

Errata

MSP430F123 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.

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

Errata Number	Rev A
BCL5	✓
PORT3	✓
RES4	✓
TA12	✓
TA16	✓
TA21	✓
TAB22	✓
US13	✓
US15	✓
WDG2	✓

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 A
EEM20	✓
JTAG11	✓

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 A
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

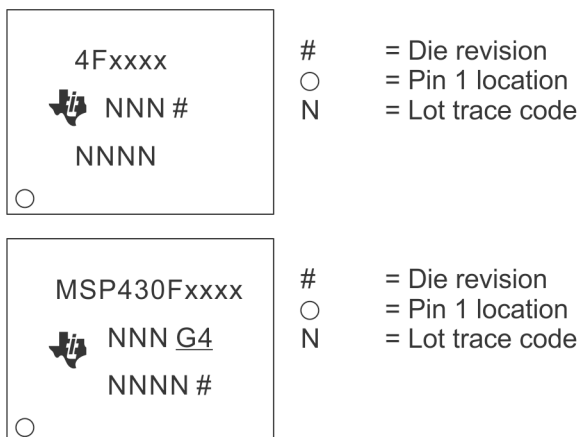
RHB32

QFN (RHB), 32 Pin

○	MSP430™	#	= Die revision
	Fxxxx	○	= Pin 1 location
	TI NNN#	N	= Lot trace code
	NNNNG4		

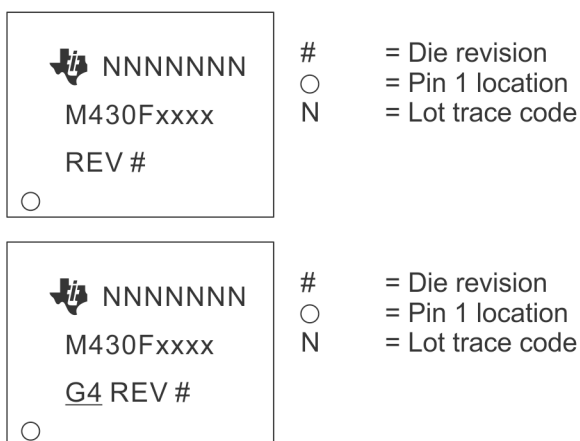
PW28

TSSOP (PW), 28 Pin



DW28

SOP (DW), 28 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

BCL5 *BCL Module*

Category	Functional
Function	RSELx bit modifications can generate high frequency spikes on MCLK
Description	When DIVMx = 00 or 01 the RSELx bits of the Basic Clock Module are incremented or decremented in steps of 2 or greater, the DCO output may momentarily generate high frequency spikes on MCLK, which may corrupt CPU operation. This is not an issue when DIVMx = 10 or 11.
Workaround	Set DIVMx = 10 or 11 to divide the MCLK input prior to modifying RSELx. After the RSELx bits are configured as desired, the DIVMx setting can be changed back to the original selection.

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	

EEM20 *EEM Module*

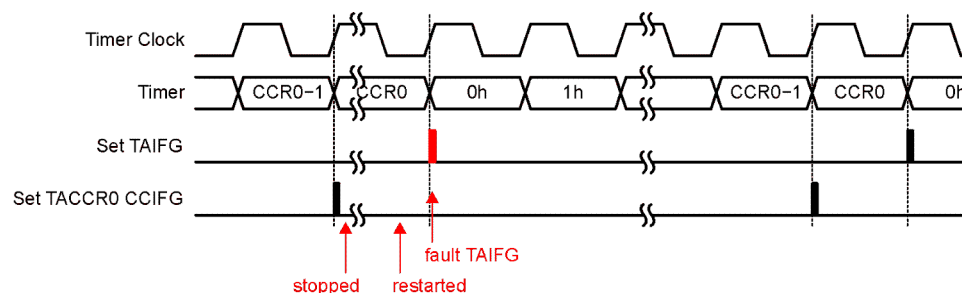
Category	Debug
Function	Debugger might clear interrupt flags
Description	During debugging read-sensitive interrupt flags might be cleared as soon as the debugger stops. This is valid in both single-stepping and free run modes.
Workaround	None.

JTAG11	<i>JTAG Module</i>
Category	Debug
Function	Debug with JTAG interface
Description	The debug operation using the JTAG interface of a program executed in the RAM is not possible. The RAM content gets corrupted.
Workaround	None
PORT3	<i>PORT Module</i>
Category	Functional
Function	Port interrupts can get lost
Description	Port interrupts can get lost if they occur during CPU access of the P1IFG and P2IFG registers.
Workaround	None
RES4	<i>RES Module</i>
Category	Functional
Function	No reset if external resistor exceeds certain value
Description	No reset of the device is performed if the external pull down resistor on RST/NMI pin is above a certain limit. The limits are: Vcc = 1.8V: maximum pull down resistor = 12 kohm Vcc = 3.0V: maximum pull down resistor = 5 kohm Vcc = 3.6V: maximum pull down resistor = 2.5 kohm In addition, a higher current consumption occurs during high/low RST/NMI signal transition when using improper resistors.
Workaround	Use external pulldown resistors below the listed values or directly drive RST/NMI low to generate a reset.
TA12	<i>TA Module</i>
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	<i>TA Module</i>

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

US13	<i>USART Module</i>
Category	Functional
Function	Unpredictable program execution
Description	USART interrupts requested by URXS can result in unpredictable program execution if this request is not served within two bit times of the received data.
Workaround	Ensure that the interrupt service routine is entered within two bit times of the received data.
US15	<i>USART Module</i>
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	<i>WDG Module</i>
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

7 Revision History

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

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

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