INDUCTIVE POSITION SENSOR (IPS) DESIGN GUIDELINES

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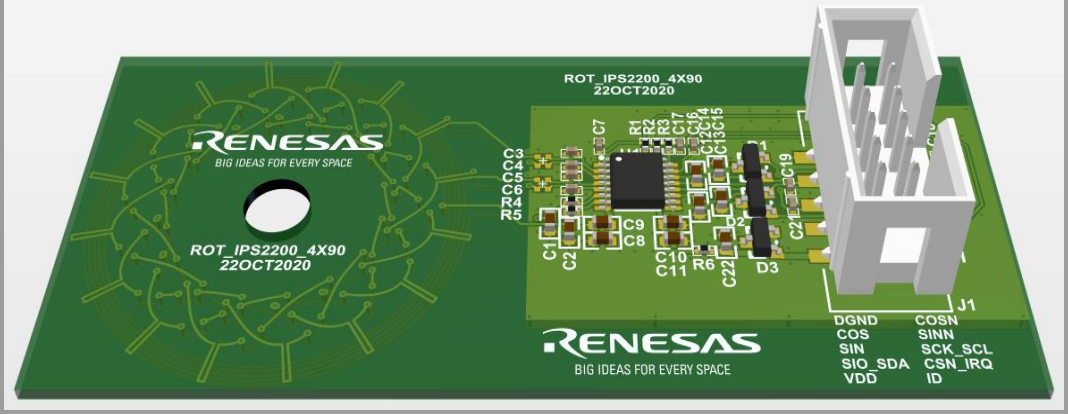

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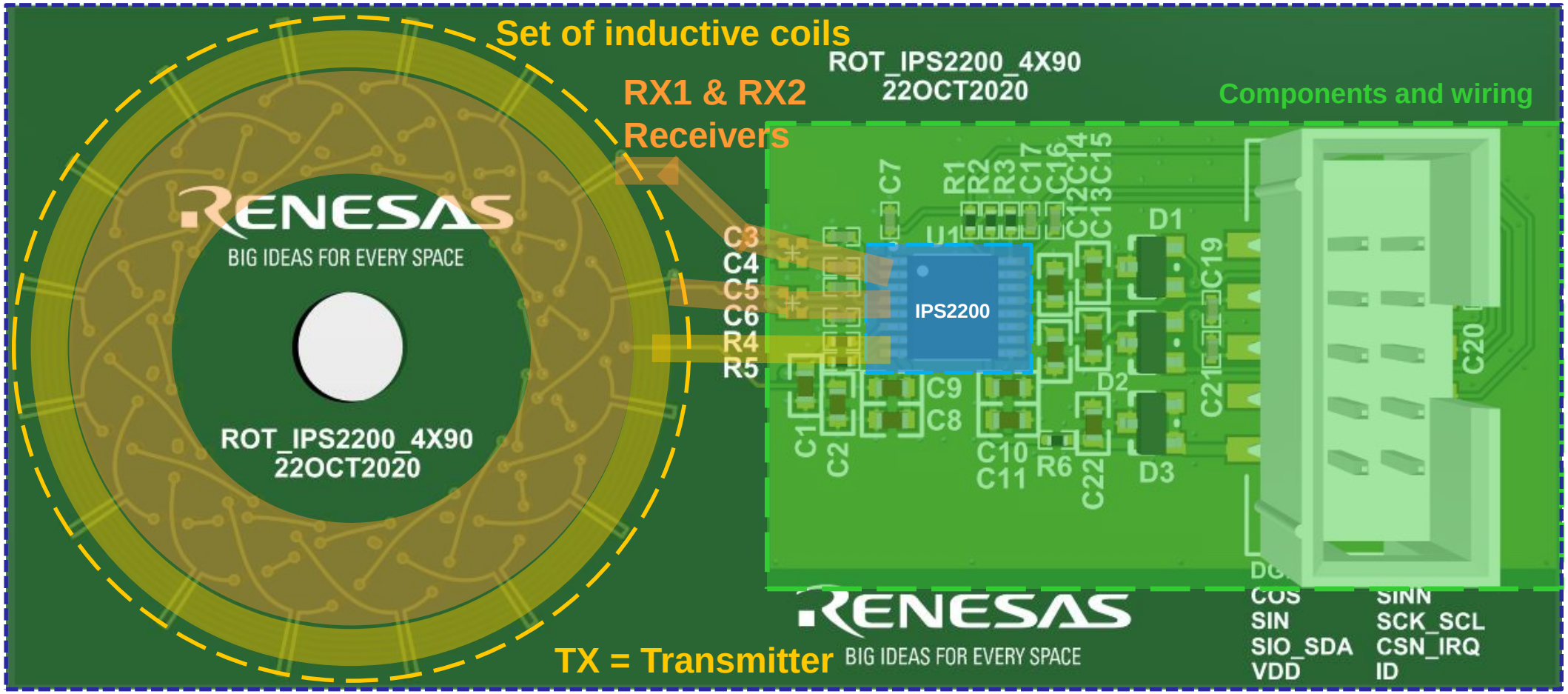

TOOLS FOR DESIGN GENERATION

ICOT
Inductive Coil Optimization Tool

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- ☑ Gerber Files
- ☑ Simulation Results
- ☑ 3 Air Gap Variations

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- ☑ Optimized Sensor Coils
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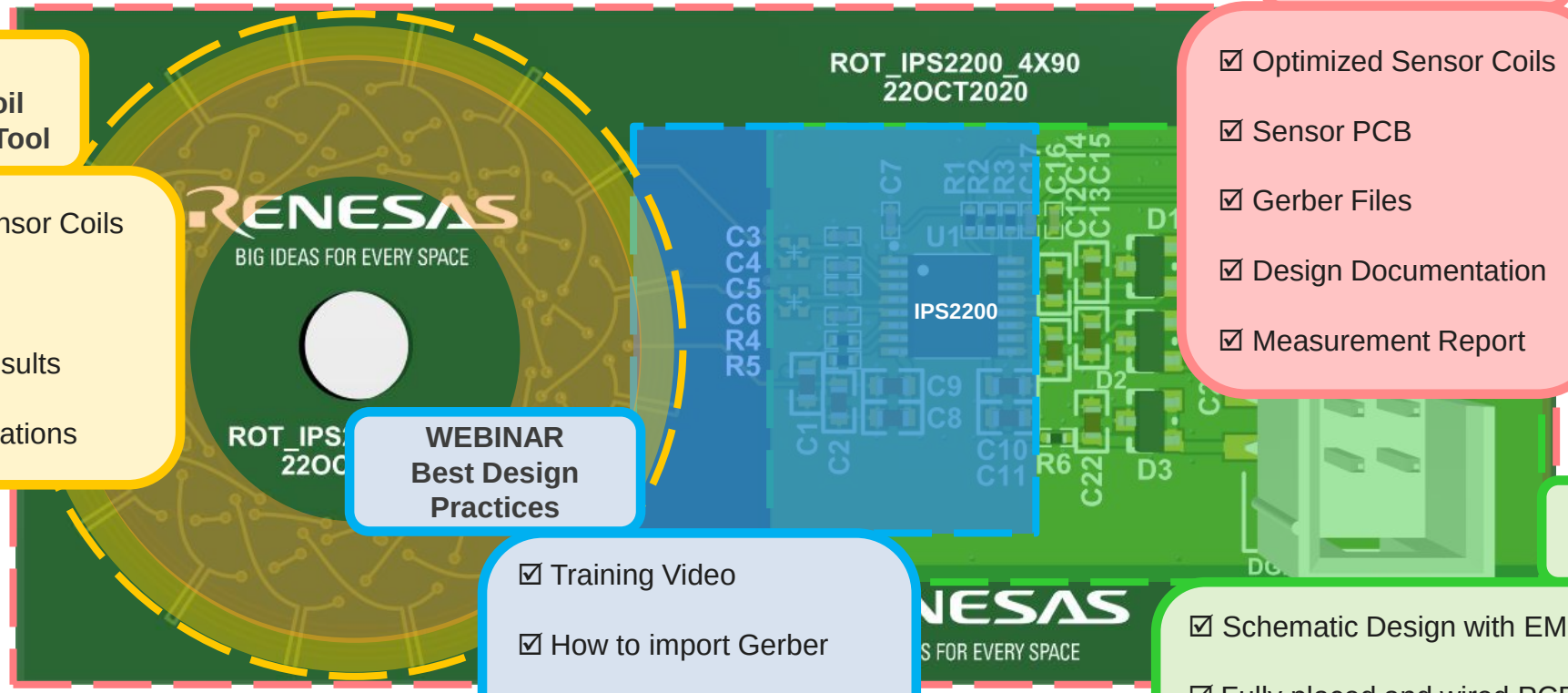
- ☑ Measurement Report



WEBINAR
Best Design Practices

- ☑ Training Video
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https://www.renesas.com/buy-sample/locations

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HOW TO IMPORT GERBER?

