

PIC18F2221/2321/4221/4321 Family Silicon Errata and Data Sheet Clarification

The PIC18F2221/2321/4221/4321 devices that you have received conform functionally to the current Device Data Sheet (DS39689F), except for the anomalies described in this document.

The silicon issues discussed in the following pages are for silicon revisions with the Device and Revision IDs listed in [Table 1](#). The silicon issues are summarized in [Table 2](#).

The errata described in this document will be addressed in future revisions of the PIC18F2221/2321/4221/4321 silicon.

Note: This document summarizes all silicon errata issues from all revisions of silicon, previous as well as current. Only the issues indicated in the last column of [Table 2](#) apply to the current silicon revision (**B3**).

Data Sheet clarifications and corrections start on [page 5](#), following the discussion of silicon issues.

The silicon revision level can be identified using the current version of MPLAB® IDE and Microchip's programmers, debuggers, and emulation tools, which are available at the Microchip corporate web site (www.microchip.com).

For example, to identify the silicon revision level using MPLAB IDE in conjunction with a hardware debugger:

1. Using the appropriate interface, connect the device to the hardware debugger.
2. Open an MPLAB IDE project.
3. Configure the MPLAB IDE project for the appropriate device and hardware debugger.
4. Based on the version of MPLAB IDE you are using, do one of the following:
 - a) For MPLAB IDE 8, select *Programmer > Reconnect*.
 - b) For MPLAB X IDE, select *Window > Dashboard* and click the **Refresh Debug Tool Status** icon ().
5. Depending on the development tool used, the part number *and* Device Revision ID value appear in the **Output** window.

Note: If you are unable to extract the silicon revision level, please contact your local Microchip sales office for assistance.

The DEVREV values for the various PIC18F2221/2321/4221/4321 silicon revisions are shown in [Table 1](#).

TABLE 1: SILICON DEVREV VALUES

Part Number	Device ID ⁽¹⁾	Revision ID for Silicon Revision ⁽²⁾	
		B2	B3
PIC18F2221	216h	2h	3h
PIC18F2321	212h		
PIC18F4221	214h		
PIC18F4321	210h		

Note 1: The Device IDs (DEVID and DEVREV) are located at the last two implemented addresses of configuration memory space. They are shown in hexadecimal in the format “DEVID DEVREV”.

2: Refer to the “*PIC18F2XXX/4XXX Family Flash Microcontroller Programming Specification*” (DS39622) for detailed information on Device and Revision IDs for your specific device.

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TABLE 2: SILICON ISSUE SUMMARY

Module	Feature	Item Number	Issue Summary	Affected Revisions ⁽¹⁾	
				B2	B3
10-Bit Analog-to-Digital Converter (A/D)	2 TOSC or RC	1.	When the A/D clock source is set as 2 TOSC or RC, the Integral Linearity Error and Differential Linearity Error may exceed the data sheet specification, in extremely rare cases, at codes 511 and 512.	X	X
Master Synchronous Serial Port (MSSP)	I ² C™ Slave Reception	2.	When configured for I ² C slave reception, the MSSP module may not receive the correct data if the SSPBUF register is not read within a window after an SSPIF interrupt occurs.	X	X
Timer1/3	Interrupt	3.	When the timer is operated in Asynchronous External Input mode, unexpected interrupt flag generation may occur.	X	X

Note 1: Only those issues indicated in the last column apply to the current silicon revision.

Silicon Errata Issues

Note: This document summarizes all silicon errata issues from all revisions of silicon, previous as well as current. Only the issues indicated by the shaded column in the following tables apply to the current silicon revision (**B3**).

1. Module: 10-Bit Analog-to-Digital Converter (A/D)

When the AD clock source is selected as 2 TOSC or RC (when ADCS<2:0 = 000 or x11), in extremely rare cases, the EIL (Integral Linearity Error) and EDL (Differential Linearity Error) may exceed the data sheet specification at codes 511 and 512.

Work around

Select the AD clock source as 4 TOSC, 8 TOSC, 16 TOSC, 32 TOSC or 64 TOSC and avoid selecting 2 TOSC or RC.

Affected Silicon Revisions

B2	B3						
X	X						

2. Module: Master Synchronous Serial Port (MSSP)

When configured for I²C™ slave reception, the MSSP module may not receive the correct data, in extremely rare cases. This occurs only if the Serial Receive/Transmit Buffer Register (SSPBUF) is not read within a window after the SSPIF interrupt (PIR1<3>) has occurred.

