CC3100MOD SimpleLink™ Wi-Fi® Network Processor Module - BoosterPack Hardware

User's Guide



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1 Introduction

1.1 CC3100 Module BoosterPack (CC3100MODBOOST)

Add Wi-Fi to any low-cost, low-power microcontroller (MCU) for Internet of Things (IoT) applications using the CC3100 Module BoosterPack (CC3100MODBOOST), which hosts the CC3100 module (CC3100MOD). The CC3100MOD is FCC, IC, CE, and Wi-Fi certified. It integrates all protocols for Wi-Fi and Internet, greatly minimizing host MCU software requirements. With built-in security protocols, the CC3100MOD solution provides a robust and simple security experience. The CC3100MOD integrates the serial flash, RF filter, crystal, and all required passive components.

This document explains the various configurations, usage, and versatility of the CC3100MODBOOST. First, it can be connected to a TI MCU LaunchPad (provided examples for MSPEXP430F5529LP). Second, it can be plugged into a CC31XXEMUBOOST board and connected to a PC for MCU emulation. The CC3100MODBOOST firmware updates requires either the CC31XXEMUBOOST board, or the microcontroller over-the-air(OTA) software and access to a server. Finally, the exposed signals on the 20 pin connector provide an interface to an additional microcontroller or platforms beyond Tl's LaunchPads. The CC3100MODBOOST is a complete platform solution, including various tools and software, sample applications, user and programming guides, reference designs, and the TI E2E™ support community. Visit the CC3100 Wiki page for design resources and example projects



Figure 1. CC3100MOD BoosterPack board with the CC3100MOD

1.2 What is Included

- 1x CC3100MODBOOST board
- 1x Micro USB cable
- 1x Quick Start guide

1.3 FCC/IC Regulatory Compliance

The CC3100MOD SimpleLink Wi-Fi and IoT Solution module is FCC Part 15 and IC ICES-003 Class A Certified.



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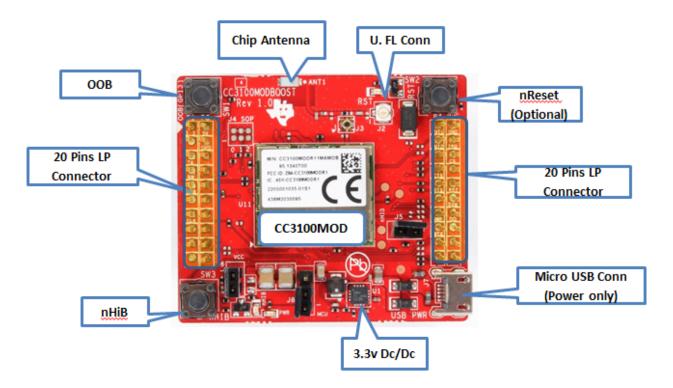


Figure 2. CC3100MODBOOST Front Side



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2.1 Block Diagram

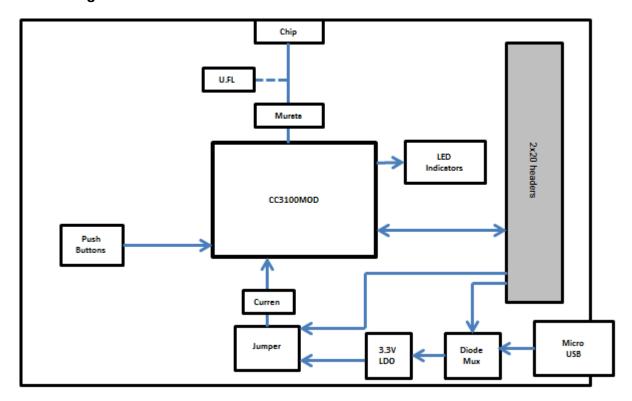


Figure 3. CC3100MODBOOST Block Diagram

2.2 Hardware Features

- CC3100MOD module with fully integrated solution
- 2x20 pin stackable connectors
- Power from on-board LDO, using USB or 3.3 V from MCU LaunchPad
- Three (3) push buttons
- Jumper for current measurement with provision to mount 0.1R resistor for measurement with voltmeter
- 8 Mbit serial flash (M25PX80 from Micron)
- 40 MHz crystal, 32 KHz crystal, and optional 32 KHz oscillator
- 2-layer PCB with 6 mil spacing and track width

