Section 24. Inter-Integrated Circuit™ (I^{2}C™)

HIGHLIGHTS

This section of the manual contains the following topics:

PIC32 Family Reference Manual

> **Note:** This family reference manual section is meant to serve as a complement to device data sheets. Depending on the device variant, this manual section may not apply to all PIC32 devices.
>
> Please consult the note at the beginning of the **"Inter-Integrated Circuit™ (I²C™)"** chapter in the current device data sheet to check whether this document supports the device you are using.
>
> Device data sheets and family reference manual sections are available for download from the Microchip Worldwide Web site at: http://www.microchip.com

24.1 OVERVIEW

The Inter-Integrated Circuit™ (I²C™) module is a serial interface useful for communicating with other peripheral or microcontroller devices. These peripheral devices may be serial EEPROMs, display drivers, analog-to-digital converters, etc.

The I²C module can operate in any of the following I²C systems:

- As a slave device
- As a master device in a single master system (slave may also be active)
- As a master or slave device in a multi-master system (bus collision detection and arbitration available)

The I²C module contains independent I²C master logic and I²C slave logic, each generating interrupts based on their events. In multi-master systems, the software is simply partitioned into a master controller and a slave controller.

When the I²C master logic is active, the slave logic also remains active, detecting the state of the bus and potentially receiving messages from itself in a single master system or from other masters in a multi-master system. No messages are lost during multi-master bus arbitration.

In a multi-master system, bus collision conflicts with other masters in the system are detected and reported to the application (BCOL interrupt). The software can terminate, and then restart the message transmission.

The I²C module contains a Baud Rate Generator (BRG). The I²C BRG does not consume other timer resources in the device.

Key features of the I²C module include the following:

- Independent master and slave logic
- Multi-master support, which prevents message losses in arbitration
- Detects 7-bit and 10-bit device addresses with configurable address masking in Slave mode
- Detects general call addresses as defined in the I²C protocol
- Automatic SCLx clock stretching provides delays for the processor to respond to a slave data request
- Supports 100 kHz and 400 kHz bus specifications
- Supports strict I²C reserved address rule

Figure 24-1 shows the I²C module block diagram.

Figure 24-1: I²C™ Block Diagram
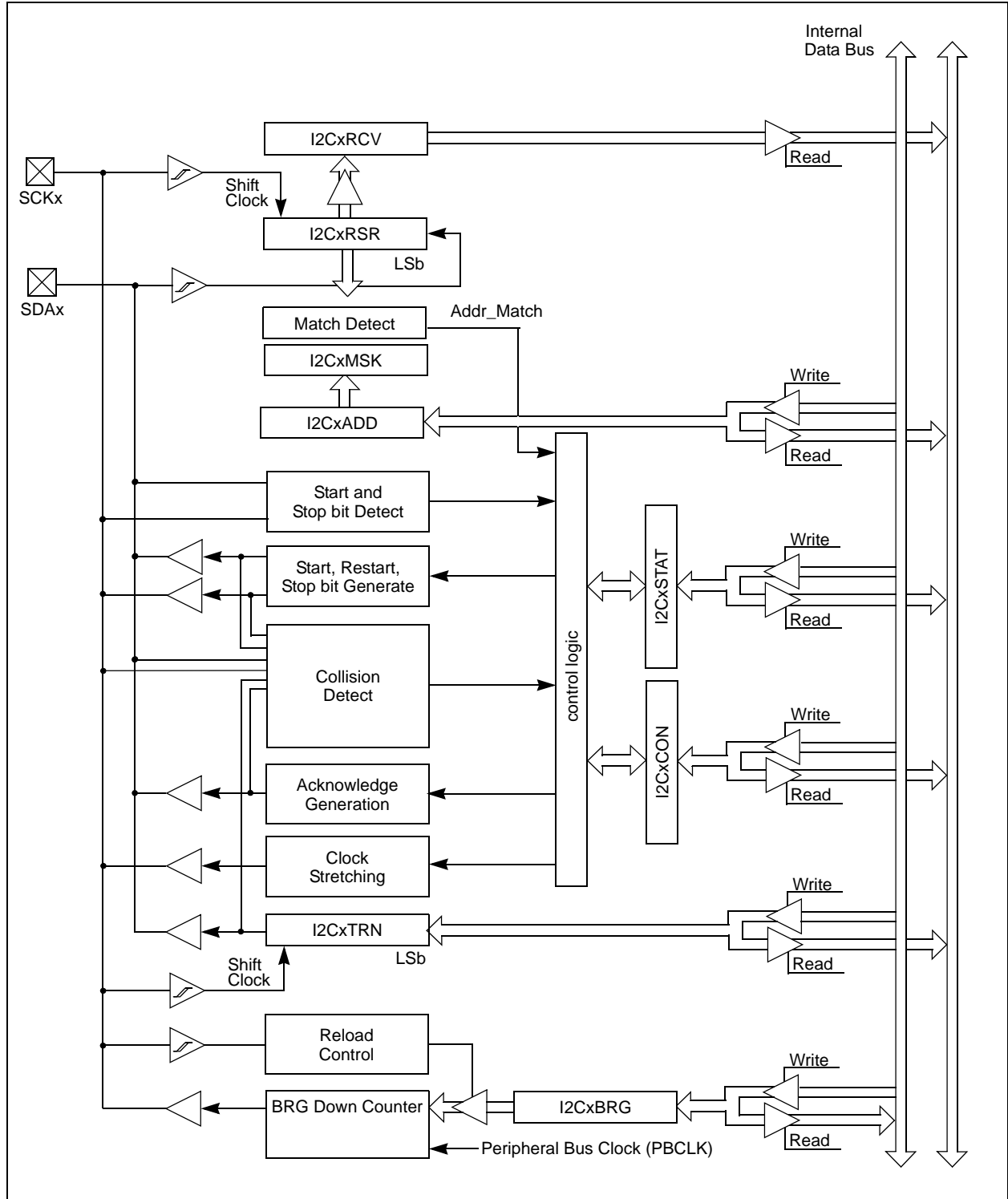
24.2 CONTROL AND STATUS REGISTERS

> **Note:** PIC32 family devices may have one or more I^2C modules. An 'x' used in the names of pins, Control/Status bits, and registers denotes the particular module. Refer to the **"Inter-Integrated Circuit (I^2C)"** chapter in the specific device data sheet for more details.

The I^2C module consists of the following Special Function Registers (SFRs):

- **I2CxCON: I^2C™ Control Register**

  This register enables operational control of the I^2C module.

- **I2CxSTAT: I^2C™ Status Register**

  This register contains status flags indicating the state of the I^2C module during operation.

- **I2CxADD: I^2C™ Slave Address Register**

  This register holds the slave device address.

- **I2CxMSK: I^2C™ Address Mask Register**

  This register designates the bit positions in the I2CxADD register that can be ignored, which allows for multiple address support.

- **I2CxBRG: I^2C™ Baud Rate Generator Register**

  This register holds the Baud Rate Generator (BRG) reload value for the I^2C module Baud Rate Generator.

- **I2CxTRN: I^2C™ Transmit Data Register**

  This read-only register is the transmit register. Bytes are written to this register during a transmit operation.

- **I2CxRCV: I^2C™ Receive Data Register**

  This read-only register is the buffer register from which data bytes can be read.

Table 24-1 summarizes all registers related to the I^2C module. Corresponding registers appear after the summary, which include detailed bit descriptions for each register.

Table 24-1: **I²C™ SFR Summary**

Register Name[1]		Bit 31/23/15/7	Bit 30/22/14/6	Bit 29/21/13/5	Bit 28/20/12/4	Bit 27/19/11/3	Bit 26/18/10/2	Bit 25/17/9/1	Bit 24/16/8/0
I2CxCON	31:24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	23:16	—	PCIE	SCIE	BOEN	SDAHT	SBCDE	AHEN	DHEN
	15:8	ON	—	SIDL	SCLREL	STRICT	A10M	DISSLW	SMEN
	7:0	GCEN	STREN	ACKDT	ACKEN	RCEN	PEN	RSEN	SEN
I2CxSTAT	31:24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	23:16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	15:8	ACKSTAT	TRSTAT	ACKTIM	—	—	BCL	GCSTAT	ADD10
	7:0	IWCOL	I2COV	D/$\overline{\text{A}}$	P	S	R/$\overline{\text{W}}$	RBF	TBF
I2CxADD	31:24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	23:16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	15:8	—	—	—	—	—	—	ADD<9:8>	
	7:0	ADD<7:0>							
I2CxMSK	31:24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	23:16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	15:8	—	—	—	—	—	—	MSK<9:8>	
	7:0	MSK<7:0>							
I2CxBRG	31:24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	23:16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	15:8	I2CxBRG<15:8>							
	7:0	I2CxBRG<7:0>							
I2CxTRN	31:24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	23:16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	15:8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	7:0	I2CxTXDATA<7:0>							
I2CxRCV	31:24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	23:16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	15:8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	7:0	I2CxRXDATA<7:0>							

Note 1: With the exception of the I2CxRCV register, all registers have an associated Clear, Set, and Invert register at an offset of 0x4, 0x8, and 0xCbytes, respectively. These registers have the same name with CLR, SET, or INV appended to the end of the register name (e.g., I2CxCONCLR). Writing a '1' to any bit position in these registers will clear valid bits in the associated register. Reads from these registers should be ignored.

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Register 24-1: I2CxCON: I²C™ Control Register

Bit Range	Bit 31/23/15/7	Bit 30/22/14/6	Bit 29/21/13/5	Bit 28/20/12/4	Bit 27/19/11/3	Bit 26/18/10/2	Bit 25/17/9/1	Bit 24/16/8/0
31:24	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23:16	U-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
	—	PCIE[1]	SCIE[1]	BOEN[1]	SDAHT[1]	SBCDE[1]	AHEN[1]	DHEN[1]
15:8	R/W-0	U-0	R/W-0	R/W-1	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
	ON[2]	—	SIDL	SCLREL	STRICT	A10M	DISSLW	SMEN
7:0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
	GCEN	STREN	ACKDT	ACKEN	RCEN	PEN	RSEN	SEN

Legend:

R = Readable bit	W = Writable bit	U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'
-n = Value at POR	'1' = Bit is set	'0' = Bit is cleared x = Bit is unknown

bit 31-23 **Unimplemented:** Read as '0'

bit 22 **PCIE:** Stop Condition Interrupt Enable bit (I²C Slave mode only)[1]

1 = Enable interrupt on detection of Stop condition
0 = Stop detection interrupts are disabled

bit 21 **SCIE:** Start Condition Interrupt Enable bit (I²C Slave mode only)[1]

1 = Enable interrupt on detection of Start or Restart conditions
0 = Start detection interrupts are disabled

bit 20 **BOEN:** Buffer Overwrite Enable bit (I²C Slave mode only)[1]

1 = I2CxRCV is updated and $\overline{ACK}$ is generated for a received address/data byte, ignoring the state of the I2COV only if the RBF bit = 0
0 = I2CxRCV is only updated when I2COV is clear

bit 19 **SDAHT:** SDAx Hold Time Selection bit [1]

1 = Minimum of 300 ns hold time on SDAx after the falling edge of SCLx
0 = Minimum of 100 ns hold time on SDAx after the falling edge of SCLx

bit 18 **SBCDE:** Slave Mode Bus Collision Detect Enable bit (I²C Slave mode only)[1]

If on the rising edge of SCLx, SDAx is sampled low when the module is outputting a high state, the BCL bit is set, and the bus goes idle. This detection mode is only valid during data and $\overline{ACK}$ transmit sequences.

1 = Enable slave bus collision interrupts
0 = Slave bus collision interrupts are disabled

bit 17 **AHEN:** Address Hold Enable bit (I²C Slave mode only)[1]

1 = Following the 8th falling edge of SCLx for a matching received address byte; I2CxCON.SCKREL bit will be cleared and the SCLx will be held low.
0 = Address holding is disabled

bit 16 **DHEN:** Data Hold Enable bit (I²C Slave mode only)[1]

1 = Following the 8th falling edge of SCLx for a received data byte; slave hardware clears the I2CxCON.SCKREL bit and SCLx is held low.
0 = Data holding is disabled

bit 15 **ON:** I²C Enable bit[2]

1 = Enables the I²C module and configures the SDAx and SCLx pins as serial port pins
0 = Disables I²C module; all I²C pins are controlled by PORT functions

bit 14 **Unimplemented:** Read as '0'

Note 1: This bit is not available on all devices, refer to the **"Inter-Integrated Circuit (I²C)"** chapter in the specific device data sheet for availability.

2: When using the 1:1 PBCLK divisor, the user's software should not read or write the peripheral's SFRs in the SYSCLK cycle immediately following the instruction that clears the module's ON bit.

Register 24-1:   I2CxCON: I²C™ Control Register (Continued)

bit 13   **SIDL:** Stop in Idle Mode bit

1 = Discontinue module operation when the device enters Idle mode
0 = Continue module operation when the device enters Idle mode

bit 12   **SCLREL:** SCLx Release Control bit

In I²C Slave mode only; module Reset and (ON = 0) sets SCLREL = 1.
If STREN = 0:
1 = Release clock
0 = Force clock low (clock stretch)
Bit is automatically cleared to '0' at beginning of slave transmission.

If STREN = 1:
1 = Release clock
0 = Holds clock low (clock stretch). User may program this bit to '0' to force a clock stretch at the next SCLx low.
Bit is automatically cleared to '0' at beginning of slave transmission; automatically cleared to '0' at end of slave reception.

bit 11   **STRICT:** Strict I²C Reserved Address Rule Enable bit

1 = Strict reserved addressing is enforced. Device does not respond to reserved address space or generate addresses in reserved address space.
0 = Strict I²C Reserved Address Rule not enabled

bit 10   **A10M:** 10-bit Slave Address Flag bit

1 = I2CxADD register is a 10-bit slave address
0 = I2CxADD register is a 7-bit slave address

bit 9   **DISSLW:** Slew Rate Control Disable bit

1 = Slew rate control disabled for Standard Speed mode (100 kHz); also disabled for 1 MHz mode
0 = Slew rate control enabled for High Speed mode (400 kHz)

bit 8   **SMEN:** SMBus Input Levels Disable bit

1 = Enable input logic so that thresholds are compliant with the SMBus specification
0 = Disable SMBus specific inputs

bit 7   **GCEN:** General Call Enable bit
In I²C Slave mode only.

1 = Enable interrupt when a general call address is received in I2CSR. Module is enabled for reception
0 = General call address disabled

bit 6   **STREN:** SCLx Clock Stretch Enable bit
In I²C Slave mode only; used in conjunction with SCLREL bit.

1 = Enable clock stretching
0 = Disable clock stretching

bit 5   **ACKDT:** Acknowledge Data bit
In I²C Master mode only; applicable during master receive. Value that will be transmitted when the user initiates an Acknowledge sequence at the end of a receive.

1 = A NACK is sent
0 = ACK is sent

bit 4   **ACKEN:** Acknowledge Sequence Enable bit
In I²C Master mode only; applicable during master receive.

1 = Initiate Acknowledge sequence on SDAx and SCLx pins, and transmit ACKDT data bit; cleared by module
0 = Acknowledge sequence idle

Note 1:   This bit is not available on all devices, refer to the **"Inter-Integrated Circuit (I²C)"** chapter in the specific device data sheet for availability.

2:   When using the 1:1 PBCLK divisor, the user's software should not read or write the peripheral's SFRs in the SYSCLK cycle immediately following the instruction that clears the module's ON bit.

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Register 24-1:   I2CxCON: I²C™ Control Register (Continued)

bit 3   **RCEN:** Receive Enable bit
In I²C Master mode only

1 = Enables Receive mode for I²C, automatically cleared by module at end of 8-bit receive data byte
0 = Receive sequence not in progress

bit 2   **PEN:** Stop Condition Enable bit
In I²C Master mode only.

1 = Initiate Stop condition on SDAx and SCLx pins; cleared by module
0 = Stop condition idle

bit 1   **RSEN:** Restart Condition Enable bit
In I²C Master mode only.

1 = Initiate Restart condition on SDAx and SCLx pins; cleared by module
0 = Restart condition idle

bit 0   **SEN:** Start Condition Enable bit
In I²C Master mode only.

1 = Initiate Start condition on SDAx and SCLx pins; cleared by module
0 = Start condition idle

Note 1:   This bit is not available on all devices, refer to the **"Inter-Integrated Circuit (I²C)"** chapter in the specific device data sheet for availability.

   2:   When using the 1:1 PBCLK divisor, the user's software should not read or write the peripheral's SFRs in the SYSCLK cycle immediately following the instruction that clears the module's ON bit.

Register 24-2: **I2CxSTAT: I²C™ Status Register**

Bit Range	Bit 31/23/15/7	Bit 30/22/14/6	Bit 29/21/13/5	Bit 28/20/12/4	Bit 27/19/11/3	Bit 26/18/10/2	Bit 25/17/9/1	Bit 24/16/8/0
31:24	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23:16	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15:8	R-0	R-0	R-0, HS, HC	U-0	U-0	R/W-0	R-0	R-0
	ACKSTAT	TRSTAT	ACKTIM**(1)**	—	—	BCL	GCSTAT	ADD10
7:0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R-0	R-0	R-0
	IWCOL	I2COV	D/$\overline{A}$	P	S	R/$\overline{W}$	RBF	TBF

Legend:		
	HS = Set by hardware	HC = Cleared by hardware
R = Readable bit	W = Writable bit	U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'
-n = Value at POR	'1' = Bit is set	'0' = Bit is cleared x = Bit is unknown

bit 31-16 **Unimplemented:** Read as '0'

bit 15 **ACKSTAT:** Acknowledge Status bit
In both I²C Master and Slave modes; applicable to both transmit and receive.
1 = Acknowledge was not received
0 = Acknowledge was received

bit 14 **TRSTAT:** Transmit Status bit
In I²C Master mode only; applicable to Master Transmit mode.
1 = Master transmit is in progress (8 bits + $\overline{ACK}$)
0 = Master transmit is not in progress

bit 13 **ACKTIM:** Acknowledge Time Status bit (Valid in I²C Slave mode only)**(1)**
1 = Indicates I²C bus is in an Acknowledge sequence, set on the eighth falling edge of SCLx clock
0 = Not an Acknowledge sequence, cleared on the ninth rising edge of SCLx clock

bit 12-11 **Unimplemented:** Read as '0'

bit 10 **BCL:** Master Bus Collision Detect bit
Cleared when the I²C module is disabled (ON = 0).
1 = A bus collision has been detected during a master operation
0 = No collision has been detected

bit 9 **GCSTAT:** General Call Status bit
Cleared after Stop detection.
1 = General call address was received
0 = General call address was not received

bit 8 **ADD10:** 10-bit Address Status bit
Cleared after Stop detection.
1 = 10-bit address was matched
0 = 10-bit address was not matched

bit 7 **IWCOL:** Write Collision Detect bit
1 = An attempt to write the I2CxTRN register collided because the I²C module is busy.
     This bit must be cleared in software.
0 = No collision

bit 6 **I2COV:** I²C Receive Overflow Status bit
1 = A byte is received while the I2CxRCV register is still holding the previous byte.
     I2COV is a "don't care" in Transmit mode. This bit must be cleared in software.
0 = No overflow

Note 1: This bit is not available on all devices, refer to the **"Inter-Integrated Circuit (I²C)"** chapter in the specific device data sheet for availability.

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Register 24-2: **I2CxSTAT: I^{2}C™ Status Register (Continued)**

bit 5   **D/A:** Data/Address bit
Valid only for Slave mode operation.

1 = Indicates that the last byte received or transmitted was data
0 = Indicates that the last byte received or transmitted was address

bit 4   **P:** Stop bit
Updated when Start, Reset or Stop detected; cleared when the I^{2}C module is disabled (ON = 0).

1 = Indicates that a Stop bit has been detected last
0 = Stop bit was not detected last

bit 3   **S:** Start bit
Updated when Start, Reset or Stop detected; cleared when the I^{2}C module is disabled (ON = 0).

1 = Indicates that a start (or restart) bit has been detected last
0 = Start bit was not detected last

bit 2   **R/W:** Read/Write Information bit
Valid only for Slave mode operation.

1 = Read – indicates data transfer is output from slave
0 = Write – indicates data transfer is input to slave

bit 1   **RBF:** Receive Buffer Full Status bit

1 = Receive complete; I2CxRCV register is full
0 = Receive not complete; I2CxRCV register is empty

bit 0   **TBF:** Transmit Buffer Full Status bit

1 = Transmit in progress; I2CxTRN register is full (8-bits of data)
0 = Transmit complete; I2CxTRN register is empty

Note 1: This bit is not available on all devices, refer to the **"Inter-Integrated Circuit (I^{2}C)"** chapter in the specific device data sheet for availability.

Register 24-3:   I2CxADD: I²C™ Slave Address Register

Bit Range	Bit 31/23/15/7	Bit 30/22/14/6	Bit 29/21/13/5	Bit 28/20/12/4	Bit 27/19/11/3	Bit 26/18/10/2	Bit 25/17/9/1	Bit 24/16/8/0
31:24	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23:16	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15:8	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	ADD<9:8>	
7:0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
	ADD<7:0>							

Legend:		
R = Readable bit	W = Writable bit	U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'
-n = Value at POR	'1' = Bit is set	'0' = Bit is cleared x = Bit is unknown

bit 31-10   **Unimplemented:** Read as '0'

bit 9-0   **ADD<9:0>:** I²C Slave Device Address bits
Either Master or Slave mode.

Register 24-4:   I2CxMSK: I²C™ Address Mask Register

Bit Range	Bit 31/23/15/7	Bit 30/22/14/6	Bit 29/21/13/5	Bit 28/20/12/4	Bit 27/19/11/3	Bit 26/18/10/2	Bit 25/17/9/1	Bit 24/16/8/0
31:24	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23:16	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15:8	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	MSK<9:8>[1]	
7:0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
	MSK<7:0>[1]							

Legend:		
R = Readable bit	W = Writable bit	U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'
-n = Value at POR	'1' = Bit is set	'0' = Bit is cleared x = Bit is unknown

bit 31-10   **Unimplemented:** Read as '0'

bit 9-0   **MSK<9:0>:** I²C Address Mask bits[1]

1 = Forces a "don't care" in the particular bit position on the incoming address match sequence.
0 = Address bit position must match the incoming I²C address match sequence.

