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1 nRF52811 Engineering A Errata

This Errata document contains anomalies for the nRF52811 chip, revision Engineering A (QFAA-AA0, QCAA-AA0, CAAA-AA0).

2 Change log

See the following list for an overview of changes from previous versions of this document.

Version	Date	Change
nRF52811 Engineering A v1.0	31.01.2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Added: No. 15. "RAM[x].POWERSET/CLR read as zero"• Added: No. 20. "Register values are invalid"• Added: No. 31. "Calibration values are not correctly loaded from FICR at reset"• Added: No. 36. "Some registers are not reset when expected"• Added: No. 66. "Linearity specification not met with default settings"• Added: No. 68. "EVENTS_HFCLKSTARTED can be generated before HFCLK is stable"• Added: No. 77. "RC oscillator is not calibrated when first started"• Added: No. 81. "PIN_CNF is not retained when in debug interface mode"• Added: No. 83. "STOPPED event occurs twice if the STOP task is triggered during a transaction"• Added: No. 88. "Increased current consumption when configured to pause in System ON idle"• Added: No. 136. "Bits in RESETREAS are set when they should not be"• Added: No. 155. "IN event may occur more than once on input edge"• Added: No. 156. "Some CLR tasks give unintentional behavior"• Added: No. 173. "Writes to LATCH register take several CPU cycles to take effect"• Added: No. 176. "Flash erase through CTRL-AP fails due to watchdog time-out"• Added: No. 179. "COMPARE event is generated twice from a single RTC compare match"• Added: No. 183. "False SEQEND[0] and SEQEND[1] events"• Added: No. 184. "Erase or write operations from the external debugger fail when CPU is not halted"• Added: No. 210. "Bits in GPIO LATCH register are incorrectly set to 1"

3 New and inherited anomalies

The following anomalies are present in revision Engineering A of the nRF52811 chip.

ID	Module	Description	New in Engineering A
15	POWER	RAM[x].POWERSET/CLR read as zero	X
20	RTC	Register values are invalid	X
31	CLOCK	Calibration values are not correctly loaded from FICR at reset	X
36	CLOCK	Some registers are not reset when expected	X
66	TEMP	Linearity specification not met with default settings	X
68	CLOCK	EVENTS_HFCLKSTARTED can be generated before HFCLK is stable	X
77	CLOCK	RC oscillator is not calibrated when first started	X
81	GPIO	PIN_CNF is not retained when in debug interface mode	X
83	TWIS	STOPPED event occurs twice if the STOP task is triggered during a transaction	X
88	WDT	Increased current consumption when configured to pause in System ON idle	X
136	System	Bits in RESETREAS are set when they should not be	X
155	GPIONTE	IN event may occur more than once on input edge	X
156	GPIONTE	Some CLR tasks give unintentional behavior	X
173	GPIO	Writes to LATCH register take several CPU cycles to take effect	X
176	System	Flash erase through CTRL-AP fails due to watchdog time-out	X
179	RTC	COMPARE event is generated twice from a single RTC compare match	X
183	PWM	False SEQEND[0] and SEQEND[1] events	X
184	NVMC	Erase or write operations from the external debugger fail when CPU is not halted	X
210	GPIO	Bits in GPIO LATCH register are incorrectly set to 1	X

Table 1: New and inherited anomalies

3.1 [15] POWER: RAM[x].POWERSET/CLR read as zero

This anomaly applies to IC Rev. Engineering A, build codes QFAA-AA0, QCAA-AA0, CAAA-AA0.

Symptoms

RAM[x].POWERSET and RAM[x].POWERCLR read as zero, even though the RAM is on.

Conditions

Always.

Consequences

Not possible to read the RAM state using RAM[x].POWERSET and RAM[x].POWERCLR registers. Write works as it should.

Workaround

Use RAM[x].POWER to read the state of the RAM.

3.2 [20] RTC: Register values are invalid

This anomaly applies to IC Rev. Engineering A, build codes QFAA-AA0, QCAA-AA0, CAAA-AA0.

Symptoms

RTC registers will not contain the correct/expected value if read.

Conditions

The RTC has been idle.

Consequences

RTC configuration cannot be determined by reading RTC registers.

Workaround

Execute the below code before you use RTC.

```
NRF_CLOCK->EVENTS_LFCLKSTARTED = 0;
NRF_CLOCK->TASKS_LFCLKSTART     = 1;
while (NRF_CLOCK->EVENTS_LFCLKSTARTED == 0) {}
NRF_RTC0->TASKS_STOP = 0;
```

3.3 [31] CLOCK: Calibration values are not correctly loaded from FICR at reset

This anomaly applies to IC Rev. Engineering A, build codes QFAA-AA0, QCAA-AA0, CAAA-AA0.

