

# EFM32 Tiny Gecko Series 1 EFM32TG11 Errata



This document contains information on the EFM32TG11 errata. The latest available revision of this device is revision B.

For errata on older revisions, refer to the errata history section for the device. The revision information is typically specified in or near the trace code on the device. Refer to the package marking information in the data sheet for more information.

Errata effective date: November, 2018.

# 1. Active Errata Summary

These tables list all known errata for the EFM32TG11 and all unresolved errata in revision B of the EFM32TG11.

**Table 1.1. Errata History Overview** 

Designator	Title/Problem	Exists on Revision:	
		Α	В
ADC_E224	ADC Warm-Up Ready Can Cause IDAC, ACMP, or CSEN to Not Function	Х	_
ADC_E225	Using the ADC in High Accuracy Bias Mode Will Force All Analog Peripherals to High Accuracy Bias Mode		_
ADC_E228	Limited ADC Sampling Frequency in EM2	Х	_
BU_E201	Extra Current from BUVDD to VREGVDD in BUMODE when Pulling Main Supply Low	Х	_
BU_E202	Extra Current from DVDD to GND in BUMODE when Pulling BUVDD Low	Х	_
CMU_E203	Peak Detector May Not Trip	Х	_
CMU_E204	Initial Oscillator Calibration	Х	_
CSEN_E201	CSEN_DATA in Debug Mode	Х	Х
CSEN_E202	CSEN Baseline DMA Transfers	Х	Х
CUR_E204	Extra EM4S Current When ANASW Set to 1	Х	Х
DBG_E204	Debug Recovery with JTAG Does Not Work	Х	Х
DBG_E205	Incorrect Debug AP Base Address Register Value	Х	_
EMU_E214	Device Erase Cannot Occur if Voltage Scaling Level is Too Low	Х	_
I2C_E202	Race Condition Between Start Detection and Timeout	Х	_
I2C_E203	I2C Received Data Can be Shifted	Х	_
I2C_E205	Go Idle Bus Idle Timeout Does Not Bring Device to Idle State	Х	_
I2C_E206	Slave Holds SCL Low After Losing Arbitration	Х	Х
LCD_E201	LCD Boost Mode Does Not Work	Х	_
RMU_E202	External Debug Access Not Available After Watchdog or Lockup Full Reset	Х	Х
RMU_E203	AVDD Ramp Issue	Х	_
TRNG_E201	Possible Triggering of Noise Alarm	Х	_
TRNG_E202	Standards Non-compliance	Х	_
USART_E204	IrDA Modulation and Transmission of PRS Input Data	Х	Х

# Table 1.2. Active Errata Status Summary

Errata #	Designator	Title/Problem	Workaround	Affected	Resolution
			Exists	Revision	
1	CSEN_E201	CSEN_DATA in Debug Mode	Yes	В	_
2	CSEN_E202	CSEN Baseline DMA Transfers	Yes	В	_
3	CUR_E204	Extra EM4S Current When ANASW Set to 1	Yes	В	_
4	DBG_E204	Debug Recovery with JTAG Does Not Work	Yes	В	_
5	I2C_E206	Slave Holds SCL Low After Losing Arbitration	Yes	В	_
6	RMU_E202	External Debug Access Not Available After Watchdog or Lockup Full Reset	Yes	В	_
7	USART_E204	IrDA Modulation and Transmission of PRS Input Data	Yes	В	_

## 2. Detailed Errata Descriptions

## 2.1 CSEN\_E201 - CSEN\_DATA in Debug Mode

## Description of Errata

Reading CSEN DATA in debug mode inadvertently clears pending CSEN data DMA requests.

## Affected Conditions / Impacts

Reads of CSEN\_DATA clear pending receive data DMA requests. This would be expected in normal operation as the DMA reads CSEN\_DATA to transfer newly acquired results. These reads are intentional, but any read of CSEN\_DATA, including while in debug mode, has the same effect. Thus, viewing the CSEN module registers in a debugger, such as in Simplicity Studio, can, inadvertently, clear pending CSEN DMA requests resulting in subsequent data being received out of order and with insertions of random data.

#### Workaround

Do not use a debugger to read the CSEN registers while DMA is enabled.

#### Resolution

There is currently no resolution for this issue.

## 2.2 CSEN\_E202 - CSEN Baseline DMA Transfers

#### Description of Errata

DMA transfers to CSEN\_DMBASELINE do not occur in the expected order.

