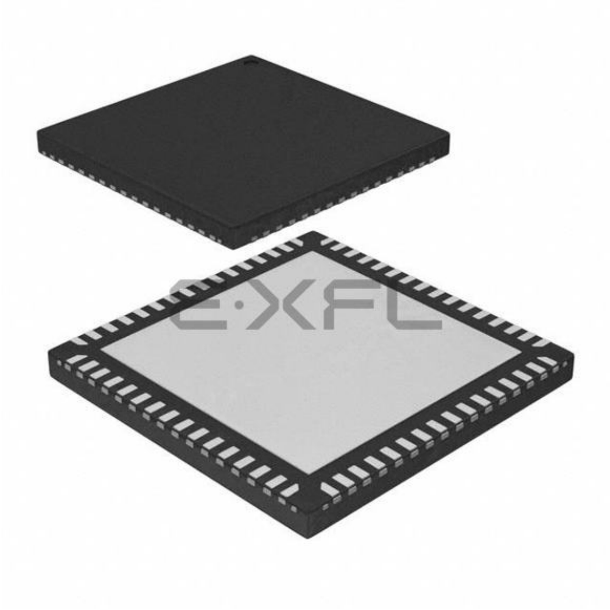

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Applications of "Embedded - Microcontrollers"

Details	
Product Status	Active
Core Processor	AVR
Core Size	8/16-Bit
Speed	32MHz
Connectivity	I²C, IrDA, SPI, UART/USART
Peripherals	Brown-out Detect/Reset, POR, PWM, WDT
Number of I/O	50
Program Memory Size	256KB (128K x 16)
Program Memory Type	FLASH
EEPROM Size	4K x 8
RAM Size	16K x 8
Voltage - Supply (Vcc/Vdd)	1.6V ~ 3.6V
Data Converters	A/D 16x12b
Oscillator Type	Internal
Operating Temperature	-40°C ~ 105°C (TA)
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Package / Case	64-VFQFN Exposed Pad
Supplier Device Package	64-QFN (9x9)
Purchase URL	https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/microchip-technology/atxmega256d3-mn

18. Hi-Res – High Resolution Extension

18.1 Features

- Increases waveform generator resolution up to 8× (three bits)
- Supports frequency, single-slope PWM, and dual-slope PWM generation
- Supports the AWeX when this is used for the same timer/counter

18.2 Overview

The high-resolution (hi-res) extension can be used to increase the resolution of the waveform generation output from a timer/counter by four or eight. It can be used for a timer/counter doing frequency, single-slope PWM, or dual-slope PWM generation. It can also be used with the AWeX if this is used for the same timer/counter.

The hi-res extension uses the peripheral 4× clock (Clk_{PER4}). The system clock prescalers must be configured so the peripheral 4× clock frequency is four times higher than the peripheral and CPU clock frequency when the hi-res extension is enabled.

There is one hi-res extensions that can be enabled for timer/counters pair on PORTC. The notation of this is HIRESC.

32.2.8 Bandgap and Internal 1.0V Reference Characteristics

Table 32-42. Bandgap and Internal 1.0V Reference Characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
	Startup time	As reference for ADC	1 Clk_{PER} + 2.5μs			μs
		As input voltage to ADC and AC		1.5		
	Bandgap voltage			1.1		V
INT1V	Internal 1.00V reference	T = 85°C, after calibration	0.99	1	1.01	
	Variation over voltage and temperature	Calibrated at T = 85°C		1		%

32.2.9 Brownout Detection Characteristics

Table 32-43. Brownout Detection Characteristics (1)

Symbol	Parameter (BOD level 0 at 85°C)	Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
V_{BOT}	BOD level 0 falling V_{CC}		1.40	1.60	1.70	V
	BOD level 1 falling V_{CC}			1.8		
	BOD level 2 falling V_{CC}			2.0		
	BOD level 3 falling V_{CC}			2.2		
	BOD level 4 falling V_{CC}			2.4		
	BOD level 5 falling V_{CC}			2.6		
	BOD level 6 falling V_{CC}			2.8		
	BOD level 7 falling V_{CC}			3.0		
t_{BOD}	Detection time	Continuous mode		0.4		μs
		Sampled mode		1000		
V_{HYST}	Hysteresis			1.0		%

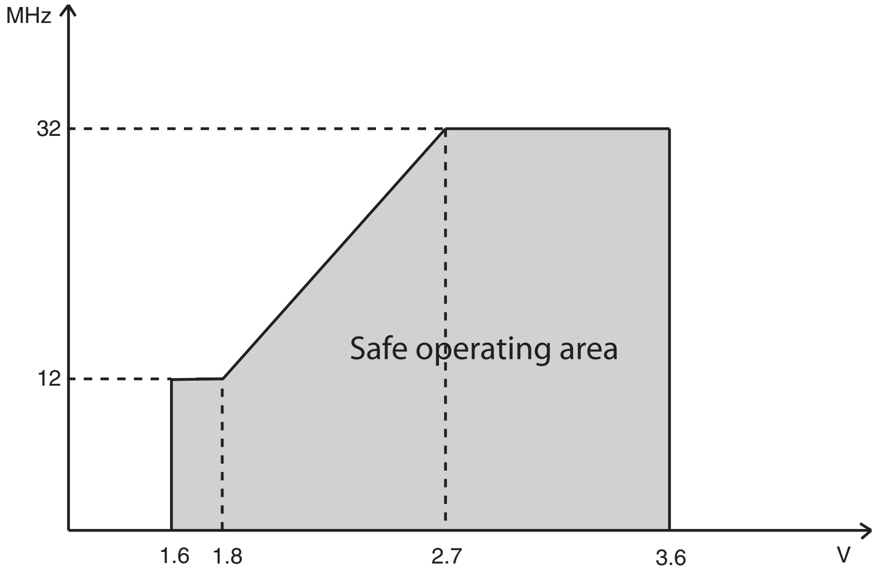
Note: 1. BOD is calibrated at 85°C within BOD level 0 values, and BOD level 0 is the default level.

