

LDC Reference Coils User's Guide

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1 Overview

The Texas Instruments LDC (inductance-to-digital converter) reference coil board is a collection of sensors that can be used with any LDC evaluation module. The reference coils can replace the default EVM sensor for applications in which the default sensor is not suitable. The sensor options on the reference coil board include different coil geometries which may be more suitable for specific applications. The board contains three different types of coil geometries: circular, rectangular, and stretched. Circular and rectangular coils are typically used in the applications requiring distance sensing or for lateral position sensing with triangular targets. Stretched coils provide an asymmetric field and are typically used for lateral sensing with rectangular targets.

To avoid interference between neighboring coils, it is necessary to separate the coils along the perforations before usage.

Figure 1. LDC Reference Coils Board (Top View)

Sensor capacitors are not populated by default. Before using the coils, it is necessary to solder a sensor capacitor onto the appropriate 0603 footprint. Once the oscillation frequency and the coil sensor are selected, the appropriate capacitor value should be chosen according to the following formula:

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$$

Coils N, P, Q, and R (see [Table 1](#)) have an additional 0805 size footprint to add a series inductor. Adding a series inductor allows operation of the sensor within the R_P and f_{SENSOR} boundary conditions of the LDC (refer to [E2E Inductive Sensing](#)).

For further information on LDC sensors and sensor frequency constraints, refer to [LDC Sensor Design](#).

2 Coil Characteristics

The table below describes geometries of each coil.

Table 1. Coil Characteristics Summary

Coil	Type	Dimensions	Turns / Layer	Trace Width	Trace Spacing	Stepping	Layers
		(mm)		(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	
A	Stretched	100 * 15	23	0.15 (6 mil)	0.15 (6 mil)	4.06	4
B	Stretched (differential)	100 * 8	17	0.10 (4 mil)	0.10 (4 mil)	5.69	2
C	Stretched (differential)	100 * 8	17	0.10 (4 mil)	0.10 (4 mil)	5.69	2
D	Stretched	40 * 5	11	0.10 (4 mil)	0.10 (4 mil)	3.45	2
E	Rectangular	11 * 6	12	0.10 (4 mil)	0.10 (4 mil)	-	4
F	Stretched	40 * 5	11	0.10 (4 mil)	0.10 (4 mil)	3.45	4
G	Stretched	100 * 10	23	0.10 (4 mil)	0.10 (4 mil)	4.17	2
H	Circular	$\phi = 46$	50	0.15 (6 mil)	0.15 (6 mil)	-	2
I	Circular	$\phi = 46$	40	0.20 (8 mil)	0.15 (6 mil)	-	4
J	Circular	$\phi = 29$	35	0.15 (6 mil)	0.15 (6 mil)	-	2
K	Circular	$\phi = 29$	30	0.20 (8 mil)	0.15 (6 mil)	-	4
L	Circular	$\phi = 13$	24	0.10 (4 mil)	0.10 (4 mil)	-	4
M	Circular	$\phi = 13$	25	0.10 (4 mil)	0.10 (4 mil)	-	2
N	Circular	$\phi = 3$	3	0.10 (4 mil)	0.10 (4 mil)	-	4
O	Circular	$\phi = 8$	11	0.10 (4 mil)	0.10 (4 mil)	-	4
P	Circular	$\phi = 5$	9	0.10 (4 mil)	0.10 (4 mil)	-	4
Q	Circular	$\phi = 6$	9	0.10 (4 mil)	0.10 (4 mil)	-	4
R	Circular	$\phi = 4$	6	0.10 (4 mil)	0.10 (4 mil)	-	4
S	Circular	$\phi = 10$	16	0.10 (4 mil)	0.10 (4 mil)	-	2

3 Coil Characterization Data

The following graphs show L, R_S , and Q vs. frequency, as well as the self-resonant frequency of the coil. All measurements have been taken without a sensor capacitor, using an HP 4194A Impedance/Gain-Phase analyzer .

Coil A: 100x15mm, 23 turns, 6mil trace, 6mil spacing, 4.06mm loop stepping, 4 layers

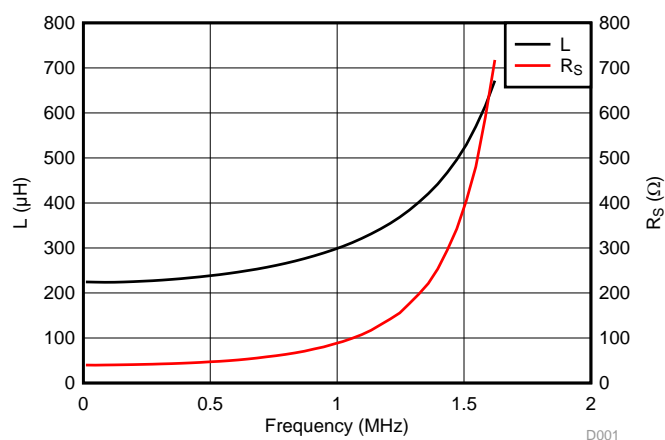


Figure 2. Coil A: L, R_s vs. Frequency

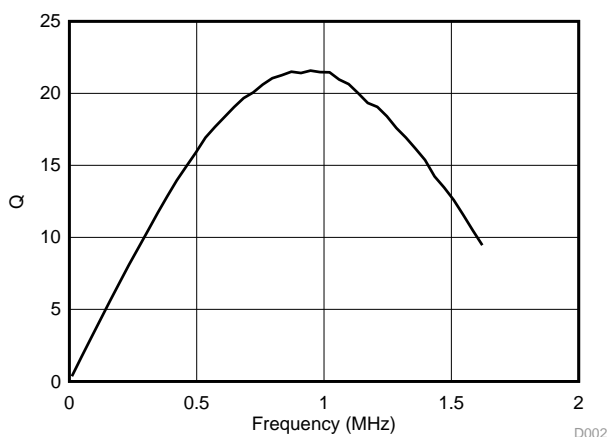


Figure 3. Coil A: Q vs. Frequency

Self-resonant frequency (SRF): 1.9MHz

Coil B, C: 100x8mm, 17 turns, 4mil trace, 4mil spacing, 5.69mm loop stepping, 2 layers

