
Section 8. Reset

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Note: This family reference manual section is meant to serve as a complement to device data sheets. Depending on the device variant, this manual section may not apply to all dsPIC33E/PIC24E devices.

Please consult the note at the beginning of the “**Reset**” chapter in the current device data sheet to check whether this document supports the device you are using.

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8.1 INTRODUCTION

The Reset module combines all the reset sources, and controls the device Master Reset Signal, SYSRST. The following is a list of device Reset sources:

- POR: Power-on Reset
- BOR: Brown-out Reset
- MCLR: Master Clear Pin Reset
- SWR: RESET Instruction
- WDTO: Watchdog Time-out Reset
- CM: Configuration Mismatch Reset
(This source is not available on all devices. Refer to the specific device data sheet for details.)
- TRAPR: Trap Conflict Reset
- IOPUWR: Illegal Condition Device Reset
 - Illegal Opcode Reset
 - Uninitialized W Register Reset
 - Security Reset

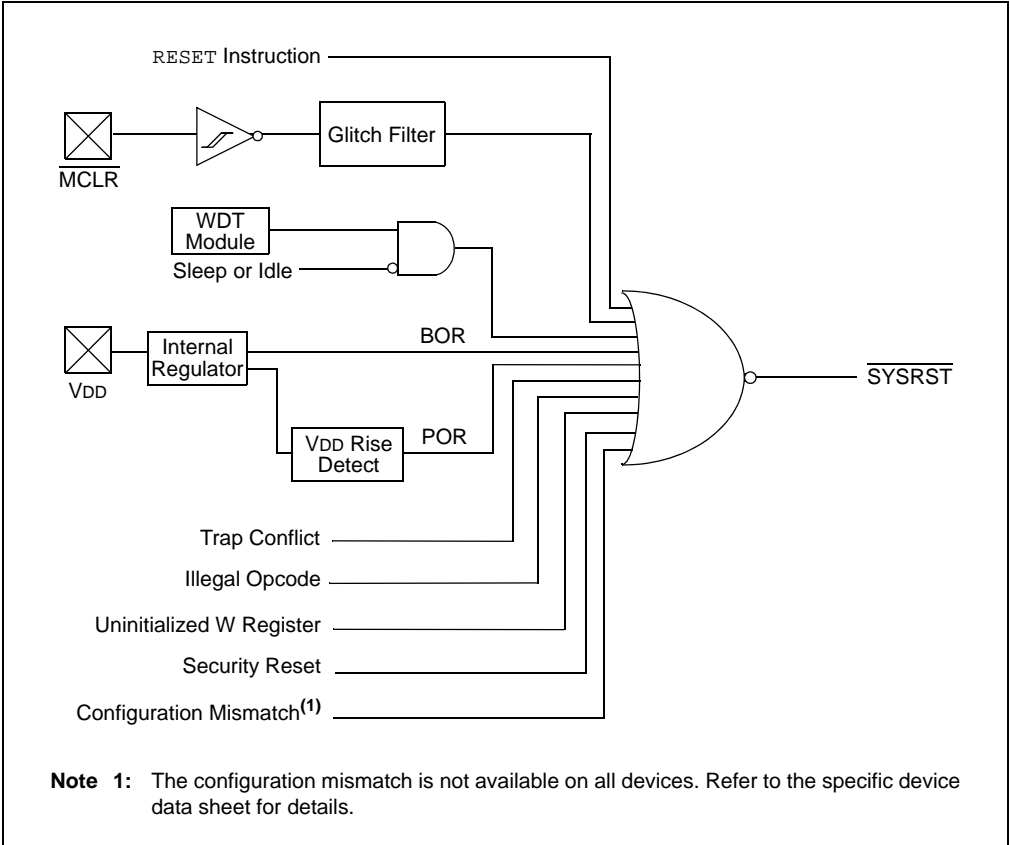
A simplified block diagram of the Reset module is shown in [Figure 8-1](#). Any active source of reset will make the SYSRST signal active. On system Reset, some of the registers associated with the CPU and peripherals are forced to a known Reset state, while some are unaffected.

Note: Refer to the specific peripheral section or **Section 2. “CPU”** (DS70359) in the “dsPIC33E/PIC24E Family Reference Manual” for register Reset states.