Work around

The issue can be resolved in either of these ways:

- Prior to the I²C slave reception, enable the clock stretching feature.

This is done by setting the SEN bit (SSPCON2<0>).

- Each time the SSPIF is set, read the SSPBUF before the first rising clock edge of the next byte being received.

Affected Silicon Revisions

B2	B3						
X	X						

3. Module: Timer1/3

When Timer1 or Timer3 is operated in Asynchronous External Input mode, unexpected interrupt flag generation may occur if an external clock edge arrives too soon following a firmware write to the TMRxH:TMRxL registers. An unexpected interrupt flag event may also occur when enabling the module or switching from Synchronous to Asynchronous mode.

Work around

This issue only applies when operating the timer in Asynchronous mode. Whenever possible, operate the timer module in Synchronous mode to avoid spurious timer interrupts.

If Asynchronous mode must be used in the application, potential strategies to mitigate the issue may include any of the following:

- Design the firmware so it does not rely on the TMRxIF flag or keep the respective interrupt disabled. The timer still counts normally and does not reset to 0x0000 when the spurious interrupt flag event is generated.
- Design the firmware so that it does not write to the TMRxH:TMRxL registers or does not periodically disable/enable the timer, or switch modes. Reading from the timer does not trigger the spurious interrupt flag events.
- If the firmware must use the timer interrupts and must write to the timer (or disable/enable, or mode switch the timer), implement code to suppress the spurious interrupt event, should it occur. This can be achieved by following the process shown in [Example 1](#).

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EXAMPLE 1: ASYNCHRONOUS TIMER MODE WORK AROUND TO AVOID SPURIOUS INTERRUPT

```
//Timer1 update procedure in asynchronous mode
//The code below uses Timer1 as example

T1CONbits.TMR1ON = 0;           //Stop timer from incrementing
PIE1bits.TMR1IE = 0;           //Temporarily disable Timer1 interrupt vectoring
TMR1H = 0x00;                   //Update timer value
TMR1L = 0x00;
T1CONbits.TMR1ON = 1;           //Turn on timer

//Now wait at least two full T1CKI periods + 2TCY before re-enabling Timer1 interrupts.
//Depending upon clock edge timing relative to TMR1H/TMR1L firmware write operation,
//a spurious TMR1IF flag event may sometimes assert. If this happens, to suppress
//the actual interrupt vectoring, the TMR1IE bit should be kept clear until
//after the "window of opportunity" (for the spurious interrupt flag event has passed).
//After the window is passed, no further spurious interrupts occur, at least
//until the next timer write (or mode switch/enable event).

while(TMR1L < 0x02);           //Wait for 2 timer increments more than the Updated Timer
//value (indicating more than 2 full T1CKI clock periods elapsed)
NOP();                          //Wait two more instruction cycles
NOP();
PIR1bits.TMR1IF = 0;           //Clear TMR1IF flag, in case it was spuriously set
PIE1bits.TMR1IE = 1;           //Now re-enable interrupt vectoring for timer 1
```

Affected Silicon Revisions

B2	B3						
X	X						

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Data Sheet Clarifications

The following typographic corrections and clarifications are to be noted for the latest version of the device data sheet (DS39689F):

Note: Corrections are shown in **bold**. Where possible, the original bold text formatting has been removed for clarity.

1. Module: Configuration Bits and Device IDs

Table 23-1: Configuration Bits and Device IDs, on Page 253, has been changed to designate Bit 3 of CONFIG4L as unimplemented.

The table is changed as shown.

