

# **Evaluation Kit Operation Manual Rev.3.1**

For DSA (Digital Step Attenuator) / DVGA (Digital Variable Gain Amplifier)

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## 2. Evaluation Kit Information

The Evaluation Kit should contain

- 1. BeRex DSA/DVGA RF Board (Evaluation Board EVB)
- 2. Evaluation Control Interface board (EVCI)
  - 3. USB Cable
  - 4. GUI & FTDI USB Driver (Web download) BeRex GUI Download : <u>Link1</u> FTDI USB Driver : <u>Link2</u>

## 1. Introduction

This operation manual describes how to control the DSA (Digital Step Attenuator) / DVGA (Digital Variable Gain Amplifier) Evaluation board (EVB) using an Evaluation Control Interface board (EVCI hereafter EVCI). This Kit can be used to test and evaluate the various RF performance of the DSA/DVGA and is ideal for the functionality of the DSA and hardware development for RF system.

The DSA/DVGA Evaluation Board (EVB) is based on a combination of RF board and integrated Evaluation interface board with FT232RL(FTDI Chip) and provides access to the USB ports as well as the SPI communication. This board was designed as a validation platform with maximum functionality. Where possible we've also designed for RF measurement environmental diversity, but the primary goal of this system was control for DSA/DVGA with EVCI board.



< Figure 1. The Evaluation Board Test Kit >



### 3. Evaluation Control Interface Board (EVCI) Overview

EVCI board allows the user to send SPI commands to the device under test by using a PC running the Windows<sup>™</sup> operating system. The EVCI Board is responsible for interpreting commands from the USB and supplying the EVB with the appropriate control data on the 20-pin connector. And It supports direct parallel mode and serial mode at the same time, and provides the option of selecting External power and USB power according to user's environment.

#### < Figure 2. The EVCI Board >







#### Table 1. BeRex Products supported by EVCI Board

Part Number	Part Description	Attenuation Bit	Support Interface Type	
BDA4601	DSA	6 Bit	Latched Parallel, Direct Parallel, Serial	
BDA4620	DSA	6 Bit	Latched Parallel, Direct Parallel, Serial	
BDA4630	DSA	6 Bit	Latched Parallel, Direct Parallel, Serial Addressable	
BDA4700	DSA	7 Bit	Latched Parallel, Direct Parallel, Serial	
BDA4710/BDA4730	DSA	7 Bit	Latched Parallel, Direct Parallel, Serial Addressable	
BVA303/BVA303B/BVA303C	DVGA	6 Bit	Latched Parallel, Direct Parallel, Serial	
BVA304/BVA304B/BVA304C	DVGA	6 Bit	Latched Parallel, Direct Parallel, Serial	
BVA305/BVA305B/BVA305C	DVGA	6 Bit	Latched Parallel, Direct Parallel, Serial	
BVA518/BVA518B	DVGA	6 Bit	Latched Parallel, Direct Parallel, Serial	
BVA2140/BVA2140B	DVGA	6 Bit	Serial only	
BVA3143/BVA3144/BVA3153	DVGA	7 Bit	Serial only	
BVA7202/BVA7212/BVA7242	DVGA	7 Bit	Serial only	
BVA1761/BVA1762	DVGA	7 Bit	Serial Addressable only	
BVA2761/BVA2762	DVGA	7 Bit	Serial Addressable only	

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### 3. Evaluation Control Interface Board (EVCI) Overview

The Evaluation Control Interface (EVCI) Board is an evaluation platform based on the FT232RL UART IC. EVCI support the USB2.0 interface and the Direct Parallel mode with SP3T switch manually and supports the Functional option for USB power supply or user direct power supply.



< Figure 3. Description of EVCI Board >

E. Main Power Supply On/Off switch

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Select 1 : VDD input Off of VDD\_USB (from **B**) or VDD\_EXT (from **C**) for DSA/DVGA Select 2 : VDD input On of VDD\_USB or VDD\_EXT **Default value : Select 1 (VDD OFF) Basically Main VDD of DSA/DVGA is directly supplied at the DSA/DVGA EVB.** 

F. Main Current measuring Port

Connect Pin 1-2 when use the Switch **E** selected to pin 2.

