

PCF2129

Accurate RTC with integrated quartz crystal for industrial applications

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1. General description

The PCF2129 is a CMOS¹ Real Time Clock (RTC) and calendar with an integrated Temperature Compensated Crystal (Xtal) Oscillator (TCXO) and a 32.768 kHz quartz crystal optimized for very high accuracy and very low power consumption. The PCF2129 has a selectable I²C-bus or SPI-bus, a backup battery switch-over circuit, a programmable watchdog function, a timestamp function, and many other features.

For a selection of NXP Real-Time Clocks, see [Table 83 on page 75](#page-74-0)

2. Features and benefits

- Operating temperature range from -40 °C to $+85$ °C
- Temperature Compensated Crystal Oscillator (TCXO) with integrated capacitors
- **Typical accuracy:**
	- \blacklozenge PCF2129AT: ± 3 ppm from -15 °C to $+60$ °C
	- \blacklozenge PCF2129T: ± 3 ppm from -30 °C to $+80$ °C
- Integration of a 32.768 kHz quartz crystal and oscillator in the same package
- **Provides year, month, day, weekday, hours, minutes, seconds, and leap year** correction
- \blacksquare Timestamp function
	- \blacklozenge with interrupt capability
	- detection of two different events on one multilevel input pin (for example, for tamper detection)
- \blacksquare Two line bidirectional 400 kHz Fast-mode I²C-bus interface
- 3 line SPI-bus with separate data input and output (maximum speed 6.5 Mbit/s)
- \blacksquare Battery backup input pin and switch-over circuitry
- Battery backed output voltage
- Battery low detection function
- **Power-On Reset Override (PORO)**
- Oscillator stop detection function
- Interrupt output (open-drain)
- **Programmable 1 second or 1 minute interrupt**
- **Programmable watchdog timer with interrupt**
- \blacksquare Programmable alarm function with interrupt capability
- **Programmable square output**

^{1.} The definition of the abbreviations and acronyms used in this data sheet can be found in [Section 20.](#page-76-0)

- Clock operating voltage: 1.8 V to 4.2 V
- Low supply current: typical 0.70 μ A at $V_{DD} = 3.3$ V

3. Applications

- **Electronic metering for electricity, water, and gas**
- **Precision timekeeping**
- Access to accurate time of the day
- GPS equipment to reduce time to first fix
- **Applications that require an accurate process timing**
- \blacksquare Products with long automated unattended operation time

4. Ordering information

Table 1. Ordering information

4.1 Ordering options

Table 2. Ordering options

5. Marking

Table 3. Marking codes

6. Block diagram

7. Pinning information

7.1 Pinning

After lead forming and cutting, there remain stubs from the package assembly process. These stubs are present at the edge of the package as illustrated in [Figure 4.](#page-3-0) The stubs are at an electrical potential. To avoid malfunction of the PCF2129, it has to be ensured that they are not shorted with another electrical potential (e.g. by condensation).

7.2 Pin description

Table 4. Pin description of PCF2129

Input or input/output pins must always be at a defined level (V_{SS} or V_{DD}) unless otherwise specified.

8. Functional description

The PCF2129 is a Real Time Clock (RTC) and calendar with an on-chip Temperature Compensated Crystal (Xtal) Oscillator (TCXO) and a 32.768 kHz quartz crystal integrated into the same package (see [Section 8.3.3\)](#page-12-0).

Address and data are transferred by a selectable 400 kHz Fast-mode $1²C$ -bus or a 3 line SPI-bus with separate data input and output (see [Section 9\)](#page-50-0). The maximum speed of the SPI-bus is 6.5 Mbit/s.

The PCF2129 has a backup battery input pin and backup battery switch-over circuit which monitors the main power supply. The backup battery switch-over circuit automatically switches to the backup battery when a power failure condition is detected (see [Section 8.5.1](#page-16-0)). Accurate timekeeping is maintained even when the main power supply is interrupted.

A battery low detection circuit monitors the status of the battery (see [Section 8.5.2\)](#page-19-0). When the battery voltage drops below a certain threshold value, a flag is set to indicate that the battery must be replaced soon. This ensures the integrity of the data during periods of battery backup.

8.1 Register overview

The PCF2129 contains an auto-incrementing address register: the built-in address register will increment automatically after each read or write of a data byte up to the register 1Bh. After register 1Bh, the auto-incrementing will wrap around to address 00h (see [Figure 5\)](#page-5-0).

- **•** The first three registers (memory address 00h, 01h, and 02h) are used as control registers (see [Section 8.2](#page-9-0)).
- **•** The memory addresses 03h through to 09h are used as counters for the clock function (seconds up to years). The date is automatically adjusted for months with fewer than 31 days, including corrections for leap years. The clock can operate in 12-hour mode with an AM/PM indication or in 24-hour mode (see [Section 8.8\)](#page-24-0).
- **•** The registers at addresses 0Ah through 0Eh define the alarm function. It can be selected that an interrupt is generated when an alarm event occurs (see [Section 8.9\)](#page-31-0).
- **•** The register at address 0Fh defines the temperature measurement period and the clock out mode. The temperature measurement can be selected from every 4 minutes (default) down to every 30 seconds (see [Table 14](#page-12-1)). CLKOUT frequencies of

32.768 kHz (default) down to 1 Hz for use as system clock, microcontroller clock, and so on, can be chosen (see [Table 15\)](#page-13-0).

- **•** The registers at addresses 10h and 11h are used for the watchdog timer functions. The watchdog timer has four selectable source clocks allowing for timer periods from less than 1 ms to greater than 4 hours (see [Table 52](#page-36-0)). An interrupt is generated when the watchdog times out.
- **•** The registers at addresses 12h to 18h are used for the timestamp function. When the trigger event happens, the actual time is saved in the timestamp registers (see [Section 8.11\)](#page-38-0).
- **•** The register at address 19h is used for the correction of the crystal aging effect (see [Section 8.4.1](#page-13-1)).
- **•** The registers at addresses 1Ah and 1Bh are for internal use only.
- **•** The registers Seconds, Minutes, Hours, Days, Months, and Years are all coded in Binary Coded Decimal (BCD) format to simplify application use. Other registers are either bit-wise or standard binary.

When one of the RTC registers is written or read, the content of all counters is temporarily frozen. This prevents a faulty writing or reading of the clock and calendar during a carry condition (see [Section 8.8.8](#page-29-0)).

