MSP430F438 Device Erratasheet

1 Functional Errata Revision History

Errata impacting device's operation, function or parametrics.

✓ The check mark indicates that the issue is present in the specified revision.

Errata Number	Rev E
ADC18	✓
ADC25	✓
FLL3	✓
TA12	✓
TA16	✓
TA21	✓
TAB22	✓
TB2	✓
TB16	✓
TB24	✓
US15	✓
WDG2	✓
XOSC5	✓
XOSC9	✓

2 Preprogrammed Software Errata Revision History

Errata impacting pre-programmed software into the silicon by Texas Instruments.

✓ The check mark indicates that the issue is present in the specified revision.

The device doesn't have Software in ROM errata.

3 Debug only Errata Revision History

Errata only impacting debug operation.

✓ The check mark indicates that the issue is present in the specified revision.

Errata Number	Rev E
EEM20	✓

4 Fixed by Compiler Errata Revision History

Errata completely resolved by compiler workaround. Refer to specific erratum for IDE and compiler versions with workaround.

✓ The check mark indicates that the issue is present in the specified revision.

Errata Number	Rev E
CPU4	✓

Refer to the following MSP430 compiler documentation for more details about the CPU bugs workarounds.

TI MSP430 Compiler Tools (Code Composer Studio IDE)

- MSP430 Optimizing C/C++ Compiler: Check the --silicon_errata option
- MSP430 Assembly Language Tools

MSP430 GNU Compiler (MSP430-GCC)

- MSP430 GCC Options: Check -msilicon-errata= and -msilicon-errata-warn= options
- MSP430 GCC User's Guide

IAR Embedded Workbench

- IAR workarounds for msp430 hardware issues

5 Package Markings

PN80

LQFP (PN), 80 Pin

\# = Die revision
○ = Pin 1 location
N = Lot trace code

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6 Detailed Bug Description

ADC18 *ADC12 Module*

Category Functional

Function Incorrect conversion result in extended sample mode

Description The ADC12 conversion result can be incorrect if the extended sample mode is selected (SHP = 0), the conversion clock is not the internal ADC12 oscillator (ADC12SSEL > 0), and one of the following two conditions is true:

- The extended sample input signal SHI is asynchronous to the clock source used for ADC12CLK and the undivided ADC12 input clock frequency exceeds 3.15 MHz.

or

- The extended sample input signal SHI is synchronous to the clock source used for ADC12CLK and the undivided ADC12 input clock frequency exceeds 6.3 MHz.

Workaround

- Use the pulse sample mode (SHP = 1).

or

- Use the ADC12 internal oscillator as the ADC12 clock source.

or

- Limit the undivided ADC12 input clock frequency to 3.15 MHz.

or

- Use the same clock source (such as ACLK or SMCLK) to derive both SHI and ADC12CLK, to achieve synchronous operation, and also limit the undivided ADC12 input clock frequency to 6.3 MHz.

ADC25 *ADC12 Module*

Category Functional

Function Write to ADC12CTL0 triggers ADC12 when CONSEQ = 00

Description If ADC conversions are triggered by the Timer_B module and the ADC12 is in single-channel single-conversion mode (CONSEQ = 00), ADC sampling is enabled by write access to any bit(s) in the ADC12CTL0 register. This is contrary to the expected behavior that only the ADC12 enable conversion bit (ADC12ENC) triggers a new ADC12 sample.

Workaround When operating the ADC12 in CONSEQ=00 and a Timer_B output is selected as the sample and hold source, temporarily clear the ADC12ENC bit before writing to other bits in the ADC12CTL0 register. The following capture trigger can then be re-enabled by setting ADC12ENC = 1.

CPU4 *CPU Module*

Category Compiler-Fixed

Function PUSH #4, PUSH #8CPU4 - Bug

Description The single operand instruction PUSH cannot use the internal constants (CG) 4 and 8. The other internal constants (0, 1, 2, -1) can be used. The number of clock cycles is different:

PUSH #CG uses address mode 00, requiring 3 cycles, 1 word instruction

PUSH #4/#8 uses address mode 11, requiring 5 cycles, 2 word instruction

Workaround Refer to the table below for compiler-specific fix implementation information.

IDE/Compiler	Version Number	Notes
IAR Embedded Workbench	IAR EW430 v2.x until v6.20	User is required to add the compiler flag option below. --hw_workaround=CPU4
IAR Embedded Workbench	IAR EW430 v6.20 or later	Workaround is automatically enabled
TI MSP430 Compiler Tools (Code Composer Studio)	v1.1 or later	
MSP430 GNU Compiler (MSP430-GCC)	MSP430-GCC 4.9 build 167 or later	

EEM20 *EEM Module*

Category Debug

Function Debugger might clear interrupt flags

Description During debugging read-sensitive interrupt flags might be cleared as soon as the debugger stops. This is valid in both single-stepping and free run modes.

