

PIC18(L)F27/47K40 Family Silicon Errata and Data Sheet Clarifications

PIC18(L)F27/47K40



Introduction

The PIC18(L)F27/47K40 devices that you have received conform functionally to the current device data sheet (DS40001844F), except for the anomalies described in this document.

The silicon issues discussed in the following pages are for silicon revisions with the Device and Revision IDs listed in the table below.

The errata described in this document will be addressed in future revisions of the PIC18(L)F27/47K40 silicon.

Note: This document summarizes all silicon errata issues from all revisions of silicon, previous as well as current.

Table 1. Silicon Device Identification

Part Number	Device ID	Revision ID	
		A2	A3
PIC18F27K40	0x6960	0xA002	0xA003
PIC18LF27K40	0x6A40	0xA002	0xA003
PIC18F47K40	0x6900	0xA002	0xA003
PIC18LF47K40	0x69E0	0xA002	0xA003

Silicon Issue Summary

Table 2. Silicon Issue Summary

Module	Feature	Item No.	Issue Summary	Affected Revisions	
				A2	A3
Analog-to-Digital Converter (ADC)	ADC Conversion	1.1.1	Delay of one instruction cycle required prior to setting the ADGO bit when using ADCRC as the ADCC clock source.	X	
	ADCR Oscillator Operation in Sleep	1.1.2	The ADCRC oscillator does not stop after conversion is complete in Sleep mode.	X	X
	ADC Conversion with FVR	1.1.3	Using FVR as the ADC positive voltage reference can cause missing codes.	X	X
	ADC Conversion with F _{OSC} as Clock	1.1.4	The ADGO bit remains set when using F _{OSC} as clock source with clock divider.	X	X
	ADC Operation in Burst Average Mode	1.1.5	The ADCNT register does not increment past '0b1' in Burst Average mode with double sampling enabled.	X	X
	Double Sample Conversions	1.1.6	An unexpected acquisition time is added between the first and second conversions.	X	X
	ADC Acquisition Time	1.1.7	Conversion during Sleep mode when ADACQ = 0 affects results on values in the upper half of the 10-bit range. The analog input is disconnected for 3-4 uS and the first bit of the result becomes zero.	X	X
	ADC Short in Pre-Charge State	1.1.8	ADC shorts briefly in pre-charge state when the corresponding analog pin is selected as an output.	X	X
PIC18 Debug Executive	Data Write Match Breakpoints	1.2.1	Data write match breakpoints do not work when used on a location GSR space.	X	
	Single Step Function (SSTEP)	1.2.2	Single Step function does not execute at SW Breakpoint.	X	X
PIC18 Core	TBLRD	1.3.1	TBLRD requires NVMREG value to point to appropriate memory.	X	
Program Flash Memory (PFM)	Endurance of PFM Cell	1.4.1	Endurance of the PFM cell is lower than specified.	X	X
	Back-to-Back Writes	1.4.2	Repetitive writes may cause write/erase failures.	X	X
MSSP	SMBus 2.0 Voltage Level	1.5.1	Input low-voltage threshold level is dependent on V _{DD} .	X	X
	SPI	1.5.2	SSPBUF may become corrupted.	X	X
	I ² C	1.5.3	Acknowledge failure on LF devices only.	X	
Electrical Specifications	Min V _{DD} Specification	1.6.1	V _{DDMIN} specifications are changed for LF devices only for -40°C and 0°C.		X
	FVR Specification	1.6.2	FVR specifications require use above -20°C.	X	X
	Analog-to-Digital Converter	1.6.3	ADC offset error specification is +/- 3.0 LSB.	X	X
Timer0	Synchronous Mode	1.7.1	TMRO does not function properly in Sync mode.	X	X
	Clock Source	1.7.2	TMR0H register does not increment when the clock source is Fosc/4 and the T0ASYN bit is cleared.	X	X
Windowed Watchdog Timer (WWDT)	WWDT Operation in Doze Mode	1.8.1	Erroneous window violation error occurs in Doze mode.	X	X
Nonvolatile Memory (NVM)	NVMERR Bit Operation	1.9.1	NVMERR bit is set incorrectly due to specific Reset events.	X	X
Enhanced Universal Synchronous Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter (EUSART)	Transmit Mode	1.10.1	Possible duplicate byte transmitted.	X	X

