

UG459: Si83xx SPI Motherboard User Guide

Introduction

This user guide explains the features of the Si83xx SPI motherboard (MB), daughter cards (DCs), I/O, and accompanying Skyworks Industrial I/O Control Panel software. Together, this hardware and software system enable the user to evaluate the Skyworks Si834x and Si838x Industrial I/O products by leveraging their SPI daisy chain capabilities.

The motherboard comes with one of three different daughter card options: Si834xSRC SPI DC, Si834xSNK SPI DC, or Si838x SPI DC.

These stackable daughter cards allow the user to serially connect up to four devices at a time.

The Skyworks Industrial I/O Control Panel runs on a host PC and interfaces with the motherboard and target devices via USB connection.

Each Si834x DC comes equipped with four output channels that meet IEC 61131-2 requirements for 0.5 A outputs, and each Si838x DC comes equipped with eight input channels that meet IEC 61131-2 requirements for input channels. More information on these parts can be found in the [Si834x data sheet](#) and [Si838x data sheet](#).

EVb Contents

- Si83xx SPI Motherboard (MB)
- One or more of the following daughter cards:
 - Si834xSRC SPI DC
 - Si834xSNK SPI DC
 - Si838x SPI DC
- Micro-USB cable
- 24 V, 2.1 A power supply with universal adapters
- Stackable through-hole connectors that enable SPI daisy-chaining
- Pluggable output terminal blocks
- Reverse supply protection
- Supply overvoltage protection
- Output channel surge protection (Si834x DCs)
- IEC 61131-2 compliant output channels (Si834x DCs)

- IEC 61131-2 compliant input channels (Si838x DCs)
- Test points and LED indicators for simple evaluation
- Skyworks Industrial I/O Control Panel software for intuitive device control

Ordering Information

Motherboard and daughter card:

- Si83408ADA-KIT
- Si83418ADA-KIT
- Si8380S-KIT

Daughter card only:

- Si83408ADA-DC
- Si83418ADA-DC
- Si8380S-DC

Extension card:

- Si8752-AA-DC
- Si8752-BA-DC

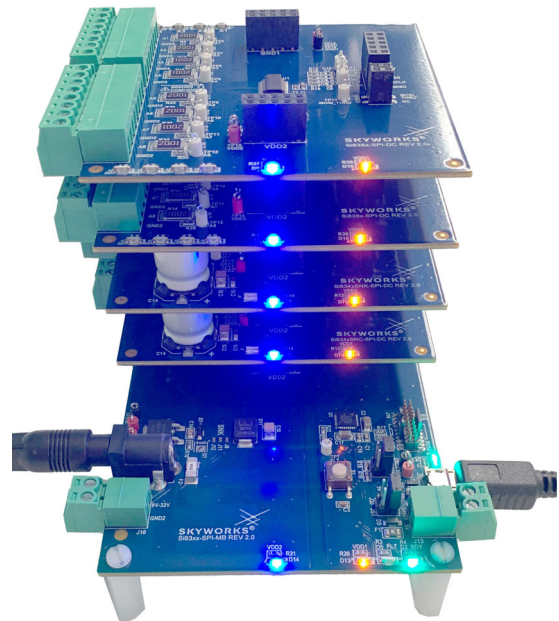


Figure 1. Si83xx SPI Motherboard and Daughter Cards

1. System Overview

The Si83xx SPI motherboard (MB) and daughter card (DC) system can be broken down into three main parts: the daughter cards, the motherboard, and the software GUI. The GUI receives user input, interfaces with the device stack (comprising one to four daughter cards), and displays register data and device statuses for the user. [Figure 2](#) shows the high-level system block diagram.

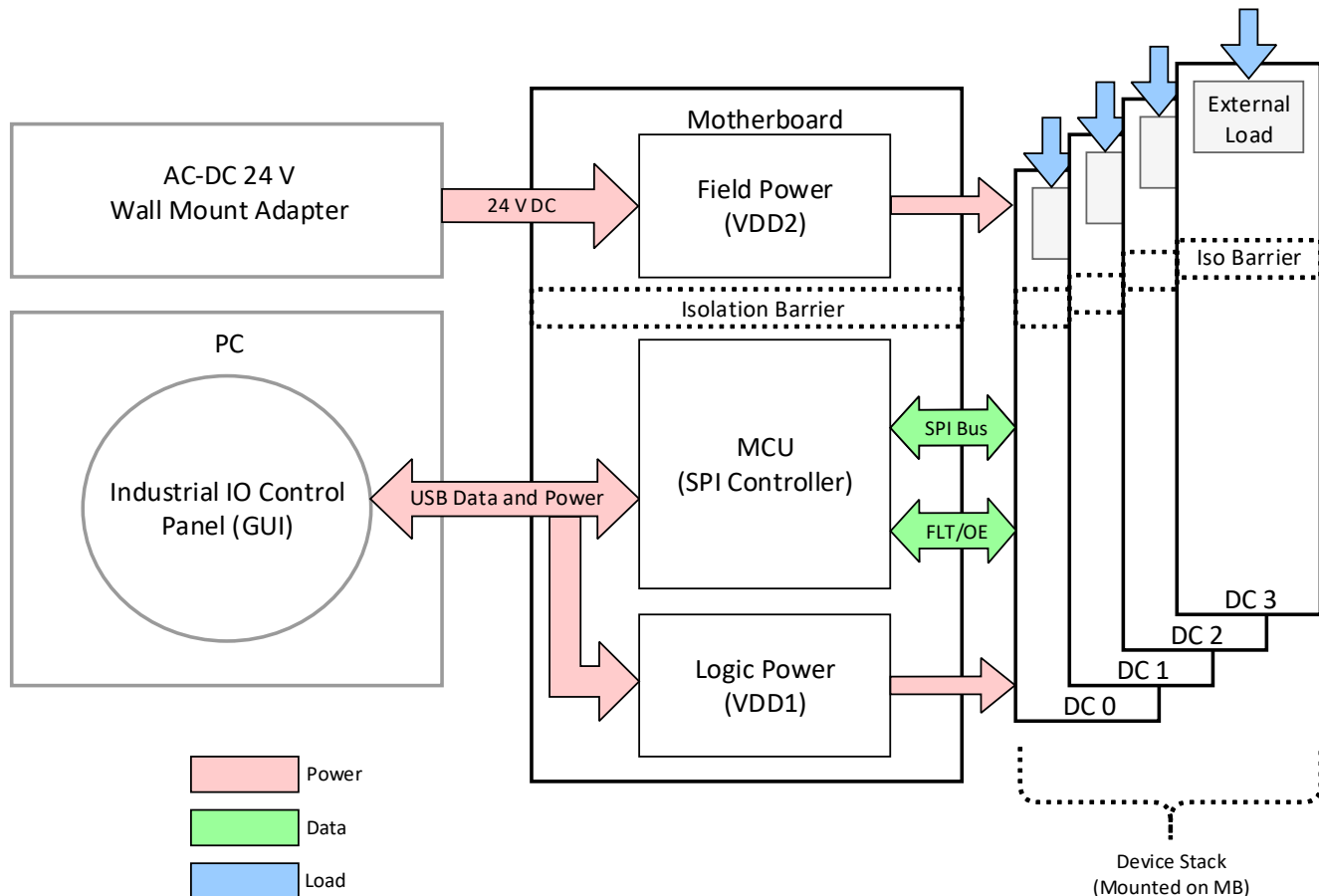


Figure 2. System Block Diagram

The system contains two isolated power domains: a low-voltage logic side and a high-voltage field side. The low-voltage domain is sourced externally by the USB 5 V connection and powers the onboard MCU and the logic side of the Si83xx devices in the stack. The high-voltage domain is sourced externally by the 24 V wall-wart power-supply unit (PSU) provided in the EVB kit. The field supply powers the field side of any Si83xx devices in the stack, and it also provides a high-voltage source for direct connections to the Si83xx field-side input channels. If desired, the user may provide their own logic supply (3.3 to 5 V) or field supply (9 to 32 V) using the J13 and J10 terminal blocks, respectively. Any loads connected to the Si83xx input channels or the Si83xx output channels must also be connected externally, as no loads are provided on the daughter cards. For full instructions on how to configure the hardware, see [“2. Hardware Configuration” on page 4](#).

The Industrial I/O Control Panel is a Python-based graphical user interface (GUI) that must be installed and run on a computer running the Windows® 10 or 11 operating system. This program was designed to control the Si83xx SPI MB and up to four daughter cards (minimum 1). The USB connection from the PC to the MB provides logic power to the board and a virtual COM port (VCP) for transacting data between the software and the controller. Detailed instructions on how to install, run, and operate the software program can be found in [“3. Getting Started with the Skyworks Industrial I/O Control Panel” on page 13](#).

The MCU on the motherboard is an 8-bit MCU that functions as a USB-to-SPI bridge. The MCU receives USB commands from the control panel, which are converted into 3-byte SPI packets and sent to the device stack. These SPI packets utilize four wires (SCLK, NSS, MOSI, and MISO) and are comprised of a control byte, address byte, and data byte. Data is sent from the MCU to device 0 first, then daisy-chained to each subsequent device by replacing the MOSI signal with MOSI-thru. The output enable (OE) pin is simultaneously driven to all devices in the stack. All Si834x fault (FLT) outputs are wire ORed together and sensed on a single input pin of the controller.

2. Hardware Configuration

The Si83xx-SPI-MB EVB motherboard (MB) was designed to evaluate the SPI functionality of different daughter cards (DCs) including the Si838x and Si834x ICs through the J1 to J4 headers. Up to four different DCs can be attached to the motherboard. The following daughter cards are available for evaluation:

- Si834xSRC-SPI-DC
- Si834xSNK-SPI-DC
- Si838x-SPI-DC

Note: Any combination of Si834x and Si838x DCs may be placed in the stack during evaluation. At least one DC must be used at all times, and a maximum of four DCs may be used at one time. The Si838x DCs must always be placed on top of any Si834x DCs in the stack.

The digital output daughter cards (Si834xSRC-SPI-DC and Si834xSNK-SPI-DC) can drive an Si8752-based extension card to form a multichannel solid-state relay card. The Si8752-RELAY-EXT-CARD extension card is available in two versions utilizing single- or dual-FET switches for switching low-voltage dc or high-voltage ac/dry contact signals.

The motherboard contains two domains: a supply for the low-voltage logic side which also powers the microcontroller, and a high-voltage field side. The two domains are separated by an isolation barrier. Each power rail is led through the connectors to the daughter cards; therefore, power should be supplied only to the motherboard.

2.1. Microcontroller Domain (VDD1)

On the logic side, there are two different options to supply power to the microcontroller. It can be done by:

- Connecting a micro-USB cable through the J5 micro-USB connector
- Connecting a bench power supply unit through the J13 plug

The voltage of VDD1 must be between 3.6 V and 5.25 V. In order to interact with the GUI, a micro-USB cable *must be connected to the MB at all times*.

The jumpers on J17 and J20 must be aligned with the source of power: If micro USB connector J5 is used, the jumpers need to be in position 1-2, while if the external connector J13 is used, both of the jumpers should be set to position 3-4.

The two possible power supply and jumper configurations regarding the above-mentioned setups are shown in [Table 1](#):

Table 1. Power Supply and Jumper Configurations

Power Source	Connector	J17 and J20 Position	Acceptable Voltage Range
+5 V from USB cable	J5	Pin 1-2	5 V
Bench power supply	J13	Pin 3-4	3.6 ~ 5.25 V

2.2. Field Domain (VDD2)

There are also two different options for supplying power to the output side. These are:

- Connecting a bench power supply unit through the J10 plug
- Connecting an adapter through the J14 DC barrel jack

The voltage of VDD2 must be between 9 V and 32 V.

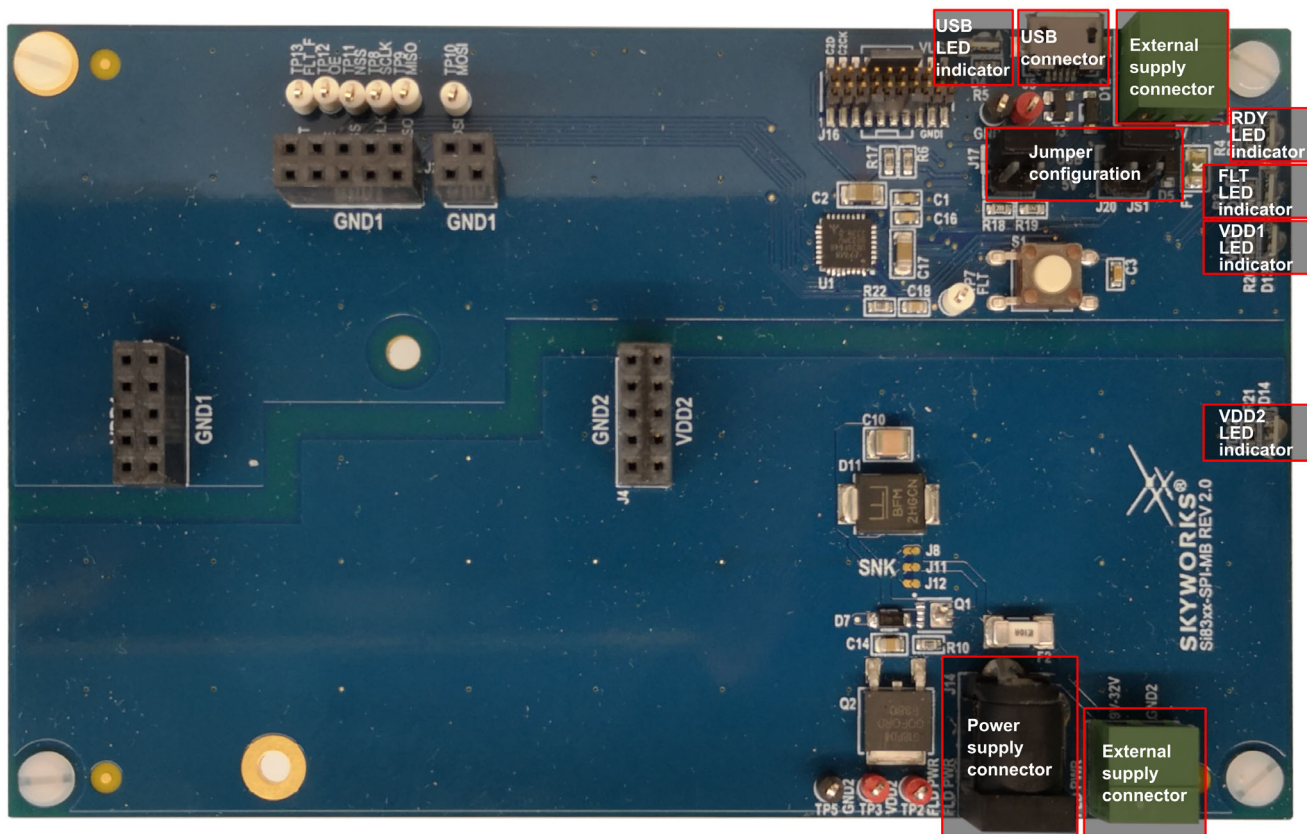
2.3. LED Indicators

There are various visual indicator LEDs on both the MB and DCs. The following sections briefly describe the LEDs for each board in the kit:

2.3.1. Si83xx-SPI-MB

- D13: orange visual indicator of the VDD1 power rail
- D14: blue visual indicator of the VDD2 power rail
- D4: green visual indicator of the USB connection
- D1: red visual indicator of the fault pin (FLT)
- D2: green visual indicator of the ready pin (RDY)

Figure 3 shows the connectors and indicator LEDs on the Si83xx-SPI-MB.



2.3.2. Si838x-SPI-DC

- D10: orange visual indicator of the VDD1 power rail
- D9: blue visual indicator of the VDD2 power rail
- D1 to D8: yellow visual indicators of the eight different input channels

Figure 4 shows the connectors and the indicator LEDs on the Si838x-SPI-DC daughter card.

