MAX35104 Gas Flow Meter SoC

General Description

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Power consumption is the lowest available with ultra-low 62µA time-of-flight measurement and 125nA duty-cycled temperature measurement. Multi-hit (up to six per wave) capability with stop-enable windowing allows the device to be fine-tuned for the application. Internal analog switches, a configurable three-stage integrated operational amplifier chain amplifier, and an ultra-low input offset comparator provide the analog interface and control for a minimal electrical bill of material solution. A programmable highvoltage (up to 30V) pulse launcher provides up to 19dB of transducer launch amplitude adjustment to compensate for transducer aging and temperature, pressure, humidity affects. Early edge detection ensures measurements are made with consistent wave patterns to greatly improve accuracy and eliminate erroneous measurements. Built-in arithmetic logic unit provides TOF difference measurements and programmable receiver hit accumulators to minimize the host microprocessor access. For temperature measurement, the device supports a single 2-wire PT1000 platinum resistive temperature detector (RTD) or NTC thermistor. A simple 4-wire SPI interface allows any microcontroller to effectively configure the device for its intended measurement.

Applications

- Ultrasonic Gas Meters
- **Medical Ventilators**

Benefits and Features

- High Accuracy Flow Measurement for Billing and Leak Detection
	- Time-to-Digital Accuracy Down to 700ps Measurement Range Up to 8ms
	- 2 Channels: Single-Stop Channel
- High Accuracy Temperature Measurement for Precise Flow Calculations
	- One 2-Wire Sensor: PT1000, PT500 RTD, and Thermistor Support
- Maximizes Battery Life with Low Device and Overall System Power
	- Ultra-Low 62µA TOF Measurement and 125nA Duty-Cycled Temperature Measurement
	- Event Timing Mode with Randomizer Reduces Host μC Overhead to Minimize System Power **Consumption**
	- 2.3V to 3.6V Single-Supply Operation
- High Integration Solution Minimizes Parts Count and Reduces BOM Cost
	- Built-In Real-Time Clock
	- Small, 5mm x 5mm, 40-Pin TQFN Package
	- -40°C to +85°C Operation

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Absolute Maximum Ratings

Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect
device reliability.

Package Thermal Characteristics (Note 1)

TQFN

Junction-to-Ambient Thermal Resistance (θJA)28°C/W Junction-to-Case Thermal Resistance (θJC).................2°C/W

Note 1: Package thermal resistances were obtained using the method described in JEDEC specification JESD51-7, using a four-layer board. For detailed information on package thermal considerations, refer to **www.maximintegrated.com/thermal-tutorial**.

Recommended Operating Conditions

 $(T_A = -40^{\circ}$ C to +85°C, unless otherwise noted.) (Notes 2, 3)

Electrical Characteristics

(V_{CC} = +2.3V to +3.6V, T_A = -40°C to +85°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at V_{CC} = 3.3V and T_A = +25°C.) (Notes 2, 3)

Note 2: All voltages are referenced to ground. Current entering the device are specified as positive and currents exiting the device are negative.

Note 3: Limits are 100% production tested at T_A = +25°C. Limits over the operating temperature range and relevant supply voltage range are guaranteed by design and characterization.

Recommended External Crystal Characteristics

Timing Diagrams

Figure 1. SPI Timing Diagram Read

Timing Diagrams (continued)

Figure 2. SPI Timing Diagram Write

Pin Configuration

Pin Description

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Note 1: A +2.7V to +3.6V supply. Typically sourced from a single lithium cell.

Note 2: Dual functionality pin.

Note 3: Do not connect to additional non-recommended external circuitry.

Note 4: High-voltage tolerant.

Note 5: This pin can be left open circuit if not needed.

Block Diagram

Detailed Description

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Figure 3. Time-of-Flight Up Measurement Sequence

Time-of-Flight (TOF) Measurement Operations

TOF is measured by launching pulses from one piezoelectric transducer and receiving the pulses at a second transducer. The time between when the pulses are launched and received is defined as the time of flight. The device contains the functionality required to create a string of pulses, sense the receiving pulse string, and measure the time of flight. The device can measure two separate TOFs, which are defined as TOF Up and TOF Down.

A TOF Up measurement has pulses launched from the TX UPN and TX UPP pins, which is connected to the downstream transducer. The ultrasonic pulse is received at the upstream transducer, which is connected to the TX_DNN and TX_DNP pins. A TOF Down measurement has pulses launched from the TX DNN and TX DNP pins, which is connected to the upstream transducer. The ultrasonic pulse is received at the downstream transducer, which is connected to the TX_UPN and TX_UPP pins.

TOF measurements can be initiated by sending either the TOF_UP, TOF_DN, or TOF_DIFF commands. TOF_DIFF measurements can also be automatically executed using Event Timing Mode commands EVTMG1 or EVTMG2.

The steps involved in a single TOF measurement are described below and labeled in [Figure 3.](#page-16-1)

- 1) The 4MHz oscillator and LDO is enabled with a programmable settling delay time set by the CLK_S[2:0] bits in Calibration and Control register.
- 2) The boost circuit is enabled and attempts to reach the targeted set output voltage. Once at the target voltage, the stabilization time to wait before moving to the next step is set by the ST[3:0] bits in the Switcher 2 register.
- The pulse launcher drives the appropriate TX pins with a programmable sequence of pulses. The number of pulses launched is set by the PL[7:0] bits in the TOF1 register. The frequency of these 50% dutycycle pulses is set by the DPL[3:0] bits, also in the TOF1 register. The start of these launch pulses generates a start signal for the Time-to-Digital Converter (TDC) and is considered to be time zero for the TOF measurement. This is denoted in [Figure 4.](#page-17-1)
- 4) After a programmable delay time set in TOF Measurement Delay register, the comparator and hit detector at the appropriate pins are enabled. This delay allows the receiver to start recording hits when the received wave is expected, eliminating possible false hits from noise in the system.
- 5) Once the pulse launcher has completed transmitting the sequence of pulses, the boost circuit is disabled.

