



# Intel<sup>®</sup> Atom<sup>™</sup> Processor Z5xx Series

## Specification Update

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*Intel<sup>®</sup> Atom<sup>™</sup> processor Z550, Z540, Z530, Z520, Z515, Z510,  
and Z500 on 45-nm process technology*

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## Revision History

Revision	Description	Date
013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Updated Erratum AAE49.</li></ul>	May 2013
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008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Added Intel Atom processor Z550 <sup>Δ</sup> and Z515<sup>Δ</sup></li><li>Added Errata AAE46</li><li>Updated Table 2</li></ul>	April 2009
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## Preface

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This document is an update to the specifications contained in the documents listed in the following Affected Documents/Related Documents table. It is a compilation of device and document errata and specification clarifications and changes, and is intended for hardware system manufacturers and for software developers of applications, operating system, and tools.

Information types defined in the Nomenclature section of this document are consolidated into this update document and are no longer published in other documents. This document may also contain information that has not been previously published.

### Affected Documents

Document Title	Document Number/Location
<i>Intel® Atom™ Processor Z5xx Series Datasheet</i>	<a href="#">319535</a>

### Related Documents

Document Title	Document Number/Location
<i>Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer's Manual Documentation Changes</i>	<a href="#">252046</a>
<i>Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer's Manual, Volume 1: Basic Architecture</i>	<a href="#">253665</a>
<i>Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer's Manual, Volume 2A: Instruction Set Reference, A-M</i>	<a href="#">253666</a>
<i>Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer's Manual, Volume 2B: Instruction Set Reference, N-Z</i>	<a href="#">253667</a>
<i>Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer's Manual, Volume 3A: System Programming Guide</i>	<a href="#">253668</a>
<i>Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer's Manual, Volume 3B: System Programming Guide</i>	<a href="#">253669</a>
<i>IA-32 Intel® Architectures Optimization Reference Manual</i>	<a href="#">248966</a>
<i>Intel® Processor Identification and the CPUID Instruction Application Note (AP-485)</i>	<a href="#">241618</a>

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**Errata** are design defects or errors. These may cause the Intel® Atom™ processor Z5xx series on 45-nm process behavior to deviate from published specifications.



Hardware and software designed to be used with any given stepping must assume that all errata documented for that stepping are present on all devices.

**S-Spec Number** is a five-digit code used to identify products. Products are differentiated by their unique characteristics, for example, core speed, L2 cache size, package type, etc. as described in the processor identification information table. Read all notes associated with each S-Spec number.

**QDF Number** is a four digit code used to distinguish between engineering samples. These samples are used for qualification and early design validation. The functionality of these parts can range from mechanical only to fully functional. This document has a processor identification information table that lists these QDF numbers and the corresponding product details.

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# Summary Tables of Changes

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The following table indicates the Specification Changes, Errata, Specification Clarifications or Documentation Changes, which apply to the listed steppings. Intel intends to fix some of the errata in a future stepping of the component, and to account for the other outstanding issues through documentation or Specification Changes as noted. This table uses the following notations:

## Codes Used in Summary Table

### Stepping

- X: Erratum, Specification Change or Clarification that applies to this stepping.
- (No mark) or (Blank Box): This erratum is fixed in listed stepping or specification change does not apply to list stepping.

### Status

- Doc: Document change or update that will be implemented.
- Plan Fix: This erratum may be fixed in a future stepping of the product.
- Fixed: This erratum has been previously fixed.
- No Fix: There are no plans to fix this erratum.

### Row

- Shaded: This item is either new or modified from the previous version of the document.



**Note:** Each Specification Update item is prefixed with a capital letter to distinguish the product. The key below details the letters that are used in Intel's microprocessor Specification Updates:

- A = Dual-Core Intel® Xeon® processor 7000 sequence
- C = Intel® Celeron® processor
- D = Dual-Core Intel® Xeon® processor 2.80 GHz
- E = Intel® Pentium® III processor
- F = Intel® Pentium® processor Extreme Edition and Intel® Pentium® D processor
- I = Dual-Core Intel® Xeon® processor 5000 series
- J = 64-bit Intel® Xeon® processor MP with 1-MB L2 Cache
- K = Mobile Intel® Pentium® III processor
- L = Intel® Celeron® D processor
- M = Mobile Intel® Celeron® processor
- N = Intel® Pentium® 4 processor
- O = Intel® Xeon® processor MP
- P = Intel® Xeon® processor
- Q = Mobile Intel® Pentium® 4 processor supporting Hyper-Threading Technology on 90-nm process technology
- R = Intel® Pentium® 4 processor on 90 nm process
- S = 64-bit Intel® Xeon® processor with 800 MHz system bus (1 MB and 2 MB L2 cache versions)
- T = Mobile Intel® Pentium® 4 processor-M
- U = 64-bit Intel® Xeon® processor MP with up to 8MB L3 Cache
- V = Mobile Intel® Celeron® processor on .13 Micron Process in Micro-FCPGA Package
- W = Intel® Celeron®-M processor
- X = Intel® Pentium® M processor on 90-nm process with 2-MB L2 cache and Intel® Processors A100 and A110 with 512-KB L2 cache
- Y = Intel® Pentium® M processor
- Z = Mobile Intel® Pentium® 4 processor with 533 MHz system bus
- AA = Intel® Pentium® D Processor 900 Sequence and Intel® Pentium® processor Extreme Edition 955, 965
- AB = Intel® Pentium® 4 processor 6x1 Sequence
- AC = Intel® Celeron® processor in 478 pin package
- AD = Intel® Celeron® D processor on 65 nm process
- AE = Intel® Core™ Duo processor and Intel® Core™ Solo processor on 65nm process
- AF = Dual-Core™ Intel® Xeon® processor LV
- AG = Dual-Core Intel® Xeon® processor 5100 Series
- AH = Intel® Core™2 Duo mobile processor
- AI = Intel® Core™2 Extreme processor X6800<sup>Δ</sup> and Intel® Core™2 Duo Desktop processor E6000 and E4000 Sequence
- AJ = Quad-Core Intel® Xeon® processor 5300 Series
- AK = Intel® Core™2 Extreme quad-core processor QX6700 and Intel® Core™2 Quad processor Q6600
- AL = Dual-Core Intel® Xeon® processor 7100 Series



## Summary Tables of Changes



- AN = Intel® Pentium® Dual-Core processor
- AO = Quad-Core Intel® Xeon® processor 3200 Series
- AP = Dual-Core Intel® Xeon® processor 3000 Series
- AQ = Intel® Pentium® Dual-Core Desktop Processor E2000 Sequence
- AR = Intel® Celeron® Processor 500 Series
- AR = Intel® Celeron processor 500 series
- AS = Intel® Xeon® processor 7200, 7300 series
- AV = Intel® Core™2 Extreme processor QX9000 sequence and Intel® Core™2 Quad processor Q9000 sequence processor
- AW = Intel® Core™ 2 Duo
- AX =Quad-Core Intel® Xeon® processor 5400 series
- AY =Dual-Core Intel® Xeon® processor 5200 series
- AZ =Intel® Core™2 Duo processor and Intel® Core™2 Extreme processor on 45nm process
- AAE = Intel® Atom™ processor Z5xx series
- AAF = Intel® Atom™ processor 200 series
- AAG = Intel® Atom™ processor N series
- AAH = Intel® Atom™ Processor 300 series

