

Product Specification

AHA4540-EVB

Turbo Product Code Evaluation Board

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The AHA4540-EVB is a hardware evaluation board that allows incorporation of the AHA4540 Turbo Product Code (TPC) device in a prototype communications system or laboratory test environment. It can be used to demonstrate the forward error correction (FEC) performance gain that TPCs offer over other available solutions. The EVB supports simultaneous encoding and decoding of a serial or parallel data stream. The board can be programmed and configured via an RS-232 interface connected to a PC running the included configuration software to support a wide variety of code configurations.

The AHA4540-EVB can be interfaced with a standard Bit Error Rate Tester (BERT) for data source and data sink or other communications hardware connected to the uncoded side of the EVB. On the channel side of the EVB, coded data is output from the encoder and connected to a modem or other hardware channel model and then input back into the EVB after demodulation.

The AHA4540 device is a single-chip Turbo Product Code (TPC) Forward Error Correction (FEC) Encoder/Decoder. This device integrates independent TPC encoder and decoder functions, and configurable for full or half duplex operation. In addition to TPC coding, the device includes helical interleaving, CRC computation and detection, digital modulation/ demodulation (8PSK, QPSK, 16/64/256 QAM), LLR mapping and pseudo random bit stream scrambling. Each of these functional blocks can be independently bypassed. When connected with a PC for configuration via the RS-232 interface the AHA4540-EVB is fully programmable for a wide range of coding configurations and allows all registers in the AHA4540 device to be accessed for configuration.

Figure 1: AHA4540-EVB Photo



1.1 CONVENTIONS, NOTATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

- Active low signals have an “N” appended to the end of the signal name. For example, MCSN and RESETN.
- Channel Rate - The rate at which encoded data is output from the device when encoding or input to the device when decoding. Note that system channel rate may be different due to external synchronization marks or other overhead.
- Code block - A data stream to be encoded or decoded is segmented into blocks for processing by the AHA4540. Data in a code block is configured as either a 2D or a 3D array.
- Code rate - Ratio of the number of data bits to the number of data and ECC bits.
- Data rate - The rate at which unencoded data is input to the device when encoding or output from the device when decoding.
- Full iteration - Decoding all axes of an array (all rows and columns).
- Hard Decision Array (HDA) - The hard decision output. Data is stored as one bit per location.
- Hex values are represented with a prefix of “0x”, such as register “0x00”. Binary values do not contain a prefix.
- Latency - The time from the first bit of an incoming block till the first bit of the same block out.
- $(n1,k1) \times (n2,k2)$ - A general representation of a 2D block code for use in the descriptions to follow in this specification. For example, in a $(64,57) \times (64,57)$ code; $n1, n2=64$ represents the length of the data + ECC bits, and $k1, k2=57$ represents the length of only the data bits. 3D codes are represented as $(n1,k1) \times (n2,k2) \times (n3,k3)$
- Soft value - Input to the decoder from either an Analog/Digital Converter (ADC) or digital demodulator.

1.2 FEATURES

PERFORMANCE:

- 148 MHz maximum clock input (S_UCLK, S_CCLK)
- 148 Mbits/sec maximum serial data rate
- Simultaneous independent TPC encoding and decoding
- Access to registers in the AHA4540 device
- Up to 4 bit soft decision input to TPC decoder
- On-board synchronization in the AHA4540
- On-board AHA4540 includes CRC insertion and detection

INTERFACE:

- SMA connectors for all clock and data signals on/off board
- 2 frequency synthesizers on board generate payload side clocks at frequencies up to 60 MHz
- User can supply payload and channel side bit clocks up to 148 MHz max frequency
- RS-232 control interface for board configuration and monitoring

GENERAL:

- PCB form factor (5.30" x 8.80")
- On board LED status indicators
- Requires 5V power supply @ 2.0 A
- Requires Windows PC for configuration control via RS-232 port
- SMA connectors are used for inputs and outputs for all high speed serial interfaces

1.3 SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- 5.0V Power is supplied to the AHA4540-EVB by the user's power supply. (2.0 Amps maximum)
- Programming of the EVB requires a Pentium class PC running Windows[®] 95, 98 or NT with a RS-232 port.

1.4 MODES

Mode 1: SERIAL

Uses RS-232 w/ AHAESB windows software for configuration. This mode allows the user to easily switch between codes using an AHAESB script. Data is transferred to and from the device through serial SMA connectors. This mode is selected when internal control register (0x08) bit 0 and bit 1 are cleared, and the CDATA MAP register (0x20) is set to 0x00.

Mode 2: PARALLEL

Uses RS-232 w/ AHAESB windows software for configuration. This mode allows the user to easily switch between codes using an AHAESB script. Data is transferred to and from the device through parallel flat cable connectors. This mode is selected when internal control register (0x08) bit 1 is asserted and register 0x20, CDATA MAP register is programmed to 0x01. USER_EDATA is always enabled and active. It must always be configured as 8 bits wide. USER_DDATA is always enabled. Bits 2 and 5 of Internal Control register (0x08) should be set to enable the USER_DACPT signal.

2.0 FUNCTIONAL OVERVIEW

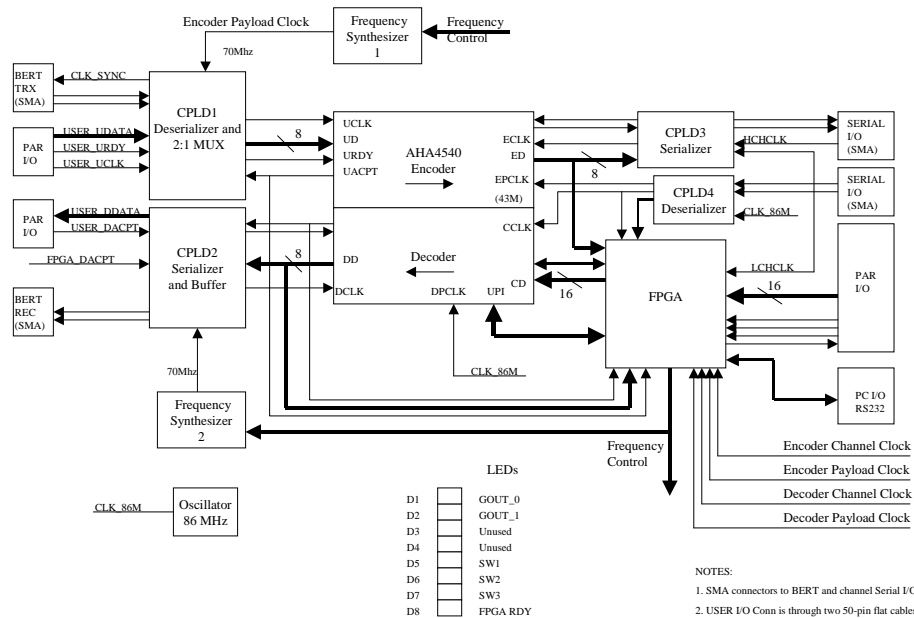
The AHA4540 simultaneously encodes and decodes user provided data using Turbo Product Codes (TPCs). User provided data is clocked into the EVB serially using signals S-UCLK and S_UDATA from coaxial SMA connectors, or with parallel 8-bit transfers using USER_UDATA from the parallel connector JP3 and ready/accept handshake signals. In Figure 2, CPLD_1 contains the multiplexor that selects either serial data with clock, or parallel data from the USER_UDATA bus. Control of this multiplexor is via the AHAESB Windows software provided. The TPC encoder in the AHA4540 device encodes the data, adds FEC bits, then outputs the data to CPLD_3 where the data gets serialized and transmitted to the channel along with the clock, S_EDATA and S_ECLK, and also driven out in 8-bit wide format to the USER_EDATA bus on JP4.

Once the data is output from the evaluation board on either the serial or parallel encoded data interfaces, it is transmitted through an external channel where the data is corrupted by the addition

of noise resulting in data bit errors. This corrupted data is clocked into the evaluation board serially using S_CCLK and S_CDATA or using the USER_CDATA 16-bit wide parallel input bus on JP5.

The S_CDATA signal is useful for wrapping around hard decision channel data back into the AHA4540 TPC decoder. For soft decision data the 16-bit parallel port must be used. The CDATA port of the AHA4540 accepts up to 16-bits per clock transfers of received channel data. This data may be I,Q data or soft metrics. The chip can accept up to four I,Q pairs or four soft metrics per transfer. In serial streaming mode the received serial channel data is deserialized into four soft metrics with the lower 3 bits of each metric forced to zero in the FPGA. The TPC decoder in the AHA4540 corrects the data errors and outputs the corrected blocks through CPLD_2 in both serialized clock and data format, S_DDATA, S_DCLK, and parallel format to the USER_DDATA bus on JP2.

Figure 2: AHA4540-EVB Block Diagram



2.1 ENCODING OPERATION

The AHA4540 (U1) performs TPC encoding one block at a time. For example, a 2D block with a $(n_1, k_1) \times (n_2, k_2)$ code, would correspond to an input block size of $k_1 \times k_2$ bits. Once an entire block of data has been input to the AHA4540, it is encoded. The encoder would compute the extra ECC bits and output $n_1 \times n_2$ bits. On board Serializers and

Deserializers allow the user to accept a continuous data stream.

2.1.1 ENCODE DATA INPUT

The AHA4540-EVB takes serial data on the S_UDATA SMA connector. The input data is clocked into the EVB using the S_UCLK signal. Input data is latched on the rising edge of the

S_UCLK signal. An output signal CLK_SYNC may be used as a clock request signal for S_UCLK.

Parallel input data mode is supported via the USER_UDATA bus on JP3. The data gets passed through CPLD_1 to the AHA4540. To select parallel mode operation the Internal Control register 0x08 bit-6 must be set by writing the register in a user software script. The scripts are either interactively loaded or named USERTESTx.AHA which allows them to connect to one of the buttons on the AHAESB control software window.

2.1.2 ENCODE DATA OUTPUT

Encoded data is output from the AHA4540-EVB encoder serially on the S_EDATA signal. Output data is strobed out of the EVB on the falling edge of the S_ECLK signal. This signal is the inverted user supplied clock (CSCLK, J9). Encoded data can be strobed out from the EVB at data rates up to 148 Mbits/sec.

Parallel encoded data is available on the USER_EDATA bus on connector JP4. The Internal Control register 0x08 bits 0,1 must be set to 0x02 to enable the USER_EACPT signal. USER_ERDY and USER_ECLK are always driven on JP4.

2.2 DECODING OPERATION

The AHA4540 device on the EVB also operates as a TPC decoder, operating on a single block at a time. For a 2D block with a $(n_1, k_1) \times (n_2, k_2)$ code, $n_1 \times n_2$ symbols are input for each block. Once an entire block of data is received by the AHA4540 decoder, it is iteratively decoded, corrupted bits are corrected and then the block of $k_1 \times k_2$ data bits is output from the decoder.

2.2.1 DECODE DATA INPUT

The input data to the AHA4540 decoder device on the EVB can be either hard decision data (1 bit) or soft decision data (up to 4 bit soft decision via USER_CDATA on the parallel connector JP5). Hard decision serialized data can use the S_CDATA SMA connector for data input. The rising edge of S_CCLK is used to clock in the data when the serialized channel input is used.

Parallel received data from the channel may be used by enabling the USER_CDATA port on JP5. This is a 16-bit bus that gets passed straight through to the AHA4540 TPC decoder. Enabling this requires writing the Internal Control register 0x08 bits 0,1 to 0x02. USER_CCLK is passed through to

the AHA4540 CCLK signal in this mode of operation.

2.2.2 DECODE DATA OUTPUT

The AHA4540 decoder outputs the decoded data stream serially from the EVB on the S_DDATA SMA connector J4. Decode data is clocked out using the rising edge of S_DCLK output signal on SMA connector J6. Decoded data is output from the EVB at the programmed data rate at rates up to 148 Mbit/sec. Maximum data rate if using an on-board synthesizer to generate the payload bit clock is 60 Mbit/sec.

Parallel decoded data output is available on connector JP3. The data bus and USER-DRDY are always driven. Enabling USER_DACPT requires setting USER_SEL and PSEL2 (bits, 2,5) in the Internal Control register (0x08).

2.3 CLOCK SOURCES

2.3.1 CRYSTAL OSCILLATORS

There are a total of three crystal oscillators on the EVB. Crystal (Y1) at 86.0 MHz is used for the AHA4540 processing clocks DPCLK and EPCLK (86 Mhz / 2). Crystal (Y2) at 3.6864 MHz is a reference for the RS232 interface in the FPGA. Crystal (Y3) at 30.0 MHz is the reference clock for the frequency synthesizers (U20,U21). The frequency synthesizers multiply this clock by six and use an internal reference clock of 180 Mhz.

2.3.2 FREQUENCY SYNTHESIZERS

The frequency synthesizers defines the uncoded data rates through SMA connector (J2) CLK_SYNC and (J6) S_DCLK. Interactive feedback control inside the FPGA automatically adjusts the uncoded data rate frequency to prevent data underflows or overflows, thus frequency locking the payload side data rate to the channel side data rate.

Maximum frequency for the two synthesizers is 60 MHz. They are programmable by writing the 4-Byte control value in a user script, or selecting the Clock Synth Tab in the Configure window, typing in the frequencies in MHz and selecting the set button. To determine the 4-Byte value use the equations below. The first equation determines the code rate including frame sync bits, and the next one calculates the 4-Byte value that gets programmed via the user script.

$$\text{SYNTH_CLK_FREQ} = \text{Payload Data Rate} = [\text{Message_data_bits} / (\text{Message_data_bits} + \text{ECC_bits} + \text{Synchronization_bits})] * \text{CHANNEL_CLK_FREQ} \quad [1]$$

$$\text{4-Byte value} = [\text{Synth Byte 1, Synth Byte 2, Synth Byte 3, Synth Byte 4}] = \text{B1,B2,B3,B4} \quad [2]$$

$$\text{B1,B2,B3,B4} = [\text{SYNTH_CLK_FREQ} * 2^{32}] / 180$$

Programming Synthesizer 1, Encoder Payload Clock, requires writing this value to registers 0x0C, 0x0D, 0x0E, and 0x0F.