32.2.10 External Reset Characteristics

Table 32-44. External Reset Characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
t_{EXT}	Minimum reset pulse width		1000	90		ns
V_{RST}	Reset threshold voltage	V_{CC} = 2.7 - 3.6V		0.45 * V_{CC}		V
		V_{CC} = 1.6 - 2.7V		0.42 * V_{CC}		
R_{RST}	Reset pin pull-up resistor			25		kΩ

Figure 32-15.Maximum Frequency vs. V_{CC}



32.3.11 Power-on Reset Characteristics

Table 32-74. Power-on Reset Characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
V_{POT-} (1)	POR threshold voltage falling V_{CC}	V_{CC} falls faster than 1V/ms	0.4	1.0		V
		V_{CC} falls at 1V/ms or slower	0.8	1.3		
V_{POT+}	POR threshold voltage rising V_{CC}			1.3	1.59	

Note: 1. V_{POT-} values are only valid when BOD is disabled. When BOD is enabled $V_{POT-} = V_{POT+}$.

32.3.12 Flash and EEPROM Memory Characteristics

Table 32-75. Endurance and Data Retention

Symbol	Parameter	Condition		Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
	Flash	Write/Erase cycles	25°C	10K			Cycle
			85°C	10K			
			105°C	2K			
		Data retention	25°C	100			Year
			85°C	25			
			105°C	10			
	EEPROM	Write/Erase cycles	25°C	100K			Cycle
			85°C	100K			
			105°C	30K			
		Data retention	25°C	100			Year
			85°C	25			
			105°C	10			

Table 32-76. Programming Time

Symbol	Parameter	Condition	Min.	Typ. (1)	Max.	Units
	Chip erase (2)	128KB Flash, EEPROM		75		ms
	Application erase	Section erase		6		
	Flash	Page erase		4		
		Page write		4		
		Atomic page erase and write		8		
	EEPROM	Page erase		4		
		Page write		4		
		Atomic page erase and write		8		

Notes: 1. Programming is timed from the 2MHz internal oscillator.
2. EEPROM is not erased if the EESAVE fuse is programmed.

Table 32-86. SPI Timing Characteristics and Requirements

Symbol	Parameter	Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
t_{SCK}	SCK period	Master		(See Table 20-3 in XMEGA D manual)		ns
t_{SCKW}	SCK high/low width	Master		0.5 * SCK		
t_{SCKR}	SCK rise time	Master		2.7		
t_{SCKF}	SCK fall time	Master		2.7		
t_{MIS}	MISO setup to SCK	Master		10		
t_{MIH}	MISO hold after SCK	Master		10		
t_{MOS}	MOSI setup SCK	Master		0.5 * SCK		
t_{MOH}	MOSI hold after SCK	Master		1		
t_{SSCK}	Slave SCK Period	Slave	4 * t Clk_{PER}			
t_{SSCKW}	SCK high/low width	Slave	2 * t Clk_{PER}			
t_{SSCKR}	SCK rise time	Slave			1600	
t_{SSCKF}	SCK fall time	Slave			1600	
t_{SIS}	MOSI setup to SCK	Slave	3			
t_{SIH}	MOSI hold after SCK	Slave	t Clk_{PER}			
t_{SSS}	$\overline{SS}$ setup to SCK	Slave	21			
t_{SSH}	$\overline{SS}$ hold after SCK	Slave	20			
t_{SOS}	MISO setup SCK	Slave		8		
t_{SOH}	MISO hold after SCK	Slave		13		
t_{SOSS}	MISO setup after $\overline{SS}$ low	Slave		11		
t_{SOSH}	MISO hold after $\overline{SS}$ high	Slave		8		

32.3.15 Two-wire Interface Characteristics

Table 32-87 on page 119 describes the requirements for devices connected to the Two-Wire Interface Bus. The Atmel AVR XMEGA Two-Wire Interface meets or exceeds these requirements under the noted conditions. Timing symbols refer to Figure 32-21.