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Module	Feature	Item No.	Issue Summary	Affected Revisions	
				A2	A3
Capture/ Compare/PWM Module (CCP)	PWM Mode	1.11.1	Duty cycle values are incorrect.	X	X
In-Circuit Serial Programming™	Low-Voltage Programming	1.12.1	Low-Voltage Programming is not possible when V_{DD} is below BORV while BOR is enabled.	X	X

Note: Only those issues indicated in the last column apply to the current silicon revision.

1. Silicon Errata Issues

NOTICE

This document summarizes all silicon errata issues from all revisions of silicon, previous and current. Only the issues indicated by the bold font in the following tables apply to the current silicon revision.

1.1 Module: ADCC - Analog-to-Digital Converter with Computation

1.1.1 ADC Conversion

When using the ADCRC as the clock source for ADCC, there is a delay of one instruction cycle between setting the ADGO bit and being able to read it as set. This delay may result in a false conversion complete scenario (i.e., ADGO being cleared), particularly if the user code has a bit clear test **BTSFC** instruction on the ADGO bit immediately after setting it. See code example below.

```
BSF ADCON0, ADGO      ; Start conversion
BTSFC ADCON0, ADGO    ; Is conversion done?
GOTO $-1              ; No, test again
```

Work around

Add a **NOP** instruction after setting the ADGO bit and before testing the bit for completion of conversion. See code example below.

```
BSF ADCON0, ADGO      ; Start conversion
NOP                   ;
BTSFC ADCON0, ADGO    ; Is conversion done?
GOTO $-1              ; No, test again
```

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X							

1.1.2 ADCRC Oscillator Operation in Sleep

If the part is in Sleep and the ADCRC oscillator is used as the clock source for the ADC, the oscillator will continue to run after the conversion is complete. This will increase the current consumption in Sleep mode. The oscillator will stop after the device exits Sleep mode and resumes normal code execution.

Work around

None.

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X	X						

1.1.3 Missing Codes with FVR Reference

Using the FVR as the positive voltage reference for the ADC can cause an increase in missing codes.

Work around

Method 1:

Increase the bit conversion time, known as T_{AD} , to 8 μ s or higher.

Method 2:

Use V_{DD} as the positive voltage reference to the ADC.

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X	X						

1.1.4 ADC GO Bit May Remain Set When the Clock Source is F_{OSC}

When using F_{OSC} as the clock source ($ADCON0.CS = 0$) and any clock divider setting other than $F_{OSC}/2$ is selected, the ADGO bit remains set and the conversion does not complete.

Work around

Method 1:

When using F_{OSC} as the clock source ($ADCON0.CS = 0$), clear the ADCLK register value to zero ($ADCLK.CS = 0$) and ensure that the F_{OSC} frequency does not violate any timing requirements for the ADC.

Method 2:

Use ADCRC as the clock source ($ADCON0.CS = 1$).

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X	X						

1.1.5 ADCC Burst Average Mode

When the ADCC is operated in Burst Average mode ($ADMD = 0b011$ in the $ADCON2$ register) while enabling noncontinuous operation and double-sampling ($ADCONT = 0$ in the $ADCON0$ register and $ADDSEN = 1$ in the $ADCON1$ register), the value in the $ADCNT$ register does not increment beyond '0b1' toward the value in the $ADRPT$ register.