☑ Gerber Files of Optimized Sensor Coils

pcb_layout_advanced.zip
227 KB

Save and unpack ZIP container **1**

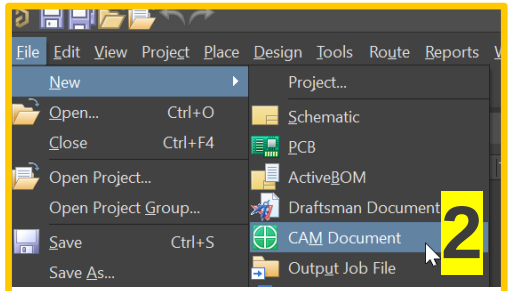
Dear User,
Your coil design optimization results are attached in the email.
Please send an email to „Teamsupport@coildesign“ if any questions.

Send the legal disclaimer as a PDF to the customer upfront.
The Legal Disclaimer can be found on Seismic as “Renesas Inductive Position Sen
Do not deliver the results and the Gerber files without the customer acknowledgi
Attach the disclaimer again when the results and the Gerber files are sent.

Note
The attached ZIP file is encrypted with you user password.

Regards,
AASBD Apps support team

NB: This is a generated email please do not reply.



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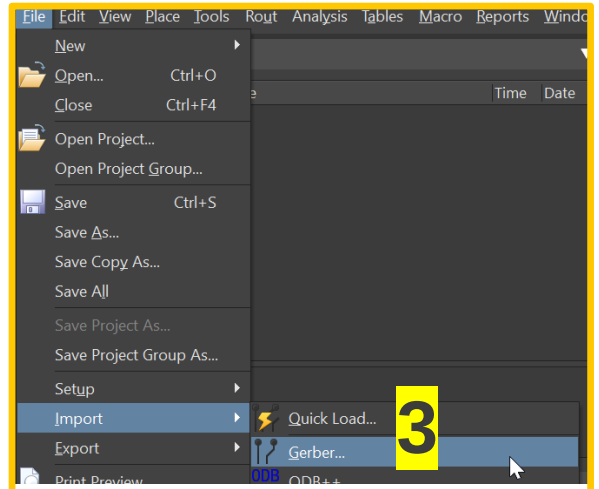
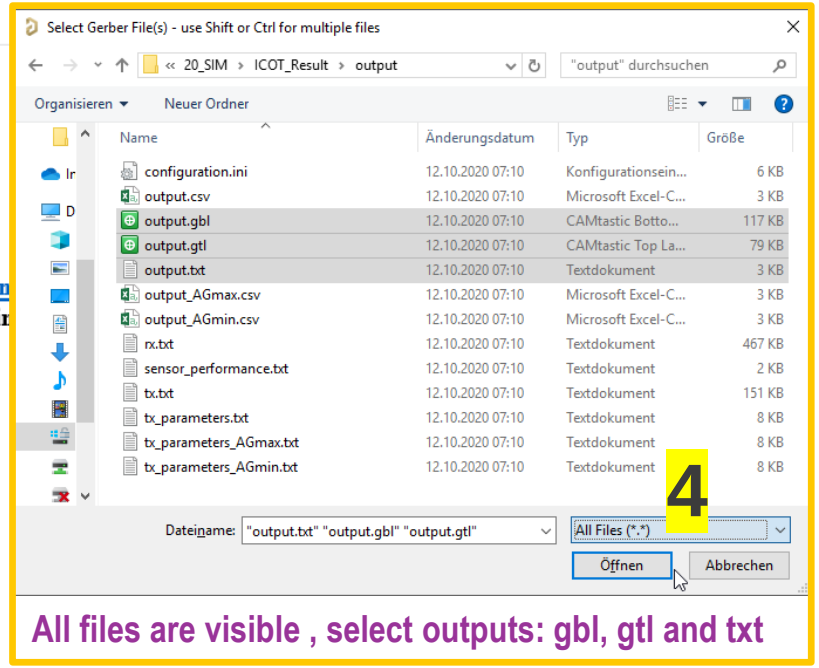


Import Gerber…



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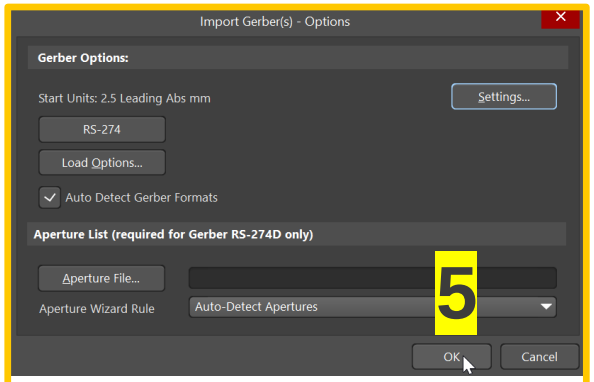
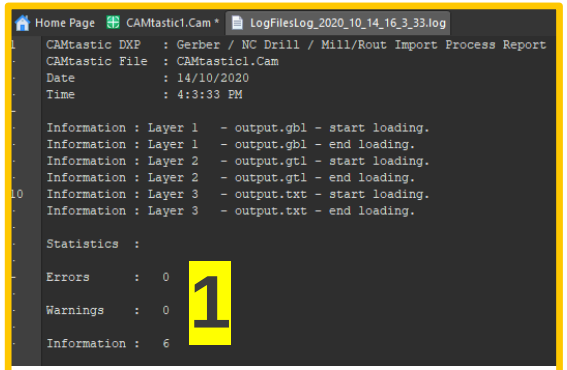


Just hit OK, Gerbers will be imported

HOW TO SET THE LAYERS?



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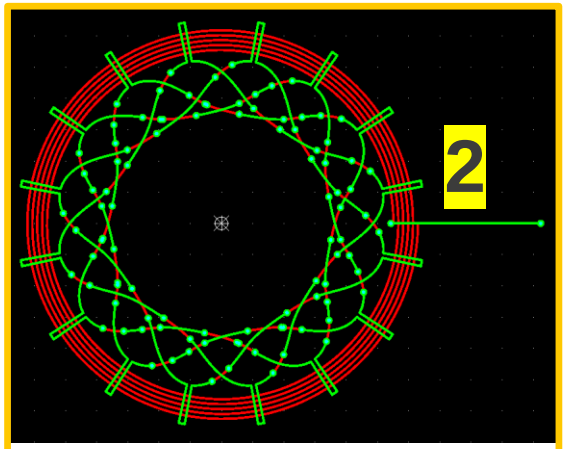
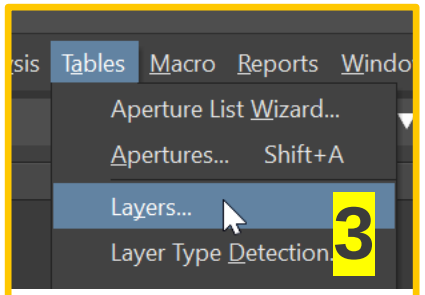


Back to CAMtastic, coils imported



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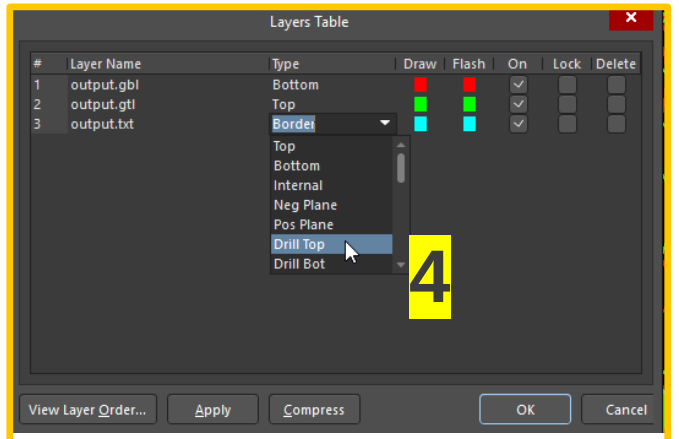
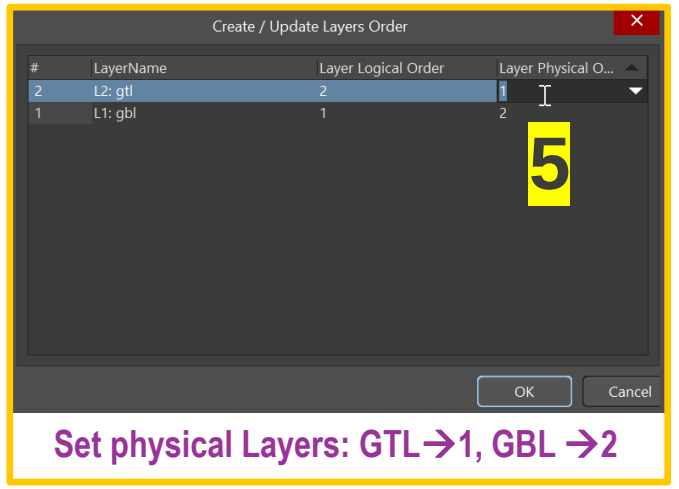
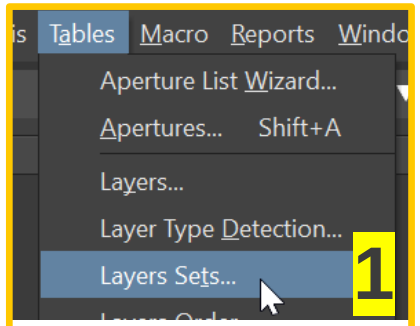


Set the TXT file for drilling layer



Set physical Layers: GTL→1, GBL →2

HOW TO SET THE VIAS?