Figure 32-21.Two-wire Interface Bus Timing

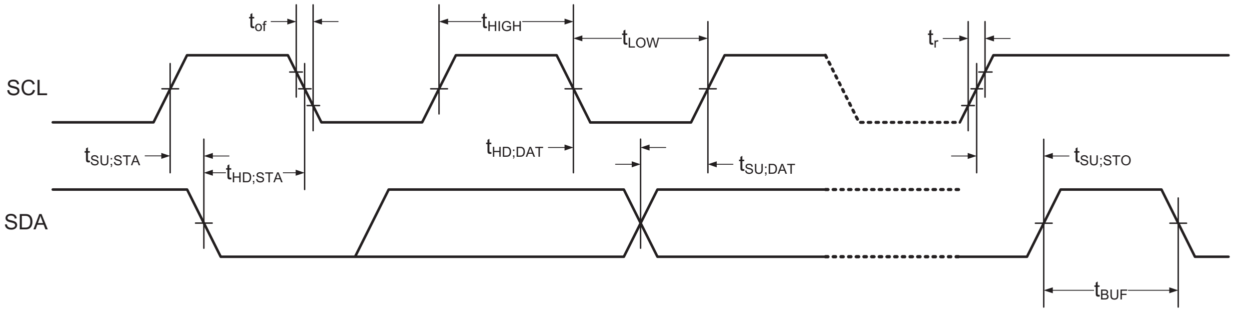


Figure 32-36. Maximum Frequency vs. V_{CC}

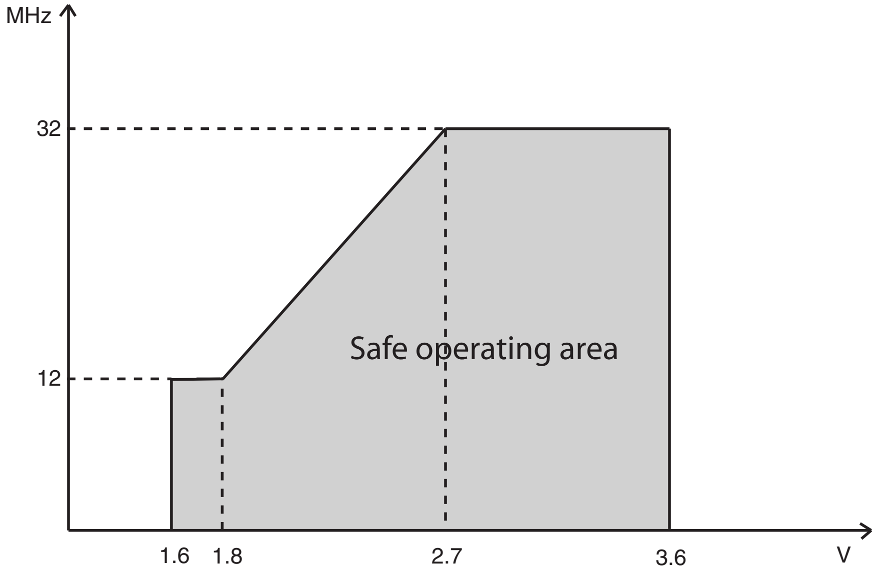


Table 32-174. Two-wire Interface Characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
V_{IH}	Input high voltage		$0.7V_{CC}$		$V_{CC} + 0.5$	V
V_{IL}	Input low voltage		-0.5		$0.3V_{CC}$	
V_{hys}	Hysteresis of Schmitt trigger inputs		$0.05V_{CC}$ (1)			
V_{OL}	Output low voltage	3mA, sink current	0		0.4	
t_r	Rise time for both SDA and SCL		$20 + 0.1C_b$ (1)(2)		300	ns
t_{of}	Output fall time from V_{IHmin} to V_{ILmax}	$10pF < C_b < 400pF$ (2)	$20 + 0.1C_b$ (1)(2)		250	
t_{SP}	Spikes suppressed by input filter		0		50	
I_I	Input current for each I/O pin	$0.1V_{CC} < V_I < 0.9V_{CC}$	-10		10	µA
C_I	Capacitance for each I/O pin				10	pF
f_{SCL}	SCL clock frequency	f_{PER} (3) $> max(10f_{SCL}, 250kHz)$	0		400	kHz
R_P	Value of pull-up resistor	$f_{SCL} \leq 100kHz$	$\frac{V_{CC} - 0.4V}{3mA}$		$\frac{100ns}{C_b}$	Ω
		$f_{SCL} > 100kHz$			$\frac{300ns}{C_b}$	
$t_{HD;STA}$	Hold time (repeated) START condition	$f_{SCL} \leq 100kHz$	4.0			µs
		$f_{SCL} > 100kHz$	0.6			
t_{LOW}	Low period of SCL clock	$f_{SCL} \leq 100kHz$	4.7			
		$f_{SCL} > 100kHz$	1.3			
t_{HIGH}	High period of SCL clock	$f_{SCL} \leq 100kHz$	4.0			
		$f_{SCL} > 100kHz$	0.6			
$t_{SU;STA}$	Set-up time for a repeated START condition	$f_{SCL} \leq 100kHz$	4.7			
		$f_{SCL} > 100kHz$	0.6			
$t_{HD;DAT}$	Data hold time	$f_{SCL} \leq 100kHz$	0		3.45	µs
		$f_{SCL} > 100kHz$	0		0.9	
$t_{SU;DAT}$	Data setup time	$f_{SCL} \leq 100kHz$	250			
		$f_{SCL} > 100kHz$	100			
$t_{SU;STO}$	Setup time for STOP condition	$f_{SCL} \leq 100kHz$	4.0			
		$f_{SCL} > 100kHz$	0.6			
t_{BUF}	Bus free time between a STOP and START condition	$f_{SCL} \leq 100kHz$	4.7			
		$f_{SCL} > 100kHz$	1.3			

Notes:
1. Required only for $f_{SCL} > 100kHz$.
2. C_b = Capacitance of one bus line in pF.
3. f_{PER} = Peripheral clock frequency.

Figure 33-5. Active Mode Supply Current vs. V_{CC}

f_{SYS} = 2MHz internal oscillator

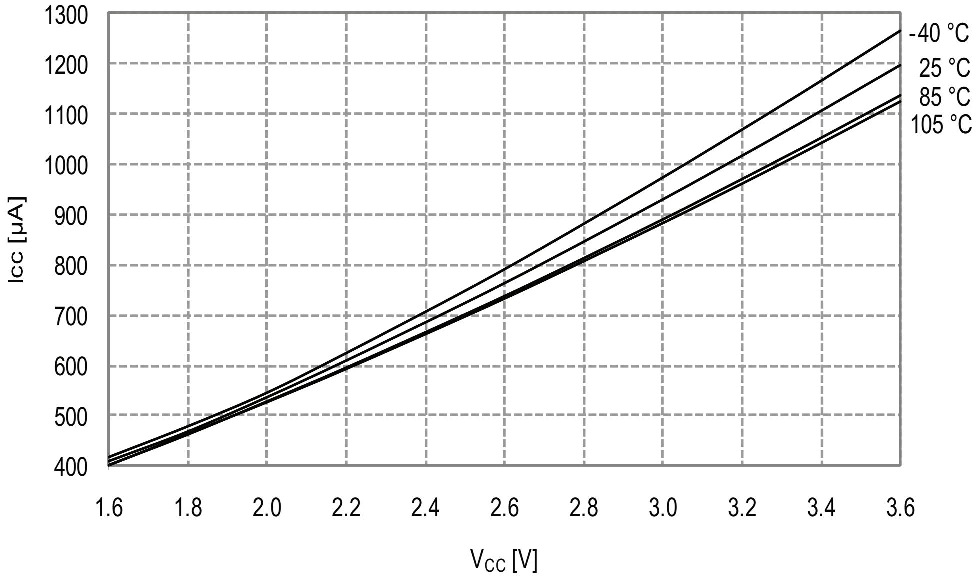
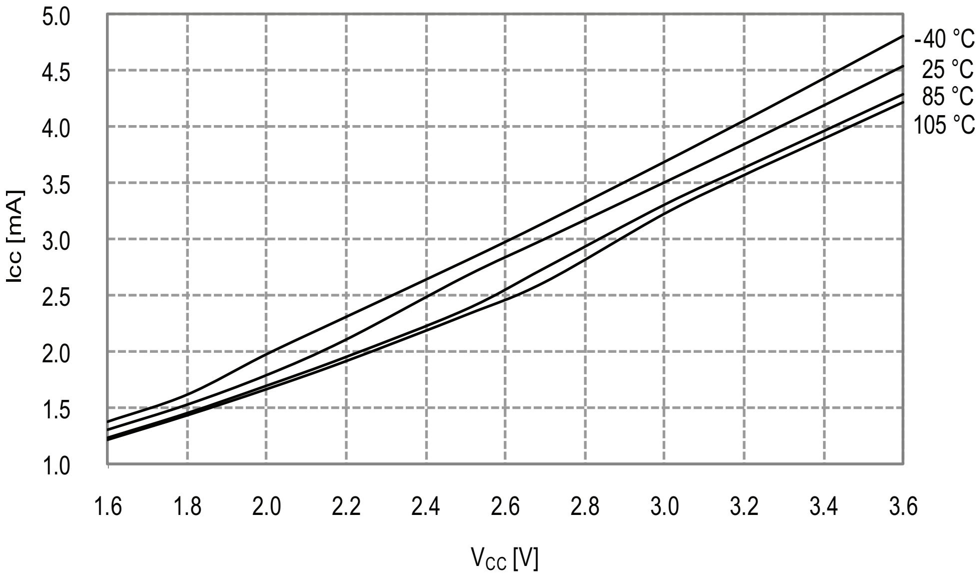


