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ABSTRACT

This application report reviews the power on reset circuit of HD3SS2522 device and describes the requirements of proper power on reset of the device. An external capacitor with the right value is recommended on RST pin as well.

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1 Introduction

HD3SS2522 is a high speed USB3 multiplexer with integrated DFP CC controller. The device provides Configuration Channel (CC) logic for determining USB port attach/detach, cable orientation, and VCONN sourcing. The HD3SS3220 can be configured as a Downstream Facing Port (DFP). There is a MCU MSP430 inside HD3SS2522, this MCU handles control of CC logic and associated GPIO operation which include power on reset circuit.

This article presents the power on reset circuit of HD3SS2522 and the requirement of power on reset.

2 Power On Reset Circuit

Figure 2-1 shows the system reset circuitry for power-on reset (POR) . Different events trigger these reset signals and different initial conditions exist depending on which signal was generated.

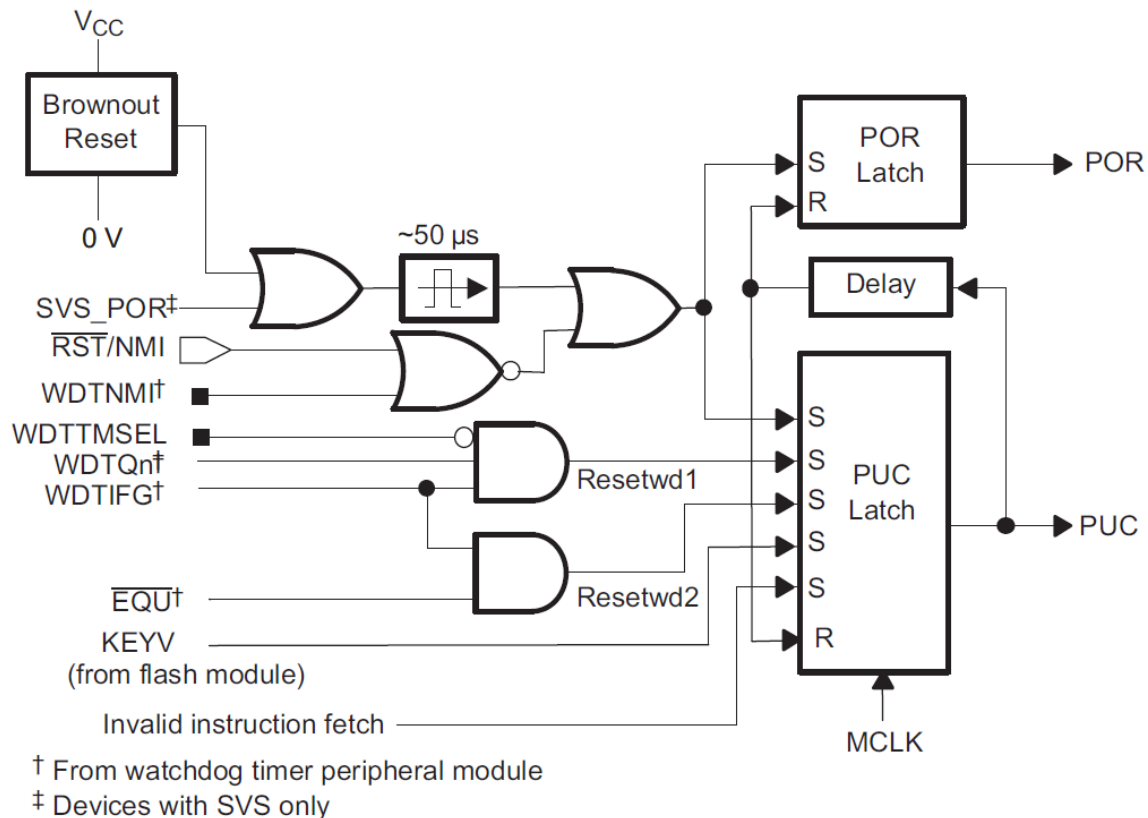


Figure 2-1. Power On Reset Circuit

POR is a device power on reset. A POR can be generated by the following two events:

- Powering up the device (BOR).
- A low signal on the RST pin when configured in the reset mode.

The brownout reset circuit (BOR) detects low supply voltages such as when a supply voltage is applied to or removed from the VCC terminal. The brownout reset circuit resets the device by triggering a POR signal when power is applied or removed. The operating levels are shown in Figure 2-2.

The POR signal becomes active when VCC crosses the VCC(start) level. It remains active until VCC crosses the V(B_IT+) threshold and the delay t(BOR) elapses.