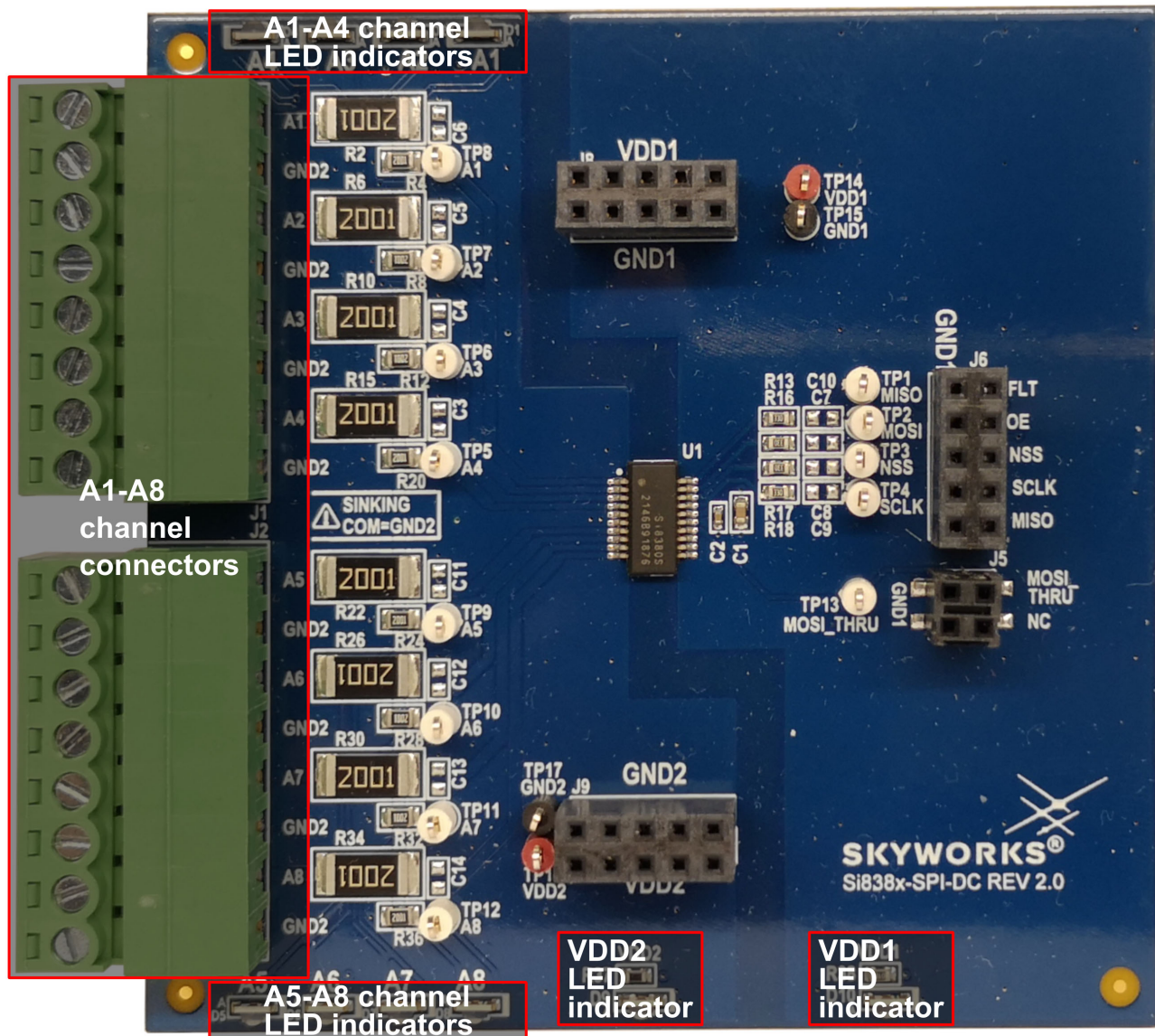


Figure 4. Si838x-SPI-DC Connectors and LED Indicators

Although the Si838x-SPI-DC has a VDD2 indication LED, this voltage rail is not used on the daughter card. As this is designed to be a PLC input device, power is provided to each channel input by an external source.

2.3.3. Si834xSRC-SPI-DC

- D7: orange visual indicator of the VDD1 power rail
- D8: blue visual indicator of the VDD2 power rail
- D1: red visual indicator of the fault pin (FLT)
- D2 to D5: green visual indicators of the four different output channels in sourcing configuration

Figure 5 shows the connectors and the indicator LEDs on the Si834xSRC-SPI-DC daughter card.

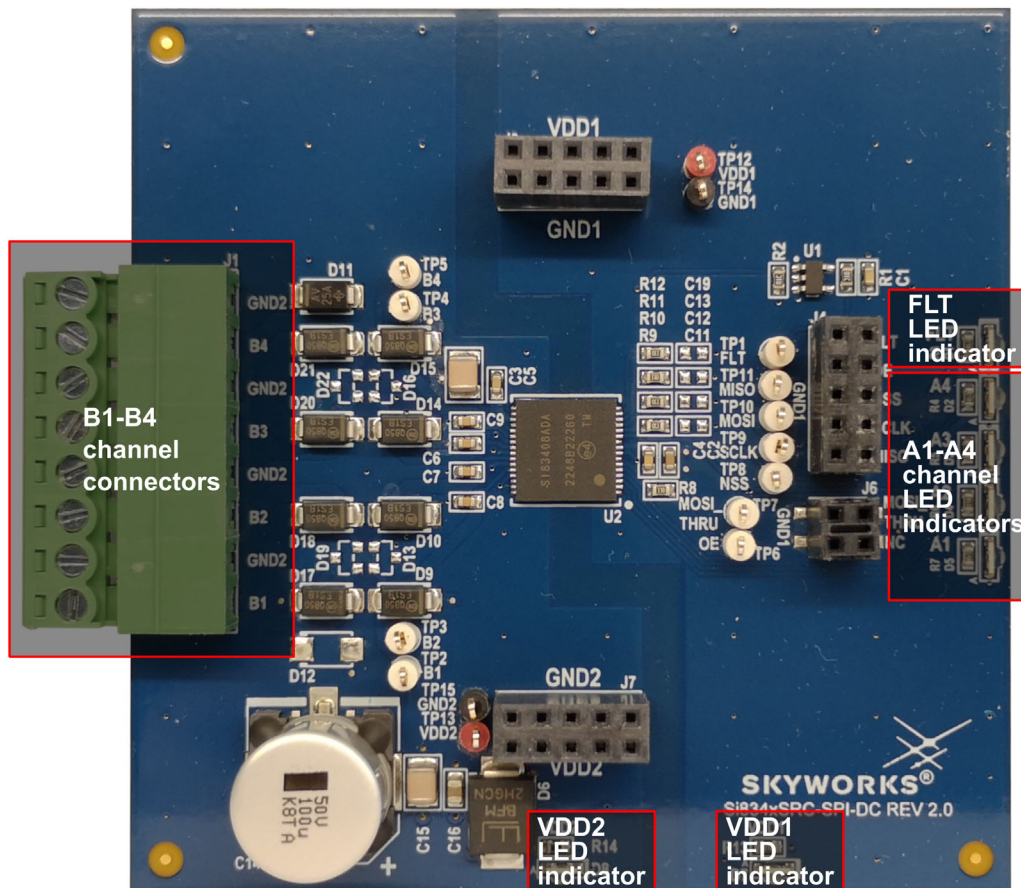


Figure 5. Si834xSRC-SPI-DC Connectors and LED Indicators

2.3.4. Si834xSNK-SPI-DC

- D7: orange visual indicator of the VDD1 power rail
- D8: blue visual indicator of the VDD2 power rail
- D1: red visual indicator of the fault pin (FLT)
- D2 to D5: green visual indicators of the four different output channels in sinking configuration

Figure 6 shows the connectors and the indicator LEDs on the Si834xSNK-SPI-DC daughter card.

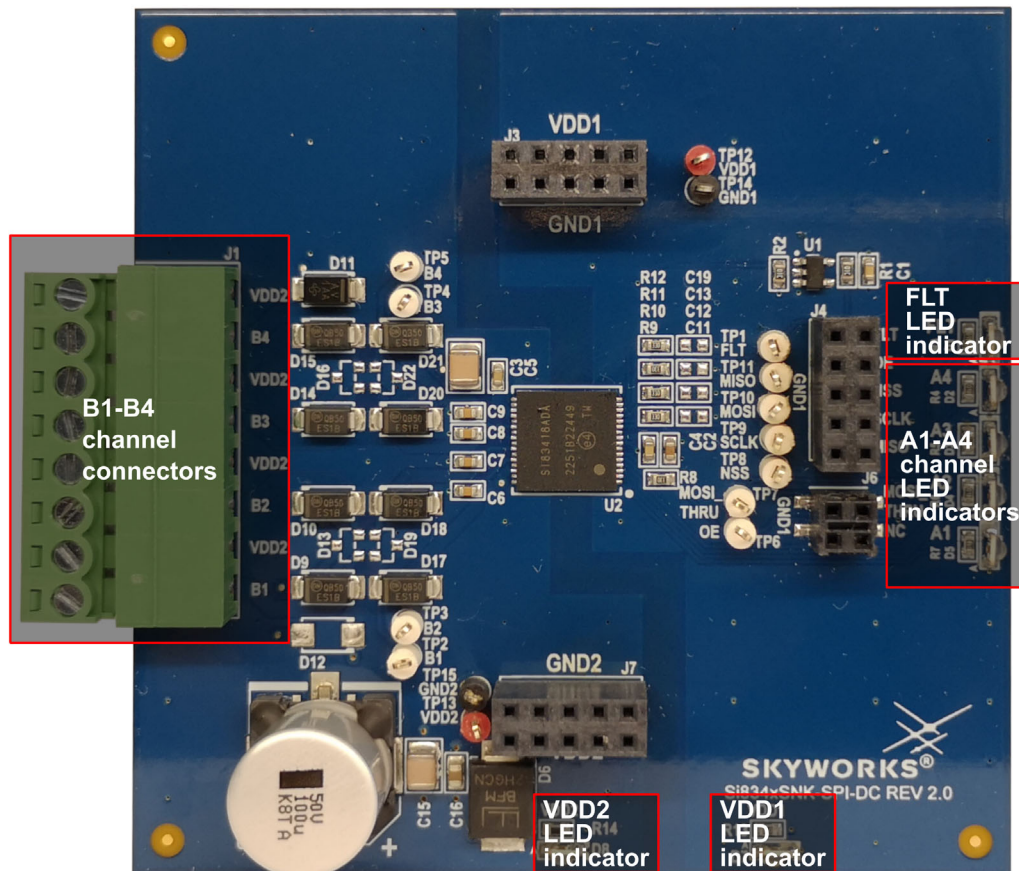


Figure 6. Si834xSNK-SPI-DC Connectors and LED Indicators

It is important to note that the fault signals of all DCs are connected together using open-drain buffers and fed to the MB. Therefore, this LED indicates a fault on any of the DCs. The Si838x devices do not have a fault output, so this indicator (and the one on the MB) are only present when Si834x DCs are used.

2.3.5. Si8752-RELAY-EXT-CARD

Figure 7 shows the connectors on the Si8752-RELAY-EXT-CARD Extension Card.

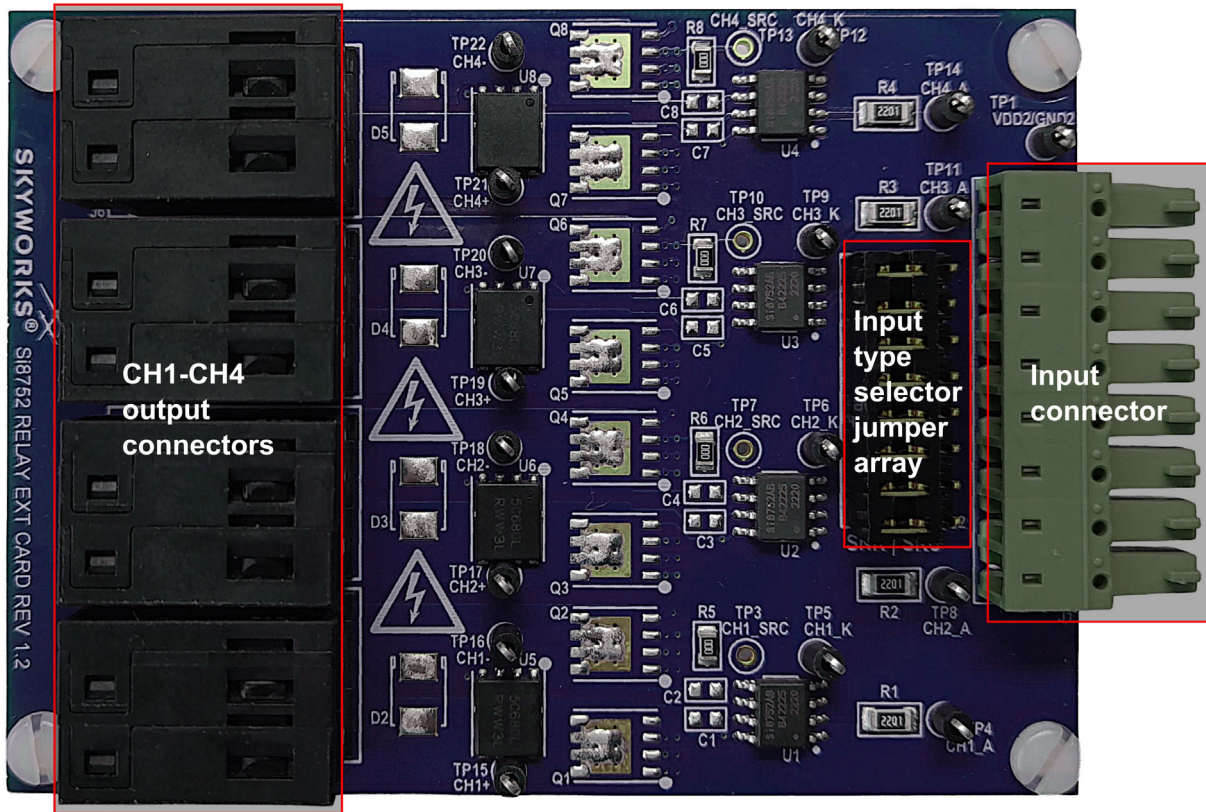


Figure 7. Si8752 Relay Extension Card Connectors

To match the input configuration of the extension card with the output type of the Si834x daughter card (sourcing or sinking), the jumper array should be placed in the correct position.

2.4. Load Configurations

The figures in this section show how to configure Si838x-SPI-DC as a PLC Input Module as well as typical load configurations for the Si834x-SPI-DC daughter cards.

