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Details

Product Status	Obsolete
Core Processor	ARM7®
Core Size	16/32-Bit
Speed	55MHz
Connectivity	I ² C, SPI, SSC, UART/USART, USB
Peripherals	Brown-out Detect/Reset, DMA, POR, PWM, WDT
Number of I/O	32
Program Memory Size	256KB (256K x 8)
Program Memory Type	FLASH
EEPROM Size	-
RAM Size	64K x 8
Voltage - Supply (Vcc/Vdd)	1.65V ~ 1.95V
Data Converters	A/D 8x10b
Oscillator Type	Internal
Operating Temperature	-40°C ~ 85°C (TA)
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Package / Case	64-VFQFN Exposed Pad
Supplier Device Package	64-QFN (9x9)
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2. Block Diagram

Figure 2-1. SAM7S512/256/128/64/321/161 Block Diagram

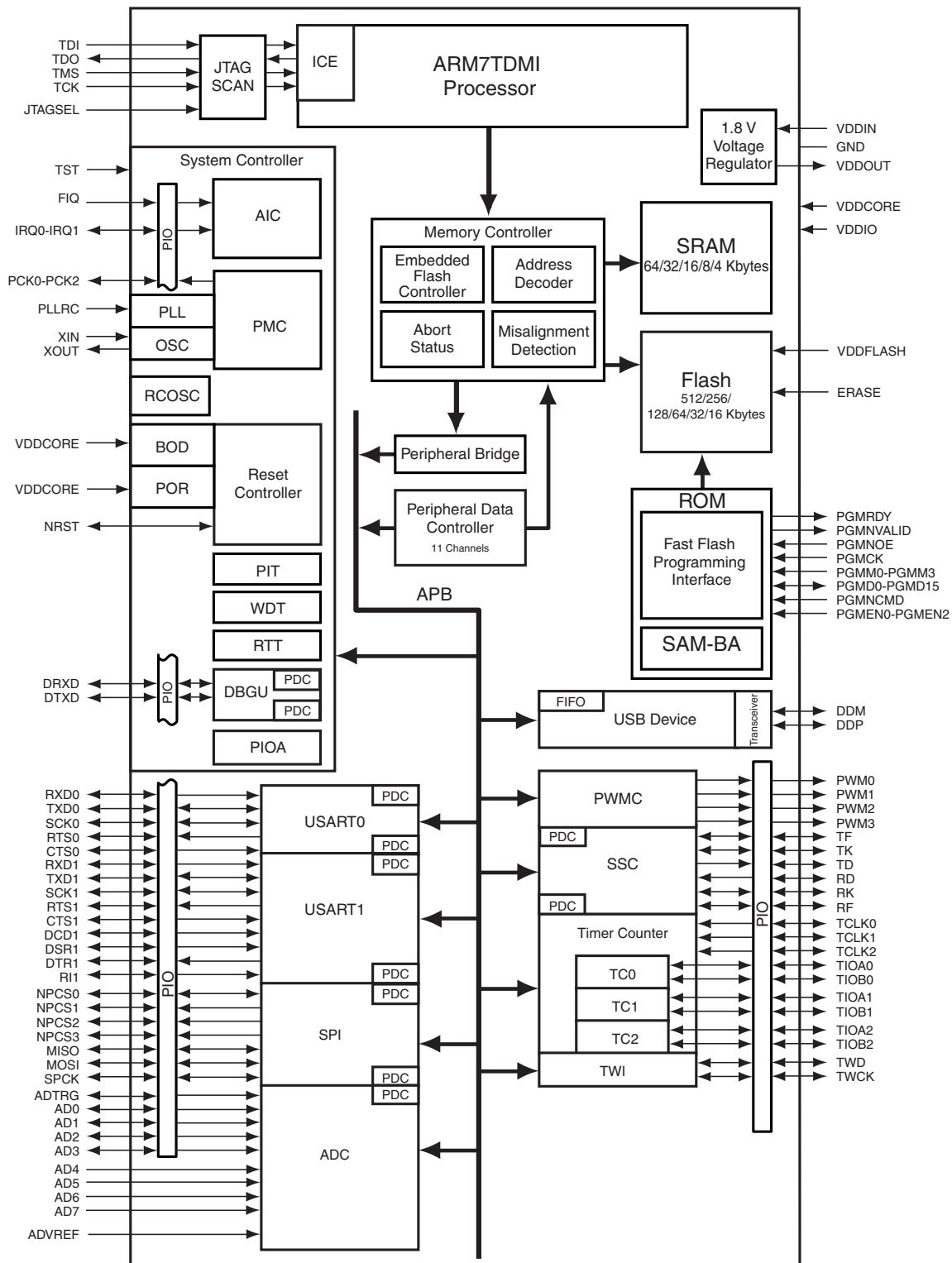
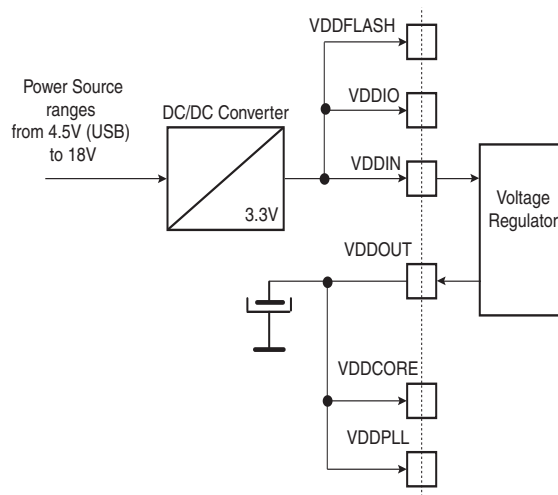


