

## LT3476 and LT3003 Quadruple High Power LED Driver with Ballaster in Buck Mode

### WARNING!

DO NOT LOOK AT OPERATING LED.  
 This circuit produces light that can damage eyes.

## DESCRIPTION

Demonstration circuit 1102 is a Quadruple High Power LED Driver with Ballaster in Buck Mode featuring the LT3476 and LT3003. The demo board steps down PVIN to a proper level in order to generate required current for LED loads. PVIN can be up to 33V. All the four LT3476 channels are independent. Each of the four channels can drive 3 LED strings using one LT3003. The total number of strings the demo circuit can drive is 12. The LT3003 is a three string LED current ballaster. It offers high efficiency and good current matching. VIN is for the LT3476 bias. To reduce power dissipation on the chip, use a low voltage, such as 3.3V, for VIN.

The demo circuit operates at 1MHz, offering good balance between small solution size and high efficiency. The number of LEDs the circuit can drive depends on the LED forward voltage and PVIN. At 1MHz, the circuit can drive up to 26V worth of LED string voltage at 1A per channel. If the LED current is low and the LT3476 operates at a low duty cycle, the circuit may skip pulses. Pulse skipping is not harmful in most cases. Populating C14-C17

with 1-10pF capacitors can usually prevent skipping pulses.

PWM dimming offers better LED color integrity than the DC dimming. At 100Hz PWM frequency, 1000:1 dimming ratio can be achieved with this demo circuit.

Other current levels and/or circuit configurations can be achieved with simple modifications. Please consult the datasheets or the factory for customization details.

The LT3476 and the LT3003 datasheets give complete description of the part, operation and application information. The datasheets must be read in conjunction with this quick start guide for working on or modifying the demo circuit 1102.

**Design files for this circuit board are available.  
 Call the LTC factory.**

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## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Specifications are at  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$

| SYMBOL                 | PARAMETER                         | CONDITIONS   | MIN | TYP  | MAX | UNITS |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----|------|-----|-------|
| PVIN                   | Power Input Supply                |  |     |      | 33  | V     |
| VIN                    | Input Supply                      |  | 3   |      | 16  | V     |
| Fs                     | Switching Frequency               |  |     | 1    |     | MHz   |
| M                      | Number of Channels                |  |     | 4    |     |       |
| N                      | Number of LED Strings per Channel |  |     | 3    |     | N/A   |
| I <sub>OUT</sub>       | LED Current per String            |  |     | 333  |     | mA    |
| I <sub>OUT TOTAL</sub> | Total LED Current per Channel     |  |     | 1000 |     | mA    |
| $\eta$                 | Efficiency                        | PVIN=33V, VIN=3.3V, 3 LED strings per channel, 8 white LEDs per string, 333mA/string |     | 87   |     | %     |

## QUICK START PROCEDURE

Demonstration circuit 1102 is easy to set up to evaluate the performance of the LT3476 and LT3003. Refer to Figure 1 for proper measurement equipment setup and follow the procedure below:

1. With power off, connect an input power supply to VIN and GND. The maximum rating is 16V. To achieve highest efficiency, a low voltage, such as 3.3V, is recommended.
2. With power off, connect a second input power supply to PVIN and GND. The maximum PVIN is 33V.
3. With power off, connect PWM1, PWM2, PWM3, and PWM4 to VIN. If an output  $n$  is not used, the PWM $n$  should be grounded.
4. With power off, connect three LED strings to a channel interested. Connect all anodes of the LED strings to LED $n+$ . Connect the cathodes of the three LED strings to the LED $n-x$  respectively, where  $x$  is the LED string number. All four channels can operate simultaneously or individually.
5. Turn on PVIN power supply.
6. Turn on VIN power supply.
7. Check for the proper LED current and LED string voltage.  
NOTE . If there is no LED current, turn off the power supplies. Check all connections and LEDs.
8. Once the proper output current/voltage are established, adjust the parameters within the operating range and observe the output current regulation, efficiency and other parameters.
9. To observe PWM dimming, turn off all power supplies. Disconnect PWM $n$  from VIN. Connect the PWM $n$  to a pulse generator. Turn on all supplies. Then repeat step 7-8.

