

Evaluation Kit Operation Manual Rev.3.2

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

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2. Evaluation Kit Information

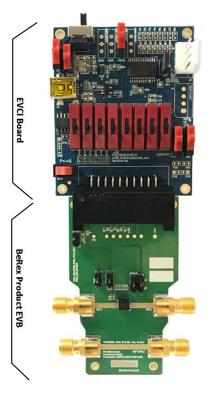
The Evaluation Kit should contain

- 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[™] 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(C)/BVA304(C)/BVA305(C)	DVGA	6 Bit	Latched Parallel, Direct Parallel, Serial	
BVA1621	DVGA	6 Bit	Latched Parallel, Direct Parallel, Serial Addressable	
BVA518/BVA518C	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(N)	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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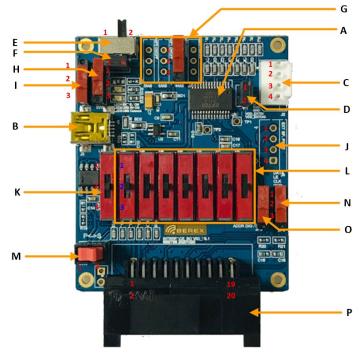
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3. Evaluation Control Interface Board (EVCI) Overview

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, BVA1621, BVA176x, BVA276x More details : See the page 14

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 / VDD for ADDR Set	Power-Up State Selection Bit1 @ BDA4601 only 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

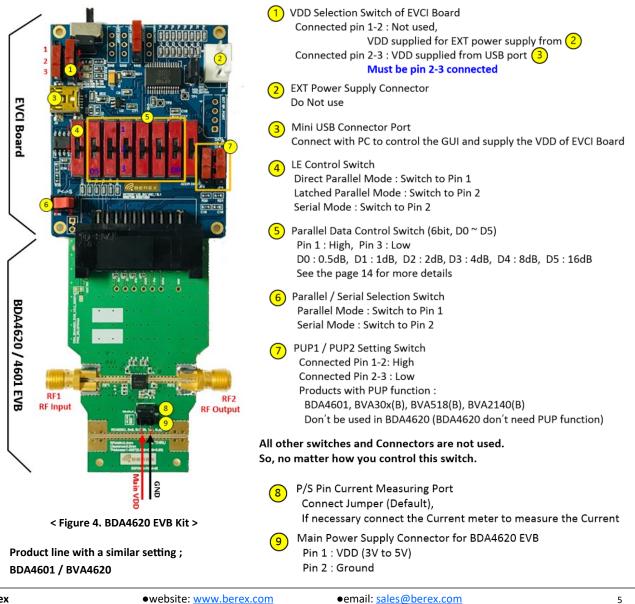
Evaluation board Kit Introduction

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.



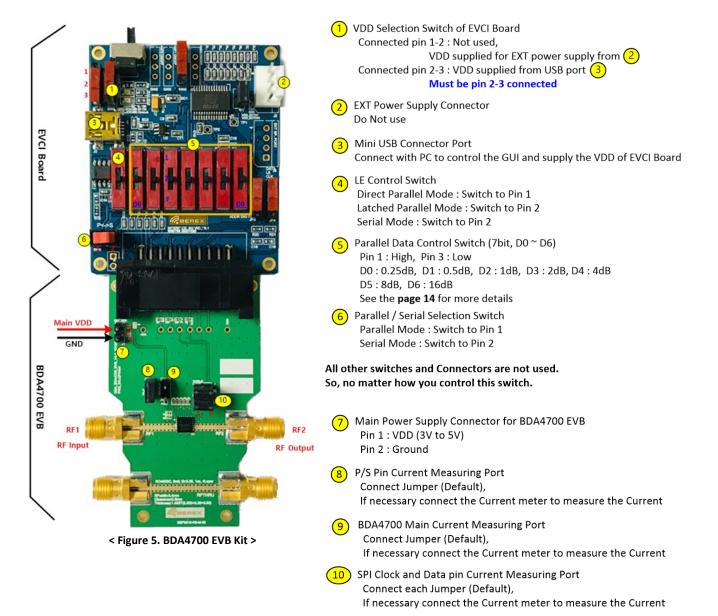
4-2. DSA Setting with BDA4620 / BVA4601 EVB Kit