Work around

When operating the ADCC in Burst Average mode with double-sampling, enable continuous module operation ($ADCONT = 1$ in the $ADCON0$ register) and set the Stop-on-Interrupt bit (the $ADSOI$ bit in the $ADCON3$ register). After the interrupt occurs, perform appropriate threshold calculations in the software and retrigger ADCC as necessary.

Alternatively, if the CPU is in Low-Power Sleep mode, the ADCC in noncontinuous Burst Average mode can be operated with a single ADC conversion ($ADDSEN = 0$ in the $ADCON1$ register). Doing so compromises noise immunity for lower power consumption by preventing the device from waking up to perform threshold calculations in the software.

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X	X						

1.1.6 Double Sample Conversions

When enabling a Double Sample Conversion ($DSEN = 1$) with no Pre-charge time ($ADPRE = 0$) and no Acquisition time ($ADACQ = 0$), the maximum number of cycles of acquisition time is inserted prior to the second conversion. The first conversion will be performed as expected with no Pre-charge time and no Acquisition time. It is only between the first and second conversions where a maximum number of cycles of Acquisition time is performed unexpectedly.

Work around

Method 1:

Disable Double Sample Conversion (DSEN = 0) and perform two single conversions back to back.

Method 2:

If adding acquisition time is acceptable, then select no Pre-charge time, along with the desired Acquisition time.

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X	X						

1.1.7 ADC Conversion Acquisition Time in Sleep (ADCC)

Conversion during Sleep mode when ADACQ = 0 affects results on values in the upper half of the 10-bit range. The analog input is disconnected for 3-4 uS and the first bit of the result becomes zero.

Work around

Add five counts of ADACQ time.

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X	X						

1.1.8 ADC Short in Pre-Charge State

During the pre-charge state, if the analog pin on which the ADC conversion is performed is selected to be an output (such as LATx or ADGRDx), there is a 20 ns short between pull-up/down and the external Low/High states, resulting in an inaccurate ADC conversion reading.

Work around

None.

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X	X						

1.2 Module: PIC18 Debug Executive

1.2.1 Data Write Match Breakpoints

If the data in a GPR location is modified using any arithmetic instruction like INCF, ADDWF, SETF, CLRF, etc., the data write match breakpoint does not work. It works with MOVF, which moves the data into the same memory location. See code examples below.

1.

```
MOVLB    0x00
CLRF     0x08
LOOP
INCF     0x08    ;Doesn't break when data
                  breakpoint set @ 0x08
                  with data match for 0xAA
GOTO LOOP
```

2.

```
MOVLB    0x00
MOVLW    0xAA
MOVF     0x08    ;Breaks when data
                  breakpoint set @ 0x08
```

GOTO LOOP with data match for 0xAA

Work around

Use data write breakpoints without matching wherever possible.

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X							

1.2.2 Single Step Function Does Not Execute at SW Breakpoint

The SW breakpoint occurs, but the SSTEP function does not execute at the breakpoint.

Work around

None.

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X	X						

1.3 Module: PIC18 Core

1.3.1 TBLRD Requires NVMREG Value to Point to Appropriate Memory

The affected silicon revisions of the PIC18(L)F27/47K40 devices improperly require the NVMREG[1:0] bits in the NVMCON register to be set for TBLRD access of the various memory regions. The issue is most apparent in compiled C programs when the user defines a const type and the compiler uses TBLRD instructions to retrieve the data from Program Flash Memory (PFM). The issue is also apparent when the user defines an array in RAM for which the compiler creates start-up code, executed before main(), that uses TBLRD instructions to initialize RAM from PFM.

Work around

Assembly code:

Set the NVMREG[1:0] bits to select the appropriate memory region before executing TBLRD instructions.

C code:

Create an assembly file named powerup.as and include this file with the other files in the project. This file will change the NVMREG[1:0] bits to point to program Flash before any code is executed. Contents of the powerup.as file:

```
#include <xc.inc>
GLOBAL powerup, start
PSECT powerup, class=CODE, delta=1, reloc=2
powerup:
    BSF    NVMCON1, 7
    GOTO  start
end
```

If there is a need to change the NVMREG[1:0] value to anything other than '10' and the Interrupt Service Routine uses constants or literal strings, then interrupts must be disabled before the change and restored to '10' before interrupts are enabled.