Note 1:   MSK<9:8> and MSK<0> are only used in I²C 10-bit mode.

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Register 24-5: I2CxBRG: I²C™ Baud Rate Generator Register

Bit Range	Bit 31/23/15/7	Bit 30/22/14/6	Bit 29/21/13/5	Bit 28/20/12/4	Bit 27/19/11/3	Bit 26/18/10/2	Bit 25/17/9/1	Bit 24/16/8/0
31:24	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23:16	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15:8	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
	I2CxBRG<15:8>[1]							
7:0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
	I2CxBRG<7:0>							

| Legend:		
R = Readable bit	W = Writable bit	U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'
-n = Value at POR	'1' = Bit is set	'0' = Bit is cleared x = Bit is unknown

bit 31-16 **Unimplemented:** Read as '0'

bit 15-0 **I2CxBRG<15:0>:** I²C Baud Rate Generator Value bits[1]

These bits control the divider function of the Peripheral Clock.

Note 1: I2CxBRG<15:12> are not available on all devices, refer to the **"Inter-Integrated Circuit (I²C)"** chapter in the specific device data sheet for availability.

Register 24-6: I2CxTRN: I²C™ Transmit Data Register

Bit Range	Bit 31/23/15/7	Bit 30/22/14/6	Bit 29/21/13/5	Bit 28/20/12/4	Bit 27/19/11/3	Bit 26/18/10/2	Bit 25/17/9/1	Bit 24/16/8/0
31:24	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23:16	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15:8	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7:0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
	I2CxTXDATA<7:0>							

Legend:		
R = Readable bit	W = Writable bit	U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'
-n = Value at POR	'1' = Bit is set	'0' = Bit is cleared x = Bit is unknown

bit 31-8 **Unimplemented:** Read as '0'

bit 7-0 **I2CxTXDATA<7:0>:** I²C Transmit Data Buffer bits

Register 24-7:   I2CxRCV: I²C™ Receive Data Register

Bit Range	Bit 31/23/15/7	Bit 30/22/14/6	Bit 29/21/13/5	Bit 28/20/12/4	Bit 27/19/11/3	Bit 26/18/10/2	Bit 25/17/9/1	Bit 24/16/8/0
31:24	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23:16	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15:8	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7:0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0
	I2CxRXDATA<7:0>							

Legend:

R = Readable bit	W = Writable bit	U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'
-n = Value at POR	'1' = Bit is set	'0' = Bit is cleared x = Bit is unknown

bit 31-8   **Unimplemented:** Read as '0'

bit 7-0   **I2CxRXDATA<7:0>:** I²C Receive Data Buffer bits

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24.3   I²C BUS CHARACTERISTICS

The I²C bus is a two-wire serial interface. Figure 24-2 shows a schematic of an I²C connection between a PIC32 device and a 24LC256 I²C serial EEPROM, which is a typical example for any I²C interface.

Figure 24-2:   Typical I²C™ Interconnection Block Diagram
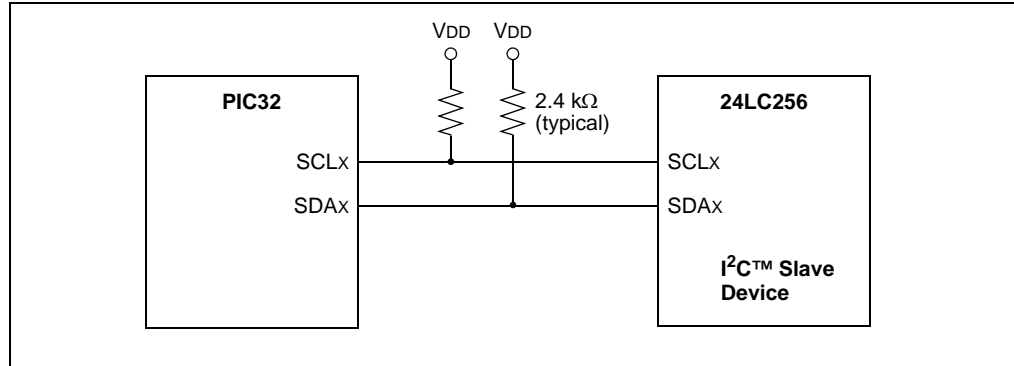
The interface employs a comprehensive protocol to ensure reliable transmission and reception of data. When communicating, one device is the "master" which initiates transfer on the bus and generates the clock signals to permit that transfer, while the other device(s) acts as the "slave" responding to the transfer. The clock line, SCLx, is output from the master and input to the slave, although occasionally the slave drives the SCLx line. The data line, SDAx, may be output and input from both the master and the slave.

Because the SDAx and SCLx lines are bidirectional, the output stages of the devices driving the SDAx and SCLx lines must have an open drain in order to perform the wired AND function of the bus. External pull-up resistors are used to ensure a high level when no device is pulling the line down.

In the I²C interface protocol, each device has an address. When a master wishes to initiate a data transfer, it first transmits the address of the device that it wants to "talk" to. All devices "listen" to see if this is their address. Within this address, bit 0 specifies if the master wants to read from or write to the slave device. The master and slave are always in opposite modes of operation (transmitter/receiver) during a data transfer. That is, they can be thought of as operating in either of the following two relations:

- Master-transmitter and slave-receiver
- Slave-transmitter and master-receiver

In both cases, the master originates the SCLx clock signal.

The following modes and features specified in the V2.1 I²C specifications are not supported:

- HS mode and switching between F/S modes and HS mode
- Start byte
- CBUS compatibility
- Second byte of the general call address

24.3.1   Bus Protocol

The following I²C bus protocol has been defined:

- Data transfer may be initiated only when the bus is not busy
- During data transfer, the data line must remain stable whenever the SCLx clock line is high. Changes in the data line while the SCLx clock line is high will be interpreted as a Start or Stop condition.

Accordingly, the following bus conditions have been defined and are shown in Figure 24-3.

Figure 24-3:   I²C™ Bus Protocol States
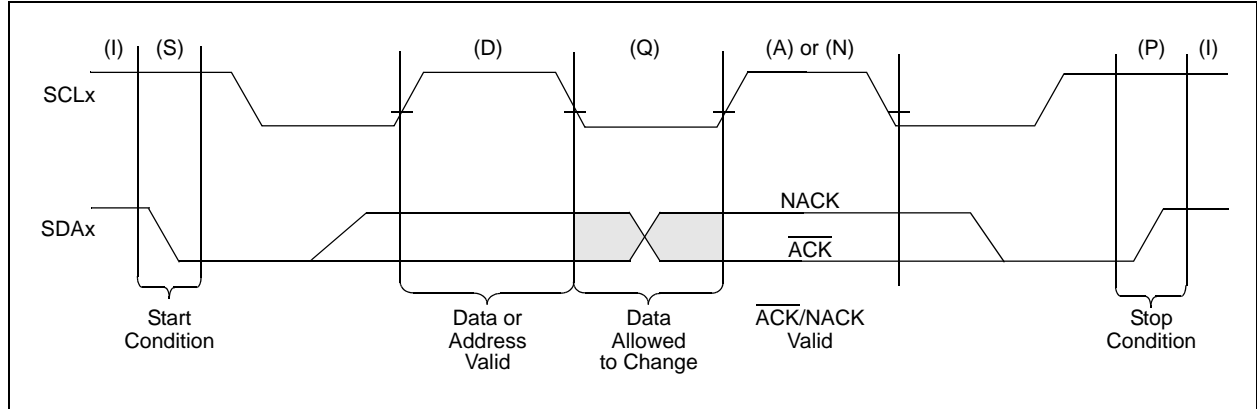
24.3.1.1   START DATA TRANSFER (S)

After a bus Idle state, a high-to-low transition of the SDAx line while the clock (SCLx) is high determines a Start condition. All data transfers must be preceded by a Start condition.

24.3.1.2   STOP DATA TRANSFER (P)

A low-to-high transition of the SDAx line while the clock (SCLx) is high determines a Stop condition. All data transfers must end with a Stop condition.

24.3.1.3   REPEATED START (R)

After a wait state, a high-to-low transition of the SDAx line while the clock (SCLx) is high determines a Repeated Start condition. Repeated Starts allow a master to change bus direction of addressed slave device without relinquishing control of the bus.

24.3.1.4   DATA VALID (D)

The state of the SDAx line represents valid data when, after a Start condition, the SDAx line is stable for the duration of the high period of the clock signal. There is one bit of data per SCLx clock.

24.3.1.5   ACKNOWLEDGE (A) OR NOT ACKNOWLEDGE (N)

All data byte transmissions must be Acknowledged ($\overline{ACK}$) or Not Acknowledged (NACK) by the receiver. The receiver will pull the SDAx line low for an $\overline{ACK}$ or release the SDAx line for a NACK. The Acknowledge is a one-bit period using one SCLx clock.

24.3.1.6   WAIT/DATA INVALID (Q)

The data on the line must be changed during the low period of the clock signal. Devices may also stretch the clock low time by asserting a low on the SCLx line, causing a wait on the bus.

24.3.1.7   BUS IDLE (I)

Both data and clock lines remain high at those times after a Stop condition and before a Start condition.

24.3.2 Message Protocol

A typical I^{2}C message is shown in Figure 24-4. In this example, the message will read a specified byte from a 24LC256 I^{2}C serial EEPROM. The PIC32 device will act as the master and the 24LC256 device will act as the slave.

Figure 24-4 indicates the data as driven by the master device and the data as driven by the slave device, considering the combined SDAx line is a wired AND of the master and slave data. The master device controls and sequences the protocol. The slave device will only drive the bus at specifically determined times.

Figure 24-4:   A Typical I^{2}C™ Message: Read of Serial EEPROM (Random Address Mode)
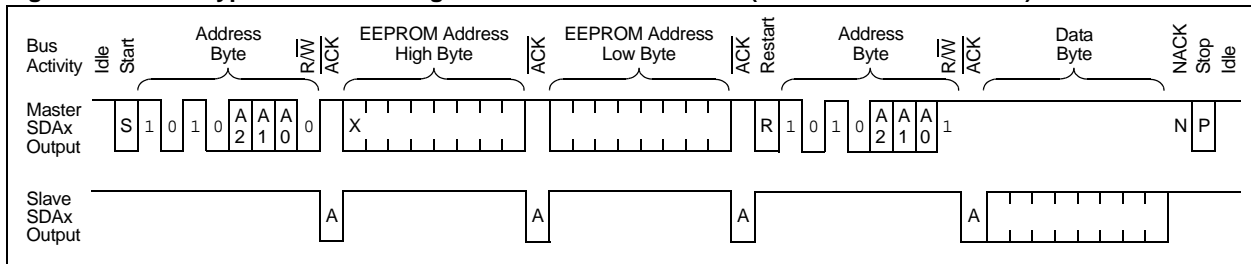
24.3.2.1   START MESSAGE

Each message is initiated with a Start condition and terminated with a Stop condition. The number of data bytes transferred between the Start and Stop conditions is determined by the master device. As defined by the system protocol, the bytes of the message may have special meaning, such as device address byte or data byte.

24.3.2.2   ADDRESS SLAVE

In Figure 24-4, the first byte is the device address byte, that must be the first part of any I^{2}C message. It contains a device address and a R/$\overline{\text{W}}$ bit (IC2xSTAT<2>). Note that R/$\overline{\text{W}}$ = 0 for this first address byte, indicating that the master will be a transmitter and the slave will be a receiver.

24.3.2.3   SLAVE ACKNOWLEDGE

The receiving device is obliged to generate an Acknowledge signal, $\overline{\text{ACK}}$, after the reception of each byte. The master device must generate an extra SCLx clock which is associated with this Acknowledge bit.

24.3.2.4   MASTER TRANSMIT

The next two bytes, sent by the master to the slave, are data bytes containing the location of the requested EEPROM data byte. The slave must Acknowledge each of the data bytes.

24.3.2.5   REPEATED START

The slave EEPROM now has the address information necessary to return the requested data byte to the master. However, the R/$\overline{\text{W}}$ bit from the first device address byte specified master transmission and slave reception. The bus must be turned in the other direction for the slave to send data to the master.

To perform this function without ending the message, the master sends a Repeated Start. The Repeated Start is followed with a device address byte containing the same device address as before and with the R/$\overline{\text{W}}$ = 1 to indicate slave transmission and master reception.

24.3.2.6   SLAVE REPLY

Now, the slave transmits the data byte by driving the SDAx line, while the master continues to originate clocks but releases its SDAx drive.

24.3.2.7   MASTER ACKNOWLEDGE

During reads, a master must terminate data requests to the slave by Not Acknowledging (generating a "NACK") on the last byte of the message. Data is "Acked" for each byte, except for the last byte.

24.3.2.8   STOP MESSAGE

The master sends a Stop to terminate the message and return the bus to an Idle state.

24.4 ENABLING I²C OPERATION

The I²C module fully implements all master and slave functions and is enabled by setting the ON bit (I2CxCON<15>). When the module is enabled, the master and slave functions are active simultaneously and will respond according to the software or bus events.

When initially enabled, the module will release the SDAx and SCLx pins, putting the bus into the Idle state. The master functions will remain in the Idle state unless software sets a control bit to initiate a master event. The slave functions will begin to monitor the bus. If the slave logic detects a Start event and a valid address on the bus, the slave logic will begin a slave transaction.

24.4.1 Enabling I²C I/O

Two pins are used for bus operation: the SCLx pin, which is the clock, and the SDAx pin, which is the data. When the I²C module is enabled, assuming no other module with higher priority has control, the module will assume control of the SDAx and SCLx pins. The module software need not be concerned with the state of the port I/O of the pins, the module overrides, the port state, and direction. At initialization, the pins are tri-state (released).

24.4.2 I²C Interrupts

The I²C module generates three interrupt signals:

- Master interrupt
- Slave interrupt
- Bus collision interrupt

These three signals are pulsed high for at least one Peripheral Bus Clock (PBCLK) on the falling edge of the ninth clock pulse of the SCLx clock. These interrupts will set the corresponding interrupt flag bit and will interrupt the CPU if the corresponding interrupt enable bit is set and the corresponding interrupt priority is high enough.

24.4.2.1 MASTER INTERRUPTS

Master mode operations that generate a master interrupt are:

- Start Condition – 1 BRG time after falling edge of SDAx
- Repeated Start Sequence – 1 BRG time after falling edge of SDAx
- Stop Condition – 1 BRG time after the rising edge of SDAx
- Data transfer byte received – 8th falling edge of SCLx (after receiving eight bits of data from slave)
- During send $\overline{ACK}$ sequence – 9th falling edge of SCLx (after sending $\overline{ACK}$ or NACK to slave)
- Data transfer byte transmitted – 9th falling edge of SCLx (regardless of receiving $\overline{ACK}$ from slave)
- During a slave-detected Stop – When slave sets the P bit (I2CxSTAT<4>)

24.4.2.2 SLAVE INTERRUPTS

Slave mode operations that generate a slave interrupt are:

- Detection of a valid device address (including general call) – Ninth falling edge of SCLx (after sending $\overline{ACK}$ to master. Address must match unless the STRICT bit = 1 (I2CxCON<11>) or the GCEN bit = 1 (I2CxCON<7>)
- Reception of data – Ninth falling edge of SCLx (after sending the $\overline{ACK}$ to master)
- Request to transmit data – Ninth falling edge of SCLx (regardless of receiving an $\overline{ACK}$ from the master)

For devices with the PCIE (I2CxCON<22>), SCIE (I2CxCON<21>), AHEN (I2CxCON<17>), and DHEN (I2CxCON<16>) bits, the following Slave mode operations generate a slave interrupt:

- During Start sequence (if SCIE = 1) – 1 BRG time after falling edge of SDAx
- During Restart sequence (if SCIE = 1) – 1 BRG time after falling edge of SDAx
- During Stop sequence (if PCIE = 1) – 1 BRG time after the Rising edge of SDAx
- During Receive Address sequence (AHEN = 1) – 8th falling edge of SCLx (address must match unless STRICT = 1 or GCEN = 1)
- During Receive Data sequence (DHEN = 1) – 8th falling edge of SCLx

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24.4.2.3 BUS COLLISION INTERRUPTS

Bus Collision events that generate an interrupt are:

• During a Start sequence – SDAx sampled before Start condition
• During a Start sequence – SCLx = 0 before SDAx = 0
• During a Start sequence – SDAx = 0 before BRG time out
• During a Repeated Start sequence – If SDAx is sampled 0 when SCLx goes high
• During a Repeated Start sequence – If SCLx goes low before SDAx goes low
• During a Stop sequence – If SDAx is sampled low after allowing it to float
• During a Stop sequence – If SCLx goes low before SDAx goes high

24.4.3 I^{2}C Transmit and Receive Registers

I2CxTRN is the register to which transmit data is written. This register is used when the I^{2}C module operates as a master transmitting data to the slave, or as a slave sending reply data to the master. As the message progresses, the I2CxTRN register shifts out the individual bits. As a result, the I2CxTRN register may not be written to unless the bus is idle.

Data being received by either the master or the slave is shifted into a non-accessible shift register, I2CxRSR. When a complete byte is received, the byte transfers to the I2CxRCV register. In receive operations, the I2CxRSR and I2CxRCV registers create a double-buffered receiver. This allows reception of the next byte to begin before the current byte of received data is read.

If the I^{2}C module receives another complete byte before the software reads the previous byte from the I2CxRCV register, a receiver overflow occurs and sets the I2COV bit (I2CxSTAT<6>).

For devices with the BOEN bit (I2CxCON<20>), when the receiver overflow occurs, the byte in the I2CxRSR register is lost if the BOEN bit is clear. When the BOEN bit is clear, the receive buffer, I2CxRCV, is updated only when the I2COV bit is cleared manually. If the BOEN bit is set, the state of the I2COV bit is ignored and the I2CxRCV buffer is updated. Then, the acknowledge ACK is generated for the received data/address if the RBF bit is '0' indicating the I2CxRCV buffer is empty.

The I2CxADD register holds the slave device address. In 10-bit Addressing mode, all bits are relevant. In 7-bit Addressing mode, only the I2CxADD<6:0> bits are relevant. The A10M bit (I2CxCON<10>) specifies the expected mode of the slave address. By using the I2CxMSK register with the I2CxADD register in either Slave Addressing mode, one or more bit positions can be removed from exact address matching, allowing the module in Slave mode to respond to multiple addresses.

24.4.4 I^{2}C Baud Rate Generator

The Baud Rate Generator (BRG) used for I^{2}C Master mode operation is used to set the SCLx clock frequency for 100 kHz, 400 kHz, and 1 MHz. The BRG reload value is contained in the I2CxBRG register. The BRG will automatically begin counting on a write to the I2CxTRN register. After the given operation is complete (i.e., transmission of the last data bit is followed by an ACK) the internal clock will automatically stop counting and the SCLx pin will remain in its last state.

24.4.5 Baud Rate Generator in I^{2}C Master Mode

In I^{2}C Master mode, the reload value for the BRG is located in the I2CxBRG register. When the BRG is loaded with this value, the BRG counts down to zero and stops until another reload has taken place. In I^{2}C Master mode, the BRG is not reloaded automatically. If clock arbitration is taking place, for instance, the BRG will be reloaded when the SCLx pin is sampled high (see Figure 24-6). Table 24-2 shows device frequency versus the I2CxBRG setting for standard baud rates.

Note:	I2CxBRG values of 0x0 and 0x1 are expressly prohibited. Do not program the I2CxBRG register with a value of 0x0 or 0x1, as indeterminate results may occur.

To compute the BRG reload value, use the formula in Equation 24-1:

Equation 24-1:   Baud Rate Generator Reload Value Calculation

$$I2CxBRG = \left[\left(\frac{1}{(2 \cdot F_{SCK})} - T_{PGD} \right) \cdot PBCLK \right] - 2$$

Table 24-2:   I²C™ Clock Rate with BRG

PBCLK	I2CxBRG	PGD[1]	Approximate F_SCK (two rollovers of BRG)
50 MHz	0x037	104 ns	400 kHz
50 MHz	0x0F3	104 ns	100 kHz
40 MHz	0x02C	104 ns	400 kHz
40 MHz	0x0C2	104 ns	100 kHz
30 MHz	0x020	104 ns	400 kHz
30 MHz	0x091	104 ns	100 kHz
20 MHz	0x015	104 ns	400 kHz
20 MHz	0x060	104 ns	100 kHz
10 MHz	0x009	104 ns	400 kHz
10 MHz	0x02F	104 ns	100 kHz

Note 1:   The typical value of the Pulse Gobbler Delay (PGD) is 104 ns. Refer to the I2Cx Bus Data Timing Requirements in the **"Electrical Characteristics"** chapter in the specific device data sheet for more information.

Note: Equation 24-1 and Table 24-2 are provided as design guidelines. Due to system-dependant parameters, the actual baud rate may differ slightly. Testing is required to confirm that the actual baud rate meets the system requirements. Otherwise, the value of the I2CxBRG register may need to be adjusted.