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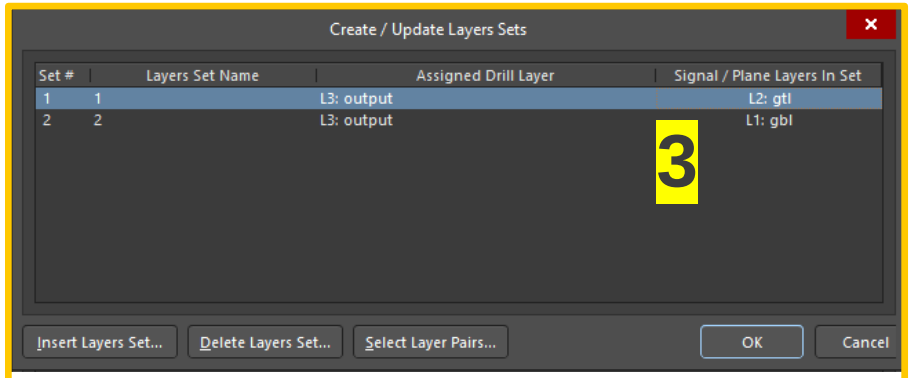
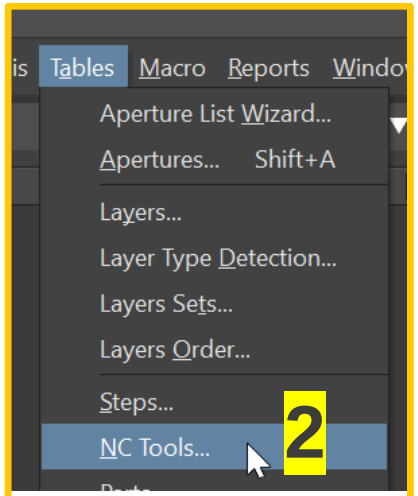


Insert Layer Set, name them, assign Drill and Signal Layers



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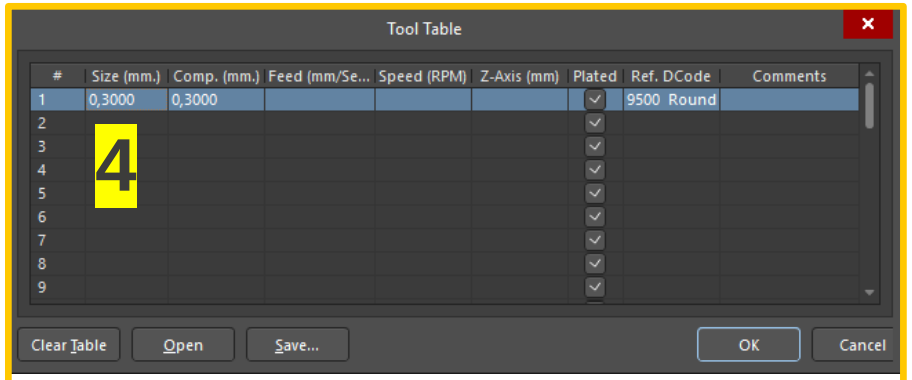
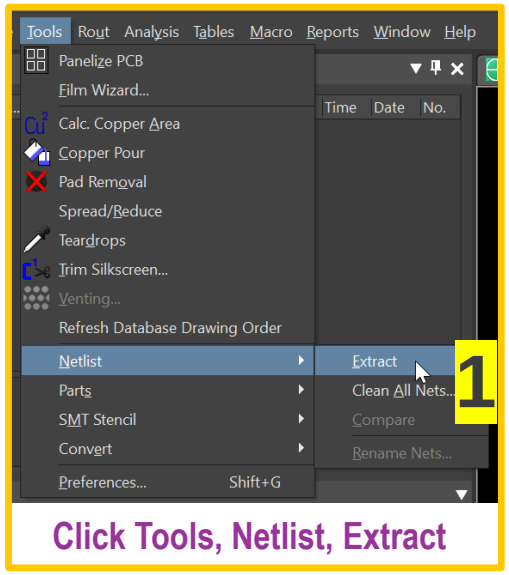
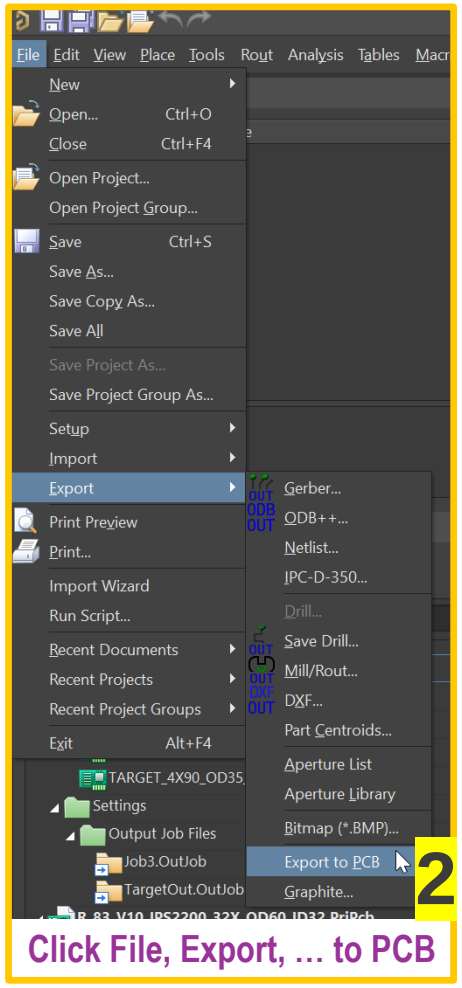


Set Via Drill diameter as simulated with ICOT

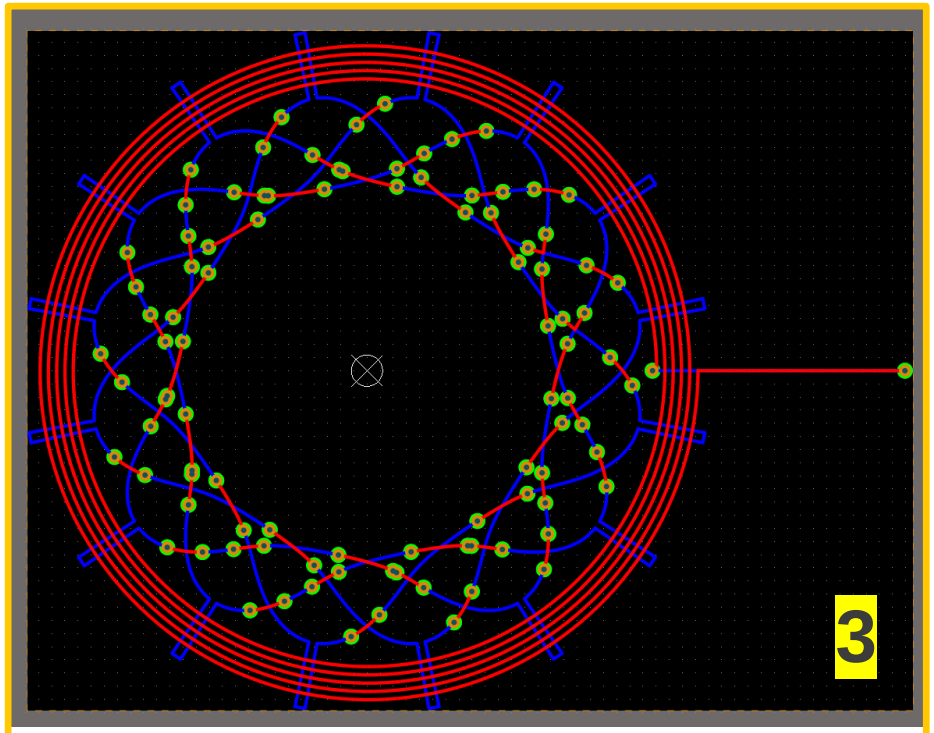
HOW TO EXPORT TO PCB?



