

## STM32F446xC/xE Errata sheet

## STM32F446xC/xE device limitations

## Silicon identification

This errata sheet applies to the revision A of STM32F446xx microcontroller families.

The STM32F446xx devices feature an ARM® 32-bit Cortex®-M4 core with FPU, for which an errata notice is also available (see Section 1 for details).

The full list of part numbers is shown in *Table 2*. The products are identifiable as shown in *Table 1*:

- by the revision code marked below the order code on the device package
- by the last three digits of the Internal order code printed on the box label

Table 1. Device identification<sup>(1)</sup>

Order code	Revision code marked on device <sup>(2)</sup>
STM32F446xx	"A"

The REV\_ID bits in the DBGMCU\_IDCODE register show the revision code of the device (see the RM0390 STM32F446xx reference manual for details on how to find the revision code).

Table 2. Device summary

Reference	Part number	
STM32F446xx	STM32F446MC, STM32F446ME, STM32F446RC, STM32F446RE, STM32F446VC, STM32F446VE, STM32F446ZC, STM32F446ZE.	

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Refer to the device datasheets for details on how to identify the revision code and the date code on the different packages.

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## 1 ARM 32-bit Cortex-M4 with FPU limitations

An errata notice of the STM32F446xx core is available from http://infocenter.arm.com.

All the described limitations are minor and related to the revision r0p1-v1 of the Cortex-M4 core. *Table 3* summarizes these limitations and their implications on the behavior of STM32F446xx devices.

Table 3. Cortex-M4 core limitations and impact on microcontroller behavior

ARM ID	ARM category	ARM summary of errata	Impact on STM32F446xx
752770	Cat B	Interrupted loads to SP can cause erroneous behavior	Minor
776924	Cat B	VDIV or VSQRT instructions might not complete correctly when very short ISRs are used	Minor

# 1.1 Cortex-M4 interrupted loads to stack pointer can cause erroneous behavior

### **Description**

An interrupt occurring during the data-phase of a single word load to the stack pointer (SP/R13) can cause an erroneous behavior of the device. In addition, returning from the interrupt results in the load instruction being executed an additional time.

For all the instructions performing an update of the base register, the base register is erroneously updated on each execution, resulting in the stack pointer being loaded from an incorrect memory location.

The instructions affected by this limitation are the following:

- LDR SP, [Rn],#imm
- LDR SP, [Rn,#imm]!
- LDR SP, [Rn,#imm]
- LDR SP, [Rn]
- LDR SP, [Rn,Rm]

### Workaround

As of today, no compiler generates these particular instructions. This limitation can only occur with hand-written assembly code.

Both limitations can be solved by replacing the direct load to the stack pointer by an intermediate load to a general-purpose register followed by a move to the stack pointer.

Example:

Replace LDR SP, [R0] by

LDR R2,[R0]

MOV SP,R2



# 1.2 VDIV or VSQRT instructions might not complete correctly when very short ISRs are used

### **Description**

On Cortex-M4 with FPU core, 14 cycles are required to execute a VDIV or VSQRT instruction.

This limitation is present when the following conditions are met:

- A VDIV or VSQRT is executed
- The destination register for VDIV or VSQRT is one of s0 s15
- An interrupt occurs and is taken
- The ISR being executed does not contain a floating point instruction
- 14 cycles after the VDIV or VSQRT is executed, an interrupt return is executed

In this case, if there are only one or two instructions inside the interrupt service routine, then the VDIV or VQSRT instruction does not complete correctly and the register bank and FPSCR are not updated, meaning that these registers hold incorrect out-of-date data.

### Workaround

Two workarounds are applicable:

- Disable lazy context save of floating point state by clearing LSPEN to 0 (bit 30 of the FPCCR at address 0xE000EF34).
- Ensure that every ISR contains more than 2 instructions in addition to the exception return instruction.

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## 2 STM32F446xx silicon limitations

*Table 4* gives quick references to all documented limitations.

Legend for *Table 4*: A = workaround available; N = no workaround available; P = partial workaround available, '-' and grayed = fixed.