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Table 5. Register overview

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as T must always be written with logic 0. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

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Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as T must always be written with logic 0. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

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8.2 Control registers

The first 3 registers of the PCF2129, with the addresses 00h, 01h, and 02h, are used as control registers.

8.2.1 Register Control_1

Table 6. Control_1 - control and status register 1 (address 00h) bit allocation *Bits labeled as T must always be written with logic 0.*

Table 7. Control_1 - control and status register 1 (address 00h) bit description

Bits labeled as T must always be written with logic 0.

8.2.2 Register Control_2

Table 8. Control_2 - control and status register 2 (address 01h) bit allocation *Bits labeled as T must always be written with logic 0.*

Table 9. Control_2 - control and status register 2 (address 01h) bit description

Bits labeled as T must always be written with logic 0.

8.2.3 Register Control_3

Table 10. Control_3 - control and status register 3 (address 02h) bit allocation

Table 11. Control_3 - control and status register 3 (address 02h) bit description

8.3 Register CLKOUT_ctl

Table 12. CLKOUT_ctl - CLKOUT control register (address 0Fh) bit allocation

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

Table 13. CLKOUT_ctl - CLKOUT control register (address 0Fh) bit description

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

8.3.1 Temperature compensated crystal oscillator

The frequency of tuning fork quartz crystal oscillators is temperature-dependent. In the PCF2129, the frequency deviation caused by temperature variation is corrected by adjusting the load capacitance of the crystal oscillator.

The load capacitance is changed by switching between two load capacitance values using a modulation signal with a programmable duty cycle. In order to compensate the spread of the quartz parameters every chip is factory calibrated.

The frequency accuracy can be evaluated by measuring the frequency of the square wave signal available at the output pin CLKOUT. However, the selection of $f_{\text{CI KOUT}}$ = 32.768 kHz (default value) leads to inaccurate measurements. Accurate frequency measurement occurs when $f_{\text{CI KOUT}} = 16.384 \text{ kHz}$ or lower is selected (see [Table 15\)](#page-13-0).

8.3.1.1 Temperature measurement

The PCF2129 has a temperature sensor circuit used to perform the temperature compensation of the frequency. The temperature is measured immediately after power-on and then periodically with a period set by the temperature conversion rate TCR[1:0] in the register CLKOUT_ctl.

Table 14. Temperature measurement period

[1] Default value.

8.3.2 OTP refresh

Each IC is calibrated during production and testing of the device. The calibration parameters are stored on EPROM cells called One Time Programmable (OTP) cells. It is recommended to process an OTP refresh once after the power is up and the oscillator is operating stable. The OTP refresh takes less than 100 ms to complete.

To perform an OTP refresh, bit OTPR has to be cleared (set to logic 0) and then set to logic 1 again.

8.3.3 Clock output

A programmable square wave is available at pin CLKOUT. Operation is controlled by the COF[2:0] control bits in register CLKOUT_ctl. Frequencies of 32.768 kHz (default) down to 1 Hz can be generated for use as system clock, microcontroller clock, charge pump input, or for calibrating the oscillator.

CLKOUT is an open-drain output and enabled at power-on. When disabled, the output is high-impedance.

101 1024 50:50 110 50 : 50

Table 15. CLKOUT frequency selection

[1] Duty cycle definition: % HIGH-level time : % LOW-level time.

111 CLKOUT = high-Z

[2] Default value.

[3] The specified accuracy of the RTC can be only achieved with CLKOUT frequencies not equal to 32.768 kHz or if CLKOUT is disabled.

The duty cycle of the selected clock is not controlled, however, due to the nature of the clock generation all but the 32.768 kHz frequencies are 50 : 50.

8.4 Register Aging_offset

Table 16. Aging_offset - crystal aging offset register (address 19h) bit allocation *Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read.*

Bit								
Symbol	$\overline{}$	$\overline{}$	$\overline{}$	$\overline{}$	AO[3:0]			
Reset value	-	-	-					

Table 17. Aging_offset - crystal aging offset register (address 19h) bit description *Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read.*

8.4.1 Crystal aging correction

The PCF2129 has an offset register Aging offset to correct the crystal aging effects².

The accuracy of the frequency of a quartz crystal depends on its aging. The aging offset adds an adjustment, positive or negative, in the temperature compensation circuit which allows correcting the aging effect.

At 25 °C, the aging offset bits allow a frequency correction of typically 1 ppm per AO[3:0] value, from -7 ppm to $+8$ ppm.

^{2.} For further information, refer to the application note [Ref. 3 "AN11186".](#page-77-0)

AO[3:0]	ppm	
Decimal	Binary	
\mbox{O}	0000	$+8$
$\mathbf 1$	0001	$+7$
\vert 2	0010	$+6$
$\ensuremath{\mathsf{3}}$	0011	$+5$
$\overline{4}$	0100	$+4$
$\mathbf 5$	0101	$+3$
$6\overline{6}$	0110	$+2$
$\overline{7}$	0111	$+1$
$\overline{\mathbf{8}}$	$\boxed{11}$ 1000	0
$\boldsymbol{9}$	1001	-1
10	1010	-2
11	1011	-3
12	1100	-4
13	1101	-5
14	1110	-6
15	1111	-7

Table 18. Frequency correction at 25 °C, typical

[1] Default value.

8.5 Power management functions

The PCF2129 has two power supplies:

 V_{DD} — the main power supply

V_{BAT} — the battery backup supply

Internally, the PCF2129 is operating with the internal operating voltage $V_{\text{over(int)}}$ which is also available as V_{BBS} on the battery backed output voltage pin, BBS. Depending on the condition of the main power supply and the selected power management function, $V_{\text{oner(int)}}$ is either on the potential of V_{DD} or V_{BAT} (see [Section 8.5.3](#page-20-0)).

Two power management functions are implemented:

Battery switch-over function — monitoring the main power supply V_{DD} and switching to V_{BAT} in case a power fail condition is detected (see [Section 8.5.1](#page-16-0)).

Battery low detection function — monitoring the status of the battery, V_{BAT} (see [Section 8.5.2](#page-19-0)).