Click Tools, Netlist, Extract



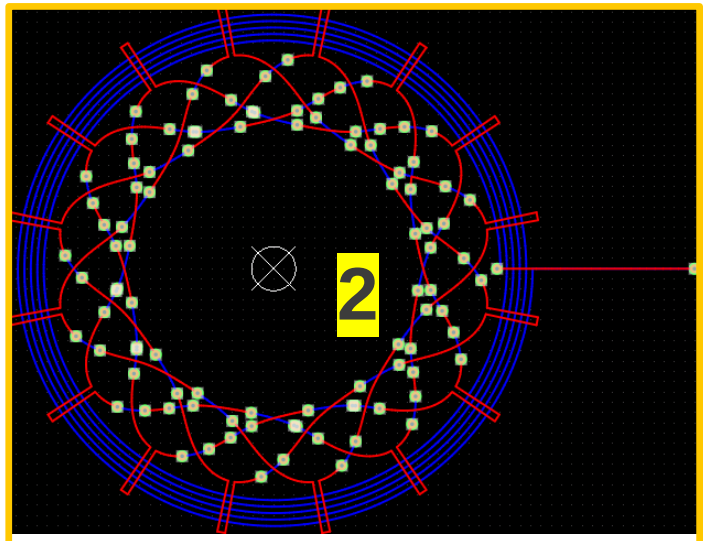
Click File, Export, … to PCB



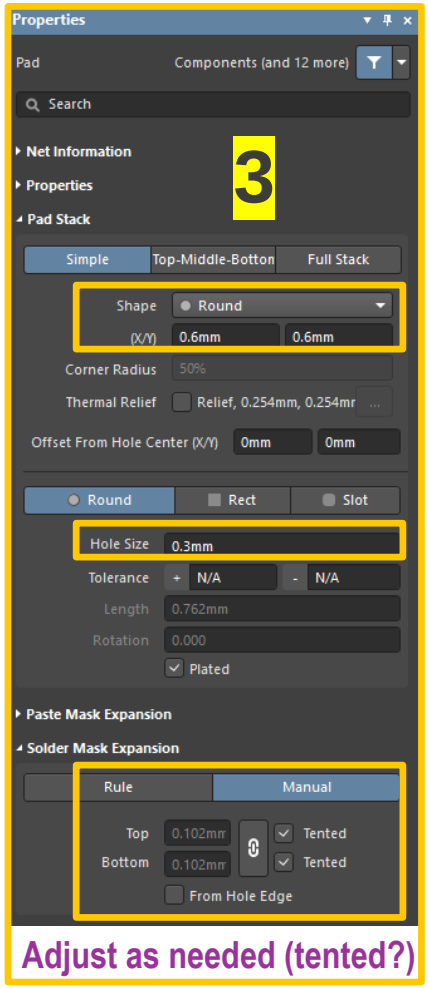
Sensor coils are now ready to use in Altium Designer as PCB

DESIGN HINT FOR ADJUSTING VIAS

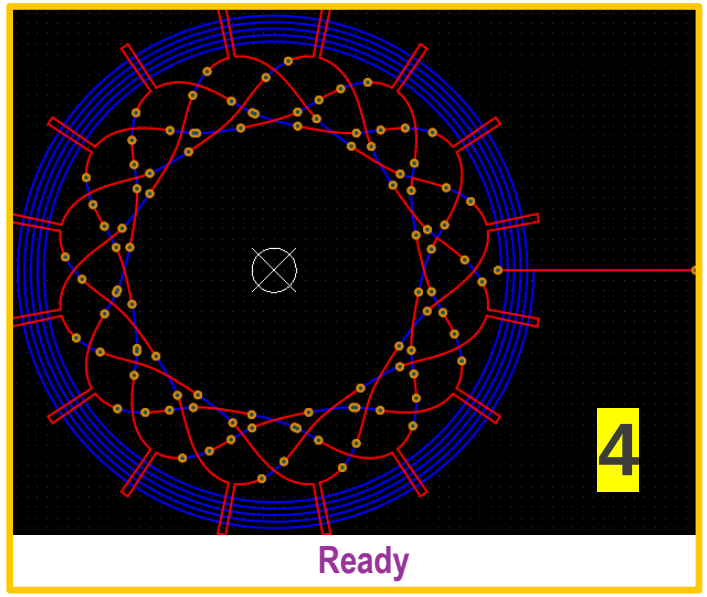
Select only Pads



Select all the Pads/Padstacks

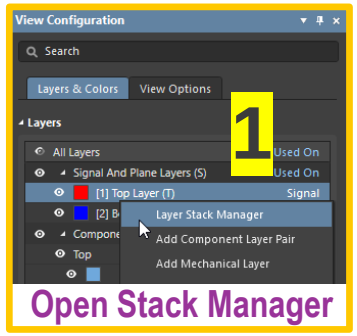


Adjust as needed (tented?)



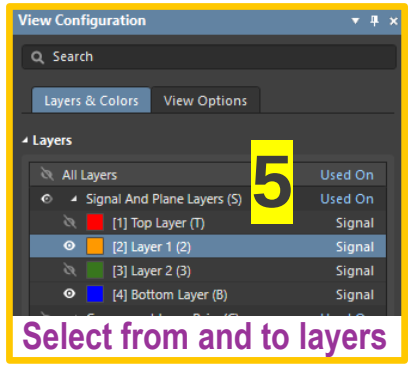
Ready

DESIGN HINT FOR SHIFTING LAYERS

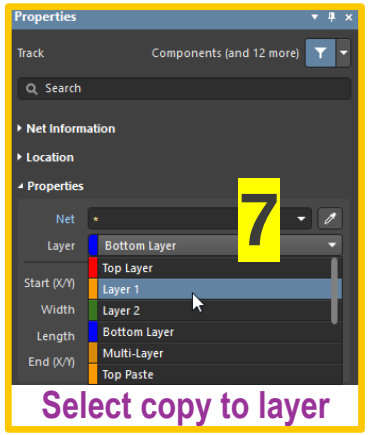


Open Stack Manager

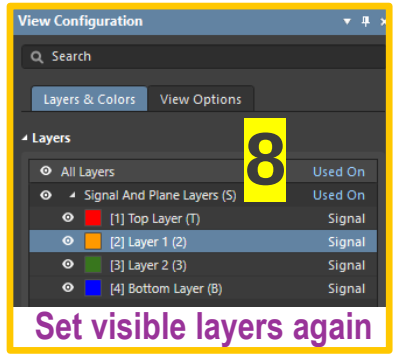
Select Tracks and Arcs



Select from and to layers



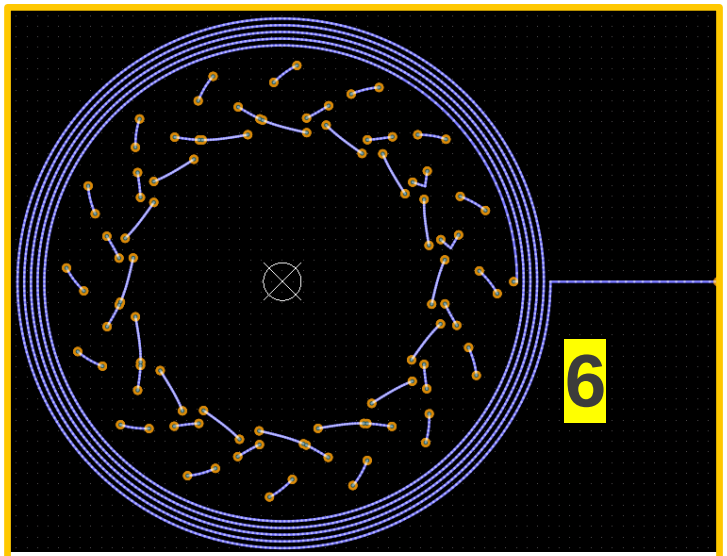
Select copy to layer



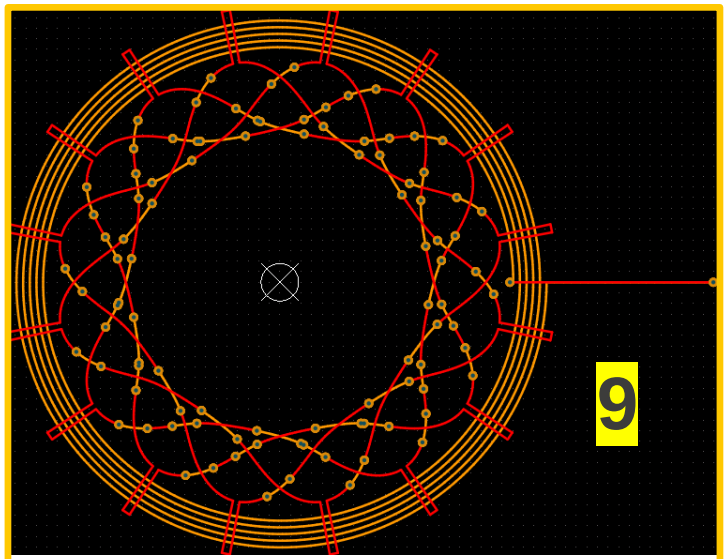
Set visible layers again

Insert Internal Layers

4 Layers are ready, Save and Exit Stack



From layer is visible,select everything to copy



Coils have been copied from BOT to Layer2

HOW TO OPEN THE TEMPLATE?