Table 3-1. Signal Description List (Continued)

DDM	USB Device Port Data -	Analog		not present on SAM7S32/16
DDP	USB Device Port Data +	Analog		not present on SAM7S32/16
SCK0 - SCK1	Serial Clock	I/O		SCK1 not present on SAM7S32/16
TXD0 - TXD1	Transmit Data	I/O		TXD1 not present on SAM7S32/16
RXD0 - RXD1	Receive Data	Input		RXD1 not present on SAM7S32/16
RTS0 - RTS1	Request To Send	Output		RTS1 not present on SAM7S32/16
CTS0 - CTS1	Clear To Send	Input		CTS1 not present on SAM7S32/16
DCD1	Data Carrier Detect	Input		not present on SAM7S32/16
DTR1	Data Terminal Ready	Output		not present on SAM7S32/16
DSR1	Data Set Ready	Input		not present on SAM7S32/16
RI1	Ring Indicator	Input		not present on SAM7S32/16
TD	Transmit Data	Output		
RD	Receive Data	Input		
TK	Transmit Clock	I/O		
RK	Receive Clock	I/O		
TF	Transmit Frame Sync	I/O		
RF	Receive Frame Sync	I/O		
TCLK0 - TCLK2	External Clock Inputs	Input		TCLK1 and TCLK2 not present on SAM7S32/16
TIOA0 - TIOA2	I/O Line A	I/O		TIOA2 not present on SAM7S32/16
TIOB0 - TIOB2	I/O Line B	I/O		TIOB2 not present on SAM7S32/16
PWM0 - PWM3	PWM Channels	Output		
MISO	Master In Slave Out	I/O		
MOSI	Master Out Slave In	I/O		
SPCK	SPI Serial Clock	I/O		
NPCS0	SPI Peripheral Chip Select 0	I/O	Low	
NPCS1-NPCS3	SPI Peripheral Chip Select 1 to 3	Output	Low	

Figure 5-1. 3.3V System Single Power Supply Schematic



7. Processor and Architecture

7.1 ARM7TDMI Processor

- RISC processor based on ARMv4T Von Neumann architecture
 - Runs at up to 55 MHz, providing 0.9 MIPS/MHz
- Two instruction sets
 - ARM® high-performance 32-bit instruction set
 - Thumb® high code density 16-bit instruction set
- Three-stage pipeline architecture
 - Instruction Fetch (F)
 - Instruction Decode (D)
 - Execute (E)

7.2 Debug and Test Features

- Integrated EmbeddedICE™ (embedded in-circuit emulator)
 - Two watchpoint units
 - Test access port accessible through a JTAG protocol
 - Debug communication channel
- Debug Unit
 - Two-pin UART
 - Debug communication channel interrupt handling
 - Chip ID Register
- IEEE1149.1 JTAG Boundary-scan on all digital pins

7.3 Memory Controller

- Bus Arbiter
 - Handles requests from the ARM7TDMI and the Peripheral DMA Controller
- Address decoder provides selection signals for
 - Three internal 1 Mbyte memory areas
 - One 256 Mbyte embedded peripheral area
- Abort Status Registers
 - Source, Type and all parameters of the access leading to an abort are saved
 - Facilitates debug by detection of bad pointers
- Misalignment Detector
 - Alignment checking of all data accesses
 - Abort generation in case of misalignment
- Remap Command
 - Remaps the SRAM in place of the embedded non-volatile memory
 - Allows handling of dynamic exception vectors
- Embedded Flash Controller
 - Embedded Flash interface, up to three programmable wait states
 - Prefetch buffer, buffering and anticipating the 16-bit requests, reducing the required wait states
 - Key-protected program, erase and lock/unlock sequencer
 - Single command for erasing, programming and locking operations
 - Interrupt generation in case of forbidden operation

7.4 Peripheral DMA Controller

- Handles data transfer between peripherals and memories
- Eleven channels: SAM7S512/256/128/64/321/161
- Nine channels: SAM7S32/16
 - Two for each USART
 - Two for the Debug Unit
 - Two for the Serial Synchronous Controller
 - Two for the Serial Peripheral Interface
 - One for the Analog-to-digital Converter
- Low bus arbitration overhead
 - One Master Clock cycle needed for a transfer from memory to peripheral
 - Two Master Clock cycles needed for a transfer from peripheral to memory
- Next Pointer management for reducing interrupt latency requirements
- Peripheral DMA Controller (PDC) priority is as follows (from the highest priority to the lowest):

Receive	DBGU
Receive	USART0
Receive	USART1
Receive	SSC
Receive	ADC
Receive	SPI
Transmit	DBGU
Transmit	USART0
Transmit	USART1
Transmit	SSC
Transmit	SPI