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Number	Stepping	PLAN	ERRATA
	C0		
AAE1	X	No Fix	A Write to an APIC Register Sometimes May Appear to Have Not Occurred
AAE2	X	No Fix	An xTPR Update Transaction Cycle, if Enabled, May be Issued to the FSB after the Processor has Issued a Stop-Grant Special Cycle
AAE3	X	No Fix	The Processor May Report a #TS Instead of a #GP Fault
AAE4	X	No Fix	Writing the Local Vector Table (LVT) when an Interrupt is Pending May Cause an Unexpected Interrupt
AAE5	X	No Fix	MOV To/From Debug Registers Causes Debug Exception
AAE6	X	No Fix	Using 2M/4M Pages When A20M# Is Asserted May Result in Incorrect Address Translations
AAE7	X	No Fix	Values for LBR/BTS/BTM will be Incorrect after an Exit from SMM
AAE8	X	No Fix	Incorrect Address Computed For Last Byte of FXSAVE/FXRSTOR Image Leads to Partial Memory Update
AAE9	X	No Fix	A Thermal Interrupt is Not Generated when the Current Temperature is Invalid
AAE10	X	No Fix	Programming the Digital Thermal Sensor (DTS) Threshold May Cause Unexpected Thermal Interrupts
AAE11	X	No Fix	Returning to Real Mode from SMM with EFLAGS.VM Set May Result in Unpredictable System Behavior
AAE12	X	No Fix	Fault on ENTER Instruction May Result in Unexpected Values on Stack Frame
AAE13	X	No Fix	With TF (Trap Flag) Asserted, FP Instruction That Triggers an Unmasked FP Exception May Take Single Step Trap before Retirement of Instruction
AAE14	X	No Fix	An Enabled Debug Breakpoint or Single Step Trap May Be Taken after MOV SS/POP SS Instruction if it is Followed by an Instruction That Signals a Floating Point Exception
AAE15	X	No Fix	Code Segment Limit/Canonical Faults on RSM May be Serviced before Higher Priority Interrupts/Exceptions and May Push the Wrong Address Onto the Stack
AAE16	X	No Fix	BTS(Branch Trace Store) and PEBS(Precise Event Based Sampling) May Update Memory outside the BTS/PEBS Buffer
AAE17	X	No Fix	Single Step Interrupts with Floating Point Exception Pending May Be Mishandled
AAE18	X	No Fix	Unsynchronized Cross-Modifying Code Operations Can Cause Unexpected Instruction Execution Results
AAE19	X	No Fix	IO_SMI Indication in SMRAM State Save Area May be Set Incorrectly
AAE20	X	No Fix	Writes to IA32_DEBUGCTL MSR May Fail when FREEZE_LBRS_ON_PMI is Set
AAE21	X	No Fix	Address Reported by Machine-Check Architecture (MCA) on L2 Cache Errors May be Incorrect
AAE22	X	No Fix	Pending x87 FPU Exceptions (#MF) Following STI May Be Serviced Before Higher Priority Interrupts
AAE23	X	No Fix	Benign Exception after a Double Fault May Not Cause a Triple Fault Shutdown



Number	Stepping	PLAN	ERRATA
	CO		
AAE24	X	No Fix	IA32_MC1_STATUS MSR Bit[60] Does Not Reflect Machine Check Error Reporting Enable Correctly
AAE25	X	No Fix	If Two Logical Processors Use the Same CR3 Value But Configure APIC Virtualization Differently, Either May Operate as if APIC Virtualization Were Disabled
AAE26	X	No Fix	Split Locked Stores or Locked Stores Through Certain Segments May not Trigger the Monitoring Hardware
AAE27	X	No Fix	When BIST is Enabled, Warm Reset Incorrectly Clears IA32_FEATURE_CONTROL MSR and the Last Exception Record MSRs
AAE28	X	No Fix	A VM Exit Due to a Fault While Delivering a Software Interrupt May Save Incorrect Data into the VMCS
AAE29	X	No Fix	CPUID Instruction Returns Incorrect Brand String
AAE30	X	No Fix	A Logical Processor May Incorrectly Clear Thermal Status Log Indicator During Intel Deep Power Down Technology State Transition
AAE31	X	No Fix	The Instruction Cache Does Not Respond to Snoops When All Logical Processors on a Core Are in an Inactive State
AAE32	X	No Fix	LINT0 Assertion and Deassertion During an Inactive State May Cause Unexpected Operation When APIC is Disabled
AAE33	X	No Fix	Speculative Load From Address 1D9H May Occur During a Failed VMCALL in VMX Root Operation
AAE34	X	No Fix	Processor May Not Wake Up from an Inactive State When an Enhanced Intel SpeedStep® Technology Transition is Pending
AAE35	X	No Fix	Thermal Interrupts are Dropped During and While Exiting Intel® Deep Power-Down State
AAE36	X	No Fix	Incorrect Memory Types May be Used While Executing Instructions That Accesses VMCS Structures or Load PDPTRs
AAE37	X	No Fix	TSC May be a Lower Value After Being in the Deeper Sleep State
AAE38	X	No Fix	Corruption of CS Segment Register During RSM While Transitioning From Real Mode to Protected Mode
AAE39	X	No Fix	Performance Monitoring Counter with AnyThread Bit set May Not Count on a Non-Active Thread
AAE40	X	No Fix	GP and Fixed Performance Monitoring Counters With AnyThread Bit Set May Not Accurately Count Only OS or Only USR Events
AAE41	X	No Fix	CPUID Instruction Returns Incorrect Value For Leaf 0xA
AAE42	X	No Fix	PMI Request is not Generated on a Counter Overflow if its OVF Bit is Already set in IA32_PERF_GLOBAL_STATUS
AAE43	X	No Fix	CPUID Indicates Wrong L2 Associativity in Leaf 80000006H
AAE44	X	No Fix	Code Fetch May Occur to Incorrect Address After a Large Page is Split into 4-KByte Pages
AAE45	X	No Fix	Processor May Contain Incorrect Data and Hang Upon a Snoop when Combined with Specific Other Internal Conditions



Number	Stepping	PLAN	ERRATA
	CO		
AAE46	X	No Fix	Processor May Use an Incorrect Translation if the TLBs Contain Two Different Translations for a Linear Address
AAE47	X	No Fix	LBR Stack May Not be Frozen on a PMI Request When FREEZE_LBRS_ON_PMI is Set
AAE48	X	No Fix	Synchronous Reset of IA32_MPERF on IA32_APERF Overflow May Not Work
AAE49	X	No Fix	Complex Conditions Associated With Instruction Page Remapping or Self/Cross-Modifying Code Execution May Lead to Unpredictable System Behavior
AAE50	X	No Fix	REP MOVS/STOS Executing With Fast Strings Enabled And Crossing Page Boundaries With Inconsistent Memory Types May Use an Incorrect Data Size or Lead to Memory-Ordering Violations
AAE51	X	No Fix	Paging Structure Entry May be Used Before Accessed And Dirty Flags Are Updated

Number	SPECIFICATION CHANGES
1	Implementation of System Management Range Registers
2	Defeature of C6 Split V <sub>TT</sub>

Number	SPECIFICATION CLARIFICATIONS
1	Clarification of TRANSLATION LOOKASIDE BUFFERS (TLBS) Invalidation

Number	DOCUMENTATION CHANGES
1	Updated Processor Absolute Maximum Ratings Table
2	Removal of Note #12 of Tables 7 – 9



# Identification Information

The Intel® Atom™ processor Z5xx series on 45 nm process stepping can be identified by the following register contents:

**Table 1. Component Identification via Programming Interface**

Reserved	Extended Family <sup>1</sup>	Extended Model <sup>2</sup>	Reserved	Processor Type <sup>3</sup>	Family Code <sup>4</sup>	Model Number <sup>5</sup>	Stepping ID <sup>6</sup>
31:28	27:20	19:16	15:13	12	11:8	7:4	3:0
	0000000b	0001b		0b	0110b	1100b	XXXXb

When EAX is initialized to a value of 1, the CPUID instruction returns the Extended Family, Extended Model, Type, Family, Model and Stepping value in the EAX register. Note that the EDX processor signature value after reset is equivalent to the processor signature output value in the EAX register.