2.4 SYNCHRONIZATION SUPPORT

All synchronization support is performed by the AHA4540. See AHA4540 product specification for more information.

2.4.1 LED STATUS DEFINITIONS (D1-D8)

Table 1: LED Definition

LEDS	LED DEFINITION
D1	GOUT_0
D2	GOUT_1
D3	Unused
D4	Unused
D5	SW1
D6	SW2
D7	SW3
D8	FPGA Programmed

2.4.2 SWITCH DEFINITIONS

Table 2: Switch Definition

PUSH BUTTON	SWITCH DEFINITION
SW0	Reprogram FPGA
SW1	Undefined
SW2	Undefined
SW3	Reset AHA4540, AD9851 and FPGA

2.4.3 JUMPER CLOCK CONFIGURATION (JP7)

Table 3: Jumper Clock Configuration

JP7 PINS 1,2,3	ENCODER CLKSOURCE
1-2	VCO1
2-3	Frequency Synthesizer 1

2.4.4 JUMPER CLOCK CONFIGURATION (JP8)

Table 4: Jumper Clock Configuration

JP8 PINS 1,2,3	DECODER CLKSOURCE
1-2	VCO2
3-4	User Supplied S_DCLK_IN SMA (J13)
5-6	Frequency Synthesizer 2

2.5 LOOPBACK - TEST 1

Test 1 routes the uncoded input data to the output data through the entire data path of the EVB including the output connections for the user channel. The encoder and decoder are configured for a (128,120)² code and the channel rate is 50 MHz. Connect the cables to the BERT as specified. Connect an additional SMA to SMA jumper between S_EDATA to S_CDATA and S_ECLK to S_CCLK.

Connect appropriate cables as specified below for proper operation.

BERT transmitter connections:

- S_UDATA (SMA J1): Data input from BERT transmitter
- S_UCLK (SMA J3): Clock input from BERT transmitter
- CLK_SYNC (SMA J2): Optional clock request to BERT transmitter

BERT receiver connections:

- S_DDATA (SMA J4): Data output to BERT receiver
- S_DCLK (SMA J6): Clock output to BERT receiver

Note: Cable lengths for S_UDATA and S_UCLK should be approximately the same length shielded coax (recommended RG58c/u or equivalent, Zo=50ohms). Cables for S_DDATA and S_DCLK should be approximately the same length. (Max length 4ft.)

Channel Clock source:

- CSClk (SMA J9): Connect to external clock source with frequency = 50.06 MHz.
- Frequency other than this will require changing the 4-Byte value for the encoder payload clock synthesizer in the software script named TEST1.AHA.

Channel Loopback cables

- Connect S_ECLK (SMA J10) to S_CCLK (SMA J7)
- Connect S_EDATA (SMA J8) to S_CDATA (SMA J5)
- Connect CLK_SYNC (J2) to S_DCLK_IN (J13). This allows the the Encoder synthesizer to be used for both payload rate clock sources.

2.6 LOOPBACK - TEST 2

Same system configuration as TEST 1. This loopback test uses the (16,11)³ TPC code.

2.7 LOOPBACK - TEST 3

This test implements the (128, 120)² code, at 50.06 Mb/s channel rate, and allows two separate channel clocks and payload clocks. Both on board synthesizers are used and locked to their appropriate channel rate bit clock.

Same system configuration as TEST 1 except the following:

- 1) Disconnect cable to S_DCLK_IN(J13)
- 2) Move jumper JP8 to pins 5,6

2.8 LOOPBACK TEST 4

This is a pass through test requiring one clock source for all channel clocks and payload side clocks and runs at any frequency up to 148 MHz.

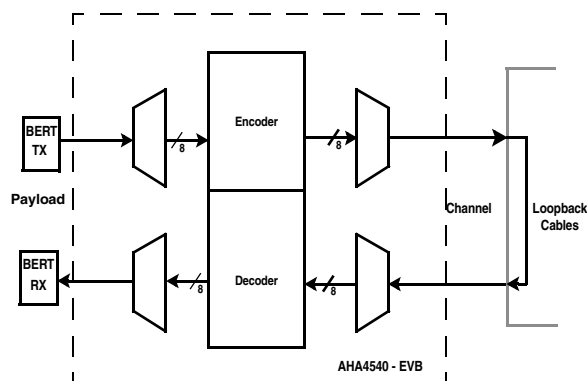
Same system configuration as TEST 1 except the following:

- 1) CLK_SYNC (SMA J2) is not used. Connect the clock request on the BERT Transmitter to the channel bit clock source.

2.9 LOOPBACK - TEST 5

This test uses the same system configuration as TEST 1. It is a high speed, 148.3 Mb/s channel rate test with the (16,11)³ TPC code and a payload data rate of 48 Mb/s. Decoder iterations are set to 3.

Figure 3: Encode/Decode Loopback - Test 1 Datapath



JP7 Jumper Settings: (2-3)
 JP8 Jumper Settings: (2-3)

2.10 EVB CONFIGURATION FOR MODE 1

- 1) Connect 5V power supply to JP9 pins 1 and 2.
- 2) Connect RS-232 cable to EVB and Host PC.
- 3) Start AHAESB software on Host PC.
- 4) Connect to board by pressing Connect button (set serial port parameters correctly).
- 5) Connect SMA-BNC cables to EVB, Data Source/Sink, and Channel Source/Sink as described in Section 2.5.
- 6) Run AHAESB script to setup the board and program the AHA4540 device to desired configuration.
- 7) EVB should start encoding, decoding, and passing data.

2.11 MODE 1 SCRIPT WRITING

- 1) Board reset.
- 2) Program payload frequency.
- 3) Program block sizes.
- 4) Program Sync Word Length.
- 5) Program the encoder/decoder configuration into the AHA4540 device:
 - 5.1) Assign the AHA4540 address byte into register 0x04.
 - 5.2) Assign the AHA4540 data byte into register 0x05.
 - 5.3) Send a write strobe to the AHA4540 device by using the following line, “inc pluto_write_strobe.aha”.
 - 5.4) (optional) You may read back your written value with the following line, “inc pluto_read_strobe.aha”, this will verify that the correct value was written to the AHA4540 device.
 - 5.5) Repeat these three or four steps for all registers in the TPC encoder/decoder that need to be written after a reset.
- 6) (Optional) The script may be tied directly to a user test button and executed by selecting the button on the AHAESB software window. This requires naming the script usertest1.AHA, usertest2.AHA, ... usertest5.AHA and locating it in the same directory as the AHAESB.EXE executable software.

2.12 SOFTWARE INSTALLATION

The AHAESB software (AHAESB.exe) is used to configure and monitor the EVB. This software is shipped with the EVB.

2.13 QUICK START

This section briefly describes the steps necessary to power-up the EVB and get Loopback Test1 running, using a standard Bit Error Rate Transmitter/Receiver (BERT).

- 1) Install the AHAESB per instructions for Mode 1 above.
- 2) Provide correct voltage to the EVB 5.0V/GND Power Connector.
- 3) Connect SMA cables as shown below:

BERT transmitter connections:

- S_UDATA to BERT data output
- S_UCLK to BERT clock output
- CLK_SYNC to BERT external clock input

BERT receiver connections:

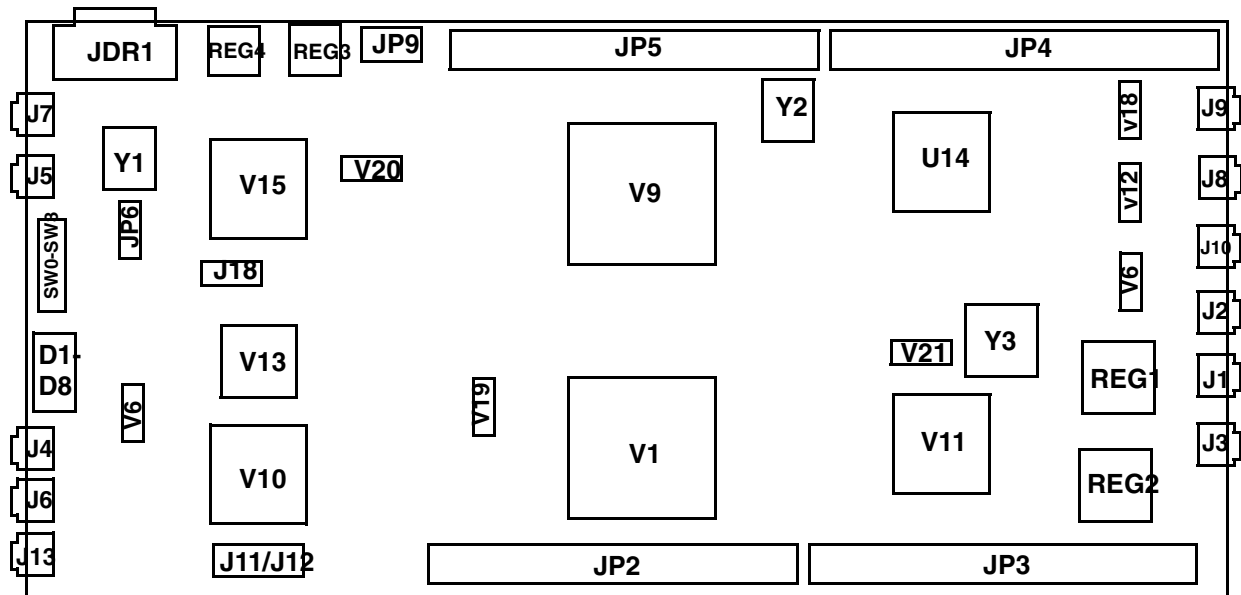
- S_DDATA to BERT data input
- S_DCLK to BERT clock input

Encode out to Decode in bypass cable:

- S_EDATA to S_CDATA on EVB
 - S_ECLK to S_CCLK on EVB
- 4) Confirm jumpers are connected (2-3), (2-3) for JP7 and JP8.
 - 5) Connect external clock source to CSCLK (J9) for the channel bit-rate clock.
 - 6) Connect loopback cable
S_EDATA→S_CDATA.
S_ECLK→S_CCLK.
 - 7) Run Loopback Test 1 by clicking on the appropriate button in the AHAESB SW.
 - 8) Set up BERT transmitter for TTL signal levels. Verify these levels with an oscilloscope.
 - 9) Set up BERT transmitter for external clock sync.
 - 10) BERT receiver should show zero bit errors, and frequency is 43 MHz.
 - 11) The signal monitors in the right side of the software window should show alternating zeros and ones indicating data is flowing from data source to data sink through the EVB.

3.0 HARDWARE DESCRIPTION

Figure 4: AHA4540-EVB Major Component Diagram



Discrete Components

- | | |
|---|--|
| U1: AHA4540 TPC Encoder/Decoder | JP6: JTAG Port for Altera CPLD's |
| U9: Xilinx Virtex E FPGA, XCV200E-PQ240 | JP7: Encoder Side Payload Clock Jumper |
| U10: SPROM to program FPGA Controller | JP8: Decoder Side Payload Clock Jumper |
| U11: Altera 7032 CPLD | JP9: Power Connector |
| U13: Altera 7032 CPLD | J11: Serial Program Port for FPGA |
| U14: Altera 7032 CPLD | J12: JTAG Program Port for FPGA |
| U15: Altera 7032 CPLD | |
| U5: Line Driver (Tristatable) | JP2: Decoder Parallel Input: |
| U6: Line Driver (Tristatable) | JP3: Unencoded Parallel Input |
| U12: Line Driver (Tristatable) | JP4: Encoded Parallel Input |
| U18: Line Driver (Tristatable) | JP5: Channel Parallel Input |
| U19: Line Driver (Tristatable) | |
| U20: Frequency Synthesizer for Payload Data Side Clock | SW0 - SW1: Resets |
| U21: Frequency Synthesizer for Payload Data Side Clock | SW2 - SW3: Push Buttons |
| J1: Unencoded Data (Input) | REG1: 5.0V to 2.5V Regulator |
| J2: Clock Sync for BERT (Output) | REG2: 5.0V to 12V Regulator |
| J3: Unencoded Clock (Input) | REG3: 5.0V to 1.8V Regulator |
| J4: Decoded Data (Output) | REG4: 5.0V to 3.3V Regulator |
| J5: Channel Data (Input) | JDR1: RS-232 Connector |
| J6: Decoded Clock (Output) | |
| J7: Channel Clock (Input) | Y1: 86.0 Mhz Clock for AHA4540 EPCLK and DPCLK (EPCLK = DPCLK/2) |
| J8: Encoded Data (Output) | Y3: 30 MHz Crystal for Frequency Synthesizer Reference Clock |
| J9: Encoder Side Channel Clock (Input) | Y2: 3.6864 MHz Crystal for Serial Port Communication base frequency |
| J10: Encoded Clock (Output) | |
| J13: Decoder Side Channel Clock (Input) | |

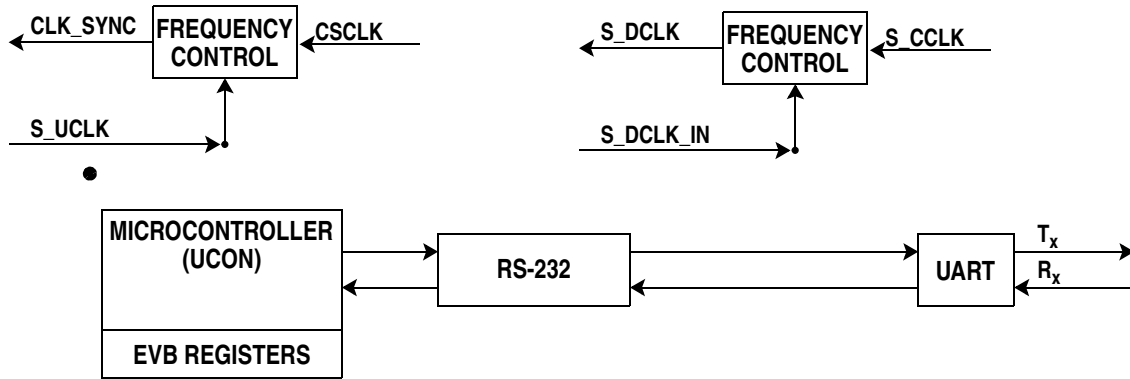
4.0 FPGA CONTROLLER TOPLEVEL DESCRIPTION

Hierarchical FPGA VHDL Flow

Ra_pipe - Ready / Accept handshaking pipe stage
 UART - Communication with the PC via RS-232 port. The UART block can read and write registers.
 RS232con - Takes in Serial RS-232 data and converts it to byte wide data
 CZX - Clock Zone crossing boundary

UCON - Microcontroller interface. Manages reads and writes to the register stack. Programs the Frequency Synthesizer.
 Freq_ctrl_r5 - This block determines if the payload data frequency should be increased or decreased to avoid an underflow or overflow.
 Micro_reg - 8-bit microcontroller register

Figure 5: FPGA Block Diagram



5.0 AHA4540-EVB COMMUNICATION SOFTWARE

Communication and control of the AHA4540-EVB is via the RS-232 interface to a host PC. The AHAESB.exe software is provided for this purpose. The AHAESB software operates under Windows[®] 95, 98, 2000, or NT. The AHAESB software allows the user to configure the AHA4540 device on the EVB as well as the clock synthesizers and FPGA registers.

