Errata

MSP430F438 Microcontroller

ABSTRACT

This document describes the known exceptions to the functional specifications (advisories).

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

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2 Preprogrammed Software Advisories

Advisories that affect factory-programmed software.

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

The device does not have any errata for this category.

3 Debug Only Advisories

Advisories that affect only debug operation.

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

Errata Number	Rev E	Rev D	Rev C	Rev B
EEM20	✓	✓	✓	✓

4 Fixed by Compiler Advisories

Advisories that are resolved by compiler workaround. Refer to each advisory for the IDE and compiler versions with a workaround.

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

Errata Number	Rev E	Rev D	Rev C	Rev B
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 Nomenclature, Package Symbolization, and Revision Identification

The revision of the device can be identified by the revision letter on the Package Markings or by the HW_ID located inside the TLV structure of the device.

5.1 Device Nomenclature

To designate the stages in the product development cycle, TI assigns prefixes to the part numbers of all MSP MCU devices. Each MSP MCU commercial family member has one of two prefixes: MSP or XMS. These prefixes represent evolutionary stages of product development from engineering prototypes (XMS) through fully qualified production devices (MSP).

XMS – Experimental device that is not necessarily representative of the final device's electrical specifications

MSP – Fully qualified production device

Support tool naming prefixes:

X: Development-support product that has not yet completed Texas Instruments internal qualification testing.

null: Fully-qualified development-support product.

XMS devices and X development-support tools are shipped against the following disclaimer:

"Developmental product is intended for internal evaluation purposes."

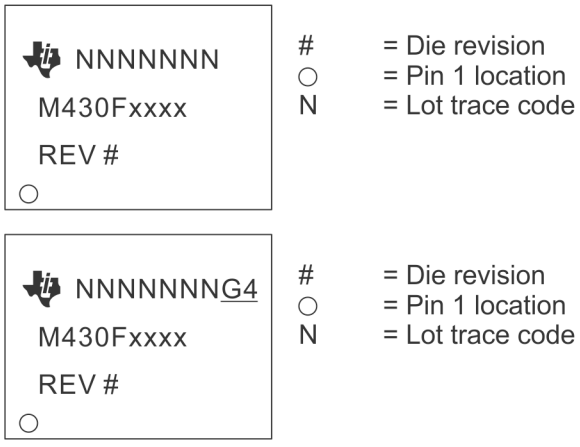
MSP devices have been characterized fully, and the quality and reliability of the device have been demonstrated fully. TI's standard warranty applies.

Predictions show that prototype devices (XMS) have a greater failure rate than the standard production devices. TI recommends that these devices not be used in any production system because their expected end-use failure rate still is undefined. Only qualified production devices are to be used.

TI device nomenclature also includes a suffix with the device family name. This suffix indicates the temperature range, package type, and distribution format.

5.2 Package Markings

PN80 ***LQFP (PN), 80 Pin***



5.3 Memory-Mapped Hardware Revision (TLV Structure)

This device does not support reading the hardware revision from memory.

Further guidance on how to locate the TLV structure and read out the HW_ID can be found in the device User's Guide.

6 Advisory Descriptions

ADC18	***ADC 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	***ADC 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 #8
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	

DAC4

DAC Module

Category Functional

Function DAC1 overwrites an input of the SVS comparator

Description DAC1, when enabled (DAC12_1CTL.DAC12AMPx >0), overrides the input of the SVS comparator if SVSCTL.VLDx = 1111 (comparing external input voltage SVSIN to 1.25 V.) This is caused by a conflict between SVS and DAC1 at Port 6.7. This behavior only affects DAC output pins shared with SVSIN function.

Workaround 1) Do not enable DAC1 when SVS is used with VLDx = 1111

OR

2) Use DAC output pin not shared with SVSIN function

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

TA Module

Category Functional

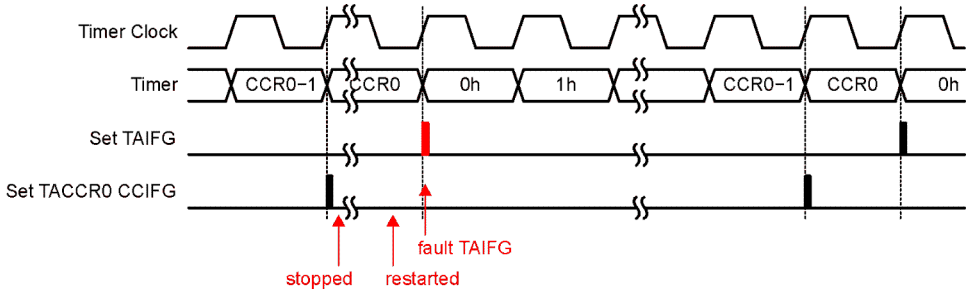
Function	Interrupt is lost (slow ACLK)
Description	Timer_A counter is running with slow clock (external TACLK or ACLK)compared to MCLK. The compare mode is selected for the capture/compare channel and the CCRx register is incremented by one with the occurring compare interrupt (if TAR = CCRx). Due to 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 *TA 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 *TA 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 *TAB Module*

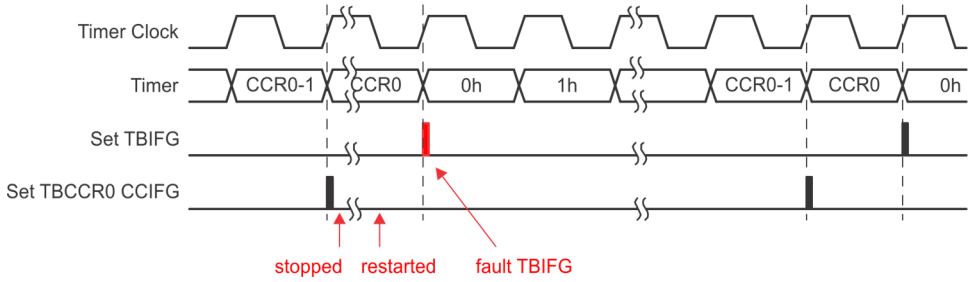
Category	Functional
Function	Timer_A/Timer_B register modification after Watchdog Timer PUC
Description	Unwanted modification of the Timer_A/Timer_B registers TACTL/TBCTL and TAIV/TBIV can occur when a PUC is generated by the Watchdog Timer(WDT) in Watchdog

	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	***TB 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	***TB 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	***TB 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.

US14 *USART Module*

Category Functional

Function Start edge of received characters may be ignored

Description When using the USART in UART mode with UxBR0 = 0x03 and UxBR1 = 0x00, the start edge of received characters may be ignored due to internal timing conflicts within the UART state machine. This condition does not apply when UxBR0 is > 0x03.

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 *WDG 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 Revision History

NOTE: Page numbers for previous revisions may differ from page numbers in the current version.

Changes from May 12, 2021 to May 17, 2021	Page
• Changed the document format and structure; updated the numbering format for tables, figures, and cross references throughout the document	5

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