



# Getting Started

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## Mpression Sulfur Type-A Development Kit

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# 1. Read This First

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## 1.1 Important Information

### READ FIRST:

- **READ** this Getting Started before using this product.
- **KEEP** the Getting Started handy for future reference.
- **Do not attempt** to use the product until you fully understand its mechanism.

### Purpose of the Product:

- This product is an equipment to support the development and evaluation of a system that uses the Agilex™ 5 SoC FPGA. It provides support for system development in both software and hardware.  
Be sure to use this product correctly for this purpose.

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- (2) Remodeling or repair
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## 2. For Ensuring Safe Use



Be sure to follow the instructions given in this Manual which are intended to prevent harm to the user and others as well as material damage.


### 2.1 Legend

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|  <b>Danger</b>  | Indicates an imminent hazardous situation which if not avoided will result in death or serious injury.                         |
|  <b>Warning</b> | Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which if not avoided could result in death or serious injury.                      |
|  <b>Caution</b> | Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which if not avoided may result in minor or moderate injury or in property damage. |

### 2.2 Cautions

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|  <b>Danger</b>  | <p>Make sure to use the AC adapter (included in the package) that meets the specification described in this manual.</p> <p>Using an AC adapter not meeting the specifications described in this Manual may cause the kit to emit heat, explode, or ignite.</p>   |
|  <b>Warning</b> | <p>Do not apply strong impacts or blows to the kit.</p> <p>Doing so may cause the kit to emit heat, explode, or ignite, or the equipment in the kit to fail or malfunction. This may also cause fire.</p>  |
|  | <p>Do not put the main unit or the AC adapter in cooking appliances such as microwave ovens, or high-pressure containers.</p> <p>Doing so might cause the main unit or AC adapter to emit heat, explode, ignite, or emit smoke, or its parts to break or warp.</p>   |
|  | <p>Do not wrap the main unit that is in use with cloth or other materials that are likely to allow heat to build up inside the wrapping.</p> <p>This will cause heat to build up inside the wrapping which may cause the main unit to ignite or malfunction.</p>   |
|  | <p>When disposing of the main unit, do not dispose of it along with general household waste.</p> <p>Throwing the main unit into fire may cause it to explode. Dispose of the main unit following the laws, regulations, and ordinances governing waste disposal.</p>   |
|  | <p>Do not pull the power supply cable with excessive force or place heavy items on it.</p> <p>Do not damage, break, bundle, or tamper with the power supply cable.</p> <p>Damaged parts of the power supply cable might cause a short circuit resulting in fire or accidents involving electrical shock.</p> |
|  | <p>Do not plug or unplug the power plug with wet or moist hands.</p> <p>This might cause injuries or equipment malfunctions or failures due to electrical shock.</p>   |

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|  <p><b>Warning</b><br/>(Continued from previous page)</p> | <p>Plug the power plug securely into the outlet.<br/>If the power plug is not securely plugged into the outlet, it may cause accidents involving electrical shock or fire due to heat emitted.</p>  |
|  | <p>Do not connect many electrical cords to a single socket or connect an AC adapter to an outlet that is not rated for the specified voltage.<br/>Doing so may cause the equipment to malfunction or fail, or lead to accidents involving electrical shock or fire due to heat emitted.</p>   |
|  | <p>Periodically remove any dust accumulated on the power plug and around the outlet (socket).<br/>Do not use a power plug with dust accumulated on it because doing so will lead to insulation failure due to moisture which may lead to fire.<br/>Remove any dust on the power plug and around the outlet with dried cloth.</p>  |
|  | <p>Do not place any containers such as cups or vases filled with water or other liquid on this Board.<br/>If this Board is exposed to water or other liquids it may cause the Board to malfunction or lead to accidents involving electrical shock. If you spilled water or other liquid on this Board, immediately stop using the Board, turn off the power, and unplug the power plug. If you have any requests for repairs or technical consultation, please contact the local Macnica company or Mpression inquiry URL.</p> |
|  | <p>Keep this board and accessories out of reach of children. Failure to do so may lead to injuries.</p>   |
|  <p><b>Caution</b></p>                                  | <p>Do not place the kit on unstable places such as shaky stands or tilted locations. Doing so may cause injuries or cause this Board to malfunction if the Board should fall.</p>   |
|  | <p>Do not attempt to use or leave the kit in places subject to strong direct sunlight or other places subject to high temperatures such as in cars in hot weather. Doing so might cause the kit to emit heat, break, ignite, run out of control, warp, or malfunction.<br/>Also, some parts of the equipment might emit heat causing burn injuries.</p>   |
|  | <p>Do not use the kit in places subject to extremely high or low temperatures or severe temperature changes.<br/>Doing so may cause the kit to fail or to malfunction.<br/>Always be sure to use the kit within a temperature range of 5°C to 35°C and a humidity range of 0% to 85%.</p>   |
|  | <p>Unplug the power supply cable when carrying out maintenance of devices in which the main unit is embedded.<br/>Failure to do so may lead to accidents involving electrical shock.</p>  |
|  | <p>Do not place this Board in locations where excessive force is applied to the Board. Doing so may cause the PC board to warp, leading to breakage of the PC board, missing parts or malfunctioning parts.</p>   |
|  | <p>When using the kit together with expansion boards or other peripheral devices, be sure to carefully read each of their manuals and to use them correctly.<br/>Developer does not guarantee the operation of specific expansion boards or peripheral devices when used in conjunction with this Board unless they are specifically mentioned in this Manual or their successful operation with this Board has been confirmed in separate documents.</p>   |