The power management functions are controlled by the control bits PWRMNG[2:0] (see [Table 19\)](#page-15-0) in register Control_3 (see [Table 11](#page-11-2)):

PWRMNG[2:0]	Function
000	$\frac{11}{2}$ battery switch-over function is enabled in standard mode;
	battery low detection function is enabled
001	battery switch-over function is enabled in standard mode;
	battery low detection function is disabled
010	battery switch-over function is enabled in standard mode;
	battery low detection function is disabled
011	battery switch-over function is enabled in direct switching mode;
	battery low detection function is enabled
100	battery switch-over function is enabled in direct switching mode;
	battery low detection function is disabled
101	battery switch-over function is enabled in direct switching mode;
	battery low detection function is disabled
111	$\frac{2}{2}$ battery switch-over function is disabled, only one power supply
	(VDD) ;
	battery low detection function is disabled

Table 19. Power management control bit description

[1] Default value.

[2] When the battery switch-over function is disabled, the PCF2129 works only with the power supply V_{DD}. V_{BAT} must be put to ground and the battery low detection function is disabled.

8.5.1 Battery switch-over function

The PCF2129 has a backup battery switch-over circuit which monitors the main power supply V_{DD} . When a power failure condition is detected, it automatically switches to the backup battery.

One of two operation modes can be selected:

Standard mode — the power failure condition happens when:

 V_{DD} < V_{BAT} AND V_{DD} < $V_{th(sw)bat}$

 $V_{th(sw)bat}$ is the battery switch threshold voltage. Typical value is 2.5 V. The battery switch-over in standard mode works only for V_{DD} > 2.5 V

Direct switching mode — the power failure condition happens when $V_{DD} < V_{BAT}$. Direct switching from V_{DD} to V_{BAT} without requiring V_{DD} to drop below $V_{th(sw)bat}$

When a power failure condition occurs and the power supply switches to the battery, the following sequence occurs:

- 1. The battery switch flag BF (register Control_3) is set logic 1.
- 2. An interrupt is generated if the control bit BIE (register Control_3) is enabled (see [Section 8.12.6](#page-47-2)).
- 3. If the control bit BTSE (register Control_3) is logic 1, the timestamp registers store the time and date when the battery switch occurred (see [Section 8.11.4\)](#page-43-1).
- 4. The battery switch flag BF is cleared by command; it must be cleared to clear the interrupt.

The interface is disabled in battery backup operation:

- **•** Interface inputs are not recognized, preventing extraneous data being written to the device
- **•** Interface outputs are high-impedance

For further information about I2C-bus communication and battery backup operation, see [Section 9.3 on page 56.](#page-55-0)

8.5.1.1 Standard mode

If $V_{DD} > V_{BAT}$ OR $V_{DD} > V_{th(sw)bat}$: $V_{oper(int)}$ is at V_{DD} potential.

If V_{DD} < V_{BAT} AND V_{DD} < $V_{th(sw)bat}$: $V_{oper(int)}$ is at V_{BAT} potential.

8.5.1.2 Direct switching mode

If $V_{DD} > V_{BAT}$: $V_{oper(int)}$ is at V_{DD} potential.

If V_{DD} < V_{BAT} : $V_{oper(int)}$ is at V_{BAT} potential.

The direct switching mode is useful in systems where V_{DD} is always higher than V_{BAT} . This mode is not recommended if the V_{DD} and V_{BAT} values are similar (for example, V_{DD} = 3.3 V, V_{BAT} \geq 3.0 V). In direct switching mode, the power consumption is reduced compared to the standard mode because the monitoring of V_{DD} and $V_{th(sw)bat}$ is not performed.

8.5.1.3 Battery switch-over disabled: only one power supply (V_{DD})

When the battery switch-over function is disabled:

- The power supply is applied on the V_{DD} pin
- The V_{BAT} pin must be connected to ground
- V_{oper(int)} is at V_{DD} potential
- **•** The battery flag (BF) is always logic 0

8.5.1.4 Battery switch-over architecture

The architecture of the battery switch-over circuit is shown in [Figure 8](#page-19-1).

 $V_{\text{oper(int)}}$ is at V_{DD} or V_{BAT} potential.

Remark: It has to be assured that there are decoupling capacitors on the pins V_{DD}, V_{BAT}, and BBS.

8.5.2 Battery low detection function

The PCF2129 has a battery low detection circuit which monitors the status of the battery V_{BAT}.

When V_{BAT} drops below the threshold value $V_{th(bat)low}$ (typically 2.5 V), the BLF flag (register Control_3) is set to indicate that the battery is low and that it must be replaced. Monitoring of the battery voltage also occurs during battery operation.

An unreliable battery cannot prevent that the supply voltage drops below V_{low} (typical 1.2 V) and with that the data integrity gets lost. (For further information about V_{low} see [Section 8.6](#page-21-0).)

When V_{BAT} drops below the threshold value $V_{th(bat)low}$, the following sequence occurs (see [Figure 9\)](#page-20-1):

- 1. The battery low flag BLF is set logic 1.
- 2. An interrupt is generated if the control bit BLIE (register Control_3) is enabled (see [Section 8.12.7](#page-47-3)).
- 3. The flag BLF remains logic 1 until the battery is replaced. BLF cannot be cleared by command. It is automatically cleared by the battery low detection circuit when the battery is replaced or when the voltage rises again above the threshold value. This could happen if a super capacitor is used as a backup source and the main power is applied again.

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8.5.3 Battery backup supply

The V_{BBS} voltage on the output pin BBS is at the same potential as the internal operating voltage V_{oper(int)}, depending on the selected battery switch-over function mode:

Table 20. Output pin BBS

The output pin BBS can be used as a supply for external devices with battery backup needs, such as SRAM (see [Ref. 3 "AN11186"\)](#page-77-0). For this case, [Figure 10](#page-21-1) shows the typical driving capability when V_{BBS} is driven from V_{DD} .

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8.6 Oscillator stop detection function

The PCF2129 has an on-chip oscillator detection circuit which monitors the status of the oscillation: whenever the oscillation stops, a reset occurs and the oscillator stop flag OSF (in register Seconds) is set logic 1.

• Power-on:

- a. The oscillator is not running, the chip is in reset (OSF is logic 1).
- b. When the oscillator starts running and is stable after power-on, the chip exits from reset.
- c. The flag OSF is still logic 1 and can be cleared (OSF set logic 0) by command.

• Power supply failure:

- a. When the power supply of the chip drops below a certain value (V_{low}) , typically 1.2 V, the oscillator stops running and a reset occurs.
- b. When the power supply returns to normal operation, the oscillator starts running again, the chip exits from reset.
- c. The flag OSF is still logic 1 and can be cleared (OSF set logic 0) by command.