☑ Download Templates – Altium Project Files

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BIG IDEAS FOR EVERY SPACE
WEBPAGE
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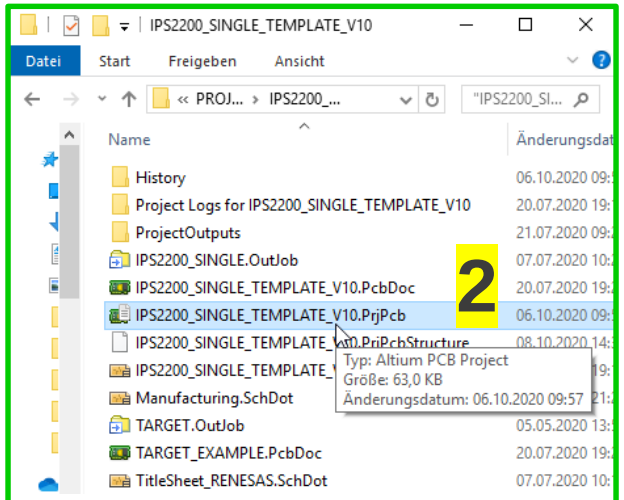
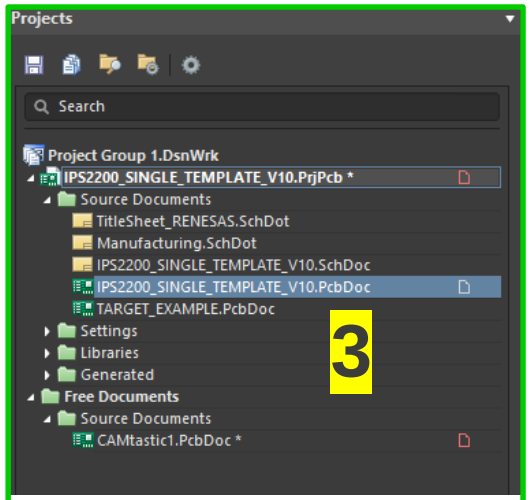


Double Click the PrjPcb data



Double Click the PcbDoc data

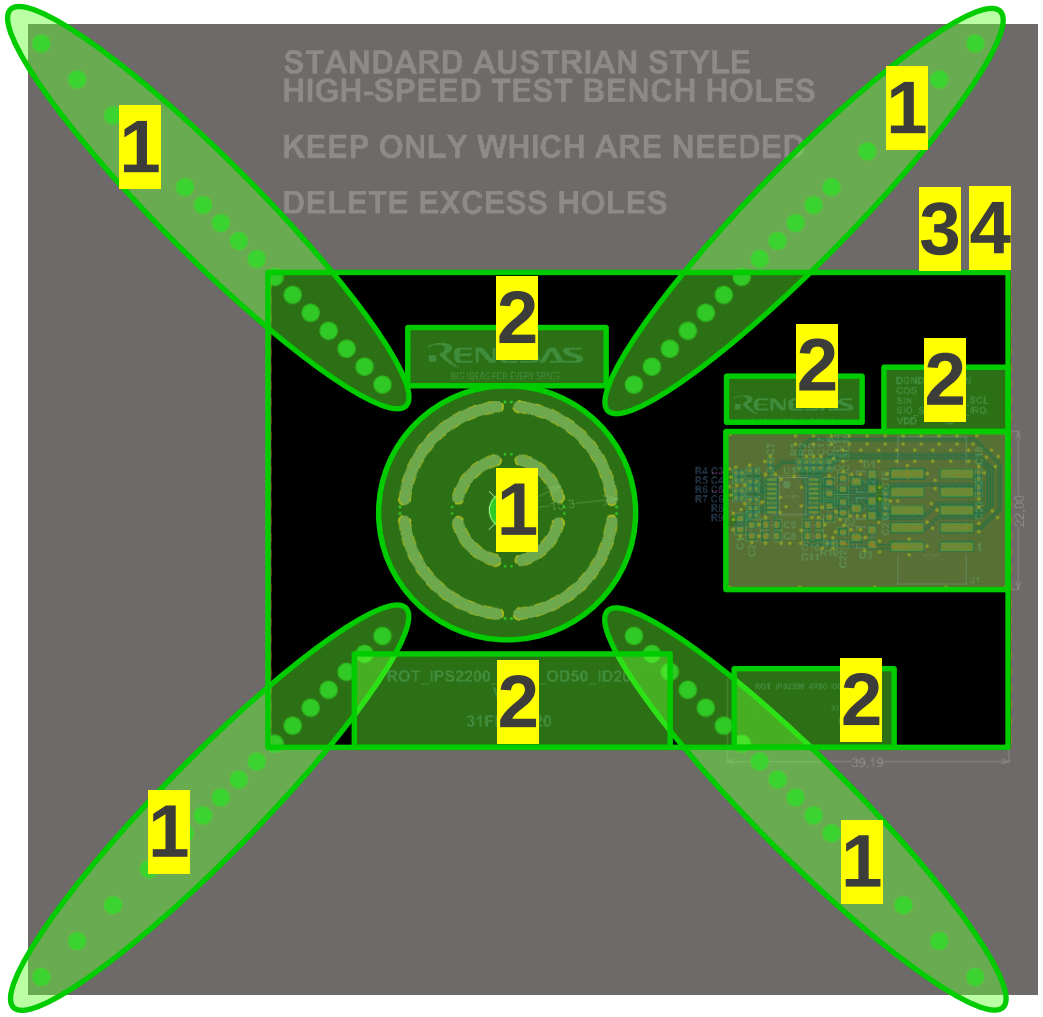
PCB Layout is ready for use

HOW TO ADJUST THE TEMPLATE?

☑ Remove unused Mounting Holes

☑ Or add/adjust as needed **1**

☑ Remove/adjust Text, Logo, etc. **2**

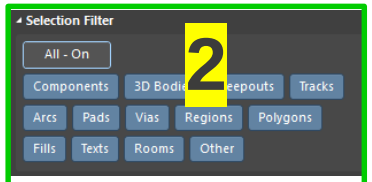


☑ Adjust Board Shape freely **3**

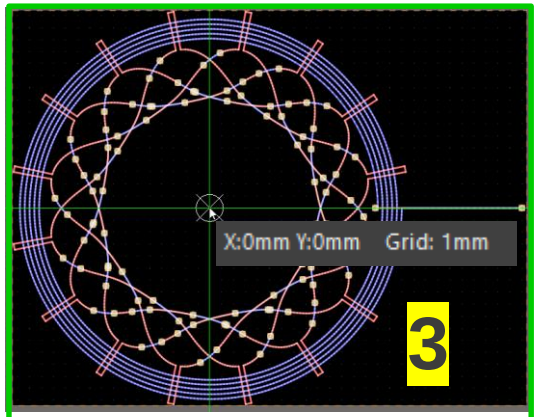
☑ Adjust Layer Stack **4**

HOW TO COPY/PASTE THE COILS?

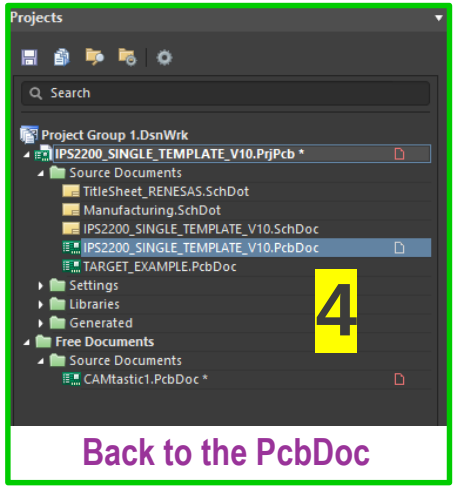
Back to the imported coils



Filters all ON



Select everything, press ctrl+c and click on the origin (0;0)



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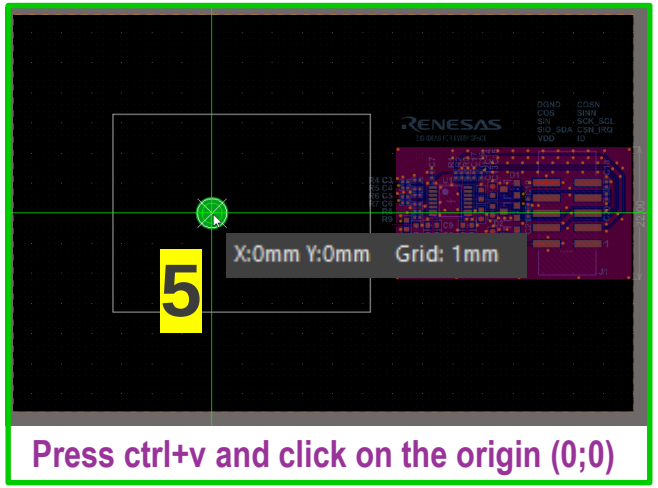