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|  <p><b>Caution</b><br/>(Continued from previous page)</p> | <p>Be sure to turn off the power switch when moving this Board to connect to other devices. Failure to do so may cause this Board to fail or lead to accidents involving electrical shock.</p>  |
|  | <p>Do not clean this Board by using a rag containing chemicals such as benzine or thinner. Failure to do so will likely to cause this Board to deteriorate. When using a chemical cloth be sure to comply with any directions or warnings.</p>  |
|  | <p>Do not immediately turn on the power if you find that water or moisture had condensed onto the main unit after removing the board from the package. Condensation might occur on this Board when taking it out of the box, if the board is cool yet the room temperature is warm.</p> <p>Do not apply power to the Board while water or moisture has condensed on it because the moisture may cause the Board to break or may shorten the service life of the parts.</p> <p>When you first take this Board out of the box be sure to leave it at room temperature for a while before using it. If condensation or moisture has occurred on this Board, first wait for the moisture to fully evaporate before installing or connecting the Board to other devices.</p> |
|  | <p>Do not disassemble, dismantle, modify, alter, or recycle parts unless they are clearly described as customizable in this Manual.</p> <p>Although this kit is customizable, if parts not specified in this Manual as customizable are modified in any way, then the overall product operation cannot be guaranteed.</p> <p>Please contact the local Macnica company or Mpression inquiry URL beforehand if you wish to customize or modify any parts that are not described in this Manual as customizable.</p>   |



## 3. Preparations

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### 3.1 About This Manual

This document describes how to use prebuilt image files to run the Agilex™ 5 SoC FPGA on the Sulfur Type-A Development Kit (hereinafter, this is called “Sulfur Type-A”). The instructions include configuration operations for the FPGA fabric and operations to boot the Arm processor built into the Hard Processor System (HPS) and boot Linux.

This document describes the following:

- Basic specifications of Sulfur Type-A
- Writing SD boot disk for Sulfur Type-A
- Programming FPGA Configuration file (.sof)
- Booting Arm Processors and Running Linux

\* Addendum: Sulfur is the name of the development kit that combines a System-on-Module (SoM) with an Agilex™ 5 SoC FPGA and a carrier board with various interfaces. In the descriptions in this document, the terms SoM and carrier board are used differently to refer to target parts.

### 3.2 Preparations

#### A. Preparing the Reference Design

The reference design to be provided contains the following:

- FPGA Configuration File (.sof)
- SD boot disk Image (.img)
  - The SD boot disk includes:
    - U-Boot & Arm Trusted Firmware (uboot.itb)
    - Linux Kernel (Image)
    - Device Tree Blob (socfpga\_agilex5\_sulfur.dtb)
    - Root File System
- Golden Hardware Reference Design (GHRD)
- substrate information

The following items are included in the substrate information.

- Schematic
- Bill of Materials
- Layout

Download the design described above from the following URL:

<https://www.rocketboards.org/foswiki/Documentation/MpressionSulfurDevelopmentKitForIntelAgilexR5FPGAESeries>

#### B. Preparing Tools

Prepare the following tools before executing this design:

- Intel® Quartus® Prime Pro Edition Programmer and Tools Version 24.1

- Terminal software like Tera Term (for UART input/output)
- Win32DiskImager (to create SD card boot disk)  
<http://sourceforge.net/projects/win32diskimager>

Also prepare the following tools for design changes and development work. (This manual does not explain how to use it.)

- Intel® Quartus® Prime Pro Edition Design Software Version 24.1
- Arm\* Development Studio for Intel® SoC FPGA
- MCUXpresso Integrated Development Environment (IDE) (for NXP MCU software work)

# 4. Setup

## 4.1 Board Specification

This section describes the layout of components on this Board and their specifications. The following shows the layout of components on this Board.

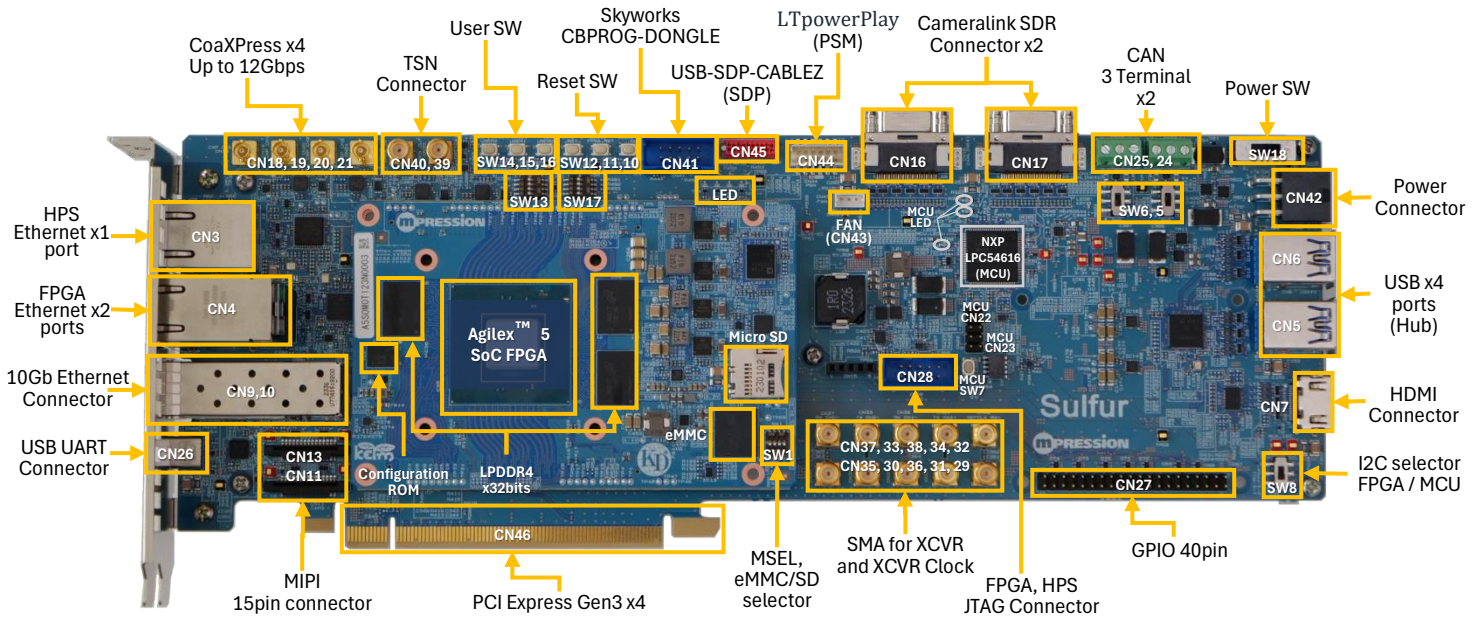


Figure 1 Layout (Top view)

