

#### Scope

This application note describes how to implement SMBus communication with MLX90614 Infra-Red thermometers. Code is for Microchip's PIC®18. The example is a read from MLX90614's RAM. The software implementation of the SMBus communication is used so that the source code can be migrated for other families 8 bits PIC MCU with small changes. The development tools used are MPLAB IDE and MPASM (microchip assembler) which are free to use from <a href="https://www.microchip.com">www.microchip.com</a>.

#### **Applications**

- High precision non-contact temperature measurements;
- Thermal Comfort sensor for Mobile Air Conditioning control system;
- Temperature sensing element for residential, commercial and industrial building air conditioning;
- Windshield defogging;
- Automotive blind angle detection;
- Industrial temperature control of moving parts;
- Temperature control in printers and copiers;
- Home appliances with temperature control;
- Healthcare;
- Livestock monitoring;
- Movement detection;
- Multiple zone temperature control up to 100 sensors can be read via common 2 wires
- Thermal relay/alert
- Body temperature measurement

#### Related Melexis Products

EVB90614 is the evaluation board which supports the MLX90614 devices.

#### Other Components Needed

Elements used in the schematics within current application note include:

SMD ceramic capacitors C1 and C2 100nF 16V or higher.

SMD ceramic capacitors C3 and C4 22pF 16V or higher.

SMD Resistors R1 and R2 22 kOhm 5%.

SMD Resistor R3 47 Ohm 5%.

Quarz resonator Y1 8.00MHz

PIC18F4320 microcontroller or other from the Microchip's PIC18 family.

#### Accompanying files:

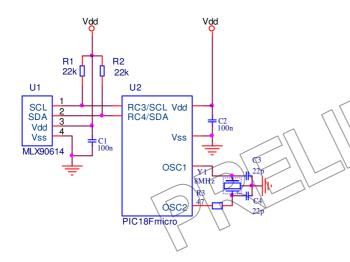
- 1. MPASM files to include in existing project, "SMBusFiles"
- 2. MPLAB project, "SMBusProject"

Project is build, file "main.hex" can be programmed in a PIC18F4320. Also, project can be used as a "start with" base.

As provided the project will read Tobj,1 from MLX90614 (power supply control is not included), and transmit it via UART (ASCII coded, CR (0x0D) after each value, 8 bit data, one stop bit, no parity bit, 19 200 baud if a 11.0592 MHz crystal is used). Format is 15 bit unsigned integer, right-justified. Resolution is 0.02 degrees Kelvin / LSB. Refer to explanation of the routines below for examples on the temperature format.



#### Typical Circuit



#### **Explanation**

The connection of MLX90614 to MCU is very simple. Two general purpose pins RC3 and RC4 of the PIC18 are used. Two pull up resistors R1 and R2 are connected to Vdd and to SCL and SDA lines respectively. C1 is the local power supply bypass decoupling capacitor. The MLX90614 needs that for bypassing of the on-chip digital circuitry switching noise.

C2 has the same function for the microcontroller. The well known value 100nF (SMD ceramic type) is typically adequate for these components. Note that the power supply typically needs more capacitors (like  $100\mu F$  on voltage regulator input and output), not shown on the schematic.

The components R1, C3, C4 and Y1 are used for the MCU oscillator. On-chip RC oscillators can also be used. For example, with a PIC18F4320 internal RC oscillator set to 8 MHz can be used without problem. SMBus is synchronous communication and therefore is not critical to timings. With 8 MHz crystal (2 MIPs) the SMBus clock is 54 kHz and one read frame takes 1 ms. On a test setup the SMBus was working with PIC clock from 2 MHz to 11.0592 MHz. Refer to MLX90614 datasheets, Application Note 390119061402, "SMBus communication with MLX90614" and SMBus standard for details. MLX90614 comes in 5V and 3V versions. PIC18LF4320 could be used with the 3V version (MLX90614Bxx) and both PIC18F4320 and PIC18LF4320 — with the 5V version (MLX90614Axx).

Below is the assembly language code. It consists of:

- definition of the RAM usage (as well as PIC I/Os)
- subroutines

;Name: START bit

;Function: Generate START condition on SMBus

;Name: STOP\_bit

;Function: Generate STOP condition on SMBus

;Name: TX\_byte

;Function: Send a byte on SMBus

;Name: RX byte

;Function: Receive a byte on SMBus

;Name: delay

;Function: Produces time delay depending on the value in counterL

;Name: PEC calculation

;Function: Calculates the PEC of received bytes

- Macros definitions
- "Asembly of everything together" main program Code ends with waveforms that the firmware generates.