8. Memories

8.1 SAM7S512

- 512 Kbytes of Flash Memory, dual plane
 - 2 contiguous banks of 1024 pages of 256 bytes
 - Fast access time, 30 MHz single-cycle access in Worst Case conditions
 - Page programming time: 6 ms, including page auto-erase
 - Page programming without auto-erase: 3 ms
 - Full chip erase time: 15 ms
 - 10,000 write cycles, 10-year data retention capability
 - 32 lock bits, protecting 32 sectors of 64 pages
 - Protection Mode to secure contents of the Flash
- 64 Kbytes of Fast SRAM
 - Single-cycle access at full speed

8.2 SAM7S256

- 256 Kbytes of Flash Memory, single plane
 - 1024 pages of 256 bytes
 - Fast access time, 30 MHz single-cycle access in Worst Case conditions
 - Page programming time: 6 ms, including page auto-erase
 - Page programming without auto-erase: 3 ms
 - Full chip erase time: 15 ms
 - 10,000 write cycles, 10-year data retention capability
 - 16 lock bits, protecting 16 sectors of 64 pages
 - Protection Mode to secure contents of the Flash
- 64 Kbytes of Fast SRAM
 - Single-cycle access at full speed

8.3 SAM7S128

- 128 Kbytes of Flash Memory, single plane
 - 512 pages of 256 bytes
 - Fast access time, 30 MHz single-cycle access in Worst Case conditions
 - Page programming time: 6 ms, including page auto-erase
 - Page programming without auto-erase: 3 ms
 - Full chip erase time: 15 ms
 - 10,000 write cycles, 10-year data retention capability
 - 8 lock bits, protecting 8 sectors of 64 pages
 - Protection Mode to secure contents of the Flash
- 32 Kbytes of Fast SRAM
 - Single-cycle access at full speed

8.4 SAM7S64

- 64 Kbytes of Flash Memory, single plane
 - 512 pages of 128 bytes

- Fast access time, 30 MHz single-cycle access in Worst Case conditions
- Page programming time: 6 ms, including page auto-erase
- Page programming without auto-erase: 3 ms
- Full chip erase time: 15 ms
- 10,000 write cycles, 10-year data retention capability
- 16 lock bits, protecting 16 sectors of 32 pages
- Protection Mode to secure contents of the Flash
- 16 Kbytes of Fast SRAM
 - Single-cycle access at full speed