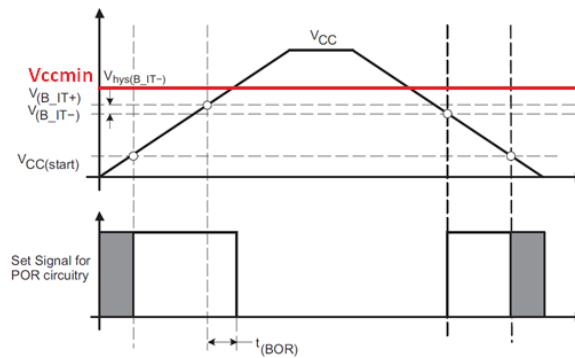


Figure 2-2. POR and BOR vs. Supply Voltage

Another way to generate POR is RST. At power-up, the RST pin is configured in the reset mode. The function of the RST pins is selected in the watchdog control register WDTCTL. If the RST pin is set to the reset function, the CPU is held in the reset state as long as the RST pin is held low. After the input changes to a high state, the CPU starts program execution at the word address stored in the reset vector, 0FFFEh, and the RSTIFG flag is set.

3 Power On Reset Requirement

From above power on reset circuit, two events will generate POR signal: BOR and RST.

During power up, the CPU begins code execution following a period of $t_d(\text{BOR})$ after $V_{CC} = V(B_IT-) + V_{\text{hys}}(B_IT-)$. The default settings must not be changed until $V_{CC} \geq V_{CC}(\text{min})$, where $V_{CC}(\text{min})$ is the minimum supply voltage for the desired operating condition.

But there could be a condition when POR signal is getting released before V_{cc} has reached a min value for a very slow ramping V_{cc} , device may get unexpected execution.

Based on MSP430 data sheet, typical $V(B_IT-)$ is 1.35 V, $V_{\text{hys}}(B_IT-)$ is 140mv and $V_{CC}(\text{min})$ is 1.8 V. So if POR signal is released between 1.49 V and 1.8 V, device is in uncertainty condition. To make sure device getting successful power on reset, $t_d(\text{BOR})$ should be longer than V_{cc} reaching 1.8 V.

BOR is fixed for each device, typical $t_d(\text{BOR})$ is 2ms. If V_{cc} ramping is slow, RST can be used to delay $t_d(\text{BOR})$, either controlled by external GPIO or adding external RC circuit on RST pin as shown in [Figure 3-1](#).

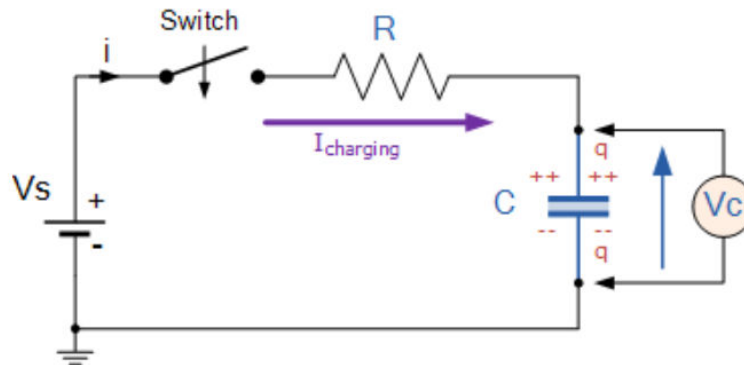


Figure 3-1. RC Charging Circuit

To calculate the RC value, let's look at the RC charging curve below. Assume RC time constant $T=RC$ and V_s is 3.3 V. To reach $V_{\text{min}} = 1.8 \text{ V}$, time delay is about $0.8T$. So RC is equal to $T_d/0.8$, T_d is the time delay for V_{cc} to reach 1.8 V. To get C value, we need to measure T_d for each system.

When R is 10k and T_d is 5ms, we can get $RC = 5\text{ms}/0.8$ and C is 0.625uf.

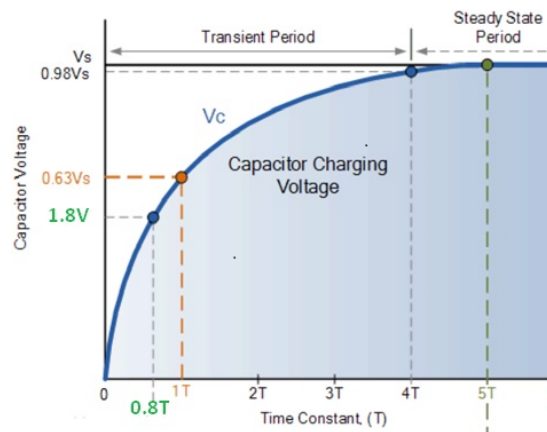


Figure 3-2. RC Charging Circuit Curve

4 Summary

There is an internal power on reset circuit BOR inside HD3SS2522 which trigger POR signal, but POR signal could be released before power supply reaching the min working voltage 1.8 no-break for a slow ramping supply. To get device reset properly, an external capacitor with the right value is recommended on RST pin.

5 References

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