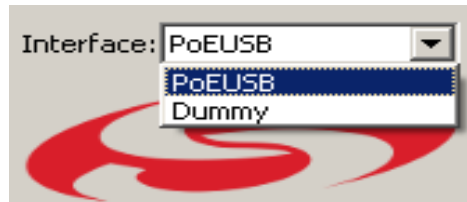


Figure 9. Interface Selector

The Interface Selector specifies which USB-to-I<sup>2</sup>C converter device to use for communicating with the Si3459 PSE controllers. The Si3454 & Si3459 Monitor supports several different USB-to-I<sup>2</sup>C converter devices. If more than one of these devices is connected to the PC at the same time, then the user can select which one to use with the Interface drop-down box.

The “Dummy” device is a substitute device that does not actually perform I<sup>2</sup>C communications. The Dummy device allows the Si3454 & Si3459 Monitor to be opened and perform in an emulation mode even if there are no USB-to-I<sup>2</sup>C converter devices connected to the PC.

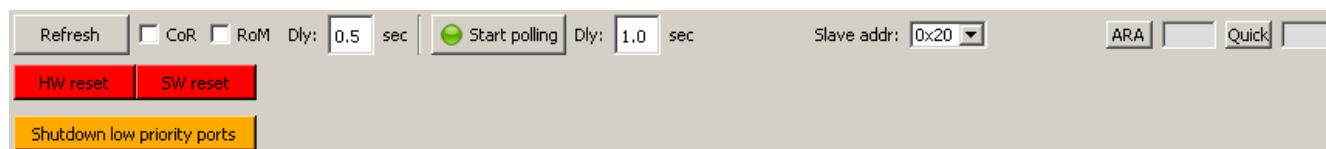


## 5.2. Si3454 & Si3459 Monitor Layout

Along the top are monitor controls. On the left side are Si3459 global identification, power information and settings. Immediately to the right are events and interrupts. On the right side all the Si3459 registers are individually accessible. The middle section provides a graphical interface to the Si3459 registers. Changes made in either the register or graphical view are instantly updated in the other view.

## 5.3. Monitor Control

The primary purpose of the Monitor Control area is to configure and control the operation of the GUI itself.



**Figure 10. Monitor Control Area**

The user may manually update the GUI by clicking the “Refresh” button. The GUI reads the Si3459 registers and updates the displayed information.

The user may cause the GUI to automatically update itself at regular intervals by clicking on the “Start polling” button. Once pressed, the button text changes to “Stop polling”. The green LED symbol on the Polling button flashes red each time an update occurs. The “Poll delay” text box allows the user to specify the time between updates. The user may stop automatic updates by clicking on the “Stop polling” button.

The user selects which Si3459 controller to use with the “Slave addr” box. Several Si3459 controllers may be connected to the I<sup>2</sup>C bus. Each controller responds to two sequential I<sup>2</sup>C slave addresses corresponding to its two quad-port sub-units or “quads”. The “Slave addr” box specifies which of the Si3459 controllers/quads to communicate with. The GUI transacts with only one Si3459/quad at a time. The user may dynamically switch the GUI between different Si3459/quads by selecting a new address in the “Slave addr” box corresponding to the jumper setting on the Si3459-EVB (J1, J5).

If the user checks the “CoR” (Clear on Read) check box, then the GUI also reads the Si3459’s CoR registers when updating. If the CoR check box is not checked, then the GUI does not read the CoR registers when updating. The CoR registers are the Global and the Port Event registers. Reading a CoR register has side effects: It clears that register and clears the associated event bit in the interrupt register. Consequently, if the CoR check box is checked while the GUI is polling, then events could come and go without being noticed by the user.

If the user checks the “RoM” (Read on Modify) check box, then the GUI automatically updates itself after the user modifies a register via the GUI. The GUI automatically shows the effect of any change within a time delay, specified by the “RoM delay” text box. The RoM behavior is only useful if polling is stopped.

The Monitor Control area has three buttons. The “SW Reset” button resets the selected quad of the Si3459 by setting the “swrst” bit in the pb\_global register. The “Shutdown low priority ports” button turns off all low priority ports in the selected quad by setting the “lowpri” bit in the pb\_global register. The “HW Reset” button causes a reset pulse to be asserted on the Si3459 Reset pin. This fully resets all Si3459 devices on the board.

## 5.4. Device Information

The Device Information box displays high-level information about the Si3459 device, including hardware revision and the firmware version.

**Note:** The example shown in Figure 11 is representative but may not contain the same data as that displayed with your board.

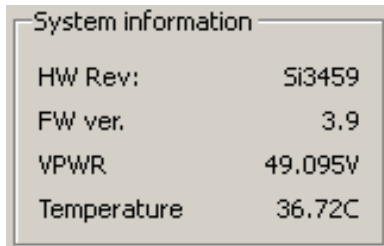


Figure 11. Device Information Box

## 5.5. Port Boxes

The port boxes display port status and have controls for configuring and controlling the ports. Each port has its own box.

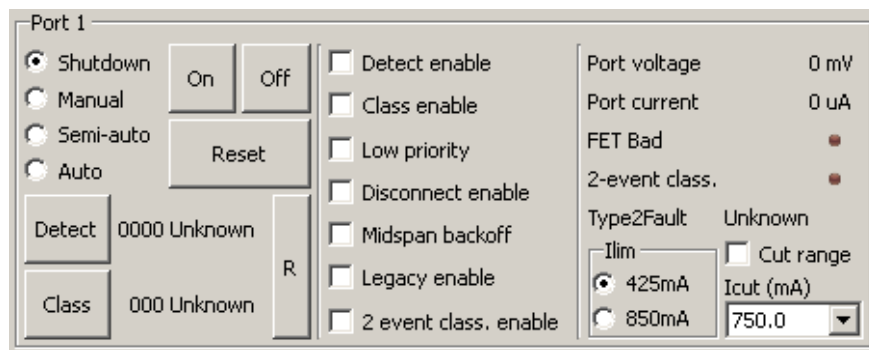


Figure 12. Port Box

### 5.5.1. Port Status

A port box displays the results of the last detection and last classification in the lower left. If not polling, the user may manually update the port detect and classify status by clicking on the “R” (read) button.

Port voltage and current are displayed in the port box upper right corner. If polling is not enabled, then the user may manually update the port voltage and current reading by clicking on the “Refresh” button.

### 5.5.2. Port Configuration

A port box contains four radio buttons to configure the mode of the port. The port mode may be Shutdown, Manual, Semi-auto, or Auto.

The port features can be configured with the four checkboxes on the right pane. If “Disconnect enable” is checked, the port removes power if the powered device is unplugged. If the “2 event class. enable” is checked, then the Si3459 will follow the IEEE802.3at Type 2 (2-event) classification method for PDs presenting Class 4 signature during the first event. The “2-event class” LED is lit when the Type 2 classification is successful.

The “Type2Fault” provides additional status information about the classification. The “FET Bad” LED is lit when the external FET is damaged.

The following steps detail how a port can be manually turned on in the IEEE 802.3at Type 2 high-power manner (see Figure 16 on page 16):

1. Enable detection and classification by checking the “Detect enable” and “Class enable” check-boxes.
2. Enable the 2 event classification by checking the “2 event class. enable” check box.

3. Watch for a successful 2 event classification by checking the state of the “2-event class.” LED
4. Once the classification is successful, set the Ilim to 850 mA
5. Set the proper Icut limit (see below) according to the available power
6. Turn on the port using the “On” pushbutton.

If “Low priority” is checked, the port immediately removes power if the “Shutdown low priority ports” button is clicked. If “Legacy enable” is checked, then the port supplies power to a legacy powered device even though the powered device does not provide a valid detection resistance. The “Legacy enable” check box supports compatibility with certain older PD devices. Please consult the Si3459 data sheet for details. Checking “Midspan backoff” allows selection of midspan type Alternative B detection back-off timing.

The user may configure a port's Icut level with the “Icut (mA)” drop-down box. The port automatically removes power if the port current is greater than the Icut level for more than 60 ms.

### 5.5.3. Port Control

A port box contains three buttons for controlling a port. The “On” button forces a port to supply power; the “Off” button forces a port to remove power, and the “Reset” button resets a port. Detect and Class buttons force a single detection or classification operation.

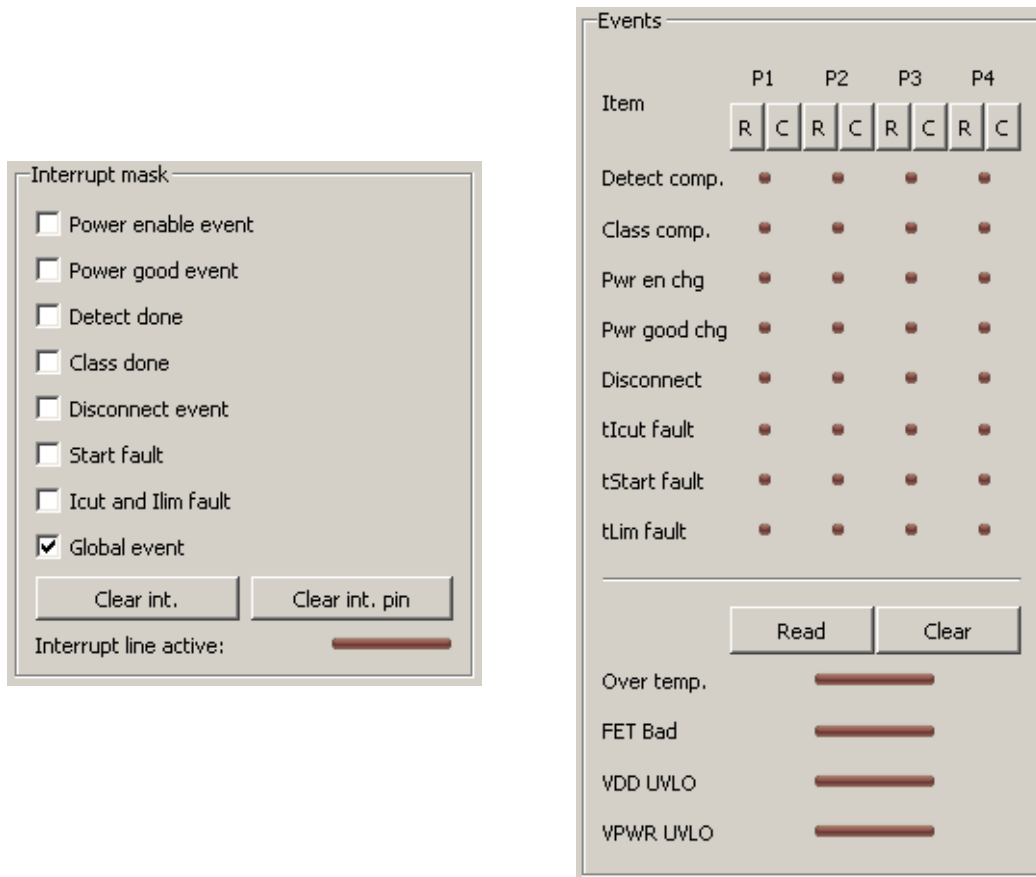
## 5.6. Interrupts and Events

The Si3459 detects multiple events based on state of the device in general and its ports. Events may be configured to generate interrupts. The GUI displays events, allows individual interrupts to be enabled and disabled, and displays the status of interrupts.

### 5.6.1. Interrupt Enable

The Interrupt Enable box shown in Figure 13 specifies which events cause the Si3459 to generate an interrupt.

If the interrupt line is active, the Interrupt Line Active bar at the bottom of the Interrupts box is bright red instead of dark red. Note that if there are multiple Si3459 controllers in the system, one or more of these controllers may be pulling the interrupt line low. It may not be the currently-selected Si3459 that is making the interrupt line active.