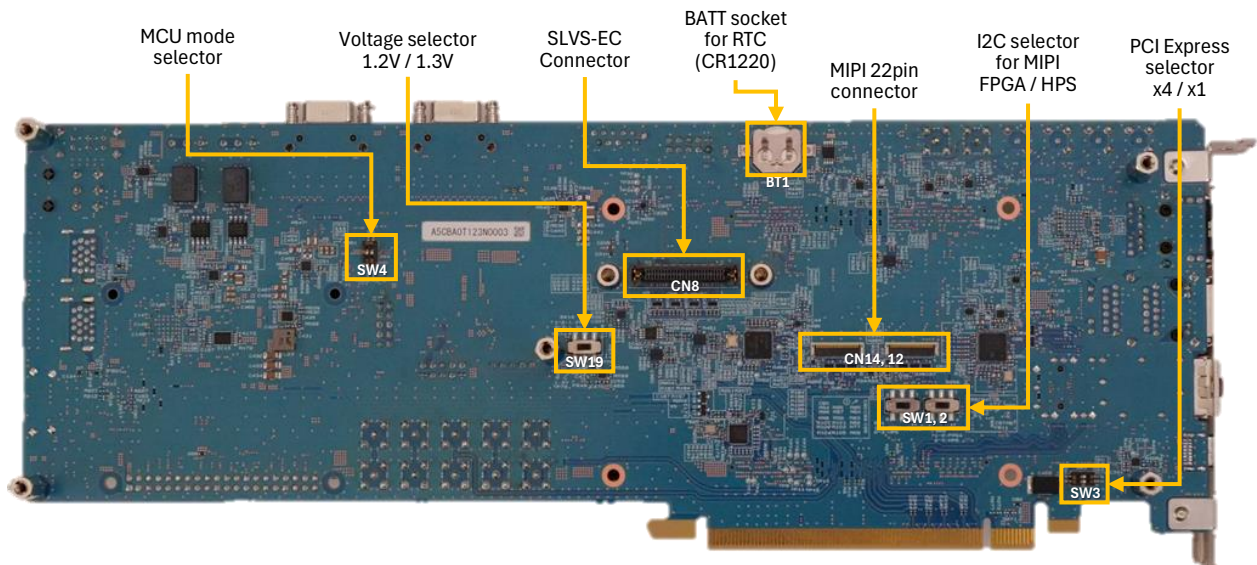


Figure 2 Layout (Bottom view)

Table 1 Main Components of this Board

| Reference               | Name                             | Description  |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>SoM</b>              |                                  |  |
| -                       | SoM                              | Agilex™ 5 FPGA E-Series A5ED065BB32AE5SR0  |
| CN1, CN2                | Connector for connecting SoM     | 400 pin 0.635 mm pitch 4 rows BtoB connector<br>Carrier board side: ADM6-100 -1.5 -L-4-2-A (Samtec)<br>SoM side: ADF6-100 -3.5 -L-4-2-A (Samtec) |
| CN28                    | JTAG connector                   | 10 pin 2.54 mm pitch<br>FPGA Download Cable II can be connected to debug and configure Agilex™ 5 E-Series SoC FPGA                               |
| <b>Gigabit Ethernet</b> |                                  |  |
| CN3                     | LAN Connector (HPS)              | RJ45 Connector with built-in pulse transformer   |
| CN4                     | LAN Connector (FPGA)             | 2-port RJ45 connector with built-in pulse transformer  |
| <b>10GbE</b>            |                                  |  |
| CN9, CN10               | 10GbE ports                      | SFP+ 20 pin connector, SFP+ cage   |
| <b>USB 3.1/2.0</b>      |                                  |  |
| CN5, CN6                | USB 3.1 connector                | 2 Type-A Super Speed 2-port connectors   |
| <b>HDMI</b>             |                                  |  |
| CN7                     | HDMI connector                   | Type-A connector   |
| <b>SLVS-EC</b>          |                                  |  |
| CN8                     | Connector for SLVS-EC connection | 50 pin 0.8 mm pitch 2 rows BtoB connector<br>ERM8-025-05.0-L-DV-L-K (Samtec)   |
| <b>MIPI</b>             |                                  |  |
| CN11, CN13              | MIPI 2 lane port                 | 15 pin 1 mm pitch FFC connector  |
| CN12, CN14              | MIPI 4 lane port                 | 22 pin 0.5 mm pitch FFC connector  |
| <b>PCIe</b>             |                                  |  |
| CN46                    | PCIe card edge                   | 4 connections (x 16 physical)  |
| <b>Camera Link</b>      |                                  |  |
| CN16, CN17              | Camera Link Connector            | 26 pin SDR Connector   |
| <b>CoaXPress</b>        |                                  |  |
| CN18, CN19, CN20, CN21  | CoaXPress Connector              | Micro BNC  |
| IC19, IC22, IC25, IC28  | Transmitter/Receiver             | EQCO125X40 (Microchip)   |
| <b>CAN</b>              |                                  |  |
| CN24, CN25              | CAN connector                    | 3-terminal block connector   |
| SW5, SW6                | CAN termination switch           | Slide switch controls termination ON/OFF   |
| CN23                    | SWD connector for MCU            | 1.27 mm pitch 10 pin header, ARM SWD connection  |
| SW4                     | MCU mode setting switch          | Used to specify MCU boot mode  |
| CN22                    | Pin header for MCU signals       | 2.54 mm pitch 10 pin header, some MCU ports connected  |
| LED1, LED2, LED3        | MCU status LED                   | MCU operation check LED  |
| <b>UART</b>             |                                  |  |
| CN26                    | Connector for UART               | USB Type-C   |
| <b>40 pin header</b>    |                                  |  |