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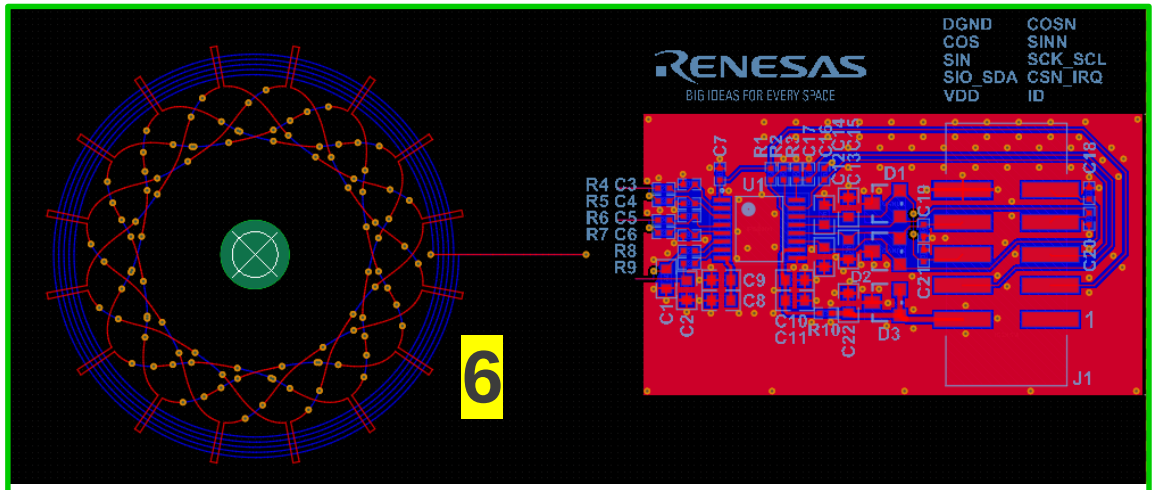
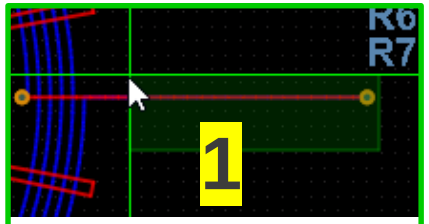
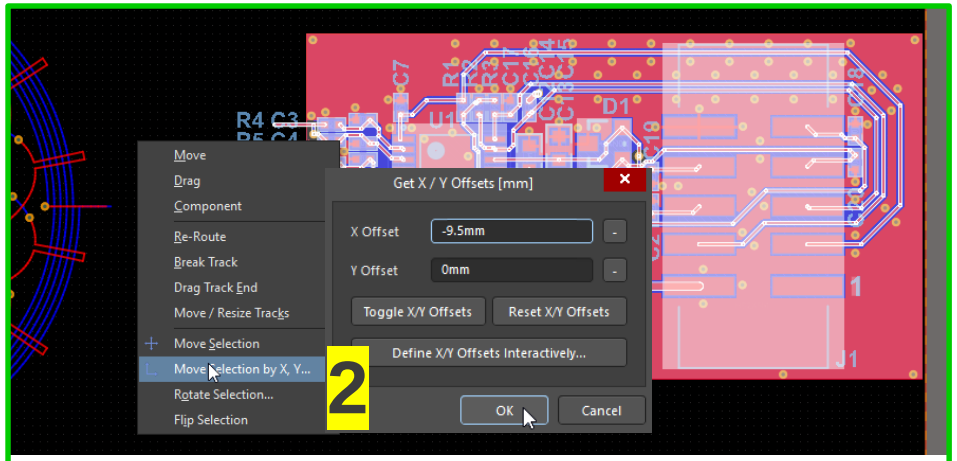


Sensor Coils are now copied to the PCB Layout Template

DESIGN HINT FOR COMPACTING THE BOARD



Delete long unused Traces



Select everything and move them closer to the Coils

To eliminate the unwanted influence of large metallic objects:

☑ Keep **3mm** minimum distance from copper planes to the coils!

☑ Keep **5mm** or larger safety distance if your design lets you!

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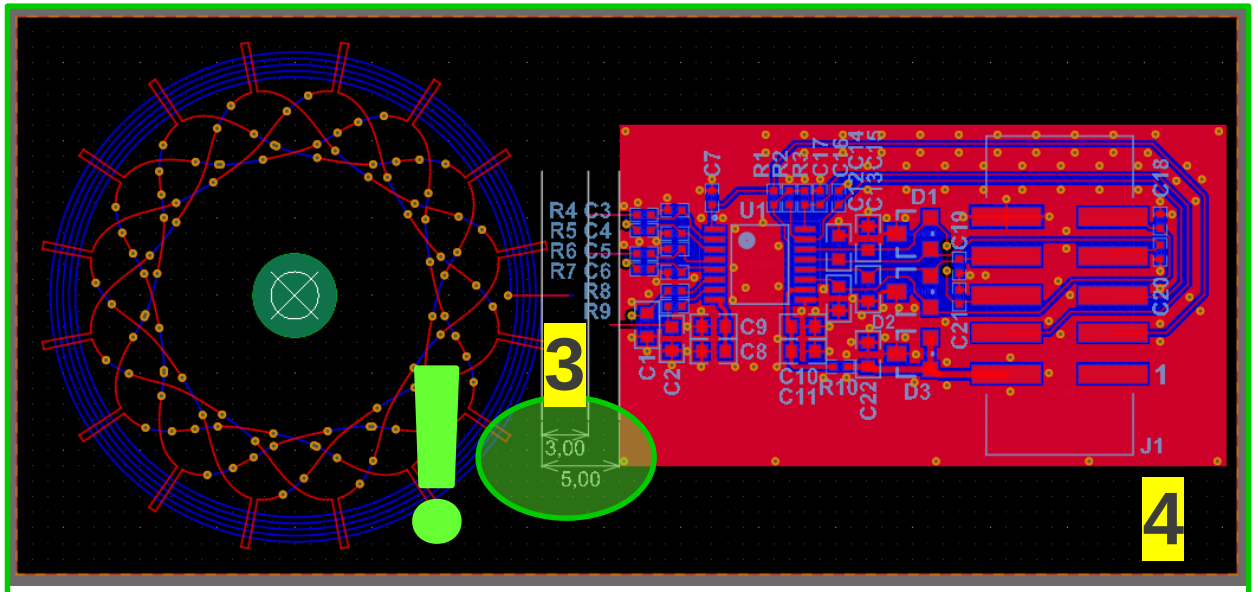
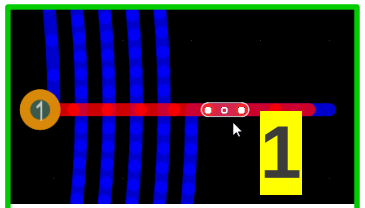
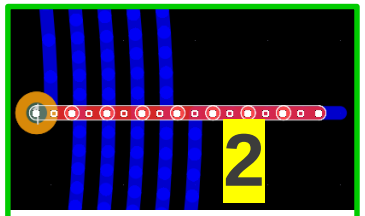


Coils and the Template Layout are now close to each other

HOW TO RENAME THE COILS?



Select a via/segment



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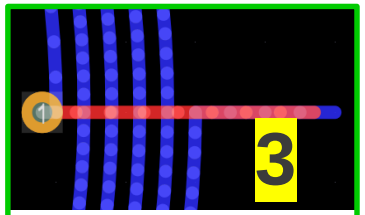

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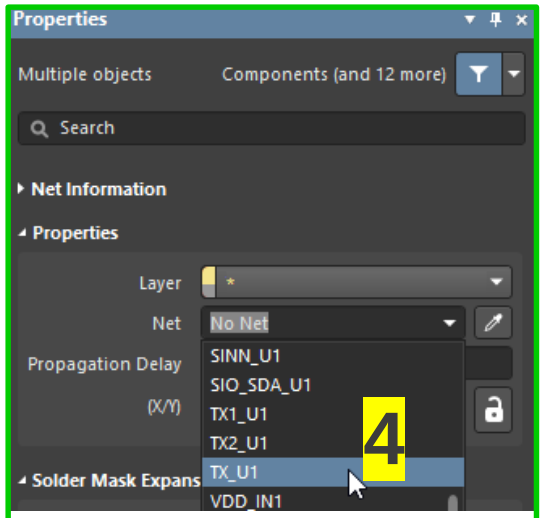
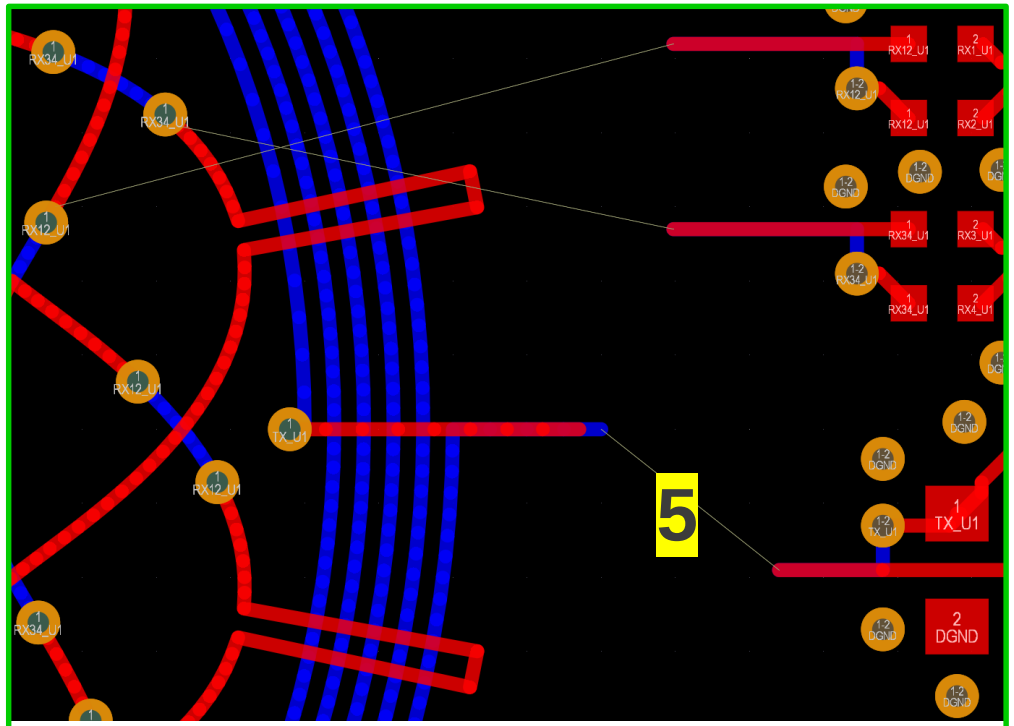
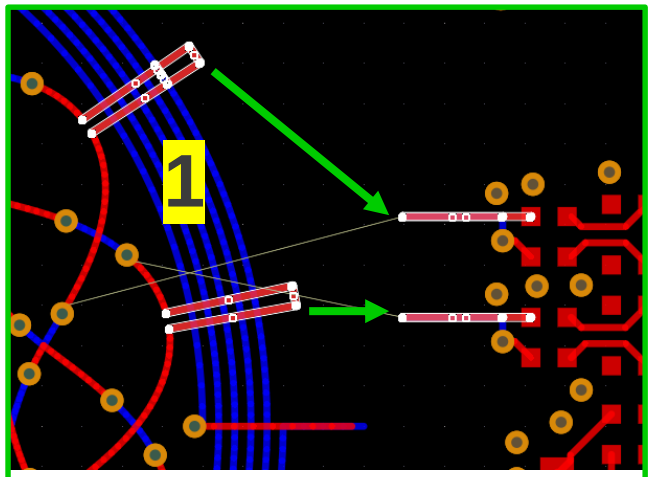