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8.7 Reset function

The PCF2129 has a Power-On Reset (POR) and a Power-On Reset Override (PORO) function implemented.

8.7.1 Power-On Reset (POR)

The POR is active whenever the oscillator is stopped. The oscillator is considered to be stopped during the time between power-on and stable crystal resonance (see [Figure 12](#page-23-1)). This time may be in the range of 200 ms to 2 s depending on temperature and supply voltage. Whenever an internal reset occurs, the oscillator stop flag is set (OSF set logic 1).

The OTP refresh (see [Section 8.3.2 on page 13\)](#page-12-3) should ideally be executed as the first instruction after start-up and also after a reset due to an oscillator stop.

After POR, the following mode is entered:

- **•** 32.768 kHz CLKOUT active
- **•** Power-On Reset Override (PORO) available to be set
- **•** 24-hour mode is selected
- **•** Battery switch-over is enabled
- **•** Battery low detection is enabled

The register values after power-on are shown in [Table 5 on page 8.](#page-7-0)

8.7.2 Power-On Reset Override (PORO)

The POR duration is directly related to the crystal oscillator start-up time. Due to the long start-up times experienced by these types of circuits, a mechanism has been built in to disable the POR and therefore speed up the on-board test of the device.

The setting of the PORO mode requires that POR_OVRD in register Control_1 is set logic 1 and that the signals at the interface pins SDA/CE and SCL are toggled as illustrated in [Figure 14](#page-24-2). All timings shown are required minimum.

Once the override mode is entered, the device is immediately released from the reset state and the set-up operation can commence.

The PORO mode is cleared by writing logic 0 to POR_OVRD. POR_OVRD must be logic 1 before a re-entry into the override mode is possible. Setting POR_OVRD logic 0 during normal operation has no effect except to prevent accidental entry into the PORO mode.

8.8 Time and date function

Most of these registers are coded in the Binary Coded Decimal (BCD) format.

8.8.1 Register Seconds

Table 21. Seconds - seconds and clock integrity register (address 03h) bit allocation

Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

Table 22. Seconds - seconds and clock integrity register (address 03h) bit description *Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.*

Table 23. Seconds coded in BCD format

8.8.2 Register Minutes

Table 24. Minutes - minutes register (address 04h) bit allocation

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

Table 25. Minutes - minutes register (address 04h) bit description

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

8.8.3 Register Hours

Table 26. Hours - hours register (address 05h) bit allocation

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

Table 27. Hours - hours register (address 05h) bit description

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

[1] Hour mode is set by the bit 12_24 in register Control_1 (see [Table 7\)](#page-9-2).

8.8.4 Register Days

Table 28. Days - days register (address 06h) bit allocation

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

Table 29. Days - days register (address 06h) bit description

[1] If the year counter contains a value which is exactly divisible by 4, including the year 00, the RTC compensates for leap years by adding a 29th day to February.

8.8.5 Register Weekdays

Table 30. Weekdays - weekdays register (address 07h) bit allocation

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

Table 31. Weekdays - weekdays register (address 07h) bit description

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

Although the association of the weekdays counter to the actual weekday is arbitrary, the PCF2129 assumes that Sunday is 000 and Monday is 001 for the purpose of determining the increment for calendar weeks.

Table 32. Weekday assignments

[1] Definition may be reassigned by the user.

8.8.6 Register Months

Table 33. Months - months register (address 08h) bit allocation

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

Table 34. Months - months register (address 08h) bit description

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

Table 35. Month assignments in BCD format

8.8.7 Register Years

Table 36. Years - years register (address 09h) bit allocation

Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

Table 37. Years - years register (address 09h) bit description

Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

8.8.8 Setting and reading the time

[Figure 15](#page-29-2) shows the data flow and data dependencies starting from the 1 Hz clock tick.

During read/write operations, the time counting circuits (memory locations 03h through 09h) are blocked.

This prevents

- **•** Faulty reading of the clock and calendar during a carry condition
- **•** Incrementing the time registers during the read cycle

After this read/write access is completed, the time circuit is released again. Any pending request to increment the time counters that occurred during the read/write access is serviced. A maximum of 1 request can be stored; therefore, all accesses must be completed within 1 second (see [Figure 16](#page-30-0)).

As a consequence of this method, it is very important to make a read or write access in one go. That is, setting or reading seconds through to years should be made in one single access. Failing to comply with this method could result in the time becoming corrupted.

As an example, if the time (seconds through to hours) is set in one access and then in a second access the date is set, it is possible that the time may increment between the two accesses. A similar problem exists when reading. A roll-over may occur between reads thus giving the minutes from one moment and the hours from the next. Therefore it is advised to read all time and date registers in one access.

8.9 Alarm function

When one or more of the alarm bit fields are loaded with a valid second, minute, hour, day, or weekday and its corresponding alarm enable bit (AE_x) is logic 0, then that information is compared with the actual second, minute, hour, day, and weekday (see [Figure 17](#page-31-1)).

The generation of interrupts from the alarm function is described in [Section 8.12.4](#page-46-1).

8.9.1 Register Second_alarm

Table 38. Second_alarm - second alarm register (address 0Ah) bit allocation *Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.*

Table 39. Second_alarm - second alarm register (address 0Ah) bit description

8.9.2 Register Minute_alarm

Table 40. Minute_alarm - minute alarm register (address 0Bh) bit allocation *Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.*

Table 41. Minute_alarm - minute alarm register (address 0Bh) bit description

Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

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8.9.3 Register Hour_alarm

Table 42. Hour_alarm - hour alarm register (address 0Ch) bit allocation

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

Table 43. Hour_alarm - hour alarm register (address 0Ch) bit description

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

[1] Hour mode is set by the bit 12_24 in register Control_1.

8.9.4 Register Day_alarm

Table 44. Day_alarm - day alarm register (address 0Dh) bit allocation

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

Table 45. Day_alarm - day alarm register (address 0Dh) bit description

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

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8.9.5 Register Weekday_alarm

Table 46. Weekday_alarm - weekday alarm register (address 0Eh) bit allocation

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

Table 47. Weekday_alarm - weekday alarm register (address 0Eh) bit description

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

8.9.6 Alarm flag

When all enabled comparisons first match, the alarm flag AF (register Control_2) is set. AF remains set until cleared by command. Once AF has been cleared, it will only be set again when the time increments to match the alarm condition once more. For clearing the flags, see [Section 8.10.5](#page-37-0)

Alarm registers which have their alarm enable bit AE_x at logic 1 are ignored.