Figure 24-5:   Baud Rate Generator Block Diagram
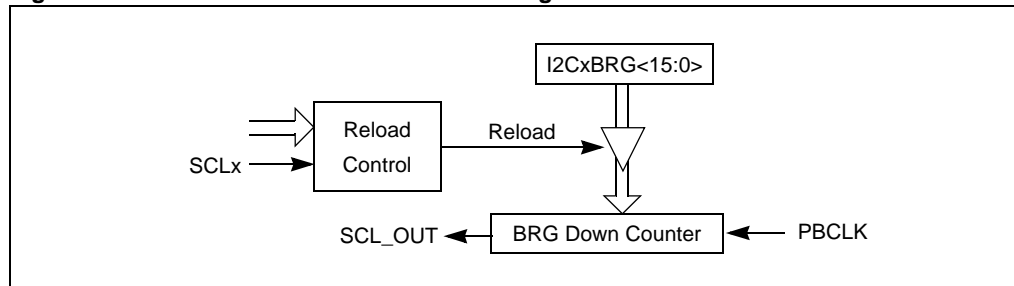
Figure 24-6:   Baud Rate Generator Timing with Clock Arbitration

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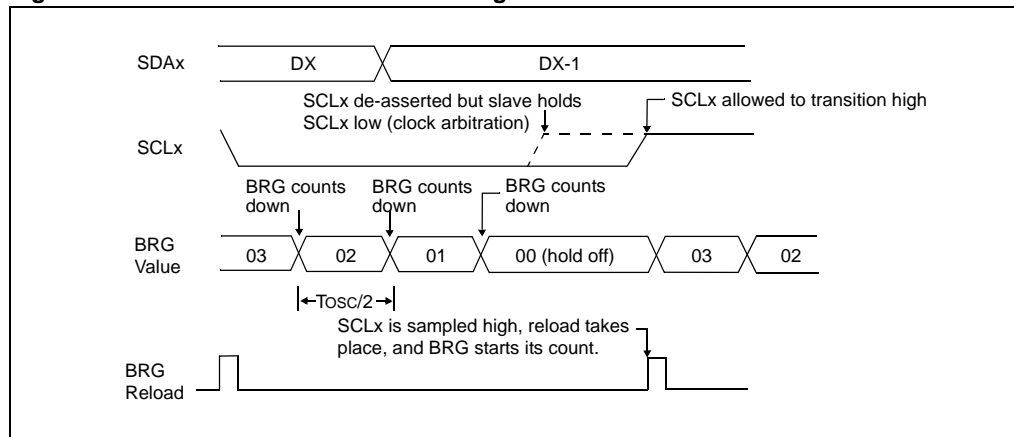
24.5   COMMUNICATING AS A MASTER IN A SINGLE MASTER ENVIRONMENT

Typical operation of an I^{2}C module in a system is using the module to communicate with an I^{2}C peripheral, such as an I^{2}C serial memory. In an I^{2}C system, the master controls the sequence of all data communication on the bus. In this example, the PIC32 device and its I^{2}C module have the role of the single master in the system. As the single master, it is responsible for generating the SCLx clock and controlling the message protocol.

In the I^{2}C module, the module controls individual portions of the I^{2}C message protocol; however, sequencing of the components of the protocol to construct a complete message is a software task.

For example, a typical operation in a single master environment may be to read a byte from an I^{2}C serial EEPROM is shown in Figure 24-7.

To accomplish this message, the software will sequence through the following steps:

1. Turn on the I^{2}C module by setting the ON bit (I2CxCON<15>) to '1'.
2. Assert a Start condition on SDAx and SCLx.
3. Send the I^{2}C device address byte to the slave with a write indication.
4. Wait for and verify an Acknowledge from the slave.
5. Send the serial memory address high byte to the slave.
6. Wait for and verify an Acknowledge from the slave.
7. Send the serial memory address low byte to the slave.
8. Wait for and verify an Acknowledge from the slave.
9. Assert a Repeated Start condition on SDAx and SCLx.
10. Send the device address byte to the slave with a read indication.
11. Wait for and verify an Acknowledge from the slave.
12. Enable master reception to receive serial memory data.
13. Generate an $\overline{\text{ACK}}$ or NACK condition at the end of a received byte of data.
14. Generate a Stop condition on SDAx and SCLx.

Figure 24-7:   Typical I^{2}C™ Message: Read of Serial EEPROM (Random Address Mode)
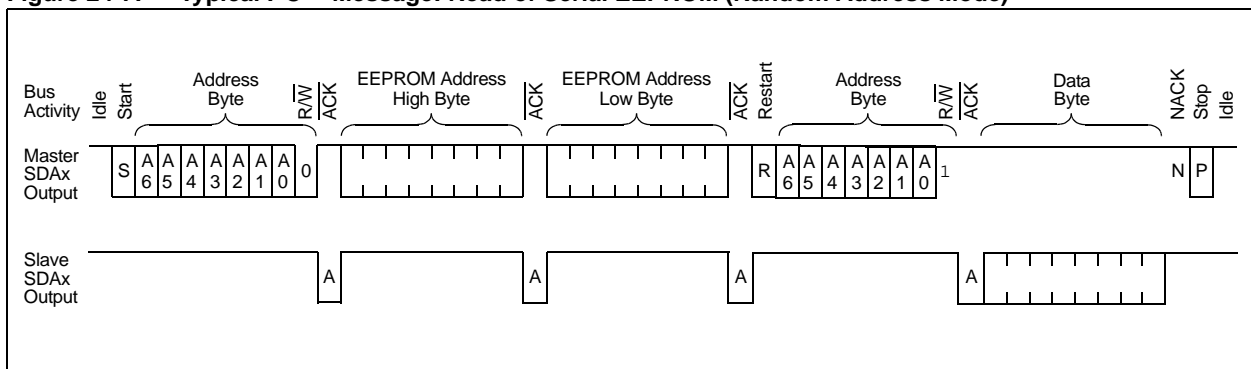
The I^{2}C module supports Master mode communication with the inclusion of Start and Stop generators, data byte transmission, data byte reception, an Acknowledge generator and a BRG. Generally, the software will write to a control register to start a particular step, and then wait for an interrupt or poll status to wait for completion. Subsequent sections detail each of these operations.

> **Note:** The I^{2}C module does not allow queueing of events. For instance, the software is not allowed to initiate a Start condition and then immediately write the I2CxTRN register to initiate transmission before the Start condition is complete. In this case, the I2CxTRN register will not be written to and the IWCOL bit (I2CxSTAT<7>) will be set, indicating that this write to the I2CxTRN register did not occur.

24.5.1 Generating a Start Bus Event

To initiate a Start event, the software sets the Start Enable bit, SEN (I2CxCON<0>). Prior to setting the Start (S) bit (I2CxSTAT<3>), the software can check the Stop (P) bit (I2CxSTAT<4>) to ensure that the bus is in an Idle state.

Figure 24-8 shows the timing of the Start condition.

- Slave logic detects the Start condition, sets the S bit and clears the P bit
- The SEN bit is automatically cleared at completion of the Start condition
- A master interrupt is generated at completion of the Start condition
- After the Start condition, the SDAx line and SCLx line are left low (Q state)

24.5.1.1 IWCOL STATUS FLAG

If the software writes to the I2CxTRN register when a Start sequence is in progress, the IWCOL bit (I2CxSTAT<7>) is set and the contents of the transmit buffer are unchanged (the write does not occur).

> **Note:** Because queueing of events is not allowed, writing to the five Least Significant bits of the I2CxCON register is disabled until the Start condition is complete.

Figure 24-8: Master Start Timing Diagram
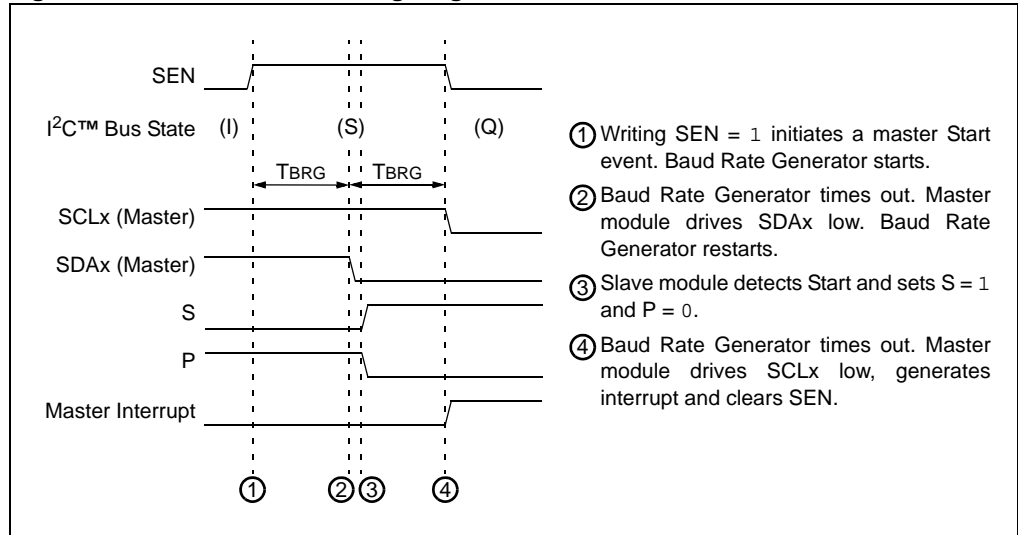
24.5.2 Sending Data to a Slave Device

Figure 24-9 shows the timing diagram of master to slave transmission. Transmission of a data byte, a 7-bit device address byte or the second byte of a 10-bit address is accomplished by writing the appropriate value to the I2CxTRN register. Loading this register will start the following process:

1. The software loads the I2CxTRN register with the data byte to transmit.
2. Writing the I2CxTRN register sets the buffer full flag bit, TBF (I2CxSTAT<0>).
3. The data byte is shifted out the SDAx pin until all eight bits are transmitted. Each bit of address/data will be shifted out onto the SDAx pin after the falling edge of SCLx.
4. On the ninth SCLx clock, the I²C master shifts in the $\overline{ACK}$ bit from the slave device and writes its value into the ACKSTAT bit (I2CxSTAT<15>).
5. The I²C master generates the master interrupt at the end of the ninth SCLx clock cycle.

> **Note:** The I²C master does not generate or validate the data bytes. The contents and usage of the bytes are dependent on the state of the message protocol maintained by the software.

24.5.2.1 SENDING A 7-BIT ADDRESS TO THE SLAVE

Sending a 7-bit device address involves sending one byte to the slave. A 7-bit address byte must contain the 7 bits of the I^{2}C device address and a R/$\overline{\text{W}}$ bit (IC2xSTAT<2>) that defines if the message will be a write to the slave (master transmission and slave reception) or a read from the slave (slave transmission and master reception).

> **Note 1:** In 7-bit Addressing mode, each node using the I^{2}C protocol should be configured with a unique address that is stored in the I2CxADD register.
>
> **2:** While transmitting the address byte, the master must shift the address bits <7:0> left by one bit, and configure bit 0 as the R/$\overline{\text{W}}$ bit.

24.5.2.2 SENDING A 10-BIT ADDRESS TO THE SLAVE

Sending a 10-bit device address involves sending two bytes to the slave. The first byte contains five bits of the I^{2}C device address reserved for 10-bit Addressing modes and two bits of the 10-bit address. Because the next byte, which contains the remaining eight bits of the 10-bit address, must be received by the slave, the R/$\overline{\text{W}}$ bit in the first byte must be '0', indicating master transmission and slave reception. If the message data is also directed toward the slave, the master can continue sending the data. However, if the master expects a reply from the slave, a Repeated Start sequence with the R/$\overline{\text{W}}$ bit at '1' will change the R/$\overline{\text{W}}$ state of the message to a read of the slave.

> **Note 1:** In 10-bit Addressing mode, each node using the I^{2}C protocol should be configured with a unique address that is stored in the I2CxADD register.
>
> **2:** While transmitting the address byte, the master must shift the address bits <9:8> left by one bit, and configure bit 0 as the R/$\overline{\text{W}}$ bit.

24.5.2.3 RECEIVING ACKNOWLEDGE FROM THE SLAVE

On the falling edge of the eighth SCLx clock, the TBF bit (I2CxSTAT<0>) is cleared and the master will deassert the SDAx pin, allowing the slave to respond with an Acknowledge. The master will then generate a ninth SCLx clock.

This allows the slave device being addressed to respond with an $\overline{\text{ACK}}$ during the ninth bit time if an address match occurs or data was received properly. A slave sends an Acknowledge when it has recognized its device address (including a general call) or when the slave has properly received its data.

The status of $\overline{\text{ACK}}$ is written into the Acknowledge Status bit, ACKSTAT (I2CxSTAT<15>), on the falling edge of the ninth SCLx clock. After the ninth SCLx clock, the I^{2}C master generates the master interrupt and enters an Idle state until the next data byte is loaded into the I2CxTRN register.

24.5.2.4 ACKSTAT STATUS FLAG

The ACKSTAT bit (I2CxSTAT<15>) is updated in both Master and Slave modes on the ninth SCLx clock irrespective of Transmit or Receive modes. ACKSTAT is cleared when acknowledged ($\overline{\text{ACK}}$ = 0; i.e., SDAx is '0' on the ninth clock pulse), and is set when not acknowledged ($\overline{\text{ACK}}$ = 1, i.e., SDAx is '1' on the ninth clock pulse) by the peer.
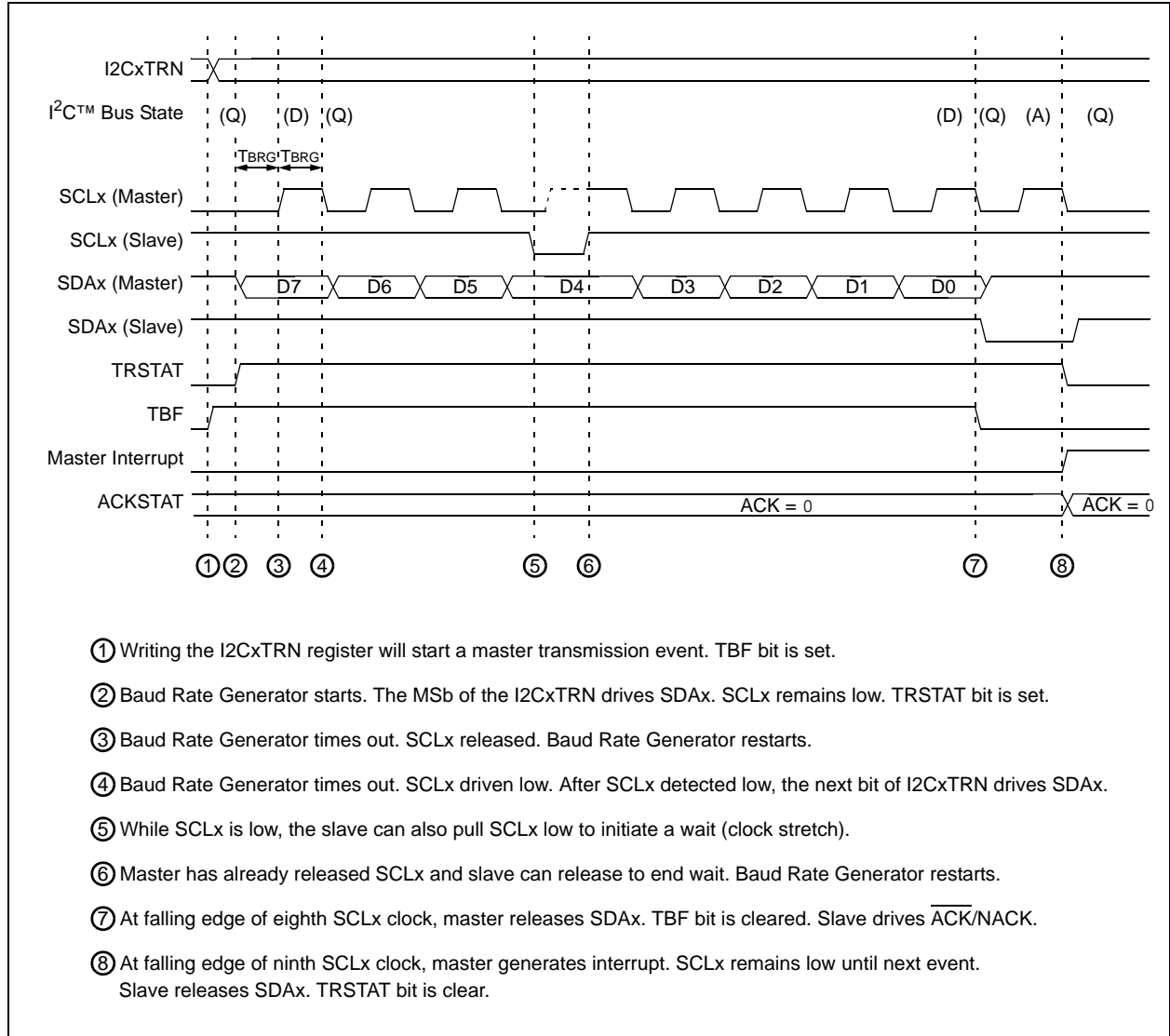
24.5.2.5 TBF STATUS FLAG

When transmitting, the TBF bit is set when the CPU writes to the I2CxTRN register, and is cleared when all eight bits are shifted out.

24.5.2.6 IWCOL STATUS FLAG

If the software writes to the I2CxTRN register when a transmit is already in progress (i.e., the I^{2}C module is still shifting out a data byte), the IWCOL bit (I2CxSTAT<7>) is set and the contents of the buffer are unchanged (the write does not occur). The IWCOL bit must be cleared in software.

> **Note:** Because queueing of events is not allowed, writing to the five Least Significant bits of the I2CxCON register is disabled until the transmit condition is complete.

Figure 24-9: Master Transmission Timing Diagram

① Writing the I2CxTRN register will start a master transmission event. TBF bit is set.

② Baud Rate Generator starts. The MSb of the I2CxTRN drives SDAx. SCLx remains low. TRSTAT bit is set.

③ Baud Rate Generator times out. SCLx released. Baud Rate Generator restarts.

④ Baud Rate Generator times out. SCLx driven low. After SCLx detected low, the next bit of I2CxTRN drives SDAx.

⑤ While SCLx is low, the slave can also pull SCLx low to initiate a wait (clock stretch).

⑥ Master has already released SCLx and slave can release to end wait. Baud Rate Generator restarts.

⑦ At falling edge of eighth SCLx clock, master releases SDAx. TBF bit is cleared. Slave drives $\overline{ACK}$/NACK.

⑧ At falling edge of ninth SCLx clock, master generates interrupt. SCLx remains low until next event.
Slave releases SDAx. TRSTAT bit is clear.

24.5.3 Receiving Data from a Slave Device

Figure 24-10 shows the timing diagram of master reception. The master can receive data from a slave device after the master has transmitted the slave address with an R/$\overline{W}$ bit (IC2xSTAT<2>) value of '1'. This is enabled by setting the Receive Enable bit, RCEN (I2CxCON<3>). The master logic begins to generate clocks, and before each falling edge of the SCLx, the SDAx line is sampled and data is shifted into the I2CxRSR register.

> **Note:** The five Least Significant bits of I2CxCON must be '0' before attempting to set the RCEN bit. This ensures the master logic is inactive.

After the falling edge of the eighth SCLx clock, the following events occur:

• The RCEN bit is automatically cleared
• The contents of the I2CxRSR register transfer into the I2CxRCV register
• The RBF flag bit (I2CxSTAT<1>) is set
• The I²C master generates the master interrupt

When the CPU reads the buffer, the RBF flag bit is automatically cleared. The software can then process the data and perform an Acknowledge sequence.

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24.5.3.1 RBF STATUS FLAG

When receiving data, the RBF bit (I2CxSTAT<1>) is set when a device address or data byte is loaded into I2CxRCV register from the I2CxRSR register. It is cleared when software reads the I2CxRCV register.

24.5.3.2 I2COV STATUS FLAG

If another byte is received in the I2CxRSR register while the RBF bit remains set and the previous byte remains in the I2CxRCV register, the I2COV bit (I2CxSTAT<6>) is set and the data in the I2CxRSR register is lost.

Leaving the I2COV bit set does not inhibit further reception. If the RBF bit is cleared by reading the I2CxRCV register and the I2CxRSR register receives another byte, that byte will be transferred to the I2CxRCV register.

For devices with the BOEN bit (I2CxCON<20>), when the receiver overflow occurs, the byte in the I2CxRCV register is lost if the BOEN bit is cleared. The receive buffer I2CxRCV is updated only when the I2COV bit is cleared manually. If the BOEN bit is set, the state of the I2COV bit is ignored and I2CxRCV buffer is updated and the acknowledge is generated for the received data/address if the RBF bit is '0', indicating the I2CxRCV register is empty.

24.5.3.3 IWCOL STATUS FLAG

If the software writes the I2CxTRN register when a receive is already in progress (i.e., the I2CxRSR register is still shifting in a data byte), the IWCOL bit (I2CxSTAT<7>) is set and the contents of the buffer are unchanged (the write does not occur).

> **Note:** Since queueing of events is not allowed, writing to the five Least Significant bits of the I2CxCON register is disabled until the data reception condition is complete.

Figure 24-10: Master Reception Timing Diagram

① Typically, the slave can pull SCLx low (clock stretch) to request a wait to prepare data response. The slave will drive the MSb of the data response on SDAx when ready.

② Writing the RCEN bit will start a master reception event. The Baud Rate Generator starts. SCLx remains low.

③ Baud Rate Generator times out. Master attempts to release SCLx.

④ When slave releases SCLx, Baud Rate Generator restarts.

⑤ Baud Rate Generator times out. MSb of response shifted to I2CxRSR. SCLx driven low for next baud interval.

⑥ At falling edge of eighth SCLx clock, I2CxRSR transferred to I2CxRCV. I²C master clears RCEN bit. RBF bit is set. Master generates interrupt.

24.5.4   Acknowledge Generation

Setting the Acknowledge Enable bit, ACKEN (I2CxCON<4>), enables generation of a master Acknowledge sequence.

> **Note:**   The five Least Significant bits of I2CxCON must be '0' (master logic inactive) before attempting to set the ACKEN bit.

Figure 24-11 shows an $\overline{\text{ACK}}$ sequence and Figure 24-12 shows a NACK sequence. The Acknowledge Data bit, ACKDT (I2CxCON<5>), specifies ACK or NACK.

After two baud periods, the ACKEN bit is automatically cleared and the I²C master generates the master interrupt.

24.5.4.1   IWCOL STATUS FLAG

If the software writes to the I2CxTRN register when an Acknowledge sequence is in progress, the IWCOL bit (I2CxSTAT<7>) is set and the contents of the buffer are unchanged (the write does not occur).

