What is "Embedded - Microcontrollers"?

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Applications of "Embedded - Microcontrollers"

Details	
Product Status	Active
Core Processor	PIC
Core Size	8-Bit
Speed	4MHz
Connectivity	-
Peripherals	POR, WDT
Number of I/O	5
Program Memory Size	1.5KB (1K x 12)
Program Memory Type	OTP
EEPROM Size	-
RAM Size	41 x 8
Voltage - Supply (Vcc/Vdd)	2.5V ~ 5.5V
Data Converters	-
Oscillator Type	Internal
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 70°C (TA)
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Package / Case	8-SOIC (0.154", 3.90mm Width)
Supplier Device Package	8-SOIC
Purchase URL	https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/microchip-technology/pic12lc509a-04-sn

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4.2 Data Memory Organization

Data memory is composed of registers, or bytes of RAM. Therefore, data memory for a device is specified by its register file. The register file is divided into two functional groups: special function registers and general purpose registers.

The special function registers include the TMR0 register, the Program Counter (PC), the Status Register, the I/O registers (ports), and the File Select Register (FSR). In addition, special purpose registers are used to control the I/O port configuration and prescaler options.

The general purpose registers are used for data and control information under command of the instructions.

For the PIC12C508, PIC12C508A and PIC12CE518, the register file is composed of 7 special function registers and 25 general purpose registers (Figure 4-2).

For the PIC12C509, PIC12C509A, PIC12CR509A, and PIC12CE519 the register file is composed of 7 special function registers, 25 general purpose registers, and 16 general purpose registers that may be addressed using a banking scheme (Figure 4-3).

4.2.1 GENERAL PURPOSE REGISTER FILE

The general purpose register file is accessed either directly or indirectly through the file select register FSR (Section 4.8).

FIGURE 4-2: PIC12C508, PIC12C508A AND PIC12CE518 REGISTER FILE MAP

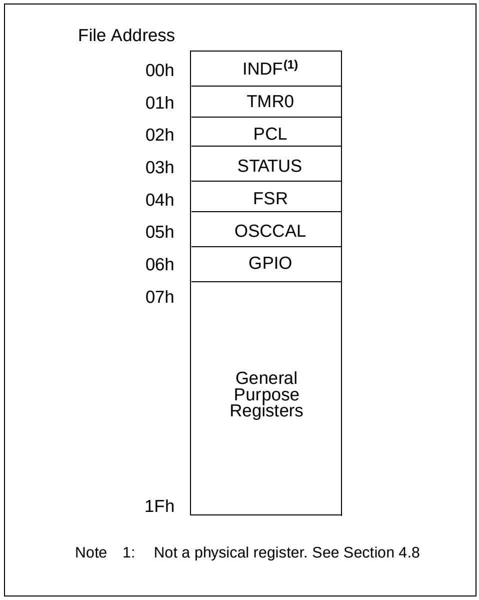
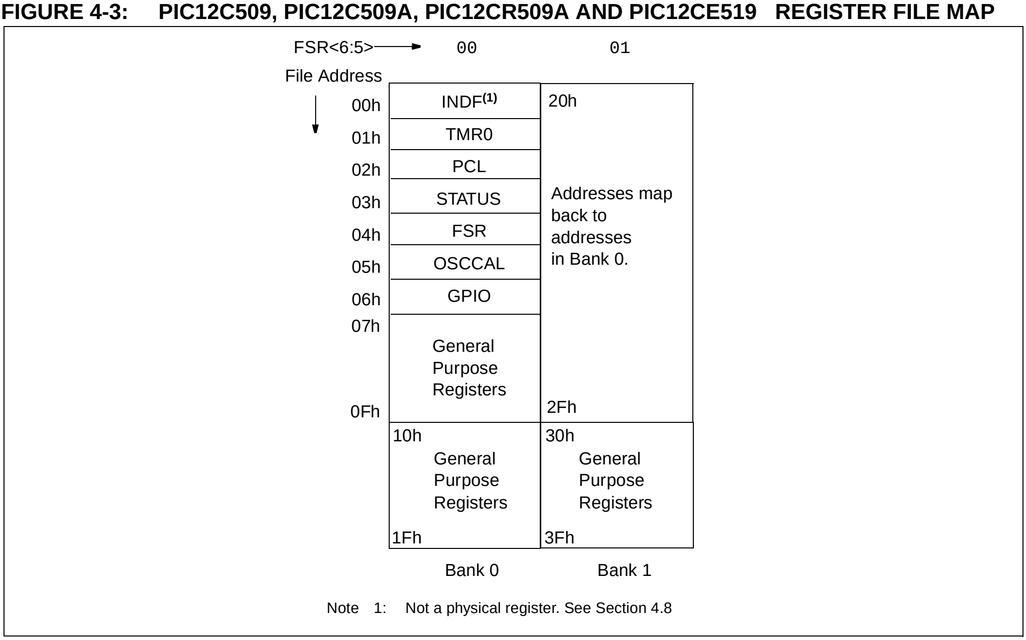


FIGURE 4-3: PIC12C509, PIC12C509A, PIC12CR509A AND PIC12CE519 REGISTER FILE MAP



4.2.2 SPECIAL FUNCTION REGISTERS

The Special Function Registers (SFRs) are registers used by the CPU and peripheral functions to control the operation of the device (Table 4-1).