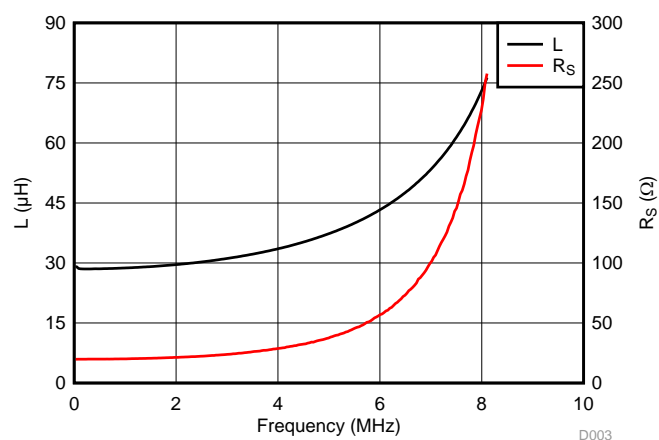


Figure 4. Coil B: L, R_s vs. Frequency

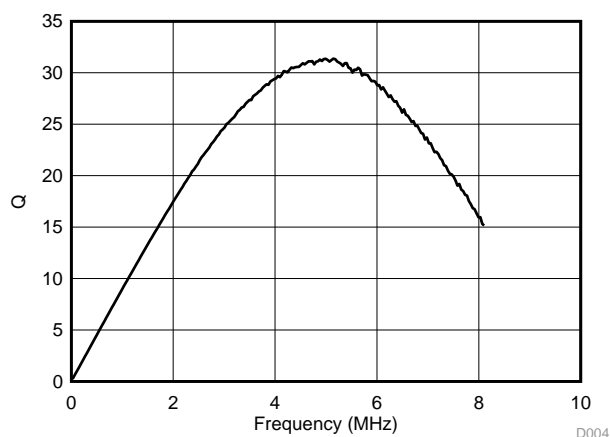


Figure 5. Coil B: Q vs. Frequency

Self-resonant frequency (SRF): 10.0MHz

Note that coils B and C are identical and can be used for differential lateral design evaluation

Coil D: 40x5mm, 11 turns, 4mil trace, 4mil spacing, 3.45mm loop stepping, 2 layers

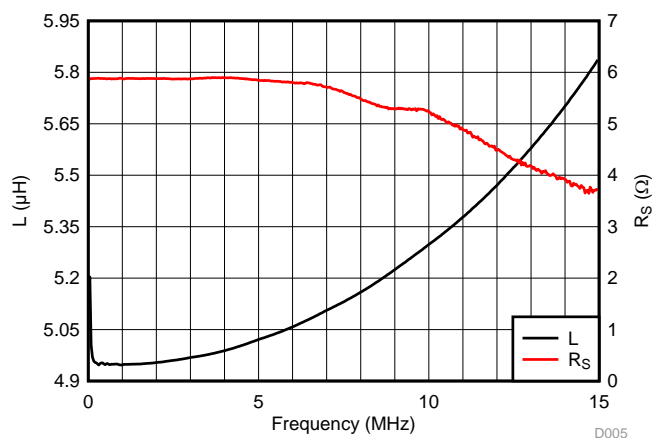


Figure 6. Coil D: L , R_s vs. Frequency

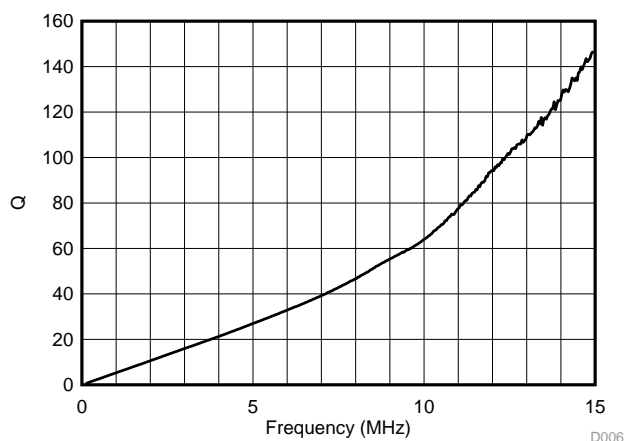
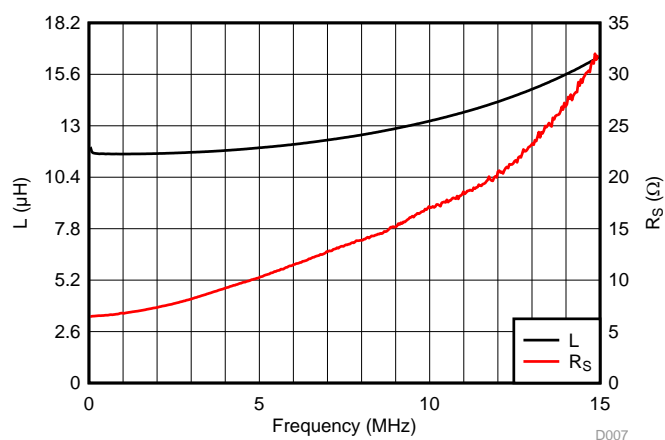
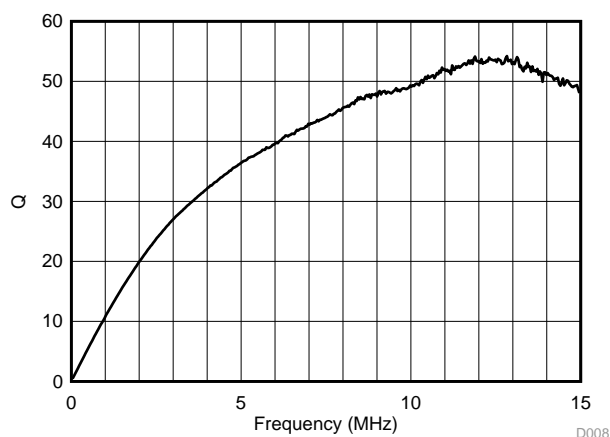


Figure 7. Coil D: Q vs. Frequency

Self-resonant frequency (SRF): greater than 15MHz

Coil E: 11x6mm, 12 turns, 4 mil trace, 4 mil spacing, 4 layers

Figure 8. Coil E: L, R_s vs. Frequency

Figure 9. Coil E: Q vs. Frequency

Self-resonant frequency (SRF): greater than 15MHz

Coil F: 40x5mm, 11 turns, 4mil trace, 4mil spacing, 3.45mm loop stepping, 4 layers

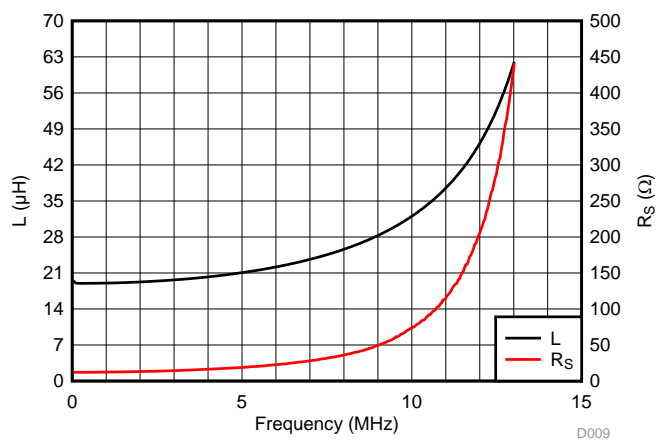


Figure 10. Coil F: L, R_s vs. Frequency

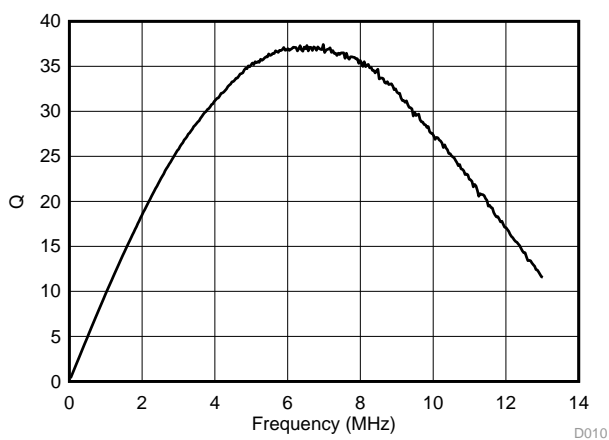


Figure 11. Coil F: Q vs. Frequency

Self-resonant frequency (SRF): greater than 15MHz

Coil G: 100x10mm, 23 turns, 4mil trace, 4mil spacing, 4.17mm loop stepping, 2 layers