Table 4. Summary of silicon limitations

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	Section 2.1.5: Delay after an RCC peripheral clock enabling	А	
	Section 2.1.6: Internal noise impacting the ADC accuracy	А	
Section 2.2: IWDG peripheral limitation	Section 2.2.1: RVU and PVU flags are not reset in STOP mode	А	
	Section 2.3.1: SMBus standard not fully supported	А	
	Section 2.3.2: Start cannot be generated after a misplaced Stop	Α	
Section 2.3: I2C	Section 2.3.3: Mismatch on the "Setup time for a repeated Start condition" timing parameter	А	
peripheral limitations	Section 2.3.4: Data valid time (tVD;DAT) violated without the OVR flag being set	А	
	Section 2.3.5: Both SDA and SCL maximum rise time (tr) violated when VDD_I2C bus higher than ((VDD+0.3) / 0.7) V	Α	
	Section 2.3.6: Wrong data sampling when data set-up time (tSU;DAT) is smaller than one FMPI2CCLK period	А	
Section 2.4: I2S peripheral limitation	Section 2.4.1: In I2S slave mode, with Bit ASTRTEN=1, WS level must be set by the external masterwhen enabling the I2S	А	
	Section 2.4.2: In I2S slave PCM short pulse mode when WS hold time is not respected, it results in data corruption	А	



Table 4. Summary of silicon limitations (continued)

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	Section 2.5.1: Idle frame is not detected if receiver clock speed is deviated	N	
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	Section 2.5.3: Parity Error (PE) flag is not set when receiving in Mute mode using address mark detection	N	
Section 2.5:	Section 2.5.4: Break frame is transmitted regardless of nCTS input line status	N	
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	Section 2.5.6: Start bit detected too soon when sampling for NACK signal from the smartcard	Α	
	Section 2.5.7: Break request can prevent the Transmission Complete flag (TC) from being set	Α	
	Section 2.5.8: Guard time is not respected when data are sent on TXE events	Α	
	Section 2.5.9: nRTS is active while RE or UE = 0	Α	
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Section 2.9: ADC peripheral limitations	Section 2.9.1: ADC sequencer modification during conversion	А	
Section 2.10:	Section 2.10.1: DMA underrun flag management	Α	
DAC peripheral limitations	Section 2.10.2: DMA request not automatically cleared by DMAEN=0	А	
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## 2.1 System limitations

## 2.1.1 Debugging Sleep/Stop mode with WFE/WFI entry

### **Description**

When the Sleep debug or Stop debug mode is enabled (DBG\_SLEEP bit or DBG\_STOP bit are set in the DBGMCU\_CR register), this allows software debugging during Sleep or Stop mode. After wakeup some unreachable instructions could be executed if the following condition are met:

- If the application software disables the Prefetch queue
- The number of wait state configured on Flash interface is higher than 0
- And Linker place WFE or WFI instructions on 4-bytes aligned addresses (0x080xx\_xxx4)

### Workaround

- Add three NOPs after WFI/WFE instruction
- Keep one AHB master active during sleep (example keep DMA1 or DMA2 RCC clock enable bit set)
- Execute WFI/WFE instruction from routines inside the SRAM

## 2.1.2 Wakeup sequence from Standby mode when using more than one wakeup source

## **Description**

The various wakeup sources are logically OR-ed in front of the rising-edge detector which generates the wakeup flag (WUF). The WUF needs to be cleared prior to Standby mode entry, otherwise the MCU wakes up immediately.

If one of the configured wakeup sources is kept high during the clearing of the WUF (by setting the CWUF bit), it may mask further wakeup events on the input of the edge detector. As a consequence, the MCU might not be able to wake up from Standby mode.

### Workaround

To avoid this problem, the following sequence should be applied before entering Standby mode:

- Disable all used wakeup sources,
- Clear all related wakeup flags,
- · Re-enable all used wakeup sources,
- Enter Standby mode

Note:

Be aware that, when applying this workaround, if one of the wakeup sources is still kept high, the MCU enters Standby mode but then it wakes up immediately generating a power reset.



