

ERRATA NOTE

Table of Contents

1	KNOWN ISSUES	2
1.1	ISSUE 1: DMA VARIABLE TRANSFER LENGTH WITH LENGTH 0 OR 1.	2
2	GENERAL INFORMATION	3
2.1	DOCUMENT HISTORY	3

1 Known Issues

1.1 Issue 1: DMA Variable Transfer Length with Length 0 or 1.

1.1.1 Description

Depending on which VLEN mode is used, attempting a variable length transfer with length 0 or 1 can lead to erroneous behavior by the DMA. The failing conditions will not occur naturally in an application as they do not transfer useful data, but may occur as the result of an error condition at the source of the DMA transfer. The DMA is generally set up with variable transfer length to transfer packets that come in over USART or RF. If there is an error in the medium, these packets may be malformed. If they for example contain a length byte of 0, using the DMA to transfer those packets automatically without taking the described precautions may lead to a buffer overrun. The two VLEN modes that are affected are VLEN values 001 and 010. VLEN values 000, 011 and 100 work without restrictions.

Table 1 - DMA Variable Length Restrictions

VLEN	Byte Mode	Word Mode	Comment
000	OK	OK	
001	Two bytes transferred when length byte is 0.	Two words transferred when length word is 0.	Can be used if contents of length byte/word in source buffer can be checked not to be 0 or 1 before DMA is triggered, or if an extra transfer to destination is acceptable.
010	Excessive number of bytes transferred when length byte is 0. Extra transfer when length byte is 1.	2 transfers executed when length word is 0 or 1. Interrupt not raised when length word is 0.	Byte mode can be used if contents of length byte in source buffer can be checked not to be 0 or 1 before DMA is triggered. Word mode can be used if contents of length word in source buffer can be checked not to be 0 or 1 before DMA is triggered, or if an extra transfer to destination is acceptable.
011	OK	OK	
100	OK	OK	

1.1.2 Suggested Workarounds

Please observe the comments for each of the affected modes in order to use them without issues. Alternatively, any of the unaffected VLEN modes can be used if the buffer sizes are adjusted accordingly.

2 General Information

2.1 Document History

Revision	Date	Description/Changes
SWRZ043	2012-03-28	Initial release

Table 2: Document History

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Texas Instruments Incorporated and its subsidiaries (TI) reserve the right to make corrections, modifications, enhancements, improvements, and other changes to its products and services at any time and to discontinue any product or service without notice. Customers should obtain the latest relevant information before placing orders and should verify that such information is current and complete. All products are sold subject to TI's terms and conditions of sale supplied at the time of order acknowledgment.

TI warrants performance of its hardware products to the specifications applicable at the time of sale in accordance with TI's standard warranty. Testing and other quality control techniques are used to the extent TI deems necessary to support this warranty. Except where mandated by government requirements, testing of all parameters of each product is not necessarily performed.

TI assumes no liability for applications assistance or customer product design. Customers are responsible for their products and applications using TI components. To minimize the risks associated with customer products and applications, customers should provide adequate design and operating safeguards.

TI does not warrant or represent that any license, either express or implied, is granted under any TI patent right, copyright, mask work right, or other TI intellectual property right relating to any combination, machine, or process in which TI products or services are used. Information published by TI regarding third-party products or services does not constitute a license from TI to use such products or services or a warranty or endorsement thereof. Use of such information may require a license from a third party under the patents or other intellectual property of the third party, or a license from TI under the patents or other intellectual property of TI.

Reproduction of TI information in TI data books or data sheets is permissible only if reproduction is without alteration and is accompanied by all associated warranties, conditions, limitations, and notices. Reproduction of this information with alteration is an unfair and deceptive business practice. TI is not responsible or liable for such altered documentation. Information of third parties may be subject to additional restrictions.

Resale of TI products or services with statements different from or beyond the parameters stated by TI for that product or service voids all express and any implied warranties for the associated TI product or service and is an unfair and deceptive business practice. TI is not responsible or liable for any such statements.

TI products are not authorized for use in safety-critical applications (such as life support) where a failure of the TI product would reasonably be expected to cause severe personal injury or death, unless officers of the parties have executed an agreement specifically governing such use. Buyers represent that they have all necessary expertise in the safety and regulatory ramifications of their applications, and acknowledge and agree that they are solely responsible for all legal, regulatory and safety-related requirements concerning their products and any use of TI products in such safety-critical applications, notwithstanding any applications-related information or support that may be provided by TI. Further, Buyers must fully indemnify TI and its representatives against any damages arising out of the use of TI products in such safety-critical applications.

TI products are neither designed nor intended for use in military/aerospace applications or environments unless the TI products are specifically designated by TI as military-grade or "enhanced plastic." Only products designated by TI as military-grade meet military specifications. Buyers acknowledge and agree that any such use of TI products which TI has not designated as military-grade is solely at the Buyer's risk, and that they are solely responsible for compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements in connection with such use.

TI products are neither designed nor intended for use in automotive applications or environments unless the specific TI products are designated by TI as compliant with ISO/TS 16949 requirements. Buyers acknowledge and agree that, if they use any non-designated products in automotive applications, TI will not be responsible for any failure to meet such requirements.

Following are URLs where you can obtain information on other Texas Instruments products and application solutions:

Products

Audio	www.ti.com/audio
Amplifiers	amplifier.ti.com
Data Converters	dataconverter.ti.com
DLP® Products	www.dlp.com
DSP	dsp.ti.com
Clocks and Timers	www.ti.com/clocks
Interface	interface.ti.com
Logic	logic.ti.com
Power Mgmt	power.ti.com
Microcontrollers	microcontroller.ti.com
RFID	www.ti-rfid.com
OMAP Mobile Processors	www.ti.com/omap
Wireless Connectivity	www.ti.com/wirelessconnectivity

Applications

Automotive and Transportation	www.ti.com/automotive
Communications and Telecom	www.ti.com/communications
Computers and Peripherals	www.ti.com/computers
Consumer Electronics	www.ti.com/consumer-apps
Energy and Lighting	www.ti.com/energy
Industrial	www.ti.com/industrial
Medical	www.ti.com/medical
Security	www.ti.com/security
Space, Avionics and Defense	www.ti.com/space-avionics-defense
Video and Imaging	www.ti.com/video

TI E2E Community Home Page

e2e.ti.com

Mailing Address: Texas Instruments, Post Office Box 655303, Dallas, Texas 75265
Copyright © 2012, Texas Instruments Incorporated