> **Note:**   Because queueing of events is not allowed, writing to the five Least Significant bits of the I2CxCON register is disabled until the Acknowledge condition is complete.

Figure 24-11:   Master Acknowledge (ACK) Timing Diagram
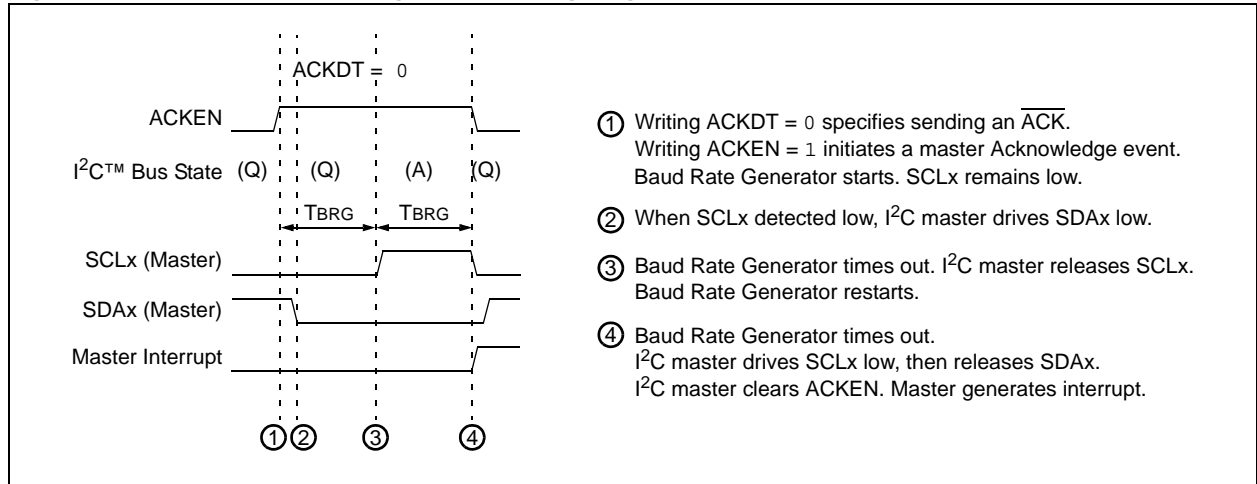
Figure 24-12:   Master Not Acknowledge (NACK) Timing Diagram
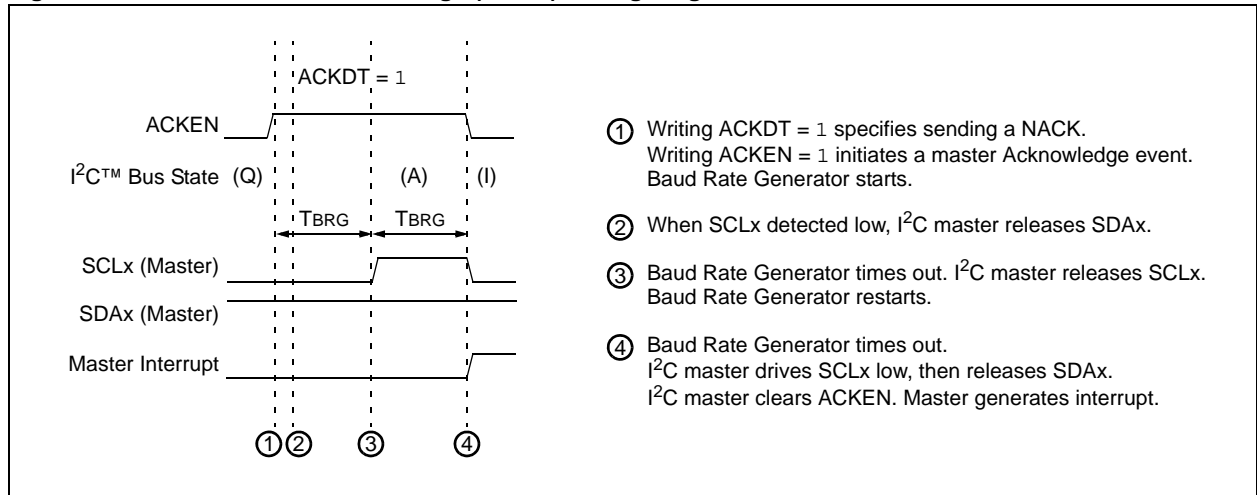
24.5.5   Generating Stop Bus Event

Setting the Stop Enable bit, PEN (I2CxCON<2>), enables generation of a master Stop sequence.

> **Note:** The five Least Significant bits of the I2CxCON register must be '0' (master logic inactive) before attempting to set the PEN bit.

When the PEN bit is set, the master generates the Stop sequence as shown in Figure 24-13.

- The slave detects the Stop condition, sets the Stop (P) bit (I2CxSTAT<4>) and clears the Start (S) bit (I2CxSTAT<3>)
- The PEN bit is automatically cleared
- The I^{2}C master generates the master interrupt

24.5.5.1   IWCOL STATUS FLAG

If the software writes to the I2CxTRN register when a Stop sequence is in progress, the IWCOL bit (I2CxSTAT<7>) is set and the contents of the buffer are unchanged (the write does not occur).

> **Note:** Because queueing of events is not allowed, writing to the five Least Significant bits of the I2CxCON register is disabled until the Stop condition is complete.

Figure 24-13:   Master Stop Timing Diagram

① Writing PEN = 1 initiates a master Stop event. Baud Rate Generator starts. I^{2}C master drives SDAx low.

② Baud Rate Generator times out. I^{2}C master releases SCLx. Baud Rate Generator restarts.

③ Baud Rate Generator times out. I^{2}C master releases SDAx. Baud Rate Generator restarts.

④ Slave logic detects Stop. I^{2}C master sets P = 1, S = 0.

⑤ The Baud Rate Generator times out. I^{2}C master clears PEN. Master generates interrupt.

24.5.6   Generating a Repeated Start Bus Event

Setting the Repeated Start Enable bit, RSEN (I2CxCON<1>), enables generation of a master Repeated Start sequence (see Figure 24-14).

> **Note:** The five Least Significant bits of I2CxCON must be '0' (master logic inactive) before attempting to set the RSEN bit.

To generate a Repeated Start condition, software sets the RSEN bit (I2CxCON<1>). The I^{2}C master asserts the SCLx pin low. When the I^{2}C master samples the SCLx pin low, the module releases the SDAx pin for one BRG count (T$_{BRG}$). When the BRG times out and the I^{2}C master samples SDAx high, the I^{2}C master deasserts the SCLx pin. When the I^{2}C master samples the SCLx pin high, the BRG reloads and begins counting. SDAx and SCLx must be sampled high for one T$_{BRG}$. This action is then followed by assertion of the SDAx pin low for one T$_{BRG}$ while the SCLx pin is high.

The following is the Repeated Start sequence:

1. The slave detects the Start condition, sets the S bit (I2CxSTAT<3>) and clears the P bit (I2CxSTAT<4>).
2. The RSEN bit is automatically cleared.
3. The I^{2}C master generates the master interrupt.

24.5.6.1 IWCOL STATUS FLAG

If the software writes to the I2CxTRN register when a Repeated Start sequence is in progress, the IWCOL bit (I2CxSTAT<7>) is set and the contents of the buffer are unchanged (the write does not occur).

> **Note:** Because queueing of events is not allowed, writing of the five Least Significant bits of the I2CxCON register is disabled until the Repeated Start condition is complete.

Figure 24-14: Master Repeated Start Timing Diagram

① Writing RSEN = 1 initiates a master Repeated Start event. Baud Rate Generator starts. I²C master drives SCLx low and releases SDAx.

② Baud Rate Generator times out. I²C master releases SCLx. Baud Rate Generator restarts.

③ Baud Rate Generator times out. I²C master drives SDAx low. Baud Rate Generator restarts.

④ Slave logic detects Start. I²C master sets S = 1 and P = 0.

⑤ The Baud Rate Generator times out. I²C master drives SCLx low. I²C master clears RSEN. Master generates interrupt.

24.5.7 Building Complete Master Messages

As described in the **24.5 "Communicating as a Master in a Single Master Environment"**, the software is responsible for constructing messages with the correct message protocol. The I²C master controls individual portions of the I²C message protocol; however, sequencing of the components of the protocol to construct a complete message is a software task.

The software can use polling or interrupt methods while using the I²C master. The examples shown use interrupts.

The software can use the SEN, RSEN, PEN, RCEN and ACKEN bits (five Least Significant bits of the I2CxCON register) and the TRSTAT bit as "state" flags when progressing through a message. For example, Table 24-3 shows some example state numbers associated with bus states.

Table 24-3: Master Message Protocol States

Example State Number	I2CxCON<4:0>	TRSTAT (I2CxSTAT<14>)	State
0	00000	0	Bus Idle or Wait
1	00001	N/A	Sending Start Event
2	00000	1	Master Transmitting
3	00010	N/A	Sending Repeated Start Event
4	00100	N/A	Sending Stop Event
5	01000	N/A	Master Reception
6	10000	N/A	Master Acknowledgement

> **Note:** Example state numbers are for reference only. User software may assign state numbers as desired.

The software will begin a message by issuing a Start command. The software will record the state number corresponding to the Start.

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As each event completes and generates an interrupt, the interrupt handler may check the state number. Therefore, for a Start state, the interrupt handler will confirm execution of the Start sequence and then start a master transmission event to send the I^{2}C device address, changing the state number to correspond to the master transmission.

On the next interrupt, the interrupt handler will again check the state, determining that a master transmission just completed. The interrupt handler will confirm successful transmission of the data, then move on to the next event, depending on the contents of the message. In this manner, on each interrupt, the interrupt handler will progress through the message protocol until the complete message is sent.

Figure 24-15 provides a more detailed examination of the same message sequence shown in Figure 24-7.

Figure 24-16 shows some simple examples of messages using 7-bit addressing format.

Figure 24-17 shows an example of a 10-bit addressing format message sending data to a slave.

Figure 24-18 shows an example of a 10-bit addressing format message receiving data from a slave.

Figure 24-15:   Master Message (Typical I²C™ Message: Read of Serial EEPROM)
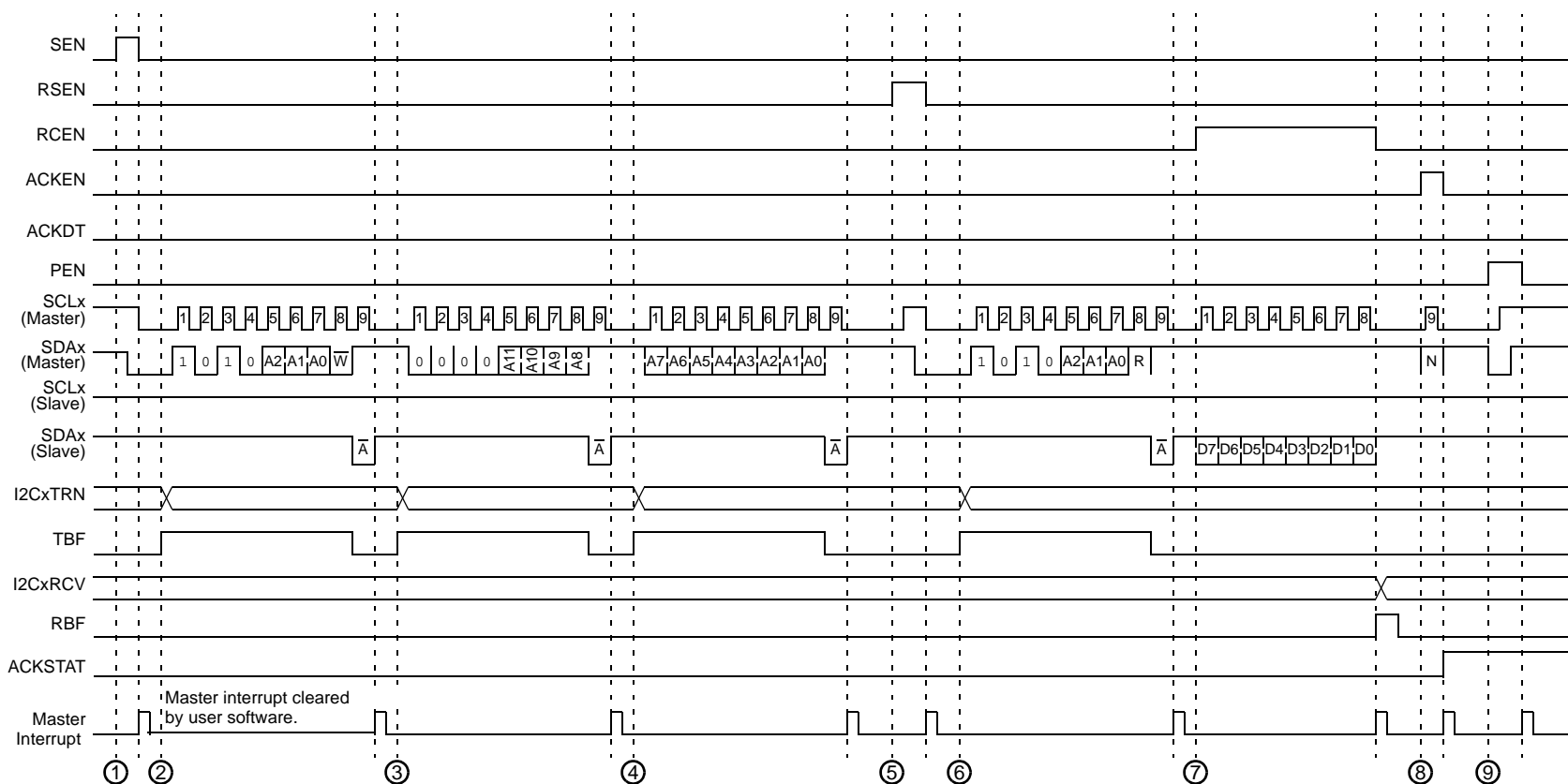
① Setting the SEN bit starts a Start event.

② Writing the I2CxTRN register starts a master transmission. The data is the serial EEPROM device address byte, with R/W clear, indicating a write.

③ Writing the I2CxTRN register starts a master transmission. The data is the first byte of the EEPROM data address.

④ Writing the I2CxTRN register starts a master transmission. The data is the second byte of the EEPROM data address.

⑤ Setting the RSEN bit starts a Repeated Start event.

⑥ Writing the I2CxTRN register starts a master transmission. The data is a resend of the serial EEPROM device address byte, but with R/W bit set, indicating a read.

⑦ Setting the RCEN bit starts a master reception. On interrupt, the software reads the I2CxRCV register, which clears the RBF flag.

⑧ Setting the ACKEN bit starts an Acknowledge event. ACKDT = 0 to send NACK.

⑨ Setting the PEN bit starts a master Stop event.

Figure 24-16: Master Message (7-bit Address: Transmission and Reception)
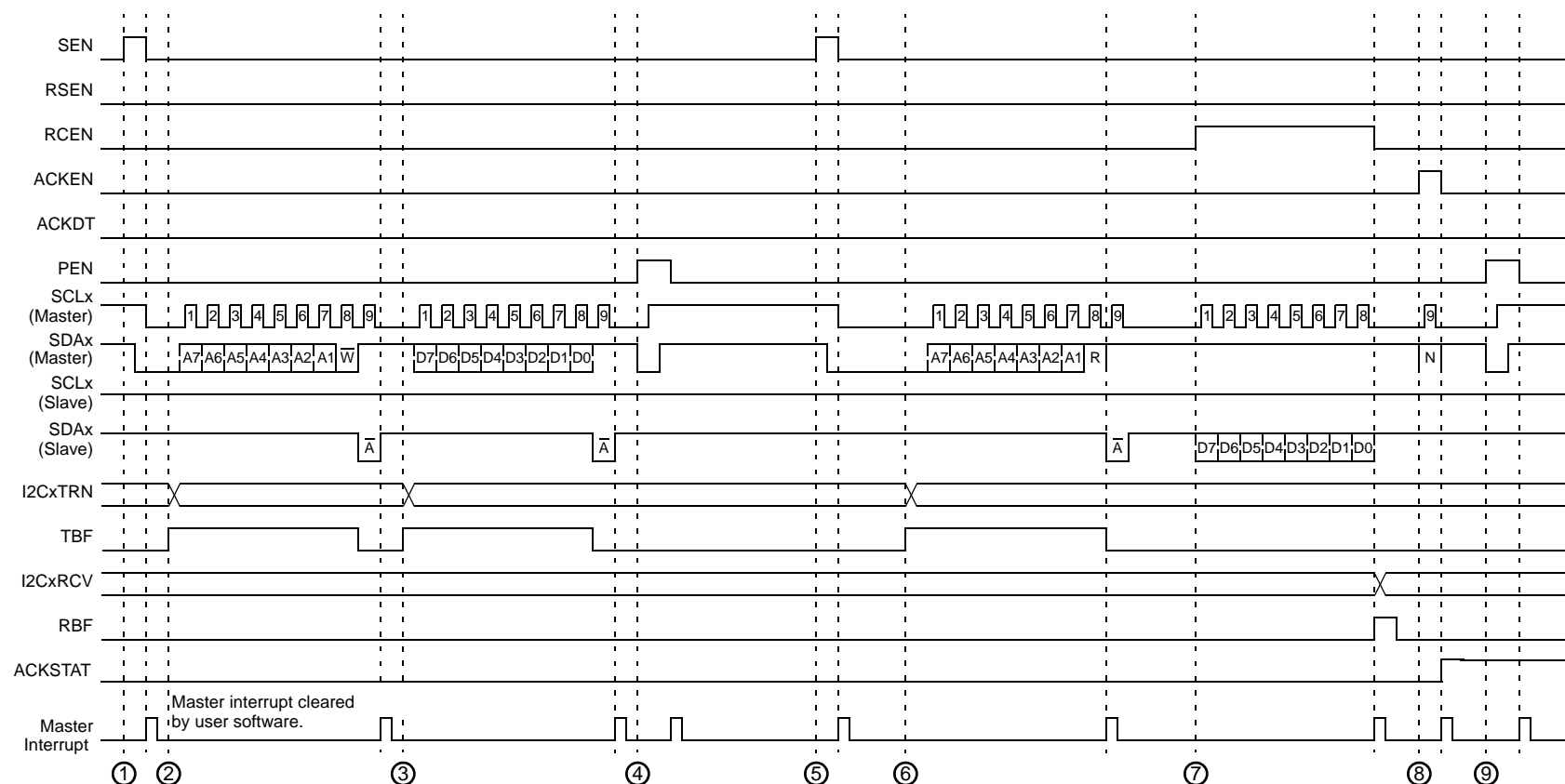
① Setting the SEN bit starts a Start event.

② Writing the I2CxTRN register starts a master transmission. The data is the address byte with R/W̄ bit clear.

③ Writing the I2CxTRN register starts a master transmission. The data is the message byte.

④ Setting the PEN bit starts a master Stop event.

⑤ Setting the SEN bit starts a Start event.

⑥ Writing the I2CxTRN register starts a master transmission. The data is the address byte with R/W̄ bit set.

⑦ Setting the RCEN bit starts a master reception.

⑧ Setting the ACKEN bit starts an Acknowledge event. ACKDT = 0 to send NACK.

⑨ Setting the PEN bit starts a master Stop event.

Figure 24-17:   Master Message (10-bit Transmission)
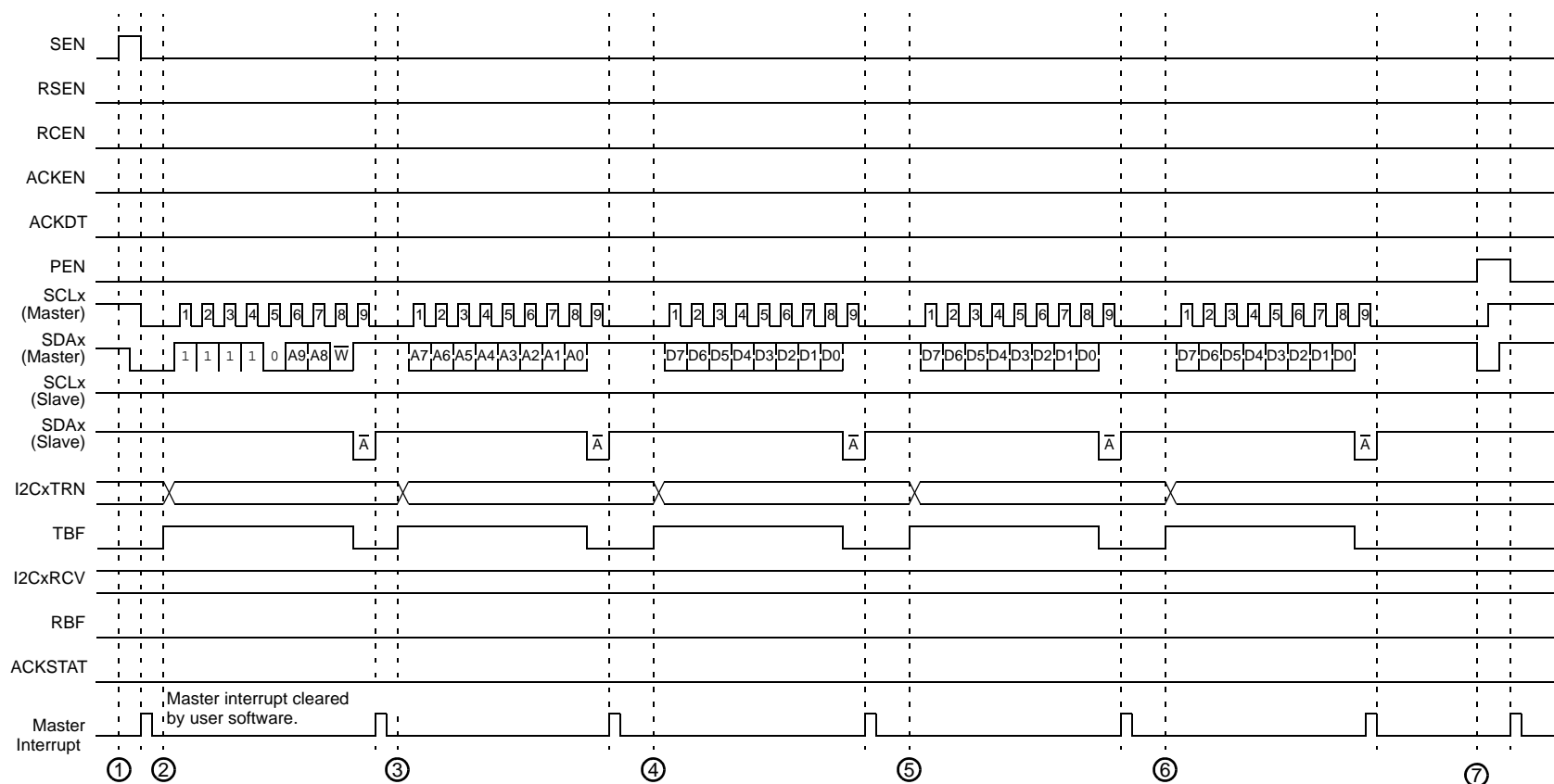
① Setting the SEN bit starts a Start event.