The special registers can be classified into two sets. The special function registers associated with the “core” functions are described in this section. Those related to the operation of the peripheral features are described in the section for each peripheral feature.

TABLE 4-1: SPECIAL FUNCTION REGISTER (SFR) SUMMARY

Address	Name	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0	Value on Power-On Reset	Value on All Other Resets(2)
N/A	TRIS	—	—							--11 1111	--11 1111
N/A	OPTION	Contains control bits to configure Timer0, Timer0/WDT prescaler, wake-up on change, and weak pull-ups								1111 1111	1111 1111
00h	INDF	Uses contents of FSR to address data memory (not a physical register)								xxxx xxxx	uuuu uuuu
01h	TMR0	8-bit real-time clock/counter								xxxx xxxx	uuuu uuuu
02h(1)	PCL	Low order 8 bits of PC								1111 1111	1111 1111
03h	STATUS	GPWUF	—	PA0	$\overline{TO}$	$\overline{PD}$	Z	DC	C	0001 1xxx	q00q quuu(3)
04h	FSR (PIC12C508/ PIC12C508A/ PIC12C518)	Indirect data memory address pointer								111x xxxx	111u uuuu
04h	FSR (PIC12C509/ PIC12C509A/ PIC12CR509A/ PIC12CE519)	Indirect data memory address pointer								110x xxxx	11uu uuuu
05h	OSCCAL (PIC12C508/ PIC12C509)	CAL3	CAL2	CAL1	CAL0	—	—	—	—	0111 ----	uuuu ----
05h	OSCCAL (PIC12C508A/ PIC12C509A/ PIC12CE518/ PIC12CE519/ PIC12CR509A)	CAL5	CAL4	CAL3	CAL2	CAL1	CAL0	—	—	1000 00--	uuuu uu--
06h	GPIO (PIC12C508/ PIC12C509/ PIC12C508A/ PIC12C509A/ PIC12CR509A)	—	—	GP5	GP4	GP3	GP2	GP1	GP0	--xx xxxx	--uu uuuu
06h	GPIO (PIC12CE518/ PIC12CE519)	SCL	SDA	GP5	GP4	GP3	GP2	GP1	GP0	11xx xxxx	11uu uuuu

Legend: Shaded boxes = unimplemented or unused, – = unimplemented, read as ’0’ (if applicable)
x = unknown, u = unchanged, q = see the tables in Section 8.7 for possible values.

Note 1: The upper byte of the Program Counter is not directly accessible. See Section 4.6 for an explanation of how to access these bits.

2: Other (non power-up) resets include external reset through $\overline{MCLR}$, watchdog timer and wake-up on pin change reset.

3: If reset was due to wake-up on pin change then bit 7 = 1. All other resets will cause bit 7 = 0.

4.8 Indirect Data Addressing; INDF and FSR Registers

The INDF register is not a physical register. Addressing INDF actually addresses the register whose address is contained in the FSR register (FSR is a *pointer*). This is indirect addressing.

EXAMPLE 4-1: INDIRECT ADDRESSING

- Register file 07 contains the value 10h
- Register file 08 contains the value 0Ah
- Load the value 07 into the FSR register
- A read of the INDF register will return the value of 10h
- Increment the value of the FSR register by one (FSR = 08)
- A read of the INDR register now will return the value of 0Ah.

Reading INDF itself indirectly (FSR = 0) will produce 00h. Writing to the INDF register indirectly results in a no-operation (although STATUS bits may be affected).

A simple program to clear RAM locations 10h-1Fh using indirect addressing is shown in Example 4-2.

EXAMPLE 4-2: HOW TO CLEAR RAM USING INDIRECT ADDRESSING

```
          movlw   0x10    ;initialize pointer
          movwf   FSR     ; to RAM
NEXT      clrf    INDF    ;clear INDF register
          incf    FSR,F   ;inc pointer
          btfsc   FSR,4   ;all done?
          goto    NEXT    ;NO, clear next
CONTINUE
          :               ;YES, continue
```

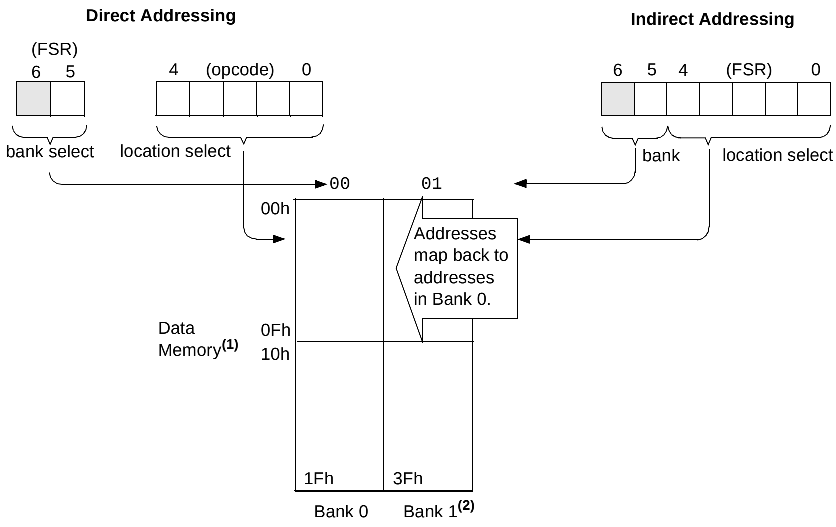
The FSR is a 5-bit wide register. It is used in conjunction with the INDF register to indirectly address the data memory area.