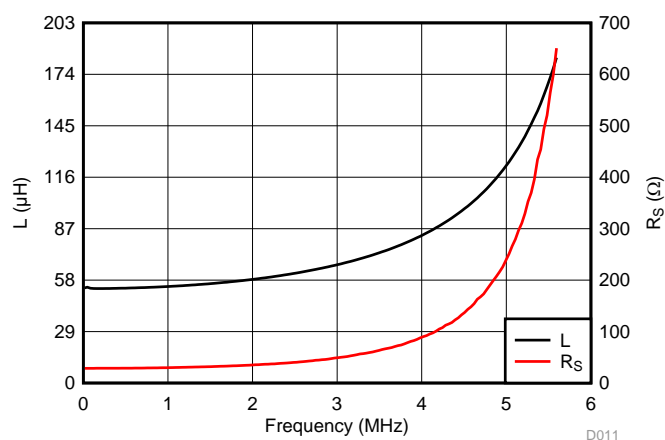


Figure 12. Coil G: L, R_s vs. Frequency

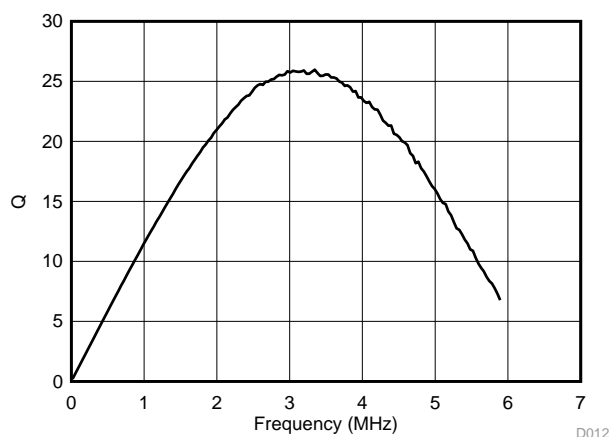


Figure 13. Q vs. Frequency

Self-resonant frequency (SRF): 6.5MHz

Coil H: 46mm, 50 turns, 6mil trace, 6mil spacing, 2 layers

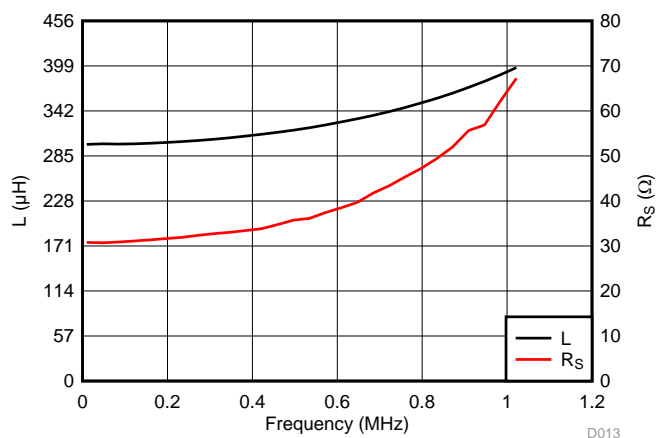


Figure 14. Coil H: L, R_s vs. Frequency

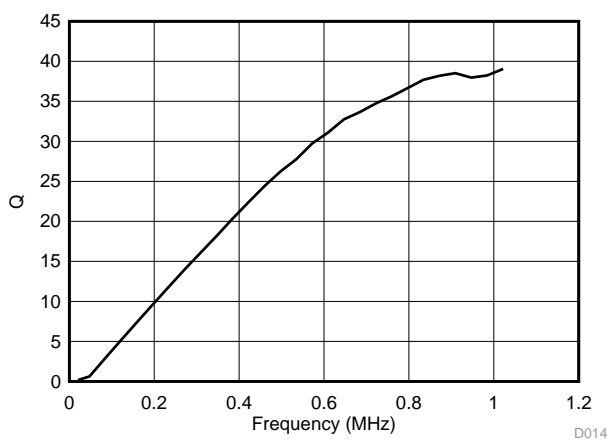
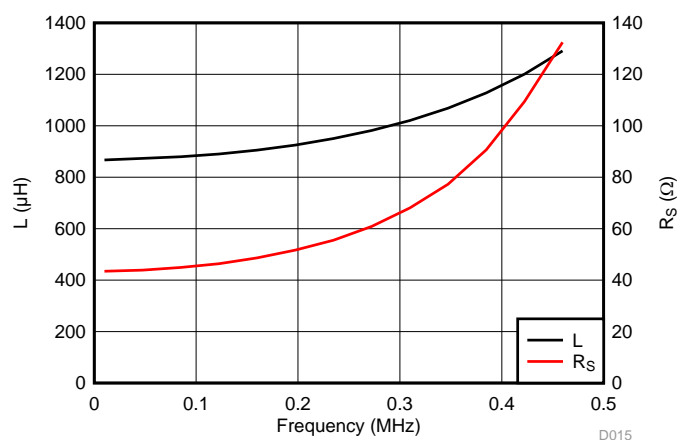
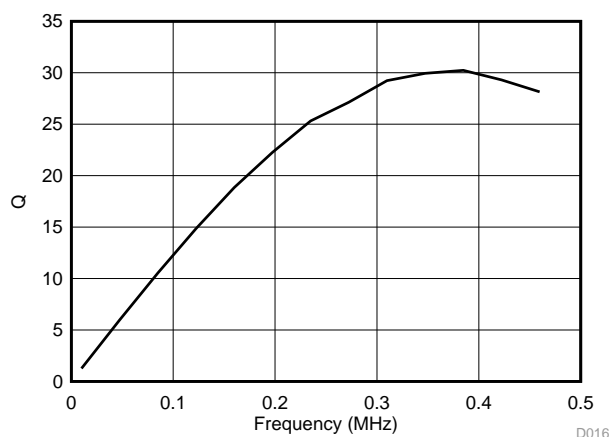