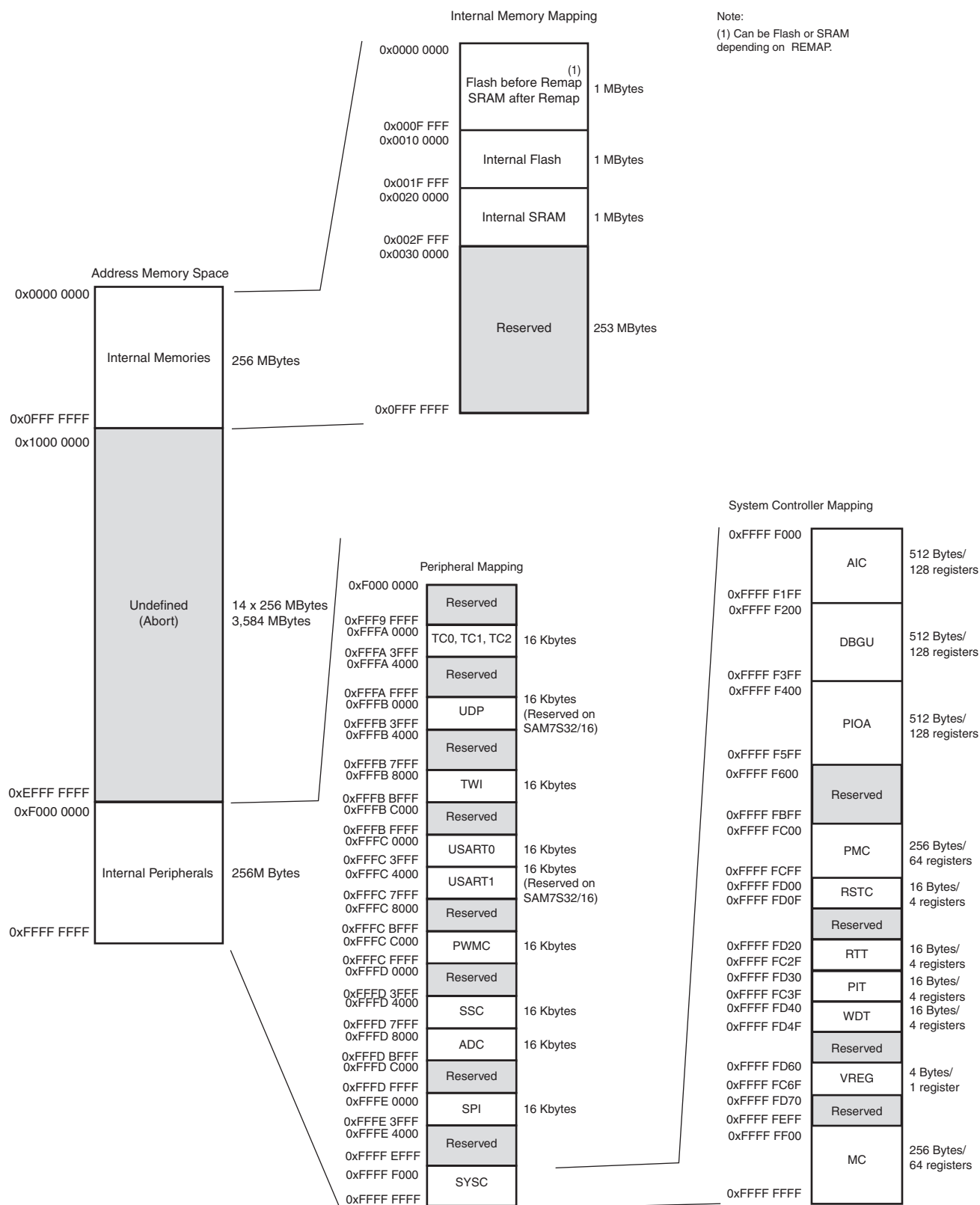
8.5 SAM7S321/32

- 32 Kbytes of Flash Memory, single plane
 - 256 pages of 128 bytes
 - Fast access time, 30 MHz single-cycle access in Worst Case conditions
 - Page programming time: 6 ms, including page auto-erase
 - Page programming without auto-erase: 3 ms
 - Full chip erase time: 15 ms
 - 10,000 write cycles, 10-year data retention capability
 - 8 lock bits, protecting 8 sectors of 32 pages
 - Protection Mode to secure contents of the Flash
- 8 Kbytes of Fast SRAM
 - Single-cycle access at full speed

8.6 SAM7S161/16

- 16 Kbytes of Flash Memory, single plane
 - 256 pages of 64 bytes
 - Fast access time, 30 MHz single-cycle access in Worst Case conditions
 - Page programming time: 6 ms, including page auto-erase
 - Page programming without auto-erase: 3 ms
 - Full chip erase time: 15 ms
 - 10,000 write cycles, 10-year data retention capability
 - 8 lock bits, protecting 8 sectors of 32 pages
 - Protection Mode to secure contents of the Flash
- 4 Kbytes of Fast SRAM
 - Single-cycle access at full speed

Figure 8-1. SAM SAM7S512/256/128/64/321/32/161/16 Memory Mapping



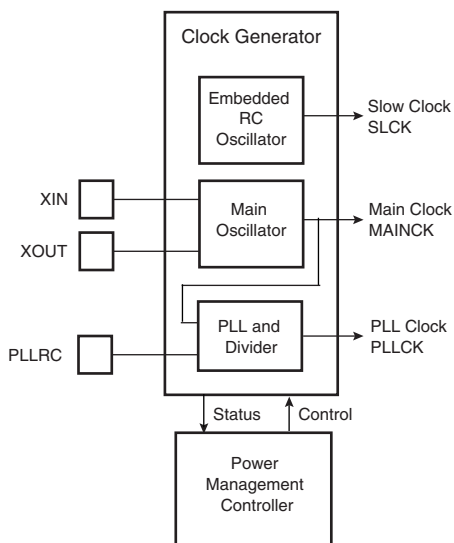
9.2 Clock Generator

The Clock Generator embeds one low-power RC Oscillator, one Main Oscillator and one PLL with the following characteristics:

- RC Oscillator ranges between 22 kHz and 42 kHz
- Main Oscillator frequency ranges between 3 and 20 MHz
- Main Oscillator can be bypassed
- PLL output ranges between 80 and 220 MHz

It provides SLCK, MAINCK and PLLCK.

Figure 9-3. Clock Generator Block Diagram



9.3 Power Management Controller

The Power Management Controller uses the Clock Generator outputs to provide:

- the Processor Clock PCK
- the Master Clock MCK
- the USB Clock UDPCK (not present on SAM7S32/16)
- all the peripheral clocks, independently controllable
- three programmable clock outputs

The Master Clock (MCK) is programmable from a few hundred Hz to the maximum operating frequency of the device.

The Processor Clock (PCK) switches off when entering processor idle mode, thus allowing reduced power consumption while waiting for an interrupt.

- One set of Chip ID Registers
- One Interface providing ICE Access Prevention
- Two-pin UART
 - Implemented features are compatible with the USART
 - Programmable Baud Rate Generator
 - Parity, Framing and Overrun Error
 - Automatic Echo, Local Loopback and Remote Loopback Channel Modes
- Debug Communication Channel Support
 - Offers visibility of COMMRX and COMMTX signals from the ARM Processor
- Chip ID Registers
 - Identification of the device revision, sizes of the embedded memories, set of peripherals
 - Chip ID is 0x270B0A40 for AT91SAM7S512 Rev A
 - Chip ID is 0x270B0A4F for AT91SAM7S512 Rev B
 - Chip ID is 0x270D0940 for AT91SAM7S256 Rev A
 - Chip ID is 0x270B0941 for AT91SAM7S256 Rev B
 - Chip ID is 0x270B0942 for AT91SAM7S256 Rev C
 - Chip ID is TBD for AT91SAM7S256 Rev D
 - Chip ID is 0x270C0740 for AT91SAM7S128 Rev A
 - Chip ID is 0x270A0741 for AT91SAM7S128 Rev B
 - Chip ID is 0x270A0742 for AT91SAM7S128 Rev C
 - Chip ID is TBD for AT91SAM7S128 Rev D
 - Chip ID is 0x27090540 for AT91SAM7S64 Rev A
 - Chip ID is 0x27090543 for AT91SAM7S64 Rev B
 - Chip ID is 0x27090544 for AT91SAM7S64 Rev C
 - Chip ID is 0x27080342 for AT91SAM7S321 Rev A
 - Chip ID is 0x27080340 for AT91SAM7S32 Rev A
 - Chip ID is 0x27080341 for AT91SAM7S32 Rev B
 - Chip ID is 0x27050241 for AT91SAM7S161 Rev A
 - Chip ID is 0x27050240 for AT91SAM7S16 Rev A