**NOTES:**

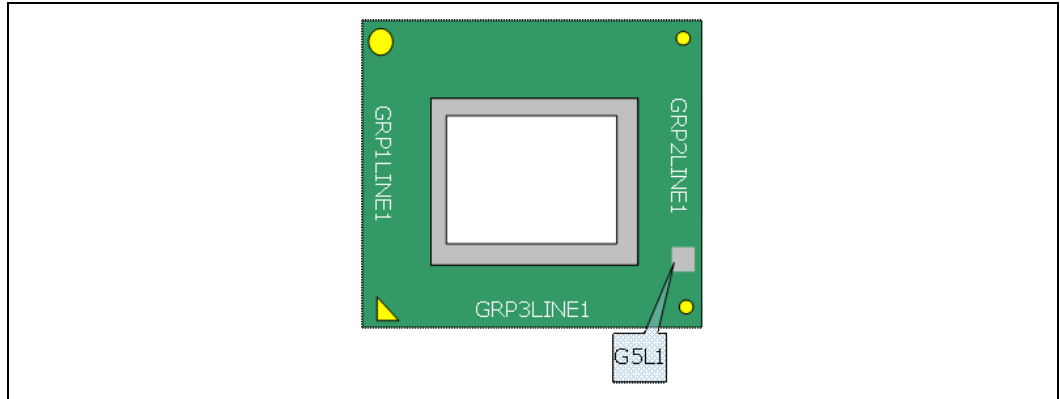
1. The Extended Family, bits [27:20] are used in conjunction with the Family Code, specified in bits [11:8] to indicate whether the processor belongs to the Intel386™, Intel486™, Pentium®, Pentium Pro, Pentium® 4, or Intel Core processor family.
2. The Extended Model, bits [19:16] in conjunction with the Model Number, specified in bits [7:4], are used to identify the model of the processor within the processor’s family.
3. The Processor Type, specified in bits [13:12] indicates whether the processor is an original OEM processor, an OverDrive processor, or a dual processor (capable of being used in a dual processor system).
4. The Family Code corresponds to bits [11:8] of the EDX register after RESET, bits [11:8] of the EAX register after the CPUID instruction is executed with a 1 in the EAX register, and the generation field of the Device ID register accessible through Boundary Scan.
5. The Model Number corresponds to bits [7:4] of the EDX register after RESET, bits [7:4] of the EAX register after the CPUID instruction is executed with a 1 in the EAX register, and the model field of the Device ID register accessible through Boundary Scan.
6. The Stepping ID in bits [3:0] indicates the revision number of that model. See [Table 2](#) for the processor stepping ID number in the CPUID information.



## Component Marking Information

Intel® Atom™ processor Z5xx series may be identified by the following component markings.

**Figure 1. Intel® Atom™ Processor Z5xx Series (Micro-FCBGA) Markings**



GRP1LINE1: INTEL {M}©'07 {e1}  
GRP2LINE1: <Level-4 Name><FSB>  
GRP3LINE1: {FPO} S-SPEC  
G5L1: 2D Matrix



**Table 2. Identification Table for Intel® Atom™ Processor Z5xx Series**

QDF/ S-Spec	Product Stepping	HFM TDP (W)	Processor #	FSB Frequency	Processor Signature	Core Speed		Package Micro- FCBGA- Pb = μ-BGA Lead Free	MCU
						Highest Freq. Mode (HFM)	Lowest Freq. Mode (LFM)		
Q3VT <sup>1</sup>	A1	<3.5 W	X	533 MHz	000106C0h	1.06 GHz	798 MHz	FCBGA8	M01106C0005
QBYM/ QBZR <sup>2</sup>	B0	2.4 W	X	533 MHz	000106C1h	1.6 GHz	800 MHz	FCBGA8	M01106C1107
QBYK/ QBZP <sup>2</sup>	B0	2 W	X	533 MHz	000106C1h	1.33 GHz	800 MHz	FCBGA8	M01106C1107
QDVX <sup>3</sup>	B1	1 W	X	400 MHz	000106C1h	800 MHz	600 MHz	FCBGA8	M01106C1109
QDVY <sup>3</sup>	B1	2 W	X	533 MHz	000106C1h	1.33 GHz	800 MHz	FCBGA8	M01106C1109
QEDK <sup>3</sup>	B1	2 W	X	533 MHz	000106C1h	1.60 GHz	800 MHz	FCBGA8	M01106C1109
QGZU	C0	0.6 W	Z500	400 MHz	000106C2h	0.8 GHz	600 MHz	FCBGA8	M01106C2217
QGXC	C0	0.7 W	Z500	400 MHz	000106C2h	0.8 GHz	600 MHz	FCBGA8	M01106C2217
QENE	C0	2 W	Z510	400 MHz	000106C2h	1.1 GHz	600 MHz	FCBGA8	M01106C2217
QEQS	C0	2 W	Z520	533 MHz	000106C2h	1.33 GHz	800 MHz	FCBGA8	M01106C2217
QEQW	C0	2 W	Z530	533 MHz	000106C2h	1.60 GHz	800 MHz	FCBGA8	M01106C2217
QHAB	C0	2.4 W	Z540	533 MHz	000106C2h	1.86 GHz	800 MHz	FCBGA8	M01106C2217
SLB6Q	C0	0.65 W	Z500	400 MHz	000106C2h	0.8 GHz	600 MHz	FCBGA8	M01106C2217
SLB2C	C0	2 W	Z510	400 MHz	000106C2h	1.1 GHz	600 MHz	FCBGA8	M01106C2217
SLB2H <sup>4</sup>	C0	2 W	Z520	533 MHz	000106C2h	1.33 GHz	800 MHz	FCBGA8	M01106C2217
SLB6P <sup>4</sup>	C0	2 W	Z530	533 MHz	000106C2h	1.60 GHz	800 MHz	FCBGA8	M01106C2217
SLB2M <sup>4</sup>	C0	2.4 W	Z540	533 MHz	000106C2h	1.86 GHz	800 MHz	FCBGA8	M01106C2217
QLNS <sup>4</sup>	C0	0.65W	Z515	400 MHz	000106C2h	800 MHz	600 MHz	FCBGA8	M01106C2217
QLNN <sup>4</sup>	C0	2.4W	Z550	533 MHz	000106C2h	2.0 GHz	800 MHz	FCBGA8	M01106C2217
SLGMG <sup>4</sup>	C0	0.65W	Z515	400 MHz	000106C2h	800 MHz	600 MHz	FCBGA8	M01106C2217
SLGPT <sup>4</sup>	C0	2.4W	Z550	533 MHz	000106C2h	2.0 GHz	800 MHz	FCBGA8	M01106C2217

**NOTES:**

1. These are frequency unlocked samples. Default ratio is 1:6 (798 MHz), Max ratio is 1:8 (1.06 GHz) - Intel cannot ensure all parts will run at higher frequency.
2. QBZP and QBZR are Halide parts. QBYM and QBYK are Halide free.
3. Automatic Voltage Identification compliant with *Intel MVP-6 Specification*.
4. Hyper-Threading Technology (HT Technology) requires a computer system with an Intel processor supporting Hyper-Threading Technology and an HT Technology enabled chipset, BIOS and operating system. Hyper-threading technology is available on select Intel® Atom™ processor Z5xx series components (Z515=800 MHz, Z520=1.33 GHz, Z530=1.60 GHz, Z540=1.86 GHz and Z550=2.0 GHz). HT Technology can add 200 mW of power above TDP, so 1.33 GHz and 1.6 GHz processors can have 2.2 W of power,



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and 1.86 GHz and 2.0 GHz processor can have 2.64 W of power when multi-threaded applications are run.

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## Errata

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### **AAE1 A Write to an APIC Register Sometimes May Appear to Have Not Occurred**

**Problem:** With respect to the retirement of instructions, stores to the uncacheable memory based APIC register space are handled in a non-synchronized way. For example, if an instruction that masks the interrupt flag, for example CLI, is executed soon after an uncacheable write to the Task Priority Register (TPR) that lowers the APIC priority, the interrupt masking operation may take effect before the actual priority has been lowered. This may cause interrupts whose priority is lower than the initial TPR, but higher than the final TPR, to not be serviced until the interrupt enabled flag is finally set (that is, by STI instruction). Interrupts will remain pending and are not lost.

**Implication:** In this example the processor may allow interrupts to be accepted but may delay their service.

**Workaround:** This non-synchronization can be avoided by issuing an APIC register read after the APIC register write. This will force the store to the APIC register before any subsequent instructions are executed. No commercial operating system is known to be impacted by this erratum.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

### **AAE2 An xTPR Update Transaction Cycle, if Enabled, May be Issued to the FSB after the Processor has Issued a Stop-Grant Special Cycle**

**Problem:** According to the FSB (Front Side Bus) protocol specification, no FSB cycles should be issued by the processor once a Stop-Grant special cycle has been issued to the bus. If xTPR update transactions are enabled by clearing the IA32\_MISC\_ENABLES[bit 23] at the time of Stop-Clock assertion, an xTPR update transaction cycle may be issued to the FSB after the processor has issued a Stop Grant Acknowledge transaction.

**Implication:** When this erratum occurs in systems using C-states C2 (Stop-Grant State) and higher the result could be a system hang.