## Affected Conditions / Impacts

When using delta modulation, a baseline value must be written to CSEN\_DMBASELINE before each conversion. However, when DMA is used to do this, these writes occur after the desired conversion instead of before the conversion as is required. This means that in a given sequence of conversions serviced by DMA, the write to CSEN\_DMBASELINE that should happen before conversion N is actually written in advance of conversion N + 1, leading to potentially erroneous results.

## Workaround

Manually write the first value to CSEN\_DMBASELINE and then use the DMA to perform subsequent baseline writes. Thus, in the case of a sequence consisting of four conversions, the first baseline value would be written to CSEN\_DMBASELINE under software control (e.g. before the conversion trigger occurs). The next three values can be written by the DMA after the first and each subsequent conversion occurs.

After the final conversion, which would be the fourth in this example, the DMA will service a final write request to CSEN\_DMBASE-LINE. This final transfer can be (1) a dummy value if no further conversions are required, (2) the initial baseline value in the case where conversions are repeated in a loop, or (3) the initial baseline value for a new, yet-to-be-triggered series of conversions.

#### Resolution

There is currently no resolution for this issue.

## 2.3 CUR\_E204 - Extra EM4S Current When ANASW Set to 1

## Description of Errata

After entering EM4S while analog peripherals are powered from DVDD (ANASW = 1 in the EMU\_PWRCTRL register), the device will see an additional 30-300  $\mu$ A of current consumption, depending on the AVDD voltage.

#### Affected Conditions / Impacts

Systems using EM4S will see an additional 30-300 µA of current draw if ANASW in EMU PWRCTRL is set to 1.

#### Workaround

Firmware can clear ANASW to 0 before entering EM4S to reduce current consumption.

#### Resolution

There is currently no resolution for this issue.

## 2.4 DBG\_E204 - Debug Recovery with JTAG Does Not Work

#### Description of Errata

The debug recovery algorithm of holding down pin reset, issuing a System Bus Stall AAP instruction, and releasing the reset pin does not work when using the JTAG debug interface. When using the JTAG debug interface, the core will continue to execute code as soon as the reset pin is released.

## Affected Conditions / Impacts

The debug recovery sequence will not work when using the JTAG debug interface.

#### Workaround

Use the Serial Wire debug interface to implement the debug recovery sequence.

#### Resolution

There is currently no resolution for this issue.

## 2.5 I2C\_E206 - Slave Holds SCL Low After Losing Arbitration

#### Description of Errata

If, while transmitting data as a slave, arbitration is lost, SCL is unintentionally held low for an indefinite period of time.

#### Affected Conditions / Impacts

The winner of arbitration cannot use the bus because SCL is never released.

## Workaround

If the I<sup>2</sup>C arbitration lost flag is asserted (I2C\_IF\_ARBLOST = 1) in slave mode (I2C\_STATE\_MASTER = 0), application software needs to wait for at least one SCL high time and then issue the transmission abort command (set I2C\_CMD\_ABORT = 1), thus releasing SCL.

## Resolution

There is currently no resolution for this issue.

## 2.6 RMU\_E202 - External Debug Access Not Available After Watchdog or Lockup Full Reset

## Description of Errata

When a reset is triggered in full-reset mode, a debugger will not be able to read AHB-AP or ARM core registers.

#### Affected Conditions / Impacts

Systems using the full reset mode for watchdog or lockup resets will see limited debugging capability after one of these resets triggers.

#### Workaround

There are three possible workarounds:

- Software should configure peripherals to either LIMITED or EXTENDED mode if full debugger functionality is needed after a watchdog or lockup reset.
- When using FULL reset mode, appending at least 9 idle clock cycles to the last debug command will allow the transaction to complete.
- A power cycle or hard pin reset will restore normal operation.

#### Resolution

There is currently no resolution for this issue.

## 2.7 USART\_E204 — IrDA Modulation and Transmission of PRS Input Data

## Description of Errata

If the USART IrDA modulator is configured to accept input from a PRS channel, the incoming data stream will not be transmitted because the required clock from the baud rate generator is never enabled.

## Affected Conditions / Impacts

It is not possible for the USART IrDA modulator to directly transmit data from a source other than the USART's own transmitter. The USART IRCTRL IRPRSEN bit should remain at its reset state of 0.

