

Register Description for I/O-Ports

Port A Data Register – PORTA	Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
		PORTA7	PORTA6	PORTA5	PORTA4	PORTA3	PORTA2	PORTA1	PORTA0	PORTA
	Read/Write	R/W								
	Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Port A Data Direction Register										
– DDRA	Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
		DDA7	DDA6	DDA5	DDA4	DDA3	DDA2	DDA1	DDA0	DDRA
	Read/Write	R/W								
	Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Port A Input Pins Address –										
PINA	Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
		PINA7	PINA6	PINA5	PINA4	PINA3	PINA2	PINA1	PINA0	PINA
	Read/Write	R/W								
	Initial Value	N/A								
Port B Data Register – PORTB										
-	Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
		PORTB7	PORTB6	PORTB5	PORTB4	PORTB3	PORTB2	PORTB1	PORTB0	PORTB
	Read/Write	R/W								
	Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Port B Data Direction Register										
– DDRB	Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
		DDB7	DDB6	DDB5	DDB4	DDB3	DDB2	DDB1	DDB0	DDRB
	Read/Write	R/W								
	Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Port B Input Pins Address –										
PINB	Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
		PINB7	PINB6	PINB5	PINB4	PINB3	PINB2	PINB1	PINB0	PINB
	Read/Write	R/W								
	Initial Value	N/A								
Port C Data Register – PORTC										
	Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
		PORTC7	PORTC6	PORTC5	PORTC4	PORTC3	PORTC2	PORTC1	PORTC0	PORTC
	Read/Write	R/W								
	Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Port C Data Direction Register										
– DDRC	Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
		DDC7	DDC6	DDC5	DDC4	DDC3	DDC2	DDC1	DDC0	DDRC
	Read/Write	R/W								
	Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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Port C Input Pins Address – PINC	Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
		PINC7	PINC6	PINC5	PINC4	PINC3	PINC2	PINC1	PINC0	PINC
	Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
	Initial Value	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Port D Data Register – PORTD		_		_						
	Bit		6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
	Deed/Mitte	PORTD7	PORTD6	PORTDS	PORTD4	PORTD3	PORTDZ	PORIDI	PORTDU	PORTD
	Initial Value	R/W 0	R/W 0	R/W 0	R/W 0	R/W 0	R/W 0	R/W 0	R/W 0	
Port D Data Direction Register										
– DDRD	Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
		DDD7	DDD6	DDD5	DDD4	DDD3	DDD2	DDD1	DDD0	DDRD
	Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
	Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Port D Input Pins Address –		_		_						
PIND	Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	-
	Deed/Mitte		PIND6	PIND5		PIND3			PINDO	PIND
	Read/White						R/VV			
	millar value	N/A	N/A	IN/A	N/A	N/A	IN/A	N/A	N/A	
Port E Data Register – PORTE		_		_						
	Bit	7 BORTEZ		5 BORTES						
	Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	TORTE
	Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Port F Data Direction Register										
– DDRE	Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
		DDE7	DDE6	DDE5	DDE4	DDE3	DDE2	DDE1	DDE0	DDRE
	Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
	Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Port E Input Pins Address –										
PINE	Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
		PINE7	PINE6	PINE5	PINE4	PINE3	PINE2	PINE1	PINE0	PINE
	Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
	Initial Value	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Port F Data Register – PORTF	Dia.	7	C	F	4	2	2	4	0	
	ы		DORTER			J BOBTE2		POPTE1		DODTE
	Read/Write	PORTF/	PORTFO	PORTF3		PORTF3	PORTF2	PORTF1	PORTFU	FURIF
	Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Port E Data Direction Posister										
- DDRF	Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
		DDF7	DDF6	DDF5	DDF4	DDF3	DDF2	DDF1	DDF0	DDRF
	Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
	Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	





Port F Input Pins Address –	D	_		_		•				
PINF	Bit	/	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
		PINF7	PINF6	PINF5	PINF4	PINF3	PINF2	PINF1	PINF0	PINF
	Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
	Initial Value	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Port G Data Register – PORTG										
_	Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
		-	-	-	PORTG4	PORTG3	PORTG2	PORTG1	PORTG0	PORTG
	Read/Write	R	R	R	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
	Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Dest O Dete Direction Destinter										
– DDRG	Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
bbild		-	-	-	DDG4	DDG3	DDG2	DDG1	DDG0	DDRG
	Read/Write	R	R	R	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
	Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Port G Input Pins Address –	Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
FING		-	-	-	PING4	PING3	PING2	PING1	PING0	PING
	Read/Write	R	R	R	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
	Initial Value	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

8-bit Timer/Counter0 with PWM

Timer/Counter0 is a general purpose, single compare unit, 8-bit Timer/Counter module. The main features are:

- Single Compare Unit Counter
- Clear Timer on Compare Match (Auto Reload)
- Glitch-free, Phase Correct Pulse Width Modulator (PWM)
- Frequency Generator
- External Event Counter
- 10-bit Clock Prescaler
- Overflow and Compare Match Interrupt Sources (TOV0 and OCF0A)

Overview

A simplified block diagram of the 8-bit Timer/Counter is shown in Figure 27. For the actual placement of I/O pins, refer to "Pinout ATmega169" on page 2. CPU accessible I/O Registers, including I/O bits and I/O pins, are shown in bold. The device-specific I/O Register and bit locations are listed in the "8-bit Timer/Counter Register Description" on page 89.

Figure 27. 8-bit Timer/Counter Block Diagram



Registers

The Timer/Counter (TCNT0) and Output Compare Register (OCR0A) are 8-bit registers. Interrupt request (abbreviated to Int.Req. in the figure) signals are all visible in the Timer Interrupt Flag Register (TIFR0). All interrupts are individually masked with the Timer Interrupt Mask Register (TIMSK0). TIFR0 and TIMSK0 are not shown in the figure.

The Timer/Counter can be clocked internally, via the prescaler, or by an external clock source on the T0 pin. The Clock Select logic block controls which clock source and edge the Timer/Counter uses to increment (or decrement) its value. The Timer/Counter is inactive when no clock source is selected. The output from the Clock Select logic is referred to as the timer clock (clk_{T0}).

The double buffered Output Compare Register (OCR0A) is compared with the Timer/Counter value at all times. The result of the compare can be used by the Wave-form Generator to generate a PWM or variable frequency output on the Output Compare pin (OC0A). See "Output Compare Unit" on page 81. for details. The compare match





event will also set the Compare Flag (OCF0A) which can be used to generate an Output Compare interrupt request.

Definitions Many register and bit references in this section are written in general form. A lower case "n" replaces the Timer/Counter number, in this case 0. A lower case "x" replaces the Output Compare unit number, in this case unit A. However, when using the register or bit defines in a program, the precise form must be used, i.e., TCNT0 for accessing

Timer/Counter0 counter value and so on.

The definitions in Table 48 are also used extensively throughout the document.

Table 48. Definitions

BOTTOM	The counter reaches the BOTTOM when it becomes 0x00.
MAX	The counter reaches its MAXimum when it becomes 0xFF (decimal 255).
ТОР	The counter reaches the TOP when it becomes equal to the highest value in the count sequence. The TOP value can be assigned to be the fixed value 0xFF (MAX) or the value stored in the OCR0A Register. The assignment is dependent on the mode of operation.

Timer/Counter Clock Sources

The Timer/Counter can be clocked by an internal or an external clock source. The clock source is selected by the Clock Select logic which is controlled by the Clock Select (CS02:0) bits located in the Timer/Counter Control Register (TCCR0A). For details on clock sources and prescaler, see "Timer/Counter0 and Timer/Counter1 Prescalers" on page 93.

Counter Unit

The main part of the 8-bit Timer/Counter is the programmable bi-directional counter unit. Figure 28 shows a block diagram of the counter and its surroundings.

Figure 28. Counter Unit Block Diagram



Signal description (internal signals):

count Increment or decrement TCNT0 by 1.

direction Select between increment and decrement.

clear Clear TCNT0 (set all bits to zero).

Timer/Counter clock, referred to as clk_{T0} in the following. clk_{Tn}

top Signalize that TCNT0 has reached maximum value.

bottom Signalize that TCNT0 has reached minimum value (zero).

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Depending of the mode of operation used, the counter is cleared, incremented, or decremented at each timer clock (clk_{T0}). clk_{T0} can be generated from an external or internal clock source, selected by the Clock Select bits (CS02:0). When no clock source is selected (CS02:0 = 0) the timer is stopped. However, the TCNT0 value can be accessed by the CPU, regardless of whether clk_{T0} is present or not. A CPU write overrides (has priority over) all counter clear or count operations.

The counting sequence is determined by the setting of the WGM01 and WGM00 bits located in the Timer/Counter Control Register (TCCR0A). There are close connections between how the counter behaves (counts) and how waveforms are generated on the Output Compare output OC0A. For more details about advanced counting sequences and waveform generation, see "Modes of Operation" on page 84.

The Timer/Counter Overflow Flag (TOV0) is set according to the mode of operation selected by the WGM01:0 bits. TOV0 can be used for generating a CPU interrupt.

Output Compare Unit The 8-bit comparator continuously compares TCNT0 with the Output Compare Register (OCR0A). Whenever TCNT0 equals OCR0A, the comparator signals a match. A match will set the Output Compare Flag (OCF0A) at the next timer clock cycle. If enabled (OCIE0A = 1 and Global Interrupt Flag in SREG is set), the Output Compare Flag generates an Output Compare interrupt. The OCF0A Flag is automatically cleared when the interrupt is executed. Alternatively, the OCF0A Flag can be cleared by software by writing a logical one to its I/O bit location. The Waveform Generator uses the match signal to generate an output according to operating mode set by the WGM01:0 bits and Compare Output mode (COM0A1:0) bits. The max and bottom signals are used by the Waveform Generator for handling the special cases of the extreme values in some modes of operation (See "Modes of Operation" on page 84.).

Figure 29 shows a block diagram of the Output Compare unit.

Figure 29. Output Compare Unit, Block Diagram





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	The OCR0A Register is double buffered when using any of the Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) modes. For the normal and Clear Timer on Compare (CTC) modes of operation, the double buffering is disabled. The double buffering synchronizes the update of the OCR0 Compare Register to either top or bottom of the counting sequence. The synchronization prevents the occurrence of odd-length, non-symmetrical PWM pulses, thereby making the output glitch-free.
	The OCR0A Register access may seem complex, but this is not case. When the double buffering is enabled, the CPU has access to the OCR0A Buffer Register, and if double buffering is disabled the CPU will access the OCR0A directly.
Force Output Compare	In non-PWM waveform generation modes, the match output of the comparator can be forced by writing a one to the Force Output Compare (FOC0A) bit. Forcing compare match will not set the OCF0A Flag or reload/clear the timer, but the OC0A pin will be updated as if a real compare match had occurred (the COM0A1:0 bits settings define whether the OC0A pin is set, cleared or toggled).
Compare Match Blocking by TCNT0 Write	All CPU write operations to the TCNT0 Register will block any compare match that occur in the next timer clock cycle, even when the timer is stopped. This feature allows OCR0A to be initialized to the same value as TCNT0 without triggering an interrupt when the Timer/Counter clock is enabled.
Using the Output Compare Unit	Since writing TCNT0 in any mode of operation will block all compare matches for one timer clock cycle, there are risks involved when changing TCNT0 when using the Output Compare unit, independently of whether the Timer/Counter is running or not. If the value written to TCNT0 equals the OCR0A value, the compare match will be missed, resulting in incorrect waveform generation. Similarly, do not write the TCNT0 value equal to BOT-TOM when the counter is downcounting.
	The setup of the OC0A should be performed before setting the Data Direction Register for the port pin to output. The easiest way of setting the OC0A value is to use the Force Output Compare (FOC0A) strobe bits in Normal mode. The OC0A Register keeps its value even when changing between Waveform Generation modes.
	Be aware that the COM0A1:0 bits are not double buffered together with the compare value. Changing the COM0A1:0 bits will take effect immediately.

Compare Match Output Unit

The Compare Output mode (COM0A1:0) bits have two functions. The Waveform Generator uses the COM0A1:0 bits for defining the Output Compare (OC0A) state at the next compare match. Also, the COM0A1:0 bits control the OC0A pin output source. Figure 30 shows a simplified schematic of the logic affected by the COM0A1:0 bit setting. The I/O Registers, I/O bits, and I/O pins in the figure are shown in bold. Only the parts of the general I/O port control registers (DDR and PORT) that are affected by the COM0A1:0 bits are shown. When referring to the OC0A state, the reference is for the internal OC0A Register, not the OC0A pin. If a System Reset occur, the OC0A Register is reset to "0".



Figure 30. Compare Match Output Unit, Schematic

The general I/O port function is overridden by the Output Compare (OC0A) from the Waveform Generator if either of the COM0A1:0 bits are set. However, the OC0A pin direction (input or output) is still controlled by the Data Direction Register (DDR) for the port pin. The Data Direction Register bit for the OC0A pin (DDR_OC0A) must be set as output before the OC0A value is visible on the pin. The port override function is independent of the Waveform Generation mode.

The design of the Output Compare pin logic allows initialization of the OC0A state before the output is enabled. Note that some COM0A1:0 bit settings are reserved for certain modes of operation. See "8-bit Timer/Counter Register Description" on page 89.

Compare Output Mode and Waveform Generation The Waveform Generator uses the COM0A1:0 bits differently in Normal, CTC, and PWM modes. For all modes, setting the COM0A1:0 = 0 tells the Waveform Generator that no action on the OC0A Register is to be performed on the next compare match. For compare output actions in the non-PWM modes refer to Table 50 on page 90. For fast PWM mode, refer to Table 51 on page 90, and for phase correct PWM refer to Table 52 on page 91.

A change of the COM0A1:0 bits state will have effect at the first compare match after the bits are written. For non-PWM modes, the action can be forced to have immediate effect by using the FOC0A strobe bits.



- Modes of OperationThe mode of operation, i.e., the behavior of the Timer/Counter and the Output Compare
pins, is defined by the combination of the Waveform Generation mode (WGM01:0) and
Compare Output mode (COM0A1:0) bits. The Compare Output mode bits do not affect
the counting sequence, while the Waveform Generation mode bits do. The COM0A1:0
bits control whether the PWM output generated should be inverted or not (inverted or
non-inverted PWM). For non-PWM modes the COM0A1:0 bits control whether the output should be set, cleared, or toggled at a compare match (See "Compare Match Output
Unit" on page 83.).For detailed timing information refer to Figure 34, Figure 35, Figure 36 and Figure 37 in
"Timer/Counter Timing Diagrams" on page 88.
- Normal ModeThe simplest mode of operation is the Normal mode (WGM01:0 = 0). In this mode the
counting direction is always up (incrementing), and no counter clear is performed. The
counter simply overruns when it passes its maximum 8-bit value (TOP = 0xFF) and then
restarts from the bottom (0x00). In normal operation the Timer/Counter Overflow Flag
(TOV0) will be set in the same timer clock cycle as the TCNT0 becomes zero. The
TOV0 Flag in this case behaves like a ninth bit, except that it is only set, not cleared.
However, combined with the timer overflow interrupt that automatically clears the TOV0
Flag, the timer resolution can be increased by software. There are no special cases to
consider in the Normal mode, a new counter value can be written anytime.

The Output Compare unit can be used to generate interrupts at some given time. Using the Output Compare to generate waveforms in Normal mode is not recommended, since this will occupy too much of the CPU time.

Clear Timer on Compare
Match (CTC) ModeIn Clear Timer on Compare or CTC mode (WGM01:0 = 2), the OCR0A Register is used
to manipulate the counter resolution. In CTC mode the counter is cleared to zero when
the counter value (TCNT0) matches the OCR0A. The OCR0A defines the top value for
the counter, hence also its resolution. This mode allows greater control of the compare
match output frequency. It also simplifies the operation of counting external events.

The timing diagram for the CTC mode is shown in Figure 31. The counter value (TCNT0) increases until a compare match occurs between TCNT0 and OCR0A, and then counter (TCNT0) is cleared.

Figure 31. CTC Mode, Timing Diagram



An interrupt can be generated each time the counter value reaches the TOP value by using the OCF0A Flag. If the interrupt is enabled, the interrupt handler routine can be used for updating the TOP value. However, changing TOP to a value close to BOTTOM when the counter is running with none or a low prescaler value must be done with care since the CTC mode does not have the double buffering feature. If the new value written

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to OCR0A is lower than the current value of TCNT0, the counter will miss the compare match. The counter will then have to count to its maximum value (0xFF) and wrap around starting at 0x00 before the compare match can occur.

For generating a waveform output in CTC mode, the OC0A output can be set to toggle its logical level on each compare match by setting the Compare Output mode bits to toggle mode (COM0A1:0 = 1). The OC0A value will not be visible on the port pin unless the data direction for the pin is set to output. The waveform generated will have a maximum frequency of $f_{OC0} = f_{clk_l/O}/2$ when OCR0A is set to zero (0x00). The waveform frequency is defined by the following equation:

$$f_{OCnx} = \frac{f_{clk_l/O}}{2 \cdot N \cdot (1 + OCRnx)}$$

The N variable represents the prescale factor (1, 8, 64, 256, or 1024).

As for the Normal mode of operation, the TOV0 Flag is set in the same timer clock cycle that the counter counts from MAX to 0x00.

Fast PWM Mode The fast Pulse Width Modulation or fast PWM mode (WGM01:0 = 3) provides a high frequency PWM waveform generation option. The fast PWM differs from the other PWM option by its single-slope operation. The counter counts from BOTTOM to MAX then restarts from BOTTOM. In non-inverting Compare Output mode, the Output Compare (OC0A) is cleared on the compare match between TCNT0 and OCR0A, and set at BOT-TOM. In inverting Compare Output mode, the output is set on compare match and cleared at BOTTOM. Due to the single-slope operation, the operating frequency of the fast PWM mode can be twice as high as the phase correct PWM mode that use dualslope operation. This high frequency makes the fast PWM mode well suited for power regulation, rectification, and DAC applications. High frequency allows physically small sized external components (coils, capacitors), and therefore reduces total system cost.