- 6) A common mode bias is enabled on the internal capacitor connecting the output of the bandpass filter to the input of the programmable offset comparator. This bias charge time is fixed at approximately 10µs.
- 7) The comparator is enabled.
- 8) Stop hits are detected according to the programmed preferred edge of the acoustic signal sequence received at the appropriate pins according to the setting of the STOP_POL bit in the TOF1 register. When a wave received at the receiving pins exceeds the Comparator Offset Voltage, which is set in the TOF6 and TOF7 registers, this wave is detected and identified as wave number 0. The width of the wave's pulse that exceeds the Comparator Offset Voltage is measured and stored as the t_1 time.
- 9) The offset of the comparator then automatically and immediately switches to the Comparator Return Offset, which is set in the TOF6 and TOF7 registers.
- 10) The t_2 wave is detected and the width of the t_2 pulse is measured and stored as the $t₂$ time. The wave number for the measurement of the t_2 wave width is set by the T2WV[5:0] bits in the TOF2 register.
- 11) The preferred number of stop hits are then detected. For each hit, the measured TOF is stored in the appropriate HITxUPINT and HITxUPFrac or HITx-DNINT and HITxDNFRAC registers. The number of hits to detect is set by the STOP[2:0] bits in the TOF2 register. The wave number to measure for each stop hit is set by the Hitx Wave Select bits in the TOF3, TOF4, and TOF5 registers.
- 12) After receiving all the programmed hits, the device calculates the average of the recorded hits and stores this to AVGUPINT and AVGUPFrac or

AVGDNInt and AVGDNFrac. The ratio of t_1/t_2 and $t_2/$ t_{IDFAI} are calculated and stored in the WVRUP or WVRDN register.

13) Once all the hit data, wave ratios, and averages become available in the Results registers, the TOF bit in the Interrupt Status register is set and the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ pin is asserted (if enabled) and remains asserted until the Interrupt Status register is accessed by the microprocessor with a Read register command.

The computation of the total time of flight is performed by counting the number of full and fractional 4MHz clock cycles that elapsed between the launch start and a hit stop as shown in [Figure 4](#page-17-1).

Table 1. Two's Complement TOF_DIFF Conversion Example

Figure 4. Start/Stop for Time-to-Digital Timing

Each TOF measurement result is comprised of an integer portion and a fractional portion. The integer portion is a binary representation of the number of t_{4MHz} periods that contribute to the time results. The fractional portion is a binary representation of one t_{4MHz} period quantized to a 16-bit resolution. The maximum size of the integer is 7FFFh or (2¹⁵ - 1) x t_{4MHz} or \sim 8.19ms. The maximum size of the fraction is FFFFh or $(2^{16} - 1)/2^{16}$ x t_{4MHz}. or $~249.9961~ns.$

Pulse Echo TOF Mode

The device also has a pulse echo mode of operation. This mode allows time-of-flight measurements to be taken when only one transducer is used. The sole transducer transmits the high-voltage pulses and then receives the return signal. The time-of-flight measurement operation acts exactly as described in steps 1–13 except that the common mode of the AFE is applied to the same pins that transmitted the high-voltage pulses [\(Figure 5A\)](#page-18-1).

The resulting data from the measurement is reported in the same manner as described in the TOF_UP, TOF_ DOWN, or TOF DIFF sections depending upon which command was executed.

The pulse echo mode is enabled by setting the PECHO bit in the Switcher 2 Register.

Early Edge Detect

The Early Edge Detect method of measuring the TOF of acoustic waves is used for all the TOF commands including TOF UP, TOF DN, and TOF DIFF. This method allows the device to automatically control the input offset voltage of the receiver comparator so that it can provide advanced measurement accuracy. The input offset of the receiver comparator can be programmed with a range +127 LSBs if triggering on a positive edge and -127 LSBs if triggering on a negative edge, with 1 LSB = $V_{CC}/3072$. Separate input offset settings are available for the Upstream received signal and the Downstream received signal. The input offset for the Upstream received signal is programmed using the C_OFFSETUP[6:0] bits in the TOF6 register,. The input offset for the Downstream received signal is programmed using the C_OFFSETDN[6:0] bits in the TOF7 register. Once the first hit is detected, the time t_1 equal to the width of the earliest detectable edge is measured. The input offset voltage is then automatically and immediately returned to a preprogrammed comparator offset value. This return offset value has a range of +127 LSB's to -128 LSB's in 1 LSB steps and is programmed into the C_OFFSETUPR[7:0] bits in the TOF6 register for the Upstream received signal and programmed into the C_OFFSETDNR[7:0] bits in the TOF7 register. This preprogrammed comparator offset return value is provided to allow for common-mode shifts that can be present in the received acoustic wave.

The device is now ready to measure the successive hits. The next selected wave that is measured is the t_2 wave. In the example in [Figure 5B,](#page-19-1) this is the 7th wave after the Early Edge Detect wave. The selection of the t_2 wave is made with the T2WV[5:0] bits in the TOF2 register.

With reference to [Figure 5B,](#page-19-1) the ratio t_1/t_2 is calculated and registered for the user. This ratio allows determination of abrupt changes in flow rate, received signal strength, partially filled tube detection, and empty tube. It also provides noise suppression to prevent erroneous edge detection. Also, the ratio t_2/t_{i} _{DFAI} is calculated and registered for the user. For this calculation, t_{IDFAI} is one-half the period of launched pulse. This ratio adds confirmation that the $t₂$ wave is a strong signal, which provides insight into the common mode offset of the received acoustic wave.

Figure 5A. Pulse Echo Measurement Mode

Figure 5B. Early Edge Detect Received Wave Example

TOF Error Handling

Any of the TOF measurements can result in an error. If an error occurs during the measurement, all the associated registers report FFFFh. If a TOF_DIFF is being performed, the TOF DIFFInt and TOF DIF Frac registers report 7FFFh and FFFFh, respectively. The TOF_DIFF_AVG Results registers do not include the error measurement. If the measurement error is caused by the time measurement exceeding the timeout set by the TIMOUT[2:0] bits in the TOF2 register, then the TO bit in the Interrupt Status register is set and the INT device pin is asserted (if enabled).

Step-Up DC-DC Controller

In order to increase the power transferred to the transducers during a launch sequence which is required to counteract the high attenuation factors for ultrasonic waves in gaseous mediums the device contains an integrated DC-DC Step-Up controller designed to operate in discontinuous-conduction mode (DCM boost). The controller provides adjustable-output voltage operation including programmable stabilization times with built in under voltage monitoring. The MAX35104's integrated gate driver utilizes the onboard voltage double in order to drive an external N-channel MOSFET's gate from ground to 2 x V_{DD} . The controller uses an external sense resistor to control the peak inductor current and operates at adjustable switching frequencies.

The integrated boost controller in enabled and disabled automatically by the device. The logic enables the boost before executing a time of flight command and disables the boost once the transmit pulse train is complete, see example timing in the [Figure 3.](#page-16-1) The boost is disabled upon completion of the transmit pulses in order to reduce overall system power consumption as well as to eliminate any controller switching noise that would be introduced during the return signal's timing measurements.