8.10 Timer functions

The PCF2129 has a watchdog timer function. The timer can be switched on and off by using the control bit WD_CD in the register Watchdg_tim_ctl.

The watchdog timer has four selectable source clocks. It can, for example, be used to detect a microcontroller with interrupt and reset capability which is out of control (see [Section 8.10.3](#page-36-1))

To control the timer function and timer output, the registers Control_2, Watchdg_tim_ctl, and Watchdg_tim_val are used.

8.10.1 Register Watchdg_tim_ctl

Table 48. Watchdg_tim_ctl - watchdog timer control register (address 10h) bit allocation

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as T must always be written with logic 0.

Table 49. Watchdg_tim_ctl - watchdog timer control register (address 10h) bit description

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as T must always be written with logic 0.

8.10.2 Register Watchdg_tim_val

Table 50. Watchdg_tim_val - watchdog timer value register (address 11h) bit allocation *Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.*

Table 51. Watchdg_tim_val - watchdog timer value register (address 11h) bit description *Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.*

TF[1:0]	Timer source clock frequency	Units	Minimum timer period $(n = 1)$	Units	∣Maximum timer period ($n = 255$)	Units
00	4.096	kHz	244	μS	62.256	l ms
01	64	Hz	15.625	ms	3.984	١s
10		Hz		s	255	١s
11	'/60	Hz	60	s	15300	١s

Table 52. Programmable watchdog timer

8.10.3 Watchdog timer function

The watchdog timer function is enabled or disabled by the WD_CD bit of the register Watchdg_tim_ctl (see [Table 49](#page-35-0)).

The 2 bits TF[1:0] in register Watchdg_tim_ctl determine one of the four source clock frequencies for the watchdog timer: 4.096 kHz, 64 Hz, 1 Hz, or $\frac{1}{60}$ Hz (see <u>Table 52</u>).

When the watchdog timer function is enabled, the 8-bit timer in register Watchdg_tim_val determines the watchdog timer period (see [Table 52](#page-36-0)).

The watchdog timer counts down from the software programmed 8-bit binary value n in register Watchdg_tim_val. When the counter reaches 1, the watchdog timer flag WDTF (register Control_2) is set logic 1 and an interrupt is generated.

The counter does not automatically reload.

When WD, CD is logic 0 (watchdog timer disabled) and the Microcontroller Unit (MCU) loads a watchdog timer value n:

- **•** the flag WDTF is reset
- **•** INT is cleared
- **•** the watchdog timer starts again

Loading the counter with 0 will:

- **•** reset the flag WDTF
- **•** clear INT
- **•** stop the watchdog timer

Remark: WDTF is read only and cannot be cleared by command. WDTF can be cleared by:

- loading a value in register Watchdg_tim_val
- **•** reading of the register Control_2

Writing a logic 0 or logic 1 to WDTF has no effect.

- **•** When the watchdog timer counter reaches 1, the watchdog timer flag WDTF is set logic 1
- **•** When a minute or second interrupt occurs, the minute/second flag MSF is set logic 1 (see [Section 8.12.1](#page-44-0)).

8.10.4 Pre-defined timers: second and minute interrupt

PCF2129 has two pre-defined timers which are used to generate an interrupt either once per second or once per minute (see [Section 8.12.1\)](#page-44-0). The pulse generator for the minute or second interrupt operates from an internal 64 Hz clock. It is independent of the watchdog timer. Each of these timers can be enabled by the bits SI (second interrupt) and MI (minute interrupt) in register Control_1.

8.10.5 Clearing flags

The flags MSF, AF, and TSFx can be cleared by command. To prevent one flag being overwritten while clearing another, a logic AND is performed during the write access. A flag is cleared by writing logic 0 while a flag is not cleared by writing logic 1. Writing logic 1 results in the flag value remaining unchanged.

Two examples are given for clearing the flags. Clearing a flag is made by a write command:

- **•** Bits labeled with must be written with their previous values
- **•** Bits labeled with T have to be written with logic 0
- **•** WDTF is read only and has to be written with logic 0

Repeatedly rewriting these bits has no influence on the functional behavior.

Table 54. Example values in register Control_2

Register	Bit							
			э					
Control_2							C	υ

The following tables show what instruction must be sent to clear the appropriate flag.

Table 55. Example to clear only AF (bit 4)

[1] The bits labeled as - have to be rewritten with the previous values.

Table 56. Example to clear only MSF (bit 7)

[1] The bits labeled as - have to be rewritten with the previous values.

8.11 Timestamp function

The PCF2129 has an active LOW timestamp input pin \overline{TS} , internally pulled with an on-chip pull-up resistor to $V_{\text{oper(int)}}$. It also has a timestamp detection circuit which can detect two different events:

- 1. Input on pin \overline{TS} is driven to an intermediate level between power supply and ground.
- 2. Input on pin \overline{TS} is driven to ground.

The timestamp function is enabled by default after power-on and it can be switched off by setting the control bit TSOFF (register Timestp_ctl).

A most common application of the timestamp function is described in [Ref. 3 "AN11186".](#page-77-0)

See [Section 8.12.5](#page-47-0) for a description of interrupt generation from the timestamp function.

8.11.1 Timestamp flag

- 1. When the TS input pin is driven to an intermediate level between the power supply and ground, either on the falling edge from V_{DD} or on the rising edge from ground, then the following sequence occurs:
	- a. The actual date and time are stored in the timestamp registers.
	- b. The timestamp flag TSF1 (register Control 1) is set.
	- c. If the TSIE bit (register Control 2) is active, an interrupt on the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ pin is generated.

The TSF1 flag can be cleared by command. Clearing the flag clears the interrupt. Once TSF1 is cleared, it will only be set again when a new negative or positive edge on pin \overline{TS} is detected.

- 2. When the $\overline{\text{TS}}$ input pin is driven to ground, the following sequence occurs:
	- a. The actual date and time are stored in the timestamp registers.
	- b. In addition to the TSF1 flag, the TSF2 flag (register Control_2) is set.
	- c. If the TSIE bit is active, an interrupt on the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ pin is generated.

The TSF1 and TSF2 flags can be cleared by command; clearing both flags clears the interrupt. Once TSF2 is cleared, it will only be set again when \overline{TS} pin is driven to ground once again.