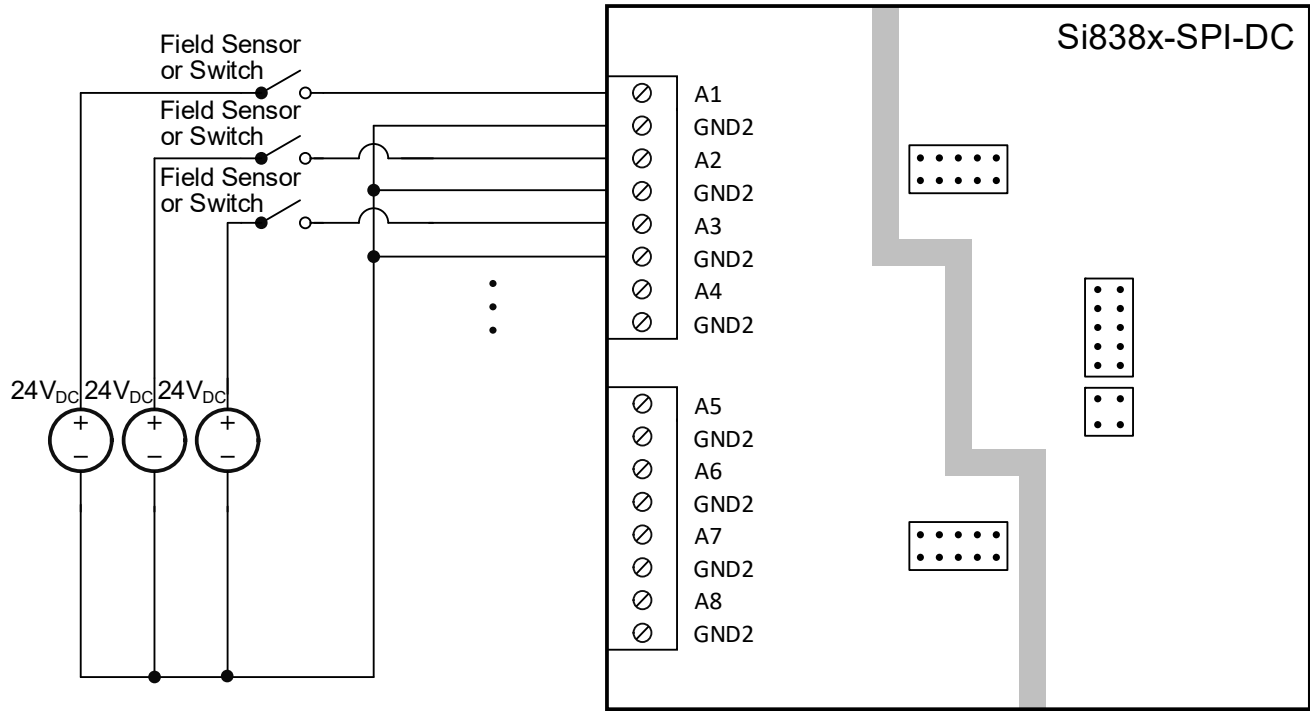


Figure 8. Si838x-SPI-DC Input Configuration

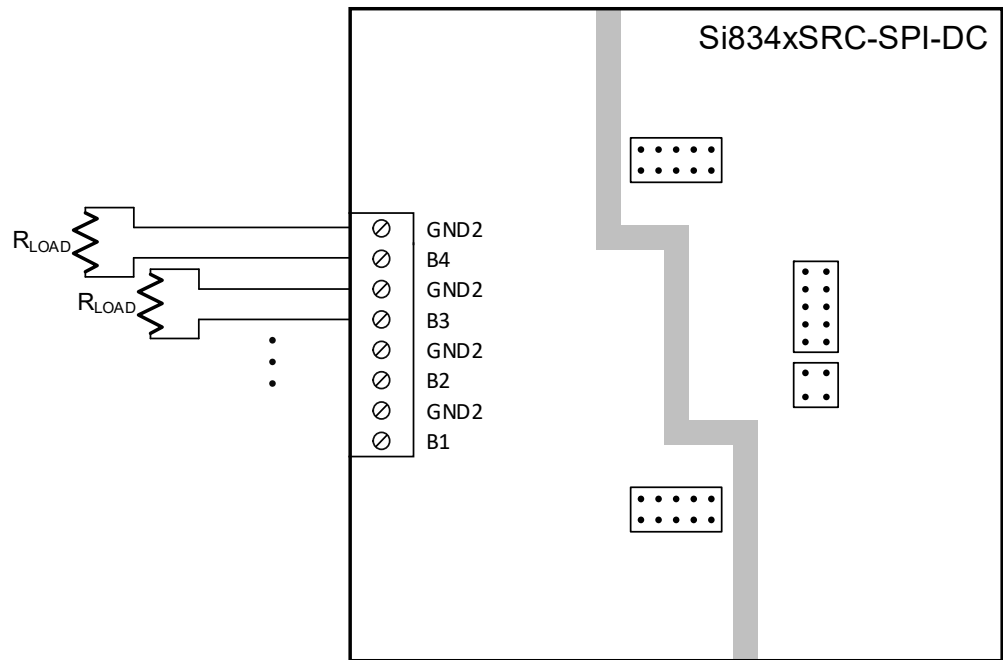


Figure 9. Si834xSRC-SPI-DC Output Configuration

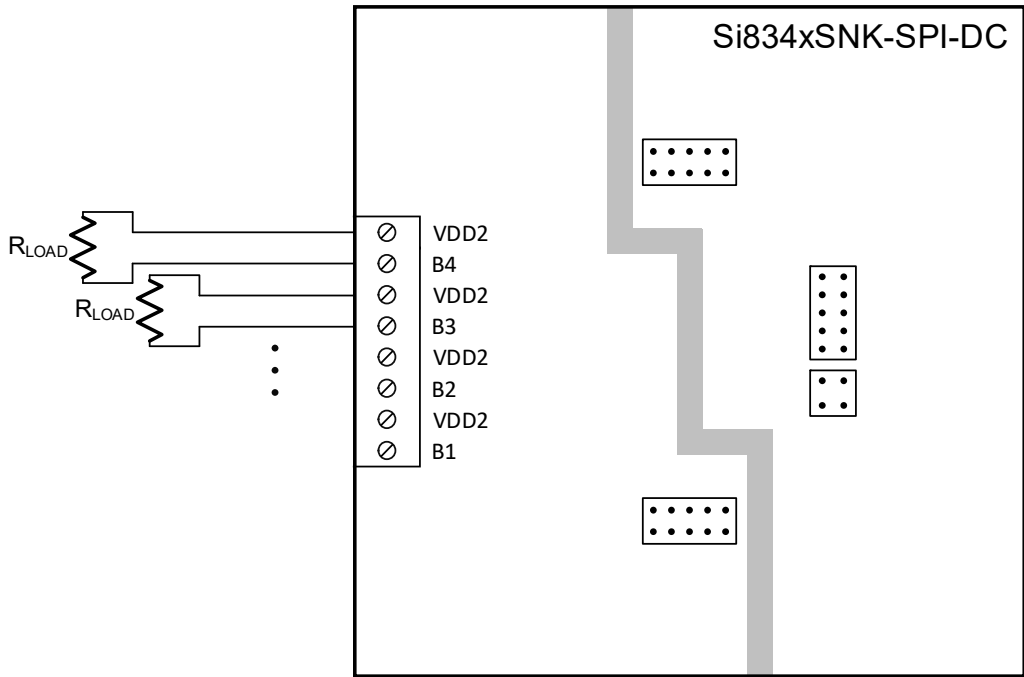


Figure 10. Si834xSNK-SPI-DC Output Configuration

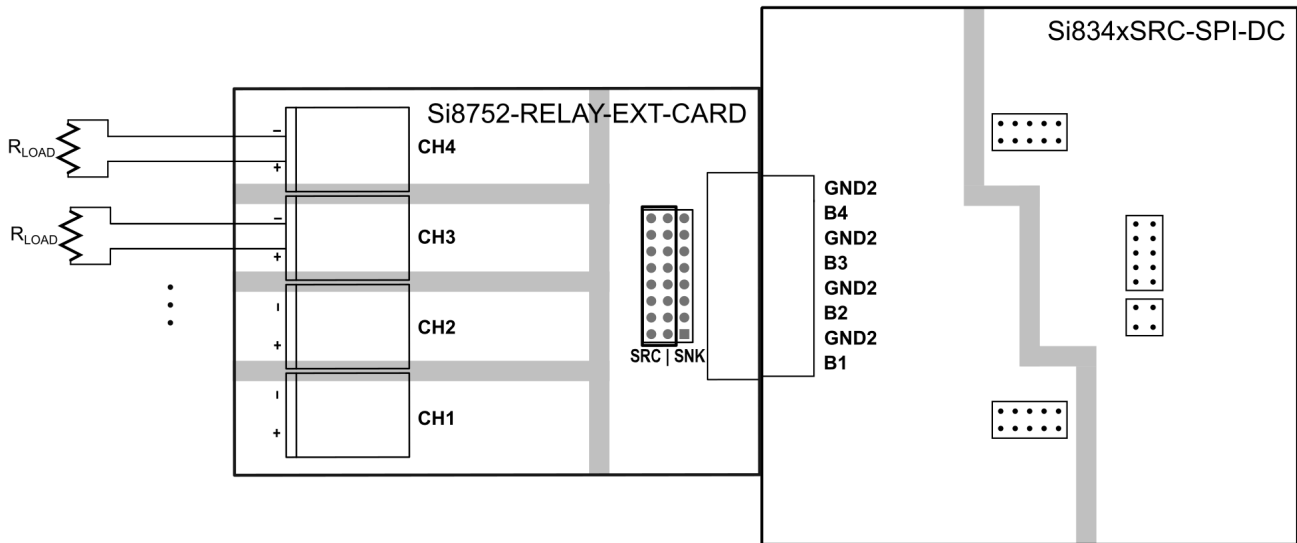


Figure 11. Si8752-RELAY-EXT-CARD Output Configuration (Example for Sourcing Output Daughter Card)

2.5. Load Driving Characteristics

The nominal load current and voltage limits of the different daughter card and extension card output options are summarized in [Table 2](#) below:

Table 2. Daughter Card and Extension Card Output Options

Card Type	Output Current (per Channel)	Output Voltage
Si83408ADA-DC	0.7 A	9 to 32 V
Si83418ADA-DC	−0.7 A	9 to 32 V
Si8752-AA-DC	7 A	Max. 600 V
Si8752-BA-DC	21 A	Max. 60 V

Refer to the following documentation for more information:

- [AN1212: Advanced Load Driving Considerations for Skyworks Smart Switches](#)
- [AN1214: Advanced Device Protection for the Si834x Isolated Smart Switch](#)
- [Si830x Smart Switch Data Sheet](#)
- [Si834x Isolated Smart Switch Data Sheet](#)
- [Si838x Bipolar Digital Field Inputs for PLCs and Industrial I/O Modules Data Sheet](#)
- [Si8752-AA-DC \(ac/dry contact switch\): Datasheet IPLK60R360PFD7](#)
- [Si8752-BA-DC \(dc switch\): NVMFS5C680NL - MOSFET - Power, Single N-Channel](#)

3. Getting Started with the Skyworks Industrial I/O Control Panel

The Si83xx SPI motherboard (MB) and daughter card (DC) system comes with a downloadable software program called the Skyworks Industrial I/O Control Panel, or simply “Skyworks IICP”. The compatibility of this program was tested only on Windows 10 and 11 operating systems. The program provides a GUI interface to the Si83xx Industrial I/O isolator devices contained in the device stack. The Si83xx product family, which consists of the Si834x Isolated Smart Switch devices and Si838x Bipolar Digital Input devices, are enabled with the SPI daisy chain capability. This feature allows the SPI controller to interface with multiple devices (up to 16 of the Si838x and up to 32 of the Si834x) utilizing a single SPI bus. In this way, the MCU on the Si83xx SPI MB interfaces with up to four devices in the device stack simultaneously and provides constant feedback to the GUI for user interaction.

3.1. GUI Installation

In order to install the Skyworks Industrial I/O Control Panel (the “software” or “program”), navigate to the [Si83xx-SPI-MB Portfolio page](#) and download the “**skyworks_iicp_setup.zip**” file. Extract the contents of the file to the hard drive, and run the “**Skyworks_Industrial_IO_setup.exe**” file, clicking “**Yes**” if prompted—whether or not you wish to run the program. Click “**Next**” through the prompts, modifying the installation settings as desired. Uncheck the “**Launch..**” checkbox on the last step, and then click “**Finish**”.

3.2. USB Driver Installation

Before continuing with setup, ensure that the Silicon Labs CP210x Universal Windows Driver has been installed. The driver can be downloaded from [this web site](#). Once the driver is installed, the PC must be restarted.

3.3. Configure App to Run as Administrator

If the program was installed in the default directory of “C:\Program Files (x86)\Skyworks\”, it must be run with administrator privileges in order to use all of the features of the program. The program can be set to run as administrator by default. To do this, navigate to the installation folder, right-click on the “**Skyworks Industrial I/O Control Panel.exe**”, and choose “**Properties**”.

1. Navigate to the installation folder and find the executable file. Right-click the “.exe” and choose “**Properties**”.

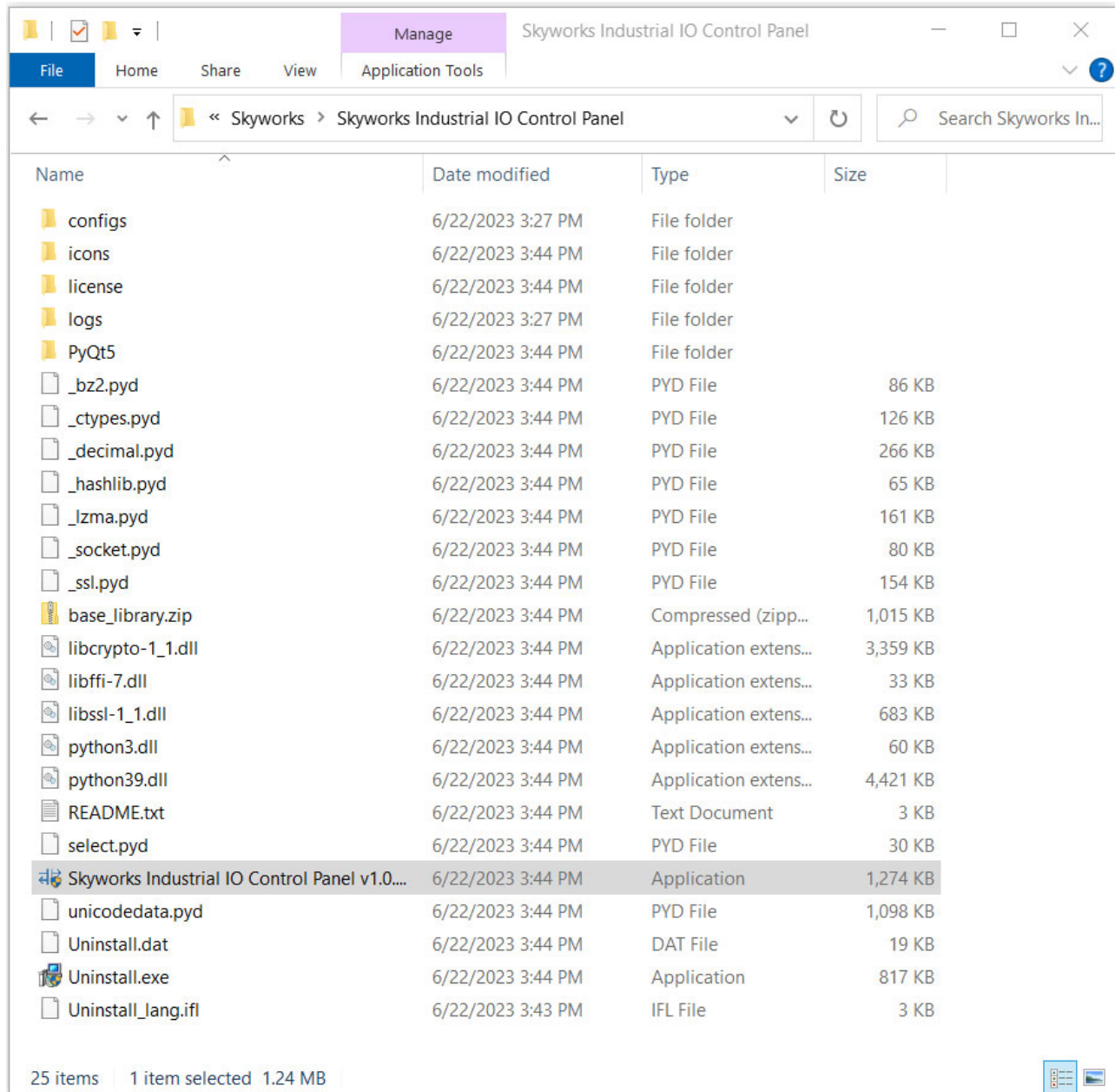


Figure 12. Skyworks IICP Installation Directory

2. Navigate to the Compatibility tab, check the **“Run this program as an administrator”** box, and click **“OK”**.

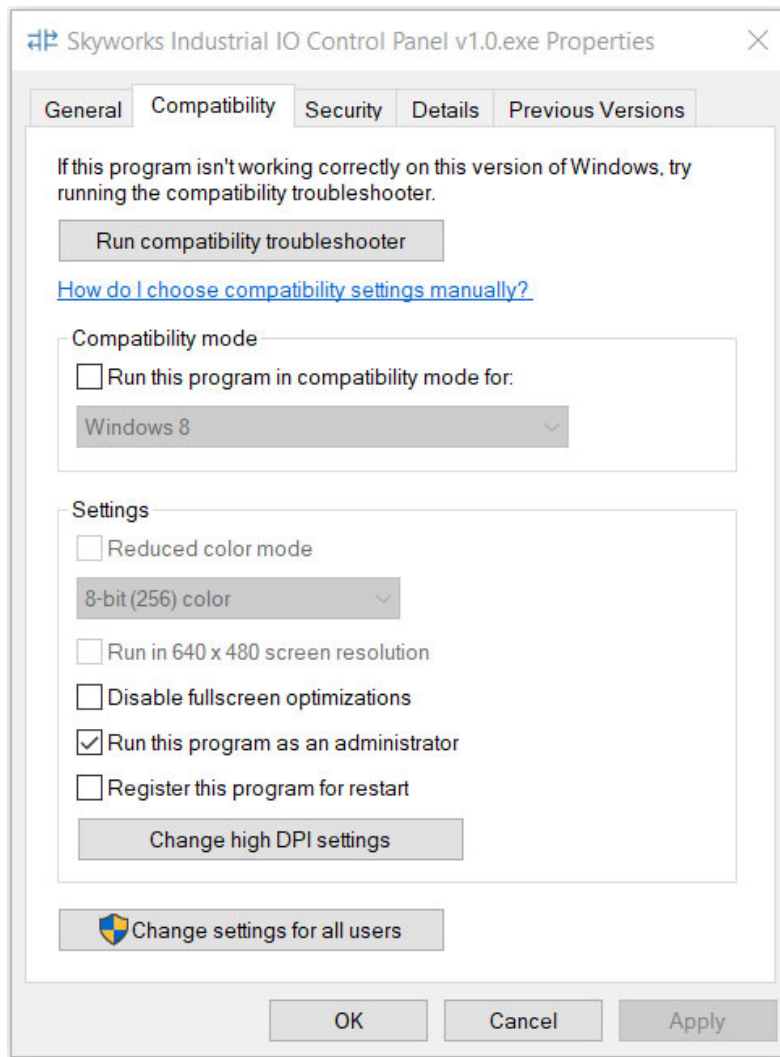


Figure 13. Skyworks IICP Properties Window

Once the installation process is complete, proceed to [3.4. Connecting to the Motherboard](#).