Control and Operation

The switching frequency of the controller is programmable from 100kHz to 200kHz in 4 steps set by the SFREQ[1:0] bits in the Switcher 1 register. In order to set the output voltage the controller uses an outer loop feedback topology along with a peak current mode inner loop control.

The controller's outer loop targets an output voltage from 9V to 30V based on the programmed value set by the VS[3:0] bits in the Switcher 1 register. An internal error amplifier creates a control voltage, which generates a duty-modulated signal to control the operation of the internal gate driver used to switch the external MOSFET.

Additionally, the MOSFET's source needs an external current sense resistor, which feeds back the inductor's current per cycle as a voltage and compares with the error amplifier's output to further adjust the duty-modulated signal, thus forming an inner loop.

The controller has an undervoltage comparator that determines if the target output voltage is at target voltage, considered power good, or undervoltage. If the output voltage is below target, the switcher operates in startup limit mode that is determined by user selectable peak current limit set by the LT_S[3:0] bits in the Switcher 2 register. This is essentially a slew rate control on how fast the boost powers up and can be used to control the current signatures seen by the supply battery. After the output voltage crosses the undervoltage threshold, the switcher runs in normal duty mode. There is an additional optional peak current limit setting for the normal duty mode that is set by the LT_N[3:0] bits in the Switcher 2 register. Once in normal duty mode the device waits a programmable switcher stabilization time before a launch sequence begins. The stabilization time ensure that the controller has reaches a stable and repeatable output voltage each time it is powered. This time is set by the ST[3:0] bits in the Switcher 2 register. See [Figure 6.](#page-20-1)

Compensation Component Values

In order to achieve standard operations the boost controller requires that proper loop compensation be applied to the error-amplifier output (COMP pin). The goal of the compensator design is to achieve the desired closed-loop bandwidth and sufficient phase margin at the crossover

frequency of the open-loop gain-transfer function of the converter. The error amplifier included in the devices is a transconductance amplifier. [Figure 6](#page-20-1) shows the compensation network used to apply the necessary loop compensation for the example inductor and output capacitor values provided, where:

> $RZ = 22k\Omega$ CP = 470pF $CZ = 10nF$

RSENSE

The external sense resistor value determines the peak allowable inductor current. For a given limit trim setting, LT_N[3:0] and LT_S[3:0] in the Switcher 2 register. Adjust the RSENSE value to adjust the peak allowable current. Select RSENSE based on the following criteria:

Resistor Value: Select an RSENSE resistor value in which the largest desired current would result in a 200mV fullscale current sense voltage. Assuming an LT_x setting of 0h, select RSENSE in accordance to the following equation and see [Table 2](#page-21-1) for examples:

RSENSE = 200mV/(Max Current)

Power Dissipation: Select a sense resistor that is rated for the max expected current and power dissipation (wattage). The sense resistor's value might drift if it is allowed to heat up excessively.

Kelvin Sense

For best performance, a Kelvin Sense arrangement is recommended for sense resistor as shown in [Figure 7](#page-21-2). In a Kelvin Sense arrangement, the voltage-sensing nodes across the sense element are placed such that they measure the true voltage drop across the sense element and not any additional excess voltage drop that can occur in the copper PCB traces or the solder mounting of the sense element. Routing the differential sense lines along the same path to the device and keeping the path short also improves the system performance. The analog differential current-sense traces should be routed close together to maximize common-mode rejection.

Power Transistor

Use an n-channel MOSFET power transistor with the MAX35104. To ensure the external n-channel MOSFET (nFET) is turned on hard, use logic-level or low-threshold nFETs such that the MAX35104's internal gate driver's 2 x V_{DD} supply voltage is sufficient for proper switching operation. nFETs provide the highest efficiency because they do not draw any DC gate-drive current. When selecting *Figure 6. Boost Circuits Components*

an nFET, three important parameters are the total gate charge (Qg), on-resistance $(R_{DS(ON)})$, and reverse transfer capacitance (CRSS).

Qg takes into account all capacitances associated with charging the gate. Use the typical Qg value for best results; the maximum value is usually grossly over specified since it is a guaranteed limit and not the measured value. The typical total gate charge should be 50nC or less. With larger numbers, the FETG pins may not be able to adequately drive the gate.

The two most significant losses contributing to the nFET's power dissipation are I2R losses and switching losses. Select a transistor with low $r_{DS(ON)}$ and low CRSS to minimize these losses.

Determine the maximum required gate-drive current from the Qg specification in the nFET data sheet. The MAX35104's maximum allowed switching frequency is 200kHz, so the maximum current required to charge the nFET's gate is f(max) x Qg(typ). Use the typical Qg number from the transistor data sheet. For example, the Si9410DY has a $Qg(typ)$ of 17nC (at $V_{GS} = 5V$), therefore, the current required to charge the gate is:

IGATE (max) = (300kHz) (17nC) = 5.1mA

The bypass capacitor (C1) on the voltage double pin V2X must instantaneously furnish the gate charge without excessive droop (e.g., less than 200mV):

 \triangle V2X = Qg/C1

Continuing with the example, ΔV + = 17nC/0.1 μ F = 170mV. [Figure 6](#page-20-1) uses an IRLM10060TRPBF logic-level nFET with

a guaranteed threshold voltage (VTH) of 2.5V.

Table 2. RSENSE Example Values

Note: The current must be large enough such that the switcher can reach its target output voltage (< 1s).

Figure 7. Kelvin Sense Connection Layout Example

Inductor (L)

Practical inductor values range from 5μH to 150μH. 56μH is a good choice for most applications. Larger inductance values tend to increase the startup time slightly, while smaller inductance values allow the coil current to ramp up to higher levels before the over current switch halts switching, increasing the ripple at light loads. Inductors with a ferrite core or equivalent are recommended; powder iron cores are not recommended for use with high switching frequencies. Make sure the inductor's saturation current rating (the current at which the core begins to saturate and the inductance starts to fall) exceeds the peak current rating set by R_{SENSE}. For highest efficiency, use a coil with low DC resistance, preferably under 20mΩ. To minimize radiated noise, use a toroid, a pot core, or a shielded coil.

Diode

The device high switching frequency demands a highspeed rectifier. Schottky diodes such as the B340A-13-F are recommended. Make sure the Schottky diode's average current rating exceeds the peak current limit set by RSENSE, and that its breakdown voltage exceeds VOUT.