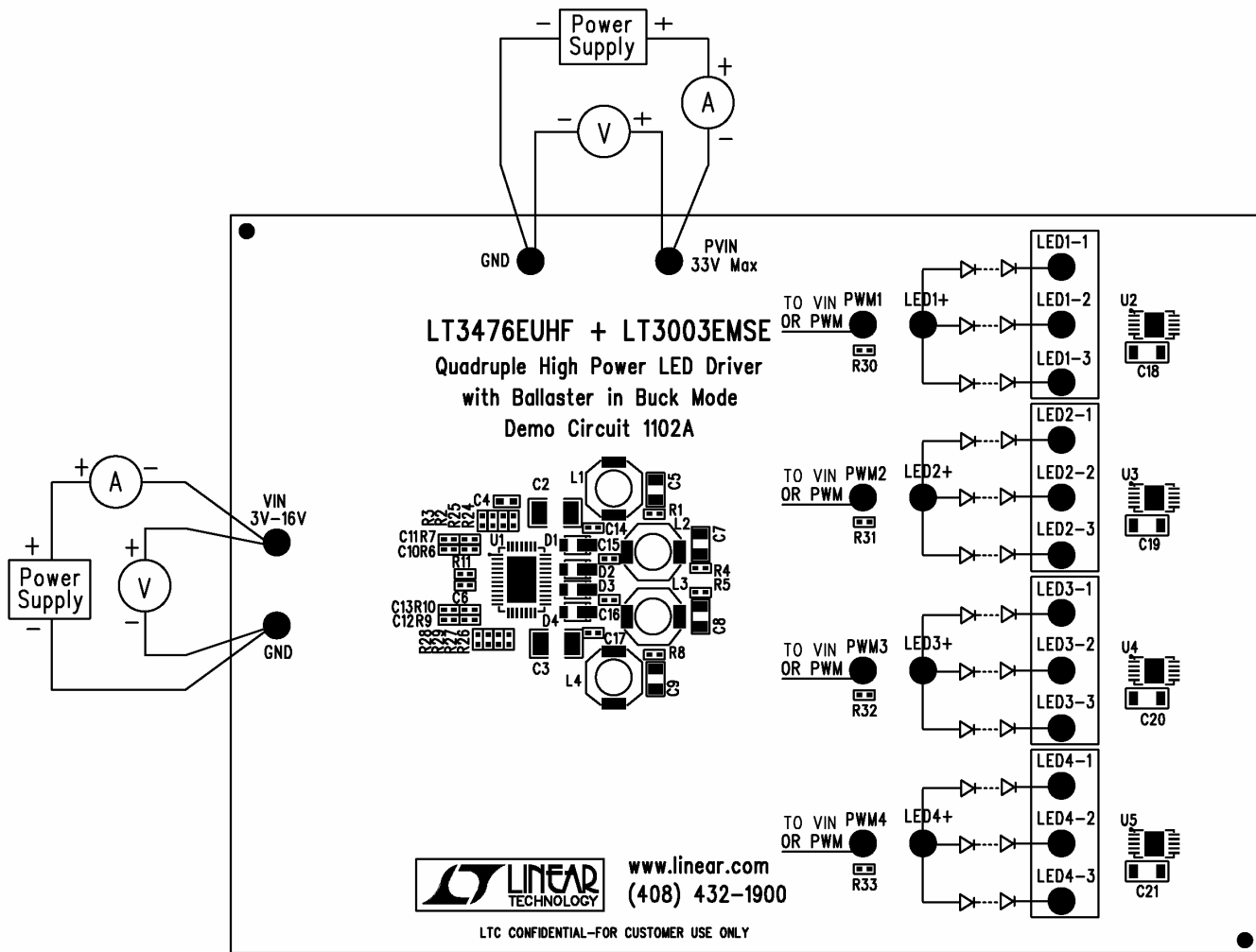