G. DSA/DVGA VDD On/Off Switch

These switches are used when switch **E** is ON. **Default Not used.** These are used to turn On/Off the VDD of each individual stage of DVGA/DSA EVB

H. VDD Selection Switch of EVCI Digital part

Connected Pin 1-2 : Selected EXT Power Supply from C (Pin 1 of C) Connected Pin 2-3 : Selected VDD from USB port from B. Default value.

I. Main VDD Selection Switch for DSA/DVGA RF EVB
 Not used when Main VDD of DSA/DVGA is supplied directly at the DSA/DVGA EVB
 Connected Pin 1-2 : Selected EXT Power Supply from C (Pin 2 of C)
 Connected Pin 2-3 : Selected VDD for USB Port from B

A. FTDI UART IC : FT232RL Main DSA / DVGA Control IC

B. Mini USB Connector Port
 Connect with the PC to control BeRex GUI
 Power supply input for DSA/DVGA (VDD\_USB, Optional)
 Power supply input of EVCI board.

C. EXT Power Supply Connector (optional)

External power supply input (VDD\_EXT) Pin 1 : VDD for Digital circuits (3.3 to 5Vdc) Pin 2 : VDD for DSA/DVGA (typical 5Vdc) Pin 3 : Ground Pin 4 : VSS when using Negative Voltage (Default N/C) Default Not used

D. EXT Power Supply merge Jumper Connect Pin 1-2 when want to use two External power supply sources (Pin1 and Pin2 of C) as one input. Default Not connected.

- J. SPI Data Test port Pin 1 : DATA Pin 2 : LE Pin 3 : Clock Pin 4 : Ground
- K. LE Control Switch

Selected Pin 1 : LE High Direct Parallel mode Selected Pin 2 : LE inputted by FT232RL (GUI Control) Serial / Latched Parallel mode Selected Pin 3 : LE Low (Ground)

- L. Parallel Data Control Switch (Direct Parallel mode) Selected Pin 1 : Parallel Data High Selected Pin 2 : LE inputted by FT232RL (GUI Control) Selected Pin 3 : Parallel Data Low
- M. Parallel/Serial Selection Switch Selected Pin 1 : Parallel Mode Selected Pin 2 : Serial Mode

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## **3. Evaluation Control Interface Board (EVCI) Overview**

#### N. DSA PUP2 Setting Switch

Connected Pin 1-2 : High Connected pin 2-3 : Low More details : See the page 11 BeRex Products with PUP function : BDA4601, BVA30x(B), BVA518(B), BVA2140(B)

#### O. DSA PUP1 Setting / Addressable VDD Setting Switch

When used as PUP1 setting, same with N. Connected Pin 1-2 : High Connected pin 2-3 : Low

When used as Addressable VDD Setting switch. (Serial Address mode) Connected Pin 1-2 : Supplied 3V to addressable Connector of DSA/DVGA EVB Connected Pin 2-3 : Not used BeRex Products with Serial addressable : BDA4630, BDA4710/4730, BVA176x, BVA276x More details : See the page 11

#### P. Connector to Connect with DSA/DVGA RF EVB

- 20pin Receptacle Connector
- Pin map is as follows;