> In fast PWM mode, the counter is incremented until the counter value matches the MAX value. The counter is then cleared at the following timer clock cycle. The timing diagram for the fast PWM mode is shown in Figure 32. The TCNT0 value is in the timing diagram shown as a histogram for illustrating the single-slope operation. The diagram includes non-inverted and inverted PWM outputs. The small horizontal line marks on the TCNT0 slopes represent compare matches between OCR0A and TCNT0.

Figure 32. Fast PWM Mode, Timing Diagram





The Timer/Counter Overflow Flag (TOV0) is set each time the counter reaches MAX. If the interrupt is enabled, the interrupt handler routine can be used for updating the compare value.

In fast PWM mode, the compare unit allows generation of PWM waveforms on the OC0A pin. Setting the COM0A1:0 bits to two will produce a non-inverted PWM and an inverted PWM output can be generated by setting the COM0A1:0 to three (See Table 51 on page 90). The actual OC0A value will only be visible on the port pin if the data direction for the port pin is set as output. The PWM waveform is generated by setting (or clearing) the OC0A Register at the compare match between OCR0A and TCNT0, and clearing (or setting) the OC0A Register at the timer clock cycle the counter is cleared (changes from MAX to BOTTOM).

The PWM frequency for the output can be calculated by the following equation:

$$f_{OCnxPWM} = \frac{f_{clk_l/O}}{N \cdot 256}$$

The *N* variable represents the prescale factor (1, 8, 64, 256, or 1024).

The extreme values for the OCR0A Register represents special cases when generating a PWM waveform output in the fast PWM mode. If the OCR0A is set equal to BOTTOM, the output will be a narrow spike for each MAX+1 timer clock cycle. Setting the OCR0A equal to MAX will result in a constantly high or low output (depending on the polarity of the output set by the COM0A1:0 bits.)

A frequency (with 50% duty cycle) waveform output in fast PWM mode can be achieved by setting OC0A to toggle its logical level on each compare match (COM0A1:0 = 1). The waveform generated will have a maximum frequency of $f_{OC0} = f_{clk_l/O}/2$ when OCR0A is set to zero. This feature is similar to the OC0A toggle in CTC mode, except the double buffer feature of the Output Compare unit is enabled in the fast PWM mode.

Phase Correct PWM Mode The phase correct PWM mode (WGM01:0 = 1) provides a high resolution phase correct PWM waveform generation option. The phase correct PWM mode is based on a dualslope operation. The counter counts repeatedly from BOTTOM to MAX and then from MAX to BOTTOM. In non-inverting Compare Output mode, the Output Compare (OCOA) is cleared on the compare match between TCNT0 and OCR0A while upcounting, and set on the compare match while downcounting. In inverting Output Compare mode, the operation is inverted. The dual-slope operation has lower maximum operation frequency than single slope operation. However, due to the symmetric feature of the dual-slope PWM modes, these modes are preferred for motor control applications.

The PWM resolution for the phase correct PWM mode is fixed to eight bits. In phase correct PWM mode the counter is incremented until the counter value matches MAX. When the counter reaches MAX, it changes the count direction. The TCNT0 value will be equal to MAX for one timer clock cycle. The timing diagram for the phase correct PWM mode is shown on Figure 33. The TCNT0 value is in the timing diagram shown as a histogram for illustrating the dual-slope operation. The diagram includes non-inverted and inverted PWM outputs. The small horizontal line marks on the TCNT0 slopes represent compare matches between OCR0A and TCNT0.

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Figure 33. Phase Correct PWM Mode, Timing Diagram

The Timer/Counter Overflow Flag (TOV0) is set each time the counter reaches BOT-TOM. The Interrupt Flag can be used to generate an interrupt each time the counter reaches the BOTTOM value.

In phase correct PWM mode, the compare unit allows generation of PWM waveforms on the OC0A pin. Setting the COM0A1:0 bits to two will produce a non-inverted PWM. An inverted PWM output can be generated by setting the COM0A1:0 to three (See Table 52 on page 91). The actual OC0A value will only be visible on the port pin if the data direction for the port pin is set as output. The PWM waveform is generated by clearing (or setting) the OC0A Register at the compare match between OCR0A and TCNT0 when the counter increments, and setting (or clearing) the OC0A Register at compare match between OCR0A and TCNT0 when the counter decrements. The PWM frequency for the output when using phase correct PWM can be calculated by the following equation:

$$f_{OCnxPCPWM} = \frac{f_{\mathsf{Clk_I/O}}}{N \cdot 510}$$

The N variable represents the prescale factor (1, 8, 64, 256, or 1024).

The extreme values for the OCR0A Register represent special cases when generating a PWM waveform output in the phase correct PWM mode. If the OCR0A is set equal to BOTTOM, the output will be continuously low and if set equal to MAX the output will be continuously high for non-inverted PWM mode. For inverted PWM the output will have the opposite logic values.

At the very start of period 2 in Figure 33 OCn has a transition from high to low even though there is no Compare Match. The point of this transition is to guarantee symmetry around BOTTOM. There are two cases that give a transition without Compare Match.

 OCR0A changes its value from MAX, like in Figure 33. When the OCR0A value is MAX the OCn pin value is the same as the result of a down-counting Compare Match. To ensure symmetry around BOTTOM the OCn value at MAX must correspond to the result of an up-counting Compare Match.





 The timer starts counting from a value higher than the one in OCR0A, and for that reason misses the Compare Match and hence the OCn change that would have happened on the way up.

Timer/Counter Timing Diagrams

The Timer/Counter is a synchronous design and the timer clock (clk_{T0}) is therefore shown as a clock enable signal in the following figures. The figures include information on when Interrupt Flags are set. Figure 34 contains timing data for basic Timer/Counter operation. The figure shows the count sequence close to the MAX value in all modes other than phase correct PWM mode.

Figure 34. Timer/Counter Timing Diagram, no Prescaling



Figure 35 shows the same timing data, but with the prescaler enabled.

Figure 35. Timer/Counter Timing Diagram, with Prescaler ($f_{clk_l/O}/8$)



Figure 36 shows the setting of OCF0A in all modes except CTC mode.



Figure 37 shows the setting of OCF0A and the clearing of TCNT0 in CTC mode.



Figure 37. Timer/Counter Timing Diagram, Clear Timer on Compare Match mode, with Prescaler $(f_{clk_l\prime O}/8)$

8-bit Timer/Counter Register Description

Timer/Counter Control Register A – TCCR0A

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	_
	FOC0A	WGM00	COM0A1	COM0A0	WGM01	CS02	CS01	CS00	TCCR0A
Read/Write	W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	-
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

• Bit 7 – FOC0A: Force Output Compare A

The FOC0A bit is only active when the WGM00 bit specifies a non-PWM mode. However, for ensuring compatibility with future devices, this bit must be set to zero when TCCR0A is written when operating in PWM mode. When writing a logical one to the FOC0A bit, an immediate compare match is forced on the Waveform Generation unit. The OC0A output is changed according to its COM0A1:0 bits setting. Note that the FOC0A bit is implemented as a strobe. Therefore it is the value present in the COM0A1:0 bits that determines the effect of the forced compare.

A FOC0A strobe will not generate any interrupt, nor will it clear the timer in CTC mode using OCR0A as TOP.

The FOC0A bit is always read as zero.

• Bit 6, 3 – WGM01:0: Waveform Generation Mode

These bits control the counting sequence of the counter, the source for the maximum (TOP) counter value, and what type of waveform generation to be used. Modes of operation supported by the Timer/Counter unit are: Normal mode, Clear Timer on Compare match (CTC) mode, and two types of Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) modes. See Table 49 and "Modes of Operation" on page 84.





Mode	WGM01 (CTC0)	WGM00 (PWM0)	Timer/Counter Mode of Operation	ТОР	Update of OCR0A at	TOV0 Flag Set on
0	0	0	Normal	0xFF	Immediate	MAX
1	0	1	PWM, Phase Correct	0xFF	TOP	BOTTOM
2	1	0	СТС	OCR0A	Immediate	MAX
3	1	1	Fast PWM	0xFF	BOTTOM	MAX

Table 49. Waveform Generation Mode Bit Description⁽¹⁾

Note: 1. The CTC0 and PWM0 bit definition names are now obsolete. Use the WGM01:0 definitions. However, the functionality and location of these bits are compatible with previous versions of the timer.

• Bit 5:4 – COM0A1:0: Compare Match Output Mode

These bits control the Output Compare pin (OC0A) behavior. If one or both of the COM0A1:0 bits are set, the OC0A output overrides the normal port functionality of the I/O pin it is connected to. However, note that the Data Direction Register (DDR) bit corresponding to the OC0A pin must be set in order to enable the output driver.

When OC0A is connected to the pin, the function of the COM0A1:0 bits depends on the WGM01:0 bit setting. Table 50 shows the COM0A1:0 bit functionality when the WGM01:0 bits are set to a normal or CTC mode (non-PWM).

COM0A1	COM0A0	Description
0	0	Normal port operation, OC0A disconnected.
0	1	Toggle OC0A on compare match
1	0	Clear OC0A on compare match
1	1	Set OC0A on compare match

Table 50. Compare Output Mode, non-PWM Mode

Table 51 shows the COM0A1:0 bit functionality when the WGM01:0 bits are set to fast PWM mode.

COM0A1	COM0A0	Description
0	0	Normal port operation, OC0A disconnected.
0	1	Reserved
1	0	Clear OC0A on compare match, set OC0A at BOTTOM (non-inverting mode)
1	1	Set OC0A on compare match, clear OC0A at BOTTOM (inverting mode)

 Table 51. Compare Output Mode, Fast PWM Mode⁽¹⁾

Note: 1. A special case occurs when OCR0A equals TOP and COM0A1 is set. In this case, the compare match is ignored, but the set or clear is done at BOTTOM. See "Fast PWM Mode" on page 85 for more details.

Table 52 shows the COM0A1:0 bit functionality when the WGM01:0 bits are set to phase correct PWM mode.

Table 52. Compare Output Mode, Phase Correct PWM Mode⁽¹⁾

COM0A1	COM0A0	Description
0	0	Normal port operation, OC0A disconnected.
0	1	Reserved
1	0	Clear OC0A on compare match when up-counting. Set OC0A on compare match when downcounting.
1	1	Set OC0A on compare match when up-counting. Clear OC0A on compare match when downcounting.

Note: 1. A special case occurs when OCR0A equals TOP and COM0A1 is set. In this case, the compare match is ignored, but the set or clear is done at TOP. See "Phase Correct PWM Mode" on page 86 for more details.

• Bit 2:0 - CS02:0: Clock Select

The three Clock Select bits select the clock source to be used by the Timer/Counter.

Table 53.	Clock Select Bit Description
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CS02	CS01	CS00	Description
0	0	0	No clock source (Timer/Counter stopped)
0	0	1	clk _{I/O} /(No prescaling)
0	1	0	clk _{I/O} /8 (From prescaler)
0	1	1	clk _{I/O} /64 (From prescaler)
1	0	0	clk _{I/O} /256 (From prescaler)
1	0	1	clk _{I/O} /1024 (From prescaler)
1	1	0	External clock source on T0 pin. Clock on falling edge.
1	1	1	External clock source on T0 pin. Clock on rising edge.

If external pin modes are used for the Timer/Counter0, transitions on the T0 pin will clock the counter even if the pin is configured as an output. This feature allows software control of the counting.

Timer/Counter Register -TCNT0



The Timer/Counter Register gives direct access, both for read and write operations, to the Timer/Counter unit 8-bit counter. Writing to the TCNT0 Register blocks (removes) the compare match on the following timer clock. Modifying the counter (TCNT0) while the counter is running, introduces a risk of missing a compare match between TCNT0 and the OCR0A Register.





Output Compare Register A – OCR0A

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	_
				OCRO	A[7:0]				OCR0A
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	•
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

The Output Compare Register A contains an 8-bit value that is continuously compared with the counter value (TCNT0). A match can be used to generate an Output Compare interrupt, or to generate a waveform output on the OC0A pin.

Timer/Counter 0 Interrupt Mask Register – TIMSK0

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	OCIE0A	TOIE0	TIMSK0
Read/Write	R	R	R	R	R	R	R/W	R/W	•
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Bit 1 – OCIE0A: Timer/Counter0 Output Compare Match A Interrupt Enable

When the OCIE0A bit is written to one, and the I-bit in the Status Register is set (one), the Timer/Counter0 Compare Match A interrupt is enabled. The corresponding interrupt is executed if a compare match in Timer/Counter0 occurs, i.e., when the OCF0A bit is set in the Timer/Counter 0 Interrupt Flag Register - TIFR0.

Bit 0 – TOIE0: Timer/Counter0 Overflow Interrupt Enable

When the TOIE0 bit is written to one, and the I-bit in the Status Register is set (one), the Timer/Counter0 Overflow interrupt is enabled. The corresponding interrupt is executed if an overflow in Timer/Counter0 occurs, i.e., when the TOV0 bit is set in the Timer/Counter 0 Interrupt Flag Register – TIFR0.

Timer/Counter 0 Interrupt Flag Register – TIFR0	Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
0		-	-	-	-	-	-	OCF0A	TOV0	TIFR0
	Read/Write	R	R	R	R	R	R	R/W	R/W	
	Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Bit 1 – OCF0A: Output Compare Flag 0 A

The OCF0A bit is set (one) when a compare match occurs between the Timer/Counter0 and the data in OCR0A - Output Compare Register0. OCF0A is cleared by hardware when executing the corresponding interrupt handling vector. Alternatively, OCF0A is cleared by writing a logic one to the flag. When the I-bit in SREG, OCIE0A (Timer/Counter0 Compare match Interrupt Enable), and OCF0A are set (one), the Timer/Counter0 Compare match Interrupt is executed.

Bit 0 – TOV0: Timer/Counter0 Overflow Flag

The bit TOV0 is set (one) when an overflow occurs in Timer/Counter0. TOV0 is cleared by hardware when executing the corresponding interrupt handling vector. Alternatively, TOV0 is cleared by writing a logic one to the flag. When the SREG I-bit, TOIE0 (Timer/Counter0 Overflow Interrupt Enable), and TOV0 are set (one), the Timer/Counter0 Overflow interrupt is executed. In phase correct PWM mode, this bit is set when Timer/Counter0 changes counting direction at 0x00.

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Timer/Counter0 and Timer/Counter1 Prescalers

Timer/Counter1 and Timer/Counter0 share the same prescaler module, but the Timer/Counters can have different prescaler settings. The description below applies to both Timer/Counter1 and Timer/Counter0.

Internal Clock Source The Timer/Counter can be clocked directly by the system clock (by setting the CSn2:0 = 1). This provides the fastest operation, with a maximum Timer/Counter clock frequency equal to system clock frequency ($f_{CLK_{-1/O}}$). Alternatively, one of four taps from the prescaler can be used as a clock source. The prescaled clock has a frequency of either $f_{CLK_{-1/O}}/8$, $f_{CLK_{-1/O}}/64$, $f_{CLK_{-1/O}}/256$, or $f_{CLK_{-1/O}}/1024$.

Prescaler ResetThe prescaler is free running, i.e., operates independently of the Clock Select logic of
the Timer/Counter, and it is shared by Timer/Counter1 and Timer/Counter0. Since the
prescaler is not affected by the Timer/Counter's clock select, the state of the prescaler
will have implications for situations where a prescaled clock is used. One example of
prescaling artifacts occurs when the timer is enabled and clocked by the prescaler (6 >
CSn2:0 > 1). The number of system clock cycles from when the timer is enabled to the
first count occurs can be from 1 to N+1 system clock cycles, where N equals the pres-
caler divisor (8, 64, 256, or 1024).

It is possible to use the prescaler reset for synchronizing the Timer/Counter to program execution. However, care must be taken if the other Timer/Counter that shares the same prescaler also uses prescaling. A prescaler reset will affect the prescaler period for all Timer/Counters it is connected to.

External Clock Source An external clock source applied to the T1/T0 pin can be used as Timer/Counter clock (clk_{T1}/clk_{T0}) . The T1/T0 pin is sampled once every system clock cycle by the pin synchronization logic. The synchronized (sampled) signal is then passed through the edge detector. Figure 38 shows a functional equivalent block diagram of the T1/T0 synchronization and edge detector logic. The registers are clocked at the positive edge of the internal system clock ($clk_{I/O}$). The latch is transparent in the high period of the internal system clock.

The edge detector generates one clk_{T1}/clk_{T0} pulse for each positive (CSn2:0 = 7) or negative (CSn2:0 = 6) edge it detects.

Figure 38. T1/T0 Pin Sampling



The synchronization and edge detector logic introduces a delay of 2.5 to 3.5 system clock cycles from an edge has been applied to the T1/T0 pin to the counter is updated.

Enabling and disabling of the clock input must be done when T1/T0 has been stable for at least one system clock cycle, otherwise it is a risk that a false Timer/Counter clock pulse is generated.

Each half period of the external clock applied must be longer than one system clock cycle to ensure correct sampling. The external clock must be guaranteed to have less than half the system clock frequency ($f_{ExtClk} < f_{clk}$ //O/2) given a 50/50% duty cycle. Since





the edge detector uses sampling, the maximum frequency of an external clock it can detect is half the sampling frequency (Nyquist sampling theorem). However, due to variation of the system clock frequency and duty cycle caused by Oscillator source (crystal, resonator, and capacitors) tolerances, it is recommended that maximum frequency of an external clock source is less than f_{clk I/O}/2.5.

An external clock source can not be prescaled.





Note: 1. The synchronization logic on the input pins (T1/T0) is shown in Figure 38.