Symptoms

RCOSC32KICALLENGTH is initialized with the wrong FICR value.

Conditions

Always.

Consequences

RCOSC32KICALLENGTH default value is wrong.

Workaround

Execute the following code after reset:

```
*(volatile uint32_t *)0x4000053C = ((* (volatile uint32_t *)0x10000244) & 0x0000E000) >> 13;
```

This code is already present in the latest system_nrf52.c file.

3.4 [36] CLOCK: Some registers are not reset when expected

This anomaly applies to IC Rev. Engineering A, build codes QFAA-AA0, QCAA-AA0, CAAA-AA0.

Symptoms

After watchdog timeout reset, CPU lockup reset, soft reset, or pin reset, the following CLOCK peripheral registers are not reset:

- CLOCK->EVENTS_DONE
- CLOCK->EVENTS_CTTO
- CLOCK->CTIV

Conditions

After watchdog timeout reset, CPU Lockup reset, soft reset, and pin reset.

Consequences

Register reset values might be incorrect. It may cause undesired interrupts in case of enabling interrupts without clearing the DONE or CTTO events.

Workaround

Clear affected registers after reset. This workaround has already been added into system_nrf52.c file. This workaround has already been added into system_nrf52840.c file present in MDK 8.11.0 or later.

3.5 [66] TEMP: Linearity specification not met with default settings

This anomaly applies to IC Rev. Engineering A, build codes QFAA-AA0, QCAA-AA0, CAAA-AA0.

Symptoms

TEMP module provides non-linear temperature readings over the specified temperature range.

Conditions

Always.

Consequences

TEMP module returns out of spec temperature readings.

Workaround

Execute the following code after reset:

```
NRF_TEMP->A0 = NRF_FICR->TEMP.A0;
NRF_TEMP->A1 = NRF_FICR->TEMP.A1;
NRF_TEMP->A2 = NRF_FICR->TEMP.A2;
NRF_TEMP->A3 = NRF_FICR->TEMP.A3;
NRF_TEMP->A4 = NRF_FICR->TEMP.A4;
NRF_TEMP->A5 = NRF_FICR->TEMP.A5;
NRF_TEMP->B0 = NRF_FICR->TEMP.B0;
NRF_TEMP->B1 = NRF_FICR->TEMP.B1;
NRF_TEMP->B2 = NRF_FICR->TEMP.B2;
NRF_TEMP->B3 = NRF_FICR->TEMP.B3;
NRF_TEMP->B4 = NRF_FICR->TEMP.B4;
NRF_TEMP->B5 = NRF_FICR->TEMP.B5;
NRF_TEMP->T0 = NRF_FICR->TEMP.T0;
NRF_TEMP->T1 = NRF_FICR->TEMP.T1;
NRF_TEMP->T2 = NRF_FICR->TEMP.T2;
NRF_TEMP->T3 = NRF_FICR->TEMP.T3;
NRF_TEMP->T4 = NRF_FICR->TEMP.T4;
```

This code is already present in the latest `system_nrf52.c` file and in the `system_nrf52840.c` file released in MDK 8.12.0.

3.6 [68] CLOCK: EVENTS_HFCLKSTARTED can be generated before HFCLK is stable

This anomaly applies to IC Rev. Engineering A, build codes QFAA-AA0, QCAA-AA0, CAAA-AA0.

Symptoms

EVENTS_HFCLKSTARTED may come before HFXO is started.

Conditions

When using a 32 MHz crystal with start-up longer than 400 μ s.

Consequences

Performance of radio and peripheral requiring HFXO will be degraded until the crystal is stable.

Workaround

32 MHz crystal oscillator startup time must be verified by the user. If the worst-case startup time is shorter than 400 μ s, no workaround is required. If the startup time can be longer than 400 μ s, the software must ensure, using a timer, that the crystal has had enough time to start up before using peripherals that require the HFXO. The Radio requires the HFXO to be stable before use. The ADC, TIMERS, and TEMP sensor for example can use the HFXO as a reference for improved accuracy.

3.7 [77] CLOCK: RC oscillator is not calibrated when first started

This anomaly applies to IC Rev. Engineering A, build codes QFAA-AA0, QCAA-AA0, CAAA-AA0.