3.4. Connecting to the Motherboard

When running the Skyworks Industrial I/O Control Panel, the user is greeted with the home screen (also known as the “Main GUI View”). This section provides an overview of the home screen and how to initialize a USB connection to the motherboard. The following sections and subsections go into more detail about the various widgets and features within the program.

Before a motherboard is connected, the main GUI view is relatively empty, as shown in [Figure 14](#). To connect the motherboard, a motherboard “widget” (another name for the portion of the program dedicated to a particular interface. This term is used throughout the following sections. [Figure 14](#) shows the motherboard widget with markers highlighted in purple.

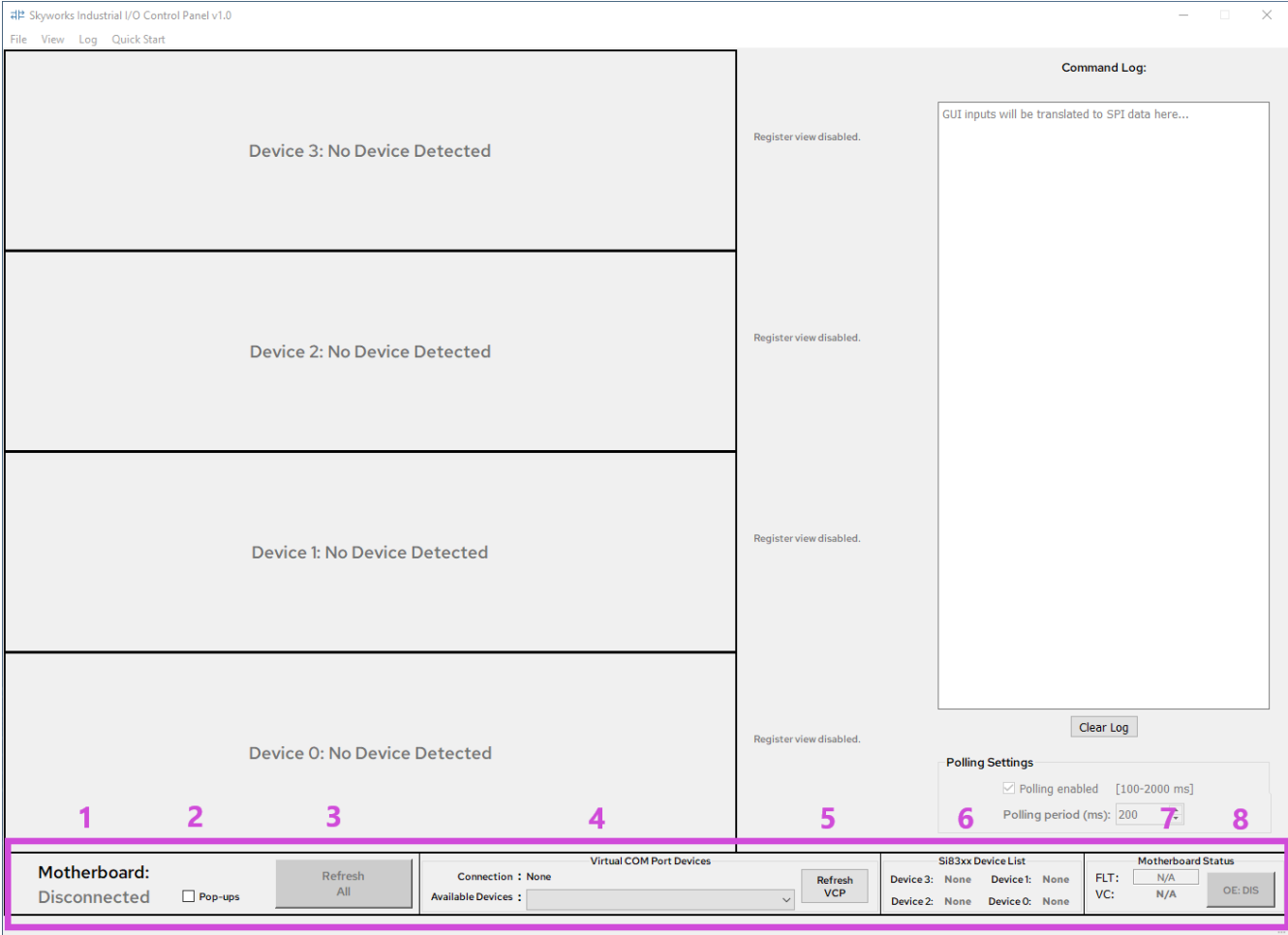


Figure 14. Motherboard Widget with Feature Markers

The MB widget has several features that aid in establishing a USB connection to the motherboard, monitoring the board status, and more. [Table 3](#) below identifies and describes each of the eight features highlighted in [Figure 14](#) above.

Table 3. Motherboard Widget Features

Number	Feature	Description
1	Connection status	Displays whether motherboard is currently connected
2	Pop-up checkbox	Toggles pop-up notifications for MB widget
3	Refresh all button	Refreshes status of MB and all devices
4	VCP connection and device list	Displays current VCP connection and available devices
5	Refresh VCP button	Refreshes list of available VCP devices
6	Si83xx device list	Displays all Si83xx devices currently connected to the MB
7	Motherboard status	Displays “fault” and “valid config” status bits
8	OE button	Toggles the “output enable” signal to the device stack

Before initiating the USB connection to the motherboard, ensure that the board is configured properly, as explained in [“2. Hardware Configuration” on page 4](#). Once the board is configured properly and connected to the PC, click **“Refresh VCP”** to ensure that the board is detected. Click on the device list drop-down (number 4) and find the **“Silicon Labs CP210x USB to UART Bridge”** and click on it. If pop-ups are enabled and the connection is established, a dialogue that says **“Success!”** opens, and the connection status changes from **“Disconnected”** to **“Connected”**. If the MCU does not appear in the drop-down list, return to [“3.2. USB Driver Installation” on page 13](#) and ensure that the correct USB driver is installed. Correct installation can be verified by navigating to the Device Manager and confirming that **“Silicon Labs CP210x USB to UART Bridge”** is listed under Ports.

3.5. Using the Built-In Test Program

Once the software has loaded and the motherboard is connected, it is recommended to run the built-in test program to verify the functionality of the MB and DCs. Once the test program completes successfully, the user can utilize all features of the Skyworks Industrial I/O Control Panel with confidence.

3.5.1. Motherboard Test Program

To begin, navigate to the Quick Start menu and click on **“Test Program”**. If the hardware is configured improperly or polling is disabled, running the test program results in a warning. The following list describes the possible warnings and their meanings:

1. **Polling enabled**—No action required; this informs the user that polling was enabled for the test program.
2. **No motherboard**—Indicates that no MB is connected. Double-check that each step in [“2. Hardware Configuration” on page 4](#) was followed correctly, and verify that the **“Motherboard:”** status indicator in the MB widget indicates **“Connected”** before trying again.
3. **No devices detected**—Indicates that no DCs were detected in the device stack. If this is correct and only the MB is being tested, then click **“Yes”** and proceed. If there are DCs in the stack that did not get detected, revisit [2. Hardware Configuration](#) before trying again.
4. **Invalid config**—Indicates that the current stack configuration is invalid. Double-check that the instructions in the stack configuration note in [2. Hardware Configuration](#) were followed to configure the stack properly, and then try again.

Once the test program is loaded, the Si83xx SPI MB Test Program window opens as shown in [Figure 15](#). Verify that the “Si83xx Device List” in the upper right-hand corner matches the device stack. Click “**Begin**” and choose “**Yes**” to initiate the test program. Follow the prompts for each step, using the buttons to navigate through the test program. Once the MB test program is complete, click “**Finish**” to move on to the test program for the first device in the stack.

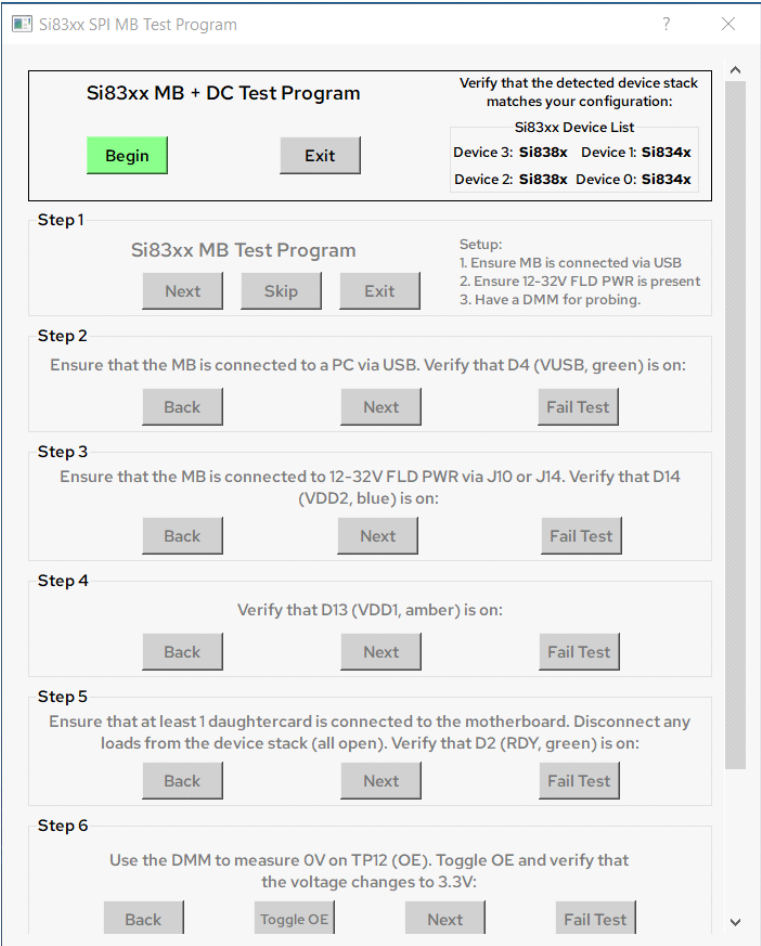


Figure 15. Si83xx SPI MB Test Program Window

3.5.2. Si834x DC Test Program

Once the MB test program is complete, the test program advances to the first device in the stack. If the Si834x DC is the next DC in the stack, the Si834x SPI DC Test Program window opens as shown in [Figure 16](#). The “Device: x/y” counter at the top should reflect the position of the current device in the stack, with 1 being the first and 4 being the last (depending on how many DCs are connected).

Click “**Begin**” and choose “**Yes**” to initiate the Si834x SPI DC Test Program. Follow the prompts for each step, ensuring that the output channels toggle as indicated in the instructions. Once the Si834x test program is complete, click “**Finish**” to move on to the next device test program.

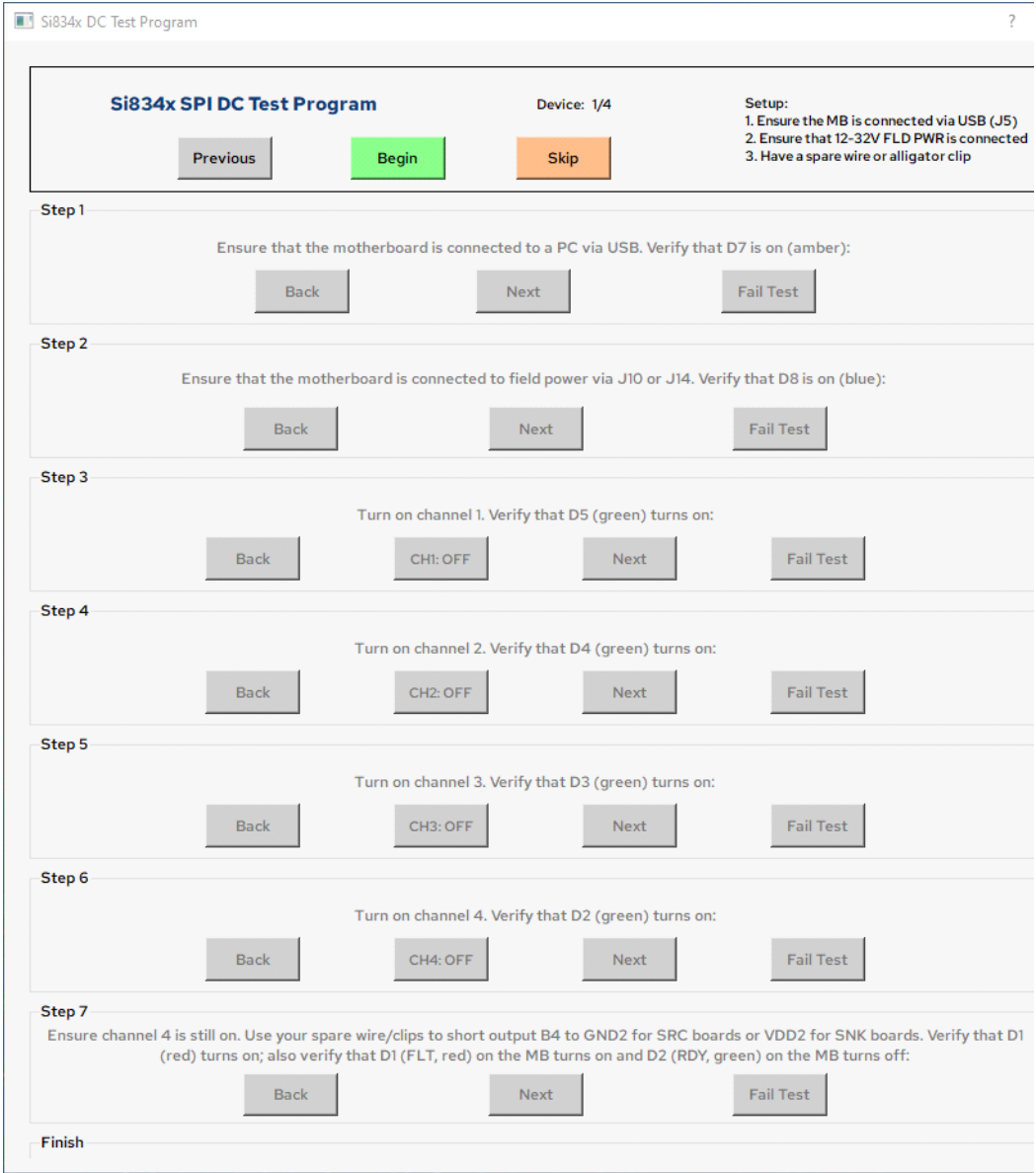


Figure 16. Si834x SPI DC Test Program Window

3.5.3. Si838x DC Test Program

If the device being tested is an Si838x, the Si838x SPI DC Test Program window opens as shown in Figure 17. Click “Begin”, and choose “Yes” to initiate the Si838x SPI DC Test Program. Follow the prompts for each step, ensuring that the register values change per the instructions. Once the test program is complete, click “Finish” to move on. Once the last device in the stack is tested, a dialogue box appears with the results of each test program.