The FSR<4:0> bits are used to select data memory addresses 00h to 1Fh.

PIC12C508/PIC12C508A/PIC12CE518: Does not use banking. FSR<7:5> are unimplemented and read as '1's.

PIC12C509/PIC12C509A/PIC12CR509A/PIC12CE519: Uses FSR<5>. Selects between bank 0 and bank 1. FSR<7:6> is unimplemented, read as '1' .

FIGURE 4-9: DIRECT/INDIRECT ADDRESSING



Note 1: For register map detail see Section 4.2.

Note 2: PIC12C509, PIC12C509A, PIC12CR509A, PIC12CE519.

7.0.2 SERIAL CLOCK

This SCL input is used to synchronize the data transfer from and to the device.

7.1 BUS CHARACTERISTICS

The following **bus protocol** is to be used with the EEPROM data memory.

- Data transfer may be initiated only when the bus is not busy.

During data transfer, the data line must remain stable whenever the clock line is HIGH. Changes in the data line while the clock line is HIGH will be interpreted as a START or STOP condition.

Accordingly, the following bus conditions have been defined (Figure 7-3).

7.1.1 BUS NOT BUSY (A)

Both data and clock lines remain HIGH.

7.1.2 START DATA TRANSFER (B)

A HIGH to LOW transition of the SDA line while the clock (SCL) is HIGH determines a START condition. All commands must be preceded by a START condition.

7.1.3 STOP DATA TRANSFER (C)

A LOW to HIGH transition of the SDA line while the clock (SCL) is HIGH determines a STOP condition. All operations must be ended with a STOP condition.

7.1.4 DATA VALID (D)

The state of the data line represents valid data when, after a START condition, the data line is stable for the duration of the HIGH period of the clock signal.

The data on the line must be changed during the LOW period of the clock signal. There is one bit of data per clock pulse.

Each data transfer is initiated with a START condition and terminated with a STOP condition. The number of the data bytes transferred between the START and STOP conditions is determined by the master device and is theoretically unlimited.

7.1.5 ACKNOWLEDGE

Each receiving device, when addressed, is obliged to generate an acknowledge after the reception of each byte. The master device must generate an extra clock pulse which is associated with this acknowledge bit.

Note:	Acknowledge bits are not generated if an internal programming cycle is in progress.

The device that acknowledges has to pull down the SDA line during the acknowledge clock pulse in such a way that the SDA line is stable LOW during the HIGH period of the acknowledge related clock pulse. Of course, setup and hold times must be taken into account. A master must signal an end of data to the slave by not generating an acknowledge bit on the last byte that has been clocked out of the slave. In this case, the slave must leave the data line HIGH to enable the master to generate the STOP condition (Figure 7-4).

FIGURE 7-3: DATA TRANSFER SEQUENCE ON THE SERIAL BUS

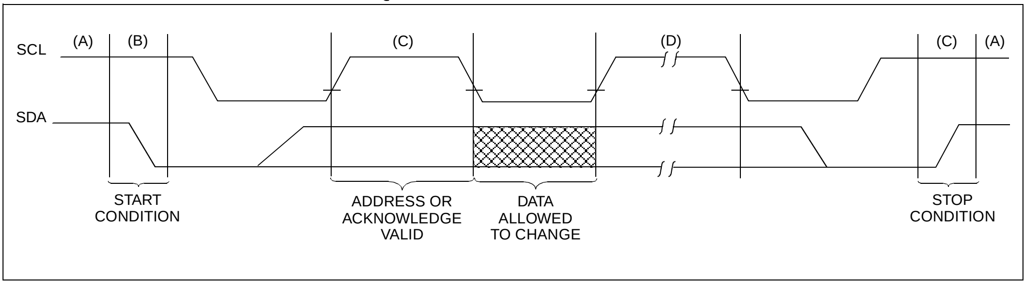
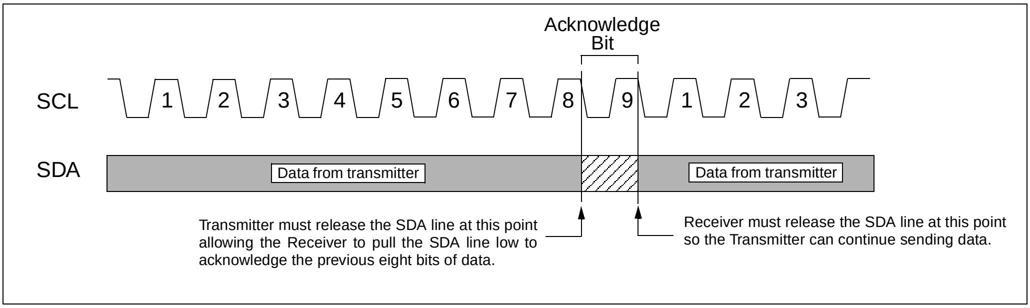


FIGURE 7-4: ACKNOWLEDGE TIMING

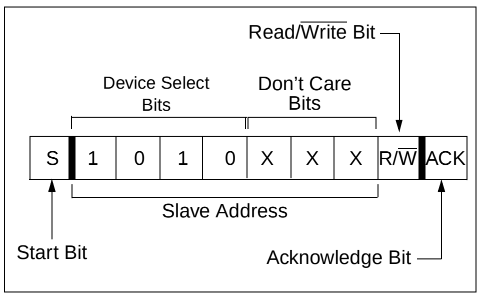


7.2 Device Addressing

After generating a START condition, the bus master transmits a control byte consisting of a slave address and a Read/$\overline{\text{Write}}$ bit that indicates what type of operation is to be performed. The slave address consists of a 4-bit device code (1010) followed by three don't care bits.