Figure 15. Coil H: Q vs. Frequency

Self-resonant frequency (SRF): 2.0MHz

Coil I: 46mm, 40 turns, 8mil trace, 6mil spacing, 4 layers

Figure 16. Coil I: L, R_s vs. Frequency

Figure 17. Coil I: Q vs. Frequency

Self-resonant frequency (SRF): 0.8MHz

Coil J: 29mm, 35 turns, 6mil trace, 6mil spacing, 2 layers

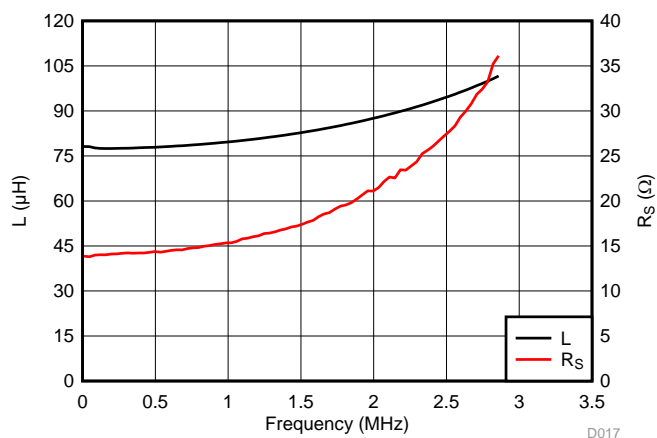


Figure 18. Coil J: L, R_s vs. Frequency

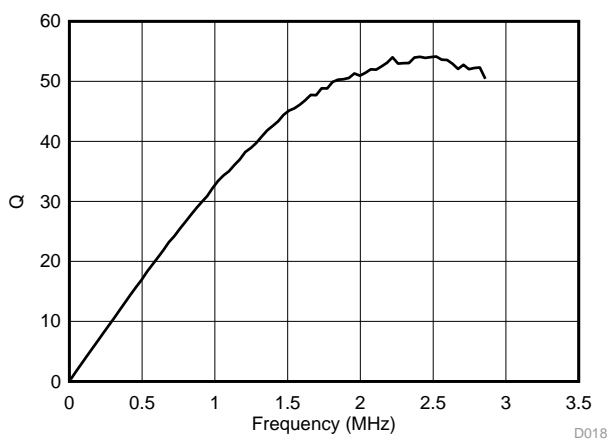
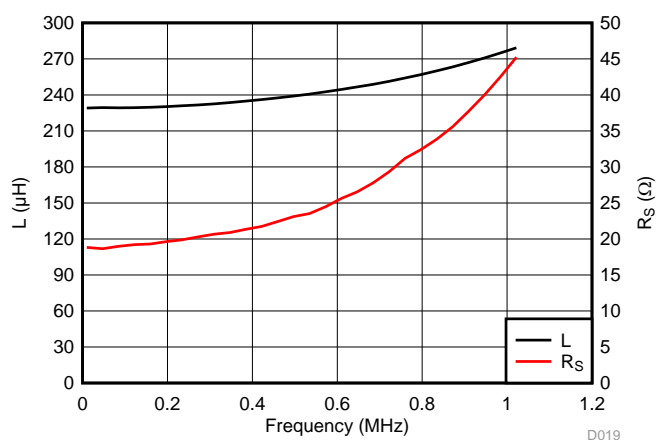
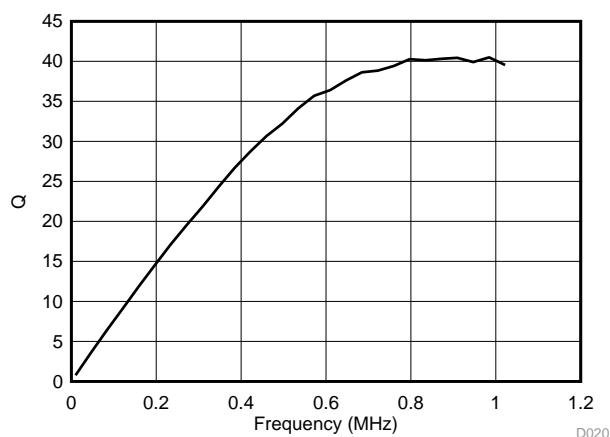


Figure 19. Coil J: Q vs. Frequency

Self-resonant frequency (SRF): 5.7MHz

Coil K: 29mm, 30 turns, 8mil trace, 6mil spacing, 4 layers

Figure 20. Coil K: L, R_s vs. Frequency

Figure 21. Coil K: Q vs. Frequency

Self-resonant frequency (SRF): 2.3MHz

Coil L: 13mm, 24 turns, 4mil trace, 4mil spacing, 4 layers

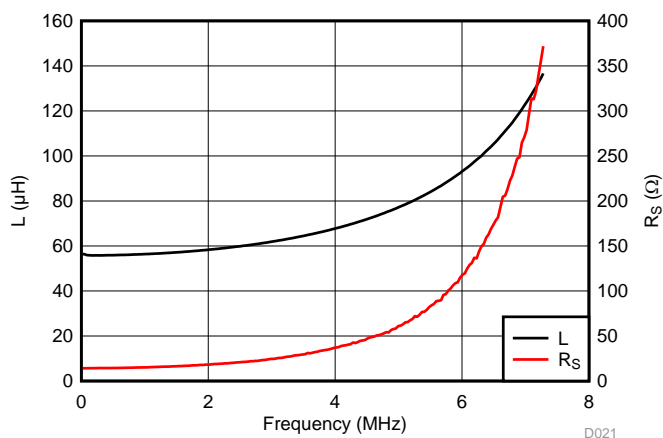


Figure 22. Coil L: L, R_s vs. Frequency

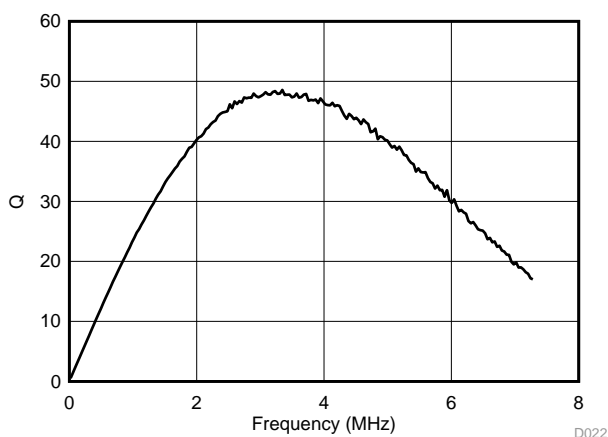
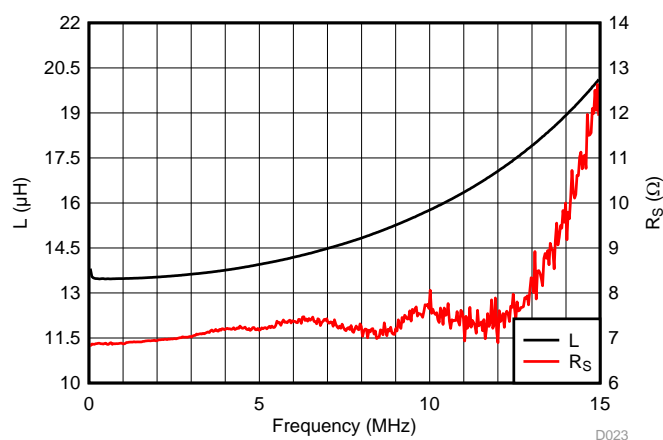
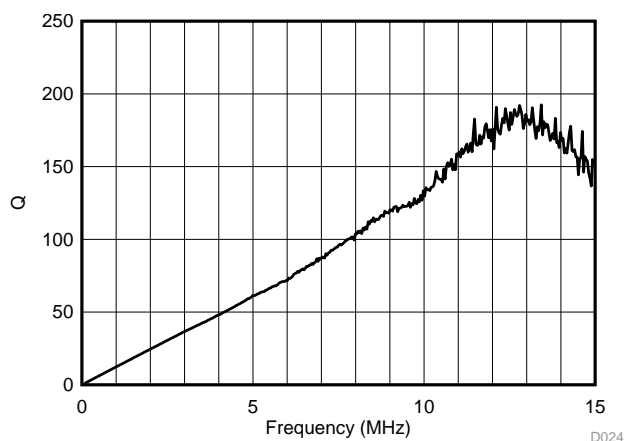