**Workaround:** BIOS must leave the xTPR update transactions disabled (default).

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

### **AAE3 Processor May Report a #TS Instead of a #GP Fault**

**Problem:** A jump to a busy TSS (Task-State Segment) may cause a #TS (invalid TSS exception) instead of a #GP fault (general protection exception).

**Implication:** Operation systems that access a busy TSS may get invalid TSS fault instead of a #GP fault. Intel has not observed this erratum with any commercially available software.



**Workaround:** None

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

#### **AAE4 Writing the Local Vector Table (LVT) when an Interrupt is Pending May Cause an Unexpected Interrupt**

**Problem:** If a local interrupt is pending when the LVT entry is written, an interrupt may be taken on the new interrupt vector even if the mask bit is set.

**Implication:** An interrupt may immediately be generated with the new vector when a LVT entry is written, even if the new LVT entry has the mask bit set. If there is no Interrupt Service Routine (ISR) set up for that vector the system will GP fault. If the ISR does not do an End of Interrupt (EOI) the bit for the vector will be left set in the in-service register and mask all interrupts at the same or lower priority.

**Workaround:** Any vector programmed into an LVT entry must have an ISR associated with it, even if that vector was programmed as masked. This ISR routine must do an EOI to clear any unexpected interrupts that may occur. The ISR associated with the spurious vector does not generate an EOI, therefore the spurious vector should not be used when writing the LVT.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

#### **AAE5 MOV To/From Debug Registers Causes Debug Exception**

**Problem:** When in V86 mode, if a MOV instruction is executed to/from a debug registers, a general-protection exception (#GP) should be generated. However, in the case when the general detect enable flag (GD) bit is set, the observed behavior is that a debug exception (#DB) is generated instead.

**Implication:** With debug-register protection enabled (that is, the GD bit set), when attempting to execute a MOV on debug registers in V86 mode, a debug exception will be generated instead of the expected general-protection fault.

**Workaround:** In general, operating systems do not set the GD bit when they are in V86 mode. The GD bit is generally set and used by debuggers. The debug exception handler should check that the exception did not occur in V86 mode before continuing. If the exception did occur in V86 mode, the exception may be directed to the general-protection exception handler.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.



## **AAE6 Using 2M/4M Pages When A20M# Is Asserted May Result in Incorrect Address Translations**

**Problem:** An external A20M# pin if enabled forces address bit 20 to be masked (forced to zero) to emulate real-address mode address wraparound at 1 megabyte. However, if all of the following conditions are met, address bit 20 may not be masked.

- paging is enabled
- a linear address has bit 20 set
- the address references a large page
- A20M# is enabled

**Implication:** When A20M# is enabled and an address references a large page the resulting translated physical address may be incorrect. This erratum has not been observed with any commercially available operating system.

**Workaround:** Operating systems should not allow A20M# to be enabled if the masking of address bit 20 could be applied to an address that references a large page. A20M# is normally only used with the first megabyte of memory.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

## **AAE7 Values for LBR/BTS/BTM will be Incorrect after an Exit from SMM**

**Problem:** After a return from SMM (System Management Mode), the CPU will incorrectly update the LBR (Last Branch Record) and the BTS (Branch Trace Store), hence rendering their data invalid. The corresponding data if sent out as a BTM on the system bus will also be incorrect.

**Note:** This issue would only occur when one of the 3 above mentioned debug support facilities are used.

**Implication:** The value of the LBR, BTS, and BTM immediately after an RSM operation should not be used.

**Workaround:** None

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE8      Incorrect Address Computed For Last Byte of FXSAVE/FXRSTOR Image Leads to Partial Memory Update**

**Problem:** A partial memory state save of the 512-byte FXSAVE image or a partial memory state restore of the FXRSTOR image may occur if a memory address exceeds the 64KB limit while the processor is operating in 16-bit mode or if a memory address exceeds the 4GB limit while the processor is operating in 32-bit mode.

**Implication:** FXSAVE/FXRSTOR will incur a #GP fault due to the memory limit violation as expected but the memory state may be only partially saved or restored.

**Workaround:** Software should avoid memory accesses that wrap around the respective 16-bit and 32-bit mode memory limits.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE9      A Thermal Interrupt is Not Generated when the Current Temperature is Invalid**

**Problem:** When the DTS (Digital Thermal Sensor) crosses one of its programmed thresholds it generates an interrupt and logs the event (IA32\_THERM\_STATUS MSR (019Ch) bits [9,7]). Due to this erratum, if the DTS reaches an invalid temperature (as indicated IA32\_THERM\_STATUS MSR bit[31]) it does not generate an interrupt even if one of the programmed thresholds is crossed and the corresponding log bits become set.

**Implication:** When the temperature reaches an invalid temperature the CPU does not generate a Thermal interrupt even if a programmed threshold is crossed.

**Workaround:** None

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE10      Programming the Digital Thermal Sensor (DTS) Threshold May Cause Unexpected Thermal Interrupts**

**Problem:** Software can enable DTS thermal interrupts by programming the thermal threshold and setting the respective thermal interrupt enable bit. When programming DTS value, the previous DTS threshold may be crossed. This will generate an unexpected thermal interrupt.

**Implication:** Software may observe an unexpected thermal interrupt occur after reprogramming the thermal threshold.

**Workaround:** In the ACPI/OS implement a workaround by temporarily disabling the DTS threshold interrupt before updating the DTS threshold value.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE11      Returning to Real Mode from SMM with EFLAGS.VM Set May Result in Unpredictable System Behavior**

**Problem:** Returning back from SMM mode into real mode while EFLAGS.VM is set in SMRAM may result in unpredictable system behavior.

**Implication:** If SMM software changes the values of the EFLAGS.VM in SMRAM, it may result in unpredictable system behavior. Intel has not observed this behavior in commercially available software.

**Workaround:** SMM software should not change the value of EFLAGS.VM in SMRAM.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE12      Fault on ENTER Instruction May Result in Unexpected Values on Stack Frame**

**Problem:** The ENTER instruction is used to create a procedure stack frame. Due to this erratum, if execution of the ENTER instruction results in a fault, the dynamic storage area of the resultant stack frame may contain unexpected values (that is, residual stack data as a result of processing the fault).

**Implication:** Data in the created stack frame may be altered following a fault on the ENTER instruction. Please refer to "Procedure Calls For Block-Structured Languages" in *Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer's Manual*, Vol. 1, Basic Architecture, for information on the usage of the ENTER instructions. This erratum is not expected to occur in ring 3. Faults are usually processed in ring 0 and stack switch occurs when transferring to ring 0. Intel has not observed this erratum on any commercially available software.

**Workaround:** None

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE13      With TF (Trap Flag) Asserted, FP Instruction That Triggers an Unmasked FP Exception May Take Single Step Trap before Retirement of Instruction**

**Problem:** If an FP instruction generates an unmasked exception with the EFLAGS.TF=1, it is possible for external events to occur, including a transition to a lower power state. When resuming from the lower power state, it may be possible to take the single step trap before the execution of the original FP instruction completes.

**Implication:** A Single Step trap will be taken when not expected.

**Workaround:** None

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.



#### AAE14 **An Enabled Debug Breakpoint or Single Step Trap May Be Taken After MOV SS/POP SS Instruction if it is Followed by an Instruction That Signals a Floating Point Exception**

**Problem:** A MOV SS/POP SS instruction should inhibit all interrupts including debug breakpoints until after execution of the following instruction. This is intended to allow the sequential execution of MOV SS/POP SS and MOV [r/e]SP, [r/e]BP instructions without having an invalid stack during interrupt handling. However, an enabled debug breakpoint or single step trap may be taken after MOV SS/POP SS if this instruction is followed by an instruction that signals a floating point exception rather than a MOV [r/e]SP, [r/e]BP instruction. This results in a debug exception being signaled on an unexpected instruction boundary since the MOV SS/POP SS and the following instruction should be executed atomically.

**Implication:** This can result in incorrect signaling of a debug exception and possibly a mismatched Stack Segment and Stack Pointer. If MOV SS/POP SS is not followed by a MOV [r/e]SP, [r/e]BP, there may be a mismatched Stack Segment and Stack Pointer on any exception. Intel has not observed this erratum with any commercially available software, or system.