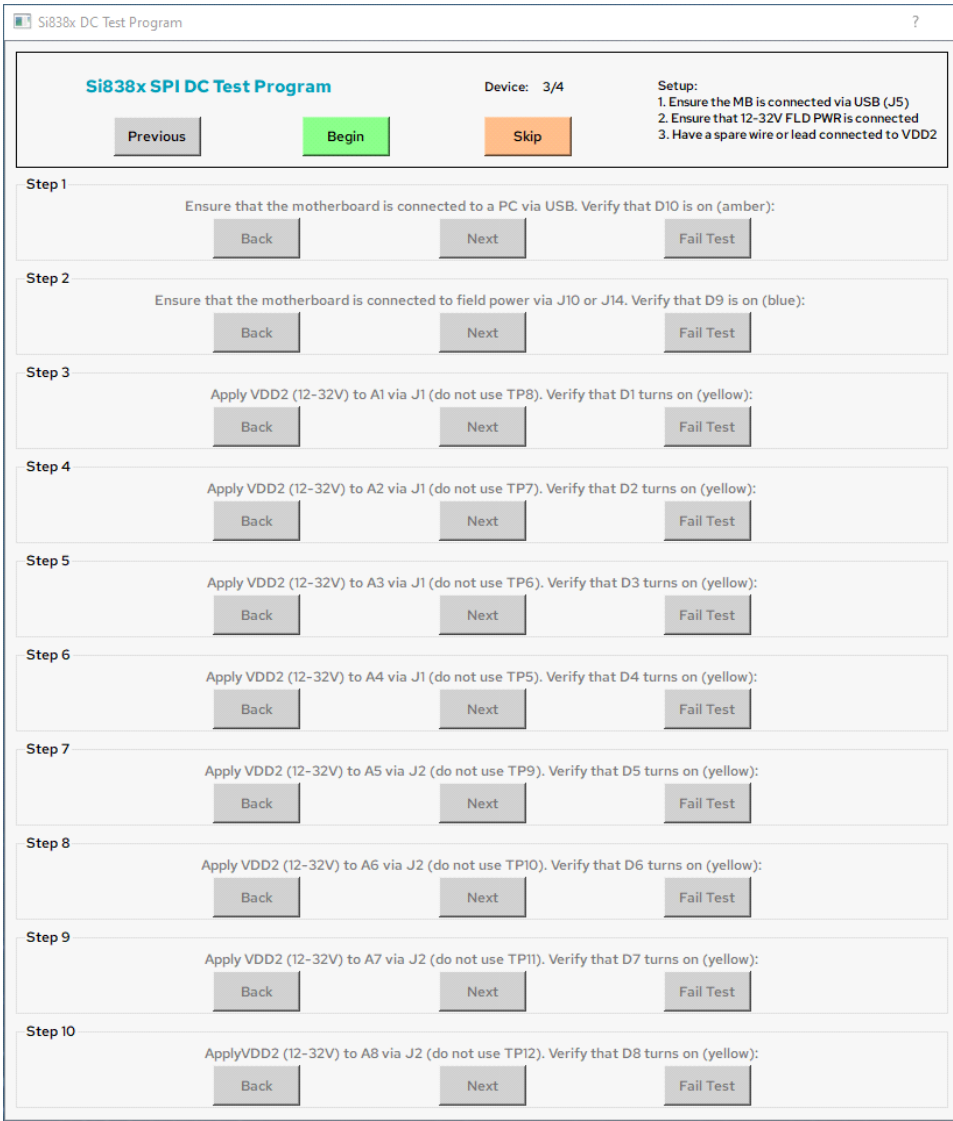


Figure 17. Si838x SPI DC Test Program Window

4. Using the Skyworks Industrial I/O Control Panel

Once the test program is complete, return to the GUI home screen. This section provides a walk-through of each program feature.

4.1. Navigating the Main GUI View

If the instructions in 3.4. [Connecting to the Motherboard](#) were followed correctly and the MB is connected, then the GUI automatically detects the connected DCs and populates the window with the correct device widgets and their corresponding register view. [Figure 18](#) shows what the updated Main GUI View looks like. The colored boxes and number markers designate the different features:

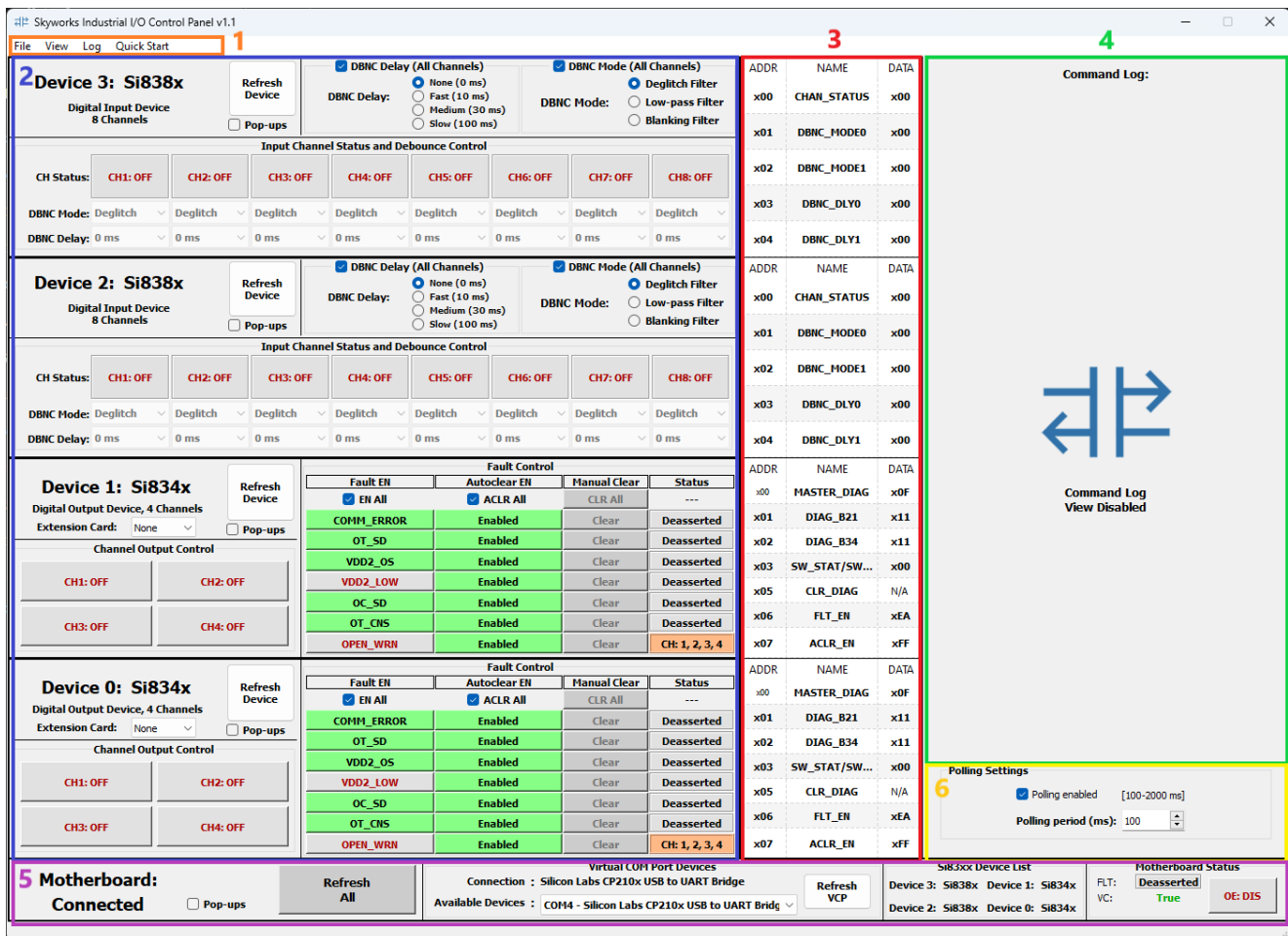


Figure 18. Main GUI View with Motherboard Connected

The home screen consists of six main widgets, although some of these sections contain additional widgets or features in themselves and are explained in more detail later in this document. [Table 4](#) identifies each widget of the Main GUI view and its purpose in the program.

Table 4. Main GUI View Widgets

Number	Widget	Description
1	Toolbar	Contains global option and feature menus
2	Device Stack	Provides primary interface to Si83xx devices
3	Register View	Displays current register values for devices in the stack
4	Command Log	Displays a history of SPI commands sent to the device stack
5	Motherboard	Provides primary interface to Si83xx MB
6	Polling Settings	Configures device polling settings

The various menus and actions contained in the Toolbar (1) are explained as needed throughout the following sections. A detailed explanation of how to use the Si834x and Si838x device widgets contained in the Device Stack (2) can be found in [Sections 4.2. Using the Si834x Device Widget](#) and [4.3. Using the Si838x Device Widget](#). Section “[4.4. Additional Features](#)” on [page 28](#) discusses the remaining features (3, 4, and 6).

4.2. Using the Si834x Device Widget

The Si834x Device Widget is the primary tool for interfacing with any Si834x devices in the device stack. Each Si834x DC has its own widget. The widgets populate the Main GUI View from bottom to top, as shown in [Figure 18](#). Each widget contains the same three primary features: Device Number Block, Channel Output Control, and Fault Control. These are highlighted in blue, purple, and red, respectively, as shown in [Figure 19](#).

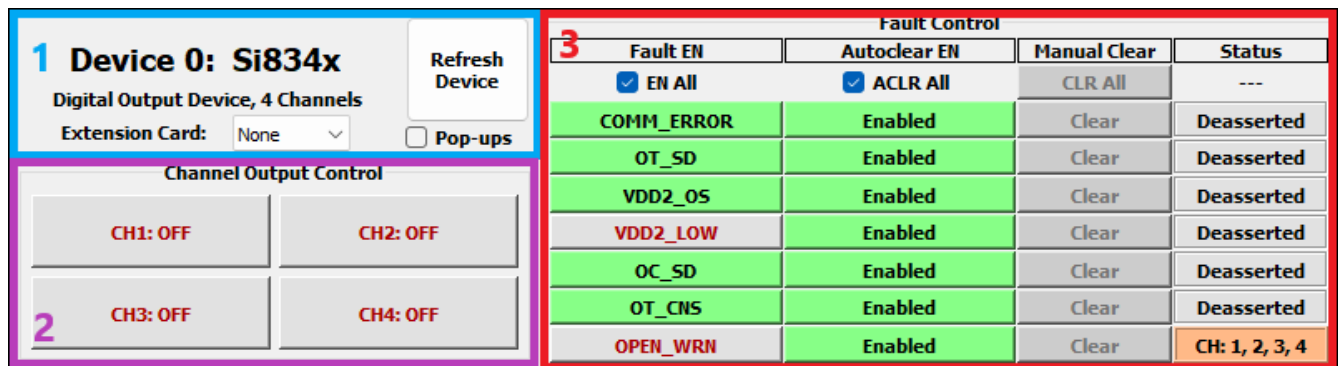


Figure 19. Si834x Device Widget

Table 5. Si834x Device Widget Features

Number	Feature	Description
1	Device Number Block	Contains device address, refresh button, output extension option, and pop-up box
2	Channel Output Control	Contains buttons that toggle output channels
3	Fault Control	Contains interface for fault config and status registers

4.2.1. Device Number and Channel Control

The Device Number Block feature (see [Table 5](#), Number 1) contains the order of the device in the SPI daisy chain (device stack) starting with 0 and increasing up to 3. There is also a description of the isolator device type, a refresh button, a drop-down selector to indicate output extension option, and a checkable box for pop-ups.

The “**Refresh Device**” button is used to manually poll the device stack to refresh the data of this particular device. If polling is disabled, the widget display can be desynchronized from the actual state of the device on the daughter card (see “[4.4.1. Polling Settings](#)” on page 28 for more on polling). In this case, pressing the refresh button resynchronizes the display with the device data. The pop-up checkbox is used to enable or disable informational pop-up messages, which are disabled by default.

The “**Extension Card**” drop-down selector serves as a reminder for the user in case the Si834x device is used as an ac or dc relay card. This does not have any effect on the device settings, driving conditions, etc.

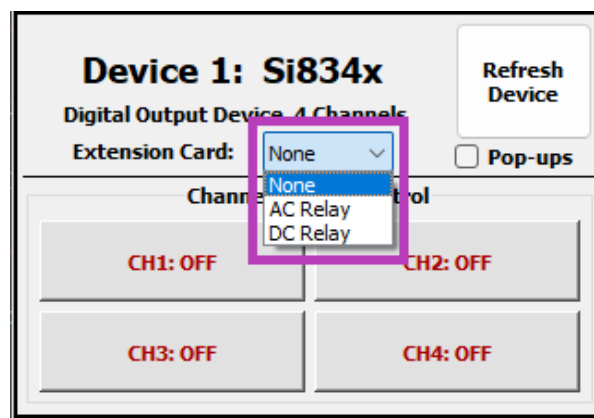


Figure 20. Si834x Relay Extension Options

The Channel Output Control feature (see [Table 5](#), Number 2) contains four pushbuttons that toggle the corresponding channel on the Si834x device. Pushing the “**CHx**” button asserts the corresponding bit in the SW_EN register (SPI register 0x3, bits [3:0]). If the channel is able to turn on, the pushbutton turns green, and the text changes to “ON”. It is important to note that the pushbutton display corresponds to the actual switch status, or the four bits contained in the SW_STAT register (SPI register 0x3, bits [7:4]). The channel may not turn on for the following reasons:

- The device is self-protecting from over-temperature
- The device is self-protecting from undervoltage on the VDD1 or VDD2 supply
- The device is self-protecting from an overload on the channel
- The device is experiencing a communication error
- Output Enable (OE) is being driven low (outputs disabled)

If the condition preventing the channel from turning on is removed, then the output turns on and the button display updates the next time the device widget is refreshed (either manually or by polling).

For more detailed information on device self-protection and output channel behavior, refer to section “3. Device Operation” in the [Si834x Isolated Smart Switch Data Sheet](#).

4.2.2. Fault Control

The Fault Control feature (see Table 5, Number 3) provides an interface for configuring, monitoring, and clearing diagnostic reports (referred to as “faults” for simplicity) in the Si834x diagnostic control registers. All of the buttons in the Fault Control block perform the same set of functions on the seven different fault types which are described in Table 6.

Table 6. Si834x Fault Types

Number	Fault	Description
1	COMM_ERROR	Communication error (all channels shut down)
2	OT_SD	All channels over-temperature (all channels shut down)
3	VDD2_OS	VDD2 out of specification
4	VDD2_LOW	VDD2 low voltage (warning)
5	OC_SD	Over-current shutdown (channel-specific)
6	OT_CNS	Over-temperature constraint (channel-specific)
7	OPEN_WRN	Open-circuit warning (channel-specific)

There are four columns in the fault control block: Fault Enable, Autoclear Enable, Manual Clear, and Status. Each of these corresponds to a different register or set of registers in the Si834x SPI register map and provides a unique function.

The pushbuttons in the “Fault EN” column allow the user to toggle the corresponding bit mask in the FLT_EN register (SPI register 0x6). This enables or disables each fault type from being brought out on the FLT pin of the Si834x. This is the equivalent of adding or removing the chosen fault signal from an OR gate whose output drives the FLT bus. If all seven faults are disabled in the “Fault EN” column, then none of the corresponding faults assert the FLT pin. If all seven faults are enabled, then any of the corresponding faults assert the FLT pin.

Note that the state of a fault in the “Fault EN” column does not affect the behavior of the fault register, only whether or not that fault triggers the FLT output pin. For example, a fault that is disabled in the “Fault EN” column changes the corresponding bit in the fault register, but it does not trigger the FLT pin. Figure 21 shows a graphical representation of the effect of “Fault EN” column content on Si834x fault reporting.

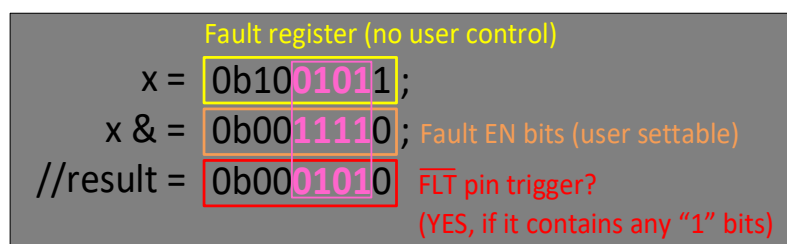


Figure 21. Fault EN Column Impact on Si834x Fault Reporting

All seven faults can be enabled or disabled simultaneously using the “EN All” checkbox. These buttons are green when enabled and gray when disabled.

The pushbuttons in the “Autoclear EN” column allow the user to toggle the corresponding bit mask in the ACLR_EN register (SPI register 0x7). This enables or disables each diagnostic report from being autocleared in the corresponding diagnostic register. When autoclear is enabled for a particular fault, the corresponding bit is reset from a 1 to a 0 whenever the fault is removed. When disabled, the corresponding bit remains a 1 until a manual clear is applied using the CLR_DIAG register. For channel-specific faults, such as open-circuit warning or over-temperature constraint, enabling autoclear applies to all of the corresponding faults for all four channels. Autoclearing for all seven faults can be enabled or disabled simultaneously using the “**ACLR All**” checkbox.

The pushbuttons in the “Manual Clear” column allow the user to assert a 1 to the corresponding bit mask in the CLR_DIAG register (SPI register 0x5). These buttons are only enabled when the corresponding “**Autoclear EN**” buttons are disabled, as shown in [Figure 22](#).