**Figure 13. Interrupt Enable and Events Boxes**

### 5.6.2. Events

The Events box shown in Figure 13 displays the status of the interrupt line and the port events. The GUI events section indicates both global and port-specific events. Each events register consists of a pair of read-only (RO), and clear-on-read (CoR) registers with the same event bits. Reading the RO register obtains the bit values but does not affect the bits. Reading the CoR register obtains the values of the bits, and also clears the bits in both the RO and CoR registers. The indicators in the GUI Events section show the values from the RO register if the RO register is read by push of the “R” button or by polling.

Events enabled to cause an interrupt will propagate to the interrupt active indicator, but will only be reflected in the remainder of the GUI when the RO registers are read. For the best real-time view of the Si3459 events bits, it is recommended to enable polling.

### 5.7. Register List

The Register List shown in Figure 14 displays the contents of the Si3459 registers and allows the user to change the register contents.

Register	Type	Bin	Hex	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registers					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interrupt registers					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 00 - Int	RO	0000 0000	0x00	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 01 - IntMask	RW	1000 0000	0x80	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global event registers					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 02 - Global event	RO	0000 0000	0x00	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 03 - Global event	CR	XXXX XXXX		R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global status registers					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 05 - Status	RO	0000 0000	0x00	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 06 - Temperature	RO	0101 0111	0x57	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 07 - VPWR LSB	RO	1110 0110	0xe6	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 08 - VPWR MSB	RO	0010 0000	0x20	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global configuration registers					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0a - Config	RW	1001 0110	0x96	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0b - PB Global	WO	XXXX XXXX		R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0c - Device ID	RO	0001 0000	0x10	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0d - Firmware	RO	0001 0010	0x39	R	W
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Port 1 registers					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10 - Port 1 event	RO	0000 0000	0x00	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11 - Port 1 event	CR	XXXX XXXX		R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 - Port 1 status	RO	0000 0000	0x00	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13 - Port 1 pwrstat	RO	0000 0000	0x00	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 14 - Port 1 conf	RW	0000 0000	0x00	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 15 - Port 1 Tlim	RW	0000 0000	0x00	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 16 - Port 1 Icut	RW	0001 0100	0x14	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17 - Port 1 pb	RW	0000 0000	0x00	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19 - Port 1 Ilsb	RO	0000 0000	0x00	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1a - Port 1 Imsb	RO	0000 0000	0x00	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1b - Port 1 Vlsb	RO	0000 0000	0x00	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1c - Port 1 Vmsb	RO	0000 0000	0x00	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1d - Port 1 detect res.	RO	0000 0000	0x00	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Port 2 registers					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20 - Port 2 event	RO	0000 0000	0x00	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 21 - Port 2 event	CR	XXXX XXXX		R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 22 - Port 2 status	RO	0000 0000	0x00	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 23 - Port 2 pwrstat	RO	0000 0000	0x00	R	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 24 - Port 2 conf	RW	0000 0000	0x00	R	W

**Figure 14. Register List**

The Register List displays all of the Si3459's registers grouped by category. Each category of registers can be expanded and collapsed by clicking on the plus and minus signs at the left edge of the Register List.

Next to the register name, the type of each register is displayed. Each register is either RW (read/write), RO (read only), WO (write only) or CR (Clear on Read). WO registers reflect the value applied by the user.

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The user may specify which registers to read (when the GUI is updated) by checking a box at the left of each register name. Refreshing, polling, and RoM, all depend on these settings. Clear on Read registers are read only if both the CoR check box is checked and the check box for the individual CR register is checked.

The user may read and write individual registers by using the “R” (read) and “W” (write) buttons at the right edge of each register. The “R” and “W” buttons are disabled if the operation is not allowed for the type of register. The display of the whole register file can be read and updated at once by clicking on the “Refresh” button.

The Register List displays the value of each register in binary and hexadecimal form. If a register has not yet been read, then its binary value is displayed as all Xs, and its hexadecimal value is blank.

A register's hexadecimal value is displayed in a text box. If a register is not writable (RO or CR), then its text box is gray and its hexadecimal value cannot be changed by the user. If a register is writable (RW), then its text box is white and its hexadecimal value can be changed by the user. After changing a register's value, the user clicks on the register's “W” button to write the new value to the register.

## 6. Operating the System

Each RJ45 connector board has eight LEDs for the eight ports. Each LED is driven by a comparator circuit which detects when a voltage is forced to the load at the PoE output. When the ports are in auto mode, the LEDs in the RJ45 connector board flash, indicating the detection cycle until a valid PD is connected. Once a valid PD is connected and the port is turned on, the LEDs will glow steadily until the PD is disconnected. Once the PD is connected, the port current will be displayed on the GUI. Note that the comparator circuits load the ports slightly, and the LEDs dissipate power from the 3.3 V rail. If performing calibrated tests, it may be desirable to isolate the comparator circuitry and eliminate any loading. This may be done by removing all jumpers from the connector board.

The easiest way to get started is to put all of the ports in Auto mode. In Auto mode, detection, classification, power management based on classification (Icut setting), disconnect (when enabled by “Dis Enable”), fault protection, fault recovery, and port monitoring all happen without user intervention. Figure 15 shows the result of putting Port 1 in Auto mode. Circles indicate the required settings, and the squares indicate that a PD connected to the port has been detected, classified, and powered. Auto mode may also be enabled on all ports by configuring J10 and resetting the board by pressing SW1 or cycling power.

The Si3459 normally operates in manual or semi-automatic mode with the AUTO pin is held low. If a positive voltage is applied to the AUTO pin, the Si3459 enters into fully autonomous operation, independent of a host. The Si3459 also features dc disconnect detection algorithms to determine when a PD device is disconnected from any of the eight independent ports. The AUTO mode can be set via the AUTO pin or from the host via I<sup>2</sup>C. At power-up, the Si3459 reads the voltage on the AUTO pin (which can be set by a resistor divider from VDD to GND). If a positive voltage is applied, the Si3459 enters into AUTO mode (all ports operate fully autonomously). The AUTO pin voltage level configures the Si3459's behavior to register default values. For additional detail on Auto Pin Configurations, refer to Section 3.2 Operating Modes in the Si3459 data sheet.

If the GUI is left in polling mode, the port status, port current, port voltage are all automatically updated by polling the appropriate registers of the Si3459.

The Si3459 itself normally powers up as Alternative A, with no detection back-off, meaning the detect function cycles at its highest rate. This is the most common usage for the Si3459. The RJ-45 connector board for the evaluation kit is configured to inject the power on the “spare pairs” of the Ethernet cable, which is the Alternative B or “Midspan” connection. Detection back-off is intended to ensure that a midspan and an endpoint do not compete with each other and result in a failure to provide power. With detection back-off, the time between detection pulses is increased to just over two seconds so as not to compete with the normal (approximately three times per second) detection of an endpoint. If detection back-off is required, click the “Midspan” button to toggle this mode. You will see that the LEDs on the connector board now flash at the slower detection speed. To toggle the mode back to standard detection timing, click the button again.

The Si3459 in auto mode is fully-compliant with the 802.3at standard (often called PoE+), which allows up to 30 W to be delivered over the Ethernet cable. In host-controlled mode, to enable the higher power support for a given port, it is necessary to make multiple selections as described in "5.5.2. Port Configuration" on page 10. When Auto mode is selected by the Auto jumper, the Si3459 automatically performs the two-event classification and increases the cut-off current if a Class 4 PD is detected. The Si3402 evaluation board provided with the kit is configured to provide the Class 4 signature; so, if the PoE+ mode is enabled and the Si3402 is plugged in, the cut-off current is automatically set to 643.2 mA. Figure 16 shows the result of plugging in a Class 4 PD (into Port1) with PoE+ power enabled. Class 4-specific settings and results are highlighted.

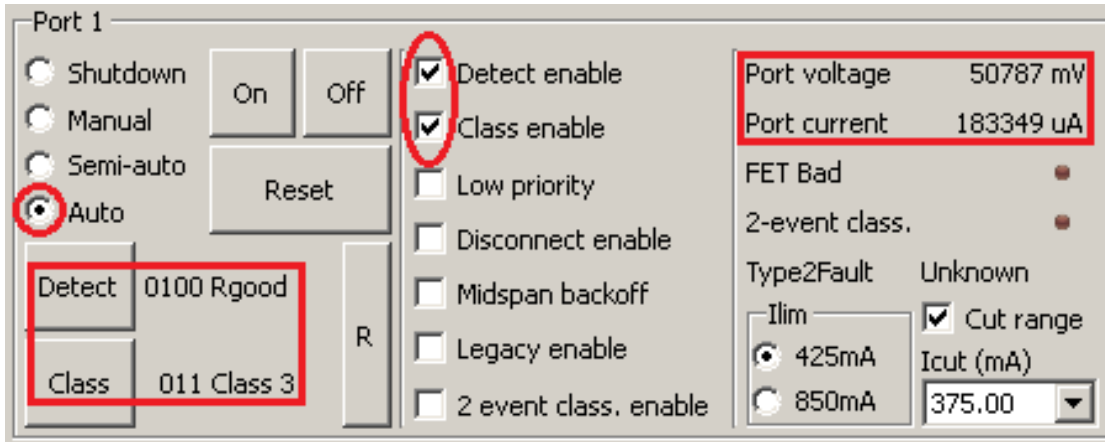


Figure 15. Example Result of Device Connection in Port Auto Mode

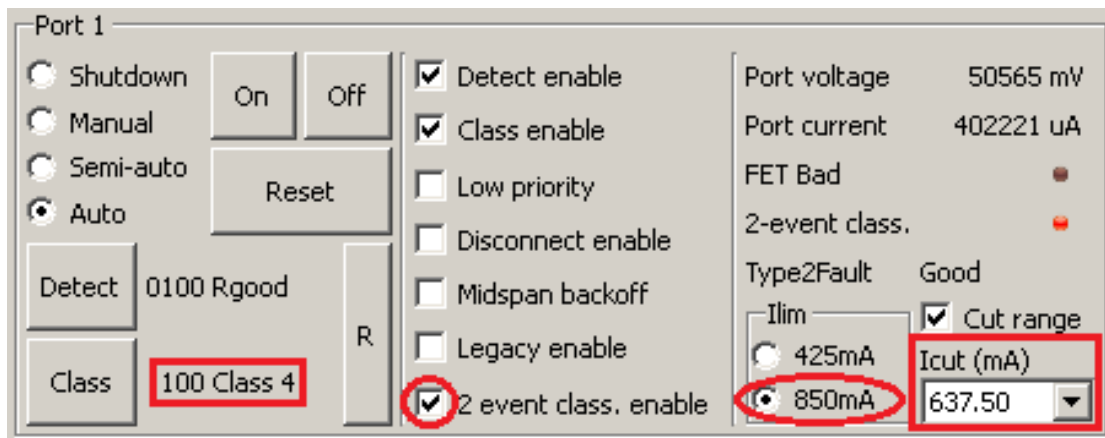


Figure 16. Class 4 Connection



## 7. Board Schematics, BOM, and Layout

The following are general PCB layout considerations. Detailed schematics, BOM, and layout can also be found in the following sections. Visit the Silicon Labs Technical Support web page and register to submit a technical support request, particularly if you are not closely following the recommended reference design.

### 7.1. Design and Layout Considerations

The Si3459 directly drives and senses detection and classification stimulus voltages. PoE power is enabled through external FETs. PoE power supply currents in each channel are sensed using current shunt resistors with sensed voltage referenced to GND.