General Timer/Counter Control Register – GTCCR



• Bit 7 – TSM: Timer/Counter Synchronization Mode

Writing the TSM bit to one activates the Timer/Counter Synchronization mode. In this mode, the value that is written to the PSR2 and PSR10 bits is kept, hence keeping the corresponding prescaler reset signals asserted. This ensures that the corresponding Timer/Counters are halted and can be configured to the same value without the risk of one of them advancing during configuration. When the TSM bit is written to zero, the PSR2 and PSR10 bits are cleared by hardware, and the Timer/Counters start counting simultaneously.

Bit 0 – PSR10: Prescaler Reset Timer/Counter1 and Timer/Counter0

When this bit is one, Timer/Counter1 and Timer/Counter0 prescaler will be Reset. This bit is normally cleared immediately by hardware, except if the TSM bit is set. Note that Timer/Counter1 and Timer/Counter0 share the same prescaler and a reset of this prescaler will affect both timers.

16-bit Timer/Counter1	The 16-bit Timer/Counter unit allows accurate program execution timing (event man- agement), wave generation, and signal timing measurement. The main features are: • True 16-bit Design (i.e., Allows 16-bit PWM) • Two independent Output Compare Units • Double Buffered Output Compare Registers • One Input Capture Unit • Input Capture Noise Canceler • Clear Timer on Compare Match (Auto Reload) • Glitch-free, Phase Correct Pulse Width Modulator (PWM) • Variable PWM Period • Frequency Generator • External Event Counter • Four independent interrupt Sources (TOV1, OCF1A, OCF1B, and ICF1)
Overview	Most register and bit references in this section are written in general form. A lower case "n" replaces the Timer/Counter number, and a lower case "x" replaces the Output Compare unit number. However, when using the register or bit defines in a program, the precise form must be used, i.e., TCNT1 for accessing Timer/Counter1 counter value and so on.
	A simplified block diagram of the 16-bit Timer/Counter is shown in Figure 40. For the actual placement of I/O pins, refer to "Pinout ATmega169" on page 2. CPU accessible I/O Registers, including I/O bits and I/O pins, are shown in bold. The device-specific I/O Register and bit locations are listed in the "16-bit Timer/Counter Register Description" on page 117.

The PRTIM1 bit in "Power Reduction Register - PRR" on page 34 must be written to zero to enable Timer/Counter1 module







Figure 40. 16-bit Timer/Counter Block Diagram⁽¹⁾

Note: 1. Refer to Figure 1 on page 2, Table 29 on page 63, and Table 35 on page 67 for Timer/Counter1 pin placement and description.

The *Timer/Counter* (TCNT1), *Output Compare Registers* (OCR1A/B), and *Input Capture Register* (ICR1) are all 16-bit registers. Special procedures must be followed when accessing the 16-bit registers. These procedures are described in the section "Accessing 16-bit Registers" on page 98. The *Timer/Counter Control Registers* (TCCR1A/B) are 8-bit registers and have no CPU access restrictions. Interrupt requests (abbreviated to Int.Req. in the figure) signals are all visible in the *Timer Interrupt Flag Register* (TIFR1). All interrupts are individually masked with the *Timer Interrupt Mask Register* (TIMSK1). TIFR1 and TIMSK1 are not shown in the figure.

The Timer/Counter can be clocked internally, via the prescaler, or by an external clock source on the T1 pin. The Clock Select logic block controls which clock source and edge the Timer/Counter uses to increment (or decrement) its value. The Timer/Counter is inactive when no clock source is selected. The output from the Clock Select logic is referred to as the timer clock (clk_{T1}).

The double buffered Output Compare Registers (OCR1A/B) are compared with the Timer/Counter value at all time. The result of the compare can be used by the Waveform Generator to generate a PWM or variable frequency output on the Output Compare pin (OC1A/B). See "Output Compare Units" on page 104. The compare match event will

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also set the Compare Match Flag (OCF1A/B) which can be used to generate an Output Compare interrupt request.

The Input Capture Register can capture the Timer/Counter value at a given external (edge triggered) event on either the Input Capture pin (ICP1) or on the Analog Comparator pins (See "Analog Comparator" on page 190.) The Input Capture unit includes a digital filtering unit (Noise Canceler) for reducing the chance of capturing noise spikes.

The TOP value, or maximum Timer/Counter value, can in some modes of operation be defined by either the OCR1A Register, the ICR1 Register, or by a set of fixed values. When using OCR1A as TOP value in a PWM mode, the OCR1A Register can not be used for generating a PWM output. However, the TOP value will in this case be double buffered allowing the TOP value to be changed in run time. If a fixed TOP value is required, the ICR1 Register can be used as an alternative, freeing the OCR1A to be used as PWM output.

The following definitions are used extensively throughout the section:

Table 54. Definitions

BOTTOM	The counter reaches the BOTTOM when it becomes 0x0000.
MAX	The counter reaches its MAXimum when it becomes 0xFFFF (decimal 65535).
TOP	The counter reaches the <i>TOP</i> when it becomes equal to the highest value in the count sequence. The TOP value can be assigned to be one of the fixed values: 0x00FF, 0x01FF, or 0x03FF, or to the value stored in the OCR1A or ICR1 Register. The assignment is dependent of the mode of operation.

Compatibility

Definitions

The 16-bit Timer/Counter has been updated and improved from previous versions of the 16-bit AVR Timer/Counter. This 16-bit Timer/Counter is fully compatible with the earlier version regarding:

- All 16-bit Timer/Counter related I/O Register address locations, including Timer Interrupt Registers.
- Bit locations inside all 16-bit Timer/Counter Registers, including Timer Interrupt Registers.
- Interrupt Vectors.

The following control bits have changed name, but have same functionality and register location:

- PWM10 is changed to WGM10.
- PWM11 is changed to WGM11.
- CTC1 is changed to WGM12.

The following bits are added to the 16-bit Timer/Counter Control Registers:

- FOC1A and FOC1B are added to TCCR1C.
- WGM13 is added to TCCR1B.

The 16-bit Timer/Counter has improvements that will affect the compatibility in some special cases.



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Accessing 16-bit Registers The TCNT1, OCR1A/B, and ICR1 are 16-bit registers that can be accessed by the AVR CPU via the 8-bit data bus. The 16-bit register must be byte accessed using two read or write operations. Each 16-bit timer has a single 8-bit register for temporary storing of the high byte of the 16-bit access. The same temporary register is shared between all 16-bit registers within each 16-bit timer. Accessing the low byte triggers the 16-bit read or write operation. When the low byte of a 16-bit register is written by the CPU, the high byte stored in the temporary register, and the low byte written are both copied into the 16-bit register in the same clock cycle. When the low byte of a 16-bit register is read by the CPU, the high byte of the 16-bit register is copied into the temporary register in the same clock cycle as the low byte is read.

Not all 16-bit accesses uses the temporary register for the high byte. Reading the OCR1A/B 16-bit registers does not involve using the temporary register.

To do a 16-bit write, the high byte must be written before the low byte. For a 16-bit read, the low byte must be read before the high byte.

The following code examples show how to access the 16-bit Timer Registers assuming that no interrupts updates the temporary register. The same principle can be used directly for accessing the OCR1A/B and ICR1 Registers. Note that when using "C", the compiler handles the 16-bit access.

Assembly Code Examples⁽¹⁾

```
; Set TCNT1 to 0x01FF
ldi r17,0x01
ldi r16,0xFF
out TCNT1H,r17
out TCNT1L,r16
; Read TCNT1 into r17:r16
in r16,TCNT1L
in r17,TCNT1H
....
```

C Code Examples⁽¹⁾

```
unsigned int i;
...
/* Set TCNT1 to 0x01FF */
TCNT1 = 0x1FF;
/* Read TCNT1 into i */
i = TCNT1;
```

Note: 1. See "About Code Examples" on page 6.

The assembly code example returns the TCNT1 value in the r17:r16 register pair.

It is important to notice that accessing 16-bit registers are atomic operations. If an interrupt occurs between the two instructions accessing the 16-bit register, and the interrupt code updates the temporary register by accessing the same or any other of the 16-bit Timer Registers, then the result of the access outside the interrupt will be corrupted. Therefore, when both the main code and the interrupt code update the temporary register, the main code must disable the interrupts during the 16-bit access. The following code examples show how to do an atomic read of the TCNT1 Register contents. Reading any of the OCR1A/B or ICR1 Registers can be done by using the same principle.

```
Assembly Code Example<sup>(1)</sup>
```

```
TIM16_ReadTCNT1:
  ; Save global interrupt flag
  in r18,SREG
  ; Disable interrupts
  cli
  ; Read TCNT1 into r17:r16
  in r16,TCNT1L
  in r17,TCNT1H
  ; Restore global interrupt flag
  out SREG,r18
  ret
```

C Code Example⁽¹⁾

```
unsigned int TIM16_ReadTCNT1( void )
{
    unsigned char sreg;
    unsigned int i;
    /* Save global interrupt flag */
    sreg = SREG;
    /* Disable interrupts */
    __disable_interrupt();
    /* Read TCNT1 into i */
    i = TCNT1;
    /* Restore global interrupt flag */
    SREG = sreg;
    return i;
}
```

Note: 1. See "About Code Examples" on page 6.

The assembly code example returns the TCNT1 value in the r17:r16 register pair.





The following code examples show how to do an atomic write of the TCNT1 Register contents. Writing any of the OCR1A/B or ICR1 Registers can be done by using the same principle.

Assembly Code Example⁽¹⁾

```
TIM16_WriteTCNT1:
    ; Save global interrupt flag
    in r18,SREG
    ; Disable interrupts
    cli
    ; Set TCNT1 to r17:r16
    out TCNT1H,r17
    out TCNT1L,r16
    ; Restore global interrupt flag
    out SREG,r18
    ret
```

C Code Example⁽¹⁾

```
void TIM16_WriteTCNT1( unsigned int i )
{
    unsigned char sreg;
    unsigned int i;
    /* Save global interrupt flag */
    sreg = SREG;
    /* Disable interrupts */
    __disable_interrupt();
    /* Set TCNT1 to i */
    TCNT1 = i;
    /* Restore global interrupt flag */
    SREG = sreg;
}
```

Note: 1. See "About Code Examples" on page 6.

The assembly code example requires that the r17:r16 register pair contains the value to be written to TCNT1.

Reusing the Temporary HighIf writing to more than one 16-bit register where the high byte is the same for all registersByte Registerwritten, then the high byte only needs to be written once. However, note that the same
rule of atomic operation described previously also applies in this case.

Timer/Counter Clock Sources

The Timer/Counter can be clocked by an internal or an external clock source. The clock source is selected by the Clock Select logic which is controlled by the *Clock Select* (CS12:0) bits located in the *Timer/Counter control Register B* (TCCR1B). For details on clock sources and prescaler, see "Timer/Counter0 and Timer/Counter1 Prescalers" on page 93.

Counter Unit

The main part of the 16-bit Timer/Counter is the programmable 16-bit bi-directional counter unit. Figure 41 shows a block diagram of the counter and its surroundings.

Figure 41. Counter Unit Block Diagram



Signal description (internal signals):

- Count Increment or decrement TCNT1 by 1.
- Direction Select between increment and decrement.
- Clear Clear TCNT1 (set all bits to zero).
- clk_{T1} Timer/Counter clock.
- **TOP** Signalize that TCNT1 has reached maximum value.
- **BOTTOM** Signalize that TCNT1 has reached minimum value (zero).

The 16-bit counter is mapped into two 8-bit I/O memory locations: *Counter High* (TCNT1H) containing the upper eight bits of the counter, and *Counter Low* (TCNT1L) containing the lower eight bits. The TCNT1H Register can only be indirectly accessed by the CPU. When the CPU does an access to the TCNT1H I/O location, the CPU accesses the high byte temporary register (TEMP). The temporary register is updated with the TCNT1H value when the TCNT1L is read, and TCNT1H is updated with the temporary register value when TCNT1L is written. This allows the CPU to read or write the entire 16-bit counter value within one clock cycle via the 8-bit data bus. It is important to notice that there are special cases of writing to the TCNT1 Register when the counter is counting that will give unpredictable results. The special cases are described in the sections where they are of importance.

Depending on the mode of operation used, the counter is cleared, incremented, or decremented at each *timer clock* (clk_{T1}). The clk_{T1} can be generated from an external or internal clock source, selected by the *Clock Select* bits (CS12:0). When no clock source is selected (CS12:0 = 0) the timer is stopped. However, the TCNT1 value can be accessed by the CPU, independent of whether clk_{T1} is present or not. A CPU write overrides (has priority over) all counter clear or count operations.

The counting sequence is determined by the setting of the *Waveform Generation mode* bits (WGM13:0) located in the *Timer/Counter Control Registers* A and B (TCCR1A and TCCR1B). There are close connections between how the counter behaves (counts) and





how waveforms are generated on the Output Compare outputs OC1x. For more details about advanced counting sequences and waveform generation, see "Modes of Operation" on page 107.

The Timer/Counter Overflow Flag (TOV1) is set according to the mode of operation selected by the WGM13:0 bits. TOV1 can be used for generating a CPU interrupt.

Input Capture Unit The Timer/Counter incorporates an Input Capture unit that can capture external events and give them a time-stamp indicating time of occurrence. The external signal indicating an event, or multiple events, can be applied via the ICP1 pin or alternatively, via the analog-comparator unit. The time-stamps can then be used to calculate frequency, duty-cycle, and other features of the signal applied. Alternatively the time-stamps can be used for creating a log of the events.

The Input Capture unit is illustrated by the block diagram shown in Figure 42. The elements of the block diagram that are not directly a part of the Input Capture unit are gray shaded. The small "n" in register and bit names indicates the Timer/Counter number.

Figure 42. Input Capture Unit Block Diagram



When a change of the logic level (an event) occurs on the *Input Capture pin* (ICP1), alternatively on the *Analog Comparator output* (ACO), and this change confirms to the setting of the edge detector, a capture will be triggered. When a capture is triggered, the 16-bit value of the counter (TCNT1) is written to the *Input Capture Register* (ICR1). The *Input Capture Flag* (ICF1) is set at the same system clock as the TCNT1 value is copied into ICR1 Register. If enabled (ICIE1 = 1), the Input Capture Flag generates an Input Capture interrupt. The ICF1 Flag is automatically cleared when the interrupt is executed. Alternatively the ICF1 Flag can be cleared by software by writing a logical one to its I/O bit location.

Reading the 16-bit value in the *Input Capture Register* (ICR1) is done by first reading the low byte (ICR1L) and then the high byte (ICR1H). When the low byte is read the high byte is copied into the high byte temporary register (TEMP). When the CPU reads the ICR1H I/O location it will access the TEMP Register.

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The ICR1 Register can only be written when using a Waveform Generation mode that utilizes the ICR1 Register for defining the counter's TOP value. In these cases the *Waveform Generation mode* (WGM13:0) bits must be set before the TOP value can be written to the ICR1 Register. When writing the ICR1 Register the high byte must be written to the ICR1H I/O location before the low byte is written to ICR1L.

For more information on how to access the 16-bit registers refer to "Accessing 16-bit Registers" on page 98.

Input Capture Trigger Source The main trigger source for the Input Capture unit is the *Input Capture pin* (ICP1). Timer/Counter1 can alternatively use the Analog Comparator output as trigger source for the Input Capture unit. The Analog Comparator is selected as trigger source by setting the *Analog Comparator Input Capture* (ACIC) bit in the *Analog Comparator Control and Status Register* (ACSR). Be aware that changing trigger source can trigger a capture. The Input Capture Flag must therefore be cleared after the change.

Both the *Input Capture pin* (ICP1) and the *Analog Comparator output* (ACO) inputs are sampled using the same technique as for the T1 pin (Figure 38 on page 93). The edge detector is also identical. However, when the noise canceler is enabled, additional logic is inserted before the edge detector, which increases the delay by four system clock cycles. Note that the input of the noise canceler and edge detector is always enabled unless the Timer/Counter is set in a Waveform Generation mode that uses ICR1 to define TOP.

An Input Capture can be triggered by software by controlling the port of the ICP1 pin.

Noise CancelerThe noise canceler improves noise immunity by using a simple digital filtering scheme.The noise canceler input is monitored over four samples, and all four must be equal for
changing the output that in turn is used by the edge detector.

The noise canceler is enabled by setting the *Input Capture Noise Canceler* (ICNC1) bit in *Timer/Counter Control Register B* (TCCR1B). When enabled the noise canceler introduces additional four system clock cycles of delay from a change applied to the input, to the update of the ICR1 Register. The noise canceler uses the system clock and is therefore not affected by the prescaler.

Using the Input Capture Unit The main challenge when using the Input Capture unit is to assign enough processor capacity for handling the incoming events. The time between two events is critical. If the processor has not read the captured value in the ICR1 Register before the next event occurs, the ICR1 will be overwritten with a new value. In this case the result of the capture will be incorrect.

When using the Input Capture interrupt, the ICR1 Register should be read as early in the interrupt handler routine as possible. Even though the Input Capture interrupt has relatively high priority, the maximum interrupt response time is dependent on the maximum number of clock cycles it takes to handle any of the other interrupt requests.

Using the Input Capture unit in any mode of operation when the TOP value (resolution) is actively changed during operation, is not recommended.

Measurement of an external signal's duty cycle requires that the trigger edge is changed after each capture. Changing the edge sensing must be done as early as possible after the ICR1 Register has been read. After a change of the edge, the Input Capture Flag (ICF1) must be cleared by software (writing a logical one to the I/O bit location). For measuring frequency only, the clearing of the ICF1 Flag is not required (if an interrupt handler is used).





Output Compare Units

The 16-bit comparator continuously compares TCNT1 with the *Output Compare Register* (OCR1x). If TCNT equals OCR1x the comparator signals a match. A match will set the *Output Compare Flag* (OCF1x) at the next timer clock cycle. If enabled (OCIE1x = 1), the Output Compare Flag generates an Output Compare interrupt. The OCF1x Flag is automatically cleared when the interrupt is executed. Alternatively the OCF1x Flag can be cleared by software by writing a logical one to its I/O bit location. The Waveform Generator uses the match signal to generate an output according to operating mode set by the *Waveform Generation mode* (WGM13:0) bits and *Compare Output mode* (COM1x1:0) bits. The TOP and BOTTOM signals are used by the Waveform Generator for handling the special cases of the extreme values in some modes of operation (See "Modes of Operation" on page 107.)