Workaround None.

FLL3 *FLL+ Module*

Category Functional

Function FLLDx = 11 for /8 may generate an unstable MCLK frequency

Description When setting the FLL to higher frequencies using FLLDx = 11 (/8) the output frequency of the FLL may have a larger frequency variation (e.g. averaged over 2sec) as well as a lower average output frequency than expected when compared to the other FLLDx bit settings.

Workaround None

TA12 *TIMER_A Module*

Category Functional

Function Interrupt is lost (slow ACLK)

Description Timer_A counter is running with slow clock (external TACLK or ACLK)compared to MCLK. The compare mode is selected for the capture/compare channel and the CCRx register is incremented by one with the occurring compare interrupt (if TAR = CCRx). Due to the fast MCLK the CCRx register increment (CCRx = CCRx+1) happens before the Timer_A counter has incremented again. Therefore the next compare interrupt should happen at once with the next Timer_A counter increment (if TAR = CCRx + 1). This interrupt gets lost.

Workaround Switch capture/compare mode to capture mode before the CCRx register increment.

Switch back to compare mode afterwards.

TA16 *TIMER_A Module*

Category Functional

Function First increment of TAR erroneous when IDx > 00

Description The first increment of TAR after any timer clear event (POR/TACLR) happens immediately following the first positive edge of the selected clock source (INCLK, SMCLK, ACLK or TACLK). This is independent of the clock input divider settings (ID0, ID1). All following TAR increments are performed correctly with the selected IDx settings.

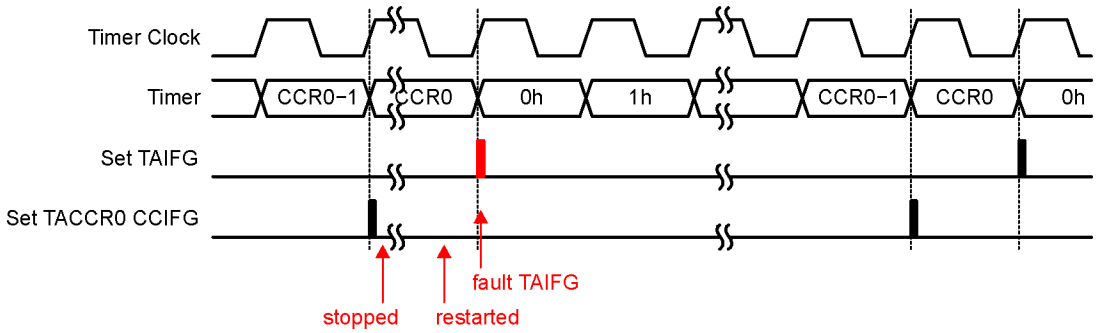
Workaround None

TA21 *TIMER_A Module*

Category Functional

Function TAIFG Flag is erroneously set after Timer A restarts in Up Mode

Description In Up Mode, the TAIFG flag should only be set when the timer counts from TACCR0 to zero. However, if the Timer A is stopped at TAR = TACCR0, then cleared (TAR=0) by setting the TACLR bit, and finally restarted in Up Mode, the next rising edge of the TACLK will erroneously set the TAIFG flag.



Workaround None.

TAB22 *TIMER_A/TIMER_B Module*

Category Functional

Function Timer_A/Timer_B register modification after Watchdog Timer PUC

Description Unwanted modification of the Timer_A/Timer_B registers TACTL/TBCTL and TAIV/TBIV can occur when a PUC is generated by the Watchdog Timer(WDT) in Watchdog mode and any Timer_A/Timer_B counter register TACCRx/TBCCRx is incremented/decremented (Timer_A/Timer_B does not need to be running).

Workaround Initialize TACTL/TBCTL register after the reset occurs using a MOV instruction (BIS/BIC may not fully initialize the register). TAIV/TBIV is automatically cleared following this initialization.

Example code:

MOV.W #VAL, &TACTL

or

MOV.W #VAL, &TBCTL

Where, VAL=0, if Timer is not used in application otherwise, user defined per desired function.

TB2 *TIMER_B Module*

Category Functional

Function Interrupt is lost (slow ACLK)

Description Timer_B counter is running with slow clock (external TBCLK or ACLK) compared to MCLK. The compare mode is selected for the capture/compare channel and the CCRx register is incremented by 1 with the occurring compare interrupt (if TBR = CCRx).

