





Mr. X's Guide to Wolfspeed's SpeedVal Kit™ Configurator



Wolfspeed's SpeedVal Kit™ platform is designed for testing their silicon carbide MOSFETs at real operating conditions to enable easy evaluation and optimisation of their performance and facilitate a transition from silicon to silicon carbide in many applications.







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Given the high customisability of this evaluation platform, this handy guide illustrates what to expect when using the step-bystep SpeedVal Kit Configurator on Wolfspeed's website.







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Presently, SpeedVal only supports discrete products for evaluation, with Wolfspeed's power modules to come later.

The "Discrete Products" category is marked as a single selection box without individual options or specifications listed.





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Specific component testing is chosen in the later steps of the configurator.

Note: This is the only step in the configurator that cannot be skipped.





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For the Discrete Products selection, there is a single option for the SpeedVal Kit Motherboard, the heart of the platform.

This half-bridge configuration is rated at 900 V, 40 A, and contains:

- Power connections
- DC bus
- Interface for the daughter cards
- · A fan that enables high-power testing





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Thirteen power daughter cards allow design engineers to evaluate discrete components in half-bridge configuration. Each is optimised for high-bandwidth current sensing.

These cards slot into the motherboard via an easily swappable, low inductance connection and have on-board gate resistors.





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Users can choose from a range of 650 V and 1200 V devices in a variety of packages with $R_{DS(On)}$ at 25°C between 25 m Ω and 75 m Ω .

To enable high-power testing, the daughter cards also include a preassembled heat sink that aligns with a fan on the motherboard.





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Wolfspeed offers three options for gate driver cards:

- Analog Devices AduM4146
- Skyworks Si823Hx
- Texas Instruments UCC21710



These gate driver cards have gate bias supplies and two isolated gate drive outputs to drive Wolfspeed's SiC MOSFETs in half-bridge configuration.





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The swappable cards enable the engineer to select suitable ratings and features for their design.







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This final step allows the user to add multiple units of additional accessories that may be useful for making more effective evaluations of Wolfspeed's SiC discrete devices in different system configurations.





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The three options include 190 µH and 400 µH buck-boost filter boards and an air-core inductor made in conjunction with Bourns, but full specifications are not provided as part of the configurator.

Once you have made your selections, you can click "Get My Configuration" to finish.



My Configuration







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With your selections made, Wolfspeed provides a list of your chosen boards and download links to pdf and BOM csv files so you can keep track of what parts you need to order for your custom SpeedVal configuration.

Links to online distributors are also provided for each part.





My Configuration

There is also an option to e-mail this configuration to a chosen address. This opens a pop-up with the typical terms and conditions and opt-in for marketing content from Wolfspeed.

If you want to change your configuration in any way, you can easily edit your choices and quantities or create a new configuration to start the process again.





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Not included as part of the configurator, the motherboard also supports control cards from industry-leading partners.

The SpeedVal user guide specifies two options:



- TI TMDSCNCD280039C
- NXP HVP-56F83783





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Due to the different form factors, the NXP option requires the use of an interposer board that is included as part of the SpeedVal Motherboard Kit.



This concludes Mr X's guide to Wolfspeed's SpeedVal Kit™ Configurator. We hope this has been helpful, and as always,

Keep designing!