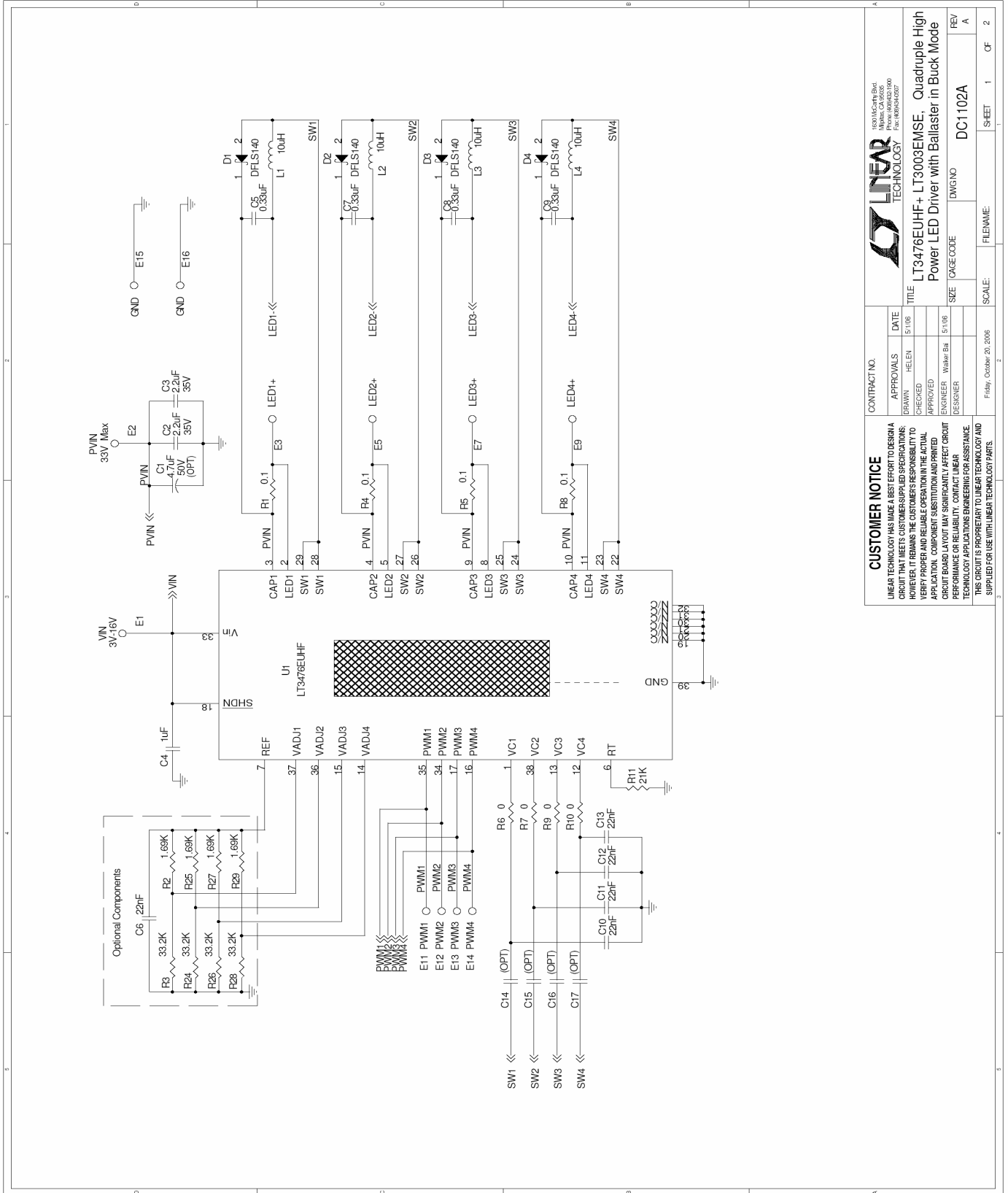