Figure 23. Coil L: Q vs. Frequency

Self-resonant frequency (SRF): 9.3MHz

Coil M: 13mm, 25 turns, 4mil trace, 4mil spacing, 2 layers

Figure 24. Coil M: L, R_s vs. Frequency

Figure 25. Coil M: Q vs. Frequency

Self-resonant frequency (SRF): greater than 15MHz

Coil N: 3mm, 3 turns, 4mil trace, 4mil spacing, 4 layers

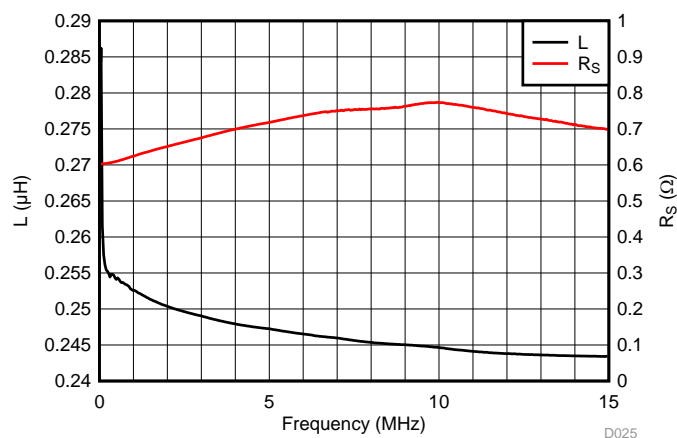


Figure 26. Coil N: L, R_s vs. Frequency

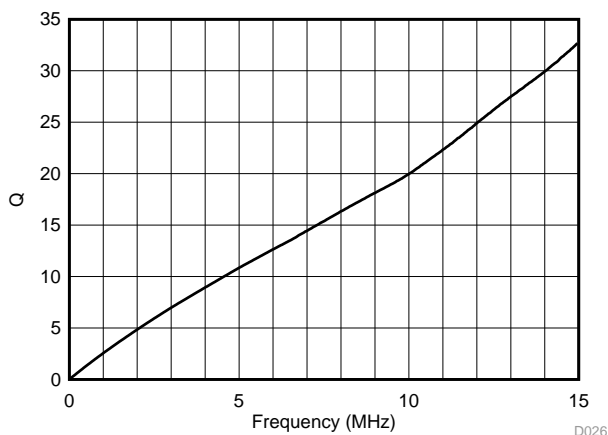
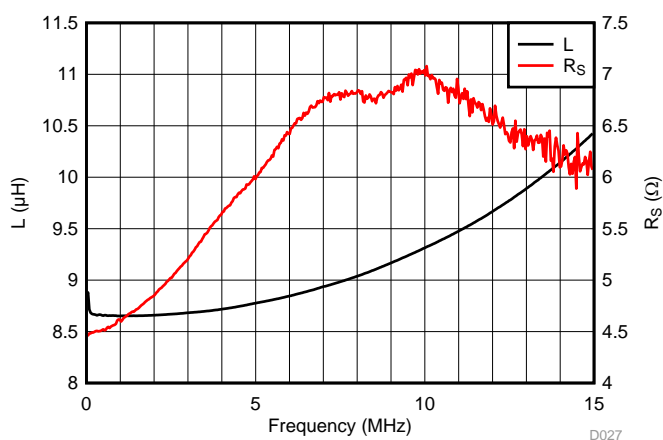
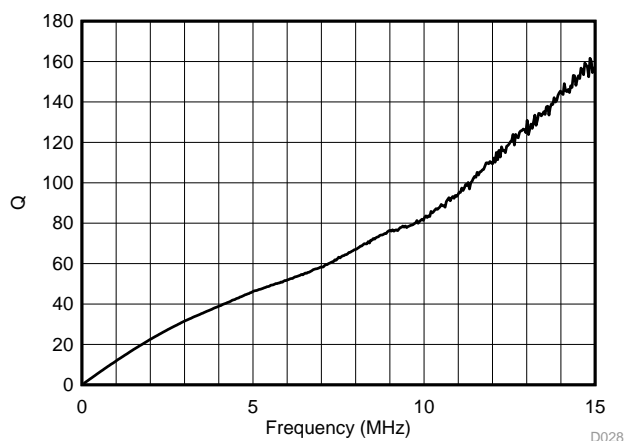