8.11.2 Timestamp mode

The timestamp function has two different modes selected by the control bit TSM (timestamp mode) in register Timestp_ctl:

- **•** If TSM is logic 0 (default): in subsequent trigger events without clearing the timestamp flags, the last timestamp event is stored
- **•** If TSM is logic 1: in subsequent trigger events without clearing the timestamp flags, the first timestamp event is stored

The timestamp function also depends on the control bit BTSE in register Control_3, see [Section 8.11.4](#page-43-0).

8.11.3 Timestamp registers

8.11.3.1 Register Timestp_ctl

Table 57. Timestp_ctl - timestamp control register (address 12h) bit allocation

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

Table 58. Timestp_ctl - timestamp control register (address 12h) bit description

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

8.11.3.2 Register Sec_timestp

Table 59. Sec_timestp - second timestamp register (address 13h) bit allocation

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

Table 60. Sec_timestp - second timestamp register (address 13h) bit description

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

8.11.3.3 Register Min_timestp

Table 61. Min_timestp - minute timestamp register (address 14h) bit allocation

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

Table 62. Min_timestp - minute timestamp register (address 14h) bit description

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

8.11.3.4 Register Hour_timestp

Table 63. Hour_timestp - hour timestamp register (address 15h) bit allocation

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

Table 64. Hour_timestp - hour timestamp register (address 15h) bit description

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

[1] Hour mode is set by the bit 12 24 in register Control 1.

8.11.3.5 Register Day_timestp

Table 65. Day_timestp - day timestamp register (address 16h) bit allocation

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

Table 66. Day_timestp - day timestamp register (address 16h) bit description

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

8.11.3.6 Register Mon_timestp

Table 67. Mon_timestp - month timestamp register (address 17h) bit allocation

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

Table 68. Mon_timestp - month timestamp register (address 17h) bit description

Bit positions labeled as - are not implemented and return 0 when read. Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

8.11.3.7 Register Year_timestp

Table 69. Year_timestp - year timestamp register (address 18h) bit allocation *Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.*

Bit 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 Symbol $YEAR$ TIMESTP (0 to 99) **Reset** x \mid x \mid x \mid \mid x

Table 70. Year_timestp - year timestamp register (address 18h) bit description

Bits labeled as X are undefined at power-on and unchanged by subsequent resets.

value

8.11.4 Dependency between Battery switch-over and timestamp

The timestamp function depends on the control bit BTSE in register Control_3:

[1] Default value.

8.12 Interrupt output, INT

PCF2129 has an interrupt output pin INT which is open-drain, active LOW (requiring a pull-up resistor if used). Interrupts may be sourced from different places:

- **•** second or minute timer
- **•** watchdog timer
- **•** alarm
- **•** timestamp
- **•** battery switch-over
- **•** battery low detection

The control bit TI_TP (register Watchdg_tim_ctl) is used to configure whether the interrupts generated from the second/minute timer (flag MSF in register Control_2) are pulsed signals or a permanently active signal. All the other interrupt sources generate a permanently active interrupt signal which follows the status of the corresponding flags. When the interrupt sources are all disabled, INT remains high-impedance.

- **•** The flags MSF, AF, TSFx, and BF can be cleared by command.
- The flag WDTF is read only. How it can be cleared is explained in [Section 8.10.5](#page-37-0).
- **•** The flag BLF is read only. It is cleared automatically from the battery low detection circuit when the battery is replaced.

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8.12.1 Minute and second interrupts

Minute and second interrupts are generated by predefined timers. The timers can be enabled independently from one another by the bits MI and SI in register Control_1. However, a minute interrupt enabled on top of a second interrupt cannot be distinguishable since it occurs at the same time.

The minute/second flag MSF (register Control_2) is set logic 1 when either the seconds or the minutes counter increments according to the enabled interrupt (see [Table 72\)](#page-45-0). The MSF flag can be cleared by command.

MI	SI	Result on INT	Result on MSF
		no interrupt generated	MSF never set
		an interrupt once per minute	MSF set when minutes counter increments
		an interrupt once per second	MSF set when seconds counter increments
		an interrupt once per second	MSF set when seconds counter increments

Table 72. Effect of bits MI and SI on pin INT and bit MSF

When MSF is set logic 1:

- **•** If TI_TP is logic 1, the interrupt is generated as a pulsed signal.
- **•** If TI_TP is logic 0, the interrupt is permanently active signal that remains until MSF is cleared.

The pulse generator for the minute/second interrupt operates from an internal 64 Hz clock and generates a pulse of $\frac{1}{64}$ seconds in duration.

8.12.2 INT pulse shortening

If the MSF flag (register Control 2) is cleared before the end of the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ pulse, then the INT pulse is shortened. This allows the source of a system interrupt to be cleared immediately when it is serviced, that is, the system does not have to wait for the completion of the pulse before continuing; see [Figure 24](#page-46-0). Instructions for clearing the bit MSF can be found in [Section 8.10.5](#page-37-0).

8.12.3 Watchdog timer interrupts

The generation of interrupts from the watchdog timer is controlled using the WD_CD bit (register Watchdg_tim_ctl). The interrupt is generated as an active signal which follows the status of the watchdog timer flag WDTF (register Control_2). No pulse generation is possible for watchdog timer interrupts.

The interrupt is cleared when the flag WDTF is reset. WDTF is a read-only bit and cannot be cleared by command. Instructions for clearing it can be found in [Section 8.10.5](#page-37-0).

8.12.4 Alarm interrupts

Generation of interrupts from the alarm function is controlled by the bit AIE (register Control 2). If AIE is enabled, the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ pin follows the status of bit AF (register Control 2). Clearing AF immediately clears INT. No pulse generation is possible for alarm interrupts.

8.12.5 Timestamp interrupts

Interrupt generation from the timestamp function is controlled using the TSIE bit (register Control_2). If TSIE is enabled, the INT pin follows the status of the flags TSFx. Clearing the flags TSFx immediately clears INT. No pulse generation is possible for timestamp interrupts.

8.12.6 Battery switch-over interrupts

Generation of interrupts from the battery switch-over is controlled by the BIE bit (register Control 3). If BIE is enabled, the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ pin follows the status of bit BF in register Control 3 (see [Table 71](#page-43-2)). Clearing BF immediately clears INT. No pulse generation is possible for battery switch-over interrupts.