② Writing the I2CxTRN register starts a master transmission. The data is the first byte of the address.

③ Writing the I2CxTRN register starts a master transmission. The data is the second byte of the address.

④ Writing the I2CxTRN register starts a master transmission. The data is the first byte of the message data.

⑤ Writing the I2CxTRN register starts a master transmission. The data is the second byte of the message data.

⑥ Writing the I2CxTRN register starts a master transmission. The data is the third byte of the message data.

⑦ Setting the PEN bit starts a master Stop event.

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Figure 24-18: Master Message (10-bit Reception)
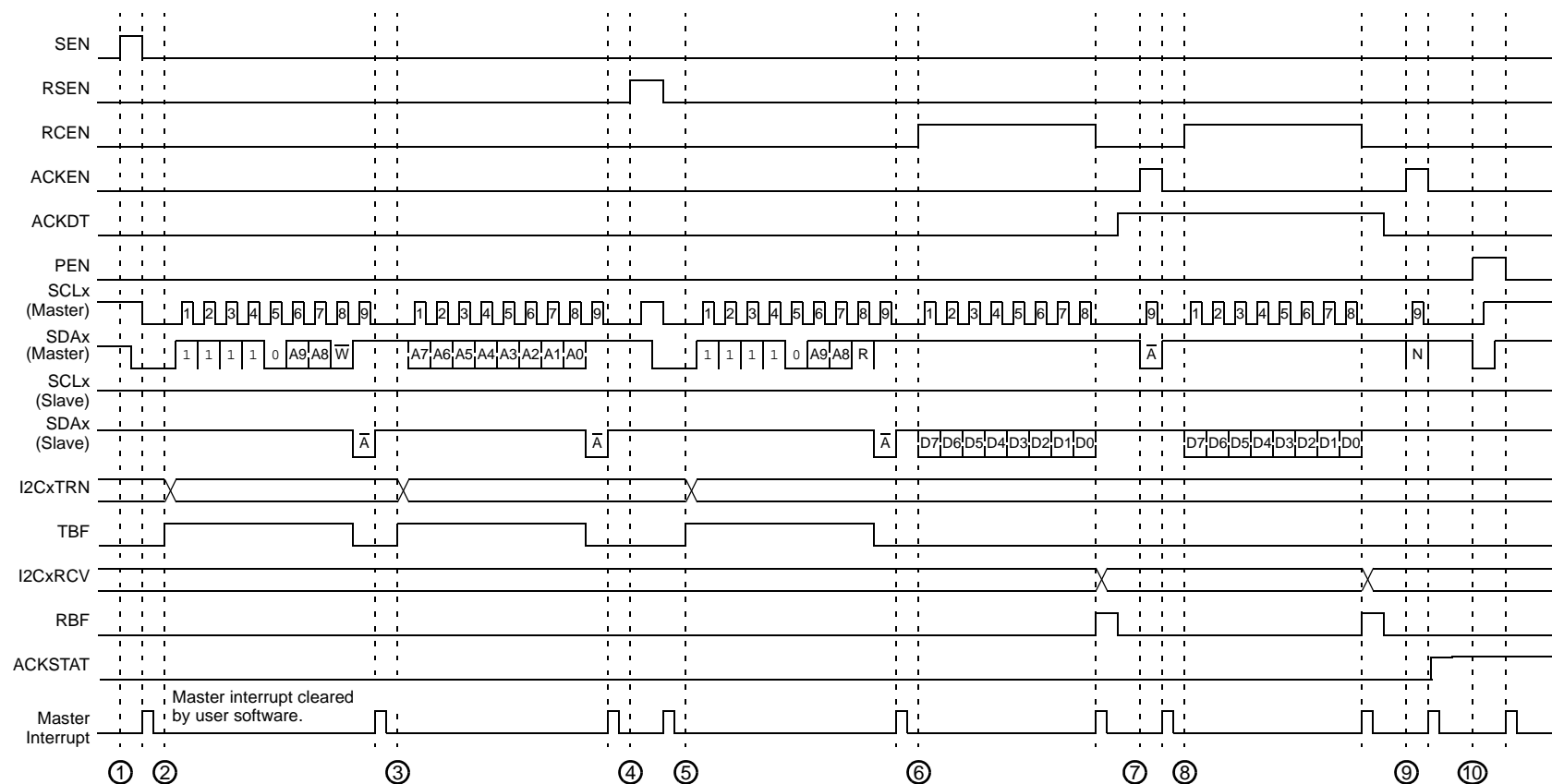
① Setting the SEN bit starts a Start event.

② Writing the I2CxTRN register starts a master transmission. The data is the first byte of the address with the R/W bit cleared.

③ Writing the I2CxTRN register starts a master transmission. The data is the second byte of the address.

④ Setting the RSEN bit starts a master Restart event.

⑤ Writing the I2CxTRN register starts a master transmission. The data is a resend of the first byte with the R/W bit set.

⑥ Setting the RCEN bit starts a master reception. On interrupt, the software reads the I2CxRCV register, which clears the RBF flag.

⑦ Setting the ACKEN bit starts an Acknowledge event. ACKDT = 1 to send $\overline{ACK}$.

⑧ Setting the RCEN bit starts a master reception.

⑨ Setting the ACKEN bit starts an Acknowledge event. ACKDT = 0 to send NACK.

⑩ Setting the PEN bit starts a master Stop event.

24.6 COMMUNICATING AS A MASTER IN A MULTI-MASTER ENVIRONMENT

The I²C protocol allows for more than one master to be attached to a system bus. Considering that a master can initiate message transactions and generate clocks for the bus, the protocol has methods to account for situations where more than one master is attempting to control the bus. Clock synchronization ensures that multiple nodes can synchronize their SCLx clocks to result in one common clock on the SCLx line. Bus arbitration ensures that if more than one node attempts a message transaction, one node, and only one node, will be successful in completing the message. The other nodes will lose bus arbitration and will be left with a bus collision.

24.6.1 Multi-Master Operation

The Master module has no special settings to enable multi-master operation. The module performs clock synchronization and bus arbitration at all times. If the module is used in a single master environment, clock synchronization will only occur between the master and slaves, and bus arbitration will not occur.

24.6.2 Master Clock Synchronization

In a multi-master system, different masters may have different baud rates. Clock synchronization will ensure that when these masters are attempting to arbitrate the bus, their clocks will be coordinated.

Clock synchronization occurs when the master deasserts the SCLx pin (SCLx intended to float high). When the SCLx pin is released, the BRG is suspended from counting until the SCLx pin is actually sampled high. When the SCLx pin is sampled high, the BRG is reloaded with the contents of I2CxBRG<15:0> and begins counting. This ensures that the SCLx high time will always be at least one BRG rollover count in the event that the clock is held low by an external device, as shown in Figure 24-19.

Figure 24-19: Baud Rate Generator Timing with Clock Synchronization

1. The baud counter decrements twice per T_CY. On rollover, the master SCLx will transition.
2. The slave has pulled SCLx low to initiate a wait.
3. At what would be the master baud counter rollover, detecting SCLx low holds counter.
4. Logic samples SCLx once per T_CY. Logic detects SCLx high.
5. The baud counter rollover occurs on next cycle.
6. On next rollover, the master SCLx will transition.

24.6.3   Bus Arbitration and Bus Collision

Bus arbitration supports multi-master system operation.

The wired AND nature of the SDAx line permits arbitration. Arbitration takes place when the first master outputs a '1' on SDAx by letting SDAx float high and simultaneously, the second master outputs a '0' on SDAx by pulling SDAx low. The SDAx signal will go low. In this case, the second master has won bus arbitration. The first master has lost bus arbitration, and therefore, has a bus collision.

For the first master, the expected data on SDAx is a '1', but the data sampled on SDAx is a '0'. This is the definition of a bus collision.

The first master will set the Bus Collision bit, BCL (I2CxSTAT<10>), and generate a bus collision interrupt. The Master module will reset the I^{2}C port to its Idle state.

In multi-master operation, the SDAx line must be monitored for arbitration to see if the signal level is the expected output level. This check is performed by the Master module, with the result placed in the BCL bit.

The states where arbitration can be lost are:

- A Start condition
- A Repeated Start condition
- An Address, Data or Acknowledge bit
- A Stop condition

24.6.4   Detecting Bus Collisions and Resending Messages

When a bus collision occurs, the I^{2}C master sets the BCL bit and generates a bus collision interrupt. If bus collision occurs during a byte transmission, the transmission is halted, the TBF bit (I2CxSTAT<0>) is cleared and the SDAx and SCLx pins are deasserted. If bus collision occurs during a Start, Repeated Start, Stop or Acknowledge condition, the condition is aborted, the respective control bits in the I2CxCON register are cleared and the SDAx and SCLx lines are deasserted.

The software is expecting an interrupt at the completion of the master event. The software can check the BCL bit to determine if the master event completed successfully or a collision occurred. If a collision occurs, the software must abort sending the rest of the pending message and prepare to resend the entire message sequence, beginning with the Start condition, after the bus returns to an Idle state. The software can monitor the S (I2CxSTAT<3>) and P bits (I2CxSTAT<4>) to wait for an Idle bus. When the software services the bus collision Interrupt Service Routine and the I^{2}C bus is free, the software can resume communication by asserting a Start condition.

24.6.5   Bus Collision During a Start Condition

Before issuing a Start command, the software should verify an Idle state of the bus using the S and P Status bits. Two masters may attempt to initiate a message at a similar point in time. Typically, the masters will synchronize clocks and continue arbitration into the message until one loses arbitration. However, certain conditions can cause a bus collision to occur during a Start. In this case, the master that loses arbitration during the Start (S) bit generates a bus collision interrupt.

24.6.6   Bus Collision During a Repeated Start Condition

Should two masters not collide throughout an address byte, a bus collision may occur when one master attempts to assert a Repeated Start while another transmits data. In this case, the master generating the Repeated Start will lose arbitration and generate a bus collision interrupt.

24.6.7   Bus Collision During Message Bit Transmission

The most typical case of data collision occurs while the master is attempting to transmit the device address byte, a data byte, or an Acknowledge bit.

If the software is checking the bus state, it is unlikely that a bus collision will occur on a Start condition. However, because another master can, at a very similar time, check the bus and initiate its own Start condition, it is likely that SDAx arbitration will occur and synchronize the Start of two masters. In this condition, both masters will begin and continue to transmit their messages until one master loses arbitration on a message bit. Remember that the SCLx clock synchronization will keep the two masters synchronized until one loses arbitration. Figure 24-20 shows an example of message bit arbitration.

Figure 24-20:   Bus Collision During Message Bit Transmission

1. Master transmits bit value of '1' in next SCLx clock. I²C master releases SDAx.

2. Another master on bus transmits bit value of '0' in next SCLx clock. Another master pulls SDAx low.

3. Baud Rate Generator times out. I²C master attempts to verify SDAx high. Bus collision detected. I²C master releases SDAx, SCLx. I²C master sets BCL bit and clears TBF bit. Master generates interrupt.
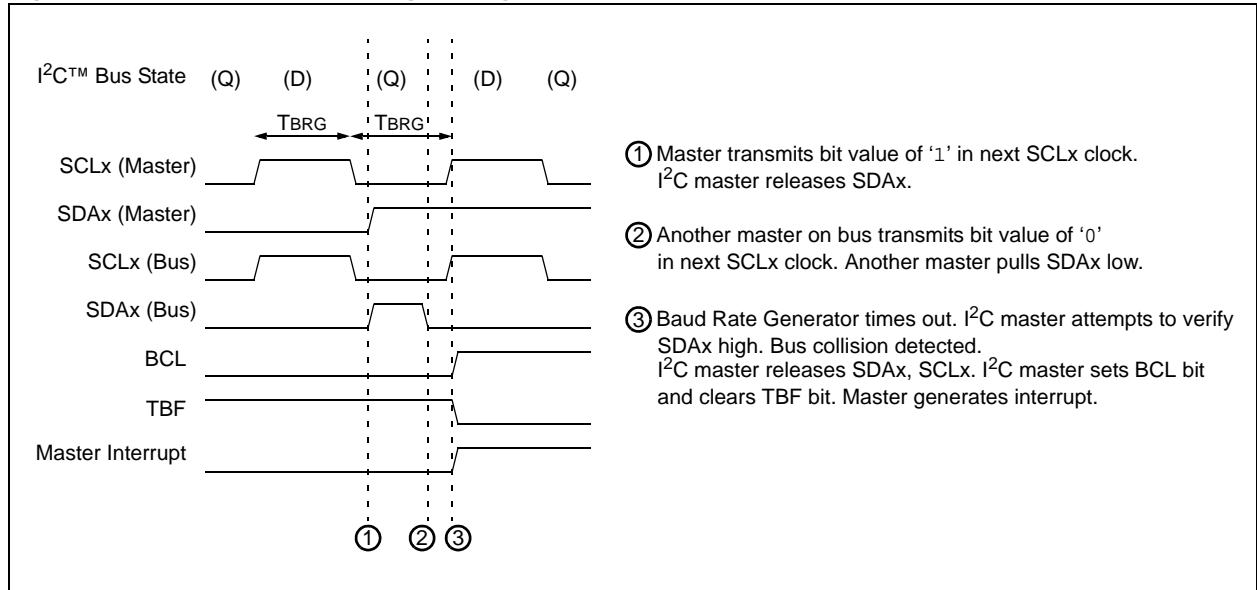
24.6.8   Bus Collision During a Stop Condition

If the master software loses track of the state of the I²C bus, there are conditions that cause a bus collision during a Stop condition. In this case, the master generating the Stop condition will lose arbitration and generate a bus collision interrupt.

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24.7   COMMUNICATING AS A SLAVE

In some systems, particularly where multiple processors communicate with each other, the PIC32 device may communicate as a slave, see Figure 24-21. When the I^{2}C slave is enabled, the Slave module is active. The slave may not initiate a message, it can only respond to a message sequence initiated by a master. The master requests a response from a particular slave as defined by the device address byte in the I^{2}C protocol. The Slave module replies to the master at the appropriate times as defined by the protocol.

As with the Master module, sequencing the components of the protocol for the reply is a software task. However, the Slave module detects when the device address matches the address specified by the software for that slave.

Figure 24-21:   A Typical Slave I^{2}C™ Message: Multiprocessor Command/Status
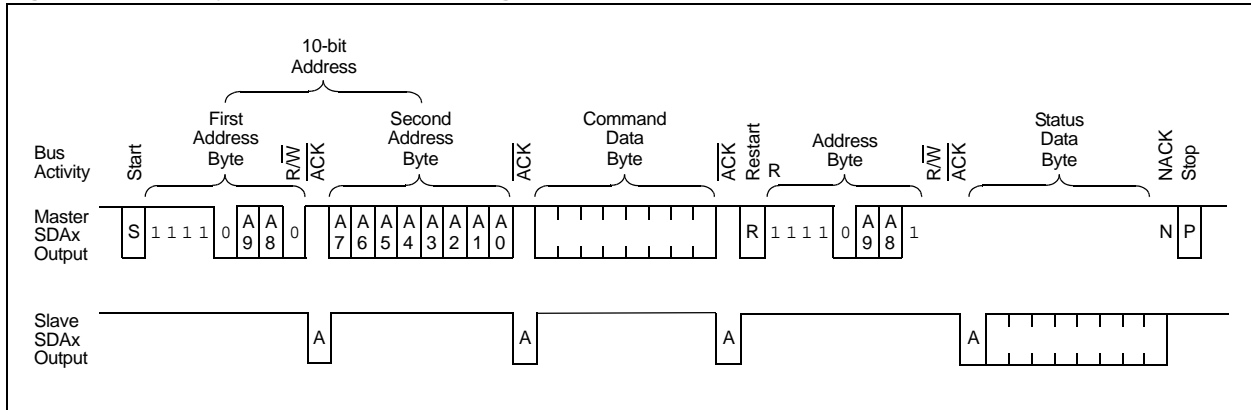
After a Start condition, the Slave module will receive and check the device address. The slave may specify either a 7-bit address or a 10-bit address. When a device address is matched, the I^{2}C slave will generate an interrupt to notify the software that its device is selected. Based on the R/$\overline{W}$ bit (IC2xSTAT<2>) sent by the master, the slave will either receive or transmit data. If the slave is to receive data, the Slave module automatically generates the Acknowledge ($\overline{ACK}$), loads the I2CxRCV register with the received value currently in the I2CxRSR register, and then notifies the software through an interrupt. For devices with address hold enable option the AHEN bit (I2CxCON<17>) should be clear for automatic generation of $\overline{ACK}$.

Refer to **24.7.4.1 "Acknowledge Generation"** for more information on the acknowledge sequence when the I^{2}C module is a slave and on the AHEN and DHEN bits. If the slave is to transmit data, user software must load the I2CxTRN register.

24.7.1   Sampling Receive Data

All incoming bits are sampled with the rising edge of the clock (SCLx) line.

24.7.2   Detecting Start and Stop Conditions

The Slave module will detect Start and Stop conditions on the bus and indicate that status on the S bit (I2CxSTAT<3>) and P bit (I2CxSTAT<4>). The Start (S) and Stop (P) bits are cleared when a Reset occurs or when the I^{2}C slave is disabled. After detection of a Start or Repeated Start event, the S bit is set and the P bit is cleared. After detection of a Stop event, the P bit is set and the S bit is cleared.

The Slave module can also generate interrupts to notify the Start and Stop conditions. These Start and Stop detection interrupts can be enabled using the SCIE bit (I2CxCON<21>) and the PCIE bit (I2CxCON<22>).

24.7.3 Detecting the Address

After the I²C slave has been enabled, the Slave module waits for a Start condition to occur. After a Start, depending on the A10M bit (I2CxCON<10>), the slave will attempt to detect a 7-bit or 10-bit address. The Slave module will compare one received byte for a 7-bit address or two received bytes for a 10-bit address. A 7-bit address also contains a R/$\overline{\text{W}}$ bit that specifies the direction of data transfer after the address. If R/$\overline{\text{W}}$ = 0, a write is specified and the slave will receive data from the master. If R/$\overline{\text{W}}$ = 1, a read is specified and the slave will send data to the master. The 10-bit address contains an R/$\overline{\text{W}}$ bit; however, by definition, it is always R/$\overline{\text{W}}$ = 0 because the slave must receive the second byte of the 10-bit address.

24.7.3.1 SLAVE ADDRESS MASKING

The I2CxMSK register masks address bit positions, designating them as "don't care" bits for both 10-bit and 7-bit Addressing modes. When a bit in the I2CxMSK register is set (= 1), it means "don't care". The Slave module will respond when the bit in the corresponding location of the address is a '0' or '1'. For example, in 7-bit Slave mode with the I2CxMSK register = 0110000, the I²C slave will Acknowledge addresses '0010000' and '0100000' as valid.

24.7.3.2 LIMITATIONS OF ADDRESS MASK

By default, the device will respond or generate addresses in the reserved address space with the address mask enabled (see Table 24-4 for the reserved address spaces). When using the address mask and the STRICT bit (I2CxCON<11>) is cleared, reserved addresses may be acknowledged. If the user wants to enforce the reserved address space, the STRICT bit must be set to a '1'. Once the bit is set, the device will not acknowledge reserved addresses regardless of the address mask settings.

24.7.3.3 7-BIT ADDRESS AND SLAVE WRITE

Following the Start condition, the I²C slave shifts eight bits into the I2CxRSR register (see Figure 24-22). The value of the I2CxRSR<7:1> bits are evaluated against that of the I2CxADD<6:0> and I2CxMSK<6:0> bits on the falling edge of the eighth clock (SCLx). If the address is valid (i.e., an exact match between unmasked bit positions), the following events occur:

1. An $\overline{\text{ACK}}$ is generated (for devices with the AHEN bit (I2CxCON<17>), an $\overline{\text{ACK}}$ is generated if the AHEN bit is clear).
2. The D/$\overline{\text{A}}$ (IC2xSTAT<5>) bit and the R/$\overline{\text{W}}$ bit (IC2xSTAT<2>) are cleared.
3. The I²C slave generates the slave interrupt on the falling edge of the ninth SCLx clock.
4. The I²C slave will wait for the master to send data.