Select Net Name for each Coil

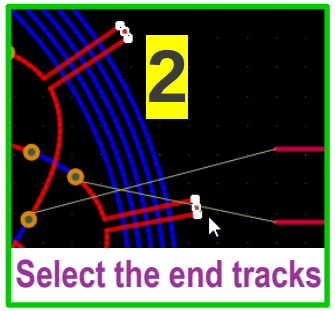


TX_U1, RX12_U1 and RX34_U1 are ready for connection

HOW TO CONNECT THE COILS?

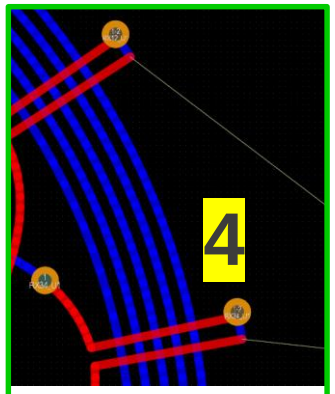


Always take the 2 closest Exits

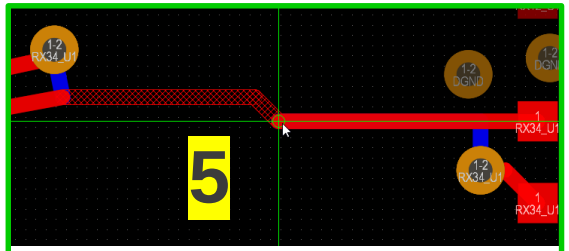


Select the end tracks

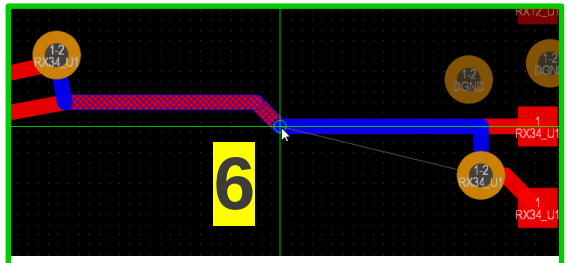
Move to 2nd Layer



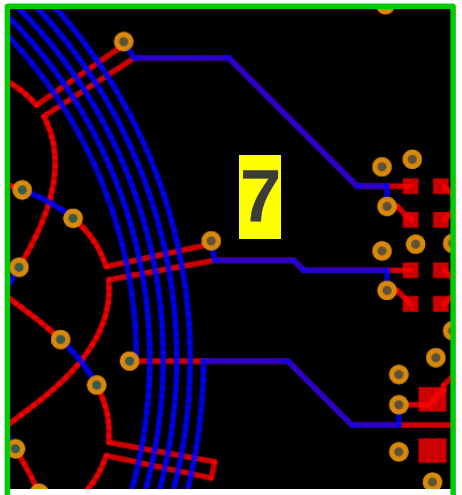
Place Vias



Finish routing on TOP…



…and on the 2nd Layer



Connect all TX & RX coils

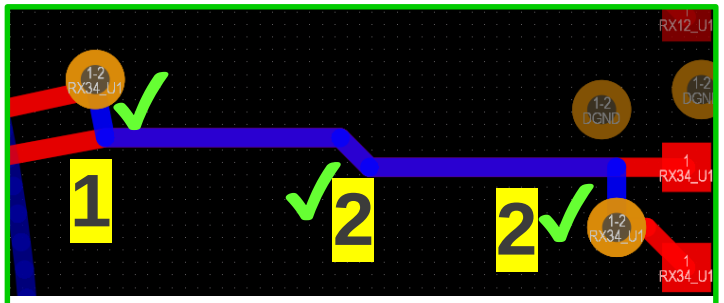
DESIGN HINT FOR COIL ROUTING

To eliminate the unwanted influence of bad wiring:

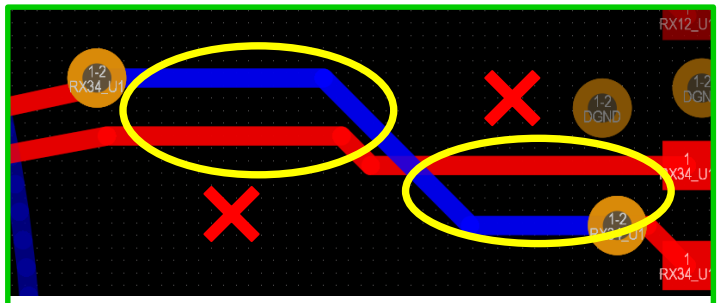
1 ☑ Always use the Exits as simulated

2 ☑ Always route the Coils overlapped on neighboring Layers!

☑ Don´t change the Renesas Layout Template



Good: overlapped traces, Exit as generated



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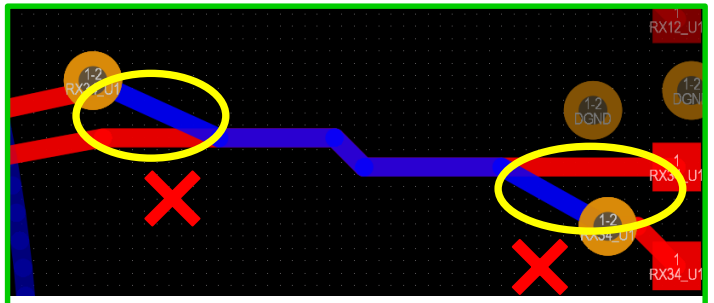

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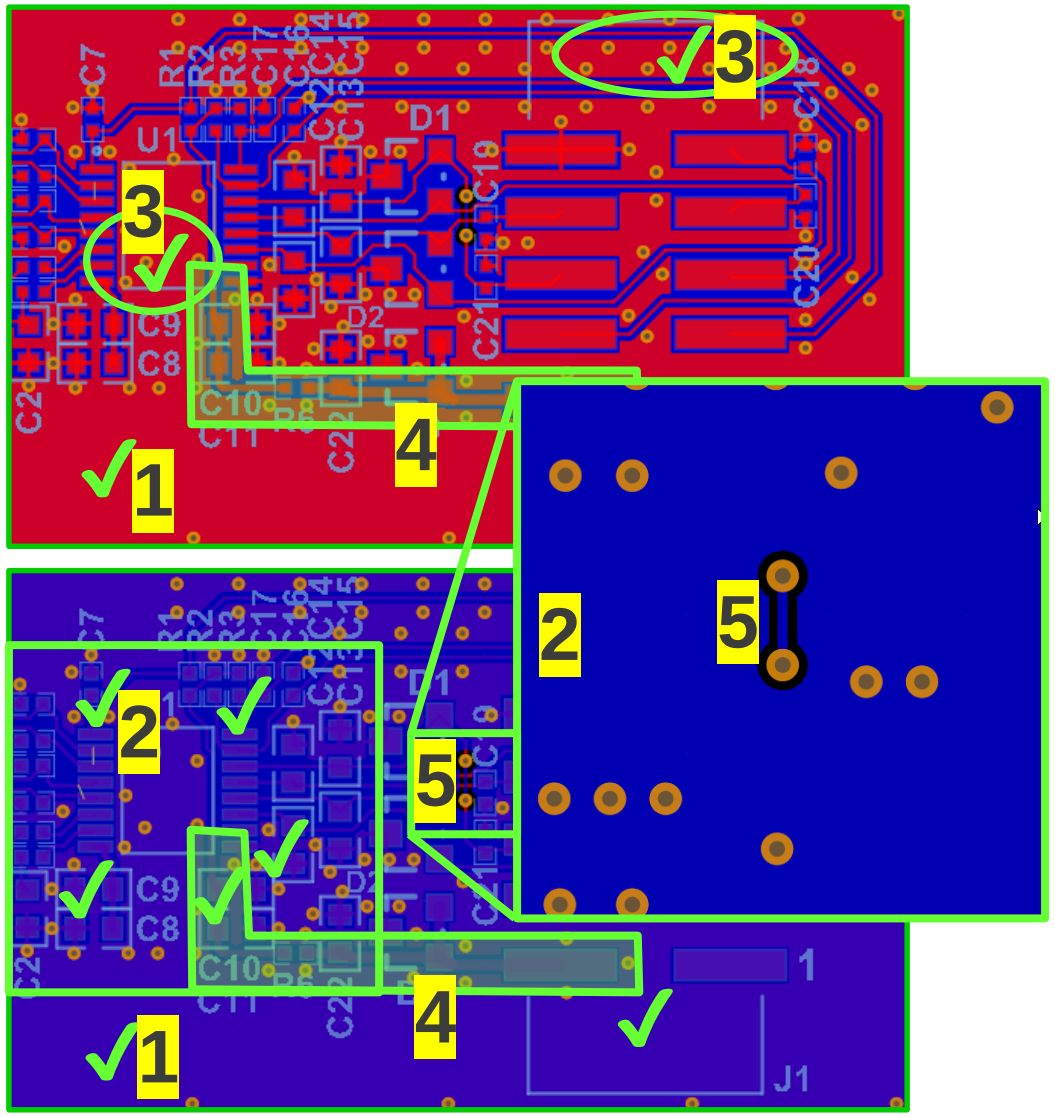
DESIGN HINT FOR GND PLANES