2.3 Connector and Jumper Descriptions

2.3.1 Push Buttons and LEDs

Table 1. Push Buttons

Reference	Usage	Comments
SW1	OOB Demo	Used as an input for the OOB demo.
SW2	RESET	Resets the device to a known state. The use of this pin is optional.
SW3	nHIB	Boots the device to the bootloader mode for flashing the firmware over a universal asynchronous receiver/transmitter (UART).



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Table 2. LEDs

Reference	Color	Usage	Comments
D5	Red	PWR Indication	ON, when the 3.3 V power is provided to the board.
D1	Yellow	nRESET	This LED indicates the state of the nRESET pin. If this LED is glowing, the device is functional.
D6	Green	nHIB	This LED indicates the state of the nHIB pin. When the LED is OFF, the device is in hibernate state.

2.3.2 Jumper Settings

Table 3. Jumper Settings

Reference	Usage	Comments
J7	USB connector	For powering the booster pack when mated with a Launchpad. This is mandatory when using "Z" devices. For example, CC3100HZ.
J8	Power selection	Choose the power supply from the Launchpad or the on-board USB. J8 (1-2) power from MCU Launchpad J8 (2-3) power from on-board USB using 3.3 V LDO
J6	Current measurement	For Hibernate and LPDS currents, connect an ammeter across J26 : Range (<500 uA) For Active current, mount an 0.1 Ohm resistor on R42 and measure the voltage across the 0.1 Ohm resistor using a voltmeter. Range (<50 mV peak-peak)
J5	OOB Demo	Closed: GPIO_12 is hard pulled to V_{∞} Open: GPIO_12 is pulled to GND using 33K resistor.
J10, J9	Booster pack header	2x10 pins each connected to the Launchpad.
J3	RF Test	Murata connector (MM8030-2610) for production line tests.
J2	RF Test	U.FL connector for conducted testing in the lab.

2.3.3 2x20 Pin Connector Assignment

The signal assignment on the 2x20 pin connector is shown in Figure 4. The convention of J1..J4 is replaced with P1...P4 to avoid confusion with the actual board reference.



Figure 4. Signal Assignments



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Table 4. Outer Row Connectors

Pin No	Signal Name	Direction	Pin No	Signal Name	Direction
P1.1	VCC (3.3 V)	IN	P2.1	GND	IN
P1.2	UNUSED	NA	P2.2	IRQ	OUT
P1.3	UART1_TX	OUT	P2.3	SPI_CS	IN
P1.4	UART1_TX	IN	P2.4	UNUSED	NA
P1.5	nHIB	IN	P2.5	nRESET	IN
P1.6	UNUSED	NA	P2.6	SPI_MOSI	IN
P1.7	SPI_CLK	IN	P2.7	SPI_MISO	OUT
P1.8	UNUSED	NA	P2.8	UNUSED	NA
P1.9	UNUSED	NA	P2.9	UNUSED	NA
P1.10	UNUSED	NA	P2.10	UNUSED	NA

Table 5. Inner Row Connectors

Pin No	Signal Name	Direction	Pin No	Signal Name	Direction
P3.1	+5 V	IN	P4.1	UNUSED	OUT
P3.2	GND	IN	P4.2	UNUSED	OUT
P3.3	UNUSED	NA	P4.3	UNUSED	NA
P3.4	UNUSED	NA	P4.4	UART1_CTS	IN
P3.5	UNUSED	NA	P4.5	UART1_RTS	OUT
P3.6	UNUSED	NA	P4.6	UNUSED	NA
P3.7	UNUSED	NA	P4.7	NWP_LOG_TX	OUT
P3.8	UNUSED	NA	P4.8	WLAN_LOG_TX	OUT
P3.9	UNUSED	NA	P4.9	UNUSED	IN
P3.10	UNUSED	NA	P4.10	UNUSED	

NOTE: All signals are 3.3 V CMOS 400 mA logic levels, and are referred w.r.t. CC3100MOD IC. For example, UART1_TX is an output from the CC3100MOD. For the SPI lines, the CC3100MOD always acts like a slave.