8.12.7 Battery low detection interrupts

Generation of interrupts from the battery low detection is controlled by the BLIE bit (register Control_3). If BLIE is enabled, the INT pin follows the status of bit BLF (register Control 3). The interrupt is cleared when the battery is replaced (BLF is logic 0) or when bit BLIE is disabled (BLIE is logic 0). BLF is read only and therefore cannot be cleared by command.

8.13 External clock test mode

A test mode is available which allows on-board testing. In this mode, it is possible to set up test conditions and control the operation of the RTC.

The test mode is entered by setting bit EXT_TEST logic 1 (register Control_1). Then pin CLKOUT becomes an input. The test mode replaces the internal clock signal (64 Hz) with the signal applied to pin CLKOUT. Every 64 positive edges applied to pin CLKOUT generate an increment of one second.

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The signal applied to pin CLKOUT should have a minimum pulse width of 300 ns and a maximum period of 1000 ns. The internal clock, now sourced from CLKOUT, is divided down by a 2^6 divider chain called prescaler (see [Table 73](#page-49-0)). The prescaler can be set into a known state by using bit STOP. When bit STOP is logic 1, the prescaler is reset to 0. STOP must be cleared before the prescaler can operate again.

From a stop condition, the first 1 second increment will take place after 32 positive edges on pin CLKOUT. Thereafter, every 64 positive edges cause a 1 second increment.

Remark: Entry into test mode is not synchronized to the internal 64 Hz clock. When entering the test mode, no assumption as to the state of the prescaler can be made.

Operating example:

- 1. Set EXT_TEST test mode (register Control 1, EXT_TEST is logic 1).
- 2. Set bit STOP (register Control_1, STOP is logic 1).
- 3. Set time registers to desired value.
- 4. Clear STOP (register Control_1, STOP is logic 0).
- 5. Apply 32 clock pulses to CLKOUT.
- 6. Read time registers to see the first change.
- 7. Apply 64 clock pulses to CLKOUT.
- 8. Read time registers to see the second change.

Repeat 7 and 8 for additional increments.

8.14 STOP bit function

The function of the STOP bit is to allow for accurate starting of the time circuits. STOP causes the upper part of the prescaler (F_9 to F_{14}) to be held in reset and thus no 1 Hz ticks are generated. The time circuits can then be set and will not increment until the STOP bit is released. STOP doesn't affect the CLKOUT signal but the output of the prescaler in the range of 32 Hz to 1 Hz (see [Figure 26](#page-48-0)).

The lower stages of the prescaler, F_0 to F_8 , are not reset and because the I²C-bus and the SPI-bus are asynchronous to the crystal oscillator, the accuracy of restarting the time circuits is between 0 and one 64 Hz cycle (0.484375 s and 0.500000 s), see [Table 73](#page-49-0) and [Figure 27](#page-49-1).

Table 73. First increment of time circuits after stop release

[1] F_0 is clocked at 32.768 kHz.

9. Interfaces

The PCF2129 has an I²C-bus or SPI-bus interface using the same pins. The selection is done using the interface selection pin IFS (see [Table 74](#page-50-1)).

Table 74. Interface selection input pin IFS

9.1 SPI-bus interface

Data transfer to and from the device is made by a 3 line SPI-bus (see [Table 75\)](#page-51-0). The data lines for input and output are split. The data input and output line can be connected together to facilitate a bidirectional data bus (see [Figure 29\)](#page-50-2). The SPI-bus is initialized whenever the chip enable line pin SDA/CE is inactive.

[1] The chip enable must not be wired permanently LOW.

9.1.1 Data transmission

The chip enable signal is used to identify the transmitted data. Each data transfer is a whole byte, with the Most Significant Bit (MSB) sent first.

The transmission is controlled by the active LOW chip enable signal SDA/CE. The first byte transmitted is the command byte. Subsequent bytes are either data to be written or data to be read (see [Figure 30](#page-51-2)).

The command byte defines the address of the first register to be accessed and the read/write mode. The address counter will auto increment after every access and will reset to zero after the last valid register is accessed. The R/W bit defines if the following bytes are read or write information.

Table 76. Command byte definition

Fig 32. SPI-bus read example

9.2 I2C-bus interface

The I2C-bus is for bidirectional, two-line communication between different ICs or modules. The two lines are a Serial DAta line (SDA) and a Serial CLock line (SCL). Both lines are connected to a positive supply by a pull-up resistor. Data transfer is initiated only when the bus is not busy.

9.2.1 Bit transfer

One data bit is transferred during each clock pulse. The data on the SDA line remains stable during the HIGH period of the clock pulse as changes in the data line at this time are interpreted as control signals (see [Figure 33](#page-53-1)).

9.2.2 START and STOP conditions

Both data and clock lines remain HIGH when the bus is not busy. A HIGH-to-LOW transition of the data line, while the clock is HIGH, is defined as the START condition S. A LOW-to-HIGH transition of the data line while the clock is HIGH is defined as the STOP condition P (see [Figure 34\)](#page-53-2).

Remark: For the PCF2129, a repeated START is not allowed. Therefore a STOP has to be released before the next START.

9.2.3 System configuration

A device generating a message is a transmitter; a device receiving a message is the receiver. The device that controls the message is the master; and the devices which are controlled by the master are the slaves.

The PCF2129 can act as a slave transmitter and a slave receiver.

9.2.4 Acknowledge

The number of data bytes transferred between the START and STOP conditions from transmitter to receiver is unlimited. Each byte of 8 bits is followed by an acknowledge cycle.

- **•** A slave receiver which is addressed must generate an acknowledge after the reception of each byte.
- **•** Also a master receiver must generate an acknowledge after the reception of each byte that has been clocked out of the slave transmitter.
- **•** The device that acknowledges must pull-down the SDA line during the acknowledge clock pulse, so that the SDA line is stable LOW during the HIGH period of the acknowledge related clock pulse (set-up and hold times must be considered).
- **•** A master receiver must signal an end of data to the transmitter by not generating an acknowledge on the last byte that has been clocked out of the slave. In this event, the transmitter must leave the data line HIGH to enable the master to generate a STOP condition.

Acknowledgement on the I²C-bus is illustrated in [Figure 36.](#page-54-0)

9.2.5 I2C-bus protocol

After a start condition, a valid hardware address has to be sent to a PCF2129 device. The appropriate I²C-bus slave address is 1010001. The entire I²C-bus slave address byte is shown in [Table 77](#page-55-0).