Note: Refer to the errata section of the datasheet for updates on chip ID.

9.6 Periodic Interval Timer

- 20-bit programmable counter plus 12-bit interval counter

9.7 Watchdog Timer

- 12-bit key-protected Programmable Counter running on prescaled SCLK
- Provides reset or interrupt signals to the system
- Counter may be stopped while the processor is in debug state or in idle mode

9.8 Real-time Timer

- 32-bit free-running counter with alarm running on prescaled SCLK
- Programmable 16-bit prescaler for SCLK accuracy compensation

10. Peripherals

10.1 User Interface

The User Peripherals are mapped in the 256 MBytes of address space between 0xF000 0000 and 0xFFFF EFFF. Each peripheral is allocated 16 Kbytes of address space.

A complete memory map is provided in [Figure 8-1 on page 20](#).

10.2 Peripheral Identifiers

The SAM7S Series embeds a wide range of peripherals. [Table 10-1](#) defines the Peripheral Identifiers of the SAM7S512/256/128/64/321/161. [Table 10-2](#) defines the Peripheral Identifiers of the SAM7S32/16. A peripheral identifier is required for the control of the peripheral interrupt with the Advanced Interrupt Controller and for the control of the peripheral clock with the Power Management Controller.

Table 10-1. Peripheral Identifiers (SAM7S512/256/128/64/321/161)

0	AIC	Advanced Interrupt Controller	FIQ
1	SYSC ⁽¹⁾	System	
2	PIOA	Parallel I/O Controller A	
3	Reserved		
4	ADC ⁽¹⁾	Analog-to Digital Converter	
5	SPI	Serial Peripheral Interface	
6	US0	USART 0	
7	US1	USART 1	
8	SSC	Synchronous Serial Controller	
9	TWI	Two-wire Interface	
10	PWMC	PWM Controller	
11	UDP	USB Device Port	
12	TC0	Timer/Counter 0	
13	TC1	Timer/Counter 1	
14	TC2	Timer/Counter 2	
15 - 29	Reserved		
30	AIC	Advanced Interrupt Controller	IRQ0
31	AIC	Advanced Interrupt Controller	IRQ1

Note: 1. Setting SYSC and ADC bits in the clock set/clear registers of the PMC has no effect. The System Controller is continuously clocked. The ADC clock is automatically started for the first conversion. In Sleep Mode the ADC clock is automatically stopped after each conversion.

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Table 10-2. Peripheral Identifiers (SAM7S32/16)

0	AIC	Advanced Interrupt Controller	FIQ
1	SYSC ⁽¹⁾	System	
2	PIOA	Parallel I/O Controller A	
3	Reserved		
4	ADC ⁽¹⁾	Analog-to Digital Converter	
5	SPI	Serial Peripheral Interface	
6	US	USART	
7	Reserved		
8	SSC	Synchronous Serial Controller	
9	TWI	Two-wire Interface	
10	PWMC	PWM Controller	
11	Reserved		
12	TC0	Timer/Counter 0	
13	TC1	Timer/Counter 1	
14	TC2	Timer/Counter 2	
15 - 29	Reserved		
30	AIC	Advanced Interrupt Controller	IRQ0
31	Reserved		

10.3 Peripheral Multiplexing on PIO Lines

The SAM7S Series features one PIO controller, PIOA, that multiplexes the I/O lines of the peripheral set.

PIO Controller A controls 32 lines (21 lines for SAM7S32/16). Each line can be assigned to one of two peripheral functions, A or B. Some of them can also be multiplexed with the analog inputs of the ADC Controller.

Table 10-3, “Multiplexing on PIO Controller A (SAM7S512/256/128/64/321/161),” on page 35 and Table 10-4, “Multiplexing on PIO Controller A (SAM7S32/16),” on page 36 define how the I/O lines of the peripherals A, B or the analog inputs are multiplexed on the PIO Controller A. The two columns “Function” and “Comments” have been inserted for the user’s own comments; they may be used to track how pins are defined in an application.

Note that some peripheral functions that are output only may be duplicated in the table.

All pins reset in their Parallel I/O lines function are configured as input with the programmable pull-up enabled, so that the device is maintained in a static state as soon as a reset is detected.