Normally the layout will be 4-layer, with dedicated VPWR and GND planes for PoE power delivery. The ground power plane does not generally have a high frequency content; so, it is acceptable to use a single GND plane and tie GND, AGND, DGND pins to it. The thermal pad of the Si3459 is connected to GND. Si3459 internal dissipation is modest, but for best performance the layout should include a thermal bond consisting of multiple vias between the thermal pad and GND. The PoE power MOSFETs carry up to 800 mA dc and up to 5 A in faults; so, a 20 mil trace with wide or multiple vias is also recommended.

The Si3459 includes a buck type dc-dc converter controller function, which generates a raw ~4 V power rail VCAP. The buck regulator is able to supply 200 mA; so, within a group of Si3459 devices, only one buck regulator is required. The single buck regulator supplies low drop-out (LDO) regulators within individual Si3459 devices to generate their VDD = 3.3 V. Each LDO supplies the 3.3 V requirements of its own Si3459. The Si3459 VDD LDO is able to supply additional current for an external device, such as an isolator or low-power-management microcontroller.

The Si3459 buck regulator is a potential EMI source. The power devices, e.g. switching MOSFET, inductor, diode and output capacitor should be located as close together as possible to minimize loop area. The entire switching circuit should be shielded from Si3459 port connections to minimize the chance of interference.

To improve sensing accuracy, the Si3459 provides Kelvin connections for the resistor low side sense. The SENSEx signals are connected to GND potential, but for best performance they should be routed separately from the GND plane.

To avoid coupling between surge events and logic signals, it is recommended that VOUTn traces be well separated from I<sup>2</sup>C interface pins.

A typical layer stackup is as follows:

1. Top: I<sup>2</sup>C, Si3459 Kelvin current sense
2. VPWR, VDD = 3.3 V
3. VEE = GND
4. Bottom: VOUT, switcher, VCAP

The I<sup>2</sup>C bus runs at 400 kHz maximum. The I<sup>2</sup>C bus lines should be routed away from analog lines like Rbias or Vref but can otherwise be routed with ordinary care. If using a Silicon Labs I<sup>2</sup>C isolation product, please observe the connections as per the reference design, which take into account required voltage margins and pullup values.

## 7.2. Si3459 Schematics

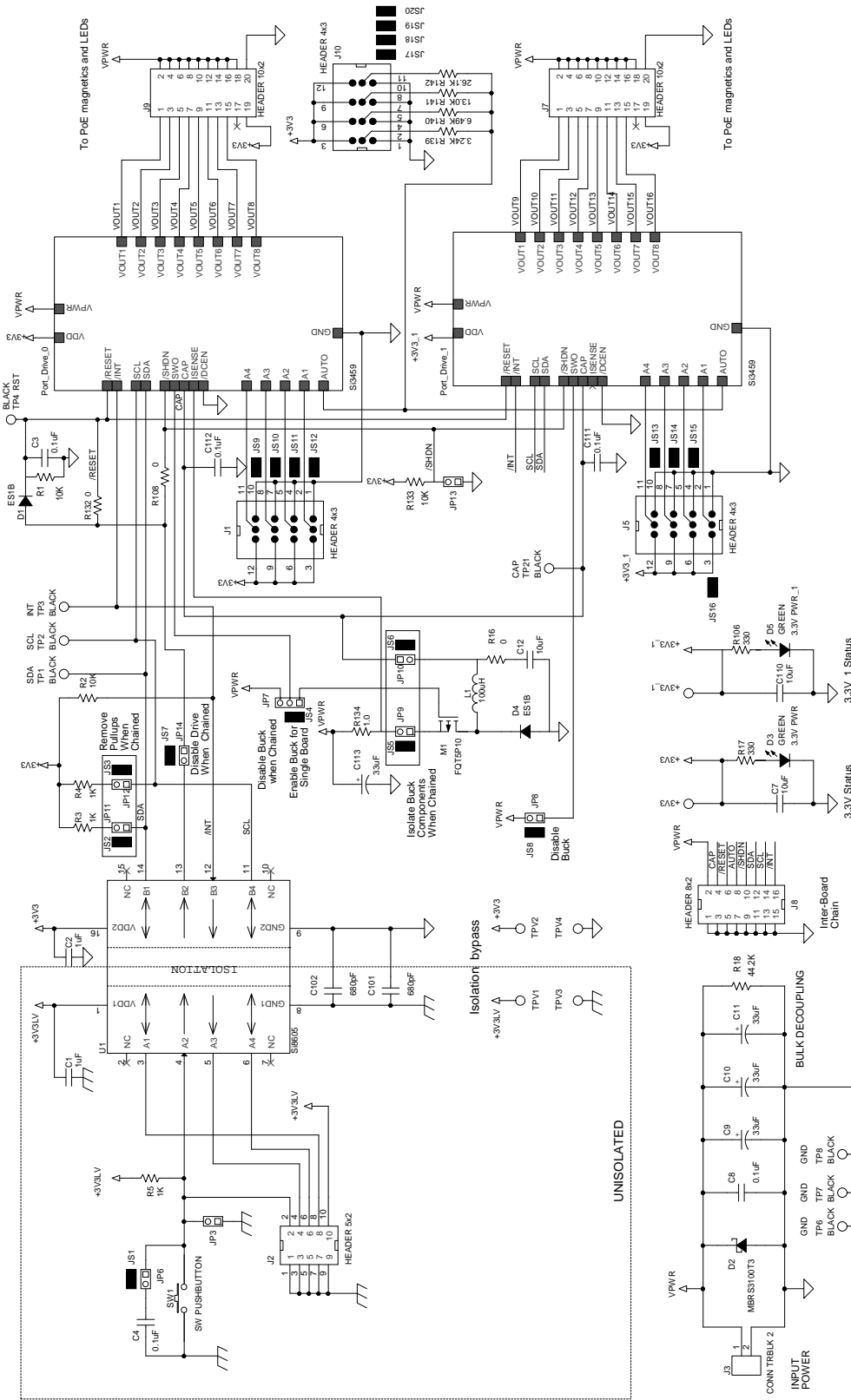


Figure 17. Evaluation Board Top Level

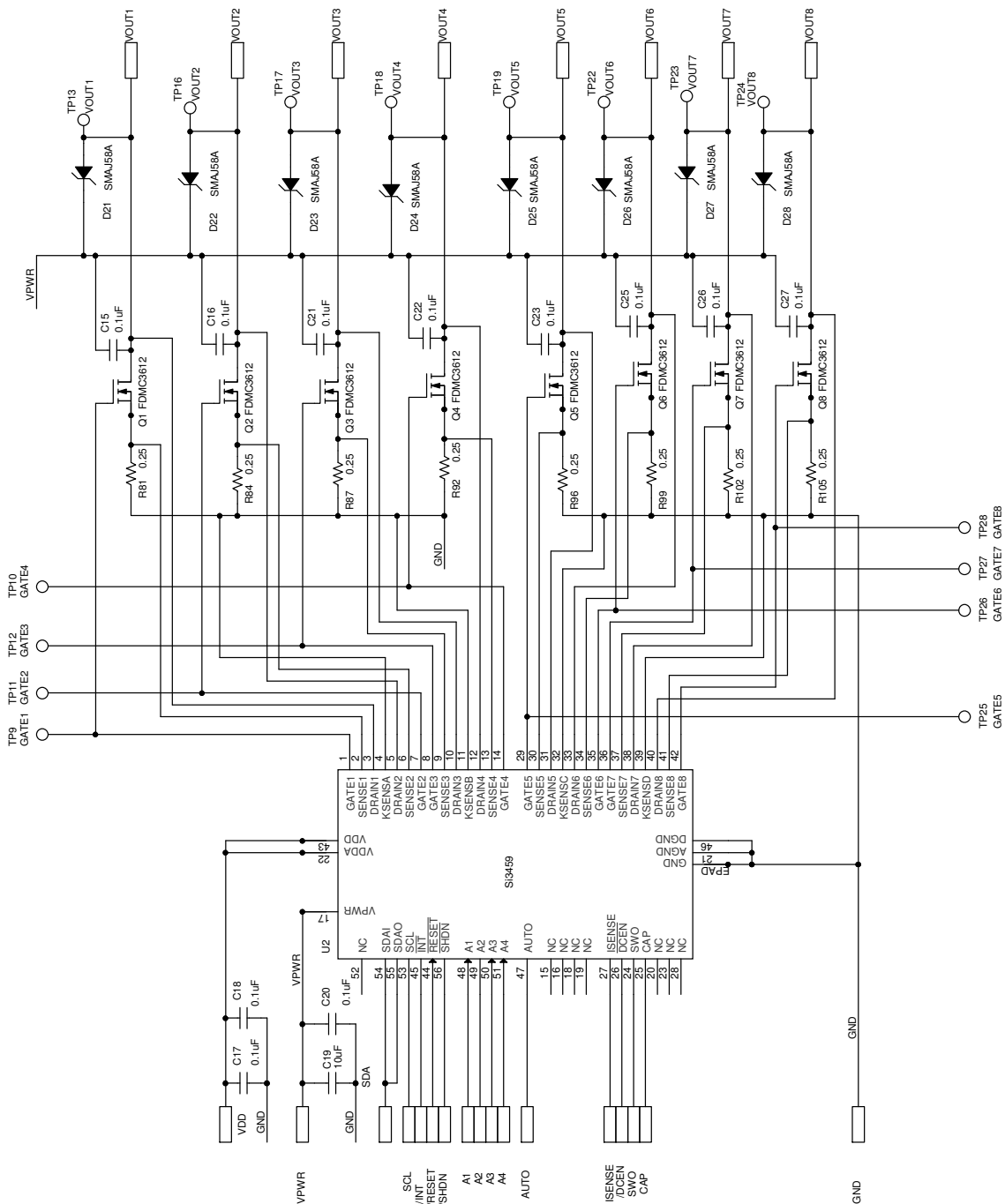


Figure 18. Si3459 Controllers (1 of 2)