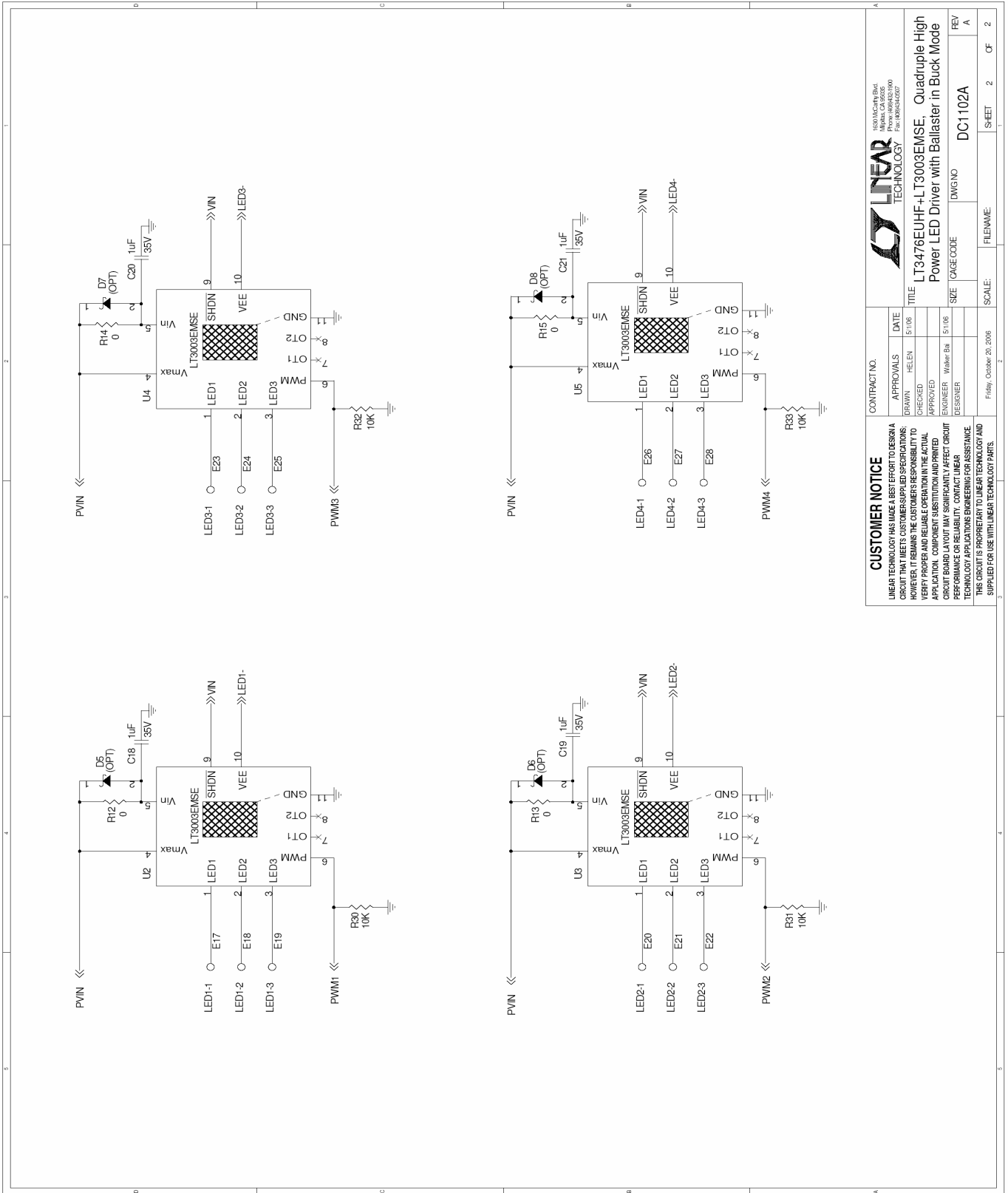


