

# 3-Axis, $\pm 2 g/\pm 4 g/\pm 8 g/\pm 16 g$ Digital Accelerometer Evaluation Board

# EVAL-ADXL346Z

#### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The EVAL-ADXL346Z is a simple evaluation board that allows quick evaluation of the performance of the ADXL346 3-axis digital accelerometer. The EVAL-ADXL346Z has two sets of 0.1 inch spaced vias for population of two 5-pin headers and access to all power and signal lines. The vias or headers allow the evaluation board to be attached to a prototyping board (breadboard) or to the PCB in an existing system. Four holes are provided for mechanical attachment of the EVAL-ADXL346Z to the application. An external host processor is required for communication to the part.

The dimensions of the EVAL-ADXL346Z are 20 mm  $\times$  20 mm with mounting holes set 15 mm  $\times$  15 mm at the corners of the printed circuit board (PCB).

### **CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION**

The schematic of the EVAL-ADXL346Z is shown in Figure 1. Refer to the ADXL346 data sheet for configuration of the accelerometer after it is connected to the application host processor.

The PCB layout of the EVAL-ADXL346Z is shown in Figure 2. The EVAL-ADXL346Z has three factory installed capacitors for bypass: two 100 nF capacitors and a 10  $\mu$ F capacitor. C1, located between V<sub>DD I/O</sub> and GND, is provided to reduce digital clocking noise, and C2 and C3 are V<sub>S</sub> bypass capacitors to reduce analog supply noise.

#### HANDLING CONSIDERATIONS

The EVAL-ADXL346Z is not protected against reverse polarity. Reversing the  $V_{\rm S}$  or  $V_{\rm DD\,I\prime O}$  supply and GND pins can cause damage to the ADXL346.

Dropping the EVAL-ADXL346Z on a hard surface can generate several thousand *g*'s of acceleration, which may exceed the data sheet absolute maximum limits. See the ADXL346 data sheet for more information.

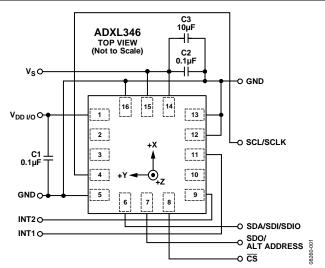


Figure 1. Schematic

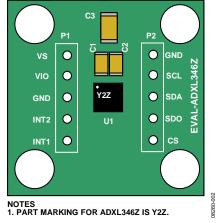


Figure 2. Physical Layout

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Model<sup>1</sup> EVAL-ADXL346Z Package Description Evaluation Board

 $^{1}$  Z = RoHS Compliant Part.

#### **ESD CAUTION**



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