**Workaround:** As recommended in the *Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer's Manual*, the use of MOV SS/POP SS in conjunction with MOV [r/e]SP and [r/e]BP will avoid the failure since the MOV [r/e]SP and [r/e]BP will not generate a floating point exception. Developers of debug tools should be aware of the potential incorrect debug event signaling created by this erratum.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

#### AAE15 **Code Segment Limit/Canonical Faults on RSM May be Serviced before Higher Priority Interrupts/Exceptions and May Push the Wrong Address Onto the Stack**

**Problem:** Normally, when the processor encounters a Segment Limit or Canonical Fault due to code execution, a #GP (General Protection Exception) fault is generated after all higher priority interrupts and exceptions are serviced. Due to this erratum, if RSM (Resume from System Management Mode) returns to execution flow that results in a Code Segment Limit or Canonical Fault, the #GP fault may be serviced before a higher priority Interrupt or Exception (for example NMI (Non-Maskable Interrupt), Debug break(#DB), Machine Check (#MC), etc.). If the RSM attempts to return to a non-canonical address, the address pushed onto the stack for this #GP fault may not match the non-canonical address that caused the fault.

**Implication:** Operating systems may observe a #GP fault being serviced before higher priority interrupts and exceptions. Intel has not observed this erratum on any commercially available software.

**Workaround:** None

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.



## AAE16 **BTS (Branch Trace Store) and PEBS(Precise Event Based Sampling) May Update Memory outside the BTS/PEBS Buffer**

**Problem:** If the BTS/PEBS buffer is defined such that:

- The difference between BTS/PEBS buffer base and BTS/PEBS absolute maximum is not an integer multiple of the corresponding record sizes
- BTS/PEBS absolute maximum is less than a record size from the end of the virtual address space
- The record that would cross BTS/PEBS absolute maximum will also continue past the end of the virtual address space

A BTS/PEBS record can be written that will wrap at the 4G boundary (IA32) or  $2^{64}$  boundary (EM64T mode), and write memory outside of the BTS/PEBS buffer.

**Workaround:** Software that uses BTS/PEBS near the 4G boundary (IA32) or  $2^{64}$  boundary (EM64T mode), and defines the buffer such that it does not hold an integer multiple of records can update memory outside the BTS/PEBS buffer.

**Workaround:** Define BTS/PEBS buffer such that BTS/PEBS absolute maximum minus BTS/PEBS buffer base is integer multiple of the corresponding record sizes as recommended in the *Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer's Manual, Volume 3*.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

## AAE17 **Single Step Interrupts with Floating Point Exception Pending May Be Mishandled**

**Problem:** In certain circumstances, when a floating point exception (#MF) is pending during single-step execution, processing of the single-step debug exception (#DB) may be mishandled.

**Implication:** When this erratum occurs, #DB will be incorrectly handled as follows:

- #DB is signaled before the pending higher priority #MF (Interrupt 16)
- #DB is generated twice on the same instruction

**Workaround:** None

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.



## AAE18 **Unsynchronized Cross-Modifying Code Operations Can Cause Unexpected Instruction Execution Results**

**Problem:** The act of one processor, or system bus master, writing data into a currently executing code segment of a second processor with the intent of having the second processor execute that data as code is called cross-modifying code (XMC). XMC that does not force the second processor to execute a synchronizing instruction, prior to execution of the new code, is called unsynchronized XMC. Software using unsynchronized XMC to modify the instruction byte stream of a processor can see unexpected or unpredictable execution behavior from the processor (that is, executing the modified code).

**Implication:** In this case, the phrase "unexpected or unpredictable execution behavior" encompasses the generation of most of the exceptions listed in the *Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer's Manual, Volume 3A: System Programming Guide*, including a General Protection Fault (#GP) or other unexpected behaviors.

**Workaround:** To avoid this erratum, programmers should use the XMC synchronization algorithm as detailed in the *Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer's Manual, Volume 3A: System Programming Guide*, Section: Handling Self- and Cross-Modifying Code.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

## AAE19 **IO\_SMI Indication in SMRAM State Save Area May be Set Incorrectly**

**Problem:** The IO\_SMI bit in SMRAM's location 7FA4H is set to "1" by the CPU to indicate a System Management Interrupt (SMI) occurred as the result of executing an instruction that reads from an I/O port. Due to this erratum, the IO\_SMI bit may be incorrectly set by:

- A SMI that is, pending while a lower priority event is executing
- A REP I/O read
- A I/O read that redirects to MWAIT

**Implication:** SMM handlers may get false IO\_SMI indication.

**Workaround:** The SMM handler has to evaluate the saved context to determine if the SMI was triggered by an instruction that read from an I/O port. The SMM handler must not restart an I/O instruction if the platform has not been configured to generate a synchronous SMI for the recorded I/O port address.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.



**AAE20**      **Writes to IA32\_DEBUGCTL MSR May Fail when FREEZE\_LBRS\_ON\_PMI is Set**

**Problem:** When the FREEZE\_LBRS\_ON\_PMI, IA32\_DEBUGCTL MSR (1D9H) bit [11], is set, future writes to IA32\_DEBUGCTL MSR may not occur in certain rare corner cases. Writes to this register by software or during certain processor operations are affected.

**Implication:** Under certain circumstances, the IA32\_DEBUGCTL MSR value may not be updated properly and will retain the old value. Intel has not observed this erratum with any commercially available software.

**Workaround:** Do not set the FREEZE\_LBRS\_ON\_PMI bit of IA32\_DEBUGCTL MSR.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE21**      **Address Reported by Machine-Check Architecture (MCA) on L2 Cache Errors May be Incorrect**

**Problem:** When an L2 Cache error occurs (Error code 0x010A or 0x110A reported in IA32\_MCi\_STATUS MSR bits [15:0]), the address is logged in the MCA address register (IA32\_MCi\_ADDR MSR). Under some scenarios, the address reported may be incorrect.

**Implication:** Software should not rely on the value reported in IA32\_MCi\_ADDR MSR for L2 Cache errors.

**Workaround:** None

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE22**      **Pending x87 FPU Exceptions (#MF) Following STI May Be Serviced Before Higher Priority Interrupts**

**Problem:** Interrupts that are pending prior to the execution of the STI (Set Interrupt Flag) instruction are normally serviced immediately after the instruction following the STI. An exception to this is if the following instruction triggers a #MF. In this situation, the interrupt should be serviced before the #MF. Because of this erratum, if following STI, an instruction that triggers a #MF is executed while STPCLK#, Enhanced Intel SpeedStep® Technology transitions or Thermal Monitor events occur, the pending #MF may be serviced before higher priority interrupts.

**Implication:** Software may observe #MF being serviced before higher priority interrupts.

**Workaround:** None

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE23 Benign Exception after a Double Fault May Not Cause a Triple Fault Shutdown**

**Problem:** According to the *Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer's Manual, Volume 3A*, "Exception and Interrupt Reference", if another exception occurs while attempting to call the double-fault handler, the processor enters shutdown mode. Due to this erratum, any benign faults while attempting to call double-fault handler will not cause a shutdown. However Contributory Exceptions and Page Faults will continue to cause a triple fault shutdown.

**Implication:** If a benign exception occurs while attempting to call the double-fault handler, the processor may hang or may handle the benign exception. Intel has not observed this erratum with any commercially available software.

**Workaround:** None

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE24 IA32\_MC1\_STATUS MSR Bit [60] Does Not Reflect Machine Check Error Reporting Enable Correctly**

**Problem:** IA32\_MC1\_STATUS MSR (405H) bit[60] (EN- Error Enabled) is supposed to indicate whether the enable bit in the IA32\_MC1\_CTL MSR (404H) was set at the time of the last update to the IA32\_MC1\_STATUS MSR. Due to this erratum, IA32\_MC1\_STATUS MSR bit [60] instead reports the current value of the IA32\_MC1\_CTL MSR enable bit.

**Implication:** IA32\_MC1\_STATUS MSR bit [60] may not reflect the correct state of the enable bit in the IA32\_MC1\_CTL MSR at the time of the last update.

**Workaround:** None

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.