10.4 PIO Controller A Multiplexing

Table 10-3. Multiplexing on PIO Controller A (SAM7S512/256/128/64/321/161)

PA0	PWM0	TIOA0	High-Drive		
PA1	PWM1	TIOB0	High-Drive		
PA2	PWM2	SCK0	High-Drive		
PA3	TWD	NPCS3	High-Drive		
PA4	TWCK	TCLK0			
PA5	RXD0	NPCS3			
PA6	TXD0	PCK0			
PA7	RTS0	PWM3			
PA8	CTS0	ADTRG			
PA9	DRXD	NPCS1			
PA10	DTXD	NPCS2			
PA11	NPCS0	PWM0			
PA12	MISO	PWM1			
PA13	MOSI	PWM2			
PA14	SPCK	PWM3			
PA15	TF	TIOA1			
PA16	TK	TIOB1			
PA17	TD	PCK1	AD0		
PA18	RD	PCK2	AD1		
PA19	RK	FIQ	AD2		
PA20	RF	IRQ0	AD3		
PA21	RXD1	PCK1			
PA22	TXD1	NPCS3			
PA23	SCK1	PWM0			
PA24	RTS1	PWM1			
PA25	CTS1	PWM2			
PA26	DCD1	TIOA2			
PA27	DTR1	TIOB2			
PA28	DSR1	TCLK1			
PA29	RI1	TCLK2			
PA30	IRQ1	NPCS2			
PA31	NPCS1	PCK2			

10.5 Serial Peripheral Interface

- Supports communication with external serial devices
 - Four chip selects with external decoder allow communication with up to 15 peripherals
 - Serial memories, such as DataFlash® and 3-wire EEPROMs
 - Serial peripherals, such as ADCs, DACs, LCD Controllers, CAN Controllers and Sensors
 - External co-processors
- Master or slave serial peripheral bus interface
 - 8- to 16-bit programmable data length per chip select
 - Programmable phase and polarity per chip select
 - Programmable transfer delays between consecutive transfers and between clock and data per chip select
 - Programmable delay between consecutive transfers
 - Selectable mode fault detection
 - Maximum frequency at up to Master Clock

10.6 Two-wire Interface

- Master Mode only (SAM7S512/256/128/64/321/32)
- Master, Multi-Master and Slave Mode support (SAM7S161/16)
- General Call supported in Slave Mode (SAM7S161/16)
- Compatibility with I²C compatible devices (refer to the TWI sections of the datasheet)
- One, two or three bytes internal address registers for easy Serial Memory access
- 7-bit or 10-bit slave addressing
- Sequential read/write operations

10.7 USART

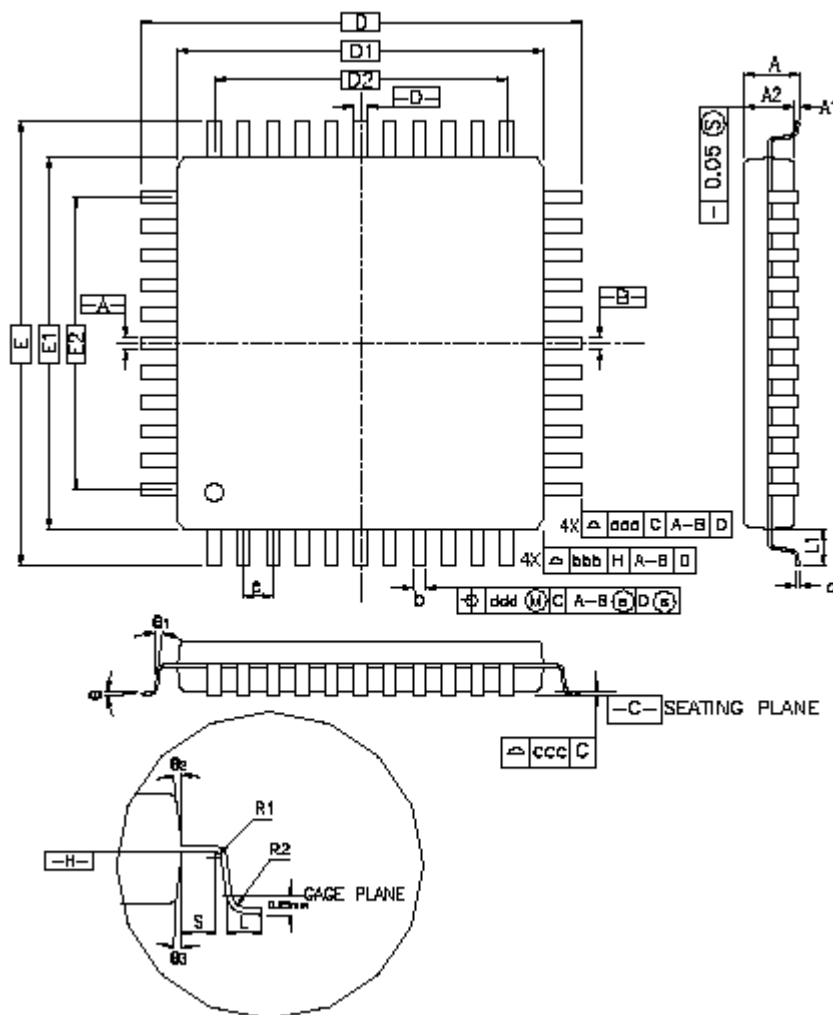
- Programmable Baud Rate Generator
- 5- to 9-bit full-duplex synchronous or asynchronous serial communications
 - 1, 1.5 or 2 stop bits in Asynchronous Mode
 - 1 or 2 stop bits in Synchronous Mode
 - Parity generation and error detection
 - Framing error detection, overrun error detection
 - MSB or LSB first
 - Optional break generation and detection
 - By 8 or by 16 over-sampling receiver frequency
 - Hardware handshaking RTS - CTS
 - Modem Signals Management DTR-DSR-DCD-RI on USART1 (not present on SAM7S32/16)
 - Receiver time-out and transmitter timeguard
 - Multi-drop Mode with address generation and detection
- RS485 with driver control signal
- ISO7816, T = 0 or T = 1 Protocols for interfacing with smart cards
 - NACK handling, error counter with repetition and iteration limit
- IrDA modulation and demodulation
 - Communication at up to 115.2 Kbps
- Test Modes
 - Remote Loopback, Local Loopback, Automatic Echo