All types of device Reset set a corresponding status bit in the RCON register to indicate the type of reset (see [Register 8-1](#)). A POR clears all bits except for the POR and BOR bits (RCON<1:0>), which are set. The user application can set or clear any bit at any time during code execution. The RCON bits only serve as status bits. Setting a particular Reset status bit in software will not cause a device Reset.

The RCON register also contains bits associated with the Watchdog Timer and device power- saving states. For more information, refer to **Section 9. “Watchdog Timer and Power-Saving Modes”** (DS70615).

Figure 8-1: Reset System Block Diagram



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Register 8-1: RCON: Reset Control Register⁽¹⁾

R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-1	U-0	R/W-0	U-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
TRAPR	IOPUWR	SBOREN ⁽⁴⁾	—	VREGSF	—	CM ⁽²⁾	VREGS
bit 15						bit 8	

R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-1	R/W-1
EXTR	SWR	SWDTEN ⁽³⁾	WDTO	SLEEP	IDLE	BOR	POR
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 15 **TRAPR:** Trap Reset Flag bit
1 = A Trap Conflict Reset has occurred
0 = A Trap Conflict Reset has not occurred
- bit 14 **IOPUWR:** Illegal Opcode or Uninitialized W Access Reset Flag bit
1 = An illegal opcode detection, an illegal address mode or an uninitialized W register used as an Address Pointer caused a Reset
0 = An illegal opcode or uninitialized W register Reset has not occurred
- bit 13 **SBOREN:** Software BOR Enable/Disable bit⁽⁴⁾
1 = BOR is turned on in software
0 = BOR is turned off in software
- bit 12 **Unimplemented:** Read as '0'
- bit 11 **VREGSF:** Flash Voltage Regulator Stand-by During Sleep bit
1 = Flash voltage regulator is active during Sleep
0 = Flash voltage regulator goes into Stand-by mode during Sleep
- bit 10 **Unimplemented:** Read as '0'
- bit 9 **CM:** Configuration Mismatch Flag bit⁽²⁾
1 = A configuration mismatch Reset has occurred
0 = A configuration mismatch Reset has not occurred
- bit 8 **VREGS:** Voltage Regulator Stand-by During Sleep bit
1 = Voltage regulator is active during Sleep
0 = Voltage regulator goes into Stand-by mode during Sleep
- bit 7 **EXTR:** External Reset Pin bit
1 = A Master Clear (pin) Reset has occurred
0 = A Master Clear (pin) Reset has not occurred
- bit 6 **SWR:** Software Reset (Instruction) Flag bit
1 = A RESET instruction has been executed
0 = A RESET instruction has not been executed
- bit 5 **SWDTEN:** Software Enable/Disable of WDT bit⁽³⁾
1 = WDT is enabled
0 = WDT is disabled

Note 1: All of the Reset status bits can be set or cleared in software. Setting one of these bits in software does not cause a device Reset.

2: The configuration mismatch Reset flag is not available on all devices. (Refer to the specific device data sheet.)

3: If the FWDTEN Configuration bit is '1' (unprogrammed), the WDT is always enabled, regardless of the SWDTEN bit setting.

4: The SBOREN bit is ignored if the BOREN Configuration bit = 0 (FPOR<3>).

Register 8-1: RCON: Reset Control Register⁽¹⁾ (Continued)

bit 4	WDTO: Watchdog Time-out Flag bit 1 = WDT time-out has occurred 0 = WDT time-out has not occurred
bit 3	SLEEP: Wake-up from Sleep Flag bit 1 = Device has been in Sleep mode 0 = Device has not been in Sleep mode
bit 2	IDLE: Wake-up from Idle Flag bit 1 = Device was in Idle mode 0 = Device was not in Idle mode
bit 1	BOR: Brown-out Reset Flag bit 1 = A Brown-out Reset or Power-on Reset has occurred 0 = A Brown-out Reset has not occurred
bit 0	POR: Power-on Reset Flag bit 1 = A Power-on Reset has occurred 0 = A Power-on Reset has not occurred

- Note 1:** All of the Reset status bits can be set or cleared in software. Setting one of these bits in software does not cause a device Reset.
- 2:** The configuration mismatch Reset flag is not available on all devices. (Refer to the specific device data sheet.)
- 3:** If the FWDTEN Configuration bit is '1' (unprogrammed), the WDT is always enabled, regardless of the SWDTEN bit setting.
- 4:** The SBOREN bit is ignored if the BOREN Configuration bit = 0 (FPOR<3>).