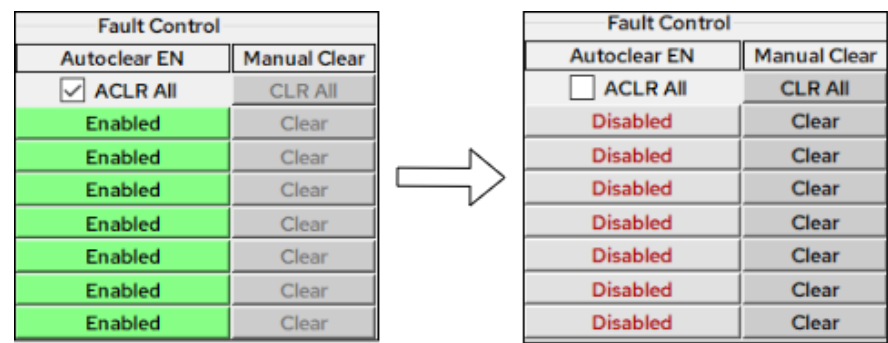


Figure 22. Si834x Autoclear All Enabled (Left) and Disabled (Right)

All seven faults can be cleared simultaneously using the “**CLR All**” button. These buttons have bold black text when enabled and gray text when disabled.

Each of the fault control features is designed to reproduce the functionality of the corresponding diagnostic registers in the Si834x SPI register map. The user is strongly encouraged to read Sections 3.5 and 3.6 of the [Si834x Data Sheet](#) to fully understand the functionality of the diagnostics and monitoring system and the serial peripheral interface of the Si834x.

4.3. Using the Si838x Device Widget

The Si838x Device Widget is the primary tool for interfacing with any Si838x devices in the device stack. Each Si838x DC has its own widget, and the widgets populate the Main GUI View from top to bottom, as shown in Figure 18. Recall that Si838x devices must always be placed after (on top of) any Si834x devices in the stack.

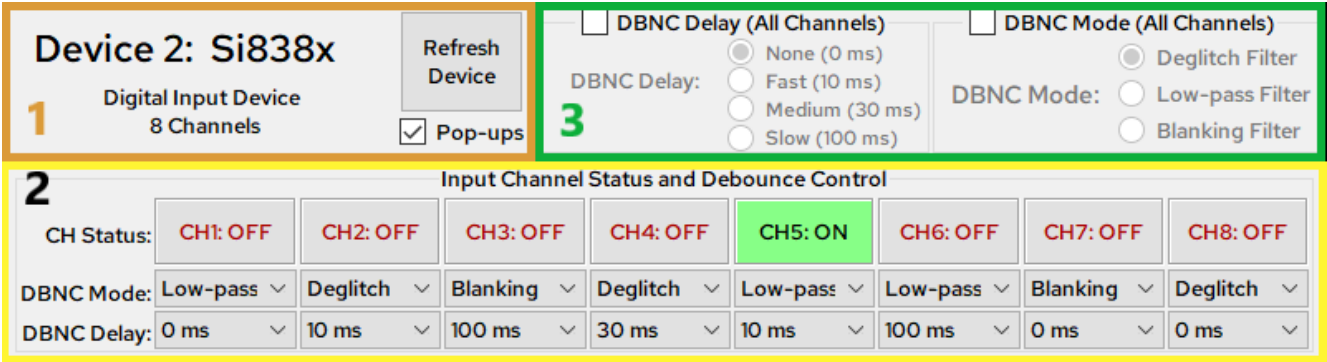


Figure 23. Si838x Device Widget

Each Si838x widget contains the same three primary features: the Device Number Block, Individual Channel Display and Control, and Grouped Channel Control. These are highlighted in orange, yellow, and green, respectively in Figure 23 above.

Table 7. Si838x Device Widget Features

Number	Feature	Description
1	Device number block	Contains device address, refresh button, and pop-up box.
2	Individual channel display and control	Contains channel status indicators and DBNC mode/delay buttons.
3	Grouped channel control	Provides buttons for simultaneous control of DBNC mode/delay for all channels.

4.3.1. Device Number

As with the Si834x device widget, the Device Number Block (see Table 7, number 1) contains the order of the Si838x device in the SPI daisy chain starting with 0 and increasing to 3. There is also a description of the isolator device type, a refresh button, and a checkable box for pop-ups.

The “Refresh Device” button is used to manually poll the device stack to refresh the data of this particular device. If polling is disabled, the widget display can be desynchronized from the actual state of the device on the daughter card (see “4.4.1. Polling Settings” on page 28 for more on polling). In this case, pressing the refresh button resynchronizes the display with the device data. The pop-up checkbox is used to enable or disable informational pop-up messages, which are disabled by default.

4.3.2. Channel Status Indicators

The Si838x channel status indicators form the top row of widgets in the Input Channel Display and Control feature (see Table 7, number 2). Although they share a similar appearance with the channel control buttons of the Si834x device widget, these indicators are not buttons at all. Unlike the Si834x, the Si838x data channels cannot be toggled off and on. Instead, they are passive inputs that energize when an external source is properly applied.

When an external input source is connected to a channel, the corresponding bit is set to 1 in the CHAN_STATUS register (SPI register 0x0). When the device is next refreshed, the corresponding channel indicator turns green, as shown by the CH5 indicator in Figure 23 on page 26. When the input source is disconnected, the corresponding bit is set to 0 in the CHAN_STATUS register, and the corresponding channel indicator reverts to gray with red text. For more information on how to properly apply an external source to the inputs, refer to “2.4. Load Configurations” on page 10.

4.3.3. Individual and Grouped Debounce Control

The debounce mode and delay can be individually configured for each of the eight input channels of the Si838x using the Individual Channel Control feature (see Table 7, number 2). In order to enable individual control, the “DBNC Delay (All Channels)” and “DBNC Mode (All Channels)” checkboxes must be unchecked. Once unchecked, the “DBNC Mode” and “DBNC Delay” rows become enabled as shown in Figure 23. Each channel has the same set of mode and delay options. Debounce mode can be set to “Deglitch”, “Low-Pass”, or “Blanking”. Debounce delay can be set to 0, 10, 30, or 100 ms. These options are shown in Figure 24.

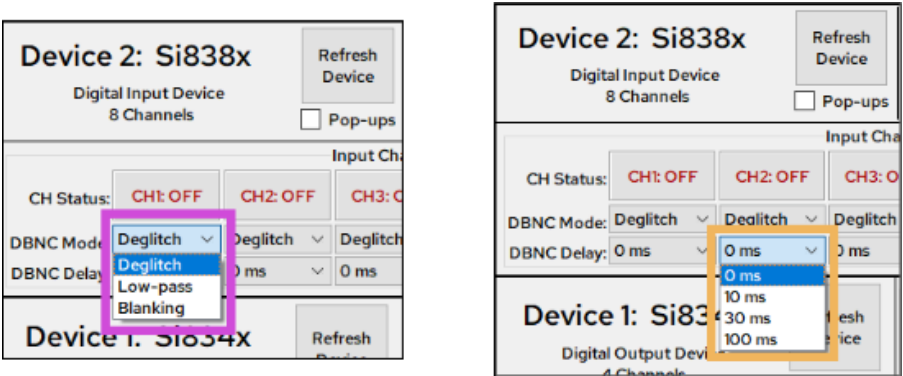


Figure 24. Si838x Debounce Mode Options (Left) and Debounce Delay Options (Right)

When the debounce mode setting for a particular channel is changed, the corresponding bits are modified in the DBNC_MODE0 register (SPI register 0x1) for Channels 1 through 4 or the DBNC_MODE1 register (SPI register 0x2) for Channels 5 through 8. Likewise, when the debounce delay setting is changed, the corresponding bits are modified in the DBNC_DLY0 register (SPI register 0x3) for Channels 1 through 4 or the DBNC_DLY1 register (SPI register 0x4) for Channels 5 through 8. The specific bit values that are written depend on the option selected and can be found in Section 3.6.1 of the Si838x data sheet.

If the user desires to configure all eight channels simultaneously, then the Grouped Debounce Control feature can be used instead (see Table 7, number 3). To enable this feature, both the “DBNC Delay (All Channels)” and “DBNC Mode (All Channels)” checkboxes must be checked.

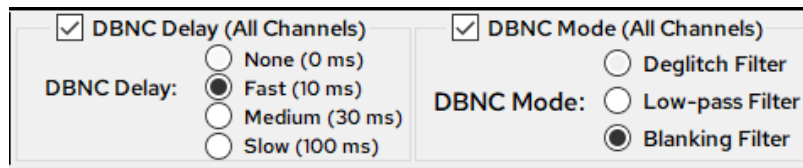


Figure 25. Si838x Group Debounce Control Buttons

When using the grouped debounce control buttons, changing the selection for DBNC Delay or DBNC Mode modifies the corresponding bits for all eight channels with subsequent SPI writes to either DBNC_DLY0 and DBNC_DLY1 or DBNC_MODE0 and DBNC_MODE1. Each of these SPI transactions is displayed in the Command Log, which is discussed in the next section, [4.4. Additional Features](#).

4.4. Additional Features

There are several additional features built into the Skyworks Industrial I/O Control Panel that help the user monitor the SPI transactions sent to the device stack, save and load stack configurations, view register data, and more. These features are discussed in detail in the following subsections.

4.4.1. Polling Settings

The “Polling Settings” widget (see [Table 4](#), number 6) is a simple widget, located beneath the “Command Log”, which allows the user to toggle polling and set the polling period. When polling is enabled, all register data from each device in the stack is automatically read every polling cycle. The device widgets are then updated in the GUI to reflect the new data. When polling is disabled, the device widgets must be manually refreshed in order to update the register data and widget display.

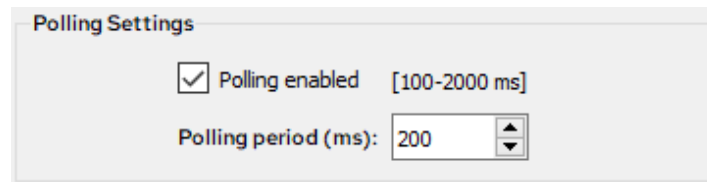


Figure 26. Polling Settings Widget

To enable polling, ensure that the “**Polling enabled**” checkbox is checked. Uncheck the box to disable polling. While polling is enabled, the user can adjust the polling period by clicking the up and down arrows next to “Polling period (ms)”, or by typing in any number between 100 and 2000.

Note that while polling is enabled, disconnecting the USB cable or disrupting the connection between the GUI and the MB can cause the program to crash or encounter errors. Ensure that the USB cable remains in place at all times while using the GUI. Polling is enabled by default, and it is recommended to enable polling at all times while using the GUI. When polling is disabled, the device widgets do not update automatically and can easily be desynchronized from the actual device status. When utilizing the test program, polling is enabled automatically.

4.4.2. Viewing, Saving, and Loading Board Configurations

While utilizing the program to modify device settings, the user may save the current program configuration to a JSON file. This config file stores the current state of each device and some of the various user settings within the program. This includes all device register data, the output enable state, and the enabled status of the register view. To save the current program config to a file, navigate to **File -> Save Config** or press Ctrl + S. Note that if the instructions in Section 3.3. [Configure App to Run as Administrator](#) were not executed correctly, Windows may not allow files to be saved in this folder.

The config file is saved to “C:\Program Files (x86)\Skyworks\Skyworks Industrial IO Control Panel\configs” by default. The name of the config file defaults to “config_dd-Mon-yy_hh-mm-ss.json” but can be modified while saving or after it is saved.

Once a config file has been saved, it can be loaded to restore both program settings and device register values as they were in the saved config file. This can be done by navigating to **File -> Load Config**, or pressing Ctrl + L.

To view a configuration file in a readable format, navigate to **File -> View Config** and select the desired config file from the drop-down menu. The first option is always <current config>, which displays a snapshot of the current program configuration if it were to be saved.

The “View Config” widget displays the information saved to the selected config file, including:

- Number of devices connected
- Type of devices connected
- Board status (valid config [2], output enable [1], and fault [0])
- Register view and pop-ups statuses, and
- Register data for each device

This viewable format can be saved to a text file for later viewing to the same default location as the JSON formatted config files.

4.4.3. Saving and Viewing Command Logs

The program contains a “Command Log” widget (see [Table 4](#), number 6) that displays a summary of each write command sent to the device stack by the user. Read commands are not displayed in the command log because the devices are constantly being polled for updated register data with each write command. The command log should be enabled by default, but it can be toggled on or off at any time by going to

View -> Toggle Widgets -> Command Log. Disabling the command log does not clear the log history.

The command log tracks all user inputs that trigger a write command to be sent from the host to the MCU of the device stack, as shown in [Figure 2, “System Block Diagram,” on page 2](#). After sufficient commands have been logged, the widget appears with each command titled in blue, a scroll bar on the right, and the “**Clear Log**” button at the bottom.

Most commands that are displayed in the command log are formatted into the same set of four rows. Some user inputs can necessitate multiple writes to the device stack, in which case the command contains five rows instead of four, including an extra row for the second data packet. The breakdown of a log entry is as follows:

- Row 1 (blue): device number/device type/command description
- Row 2: number of SPI writes for this command
- Row 3: control/address/data bytes in hexadecimal format
- Row 4: total number of SPI writes issued, or second control/address/data byte for a multi-write command
- Row 5 (if applicable): total number of SPI writes issued

The user can save the current command log to a text file at any time by navigating to **Log -> Save Log**. The “**View Log**” widget can be opened by navigating to **Log -> View Log**. Once the window is open, the user can select the current command log or any previously saved log from the drop-down to view it. The command log can be cleared at any time by navigating to **Log -> Clear Log** or by clicking the “**Clear Log**” button near the bottom of the widget.

4.4.4. Register View and Pop-ups

The user has the option to toggle the “**Register View**” widget (see Table 4, number 3) as well as notification pop-ups at any time. The register view can be enabled or disabled by navigating to **View -> Toggle Widgets -> Register View** right beneath Command Log. Each device in the stack has its own register view table containing all register addresses, names, and data:

ADDR	NAME	DATA
x00	CHAN_STATUS	x00
x01	DBNC_MODE0	xAA
x02	DBNC_MODE1	xAA
x03	DBNC_DLY0	x55
x04	DBNC_DLY1	x55

ADDR	NAME	DATA
x00	MASTER_DIAG	x00
x01	DIAG_B21	x00
x02	DIAG_B34	x00
x03	SW_STAT/SW_EN	xFF
x05	CLR_DIAG	N/A
x06	FLT_EN	xEA
x07	ACLR_EN	xFF

Figure 27. Si838x Register View (Left) and Si834x Register View (Right)

Pop-up notifications for each device and the motherboard can be individually toggled on or off using the checkboxes on their respective widget and are disabled by default. The notifications are for information only and are not required to operate the program. Pop-ups for all devices and the motherboard can be toggled on or off simultaneously by navigating to **File -> Toggle Pop-ups**.