The last bit of the control byte determines the operation to be performed. When set to a one a read operation is selected, and when set to a zero a write operation is selected. (Figure 7-5). The bus is monitored for its corresponding slave address all the time. It generates an acknowledge bit if the slave address was true and it is not in a programming mode.

FIGURE 7-5: CONTROL BYTE FORMAT



MOVF — Move f

Syntax:	[*label*] MOVF f,d
Operands:	0 ≤ f ≤ 31 d ∈ [0,1]
Operation:	(f) → (dest)
Status Affected:	Z
Encoding:	`0010` `00df` `ffff`
Description:	The contents of register ’f’ is moved to destination ’d’. If ’d’ is 0, destination is the W register. If ’d’ is 1, the destination is file register ’f’. ’d’ is 1 is useful to test a file register since status flag Z is affected.
Words:	1
Cycles:	1
Example:	`MOVF FSR, 0`

After Instruction
W = value in FSR register

MOVLW — Move Literal to W

Syntax:	[*label*] MOVLW k
Operands:	0 ≤ k ≤ 255
Operation:	k → (W)
Status Affected:	None
Encoding:	`1100` `kkkk` `kkkk`
Description:	The eight bit literal ’k’ is loaded into the W register. The don’t cares will assemble as 0s.
Words:	1
Cycles:	1
Example:	`MOVLW 0x5A`

After Instruction
W = 0x5A

MOVWF — Move W to f

Syntax:	[*label*] MOVWF f
Operands:	0 ≤ f ≤ 31
Operation:	(W) → (f)
Status Affected:	None
Encoding:	`0000` `001f` `ffff`
Description:	Move data from the W register to register 'f'.
Words:	1
Cycles:	1
Example:	`MOVWF TEMP_REG`

Before Instruction
TEMP_REG = 0xFF
W = 0x4F

After Instruction
TEMP_REG = 0x4F
W = 0x4F

NOP — No Operation

Syntax:	[*label*] NOP
Operands:	None
Operation:	No operation
Status Affected:	None
Encoding:	`0000` `0000` `0000`
Description:	No operation.
Words:	1
Cycles:	1
Example:	`NOP`

11.4 Timing Diagrams and Specifications

FIGURE 11-2: EXTERNAL CLOCK TIMING - PIC12C508/C509

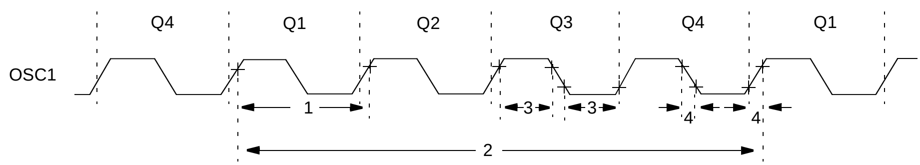


TABLE 11-2: EXTERNAL CLOCK TIMING REQUIREMENTS - PIC12C508/C509

AC Characteristics	Standard Operating Conditions (unless otherwise specified) Operating Temperature 0°C ≤ TA ≤ +70°C (commercial), –40°C ≤ TA ≤ +85°C (industrial), –40°C ≤ TA ≤ +125°C (extended) Operating Voltage VDD range is described in Section 11.1						
Parameter No.	**Sym**	**Characteristic**	**Min**	**Typ(1)**	**Max**	**Units**	**Conditions**
	FOSC	External CLKIN Frequency(2)	DC	—	4	MHz	XT osc mode
			DC	—	200	kHz	LP osc mode
		Oscillator Frequency(2)	0.1	—	4	MHz	XT osc mode
			DC	—	200	kHz	LP osc mode
1	TOSC	External CLKIN Period(2)	250	—	—	ns	EXTRC osc mode
			250	—	—	ns	XT osc mode
			5	—	—	ms	LP osc mode
		Oscillator Period(2)	250	—	—	ns	EXTRC osc mode
			250	—	10,000	ns	XT osc mode
			5	—	—	ms	LP osc mode
2	TCY	Instruction Cycle Time(3)	—	4/FOSC	—	—	
3	TosL, TosH	Clock in (OSC1) Low or High Time	50*	—	—	ns	XT oscillator
			2*	—	—	ms	LP oscillator
4	TosR, TosF	Clock in (OSC1) Rise or Fall Time	—	—	25*	ns	XT oscillator
			—	—	50*	ns	LP oscillator

* These parameters are characterized but not tested.

Note 1: Data in the Typical ("Typ") column is at 5V, 25°C unless otherwise stated. These parameters are for design guidance only and are not tested.

2: All specified values are based on characterization data for that particular oscillator type under standard operating conditions with the device executing code. Exceeding these specified limits may result in an unstable oscillator operation and/or higher than expected current consumption.
When an external clock input is used, the "max" cycle time limit is "DC" (no clock) for all devices.

3: Instruction cycle period (TCY) equals four times the input oscillator time base period.