8.2 SYSTEM RESET

The dsPIC33E/PIC24E family of devices have two types of Reset: cold Reset and warm Reset.

A cold Reset is the result of a Power-on Reset (POR) or Brown-out Reset (BOR). On a cold Reset, the FNOSC configuration bits in the FOSC device configuration register select the device clock source.

A warm Reset is the result of all other Reset sources, including the RESET instruction. On a warm Reset, the device will continue to operate from the current clock source as indicated by the Current Oscillator Selection bits (COSC<2:0>) in the Oscillator Control register (OSCCON<14:12>).

The device is kept in a Reset state until the system power supplies have stabilized at appropriate levels and the oscillator clock is ready. Refer to **Section 7. “Oscillator”** (DS70580) for more information.

When the oscillator clock is ready, the processor begins execution from location 0x000000. The user application programs a GOTO instruction at the Reset address, which redirects program execution to the appropriate start-up routine.

The Fail-Safe Clock Monitor (FSCM), if enabled, begins to monitor the system clock when the system clock is ready and the delay TFSCM has elapsed.

Table 8-1: Oscillator Delay^(1,2,3)

Oscillator Mode	Oscillator Startup Delay	Oscillator Startup Timer	PLL Lock Time	Total Oscillator Delay
FRC	TOSCD	—	—	TOSCD
FRCDIV16	TOSCD	—	—	TOSCD
FRCDIVN	TOSCD	—	—	TOSCD
FRCPLL	TOSCD	—	TLOCK	TOSCD + TLOCK
XT	TOSCD	TOST	—	TOSCD + TOST
HS	TOSCD	TOST	—	TOSCD + TOST
EC	—	—	—	—
XTPLL	TOSCD	TOST	TLOCK	TOSCD + TOST + TLOCK
HSPLL	TOSCD	TOST	TLOCK	TOSCD + TOST + TLOCK
ECPLL	—	—	TLOCK	TLOCK
SOSC	TOSCD	TOST	—	TOSCD + TOST
LPRC	TOSCD	—	—	TOSCD

Note 1: TOSCD = Oscillator Start-up Delay. Crystal Oscillator start-up times vary with crystal characteristics, load capacitance, and so on. Refer to the “**Electrical Characteristic**” chapter of the specific device data sheet for TOSCD specifications when using the internal FRC or internal LPRC oscillator.

2: TOST = Oscillator Start-up Timer Delay (1024 oscillator clock periods). For example, TOST = 102.4 μ s for a 10 MHz crystal and TOST = 32 ms for a 32 kHz crystal.

3: TLOCK = PLL lock time, if the PLL is enabled. Refer to the “**Electrical Characteristic**” chapter of the specific device data sheet for TLOCK specifications.

Note: When the device exits the Reset condition (begins normal operation), the device operating parameters (voltage, frequency, temperature, etc.) must be within their operating ranges, otherwise the device may not function correctly. The user application must ensure that the delay between the time at which the power is first applied and the time when the device comes out of Reset is long enough to get all operating parameters within specification.

8.2.1 Power-on Reset (POR)

A Power-on Reset (POR) circuit ensures the device is Reset from power-on. The POR circuit is active until VDD crosses the VPOR threshold and the power-up delay, TPU, has elapsed. The delay TPU ensures the internal device bias circuits become stable.

The device supply voltage characteristics must meet the specified starting voltage and rise rate requirements to generate the POR. Refer to the “**Electrical Characteristics**” chapter of the specific device data sheet for details.

In addition to TPU and TOST/TPWRT (if applicable), a NVM power-up delay, TNPD, is incurred before code execution begins.

The Power-on Reset status bit (POR) in the Reset Control (RCON<0>) register is set to indicate the Power-on Reset.