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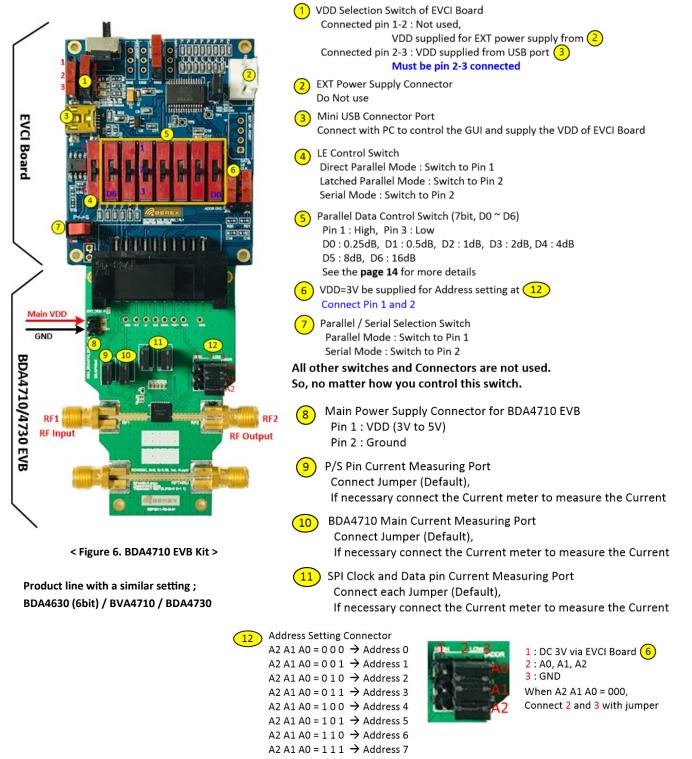
4-3. DSA Setting with BDA4700 EVB Kit



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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

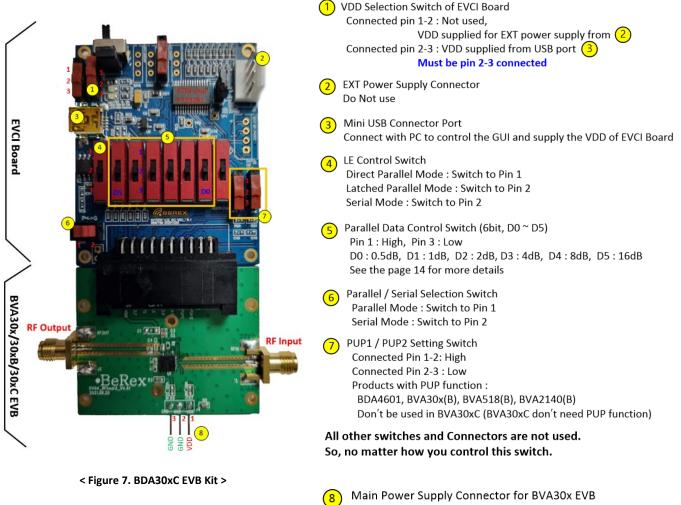
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4-5. DVGA Setting with BVA30x / BVA30xC EVB Kit

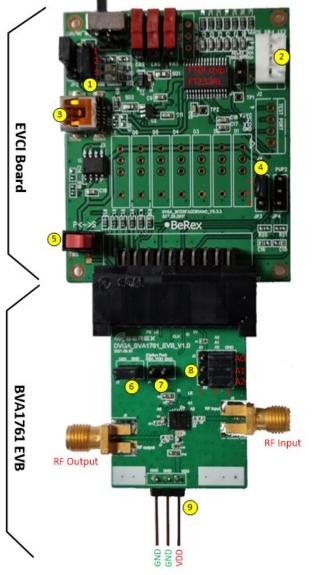


Product line with a similar setting ; BVA303 / BVA303C / BVA304 / BVA304C BVA305 / BVA305C / BVA518 / BVA518C BVA2140 / BVA2140B Main Power Supply Connector for BVA30x EVB Pin 1 : VDD Pin 2, 3 : Ground