11. Package Drawings

The SAM7S series devices are available in LQFP and QFN package types.

11.1 LQFP Packages

Figure 11-1. 48-and 64-lead LQFP Package Drawing



11.2 QFN Packages

Figure 11-2. 48-pad QFN Package

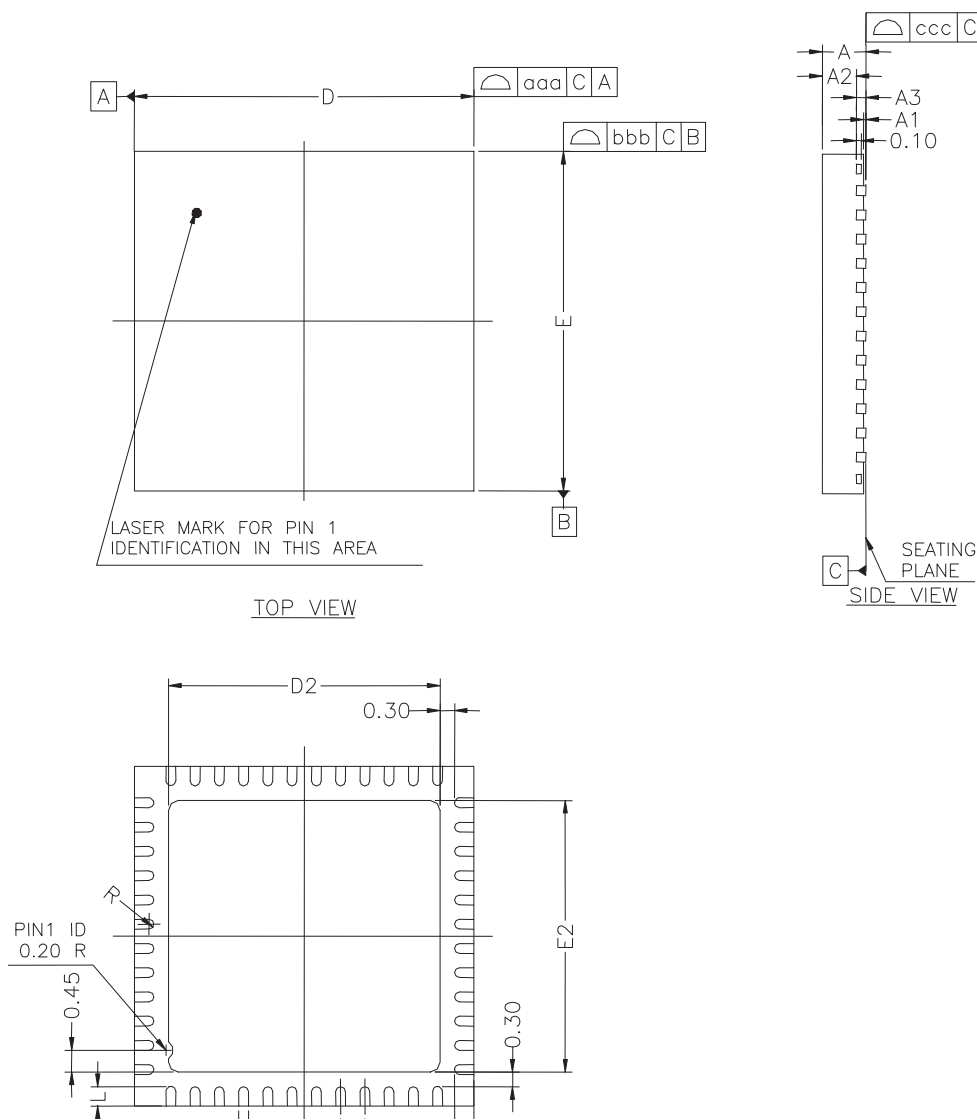
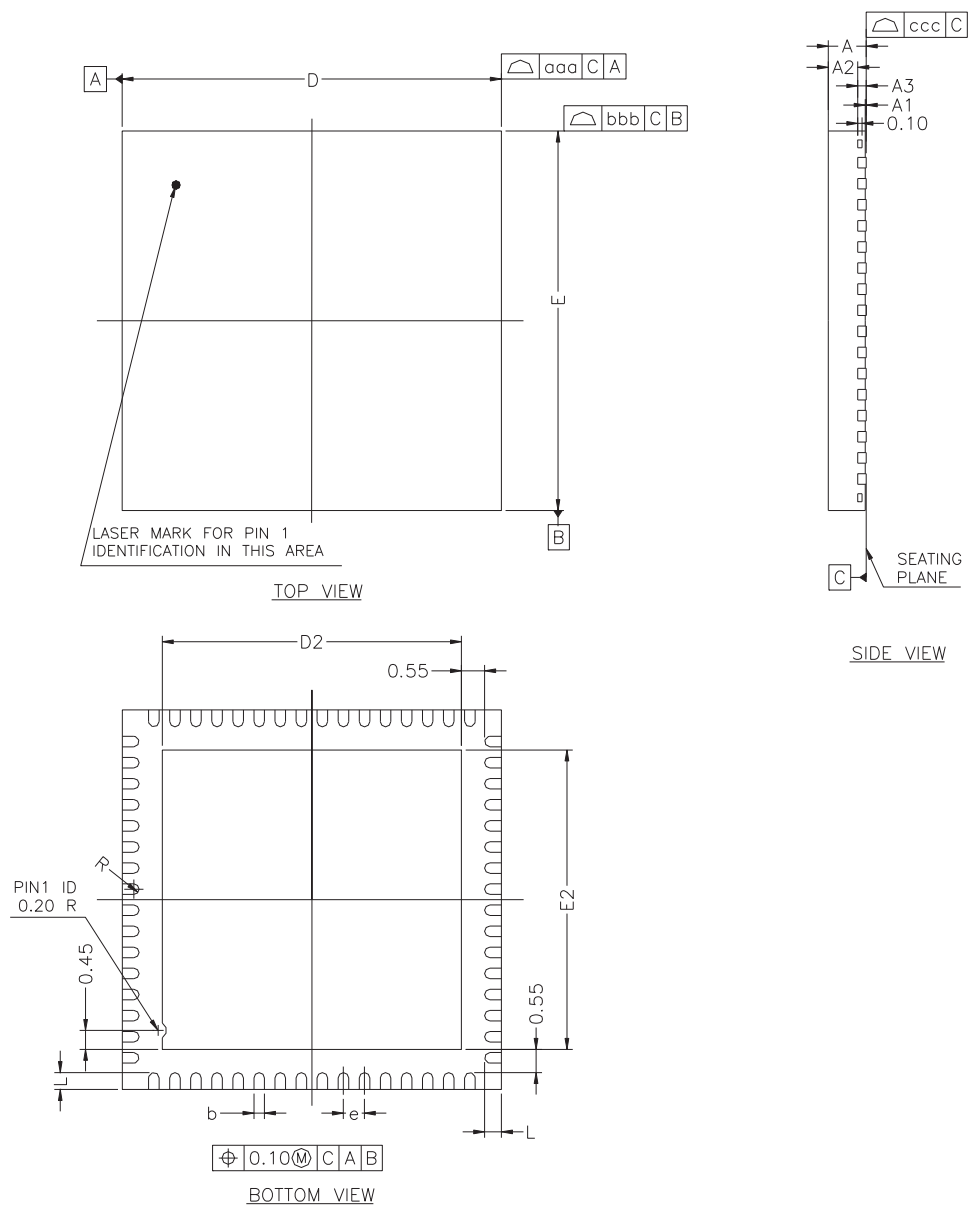