Symptoms

The LFCLK RC oscillator frequency can have a frequency error of up to -25 to +40% after reset. A +/- 2% error is stated in the Product Specification.

Conditions

Always.

Consequences

The LFCLK RC oscillator frequency is inaccurate.

Workaround

Calibrate the LFCLK RC oscillator before its first use after a reset.

3.8 [81] GPIO: PIN_CNF is not retained when in debug interface mode

This anomaly applies to IC Rev. Engineering A, build codes QFAA-AA0, QCAA-AA0, CAAA-AA0.

Symptoms

GPIO pin configuration is reset on wakeup from System OFF.

Conditions

The system is in debug interface mode.

Consequences

GPIO state unreliable until PIN_CNF is reconfigured.

3.9 [83] TWIS: STOPPED event occurs twice if the STOP task is triggered during a transaction

This anomaly applies to IC Rev. Engineering A, build codes QFAA-AA0, QCAA-AA0, CAAA-AA0.

Symptoms

STOPPED event is set after clearing it.

Conditions

The STOP task is triggered during a transaction.

Consequences

STOPPED event occurs twice: When the STOP task is fired and when the master issues a stop condition on the bus. This could provoke an extra interrupt or a failure in the TWIS driver.

Workaround

The last STOPPED event must be accounted for in software.

3.10 [88] WDT: Increased current consumption when configured to pause in System ON idle

This anomaly applies to IC Rev. Engineering A, build codes QFAA-AA0, QCAA-AA0, CAAA-AA0.

Symptoms

Using the mode where watchdog is paused in CPU Idle, the current consumption jumps from 3 μ A to 400 μ A.

Conditions

When we enable WDT with the CONFIG option to pause when CPU sleeps:

```
NRF_WDT->CONFIG = (WDT_CONFIG_SLEEP_Pause<<WDT_CONFIG_SLEEP_Pos);
```

Consequences

Reduced battery life.

Workaround

Do not enter System ON IDLE within 125 μ s after reloading the watchdog.

3.11 [136] System: Bits in RESETREAS are set when they should not be

This anomaly applies to IC Rev. Engineering A, build codes QFAA-AA0, QCAA-AA0, CAAA-AA0.

Symptoms

After pin reset, RESETREAS bits other than RESETPIN might also be set.

Conditions

A pin reset has triggered.

Consequences

If the firmware evaluates RESETREAS, it might take the wrong action.

Workaround

When RESETREAS shows a pin reset (RESETPIN), ignore other reset reason bits.

Important: RESETREAS bits must be cleared between resets.

Apply the following code after any reset:

```
if (NRF_POWER->RESETREAS & POWER_RESETREAS_RESETPIN_Msk) {
    NRF_POWER->RESETREAS = ~POWER_RESETREAS_RESETPIN_Msk;
}
```

This workaround is implemented in MDK version 8.13.0 and later.

3.12 [155] GPIOTE: IN event may occur more than once on input edge

This anomaly applies to IC Rev. Engineering A, build codes QFAA-AA0, QCAA-AA0, CAAA-AA0.

Symptoms

IN event occurs more than once on an input edge.

Conditions

Input signal edges are closer together than 1.3 μ s or \geq 750 kHz for a periodic signal.

Consequences

Tasks connected through PPI or SHORTS to this event might be triggered twice.

Workaround

Apply the following code when any GPIOTE channel is configured to generate an IN event on edges that can occur within 1.3 μ s of each other:

```
*(volatile uint32_t *) (NRF_GPIOTE_BASE + 0x600 + (4 * GPIOTE_CH_USED)) = 1;
```

Important: A clock is kept on by the workaround and must be reverted to avoid higher current consumption when GPIOTE is not in use, using the following code:

```
*(volatile uint32_t *) (NRF_GPIOTE_BASE + 0x600 + (4 * GPIOTE_CH_USED)) = 0;
```

3.13 [156] GPIOTE: Some CLR tasks give unintentional behavior

This anomaly applies to IC Rev. Engineering A, build codes QFAA-AA0, QCAA-AA0, CAAA-AA0.

Symptoms

One of the following:

- Current consumption is high when entering IDLE.
- Latency for detection changes on inputs connected to GPIOTE channels becoming longer than expected.

Conditions

Using the following tasks:

Address	GPIOTE task
0x060	TASK_CLR[0]
0x064	TASK_CLR[1]
0x068	TASK_CLR[2]
0x06C	TASK_CLR[3]
0x070	TASK_CLR[4]
0x074	TASK_CLR[5]
0x078	TASK_CLR[6]
0x07C	TASK_CLR[7]

Consequences

High current consumption or too long time from external event to internal triggering of PPI event and/or IRQ from GPIOTE.