The device start-up time line and POR timing characteristics are described in the “**Electrical Characteristics**” chapter of the specific device data sheet.

8.2.2 Brown-out Reset (BOR) and Power-up Timer (PWRT)

The on-chip regulator has a Brown-out Reset (BOR) circuit that resets the device when the VDD is too low ($VDD < VBOR$) for proper device operation. The BOR circuit keeps the device in Reset until VDD crosses the VBOR threshold. Refer to the “**Electrical Characteristics**” chapter of the specific device data sheet for the minimum BOR pulse width (TBOR) specifications.

The Brown-out Reset status bit (BOR) in the Reset Control register (RCON<1>) is set to indicate the Brown-out Reset. Set the Software BOR Enable/Disable bit (SBOREN) in the Reset Control register (RCON<13>) to enable BOR in software, or clear this bit to disable BOR in software. Alternately, BOR can be disabled in hardware by programming the BOREN Configuration bit (FPOR<3>) to ‘0’.

The device will not run at full speed after a BOR as the VDD must rise to acceptable levels for full-speed operation. The PWRT provides a power-up timer delay (TPWRT) to ensure that the system power supplies have stabilized at the appropriate levels for full-speed operation before the device comes out of Reset.

The power-up timer delay (TPWRT) is programmed by the Power-on Reset Timer Value Select bits (FPWRT<2:0>) in the POR Configuration register (FPOR<2:0>), which provide eight settings (from 0 ms to 128 ms). Refer to **Section 30. “Device Configuration”** (DS70618) for further details.

8.2.3 External Reset (EXTR)

The External Reset is generated by driving the \overline{MCLR} pin low. The \overline{MCLR} pin is a Schmitt trigger input with an additional glitch filter. Reset pulses that are longer than the minimum pulse-width will generate a Reset. Refer to the “**Electrical Characteristics**” chapter of the specific device data sheet for minimum \overline{MCLR} pulse width specifications (TMCLR). The External Reset Pin bit (EXTR) in the Reset Control register (RCON<7>) is set to indicate the \overline{MCLR} Reset.

Many systems have external supervisory circuits that generate Reset signals to Reset multiple devices in the system. This external Reset signal can be directly connected to the \overline{MCLR} pin to Reset the device when the rest of the system is Reset.

When using other sources to Reset the device, the external reset pin (\overline{MCLR}) should be tied directly or resistively to VDD. In this case, the \overline{MCLR} pin will not be used to generate a Reset. The external reset pin (\overline{MCLR}) does not have an internal pull-up and must not be left unconnected.

8.2.4 Software RESET Instruction (SWR)

Whenever the RESET instruction is executed, the device will enter a warm Reset state. This Reset state will not reinitialize the clock. The clock source in effect prior to the RESET instruction will remain in effect. The device will be released from a Reset state at the next instruction cycle, and the Reset vector fetch will commence.

The Software Reset (Instruction) Flag bit (SWR) in the Reset Control register (RCON<6>) is set to indicate the software Reset.

8.2.5 Watchdog Time-out Reset (WDTO)

Whenever a Watchdog time-out occurs, the device will asynchronously assert $\overline{\text{SYSRST}}$. The clock source will remain unchanged. A WDT time-out during Sleep or Idle mode will wake-up the processor, but will not reset the processor.

The Watchdog Time-out Flag bit (WDTO) in the Reset Control register (RCON<4>) is set to indicate the Watchdog Reset. Refer to **Section 9. “Watchdog Timer and Power-Saving Modes”** (DS70615) for more information on Watchdog Time-out Reset.

8.2.6 Trap Conflict Reset

If a lower-priority hard trap occurs while a higher-priority trap is being processed, a hard trap conflict Reset occurs. The hard traps include exceptions of priority level 13 through level 15, inclusive. The address error (level 13) and oscillator error (level 14) traps fall into this category.

The Trap Reset Flag bit (TRAPR) in the Reset Control register (RCON<15>) is set to indicate the Trap Conflict Reset. Refer to **Section 6. “Interrupts”** (DS70600) for more information on Trap Conflict Reset.

8.2.7 Configuration Mismatch Reset

To maintain the integrity of the peripheral pin select control registers, they are constantly monitored with shadow registers in hardware. If an unexpected change occurs in any of the registers (such as cell disturbances caused by ESD or other external events), a configuration mismatch Reset occurs.