#### Build and use

What is needed to read the object temperature (refer to MLX90614 Data Sheet available at <a href="https://www.melexis.com">www.melexis.com</a> for details):

- use the accompanying MPLAB project, make a new one, or use existing one

- "main.asm" file in both ZIPs: "SMBus files" and "SMBus project" that come with the current Application note is enough for full configuration of the PIC MCU, and it also contains the "include" directives for the other files used.

Code that reads MLX90614 then consist of:

**MOVLW SA** 

**MOVWF** SlaveAddress

MOVLW RAM\_Address RAM\_Access

Form RAM access command + RAM : address

MOVWFcommand

Readloop

CALL MemRead

: Read RAM address

SA -> \$laveAddress

Result will be in DataH:DataL.

Factory default SMBus Slave Address (SA) for all MLX90614 is 0x5A.

The most important RAM addresses of MLX90614 are:

RAM\_Address Temperature read 0x06 Ta – die temperature

0x07 Tobj,1 – object temperature (MLX90614xAx)

zone 1 object temperature (MLX90614xBx)

0x08 zone 2 object temperature (MLX90614xBx only).

To read the die temperature (RAM address 0x06) of MLX90614 with slave address 0x5A (factory default) the code would be:

MOVLW 0x5A

MOVWF Slave Address

; SA -> SlaveAddress

MOVLW 0x06

; Form RAM access command + RAM

MOVWFcommand

; address

Readloop

CALL MemRead

; Read RAM address

DataH:DataL will consist of 15 bit temperature in unsigned integer, right-justified format.

Resolution is 0.02 degrees Kelvin / LSB. For example,

0 °K would be represented as 0x0000

0.02 °K - 0x0001

 $0.04 \, ^{\circ}\text{K} - 0 \times 00002$ 

Ta minimum for MLX90614 -40  $^{\circ}$ C = 233.15  $^{\circ}$ K - 0x2D8A

Ta of +25% = 298.15% - 0x3A3C

Ta maximum for MLX90614 +125  $^{\circ}$ C = 398.15  $^{\circ}$ K - 0x4DC4

To read Tobj,1 temperature:

MOVLW 0x5A

MOVWF SlaveAddress ; SA -> SlaveAddress

MOVLW 0x07 ; Form RAM access command + RAM

MOVWF command ; address

Readloop

CALL MemRead ; Read RAM address



Output temperature format will be the same, for example, DataH:DataL would be 0x3C94 for Tobj,1 = +37 °C = 310.15 °K.

Note that the calibration ranges for MLX90614 are

Ta -40...+125 ℃ To -70...+382 ℃

All MLX90614 accept SA=0x00. There are two important consequences of that:

- any MLX90614 can be both read and written without knowing what SA is programmed in the EEPROM (if a single MLX90614 is present on the SMBus)
- communication with more than one MLX90614 on an SMBus at SA 0x00 would not work

For example, read of SA from a single MLX90614 on a SMBus would be:

MOVLW 0x00

**MOVWF** SlaveAddress

MOVLW 0x2E

**MOVWF** command

; SA -> SlaveAddress

Form EEPROM access command + EEPROM

: address

Readloop

CALL MemRead

; Read RAM address

The Slave Address (read from EEPROM) would be on DataH:DataL. In this case the SA for the SMBus will be the right 7 bits.

#### **ERROR HANDLING:**

SMBus provides two general error indication mechanisms:

- PEC, Packet Error Code, a CRC-based check of the entire communication frame
- Acknowledge of each byte

Code given with this Application Note handles these in the following manner:

When a module returns "not acknowledge" then the firmware is trying to retransmit the byte again. The value in register Nack\_Counter defines how many time the byte to be retransmitted in case that a module returns "not acknowledge".

Register PEC contains CRC calculated for the entire communication SMBus frame. This value is compared with the received value in the last byte of the message, which represents the CRC returned by the module. If they are not equal the entire message is retransmitted again.



SMBus subroutines used for communication with MLX90614





CTART CONDITION ON CMR.