5.1 OPERATION OF AHAESB SOFTWARE

To operate the AHAESB software, click on the AHA4540-EVB icon on the Windows[®] desktop or alternatively execute the program AHA4540 EVB.exe from either a DOS window or the Windows[®] RUN menu. An application window for AHA4540-EVB should open.

5.1.1 CONNECT BUTTON

This button enables connection from the PC to the AHA4540-EVB via the RS-232 cable. A pop-up menu will appear allowing the user to configure the communication link between host PC and the AHA4540-EVB. Configuration parameters are: Comm Port (COM1,2,3 or 4), Number of Stop Bits (defaults to 1), and Data Rate (defaults to 115,200 Baud).

5.1.2 CONFIGURE BUTTON

This menu allows configuration of the clock synthesizers. Registers in the AHA4540 device can be accessed. See the AHA4540 Product Specification for a complete list of AHA4540 registers. The clock synthesizers are also programmable in the configure menu. Data rate can be controlled from this menu.

5.1.3 INTERACTIVE MODE WINDOW

The interactive mode window allows the user to control signals with the FPGA to allow customized control of the EVB. Script files containing instructions for the EVB can be loaded and saved from this window.

5.1.4 LOG WINDOW

The Log Window records all communication transactions between the PC and the EVB.

If an error were encountered while communicating with the EVB it would be recorded here.

5.1.5 RESET STATUS

Indicates whether or not the board is in reset.

5.1.6 USER TEST MODES

These buttons can be linked to user scripts created by the customer. These buttons provide an easy and quick way to access/run user defined scripts. They must be named usertestX.aha, where X is the button number and reside in the same directory as the executable file for the software. The self test bit must be off and the number of soft bits set.

5.1.7 TEST MODES

These buttons are linked to test scripts created by AHA. These buttons provide an easy and quick way to access/run AHA defined board functionality tests. They must be named testX.aha, where X is the appropriate button number.

5.1.8 AHAESB SCRIPT SYNTAX

The syntax is similar to standard assembly with only a few operations.

WRA – Command used to write to a register in the FPGA.

i.e. WRA 1E 0F

This would write a 0F (15-bit sync word length) to register 1E

RDA – Command used to read a register in the FPGA

i.e. RDA 1E

If the above write was executed first, the response from the interactive window would yield “0F”.

inc – Command used to include another AHAESB script in the current script. Useful for hierarchical script programming.

i.e. inc reset.aha

SLP – Command used to make the AHAESB SW wait a period of time before the next command is issued.

i.e. SLP 3E8

Sleep for 1ms

RST – Generates a board reset

5.2 ESB STATUS

The EVB status window displays the frequencies of the two on-board frequency synthesizers, Encoder Synthesizer and Decoder Synthesizer. It also includes data monitors that monitor some of the signals on the board indicating whether the signals are changing or not.

6.0 REFERENCE GUIDE TO PROGRAMMING EVB REGISTERS

This guide describes all user accessible registers on the evaluation board.

Table 5: List of EVB Registers with Address

ADDRESS (HEX)	NAME
00	LOCAL_UART_ADDRESS
01	RESETS
02	CHIP_SELECTS
03	CONTROL_SIGNALS
04	ADDRESS
05	OUTPUT_DATA
06	INPUT_DATA
07	INTERRUPT_STATUS
08	INTERNAL_CONTROL
09	OUTPUT_PULSE
0B	BITFILE_VERSION_REGISTER
0C	ENCODE_FREQUENCY_SYNTH_BYTE_1
0D	ENCODE_FREQUENCY_SYNTH_BYTE_2
0E	ENCODE_FREQUENCY_SYNTH_BYTE_3
0F	ENCODE_FREQUENCY_SYNTH_BYTE_4
10	DECODE_FREQUENCY_SYNTH_BYTE_1
11	DECODE_FREQUENCY_SYNTH_BYTE_2
12	DECODE_FREQUENCY_SYNTH_BYTE_3
13	DECODE_FREQUENCY_SYNTH_BYTE_4
20	CDATA_MAP
28	SYNTHESIZERS_CONTROL
29	ENCODE_SYNTH_DELTA_BYTE_2
2A	ENCODE_SYNTH_DELTA_BYTE_3
2B	ENCODE_SYNTH_DELTA_BYTE_4
2C	DECODE_SYNTH_DELTA_BYTE_2
2D	DECODE_SYNTH_DELTA_BYTE_3
2E	DECODE_SYNTH_DELTA_BYTE_4
30	ENC_PAYLOAD_BITS_LSB
31	ENC_PAYLOAD_BITS_MSB
32	ENC_CHANNEL_BITS_LSB
33	ENC_CHANNEL_BITS_MSB
34	ENCODE_SYNC_LENGTH
35	DEC_PAYLOAD_BITS_LSB
36	DEC_PAYLOAD_BITS_MSB
37	DEC_CHANNEL_BITS_LSB
38	DEC_CHANNEL_BITS_MSB
39	DECODE_SYNC_LENGTH
43	SIGNAL_ACTIVITY

6.1 REGISTER DESCRIPTION

0x00	LOCAL UART ADDRESS	reset value [0x00]
	Local storage of register address for UART “RDA” and “WRA” commands	
0x01	RESETS	reset value [0x00]
	Reset signals to devices on board.	
0x02	CHIP SELECTS	reset value [0x00]
	bit 0 : AHA4540 chip select, MCSN	
0x03	CONTROL SIGNALS	reset value [0x00]
	Control signals to on board devices.	
	bit 7 : Unused, always asserted low	
	bit 6 : Unused, always asserted low	
	bit 5 : Unused, always asserted low	
	bit 4 : Unused, always asserted low	
	bit 3 : Unused, always asserted low	
	bit 2 : Unused, always asserted low	
	bit 1 : AHA4540 read strobe, MRDN_DSN	
	bit 0 : AHA4540 write strobe, MWRN_RWN1	
0.04	ADDRESS	reset value [0x00]
	Address bus to AHA4540 device, MA[5:0}	
0x05	OUTPUT DATA	reset value [0x00]
	Data bus to AHA4540 device, MDATA[7:0]	
0x06	INPUT DATA	reset value [0x00]
	Data bus from AHA4540 device, MDATA[7:0]	
0x07	INTERRUPT STATUS	reset value [undefined]
	Interupts from AHA4540 and GOUTx signals	
	bit 7 : Unused, always asserted low	
	bit 6 : Unused, always asserted low	
	bit 5 : Unused, always asserted low	
	bit 4 : Unused, always asserted low	
	bit 3 : Unused, always asserted low	
	bit 2 : AHA4540 GOUT[1] signal	
	bit 1 : AHA4540 GOUT[0] signal	
	bit 0 : AHA4540 Interrupt, MINTN	
0x08	INTERNAL CONTROL	reset value [0x00]
	Controls mode of board.	
	bit 7 : unused, always asserted low	
	bit 6 : Psel_1, enables USER_UDATA and USER_UCLK	
	bit 5 : Psel_2, when set along with User_sel enables USER_DACPT	
	bit 4 : Psel_4, not used	
	bit 3 : Chsel, not used	
	bit 2 : User_sel, when set along with Psel_2 enables USER_DACPT	
	bit 1 : Loopback select_1	
	bit 0 : Loopback select_0	

Loopback select bits 1,0

- 0x00 : Serial Streaming
- 0x01 : Edata to Cdata internal loopback
- 0x02 : USER_EDATA, USER_CDATA parallel ports, and USER_CCLK enabled
- 0x03 : CRDY and EACPT always asserted high

0x09 OUTPUT PULSE **reset value [0x00]**

Output Control Pulses.

0x0B BIT FILE VERSION **reset value [0x0B]**

Returns the bit file version. The upper 4 bits represent the whole number part and the lower 4 bits represent the fractional part.

0x0C ENCODE FREQUENCY SYNTH BYTE 1 **reset value [0x00]**

0x0D ENCODE FREQUENCY SYNTH BYTE 2 **reset value [0x00]**

0x0E ENCODE FREQUENCY SYNTH BYTE 3 **reset value [0x00]**

0x0F ENCODE FREQUENCY SYNTH BYTE 4 **reset value [0x00]**

These registers set the output frequency of U20, the encoder path synthesizer according to the following equation:

$$FREQ = \frac{[BYTE_1, BYTE_2, BYTE_3, BYTE_4] \times 180}{2^{32}} \text{ MHz}$$

0x10 DECODE FREQUENCY SYNTH BYTE 1 **reset value [0x00]**

0x11 DECODE FREQUENCY SYNTH BYTE 2 **reset value [0x00]**

0x12 DECODE FREQUENCY SYNTH BYTE 3 **reset value [0x00]**

0x13 DECODE FREQUENCY SYNTH BYTE 4 **reset value [0x00]**

These register set the output frequency of U21 the encoder path synthesizer according to the following equation:

$$FREQ = \frac{[BYTE_1, BYTE_2, BYTE_3, BYTE_4] \times 100}{2^{32}} \text{ MHz}$$

0x20 CDATA MAP **reset value [0x00]**

Maps CDATA port into the AHA4540 as follows

Register Value	Mapping
0x00	Deserialized Hard decision data from SMA (S_CDATA) 4 soft metrics per transfer
0x01	16-bit USER_CDATA mapped straight through
0x02	EDAT to CDATA internal loopback
0x03	USER-EDATA to USER_CDATA external loopback (requires external wire jumpers).
Others	16-bit USER_CDATA mapped straight through

0x28 SYNTHESIZERS CONTROL

bits 7-2: Unused

bit 1 : When set the decoder synthesizer uses the fixed register programmed value for the frequency delta set in registers 0x2C, 0x2D, and 0x2E as follows:

$$NEW_SYNTH_VALUE = [SYNTH_BYTE 1, 2, 3, 4] +/- [0,00, DELTA_BYTE 2, 3, 4]$$

Byte 4 is the least significant Byte of the 4-Byte value

bit 0 : When set the encoder synthesizer uses the fixed register programmed value for the frequency delta set in registers 0x29, 0x2A, and 0x2B as follows:

$$NEW_SYNTH_VALUE = [SYNTH_BTE 1, 2, 3, 4] +/- [0,00, DELTA_BYTE 2, 3, 4]$$

Byte 4 is the least significant Byte of the 4-Byte value

0x29	ENCODE SYNTH DELTA BYTE 2	reset value [0x00]
0x2A	ENCODE SYNTH DELTA BYTE 3	reset value [0x00]
0x2B	ENCODE SYNTH DELTA BYTE 4	reset value [0x00]

These register values are added or subtracted to the Encoder frequency synthesizer base value in registers 0x0C, 0x0D, 0x0E, 0x0F when enabled in register 0x28

NEW_SYNTH_VALUE = [SYNTH_BYTE 1, 2, 3, 4] +/- [0x00, DELTA_BYTE 2, 3, 4]

Byte 4 is the least significant Byte of the 4-Byte value.

0x2C	DECODE SYNTH DELTA BYTE 2	reset value [0x00]
0x2D	DECODE SYNTH DELTA BYTE 3	reset value [0x00]
0x2E	DECODE SYNTH DELTA BYTE 4	reset value [0x00]

These register values are added or subtracted to the decoder frequency synthesizer base value in registers 0x10, 0x11, 0x12, 0x13 when enabled in register 0x28.

NEW_SYNTH_VALUE = [SYNTH_BYTE 1, 2, 3, 4] +/- [0x00, DELTA_BYTE 2, 3, 4]

Byte 4 is the least significant Byte of the 4-Byte value.

0x30	ENCODE PAYLOAD BITS LSB	reset value [0x00]
0x31	ENCODE PAYLOAD BITS MSB	reset value [0x00]

Set equal to the block size of the encoder TPC unencoded block.

0x32	ENCODE CHANNEL BITS LSB	reset value [0x00]
0x33	ENCODE CHANNEL BITS MSB	reset value [0x00]

Set equal to the encoder encoded block including the FEC Bits, but not including frame sync bits.

0x34	ENCODE SYNC BITS PER FEC BLK	reset value [0x00]
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Set equal to (EFSyncLength x EFSyncFreq) as programmed into the AHA4540

0x35	DECODE PAYLOAD BITS LSB	reset value [0x00]
0x36	DECODE PAYLOAD BITS MSB	reset value [0x00]

Set equal to the block size of the decoder TPC unencoded block

0x37	DECODE CHANNEL BITS LSB	reset value [0x00]
0x38	DECODE CHANNEL BITS MSB	reset value [0x00]

Set equal to the TPC decoder encoded block size including the FEC bits, but not including frame sync bits.

0x39	DECODE SYNC BITS PER FEC BLK	reset value [0x00]
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Set equal to (DFSsyncLength x DFSync Freq) as programmed into the AHA4540

0x43 SIGNAL ACTIVITY

Indicates activity of selected signal ports by showing current value (multiple reads need to see changes)

- bit 7 : decoder payload clk
- bit 6 : encoder payload clk
- bit 5 : E_CLK
- bit 4 : E_DATA (0)
- bit 3 : C_CLK
- bit 2 : C_DATA
- bit 1 : D_CLK
- bit 0 : D_DATA (0)

7.0 REGISTER PROGRAMMING

7.1 AHA4540 REGISTERS

The AHA4540 device on the board is accessible for programming and status information through the AHA4540-EVB software. From the program select the interactive button. Here you can read and write

to registers in the FPGA or AHA4540. Refer to the AHA4540 product specification for a complete description of all registers in the AHA4540 device.