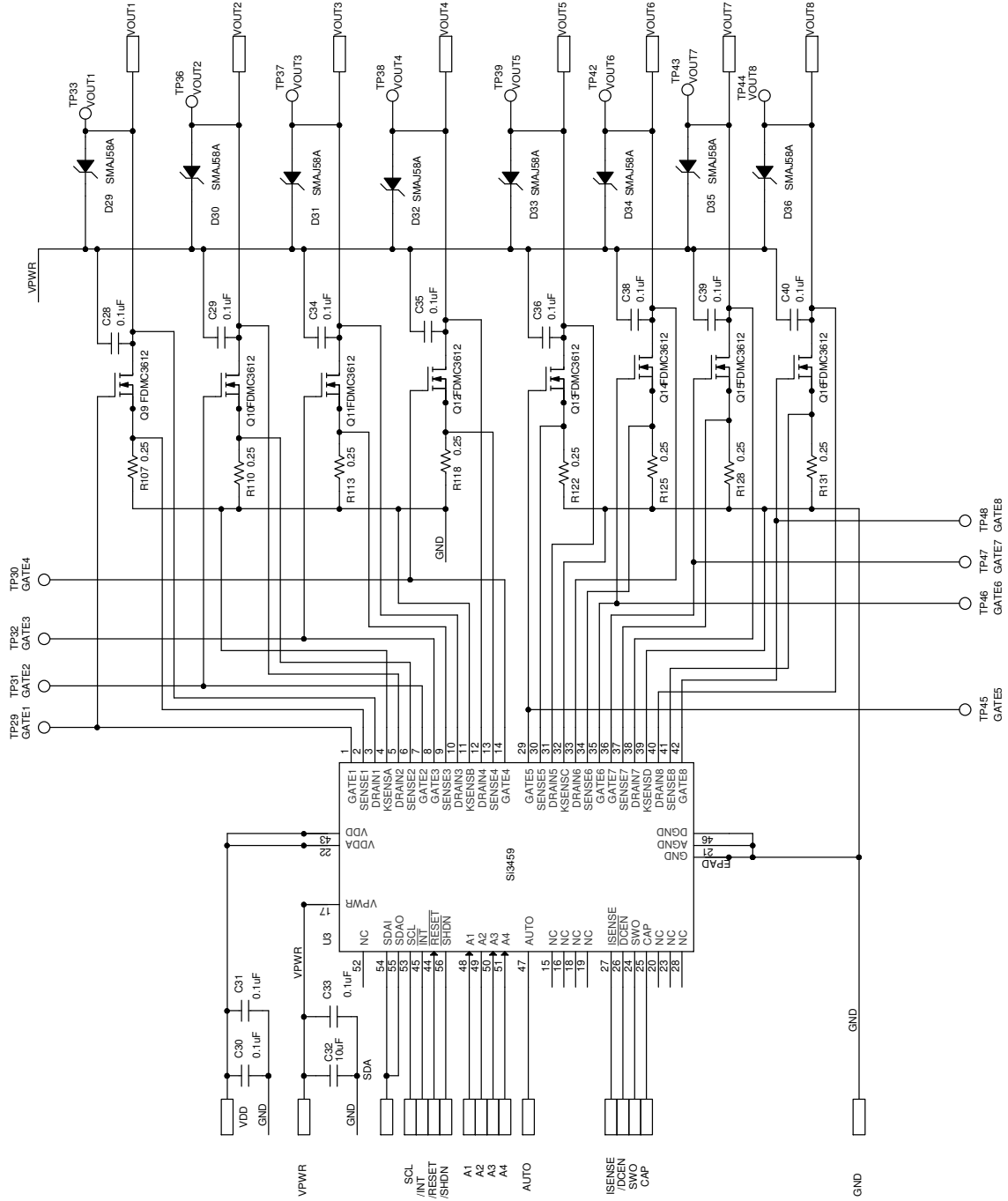


Figure 19. Si3459 Controllers (2 of 2)