START CONDITION ON SMBus

;Name: START\_bit

;Function: Generate START condition on SMBus

;Input: No ;Output: No

;Comments: Refer to "System Management BUS(SMBus) specification Version 2.0" or

390119061402 application note for more information about SMBus

comunication with a MLX90614 module

START\_bit

SDA\_HIGH Set SDA line

MOVLW TBUF ; Wait a few microseconds

SCL HIGH \\ ;Set SCL line

MOVLW TBヴF ;Generate bus free time between Stop CALL delay ;and Start condition (Tbuf=4.7us min)

SDA\_LOW ;Clear SDA line

MOVLW TBUF ;Hold time after (Repeated) Start

CALL delay ;Condition. After this period, the first clock is generated.

;(Thd:sta=4.0us min)

SCL LOW ;Clear SCL line

MOVLW d'5'

CALL delay ;Wait

RETURN ; End of "START\_bit



STOP CONDITION ON SMBus

;Name: STOP\_bit

;Function: Generate STOP condition on SMBus

;Input: No ;Output: No

;Comments: Refer to "System Management BUS(SMBus) specification Version 2.0" or

390119061402 application note for more information about SMBus

comunication with a MLX90614 module

STOP\_bit

SCL\_LOW

MOVLW CALL

SDA LOW

TBUF delay ;Clear SCL line

Wait a few microseconds

:Clear SDA line

MOVLW TBUF

CALL delay ;Wait

\_SCL\_HIGH ;Set SCL line

MOVLW TBUF ;Stop condition setup time CALL ;(Tsu:sto=4.0us min)

\_SDA\_HIGH ;Set SDA line

RETURN ; End of "STOP\_bit"



### Application Note

### MLX90614 SMBus implementation in PIC MCU

TRANSMIT DATA ON SMBus

:Name: TX byte

;Function: Send a byte on SMBus

TX buffer ;Input: ;Output: No

;Comments: If receiver don't answer with ACK, the number of the attempts to be send will be

egual of the value in Nack Counter

TX byte

LoadNACKcounter Set time out value

MOVF TX buffer, W

**MOVWF** TX\_temp Tx buffer -> Tx\_temp

TX again

D'8' **MOVLW** 

**MOVWF** Bit\counter ; Load Bit counter

tx\_loop

**BCF** bit out ; 0 -> bit\_out

RLCF TX buffer.F : Tx buffer<MSb> -> C

**BTFSC** STATUS,C ; C is 0 or 1? If C=0 don't set bit out

; 1 -> bit out **BSF** bit out

**CALL** Send bit ;Send bit out on SDA line

; All 8th bits are sent? If not, send next bit ,else check for DECFSZ Bit counter,F

; acknowledgement from the receiver

**GOTO** ; Send next bir tx loop

CALL Receive bit ; Check for acknowledgement from the receiver **BTFSS** bit in ; If receiver has sent NACK stops the transmission