Output Filter Capacitor

The primary criterion for selecting the output filter capacitor is low effective series resistance (ESR). The product of the peak inductor current and the output filter capacitor's ESR determines the amplitude of the ripple seen on the output voltage. Smaller-value and/or higher- ESR capacitors are acceptable for light loads or in applications that can tolerate higher output ripple. Since the output filter capacitor's ESR affects efficiency, use low-ESR capacitors for best performance.

Piezo Driver Regulator

The MAX35104 provides an internal high voltage low dropout linear regulator. The input to this regulator is the boost switcher's output and the output of the regulator supplies the high side bias used for the CMOS push pull

high voltage transducer drivers. The regulator is used to provide a more stable higher bandwidth source from which the transducers can be driven. This helps mitigate any loading mismatches between the two transducers and provides a more repeatable launch signature between upstream and downstream measurements, ultimately reducing overall system error.

The high-voltage linear regulator operates from 5.4V to 27V in programmable 1.7V steps set by the VS[3:0] bits in the Switcher 1 register. There is an option to not use the high voltage regulator in the case where it is not desired and the switcher voltage is deem sufficient to drive the transducers. Disable the regulator with the HREG_EN bit in the Switcher 1 register. When disabled the VPR and VP pins must be externally shorted together.

When the regulator is enabled, its output is cycled off and on automatically by the device at the same time as the boost switcher, see example timing [Figure 3](#page-16-1).

Output Capacitor Selection

For stable operation over the full temperature range, use a low-ESR 1µF (min) 0805 ceramic output capacitor on the VPR pin. Ceramic capacitors exhibit capacitance and ESR variations over temperature. Ensure that the minimum capacitance under worst-case conditions does not drop below 1µF to ensure output stability. With a 1µF X7R dielectric, is sufficient at all operation temperatures.

Transducer Driver

The device has two integrated high voltage full-bridge transducer drivers, one for the upstream and one for the downstream transducer as shown in [Figure 8.](#page-23-1) The drivers direct connect to the transducers without any external components required. The drivers can also be configured to drive the transducer in a single-ended manner. Set the single-ended drive enable bit, SD_EN, in the AFE 1 register. In this configuration, the negative terminal of the drivers are held at ground and the positive terminal is modulated between the high-voltage node and ground.

Figure 8. Piezo Driver Connection

Analog Front-End

The device has a programmable analog front-end used to condition the return signal before the signal is used to determine when the stop-hit timing should occur. This analog front-end consists of two amplifications stages, followed by a band pass filter, which feeds into the final comparator. The return signal is sampled differentially from the transducer. The entire AFE operates differentially all the way to the final comparator. By operating differently, the receive chain is less susceptible to noise injections

applied to the common mode, providing an additional level of system accuracy and robustness.

The first stage is a fixed 20dB gain amplifier. An internal analog switch automatically connects the input of this amplifier to the appropriate receiving transducer. When enabled, the input is pulled to VBIAS ~0.7V through 2kΩ input resistance. The valid input range for the first amplification stage, and, therefore, the targeted return amplitude from the receiving transducer is 1mV to 10mV.

The second amplification stage is a programmable gain amplifier (PGA). The PGA is has a programmable range from 10 dB to 30dB in 1.33dB steps set by the PGA[3:0] bits in the AFE 1 register. [Figure 9](#page-24-1) shows the possible gain settings and input voltage amplitude combinations. The ideal input amplitude for the differential stop comparator is 350mV and therefore this should be the target for the output of the AFE. [Table 3](#page-25-1) shows ideals settings highlighted in green for all return signal amplitudes.

The bandpass filter is a 2-pole bandpass filter with programmable Q and center frequency. The Q of the filter can be adjusted with four programmable options in the range for 4.2 to 12 (Hz/Hz) set by the LOWQ[1:0] bits in the AFE 1 register. The center frequency is programmable from 125kHz to 500kHz in 3kHz steps set by the F0[6:0] bits in the AFE 2 register. The MAX35104 provides an integrated and automated center-frequency calibration

routine that can be used to select and set the appropriate center frequency. To use this feature send the BYPASS_ CALIBRATE command and wait until the complete bit is set. This routine performs the required calibration and automatically sets the F0 Adjust settings, bits F0[6:0] in the AFE 2 register to the correct value.

The bandpass filter can be bypassed as shown in [Figure 9](#page-24-1) by enabling the BP_BP bit in the AFE1 register. If the internal analog front-end is not required it can be completely bypassed by externally shorting the RNX/RXP pins to the CIN/CIP pins as shown in [Figure 9](#page-24-1) and setting the AFE_BYPASS bit in the AFE1 register. This allows for an external AFE to be constructed with external components. The CIN/CIP pins can also be used to output each stage of the AFE by setting the AFEOUT[1:0] bits in the AFE 2 register.

Figure 9. Analog Front-End

Table 3. Example Gain Settings

Temperature Measurement Operations

A temperature measurement is a time measurement of the RC circuit connected to the temperature port device pins T1, T2, and TC. The TC device pin has a driver to charge the timing capacitor.

[Figure 6](#page-20-1) depicts a 10kΩ NTC thermistor with a 10nF NPO COG 30ppm/°C capacitor. It shows two dummy cycles with two temperature port-evaluation measurements and two real temperature port measurements.

The Dummy 1 and Dummy 2 cycles represent preamble measurements that are intended to eliminate the dielectric absorption of the temperature measurement capacitor. These Dummy cycles are executed using a thermistor Emulation resistor of 1000 Ohms internal to the device. This Dummy path allows the dielectric absorption effects of the capacitor to be eliminated without causing the thermistor to be unduly self-heated. The number of Dummy measurements to be taken ranges from 0 to 7. This parameter is configured by setting the PRECYC[2:0] bits in the Event Timing 2 register.

Following the dummy cycles, an evaluation, TXevaluate, is performed. This measurement allows the device to maximize power efficiency by evaluating the temperature of the thermistor with a coarse measurement prior to a real measurement. The coarse measurement provides an approximation to the TDC converter. During the real measurement, the TDC can then optimize its measurement parameters to use power efficiently. These evaluate cycles are automatically inserted. The time from the start of one port's temperature measurement to the next port's temperature measurement is set using with the PORTCYC[1:0] bits in the Event Timing 2 register.

Once all the temperature measurements are completed, the times measured for each port are reported in the corresponding TxInt and TxFrac Results registers. The TE bit in the Interrupt Status register is also set and the INT pin is asserted (if enabled).