TABLE 13-1: PULL-UP RESISTOR RANGES* - PIC12C508A, PIC12C509A, PIC12CR509A, PIC12CE518, PIC12CE519, PIC12LC508A, PIC12LC509A, PIC12LCR509A, PIC12LCE518 and PIC12LCE519

VDD (Volts)	Temperature (°C)	Min	Typ	Max	Units
GP0/GP1					
2.5	–40	38K	42K	63K	Ω
	25	42K	48K	63K	Ω
	85	42K	49K	63K	Ω
	125	50K	55K	63K	Ω
5.5	–40	15K	17K	20K	Ω
	25	18K	20K	23K	Ω
	85	19K	22K	25K	Ω
	125	22K	24K	28K	Ω
GP3					
2.5	–40	285K	346K	417K	Ω
	25	343K	414K	532K	Ω
	85	368K	457K	532K	Ω
	125	431K	504K	593K	Ω
5.5	–40	247K	292K	360K	Ω
	25	288K	341K	437K	Ω
	85	306K	371K	448K	Ω
	125	351K	407K	500K	Ω

* These parameters are characterized but not tested.

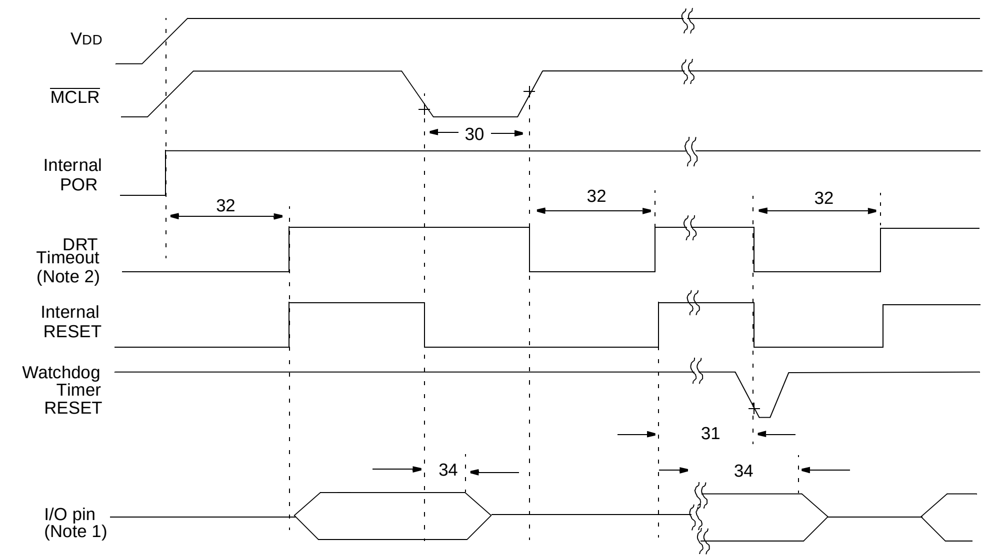
TABLE 13-3: CALIBRATED INTERNAL RC FREQUENCIES - PIC12C508A, PIC12C509A, PIC12CE518, PIC12CE519, PIC12LC508A, PIC12LC509A, PIC12LCR509A, PIC12LCE518 and PIC12LCE519

AC Characteristics		Standard Operating Conditions (unless otherwise specified) Operating Temperature 0°C ≤ TA ≤ +70°C (commercial), –40°C ≤ TA ≤ +85°C (industrial), –40°C ≤ TA ≤ +125°C (extended) Operating Voltage VDD range is described in Section 10.1					
Parameter No.	**Sym**	**Characteristic**	**Min***	**Typ(1)**	**Max***	**Units**	**Conditions**
		Internal Calibrated RC Frequency	3.65	4.00	4.28	MHz	VDD = 5.0V
		Internal Calibrated RC Frequency	3.55	—	4.31	MHz	VDD = 2.5V

* These parameters are characterized but not tested.

Note 1: Data in the Typical (“Typ”) column is at 5V, 25°C unless otherwise stated. These parameters are for design guidance only and are not tested.

FIGURE 13-4: RESET, WATCHDOG TIMER, AND DEVICE RESET TIMER TIMING - PIC12C508A, PIC12C509A, PIC12CE518, PIC12CE519, PIC12LC508A, PIC12LC509A, PIC12LCR509A, PIC12LCE518 and PIC12LCE519



Note 1: I/O pins must be taken out of hi-impedance mode by enabling the output drivers in software.
2: Runs in MCLR or WDT reset only in XT and LP modes.

TABLE 13-5: RESET, WATCHDOG TIMER, AND DEVICE RESET TIMER - PIC12C508A, PIC12C509A, PIC12CE518, PIC12CE519, PIC12LC508A, PIC12LC509A, PIC12LCR509A, PIC12LCE518 and PIC12LCE519

AC Characteristics	Standard Operating Conditions (unless otherwise specified) Operating Temperature 0°C ≤ TA ≤ +70°C (commercial) –40°C ≤ TA ≤ +85°C (industrial) –40°C ≤ TA ≤ +125°C (extended) Operating Voltage VDD range is described in Section 13.1						
Parameter No.	**Sym**	**Characteristic**	**Min**	**Typ(1)**	**Max**	**Units**	**Conditions**
30	TmcL	MCLR Pulse Width (low)	2000*	—	—	ns	VDD = 5 V
31	Twdt	Watchdog Timer Time-out Period (No Prescaler)	9*	18*	30*	ms	VDD = 5 V (Commercial)
32	TDRT	Device Reset Timer Period(2)	9*	18*	30*	ms	VDD = 5 V (Commercial)
34	Tioz	I/O Hi-impedance from MCLR Low	—	—	2000*	ns	

* These parameters are characterized but not tested.