| Reference                 | Name                            | Description   |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| CN27                      | Pin header                      | 2.54 mm pitch 40 pin header, IO pins (28) all connected to HVIO                                 |
| <b>Switch, LED</b>        |                                 |   |
| SW10                      | Push switch for reset           | For reconfiguration   |
| SW11                      | Push switch for reset           | FPGA user reset   |
| SW12                      | Push switch for reset           | HPS reset   |
| SW13                      | User dip switch                 | 3 out of 4 elements can be used, all connected to HVIO  |
| SW14, SW15,<br>SW16       | Push switch for user            | All connected to HVIO   |
| LED4, LED5,<br>LED6, LED7 | User LEDs                       | All connected to HVIO   |
| <b>SMA</b>                |                                 |   |
| CN29, CN32                | GTS clock input connector       | Connects to the transceiver reference clock input   |
| CN30, CN33                | GTS transmit channel 0          | Connect to transceiver transmit channel   |
| CN35, CN37                | GTS receive channel 0           | Connect to transceiver receive channel  |
| CN31, CN34                | GTS transmit channel 1          | Connect to transceiver transmit channel   |
| CN36, CN38                | GTS receive channel 1           | Connect to the transceiver receive channel  |
| CN39, CN40                | TSN sync signal<br>output/input | Connected to PPS output and PPS input of HPS  |
| <b>Clock</b>              |                                 |   |
| CN41                      | Connector for CBPROG            | Connect CBPROG-DONGLE (Skyworks) and program Si5340B using dedicated software Clock Builder Pro |
| SW17                      | X7 switch for setting<br>change | Switching the X7 output frequency   |
| <b>Power input</b>        |                                 |   |
| CN42                      | Power input connector           | ATX6 pin, +12 V input   |
| SW18                      | Power switch                    | Turn +12 V supply to the carrier board ON/OFF   |
| CN43                      | FAN connector                   | +12 V output  |

## 4.2 Setting Up the Board

### 4.2.1 External Connection

Set up the board before starting this board. The setup procedure is as follows:

- 1) Check that the power switch (SW18) is OFF.
- 2) Connect the AC adapter to the power input connector (CN42).
- 3) Connect the USB cable to the UART connector (CN26) and your PC.  
=>For the serial console.
- 4) Connect Intel® FPGA Download Cable II to the JTAG connector (CN28).  
=>In addition to FPGA configuration applications, it can be used for HPS debugger connections.

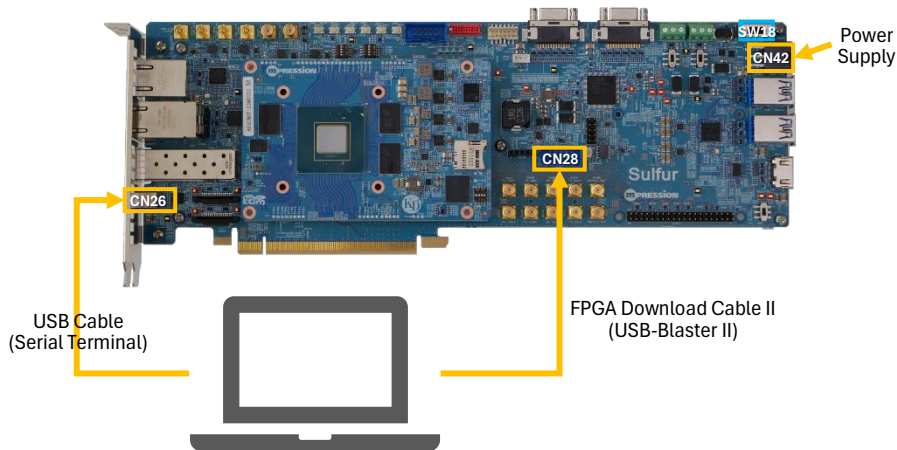


Figure 3 Board Setup

### 4.2.2 DIPSW/Slide Switch Settings (Carrier Board)

Check the DIPSW and Slide Switch settings on the carrier board.

For the items listed in **underlined bold** in Table 1 DIPSW/Slide Switches on the Carrier Board, adjust the switch to the underlined bold setting.

Table 1 DIPSW/Slide Switches on the Carrier Board

| Reference | Signal name          | Settings  |
|-----------|----------------------|---|
| SW18      | -                    | Power switch<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1-2: ON</li> <li>● 2-3: OFF</li> </ul>   |
| SW1, SW2  | MIPI1_I2C, MIPI2_I2C | I2C Master Device Selection for MIPI (Setting SW1 for CAMs 1 and 3 and SW2 for CAMs 2 and 4)<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1-2: FPGA</li> <li>● 2-3: HPS</li> </ul> |



| Reference | Signal name  | Settings   |
|-----------|--|--|
| SW3       | PCIE_PRSENT  | Select the number of lanes supported by PCI-Express. Set the x1 mode in SW3 [1] and the x4 mode in SW3 [2]. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ON: Enable</li> <li>● OFF: Disable</li> </ul>   |
| SW4       | [1] MCU_ISP0,<br>[2] MCU_GPIO0_17  | Select the MCU mode.<br>SW4 [1] enables/disables ISP (In-System Programming) mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ON: ISP disabled (boot from internal Flash)</li> <li>● OFF: ISP enabled (debug/Flash write)</li> </ul> SW4 [2] is the MCU user switch (available as the MCU GPIO input) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ON: Low</li> <li>● OFF: High</li> </ul> |
| SW5, SW6  | CAN0_RES, CAN1_RES   | Enable/disable selection of the terminal resistor of the CAN bus. Settings for CAN#0 in SW5 and CAN#1 in SW6 (basically, Enable fixed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1-2: Disable</li> <li>● <b>2-3: Enable</b></li> </ul>  |
| SW8       | MUX_I2C  | Master Device Selection for I2C <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1-2: MCU</li> <li>● 2-3: FPGA</li> </ul>  |
| SW13      | [1:3]<br>FPGA_USER_SW0,1,2<br>[4] Signal Unassigned  | FPGA User Switch (can be used to implement FPGA logic) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ON: High</li> <li>● OFF: Low</li> </ul>  |
| SW17      | [1] SLVS-EC_OSC_FS,<br>[2] HDMI_OSC_FS (NC),<br>[3] SFP_OSC_FS (NC),<br>[4] signal unconnected | Input selection to the FS (Frequency Select) terminal of the crystal oscillator. ([1:3] supports SLVS-EC, HDMI, and SFP settings, respectively) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ON: Low(FS=0)</li> <li>● OFF: High(FS=1)</li> </ul>   |
| SW19      | HSIO_2A_VCCIO  | IO voltage selection for FPGA HSIO2A bank. For CameraLink and MIPI I/F (basically fixed at 1.2 V) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>1 When using -2: 1.2 V MIPI</b></li> <li>● 2 When using -3: 1.3 V Cameralink (LVDS)</li> </ul>   |

※ Items grayed out in Table 1 should only be considered when evaluating the relevant interface.