Figure 33-6. Active Mode Supply Current vs. V_{CC}

f_{SYS} = 32MHz internal oscillator prescaled to 8MHz



33.1.3 ADC Characteristics

Figure 33-31. INL Error vs. External V_{REF}

T = 25°C, V_{CC} = 3.6V, external reference

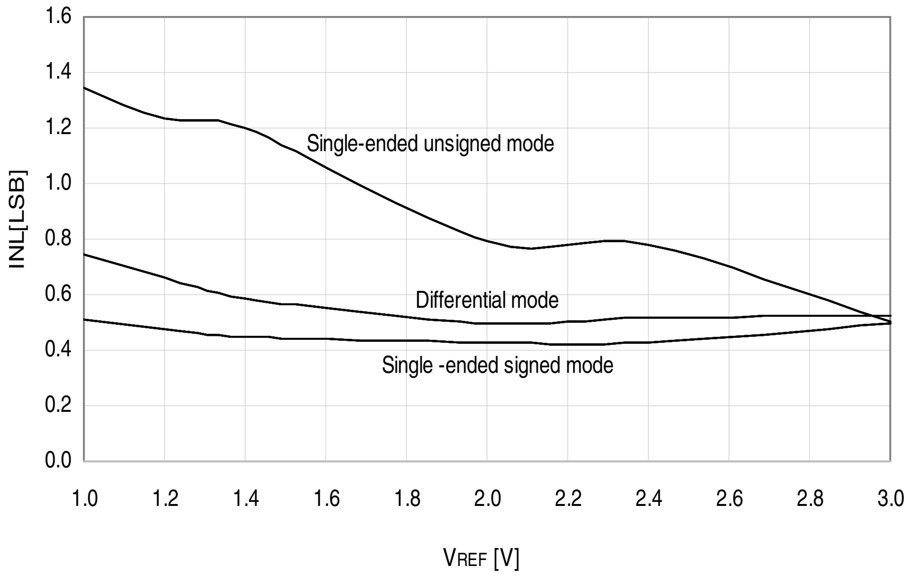


Figure 33-32. INL Error vs. Sample Rate

T = 25°C, V_{CC} = 3.6V, V_{REF} = 3.0V external

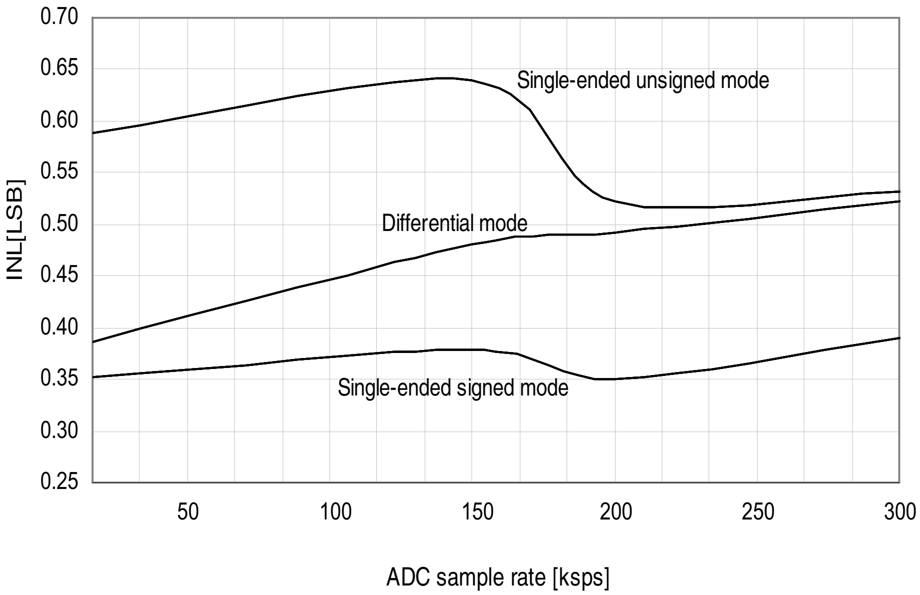


Figure 33-106. DNL Error vs. Sample Rate