Note 1: Data in the Typical ("Typ") column is at 5V, 25°C unless otherwise stated. These parameters are for design guidance only and are not tested.

Note 2: See Table 13-6.

TABLE 13-6: DRT (DEVICE RESET TIMER PERIOD) - PIC12C508A, PIC12C509A, PIC12CE518, PIC12CE519, PIC12LC508A, PIC12LC509A, PIC12LCR509A, PIC12LCE518 and PIC12LCE519

Oscillator Configuration	POR Reset	Subsequent Resets
IntRC & ExtRC	18 ms (typical)(1)	300 µs (typical)(1)
XT & LP	18 ms (typical)(1)	18 ms (typical)(1)

Note 1: Data in the Typical (“Typ”) column is at 5V, 25°C unless otherwise stated. These parameters are for design guidance only and are not tested.

FIGURE 13-5: TIMER0 CLOCK TIMINGS - PIC12C508A, PIC12C509A, PIC12CE518, PIC12CE519, PIC12LC508A, PIC12LC509A, PIC12LCR509A, PIC12LCE518 and PIC12LCE519

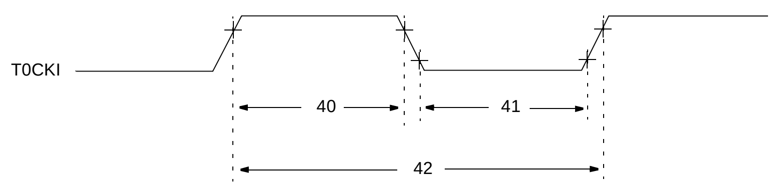


TABLE 13-7: TIMER0 CLOCK REQUIREMENTS - PIC12C508A, PIC12C509A, PIC12CE518, PIC12CE519, PIC12LC508A, PIC12LC509A, PIC12LCR509A, PIC12LCE518 and PIC12LCE519

AC Characteristics	Standard Operating Conditions (unless otherwise specified) Operating Temperature 0°C ≤ TA ≤ +70°C (commercial) –40°C ≤ TA ≤ +85°C (industrial) –40°C ≤ TA ≤ +125°C (extended) Operating Voltage VDD range is described in Section 13.1.

Parameter No.	Sym	Characteristic		Min	Typ(1)	Max	Units	Conditions
40	Tt0H	T0CKI High Pulse Width	- No Prescaler	0.5 TCY + 20*	—	—	ns	
			- With Prescaler	10*	—	—	ns	
41	Tt0L	T0CKI Low Pulse Width	- No Prescaler	0.5 TCY + 20*	—	—	ns	
			- With Prescaler	10*	—	—	ns	
42	Tt0P	T0CKI Period		20 or (TCY + 40)* / N	—	—	ns	Whichever is greater. N = Prescale Value (1, 2, 4,..., 256)

* These parameters are characterized but not tested.

Note 1: Data in the Typical (“Typ”) column is at 5V, 25°C unless otherwise stated. These parameters are for design guidance only and are not tested.