A special feature of Output Compare unit A allows it to define the Timer/Counter TOP value (i.e., counter resolution). In addition to the counter resolution, the TOP value defines the period time for waveforms generated by the Waveform Generator.

Figure 43 shows a block diagram of the Output Compare unit. The small "n" in the register and bit names indicates the device number (n = 1 for Timer/Counter 1), and the "x" indicates Output Compare unit (A/B). The elements of the block diagram that are not directly a part of the Output Compare unit are gray shaded.



Figure 43. Output Compare Unit, Block Diagram

The OCR1x Register is double buffered when using any of the twelve *Pulse Width Modulation* (PWM) modes. For the Normal and *Clear Timer on Compare* (CTC) modes of operation, the double buffering is disabled. The double buffering synchronizes the update of the OCR1x Compare Register to either TOP or BOTTOM of the counting sequence. The synchronization prevents the occurrence of odd-length, non-symmetrical PWM pulses, thereby making the output glitch-free.

The OCR1x Register access may seem complex, but this is not case. When the double buffering is enabled, the CPU has access to the OCR1x Buffer Register, and if double buffering is disabled the CPU will access the OCR1x directly. The content of the OCR1x

	(Buffer or Compare) Register is only changed by a write operation (the Timer/Counter does not update this register automatically as the TCNT1 and ICR1 Register). Therefore OCR1x is not read via the high byte temporary register (TEMP). However, it is a good practice to read the low byte first as when accessing other 16-bit registers. Writing the OCR1x Registers must be done via the TEMP Register since the compare of all 16 bits is done continuously. The high byte (OCR1xH) has to be written first. When the high byte I/O location is written by the CPU, the TEMP Register will be updated by the value written. Then when the low byte (OCR1xL) is written to the lower eight bits, the high byte will be copied into the upper 8-bits of either the OCR1x buffer or OCR1x Compare Register in the same system clock cycle.
	For more information of how to access the 16-bit registers refer to "Accessing 16-bit Registers" on page 98.
Force Output Compare	In non-PWM Waveform Generation modes, the match output of the comparator can be forced by writing a one to the <i>Force Output Compare</i> (FOC1x) bit. Forcing compare match will not set the OCF1x Flag or reload/clear the timer, but the OC1x pin will be updated as if a real compare match had occurred (the COMx1:0 bits settings define whether the OC1x pin is set, cleared or toggled).
Compare Match Blocking by TCNT1 Write	All CPU writes to the TCNT1 Register will block any compare match that occurs in the next timer clock cycle, even when the timer is stopped. This feature allows OCR1x to be initialized to the same value as TCNT1 without triggering an interrupt when the Timer/Counter clock is enabled.
Using the Output Compare Unit	Since writing TCNT1 in any mode of operation will block all compare matches for one timer clock cycle, there are risks involved when changing TCNT1 when using any of the Output Compare units, independent of whether the Timer/Counter is running or not. If the value written to TCNT1 equals the OCR1x value, the compare match will be missed, resulting in incorrect waveform generation. Do not write the TCNT1 equal to TOP in PWM modes with variable TOP values. The compare match for the TOP will be ignored and the counter will continue to 0xFFFF. Similarly, do not write the TCNT1 value equal to BOTTOM when the counter is downcounting.
	The setup of the OC1x should be performed before setting the Data Direction Register for the port pin to output. The easiest way of setting the OC1x value is to use the Force Output Compare (FOC1x) strobe bits in Normal mode. The OC1x Register keeps its value even when changing between Waveform Generation modes.
	Be aware that the COM1x1:0 bits are not double buffered together with the compare value. Changing the COM1x1:0 bits will take effect immediately.





Compare Match Output Unit

The *Compare Output mode* (COM1x1:0) bits have two functions. The Waveform Generator uses the COM1x1:0 bits for defining the Output Compare (OC1x) state at the next compare match. Secondly the COM1x1:0 bits control the OC1x pin output source. Figure 44 shows a simplified schematic of the logic affected by the COM1x1:0 bit setting. The I/O Registers, I/O bits, and I/O pins in the figure are shown in bold. Only the parts of the general I/O Port Control Registers (DDR and PORT) that are affected by the COM1x1:0 bits are shown. When referring to the OC1x state, the reference is for the internal OC1x Register, not the OC1x pin. If a system reset occur, the OC1x Register is reset to "0".



Figure 44. Compare Match Output Unit, Schematic

The general I/O port function is overridden by the Output Compare (OC1x) from the Waveform Generator if either of the COM1x1:0 bits are set. However, the OC1x pin direction (input or output) is still controlled by the *Data Direction Register* (DDR) for the port pin. The Data Direction Register bit for the OC1x pin (DDR_OC1x) must be set as output before the OC1x value is visible on the pin. The port override function is generally independent of the Waveform Generation mode, but there are some exceptions. Refer to Table 55, Table 56 and Table 57 for details.

The design of the Output Compare pin logic allows initialization of the OC1x state before the output is enabled. Note that some COM1x1:0 bit settings are reserved for certain modes of operation. See "16-bit Timer/Counter Register Description" on page 117.

The COM1x1:0 bits have no effect on the Input Capture unit.

Compare Output Mode and Waveform Generation The Waveform Generator uses the COM1x1:0 bits differently in normal, CTC, and PWM modes. For all modes, setting the COM1x1:0 = 0 tells the Waveform Generator that no action on the OC1x Register is to be performed on the next compare match. For compare output actions in the non-PWM modes refer to Table 55 on page 117. For fast PWM mode refer to Table 56 on page 117, and for phase correct and phase and frequency correct PWM refer to Table 57 on page 118.

A change of the COM1x1:0 bits state will have effect at the first compare match after the bits are written. For non-PWM modes, the action can be forced to have immediate effect by using the FOC1x strobe bits.

Modes of Operation The mode of operation, i.e., the behavior of the Timer/Counter and the Output Compare pins, is defined by the combination of the *Waveform Generation mode* (WGM13:0) and *Compare Output mode* (COM1x1:0) bits. The Compare Output mode bits do not affect the counting sequence, while the Waveform Generation mode bits do. The COM1x1:0 bits control whether the PWM output generated should be inverted or not (inverted or non-inverted PWM). For non-PWM modes the COM1x1:0 bits control whether the output should be set, cleared or toggle at a compare match (See "Compare Match Output Unit" on page 106.)

For detailed timing information refer to "Timer/Counter Timing Diagrams" on page 115.

Normal Mode The simplest mode of operation is the *Normal mode* (WGM13:0 = 0). In this mode the counting direction is always up (incrementing), and no counter clear is performed. The counter simply overruns when it passes its maximum 16-bit value (MAX = 0xFFF) and then restarts from the BOTTOM (0x0000). In normal operation the *Timer/Counter Over-flow Flag* (TOV1) will be set in the same timer clock cycle as the TCNT1 becomes zero. The TOV1 Flag in this case behaves like a 17th bit, except that it is only set, not cleared. However, combined with the timer overflow interrupt that automatically clears the TOV1 Flag, the timer resolution can be increased by software. There are no special cases to consider in the Normal mode, a new counter value can be written anytime.

The Input Capture unit is easy to use in Normal mode. However, observe that the maximum interval between the external events must not exceed the resolution of the counter. If the interval between events are too long, the timer overflow interrupt or the prescaler must be used to extend the resolution for the capture unit.

The Output Compare units can be used to generate interrupts at some given time. Using the Output Compare to generate waveforms in Normal mode is not recommended, since this will occupy too much of the CPU time.



Clear Timer on Compare Match (CTC) Mode

In *Clear Timer on Compare* or CTC mode (WGM13:0 = 4 or 12), the OCR1A or ICR1 Register are used to manipulate the counter resolution. In CTC mode the counter is cleared to zero when the counter value (TCNT1) matches either the OCR1A (WGM13:0 = 4) or the ICR1 (WGM13:0 = 12). The OCR1A or ICR1 define the top value for the counter, hence also its resolution. This mode allows greater control of the compare match output frequency. It also simplifies the operation of counting external events.

The timing diagram for the CTC mode is shown in Figure 45. The counter value (TCNT1) increases until a compare match occurs with either OCR1A or ICR1, and then counter (TCNT1) is cleared.



Figure 45. CTC Mode, Timing Diagram

An interrupt can be generated at each time the counter value reaches the TOP value by either using the OCF1A or ICF1 Flag according to the register used to define the TOP value. If the interrupt is enabled, the interrupt handler routine can be used for updating the TOP value. However, changing the TOP to a value close to BOTTOM when the counter is running with none or a low prescaler value must be done with care since the CTC mode does not have the double buffering feature. If the new value written to OCR1A or ICR1 is lower than the current value of TCNT1, the counter will miss the compare match. The counter will then have to count to its maximum value (0xFFFF) and wrap around starting at 0x0000 before the compare match can occur. In many cases this feature is not desirable. An alternative will then be to use the fast PWM mode using OCR1A for defining TOP (WGM13:0 = 15) since the OCR1A then will be double buffered.

For generating a waveform output in CTC mode, the OC1A output can be set to toggle its logical level on each compare match by setting the Compare Output mode bits to toggle mode (COM1A1:0 = 1). The OC1A value will not be visible on the port pin unless the data direction for the pin is set to output (DDR_OC1A = 1). The waveform generated will have a maximum frequency of $f_{OC1A} = f_{clk_l/O}/2$ when OCR1A is set to zero (0x0000). The waveform frequency is defined by the following equation:

$$f_{OCnA} = \frac{f_{\mathsf{clk_I/O}}}{2 \cdot N \cdot (1 + OCRnA)}$$

The N variable represents the prescaler factor (1, 8, 64, 256, or 1024).

As for the Normal mode of operation, the TOV1 Flag is set in the same timer clock cycle that the counter counts from MAX to 0x0000.

Fast PWM Mode

The fast Pulse Width Modulation or fast PWM mode (WGM13:0 = 5, 6, 7, 14, or 15) provides a high frequency PWM waveform generation option. The fast PWM differs from the other PWM options by its single-slope operation. The counter counts from BOTTOM to TOP then restarts from BOTTOM. In non-inverting Compare Output mode, the Output Compare (OC1x) is cleared on the compare match between TCNT1 and OCR1x, and set atBOTTOM. In inverting Compare Output mode output is set on compare match and cleared at BOTTOM. Due to the single-slope operation, the operating frequency of the fast PWM mode can be twice as high as the phase correct and phase and frequency correct PWM modes that use dual-slope operation. This high frequency makes the fast PWM mode well suited for power regulation, rectification, and DAC applications. High frequency allows physically small sized external components (coils, capacitors), hence reduces total system cost.

The PWM resolution for fast PWM can be fixed to 8-, 9-, or 10-bit, or defined by either ICR1 or OCR1A. The minimum resolution allowed is 2-bit (ICR1 or OCR1A set to 0x0003), and the maximum resolution is 16-bit (ICR1 or OCR1A set to MAX). The PWM resolution in bits can be calculated by using the following equation:

$$R_{FPWM} = \frac{\log(TOP + 1)}{\log(2)}$$

In fast PWM mode the counter is incremented until the counter value matches either one of the fixed values 0x00FF, 0x01FF, or 0x03FF (WGM13:0 = 5, 6, or 7), the value in ICR1 (WGM13:0 = 14), or the value in OCR1A (WGM13:0 = 15). The counter is then cleared at the following timer clock cycle. The timing diagram for the fast PWM mode is shown in Figure 46. The figure shows fast PWM mode when OCR1A or ICR1 is used to define TOP. The TCNT1 value is in the timing diagram shown as a histogram for illustrating the single-slope operation. The diagram includes non-inverted and inverted PWM outputs. The small horizontal line marks on the TCNT1 slopes represent compare matches between OCR1x and TCNT1. The OC1x Interrupt Flag will be set when a compare match occurs.





The Timer/Counter Overflow Flag (TOV1) is set each time the counter reaches TOP. In addition the OC1A or ICF1 Flag is set at the same timer clock cycle as TOV1 is set when either OCR1A or ICR1 is used for defining the TOP value. If one of the interrupts are enabled, the interrupt handler routine can be used for updating the TOP and compare values.





When changing the TOP value the program must ensure that the new TOP value is higher or equal to the value of all of the Compare Registers. If the TOP value is lower than any of the Compare Registers, a compare match will never occur between the TCNT1 and the OCR1x. Note that when using fixed TOP values the unused bits are masked to zero when any of the OCR1x Registers are written.

The procedure for updating ICR1 differs from updating OCR1A when used for defining the TOP value. The ICR1 Register is not double buffered. This means that if ICR1 is changed to a low value when the counter is running with none or a low prescaler value, there is a risk that the new ICR1 value written is lower than the current value of TCNT1. The result will then be that the counter will miss the compare match at the TOP value. The counter will then have to count to the MAX value (0xFFFF) and wrap around starting at 0x0000 before the compare match can occur. The OCR1A Register however, is double buffered. This feature allows the OCR1A I/O location to be written anytime. When the OCR1A I/O location is written the value written will be put into the OCR1A Buffer Register. The OCR1A Compare Register will then be updated with the value in the Buffer Register at the next timer clock cycle the TCNT1 matches TOP. The update is done at the same timer clock cycle as the TCNT1 is cleared and the TOV1 Flag is set.

Using the ICR1 Register for defining TOP works well when using fixed TOP values. By using ICR1, the OCR1A Register is free to be used for generating a PWM output on OC1A. However, if the base PWM frequency is actively changed (by changing the TOP value), using the OCR1A as TOP is clearly a better choice due to its double buffer feature.

In fast PWM mode, the compare units allow generation of PWM waveforms on the OC1x pins. Setting the COM1x1:0 bits to two will produce a non-inverted PWM and an inverted PWM output can be generated by setting the COM1x1:0 to three (see Table on page 117). The actual OC1x value will only be visible on the port pin if the data direction for the port pin is set as output (DDR_OC1x). The PWM waveform is generated by setting (or clearing) the OC1x Register at the compare match between OCR1x and TCNT1, and clearing (or setting) the OC1x Register at the timer clock cycle the counter is cleared (changes from TOP to BOTTOM).

The PWM frequency for the output can be calculated by the following equation:

$$f_{OCnxPWM} = \frac{f_{clk_l/O}}{N \cdot (1 + TOP)}$$

The N variable represents the prescaler divider (1, 8, 64, 256, or 1024).

The extreme values for the OCR1x Register represents special cases when generating a PWM waveform output in the fast PWM mode. If the OCR1x is set equal to BOTTOM (0x0000) the output will be a narrow spike for each TOP+1 timer clock cycle. Setting the OCR1x equal to TOP will result in a constant high or low output (depending on the polarity of the output set by the COM1x1:0 bits.)

A frequency (with 50% duty cycle) waveform output in fast PWM mode can be achieved by setting OC1A to toggle its logical level on each compare match (COM1A1:0 = 1). This applies only if OCR1A is used to define the TOP value (WGM13:0 = 15). The waveform generated will have a maximum frequency of $f_{OC1A} = f_{clk_l/O}/2$ when OCR1A is set to zero (0x0000). This feature is similar to the OC1A toggle in CTC mode, except the double buffer feature of the Output Compare unit is enabled in the fast PWM mode.

Phase Correct PWM Mode

The phase correct Pulse Width Modulation or phase correct PWM mode (WGM13:0 = 1, 2, 3, 10, or 11) provides a high resolution phase correct PWM waveform generation option. The phase correct PWM mode is, like the phase and frequency correct PWM mode, based on a dual-slope operation. The counter counts repeatedly from BOTTOM (0x0000) to TOP and then from TOP to BOTTOM. In non-inverting Compare Output mode, the Output Compare (OC1x) is cleared on the compare match between TCNT1 and OCR1x while upcounting, and set on the compare match while downcounting. In inverting Output Compare mode, the operation is inverted. The dual-slope operation has lower maximum operation frequency than single slope operation. However, due to the symmetric feature of the dual-slope PWM modes, these modes are preferred for motor control applications.

The PWM resolution for the phase correct PWM mode can be fixed to 8-, 9-, or 10-bit, or defined by either ICR1 or OCR1A. The minimum resolution allowed is 2-bit (ICR1 or OCR1A set to 0x0003), and the maximum resolution is 16-bit (ICR1 or OCR1A set to MAX). The PWM resolution in bits can be calculated by using the following equation:

$$R_{PCPWM} = \frac{\log(TOP + 1)}{\log(2)}$$

In phase correct PWM mode the counter is incremented until the counter value matches either one of the fixed values 0x00FF, 0x01FF, or 0x03FF (WGM13:0 = 1, 2, or 3), the value in ICR1 (WGM13:0 = 10), or the value in OCR1A (WGM13:0 = 11). The counter has then reached the TOP and changes the count direction. The TCNT1 value will be equal to TOP for one timer clock cycle. The timing diagram for the phase correct PWM mode is shown on Figure 47. The figure shows phase correct PWM mode when OCR1A or ICR1 is used to define TOP. The TCNT1 value is in the timing diagram shown as a histogram for illustrating the dual-slope operation. The diagram includes non-inverted and inverted PWM outputs. The small horizontal line marks on the TCNT1 slopes represent compare matches between OCR1x and TCNT1. The OC1x Interrupt Flag will be set when a compare match occurs.








The Timer/Counter Overflow Flag (TOV1) is set each time the counter reaches BOT-TOM. When either OCR1A or ICR1 is used for defining the TOP value, the OC1A or ICF1 Flag is set accordingly at the same timer clock cycle as the OCR1x Registers are updated with the double buffer value (at TOP). The Interrupt Flags can be used to generate an interrupt each time the counter reaches the TOP or BOTTOM value.