2.4 Power

The board is designed to accept power from a connected LaunchPad or from the CC3100EMUBOOST board. Some of the LaunchPads are not capable of sourcing the peak current requirements of Wi-Fi. In this case, the USB connector on the CC3100MODBOOST can be used to aid the peak current. The use of Schottky diodes ensure that the load sharing occurs between the USB connectors on the LaunchPad and the BoosterPack without any board modifications.

The 3.3 V power can also be sourced from the LaunchPad, or from the 3.3 V LDO on the board by using jumper J8. If the LaunchPad is not able to source the 3.3 V up to 350 mA, configure the J8 to work from the on-board LDO.

2.4.1 Power From the LaunchPad or CC3100EMUBOOST

The most common scenario is to power the CC3100MODBOOST from the connected LaunchPad. In this case, the LaunchPad provides 3.3 V to the BoosterPack for its operation (see Figure 5). In addition to the 3.3 V, some LaunchPads provide a 5 V from the USB (see Figure 6), used to drive a 3.3 V LDO on the BoosterPack. If the LaunchPad is not able to provide the 5 V (for example, the LaunchPad with only 20 pins), then the USB connector on the CC3100MODBOOST should be used to provide the LDO input as shown below.



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Figure 5. 3.3 V Power From MCU

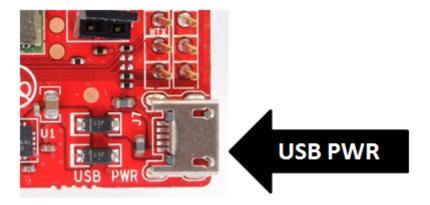


Figure 6. Feed USB on the BoosterPack (if the LaunchPad cannot source 5 V on 20-pin connector)

2.4.2 On-Board LDO Power Supply

On some LaunchPads, the 3.3 V is not capable of sourcing the 350 mA peak current needed for the CC3100MODBOOST. In this case, the on-board 3.3 V LDO can be used (see Figure 7). This LDO is sourced from the USB connector on the CC3100MODBOOST and the LaunchPad in a shared load manner.

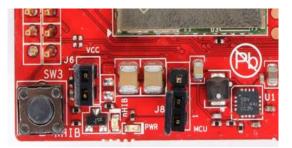


Figure 7. 3.3 V Power From LDO



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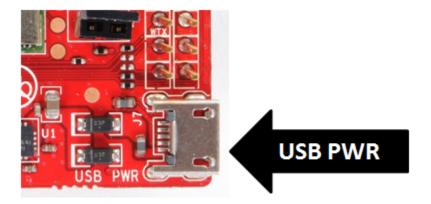


Figure 8. Feed USB on the BoosterPack (always while using the on-board LDO)

2.5 Measure the CC3100 Current Drawn

2.5.1 Low Current Measurement (Hibernate and LPDS)

To measure the current drawn from the CC3100 device, a jumper is provided on the board labeled J6. By removing this jumper, the user can place an ammeter into this path and observe the current. This method is recommended for measuring LPDS and hibernate currents that are just a few 10s of micro amps. The jumper is removed and an ammeter is added in series to measure the hibernate and LPDS currents (see Figure 9).

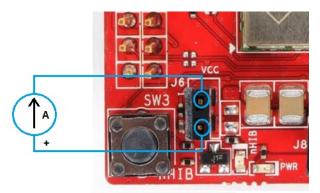


Figure 9. Low Current Measurement

2.5.2 Active Current Measurement

To measure active current in a profile form, use a 0.1 Ω 1% resistor on the board and measure the differential voltage across it. This can be done using a voltmeter or an oscilloscope for measuring the current profile.