### 4.2.3 DIPSW Settings (SoM)

Check the DIPSW settings on the SoM.

For the items listed in **underlined bold** in Table 2 DIPSW on SoM, adjust the switch to the underlined bold setting.

See also the image of SW1 to which the expected setting is applied (Figure 1 SW1 Configuration for SoM).

Table 2 DIPSW on SoM

| Reference | Signal name | Settings  |
|-----------|-------------|---|
| SW1 [3:1] | MSEL[2:0]   | FPGA configuration mode selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u><b>OFF-OFF-OFF: JTAG mode</b></u></li> <li>● ON-ON-OFF: AS(Fast) mode</li> <li>● ON-OFF-OFF: AS(Normal) mode</li> </ul> |
| SW1 [4]   | SDMMC_SEL   | Flash Device Selection for HPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u><b>ON: SD Card</b></u></li> <li>● OFF: eMMC</li> </ul>   |

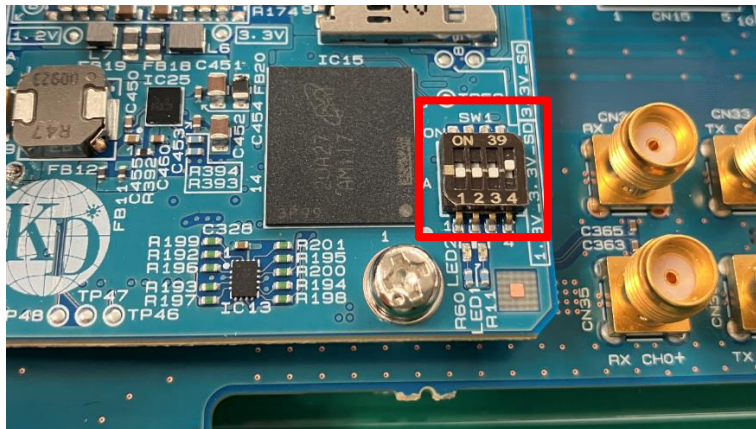


Figure 1 SW1 Configuration for SoM



## 4.3 Creating an SD Boot Disk for Sulfur Type-A

For prebuilt SD card images for Sulfur Type-A, the compressed file format `sdiimage_agilex5_sulfur_*.7z` is available from [RocketBoards.org](https://RocketBoards.org). Unzip the above file to generate `sdiimage_agilex5_sulfur_*.img`.

This image contains the following files required to run Linux on Sulfur Type-A.

- FIT image file containing U-Boot and Arm Trusted Firmware (ATF bl31)
- Linux Kernel
- Device Tree Blob
- Root File System

Install and use the [Win32 Disk Imager](#) to create an SD Boot Disk in a Windows environment. Start `Win32DiskImager.exe` and follow the steps below.


- 1) Connect the SD card to the PC.
- 2) Start the Win32 Disk Imager.
- 3) From the Device pull-down menu, select a drive that recognizes the SD card.
- 4) Select an unzipped prebuilt SD card image (.img) in the Image File.
- 5) Click Write.



Figure 2 Writing an SD Card Image

### ① Notes:

If a partition other than FAT exists on the SD card to be written, format the SD card before writing. Take special care when reusing a card that has already been written Linux image. The formatting tools available for Windows are also available on the SD Association site.

 **Refer to:** [SD Memory Card Formatter for Windows/Mac | SD Association \(sdcard.org\)](#)

# 5. Executing the Design

## 5.1 Powering on the Board

Load the SD card with the pre-built SD card image (see Section 4.3) into the MicroSD slot. Then turn the power switch (SW18) ON.

## 5.2 Setting Up the USB-to-Serial Interface

This board has a USB-to-Serial interface using FTDI FT232R. This board uses CN26 as a USB serial console. In advance, install terminal software such as [Tera Term](#) and [PuTTY](#) and the device driver for the USB console on the console PC terminal.

### 5.2.1 Installing the Device Driver for USB-to-Serial

Download the latest Virtual COM Port (VCP) Driver file for your console PC and install the Device Driver for USB-to-Serial from the FTDI URL below.

[VCP Drivers - FTDI \(ftdichip.com\)](http://www.ftdichip.com/VCP_Drivers)

### 5.2.2 Setting up Terminal Software

The following describes how to configure Terminal Software.

- Baud Rate: 115200
- Parity: none
- Stop: 1 bit
- Flow Control: none

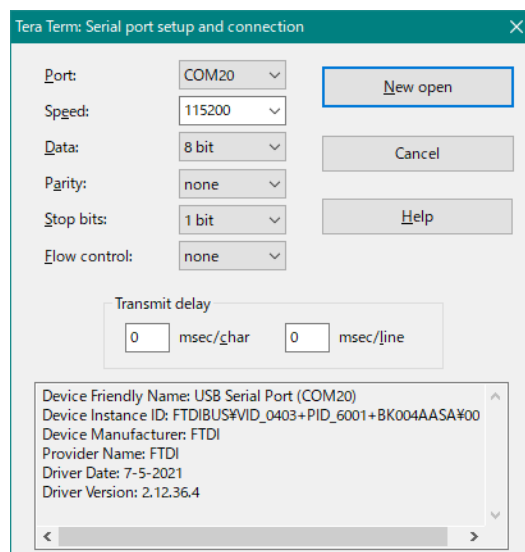


Figure 3 Terminal Software Configuration Screen (Example: Tera Term)

## 5.3 Perform Configuration and Boot

### 5.3.1 Agilex™ 5 Boot Flow

Assumptions include the Agilex™ 5 SoC FPGA boot flow. The Agilex™ 5 SoC FPGA includes a management block called Secure Device Manager (SDM), which manages the entire SoC FPGA device.