FIGURE 14-9: IOL vs. VOL, VDD = 2.5 V

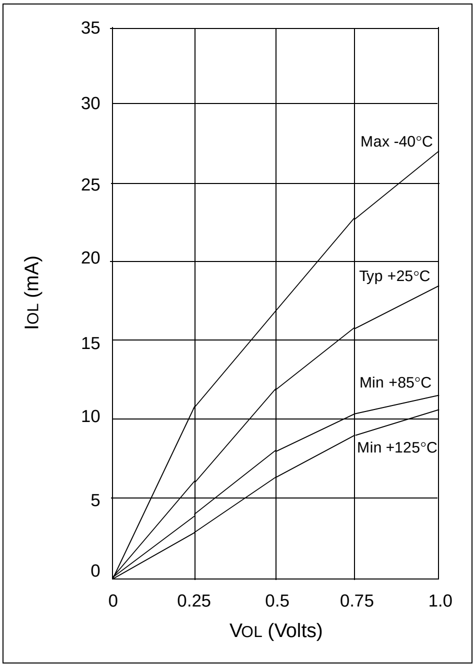


FIGURE 14-10: IOL vs. VOL, VDD = 3.5 V

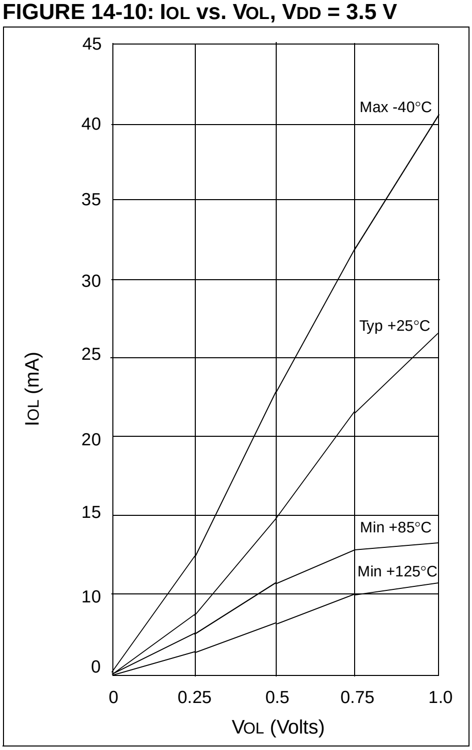


FIGURE 14-11: IOH vs. VOH, VDD = 5.5 V

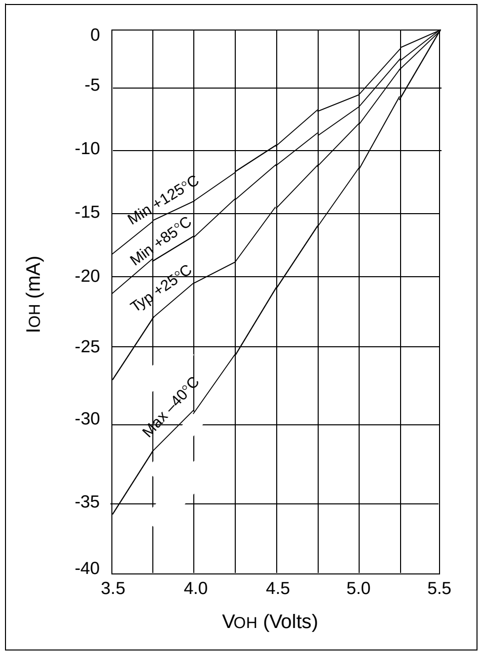


FIGURE 14-12: IOL vs. VOL, VDD = 5.5 V

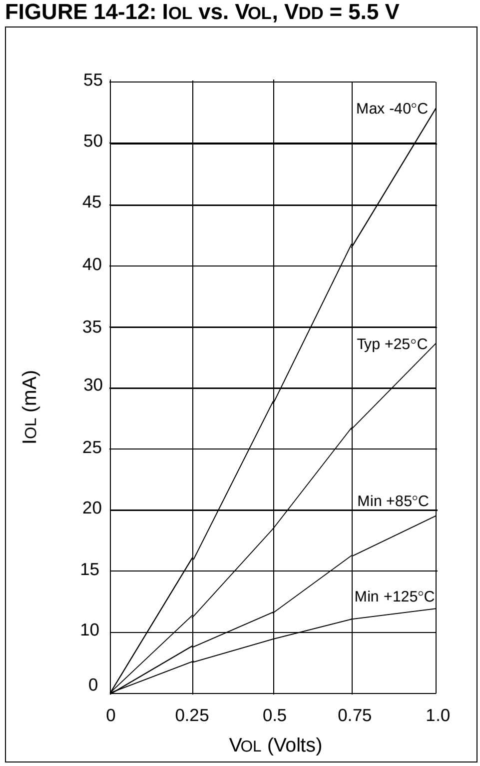
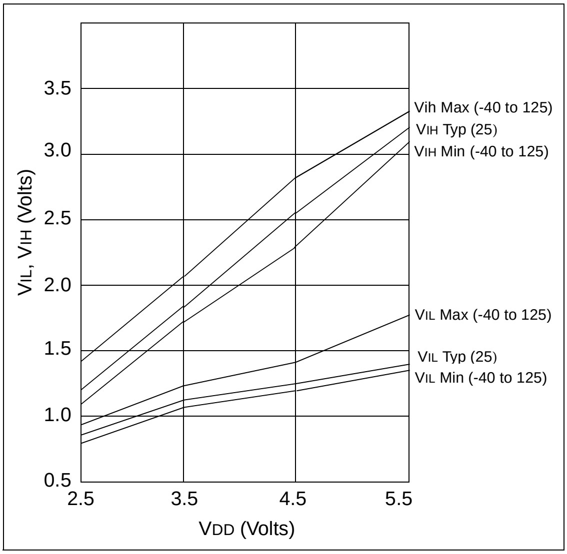
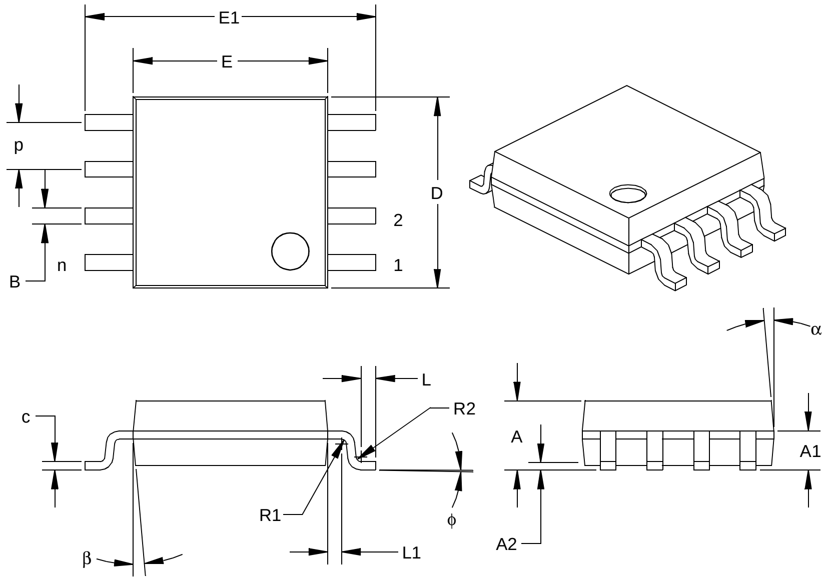