The Configuration Mismatch Flag bit (CM) in the Reset Control register (RCON<9>) is set to indicate the configuration mismatch Reset. Refer to **Section 10. “I/O Ports”** (DS70598) for more information on the Configuration Mismatch Reset.

Note: The configuration mismatch feature and associated Reset flag are not available on all devices. (Refer to the specific device data sheet.)

8.2.8 Illegal Condition Device Reset

An illegal condition device Reset occurs due to the following sources:

- Illegal Opcode Reset
- Uninitialized W Register Reset
- Security Reset

The Illegal Opcode or Uninitialized W Access Reset Flag bit (IOPUWR) in the Reset Control register (RCON<14>) is set to indicate the illegal condition device Reset.

8.2.8.1 ILLEGAL OPCODE RESET

A device Reset is generated if the device attempts to execute an illegal opcode value that is fetched from the program memory.

The illegal opcode Reset function can prevent the device from executing program memory sections that are used to store constant data. To take advantage of the illegal opcode Reset, use only the lower 16 bits of each program memory section to store the data values. The upper 8 bits should be programmed with 0x3F, which is an illegal opcode value.

8.2.8.2 UNINITIALIZED W REGISTER RESET

Any attempts to use the uninitialized W register as an address pointer will Reset the device. The W register array (with the exception of W15) is cleared during all resets and is considered uninitialized until written to.

8.2.8.3 SECURITY RESET

If a Program Flow Change (PFC) or Vector Flow Change (VFC) targets a restricted location in a protected segment (Boot and Secure Segment), that operation will cause a security Reset.

The PFC occurs when the Program Counter is reloaded as a result of a Call, Jump, Computed Jump, Return, Return from Subroutine, or other form of branch instruction.

The VFC occurs when the Program Counter is reloaded with an Interrupt or Trap vector.

Refer to **Section 23. “CodeGuard™ Security”** (DS70634) for more information on Security Reset.

- Note 1:** If a POR or BOR event occurs while a Run-Time Self-Programming (RTSP) erase or programming operation is in progress, the RTSP operation is aborted immediately. The user should execute the RTSP operation again after the device comes out of Reset.
- 2:** If an EXTR, SWR, WDTO, TRAPR, CM, or IOPUWR reset event occurs while an RTSP erase or programming operation is in progress, the device will be Reset only after the RTSP operation is complete.

8.3 USING THE RCON STATUS BITS

The user application can read the Reset Control register (RCON) after any device Reset to determine the cause of the reset.

Note: The status bits in the RCON register should be cleared after they are read so that the next RCON register value after a device Reset will be meaningful.

Table 8-2 provides a summary of the Reset flag bit operation.

Table 8-2: Reset Flag Bit Operation

Flag Bit	Set by:	Cleared by:
TRAPR (RCON<15>)	Trap conflict event	POR, BOR
IOPWR (RCON<14>)	Illegal opcode or uninitialized W register access or Security Reset	POR, BOR
CM (RCON<9>)	Configuration Mismatch	POR, BOR
EXTR (RCON<7>)	MCLR Reset	POR
SWR (RCON<6>)	RESET instruction	POR, BOR
WDTO (RCON<4>)	WDT time-out	PWRSV instruction, CLRWDT instruction, POR, BOR
SLEEP (RCON<3>)	PWRSV #SLEEP instruction	POR, BOR
IDLE (RCON<2>)	PWRSV #IDLE instruction	POR, BOR
BOR (RCON<1>)	POR, BOR	—
POR (RCON<0>)	POR	—

Note: All Reset flag bits can be set or cleared by the user software.

8.4 SPECIAL FUNCTION REGISTER RESET STATES

Most of the Special Function Registers (SFRs) associated with the dsPIC33E/PIC24E CPU and peripherals are reset to a particular value at a device Reset. The SFRs are grouped by their peripheral or CPU function and their Reset values are specified in the appropriate sections of this manual.