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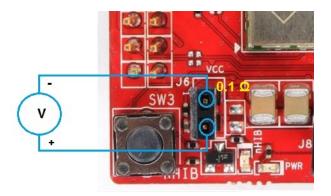


Figure 10. Active Current Measurement

2.6 Performing Conducted Testing

By default, the BoosterPack ships with the RF signal connected to the on-board chip antenna. Figure 11 illustrates a miniature UMC connector (Murata MM8030-2610) on the board's RF path for measuring the performance in a conducted mode.

In addition to the Murata connector, a U.FL connector on the board (see Figure 12) for conducting testing or to connect an external antenna. This requires a board modification, as illustrated in the figures below.

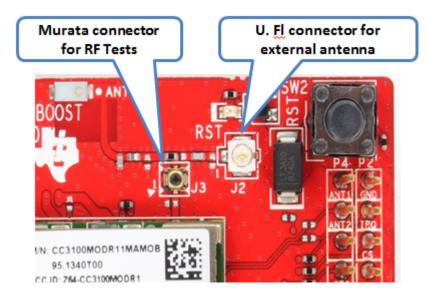


Figure 11. Connectors on the Board



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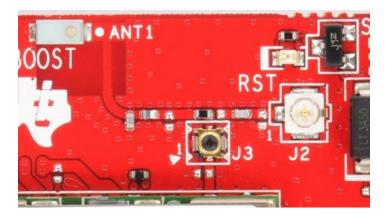


Figure 12. Resistor Switch for Radiated vs Conducted Tests



3 Connecting to the PC Using EMUBOOST

3.1 CC31XXEMUBOOST

3.1.1 Overview

The CC31XXEMUBOOST is designed to connect the CC3100 module BoosterPack board to a PC using a USB connection. This updates the firmware patches, which are stored in the serial flash, on the BoosterPack; and in software development using SimpleLink Studio.

3.1.2 Hardware Details

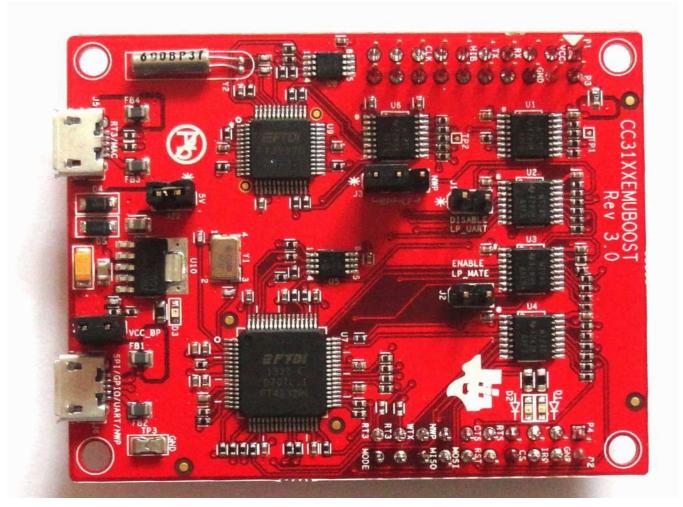


Figure 13. CC31XXEMUBOOST Board



The board has two FTDI ICs to enumerate multiple COM and D2XX ports. The details of the ports are given in Table 6.

Table 6. Ports Available on J6

Port Number	Port Type	Usage	Comments
1	D2XX	SPI port for SL Studio	
2	D2XX	GPIO for SL Studio	Control the nRESET, nHIB, IRQ
3	VCP	COM port for Flash programming	
4	VCP	NWP	Network processor logger output. Used with specific tools to analyze the network processor logs. For TI use only.

NOTE: On the PC, only two of the four ports are visible on the Device Manager. The D2XX ports are not listed under the Ports tab.

The first COM port in the list is used for the Flash programming.



Figure 14. Portable Devices

Table 7. Ports Available on J5

Port Number	Port Type	Usage	Comments
1	VCP	RT3	Used for TI internal debug only.
2	VCP	MAC logger	Used for TI internal debug only.