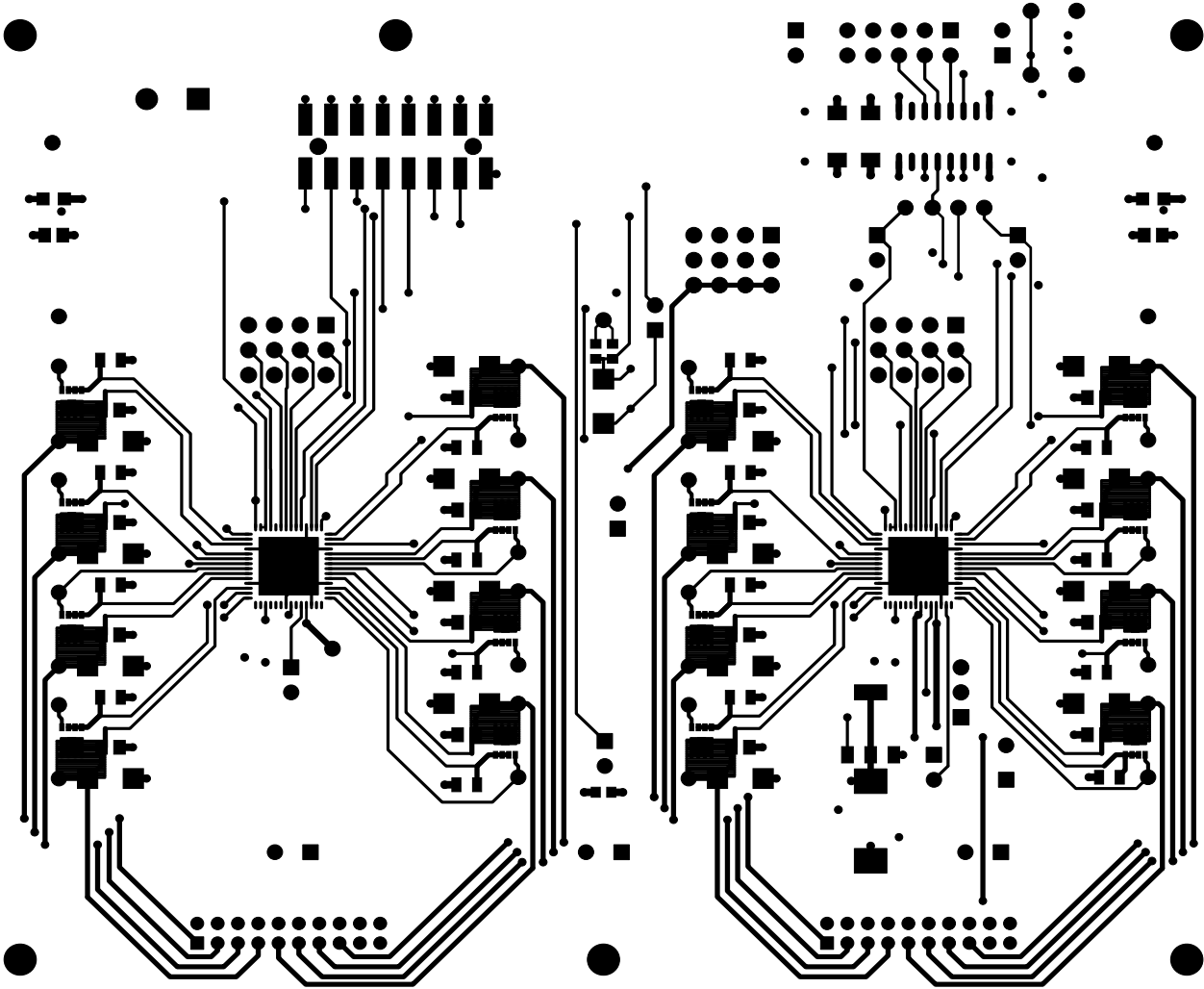


Figure 21. Evaluation Board Top Side

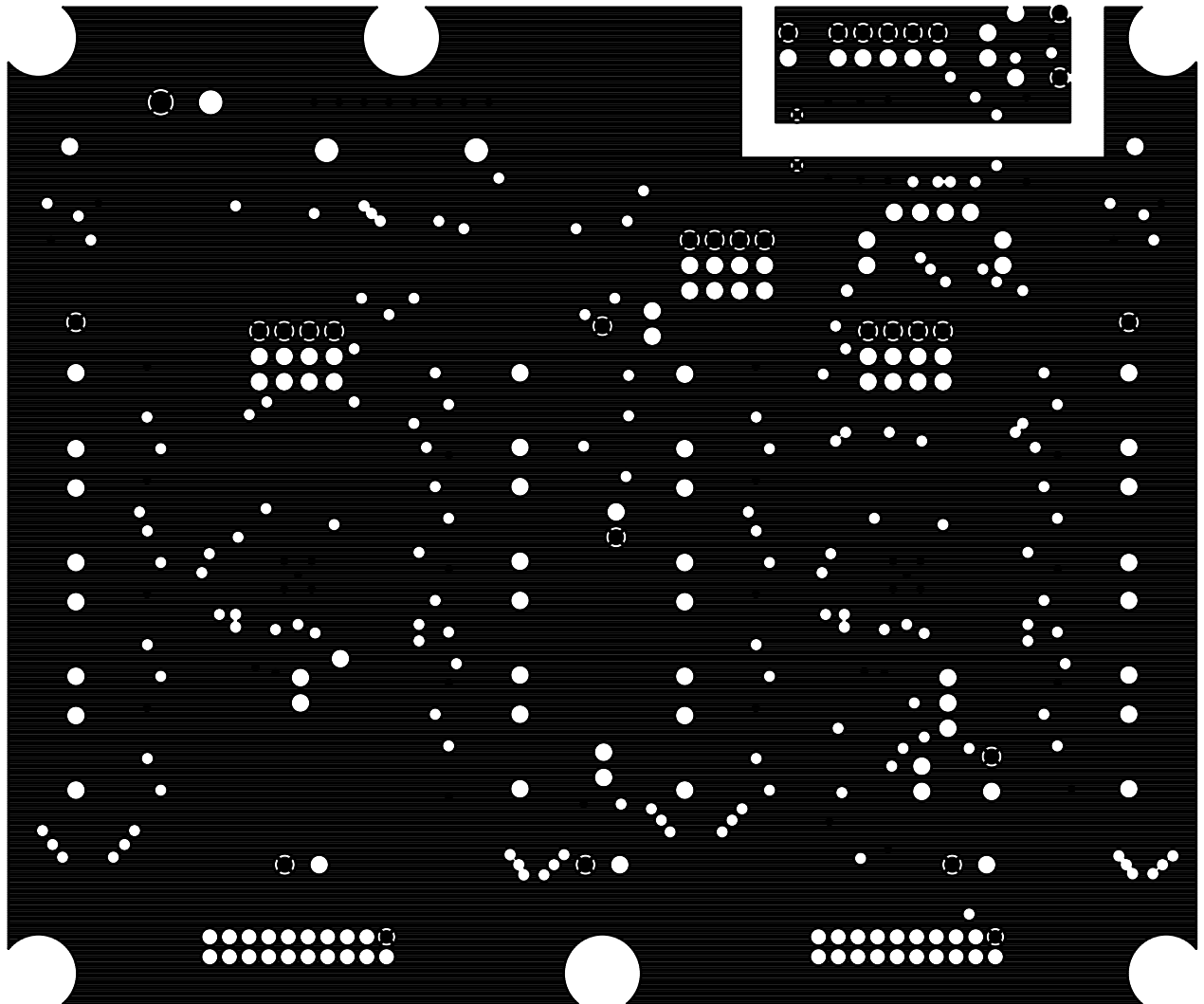


Figure 22. Evaluation Board Ground Layer

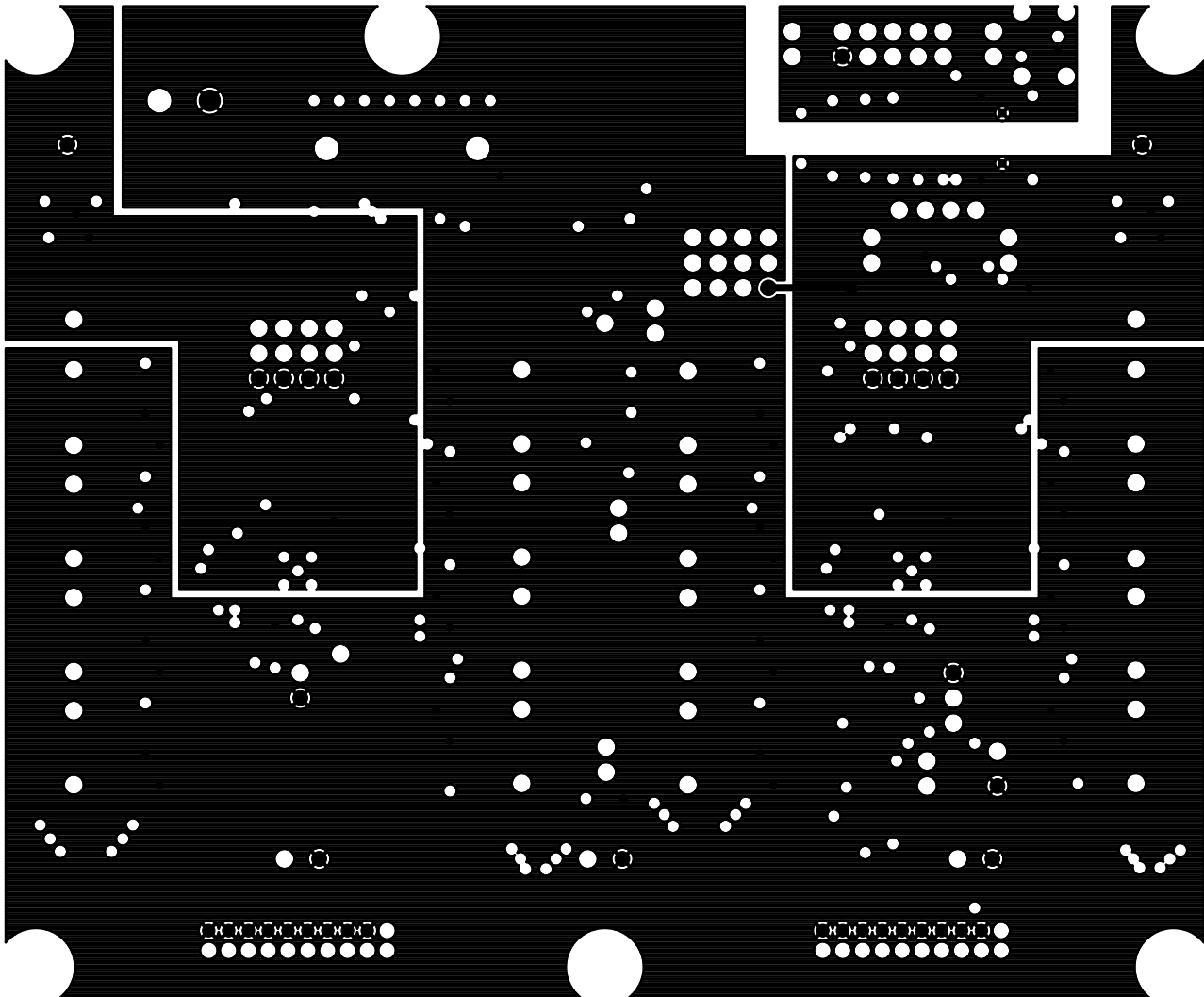


Figure 23. Evaluation Board Power Layer



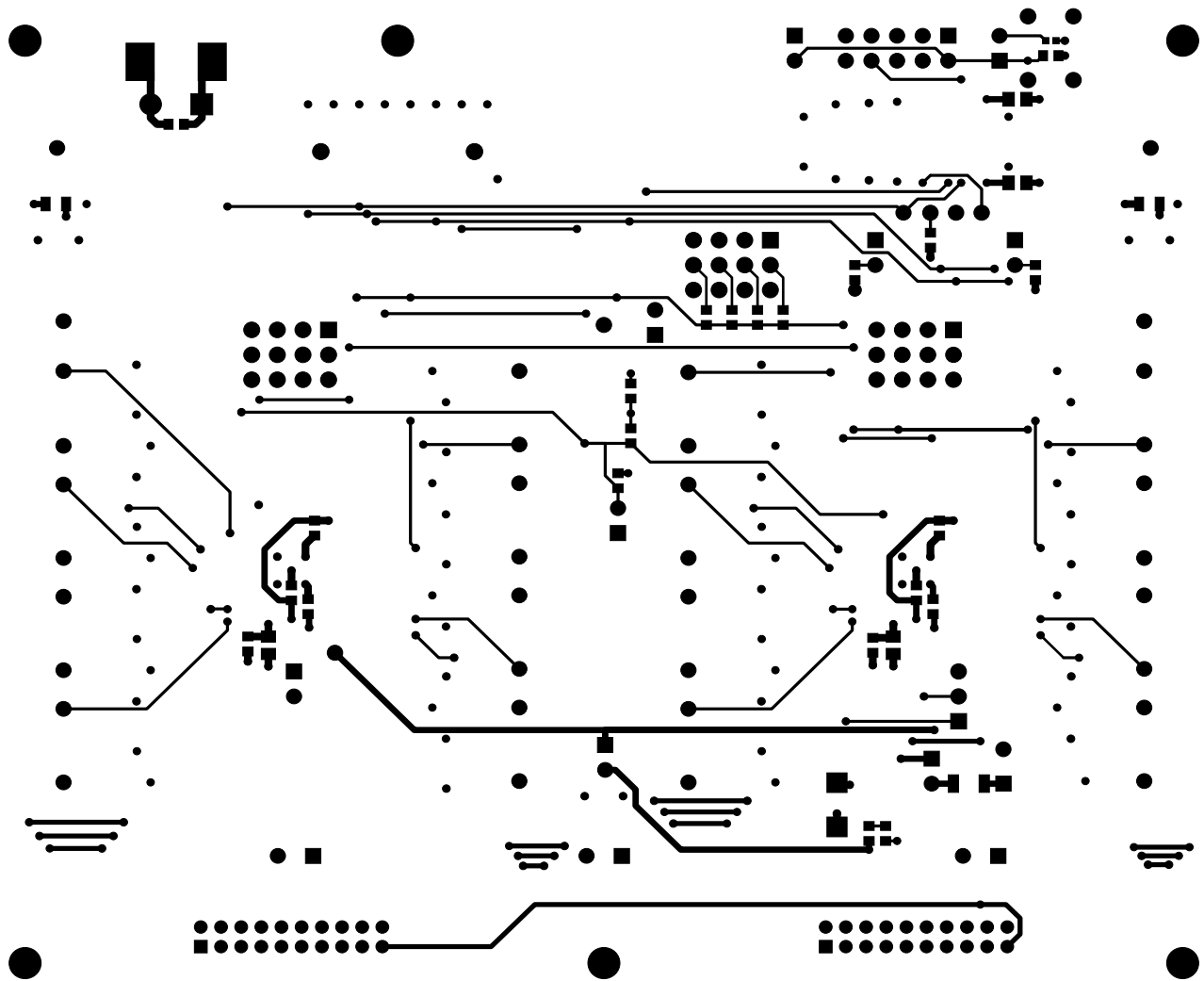


Figure 24. Evaluation Board Bottom Side

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## 7.4. Si3459 Bill of Materials

**Table 3. Si3459 Evaluation Board Bill of Materials**

Qty	Ref	Value	Rating	Voltage/ Current	Tol	Type	PCB Footprint	Mfr Part Number	Mfr
2	C1, C2	1 $\mu$ F		16 V	$\pm$ 20%	X7R	C0805	C0805X7R160-105M	Venkel
4	C3, C8, C111, C112	0.1 $\mu$ F		100 V	$\pm$ 20%	X7R	C0603	C0603X7R101-104M	Venkel
1	C4	0.1 $\mu$ F		10 V	$\pm$ 10%	X7R	C0402	C0402X7R100-104K	Venkel
2	C7, C110	10 $\mu$ F		10 V	$\pm$ 20%	X5R	C0805	C0805X5R100-106M	Venkel
4	C9, C10, C11, C113	33 $\mu$ F		100 V	$\pm$ 20%	Alum_Elec	C3.5X8MM-RAD	ECA2AM330	Panasonic
3	C12, C17, C30	10 $\mu$ F		10 V	$\pm$ 10%	X5R	C0603	C0603X5R100-106K	Venkel
18	C15, C16, C20, C21, C22, C23, C25, C26, C27, C28, C29, C33, C34, C35, C36, C38, C39, C40	0.1 $\mu$ F		100 V	$\pm$ 10%	X7R	C0805	C0805X7R101-104K	Venkel
4	C18, C19, C31, C32	0.1 $\mu$ F		16 V	$\pm$ 20%	X7R	C0603	C0603X7R160-104M	Venkel
2	C101, C102	680 pF	Y3	250 V	$\pm$ 15%	Y3	C1808	GA342QR7GD681KW01L	Murata
2	D1, D4	ES1B	1.0 A	100 V		Fast	DO-214AC	ES1B	Diodes Inc.
1	D2	MBRS3100T3	3 A	100 V		Schottky	DO-214AB	MBRS3100T3	On Semi
2	D3, D5	Green	30 mA	2.2 V		SMT	LED-0805-K	LTST-C170GKT	Lite_On Inc.
16	D21, D22, D23, D24, D25, D26, D27, D28, D29, D30, D31, D32, D33, D34, D35, D36	SMAJ58A	400 W	58 V		GP	DO-214AC	SMAJ58A	Littelfuse
9	JP3, JP6, JP8, JP9, JP10, JP11, JP12, JP13, JP14	Jumper				Header	CONN1X2	TSW-102-07-T-S	Samtec
1	JP7	Header 1x3				Header	CONN-1X3	TSW-103-07-T-S	Samtec

Table 3. Si3459 Evaluation Board Bill of Materials (Continued)

Qty	Ref	Value	Rating	Voltage/ Current	Tol	Type	PCB Footprint	Mfr Part Number	Mfr
20	JS1, JS2, JS3, JS4, JS5, JS6, JS7, JS8, JS9, JS10, JS11, JS12, JS13, JS14, JS15, JS16, JS17, JS18, JS19, JS20	Jumper Shunt				Shunt	N/A	SNT-100-BK-T	Samtec
3	J1, J5, J10	Header 4x3				Header	CONN3X4	TSW-104-07-G-T	Samtec
1	J2	Header 5x2				Header	CONN2X5	TSW-105-07-T-D	Samtec
1	J3	CONN TRBLK 2				Term Blk Male	CONN-TB-175724 2	1757242	Phoenix Contact
2	J7, J9	Header 10x2				Header	CONN2X10-2MM	TMM-110-01-T-D	Samtec
1	J8	Header 8x2				Header	CONN2X8-TSM	TSM-108-01-T-DV	Samtec
1	L1	100 $\mu$ H	1.0 A		$\pm 20\%$	Shielded	IND-CTSLF1045	CTSLF1045-101M	Central Tech
5	MH1, MH2, MH3, MH4, MH5	4-40				HDW	MH-125NP	NSS-4-4-01	Richco Plastic Co
1	M1	FQT5P10	1.0 A	100V		P-CHNL	SOT223-GDS	FQT5P10	Fairchild
1	PCB1	Si3459-EVB Rev 2.0				Bare PCB	N/A	Si3459-EVB REV 2.0	SiLabs
16	Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, Q5, Q6, Q7, Q8, Q9, Q10, Q11, Q12, Q13, Q14, Q15, Q16	FDMC3612	12 A	100 V		N-CHNL	POWER33	FDMC3612	Fairchild
3	R1, R2, R133	10 k $\Omega$	1/10 W		$\pm 1\%$	ThickFilm	R0603	CR0603-10W-1002F	Venkel
3	R3, R4, R5	1k $\Omega$	1/10 W		$\pm 1\%$	ThickFilm	R0603	CR0603-10W-1001F	Venkel
2	R17, R106	330 $\Omega$	1/10 W		$\pm 1\%$	ThickFilm	R0805	CR0805-10W-3300F	Venkel
1	R18	44.2k $\Omega$	1/10 W		$\pm 1\%$	ThickFilm	R0603	CR0603-10W-4422F	Venkel
16	R81, R84, R87, R92, R96, R99, R102, R105, R107, R110, R113, R118, R122, R125, R128, R131	0.25 $\Omega$	1/4 W		$\pm 1\%$	ThickFilm	R0805	LCR0805-R250F	Venkel

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**Table 3. Si3459 Evaluation Board Bill of Materials (Continued)**