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X							

1.4 Module: Program Flash Memory (PFM)

1.4.1 Endurance of PFM is Lower than Specified

The Flash memory cell endurance specification (Parameter MEM30) is 1k cycles.

Work around

None.

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X	X						

1.4.2 PFM Back-to-Back Writes

When repetitive writes to nonvolatile memory (Program Flash Memory) are performed, they could result in write/erase failures at some locations. The issue is due to latent timing in the nonvolatile memory controller, which can cause the write instruction to fail under certain conditions.

Work around

To avoid the issue, it is recommended to wait an additional 100 μ s after the NVMCON1.WR bit has been set, allowing for the last word to be loaded into the write buffer.

```
NVMCON2 = 0x55;
NVMCON2 = 0xAA;
NVMCON1bits.WR = 1;
__delay_us(100);

NVMCON1bits.WREN = 0;
```

Note: The `__delay_us()` function uses a `#define` macro definition. For the intrinsic `__delay_us()` function to work correctly, the value of the `_XTAL_FREQ` must be clearly defined. This macro is defined in the `device_config.h` file if the code is generated using MCC. The value of `XTAL_FREQ` is equal to the system clock frequency.

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X	X						

1.5 Module: MSSP

1.5.1 SMBus 2.0 Voltage Level

The input low-voltage threshold level (V_{IL}) depends on V_{DD} , as follows:

$V_{IL} = 0.7$ for $V_{DD} < 4V$

$V_{IL} = 0.8$ for $V_{DD} > 4V$

Work around

None.

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X	X						

1.5.2 MSSP SPI Client Mode

When operating in SPI Client mode, if the incoming SCK clock signal arrives during any of the conditions below, the SSPBUF Transmit Shift Register (TSR) may become corrupted. The byte transmitted to the client cannot be ensured to be correct, and the state of the WCOL bit may or may not indicate a write collision.

These conditions include:

- A write to an SFR
- A write to RAM following an SFR read
- A write to RAM before an SFR read

Work around

Method 1 (Interrupt based using \overline{SS}):

1. Connect the \overline{SS} line to both the \overline{SS} input and either an INT or IOC input pin.
2. Enable INT or IOC interrupts (interrupt on falling edge if available, otherwise, check that $\overline{SS} == 0$ when the interrupt occurs).
3. Load SSPBUF with the data to be transmitted.
4. Continue program execution.
5. When invoking the Interrupt Service Routine (ISR), do either of the following:
 - a. Add a delay that ensures the first SCK clock will be complete, or
 - b. Poll SSPSTAT.BF (while(BF == 0)) and wait for the transmission/reception to complete.

Method 2 (Bit polling based using \overline{SS}):

1. Load SSPBUF with the data to be transmitted.
2. Poll the \overline{SS} line and wait for the \overline{SS} to go active (while(!PORTx. $\overline{SS} == 0$)).
3. When \overline{SS} is active ($\overline{SS} == 0$), do either of the following:
 - a. Add a delay that ensures the first SCK clock will be complete, or
 - b. Poll SSPSTAT.BF (while(BF == 0)) and wait for the transmission/reception to complete.

Once one of these two methods is complete, it is safe to return to program execution.

Method 3 (\overline{SS} not available):

1. Load SSPBUF with the data to be transmitted.
2. Poll SSPSTAT.BF (while(BF == 0)) and wait for the transmission/reception to complete.

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X	X						

1.5.3 SMBus 2.0 Voltage Level

When using the MSSP to perform I²C communication and the voltage for V_{DD} is above 3.0 Volts, the Acknowledge signal (ACK) does not always occur after the second address byte is received, as expected. This issue exhibits itself when the MSSP is configured either for 7-bit or 10-bit addressing and in either Host or Client mode.

