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Assembly Code Example
   in r16, SREG
                     ; store SREG value
   cli
          ; disable interrupts during timed sequence
   sbi EECR, EEMPE
                   ; start EEPROM write
   sbi EECR, EEPE
   out SREG, r16
                     ; restore SREG value (I-bit)
C Code Example
   char cSREG;
   cSREG = SREG; /* store SREG value */
   /* disable interrupts during timed sequence */
   _CLI();
   EECR |= (1<<EEMPE); /* start EEPROM write */</pre>
   EECR \mid = (1 << EEPE);
   SREG = cSREG; /* restore SREG value (I-bit) */
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When using the SEI instruction to enable interrupts, the instruction following SEI will be executed before any pending interrupts, as shown in this example.

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Assembly Code Example

sei ; set Global Interrupt Enable
sleep; enter sleep, waiting for interrupt
; note: will enter sleep before any pending interrupt(s)

C Code Example

__enable_interrupt(); /* set Global Interrupt Enable */
__sleep(); /* enter sleep, waiting for interrupt */
/* note: will enter sleep before any pending interrupt(s) */
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## 4.7.1 Interrupt Response Time

The interrupt execution response for all the enabled AVR interrupts is four clock cycles minimum. After four clock cycles the program vector address for the actual interrupt handling routine is executed. During this four clock cycle period, the Program Counter is pushed onto the Stack. The vector is normally a jump to the interrupt routine, and this jump takes three clock cycles. If an interrupt occurs during execution of a multi-cycle instruction, this instruction is completed before the interrupt is served. If an interrupt occurs when the MCU is in sleep mode, the interrupt execution response time is increased by four clock cycles. This increase comes in addition to the start-up time from the selected sleep mode.

A return from an interrupt handling routine takes four clock cycles. During these four clock cycles, the Program Counter (two bytes) is popped back from the Stack, the Stack Pointer is incremented by two, and the I-bit in SREG is set.