TABLE 23-1: CONFIGURATION BITS AND DEVICE IDs

File Name	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0	Default/ Unprogrammed Value	
300001h	CONFIG1H	IESO	FCMEN	—	—	FOSC3	FOSC2	FOSC1	FOSC0	00-- 0111
300002h	CONFIG2L	—	—	—	BORV1	BORV0	BOREN1	BOREN0	PWRTEN	---1 1111
300003h	CONFIG2H	—	—	—	WDTPS3	WDTPS2	WDTPS1	WDTPS0	WDTEN	---1 1111
300005h	CONFIG3H	MCLRE	—	—	—	—	LPT1OSC	PBADEN	CCP2MX	1--- -011
300006h	CONFIG4L	DEBUG	XINST	BBSIZ1	BBSIZ0	—	LVP	—	STVREN	1000 -1-1
300008h	CONFIG5L	—	—	—	—	—	—	CP1	CP0	---- --11
300009h	CONFIG5H	CPD	CPB	—	—	—	—	—	—	11-- ----
30000Ah	CONFIG6L	—	—	—	—	—	—	WRT1	WRT0	---- --11
30000Bh	CONFIG6H	WRD	WRTB	WRTC	—	—	—	—	—	111- ----
30000Ch	CONFIG7L	—	—	—	—	—	—	EBTR1	EBTR0	---- --11
30000Dh	CONFIG7H	—	EBTRB	—	—	—	—	—	—	-1-- ----
3FFFEh	DEVID ⁽¹⁾	DEV2	DEV1	DEV0	REV4	REV3	REV2	REV1	REV0	xxxx xxxx ⁽²⁾
3FFFFh	DEVID ⁽¹⁾	DEV10	DEV9	DEV8	DEV7	DEV6	DEV5	DEV4	DEV3	0000 1100

Legend: x = unknown, u = unchanged, - = unimplemented, q = value depends on condition.
Shaded cells are unimplemented, read as '0'.

- Note 1:** Unimplemented in PIC18F2221/4221 devices; maintain these bits set.
Note 2: See Register 23-14 for DEVID1 values. DEVID registers are read-only and cannot be programmed by the user.

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2. Module: CONFIG4L Register

Register 23-5 CONFIG4L: Configuration Register 4 Low (Byte Address 300006h), on Page 258, has been changed to designate Bit 3 of CONFIG4L as unimplemented.

The register is changed as shown.

REGISTER 23-5: CONFIG4L: CONFIGURATION REGISTER 4 LOW (BYTE ADDRESS 300006h)

R/P-1	R/P-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	R/P-1	U-0	R/P-1
DEBUG	XINST	BBSIZ1	BBSIZ0	—	LVP	—	STVREN
bit 7							bit 0

Legend:

R = Readable bit

W = Writable bit

U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'

-n = Value at POR

'1' = Bit is set

'0' = Bit is cleared

x = Bit is unknown

- bit 7 **DEBUG:** Background Debugger Enable bit
1 = Background debugger disabled, RB6 and RB7 configured as general purpose I/O pins
0 = Background debugger enabled, RB6 and RB7 are dedicated to In-Circuit Debug
- bit 6 **XINST:** Extended Instruction Set Enable bit
1 = Instruction set extension and Indexed Addressing mode enabled
0 = Instruction set extension and Indexed Addressing mode disabled (Legacy mode)
- bit 5-4 **BBSIZ<1:0>:** Boot Block Size Select bits
Feature2 Devices:
1x = 1024 Words
01 = 512 Words
00 = 256 Words
Feature1 Devices:
1x = 512 Words
x1 = 512 Words
00 = 256 Words
- bit 3 **Unimplemented:** Read as '0'
- bit 2 **LVP:** Single-Supply ICSP™ Enable bit
1 = Single-Supply ICSP enabled
0 = Single-Supply ICSP disabled
- bit 1 **Unimplemented:** Read as '0'
- bit 0 **STVREN:** Stack Full/Underflow Reset Enable bit
1 = Stack full/underflow will cause Reset
0 = Stack full/underflow will not cause Reset

APPENDIX A: DOCUMENT REVISION HISTORY

Rev A Document (7/2006)

First revision of this document. Silicon issue 1 (MSSP).

Rev B Document (6/2007)

Added silicon issue 2 (10-Bit Analog-to-Digital Converter).

Rev C Document (5/2010)

Converted existing silicon errata and data sheet errata documents to new, combined format. Removed issue 1 (MSSP), making former issue 2 (10-Bit A/D) issue 1. Added silicon issue 2 (MSSP) and removed data sheet clarifications 1-3 and 6-14.

This document replaces these errata documents:

- DS80285B, "*PIC18F2221/2321/4221/4321 Rev. B2 Silicon Errata*" – DS number assumed by this errata
- DS80310G, "*PIC18F2221/2321/4221/4321 Data Sheet Errata*" – Document retired

Rev D Document (7/2014)

Updated errata to new format; Added MPLAB X IDE; Added Module 3, Timer1/3, to Silicon Errata Issues section.

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