#### Workaround

Assuming the data to be sent via the PRS is also data that could be received by the EFM32/EFR32 USART, then the data can be received using the USART's PRS RX feature (USART\_INPUT\_RXPRS = 1), stored in RAM (e.g. using DMA), and then transmitted with IrDA mode enabled. In cases where IrDA operation is transmit-only, the PRS RX data can be received on the same USART doing the transmission. If IrDA operation is bidirectional, then another USART must be used to receive the PRS data.

If the data to be sent is in some other format (e.g. pulses from a timer output), then there is no direct way to transmit it using the IrDA modulator. It would be necessary to capture the data in some other way and reformat it as serial data timed according to the clock generated by the USART.

#### Resolution

There is currently no resolution for this issue.

## 3. Errata History

This section contains the errata history for EFM32TG11 devices.

For errata on latest revision, refer to the beginning of this document. The device data sheet explains how to identify chip revision, either from package marking or electronically.

## 3.1 Errata History Summary

This table lists all resolved errata for the EFM32TG11.

**Table 3.1. Errata History Status Summary** 

Errata #	Designator	Title/Problem	Workaround	Affected	Resolution
			Exists	Revision	
1	ADC_E224	ADC Warm-Up Ready Can Cause IDAC, ACMP, or CSEN to Not Function	Yes	Α	В
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3	ADC_E228	Limited ADC Sampling Frequency in EM2	No	А	В
4	BU_E201	Extra Current from BUVDD to VREGVDD in BU- MODE when Pulling Main Supply Low	No	А	В
5	BU_E202	Extra Current from DVDD to GND in BUMODE when Pulling BUVDD Low	Yes	А	В
6	CMU_E203	Peak Detector May Not Trip	Yes	А	В
7	CMU_E204	Initial Oscillator Calibration	Yes	Α	В
8	DBG_E205	Incorrect Debug AP Base Address Register Value	Yes	А	В
9	EMU_E214	Device Erase Cannot Occur if Voltage Scaling Level is Too Low	Yes	Α	В
10	I2C_E202	Race Condition Between Start Detection and Timeout	Yes	Α	В
11	I2C_E203	I2C Received Data Can be Shifted	Yes	А	В
12	I2C_E205	Go Idle Bus Idle Timeout Does Not Bring Device to Idle State	Yes	А	В
13	LCD_E201	LCD Boost Mode Does Not Work	No	Α	В
14	RMU_E203	AVDD Ramp Issue	Yes	Α	В
15	TRNG_E201	Possible Triggering of Noise Alarm	Yes	А	В
16	TRNG_E202	Standards Non-compliance	No	Α	В

#### 3.2 Detailed Errata Descriptions

#### 3.2.1 ADC E224 - ADC Warm-Up Ready Can Cause IDAC, ACMP, or CSEN to Not Function

#### Description of Errata

The IDAC, ACMP, or CSEN modules use use the warm up timing module in the ADC to determine when the peripherals are ready for use. However, if the ADC is enabled first, this timing module can fail to properly handshake with a low probability, causing the IDAC, ACMP, or CSEN modules to never finish warming up. The ADC is not affected by this issue and will always be available after it is enabled.

## Affected Conditions / Impacts

Systems using the IDAC, ACMP, or CSEN modules in conjunction with the ADC can see intermittent failures where these modules do not operate.

#### Workaround

To work around this issue, enable the IDAC, ACMP, or CSEN modules before enabling the ADC. This will ensure the handshaking logic between the ADC and other modules functions correctly.

#### Resolution

This issue is resolved in revision B devices.

## 3.2.2 ADC\_E225 – Using the ADC in High Accuracy Bias Mode Will Force All Analog Peripherals to High Accuracy Bias Mode

## Description of Errata

Using the ADC in high-accuracy bias mode (GPBIASACC in ADCn\_BIASPROG cleared to 0) forces all other analog peripherals into high-accuracy bias mode. These peripherals will then draw additional current.

The data sheet current consumption numbers are current specified with this additional current consumption included. When the updated devices are available, the device data sheet will be updated with the reduced current consumption specifications.

## Affected Conditions / Impacts

Systems using the ADC in high-accuracy bias mode may see higher current consumption than expected when other analog peripherals not using high-accuracy bias mode are in use.

#### Workaround

There is currently no workaround for this issue.

## Resolution

This issue is resolved in revision B devices.

#### 3.2.3 ADC\_E228 - Limited ADC Sampling Frequency in EM2

## Description of Errata

ADC FIFO overflows occur at frequencies that are much lower than the ADC's maximum theoretical sampling rate.