T = 25°C, V_{CC} = 3.6V, V_{REF} = 3.0V external

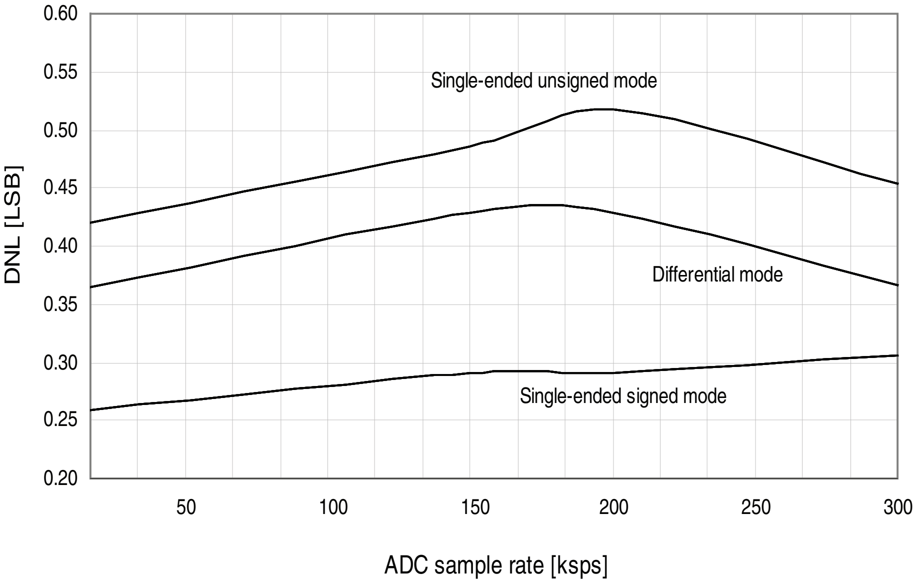


Figure 33-107. DNL Error vs. Input Code

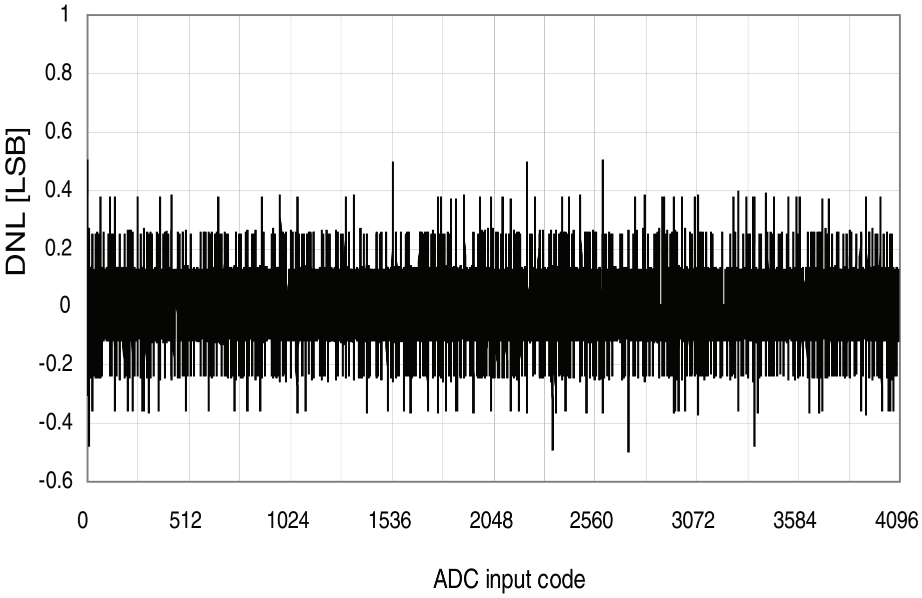


Figure 33-145. Active Mode Supply Current vs. V_{CC}

f_{SYS} = 32.768kHz internal oscillator

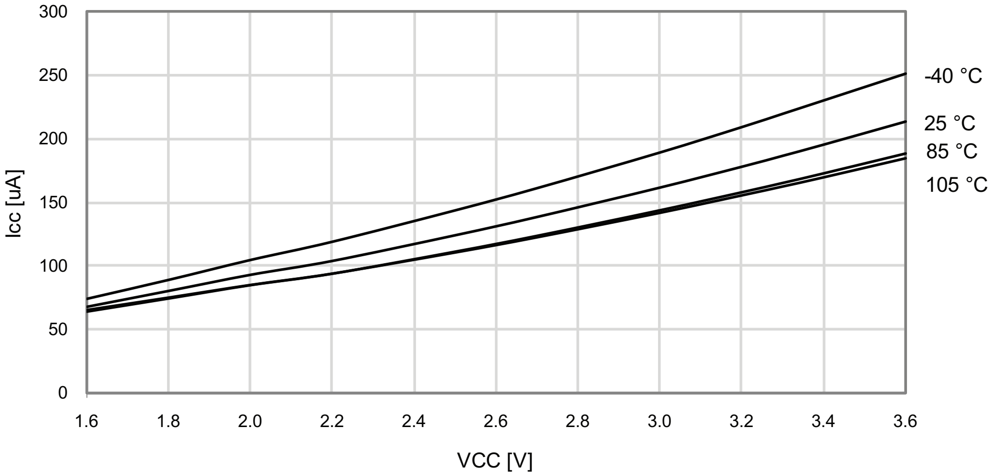


Figure 33-146. Active Mode Supply Current vs. V_{CC}

f_{SYS} = 1MHz external clock

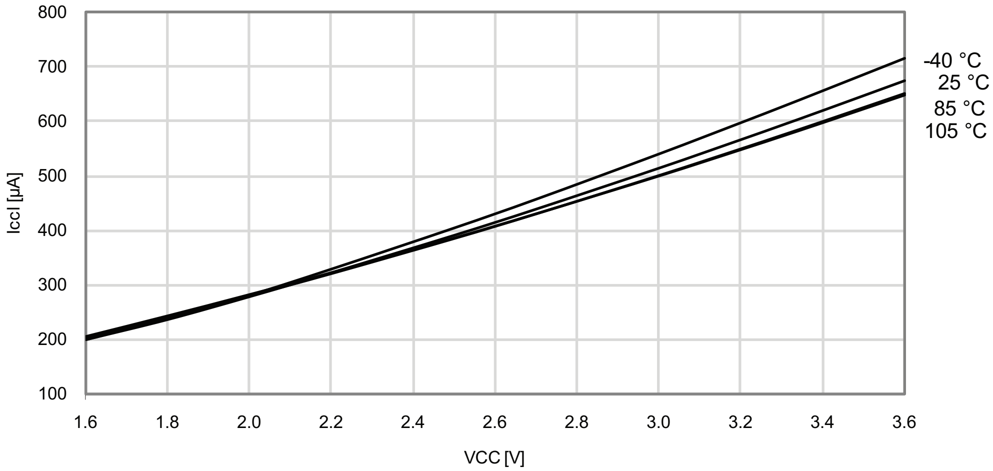