Figure 1. Proper Measurement Equipment Setup

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|  |           | ENGINEER            | Walter Bai   |
|  |           | DESIGNER            |  |
|  |           | TITLE               | LT3476EUHF+, LT3003EMSE, Quadruple High Power LED Driver with Ballaster in Buck Mode |
| SIZE   | CAGE CODE | DWG NO              | DC:1102A   |
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LT3476EUHF+LT3003EMSE

Bill Of Material

Demo Bd. # 1102A

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| Item   | Qty | Reference               | Part Description                       | Manufacturer / Part #              |
|--|-----|-------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| <b>REQUIRED CIRCUIT COMPONENTS:</b>              |     |                         |  |                                    |
| 1  | 2   | C2,C3                   | Cap., X5R, 2.2uF, 35V, 10%, 1210       | TAIYO YUDEN, GMK325BJ225KAT        |
| 2  | 1   | C4                      | Cap., X7R, 1uF, 16V, 10%, 0603         | TDK, C1608X7R1C105K                |
| 3  | 4   | C5,C7,C8,C9             | Cap., X5R, 0.33uF, 35V, 20%, 0805      | TAIYO YUDEN, GMK212BJ334MG-T       |
| 4  | 5   | C6, C10 -C13            | CAP., X7R, 22nF, 16V, 10%, 0402        | AVX, 0402YC223KAT                  |
| 5  | 4   | C18-C21                 | CAP., X7R, 1uF, 35V, 10%, 1206         | TAIYO YUDEN, GMK316BJ105KL         |
| 6  | 4   | D1,D2,D3,D4             | SCHOTTKY DIODES, PowerDI123            | DIODES INC, DFLS140-7              |
| 7  | 4   | L1,L2,L3,L4             | INDUCTOR., 10uH                        | TOKO, #A916CY-100M=P3              |
| 8  | 4   | R1,R4,R5,R8             | RES., CHIP, 0.1, 1/8W, 1%, 0402        | PANASONIC, ERJ-2BSFFR10X           |
| 9  | 4   | R2,R25,R27,R29          | RES., CHIP, 1.69K, 1/16W, 1%, 0402     | VISHAY, CRCW04021k69FKED           |
| 10   | 4   | R3,R24,R26,R28          | RES., CHIP, 33.2K, 1/16W, 1%, 0402     | AAC, CR05-3322FM                   |
| 11   | 1   | R11                     | RES., CHIP, 21K, 1/16W, 1%, 0402       | AAC, CR05-2102FM                   |
| 12   | 1   | U1                      | I.C LT3476EUHF#PBF,5mmX7mm,QFN         | LINEAR TECH., LT3476EUHF#PBF       |
| 13   | 4   | U2-U5                   | I.C LT3003EMSE#PBF,10-lead, MSOP       | LINEAR TECH., LT3003EMSE#PBF       |
| <b>ADDITIONAL DEMO BOARD CIRCUIT COMPONENTS:</b> |     |                         |  |                                    |
| 1  | 1   | C1                      | Cap., TANT, 4.7uF, 50V, 10%, 7343      | AVX, TAJD475K050R                  |
| 2  | 0   | C14-C17 (OPT)           | Cap., 0402                             |                                    |
| 3  | 8   | R6,R7,R9,R10,R12-R15    | RES., CHIP, 0, 1/16W, , 0402           | AAC, CJ05-000M                     |
| 4  | 4   | D5-D8                   | Zener Voltage Regulator,500mW, SOD-123 | ON SEMICONDUCTOR, MMSZ5245BT1      |
| 5  | 4   | R30-R33                 | RES., CHIP, 10K, 1/16W, 1%, 0402       | VISHAY, CRCW040210K0F              |
| <b>HARDWARE-FOR DEMO BOARD ONLY:</b>             |     |                         |  |                                    |
| 1  | 28  | E1-E3, E5,E7,E9,E11-E28 | TESTPOINT, TURRET, .065"               | MILL-MAX, 2308-2-00-80-00-00-07-00 |