Actual temperature is determined by a ratio-metric calculation. If T2 is connected to a thermistor and T1 is connected to the reference resistor (as shown in the System Diagram), then the ratio of $T2/T1 = R_{THERMISTOR}/R_{REF}$. The ratio RTHERMISTOR/RREF. can be determined by the host microprocessor and the temperature can be derived from a lookup table of Temperature vs. Resistance for the thermistor utilizing interpolation of table entries if required.

Temperature Error Handling

The temperature measurement unit can detect open and/ or short circuit temperature probes. If the resultant temperature reading in less than 8µs, then the device writes a value of 0000h to the corresponding Results registers to

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Table 4. Randomizer Sampling

indicate a short circuit temperature probe. If the measurement process does not discharge the TC pin below the threshold of the internal temperature comparator within 2µs of the time set by the PORTCYC[1:0] bits in the Event Timing 2 register, then an open circuit temperature probe error is declared. The MAX35104 writes a value of FFFFh to the corresponding results registers to indicate an open circuit temperature probe, the TO bit in the Interrupt Status register is set, and the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ pin is asserted (if enabled). If the temperature measurement error is caused by any other problems, then the device writes a value of FFFFh to each of the temperature port results registers indicating that all the temperature port measurements are invalid.

Event Timing Operation

The Event Timing mode of operation is an advanced feature that allows the user to configure the device to perform automatic measurement cycles. This allows the host microcontroller to enter low power mode and only awaken upon assertion of the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ pin (if enabled) when new measurement data is available. By using the TOF DIFF and Temperature commands and configuring the appropriate TOFx registers and the Event Timing registers, the Event Timing Modes directs the device to provide complete data for a sequence of measurements captured on a cyclical basis. There are three versions of the EVTMG commands.

- EVTMG2: Performs automatic TOF_DIFF measurements. The parameters and operation of the TOF measurement are described in the Time-of-Flight Measurement section.
- **EVTMG3: Performs automatic Temperature** measurements. The parameters and operation of the Temperature measurements are described in the Temperature Measurement section.
- EVTMG1: Performs automatic TOF_DIFF and Temperature measurements.

Continuous Event Timing Operation

The device can be configured to continue running Event Timing sequences at the completion of any sequence. If the ET_CONT bit in the Calibration and Control register is set, the currently executing EVTMGx command continues to execute until a HALT command is received by the device. If the ET_CONT bit is clear, automatic execution of Event Timing stops after the completion of a full sequence of measurements.

Continuous Interrupt Timing Operation

When operating in Event Timing Mode, the INT pin can be asserted (if enabled) either after each TOF or Temperature measurement, or at the completion of the sequence of measurements. If the CONT_INT bit in the Calibration and Control register is set to a 1, then the INT pin is asserted (if enabled) at the completion of each TOF or Temperature command. This allows the host microcontroller to interrogate the current Event for accuracy of measurement. If the CONT INT bit is set to a 0, then the INT pin is only asserted (if enabled) at the completion of a sequence of measurements. This allows the host microcontroller to remain in a low-power sleep mode and only wake-up upon the assertion of the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ pin.

TOF Sample Randomizer

The device has the ability to randomize the TOF samples when operating in event timing mode, given a sample frequency as selected by the TDF[3:0] bits, the subsequent samples in the sequence occur at a period $\pm(1/F)$ from the previous sample.

This is accomplished using a 9-bit linear feedback shift register (LFSR) to randomize the internals between successive samples. The feedback polynomial implemented for the LFSR is $x^9 + x^5 + 1$.

For example, if TDF[3:0] is set to 0, which is a sample frequency of 0.5s and an event timing mode is initiated, the first sample occurs 0.5s after that start. The subsequent samples occur at a time between 0.082s and 1s after the start of the previous sample, and so on. The times are start-to-start times.

Figure 10. Temperature Command Execution Cycle Example

Error Handling During Event Timing Operation

During execution of Event Timing modes, any error that occurs during a TOF_DIFF or Temperature measurement are handled as described in the corresponding error handling sections. Calibration can also be executed during Event Timing operation, if programmed to do so with the Calibration Configuration bits in the Calibration and Control register. If a Calibration error occurs, this is handled as described in the *[Error Handling during Calibration](#page-31-1)* section. If any of these errors occur, the Event Timing operation does not terminate, but continues operation.

When making TOF measurements in Event Timing Mode, the device provides additional data in the TOF_Cycle_ Count/TOF_Range register that can be used to check the validity of all the TOF measurements. The TOF_ Cycle Count is the number of valid error-free TOF measurements that were recorded during an Event Timing Sequence. If a TOF error occurs, the TOF_Cycle_Count register is not incremented. The TOF_Range is the range of all valid TOF measurements that were captured during a sequence.

When making temperature measurements in Event Timing Mode, the device provides additional data in the Temp_Cycle_Count register. This count increments after every valid error-free temperature measurement and can be used to check the validity of all the temperature

measurements. In addition, the Temperature Average Results registers, TxAVG, are not updated with the error measurement if a temperature error occurs during Event Timing Operation.

Event Timing Mode 2

The EVTMG2 command execution causes the TOF_DIFF command to be executed automatically with programmable repetition rates and programmable total counts as shown in [Figure 11](#page-28-1).

During execution of the EVTMG2 command, each TOF_ DIFF command execution cycle causes the device to compute a TOF_DIFF measurement (AVGUP register minus AVGDN register) as well as the running average of TOF DIFF measurements (TOFF DIFF AVG register). The setting of the TDF[3:0] bits in the Event Timing 1 register selects the rate at which TOF_DIFF commands are executed. The setting of the TDM[4:0] bits in the Event Timing 1 register determines the number of TOF_DIFF measurements to be taken during the sequence.

Once all the TOF DIFF measurements in the sequence are captured, the TOF_DIFF_AVG register contains the average of the differences of the resultant AVGDN and AVGUP Results register content of each TOF_DIFF measurement. After the TOF DIFF AVG registers are updated, the TOF_EVTMG bit is set in the Interrupt Status register and the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ pin is asserted (if enabled).

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Figure 11. EVTMG2 Command Figure 12. EVTMG2 Pseudo Code

Event Timing Mode 3

The EVTMG3 command execution causes the Temperature command to be executed automatically with programmable repetition rates and programmable total counts as shown in [Figure 13.](#page-30-1)

During execution of the EVTMG3 command, each Temperature command execution cycle computes the running average of the measurement of each temperature port. The results are provided in the Tx_AVGInt and TxAVGFrac Results registers.

The setting of the TMF[5:0] bits in the Event Timing 1 register selects the rate at which Temperature commands are executed. The setting of the TMM[4:0] bits in the Event Timing 2 register determines the number of temperature measurements to be taken during the sequence.