Using TASK_CLR[n] for even values of n has the side effect of setting the system in constant latency mode (see POWER->TASKS_CONSTLAT). Using TASK_CLR[n] for odd values of n has the side effect of setting the system in low power mode (see POWER->TASKS_LOWPOWER).

Workaround

To set the system back in the mode it was before using the TASK_CLR[n], triggering of tasks with even n must be followed by triggering any of the TASK_CLR with odd n and vice versa.

3.14 [173] GPIO: Writes to LATCH register take several CPU cycles to take effect

This anomaly applies to IC Rev. Engineering A, build codes QFAA-AA0, QCAA-AA0, CAAA-AA0.

Symptoms

A bit in the LATCH register reads '1' even after clearing it by writing '1'.

Conditions

Reading the LATCH register right after writing to it.

Consequences

Old value of the LATCH register is read.

Workaround

Have at least 3 CPU cycles of delay between the write and the subsequent read to the LATCH register. This can be achieved by having 3 dummy reads to the LATCH register.

3.15 [176] System: Flash erase through CTRL-AP fails due to watchdog time-out

This anomaly applies to IC Rev. Engineering A, build codes QFAA-AA0, QCAA-AA0, CAAA-AA0.

Symptoms

Full flash erase through CTRL-AP is not successful.

Conditions

WDT is enabled.

Consequences

Flash is not erased. If the device has a WDT time-out less than 1 ms and is readback-protected through UICR.APPROTECT, there is a risk of permanently preventing the erasing of the flash.

Workaround

Try again.

3.16 [179] RTC: COMPARE event is generated twice from a single RTC compare match

This anomaly applies to IC Rev. Engineering A, build codes QFAA-AA0, QCAA-AA0, CAAA-AA0.

Symptoms

Tasks connected to RTC COMPARE event through PPI are triggered twice per compare match.

Conditions

RTC registers are being accessed by CPU while RTC is running.

Consequences

Tasks connected to RTC COMPARE event through PPI are triggered more often than expected.

Workaround

Do not access the RTC registers, including the COMPARE event register, from CPU while waiting for the RTC COMPARE event. Note that CPU interrupt from this event can still be enabled.

3.17 [183] PWM: False SEQEND[0] and SEQEND[1] events

This anomaly applies to IC Rev. Engineering A, build codes QFAA-AA0, QCAA-AA0, CAAA-AA0.

Symptoms

False SEQEND[0] and SEQEND[1] events are being generated.

Conditions

Any of the LOOPSDONE_SEQSTARTn shortcuts are enabled. LOOP register is non-zero and sequence 1 is one value long.

Consequences

SEQEND[0] and SEQEND[1] events might falsely trigger other tasks if these are routed through the PPI.

Workaround

Avoid using the LOOPSDONE_SEQSTARTn shortcuts, when LOOP register is non-zero and sequence 1 is one value long.

3.18 [184] NVMC: Erase or write operations from the external debugger fail when CPU is not halted

This anomaly applies to IC Rev. Engineering A, build codes QFAA-AA0, QCAA-AA0, CAAA-AA0.

Symptoms

The erase or write operation fails or takes longer time than specified.

Conditions

NVMC erase or write operation initiated using an external debugger. CPU is not halted.

Consequences

The NVMC erase or write operation fails or takes longer time than specified.

Workaround

Halt the CPU by writing to DHCSR (Debug Halting Control and Status Register) before starting NVMC erase or write operation from the external debugger. See the ARM infocenter to get the details of the DHCSR register.

Programming tools provided by Nordic Semiconductor comply with this.

3.19 [210] GPIO: Bits in GPIO LATCH register are incorrectly set to 1

This anomaly applies to IC Rev. Engineering A, build codes QFAA-AA0, QCAA-AA0, CAAA-AA0.

Symptoms

The GPIO.LATCH[n] register is unexpectedly set to 1 (Latched).

Conditions

Set GPIO.PIN_CNF[n].SENSE at low level (3) at the same time as PIN_CNF[n].INPUT is set to Connect (0).

Consequences

The GPIO.LATCH[n] register is set to 1 (Latched). This could have side effects, depending on how the chip is configured to use this LATCH register.

Workaround

Always configure PIN_CNF[n].INPUT before PIN_CNF[n].SENSE.