The issue occurs more frequently when using 10-bit addressing in Client mode and the lower address bits (A7-A0) are transmitted by the Host on the SDA line.

Work around

Do not exceed 3.0 Volts on V_{DD} when using an LF device.

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X							

1.6 Module: Electrical Specifications

1.6.1 Min V_{DD} Specification (LF Devices Only)

V_{DDMIN} specifications are changed for LF devices only at -40°C and 0°C as below.

V_{DDMIN} for -40°C to 0°C = 2.3V

V_{DDMIN} for 0°C to 25°C = 2.1V

Work around

None.

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
	X						

1.6.2 FVR - Fixed Voltage Reference

At temperatures below -20°C, the output voltage for the FVR may be greater than the levels specified in the data sheet. This will apply to all three gain amplifier settings (1X, 2X, 4X). The affected parameter numbers found in the data sheet are: FVR01 (1X gain setting), FVR02 (2X gain setting) and FVR03 (4X gain setting).

Work around

At temperatures above -20°C, the stated tolerances in the data sheet remain in effect. Operate the FVR only at temperatures above -20°C.

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X	X						

1.6.3 ADC - Analog-to-Digital Converter

The table containing the Offset Error specification (AD04: EOFF) for the Analog-to-Digital Converter is modified. The updated value for Offset Error specification is +/- 3.0 LSb.

Work around

None.

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X	X						

1.7 Module: Timer0

1.7.1 Synchronous Mode

Operation of TMR0 is incorrect when $F_{OSC}/4$ is used as the clock source.

Work around

Clearing the T0ASYNCR bit in the T0CON1 register when TMR0 is configured to use $F_{OSC}/4$ may cause incorrect behavior. This issue is only valid when $F_{OSC}/4$ is used as the clock source.

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X	X						

1.7.2 TMR0H Register Does Not Increment

Configuring Timer0 in 16-bit mode with $F_{OSC}/4$ and clearing the T0ASYNC bit in the T0CON1 register may result in the High-Byte register, TMR0H, failing to increment. This issue is valid only when $F_{OSC}/4$ is used as the clock source.

Work around

When using $F_{OSC}/4$ as the Timer0 clock, set the T0ASYNC bit in the T0CON1 register to '1'.

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X	X						

1.8 Module: Windowed Watchdog Timer (WWDT)

1.8.1 Window Operation in Doze Mode

When enabling the Windowed operation mode in Doze mode, a window violation error is issued even though the window is open and armed. This condition occurs only when the window size is set to a value other than 100% open.

Work around

Method 1:

Use the Windowed operation mode in any mode other than Doze. If disabling Doze mode is not an option, use the WWDT module without enabling the window.

Method 2:

If the device is in Doze mode, perform the arming process for the window in Normal mode and return to Doze mode.

Method 3:

If there is an Interrupt Service Routine (ISR) in the application code, the arming within the window can be done inside the ISR with the ROI bit of the CPUDOZE register being set.

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X	X						

1.9 Module: Nonvolatile Memory (NVM)

1.9.1 NVMERR

When a Reset is issued while an NVM high-voltage operation is in progress, the NVMERR bit in the NVMCON0 register is set as expected. After clearing the NVMERR bit, if a Reset reoccurs, the NVMERR bit is set again regardless of whether an NVM operation is in progress or not. A successful write operation will clear the NVMERR condition.

Work around

None.

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X	X						

1.10 Module: Enhanced Universal Synchronous Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter (EUSART)

1.10.1 Double Byte Transmit

Under certain conditions, a byte written to the TXREG register can be transmitted twice. This happens when a byte is written to TXREG just as the TSR register becomes empty. This new byte is immediately transferred to the TSR register but also remains in the TXREG register until the completion of the current instruction cycle. If the new byte in the TSR register is transmitted before this instruction cycle has completed, the duplicate in the TXREG register will subsequently be transferred to the TSR register on the following instruction clock cycle and transmitted.