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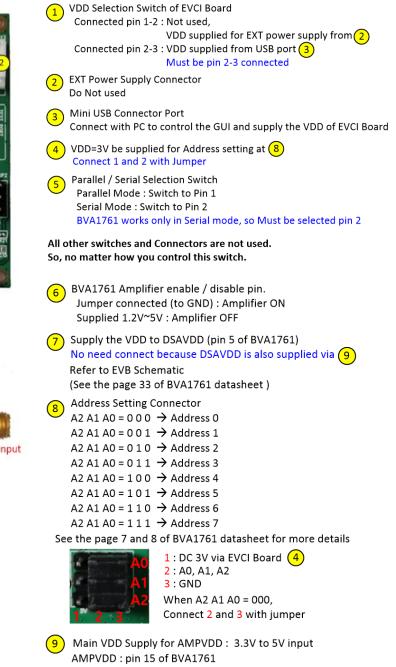


4-6. DVGA Setting with BVA176x EVB Kit (Only Serial mode)



< Figure 8. BVA1761 EVB Kit >

Product line with a similar setting ; BVA1761 / BVA1762

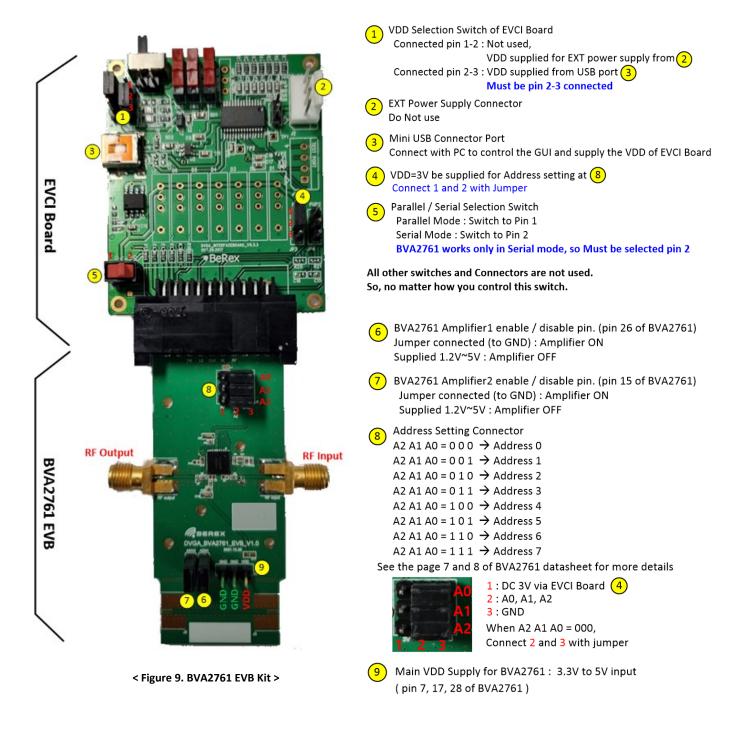


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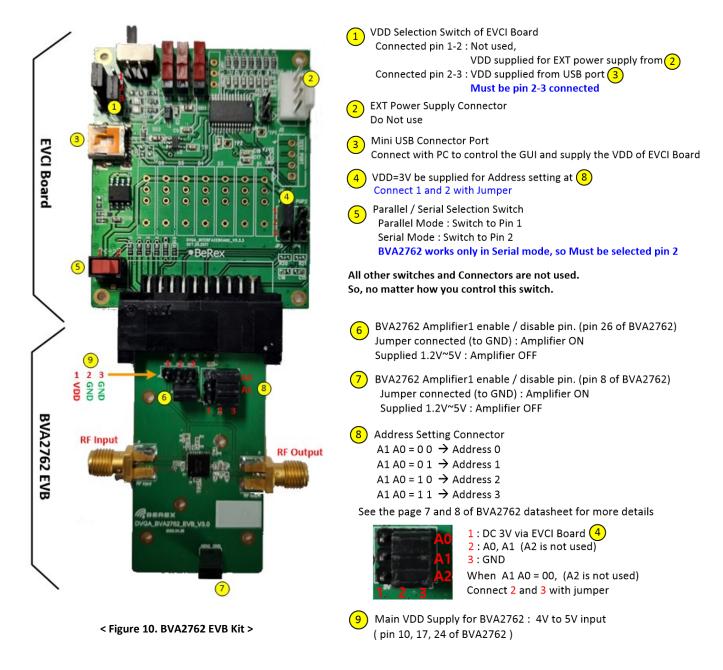