7.2 FREQUENCY SYNTHESIZERS

Two on board synthesizers are programmed via the AHAESB software. From the program select the Clock Synth tab in the configure window. The value entered for Encoder Synth controls the clock synthesizer U21. Clock synthesizer U20 is controlled by the entry Decoder Synth. Synthesizer U21 can also be programmed via user scripts by writing the desired values to registers 0x0C, 0x0D, 0x0E, 0x0F as outlined in Section 5.1.8 *AHAESB Script Syntax*. Synthesizer U20 can be written to using register 0x10, 0x11, 0x12, 0x13.

The ratio of the values entered for clock synthesizers should exactly match the code rate of the code (including synchronization bits) as shown in the following equation:

$$\frac{\text{Data Rate}}{\text{Channel Rate}} = \frac{\text{Data Bits}}{\text{Data Bits} + \text{ECC Bits} + \text{Sync_word_bits}}$$

7.3 AHA4540-EVB FPGA REGISTERS

See Section 6.0 *REFERENCE GUIDE TO PROGRAMMING EVB REGISTERS* and Section 6.1 *Register Description*.

8.0 SIGNALS IN/OUT OF EVB

8.1 EVB MAIN BOARD

<i>PIN</i>	<i>CONNECTOR</i>	<i>FUNCTION</i>	<i>TYPE</i>
J1	SMA	S_UDATA	Input
J3	SMA	S_UCLK	Input
J2	SMA	CLK_SYNC	Output
J8	SMA	S_EDATA	Output
J10	SMA	S_ECLK	Output
J9	SMA	CCLK	Input
J4	SMA	S_DDATA	Output
J6	SMA	S_DCLK	Input
J13	SMA	S_DCLK_IN	Input
J7	SMA	S_CCLK	Input
J5	SMA	S_CDATA	Input
JDR1	9 pin DSUB	RS232 Serial Data Connector	I/O
J11	.1" Header	FPGA Serial Program Header	Input
J12	.1" Header	FPGA JTAG Connector	I/O
JP6	.1" Header	CPLD JTAG Connector	I/O
JP7	1x3	Encoder Payload Clock Selector	Control
JP8	2x3	Deocoder Payload Clock Selector	Control
JP9	2x3	DC Power Connector	I/O, Pwr

9.0 ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

9.1 BOARD POWER

Power is provided from the users power supply.

5 Volts DC at 2.0 Amps JP9 pins 1 and 2.

Power consumption varies depending on customer configuration, but a minimum of 2A is required for factory configuration.

9.2 SIGNAL REQUIREMENTS

BERT signals at SMA connectors should be TTL levels. Program BERT for threshold levels of approximately 1.5V. Validate TTL levels using an oscilloscope.

10.0 TIMING SPECIFICATIONS

Figure 6: Data Input Timings

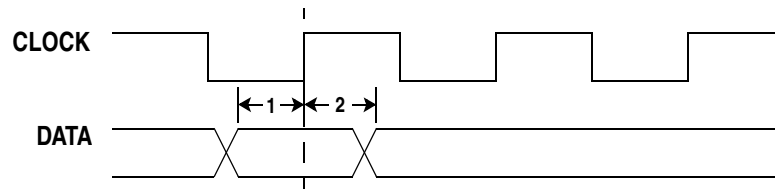


Figure 7: Data Output Timings

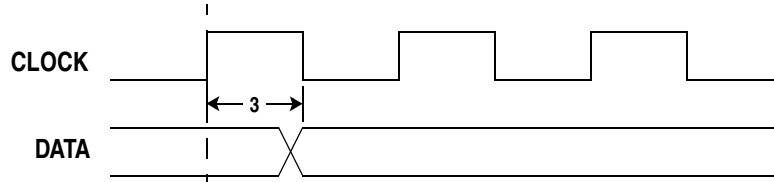


Table 6: Data Input/Output Timings

NUMBER	PARAMETER	MIN	MAX	UNITS	NOTES
1	DATA to CLK rising edge	4		ns	
2	DATA from CLK rising edge	4		ns	
3	DATA delay from CLK rising edge		8	ns	

11.0 BOARD DIMENSIONS

PCB board
Overall dimensions are 5.3" x 8.8".

12.0 ORDERING INFORMATION

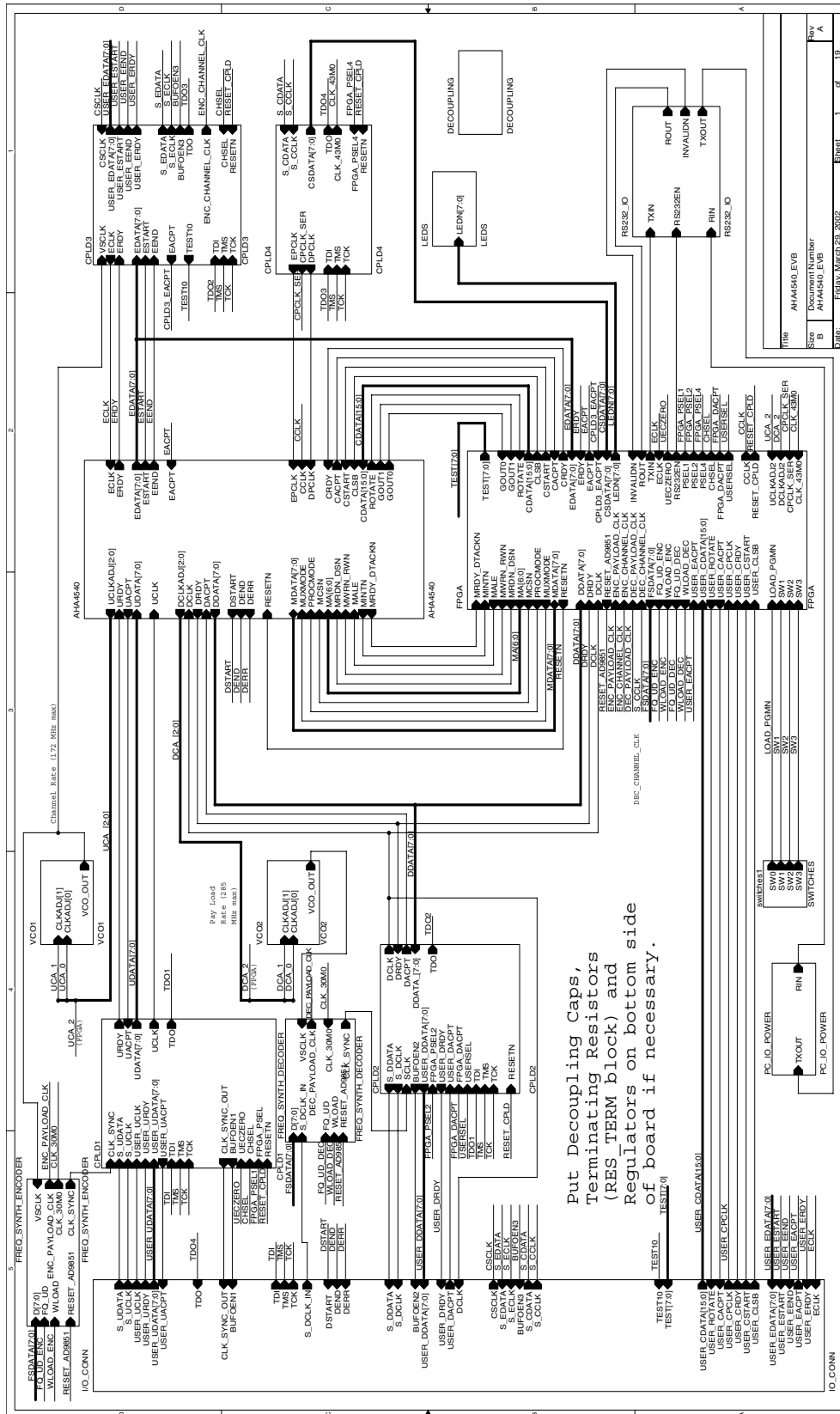
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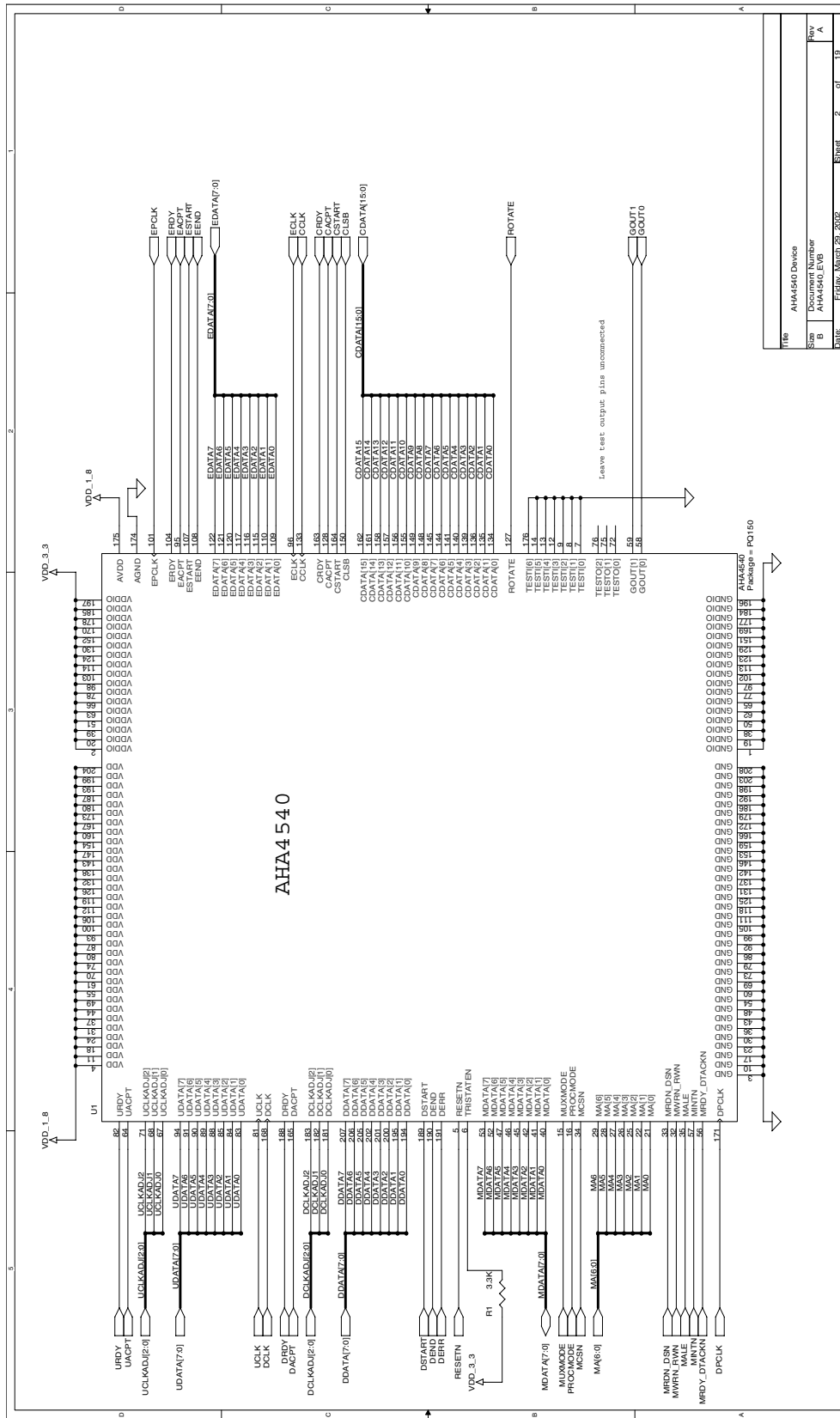
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1	RS-232 interface cable for host PC
1	CD ROM containing software and pdf files of documents
6	SMA to SMA interconnecting cables (122 cm), with optional BNC adapters
1	Product Specification AHA4540
1	Product Specification AHA4540-EVB