The Reset value for each SFR does not depend on the type of Reset, with the exception of seven registers. The Reset value for the Reset Control register, RCON, will depend on the type of device Reset. The Reset value for the Oscillator Control register, OSCCON, will depend on the type of Reset and the programmed values of the oscillator configuration bits in the FOSC Device Configuration register. In addition, the oscillator SFRs (OSCCON, CLKDIV, PLLFBD, OSCTUN, ACLKCONx and ACLKDIVx) and Real-Time Clock and Calendar (RTCC) registers are reset only at POR.

8.5 REGISTER MAP

Table 8-3 maps the bit functions for the RCON register.

Table 8-3: Reset Control Register Map

SFR Name	Bit 15	Bit 14	Bit 13	Bit 12	Bit 11	Bit 10	Bit 9	Bit 8	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0	All Resets
RCON	TRAPR	IOPUWR	SBOREN	—	VREGSF	—	CM	VREGS	EXTR	SWR	SWDTEN	WDTO	SLEEP	IDLE	BOR	POR	0003

Legend: — = unimplemented, read as '0'. Reset values are shown in hexadecimal.

8.6 DESIGN TIPS

Question 1: *How do I use the RCON register?*

Answer: The initialization code after a device Reset should examine the RCON register and confirm the source of the Reset. In certain applications, this information can be used to take appropriate action to correct the problem that caused the Reset to occur. All Reset status bits in the RCON register should be cleared after reading them to ensure the RCON value will provide meaningful results after the next device Reset.

Question 2: *The BOR module does not have the programmable trip points that my application needs. How can I work around this?*

Answer: The BOR circuitry is used to avoid violation of the V/F specification of the device. In many devices, the minimum voltage for full-speed operation is much higher than in dsPIC33E/PIC24E devices. Therefore, in such devices, a programmable BOR circuit is needed to provide the multiple speed option. However, the dsPIC33E/PIC24E devices, support full-speed operation at a much lower voltage, so the simple BOR module is enough. If the device operating voltage drops to a value where full-speed operation is not possible, then BOR is asserted. If the device is in a non-BOR state, then full-speed operation is valid.

Question 3: *I initialized a W register with a 16-bit address, but the device appears to reset when I attempt to use the register as an address.*

Answer: Because all data addresses are 16-bit values, the uninitialized W register logic only recognizes that a register has been initialized correctly if it was subjected to a word load. Two-byte moves to a W register, even if successive, will not work, resulting in a device Reset if the W register is used as an address pointer in an operation.

8.7 RELATED APPLICATION NOTES

This section lists application notes that are related to this section of the manual. These application notes may not be written specifically for the dsPIC33E/PIC24E product family, but the concepts are pertinent and could be used with modification and possible limitations. The current application notes related to the Reset module include the following:

Title	Application Note #
Power-up Trouble Shooting	AN607
Power-up Considerations	AN522

Note: Please visit the Microchip web site (www.microchip.com) for additional Application Notes and code examples for the dsPIC33E/PIC24E family of devices.

8.8 REVISION HISTORY

Revision A (July 2009)

This is the initial released version of this document.

Revision B (December 2010)

This revision includes the following updates:

- Added a note at the beginning of the section, which provides information on complementary documentation
- Updated the dsPIC33E references in the entire document as dsPIC33E/PIC24E
- Added Security Reset to the Reset System Block Diagram (see [Figure 8-1](#))
- Added Note 4 and the VREGSF bit to the Reset Control Register (see [Register 8-1](#))
- Updated the third paragraph (removed numbered references) in [8.2 “System Reset”](#)
- Updated Note1 and Note 3 in Oscillator Delay (see [Table 8-1](#))
- Removed the System Reset Timing diagram
- Updated all paragraphs of [8.2.1 “Power-on Reset \(POR\)”](#)
- Updated the first and second paragraphs, removed the last paragraph, and removed the Brown-out Scenarios diagram in [8.2.2 “Brown-out Reset \(BOR\) and Power-up Timer \(PWRT\)”](#)
- Added Note 1 and Note 2 to [8.2.8.3 “Security Reset”](#)
- Removed 8.4 “Device Start-up Time Lines”
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- Added the VREGSF bit to the Reset Control Register Map (see [Table 8-3](#))
- Updates to formatting and minor text changes have been incorporated throughout the document

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