## Affected Conditions / Impacts

ADC sampling frequency is reduced in EM2.

## Workaround

There is currently no workaround for this issue.

## Resolution

## 3.2.4 BU\_E201 — Extra Current from BUVDD to VREGVDD in BUMODE when Pulling Main Supply Low

## Description of Errata

While in Backup mode, pulling AVDD/IOVDD/VREGVDD/DVDD to 0 V and keeping BUVDD constant causes extra current from BUVDD to VREGVDD. This current starts occurring when AVDD = 0.6 V and is worst when AVDD = 0 V (~250  $\mu$ A) and depends on the load on the VREGVDD pin (including the device itself).

#### Affected Conditions / Impacts

In most cases, even when replacing a battery, the supply should not drop below 0.6 V. If the supply does drop below this threshold, there will be some additional current draw depending on the load on the VREGVDD pin.

#### Workaround

There is currently no workaround for this issue.

#### Resolution

This issue is resolved in revision B devices.

## 3.2.5 BU\_E202 — Extra Current from DVDD to GND in BUMODE when Pulling BUVDD Low

## Description of Errata

While in Backup mode, pulling BUVDD low (but still above the BOD threshold) and keeping the main supply (AVDD/IOVDD/ VREGVDD/DVDD) constant causes extra current from DVDD to GND. For example, with DVDD = 3.79 V, and BUVDD = 2 V, there is a current draw of ~128 µA current from DVDD to ground.

#### Affected Conditions / Impacts

Systems that enter Backup mode may see some additional current draw from DVDD to GND if BUVDD drops.

#### Workaround

For systems that do not use the DC-DC converter, there is currently no workaround for this issue.

For systems that do use the DC-DC converter, configure the chip to drive DVDD with the DC-DC converter (either BYPASS or regulation mode). When the device enters Backup mode, the DC-DC converter is turned off, leaving DVDD floating and removing the current leakage from DVDD to ground.

#### Resolution

This issue is resolved in revision B devices.

## 3.2.6 CMU\_E203 - Peak Detector May Not Trip

#### Description of Errata

When PEAKDETTHR in HFXOCTRL1 is set to 4 or higher, the peak detector may not trip when the oscillating amplitude is higher than the target, which will cause calibration failure.

## Affected Conditions / Impacts

If the device is not calibrated correctly (See CMU\_E204), IBTRIMXOCORE will end up at a higher value than expected. Consequently, the oscillating amplitude and current consumption will also be higher than expected.

#### Workaround

PEAKDETTHR should be configured to be less than 4 to avoid potential peak detection failure. See CMU\_E204 for guidance on how to program IBTRIMXOCORE.

#### Resolution

#### 3.2.7 CMU\_E204 - Initial Oscillator Calibration

## Description of Errata

On power-up, a one-time calibration of oscillator amplitude is performed using the bias value specified by IBTRIMXOCORE in the HFXOSTEADYSTATECTRL register. The HFXO may not be able to start or settle at the target amplitude with the default value of IBTRIMXOCORE when crystal ESR is extraordinarily high.

## Affected Conditions / Impacts

This typically manifests itself when performing a Pierce oscillator robustness test using a resistor that results in the HFXO seeing a series resistance of 3 or 5 times the maximum ESR specified for the crystal. The artificially inflated ESR may prevent the HFXO from starting or settling at the target amplitude with the default value of IBTRIMXOCORE.

## Workaround

Three register fields can be modified to enhance oscillator start-up:

- 1. Increase the value of the IBTRIMXOCORE field in the HFXOSTEADYSTATECTRL register from the default value of 0x100 to 0x1ff.
- 2. Increase the value of the STEADYSTATETIMEOUT field in the HFXOTIMEOUTCTRL register from the default value of 0x04 to 0x08.
- 3. Decrease the value of the PEAKDETTHR field (bits [14:12]) in the previously undocumented HFXOCTRL1 register (at offset 0x28 in the CMU address space) from the default value of 0x04 to 0x02.

The following table summarizes the affected register fields on revision A and revision B devices:

Table 3.2. CMU HFXO Register Field Defaults

Offset	Register	Bit Field	Default Value	
			Revision A	Revision B
0x28	HFXOCTRL1	PEAKDETTHR	0x4	0x2
0x34	HFXOTIMEOUTCTRL	STEADYTIMEOUT	0x4	0x8

Note that a user-specified value for IBTRIMXOCORE is going to be correlated with crystal frequency, ESR, and load capacitance, so its default value is not changing on revision B devices.