Qty	Ref	Value	Rating	Voltage/ Current	Tol	Type	PCB Footprint	Mfr Part Number	Mfr
3	R16, R108, R132	0 Ω	1 A			ThickFilm	R0603	CR0603-16W-000	Venkel
1	R134	1.0 Ω	1/4 W		±1%	ThickFilm	R1206	CR1206-4W-1R00F	Venkel
1	R139	3.24 kΩ	1/10 W		±1%	ThickFilm	R0603	CR0603-10W-3241F	Venkel
1	R140	6.49 kΩ	1/16 W		±1%	ThickFilm	R0603	CR0603-16W-6491F	Venkel
1	R141	13.0 kΩ	1/16 W		±1%	ThickFilm	R0603	CR0603-16W-1302F	Venkel
1	R142	26.1 kΩ	1/16 W		±1%	ThickFilm	R0603	CR0603-16W-2612F	Venkel
5	SO1, SO2, SO3, SO4, SO5	Standoff				HDW		2397	SPC Technology
1	SW1	SW Pushbutton	50 mA	12 Vdc		Tactile	SW4N6.5X4.5-PB	101-0161-EV	Mountain Switch
4	TPV1, TPV2, TPV3, TPV4	TPV				PCB Feature	VIA-TP	N/A	N/A
40	TP1, TP2, TP3, TP4, TP6, TP7, TP8, TP9, TP10, TP11, TP12, TP13, TP16, TP17, TP18, TP19, TP21, TP22, TP23, TP24, TP25, TP26, TP27, TP28, TP29, TP30, TP31, TP32, TP33, TP36, TP37, TP38, TP39, TP42, TP43, TP44, TP45, TP46, TP47, TP48	Black				Loop	TESTPOINT	151-203-RC	Kobiconn
2	TP5, TP20	RED				Loop	TESTPOINT	151-207-RC	Kobiconn
1	U1	Si8605	3750 VRMS			Isolator	SO16N6.0P1.27	Si8605AC-B-IS1	Silicon Labs
2	U2, U3	Si3459-B02-IM							

7.5. RJ45 Connector Board Schematics

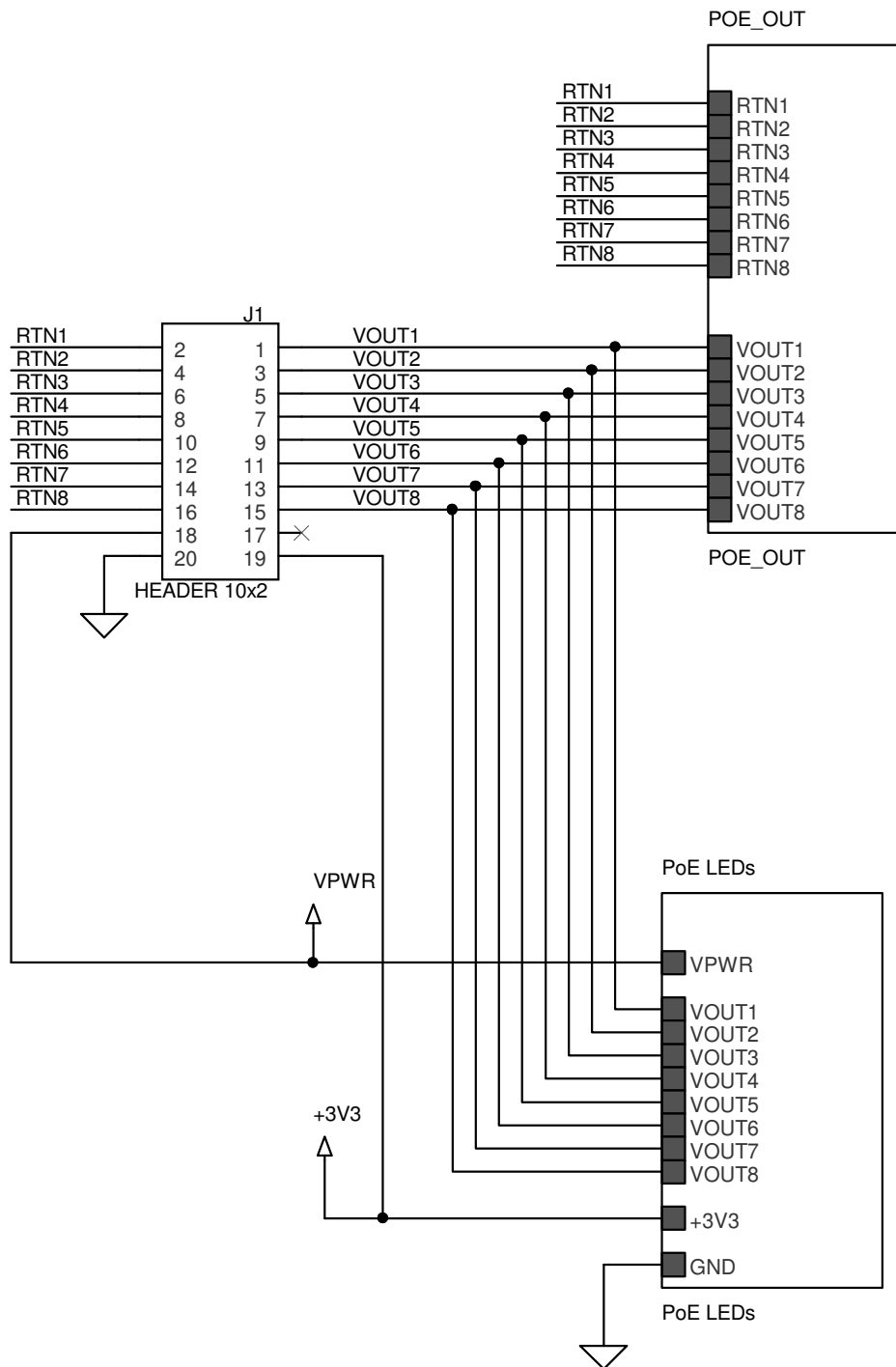
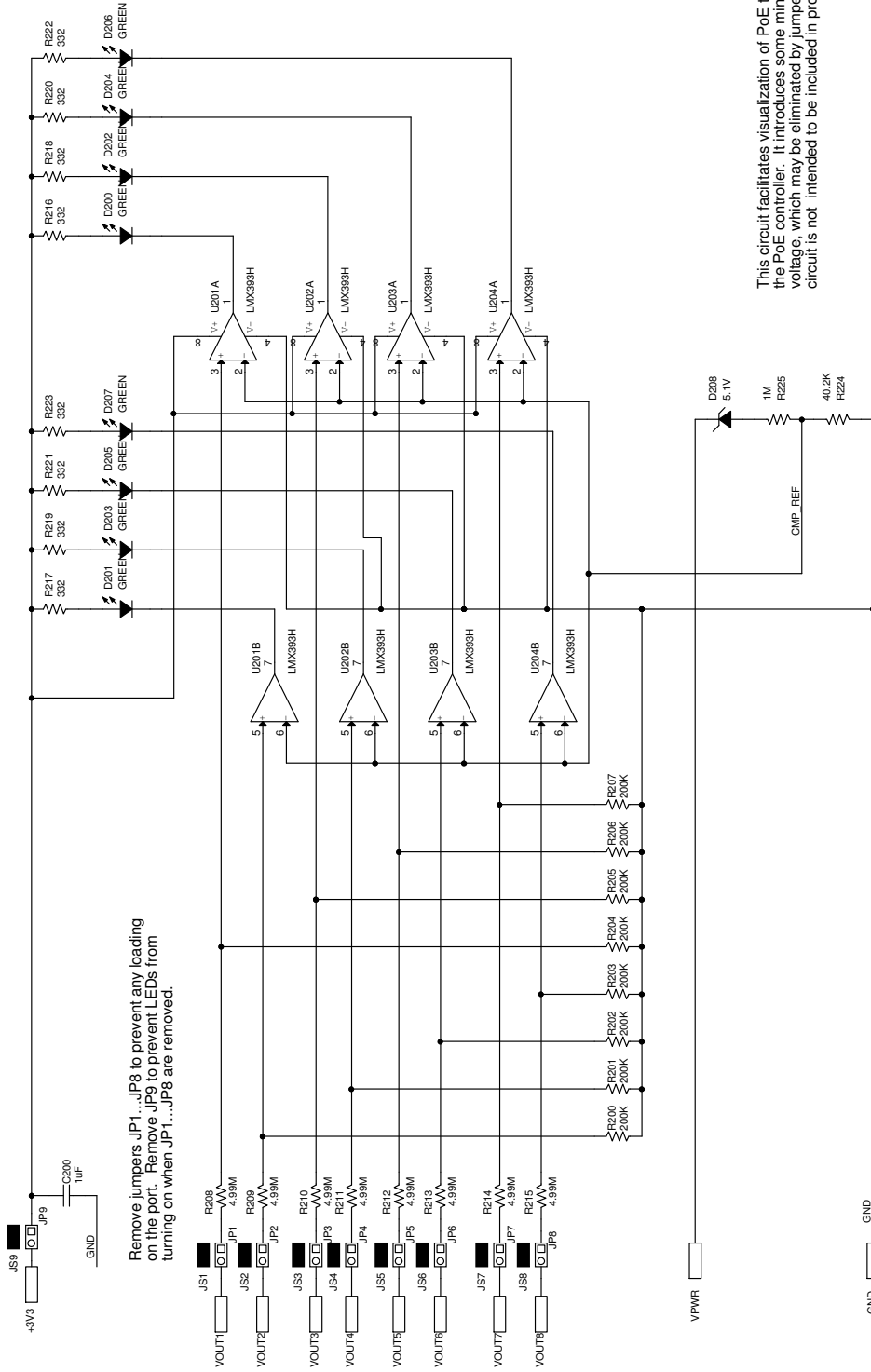
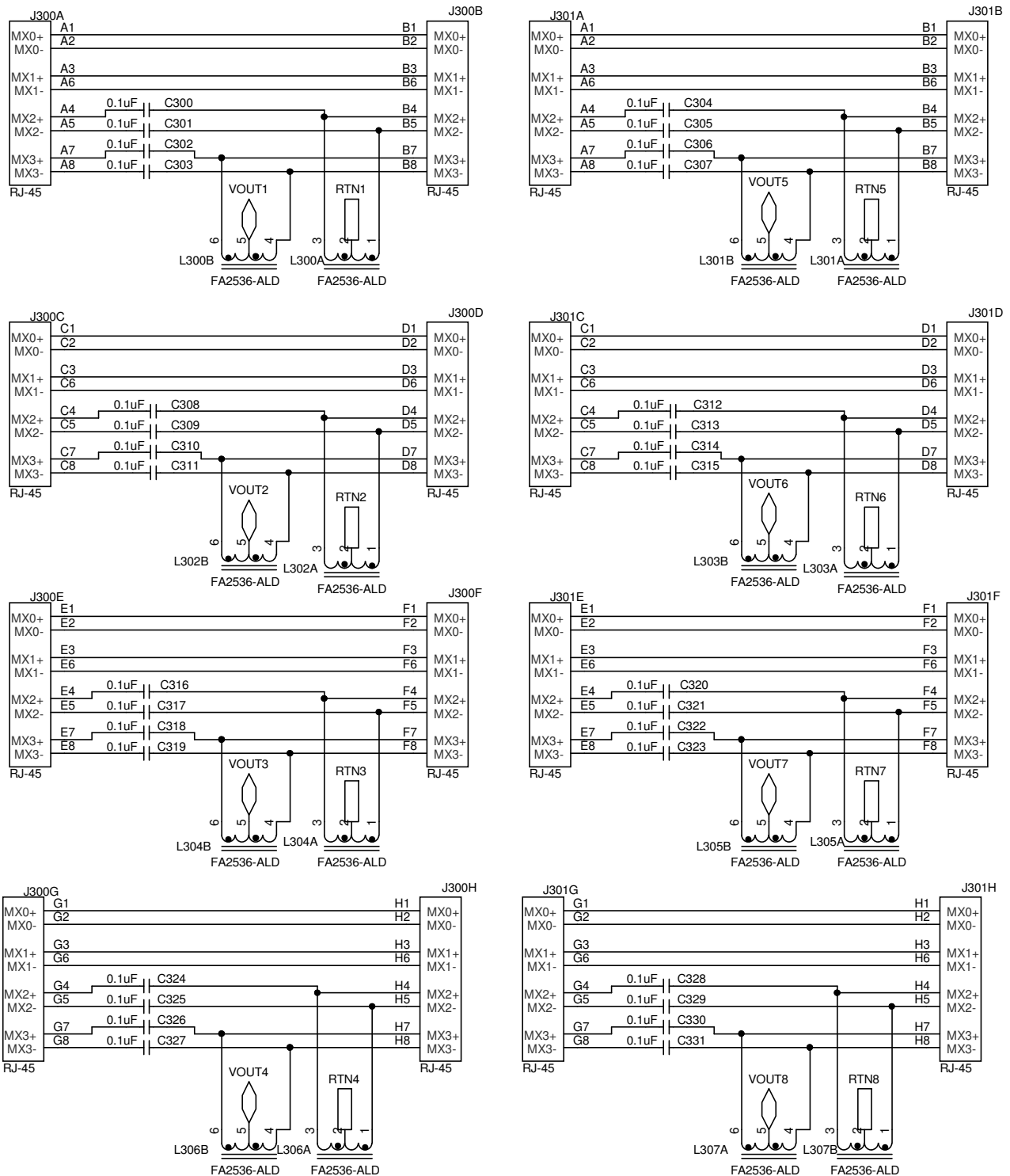