Figure 24-22: Slave Write 7-bit Address Detection Timing Diagram

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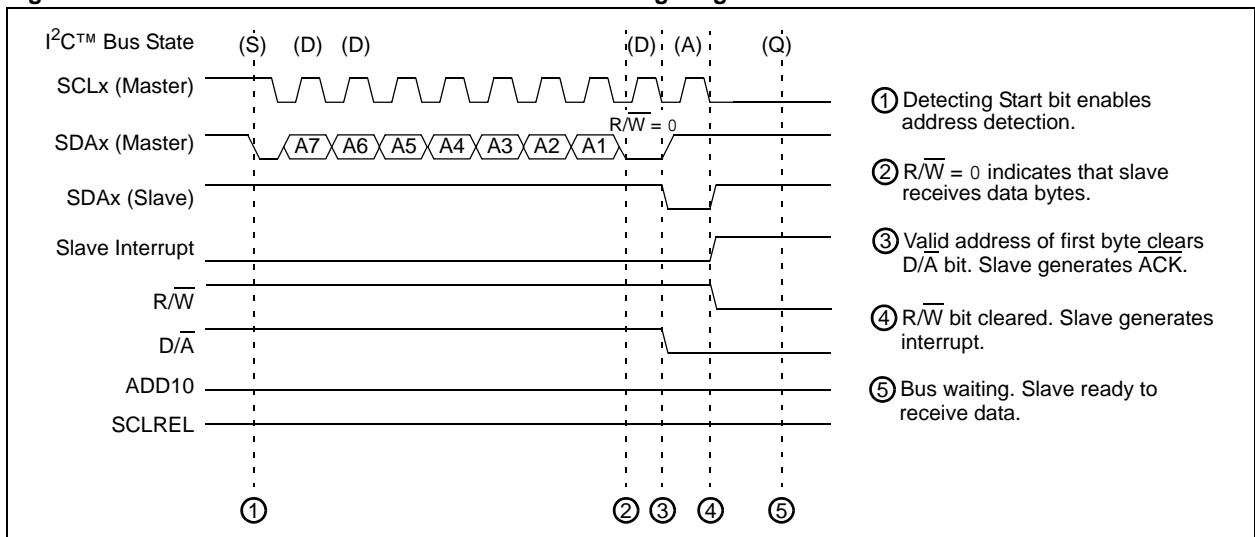
24.7.3.4 7-BIT ADDRESS AND SLAVE READ

When a slave read is specified by having R/$\overline{W}$ (IC2xSTAT<2>) = 1 in a 7-bit address byte, the process of detecting the device address is similar to that for a slave write (see Figure 24-23). If the addresses match, the following events occur:

1. An $\overline{ACK}$ is generated (for devices with the AHEN bit (I2CxCON<17>), an $\overline{ACK}$ is generated if the AHEN bit is clear).
2. The D/$\overline{A}$ bit (I2CxSTAT<5>) is cleared and the R/$\overline{W}$ bit is set.
3. The I^{2}C slave generates the slave interrupt on the falling edge of the ninth SCLx clock.

Since the Slave module is now expected to reply with data, it is necessary to suspend the operation of the I^{2}C bus to allow the software to prepare a response. This is done automatically when the I^{2}C slave clears the SCLREL bit (I2CxCON<12>). With SCLREL low, the Slave module will pull down the SCLx clock line, causing a wait on the I^{2}C bus. The Slave module and the I^{2}C bus will remain in this state until the software writes the I2CxTRN register with the response data and sets the SCLREL bit.

> **Note:** SCLREL will automatically clear after detection of a slave read address, regardless of the state of the STREN bit.

Figure 24-23: Slave Read 7-bit Address Detection Timing Diagram
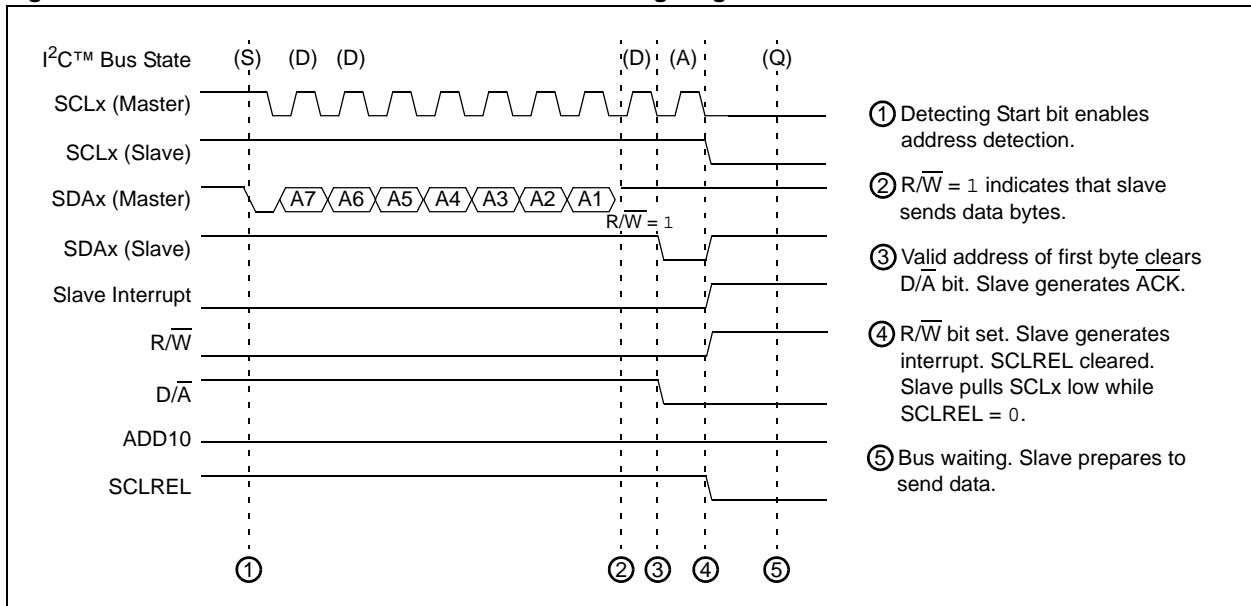
When the slave read occurs with the AHEN and DHEN bits set, after the eighth falling edge of SCLx, the clock is stretched by hardware until a matching address byte is received. Following the eighth falling edge, the SCKREL bit is cleared and the clock is asserted low. The slave software will then set or clear the ACKDT bit to control the acknowledge response. Then, the slave software sets the SCKREL bit, releasing SCLx. This sequence is shown in Figure 24-24.

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Figure 24-24:   Slave Read with AHEN = 1 AND DHEN = 1
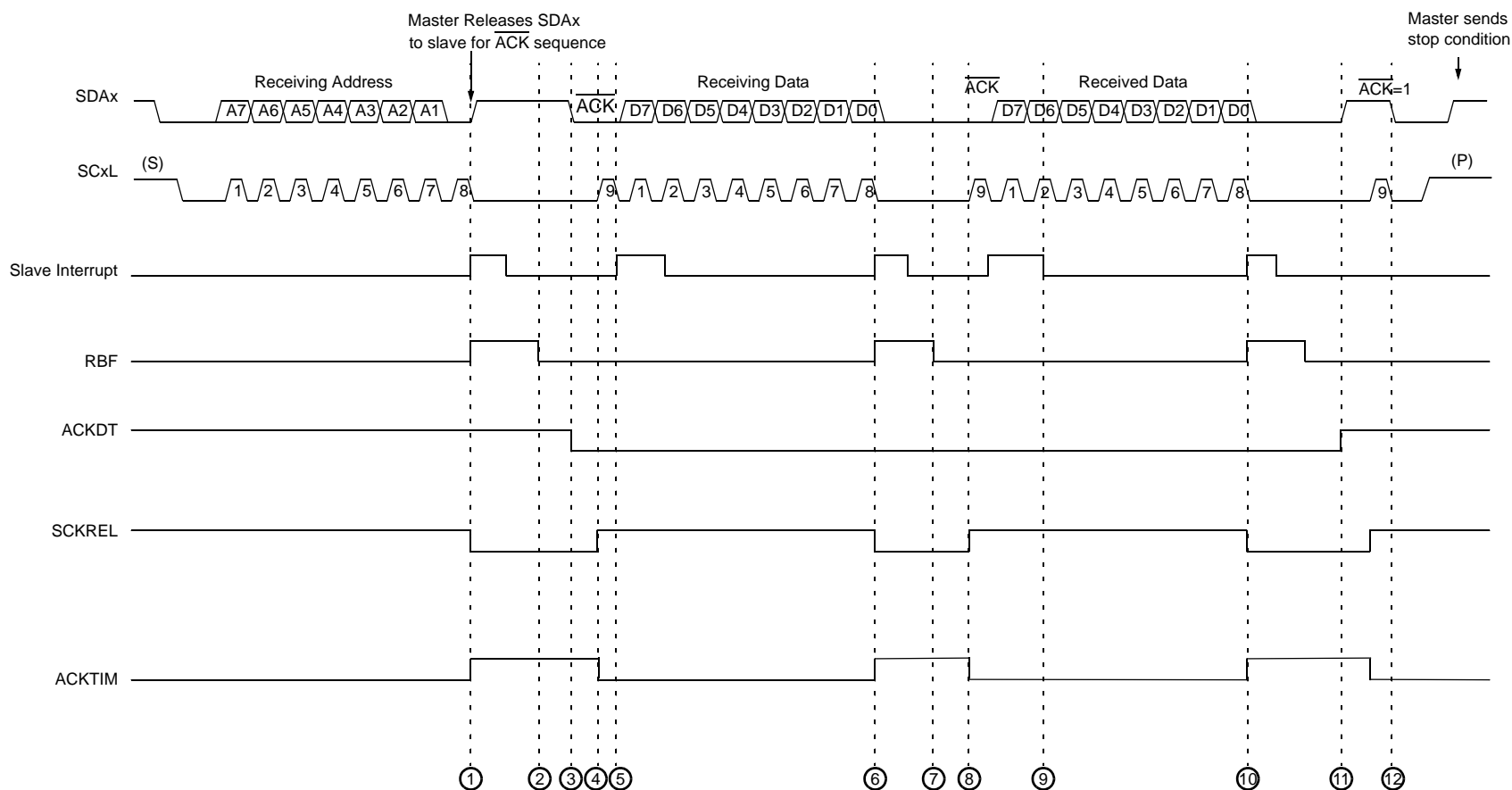
① If AHEN = `1`, slave interrupt is set, SCKREL is cleared by hardware and SCLx is stretched. ACKTIM is set by hardware on the eighth falling edge of SCLx.

② RBF address is read from I2CxRCV.

③ Slave software clears ACKDT to $\overline{ACK}$ the received byte.

④ ACKTIM cleared by hardware on the ninth rising edge of SCLx. SCKREL is set by software and SCLx is released.

⑤ Slave interrupt is set on ninth falling edge of SCLx, after $\overline{ACK}$.

⑥ When DHEN = `1`, SCKREL is cleared by hardware on the eighth falling edge of SCLx.

⑦ RBF data is read from I2CxRCV.

⑧ SCKREL is set by software and SCLx is released.

⑨ Slave interrupt is cleared by software.

⑩ ACKTIM is set by hardware on the eigth falling edge of SCLx.

⑪ Slave software sets ACKDT to not $\overline{ACK}$.

⑫ No interrupt afer not $\overline{ACK}$ from Slave.

24.7.3.5   10-BIT ADDRESSING MODE

Figure 24-25 shows the sequence of address bytes on the bus in 10-bit Address mode. In this mode, the slave must receive two device address bytes (see Figure 24-26). The five Most Significant bits of the first address byte specify a 10-bit address. The R/$\overline{\text{W}}$ bit of the address must specify a write, causing the slave device to receive the second address byte. For a 10-bit address, the first byte would equal '11110 A9 A8 0', where 'A9' and 'A8' are the two Most Significant bits of the address.

The I2CxMSK register can mask any bit position in a 10-bit address. The two Most Significant bits of the I2CxMSK register are used to mask the Most Significant bits of the incoming address received in the first byte. The remaining byte of the register is then used to mask the lower byte of the address received in the second byte.

Following the Start condition, the I^{2}C slave shifts eight bits into the I2CxRSR register. The value of the I2CxRSR<2:1> bits are evaluated against the value of the I2CxADD<9:8> and I2CxMSK<9:8> bits, while the value of the I2CxRSR<7:3> bits are compared to '11110'. Address evaluation occurs on the falling edge of the eighth clock (SCLx). For the address to be valid, the I2CxRSR<7:3> bits must equal '11110', while the I2CxRSR<2:1> bits must exactly match any unmasked bits in the I2CxADD<9:8> bits. (If both bits are masked, a match is not needed.) If the address is valid, the following events occur:

1.   An $\overline{\text{ACK}}$ is generated (for devices with the AHEN bit (I2CxCON<17>), an $\overline{\text{ACK}}$ is generated if the AHEN bit is clear).
2.   The D/$\overline{\text{A}}$ (I2CxSTAT<5>) bit and the R/$\overline{\text{W}}$ bit (IC2xSTAT<2>) are cleared.
3.   The I^{2}C slave generates the slave interrupt on the falling edge of the ninth SCLx clock.

The I^{2}C slave does generate an interrupt after the reception of the first byte of a 10-bit address; however, this interrupt is of little use.

The I^{2}C slave will continue to receive the second byte into the I2CxRSR register. This time, the I2CxRSR<7:0> bits are evaluated against the I2CADD<7:0> and I2CxMSK<7:0> bits. If the lower byte of the address is valid as previously described, the following events occur:

1.   An $\overline{\text{ACK}}$ is generated (for devices with the AHEN bit (I2CxCON<17>), an $\overline{\text{ACK}}$ is generated if the AHEN bit is clear).
2.   The ADD10 bit (I2CxSTAT<8>) is set.
3.   The I^{2}C slave generates the slave interrupt on the falling edge of the ninth SCLx clock.
4.   The I^{2}C slave will wait for the master to send data or initiate a Repeated Start condition.

> **Note:**   Following a Repeated Start condition in 10-bit Addressing mode, the Slave module only matches the first 7-bit address, '11110 A9 A8 0'.

Figure 24-25:   10-bit Address Sequence
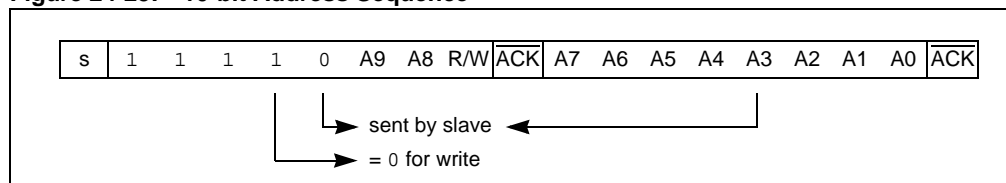
Figure 24-26: 10-bit Address Detection Timing Diagram

① Detecting Start bit enables address detection.

② Address match of first byte clears D/$\overline{A}$ bit and causes slave logic to generate $\overline{ACK}$.

③ Reception of first byte clears R/$\overline{W}$ bit. Slave logic generates interrupt.

④ Address match of first and second byte sets ADD10 and causes slave logic to generate $\overline{ACK}$.

⑤ Reception of second byte completes 10-bit address. Slave logic generates interrupt.

⑤ Bus waiting. Slave ready to receive data.

24.7.3.6 GENERAL CALL OPERATION

The addressing procedure for the I²C bus is such that the first byte (or first two bytes in case of 10-bit Addressing mode) after a Start condition usually determines which slave device the master is addressing. The exception is the general call address, which can address all devices. When this address is used, all enabled devices should respond with an Acknowledge. The general call address is one of eight addresses reserved for specific purposes by the I²C protocol. It consists of all zeros with R/$\overline{W}$ (IC2xSTAT<2>) = 0. The general call is always a slave write operation.

The general call address is recognized when the General Call Enable bit, GCEN (I2CxCON<7>), is set, see Figure 24-27. Following a Start (S) bit (I2CxSTAT<3>) detect, eight bits are shifted into the I2CxRSR register and the address is compared against the I2CxADD register and the general call address. If the general call address matches, the following events occur:

1. An $\overline{ACK}$ is generated (for devices with the AHEN bit (I2CxCON<17>), an $\overline{ACK}$ is generated if the AHEN bit is clear).
2. The Slave module will set the GCSTAT bit (I2CxSTAT<9>).
3. The D/$\overline{A}$ (IC2xSTAT<5>) and R/$\overline{W}$ bits are cleared.
4. The I²C slave generates the slave interrupt on the falling edge of the ninth SCLx clock.
5. The I2CxRSR register is transferred to the I2CxRCV register and the RBF flag bit (I2CxSTAT<1>) is set (during the eighth bit).
6. The I²C slave will wait for the master to send data.

When the interrupt is serviced, the cause for the interrupt can be checked by reading the contents of the GCSTAT bit to determine if the device address was device specific or a general call address.

> **Note:** General call addresses are 7-bit addresses. If configuring the Slave module for 10-bit addresses and the A10M bit (I2CxCON<10>) and the GCEN bit are set, the Slave module will continue to detect the 7-bit general call address.

Figure 24-27: General Call Address Detection Timing Diagram (GCEN = 1)
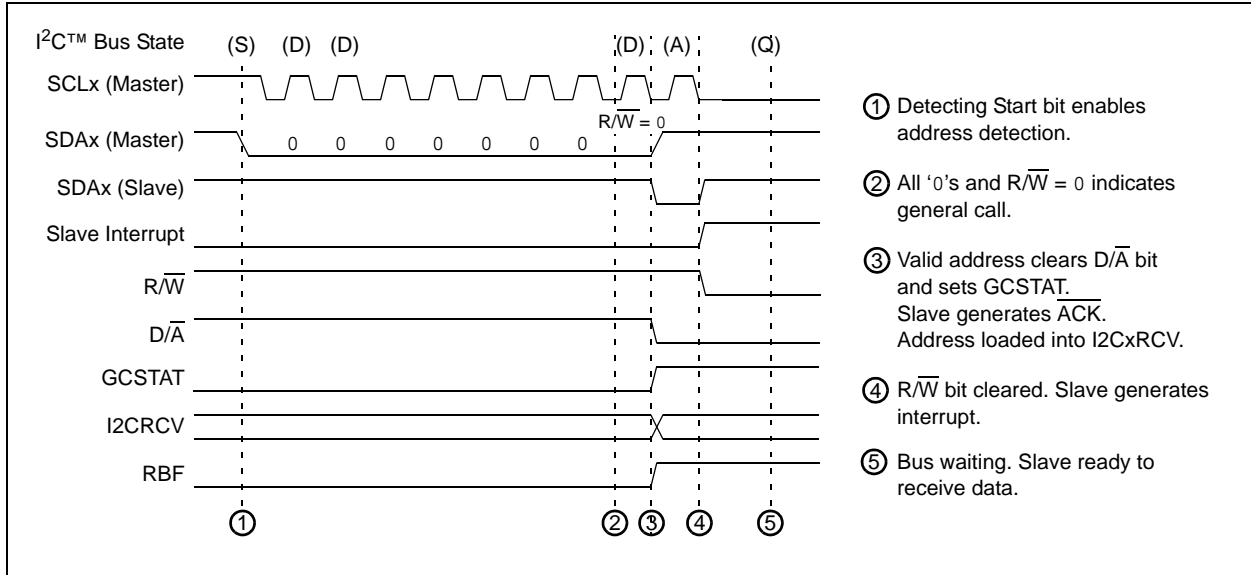
24.7.3.7 STRICT ADDRESS SUPPORT

When the STRICT bit (I2CxCON<11>) is set, it enables the I²C slave to enforce all reserved addressing and will not acknowledge any addresses if they fall within the reserved address table.

24.7.3.8 WHEN AN ADDRESS IS INVALID

If a 7-bit address does not match the contents of the I2CxADD<6:0> bits, the Slave module will return to an Idle state and ignore all bus activity until after the Stop condition.

If the first byte of a 10-bit address does not match the contents of the I2CxADD<9:8> bits, the Slave module will return to an Idle state and ignore all bus activity until after the Stop condition.

If the first byte of a 10-bit address matches the contents of the I2CxADD<9:8> bits, but the second byte of the 10-bit address does not match the I2CxADD<7:0> bits, the Slave module will return to an Idle state and ignore all bus activity until after the Stop condition.

24.7.3.9 ADDRESSES RESERVED FROM MASKING

Even when enabled, several addresses are excluded in hardware from masking. For these addresses, an Acknowledge will not be issued independent of the mask setting. These addresses are listed in Table 24-4.

Table 24-4: Reserved I²C™ Bus Addresses[1]

7-bit Address Mode:		
Slave Address	R/W̄ bit (IC2xSTAT<2>)	Description
0000 000	0	General Call Address[1]
0000 000	1	Start Byte
0000 001	x	CBUS Address
0000 010	x	Reserved
0000 011	x	Reserved
0000 1xx	x	HS Mode Master Code
1111 1xx	x	Reserved
1111 0xx	x	10-bit Slave Upper Byte[2]

Note 1: Address will be Acknowledged only if GCEN (I2CxCON<7>) = 1.

2: Match on this address can only occur as the upper byte in the 10-bit Addressing mode.

24.7.4   Receiving Data from a Master Device

When the R/$\overline{\text{W}}$ bit of the device address byte is zero and an address match occurs, the R/$\overline{\text{W}}$ bit is cleared. The Slave module enters a state waiting for data to be sent by the master. After the device address byte, the contents of the data byte are defined by the system protocol and are only received by the Slave module.

The Slave module shifts eight bits into the I2CxRSR register. On the falling edge of the eighth clock (SCLx), the following events occur:

1. The I²C slave begins to generate an $\overline{\text{ACK}}$ or NACK.
2. The RBF bit (I2CxSTAT<1>) is set to indicate received data.
3. The I2CxRSR register byte is transferred to the I2CxRCV register for access by the software.
4. The D/$\overline{\text{A}}$ bit (I2CxSTAT<5>) is set.
5. A slave interrupt is generated. Software may check the status of the I2CxSTAT register to determine the cause of the event, and then clear the slave interrupt flag.
6. The I²C slave will wait for the next data byte.

24.7.4.1   ACKNOWLEDGE GENERATION

Normally, the Slave module will Acknowledge all received bytes by sending an $\overline{\text{ACK}}$ on the ninth SCLx clock.

For devices with the BOEN bit (I2CxCON<20>), if this bit is set, the state of the I2COV bit (I2CxSTAT<6>) is ignored and the I2CxRCV buffer is updated. Then, the acknowledge is generated for the received data/address if the RBF bit is clear. When the BOEN bit is clear, and if the receive buffer is overrun, the Slave module does not generate this $\overline{\text{ACK}}$. Overrun is indicated if either (or both):

• The buffer full bit, RBF (I2CxSTAT<1>), was set before the transfer was received
• The overflow bit, I2COV (I2CxSTAT<6>), was set before the transfer was received

Table 24-5 shows what happens when a data transfer byte is received, given the status of the RBF and I2COV bits. If the RBF bit is already set when the Slave module attempts to transfer to the I2CxRCV register, the transfer does not occur but the interrupt is generated and the I2COV bit is set. If both the RBF and I2COV bits are set, the Slave module acts similarly. The shaded cells show the condition where software did not clear the overflow condition.