When booting the device, the SDM must read a bitstream that contains both the FPGA fabric configuration data and the processor's 1<sup>st</sup> Stage Bootloader (FSBL).

After FSBL boot, the processor spontaneously reads programs from the SD card and runs.

See [Hard Processor System Booting User Guide: Agilex™ 5 SoCs](#) for more information.

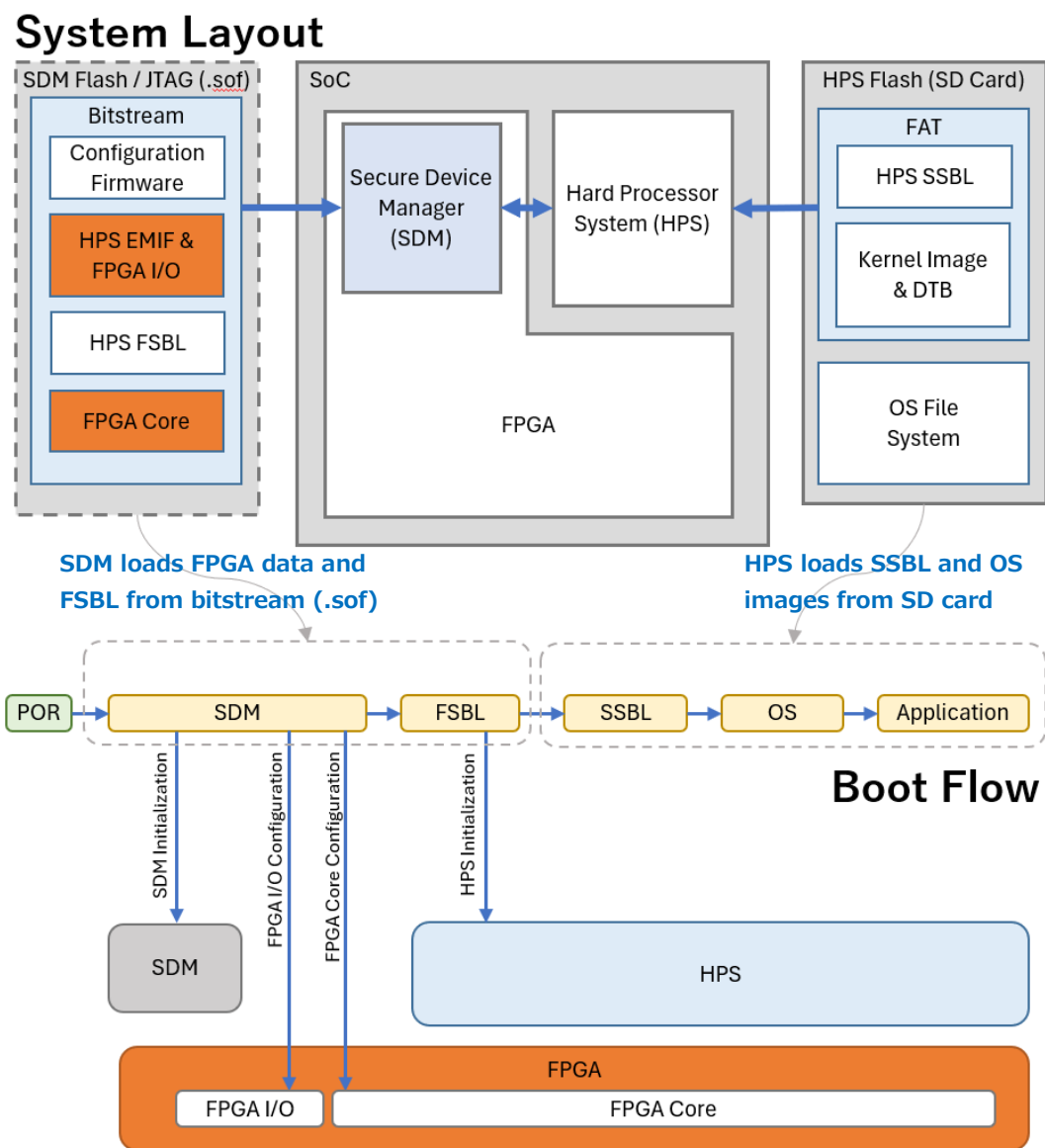


Figure 4 System Layout and Boot Flow for Agilex™ 5

### 5.3.2 Writing .sof Files

Start the Quartus Programmer and write a .sof file. For the prebuilt .sof file, download sulfur\_ghrd\_top\_hps\_\*.sof from [RocketBoards.org](https://www.rocketboards.org).

\*Also check that SW1 [3:1] of SoM is set to **OFF-OFF-OFF: JTAG mode**.

- 6) Start the Quartus Programmer.