Figure 25. Connector Board Top Level



**Figure 26. Connector Board Comparators and LEDs**



**Figure 27. Connector Board Connectors and Coupling Circuits**

## 7.6. Connector Board Layout

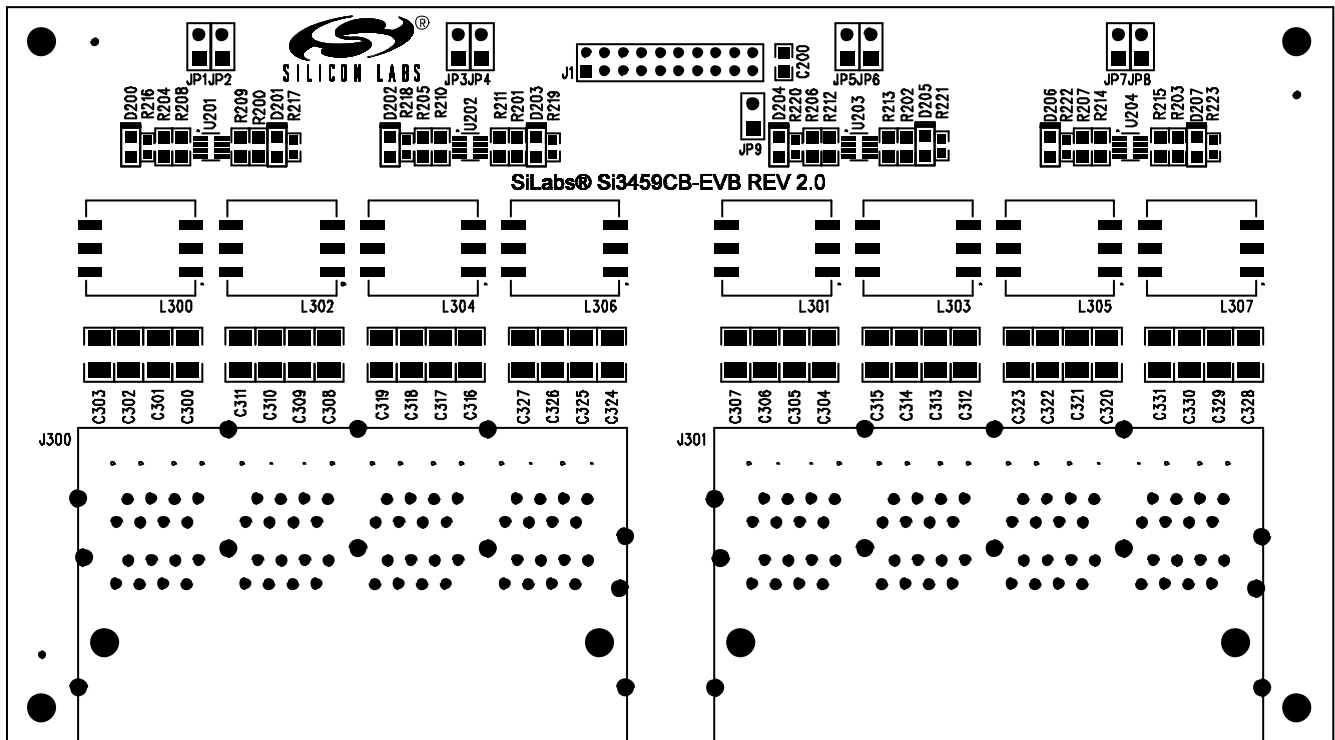


Figure 28. Connector Board Top Silkscreen

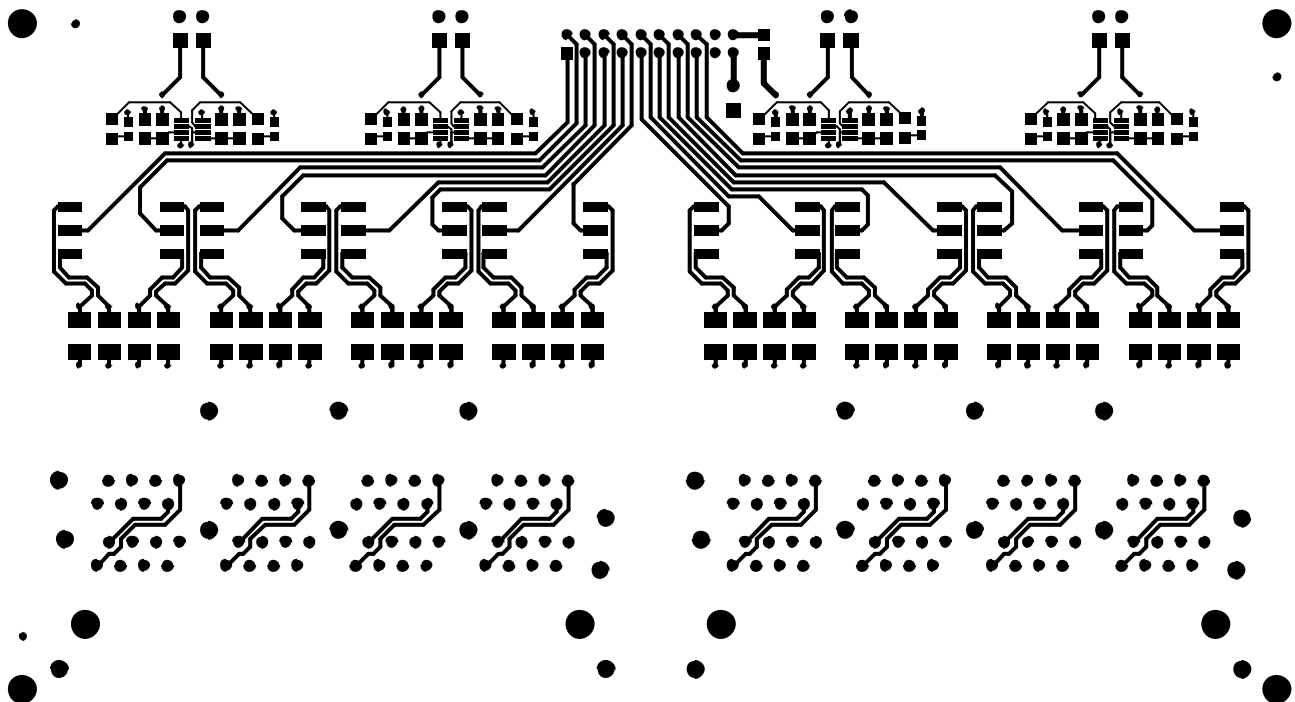


Figure 29. Connector Board Top Side



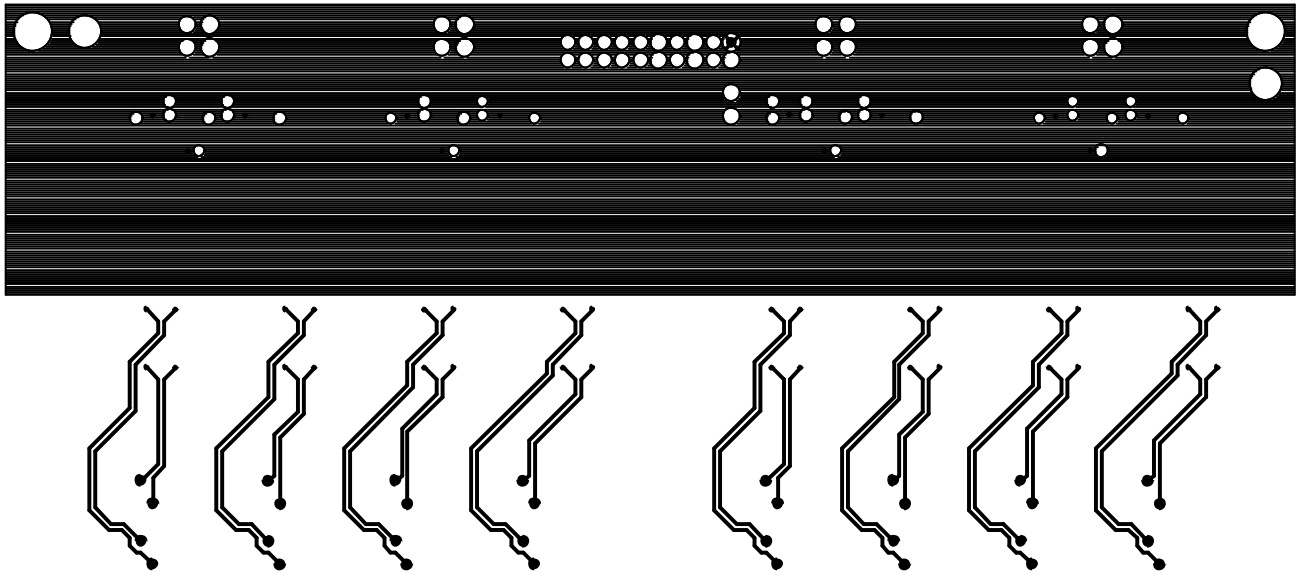


Figure 30. Connector Board Ground Layer

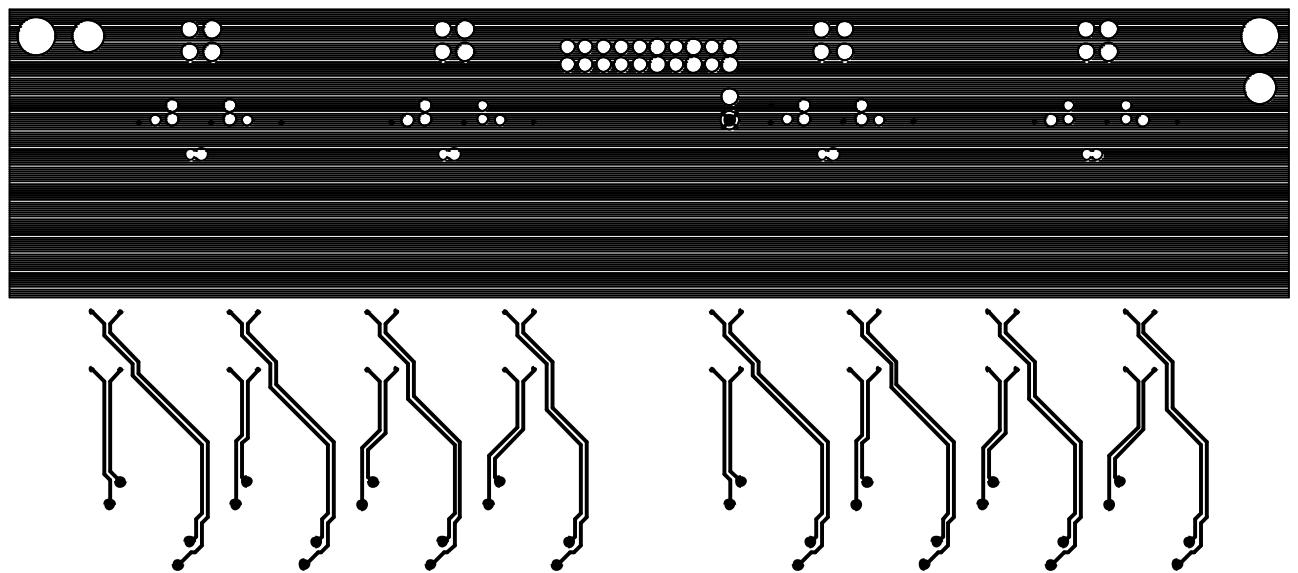


Figure 31. Connector Board Power Layer

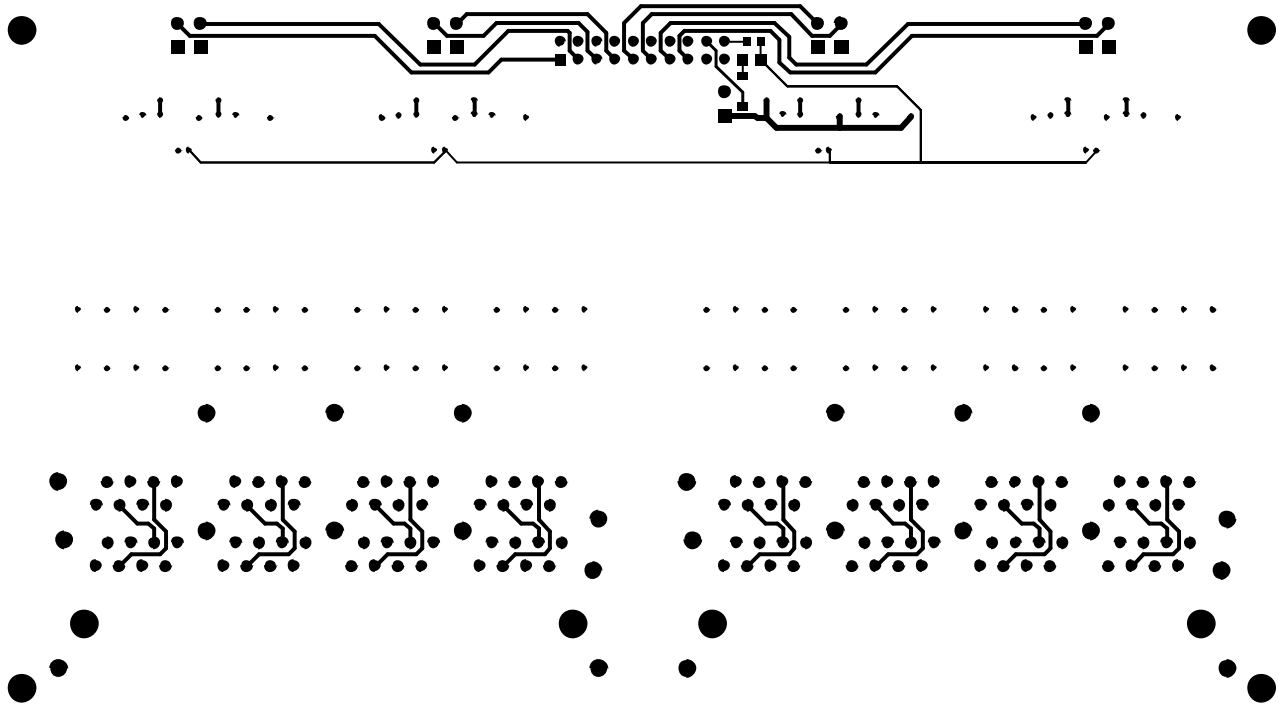


Figure 32. Connector Board Bottom Side

## 7.7. Connector Board Bill of Materials

Table 4. Si3459 Connector Board Bill of Materials

Qty	Ref	Value	Rating	Voltage/ Current	Tol	Type	PCB Footprint	Mfr Part Number	Mfr
1	C200	1 $\mu$ F		16 V	$\pm$ 20%	X7R	C0805	C0805X7R160-105M	Venkel
32	C300, C301, C302, C303, C304, C305, C306, C307, C308, C309, C310, C311, C312, C313, C314, C315, C316, C317, C318, C319, C320, C321, C322, C323, C324, C325, C326, C327, C328, C329, C330, C331	0.1 $\mu$ F		250 V	$\pm$ 20%	X7R	C1210	C1210X7R251-104M	Venkel
8	D200, D201, D202, D203, D204, D205, D206, D207	Green	30 mA	2.2 V		SMT	LED-0805-K	LTST-C170GKT	Lite On
1	D208	5.1 V	500 mW	5.1 V	5%	Zener	SOD-123	MMSZ4689T1G	On Semi
1	J1	Header	10x2			Header	CONN2X10-2MM	TMM-110-01-T-D	Samtec
2	J300	RJ-45				Receptacle	RJ45-8PORT	44170-0001	Molex
9	JP1, JP2, JP3, JP4, JP5, JP6, JP7, JP8, JP9	Jumper				Header	CONN1X2	TSW-102-07-T-S	Samtec
9	JS1, JS2, JS3, JS4, JS5, JS6, JS7, JS8, JS9	Jumper			Shunt	Shunt	N/A	SNT-100-BK-T	Samtec
8	L300, L301, L302, L303, L304, L305, L306, L307	FA2536-ALD	675 $\mu$ H			Ethernet	IND-FA2536	FA2536-ALD	Coilcraft
4	MH1, MH2, MH3, MH4	4-40				HDW		NSS-4-4-01	Richco Plastic Co.

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**Table 4. Si3459 Connector Board Bill of Materials (Continued)**

Qty	Ref	Value	Rating	Voltage/ Current	Tol	Type	PCB Footprint	Mfr Part Number	Mfr