4-7. DVGA Setting with BVA2761 EVB Kit (Only Serial mode)



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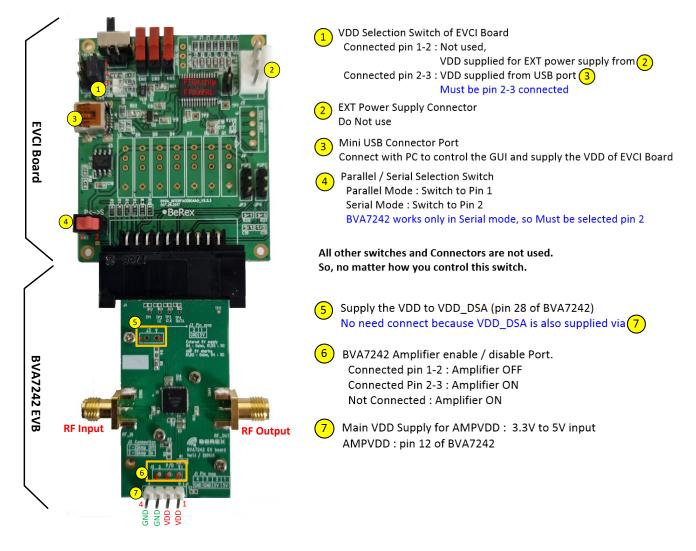
4-8. DVGA Setting with BVA2762 EVB Kit (Only Serial mode)



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



< Figure 11. BVA7242 EVB Kit >

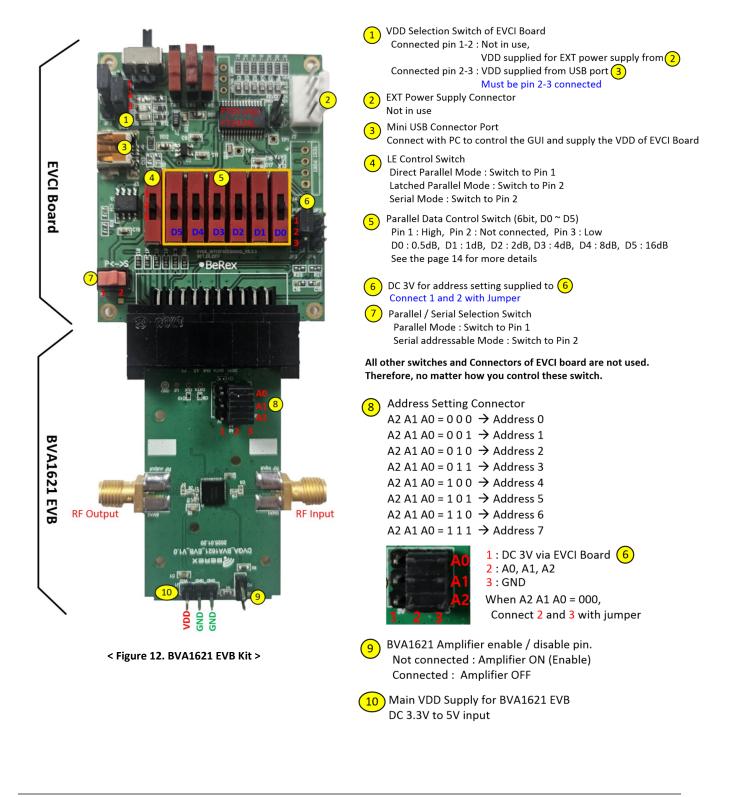
Product line with a similar setting ; BVA3143 / BVA3144 / BVA3153 BVA7202 / BVA7212