Table 77. I2C slave address byte

The R/\overline{W} bit defines the direction of the following single or multiple byte data transfer (read is logic 1, write is logic 0).

For the format and the timing of the START condition (S), the STOP condition (P), and the acknowledge (A) refer to the I2C-bus specification [Ref. 13 "UM10204"](#page-77-1) and the characteristics table [\(Table 82](#page-67-0)). In the write mode, a data transfer is terminated by sending a STOP condition. A repeated START (Sr) condition is not applicable.

9.3 Bus communication and battery backup operation

To save power during battery backup operation (see [Section 8.5.1\)](#page-16-0), the bus interfaces are inactive. Therefore the communication via I²C- or SPI-bus should be terminated before the supply of the PCF2129 is switched from V_{DD} to V_{BAT} .

Remark: If the I²C-bus communication was terminated uncontrolled, the I²C-bus has to be reinitialized by sending a STOP followed by a START after the device switched back from battery backup operation to V_{DD} supply operation.

10. Internal circuitry

11. Safety notes

12. Limiting values

Table 78. Limiting values

In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 60134).

[1] Pass level; Human Body Model (HBM) according to [Ref. 7 "JESD22-A114"](#page-77-2).

[2] Pass level; Charged-Device Model (CDM), according to [Ref. 8 "JESD22-C101".](#page-77-3)

[3] Pass level; latch-up testing according to [Ref. 9 "JESD78"](#page-77-4) at maximum ambient temperature $(T_{amb(max)})$.

[4] According to the store and transport requirements (see [Ref. 14 "UM10569"\)](#page-77-5) the devices have to be stored at a temperature of +8 °C to +45 \degree C and a humidity of 25 % to 75 %.

13. Static characteristics

Table 79. Static characteristics

 V_{DD} = 1.8 V to 4.2 V; V_{SS} = 0 V; T_{amb} = -40 °C to +85 °C, unless otherwise specified.

Table 79. Static characteristics *…continued*

 V_{DD} = 1.8 V to 4.2 V; V_{SS} = 0 V; T_{amb} = -40 °C to +85 °C, unless otherwise specified.

[1] For reliable oscillator start-up at power-on: $V_{DD(po)min} = V_{DD(min)} + 0.3$ V.

[2] Timer source clock = $\frac{1}{60}$ Hz, level of pins SDA/CE, SDI, and SCL is V_{DD} or V_{SS}.

[3] When the device is supplied by the V_{BAT} pin instead of the V_{DD} pin, the current values for I_{BAT} are as specified for I_{DD} under the same conditions.

[4] The I²C-bus and SPI-bus interfaces of PCF2129 are 5 V tolerant.

[5] Tested on sample basis.

[6] For further information, see [Figure 40.](#page-60-0)

13.1 Current consumption characteristics, typical

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13.2 Frequency characteristics

Table 80. Frequency characteristics

 V_{DD} = 1.8 V to 4.2 V; V_{SS} = 0 V; T_{amb} = +25 °C, unless otherwise specified.

[1] \pm 1 ppm corresponds to a time deviation of \pm 0.0864 seconds per day.

[2] Only valid if CLKOUT frequencies are not equal to 32.768 kHz or if CLKOUT is disabled.

[3] Not production tested. Effects of reflow soldering are included (see [Ref. 3 "AN11186"\)](#page-77-0).

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14. Dynamic characteristics

14.1 SPI-bus timing characteristics

Table 81. SPI-bus characteristics

 V_{DD} = 1.8 V to 4.2 V; V_{SS} = 0 V; T_{amb} = -40 °C to +85 °C, unless otherwise specified. All timing values are valid within the operating supply voltage at ambient temperature and referenced to V_{IL} and V_{IH} with an input voltage swing of V_{SS} to V_{DD} (see *[Figure 46](#page-66-0)).*

[1] No load value; bus is held up by bus capacitance; use RC time constant with application values.

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14.2 I2C-bus timing characteristics

Table 82. I2C-bus characteristics

All timing characteristics are valid within the operating supply voltage and ambient temperature range and reference to 30 % and 70 % with an input voltage swing of V_{SS} to V_{DD} (see [Figure 47\)](#page-68-0).

[1] The minimum SCL clock frequency is limited by the bus time-out feature which resets the serial bus interface if either the SDA or SCL is held LOW for a minimum of 25 ms. The bus time-out feature must be disabled for DC operation.

[2] A master device must internally provide a hold time of at least 300 ns for the SDA signal (refer to the V_{IL} of the SCL signal) in order to bridge the undefined region of the falling edge of SCL.

[3] C_b is the total capacitance of one bus line in pF.

[4] The maximum te for the SDA and SCL bus lines is 300 ns. The maximum fall time for the SDA output stage, te is 250 ns. This allows series protection resistors to be connected between the SDA/CE pin, the SCL pin, and the SDA/SCL bus lines without exceeding the $maximum$ t.

[5] t_{VD;ACK} is the time of the acknowledgement signal from SCL LOW to SDA (out) LOW.

 $[6]$ t_{VD;DAT} is the minimum time for valid SDA (out) data following SCL LOW.

[7] Input filters on the SDA and SCL inputs suppress noise spikes of less than 50 ns.

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15. Application information

For information about application configuration, see [Ref. 3 "AN11186"](#page-77-0).

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16. Package outline

Fig 49. Package outline SOT163-1 (SO20) of PCF2129AT

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17. Packing information

17.1 Tape and reel information

For tape and reel packing information, see

- **•** [Ref. 11 "SOT162-1_518" on page 78](#page-77-1) for the PCF2129T.
- **•** [Ref. 12 "SOT163-1_518" on page 78](#page-77-2) for the PCF2129AT.

18. Soldering

For information about soldering, see [Ref. 3 "AN11186"](#page-77-0).

18.1 Footprint information

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19.1 Real-Time Clock selection

Table 83. Selection of Real-Time Clocks

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20. Abbreviations

21. References

- **[1] AN10365** Surface mount reflow soldering description
- **[2] AN10853** Handling precautions of ESD sensitive devices
- **[3] AN11186 —** Application and soldering information for the PCA2129 and PCF2129 TCXO RTC
- **[4] IEC 60134** Rating systems for electronic tubes and valves and analogous semiconductor devices
- **[5] IEC 61340-5** Protection of electronic devices from electrostatic phenomena
- **[6] IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020D** Moisture/Reflow Sensitivity Classification for Nonhermetic Solid State Surface Mount Devices
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