Reading the I2CxRCV register clears the RBF bit. The I2COV bit is cleared by writing to a '0' through software.

Table 24-5:   Data Transfer Received Byte Actions

Status Bits as Data Byte Received		Transfer I2CxRSR to I2CxRCV	Generate $\overline{\text{ACK}}$	Generate Slave Interrupt (interrupt occurs if enabled)	Set RBF	Set I2COV
RBF	**I2COV**					
0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No change
1	0	No	No	Yes	No change	Yes
1	1	No	No	Yes	No change	Yes
0	1	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No change

Legend: Shaded cells show state where the software did not properly clear the overflow condition.

Some devices have the Acknowledge Sequence Status bit, ACKTIM. During an acknowledge sequence of a Slave I²C device, the ACKTIM bit is set. The Acknowledge sequence for I²C communication is from the eighth falling edge to the ninth falling edge of SCLx. This Status bit will allow the user software to determine the source of an I²C interrupt, and how far the communication has progressed.

24.7.4.2   ADDRESS AND DATA HOLD

In some devices, the AHEN bit (I2CxCON<17>) and the DHEN bit (I2CxCON<16>) are available to allow the I²C Slave module to NACK byte transmissions.

When the AHEN and DHEN bits are set, slave software allows the user to set the ACK value, which is sent back to the transmitter. When AHEN is set, after the eighth falling edge of SCLx, the clock is stretched by hardware until a matching address byte is received. Following the eighth falling edge, the SCKREL bit is cleared and the clock is asserted low until the user sets the SCKREL bit, releasing SCLx. This will allow the user software to choose which incoming addresses to ACK or NACK. When the DHEN bit is set, after the eighth falling edge of SCLx, the clock is stretched by hardware for a received data byte. The received data must be preceded by a matching address byte that was acknowledged. For both data and address holding, the slave software can set or clear the ACKDT bit (I2CxCON<5>). To control the ACK value, the master will clock in once SCLx is released by the slave. If a NACK is sent from the slave, the slave will release the bus and wait for the next matching address.

When the AHEN and DHEN bits are clear, the Slave module will automatically generate an ACK response.

24.7.4.3   WAIT STATES DURING SLAVE RECEPTIONS

When the Slave module receives a data byte, the master can potentially begin sending the next byte immediately. This allows the software controlling the Slave module nine SCLx clock periods to process the previously received byte. If this is not enough time, the slave software may want to generate a bus wait period.

The STREN bit (I2CxCON<6>) enables a bus wait to occur on slave receptions. When STREN = 1 at the falling edge of the ninth SCLx clock of a received byte, the Slave module clears the SCLREL bit (I2CxCON<12>). Clearing the SCLREL bit causes the Slave module to pull the SCLx line low, initiating a wait. The SCLx clock of the master and slave will synchronize, as shown in **24.6.2 "Master Clock Synchronization"**.

When the software is ready to resume reception, the software sets the SCLREL bit. This causes the Slave module to release the SCLx line, and the master resumes clocking.

24.7.4.4   EXAMPLE MESSAGES OF SLAVE RECEPTION

Receiving a slave message is a rather automatic process. The software handling the slave protocol uses the slave interrupt to synchronize to the events.

When the slave detects the valid address, the associated interrupt will notify the software to expect a message. On receive data, as each byte transfers to the I2CxRCV register, an interrupt notifies the software to unload the buffer.

Figure 24-28 shows a receive message. Because it is a 7-bit address message, only one interrupt occurs for the address bytes. Then, interrupts occur for each of four data bytes. At an interrupt, the software may monitor the RBF, D/$\overline{\text{A}}$ (IC2xSTAT<5>) and R/$\overline{\text{W}}$ (IC2xSTAT<2>) bits to determine the condition of the byte received.

Figure 24-29 shows a similar message using a 10-bit address. In this case, two bytes are required for the address.

Figure 24-30 shows a message where the software does not respond to the received byte and the buffer overruns. On receipt of the second byte, the I²C slave will automatically NACK the master transmission. Generally, this causes the master to resend the previous byte. The I2COV bit (I2CxSTAT<6>) indicates that the buffer has overrun. The I2CxRCV register buffer retains the contents of the first byte. On receipt of the third byte, the buffer is still full, and again, the I²C slave will NACK the master. After this, the software finally reads the buffer. Reading the buffer will clear the RBF bit (I2CxSTAT<1>); however, the I2COV bit remains set. The software must clear the I2COV bit. The next received byte will be moved to the I2CxRCV register buffer and the I²C slave will respond with an $\overline{\text{ACK}}$.

Figure 24-31 highlights clock stretching while receiving data. In the previous examples, the STREN bit (I2CxCON<6>) = 0, which disables clock stretching on receive messages. In this example, the software sets the STREN bit to enable clock stretching. When STREN = 1, the I^{2}C slave will automatically clock stretch after each received data byte, allowing the software more time to move the data from the buffer. if the RBF bit = 1 at the falling edge of the ninth clock, the I^{2}C slave will automatically clear the SCLREL bit (I2CxCON<12>) and pull the SCLx bus line low. As shown with the second received data byte, if the software can read the buffer and clear the RBF bit before the falling edge of the ninth clock, the clock stretching will not occur. The software can also suspend the bus at any time. By clearing the SCLREL bit, the I^{2}C slave will pull the SCLx line low after it detects the bus SCLx low. The SCLx line will remain low, suspending transactions on the bus until the SCLREL bit is set.

24.7.5   Slave Bus Collision Detect

For devices with the SBCDE bit (I2CxCON<18>), this bit when enabled, will set the BCL bit (I2CxSTAT<10>) interrupt flag any time the SDAx pin is sampled low when the slave is driving a high. This allows the slave module to detect a bus collision. The two scenarios when a bus collision can occur for a slave are during an acknowledge sequence and a read request to the master. This may be a useful feature to be used when a slave is responding to a General Call address.

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Figure 24-28:   Slave Message (Write Data to Slave: 7-bit Address; Address Matches; A10M = 0; GCEN = 0; STRICT = 0)
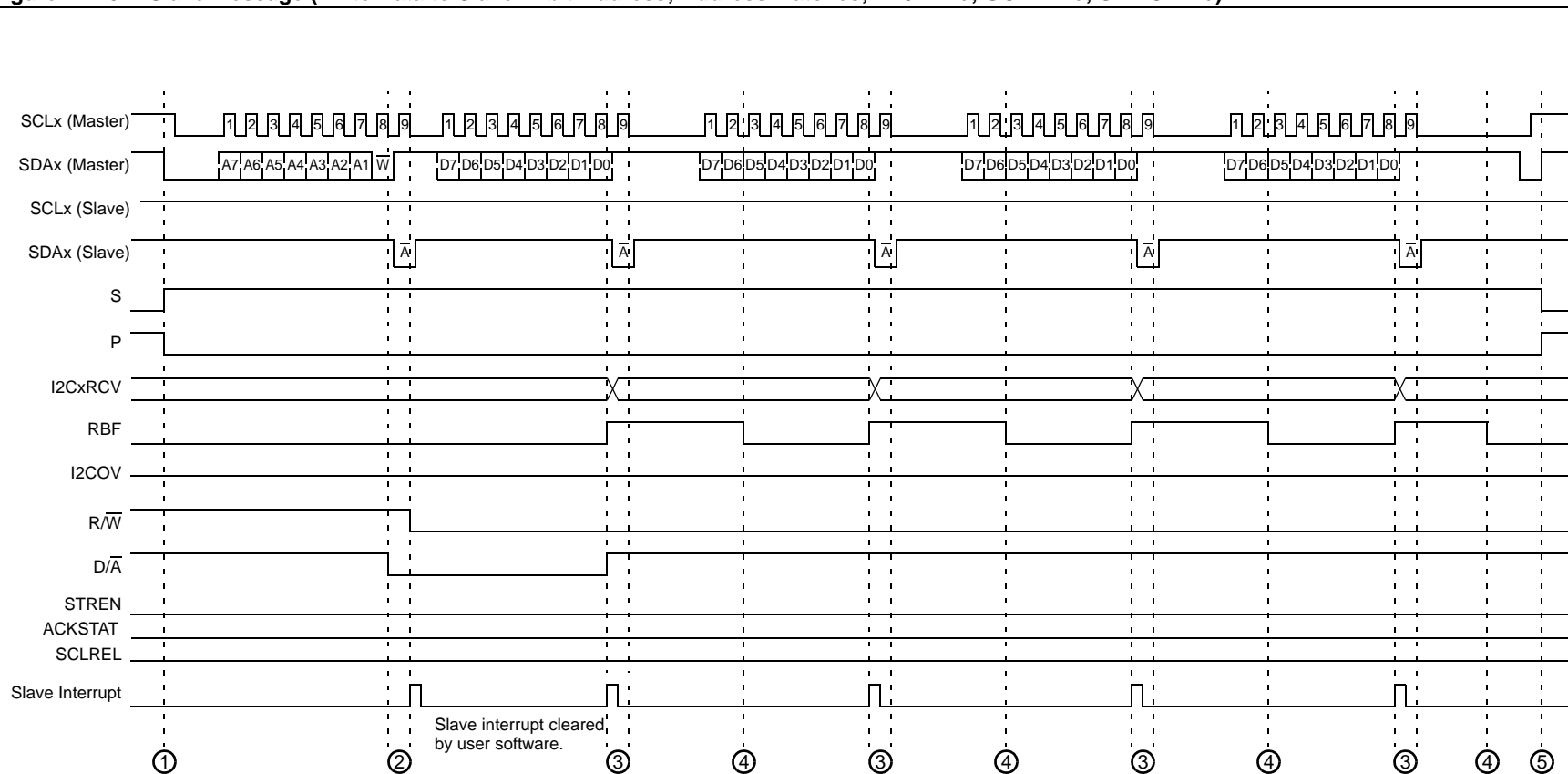
① Slave recognizes Start event; S and P bits set/clear accordingly.

② Slave receives address byte. Address matches. Slave Acknowledges
and generates interrupt. Address byte is moved to I2CxRCV register and must be read by user software to prevent buffer overflow.

③ Next received byte is message data. Byte moved to I2CxRCV register sets RBF.
Slave generates interrupt. Slave Acknowledges reception.

④ Software reads I2CxRCV register. RBF bit clears.

⑤ Slave recognizes Stop event; S and P bits set/clear accordingly.

Figure 24-29: Slave Message (Write Data to Slave: 10-bit Address; Address Matches; A10M = 1; GCEN = 0; STRICT = 0)

① Slave recognizes Start event; S and P bits set/clear accordingly.

② Slave receives address byte. High-order address matches. Slave Acknowledges and generates interrupt. Address byte not moved to I2CxRCV register.

③ Slave receives address byte. Low-order address matches. Slave Acknowledges and generates interrupt. Address byte not moved to I2CxRCV register.

④ Next received byte is message data. Byte moved to I2CxRCV register sets RBF. Slave Acknowledges and generates interrupt.

⑤ Software reads I2CxRCV register. RBF bit clears.

⑥ Slave recognizes Stop event; S and P bits set/clear accordingly.

Figure 24-30: Slave Message (Write Data to Slave: 7-bit Address; Buffer Overrun; A10M = 0; GCEN = 0; STRICT = 0)

① Slave receives address byte. Address matches. Slave generates interrupt. Address byte not moved to I2CxRCV register.

② Next received byte is message data. Byte moved to I2CxRCV register sets RBF. Slave generates interrupt. Slave Acknowledges reception.

③ Next byte received before I2CxRCV read by software. I2CxRCV register unchanged. I2COV overflow bit set. Slave generates interrupt. Slave sends NACK for reception.

④ Next byte also received before I2CxRCV read by software. I2CxRCV register unchanged. Slave generates interrupt. Slave sends NACK for reception.

⑥ Software reads I2CxRCV register. RBF bit clears.

⑦ Software clears I2COV bit.

Figure 24-31: Slave Message (Write Data to Slave: 7-bit Address; Clock Stretching Enabled; A10M = 0; GCEN = 0; STRICT = 0)
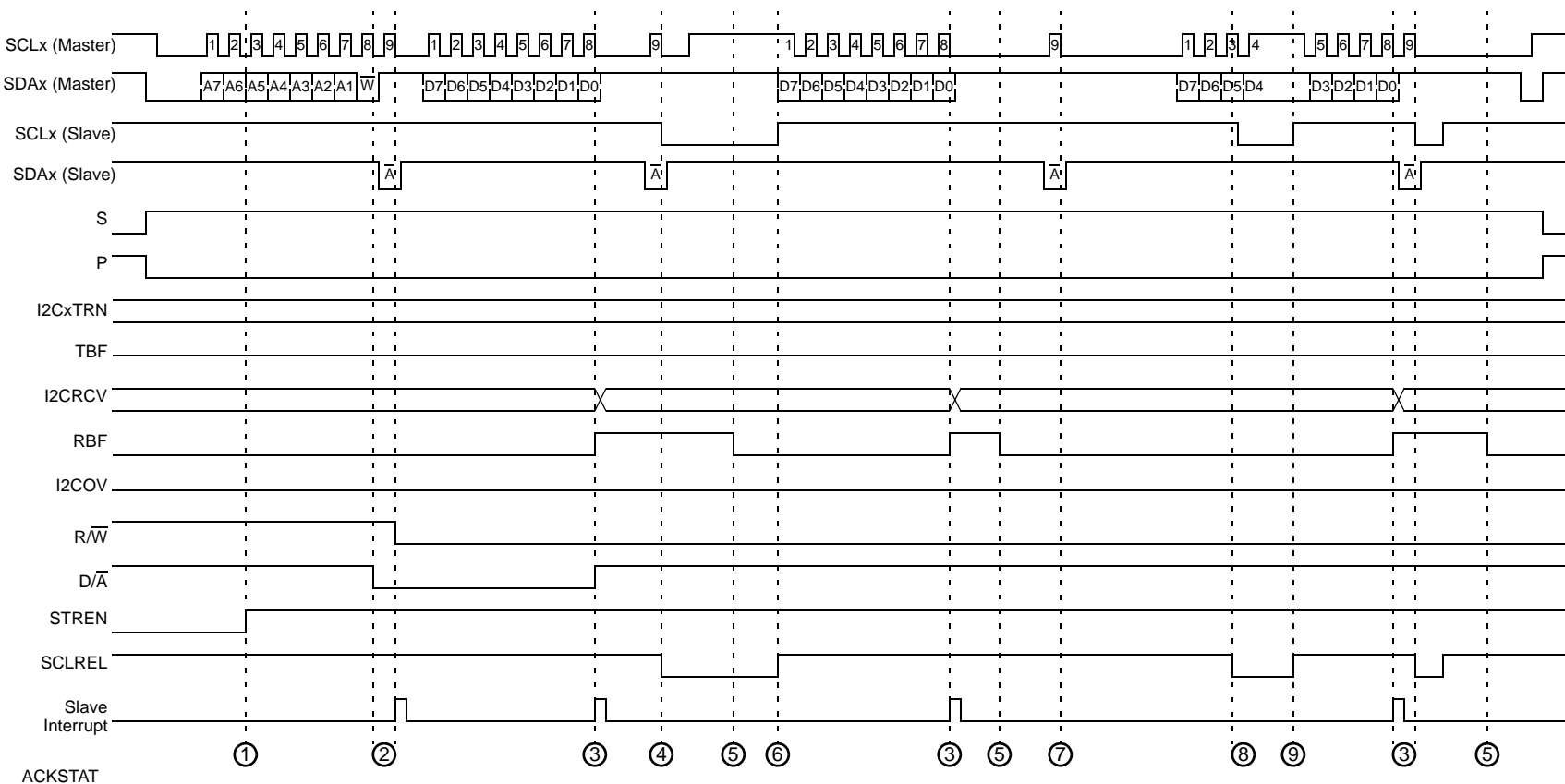
① Software sets the STREN bit to enable clock stretching.

② Slave receives address byte.

③ Next received byte is message data. Byte moved to I2CxRCV register sets RBF.

④ Because RBF = 1 at ninth clock, automatic clock stretch begins. Slave clears SCLREL bit. Slave pulls SCLx line low to stretch clock.

⑤ Software reads I2CxRCV register. RBF bit clears.

⑥ Software sets SCLREL bit to release clock.

⑦ Slave does not clear SCLREL because RBF = 0 at this time.

⑧ Software may clear SCLREL to cause a clock hold. I²C slave must detect SCLx low before asserting SCLx low.

⑨ Software may set SCLREL to release a clock hold.

24.7.6 Sending Data to a Master Device

When the R/$\overline{W}$ bit of the incoming device address byte is '1' and an address match occurs, the R/$\overline{W}$ bit (I2CxSTAT<2>) is set. Now, the master device is expecting the slave to respond by sending a byte of data. The contents of the byte are defined by the system protocol and are only transmitted by the Slave module.

When the interrupt from the address detection occurs, the software can write a byte to the I2CxTRN register to start the data transmission.

The Slave module sets the TBF bit (I2CxSTAT<0>). The eight data bits are shifted out on the falling edge of the SCLx input. This ensures that the SDAx signal is valid during the SCLx high time. When all eight bits have been shifted out, the TBF bit will be cleared.

The Slave module detects the Acknowledge from the master-receiver on the rising edge of the ninth SCLx clock.

If the SDAx line is low, indicating an Acknowledge ($\overline{ACK}$), the master is expecting more data and the message is not complete. The I^{2}C slave generates a slave interrupt to signal more data is requested.

A slave interrupt is generated on the falling edge of the ninth SCLx clock. Software must check the status of the I2CxSTAT register and clear the slave interrupt flag.

If the SDAx line is high, indicating a Not Acknowledge (NACK), then the data transfer is complete. The Slave module resets and does not generate an interrupt. The Slave module will wait for detection of the next Start (S) bit (I2CxSTAT<3>).

24.7.6.1 WAIT STATES DURING SLAVE TRANSMISSIONS

During a slave transmission message, the master expects return data immediately after detection of the valid address with R/$\overline{W}$ = 1. Because of this, the Slave module will automatically generate a bus wait whenever the slave returns data.

The automatic wait occurs at the falling edge of the ninth SCLx clock of a valid device address byte or transmitted byte Acknowledged by the master, indicating expectation of more transmit data.

The Slave module clears the SCLREL bit (I2CxCON<12>). Clearing the SCLREL bit causes the Slave module to pull the SCLx line low, initiating a wait. The SCLx clock of the master and slave will synchronize as shown in **24.6.2 "Master Clock Synchronization"**.

When the software loads the I2CxTRN register and is ready to resume transmission, the software sets the SCLREL bit. This causes the Slave module to release the SCLx line and the master resumes clocking.

> **Note:** The user software must provide a delay between writing to the Transmit buffer and setting the SCLREL bit. This delay must be greater than the minimum set up time for slave transmissions, as specified in the **"Electrical Characteristics"** section of the specific device data sheet.

24.7.6.2 EXAMPLE MESSAGES OF SLAVE TRANSMISSION

Slave transmissions for 7-bit address messages are shown in Figure 24-32. When the address matches and the R/$\overline{W}$ bit of the address indicates a slave transmission, the I^{2}C slave will automatically initiate clock stretching by clearing the SCLREL bit and generates an interrupt to indicate a response byte is required. The software will write the response byte into the I2CxTRN register. As the transmission completes, the master will respond with an Acknowledge. If the master replies with an $\overline{ACK}$, the master expects more data and the I^{2}C slave will again clear the SCLREL bit and generate another interrupt. If the master responds with a NACK, no more data is required and the I^{2}C slave will not stretch the clock nor generate an interrupt.

Slave transmissions for 10-bit address messages require the slave to first recognize a 10-bit address. Because the master must send two bytes for the address, the R/$\overline{W}$ bit in the first byte of the address specifies a write. To change the message to a read, the master will send a Repeated Start and repeat the first byte of the address with the R/$\overline{W}$ bit specifying a read. The slave transmission begins as shown in Figure 24-33.