**RETURN** ; End of "Tx byte"

**CALL** STOP bit ; Stops transmission

Nack Counter,F ; Repeat transmission till Nack Counter become 0 **DECFSZ** 

**GOTO** Repeat

**RETURN** ; The receiver don't answer, stop the repeating

Repeat

CALL START bit ; Start transmission again

TX temp,W MOVF

**MOVWF** TX\_buffer ; Reload the sending byte in Tx buffer again

**GOTO** TX again ; Send byte again

Send bit

**BTFSC** bit out ; If bit out=0 send 0 on SDA line

; else send 1 on SDA line bit\_high GOTO

SDA LOW : Clear SDA line

**GOTO** clock

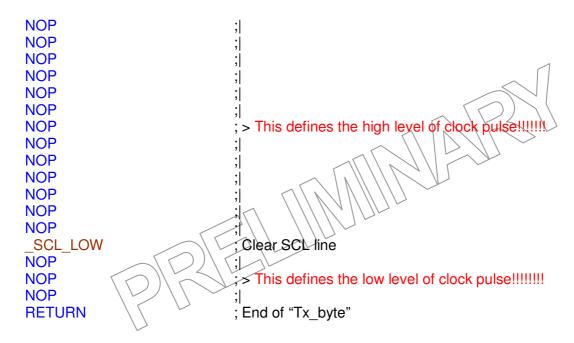
bit high SDA HIGH :Set SDA line

NOP

clock

SCL\_HIGH ; Set SLC line







;*************************************					
;Input: No	yte ve a byte on SME	***************************************			
RX_byte  CLRF  MOVLW  MOVWF  BCF  RX_again  RLCF  CALL  BTFSC  BSF  DECFSZ  GOTO  CALL  RETURN	RX_buffer D'8' Bit_counter STATUS,C  RX_buffer,F Receive_bit bit_in RX_buffer,0 Bit_counter,F RX_again Send_bit	; Clear the receiving buffer; ; Load Bit_counter; ; C=0 ; RX_buffer< MSb> -> C ; Check bit on SDA line ; If received bit is '1' set RX_buffer <lsb> ; Set RX_buffer<lsb> ; ALL 8<sup>th</sup> bis are received? If no receive next bit ; Receive next bit ; Send NACK or ACK ; End of "RX_byte"</lsb></lsb>			
Receive_bit BSF BSF _SCL_HIGH NOP	bit_in _SDA_IO	; Set bit_in ; Make SDA-input ; Set SCL line ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ;			
NOP BTFSS BCF _SCL_LOW NOP NOP NOP RETURN	_SDA bit_in	; Read SDA line, if SDA=0 clear bit_in ; Clear bit_in ; Clear SCL line ;  ; > This defines the low level of clock pulse!!!!!! ;  ; Bit is received			



#### **DELAY SUBROUTINE**

;Name: delay

;Function: Produces time delay depending on the value in counterL

;Input: WREG ;Output: No

;Comments:

delay

MOVWF DECFSZ BRA

**RETURN** 

counterL,f \$-2 ; WREG -> counterL

; If (counerL=counterL-1) =0 go out ; else decrement counterL again

End of "delay"



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#### **CALCULATION CRC8**

;Name: PEC calculation

;Function: Calculates the PEC of received bytes

;Input: PEC4:PEC3:PEC2:PEC1:PEC0:PEC- data registers

CRC4:CRC3:CRC2:CRC1:CRC0:CRC- CRC value=00000107h

;Output: PEC

:Comments: Refer to 390119061402 application note for more information about SMBus

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#### PEC\_calculation

MOVLW 0x07;
MOVWF CRC;
MOVLW 0x01;

MOVLW 0x01 | Load CRC value 0x0107

CLRF CRC1 ; CLRF CRC2 ; CLRF CRC3 ; CLRF CRC4 ;

MOVLW d'47'

MOVWF BitPosition

#### ;chech PEC4 for '1'

**BTFSC** PEC4,7 shift CRC **BRA DECF BitPosition BTFSC** PEC4.6 shift CRC **BRA BitPosition** DECF PEC4,5 **BTFSC** shift CRC **BRA DECF BitPosition BTFSC** PEC4.4 shift\_CRC BRA **DECF BitPosition PEC4,3 BTFSC** shift\_CRC **BRA DECF BitPosition BTFSC** PEC4,2 shift CRC **BRA DECF BitPosition BTFSC** PEC4,1 BRA shift\_CRC **DECF BitPosition BTFSC PEC4.0** shift CRC BRA

;check PEC3 for '1'

DECF BitPosition BTFSC PEC3,7



**BRA** shift CRC **DECF BitPosition BTFSC** PEC3,6 shift\_CRC BRA **DECF BitPosition BTFSC** PEC3,5 shift CRC **BRA DECF BitPosition BTFSC** PEC3,4 shift CRC **BRA DECF BitPosition** PEC3,3 **BTFSC** shift CRC BRA **DECF** BitPosition PEC3,2 **BTFSC** shift CRC BRA BitPosition DECF ŘÉC3,1 **BTFSC** shift\_CRC BRA **DECF BitPosition BTFSC** PEC3.0

shift CRC

;check PEC2 for '1'

**BRA** 

DECF **BitPosition BTFSC** PEC2,7 **BRA** shift CRC **DECF BitPosition BTFSC** PEC2.6 shift CRC **BRA DECF BitPosition BTFSC** PEC2,5 shift CRC **BRA DECF BitPosition BTFSC** PEC2.4 shift\_CRC BRA **DECF BitPosition BTFSC** PEC2,3 **BRA** shift\_CRC **DECF BitPosition BTFSC** PEC2,2 shift CRC **BRA DECF BitPosition BTFSC** PEC2,1 BRA shift\_CRC **BitPosition DECF BTFSC** PEC2.0 **BRA** shift CRC

;check PEC1 for '1'