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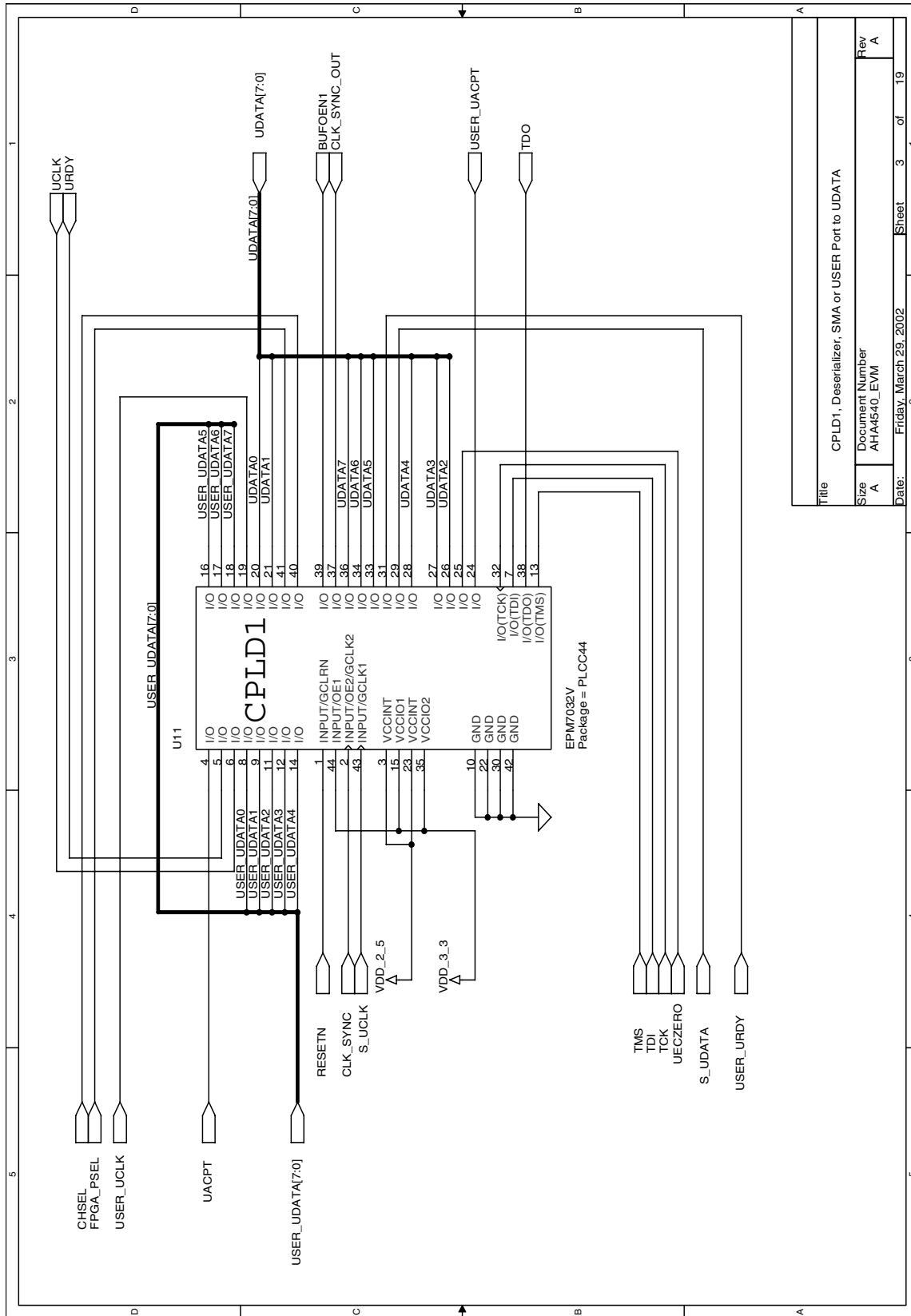
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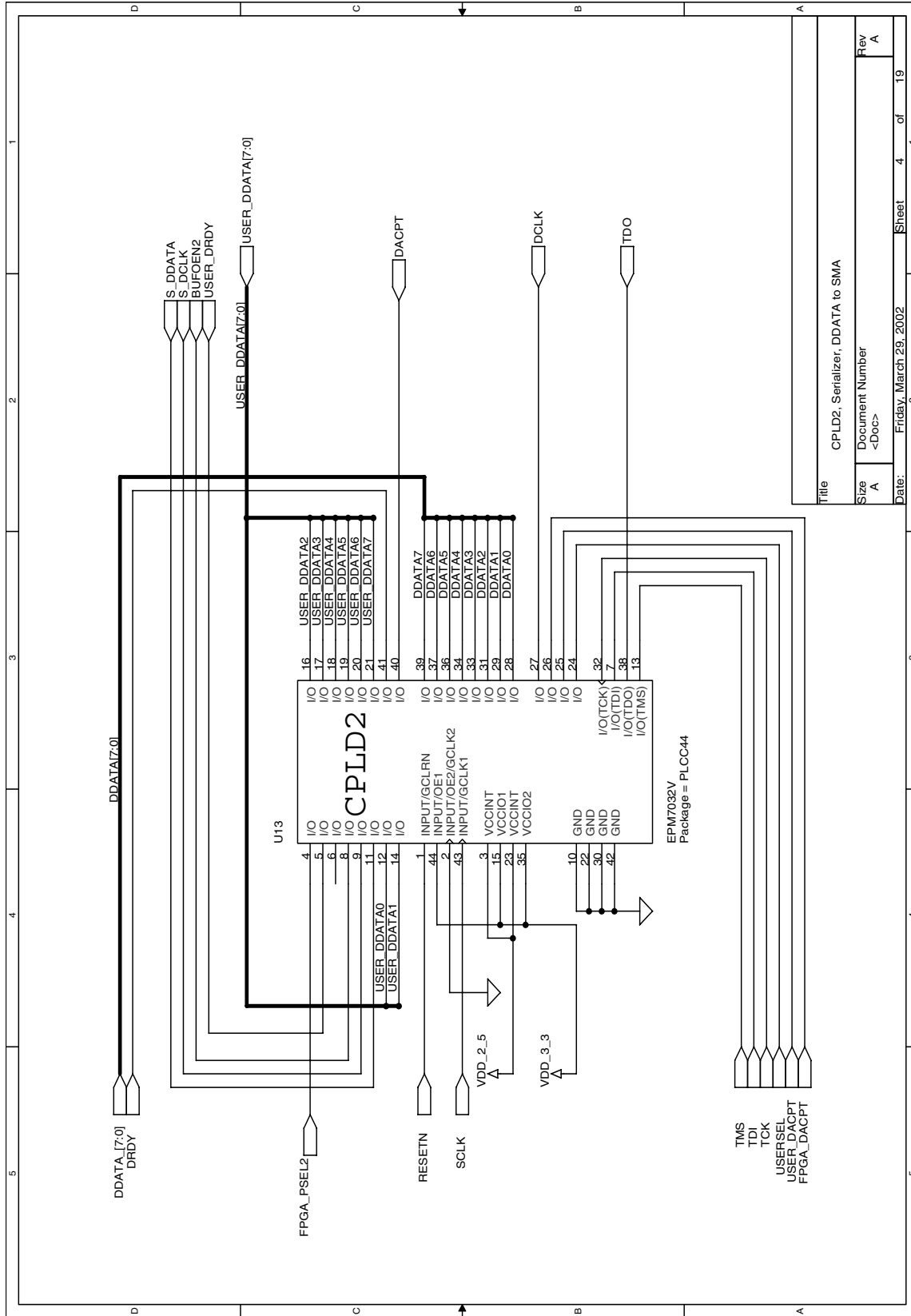


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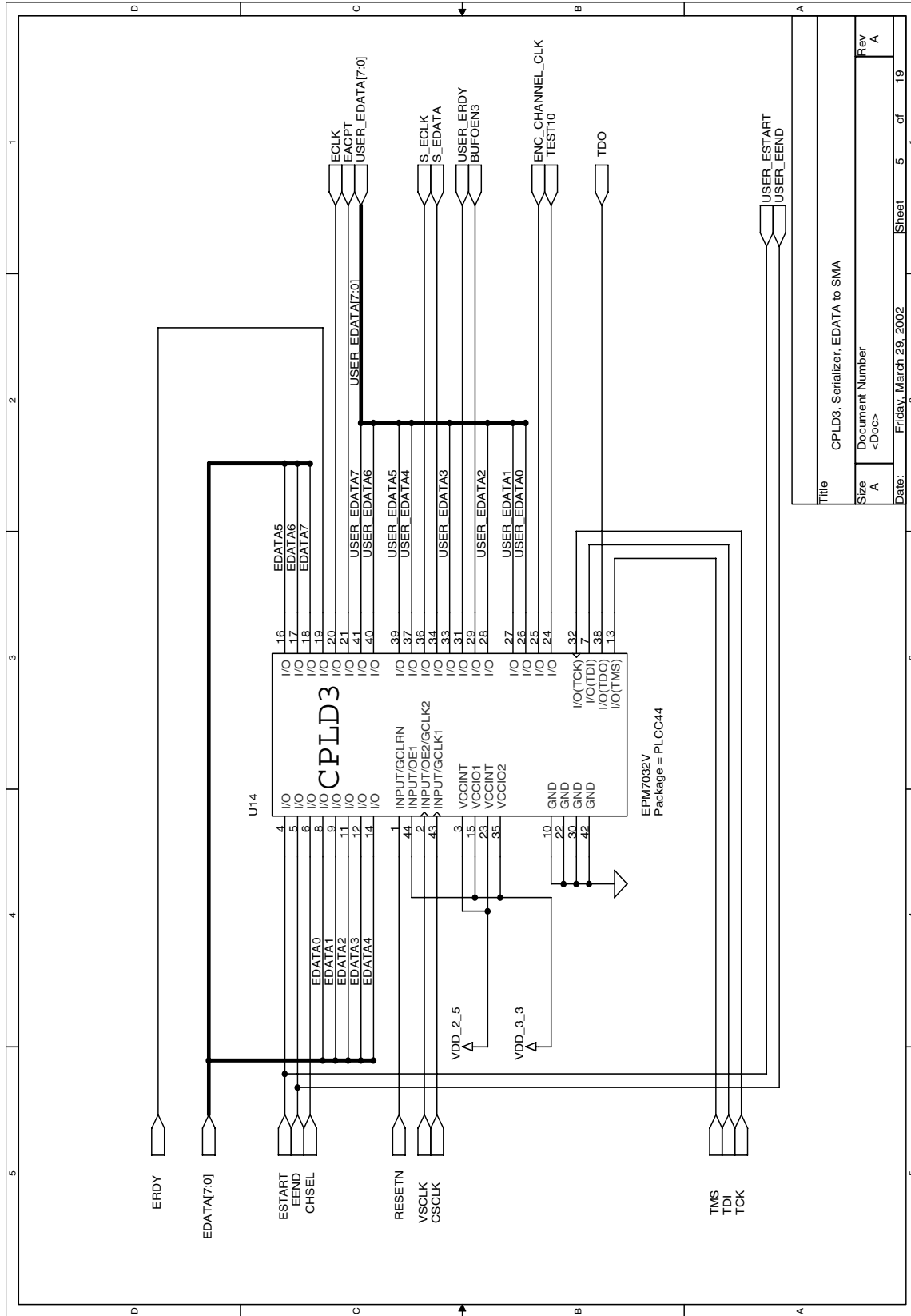
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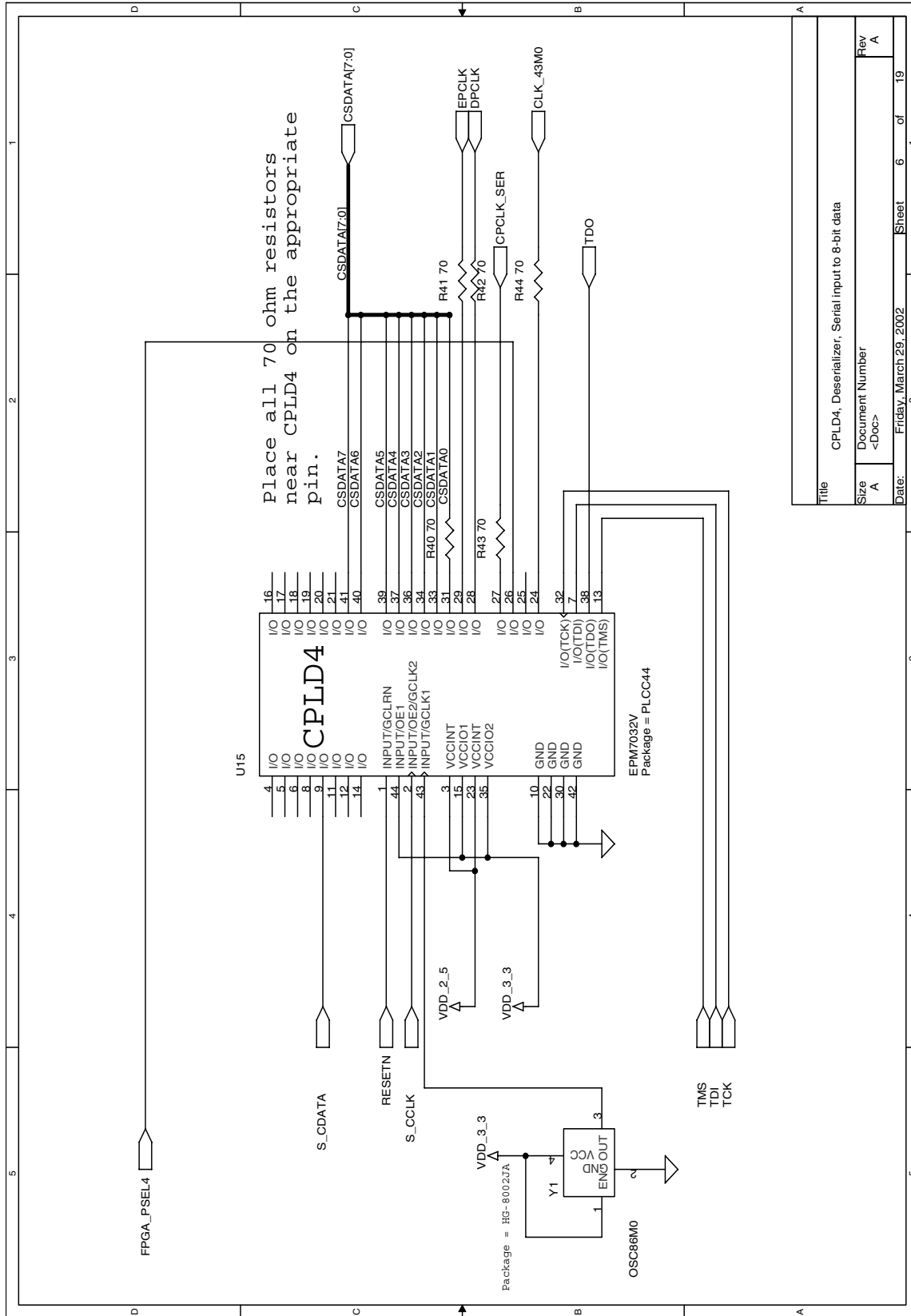
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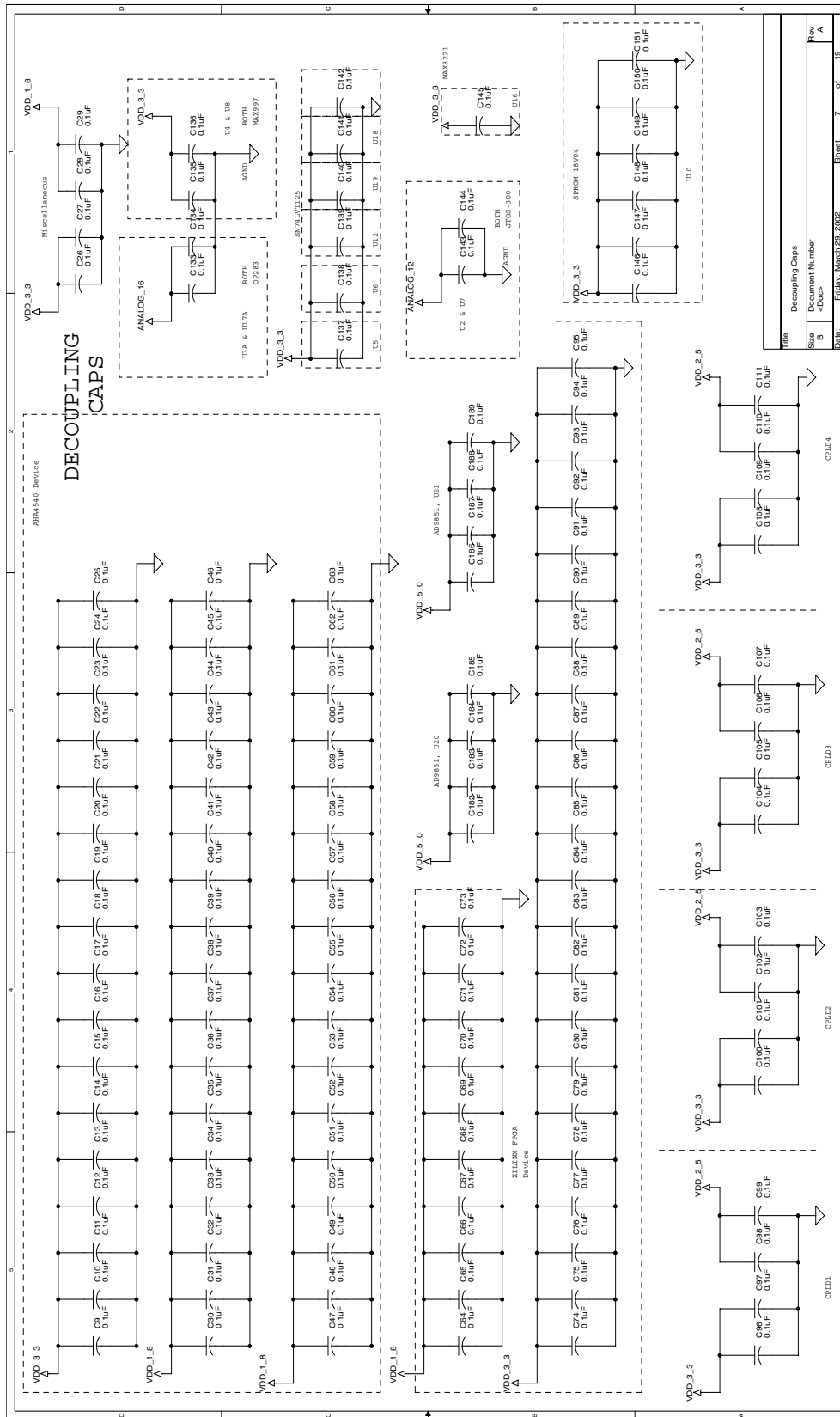
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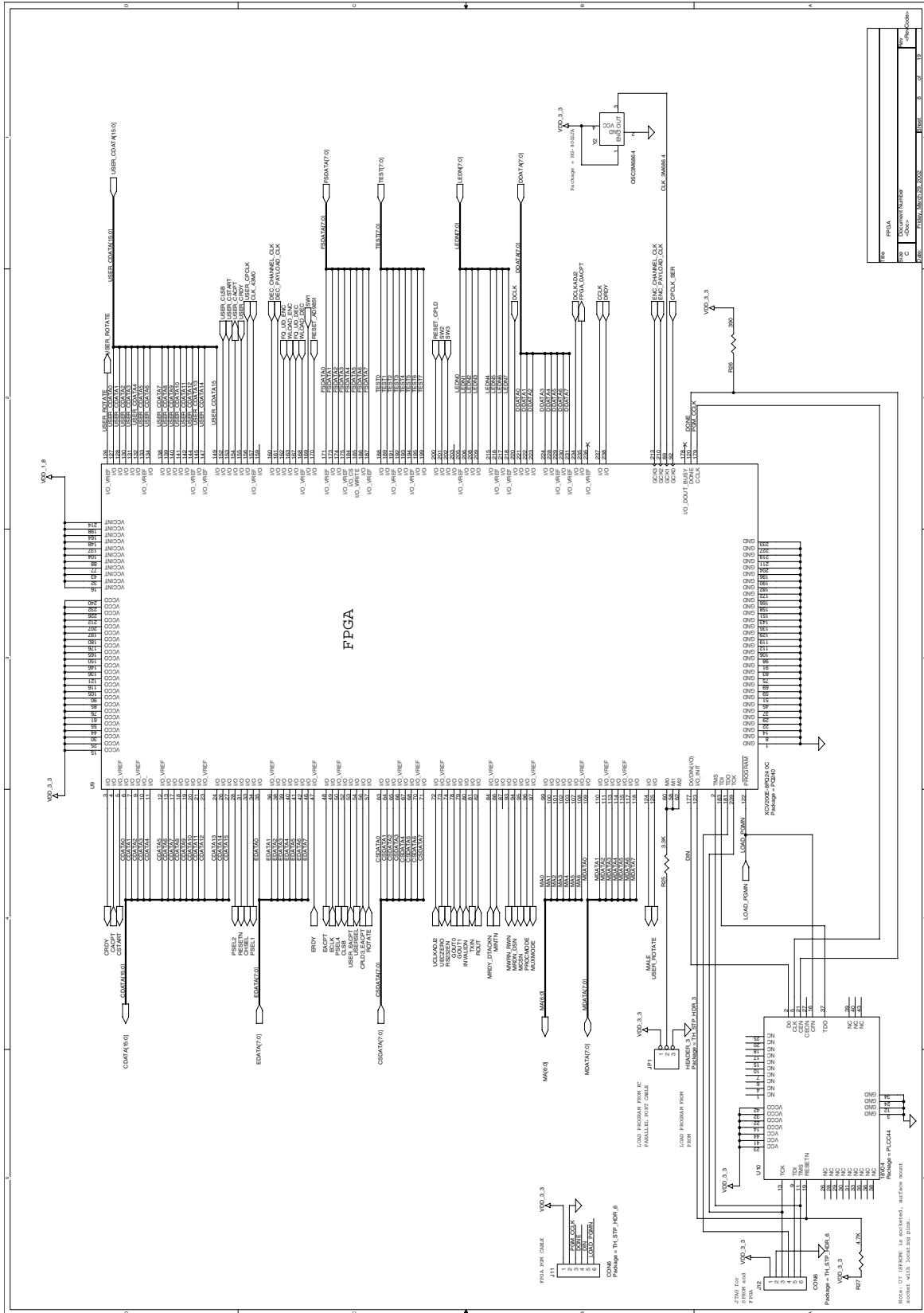


