Errata
MSP430FG438 Microcontroller

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

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1 Functional Advisories
Advisories that affect the device’s operation, function, or parametrics.
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2 Preprogrammed Software Advisories
Advisories that affect factory-programmed software.
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The device does not have any errata for this category.

3 Debug Only Advisories
Advisories that affect only debug operation.
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4 Fixed by Compiler Advisories
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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

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ZCA113  
NFBGA (ZCA), 113 Pin

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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**

**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.
- 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).
- Use the ADC12 internal oscillator as the ADC12 clock source.
- Limit the undivided ADC12 input clock frequency to 3.15 MHz.
- 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**

**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**

**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.
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### 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

### OA1

**OA Module**

**Category**
Functional
Function OAxI1 input selection
Description Referring to the OA block diagram in the MSP430x4xx User's Guide, the internal connection of the OAxI1 input to the OAFXc mux is incorrect. The signal input to the OAFXc mux when OANx = 01 is OAI0I1 for all OAs. See the figure below for a graphical representation.

Workaround None

TA12
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
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.

**Diagram**

![Timer Clock Diagram](image)

- Timer Clock diagram showing the sequence of events leading to the erroneous setting of TAIFG flag.
- Timeline illustrating the transition from stopped to restarted state.

**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**:

```assembly
MOV.W #VAL, &TACTL
```

or

```assembly
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.

![Diagram](image)

**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**

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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Workaround</td>
<td>None (Configure USART for a single stop bit, SPB = 0)</td>
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**WDG2**  
*WDG Module*

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<td>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.</td>
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*XOSC Module*

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*XOSC Module*

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<td>XT1 oscillator does not work correctly in high frequency mode at supply voltages below 2.0V with crystal frequency &gt; 4MHz.</td>
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<td>None. When XT1 oscillator is used in HF mode with crystal frequency &gt; 4MHz ensure a supply voltage &gt; 2.2V.</td>
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7 Revision History

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Changes from May 12, 2021 to May 17, 2021

- Changed the document format and structure; updated the numbering format for tables, figures, and cross references throughout the document.................................................................6
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