DECF BitPosition BTFSC PEC1,7



**BRA** shift CRC **DECF BitPosition BTFSC** PEC1,6 shift\_CRC BRA **DECF BitPosition BTFSC PEC1,5** shift CRC **BRA DECF BitPosition BTFSC PEC1,4** shift CRC **BRA BitPosition DECF BTFSC PEC1,3** shift CRC BRA **DECF** BitPosition PEC1,2 **BTFSC** shift CRC BRA BitPosition DECF ŘÉC1,1 **BTFSC** shift\_CRC BRA **DECF BitPosition** 

> PEC1,0 shift CRC

;check PEC0 for '1'

**BRA** 

**BTFSC** 

DECF **BitPosition BTFSC** PEC0,7 **BRA** shift CRC **DECF BitPosition BTFSC** PEC0.6 shift CRC **BRA DECF BitPosition BTFSC** PEC0,5 shift CRC **BRA DECF BitPosition BTFSC** PEC0.4 shift\_CRC BRA **DECF BitPosition BTFSC** PEC0,3 shift\_CRC **BRA DECF BitPosition BTFSC** PEC0,2 shift CRC **BRA DECF BitPosition BTFSC** PEC0,1 BRA shift\_CRC **BitPosition DECF BTFSC** PEC0.0 **BRA** shift CRC **CLRF** PEC4

PEC3

PEC2

**CLRF** 

**CLRF** 



CLRF	PEC1
CLRF	PEC0
RETURN	

shift\_CRC

MOVLW d'8'

SUBWF BitPosition,W ; BitPosition-8 ->W

MOVWF shift ; Get shift value for CRC registers
BCF STATUS.C

shift\_loop

MOVF shift,F ; Read shift to force flag Z BZ xor

RLCF CRC,F RLCF CRC0,F

RLCF CRC1,F RLCF CRC2,F RLCF CRC3,F

RLCF CRC4,F DECFSZ shift,F BRA shift\_loop

xor

**MOVF** CRC4,W **XORWF** PEC4,F CRC3,W **MOVF XORWF** PEC3,F CRC2,W **MOVF XORWF** PEC2,F **MOVF** CRC1,W **XORWF** PEC1,F **MOVF** CRC0,W **XORWF** PEC0,F **MOVF** CRC,W **XORWF** PEC,F

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PEC\_calculation

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**BRA** 

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;*************************************						
LoadNACKcounter	MACRO MOVLW MOVWF ENDM	D'255' Nack_Counte	; The value in Nack_Counter defines r ; time out if a device doesn't send ACK bit			
SDA_HIGH	MACRO BSF ENDM	_SDA_IO	;_SDA-input, SDA line is high from pull up			
_SCL_HIGH	MACRO BSF ENDM	SCLIO	,_SCL-input, SCL line is high from pull up			
_SDA_LOW	MACRO BOF BOF ENDM	_SDA _SDA_IO	; ; Clear SDA line			
_SCL_LOW	MACRO BCF BCF ENDM	_SCL _SCL_IO	; ;Clear SCL line			



#### Asembly of everything together

Read MLX90614 RAM or EEPROM address subroutine

MemRead :Name:

:Function: Read specified RAM or EEPROM address of a MLX90614 module

SlaveAddress, command=RAM Address(EE Address) ;Input:

RAM Access(EE Accsess)

DataH:DataL ;Output:

Refer to 390119061402 application note for more information about SMBus :Comments:

comunication with a MLX90614 module

MemRead

START\_bit CALL Start condition

**MOVF** SlaveAddress,W

TX\buffer **MOVWF** ; > Send SlaveAddress

**CALL** TX byte

**MOVF** command,W

**MOVWF** TX buffer ; > Send command

CALL TX\_byte

CALL START\_bit ; Repeat start condition

**MOVF** SlaveAddress,W

**MOVWF** TX buffer ; > Send Slave address

**CALL** TX byte

**BCF** bit out ; bit out=0 ( master will send ACK)

**CALL** RX byte ; Receive low data byte

**MOVFF** RX buffer, DataL ; Save it in DataL

**BCF** ; bit out=0 ( master will send ACK) bit out

; Receivehigh data byte CALL RX byte

**MOVFF** RX buffer, DataH : Save it in DataH

BSF bit out ; bit out=1 ( master will send NACK)