When changing the TOP value the program must ensure that the new TOP value is higher or equal to the value of all of the Compare Registers. If the TOP value is lower than any of the Compare Registers, a compare match will never occur between the TCNT1 and the OCR1x. Note that when using fixed TOP values, the unused bits are masked to zero when any of the OCR1x Registers are written. As the third period shown in Figure 47 illustrates, changing the TOP actively while the Timer/Counter is running in the phase correct mode can result in an unsymmetrical output. The reason for this can be found in the time of update of the OCR1x Register. Since the OCR1x update occurs at TOP, the PWM period starts and ends at TOP. This implies that the length of the falling slope is determined by the previous TOP value, while the length of the rising slope is determined by the new TOP value. When these two values differ the two slopes of the period will differ in length. The difference in length gives the unsymmetrical result on the output.

It is recommended to use the phase and frequency correct mode instead of the phase correct mode when changing the TOP value while the Timer/Counter is running. When using a static TOP value there are practically no differences between the two modes of operation.

In phase correct PWM mode, the compare units allow generation of PWM waveforms on the OC1x pins. Setting the COM1x1:0 bits to two will produce a non-inverted PWM and an inverted PWM output can be generated by setting the COM1x1:0 to three (See Table 57 on page 118). The actual OC1x value will only be visible on the port pin if the data direction for the port pin is set as output (DDR_OC1x). The PWM waveform is generated by setting (or clearing) the OC1x Register at the compare match between OCR1x and TCNT1 when the counter increments, and clearing (or setting) the OC1x Register at compare match between OCR1x and TCNT1 when the counter decrements. The PWM frequency for the output when using phase correct PWM can be calculated by the following equation:

$$f_{OCnxPCPWM} = \frac{f_{clk_l/O}}{2 \cdot N \cdot TOP}$$

The N variable represents the prescaler divider (1, 8, 64, 256, or 1024).

The extreme values for the OCR1x Register represent special cases when generating a PWM waveform output in the phase correct PWM mode. If the OCR1x is set equal to BOTTOM the output will be continuously low and if set equal to TOP the output will be continuously high for non-inverted PWM mode. For inverted PWM the output will have the opposite logic values. If OCR1A is used to define the TOP value (WGM13:0 = 11) and COM1A1:0 = 1, the OC1A output will toggle with a 50% duty cycle.

Phase and Frequency Correct PWM Mode

The phase and frequency correct Pulse Width Modulation, or phase and frequency correct PWM mode (WGM13:0 = 8 or 9) provides a high resolution phase and frequency correct PWM waveform generation option. The phase and frequency correct PWM mode is, like the phase correct PWM mode, based on a dual-slope operation. The counter counts repeatedly from BOTTOM (0x0000) to TOP and then from TOP to BOT-TOM. In non-inverting Compare Output mode, the Output Compare (OC1x) is cleared on the compare match between TCNT1 and OCR1x while upcounting, and set on the compare match while downcounting. In inverting Compare Output mode, the operation is inverted. The dual-slope operation gives a lower maximum operation frequency compared to the single-slope operation. However, due to the symmetric feature of the dualslope PWM modes, these modes are preferred for motor control applications.

The main difference between the phase correct, and the phase and frequency correct PWM mode is the time the OCR1x Register is updated by the OCR1x Buffer Register, (see Figure 47 and Figure 48).

The PWM resolution for the phase and frequency correct PWM mode can be defined by either ICR1 or OCR1A. The minimum resolution allowed is 2-bit (ICR1 or OCR1A set to 0x0003), and the maximum resolution is 16-bit (ICR1 or OCR1A set to MAX). The PWM resolution in bits can be calculated using the following equation:

$$R_{PFCPWM} = \frac{\log(TOP + 1)}{\log(2)}$$

In phase and frequency correct PWM mode the counter is incremented until the counter value matches either the value in ICR1 (WGM13:0 = 8), or the value in OCR1A (WGM13:0 = 9). The counter has then reached the TOP and changes the count direction. The TCNT1 value will be equal to TOP for one timer clock cycle. The timing diagram for the phase correct and frequency correct PWM mode is shown on Figure 48. The figure shows phase and frequency correct PWM mode when OCR1A or ICR1 is used to define TOP. The TCNT1 value is in the timing diagram shown as a histogram for illustrating the dual-slope operation. The diagram includes non-inverted and inverted PWM outputs. The small horizontal line marks on the TCNT1 slopes represent compare matches between OCR1x and TCNT1. The OC1x Interrupt Flag will be set when a compare match occurs.



Figure 48. Phase and Frequency Correct PWM Mode, Timing Diagram



The Timer/Counter Overflow Flag (TOV1) is set at the same timer clock cycle as the OCR1x Registers are updated with the double buffer value (at BOTTOM). When either OCR1A or ICR1 is used for defining the TOP value, the OC1A or ICF1 Flag set when TCNT1 has reached TOP. The Interrupt Flags can then be used to generate an interrupt each time the counter reaches the TOP or BOTTOM value.

When changing the TOP value the program must ensure that the new TOP value is higher or equal to the value of all of the Compare Registers. If the TOP value is lower than any of the Compare Registers, a compare match will never occur between the TCNT1 and the OCR1x.

As Figure 48 shows the output generated is, in contrast to the phase correct mode, symmetrical in all periods. Since the OCR1x Registers are updated at BOTTOM, the length of the rising and the falling slopes will always be equal. This gives symmetrical output pulses and is therefore frequency correct.

Using the ICR1 Register for defining TOP works well when using fixed TOP values. By using ICR1, the OCR1A Register is free to be used for generating a PWM output on OC1A. However, if the base PWM frequency is actively changed by changing the TOP value, using the OCR1A as TOP is clearly a better choice due to its double buffer feature.

In phase and frequency correct PWM mode, the compare units allow generation of PWM waveforms on the OC1x pins. Setting the COM1x1:0 bits to two will produce a non-inverted PWM and an inverted PWM output can be generated by setting the COM1x1:0 to three (See Table 57 on page 118). The actual OC1x value will only be visible on the port pin if the data direction for the port pin is set as output (DDR_OC1x). The PWM waveform is generated by setting (or clearing) the OC1x Register at the compare match between OCR1x and TCNT1 when the counter increments, and clearing (or setting) the OC1x Register at compare match between OCR1x and TCNT1 when the counter decrements. The PWM frequency for the output when using phase and frequency correct PWM can be calculated by the following equation:

$$f_{OCnxPFCPWM} = \frac{f_{clk_l/O}}{2 \cdot N \cdot TOP}$$

The N variable represents the prescaler divider (1, 8, 64, 256, or 1024).

The extreme values for the OCR1x Register represents special cases when generating a PWM waveform output in the phase and frequency correct PWM mode. If the OCR1x is set equal to BOTTOM the output will be continuously low and if set equal to TOP the output will be set to high for non-inverted PWM mode. For inverted PWM the output will have the opposite logic values. If OCR1A is used to define the TOP value (WGM13:0 = 9) and COM1A1:0 = 1, the OC1A output will toggle with a 50% duty cycle.

Timer/Counter Timing Diagrams

The Timer/Counter is a synchronous design and the timer clock (clk_{T1}) is therefore shown as a clock enable signal in the following figures. The figures include information on when Interrupt Flags are set, and when the OCR1x Register is updated with the OCR1x buffer value (only for modes utilizing double buffering). Figure 49 shows a timing diagram for the setting of OCF1x.



Figure 49. Timer/Counter Timing Diagram, Setting of OCF1x, no Prescaling

Figure 50 shows the same timing data, but with the prescaler enabled.



Figure 50. Timer/Counter Timing Diagram, Setting of OCF1x, with Prescaler ($f_{clk I/O}$ /8)

Figure 51 shows the count sequence close to TOP in various modes. When using phase and frequency correct PWM mode the OCR1x Register is updated at BOTTOM. The timing diagrams will be the same, but TOP should be replaced by BOTTOM, TOP-1 by BOTTOM+1 and so on. The same renaming applies for modes that set the TOV1 Flag at BOTTOM.





Figure 51. Timer/Counter Timing Diagram, no Prescaling



Figure 52 shows the same timing data, but with the prescaler enabled.





16-bit Timer/Counter Register Description

Timer/Counter1 Control Register A – TCCR1A

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	_
	COM1A1	COM1A0	COM1B1	COM1B0	-	-	WGM11	WGM10	TCCR1A
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R	R	R/W	R/W	•
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

• Bit 7:6 - COM1A1:0: Compare Output Mode for Unit A

• Bit 5:4 – COM1B1:0: Compare Output Mode for Unit B

The COM1A1:0 and COM1B1:0 control the Output Compare pins (OC1A and OC1B respectively) behavior. If one or both of the COM1A1:0 bits are written to one, the OC1A output overrides the normal port functionality of the I/O pin it is connected to. If one or both of the COM1B1:0 bit are written to one, the OC1B output overrides the normal port functionality of the I/O pin it is connected to. However, note that the *Data Direction Register* (DDR) bit corresponding to the OC1A or OC1B pin must be set in order to enable the output driver.

When the OC1A or OC1B is connected to the pin, the function of the COM1x1:0 bits is dependent of the WGM13:0 bits setting. Table 55 shows the COM1x1:0 bit functionality when the WGM13:0 bits are set to a Normal or a CTC mode (non-PWM).

Table 55.	Compare Output Mode, non-PWM	
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COM1A1/COM1B1	COM1A0/COM1B0	Description
0	0	Normal port operation, OC1A/OC1B disconnected.
0	1	Toggle OC1A/OC1B on Compare Match.
1	0	Clear OC1A/OC1B on Compare Match (Set output to low level).
1	1	Set OC1A/OC1B on Compare Match (Set output to high level).

Table 56 shows the COM1x1:0 bit functionality when the WGM13:0 bits are set to the fast PWM mode.

Table 56.	Compare	Output Mode,	Fast PWM ⁽¹⁾
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COM1A1/COM1B1	COM1A0/COM1B0	Description
0	0	Normal port operation, OC1A/OC1B disconnected.
0	1	WGM13:0 = 14 or 15: Toggle OC1A on Compare Match, OC1B disconnected (normal port operation). For all other WGM1 settings, normal port operation, OC1A/OC1B disconnected.
1	0	Clear OC1A/OC1B on Compare Match, set OC1A/OC1B at BOTTOM (non-inverting mode)
1	1	Set OC1A/OC1B on Compare Match, clear OC1A/OC1B at BOTTOM (inverting mode)

Note: 1. A special case occurs when OCR1A/OCR1B equals TOP and COM1A1/COM1B1 is set. In this case the compare match is ignored, but the set or clear is done at BOT-TOM. See "Fast PWM Mode" on page 109. for more details.





Table 57 shows the COM1x1:0 bit functionality when the WGM13:0 bits are set to the phase correct or the phase and frequency correct, PWM mode.

Table 57. Compare Output Mode, Phase Correct and Phase and Frequency Correct $\mathsf{PWM}^{(1)}$

COM1A1/COM1B1	COM1A0/COM1B0	Description
0	0	Normal port operation, OC1A/OC1B disconnected.
0	1	WGM13:0 = 9 or 11: Toggle OC1A on Compare Match, OC1B disconnected (normal port operation). For all other WGM1 settings, normal port operation, OC1A/OC1B disconnected.
1	0	Clear OC1A/OC1B on Compare Match when up- counting. Set OC1A/OC1B on Compare Match when downcounting.
1	1	Set OC1A/OC1B on Compare Match when up- counting. Clear OC1A/OC1B on Compare Match when downcounting.

Note: 1. A special case occurs when OCR1A/OCR1B equals TOP and COM1A1/COM1B1 is set. See "Phase Correct PWM Mode" on page 111. for more details.

• Bit 1:0 – WGM11:0: Waveform Generation Mode

Combined with the WGM13:2 bits found in the TCCR1B Register, these bits control the counting sequence of the counter, the source for maximum (TOP) counter value, and what type of waveform generation to be used, see Table 58. Modes of operation supported by the Timer/Counter unit are: Normal mode (counter), Clear Timer on Compare match (CTC) mode, and three types of Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) modes. (See "Modes of Operation" on page 107.).

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Mode	WGM13	WGM12 (CTC1)	WGM11 (PWM11)	WGM10 (PWM10)	Timer/Counter Mode of Operation	ТОР	Update of OCR1x at	TOV1 Flag Set on
0	0	0	0	0	Normal	0xFFFF	Immediate	MAX
1	0	0	0	1	PWM, Phase Correct, 8-bit	0x00FF	ТОР	BOTTOM
2	0	0	1	0	PWM, Phase Correct, 9-bit	0x01FF	ТОР	BOTTOM
3	0	0	1	1	PWM, Phase Correct, 10-bit	0x03FF	ТОР	BOTTOM
4	0	1	0	0	СТС	OCR1A	Immediate	MAX
5	0	1	0	1	Fast PWM, 8-bit	0x00FF	BOTTOM	TOP
6	0	1	1	0	Fast PWM, 9-bit	0x01FF	BOTTOM	TOP
7	0	1	1	1	Fast PWM, 10-bit	0x03FF	BOTTOM	TOP
8	1	0	0	0	PWM, Phase and Frequency Correct	ICR1	BOTTOM	BOTTOM
9	1	0	0	1	PWM, Phase and Frequency Correct	OCR1A	BOTTOM	BOTTOM
10	1	0	1	0	PWM, Phase Correct	ICR1	ТОР	BOTTOM
11	1	0	1	1	PWM, Phase Correct	OCR1A	ТОР	BOTTOM
12	1	1	0	0	СТС	ICR1	Immediate	MAX
13	1	1	0	1	(Reserved)	_	_	-
14	1	1	1	0	Fast PWM	ICR1	BOTTOM	TOP
15	1	1	1	1	Fast PWM	OCR1A	BOTTOM	TOP

Table 58. Waveform Generation Mode Bit Description⁽¹⁾

Note: 1. The CTC1 and PWM11:0 bit definition names are obsolete. Use the WGM12:0 definitions. However, the functionality and location of these bits are compatible with previous versions of the timer.

Timer/Counter1 Control Register B – TCCR1B

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	_
	ICNC1	ICES1	-	WGM13	WGM12	CS12	CS11	CS10	TCCR1B
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

• Bit 7 – ICNC1: Input Capture Noise Canceler

Setting this bit (to one) activates the Input Capture Noise Canceler. When the noise canceler is activated, the input from the Input Capture pin (ICP1) is filtered. The filter function requires four successive equal valued samples of the ICP1 pin for changing its output. The Input Capture is therefore delayed by four Oscillator cycles when the noise canceler is enabled.

• Bit 6 – ICES1: Input Capture Edge Select

This bit selects which edge on the Input Capture pin (ICP1) that is used to trigger a capture event. When the ICES1 bit is written to zero, a falling (negative) edge is used as trigger, and when the ICES1 bit is written to one, a rising (positive) edge will trigger the capture.

When a capture is triggered according to the ICES1 setting, the counter value is copied into the Input Capture Register (ICR1). The event will also set the Input Capture Flag





(ICF1), and this can be used to cause an Input Capture Interrupt, if this interrupt is enabled.

When the ICR1 is used as TOP value (see description of the WGM13:0 bits located in the TCCR1A and the TCCR1B Register), the ICP1 is disconnected and consequently the Input Capture function is disabled.

• Bit 5 – Reserved Bit

This bit is reserved for future use. For ensuring compatibility with future devices, this bit must be written to zero when TCCR1B is written.

• Bit 4:3 – WGM13:2: Waveform Generation Mode

See TCCR1A Register description.

• Bit 2:0 - CS12:0: Clock Select

The three Clock Select bits select the clock source to be used by the Timer/Counter, see Figure 49 and Figure 50.

CS12	CS11	CS10	Description
0	0	0	No clock source (Timer/Counter stopped).
0	0	1	clk _{I/O} /1 (No prescaling)
0	1	0	clk _{I/O} /8 (From prescaler)
0	1	1	clk _{I/O} /64 (From prescaler)
1	0	0	clk _{I/O} /256 (From prescaler)
1	0	1	clk _{I/O} /1024 (From prescaler)
1	1	0	External clock source on T1 pin. Clock on falling edge.
1	1	1	External clock source on T1 pin. Clock on rising edge.

Table 59. Clock Select Bit Description

If external pin modes are used for the Timer/Counter1, transitions on the T1 pin will clock the counter even if the pin is configured as an output. This feature allows software control of the counting.

Timer/Counter1 Control Register C – TCCR1C



• Bit 7 – FOC1A: Force Output Compare for Unit A

• Bit 6 – FOC1B: Force Output Compare for Unit B

The FOC1A/FOC1B bits are only active when the WGM13:0 bits specifies a non-PWM mode. However, for ensuring compatibility with future devices, these bits must be set to zero when TCCR1A is written when operating in a PWM mode. When writing a logical one to the FOC1A/FOC1B bit, an immediate compare match is forced on the Waveform Generation unit. The OC1A/OC1B output is changed according to its COM1x1:0 bits setting. Note that the FOC1A/FOC1B bits are implemented as strobes. Therefore it is the value present in the COM1x1:0 bits that determine the effect of the forced compare.

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A FOC1A/FOC1B strobe will not generate any interrupt nor will it clear the timer in Clear Timer on Compare match (CTC) mode using OCR1A as TOP.

The FOC1A/FOC1B bits are always read as zero.

Timer/Counter1 – TCNT1H and TCNT1L



The two Timer/Counter I/O locations (TCNT1H and TCNT1L, combined TCNT1) give direct access, both for read and for write operations, to the Timer/Counter unit 16-bit counter. To ensure that both the high and low bytes are read and written simultaneously when the CPU accesses these registers, the access is performed using an 8-bit temporary High Byte Register (TEMP). This temporary register is shared by all the other 16-bit registers. See "Accessing 16-bit Registers" on page 98.