Work around

Method 1:

Monitor the Transmit Interrupt Flag (TXIF) bit. Writes to the TXREG register can be performed once the TXIF bit is set, indicating that the TXREG register is empty. If using this method, ensure that the second byte is filled in the TXREG before bit 6 of the first byte is transmitted. If the delay is more than six bit times, there is a possibility of double byte transmission.

Method 2:

Monitor the TMRT bit of the TXxSTA register. Writes to the TXREG register can be performed once the TMRT bit is set, indicating that the Transmit Shift Register (TSR) is empty. This work around can be applied if back-to-back transmissions are not necessary.

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X	X						

1.11 Module: Capture/Compare/PWM Module (CCP)

1.11.1 Wrong Duty Cycle for CCP Module

While in PWM mode and the Timer2 prescaler is configured to 1:1, the duty cycle of the PWM output is as expected. When the Timer2 prescaler is changed to a value other than 1:1 while T2PR = 0 (PWM resolution of two bits), the expected duty cycle is wrong. The corrected duty cycle values are shown in the table below.

Table 1-1. Corrected Duty Cycle Values

Prescaler/CCPR	0	1	2	3	4
1:1	0%	25%	50%	75%	100%
1:2	50%	75%	50%	75%	100%
1:4...1:128	75%	75%	75%	75%	100%

Work around

None.

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X	X						

1.12 Module: Low-Voltage In-Circuit Serial Programming™ (LVP)

1.12.1 Low-Voltage Programming Not Possible

Low-Voltage Programming is not possible when V_{DD} is below the selected BORV voltage level while BOR is enabled.

Work around

Method 1:

Disable BOR to use Low-Voltage Programming.

Method 2:

Raise V_{DD} above the selected BORV level while using Low-Voltage Programming.

Affected Silicon Revisions

A2	A3						
X	X						

2. Data Sheet Clarifications

The following typographic corrections and clarifications are to be noted for the latest version of the device data sheet (DS40001844F):

Note:

Corrections are shown in **bold**. Where possible, the original bold text formatting has been removed for clarity.

2.1 None

There are no known data sheet clarifications as of this publication date.

3. Appendix A: Revision History

Doc Rev.	Date	Comments
H	10/2024	Updated document format to most current version; silicon issues renumbered accordingly. Added silicon errata issue 1.7.2 (TMR0 Register Does Not Increment). Removed all data sheet clarifications. Other minor editorial updates.
G	09/2022	Removed 2.1.2. Added silicon errata 2.1.6, 2.1.7, 2.1.8, 2.4.2, 2.5.3, 2.10.1, 2.11.1, 2.12.1. Removed data sheet clarification for operating speed. Modified 3.2.1 (Electrical Specification) ADC offset error updated to -+3.0LSb.
F	03/2021	Added silicon errata 2.1.2, 2.1.5, 2.1.6, 2.5.2, 2.6.3, 2.8.1 and 2.9.1. Data Sheet Clarifications: Added Module 3.2 (Pin Diagrams), Module 3.3 (Electrical Specifications), Module 3.4 (Analog-to-Digital Convertor) and Module 3.5 (Capture/Compare/PWM (CCP) Module).
E	05/2018	Added Module 7: Electrical Specifications (FVR) and Module 8: Timer0. Data Sheet Clarifications: Added Module 1 (Core Features).
D	04/2017	Data Sheet Clarifications: Removed Module 1 (Peripheral Pin Select). Other minor corrections.
C	03/2017	Added Module 6: Electrical Specifications for LF Devices Only. Other minor corrections.
B	12/2016	Added silicon revisions 1.3, 1.4 and 5.1; Other minor corrections. Data Sheet Clarifications: Added Module 1 (Peripheral Pin Select).
A	09/2012	Initial document release.

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