3.1.3 Driver Requirements

The FTDI Debug board requires installing the associated drivers on a PC. This package is available as part of the SDK release and is located at: [Install-Path]\cc3100-sdk\tools\cc31xx_board_drivers\t.

The install path is usually C:\ti\cc3100SDK.

3.2 Connecting the Boards

Figure 15 shows the connection of the CC3100MOODBOOST to the EMUBOOST Board. The connectors should be aligned carefully, as there is no polarity protection and the sFlash can be erased as a result. The pins #1 of the connectors are marked on the board using a small triangle marking; these should be aligned while connecting.





Figure 15. The CC3100BOOST Connected to the EMUBOOST

CAUTION

Align the pin-1 of the boards together using the triangle marking on the PCB. An incorrect connection can destroy the boards permanently.

Ensure that none of the header pins are bent before connecting the two boards.

3.3 Jumper Settings on the CC3100MODBOOST

Table 8 specifies the jumpers to be installed on the CC3100MODBOOST before pairing with the EMUBOOST board.

Table 8. CC3100MODBOOST Jumper Settings

No.	Jumper Settings	Notes
1	J8 (1-2)	Power the BoosterPack from the EMU BOOST. Place the jumper near the edge of the PCB.
3	J6 (short)	No current measurement
4	J5 (short)	OOB demo jumper

3.4 Jumper Settings on the EMUBOOST

Table 9 specifies the jumpers to be installed while pairing with the FTDI board.

Table 9. EMUBOOST Jumper Settings

No.	Jumper Settings	Notes
1	J4 (short)	Provide 3.3 V to the BoosterPack
2	J22 (short)	Provide 5.0 V to the BoosterPack
3	J3 (1-2)	Route the NWP logs to the dual port



4 Connecting to a LaunchPad

The CC3100MODBOOST can be directly connected to a compatible LaunchPad using the standard 2x20 pin connectors. The necessary jumper settings for this connection are the same as those for the EMUBOOST board as described in Section 3.4.

Ensure that the Pin1 of the 2x20 pins is aligned correctly before pairing. Figure 16 illustrates the connected setup. Note that the USB cable is directly connected to the BoosterPack to power it only. For debugging, the USB cable on the LaunchPad is also required.



Figure 16. CC3100MODBOOST connected to MSP430F5529 LaunchPad

4.1 LaunchPad Current Limitation

Some of the LaunchPads, including the MSP430FRAM, do not provide enough current to power the CC3100MODBOOST. The BoosterPack can consume up to 400 mA peak from the 3.3 V, and may need power separately.

For this, a USB connector is provided on the BoosterPack to provide the 3.3 V.

The power supply jumpers should be configured as shown in Figure 17 when the power is supplied from the on-board USB connector.

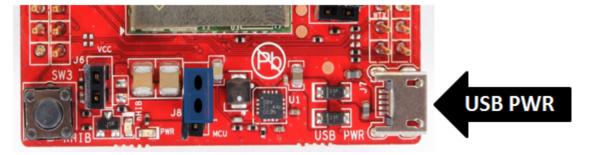


Figure 17. Jumper Settings When Used With LaunchPad

NOTE: Because there are two power sources in this setup, it is important to follow the power-up sequence.

NOTE: Always power the BoosterPack before powering the LaunchPad.



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5 Additional Information

5.1 Design Files

All design files including schematics, layout, Bill of Materials (BOM), Gerber files, and documentation are made available in a zip folder that can be downloaded from www.ti.com/tool/CC3100MODBOOST.

5.2 Software

All design files, including TI-TXT object-code firmware images, software example projects, and documentation are available from the CC3100MOD device's product page.

The Software Development Kit (SDK) for use with the CC3100MOD BoosterPack is available from http://www.ti.com/tool/cc3100sdk.

5.3 Hardware Change Log

Table 10. Hardware Change Log

PCB Revision	Description
Rev. 1	Initial Release

5.4 Known Limitations

1. The serial flash on the module can be programmed mainly through the UART of the CC3100MODBOOST board.



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