Once all the Temperature measurements in the sequence are captured, the Tx_AVGInt and TxAVGFrac Results registers contain the average of all the temperature measurements in the sequence. After these registers are updated, the Temp_EVTMG bit is set in the Interrupt Status register and the INT pin is asserted (if enabled).

Event Timing Mode 1

The EVTMG1 command execution causes the TOF_DIFF command and the Temperature Command to be executed automatically with programmable repetition rates and programmable total counts. In essence, both the EVTMG2 and EVTMG3 commands are simultaneously executed in a synchronous manner.

Setting up the TOF measurements for automatic execution in Event Timing Mode 1 is identical to setting these up for execution with Event Timing Mode 2. Likewise, setting up the Temperature Measurements is identical to setting these up for execution using Event Timing Mode 3.

If the TOF DIF command repetition rate and the Temperature command repetition rate cause both measurements to be required at the same time, the TOFF_DIF command takes precedent. Upon completion of the TOFF_DIFF command, the pending Temperature command is executed, as shown in [Figure 15.](#page-31-2)

Once all the TOF DIFF measurements in the sequence are complete, the TOF EVTMG bit in the Interrupt Status register is set and the INT pin asserts (if enabled). Likewise, when all the Temperature measurements in the sequence are completed, the Temp_EVTMG bit in the Interrupt Status register is set and the INT pin is asserted (if enabled). It should be noted that depending upon the selected rates and number of cycles, the TOF_DIFF and Temperature measurements can complete their sequences at different times. This causes the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ pin to be asserted (if enabled) before both sequences are complete.

Calibration Operation

For more accurate results, calibration of the TDC can be performed. Calibration allows the device to perform a calibration measurement that is based upon the 32.768kHz crystal, which is the most accurate clock in the system. This calibration is used when a ceramic oscillator is used in place of an AT-cut crystal for the 4MHz reference. The device automatically generates start and stop signals based upon edges of the 32.768kHz clock. The number of 32.768kHz clock periods that are used and then averaged are selected with the CAL_PERIOD[3:0] bits in the Calibration and Control register. The TDC measures the number of 4MHz clock pulses that occur during the 32.768kHz pulses. The measured time of a 32.768kHz clock pulse is reported in the CalibrationInt and CalibrationFrac Results registers. These results can then be used as a gain factor for calculating actual Timeto-Digital converter measurement if the CAL_USE bit in the Event Timing 2 register is set.

Following is a description of an example calibration. Each TDC measurement is a 15-bit fixed-point integer value concatenated with a 16-bit fractional value binary representation of the number of t_4MHz periods that contribute to the time result, the actual period of t_4MHz needs to be known. If the CAL_PERIOD[3:0] bits in the Calibration and Control register are set to 6, then six measurements of 32.768kHz periods are measured by the TDC and then averaged. The expected measured value would be 30.5176µs/250ns = 122.0703125 t_4MHz periods. Let us assume that the 4MHz ceramic resonator is actually running at 4.02MHz. The TDC measurement unit would then measure 30.5176µs/248.7562ns = 122.6806641 t 4MHz periods and this result would be returned in the Calibration Results register. For all TDC measurements, a gain value of 122.0703125/122.6806641 = 0.995024876 would then be applied.

Calibration is performed at the following events:

- When the Calibration command is sent to the MAX35104. At the completion of this calibration, the CAL bit in the Interrupt Status register and the INT pin is asserted (if enabled).
- During Event Timing Operation, automatic calibrations can be performed before executing TOF or Temperature measurements. This is selectable with the CAL_CFG[2:0] bits in the Event Timing 2 register. Upon completion of an automatic calibration during Event Timing, the result is updated in the Calibration Results register, but the CAL bit in the Interrupt Status register is not set and the INT pin is not asserted.

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Figure 13. EVTMG3 Command Figure 14. EVTMG3 Pseudo Code

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Figure 15. EVTMG1 Pseudo Code

Error Handling during Calibration

Since calibration can be set to be automatic by configuring the CAL CFG[2:0] bits in the Event Timing 2 register, any errors that occur during the Calibrate command stop the CalibrationInt and the CalibrationFrac Results registers from being updated with new calibration coefficients. The results for the previous Calibration data remain in these two registers and be used for scaling measured results. If the calibration error is caused by the internal calibration time measurement exceeding the time set by the TIMOUT[2:0] bits in the TOF2 register, the TO bit in the Interrupt Status register is set and the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ pin is asserted (if enabled).

RTC, Alarm, Watchdog, and Tamper Operation

RTC Operation

The device contains a real-time clock (RTC) that is driven by the 32kHz oscillator. The time and calendar information is obtained by reading the appropriate register words. The time and calendar are set or initialized by writing the appropriate register words. The contents of the time and calendar registers are in the binary-coded decimal (BCD) format. The clock/calendar provides hundredths of seconds, tenths of seconds, seconds, minutes, hours, day, date, month, and year information. The date at the end of the month is automatically adjusted for months with fewer than 31 days, including corrections for leap year valid up to 2100. The clock operates in either the 24-hour or the 12-hour format with AM/PM indicator. The device's RTC can be programmed for either 12-hour or 24-hour formats. If using the 24-hour format, Bit6 (12 HR MODE) of the Mins_Hrs register should be cleared to 0 and then Bit5 represents the 20-hour indicator. If using the 12-hour format, Bit6 should be set to 1 and Bit5 represents AM (if 0) or PM (if 1). The day-of-week register increments at midnight. Values that correspond to the day of week are user defined but must be sequential (i.e., if 0 equals Sunday, then 1 equals Monday, and so on). Illogical time and date entries result in undefined operation.

Alarm Operation

The device's RTC provides one programmable alarm. The alarm is activated when either the AM1 or AM2 bits in the Real-Time Clock register are set. Based upon these bits, an alarm can occur when either the minutes and/or hours programmed in the Alarm register match the current value in the Mins Hrs register. When an Alarm occurs, the AF bit in the Interrupt Status register is set and the INT device pin is asserted (if enabled).

Figure 16. EVTMG1 Command

For proper alarm function, programming of the ALARM register HOURS bits must match the format (12- or 24-hour modes) used in the Mins_Hrs register.

Watchdog Operation

The device also contains a watchdog alarm. The Watchdog Alarm Counter register is a 16-bit BCD counter that is programmable in 10ms intervals from 0.01 to 99.99 seconds. A seed value can be written to this register representing the start value for the countdown. The watchdog counter begins decrementing when the WD_EN bit in the RTC register is set.