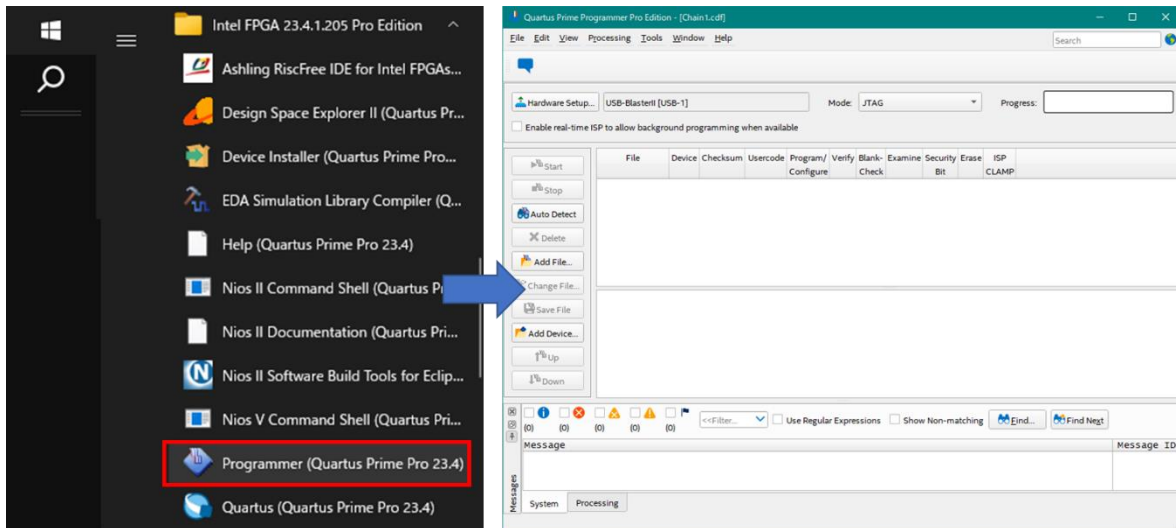


Figure 5 Starting the Quartus Programmer

- 7) Press the Hardware Setup button to specify the JTAG hardware and clock frequency to connect to. Then click the Auto Detect button.

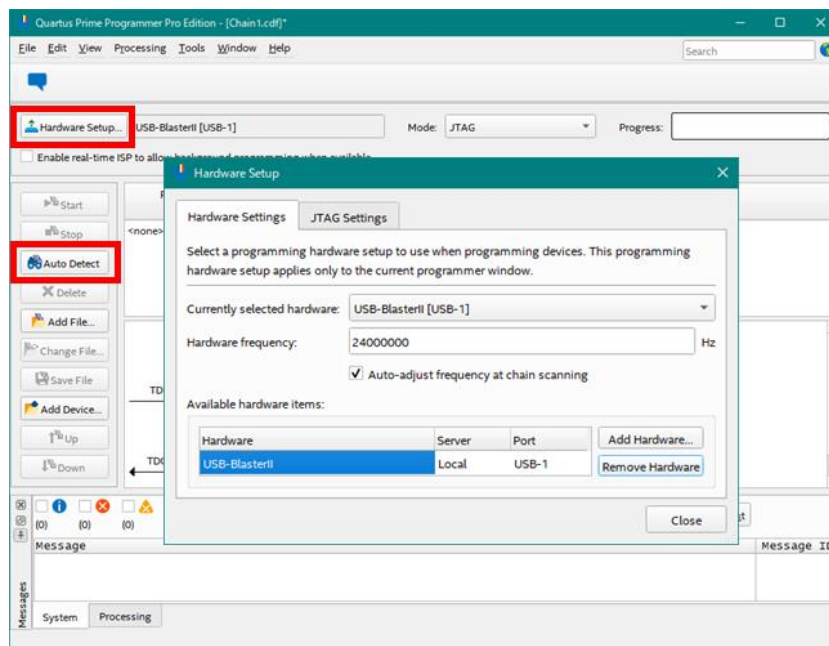


Figure 6 Hardware Setup and Auto Detect

- 8) With the auto-detected device selected, click the Change File button to select the .sof file to write to. Then check Program/Configure.

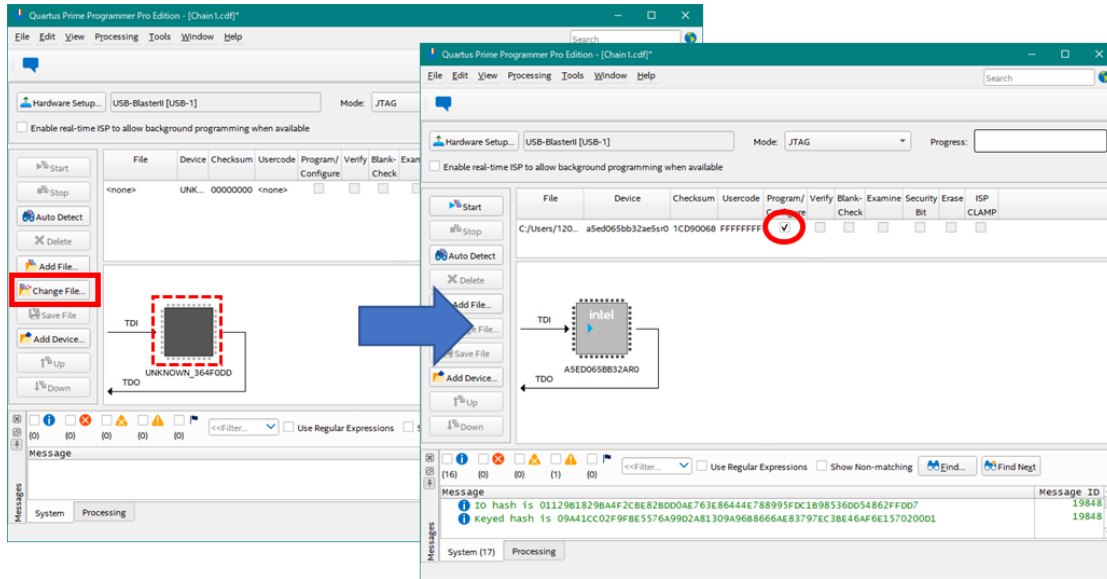


Figure 7 Specifying the .sof File and Program/Configure

- 9) Click the Start button. If writing is successful, the display will look like the one on the right.