Modifying the counter (TCNT1) while the counter is running introduces a risk of missing a compare match between TCNT1 and one of the OCR1x Registers.

Writing to the TCNT1 Register blocks (removes) the compare match on the following timer clock for all compare units.

Output Compare Register 1 A – OCR1AH and OCR1AL



Output Compare Register 1 B

- OCR1BH and OCR1BL

Initial Value

0

0

0

The Output Compare Registers contain a 16-bit value that is continuously compared with the counter value (TCNT1). A match can be used to generate an Output Compare interrupt, or to generate a waveform output on the OC1x pin.

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The Output Compare Registers are 16-bit in size. To ensure that both the high and low bytes are written simultaneously when the CPU writes to these registers, the access is performed using an 8-bit temporary High Byte Register (TEMP). This temporary register is shared by all the other 16-bit registers. See "Accessing 16-bit Registers" on page 98.





Input Capture Register 1 – ICR1H and ICR1L



The Input Capture is updated with the counter (TCNT1) value each time an event occurs on the ICP1 pin (or optionally on the Analog Comparator output for Timer/Counter1). The Input Capture can be used for defining the counter TOP value.

The Input Capture Register is 16-bit in size. To ensure that both the high and low bytes are read simultaneously when the CPU accesses these registers, the access is performed using an 8-bit temporary High Byte Register (TEMP). This temporary register is shared by all the other 16-bit registers. See "Accessing 16-bit Registers" on page 98.

Timer/Counter1 Interrupt Mask Register – TIMSK1

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	_
	-	-	ICIE1	-	-	OCIE1B	OCIE1A	TOIE1	TIMSK1
Read/Write	R	R	R/W	R	R	R/W	R/W	R/W	-
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

• Bit 5 – ICIE1: Timer/Counter1, Input Capture Interrupt Enable

When this bit is written to one, and the I-flag in the Status Register is set (interrupts globally enabled), the Timer/Counter1 Input Capture interrupt is enabled. The corresponding Interrupt Vector (See "Interrupts" on page 46.) is executed when the ICF1 Flag, located in TIFR1, is set.

• Bit 2 – OCIE1B: Timer/Counter1, Output Compare B Match Interrupt Enable

When this bit is written to one, and the I-flag in the Status Register is set (interrupts globally enabled), the Timer/Counter1 Output Compare B Match interrupt is enabled. The corresponding Interrupt Vector (See "Interrupts" on page 46.) is executed when the OCF1B Flag, located in TIFR1, is set.

• Bit 1 – OCIE1A: Timer/Counter1, Output Compare A Match Interrupt Enable

When this bit is written to one, and the I-flag in the Status Register is set (interrupts globally enabled), the Timer/Counter1 Output Compare A Match interrupt is enabled. The corresponding Interrupt Vector (See "Interrupts" on page 46.) is executed when the OCF1A Flag, located in TIFR1, is set.

• Bit 0 – TOIE1: Timer/Counter1, Overflow Interrupt Enable

When this bit is written to one, and the I-flag in the Status Register is set (interrupts globally enabled), the Timer/Counter1 Overflow interrupt is enabled. The corresponding Interrupt Vector (See "Interrupts" on page 46.) is executed when the TOV1 Flag, located in TIFR1, is set.

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Timer/Counter1 Interrupt Flag Register – TIFR1

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	_
	-	-	ICF1	-	-	OCF1B	OCF1A	TOV1	TIFR1
Read/Write	R	R	R/W	R	R	R/W	R/W	R/W	-
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

• Bit 5 – ICF1: Timer/Counter1, Input Capture Flag

This flag is set when a capture event occurs on the ICP1 pin. When the Input Capture Register (ICR1) is set by the WGM13:0 to be used as the TOP value, the ICF1 Flag is set when the counter reaches the TOP value.

ICF1 is automatically cleared when the Input Capture Interrupt Vector is executed. Alternatively, ICF1 can be cleared by writing a logic one to its bit location.

• Bit 2 – OCF1B: Timer/Counter1, Output Compare B Match Flag

This flag is set in the timer clock cycle after the counter (TCNT1) value matches the Output Compare Register B (OCR1B).

Note that a Forced Output Compare (FOC1B) strobe will not set the OCF1B Flag.

OCF1B is automatically cleared when the Output Compare Match B Interrupt Vector is executed. Alternatively, OCF1B can be cleared by writing a logic one to its bit location.

• Bit 1 – OCF1A: Timer/Counter1, Output Compare A Match Flag

This flag is set in the timer clock cycle after the counter (TCNT1) value matches the Output Compare Register A (OCR1A).

Note that a Forced Output Compare (FOC1A) strobe will not set the OCF1A Flag.

OCF1A is automatically cleared when the Output Compare Match A Interrupt Vector is executed. Alternatively, OCF1A can be cleared by writing a logic one to its bit location.

• Bit 0 – TOV1: Timer/Counter1, Overflow Flag

The setting of this flag is dependent of the WGM13:0 bits setting. In Normal and CTC modes, the TOV1 Flag is set when the timer overflows. Refer to Table 58 on page 119 for the TOV1 Flag behavior when using another WGM13:0 bit setting.

TOV1 is automatically cleared when the Timer/Counter1 Overflow Interrupt Vector is executed. Alternatively, TOV1 can be cleared by writing a logic one to its bit location.





8-bit Timer/Counter2 with PWM and Asynchronous Operation

Timer/Counter2 is a general purpose, single compare unit, 8-bit Timer/Counter module. The main features are:

- Single Compare Unit Counter
- Clear Timer on Compare Match (Auto Reload)
- Glitch-free, Phase Correct Pulse Width Modulator (PWM)
- Frequency Generator
- 10-bit Clock Prescaler
- Overflow and Compare Match Interrupt Sources (TOV2 and OCF2A)
- Allows Clocking from External 32 kHz Watch Crystal Independent of the I/O Clock

Overview

A simplified block diagram of the 8-bit Timer/Counter is shown in Figure 53. For the actual placement of I/O pins, refer to "Pinout ATmega169" on page 2. CPU accessible I/O Registers, including I/O bits and I/O pins, are shown in bold. The device-specific I/O Register and bit locations are listed in the "8-bit Timer/Counter Register Description" on page 135.

Figure 53. 8-bit Timer/Counter Block Diagram



Registers

The Timer/Counter (TCNT2) and Output Compare Register (OCR2A) are 8-bit registers. Interrupt request (shorten as Int.Req.) signals are all visible in the Timer Interrupt Flag Register (TIFR2). All interrupts are individually masked with the Timer Interrupt Mask Register (TIMSK2). TIFR2 and TIMSK2 are not shown in the figure.

The Timer/Counter can be clocked internally, via the prescaler, or asynchronously clocked from the TOSC1/2 pins, as detailed later in this section. The asynchronous operation is controlled by the Asynchronous Status Register (ASSR). The Clock Select logic block controls which clock source the Timer/Counter uses to increment (or decre-

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ment) its value. The Timer/Counter is inactive when no clock source is selected. The output from the Clock Select logic is referred to as the timer clock (clk_{T2}).

The double buffered Output Compare Register (OCR2A) is compared with the Timer/Counter value at all times. The result of the compare can be used by the Wave-form Generator to generate a PWM or variable frequency output on the Output Compare pin (OC2A). See "Output Compare Unit" on page 126. for details. The compare match event will also set the Compare Flag (OCF2A) which can be used to generate an Output Compare interrupt request.

Definitions Many register and bit references in this document are written in general form. A lower case "n" replaces the Timer/Counter number, in this case 2. However, when using the register or bit defines in a program, the precise form must be used, i.e., TCNT2 for accessing Timer/Counter2 counter value and so on.

The definitions in Table 60 are also used extensively throughout the section.

Table 60. Definitions

BOTTOM	The counter reaches the BOTTOM when it becomes zero (0x00).
MAX	The counter reaches its MAXimum when it becomes 0xFF (decimal 255).
ТОР	The counter reaches the TOP when it becomes equal to the highest value in the count sequence. The TOP value can be assigned to be the fixed value 0xFF (MAX) or the value stored in the OCR2A Register. The assignment is dependent on the mode of operation.

Timer/Counter Clock
SourcesThe Timer/Counter can be clocked by an internal synchronous or an external asynchronous clock source. The clock source clk_{T2} is by default equal to the MCU clock, clk_{I/O}.
When the AS2 bit in the ASSR Register is written to logic one, the clock source is taken from the Timer/Counter Oscillator connected to TOSC1 and TOSC2. For details on asynchronous operation, see "Asynchronous Status Register – ASSR" on page 138. For details on clock sources and prescaler, see "Timer/Counter Prescaler" on page 142.

The main part of the 8-bit Timer/Counter is the programmable bi-directional counter unit. Figure 54 shows a block diagram of the counter and its surrounding environment.

Figure 54. Counter Unit Block Diagram



Signal description (internal signals):

- **count** Increment or decrement TCNT2 by 1.
- direction Selects between increment and decrement.
- clear Clear TCNT2 (set all bits to zero).
- clk_{T2} Timer/Counter clock.



Counter Unit



top Signalizes that TCNT2 has reached maximum value.

bottom	Signalizes that TCNT2 has reached minimum value (zero).
Dottom		20107.

Depending on the mode of operation used, the counter is cleared, incremented, or decremented at each timer clock (clk_{T2}). clk_{T2} can be generated from an external or internal clock source, selected by the Clock Select bits (CS22:0). When no clock source is selected (CS22:0 = 0) the timer is stopped. However, the TCNT2 value can be accessed by the CPU, regardless of whether clk_{T2} is present or not. A CPU write overrides (has priority over) all counter clear or count operations.

The counting sequence is determined by the setting of the WGM21 and WGM20 bits located in the Timer/Counter Control Register (TCCR2A). There are close connections between how the counter behaves (counts) and how waveforms are generated on the Output Compare output OC2A. For more details about advanced counting sequences and waveform generation, see "Modes of Operation" on page 129.

The Timer/Counter Overflow Flag (TOV2) is set according to the mode of operation selected by the WGM21:0 bits. TOV2 can be used for generating a CPU interrupt.

Output Compare Unit The 8-bit comparator continuously compares TCNT2 with the Output Compare Register (OCR2A). Whenever TCNT2 equals OCR2A, the comparator signals a match. A match will set the Output Compare Flag (OCF2A) at the next timer clock cycle. If enabled (OCIE2A = 1), the Output Compare Flag generates an Output Compare interrupt. The OCF2A Flag is automatically cleared when the interrupt is executed. Alternatively, the OCF2A Flag can be cleared by software by writing a logical one to its I/O bit location. The Waveform Generator uses the match signal to generate an output according to operating mode set by the WGM21:0 bits and Compare Output mode (COM2A1:0) bits. The max and bottom signals are used by the Waveform Generator for handling the special cases of the extreme values in some modes of operation ("Modes of Operation" on page 129).

Figure 55 shows a block diagram of the Output Compare unit.



Figure 55. Output Compare Unit, Block Diagram

	The OCR2A Register is double buffered when using any of the Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) modes. For the Normal and Clear Timer on Compare (CTC) modes of operation, the double buffering is disabled. The double buffering synchronizes the update of the OCR2A Compare Register to either top or bottom of the counting sequence. The synchronization prevents the occurrence of odd-length, non-symmetrical PWM pulses, thereby making the output glitch-free.
	The OCR2A Register access may seem complex, but this is not case. When the double buffering is enabled, the CPU has access to the OCR2A Buffer Register, and if double buffering is disabled the CPU will access the OCR2A directly.
Force Output Compare	In non-PWM waveform generation modes, the match output of the comparator can be forced by writing a one to the Force Output Compare (FOC2A) bit. Forcing compare match will not set the OCF2A Flag or reload/clear the timer, but the OC2A pin will be updated as if a real compare match had occurred (the COM2A1:0 bits settings define whether the OC2A pin is set, cleared or toggled).
Compare Match Blocking by TCNT2 Write	All CPU write operations to the TCNT2 Register will block any compare match that occurs in the next timer clock cycle, even when the timer is stopped. This feature allows OCR2A to be initialized to the same value as TCNT2 without triggering an interrupt when the Timer/Counter clock is enabled.
Using the Output Compare Unit	Since writing TCNT2 in any mode of operation will block all compare matches for one timer clock cycle, there are risks involved when changing TCNT2 when using the Output Compare unit, independently of whether the Timer/Counter is running or not. If the value written to TCNT2 equals the OCR2A value, the compare match will be missed, resulting in incorrect waveform generation. Similarly, do not write the TCNT2 value equal to BOT-TOM when the counter is downcounting.
	The setup of the OC2A should be performed before setting the Data Direction Register for the port pin to output. The easiest way of setting the OC2A value is to use the Force Output Compare (FOC2A) strobe bit in Normal mode. The OC2A Register keeps its value even when changing between Waveform Generation modes.
	Be aware that the COM2A1:0 bits are not double buffered together with the compare value. Changing the COM2A1:0 bits will take effect immediately.





Compare Match Output Unit

The Compare Output mode (COM2A1:0) bits have two functions. The Waveform Generator uses the COM2A1:0 bits for defining the Output Compare (OC2A) state at the next compare match. Also, the COM2A1:0 bits control the OC2A pin output source. Figure 56 shows a simplified schematic of the logic affected by the COM2A1:0 bit setting. The I/O Registers, I/O bits, and I/O pins in the figure are shown in bold. Only the parts of the general I/O Port Control Registers (DDR and PORT) that are affected by the COM2A1:0 bits are shown. When referring to the OC2A state, the reference is for the internal OC2A Register, not the OC2A pin.



Figure 56. Compare Match Output Unit, Schematic

The general I/O port function is overridden by the Output Compare (OC2A) from the Waveform Generator if either of the COM2A1:0 bits are set. However, the OC2A pin direction (input or output) is still controlled by the Data Direction Register (DDR) for the port pin. The Data Direction Register bit for the OC2A pin (DDR_OC2A) must be set as output before the OC2A value is visible on the pin. The port override function is independent of the Waveform Generation mode.

The design of the Output Compare pin logic allows initialization of the OC2A state before the output is enabled. Note that some COM2A1:0 bit settings are reserved for certain modes of operation. See "8-bit Timer/Counter Register Description" on page 135.

Compare Output Mode and Waveform Generation The Waveform Generator uses the COM2A1:0 bits differently in normal, CTC, and PWM modes. For all modes, setting the COM2A1:0 = 0 tells the Waveform Generator that no action on the OC2A Register is to be performed on the next compare match. For compare output actions in the non-PWM modes refer to Table 62 on page 136. For fast PWM mode, refer to Table 63 on page 136, and for phase correct PWM refer to Table 64 on page 136.

A change of the COM2A1:0 bits state will have effect at the first compare match after the bits are written. For non-PWM modes, the action can be forced to have immediate effect by using the FOC2A strobe bits.

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Modes of Operation The mode of operation, i.e., the behavior of the Timer/Counter and the Output Compare pins, is defined by the combination of the Waveform Generation mode (WGM21:0) and Compare Output mode (COM2A1:0) bits. The Compare Output mode bits do not affect the counting sequence, while the Waveform Generation mode bits do. The COM2A1:0 bits control whether the PWM output generated should be inverted or not (inverted or non-inverted PWM). For non-PWM modes the COM2A1:0 bits control whether the output should be set, cleared, or toggled at a compare match (See "Compare Match Output Unit" on page 128.).

For detailed timing information refer to "Timer/Counter Timing Diagrams" on page 133.

Normal Mode The simplest mode of operation is the Normal mode (WGM21:0 = 0). In this mode the counting direction is always up (incrementing), and no counter clear is performed. The counter simply overruns when it passes its maximum 8-bit value (TOP = 0xFF) and then restarts from the bottom (0x00). In normal operation the Timer/Counter Overflow Flag (TOV2) will be set in the same timer clock cycle as the TCNT2 becomes zero. The TOV2 Flag in this case behaves like a ninth bit, except that it is only set, not cleared. However, combined with the timer overflow interrupt that automatically clears the TOV2 Flag, the timer resolution can be increased by software. There are no special cases to consider in the Normal mode, a new counter value can be written anytime.

The Output Compare unit can be used to generate interrupts at some given time. Using the Output Compare to generate waveforms in Normal mode is not recommended, since this will occupy too much of the CPU time.

Clear Timer on Compare Match (CTC) Mode In Clear Timer on Compare or CTC mode (WGM21:0 = 2), the OCR2A Register is used to manipulate the counter resolution. In CTC mode the counter is cleared to zero when the counter value (TCNT2) matches the OCR2A. The OCR2A defines the top value for the counter, hence also its resolution. This mode allows greater control of the compare match output frequency. It also simplifies the operation of counting external events.

The timing diagram for the CTC mode is shown in Figure 57. The counter value (TCNT2) increases until a compare match occurs between TCNT2 and OCR2A, and then counter (TCNT2) is cleared.





An interrupt can be generated each time the counter value reaches the TOP value by using the OCF2A Flag. If the interrupt is enabled, the interrupt handler routine can be used for updating the TOP value. However, changing the TOP to a value close to BOT-TOM when the counter is running with none or a low prescaler value must be done with care since the CTC mode does not have the double buffering feature. If the new value written to OCR2A is lower than the current value of TCNT2, the counter will miss the





compare match. The counter will then have to count to its maximum value (0xFF) and wrap around starting at 0x00 before the compare match can occur.

For generating a waveform output in CTC mode, the OC2A output can be set to toggle its logical level on each compare match by setting the Compare Output mode bits to toggle mode (COM2A1:0 = 1). The OC2A value will not be visible on the port pin unless the data direction for the pin is set to output. The waveform generated will have a maximum frequency of $f_{OC2A} = f_{clk_l/O}/2$ when OCR2A is set to zero (0x00). The waveform frequency is defined by the following equation:

$$f_{OCnx} = \frac{f_{\mathsf{clk_l/O}}}{2 \cdot N \cdot (1 + OCRnx)}$$

The *N* variable represents the prescale factor (1, 8, 32, 64, 128, 256, or 1024).