#### Table 2. EVCI 20pin Receptacle Connector Pin map

Pin Number	Pin Name	Pin Description
1	VDD_AMP1	Amplifier1 VDD of DVGA input when VDD supplied by EVCI (Default Not used)
2	VDD_AMP2	Amplifier2 VDD of DVGA input when VDD supplied by EVCI (Default Not used)
3	VSS	VSS input when VSS supplied by EVCI (Default Not used)
4	VDD_DSA	DSA VDD of DSA/DVGA input when VDD supplied by EVCI (Default Not used)
5	P/S	Parallel mode / Serial mode selection Signal input. Low is Parallel, High is Serial mode
6	VDD_AMP3	Amplifier3 VDD of DVGA input when VDD supplied by EVCI (Default Not used)
7	LE	Latch Enable Signal input
8	NC	Not connected
9	CLOCK / C8	SPI Clock Signal input @ serial mode, Attenuation 8dB Signal input @ Parallel mode
10	C4	Attenuation 4dB Signal input @ Parallel mode
11	DATA / C16	SPI DATA Signal input @ serial mode, Attenuation 16dB Signal input @ Parallel mode
12	C2	Attenuation 2dB Signal input @ Parallel mode
13	PUP1/	Power-Up State Selection Bit1 @ BDA4601 only
-	VDD for ADDR Set	VDD(3V) setting input for Addressable bits @ Serial addressable mode
14	C1	Attenuation 1dB Signal input @ Parallel mode
15	PUP2	Power-Up State Selection Bit2 @ BDA4601 only
16	C0.5	Attenuation 0.5dB Signal input @ Parallel mode
17	NC	Not connected
18	C0.25	Attenuation 0.25dB Signal input @ Parallel mode
19	GND	Ground
20	GND	Ground



### 4-1. DSA/DVGA Environment Configuration

### **Evaluation board Kit Introduction**

BeRex all DSA and DVGA product Evaluation Kit is made up of a combination of an RF board and EVCI board is assembled with SP3T switches(D1~D6,LE), SP2T mechanical switch (P/S), and several header & switch. Users can freely select EXT VDD or USB5V to supply power to the DSA/DVGA EVB. But it is based on directly supplying Main VDD from DSA/DVGA each Evaluation Board (EVB).

In this chapter, recommendation setting of EVCI and each DSA/DVGA EVB are explained in a more understandable way.

#### **Evaluation Board Programming Using USB Interface**

In order to evaluate the DSA/DVGA performance, the Application Software (GUI, FTDI UART driver) has to be installed on your computer. And The DSA application software GUI supports Latched Parallel and Serial modes. This software can be downloaded from BeRex's website.

#### VDD Selection Switch of EVCI Board Connected pin 1-2 : Not used, VDD supplied for EXT power supply from (2)Connected pin 2-3 : VDD supplied from USB port (3) Must be pin 2-3 connected **EXT Power Supply Connector** Do Not use EVCI Board Mini USB Connector Port (3)Connect with PC to control the GUI and supply the VDD of EVCI Board LE Control Switch Direct Parallel Mode : Switch to Pin 1 Latched Parallel Mode : Switch to Pin 2 Serial Mode : Switch to Pin 2 Parallel Data Control Switch (6bit, D0 ~ D5) Pin 1 : High, Pin 3 : Low $D0: 0.5dB, \ D1: 1dB, \ D2: 2dB, \ D3: 4dB, \ D4: 8dB, \ D5: 16dB$ See the page 11 for more details BDA4620 / 4601 EVB Parallel / Serial Selection Switch Parallel Mode : Switch to Pin 1 Serial Mode : Switch to Pin 2 PUP1 / PUP2 Setting Switch Connected Pin 1-2: High Connected Pin 2-3 : Low RF1 RF2 Products with PUP function : **RF** Input **RF** Output BDA4601, BVA30x(B), BVA518(B), BVA2140(B) Don't be used in BDA4620 (BDA4620 don't need PUP function) All other switches and Connectors are not used. So, no matter how you control this switch. P/S Pin Current Measuring Port (8) Connect Jumper (Default), If necessary connect the Current meter to measure the Current < Figure 4. BDA4620 EVB Kit > Main Power Supply Connector for BDA4620 EVB Pin 1 : VDD (3V to 5V) Pin 2 : Ground

### 4-2. DSA Setting with BDA4620 / BVA4601 EVB Kit

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### 4-3. DSA Setting with BDA4700 EVB Kit



If necessary connect the Current meter to measure the Current

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### 4-4. DSA Setting with BDA4710 / BDA4730 EVB Kit



See the page 7 and 8 of BVA1762 datasheet for more details

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### 4-5. DVGA Setting with BVA30x / BVA30xB / BVA30xC EVB Kit



Setting Products similar to BDA30x are as follows BVA30xB / BVA30xC / BVA518(B), BVA2140(B)