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4-10. DVGA Setting with BVA1621 EVB Kit



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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 13. Direct Parallel Control Switch>

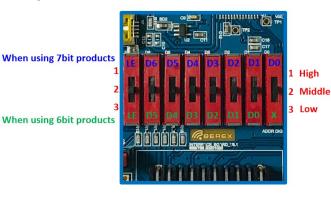


Table 3. SP3T Switch Descriptions for Parallel mode

Switch		Functionality		
6bit	7bit	6bit	7bit	
-	DO	-	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 4. Truth Table for the Parallel Control Word

7Bit	LE	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0	Attomustion State
6Bit	LE	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0	X	Attenuation State
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Reference Loss
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.25dB (7bit only)
	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.5dB
	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1dB
	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2dB
	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4dB
	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8dB
	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	16dB
	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	31.5dB
	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	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 15. USB Serial Converter Driver installation 1. >



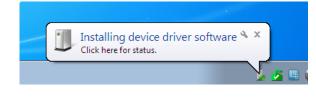
< Figure 16. USB Serial Converter Driver installation 2. >

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	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 givery time I connect a device No, not this time
	< Back Next> Cancel

< Figure 17. USB Serial Converter Driver installation 3. >

l pinit 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:							
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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 14. USB Serial Converter Driver Installation for windows 8 and 7 >



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6. Evaluation Control Interface board(EVCI) GUI Installation

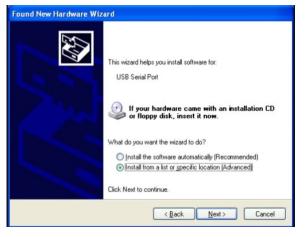
6-2. EVCI GUI installation Using Sequence B

(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 18. USB Serial Port Driver installation 1. >



< Figure 19. USB Serial Port Driver installation 2. >

Pintt 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:					
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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.					
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< Figure 20. USB Serial Port Driver installation 3. >

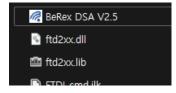




6. Evaluation Control Interface board[EVCI] GUI

6-3-1. EVCI GUI Running

- 1. Double Click "BeRex DSA V2.5" Icon
- 2. Running GUI and Control!



< Figure 21. BeRex EVCI GUI window>

	ReRex DSA/DVGA GUI V2.5	×	
	R BEREX	Select Device BDA4620	A. BeRex Product Selection Box B. Control Interface Selection Box
		Serial Latched Parallel Serial Addressable O	(Serial / Latched Parallel / Serial Addressable) — C. Address Selection Button in Serial addressable Mode
F. Attenuation Control Slide Bar	Attenuation Control [dB] : Slider Bar		D. Attenuation Increase Button E. Attenuation Decrease Button
G. Current Attenuation State Display Window 6 Bit type : ATT dB x 2 7 Bit type : ATT dB x 4 H. Attenuation Control Input Window	Attenuation Control [dB] 1st State Code 0 Control [dB]	2nd 0 Send Signal	J. Control Signal Setting Button
[dB scale] I. GUI Connection Status Window	******Not Connected****	Close	K. GUI Close Button
		EVCI GUI@2022. BeRex Corp V2.5	L. GUI Information Window

6-3-2. BeRex GUI Control method Sequence

- 1. Select Device Part Number (Figure 21. A)
- 2. Select control interface "Serial", "Serial Addressable" or "Latched Parallel"
- 3. When selecting serial addressable, make sure to match the address with Device EVB setting Status (Figure 21. C)
- 4. Set the Attenuation Control slide bar to control attenuation value you want (Figure 21. D,E,F)
- 5. Or input the number in Attenuation [dB] Control Input window (Figure 21. H)
- 6. 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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