Due to the fast MCLK, the CCRx register increment (CCRx = CCRx + 1) happens before the Timer_B counter has incremented again. Therefore, the next compare interrupt should happen at once with the next Timer_B counter increment (if TBR = CCRx + 1). This interrupt is lost.

Workaround Switch capture/compare mode to capture mode before the CCRx register increment. Switch back to compare mode afterward.

TB16 *TIMER_B Module*

Category Functional

Function First increment of TBR erroneous when IDx > 00

Description The first increment of TBR after any timer clear event (POR/TBCLR) happens immediately following the first positive edge of the selected clock source (INCLK, SMCLK, ACLK, or TBCLK). This is independent of the clock input divider settings (ID0, ID1). All following TBR increments are performed correctly with the selected IDx settings.

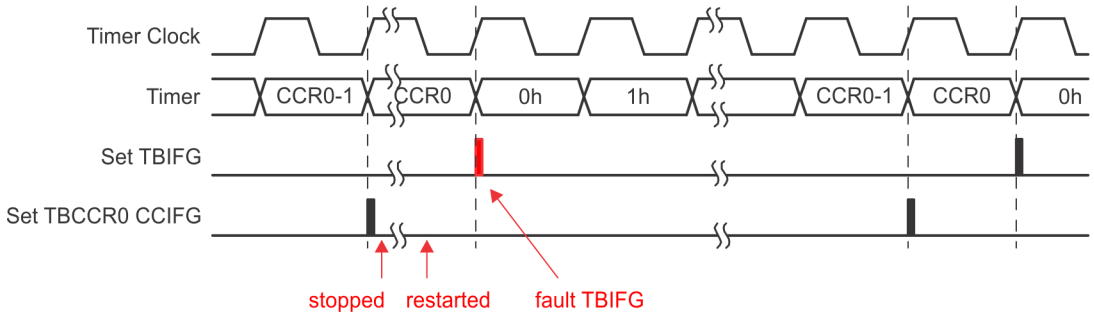
Workaround None

TB24 *TIMER_B Module*

Category Functional

Function TBIFG Flag is erroneously set after Timer B restarts in Up Mode

Description In Up Mode, the TBIFG flag should only be set when the timer resets from TBCCR0 to zero. However, if the Timer B is stopped at TBR = TBCCR0, then cleared (TBR=0) by setting the TBCLR bit, and finally restarted in Up Mode, the next rising edge of the TBCLK will erroneously set the TBIFG flag.



Workaround None.

US15 *USART Module*

Category Functional

Function UART receive with two stop bits

Description USART hardware does not detect a missing second stop bit when SPB = 1.

The Framing Error Flag (FE) will not be set under this condition and erroneous data reception may occur.

Workaround None (Configure USART for a single stop bit, SPB = 0)

WDG2 *WDT Module*

Category Functional

Function Incorrectly accessing a flash control register

Description If a key violation is caused by incorrectly accessing a flash control register, the watchdog interrupt flag is set in addition to the expected PUC.

Workaround None

XOSC5 *XOSC Module*

Category Functional

Function LF crystal failures may not be properly detected by the oscillator fault circuitry

Description The oscillator fault error detection of the LFXT1 oscillator in low frequency mode (XTS = 0) may not work reliably causing a failing crystal to go undetected by the CPU, i.e. OFIFG will not be set.

Workaround None

XOSC9 *XOSC Module*

Category Functional

Function XT1 Oscillator may not function as expected in HF mode

Description	XT1 oscillator does not work correctly in high frequency mode at supply voltages below 2.0V with crystal frequency > 4MHz.
Workaround	None. When XT1 oscillator is used in HF mode with crystal frequency > 4MHz ensure a supply voltage > 2.2V.

7 Document Revision History

Changes from family erratasheet to device specific erratasheet.

1. Description for TAB22 was updated

Changes from device specific erratasheet to document Revision A.

1. Errata EEM20 was added to the errata documentation.

Changes from document Revision A to Revision B.

1. Errata TA21 was added to the errata documentation.

Changes from document Revision B to Revision C.

1. Errata TB24 was added to the errata documentation.

Changes from document Revision C to Revision D.

1. Package Markings section was updated.

Changes from document Revision D to Revision E.

1. TA21 Description was updated.

Changes from document Revision E to Revision F.

1. Function for CPU4 was updated.
2. Workaround for CPU4 was updated.

Changes from document Revision F to Revision G.

1. Erratasheet format update.
2. Added errata category field to "Detailed bug description" section

Changes from document Revision G to Revision H.

1. Description for TB24 was updated.

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