Main Power Supply Connector for BVA30x EVB Pin 1 : VDD Pin 2, 3 : Ground

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### 4-6. DVGA Setting with BVA176x EVB Kit (Only Serial mode)



< Figure 8. BVA1761 EVB Kit >

Setting Products similar to BVA1761 are as follows BVA1762



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### 4-7. DVGA Setting with BVA2761 EVB Kit (Only Serial mode)



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### 4-8. DVGA Setting with BVA2762 EVB Kit (Only Serial mode)



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### 4-9. DVGA Setting with BVA7242 EVB Kit (Only Serial mode)



< Figure 11. BVA7242 EVB Kit >

Setting Products similar to BVA7242 are as follows BVA3143/BVA3144/BVA3153, BVA7202, BVA7212

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## **5. Additional Function Description of EVCI Board**

#### 5-1. Direct Parallel Control Switch (LE, D0 - D6(7bit), D0 - D5(6bit))

Set the D0 - D6 and LE mechanical control switches on board to support Direct Parallel, Latched Parallel, or Serial mode a. Serial or Latched Parallel mode (using GUI application software on PC)

Place D0 - D6 and LE at the middle position to support Latched Parallel and Serial modes with GUI application software and proper position of P/S switch

b. Direct Parallel mode (Using SP3T switch on EVCI board without PC)

D0 - D6 can be set to "HIGH" or "LOW" to manually program the attenuation state while LE is connected to "HIGH" without using the USB Interface and GUI application software

#### <Figure 12. Direct Parallel Control Switch>



Sw	itch	Functionality	
6bit	7bit	6bit	7bit
-	D0	-	0.25dB
D0	D1	0.5dB	0.5dB
D1	D2	1dB	1dB
D2	D3	2dB	2dB
D3	D4	4dB	4dB
D4	D5	8dB	8dB
D5	D6	16dB	16dB
LE	LE	Latch enable	Latch enable

Table 3. SP3T Switch Descriptions for Parallel mode

#### Table 4. Truth Table for the Parallel Control Word

7Bit	LE	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0	
6Bit	LE	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0	Х	Attenuation State
	High	Low	Reference Loss						
	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	0.25dB (7bit only)
	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	0.5dB
	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	1dB
	High	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	Low	2dB
	High	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	4dB
	High	Low	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	8dB
	High	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	16dB
	High	Low	31.5dB						
	High	31.75dB (7bit only)							

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## 6. Evaluation Control Interface board [EVCI] GUI installation

The EVCI GUI application runs on a MS-Windows compatible PC. Once software is downloaded on to the PC, make sure to unzip the folder and one must have one files, another one folder (EVCI GUI and Driver folder) in the unzipped folder. The latest version of EVCI GUI software is available on BeRex Website under specific product page.

## 6-1. EVCI GUI installation Using Sequence A (FTDI Driver installation)

- 1. Connect the USB Cable to EVCI via PC.
- 2. Confirm the pop-up in window as shown Figure 13. (Found New Hardware Wizard or Installing device driver software window will pop up)
- 3. Pop-up window click

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- 4. Select "No, not this time" and click on the "Next" button to continue (Figure 15)
- 5. Confirm the word " USB SERIAL CONVERTER"
- 6. Select "Search for the best driver in these locations" and check box of " include this location in the search"

Then click on the "Browse" button and browse to the location you upzipped the USB drivers to in the previous step (CDM v2.12.28 WHQL certified folder, http://www.ftdichip.com/Drivers/VCP.htm)

- 7. Select the file "FTDIBUS.INF"
- 8. Windows will install the first driver

< Figure 14. USB Serial Converter Driver installation 1. >



< Figure 15. USB Serial Converter Driver installation 2. >

ound New Hardware Wiz	ear d
	Welcome to the Found New Hardware Wizard Windows will search for current and updated software by looking on your computer, on the hardware installation CD, or on the Windows Update Web site (with your permission). Read our privacy policy
	Can Windows connect to Windows Update to search for software? Yes, this time only Yes, now and gvery time I connect a device No, not this time
	Click Next to continue.
	< <u>Back</u> <u>N</u> ext > Cancel