5. EVB Schematic Files

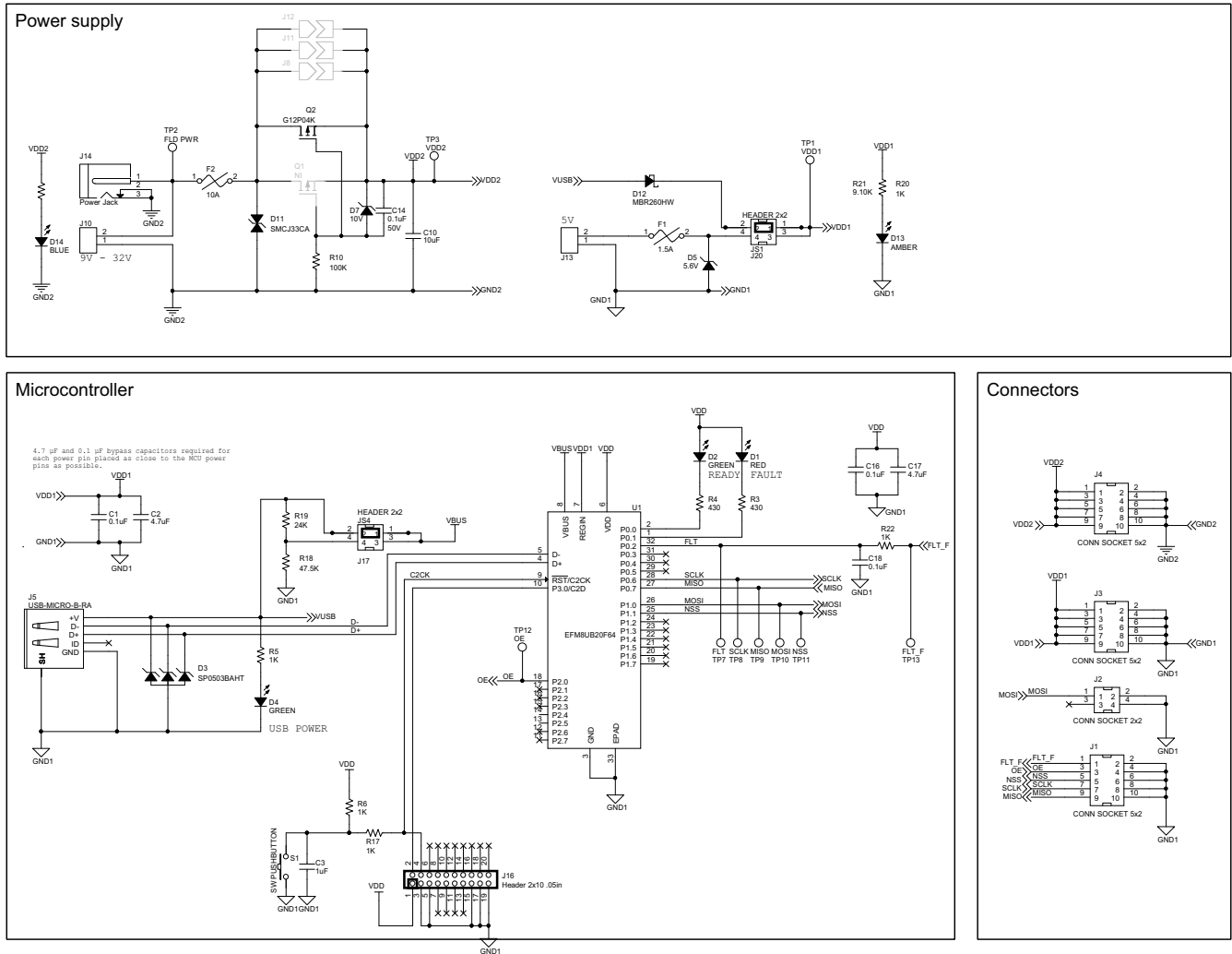


Figure 28. Si83xx-SPI-MB Rev 3.0 Schematics

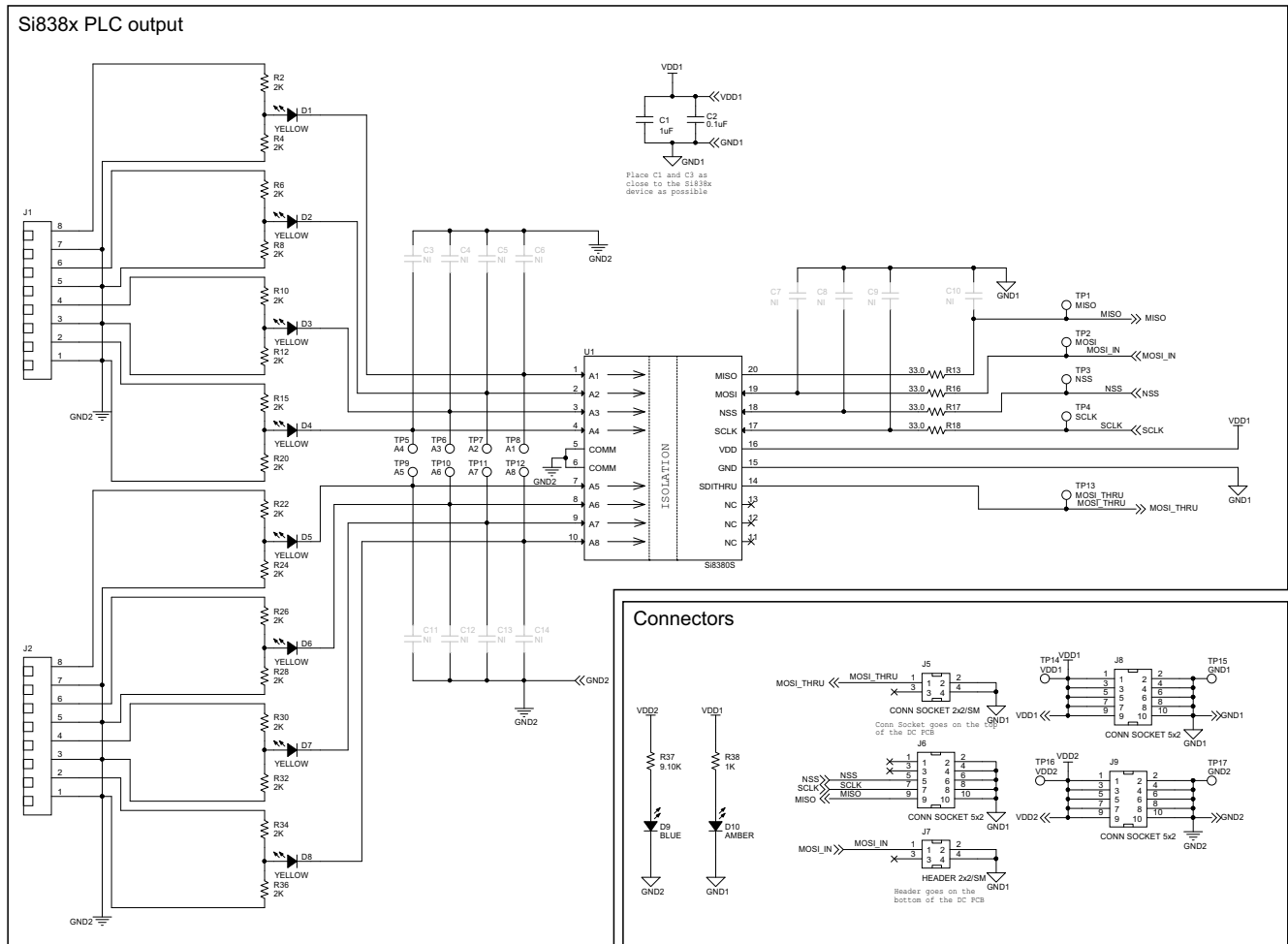


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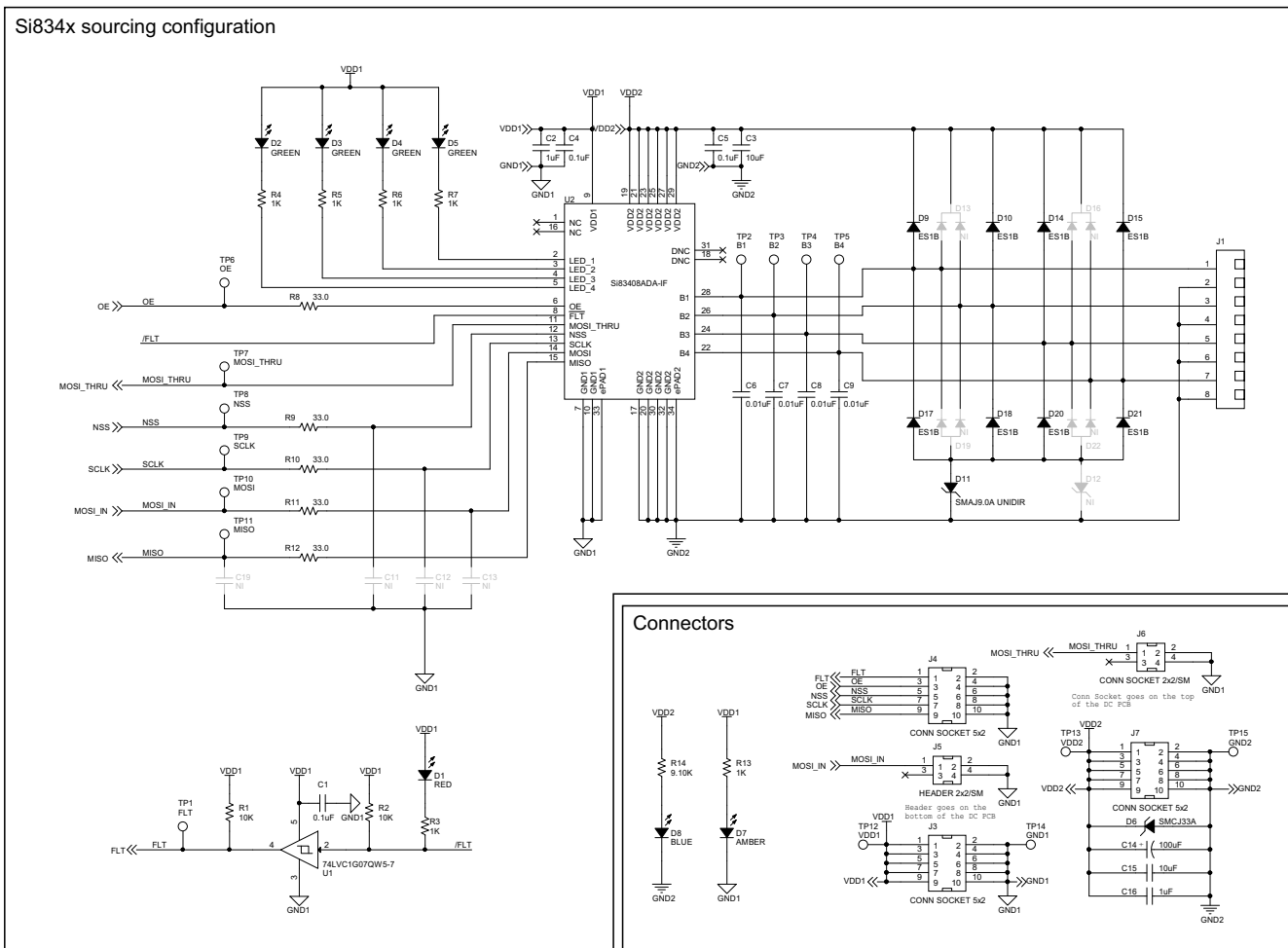