Figure 24-32: Slave Message (Read Data from Slave: 7-bit Address)
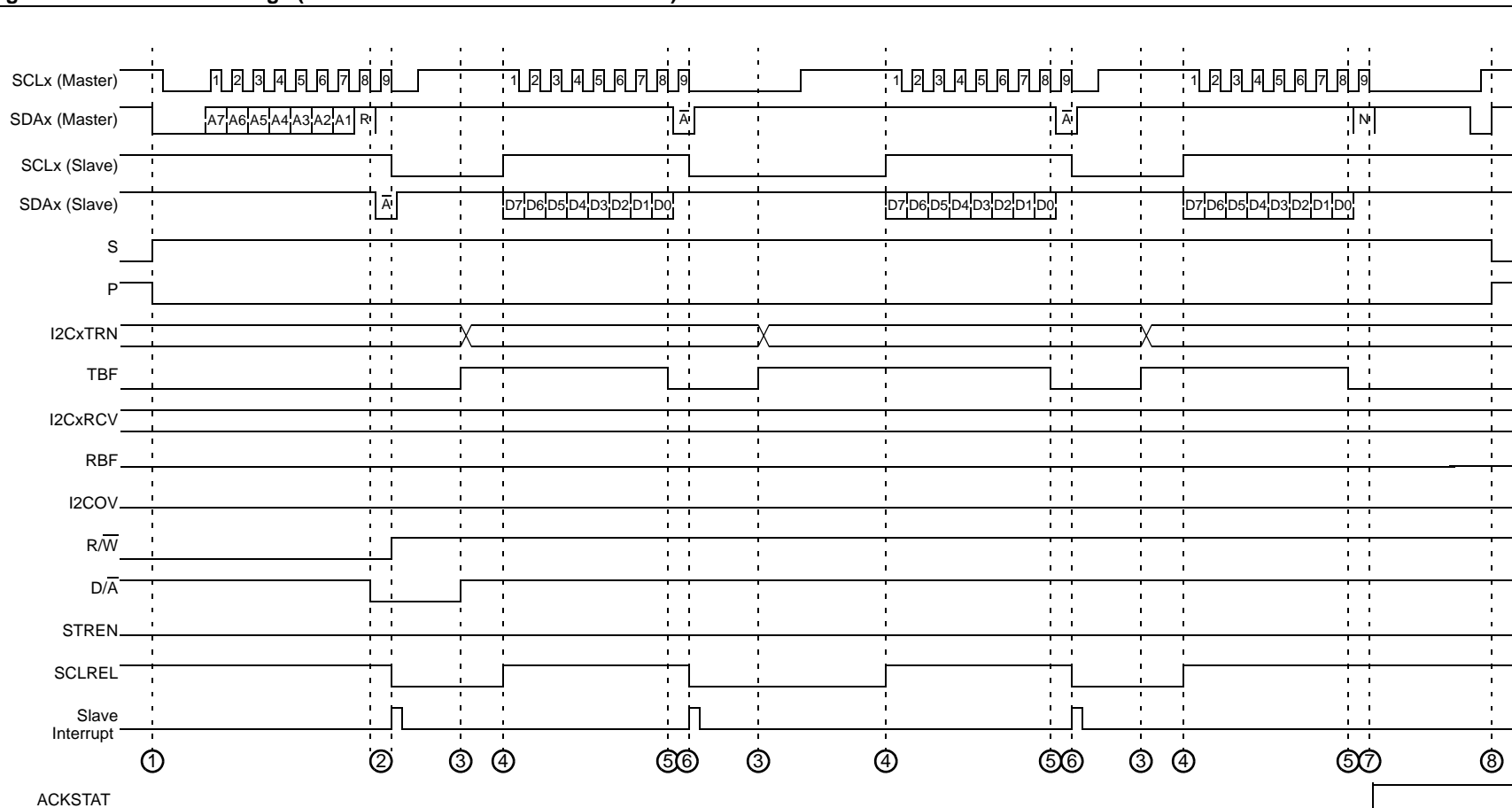
① Slave recognizes Start event; S and P bits set/clear accordingly.

② Slave receives address byte. Address matches. Slave generates interrupt. Address byte not moved to I2CxRCV register. R/W = 1 to indicate read from slave. SCLREL = 0 to suspend master clock.

③ Software writes I2CxTRN with response data. TBF = 1 indicates that buffer is full. Writing I2CxTRN sets D/A, indicating data byte.

④ Software sets SCLREL to release clock hold. Master resumes clocking and slave transmits data byte.

⑤ After last bit, I²C slave clears TBF bit, indicating buffer is available for next byte.

⑥ At end of ninth clock, if master sent ACK, I²C slave clears SCLREL to suspend clock. Slave generates interrupt.

⑦ At end of ninth clock, if master sent NACK, no more data expected. I²C slave does not suspend clock and will generate an interrupt.

⑧ Slave recognizes Stop event; S and P bits set/clear accordingly.

Figure 24-33: Slave Message (Read Data from Slave: 10-bit Address)
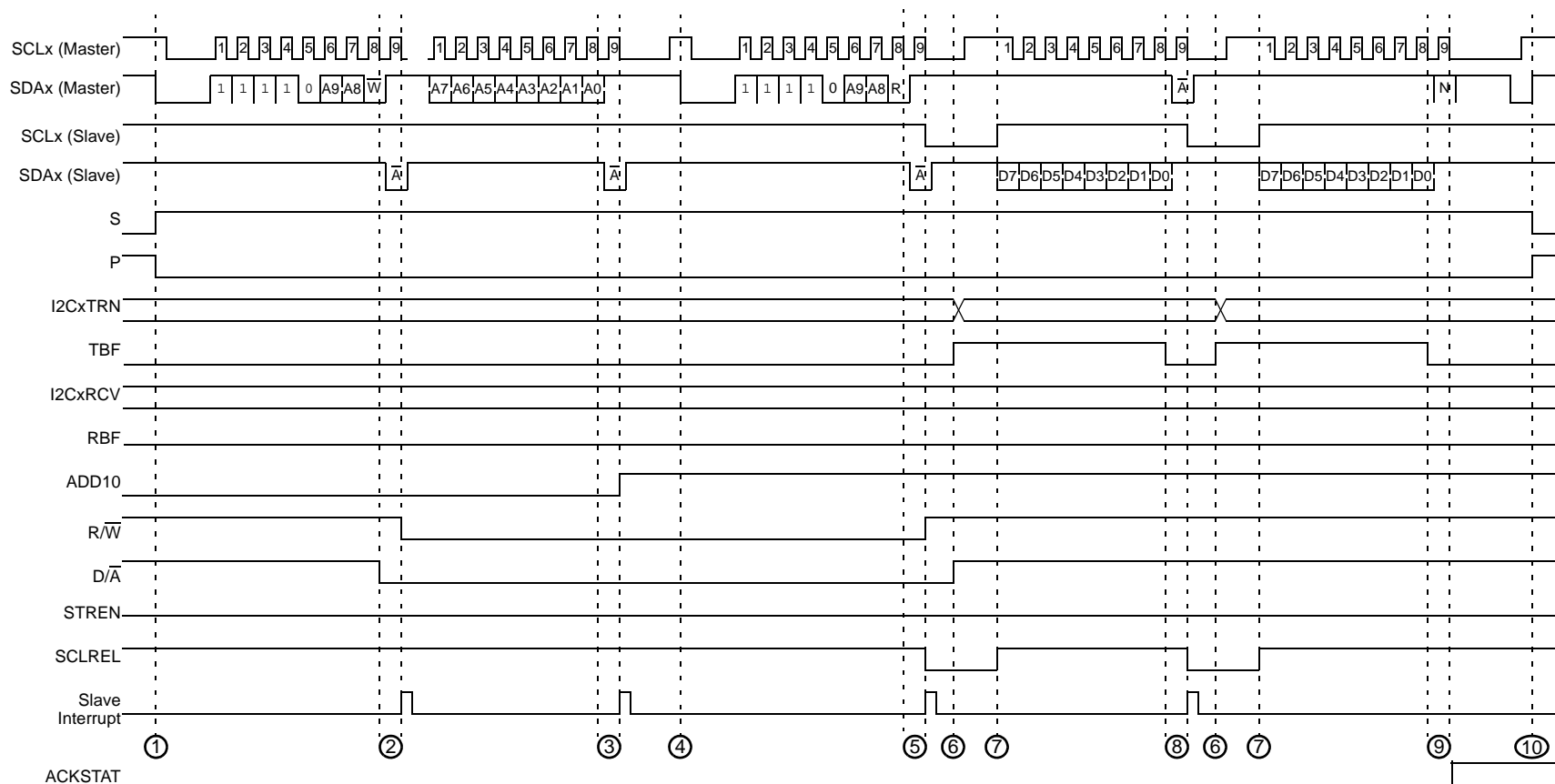
① Slave recognizes Start event; S and P bits set/clear accordingly.

② Slave receives first address byte. Write indicated. Slave Acknowledges and generates interrupt.

③ Slave receives address byte. Address matches. Slave Acknowledges and generates interrupt.

④ Master sends a Repeated Start to redirect the message.

⑤ Slave receives resend of first address byte. Read indicated. Slave suspends clock.

⑥ Software writes I2CxTRN with response data.

⑦ Software sets SCLREL to release clock hold. Master resumes clocking and slave transmits data byte.

⑧ At end of ninth clock, if master sent $\overline{ACK}$, I2C slave clears SCLREL to suspend clock. Slave generates interrupt.

⑨ At end of ninth clock, if master sent NACK, no more data expected. I2C slave does not suspend clock or generate interrupt.

⑩ Slave recognizes Stop event; S and P bits set/clear accordingly.

24.8   I²C BUS CONNECTION CONSIDERATIONS

Because the I²C bus is a wired Boolean AND bus connection, pull-up resistors on the bus are required, shown as R_P in Figure 24-34. Series resistors, shown as R_S, are optional and are used to improve Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) susceptibility. The values of the R_P and R_S resistors depend on the following parameters:

- Supply voltage
- Bus capacitance
- Number of connected devices (input current + leakage current)
- Input level selection (I²C or SMBus)

To get an accurate SCKx clock, the rise time should be as small as possible. The limitation factor is the maximum current sink available on the SCKx pad. Equation 24-2 calculates the minimum value for R_P, which is based on a 3.3V supply and a 6.6 mA sink current at V_{OLMAX} = 0.4V.

Equation 24-2: R_{PMIN} Calculation

$$RPMIN = \frac{(VDDMAX - VOLMAX)}{IOL} = \frac{(3.3V - 0.4V)}{6.6mA} = 439\Omega$$

The maximum value for R_S is determined by the desired noise margin for the low level. R_S cannot drop enough voltage to make the device V_{OL} plus the voltage across R_S more than the maximum V_{IL}. This is expressed mathematically in Equation 24-2.

Equation 24-3: R_{SMAX} Calculation

$$RSMAX = \frac{(VILMAX - VOLMAX)}{IOLMAX} = \frac{(0.3VDD - 0.4V)}{6.6mA} = 89\Omega$$

The SCLx clock input must have a minimum high and low time for proper operation. The high and low times of the I²C specification, and the requirements of the I²C module, are provided in the **"Electrical Characteristics"** chapter in the specific device data sheet.

Figure 24-34:   Sample Device Configuration for I²C™ Bus

Note: I²C™ devices with input levels related to V_{DD} must have one common supply line to which the pull-up resistor is also connected.
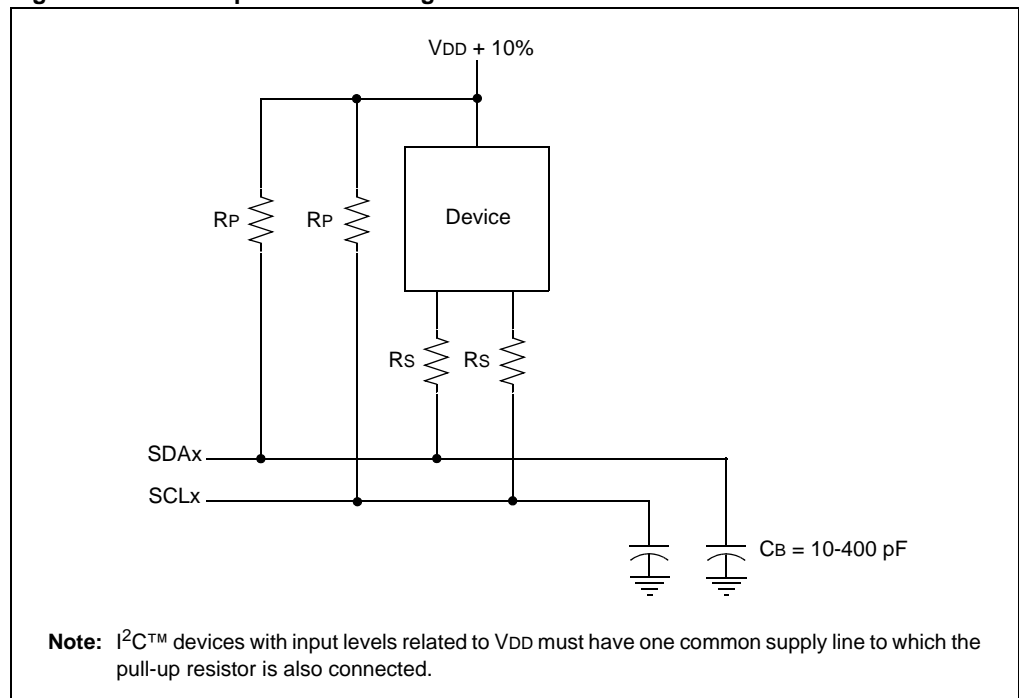
24.8.1   Integrated Signal Conditioning and Slope Control

The SCLx and SDAx pins have an input glitch filter. The I^{2}C bus requires this filter in both the 100 kHz and 400 kHz systems.

When operating on a 400 kHz bus, the I^{2}C specification requires a slew rate control of the device pin output. This slew rate control is integrated into the device. If the DISSLW bit (I2CxCON<9>) is cleared, the slew rate control is active. For other bus speeds, the I^{2}C specification does not require slew rate control and the DISSLW bit should be set.

Some system implementations of I^{2}C busses require different input levels for V$_{ILMAX}$ and V$_{IHMIN}$. In a normal I^{2}C system, V$_{ILMAX}$ is 0.3 V$_{DD}$; V$_{IHMIN}$ is 0.7 V$_{DD}$. By contrast, in a System Management Bus (SMBus) system, V$_{ILMAX}$ is set at 0.8V, while V$_{IHMIN}$ is set at 2.1V.

The SMEN bit (I2CxCON<8>) controls the input levels. Setting the SMEN bit (= 1) changes the input levels to SMBus specifications.

24.8.2   SDAx Hold Time Selection

For devices with the SDAHT bit (I2CxCON<19>), the user can configure the hold time on the SDAx pin after the falling edge of SCLx pin using the SDAHT bit. When the SDAHT bit is set, the hold time on the SDAx pin after the falling edge of SCLx will be set to a minimum of 300 ns. The hold time will be set to a minimum of 100 ns if the SDAHT bit is clear.

24.9 I²C OPERATION IN POWER-SAVING MODES

Two power-saving modes are available to the I²C module in PIC32 devices:

- Idle – when the device is in Idle mode, the core and selected peripherals are shut down
- Sleep – when the device is in Sleep mode, the entire device is shut down

24.9.1 Sleep in Master Mode Operation

When the device enters Sleep mode, all clock sources to the I²C master are shut down. The BRG stops because the clocks stop. It may have to be reset to prevent partial clock detection.

If Sleep occurs in the middle of a transmission, and the master state machine is partially into a transmission as the clocks stop, the Master mode transmission is aborted.

There is no automatic way to prevent entry into Sleep mode if a transmission or reception is pending. The user software must synchronize Sleep mode entry with I²C operation to avoid aborted transmissions.

Register contents are not affected by going into Sleep mode or coming out of Sleep mode.

24.9.2 Sleep in Slave Mode Operation

The I²C module can still function in Slave mode operation while the device is in Sleep mode.

When operating in Slave mode and the device is put into Sleep mode, the master-generated clock will run the slave state machine. This feature provides an interrupt to the device upon reception of the address match to wake-up the device.

Register contents are not affected by entering into Sleep mode or coming out of Sleep mode.

It is an error condition to set Sleep mode in the middle of a slave data transmit operation, as indeterminate results may occur.

Note:	As per the slave I²C behavior, a slave interrupt is generated only on an address match. Therefore, when an I²C slave is in Sleep mode and it receives a message from the master, the clock required to match the received address is derived from the master. Only on an address match will the interrupt be generated and the device can wake up, provided the interrupt has been enabled and an Interrupt Service Request (ISR) has been defined.

24.9.3 Idle Mode

When the device enters Idle mode, all PBCLK clock sources remain functional. If the I²C module intends to power down, it disables its own clocks.

For the I²C module, the I2CxSIDL bit (I2CxCON<13>) selects whether the module will stop on Idle mode or continue on Idle. If I2CxSIDL = 0, the module will continue operation in Idle mode. If I2CxSIDL = 1, the module will stop on Idle.

The I²C module will perform the same procedures for stop on Idle mode as for Sleep mode. The module state machines must be reset.

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24.10 EFFECTS OF A RESET

A Reset (Power-on Reset, Watchdog Timer, etc.) disables the I^{2}C module and terminates any active or pending message activity. See the I2CxCON (Register 24-1) and I2CxSTAT (Register 24-2) register definitions for the Reset conditions of those registers.

> **Note:** Idle refers to the CPU power-saving mode. The word idle in all lowercase letters refers to the time when the I^{2}C module is not transferring data on the bus.

24.11 PIN CONFIGURATION IN I^{2}C MODE

In I^{2}C mode, the SCLx pin is the clock and the SDAx pin is data. The I^{2}C module will override the data direction bits (TRISx bits) for these pins. The pins that are used for I^{2}C modes are configured as open drain. Table 24-6 lists the pin usage in different modes.

Table 24-6: Required I/O Pin Resources

I/O Pin Name	Master Mode	Slave Mode
SDAx	Yes	Yes
SCLx	Yes	Yes

24.12 USING AN EXTERNAL BUFFER WITH THE I^{2}C MODULE

It is not recommended to use external buffers on the I^{2}C pins. However, if the external buffer must be used, the application firmware must adhere to the following software flow:

On the slave ACK clock cycle, issue a dummy write using the I2CxTRN register buffer, ensuring that the MSB of the data is set. This will cause a collision (IWCOL bit = 1), which must be cleared within the ACK clock cycle.

This can be done using one of the following methods:

- Enable an available timer immediately when the data is written to the I2CxTRN register buffer. On a timer interrupt designed to coincide with the slave ACK clock cycle, perform a dummy write to the I2CxTRN register buffer, ensuring that the MSB of the data is set. Clear the collision status bit, IWCOL, before leaving the timer Interrupt Service Routine. Because the I^{2}C rate is known, the user application can calculate the timer period required to intersect the slave ACK/NAK cycle near the rising edge of the ninth SCLx clock cycle after data is written to the I2CxTRN register buffer.
- Alternately, the user software can poll for the TBF status bit, and then perform the dummy write to the I2CxTRN register with the MSB of the data set, followed by clearing IWCOL bit.

24.13   RELATED APPLICATION NOTES

This section lists application notes that are related to this section of the manual. These application notes may not be written specifically for the PIC32 device family, but the concepts are pertinent and could be used with modification and possible limitations. The current application notes related to the Inter-Integrated Circuit™ (I²C™) module include the following:

Title	Application Note #
Use of the SSP Module in the I²C™ Multi-Master Environment	AN578
Using the PIC® Microcontroller SSP for Slave I²C™ Communication	AN734
Using the PIC® Microcontroller MSSP Module for Master I²C™ Communications	AN735
An I²C™ Network Protocol for Environmental Monitoring	AN736

Note: Please visit the Microchip web site (www.microchip.com) for additional application notes and code examples for the PIC32 family of devices.

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24.14   REVISION HISTORY

Revision A (October 2007)

This is the initial released version of this document.

Revision B (October 2007)

Updated document to remove Confidential status.

Revision C (April 2008)

Revised status to Preliminary; Revised U-0 to r-x.

Revision D (July 2008)

Revised Figure 24-1; Section 24.2; Register 24-1; Revised Register 24-26-24-29; Revised Table 24-1, I2CxCON; Change Reserved bits from "Maintain as" to "Write"; Added Note to ON bit (I2CxCON Register); Deleted Section 24.12 (Electrical Characteristics).

Revision E (October 2011)

This revision includes the following updates:

- Updated the I^{2}C Block Diagram (see Figure 24-1)
- I^{2}C Special Function Register Summary (see Table 24-1):
  - Removed the Clear, Set, and Invert registers and their references
  - Updated the name for bits <7:0> in the I2CxTRN and I2CxRCV registers to I2CxTXDATA and I2CxRXDATA, respectively
  - Removed the interrupt registers (IFS0, IEC0, IPC6, and IPC8) and their references
  - Added Notes 3, 4, and 5, which describe the Clear, Set, and Invert registers
- Changed all occurrences of r-x to U-0 in all registers
- Updated the name for bits <7:0> in the I2CxTRN and I2CxRCV registers to I2CxTXDATA and I2CxRXDATA, respectively (see Register 24-6 and Register 24-7)
- Updated the Baud Rate Generator Reload Value Calculation (see Equation 24-1)
- Updated all I2CxBRG values and added the PTG column and Note 1 to I^{2}C Clock Rate with BRG (see Table 24-2)
- Added a note (or notes) to the following sections:
  - 24.5.2.1 "Sending a 7-bit Address to the Slave"
  - 24.5.2.2 "Sending a 10-bit Address to the Slave"
  - 24.7.6.1 "Wait States During Slave Transmissions"
  - 24.9.2 "Sleep in Slave Mode Operation"
- Updated Master Message (7-bit Address: Transmission and Reception) (see Figure 24-16)
- Removed 24.12 "Design Tips"
- The Preliminary document status was removed
- Additional updates to text and formatting were incorporated throughout the document

Revision F (March 2013)

This revision includes the following updates:

- Added new bits to the I2CxCON, I2CxSTAT, and I2CxBRG registers and updated the footnotes in the SFR Summary (see Table 24-1)
- Updated the following registers: I2CxCON (Register 24-1), I2CxSTAT (Register 24-2), and I2CxBRG (Register 24-5)
- Updated **24.4.2 "I^{2}C Interrupts"**
- Updated the third paragraph in **24.4.3 "I^{2}C Transmit and Receive Registers"**
- Updated **24.5.3.2 "I2COV Status Flag"**
- Updated the third paragraph in **24.7 "Communicating as a Slave"**
- Updated **24.7.2 "Detecting Start and Stop Conditions"**

Revision F (March 2013) (Continued)

- Updated Step 1 in **24.7.3.3 "7-bit Address and Slave Write"**
- Updated Step 1 in **24.7.3.4 "7-bit Address and Slave Read"**
- Added the I²C Slave, 7-Bit Address, Reception (STREN = 0, AHEN = 1, DHEN = 1) timing diagram (see Figure 24-24)
- Updated Step 1 in both processes shown in **24.7.3.5 "10-bit Addressing Mode"**
- Updated Step 1 in **24.7.3.6 "General Call Operation"**
- Updated **24.7.4.1 "Acknowledge Generation"**
- Added **24.7.4.2 "Address and Data Hold"**
- Updated **24.7.4.3 "Wait States During Slave Receptions"**
- Added **24.7.5 "Slave Bus Collision Detect"**
- Added **24.8.2 "SDAx Hold Time Selection"**
- Added **24.12 "Using An External Buffer With The I²C Module"**
- All instances of "lower 5 bits" and "lower five bits" were changed to: five Least Significant bits
- Minor updates to text and formatting were incorporated throughout the document

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