#### < Figure 16. USB Serial Converter Driver installation 3. >

l <del>Qiniti</del> New Hardware Wizard					
Please choose your search and installation options.					
Search for the best driver in these locations.					
Use the check boxes below to limit or expand the default search, which includes local paths and removable media. The best driver found will be installed.					
Search removable media (floppy, CD-ROM)					
Include this location in the search:					
C:\Program Files\arduino-0006\drivers\FTDI USB Dr 🔜 🛛 🛛 Browse					
O Don't search. I will choose the driver to install.					
Choose this option to select the device driver from a list. Windows does not guarantee that the driver you choose will be the best match for your hardware.					
FTDIBUS.INF					
FTDIPORT.INF					

< Figure 13. USB Serial Converter Driver Installation for windows 8 and 7 >



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## 6. Evaluation Control Interface board(EVCI) GUI Installation

#### 6-2. EVCI GUI installation Using Sequence B

#### (FTDI Driver installation)

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- 1. The wizard will search for the driver and then tell you that a "USB Serial Port"
- 2. Pop-up window click
- 3. Confirm the word " USB SERIAL PORT" and Click "Next"
- 4. Select "Search for the best driver in these locations" and check box of " include this location in the search"
- Then click on the "Browse" button and browse to the location you upzipped the USB drivers to in the previous step (CDM v2.12.28 WHQL certified folder)
- 6. Select the file "FTDIPORT.INF"
- 7. Windows will install the second driver. and then complete

< Figure 17. USB Serial Port Driver installation 1. >



#### < Figure 18. USB Serial Port Driver installation 2. >

Pine New Hardware Wizard					
Please choose your search and installation options.					
Search for the best driver in these locations.					
Use the check boxes below to limit or expand the default search, which includes local paths and removable media. The best driver found will be installed.					
Search removable media (floppy, CD-ROM)					
Include this location in the search:					
C:\Program Files\arduino-0006\drivers\FTDI USB Dr 🕑 Browse					
O Don't search. I will choose the driver to install.					
Choose this option to select the device driver from a list. Windows does not guarantee that the driver you choose will be the best match for your hardware.					
FTDIBUS.INF					
B FTDIPORT.INF					
< Back Next > Cancel					

#### < Figure 19. USB Serial Port Driver installation 3. >





### 6. Evaluation Control Interface board[EVCI] GUI

#### 6-3-1. EVCI GUI Running

- 1. Double Click "BeRex DSA V2.4" Icon
- 2. Running GUI and Control!

R.	BeRex DSA V2.4
\$	ftd2xx.dll
	ftd2xx lib

#### < Figure 20. BeRex EVCI GUI window>

	Reference DSA/DVGA GUI V2.4		
	Rerex	Select Device BVA303X Control Interface © Serial O Latched Parallel © Serial Addressable 1	A. BeRex Product Selection Box B. Control Interface Selection Box (Serial / Latched Parallel / Serial Addressable)
E. Attenuation Control Slide Bar	Attenuation Control		C. Attenuation Increase Button D. Attenuation Decrease Button
G. Current Attenuation State Display Window H. 1 <sup>st</sup> DSA Attenuation Control Input Window [dB scale]	Attenuation State: 1st 0 2nd 0     Attenuation [dB] : [dB]	Send Signal	F. Control Signal Setting Button
I. 2 <sup>™</sup> DSA Attenuation Control Input Window [dB Scale] J. GUI Connection Status Window	2nd Attenuation [dB] : [dB]     *******Not Connected********	Close	K. GUI Close Button
		EVCI GUI@2022. BeRex Corp V2.4	L. GUI Information Window

### 6-3-2. BeRex GUI Control method Sequence

- 1. Select Device Part Number (Figure.20 A)
- 2. Select control interface "Serial", "Serial Addressable" or "Latched Parallel"
- 3. Set the Attenuation Control slide bar to control attenuation value you want (Figure.20 C,D,E)
- 4. Or input the number in Attenuation [dB] Control Input window (Figure.20 H)
- 5. Press button "Send Signal" and then activate Attenuator in Device

Note: If the EVCI board is not connected when the application software is launched, the message "Not connected " will appear at the GUI Connection status window

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