An immediate read of Watchdog Alarm Counter returns the value just written. A read after a "wait" duration causes a value "seed" minus "wait" to be returned. For example if the seed value was 28.01 seconds, an immediate read returns 28.01. A read after a 4 seconds returns 24.01 seconds. The value read out for any read operation is a snapshot obtained at the instant of a serial read operation.

A write operation to the Watchdog Alarm Counter causes a re-load with the newly written seed. When the Watchdog is enabled and a non-zero value is written into the Watchdog Alarm Counter, the Watchdog Alarm Counter decrements every 1/100 second, until it reaches zero. At this point, the WF bit in the Real Time Clock register is set and the WDO pin is asserted low for a minimum of 150ms. At the end of the pulse, the \overline{WDO} pin becomes high impedance.

The WF flag remains set until cleared by writing WF to a logic 0 in the Real-Time Clock register. If the WF bit is cleared while the \overline{WDO} device pin is being held low, the WDO device pin is immediately released to its high-impedance state. Writing a seed value of 0 does not cause the WF bit to be asserted.

Tamper Detect Operation

The device provides a single input that can be connected to a device case switch and used for tamper detection. Upon detection of a case switch event the CSWA in the Control Register and the CSWI bit in the Interrupt Status register is set and the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ device pin is asserted (if enabled).

Device Interrupt Operations

The device is designed to optimize the power efficiency of a flow metering application by allowing the host microprocessor to remain in a low power sleep mode, instead of requiring the microprocessor to keep track of complex

real-time events being performed by the MAX35104. Upon completion of any command, the device alerts the host microprocessor using the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ pin. The assertion of the INT pin can be used to awaken the host microprocessor from its low-power mode. Upon receiving an interrupt on the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ pin, the host microprocessor should read the Interrupt Status register to determine which tasks were completed.

Interrupt Status Register

The interrupt status register contains flags for all for all commands and events that occur within the MAX35104. These flags are set when the event occurs or at the completion of the executing command. When the Interrupt Status Register is read, all asserted bits are cleared. If another interrupt source has generated an interrupt during the read, these new flags are asserted following the read.

INT Pin

The device's $\overline{\text{INT}}$ pin is asserted when any of the bits in the Interrupt Status register are set. The $\overline{\text{INT}}$ pin remains asserted until the Interrupt Status register is read by the user and all bits in this register are clear. For the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ pin to operate, it must first be enabled by setting the INT_EN bit in the Calibration and Control register.

Serial Peripheral Interface Operation

Four pins are used for SPI-compatible communications: DOUT (serial-data out), DIN (serial-data in), CE (chip enable), and SCK (serial clock). DIN and DOUT are the serial data input and output pins for the devices, respectively. The \overline{CE} input initiates and terminates a data transfer. SCK synchronizes data movement between the master (microcontroller) and the slave (MAX35104). The SCK, which is generated by the microcontroller, is active only when \overline{CE} is low and during opcode and data transfer to any device on the SPI bus. The inactive clock polarity is logic-low. DIN is latched on the falling edge of SCK. There is one clock for each bit transferred. Opcode bits are transferred in groups of eight, MSB first. Data bits are transferred in groups of 16, MSB first.

The SPI is used to access the features and memory of the MAX35104 using an opcode/command structure.

Opcode Commands

The MAX35104 supports the opcode/commands shown in [Table 5.](#page-34-1)

Table 5. Opcode Commands

Execution Opcode Commands

The device supports several single byte opcode commands, which cause the MAX35104 to execute various routines. All commands have the same SPI protocol sequence as shown in [Figure 17](#page-34-2). Once all 8 bits of the opcode are received by the MAX35104 and the $\overline{\text{CE}}$ device pin is deasserted, the device begins execution of the specified command as described in that Command's description.

TOF_UP Command (00h)

The TOF UP command generates a single TOF measurement in the upstream direction. Pulses are launched from the TX_UPP and TX_UPN pins and received by the TX DNP and TX DNN pins. The measured hit results are reported in the HITxUPInt and HITxUPFrac registers, with the calculated average of all the measured hits being reported in the AVGUPInt and AVGUPFrac register. The t_1/t_2 and t_2/t_1 _{DEAL} wave ratios are reported in the WVRUP register. Once all these results are stored, then the TOF bit in the Interrupt Status register is set and the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ pin is asserted (if enabled).

Figure 17. Execution Opcode Command Protocol

Note: The TOF UP command yields absolute time of flight results that include circuit delays.

TOF_Down Command (01h)

The TOF DOWN command generates a single TOF measurement in the downstream direction. Pulses are launched from the TX_DNP and TX_DNN pins and received by TX_UPP and TX_UPN pins. The measured hit results are reported in the HITxDnInt and HITxDnFrac registers, with the calculated average of all the measured hits being reported in the AVGDNInt and AVGDNFrac register. The t_1/t_2 and t_2/t_{IDEAL} wave ratios are reported in the WVRDN register. Once all these results are stored, the TOF bit in the Interrupt Status register is set and the INT pin is asserted (if enabled).

Note: The TOF_Down command yields absolute time of flight results that include circuit delays.

TOF_DIFF Command (02h)

The TOF DIFF command performs back-to-back TOF UP and TOF_DN measurements as required for a metering application. The TOF_UP sequence is followed by the TOF DN sequence. The time between the start of the TOF UP measurement and the start of the TOF DN measurement is set by the TOF_CYC[2:0] bits in the TOF2 register. Upon completion of the TOF_DN measurement, the results of AVGUP minus AVGDN is computed and stored at the TOF_DIFFInt and TOF_DIFFFrac Results register locations. Once these results are stored, then the

TOF bit in the Interrupt Status register is set and the INT pin is asserted (if enabled).

Temperature Command (03h)

The Temperature command initiates a temperature measurement sequence as described in the *[Temperature](#page-25-2) [Measurement Operations](#page-25-2)* section. The characteristics the temperature measurement sequence depends upon the settings in the Event Timing 1 Register, and Event Timing 2 register. Once all the measurements are completed, the times measured for each port are reported in the corresponding TxInt and TxFrac Results Registers. The TE bit in the Interrupt Status register is also set and the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ pin is asserted (if enabled).

Reset Command (04h)

The Reset command essentially performs the same function as a POR and causes all the Configuration registers to be set to their POR values and all the Results registers and the Interrupt Status register to be cleared and set to zero.

Initialize Command (05h)

The Initialize command recalls POR values for registers 14h–17h.