## AAE25 **If Two Logical Processors Use the Same CR3 Value But Configure APIC Virtualization Differently, Either May Operate as if APIC Virtualization Were Disabled**

**Problem:** If a logical processor is in VMX non-root operation with the "virtual APIC accesses" VM-execution control set to 1, it may incorrectly operate as if the "virtual APIC accesses" VM-execution control was cleared to 0 if another logical processor has the same value in CR3 and one of the following is true:

- The other logical processor is not in VMX non-root operation
- The other logical processor has the "virtualize APIC accesses" VM-execution control cleared to 0
- The other logical processor's value of the "APIC-access address" VM-execution control field is different than that of the first logical processor

**Implication:** A logical processor may fail to support the APIC-virtualization features properly if a virtual-machine monitor (VMM) uses the same page tables as a virtual machine (VM) using the APIC-virtualization features, or if two VMs (or two virtual CPUs within a VM) use the same page tables but operate with different settings of the APIC-virtualization features.

**Workaround:** A VMM should not use for itself the same page tables as a VM using the APIC-virtualization features, and it should configure two virtual CPUs to use the same page tables only if they use the same settings of the APIC-virtualization features.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

## AAE26 **Split Locked Stores or Locked Stores Through Certain Segments May not Trigger the Monitoring Hardware**

**Problem:** Logical processors normally resume program execution following the MWAIT, when another logical processor performs a write access to a WB cacheable address within the address range used to perform the MONITOR operation. Due to this erratum, a logical processor may not resume execution until the next targeted interrupt event or O/S timer tick following a locked store within the monitored address range that either spans across cache lines or uses a segment register whose segment base is non-cacheline aligned.

**Implication:** The logical processor that executed the MWAIT instruction may not resume execution until the next targeted interrupt event or O/S timer tick in the case where the monitored address is written by a locked store which is either split across cache lines or through a segment whose segment base bits 5 to 0 are non-zero.

**Workaround:** Avoid accessing the monitored address range using either locked stores that split cache lines or locked stores that use a segment with a non-cacheline aligned segment base. It is possible for the BIOS to contain a workaround for this erratum

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.



### **AAE27**      **When BIST is Enabled, Warm Reset Incorrectly Clears IA32\_FEATURE\_CONTROL MSR and the Last Exception Record MSRs**

**Problem:** IA32\_FEATURE\_CONTROL MSR (3AH), MSR\_LER\_FROM\_LIP MSR (1DDH), and MSR\_LER\_TO\_LIP MSR (1DEH) are cleared during warm reset when BIST (Built-In Self Test) is enabled. These MSRs should only be cleared on a power-up reset and not on a warm reset. A warm reset is different from a power-up reset in that PWRGOOD remains active throughout the assertion of RESET#.

**Implication:** Due to this erratum, any warm reset will clear IA32\_FEATURE\_CONTROL MSR, MSR\_LER\_FROM\_LIP MSR, and MSR\_LER\_TO\_LIP MSR content when BIST is enabled.

**Workaround:** BIOS or other firmware software must save IA32\_FEATURE\_CONTROL MSR, MSR\_LER\_FROM\_LIP MSR, and MSR\_LER\_TO\_LIP MSR information before warm reset and restore and reprogram the MSRs after the warm reset.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

### **AAE28**      **A VM Exit Due to a Fault While Delivering a Software Interrupt May Save Incorrect Data into the VMCS**

**Problem:** If a fault occurs during delivery of a software interrupt (INT $n$ ) in virtual-8086 mode when virtual mode extensions are in effect and that fault causes a VM exit, incorrect data may be saved into the VMCS. Specifically, information about the software interrupt may not be reported in the IDT-vectoring information field. In addition, the interruptibility-state field may indicate blocking by STI or by MOV SS if such blocking were in effect before execution of the INT $n$  instruction or before execution of the VM-entry instruction that injected the software interrupt.

**Implication:** In general, VMM software that follows the guidelines given in the section “Handling VM Exits Due to Exceptions” of *Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer’s Manual Volume 3B: System Programming Guide* should not be affected. If the erratum improperly causes indication of blocking by STI or by MOV SS, the ability of a VMM to inject an interrupt may be delayed by one instruction.

**Workaround:** VMM software should follow the guidelines given in the section “Handling VM Exits Due to Exceptions” of *Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer’s Manual Volume 3B: System Programming Guide*

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

### **AAE29**      **CPUID Instruction Returns Incorrect Brand String**

**Problem:** When a CPUID instruction is executed with EAX = 80000002H, 80000003H and 80000004H on an Intel® Atom™ processor, the return value contains the brand string *Intel(R) Core(TM)2 CPU* when it should have *Intel(R) Atom(TM) CPU*.

**Implication:** When this erratum occurs, the processor will report the incorrect brand string.

**Workaround:** It is possible for the BIOS to contain a workaround for this erratum.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE30      A Logical Processor May Incorrectly Clear Thermal Status Log Indicator During Intel Deep Power Down Technology State Transition**

**Problem:** When a logical processor enters the Intel Deep Power Down Technology State (for example as requested by MWAIT or I/O redirection), it may incorrectly clear the sticky Thermal Status Log flag (bit 1) in IA32\_THERM\_STATUS MSR (19CH). This erratum will not occur when Hyper-Threading (HT) is disabled.

**Implication:** When Hyper-Threading is enabled, a logical processor may incorrectly indicate that the thermal sensor has not tripped since last power-up.

**Workaround:** It is possible for the BIOS to contain a workaround for this erratum.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE31      The Instruction Cache Does Not Respond to Snoops When All Logical Processors on a Core Are in an Inactive State**

**Problem:** When all logical processors on a core enter an inactive state (for example MWAIT or HLT), the processor may incorrectly stop flushing lines in its instruction cache in response to snoops. This may cause the processor to not detect that memory has been modified and to execute the old instructions after waking up instead of the new contents of memory.

**Implication:** The processor may execute incorrect instructions after waking up from an inactive state.

**Workaround:** It is possible for the BIOS to contain a workaround for this erratum

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE32      LINT0 Assertion and Deassertion during an Inactive State May Cause Unexpected Operation When APIC is Disabled**

**Problem:** An interrupt delivered via LINT0 pins when the APIC is hardware disabled (IA32\_APIC\_BASE MSR (1BH) bit [11] is cleared) will usually keep the pin asserted until after the interrupt is acknowledged. However, if LINT0 is asserted and then deasserted before the interrupt is acknowledged and both of the following are true then the processor may operate incorrectly.

- The APIC is hardware disabled (IA32\_APIC\_BASE MSR bit [11] is clear) and
- The processor is in inactive state that was requested by MWAIT, I/O redirection, VM-entry or RSM,

**Implication:** Due to this erratum, the processor may run unexpected code and/or generate an unexpected exception. Intel has not observed this erratum with any commercially available software.

**Workaround:** If LINT0 is used, it is recommended to either leave the APIC enabled (IA32\_APIC\_BASE MSR bit [11] set to 1) or do not use MWAIT, I/O redirection, VM-entry or RSM to enter an inactive state.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE33 Speculative Load from Address 1D9H May Occur During a Failed VMCALL in VMX Root Operation**

**Problem:** Execution of VMCALL in VMX root operation (to activate the dual-monitor treatment of SMIs and SMM) fails if the current VMCS pointer is FFFFFFFF\_FFFFFFFFH. Due to this erratum, such a VMCALL may speculatively send a load access request for 2 bytes from physical address 1D9H.

**Implication:** The processor may send out an improper load access request to address 1D9H; there may be no memory at this address, and any memory-mapped I/O located at address 1D9H may be accessed inappropriately. Intel has not observed this erratum with any commercially available software.

**Workaround:** It is possible for the BIOS to contain a workaround to this erratum.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE34 Processor May Not Wake Up from an Inactive State When an Enhanced Intel SpeedStep® Technology Transition is Pending**

**Problem:** Due to this erratum, the processor may hang in rare scenarios when it is in an inactive state and there is an Enhanced Intel SpeedStep Technology transition pending.

**Implication:** The processor may hang and be unable to resume execution. A processor reset will be needed to restart processor execution. Intel has not observed this erratum with any commercially available software.

**Workaround:** It is possible for the BIOS to contain a workaround to this erratum.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE35 Thermal Interrupts are Dropped During and While Exiting Intel® Deep Power-Down State**

**Problem:** Thermal interrupts are ignored while the processor is in Intel Deep Power Down Technology state as well as during a small window of time while exiting from Intel Deep Power Down Technology state. During this window, if the PROCHOT signal is driven or the internal value of the sensor reaches the programmed thermal trip point, then the associated thermal interrupt may be lost.