FIGURE 14-15: VIL, VIH OF NMCLR, AND T0CKI VS. VDD



Package Type: K04-056 8-Lead Plastic Small Outline (SM) – Medium, 208 mil



Units		INCHES*			MILLIMETERS		
Dimension Limits		MIN	NOM	MAX	MIN	NOM	MAX
Pitch	p		0.050			1.27	
Number of Pins	n		8			8	
Overall Pack. Height	A	0.070	0.074	0.079	1.78	1.89	2.00
Shoulder Height	A1	0.037	0.042	0.048	0.94	1.08	1.21
Standoff	A2	0.002	0.005	0.009	0.05	0.14	0.22
Molded Package Length	D‡	0.200	0.205	0.210	5.08	5.21	5.33
Molded Package Width	E‡	0.203	0.208	0.213	5.16	5.28	5.41
Outside Dimension	E1	0.300	0.313	0.325	7.62	7.94	8.26
Shoulder Radius	R1	0.005	0.005	0.010	0.13	0.13	0.25
Gull Wing Radius	R2	0.005	0.005	0.010	0.13	0.13	0.25
Foot Length	L	0.011	0.016	0.021	0.28	0.41	0.53
Foot Angle	φ	0	4	8	0	4	8
Radius Centerline	L1	0.010	0.015	0.020	0.25	0.38	0.51
Lead Thickness	c	0.008	0.009	0.010	0.19	0.22	0.25
Lower Lead Width	B†	0.014	0.017	0.020	0.36	0.43	0.51
Mold Draft Angle Top	α	0	12	15	0	12	15
Mold Draft Angle Bottom	β	0	12	15	0	12	15

* Controlling Parameter.

† Dimension “B” does not include dam-bar protrusions. Dam-bar protrusions shall not exceed 0.003” (0.076 mm) per side or 0.006” (0.152 mm) more than dimension “B.”

‡ Dimensions “D” and “E” do not include mold flash or protrusions. Mold flash or protrusions shall not exceed 0.010” (0.254 mm) per side or 0.020” (0.508 mm) more than dimensions “D” or “E.”

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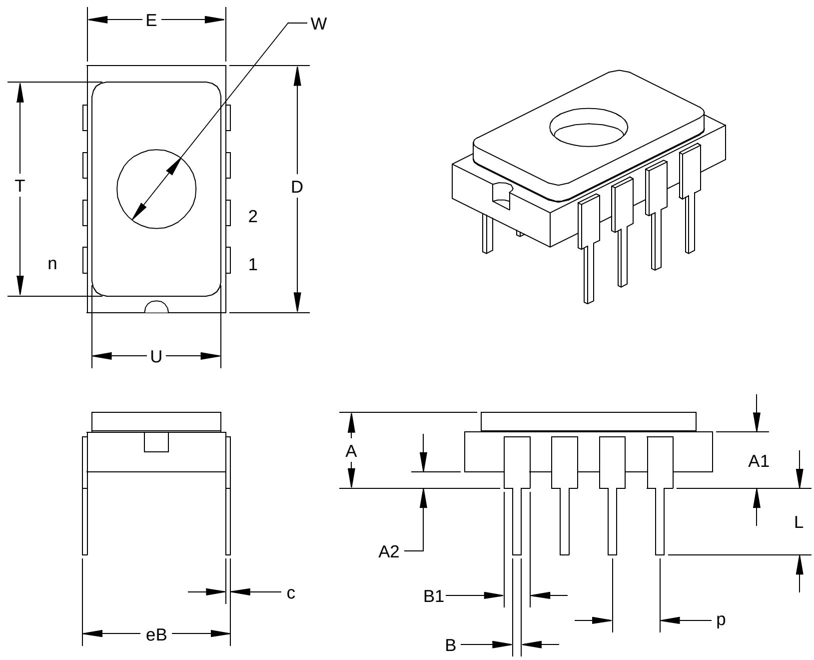

Units		INCHES*			MILLIMETERS		
Dimension Limits		MIN	NOM	MAX	MIN	NOM	MAX
PCB Row Spacing			0.300			7.62	
Number of Pins	n		8			8	
Pitch	p	0.098	0.100	0.102	2.49	2.54	2.59
Lower Lead Width	B	0.016	0.018	0.020	0.41	0.46	0.51
Upper Lead Width	B1	0.050	0.055	0.060	1.27	1.40	1.52
Lead Thickness	c	0.008	0.010	0.012	0.20	0.25	0.30
Top to Seating Plane	A	0.145	0.165	0.185	3.68	4.19	4.70
Top of Body to Seating Plane	A1	0.103	0.123	0.143	2.62	3.12	3.63
Base to Seating Plane	A2	0.025	0.035	0.045	0.64	0.89	1.14
Tip to Seating Plane	L	0.130	0.140	0.150	3.30	3.56	3.81
Package Length	D	0.510	0.520	0.530	12.95	13.21	13.46
Package Width	E	0.280	0.290	0.300	7.11	7.37	7.62
Overall Row Spacing	eB	0.310	0.338	0.365	7.87	8.57	9.27
Window Diameter	W	0.161	0.166	0.171	4.09	4.22	4.34
Lid Length	T	0.440	0.450	0.460	11.18	11.43	11.68
Lid Width	U	0.260	0.270	0.280	6.60	6.86	7.11

* Controlling Parameter.

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