#### Resolution

#### 3.2.8 DBG\_E205 - Incorrect Debug AP Base Address Register Value

#### Description of Errata

According to the ARM Debug Interface v5 Architecture Specification ADIv5.0 to ADIv5.2, the Memory Access Port (MEM-AP) provides memory-mapped access to debug registers that are part of the complete Debug Access Port (DAP). One of the standard MEM-AP registers is the Debug Base Address register (BASE), which points either to a set of debug registers or a ROM table that, using a standardized format specified by ARM, describes the connected debug components.

EFM32TG11 contains a ROM table at address 0xF00FF000 that describes the connected debug components. However, the MEM-AP BASE register, which should point to this table, incorrectly points to address 0xE00FF000.

## Affected Conditions / Impacts

If an external debugger uses the prescribed method of querying the BASE register to locate the ROM table and then querying the ROM table to determine which resources are present, it will not properly enumerate the full debug capabilities of the chip.

For example, EFM32TG11 contains the ARM CoreSight™ MTB-M0+, which provides simple execution tracing for devices with the Cortex-M0+ CPU. If the ROM table query is performed at address 0xE00FF000 as indicated by the BASE register, an external debugger will fail to determine that the MTB-M0+ is present.

#### Workaround

Debugger software targeting EFM32TG11 can properly locate all defined resources by explicitly querying the ROM table at address 0xF00FF000 using the defined procedure.

#### Resolution

This issue is resolved in revision B devices.

## 3.2.9 EMU\_E214 - Device Erase Cannot Occur if Voltage Scaling Level is Too Low

#### Description of Errata

The device erase logic does not check the Voltage Scale Level prior to attempting a device erase. If using Voltage Scale Level 0 (1 V), the device may not be able to erase the flash. This results in a potentially unlockable device if operating at Voltage Scale Level 0 (1 V).

#### Affected Conditions / Impacts

It is possible that the flash is only partially erased when performing the operation at Voltage Scale Level 0 (1 V). If this results in the debug lock bit not clearing, a locked part doesn't unlock after the partial erasure (which it is intended to do), and the part remains locked. If subsequent erasures continue to fail, the part would remained locked.

## Workaround

The voltage should be set to Voltage Scale Level 2 (1.2 V) before executing the device erase.

For systems that don't lock the debug interface, the user can follow the debug recovery procedure to halt the CPU before it has a chance to execute code in software to avoid the code scaling the voltage. The device erase can then be executed at Voltage Scale Level 2 (1.2 V) (the power-on default voltage of the device).

For systems that do lock the debug interface, firmware can implement a mechanism whereby it can voltage scale or unlock debug access if its defined authentication method is passed.

## Resolution

## 3.2.10 I2C\_E202 - Race Condition Between Start Detection and Timeout

#### Description of Errata

There is a race condition where the Bus Idle Timeout counter may clear the busy status of the I2C bus after a start condition.

## Affected Conditions / Impacts

Software may attempt another I2C start if it thinks the bus is idle, this may disrupt the I2C bus. After the Bus Idle Timeout feature has triggered, it will not detect another idle condition.

#### Workaround

Software can wait for any of the following conditions before starting an I2C transaction:

- The received address match interrupt indicates that the I2C bus is busy. Software should serve this transaction and proceed accordingly. Software can ignore the wrong busy status.
- The SSTOPIF interrupt flag indicates that the I2C bus has returned to the idle state.
- A defined, system-dependent amount of time to wait after bus activity to ensure that the bus is in idle state.

#### Resolution

This issue is resolved in revision B devices.

#### 3.2.11 I2C\_E203 - I2C Received Data Can be Shifted

#### Description of Errata

If SDA falls between detection of the start condition and the first rising edge of SCL, the I2C state machine clears the start condition that was just detected, causing the state machine counter to count the rising edge of SCL earlier than it was detected. This causes the received data to be out of sync and the acknowledge phase to occur one SCL clock cycle earlier than expected, thus corrupting the integrity of the I2C bus.

There are two ways in which the falling condition on SDA can potentially happen:

- In multi-master systems, one master initiates a start condition and then drives SDA high shortly before another master drives SDA low to indicate a start condition.
- In a single master system, if SDA is high from the last bit of the previous transaction, the master initiates a start condition and then
  drives SDA low because the MSB of the new address is low.