8	R200, R201, R202, R203, R204, R205, R206, R207	200 k $\Omega$	1/10 W	$\pm 1\%$		ThickFilm	R0805	CR0805-10W-2003F	Venkel
8	R208, R209, R210, R211, R212, R213, R214, R215	4.99 M $\Omega$	1/8 W	$\pm 1\%$		ThickFilm	R0805	CR0805-8W-4994FT	Venkel
8	R216, R217, R218, R219, R220, R221, R222, R223	332 $\Omega$	1/10 W	$\pm 1\%$		ThickFilm	R0603	CR0603-10W-3320F	Venkel
1	R224	40.2 k $\Omega$	1/10 W	$\pm 1\%$		ThickFilm	R0603	CR0603-10W-4022F	Venkel
1	R225	1 M $\Omega$	1/10 W	$\pm 1\%$		ThickFilm	R0805	CR0805-10W-1004F	Venkel
4	SO1, SO2, SO3, SO4	Standoff				HDW	2397	SPC_Technology	Technology
4	U201, U202, U203, U204	LMX393H	714 mW	5.5 V		Dual	SOT23-8N	LMX393HAKA-T	Maxim

## 8. Ordering Guide

Due to the unique high-voltage and high-power design considerations, Silicon Labs recommends that the reference designs be followed closely. Visit the Silicon Labs Technical Support web page and register to submit a technical support request, particularly if you are not closely following the recommended reference design.

**Table 5. Si3459-KIT Ordering Guide**

Ordering Part Number	Description
Si3459-KIT	Evaluation board kit for Si3459, 16-port midspan evaluation board reference design. Populated with Si3459 devices. Refer to the Si3459 data sheet Ordering Guide section for current ordering and device configuration information.
Si3459-XXX-IM	Ordering part number for Si3459 devices. X = device revision; YY = firmware revision. Refer to the Si3459 data sheet Ordering Guide section for current ordering and device configuration information.

## APPENDIX—CHECKING WHETHER THE DRIVER IS INSTALLED

To check whether the driver is installed, open the Control Panel and click the Device Manager icon. The screen shown in Figure 33 will appear. Click on “Multi-port serial adapters”, and, if it has installed, the driver will appear as “Silicon Laboratories PoE USB Device”.

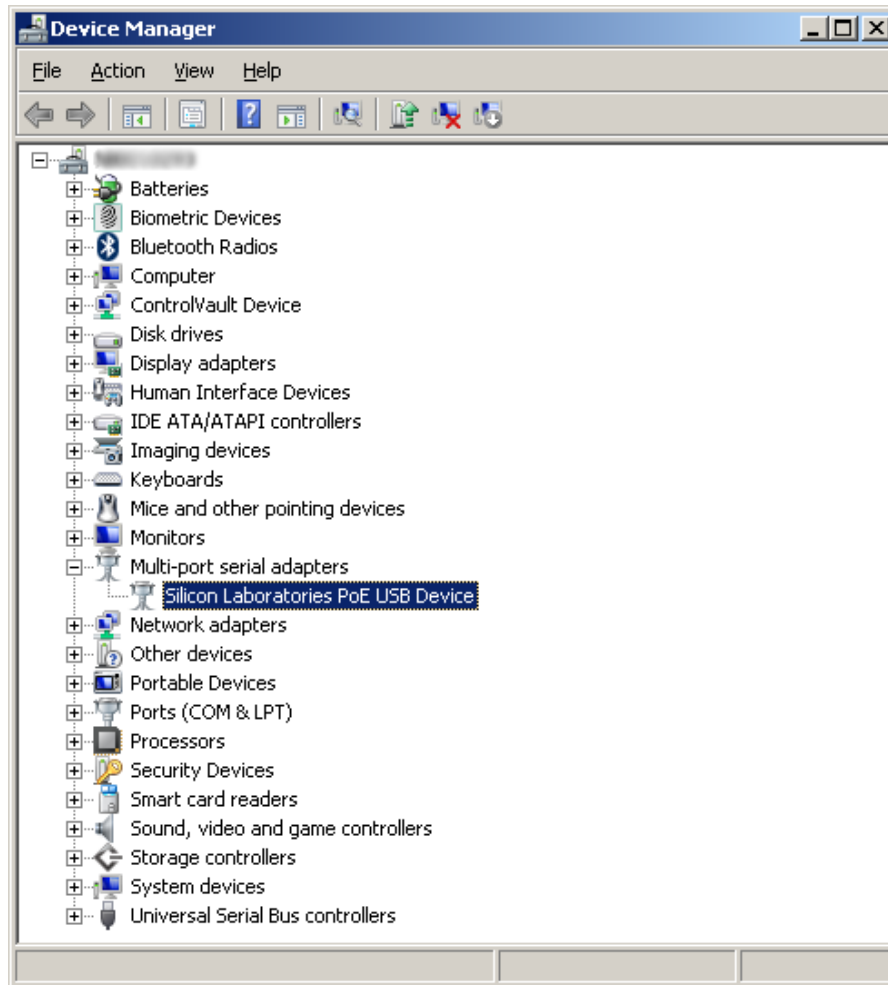


Figure 33. Device Manager

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