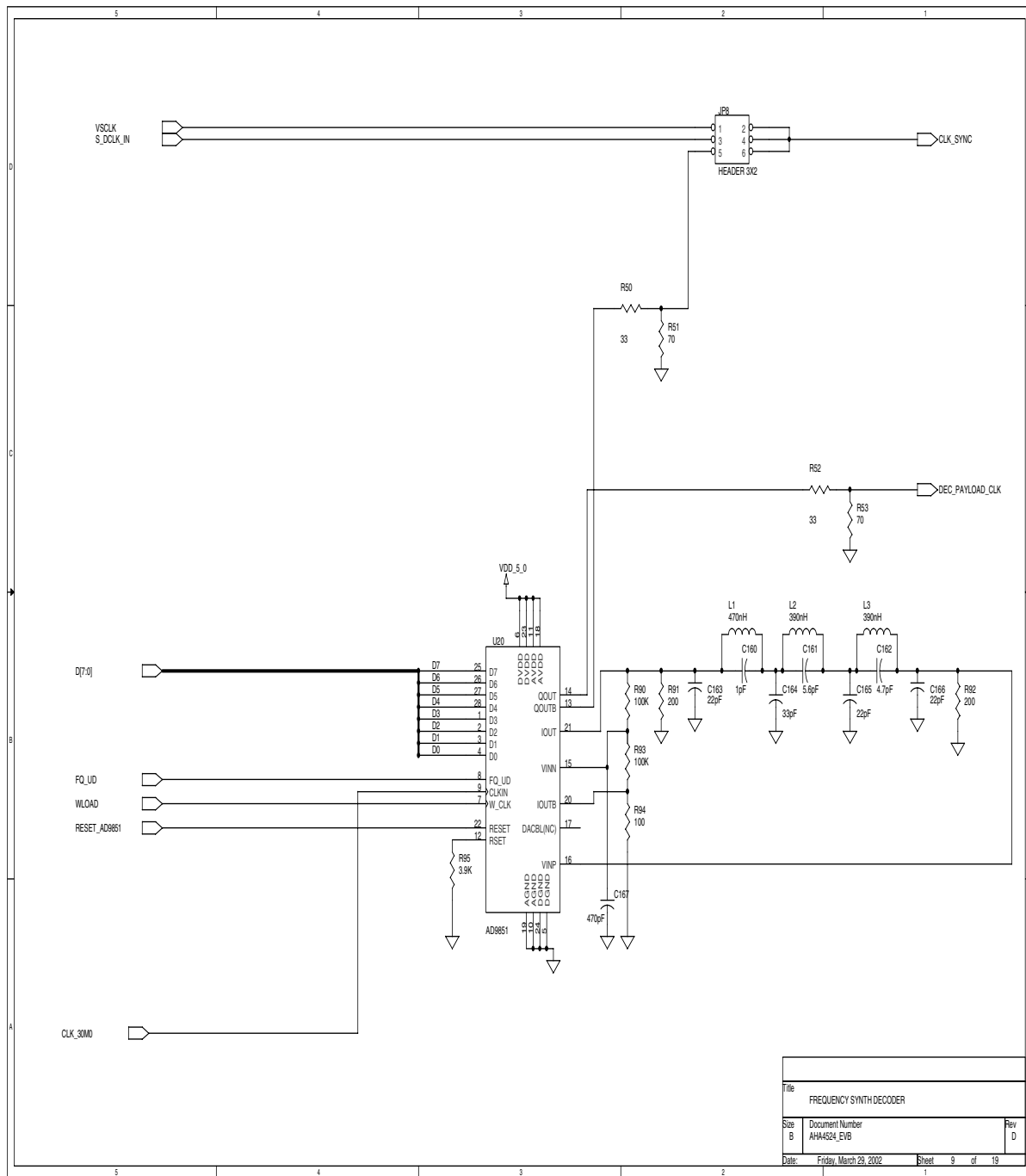
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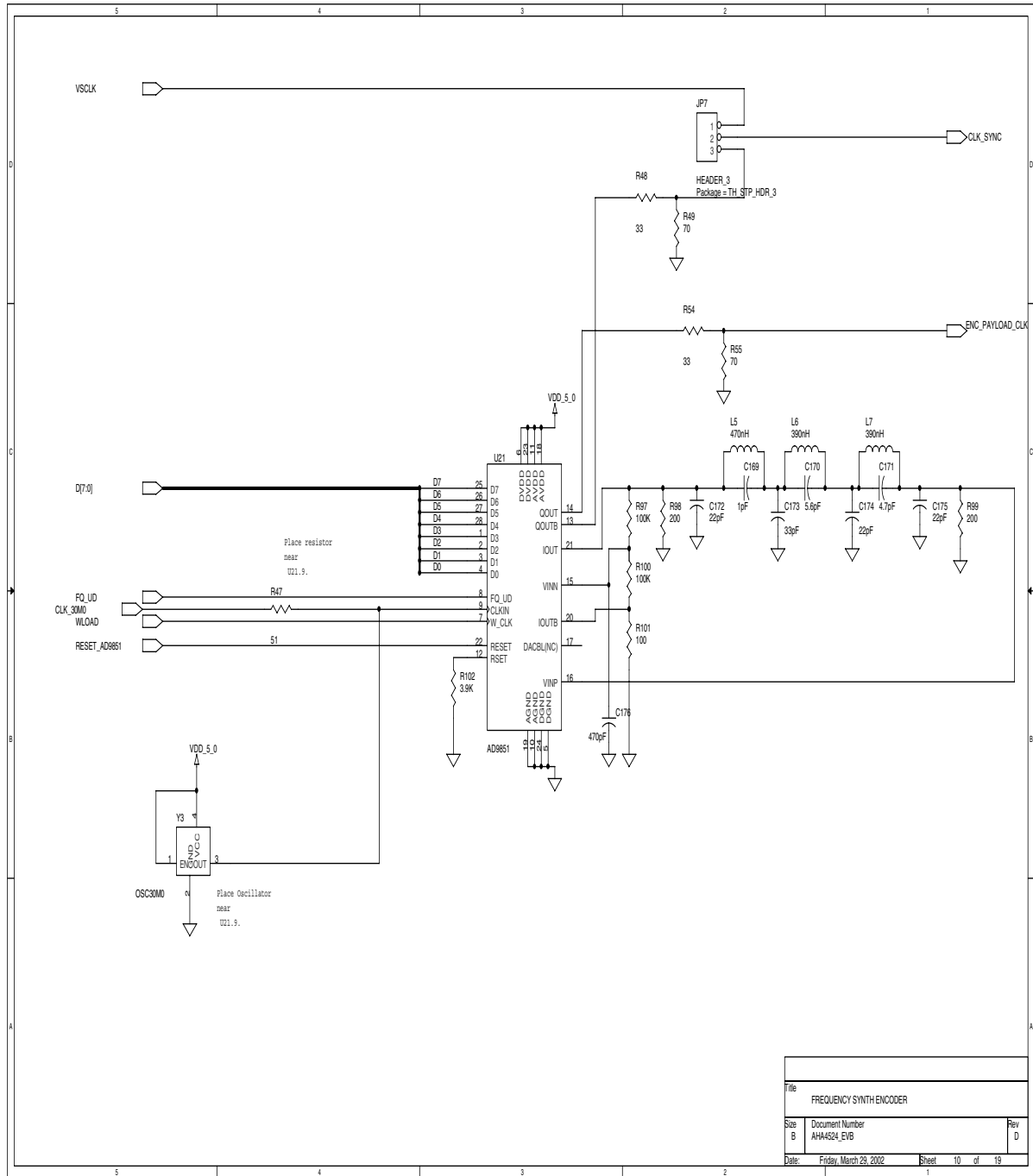