## Affected Conditions / Impacts

I2C operation in slave mode or multi-master mode.

## Workaround

This depends on whether the system is multi- or single-master. There is no workaround for multi-master cases. In a single master system, the state of SDA may not change unless a new address is being sent, such that the falling condition on SDA would not be observed. Whether or not this is the case is dependent on the implementation of the particular I2C master.

## Resolution

#### 3.2.12 I2C\_E205 - Go Idle Bus Idle Timeout Does Not Bring Device to Idle State

## Description of Errata

When the I2C is operating as a slave, if the bus idle timeout is active ( $I2Cn\_CTRL\_BITO$  != 0) and the go idle on bus timeout feature is enabled ( $I2Cn\_CTRL\_GIBITO$  = 1), the bus idle interrupt flag ( $I2Cn\_IF\_BITO$ ) sets upon timeout, but the receiver does not enter the idle state.

## Affected Conditions / Impacts

The I2C receiver needs to detect a START condition to recover from the bus idle timeout state. If there is other, undefined activity on the bus after the timeout, the receiver will not recover as expected.

#### Workaround

The I2Cn\_CTRL\_EN bit can be toggled from 1 to 0 and back to 1 again in order to resume normal operation. Alternatively, a START condition issued by any other master on the bus (including the EFM32/EFR32 device) will reset the receiver and return it to normal operation.

#### Resolution

This issue is resolved in revision B devices.

## 3.2.13 LCD\_E201 — LCD Boost Mode Does Not Work

## Description of Errata

It is not recommended to use the LCD boost mode on affected revisions of the device.

#### Affected Conditions / Impacts

Systems should not use the LCD boost mode feature.

#### Workaround

There is currently no workaround for this issue.

#### Resolution

#### 3.2.14 RMU\_E203 - AVDD Ramp Issue

#### Description of Errata

The device may not properly start during power-on or restart when a voltage droop (brown out) occurs on AVDD. The failure is intermittent.

For example configurations and waveforms that are more likely to result in this issue, see the following Knowledge Base article:

http://community.silabs.com/t5/32-bit-MCU-Knowledge-Base/RMU-E203-AVDD-Ramp-Issue/ta-p/197340

To detect this failure state, place a GPIO toggle at the beginning of main() in the device firmware. When this failure occurs, the pin will not be toggling as expected, as the device is not executing any code.

#### Affected Conditions / Impacts

Systems may intermittently see the device fail to start, reset, or respond. The current draw of the device in this state is  $\sim$ 100  $\mu$ A and DECOUPLE will be fully powered ( $\sim$ 1.2 V). The device will not execute any code in this state.

#### Workaround

This issue can be resolved with a hardware workaround where an external circuit holds the reset pin low during power-on or brown out until AVDD reaches 1.8 V. For brown out, the reset pin must be configured to hard reset mode. This can be accomplished as part of the firmware image programmed to the device (lock bits area) or using the following code:

```
// Clears the CLW0 bit to enable Hard reset
void enable_hardreset()
{
   uint32_t value;
   uint32_t newvalue;
   value = *(uint32_t *)0xFE041E8;
   newvalue = value & ~(1 << 2);
   MSC_WriteWord((uint32_t *)0xFE041E8, &newvalue, 4);
}</pre>
```

There is currently no software workaround for all potential failure mechanisms. The software workaround included in the Knowledge Base article will prevent failure in some scenarios. See the Knowledge Base article for more information:

http://community.silabs.com/t5/32-bit-MCU-Knowledge-Base/RMU-E203-AVDD-Ramp-Issue/ta-p/197340

#### Resolution

## 3.2.15 TRNG\_E201 — Possible Triggering of Noise Alarm

#### Description of Errata

Operation of the TRNG with CMU\_HFPERPRESC register PRESC field set to 0, may cause a higher than expected frequency of AIS31 preliminary alarms and noise alarms.

For some devices at extreme process variations, or at extremely cold temperature, the pre-conditioning entropy is not high enough to always pass the AIS31 start-up test or AIS31 online health tests.

## Affected Conditions / Impacts

Systems using the TRNG may see a higher than expected frequency of AIS31 preliminary alarms and noise alarms.

Because of issues with the AIS31 test, the TRNG is not strictly AIS31 compliant at this time.