1. ☑ Always fill all the Copper Layers with GND Planes
2. ☑ Have at least one fully filled GND Layer below IPS2200
3. ☑ Use GND Vias to connect the Layers on every 1-2mm
4. ☑ Consider return Current Paths especially for VDD Supply
5. ☑ Only very short Tracks are allowed on GND Layer



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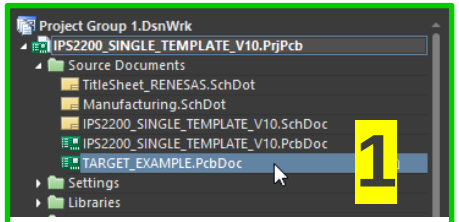

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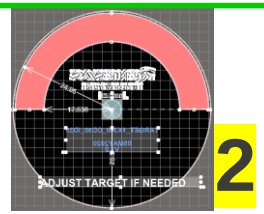

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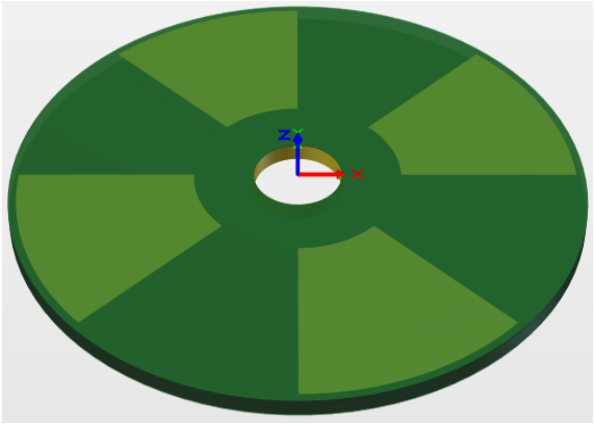

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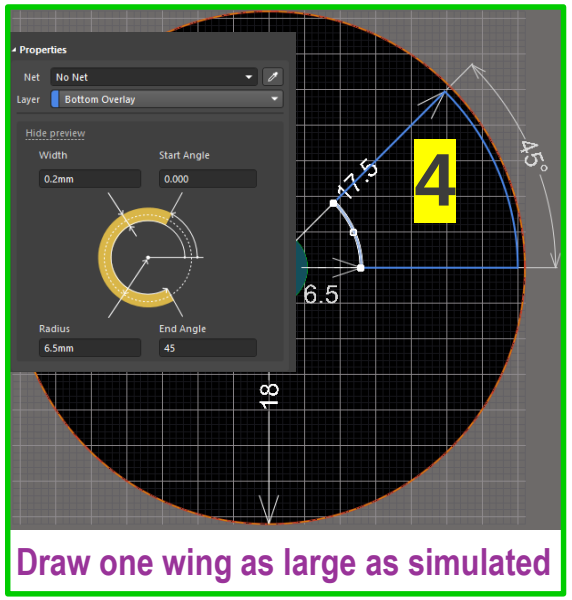

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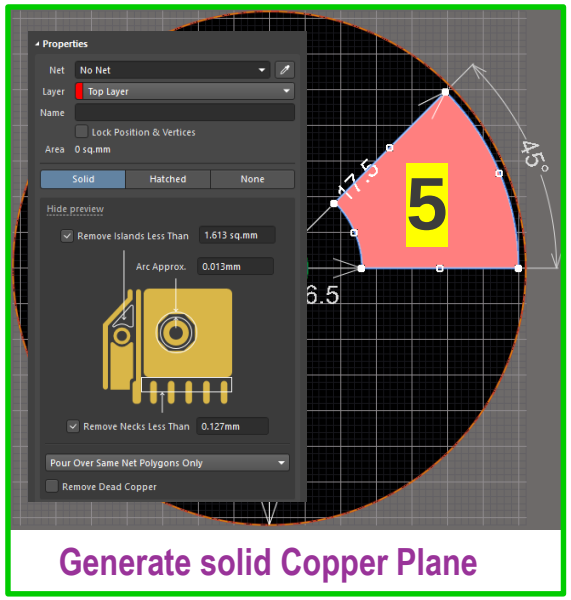

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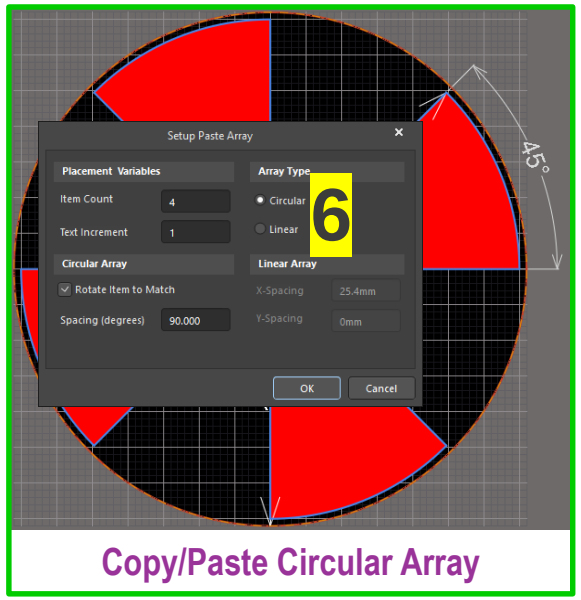
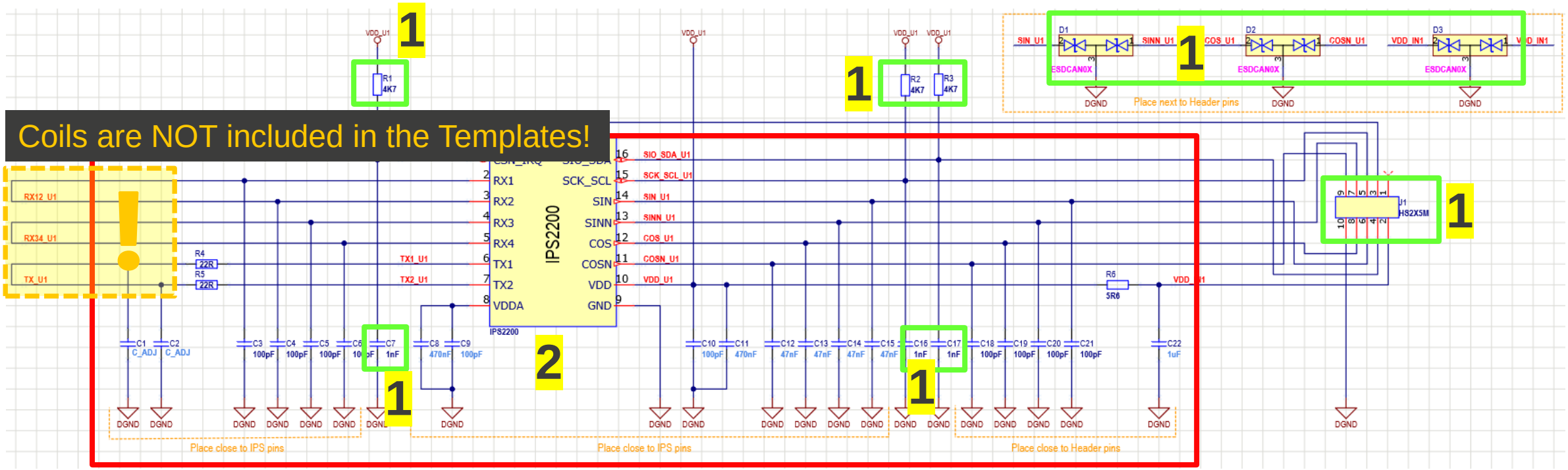


Copy/Paste Circular Array

IPS2200 SCHEMATIC TEMPLATES

1 Remove Components if unused or change them freely to your needs!

2 We advise NOT to change the rest of the schematic!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!