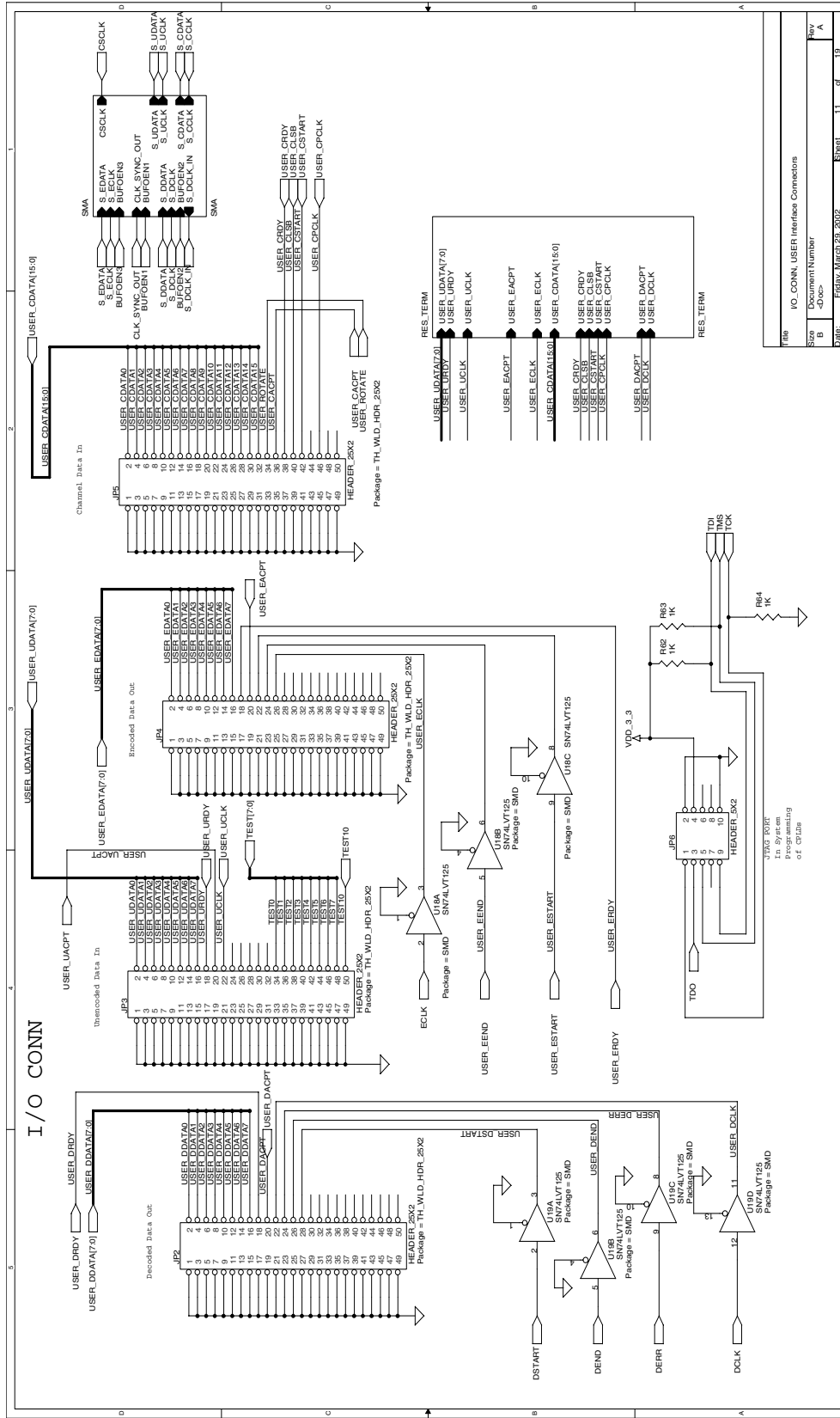
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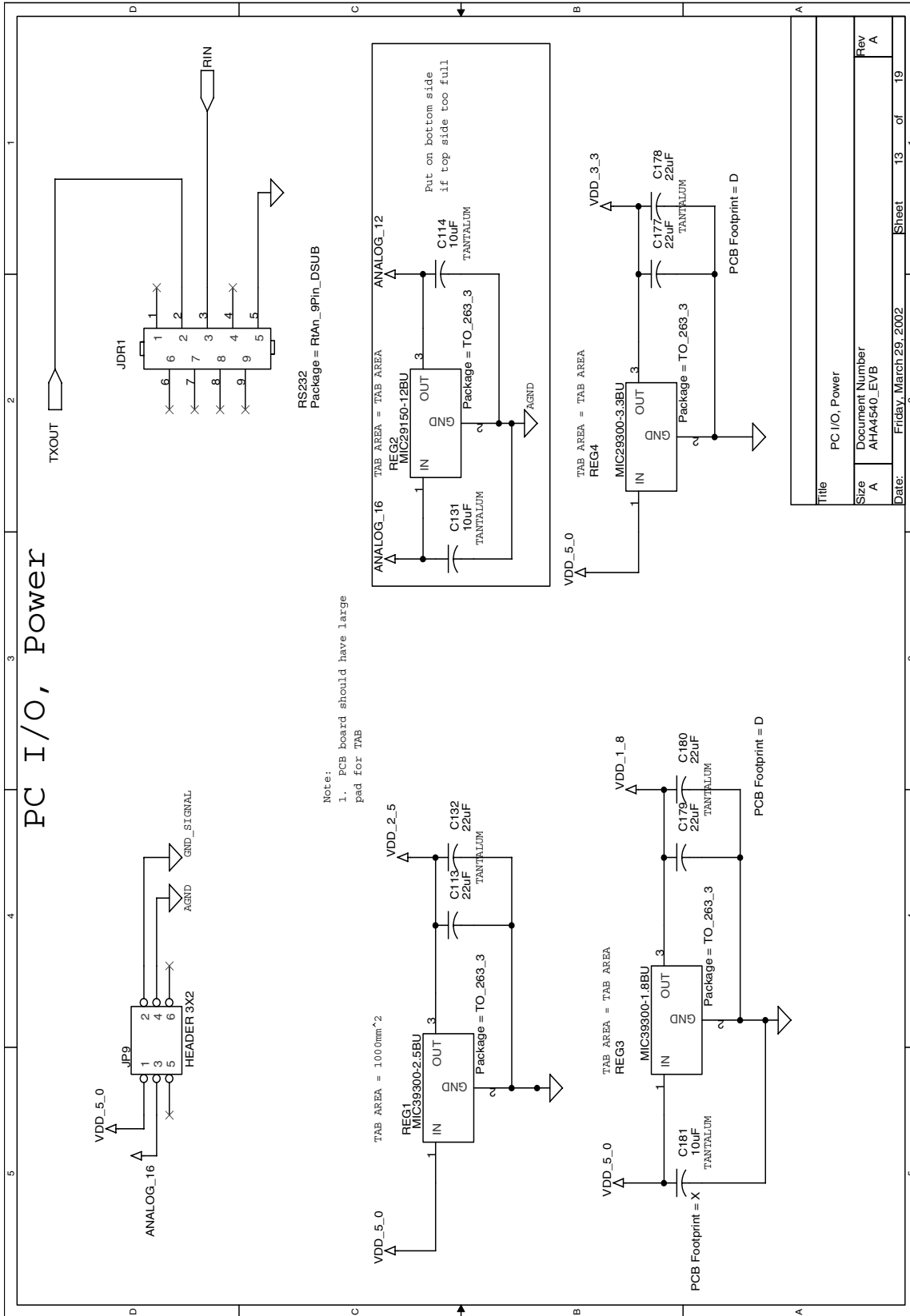




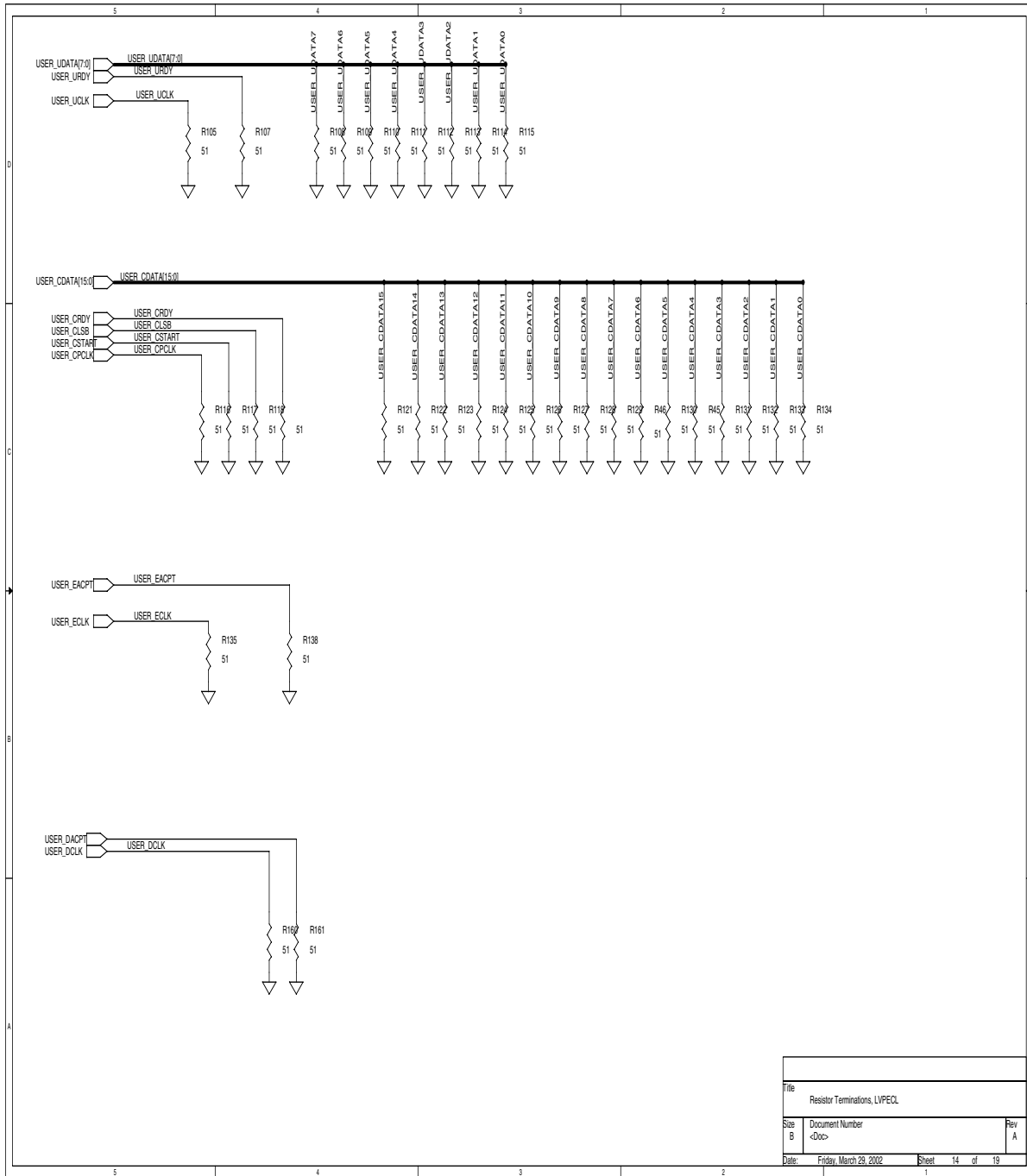




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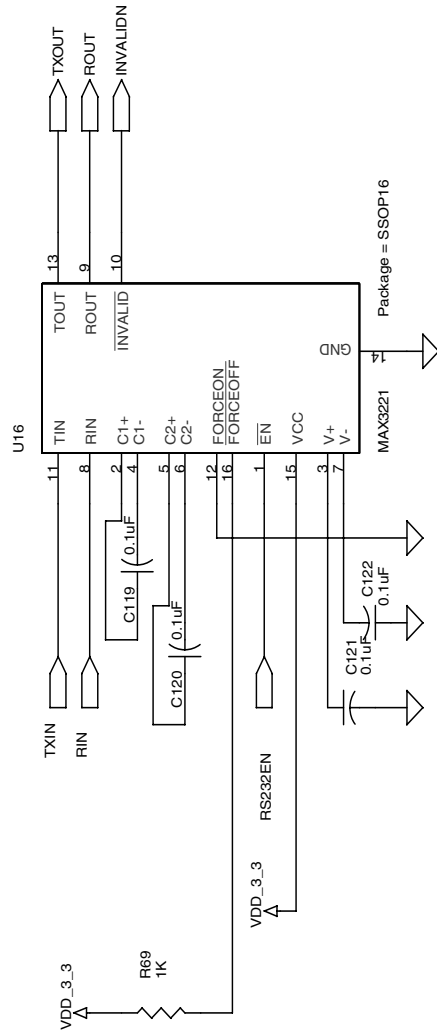