Any postconditioning data collected with no error flags will have a very high entropy.

## Workaround

- When using TRNG, always set CMU\_HFPERPRESC\_PRESC to 1 or greater.
- Disable the start-up AIS31 tests, by setting TRNG CONTROL register TRNG CONTROL BYPASSAIS31 bit.
- If more than 64 samples are required, the code should attempt to keep the FIFO from filling.
- The data should be discarded if any of the online health flag bits are set (ALMIF, PREIF, APT4096IF, APT64IF, or REPCOUNTIF).
- If the ALMIF bit is set, the TRNG should be reset by setting and then clearing the SOFTRESET bit in the TRNG\_CONTROL register.

#### Resolution

This errata is deprecated by TRNG E202.

## 3.2.16 TRNG\_E202 — Standards Non-compliance

#### Description of Errata

The TRNG module may either fail to generate random numbers or generate random numbers with AIS-31 error flags. This is because the TRNG has 2 potential issues:

Non-Compliance with NIST SP800-90B

The TRNG entropy source may not be sufficient to pass the start-up tests and will not place any data in the FIFO.

Non-Compliance with AIS-31

The TRNG entropy source may be sufficient to pass the start-up tests, but insufficient to pass the AIS-31 test. It will place some data in the FIFO and indicate an AIS-31 error.

In both cases, the TRNG will cause the mbed TLS random number generator to return an error code and no data.

The TRNG module, therefore, is non-functional and should not be used.

#### Affected Conditions / Impacts

Application software that uses the mbed TLS random number generator may return no data either with or without an error code. Software that accesses the TRNG module directly by using the public CMSIS registers will either receive no data or data with AIS-31 error flags.

## Workaround

There is no workaround that is NIST SP800-90B or AIS-31 compliant.

## Resolution

## 4. Revision History

## Revision 0.3

November, 2018

- · Updated for device revision B.
- ADC\_E224, ADC\_E225, ADC\_E228, BU\_E201, BU\_E202, CMU\_E203, CMU\_E204, DBG\_E205, EMU\_E214, I2C\_E202, I2C\_E203, I2C\_E205, LCD\_E201, RMU\_E203, and TRNG\_E202 resolved and moved to Errata History.
- Previously deprecated TRNG\_E201 moved to Errata History because TRNG\_E202 replaced TRNG\_E201 and is resolved.
- Added CSEN\_E201, CSEN\_E202, DBG\_E205, I2C\_E202, I2C\_E203, I2C\_E205, I2C\_E206, and USART\_E204.
- USART\_E201 has never been present on EFM32TG11 and has been removed.

#### Revision 0.2

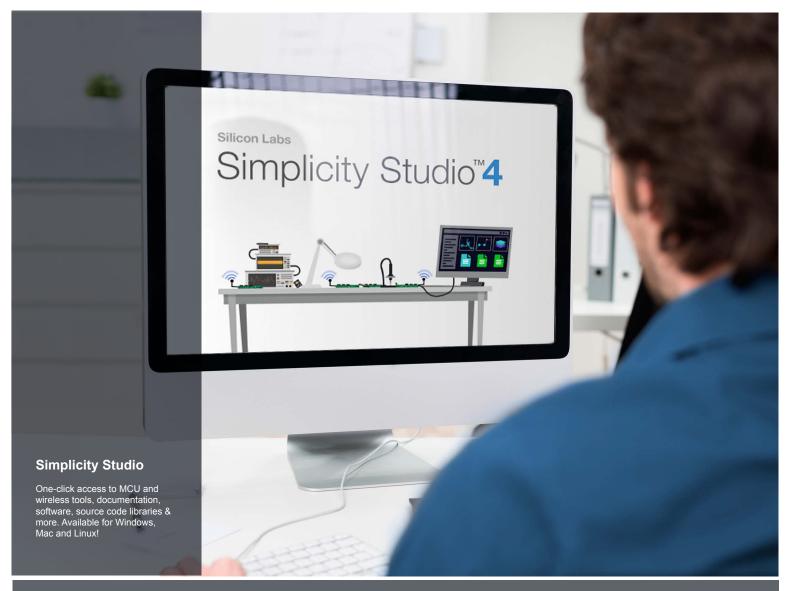
May, 2018

- · Resolution status for multiple errata changed to "Fix Planned."
- Updated the workaround in RMU\_E202.
- · Deprecated TRNG E201.
- Added TRNG\_E202.

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