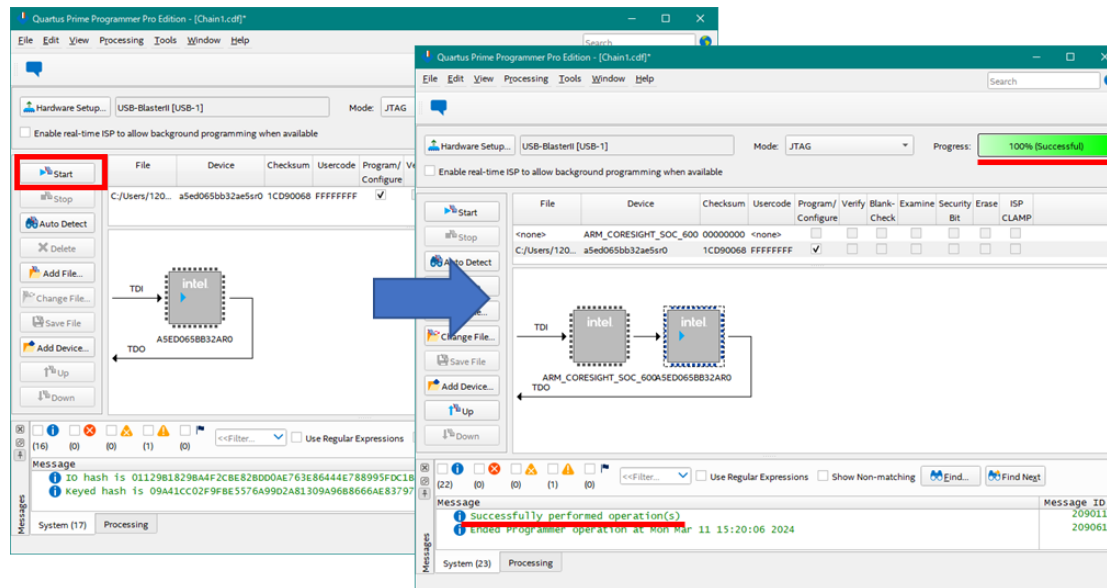


Figure 8 Writing start to completion

The processor will boot as soon as the .sof file has been written.

### 5.3.3 Check the Serial Terminal and Linux Boot

Check the operation of the processor using the boot log displayed in the serial terminal.

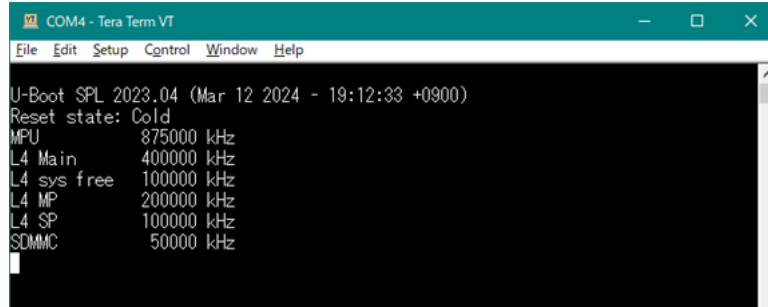


Figure 9 Terminal Immediately After HPS Boot

When you are finished booting Linux, you will see a login prompt as in Figure 10 Terminal at the end of Linux startup

Username: root, allows you to log in to Linux without a password.

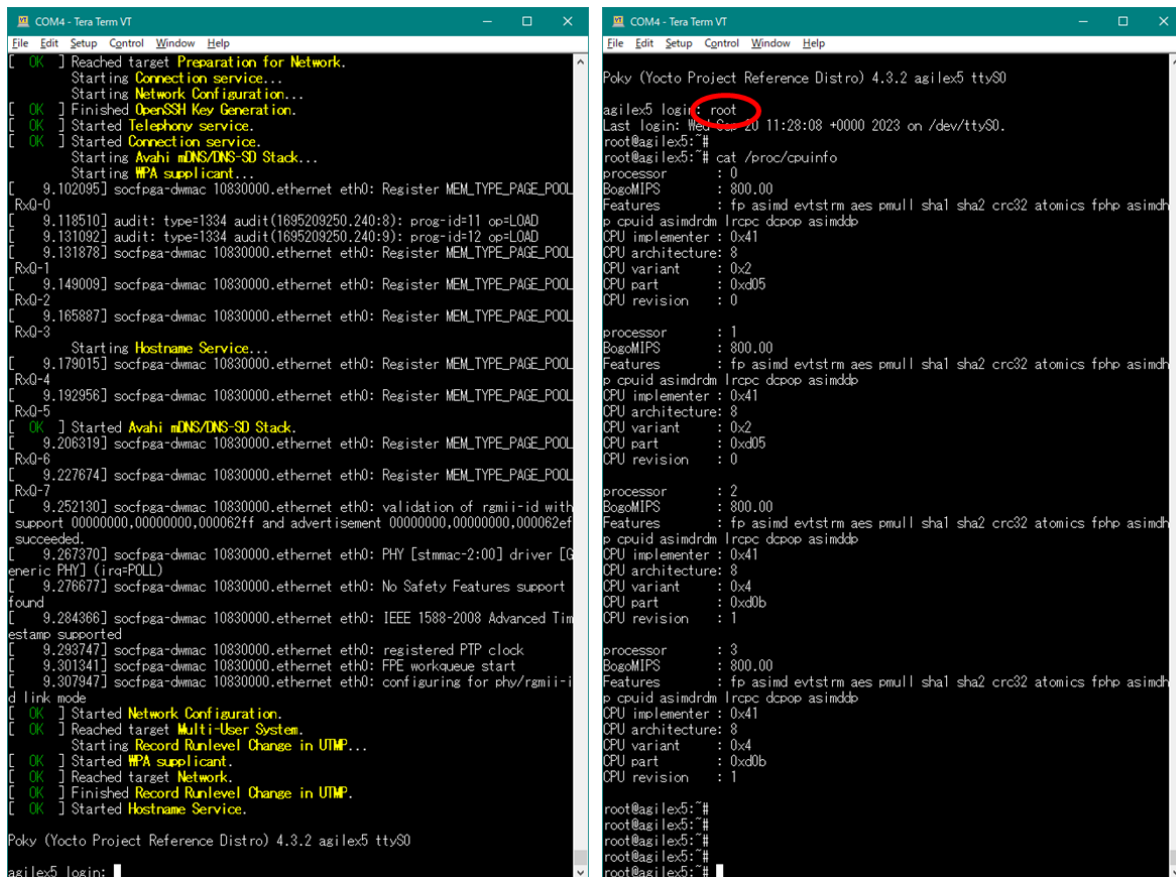


Figure 10 Terminal at the end of Linux startup

That's all for running the reference design.

## 6. Reference Information

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[Home | Mpression \(m-pression.com\)](#)
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  - ✓ [Agilex™ 5 Hard Processor System Technical Reference Manual... \(intel.com\)](#)
  - ✓ [Device Configuration User Guide: Agilex™ 5 FPGAs and SoCs \(intel.com\)](#)
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