Figure 30. Si834xSRC-SPI-DC Rev 3.0 Schematics

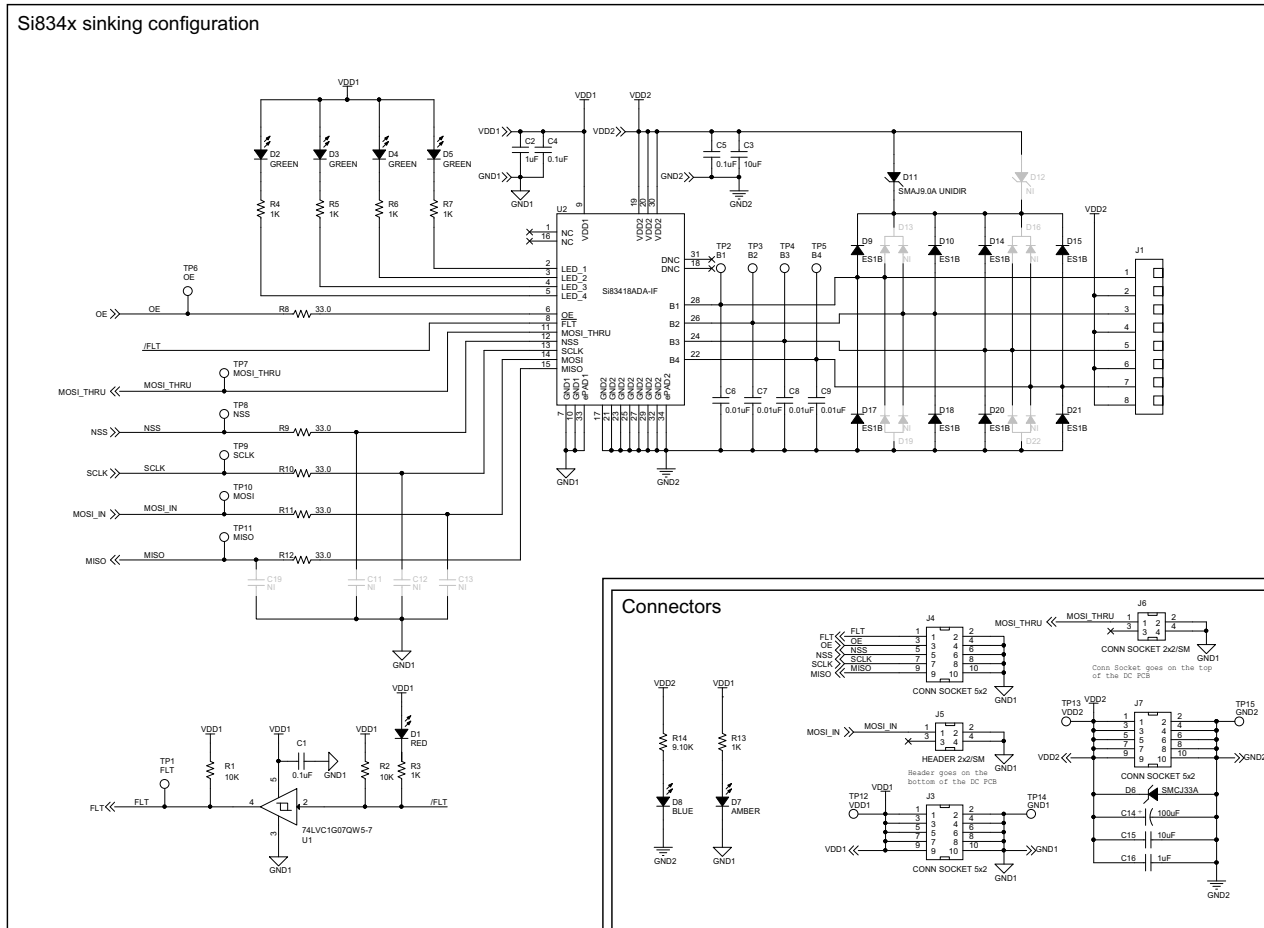


Figure 31. Si834xSNK-SPI-DC Rev 3.0 Schematics

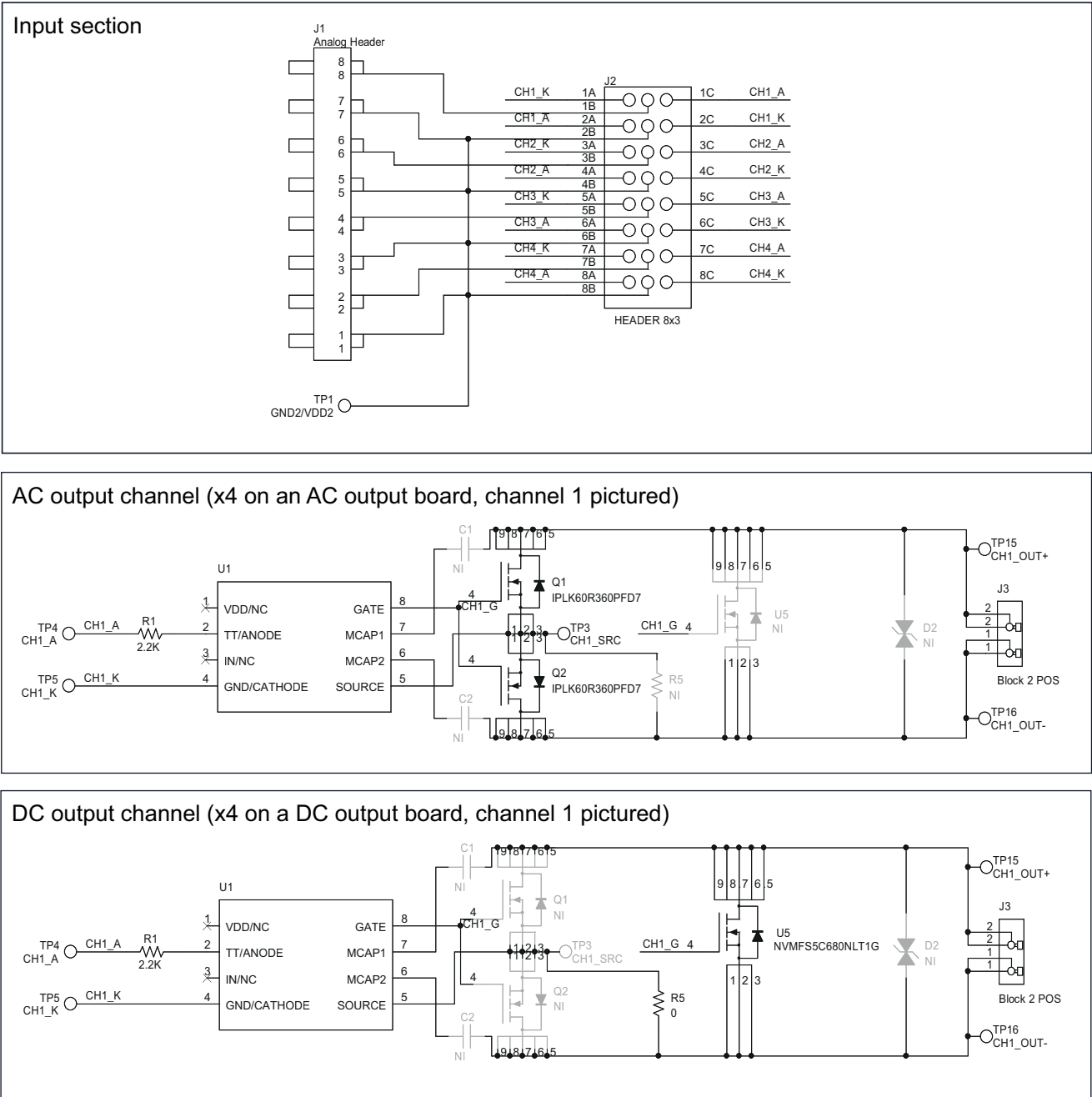


Figure 32. Si8752 Relay Extension Card Rev 1.3 Schematics

6.1. Si83xx-SPI-MB Rev 3.0 Layout Files



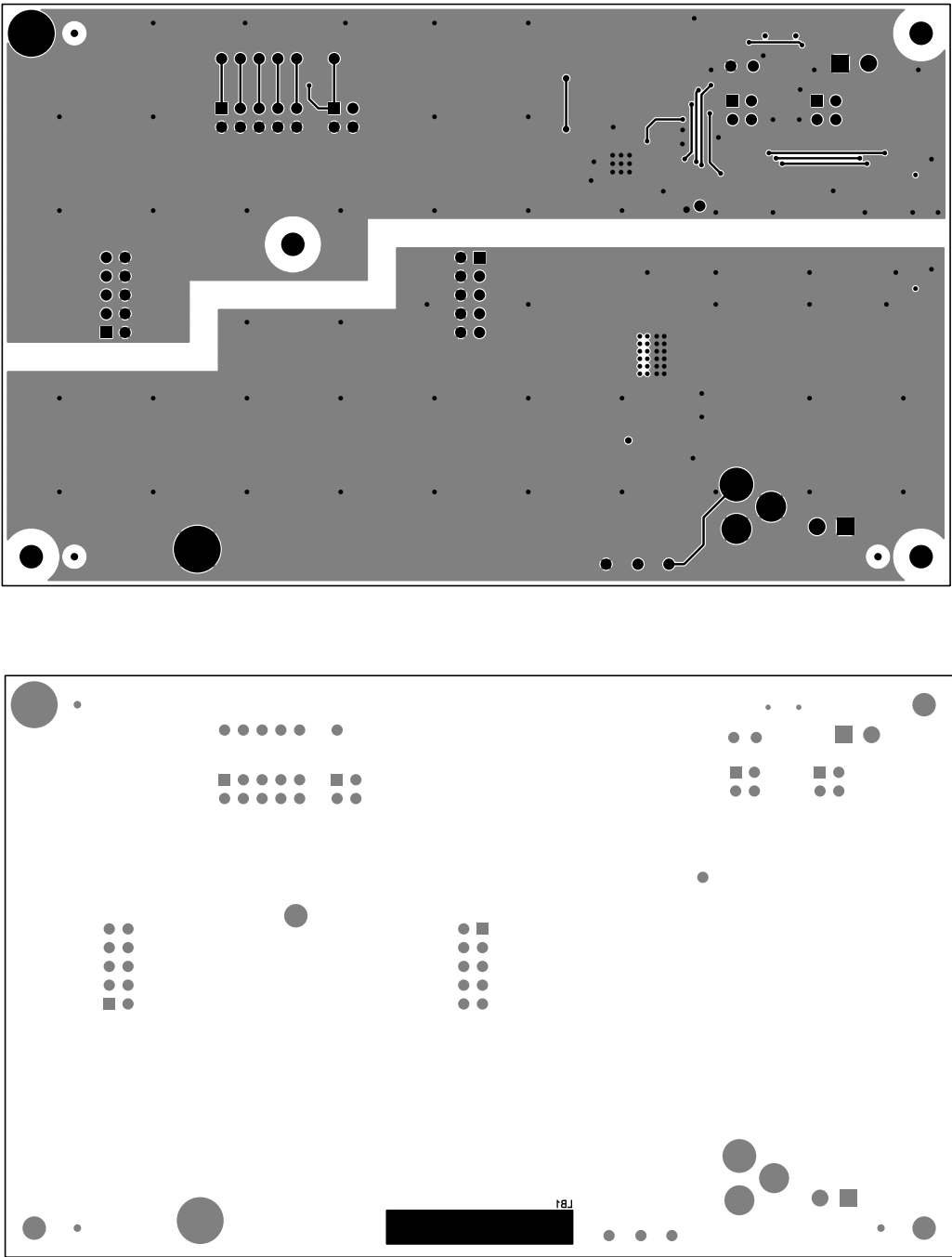


Figure 34. Si83xx-SPI-MB Rev 3.0 Bottom Copper (Top), Bottom Silk (Bottom)

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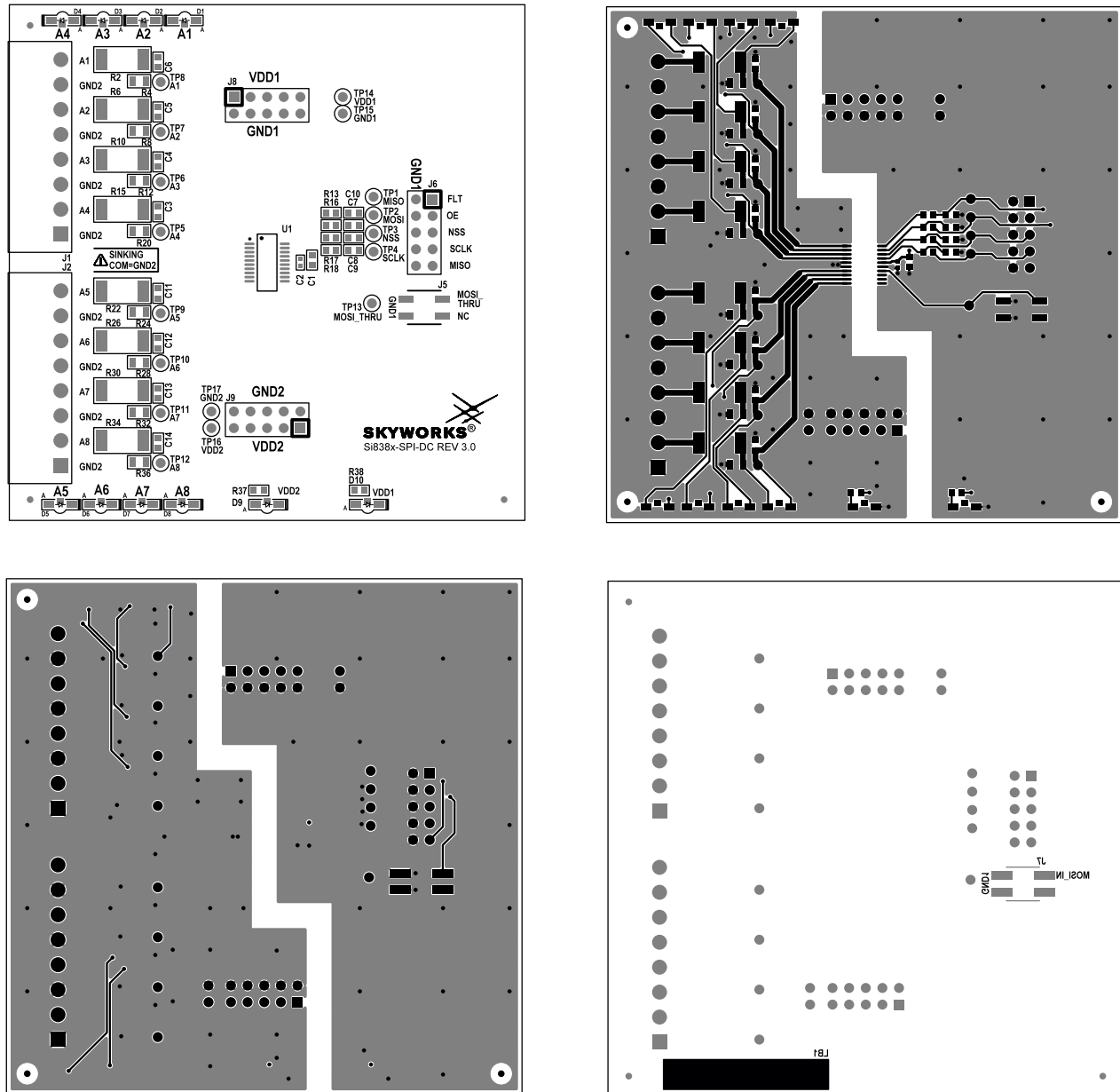


Figure 35. Si838x-SPI-DC Rev 3.0 Layout Files (Top Silk, Top Copper, Bottom Copper, Bottom Silk)

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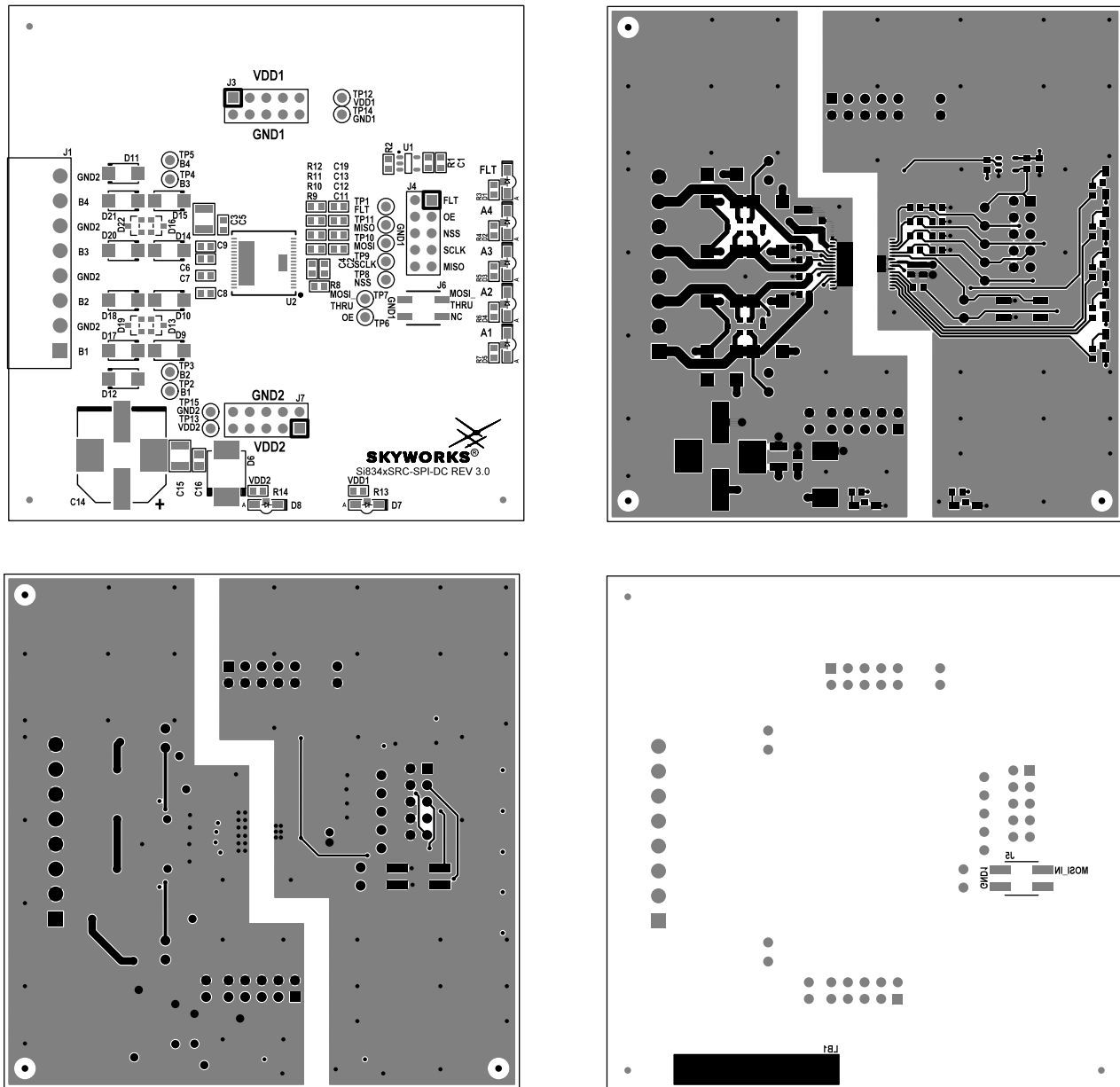


Figure 36. Si834xSRC-SPI-DC Rev 3.0 Layout Files (Top Silk, Top Copper, Bottom Copper, Bottom Silk)

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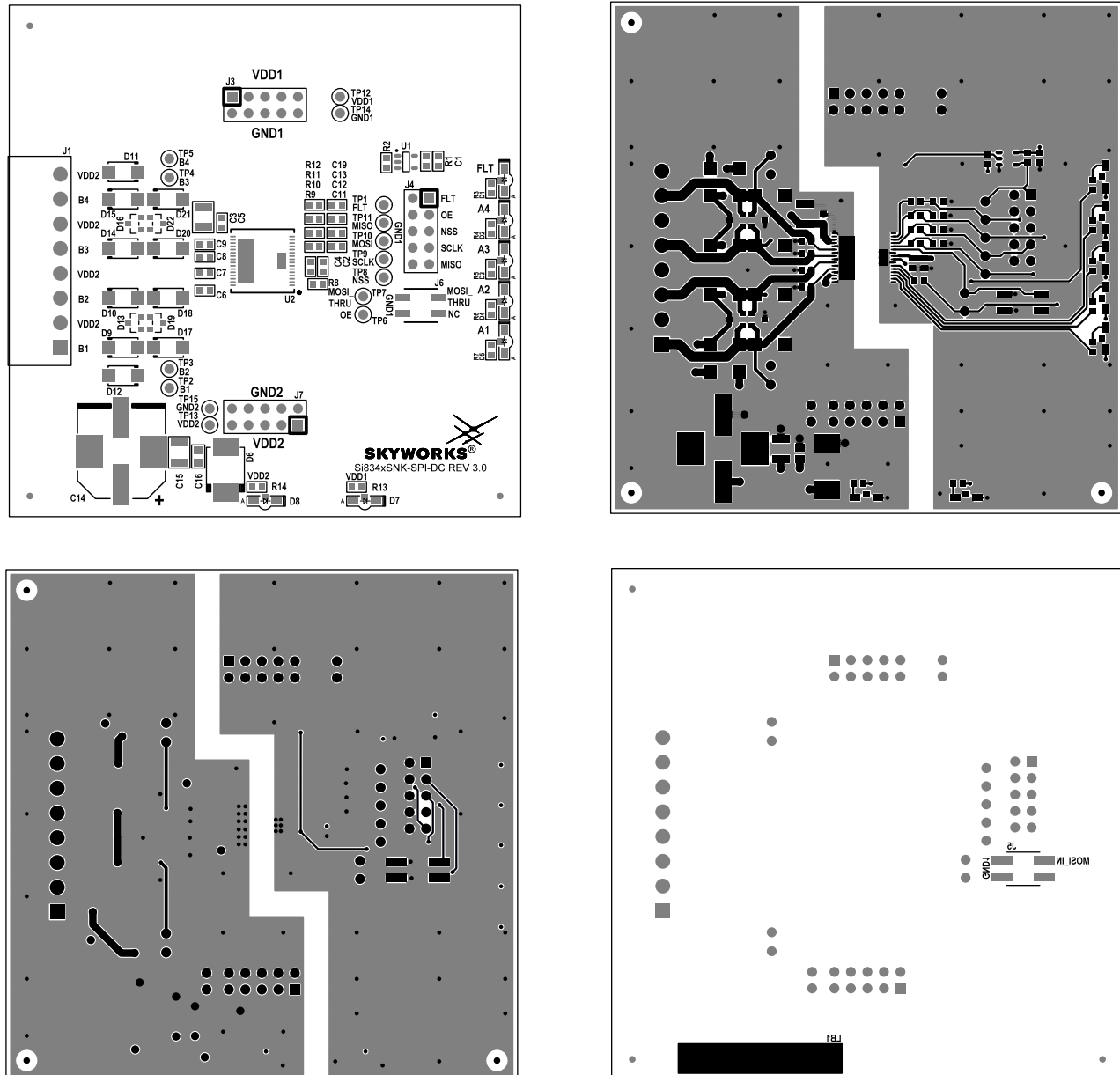


Figure 37. Si834xSNK-SPI-DC Rev 3.0 Layout Files
(Top Silk, Top Copper, Bottom Silk, Bottom Copper)

**Figure 38. Si8752 Relay Extension Card Rev 1.3 Layout Files
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