Figure 33-191. Reset Pin Pull-up Resistor Current vs. Reset Pin Voltage

V_{CC} = 1.8V

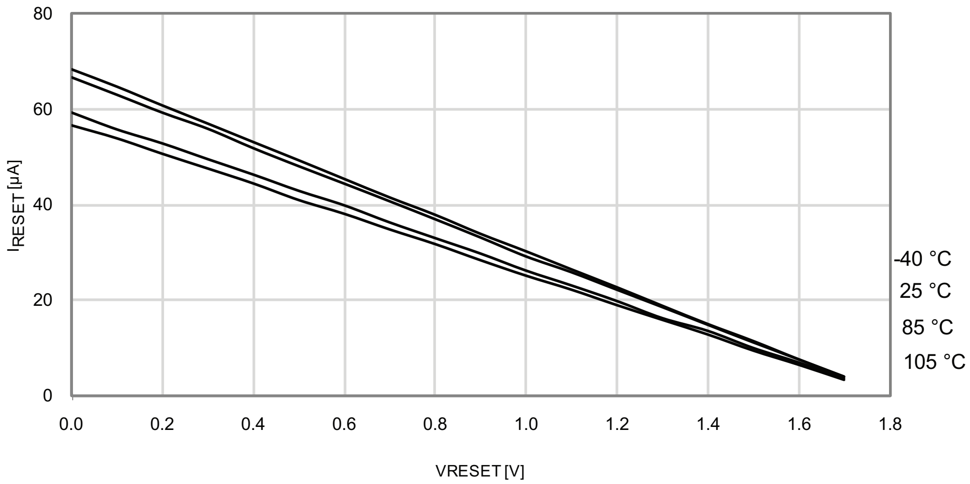


Figure 33-192. Reset Pin Pull-up Resistor Current vs. Reset Pin Voltage

V_{CC} = 3.0V

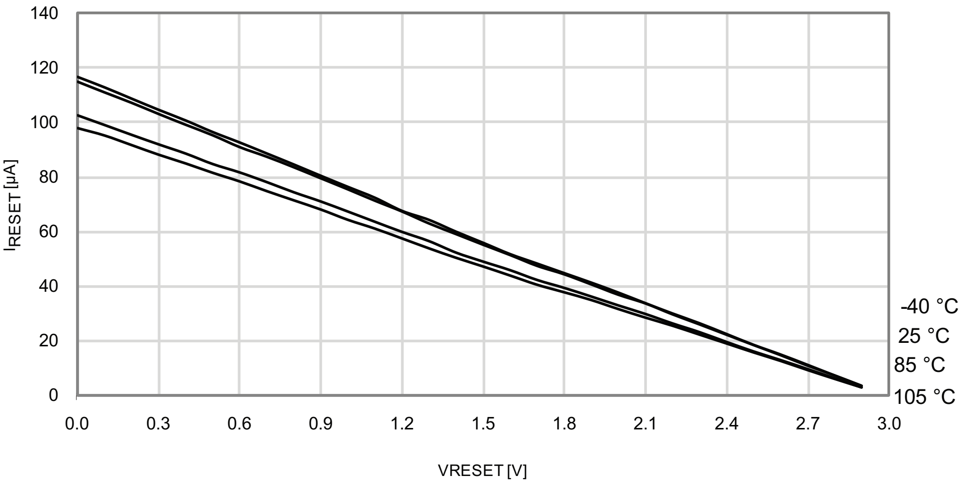


Figure 33-343. 32MHz Internal Oscillator CALA Calibration Step Size

T = -40°C, V_{CC} = 3.0V

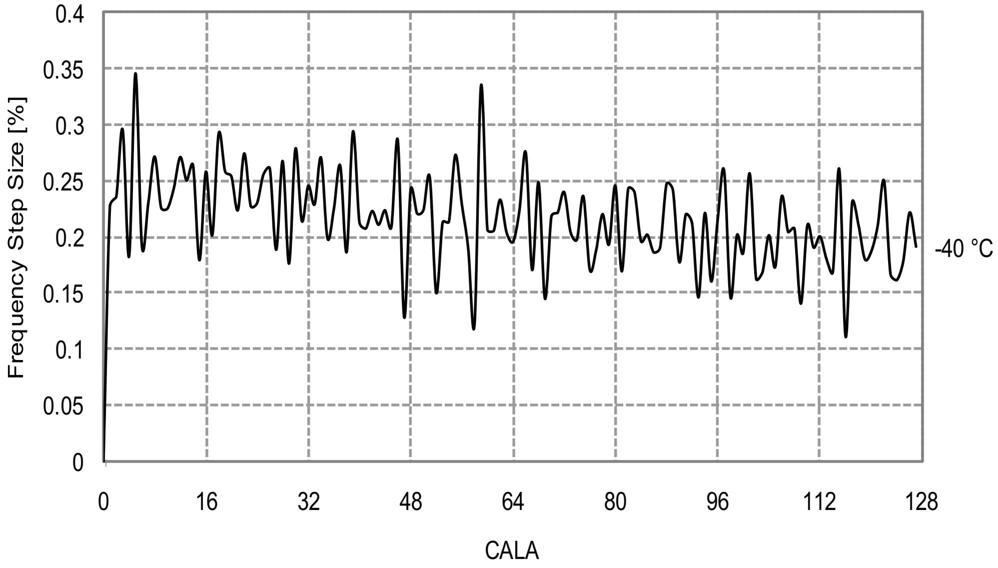
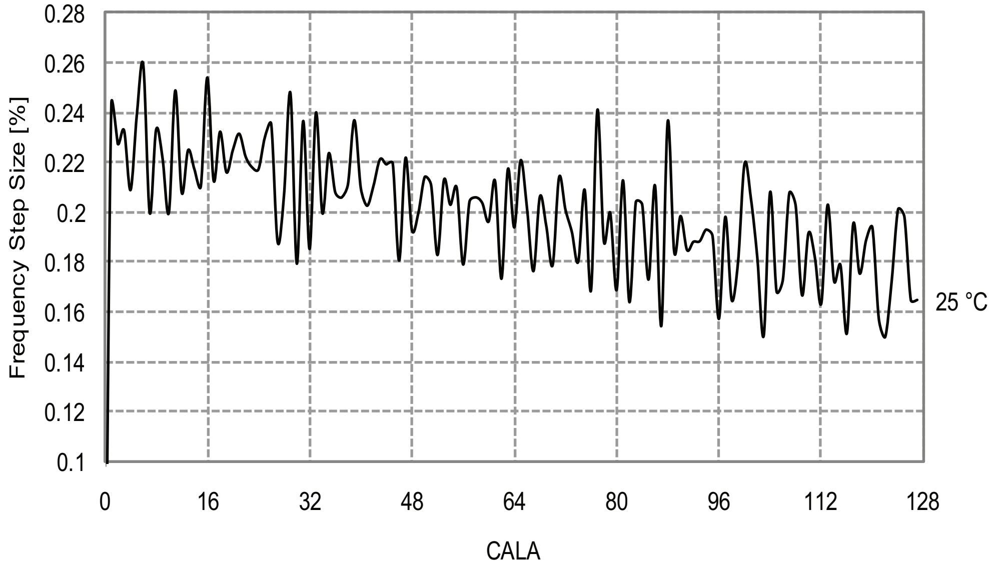