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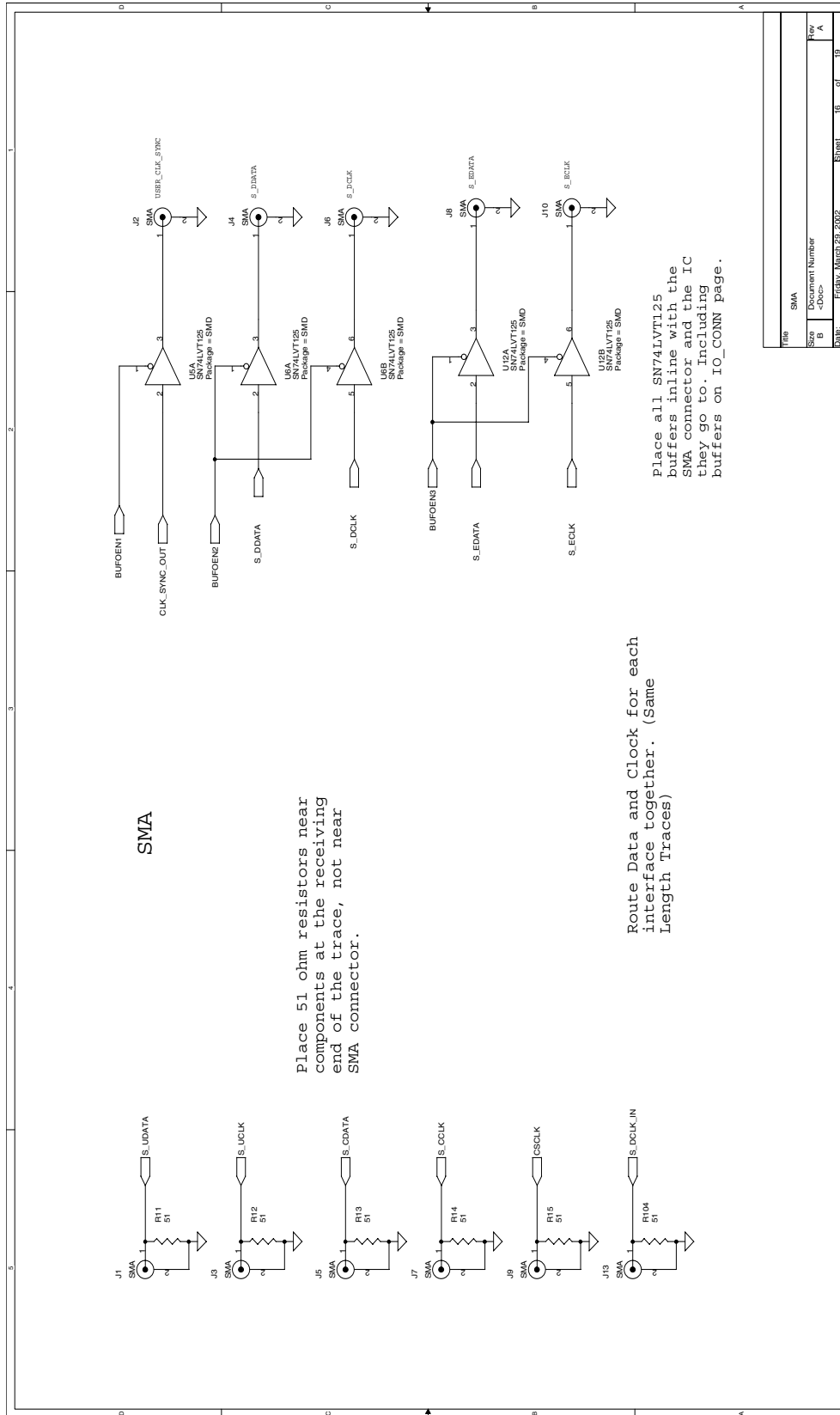


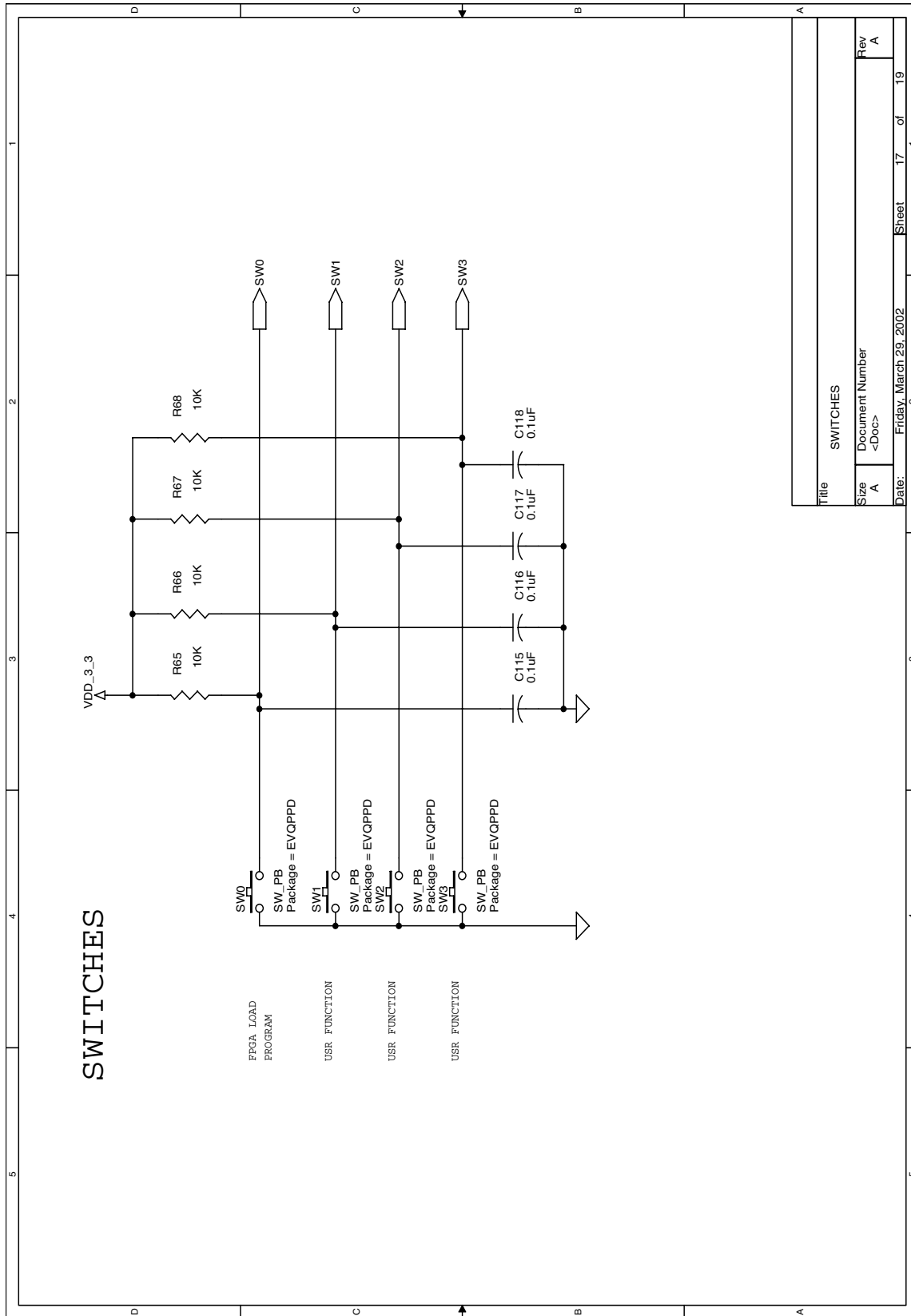
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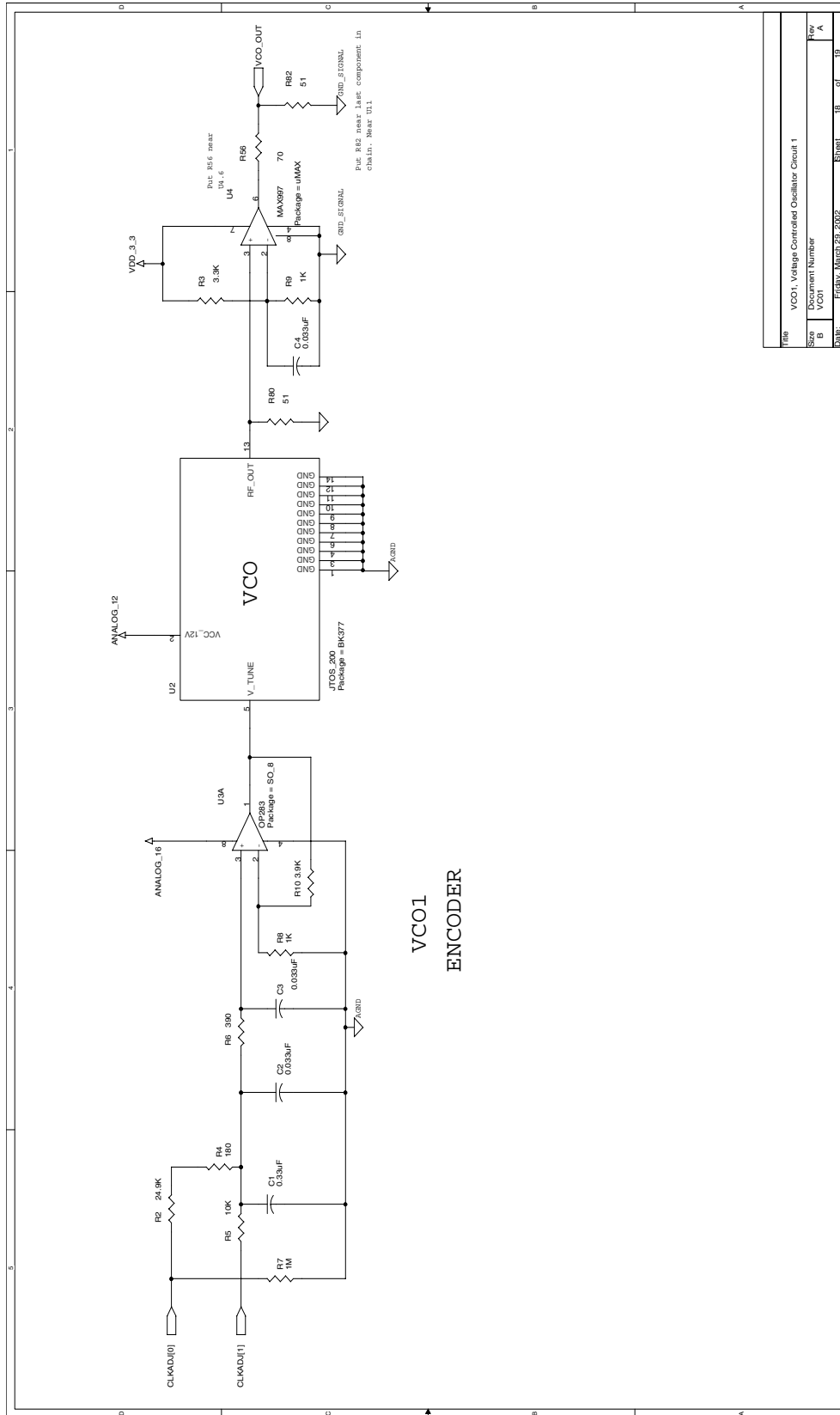


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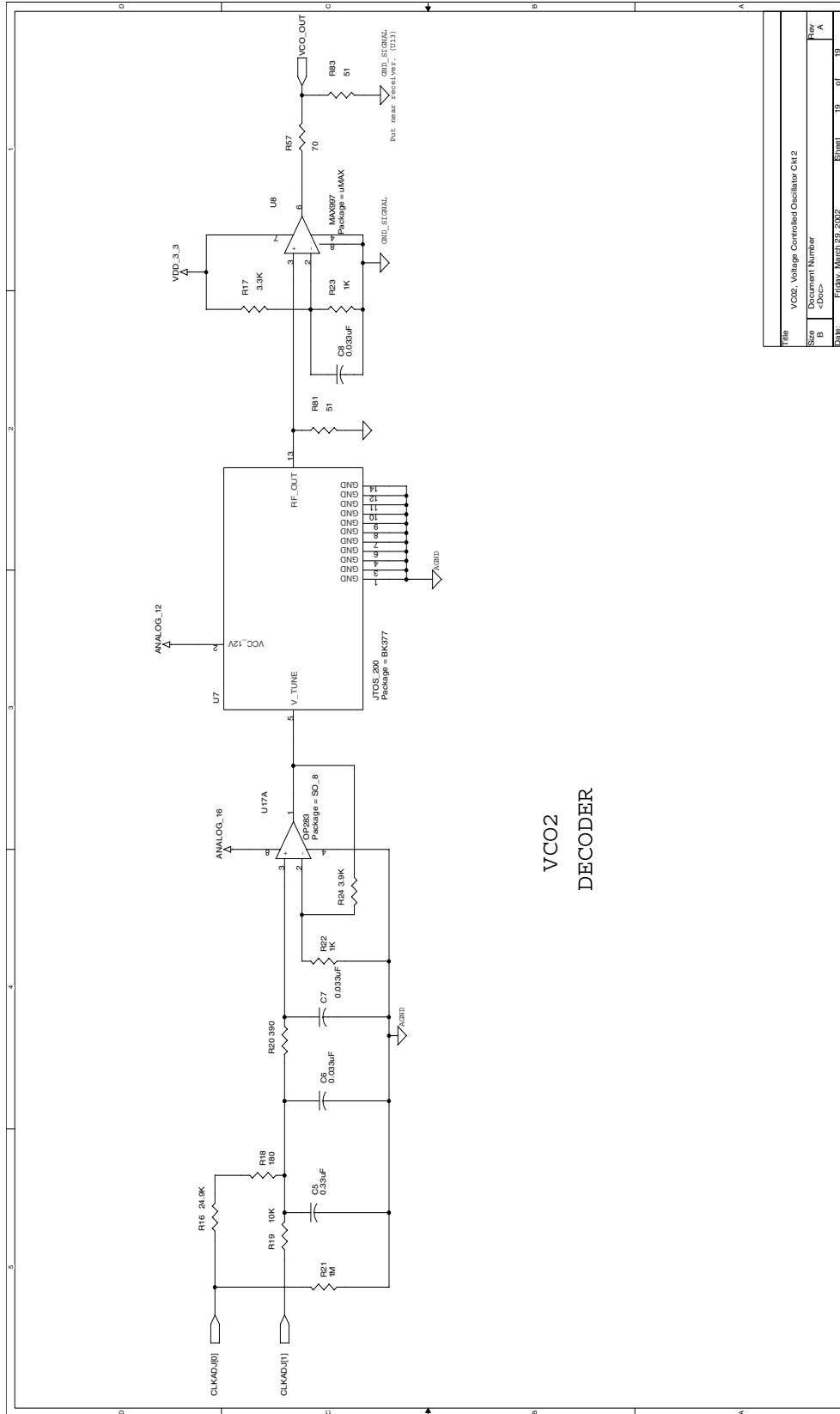




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