Figure 27. Coil N: Q vs. Frequency

Self-resonant frequency (SRF): greater than 15MHz

Coil O: 8mm, 11 turns, 4mil trace, 4mil spacing, 4 layers

Figure 28. Coil O: L, R_s vs. Frequency

Figure 29. Coil O: Q vs. Frequency

Self-resonant frequency (SRF): greater than 15MHz

Coil P: 5mm, 9 turns, 4mil trace, 4mil spacing, 4 layers

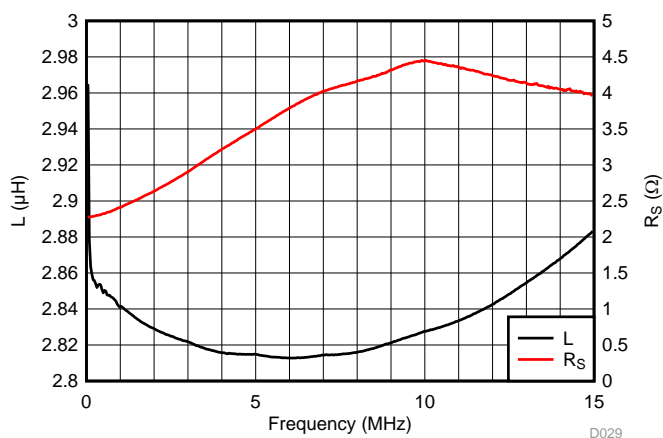


Figure 30. Coil P: L, R_s vs. Frequency

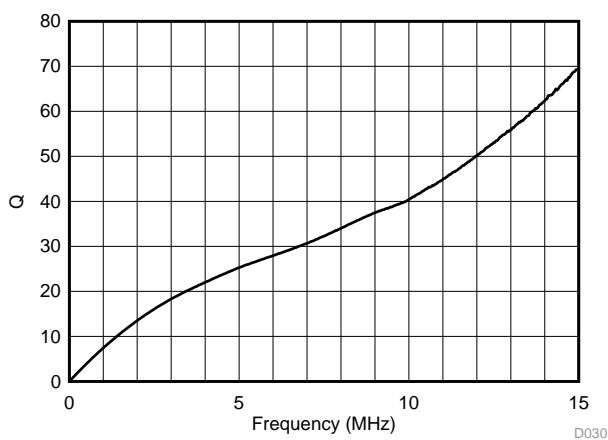
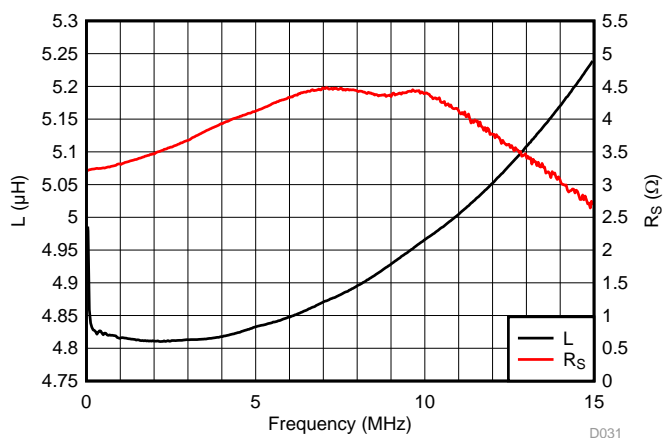
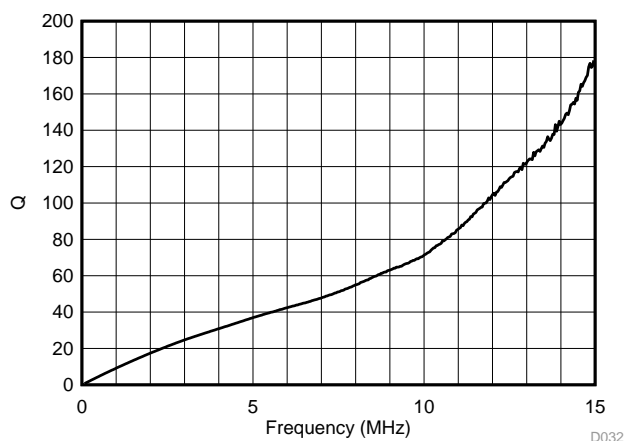


Figure 31. Coil P: Q vs. Frequency

Self-resonant frequency (SRF): greater than 15MHz

Coil Q: 6mm, 9 turns, 4mil trace, 4mil spacing, 4 layers

Figure 32. Coil Q: L, R_s vs. Frequency

Figure 33. Coil Q: Q vs. Frequency

Self-resonant frequency (SRF): greater than 15MHz

Coil R: 4mm, 6 turns, 4mil trace, 4mil spacing, 4 layers

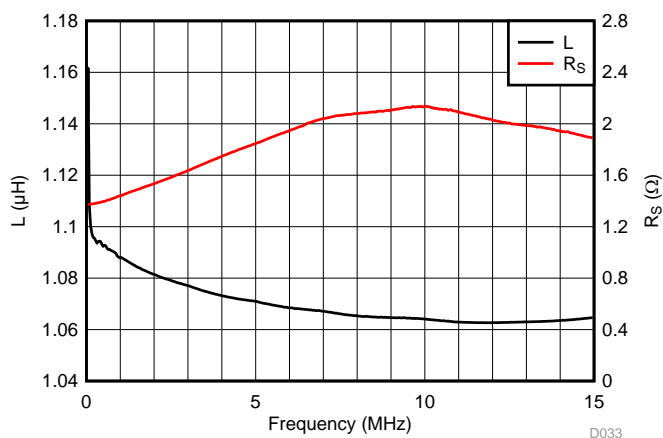


Figure 34. Coil R: L, R_s vs. Frequency

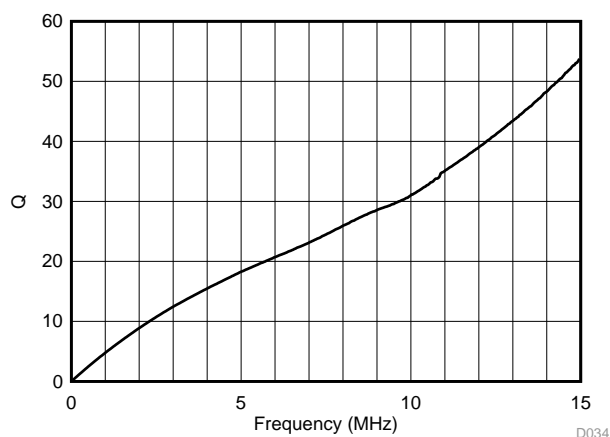
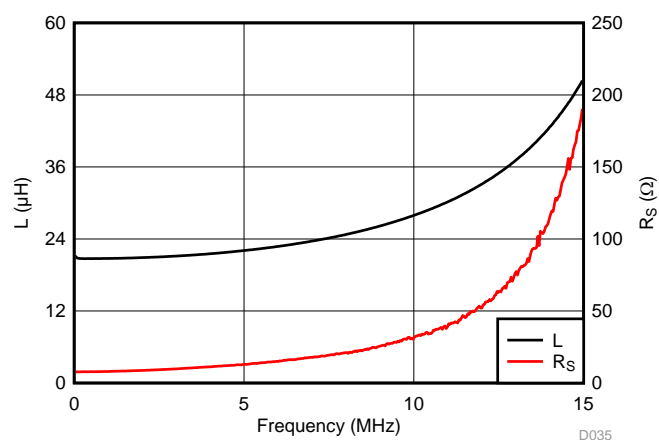
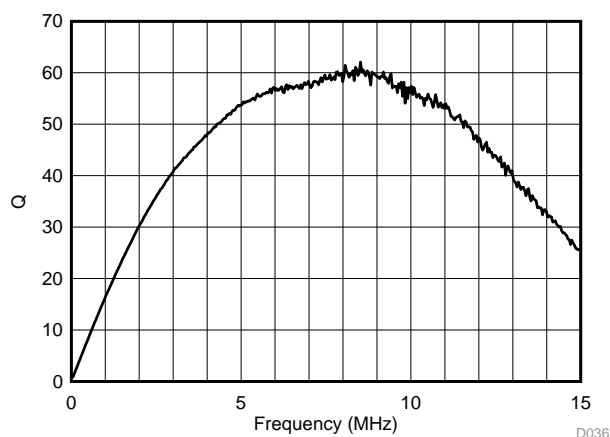