Figure 11-3. 64-pad QFN Package Drawing



12. SAM7S Ordering Information

Table 12-1. SAM7S Series Ordering Information

MLR A Ordering Code	MLR B Ordering Code	MLR C Ordering Code	MLR D Ordering Code	Package	Package Type	Temperature Operating Range
AT91SAM7S16-AU AT91SAM7S16-MU	–	–	–	LQFP 48 QFN 48	Green	Industrial (-40° C to 85° C)
AT91SAM7S161-AU	–	–	–	LQFP 64	Green	Industrial (-40° C to 85° C)
AT91SAM7S32-AU-001 AT91SAM7S32-MU	AT91SAM7S32B-AU AT91SAM7S32B-MU			LQFP 48 QFN 48	Green	Industrial (-40° C to 85° C)
AT91SAM7S321-AU AT91SAM7S321-MU	–	–	–	LQFP 64 QFN 64	Green	Industrial (-40° C to 85° C)
–	AT91SAM7S64B-AU AT91SAM7S64B-MU	AT91SAM7S64C-AU AT91SAM7S64C-MU	–	LQFP 64 QFN 64	Green	Industrial (-40° C to 85° C)
–	AT91SAM7S128-AU-001 AT91SAM7S128-MU	AT91SAM7S128C-AU AT91SAM7S128C-MU	AT91SAM7S128D-AU AT91SAM7S128D-MU	LQFP 64 QFN 64	Green	Industrial (-40° C to 85° C)
–	AT91SAM7S256-AU-001 AT91SAM7S256-MU	AT91SAM7S256C-AU AT91SAM7S256C-MU	AT91SAM7S256D-AU AT91SAM7S256D-MU	LQFP 64 QFN 64	Green	Industrial (-40° C to 85° C)
AT91SAM7S512-AU AT91SAM7S512-MU	AT91SAM7S512B-AU AT91SAM7S512B-MU	–	–	LQFP 64 QFN 64	Green	Industrial (-40° C to 85° C)



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