Figure 33-344. 32MHz Internal Oscillator CALA Calibration Step Size

T = 25°C, V_{CC} = 3.0V



- PORT remap functions with alternate pin locations for Timer/Counter output compare channels, USART0 and SPI, and the PORT REMAP register
- PORT RTC clock output option and the RTCOUT bit in the PORT CLKEVOUT register
- PORT remap functions with alternate pin locations for the clock and event output, and the CLKEVPIN bit in the PORT CLKEVOUT register
- TOSC alternate pin locations, and TOSCSEL bit in FUSEBYTE2
- Real Time Counter clock source options of external clock from TOSC1, and 32.768kHz from TOSC, and 32.768kHz from the 32.768kHz internal oscillator, and these configuration options in the RTCSRC bits in the Clock RTCTRL register
- PLL divide by two option, and the PLLDIV bit in the Clock PLLCTRL register
- PLL lock detection failure function and the PLLDIF and PLLFDEN bits in the Clock XOSCFAIL register
- The high drive option for external crystal and the XOSCPWR bit on the Oscillator XOSCCTRL register
- The option to enable sequential startup of the analog modules and the ANAINIT register in MCU Control memory

Problem fix/workaround

None.

25. Sampled BOD in Active mode will cause noise when bandgap is used as reference

Using the BOD in sampled mode when the device is running in Active or Idle mode will add noise on the bandgap reference for ADC, DAC and Analog Comparator.

Problem fix/workaround

If the bandgap is used as reference for either the ADC, DAC and Analog Comparator, the BOD must not be set in sampled mode.

26. Temperature sensor not calibrated

Temperature sensor factory calibration not implemented.

Problem fix/workaround

None.

27. Disabling of USART transmitter does not automatically set the TxD pin direction to input

If the USART transmitter is idle with no frames to transmit, setting TXEN to zero will not automatically set the TxD pin direction to input.

Problem fix/workaround

The TxD pin direction can be set to input using the Port DIR register. Be advised that setting the Port DIR register to input will be immediate. Ongoing transmissions will be truncated.

34.2.6 Rev. D

Not sampled.

34.2.7 Rev. C

Not sampled.

Problem fix/workaround

Table 34-2. Configure PWM and CWCM According to this Table:

PGM	CWCM	Description
0	0	PGM and CWCM disabled
0	1	PGM enabled
1	0	PGM and CWCM enabled
1	1	PGM enabled

11. PWM is not restarted properly after a fault in cycle-by-cycle mode

When the AWeX fault restore mode is set to cycle-by-cycle, the waveform output will not return to normal operation at first update after fault condition is no longer present.

Problem fix/workaround

Do a write to any AWeX I/O register to re-enable the output.

12. BOD will be enabled after any reset

If any reset source goes active, the BOD will be enabled and keep the device in reset if the V_{CC} voltage is below the programmed BOD level. During Power-On Reset, reset will not be released until V_{CC} is above the programmed BOD level even if the BOD is disabled.

Problem fix/workaround

Do not set the BOD level higher than V_{CC} even if the BOD is not used.

13. EEPROM page buffer always written when NVM DATA0 is written

If the EEPROM is memory mapped, writing to NVM DATA0 will corrupt data in the EEPROM page buffer.

Problem fix/workaround

Before writing to NVM DATA0, for example when doing software CRC or flash page buffer write, check if EEPROM page buffer active loading flag (EELOAD) is set. Do not write NVM DATA0 when EELOAD is set.

14. Pending full asynchronous pin change interrupts will not wake the device

Any full asynchronous pin-change Interrupt from pin 2, on any port, that is pending when the sleep instruction is executed, will be ignored until the device is woken from another source or the source triggers again. This applies when entering all sleep modes where the System Clock is stopped.

Problem fix/workaround

None.

15. Pin configuration does not affect Analog Comparator output

The Output/Pull and inverted pin configuration does not affect the Analog Comparator output.

Problem fix/workaround

None for Output/Pull configuration.

For inverted I/O, configure the Analog Comparator to give an inverted result (that is, connect positive input to the negative AC input and vice versa), or use and external inverter to change polarity of Analog Comparator output.

34.3.6 Rev. E

- Bandgap voltage input for the ACs can not be changed when used for both ACs simultaneously
- V_{CC} voltage scaler for AC is non-linear
- ADC gain stage cannot be used for single conversion
- ADC has increased INL error for some operating conditions
- ADC gain stage output range is limited to 2.4V
- ADC Event on compare match non-functional
- ADC propagation delay is not correct when 8× – 64× gain is used
- Bandgap measurement with the ADC is non-functional when V_{CC} is below 2.7V
- Accuracy lost on first three samples after switching input to ADC gain stage
- Configuration of PGM and CWCM not as described in the XMEGA D Manual
- PWM is not restarted properly after a fault in cycle-by-cycle mode
- BOD will be enabled at any reset
- EEPROM page buffer always written when NVM DATA0 is written
- Pending full asynchronous pin change interrupts will not wake the device
- Pin configuration does not affect Analog Comparator Output
- NMI Flag for Crystal Oscillator Failure automatically cleared
- RTC Counter value not correctly read after sleep
- Pending asynchronous RTC-interrupts will not wake up device
- TWI Transmit collision flag not cleared on repeated start
- Clearing TWI Stop Interrupt Flag may lock the bus
- TWI START condition at bus timeout will cause transaction to be dropped
- TWI Data Interrupt Flag (DIF) erroneously read as set
- WDR instruction inside closed window will not issue reset
- Non available functions and options
- Sampled BOD in Active mode will cause noise when bandgap is used as reference
- Temperature sensor not calibrated
- Disabling the USART transmitter does not automatically set the TxD pin direction to input.

1. Bandgap voltage input for the ACs cannot be changed when used for both ACs simultaneously

If the Bandgap voltage is selected as input for one Analog Comparator (AC) and then selected/deselected as input for another AC, the first comparator will be affected for up to 1µs and could potentially give a wrong comparison result.