As for the Normal mode of operation, the TOV2 Flag is set in the same timer clock cycle that the counter counts from MAX to 0x00.

The fast Pulse Width Modulation or fast PWM mode (WGM21:0 = 3) provides a high frequency PWM waveform generation option. The fast PWM differs from the other PWM option by its single-slope operation. The counter counts from BOTTOM to MAX then restarts from BOTTOM. In non-inverting Compare Output mode, the Output Compare (OC2A) is cleared on the compare match between TCNT2 and OCR2A, and set at BOT-TOM. In inverting Compare Output mode, the output is set on compare match and cleared at BOTTOM. Due to the single-slope operation, the operating frequency of the fast PWM mode can be twice as high as the phase correct PWM mode that uses dualslope operation. This high frequency makes the fast PWM mode well suited for power regulation, rectification, and DAC applications. High frequency allows physically small sized external components (coils, capacitors), and therefore reduces total system cost.

> In fast PWM mode, the counter is incremented until the counter value matches the MAX value. The counter is then cleared at the following timer clock cycle. The timing diagram for the fast PWM mode is shown in Figure 58. The TCNT2 value is in the timing diagram shown as a histogram for illustrating the single-slope operation. The diagram includes non-inverted and inverted PWM outputs. The small horizontal line marks on the TCNT2 slopes represent compare matches between OCR2A and TCNT2.

Figure 58. Fast PWM Mode, Timing Diagram



Fast PWM Mode

The Timer/Counter Overflow Flag (TOV2) is set each time the counter reaches MAX. If the interrupt is enabled, the interrupt handler routine can be used for updating the compare value.

In fast PWM mode, the compare unit allows generation of PWM waveforms on the OC2A pin. Setting the COM2A1:0 bits to two will produce a non-inverted PWM and an inverted PWM output can be generated by setting the COM2A1:0 to three (See Table 63 on page 136). The actual OC2A value will only be visible on the port pin if the data direction for the port pin is set as output. The PWM waveform is generated by setting (or clearing) the OC2A Register at the compare match between OCR2A and TCNT2, and clearing (or setting) the OC2A Register at the timer clock cycle the counter is cleared (changes from MAX to BOTTOM).

The PWM frequency for the output can be calculated by the following equation:

$$f_{OCnxPWM} = \frac{f_{clk_l/O}}{N \cdot 256}$$

The N variable represents the prescale factor (1, 8, 32, 64, 128, 256, or 1024).

The extreme values for the OCR2A Register represent special cases when generating a PWM waveform output in the fast PWM mode. If the OCR2A is set equal to BOTTOM, the output will be a narrow spike for each MAX+1 timer clock cycle. Setting the OCR2A equal to MAX will result in a constantly high or low output (depending on the polarity of the output set by the COM2A1:0 bits.)

A frequency (with 50% duty cycle) waveform output in fast PWM mode can be achieved by setting OC2A to toggle its logical level on each compare match (COM2A1:0 = 1). The waveform generated will have a maximum frequency of $f_{oc2} = f_{clk_I/O}/2$ when OCR2A is set to zero. This feature is similar to the OC2A toggle in CTC mode, except the double buffer feature of the Output Compare unit is enabled in the fast PWM mode.

Phase Correct PWM Mode The phase correct PWM mode (WGM21:0 = 1) provides a high resolution phase correct PWM waveform generation option. The phase correct PWM mode is based on a dualslope operation. The counter counts repeatedly from BOTTOM to MAX and then from MAX to BOTTOM. In non-inverting Compare Output mode, the Output Compare (OC2A) is cleared on the compare match between TCNT2 and OCR2A while upcounting, and set on the compare match while downcounting. In inverting Output Compare mode, the operation is inverted. The dual-slope operation has lower maximum operation frequency than single slope operation. However, due to the symmetric feature of the dual-slope PWM modes, these modes are preferred for motor control applications.

The PWM resolution for the phase correct PWM mode is fixed to eight bits. In phase correct PWM mode the counter is incremented until the counter value matches MAX. When the counter reaches MAX, it changes the count direction. The TCNT2 value will be equal to MAX for one timer clock cycle. The timing diagram for the phase correct PWM mode is shown on Figure 59. The TCNT2 value is in the timing diagram shown as a histogram for illustrating the dual-slope operation. The diagram includes non-inverted and inverted PWM outputs. The small horizontal line marks on the TCNT2 slopes represent compare matches between OCR2A and TCNT2.





Figure 59. Phase Correct PWM Mode, Timing Diagram



The Timer/Counter Overflow Flag (TOV2) is set each time the counter reaches BOT-TOM. The Interrupt Flag can be used to generate an interrupt each time the counter reaches the BOTTOM value.

In phase correct PWM mode, the compare unit allows generation of PWM waveforms on the OC2A pin. Setting the COM2A1:0 bits to two will produce a non-inverted PWM. An inverted PWM output can be generated by setting the COM2A1:0 to three (See Table 64 on page 136). The actual OC2A value will only be visible on the port pin if the data direction for the port pin is set as output. The PWM waveform is generated by clearing (or setting) the OC2A Register at the compare match between OCR2A and TCNT2 when the counter increments, and setting (or clearing) the OC2A Register at compare match between OCR2A and TCNT2 when the counter decrements. The PWM frequency for the output when using phase correct PWM can be calculated by the following equation:

$$f_{OCnxPCPWM} = \frac{f_{clk_l/O}}{N \cdot 510}$$

The N variable represents the prescale factor (1, 8, 32, 64, 128, 256, or 1024).

The extreme values for the OCR2A Register represent special cases when generating a PWM waveform output in the phase correct PWM mode. If the OCR2A is set equal to BOTTOM, the output will be continuously low and if set equal to MAX the output will be continuously high for non-inverted PWM mode. For inverted PWM the output will have the opposite logic values.

At the very start of period 2 in Figure 59 OCn has a transition from high to low even though there is no Compare Match. The point of this transition is to guarantee symmetry around BOTTOM. There are two cases that give a transition without Compare Match.

 OCR2A changes its value from MAX, like in Figure 59. When the OCR2A value is MAX the OCn pin value is the same as the result of a down-counting compare match. To ensure symmetry around BOTTOM the OCn value at MAX must correspond to the result of an up-counting Compare Match.

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 The timer starts counting from a value higher than the one in OCR2A, and for that reason misses the Compare Match and hence the OCn change that would have happened on the way up.

Timer/Counter Timing Diagrams

The following figures show the Timer/Counter in synchronous mode, and the timer clock (clk_{T2}) is therefore shown as a clock enable signal. In asynchronous mode, $clk_{I/O}$ should be replaced by the Timer/Counter Oscillator clock. The figures include information on when Interrupt Flags are set. Figure 60 contains timing data for basic Timer/Counter operation. The figure shows the count sequence close to the MAX value in all modes other than phase correct PWM mode.





Figure 61 shows the same timing data, but with the prescaler enabled.



Figure 61. Timer/Counter Timing Diagram, with Prescaler (f_{clk_l/O}/8)

Figure 62 shows the setting of OCF2A in all modes except CTC mode.





Figure 63 shows the setting of OCF2A and the clearing of TCNT2 in CTC mode.





8-bit Timer/Counter Register Description

Timer/Counter Control Register A– TCCR2A



• Bit 7 – FOC2A: Force Output Compare A

The FOC2A bit is only active when the WGM bits specify a non-PWM mode. However, for ensuring compatibility with future devices, this bit must be set to zero when TCCR2A is written when operating in PWM mode. When writing a logical one to the FOC2A bit, an immediate compare match is forced on the Waveform Generation unit. The OC2A output is changed according to its COM2A1:0 bits setting. Note that the FOC2A bit is implemented as a strobe. Therefore it is the value present in the COM2A1:0 bits that determines the effect of the forced compare.

A FOC2A strobe will not generate any interrupt, nor will it clear the timer in CTC mode using OCR2A as TOP.

The FOC2A bit is always read as zero.

• Bit 6, 3 – WGM21:0: Waveform Generation Mode

These bits control the counting sequence of the counter, the source for the maximum (TOP) counter value, and what type of waveform generation to be used. Modes of operation supported by the Timer/Counter unit are: Normal mode, Clear Timer on Compare match (CTC) mode, and two types of Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) modes. See Table 61 and "Modes of Operation" on page 129.

Mode	WGM21 (CTC2)	WGM20 (PWM2)	Timer/Counter Mode of Operation	ТОР	Update of OCR2A at	TOV2 Flag Set on
0	0	0	Normal	0xFF	Immediate	MAX
1	0	1	PWM, Phase Correct	0xFF	TOP	BOTTOM
2	1	0	СТС	OCR2A	Immediate	MAX
3	1	1	Fast PWM	0xFF	BOTTOM	MAX

Table 61. Waveform Generation Mode Bit Description⁽¹⁾

Note: 1. The CTC2 and PWM2 bit definition names are now obsolete. Use the WGM21:0 definitions. However, the functionality and location of these bits are compatible with previous versions of the timer.





• Bit 5:4 – COM2A1:0: Compare Match Output Mode A

These bits control the Output Compare pin (OC2A) behavior. If one or both of the COM2A1:0 bits are set, the OC2A output overrides the normal port functionality of the I/O pin it is connected to. However, note that the Data Direction Register (DDR) bit corresponding to OC2A pin must be set in order to enable the output driver.

When OC2A is connected to the pin, the function of the COM2A1:0 bits depends on the WGM21:0 bit setting. Table 62 shows the COM2A1:0 bit functionality when the WGM21:0 bits are set to a normal or CTC mode (non-PWM).

COM2A1	COM2A0	Description
0	0	Normal port operation, OC2A disconnected.
0	1	Toggle OC2A on compare match.
1	0	Clear OC2A on compare match.
1	1	Set OC2A on compare match.

Table 62. Compare Output Mode, non-PWM Mode

Table 63 shows the COM2A1:0 bit functionality when the WGM21:0 bits are set to fast PWM mode.

Table 63. Co	mpare Outp	ut Mode, I	Fast P	WM Mode	(1)
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COM2A1	COM2A0	Description
0	0	Normal port operation, OC2A disconnected.
0	1	Reserved
1	0	Clear OC2A on compare match, set OC2A at BOTTOM, (non-inverting mode).
1	1	Set OC2A on compare match, clear OC2A at BOTTOM, (inverting mode).

Note: 1. A special case occurs when OCR2A equals TOP and COM2A1 is set. In this case, the compare match is ignored, but the set or clear is done at TOP. See "Fast PWM Mode" on page 130 for more details.

Table 64 shows the COM2A1:0 bit functionality when the WGM21:0 bits are set to phase correct PWM mode.

Table 64.	Compare Out	out Mode, Phase	e Correct PWM Mode ⁽¹⁾	1
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COM2A1	COM2A0	Description
0	0	Normal port operation, OC2A disconnected.
0	1	Reserved
1	0	Clear OC2A on compare match when up-counting. Set OC2A on compare match when downcounting.
1	1	Set OC2A on compare match when up-counting. Clear OC2A on compare match when downcounting.

Note: 1. A special case occurs when OCR2A equals TOP and COM2A1 is set. In this case, the compare match is ignored, but the set or clear is done at TOP. See "Phase Correct PWM Mode" on page 131 for more details.

• Bit 2:0 - CS22:0: Clock Select

The three Clock Select bits select the clock source to be used by the Timer/Counter, see Table 65.

Table 65. Clock Select Bit Description

CS22	CS21	CS20	Description
0	0	0	No clock source (Timer/Counter stopped).
0	0	1	clk _{T2S} /(No prescaling)
0	1	0	clk _{T2S} /8 (From prescaler)
0	1	1	clk _{T2S} /32 (From prescaler)
1	0	0	clk _{T2S} /64 (From prescaler)
1	0	1	clk _{T2S} /128 (From prescaler)
1	1	0	clk _{T2S} /256 (From prescaler)
1	1	1	clk _{T2S} /1024 (From prescaler)

Timer/Counter Register – TCNT2



The Timer/Counter Register gives direct access, both for read and write operations, to the Timer/Counter unit 8-bit counter. Writing to the TCNT2 Register blocks (removes) the compare match on the following timer clock. Modifying the counter (TCNT2) while the counter is running, introduces a risk of missing a compare match between TCNT2 and the OCR2A Register.

Output Compare Register A – OCR2A



The Output Compare Register A contains an 8-bit value that is continuously compared with the counter value (TCNT2). A match can be used to generate an Output Compare interrupt, or to generate a waveform output on the OC2A pin.





Asynchronous operation of the Timer/Counter

Asynchronous Status Register – ASSR

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
	-	-	-	EXCLK	AS2	TCN2UB	OCR2UB	TCR2UB	ASSR
Read/Write	R	R	R	R/W	R/W	R	R	R	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

• Bit 4 – EXCLK: Enable External Clock Input

When EXCLK is written to one, and asynchronous clock is selected, the external clock input buffer is enabled and an external clock can be input on Timer Oscillator 1 (TOSC1) pin instead of a 32 kHz crystal. Writing to EXCLK should be done before asynchronous operation is selected. Note that the crystal Oscillator will only run when this bit is zero.

• Bit 3 – AS2: Asynchronous Timer/Counter2

When AS2 is written to zero, Timer/Counter2 is clocked from the I/O clock, $clk_{I/O}$. When AS2 is written to one, Timer/Counter2 is clocked from a crystal Oscillator connected to the Timer Oscillator 1 (TOSC1) pin. When the value of AS2 is changed, the contents of TCNT2, OCR2A, and TCCR2A might be corrupted.

• Bit 2 – TCN2UB: Timer/Counter2 Update Busy

When Timer/Counter2 operates asynchronously and TCNT2 is written, this bit becomes set. When TCNT2 has been updated from the temporary storage register, this bit is cleared by hardware. A logical zero in this bit indicates that TCNT2 is ready to be updated with a new value.

• Bit 1 – OCR2UB: Output Compare Register2 Update Busy

When Timer/Counter2 operates asynchronously and OCR2A is written, this bit becomes set. When OCR2A has been updated from the temporary storage register, this bit is cleared by hardware. A logical zero in this bit indicates that OCR2A is ready to be updated with a new value.

Bit 0 – TCR2UB: Timer/Counter Control Register2 Update Busy

When Timer/Counter2 operates asynchronously and TCCR2A is written, this bit becomes set. When TCCR2A has been updated from the temporary storage register, this bit is cleared by hardware. A logical zero in this bit indicates that TCCR2A is ready to be updated with a new value.

If a write is performed to any of the three Timer/Counter2 Registers while its update busy flag is set, the updated value might get corrupted and cause an unintentional interrupt to occur.

The mechanisms for reading TCNT2, OCR2A, and TCCR2A are different. When reading TCNT2, the actual timer value is read. When reading OCR2A or TCCR2A, the value in the temporary storage register is read.

Asynchronous Operation of Timer/Counter2

When Timer/Counter2 operates asynchronously, some considerations must be taken.

- Warning: When switching between asynchronous and synchronous clocking of Timer/Counter2, the Timer Registers TCNT2, OCR2A, and TCCR2A might be corrupted. A safe procedure for switching clock source is:
 - 1. Disable the Timer/Counter2 interrupts by clearing OCIE2A and TOIE2.
 - 2. Select clock source by setting AS2 as appropriate.
 - 3. Write new values to TCNT2, OCR2A, and TCCR2A.
 - 4. To switch to asynchronous operation: Wait for TCN2UB, OCR2UB, and TCR2UB.
 - 5. Clear the Timer/Counter2 Interrupt Flags.
 - 6. Enable interrupts, if needed.
- The CPU main clock frequency must be more than four times the Oscillator frequency.
- When writing to one of the registers TCNT2, OCR2A, or TCCR2A, the value is transferred to a temporary register, and latched after two positive edges on TOSC1. The user should not write a new value before the contents of the temporary register have been transferred to its destination. Each of the three mentioned registers have their individual temporary register, which means that e.g. writing to TCNT2 does not disturb an OCR2A write in progress. To detect that a transfer to the destination register has taken place, the Asynchronous Status Register ASSR has been implemented.
- When entering Power-save or ADC Noise Reduction mode after having written to TCNT2, OCR2A, or TCCR2A, the user must wait until the written register has been updated if Timer/Counter2 is used to wake up the device. Otherwise, the MCU will enter sleep mode before the changes are effective. This is particularly important if the Output Compare2 interrupt is used to wake up the device, since the Output Compare function is disabled during writing to OCR2A or TCNT2. If the write cycle is not finished, and the MCU enters sleep mode before the OCR2UB bit returns to zero, the device will never receive a compare match interrupt, and the MCU will not wake up.
- If Timer/Counter2 is used to wake the device up from Power-save or ADC Noise Reduction mode, precautions must be taken if the user wants to re-enter one of these modes: The interrupt logic needs one TOSC1 cycle to be reset. If the time between wake-up and re-entering sleep mode is less than one TOSC1 cycle, the interrupt will not occur, and the device will fail to wake up. If the user is in doubt whether the time before re-entering Power-save or ADC Noise Reduction mode is sufficient, the following algorithm can be used to ensure that one TOSC1 cycle has elapsed:
 - 1. Write a value to TCCR2A, TCNT2, or OCR2A.
 - 2. Wait until the corresponding Update Busy Flag in ASSR returns to zero.
 - 3. Enter Power-save or ADC Noise Reduction mode.
- When the asynchronous operation is selected, the 32.768 kHz Oscillator for Timer/Counter2 is always running, except in Power-down and Standby modes. After a Power-up Reset or wake-up from Power-down or Standby mode, the user should be aware of the fact that this Oscillator might take as long as one second to stabilize. The user is advised to wait for at least one second before using Timer/Counter2 after power-up or wake-up from Power-down or Standby mode. The contents of all Timer/Counter2 Registers must be considered lost after a wake-up from Powerdown or Standby mode due to unstable clock signal upon start-up, no matter whether the Oscillator is in use or a clock signal is applied to the TOSC1 pin.