**Implication:** In the event of a thermal event while a processor is waking up from Intel Deep Power-Down State, the processor will initiate an appropriate throttle response. However, the associated thermal interrupt generated may be lost.

**Workaround:** None identified.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.



### **AAE36**      **Incorrect Memory Types May be Used While Executing Instructions That Access VMCS Structures or Load PDPTRs**

**Problem:** If MTRRs are enabled and if CR0.CD=0, each logical processor on that core should use a WB (Write-back) memory type while executing instructions that access VMCS structures or loading PDPTRs. If CR0.CD=1 or MTRRs are disabled, the processor must use UC (Uncacheable) memory type for the same accesses. Due to this erratum, a logical processor may use WB memory type when it is supposed to use UC or vice-versa.

**Implication:** Due to this erratum, the processor may update cache when all memory accesses should be UC or could cause a change in performance when memory accesses should be WB.

**Workaround:** If software requires PDPTR loads and VMX accesses to use UC memory type, then it should set CR0.CD=1 on all logical processors on a core. Additionally, software (including the SMM handler) must insure CR0.CD=1 and must not write to the IA32\_MTRR\_DEF\_TYPE MSR during the period UC memory type is required. If software desires that PDPTR loads and VMX accesses use WB memory types, then on all logical processors on that core it should write the IA32\_MTRR\_DEF\_TYPE MSR with a value that has the MTRR Enable set and clear CR0.CD.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

### **AAE37**      **TSC May be a Lower Value After Being in the Deeper Sleep State**

**Problem:** Due to this erratum, the TSC (Time-Stamp Counter) may be observed to be a lower value after being in the Deeper Sleep State, irrespective of Deeper Sleep State duration.

**Implication:** Software may read a lower TSC value after exiting the Deeper Sleep State than it read before entering the Deeper Sleep State.

**Workaround:** It is possible for the BIOS to contain a workaround to this erratum.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE38 Corruption of CS Segment Register During RSM While Transitioning From Real Mode to Protected Mode**

**Problem:** During the transition from real mode to protected mode, if an SMI (System Management Interrupt) occurs between the MOV to CR0 that sets PE (Protection Enable, bit 0) and the first far JMP, the subsequent RSM (Resume from System Management Mode) may cause the lower two bits of CS segment register to be corrupted.

**Implication:** The corruption of the bottom two bits of the CS segment register will have no impact unless software explicitly examines the CS segment register between enabling protected mode and the first far JMP. *Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer's Manual Volume 3A: System Programming Guide, Part 1*, in the section titled "Switching to Protected Mode" recommends the far JMP immediately follows the write to CR0 to enable protected mode. Intel has not observed this erratum with any commercially available software.

**Workaround:** None identified.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE39 Performance Monitoring Counter with AnyThread Bit set May Not Count on a Non-Active Thread**

**Problem:** A performance counter with the AnyThread bit (IA32\_PERFEVTSEL0 MSR (186H)/ IA32\_PERFEVTSEL1 MSR (187H) bit [21], IA32\_FIXED\_CTR\_CTRL MSR (38DH) bit [2] for IA32\_FIXED\_CTR0, bit [6] for IA32\_FIXED\_CTR1, bit [10] for IA32\_FIXED\_CTR2) set should count that event on all logical processors on that core. Due to this erratum, a performance counter on a logical processor which has requested to be placed in the Intel® Deep Power-Down State may not count events that occur on another logical processor.

**Implication:** The performance monitor count may be incorrect when the logical processor is asleep but still attempting to count another logical processor's events. This will only occur on processors supporting Hyper-Threading Technology (HT Technology).

**Workaround:** None identified.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.



**AAE40 GP and Fixed Performance Monitoring Counters With AnyThread Bit Set May Not Accurately Count Only OS or Only USR Events**

**Problem:** A fixed or GP (general purpose) performance counter with the AnyThread bit (IA32\_FIXED\_CTR\_CTRL MSR (38DH) bit [2] for IA32\_FIXED\_CTR0, bit [6] for IA32\_FIXED\_CTR1, bit [10] for IA32\_FIXED\_CTR2; IA32\_PERFEVTSEL0 MSR (186H)/ IA32\_PERFEVTSEL1 MSR (187H) bit [21]) set may not count correctly when counting only OS (ring 0) events or only USR (ring >0) events. The counters will count correctly if they are counting both OS and USR events or if the AnyThread bit is clear.

**Implication:** A performance monitor counter may be incorrect when it is counting for all logical processors on that core and not counting at all privilege levels. This erratum will only occur on processors supporting multiple logical processors per core.

**Workaround:** None identified.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE41 CPUID Instruction Returns Incorrect Value for Leaf 0xA**

**Problem:** When a CPUID instruction is executed with EAX = 0AH, the value returned in EDX is 0x2501, which reports support for only one fixed-function performance counter and also has an undefined bit [bit 13] set. The value of EDX should be 0x0503, reflecting that three fixed-function performance counters are supported.

**Implication:** When this erratum occurs, the processor will report an incorrect value in EDX.

**Workaround:** None identified.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE42 PMI Request is not Generated on a Counter Overflow if its OVF Bit is Already set in IA32\_PERF\_GLOBAL\_STATUS**

**Problem:** If a performance counter overflows and software does not clear the corresponding OVF (overflow) bit in IA32\_PERF\_GLOBAL\_STATUS MSR (38Eh) then future overflows of that counter will not trigger PMI (Performance Monitoring Interrupt) requests.

**Implication:** If software does not clear the OVF bit corresponding to a performance counter then future counter overflows may not cause PMI requests.

**Workaround:** Software should clear the IA32\_PERF\_GLOBAL\_STATUS.OVF bit in the PMI handler.

For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE43 CPUID Indicates Wrong L2 Associativity in Leaf 80000006H**

**Problem:** When a CPUID instruction is executed with EAX= 80000006H on a processor with a 512K L2 cache, it incorrectly returns 08H in ECX[15:12] which indicates a 16-way set associative L2. The return value in ECX[15:12] should have been 06H to indicate a 8-way set associative L2.

**Implication:** CPUID will report the L2 set associativity as 16-way when it should report 8-way.

**Workaround:** None identified.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE44 Code Fetch May Occur to Incorrect Address After a Large Page is Split into 4-KByte Pages**

**Problem:** If software clears the PS (page size) bit in a present PDE (page directory entry), that will cause linear addresses mapped through this PDE to use 4-KByte pages instead of using a large page after old TLB entries are invalidated. Due to this erratum, if a code fetch uses this PDE before the TLB entry for the large page is invalidated then it may fetch from a different physical address than specified by either the old large page translation or the new 4-KByte page translation. This erratum may also cause speculative code fetches from incorrect addresses.

**Implication:** The processor may fetch code from an incorrect address after a large page is converted into 4-Kbyte pages.

**Workaround:** It is possible for the BIOS to contain a workaround for this erratum.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE45 Processor May Contain Incorrect Data and Hang Upon a Snoop when Combined with Specific Other Internal Conditions**

**Problem:** In a specific corner case, a snoop to a processor may cause incorrect data that will be followed by a hang.

**Implication:** Due to this erratum, the processor may contain incorrect data and hang in this specific circumstance.

**Workaround:** It is possible for the BIOS to contain a workaround for this erratum.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE46 Processor May Use an Incorrect Translation if the TLBs Contain Two Different Translations for a Linear Address**

**Problem:** The TLBs may contain both ordinary and large-page translations for a 4-KByte range of linear addresses. This may occur if software modifies a PDE (page-directory entry) that is marked present to set the PS bit (this changes the page size used for the address range). If the two translations differ with respect to page frame, permissions, or memory type, the processor may use a page frame, permissions, or memory type that corresponds to neither translation.

**Implication:** Due to this erratum, software may not function properly if it sets the PS flag in a PDE and also changes the page frame, permissions, or memory type for the linear addresses mapped through that PDE.