Problem fix/workaround

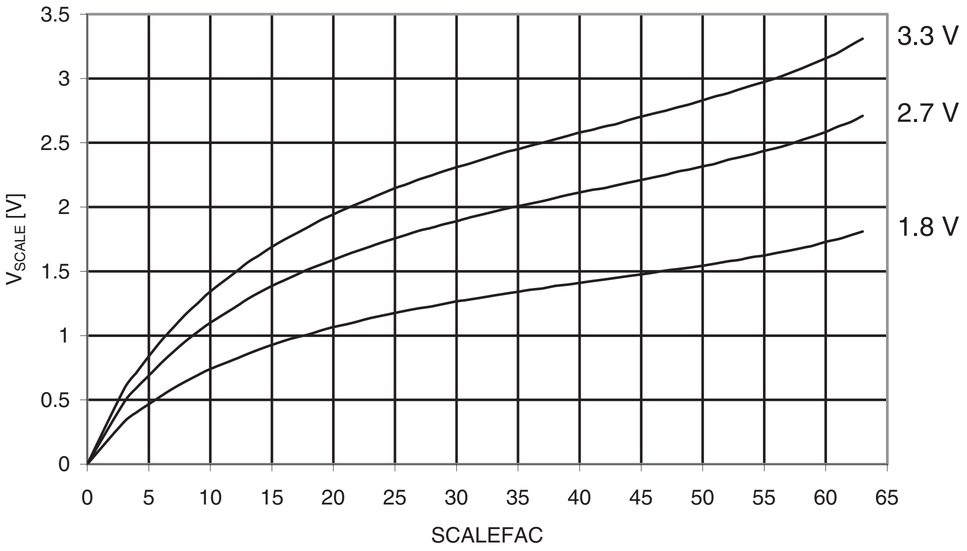
If the Bandgap is required for both ACs simultaneously, configure the input selection for both ACs before enabling any of them.

2. VCC voltage scaler for AC is non-linear

The 6-bit V_{CC} voltage scaler in the Analog Comparators is non-linear.

Figure 34-3. Analog Comparator Voltage Scaler vs. Scalefac

T = 25°C



Problem fix/workaround

Use external voltage input for the analog comparator if accurate voltage levels are needed.

3. ADC gain stage cannot be used for single conversion

The ADC gain stage will not output correct result for single conversion that is triggered and started from software or event system.

Problem fix/workaround

When the gain stage is used, the ADC must be set in free running mode for correct results.

4. ADC has increased INL error for some operating conditions

Some ADC configurations or operating condition will result in increased INL error.

In signed mode INL is increased to:

6LSB for sample rates above 130ksps, and up to 8LSB for 200ksps sample rate.

6LSB for reference voltage below 1.1V when V_{CC} is above 3.0V.

20LSB for ambient temperature below 0°C and reference voltage below 1.3V.

In unsigned mode, the INL error cannot be guaranteed, and this mode should not be used.

Problem fix/workaround

None, avoid using the ADC in the above configurations in order to prevent increased INL error. Use the ADC in signed mode also for single ended measurements.

5. ADC gain stage output range is limited to 2.4V

The amplified output of the ADC gain stage will never go above 2.4V, hence the differential input will only give correct output when below 2.4V/gain. For the available gain settings, this gives a differential input range of:

25. Non available functions and options

The below function and options are not available. Writing to any registers or fuse to try and enable or configure these functions or options will have no effect, and will be as writing to a reserved address location.

- TWIE, the TWI module on PORTE
- TWI SDAHOLD option in the TWI CTRL register is one bit
- CRC generator module
- ADC 1/2× gain option, and this configuration option in the GAIN bits in the ADC Channel CTRL register
- ADC VCC/2 reference option and this configuration option in the REFSEL bits on the ADC REFCTRL register
- ADC option to use internal Gnd as negative input in differential measurements and this configuration option in the MUXNEG bits in the ADC Channel MUXCTRL register
- ADC channel scan and the ADC SCAN register
- ADC current limitation option, and the CURRLIMIT bits in the ADC CTRLB register
- ADC impedance mode selection for the gain stage, and the IMPMODE bit in the ADC CTRLB register
- Timer/Counter 2 and the SPLITMODE configuration option in the BYTEM bits in the Timer/Counter 0 CTRLE register
- Analog Comparator (AC) current output option, and the AC CURRCTRL and CURRCALIB registers
- PORT remap functions with alternate pin locations for Timer/Counter output compare channels, USART0 and SPI, and the PORT REMAP register
- PORT RTC clock output option and the RTCOUT bit in the PORT CLKEVOUT register
- PORT remap functions with alternate pin locations for the clock and event output, and the CLKEVPIN bit in the PORT CLKEVOUT register
- TOSC alternate pin locations, and TOSCSEL bit in FUSEBYTE2
- Real Time Counter clock source options of external clock from TOSC1, and 32.768kHz from TOSC, and 32.768kHz from the 32.768kHz internal oscillator, and these configuration options in the RTCSRC bits in the Clock RTCTRL register
- PLL divide by two option, and the PLLDIV bit in the Clock PLLCTRL register
- PLL lock detection failure function and the PLLDIF and PLLFDEN bits in the Clock XOSCFAIL register
- The high drive option for external crystal and the XOSCPWR bit on the Oscillator XOSCCTRL register
- The option to enable sequential startup of the analog modules and the ANAINIT register in MCU Control memory

Problem fix/workaround

None.

26. Sampled BOD in Active mode will cause noise when bandgap is used as reference

Using the BOD in sampled mode when the device is running in Active or Idle mode will add noise on the bandgap reference for ADC, DAC and Analog Comparator.

Problem fix/workaround

If the bandgap is used as reference for either the ADC, DAC and Analog Comparator, the BOD must not be set in sampled mode.

27. Temperature sensor not calibrated

Temperature sensor factory calibration not implemented.

Problem fix/workaround

None.

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34.5.1 Rev. I

- AC system status flags are only valid if AC-system is enabled
- Sampled BOD in Active mode will cause noise when bandgap is used as reference
- Temperature sensor not calibrated

1. AC system status flags are only valid if AC-system is enabled

The status flags for the ac-output are updated even though the AC is not enabled which is invalid. Also, it is not possible to clear the AC interrupt flags without enabling either of the Analog comparators.

Problem fix/workaround

Software should clear the AC system flags once, after enabling the AC system before using the AC system status flags.

2. Sampled BOD in Active mode will cause noise when bandgap is used as reference

Using the BOD in sampled mode when the device is running in Active or Idle mode will add noise on the bandgap reference for ADC, DAC and Analog Comparator.

Problem fix/workaround

If the bandgap is used as reference for either the ADC, DAC and Analog Comparator, the BOD must not be set in sampled mode.

3. Temperature sensor not calibrated

Temperature sensor factory calibration not implemented.

Problem fix/workaround

None.

34.5.2 Rev. H

Not sampled.

34.5.3 Rev. G

Not sampled.

34.5.4 Rev. F

Not sampled.