Bandpass Calibrate Command (06h)

The Bandpass Calibrate command is used to automatically program the bandpass filter's center frequent. This command should be run before any TOF commands are executed (if the bandpass is enabled). To execute this command, first select the desired launch frequency by setting the DPL[3:0] bits in the TOF1 register. Upon execution of this command, the device uses internally generated signals at the set launch frequency to stimulate the bandpass filter and selects the correct center frequency values for the F0 Adjust bits, F0[6:0] in the AFE 2 register.

EVTMG1 Command (07h)

After issuing the Bandpass Calibrate command, an additional 5mA ICC current is active until the \overline{CE} pin is toggled. Note: The Bandpass Calibrate command is not available for 1MHz pulse lauch divider setting, DPL[3:0] = 1.

The EVTMG1 command initiates the event timing mode 1 advanced automatic measurement feature. This timing mode performs automatic TOF_DIFF and Temperature measurements as described in the Event Timing Operations section. The duration of the automatic measurements depends upon the settings in the Event Timing 1 Register, Event timing 2 register, CONT_INT and ET_ CONT bits in the Calibration and Control register.

EVTMG2 Command (08h)

The EVTMG2 command initiates the event timing mode 2 advanced automatic measurement feature. This timing mode performs automatic TOF_DIFF measurements as described in the Event Timing Operations section. The duration of the automatic measurements depends upon the settings in the Event Timing 1 register, CONT_INT and ET_CONT bits in the Calibration and Control register.

EVTMG3 Command (09h)

The EVTMG3 command initiates the event timing mode 3 advanced automatic measurement feature. This timing mode performs automatic Temperature measurements as described in the Event Timing Operations section. The duration of the automatic measurements depends upon the settings in the Event Timing 1 register, Event timing 2 register, CONT_INT and ET_CONT bits in the Calibration and Control register.

HALT Command (0Ah)

The HALT command is sent to the device to stop any of the three EVTMG1/2/3 commands. All register data content is frozen and the SPI is then made available for access by the host microcontroller for commands, memory access, and register access. The HALT command takes time to execute. Because the EVTMGx commands are composed of multiple TOF DIFF and Temperature commands, the HALT command causes the device to evaluate its own state and complete the currently executing TOF DIFF or Temperature command. Once the HALT command has completed, all registers are updated and the device sets the Halt bit in the Interrupt Status register and then asserts the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ device pin (if enabled). The host microprocessor reads the Interrupt Status register to determine the interrupt source.

Calibrate Command (0Eh)

The Calibrate command performs the calibration routine as described in the *[Calibration Operation](#page-29-1)* section. When the Calibrate command has completed the measurement, the Calibration Results register contains the measured 32kHz period measurement value, the device sets the Cal bit in the Interrupt Status register and then asserts the INT device pin (if enabled). The host microprocessor reads the Interrupt Status register to determine the interrupt source and then reads the Calibration Results register to calculate the 4MHz ceramic oscillator gain factor.

Register Opcode Commands

To manipulate the register memory, there are two commands supported by the device: Read register and Write
register. Each register accessed with these commands is 16 bits in length. These commands are used to access all sections of the memory map including the RTC and Watchdog registers, Configuration registers, Conversion Results registers, and Status registers. The Conversion Results registers and the Interrupt Status register of the Status registers are all read only.

Read Register Command

The opcode must be clocked into the DIN device pin before the DOUT device pin produces the register data. [Figure 18](#page-36-0) shows the SPI protocol sequence.

The Read Register command can also be used to read consecutive addresses. In this case, the data bits are continuously delivered in sequence starting with the MSB of the data register that is addressed in the opcode, and continues with each SCK rising edge until the CE device pin is deasserted as shown in [Figure 19.](#page-37-0) The address counter is automatically incremented.

Write Register Command

This command applies to all writable registers. See the *Register Memory Map* for more detail. [Figure 20](#page-37-1) shows the SPI protocol sequence.

The Write Register command can also be used to write consecutive addresses. In this case, the data bits are continuously received on the DIN device pin and bound for the initial starting address register that is addressed in the opcode. The address counter is automatically incremented after each 16 bits of data and wraps around to the beginning of the Configuration/Results register memory map if the SCK device pin is continually clocked and the CE device pin remains asserted as shown in [Figure 21.](#page-38-0)

Figure 18. Read Register Opcode Command Protocol

Figure 19. Continuous Read Register Opcode Command Protocol

Figure 20. Write Register Opcode Command Protocol

Figure 21. Continuous Write Register Opcode Command Protocol

Register Memory Map

[Table 6](#page-42-0) shows the registers that are accessed by the Read register command and the Write register command. "X" represents a reserved bit. Following a reset, all configuration variables are set to their POR default value. The RTC, Results, Interrupt Status, and Control registers are all 0000h following a reset.

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Table 6. Register Memory Map (continued) **Table 6. Register Memory Map (continued)**

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RTC and Watchdog Register Descriptions

Table 7. RTC Seconds Register

Table 8. RTC Mins_Hrs Register

Table 9. RTC Day_Date Register

Table 10. RTC Month_Year Register

Table 11. Watchdog Alarm Counter Register

Table 12. Alarm Register

Configuration Register Descriptions

Table 13. Switcher 1 Register

Table 13. Switcher 1 Register (continued)

Table 14. Switcher 2 Register

Table 14. Switcher 2 Register (continued)

Table 15. AFE 1 Register

Table 16. AFE 2 Register

Table 16. AFE 2 Register (continued)

Table 17. TOF1 Register

Table 17. TOF1 Register (continued)

Table 18. TOF2 Register

Table 18. TOF2 Register (continued)

Table 19. TOF3 Register

Table 20. TOF4 Register

Table 21. TOF5 Register

Table 22. TOF6 Register

Table 22. TOF6 Register (continued)

Table 23. TOF7 Register

Table 23. TOF7 Register (continued)

Table 24. Event Timing 1 Register

Table 25. Event Timing 2 Register

Table 25. Event Timing 2 Register (continued)

Table 26. TOF Measurement Delay Register

Table 27. Calibration and Control Register

Table 27. Calibration and Control Register (continued)

Table 28. Real-Time Clock Register

Table 29. Interrupt Status Register

Table 30. Control Register

Conversion Results Register Descriptions

The devices conversion results registers are all read only volatile SRAM. The POR default value for all registers is 0000h.

Table 31. Conversion Results Registers Description

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+Denotes a lead(Pb)-free/RoHS-compliant package.

T = Tape and reel.

**EP = Exposed pad.*

Chip Information

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