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- Description of wake up from Power-save or ADC Noise Reduction mode when the timer is clocked asynchronously: When the interrupt condition is met, the wake up process is started on the following cycle of the timer clock, that is, the timer is always advanced by at least one before the processor can read the counter value. After wake-up, the MCU is halted for four cycles, it executes the interrupt routine, and resumes execution from the instruction following SLEEP.
- Reading of the TCNT2 Register shortly after wake-up from Power-save may give an incorrect result. Since TCNT2 is clocked on the asynchronous TOSC clock, reading TCNT2 must be done through a register synchronized to the internal I/O clock domain. Synchronization takes place for every rising TOSC1 edge. When waking up from Power-save mode, and the I/O clock ($clk_{I/O}$) again becomes active, TCNT2 will read as the previous value (before entering sleep) until the next rising TOSC1 edge. The phase of the TOSC clock after waking up from Power-save mode is essentially unpredictable, as it depends on the wake-up time. The recommended procedure for reading TCNT2 is thus as follows:
 - 1. Write any value to either of the registers OCR2A or TCCR2A.
 - 2. Wait for the corresponding Update Busy Flag to be cleared.
 - 3. Read TCNT2.
- During asynchronous operation, the synchronization of the Interrupt Flags for the asynchronous timer takes 3 processor cycles plus one timer cycle. The timer is therefore advanced by at least one before the processor can read the timer value causing the setting of the Interrupt Flag. The Output Compare pin is changed on the timer clock and is not synchronized to the processor clock.

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	_
	-	-	-	-	-	-	OCIE2A	TOIE2	TIMSK2
Read/Write	R	R	R	R	R	R	R/W	R/W	•
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

• Bit 1 – OCIE2A: Timer/Counter2 Output Compare Match A Interrupt Enable

When the OCIE2A bit is written to one and the I-bit in the Status Register is set (one), the Timer/Counter2 Compare Match A interrupt is enabled. The corresponding interrupt is executed if a compare match in Timer/Counter2 occurs, i.e., when the OCF2A bit is set in the Timer/Counter 2 Interrupt Flag Register – TIFR2.

• Bit 0 – TOIE2: Timer/Counter2 Overflow Interrupt Enable

When the TOIE2 bit is written to one and the I-bit in the Status Register is set (one), the Timer/Counter2 Overflow interrupt is enabled. The corresponding interrupt is executed if an overflow in Timer/Counter2 occurs, i.e., when the TOV2 bit is set in the Timer/Counter2 Interrupt Flag Register – TIFR2.

Timer/Counter2 Interrupt Mask Register – TIMSK2

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Timer/Counter2 Interrupt Flag Register – TIFR2



• Bit 1 – OCF2A: Output Compare Flag 2 A

The OCF2A bit is set (one) when a compare match occurs between the Timer/Counter2 and the data in OCR2A – Output Compare Register2. OCF2A is cleared by hardware when executing the corresponding interrupt handling vector. Alternatively, OCF2A is cleared by writing a logic one to the flag. When the I-bit in SREG, OCIE2A (Timer/Counter2 Compare match Interrupt Enable), and OCF2A are set (one), the Timer/Counter2 Compare match Interrupt is executed.

• Bit 0 – TOV2: Timer/Counter2 Overflow Flag

The TOV2 bit is set (one) when an overflow occurs in Timer/Counter2. TOV2 is cleared by hardware when executing the corresponding interrupt handling vector. Alternatively, TOV2 is cleared by writing a logic one to the flag. When the SREG I-bit, TOIE2A (Timer/Counter2 Overflow Interrupt Enable), and TOV2 are set (one), the Timer/Counter2 Overflow interrupt is executed. In PWM mode, this bit is set when Timer/Counter2 changes counting direction at 0x00.





Timer/Counter Prescaler

Figure 64. Prescaler for Timer/Counter2



The clock source for Timer/Counter2 is named clk_{T2S}. clk_{T2S} is by default connected to the main system I/O clock clk₁₀. By setting the AS2 bit in ASSR, Timer/Counter2 is asynchronously clocked from the TOSC1 pin. This enables use of Timer/Counter2 as a Real Time Counter (RTC). When AS2 is set, pins TOSC1 and TOSC2 are disconnected from Port C. A crystal can then be connected between the TOSC1 and TOSC2 pins to serve as an independent clock source for Timer/Counter2. The Oscillator is optimized for use with a 32.768 kHz crystal. If applying an external clock on TOSC1, the EXCLK bit in ASSR must be set.

For Timer/Counter2, the possible prescaled selections are: $clk_{T2S}/8$, $clk_{T2S}/32$, $clk_{T2S}/64$, $clk_{T2S}/128$, $clk_{T2S}/256$, and $clk_{T2S}/1024$. Additionally, clk_{T2S} as well as 0 (stop) may be selected. Setting the PSR2 bit in GTCCR resets the prescaler. This allows the user to operate with a predictable prescaler.

General Timer/Counter Control Register – GTCCR

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	_
	TSM	-	-	-	-	-	PSR2	PSR10	GTCCR
Read/Write	R/W	R	R	R	R	R	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

• Bit 1 – PSR2: Prescaler Reset Timer/Counter2

When this bit is one, the Timer/Counter2 prescaler will be reset. This bit is normally cleared immediately by hardware. If the bit is written when Timer/Counter2 is operating in asynchronous mode, the bit will remain one until the prescaler has been reset. The bit will not be cleared by hardware if the TSM bit is set. Refer to the description of the "Bit 7 – TSM: Timer/Counter Synchronization Mode" on page 94 for a description of the Timer/Counter Synchronization mode.

Serial Peripheral Interface – SPI

The Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI) allows high-speed synchronous data transfer between the ATmega169 and peripheral devices or between several AVR devices. The ATmega169 SPI includes the following features:

- Full-duplex, Three-wire Synchronous Data Transfer
- Master or Slave Operation
- LSB First or MSB First Data Transfer
- Seven Programmable Bit Rates
- End of Transmission Interrupt Flag
- Write Collision Flag Protection
- Wake-up from Idle Mode
- Double Speed (CK/2) Master SPI Mode

The PRSPI bit in "Power Reduction Register - PRR" on page 34 must be written to zero to enable SPI module.





Note: 1. Refer to Figure 1 on page 2, and Table 30 on page 63 for SPI pin placement.

The interconnection between Master and Slave CPUs with SPI is shown in Figure 66. The system consists of two shift Registers, and a Master clock generator. The SPI Master initiates the communication cycle when pulling low the Slave Select \overline{SS} pin of the desired Slave. Master and Slave prepare the data to be sent in their respective shift Registers, and the Master generates the required clock pulses on the SCK line to interchange data. Data is always shifted from Master to Slave on the Master Out – Slave In, MOSI, line, and from Slave to Master on the Master In – Slave Out, MISO, line. After





each data packet, the Master will synchronize the Slave by pulling high the Slave Select, \overline{SS} , line.

When configured as a Master, the SPI interface has no automatic control of the \overline{SS} line. This must be handled by user software before communication can start. When this is done, writing a byte to the SPI Data Register starts the SPI clock generator, and the hardware shifts the eight bits into the Slave. After shifting one byte, the SPI clock generator stops, setting the end of Transmission Flag (SPIF). If the SPI Interrupt Enable bit (SPIE) in the SPCR Register is set, an interrupt is requested. The Master may continue to shift the next byte by writing it into SPDR, or signal the end of packet by pulling high the Slave Select, \overline{SS} line. The last incoming byte will be kept in the Buffer Register for later use.

When configured as a Slave, the SPI interface will remain sleeping with MISO tri-stated as long as the \overline{SS} pin is driven high. In this state, software may update the contents of the SPI Data Register, SPDR, but the data will not be shifted out by incoming clock pulses on the SCK pin until the \overline{SS} pin is driven low. As one byte has been completely shifted, the end of Transmission Flag, SPIF is set. If the SPI Interrupt Enable bit, SPIE, in the SPCR Register is set, an interrupt is requested. The Slave may continue to place new data to be sent into SPDR before reading the incoming data. The last incoming byte will be kept in the Buffer Register for later use.





The system is single buffered in the transmit direction and double buffered in the receive direction. This means that bytes to be transmitted cannot be written to the SPI Data Register before the entire shift cycle is completed. When receiving data, however, a received character must be read from the SPI Data Register before the next character has been completely shifted in. Otherwise, the first byte is lost.

In SPI Slave mode, the control logic will sample the incoming signal of the SCK pin. To ensure correct sampling of the clock signal, the minimum low and highperiod should be:

Low period: Longer than 2 CPU clock cycles.

High period: Longer than 2 CPU clock cycles.

When the SPI is enabled, the data direction of the MOSI, MISO, SCK, and \overline{SS} pins is overridden according to Table 66. For more details on automatic port overrides, refer to "Alternate Port Functions" on page 60.

Table 66. SPI Pin Overrides⁽¹⁾

Pin	Direction, Master SPI	Direction, Slave SPI
MOSI	User Defined	Input
MISO	Input	User Defined
SCK	User Defined	Input
SS	User Defined	Input

Note: 1. See "Alternate Functions of Port B" on page 63 for a detailed description of how to define the direction of the user defined SPI pins.

The following code examples show how to initialize the SPI as a Master and how to perform a simple transmission. DDR_SPI in the examples must be replaced by the actual Data Direction Register controlling the SPI pins. DD_MOSI, DD_MISO and DD_SCK must be replaced by the actual data direction bits for these pins. E.g. if MOSI is placed on pin PB5, replace DD_MOSI with DDB5 and DDR_SPI with DDRB.

Assembly Code Example⁽¹⁾





```
SPI_MasterInit:
     ; Set MOSI and SCK output, all others input
     ldi r17,(1<<DD_MOSI)|(1<<DD_SCK)
     out DDR_SPI,r17
     ; Enable SPI, Master, set clock rate fck/16
     ldi r17, (1<<SPE) | (1<<MSTR) | (1<<SPR0)
     out SPCR, r17
     ret
   SPI_MasterTransmit:
     ; Start transmission of data (r16)
     out SPDR, r16
   Wait Transmit:
     ; Wait for transmission complete
     sbis SPSR,SPIF
     rjmp Wait_Transmit
     ret
C Code Example<sup>(1)</sup>
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void SPI_MasterInit(void)

```
{
    /* Set MOSI and SCK output, all others input */
    DDR_SPI = (1<<DD_MOSI) | (1<<DD_SCK);
    /* Enable SPI, Master, set clock rate fck/16 */
    SPCR = (1<<SPE) | (1<<MSTR) | (1<<SPR0);
}
void SPI_MasterTransmit(char cData)
{
    /* Start transmission */
    SPDR = cData;
    /* Wait for transmission complete */
    while(!(SPSR & (1<<SPIF)))
    ;
}</pre>
```

Note: 1. See "About Code Examples" on page 6.

The following code examples show how to initialize the SPI as a Slave and how to perform a simple reception.

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Assembly Code Example<sup>(1)</sup>
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SPI SlaveInit:
 ; Set MISO output, all others input
 ldi r17, (1<<DD_MISO)
 out DDR_SPI,r17
 ; Enable SPI
 ldi r17,(1<<SPE)
 out SPCR, r17
 ret
SPI_SlaveReceive:
 ; Wait for reception complete
 sbis SPSR, SPIF
 rjmp SPI SlaveReceive
 ; Read received data and return
     r16,SPDR
 in
 ret
```

C Code Example⁽¹⁾

void SPI_SlaveInit(void)

```
{
    /* Set MISO output, all others input */
    DDR_SPI = (1<<DD_MISO);
    /* Enable SPI */
    SPCR = (1<<SPE);
}
char SPI_SlaveReceive(void)
{
    /* Wait for reception complete */
    while(!(SPSR & (1<<SPIF)))
    ;
    /* Return Data Register */
    return SPDR;
}</pre>
```

Note: 1. See "About Code Examples" on page 6.




SS Pin Functionality

Slave Mode	When the SPI is configured as a Slave, the Slave Select (\overline{SS}) pin is always input. When \overline{SS} is held low, the SPI is activated, and MISO becomes an output if configured so by the user. All other pins are inputs. When \overline{SS} is driven high, all pins are inputs, and the SPI is passive, which means that it will not receive incoming data. Note that the SPI logic will be reset once the \overline{SS} pin is driven high.				
	The \overline{SS} pin is useful for packet/byte synchronization to keep the slave bit counter synchronous with the master clock generator. When the \overline{SS} pin is driven high, the SPI slave will immediately reset the send and receive logic, and drop any partially received data in the Shift Register.				
Master Mode	When the SPI is configured as a Master (MSTR in SPCR is set), the user can determine the direction of the $\overline{\text{SS}}$ pin.				
	If \overline{SS} is configured as an output, the pin is a general output pin which does not affect the SPI system. Typically, the pin will be driving the \overline{SS} pin of the SPI Slave.				
	If \overline{SS} is configured as an input, it must be held high to ensure Master SPI operation. If the \overline{SS} pin is driven low by peripheral circuitry when the SPI is configured as a Master with the \overline{SS} pin defined as an input, the SPI system interprets this as another master selecting the SPI as a slave and starting to send data to it. To avoid bus contention, the SPI system takes the following actions:				
	1. The MSTR bit in SPCR is cleared and the SPI system becomes a Slave. As a result of the SPI becoming a Slave, the MOSI and SCK pins become inputs.				
	 The SPIF Flag in SPSR is set, and if the SPI interrupt is enabled, and the I-bit in SREG is set, the interrupt routine will be executed. 				
	Thus, when interrupt-driven SPI transmission is used in Master mode, and there exists a possibility that \overline{SS} is driven low, the interrupt should always check that the MSTR bit is still set. If the MSTR bit has been cleared by a slave select, it must be set by the user to re-enable SPI Master mode.				

SPI Control Register – SPCR

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	_
	SPIE	SPE	DORD	MSTR	CPOL	CPHA	SPR1	SPR0	SPCR
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

• Bit 7 – SPIE: SPI Interrupt Enable

This bit causes the SPI interrupt to be executed if SPIF bit in the SPSR Register is set and the if the Global Interrupt Enable bit in SREG is set.

• Bit 6 – SPE: SPI Enable

When the SPE bit is written to one, the SPI is enabled. This bit must be set to enable any SPI operations.

• Bit 5 – DORD: Data Order

When the DORD bit is written to one, the LSB of the data word is transmitted first.

When the DORD bit is written to zero, the MSB of the data word is transmitted first.

Bit 4 – MSTR: Master/Slave Select

This bit selects Master SPI mode when written to one, and Slave SPI mode when written logic zero. If SS is configured as an input and is driven low while MSTR is set, MSTR will be cleared, and SPIF in SPSR will become set. The user will then have to set MSTR to re-enable SPI Master mode.

• Bit 3 – CPOL: Clock Polarity

When this bit is written to one, SCK is high when idle. When CPOL is written to zero, SCK is low when idle. Refer to Figure 67 and Figure 68 for an example. The CPOL functionality is summarized below:

Table 67.	CPOL	Functionality
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CPOL	Leading Edge	Trailing Edge
0	Rising	Falling
1	Falling	Rising

Bit 2 – CPHA: Clock Phase

The settings of the Clock Phase bit (CPHA) determine if data is sampled on the leading (first) or trailing (last) edge of SCK. Refer to Figure 67 and Figure 68 for an example. The CPOL functionality is summarized below:

Table 68. CPHA Functionality

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СРНА	Leading Edge	Trailing Edge
0	Sample	Setup
1	Setup	Sample

• Bits 1, 0 – SPR1, SPR0: SPI Clock Rate Select 1 and 0

These two bits control the SCK rate of the device configured as a Master. SPR1 and SPR0 have no effect on the Slave. The relationship between SCK and the Oscillator Clock frequency f_{osc} is shown in the following table:

Fable 69. Relationship Between SCK and the Oscillator Frequency						
SPI2X	SPR1	SPR0	SCK Frequency			
0	0	0	f _{osc} /4			
0	0	1	f _{osc} /16			
0	1	0	f _{osc} /64			
0	1	1	f _{osc} /128			
1	0	0	f _{osc} /2			
1	0	1	f _{osc} /8			
1	1	0	f _{osc} /32			
				-		

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 $f_{osc}/64$



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SPI Status Register – SPSR

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
	SPIF	WCOL	-	-	-	-	-	SPI2X	SPSR
Read/Write	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Bit 7 – SPIF: SPI Interrupt Flag

When a serial transfer is complete, the SPIF Flag is set. An interrupt is generated if SPIE in SPCR is set and global interrupts are enabled. If SS is an input and is driven low when the SPI is in Master mode, this will also set the SPIF Flag. SPIF is cleared by hardware when executing the corresponding interrupt handling vector. Alternatively, the SPIF bit is cleared by first reading the SPI Status Register with SPIF set, then accessing the SPI Data Register (SPDR).

Bit 6 – WCOL: Write COLlision Flag

The WCOL bit is set if the SPI Data Register (SPDR) is written during a data transfer. The WCOL bit (and the SPIF bit) are cleared by first reading the SPI Status Register with WCOL set, and then accessing the SPI Data Register.

• Bit 5..1 - Res: Reserved Bits

These bits are reserved bits in the ATmega169 and will always read as zero.

Bit 0 – SPI2X: Double SPI Speed Bit

When this bit is written logic one the SPI speed (SCK Frequency) will be doubled when the SPI is in Master mode (see Table 69). This means that the minimum SCK period will be two CPU clock periods. When the SPI is configured as Slave, the SPI is only guaranteed to work at $f_{osc}/4$ or lower.

The SPI interface on the ATmega169 is also used for program memory and EEPROM downloading or uploading. See page 281 for serial programming and verification.

SPI Data Register – SPDR



The SPI Data Register is a read/write register used for data transfer between the Register File and the SPI Shift Register. Writing to the register initiates data transmission. Reading the register causes the Shift Register Receive buffer to be read.