Figure 35. Coil R: Q vs. Frequency

Self-resonant frequency (SRF): greater than 15MHz

Coil S: 10mm, 16 turns, 4mil trace, 4mil spacing, 2 layers

Figure 36. Coil S: L, R_s vs. Frequency

Figure 37. Coil S: Q vs. Frequency

Self-resonant frequency (SRF): greater than 15MHz

4 PCB Layout

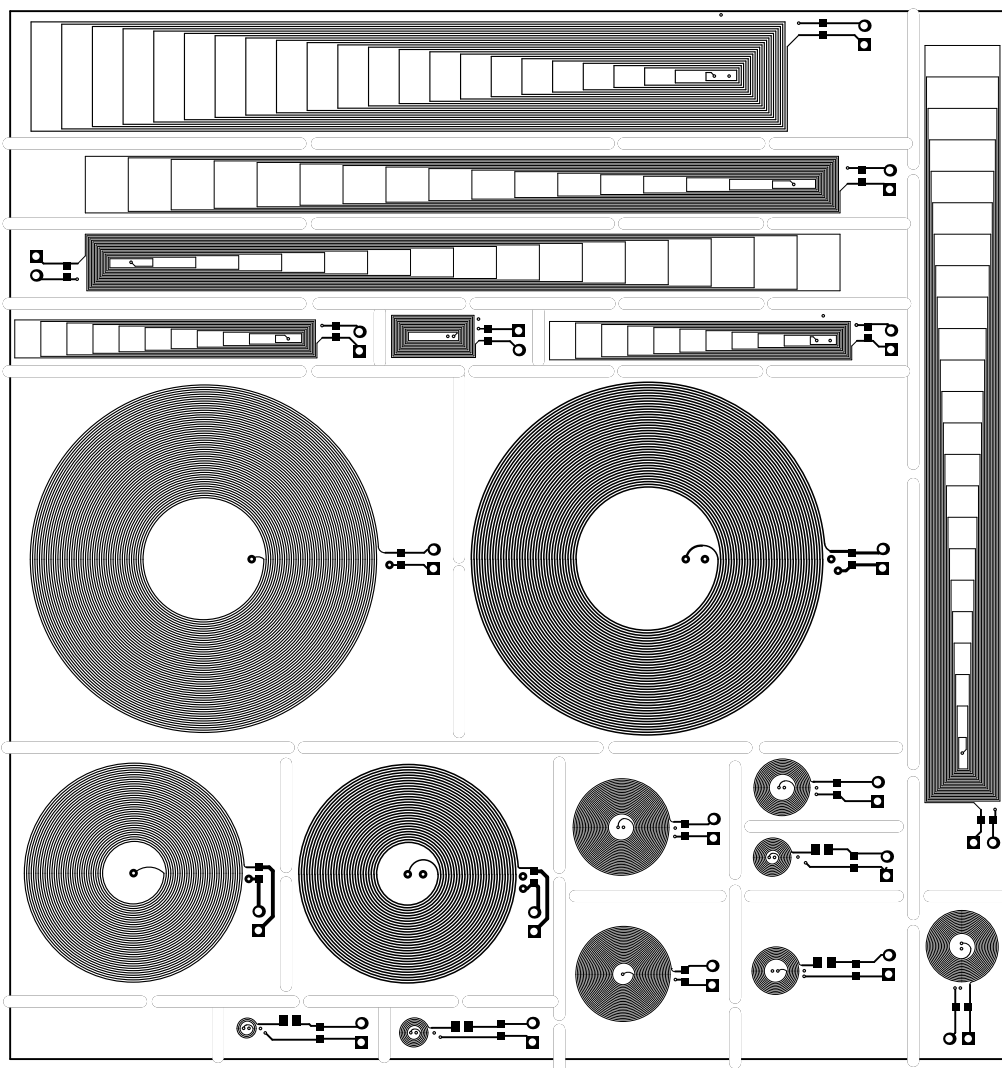


Figure 38. Reference Coils PCB Layout - Top Layer

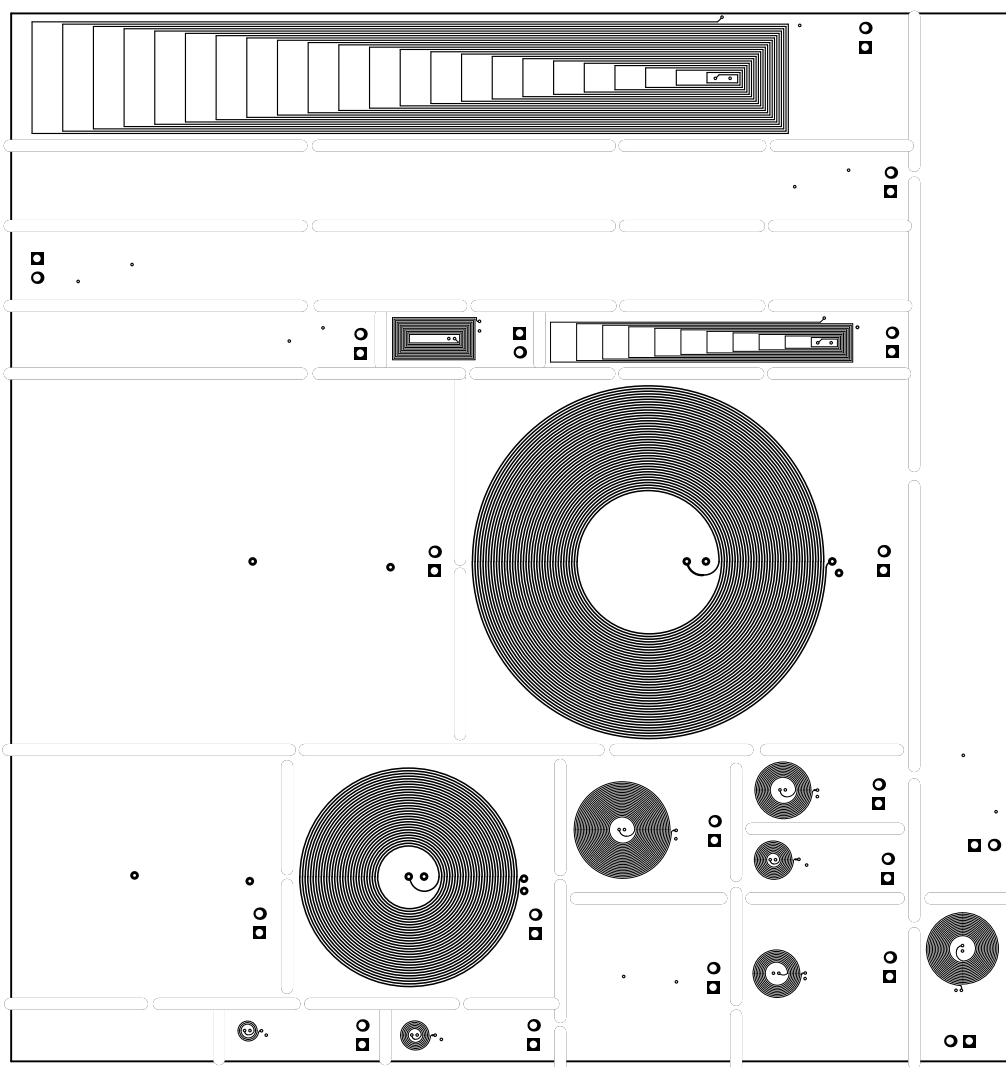


Figure 39. Reference Coils PCB Layout - Mid-Layer 1

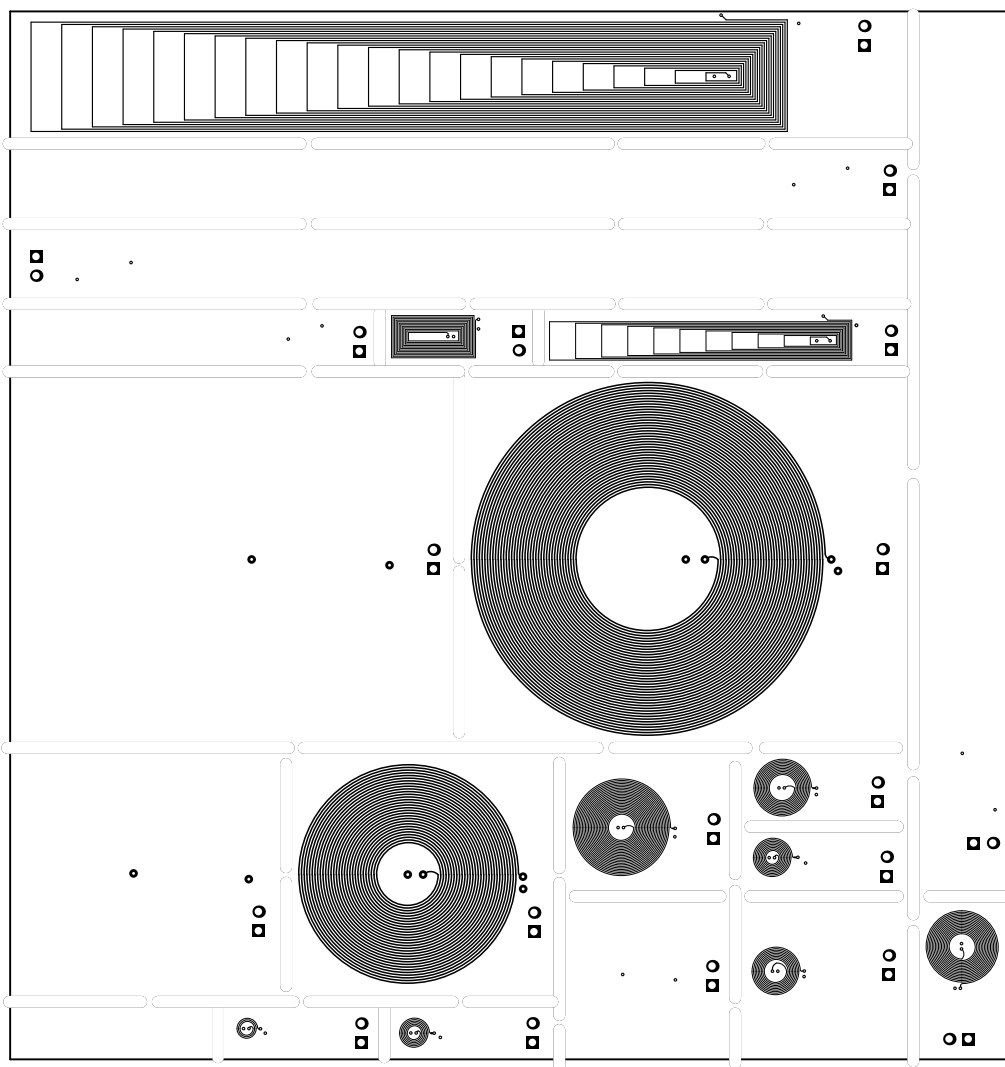


Figure 40. Reference Coils PCB Layout - Mid-Layer 2

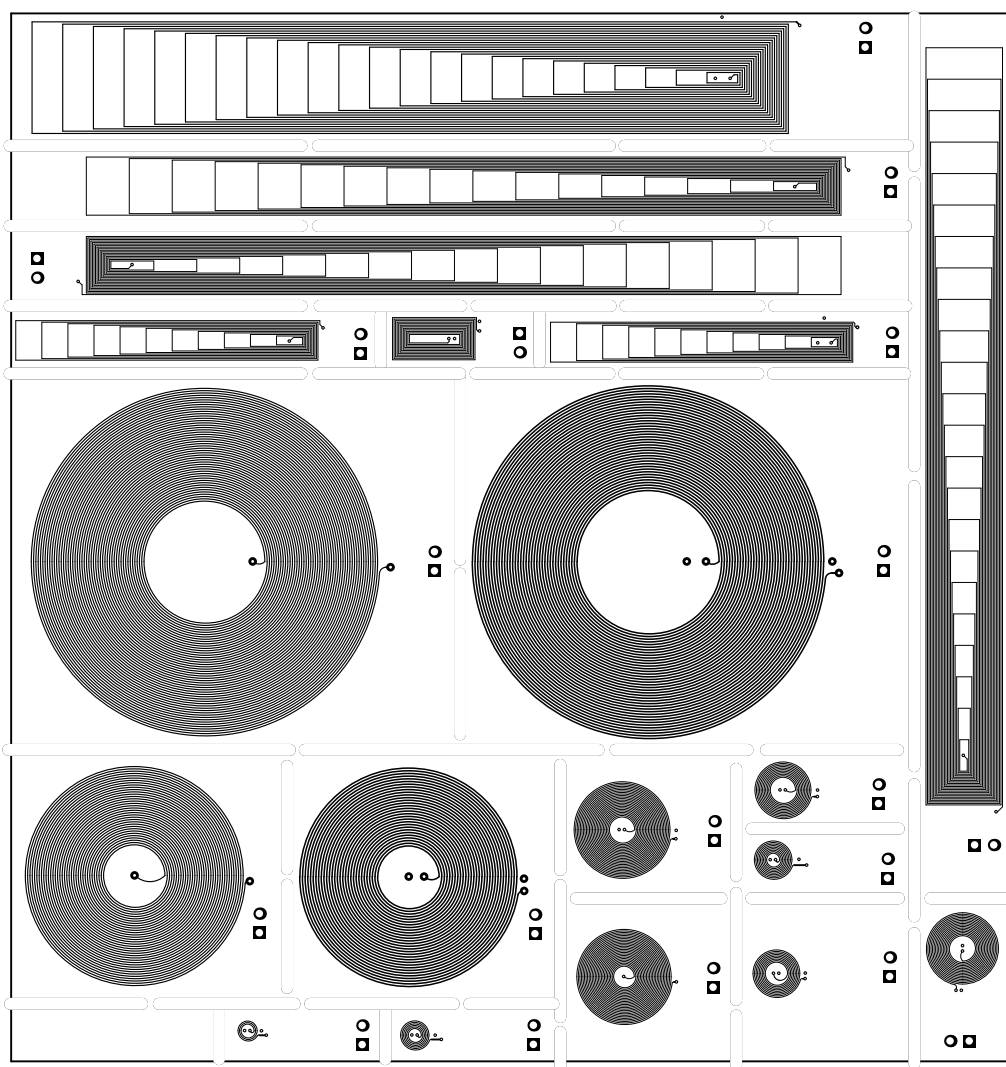


Figure 41. Reference Coils PCB Layout - Bottom Layer

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- 3.1 *United States*

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- 3.1.2 *For EVMs annotated as FCC – FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Part 15 Compliant:*

CAUTION

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

FCC Interference Statement for Class A EVM devices

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

FCC Interference Statement for Class B EVM devices

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- *Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.*
- *Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.*
- *Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.*
- *Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.*

3.2 Canada

3.2.1 For EVMs issued with an Industry Canada Certificate of Conformance to RSS-210

Concerning EVMs Including Radio Transmitters:

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Concernant les EVMs avec appareils radio:

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Concerning EVMs Including Detachable Antennas:

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Concernant les EVMs avec antennes détachables

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