**Workaround:** Software can avoid this problem by ensuring that the TLBs never contain both ordinary and large-page translations for a linear address that differ with respect to page frame, permissions, or memory type.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE47 LBR Stack May Not be Frozen on a PMI Request When FREEZE\_LBRS\_ON\_PMI is Set**

**Problem:** When the FREEZE\_LBRS\_ON\_PMI flag (IA32\_DEBUGCTL MSR (1D9H) bit [11]) is set on an Atom processor, a PMI (performance monitor interrupt) request should cause the LBR and TR flags (IA32\_DEBUGCTL MSR (1D9H) bit [1:0]) to be cleared and the LBR (last branch record) stack to stop being updated by branches/interrupts/exceptions. Due to this erratum, the processor may clear the LBR and TR flags but not stop the LBR stack from being updated when FREEZE\_LBRS\_ON\_PMI is set and a PMI request occurs.

**Implication:** Following a PMI request, the LBRs may continue to be updated by branches/interrupts/exceptions even when FREEZE\_LBRS\_ON\_PMI is set. The LBRs may contain values recorded after the PMI request.

**Workaround:** None identified.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE48 Synchronous Reset of IA32\_MPERF on IA32\_APERF Overflow May Not Work**

**Problem:** When either the IA32\_MPERF or IA32\_APERF MSR (E7H, E8H) increments to its maximum value of 0xFFFF\_FFFF\_FFFF\_FFFF, both MSRs are supposed to synchronously reset to 0x0 on the next clock. Due to this erratum, IA32\_MPERF may not be reset when IA32\_APERF overflows. Instead, IA32\_MPERF may continue to increment without being reset.

**Implication:** Due to this erratum, software cannot rely on synchronous reset of the IA32\_MPERF register. The typical usage of IA32\_MPERF/IA32\_APERF is to initialize them with a value of 0; in this case the overflow of the counter wouldn't happen for over 10 years.

**Workaround:** None identified.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE49 Complex Conditions Associated With Instruction Page Remapping or Self/Cross-Modifying Code Execution May Lead to Unpredictable System Behavior**

**Problem:** Under a complex set of internal conditions, instruction page remapping, or self/cross modifying code events may lead to unpredictable system behavior

**Implication:** Due to this Erratum, unpredictable system behavior may be observed. ~~Intel has not observed this erratum with any commercially available software.~~

**Workaround:** None identified.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE50 REP MOVSB/STOSB Executing With Fast Strings Enabled and Crossing Page Boundaries with Inconsistent Memory Types May Use an Incorrect Data Size or Lead to Memory-Ordering Violations**

**Problem:** Under the conditions described in the Software Developers Manual section “Fast String Operation,” the processor performs REP MOVSB or REP STOSB as fast strings. Due to this erratum, fast string REP MOVSB/REP STOSB instructions that cross page boundaries from WB/WC memory types to UC/WP/WT memory types, may start using an incorrect data size or may observe memory ordering violations.

**Implication:** Upon crossing the page boundary, the following may occur, dependent on the new page memory type:

- UC: The data size of each read and write may be different than the original data size.
- WP: The data size of each read and write may be different than the original data size and there may be a memory ordering violation.
- WT: There may be a memory ordering violation.

**Workaround:** Software should avoid crossing page boundaries from WB or WC memory type to UC, WP or WT memory type within a single REP MOVSB or REP STOSB instruction that will execute with fast strings enabled.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.

**AAE51 Paging Structure Entry May be Used Before Accessed And Dirty Flags Are Updated**

**Problem:** If software modifies a paging structure entry while the processor is using the entry for linear address translation, the processor may erroneously use the old value of the entry to form a translation in a TLB (or an entry in a paging structure cache) and then update the entry’s new value to set the accessed flag or dirty flag. This will occur only if both the old and new values of the entry result in valid translations.

**Implication:** Incorrect behavior may occur with algorithms that atomically check that the accessed flag or the dirty flag of a paging structure entry is clear and modify other parts of that paging structure entry in a manner that results in a different valid translation.

**Workaround:** Affected algorithms must ensure that appropriate TLB invalidation is done before assuming that future accesses do not use translations based on the old value of the paging structure entry.

**Errata**



**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Tables of Changes.



# Specification Changes

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## 1. Implementation of System Management Range Registers

This processor has implemented SMRRs (System Management Range Registers). SMRRs are defined in Section 10.11.2.4 of the *Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer's Manual, Volume 3A: System Programming Guide*.

SMM (System Management Mode) code and data reside in SMRAM. The SMRR interface is an enhancement in Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architectures to limit cacheable reference of addresses in SMRAM to code running in SMM. The SMRR interface can be configured only by code running in SMM.

Under certain circumstances, an attacker who has gained administrative privileges, such as ring 0 privileges in a traditional operating system, may be able to reconfigure an Intel processor to gain access to SMM. The implementation of SMRR mitigates this issue. Intel has provided a recommended update to system and BIOS vendors to incorporate into their BIOS to resolve this issue.

## 2. Defeature of C6 Split $V_{TT}$

Manufacturing variance in conjunction with board-level factors may cause a current spike that violates the published  $I_{CCP}+I_{CCP}C6$  specification when Split  $V_{TT}$  is enabled. This spike occurs on the VCCP plane when it is powered up upon C6 exit. This creates a potential for system shutdown or hang upon C6 exit. To disable Split  $V_{TT}$ , use SoftStraps to modify the microcode embedded within the BIOS binary.



# Specification Clarifications

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## 1. Clarification of TRANSLATION LOOKASIDE BUFFERS (TLBS) Invalidation

Section 10.9 INVALIDATING THE TRANSLATION LOOKASIDE BUFFERS (TLBS) of the Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer's Manual, Volume 3A: System Programming Guide will be modified to include the presence of page table structure caches, such as the page directory cache, which Intel processors implement. This information is needed to aid operating systems in managing page table structure invalidations properly.

Intel will update the *Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer's Manual, Volume 3A: System Programming Guide* in the coming months. Until that time, an application note, *TLBs, Paging-Structure Caches, and Their Invalidation* (<http://www.intel.com/products/processor/manuals/index.htm>), is available which provides more information on the paging structure caches and TLB invalidation.

In rare instances, improper TLB invalidation may result in unpredictable system behavior, such as system hangs or incorrect data. Developers of operating systems should take this documentation into account when designing TLB invalidation algorithms.



# Documentation Changes

- Changes are in **RED** font. These changes will be included in the next revision of the *Intel® Atom™ Processor Z5xx Series Datasheet*

**Table 6. Processor Absolute Maximum Ratings**

Symbol	Parameter	Min.	Max.	Unit	Notes <sup>1</sup>
T <sub>STORAGE</sub>	Processor Storage Temperature	-40	85	°C	2, 3, 4
V <sub>CC</sub> , V <sub>CCP</sub> , V <sub>CCPC6</sub>	Any Processor Supply Voltage with Respect to V <sub>SS</sub>	-0.3	<del>1.10</del> 1.35	V	
V <sub>CCA</sub>	PLL power supply	-0.3	1.575	V	
V <sub>inAGTL+</sub>	AGTL+ Buffer DC Input Voltage with Respect to V <sub>SS</sub>	-0.1	<del>1.10</del> 1.35	V	
V <sub>inAsynch_CMOS</sub>	CMOS Buffer DC Input Voltage with Respect to V <sub>SS</sub>	-0.1	<del>1.10</del> 1.35	V	

**NOTES:**

- For functional operation, all processor electrical, signal quality, mechanical and thermal specifications must be satisfied.
  - Storage temperature is applicable to storage conditions only. In this scenario, the processor must not receive a clock, and no lands can be connected to a voltage bias. Storage within these limits will not affect the long term reliability of the device. For functional operation, refer to the processor case temperature specifications.
  - This rating applies to the processor and does not include any tray or packaging.
  - Failure to adhere to this specification can affect the long term reliability of the processor.
  - ~~The V<sub>CC</sub> maximum supported by the process is 1.2 V but the parameter can change (burn in voltage is higher).~~
- Note #10 will be removed from Tables 7 – 9 in the next revision of the *Intel® Atom™ Processor Z5xx Series Datasheet*

**Note:** Documentation changes for Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architecture Software Developer's Manual volumes 1, 2A, 2B, 3A, and 3B will be posted in a separate document, Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architecture Software Developer's Manual Documentation Changes. Follow the link below to become familiar with this file.

<http://developer.intel.com/products/processor/manuals/index.htm>