; Receivehigh PEC CALL RX byte **MOVFF** RX\_buffer,PecReg ; Save it in PecReg

**CALL** STOP bit ; Stop condition

MOVF SlaveAddress,W MOVWF PEC4

**MOVFF** command,PEC3

**MOVF** SlaveAddress,W ; > Load PEC3:PEC2:PEC1:PEC0:PEC

**MOVWF** PEC2 DataL,PEC1 **MOVFF MOVFF** DataH,PEC0



CLRF PEC ;

CALL PEC\_calculation ; Calculate CRC8, result is in PEC

MOVF PecReg,W

XORWF PEC,W ; PEC xor PecReg ->WREG BTFSS STATUS,Z ; If PEC=PecReg go out GOTO MemRead ; Else repaet all transmission.

RETURN : End of RamMemRead

MAIN PROGRAM

;Name: MAIN

;Function: Demonstrates the steps for implementation of a full SMBus frame

:Input: ;Output: ;Comments:

**MAIN** 

MOVLW SA

MOVWF SlaveAddress ; SA -> SlaveAddress

MOVLW RAM\_Address|RAM\_Access; Form RAM access command + RAM

MOVWF command ; address

Readloop

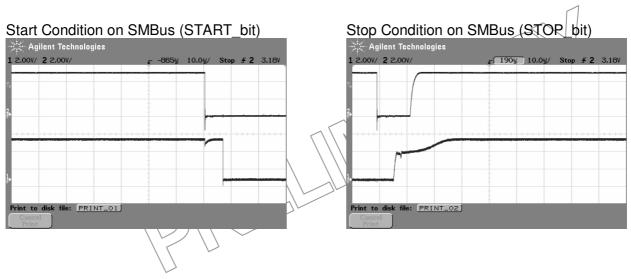
CALL MemRead : Read RAM address

BRA Readloop ; Read RAM address again

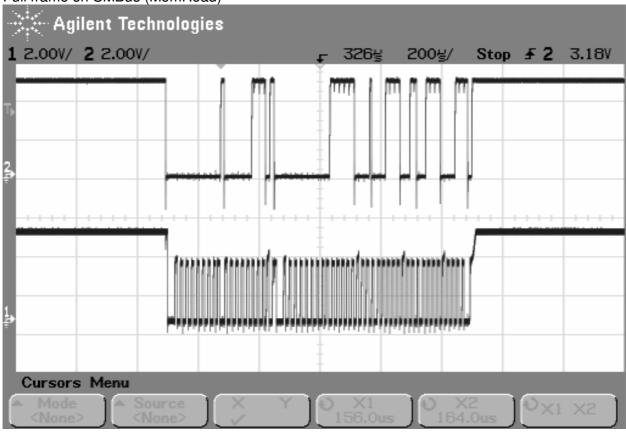
**END** 



#### **Oscilograms**







Above each oscilogram is described what it is and in the parenthesis the subroutine which produces this oscilogram.



#### Conclusion

The example of this application note demonstrates reading of RAM memory of a MLX90614 module but it can be used for EEPROM reading if instead RAM\_Access command is used EEPROM\_Access command (refer to 390119061402 application note).

#### ◆APPENDIX – RAM memory map

name	address
Melexis reserved	0x00h
	•••
Melexis reserved	0x02h
Ambient sensor data	0x03h
IR sensor 1 data	0x04h
IR sensor 2 data	0x05h
Linearized ambient temperature Ta	0x06h
Linearized object temperature (IR1) T <sub>OBJ1</sub>	0x07h
Linearized object temperature (IR2) T <sub>OBJ2</sub>	0x08h
Melexis reserved	0x09h
T <sub>A1</sub> (PKI)	0x0Ah
T <sub>A2</sub> (PKI)	0x0Bh
Melexis reserved	0x0Ch
Temporary register	0x0Dh
Temporary register	0x0Eh
Temporary register	0x0Fh
Temporary register	0x10h
Temporary register	0x11h
Temporary register	0x12h
Scale for ratio alpha ROM alpha real	0x13h
Scale for alpha's slope versus object temperature	0x14h
IIR filter	0x15h
T <sub>A1</sub> (PKI) fraction	0x16h
T <sub>A2</sub> (PKI) fraction	0x17h
Temporary register	0x18h
Temporary register	0x19h
Temporary register	0x1Ah
FIR filter	0x1Bh
Temporary register	0x1Ch