## 2.1.3 Full JTAG configuration without NJTRST pin cannot be used

## **Description**

When using the JTAG debug port in debug mode, the connection with the debugger is lost if the NJTRST pin (PB4) is used as a GPIO. Only the 4-wire JTAG port configuration is impacted.

### Workaround

Use the SWD debug port instead of the full 4-wire JTAG port.

# 2.1.4 MPU attribute to RTC and IWDG registers could be managed incorrectly

### Description

If the MPU is used and the non bufferable attribute is set to the RTC or IWDG memory map region, the CPU access to the RTC or IWDG registers could be treated as bufferable, provided that there is no APB prescaler configured (AHB/APB prescaler is equal to 1).

### Workaround

If the non bufferable attribute is required for these registers, the software could perform a read after the write to guaranty the completion of the write access.

## 2.1.5 Delay after an RCC peripheral clock enabling

### **Description**

A delay between an RCC peripheral clock enable and the effective peripheral enabling should be taken into account in order to manage the peripheral read/write to registers.

This delay depends on the peripheral's mapping:

- If the peripheral is mapped on AHB: the delay should be equal to 2 AHB cycles.
- If the peripheral is mapped on APB: the delay should be equal to 1 + (AHB/APB prescaler) cycles.

### **Workarounds**

- 1. Use the DSB instruction to stall the Cortex-M4 CPU pipeline until the instruction is completed.
- 2. Insert "n" NOPs between the RCC enable bit write and the peripheral register writes (n = 2 for AHB peripherals, n = 1 + AHB/APB prescaler in case of APB peripherals).

## 2.1.6 Internal noise impacting the ADC accuracy

### **Description**

An internal noise generated on  $V_{\text{DD}}$  supplies and propagated internally may impact the ADC accuracy.

This noise is always active whatever the power mode of the MCU (RUN or Sleep).



#### Workarounds

To adapt the accuracy level to the application requirements, set one of the following options:

Option1

Set the ADCDC1 bit in the PWR CR register.

Option2

Set the corresponding ADCxDC2 bit in the SYSCFG\_PMC register.

Only one option can be set at a time.

For more details on option 1 and option2 mechanisms, refer to AN4073.

## 2.2 IWDG peripheral limitation

## 2.2.1 RVU and PVU flags are not reset in STOP mode

## **Description**

The RVU and PVU flags of the IWDG\_SR register are set by hardware after a write access to the IWDG\_RLR and the IWDG\_PR registers, respectively. If the Stop mode is entered immediately after the write access, the RVU and PVU flags are not reset by hardware.

Before performing a second write operation to the IWDG\_RLR or the IWDG\_PR register, the application software must wait for the RVU or PVU flag to be reset. However, since the RVU/PVU bit is not reset after exiting the Stop mode, the software goes into an infinite loop and the independent watchdog (IWDG) generates a reset after the programmed timeout period.

## Workaround

Wait until the RVU or PVU flag of the IWDG\_SR register is reset before entering the Stop mode.

## 2.3 I2C peripheral limitations

## 2.3.1 SMBus standard not fully supported

### Description

The I<sup>2</sup>C peripheral is not fully compliant with the SMBus v2.0 standard since It does not support the capability to NACK an invalid byte/command.

### Workarounds

A higher-level mechanism should be used to verify that a write operation is being performed correctly at the target device, such as:

- 1. Using the SMBAL pin if supported by the host
- 2. the alert response address (ARA) protocol
- 3. the Host notify protocol



## 2.3.2 Start cannot be generated after a misplaced Stop

### **Description**

If a master generates a misplaced Stop on the bus (bus error), the peripheral cannot generate a Start anymore.

#### Workaround

In the I<sup>2</sup>C standard, it is allowed to send a Stop only at the end of the full byte (8 bits + acknowledge), so this scenario is not allowed. Other derived protocols like CBUS allow it, but they are not supported by the I<sup>2</sup>C peripheral.

A software workaround consists in asserting the software reset using the SWRST bit in the I2C\_CR1 control register.

## 2.3.3 Mismatch on the "Setup time for a repeated Start condition" timing parameter

## **Description**

In case of a repeated Start, the "Setup time for a repeated Start condition" (named Tsu;sta in the I<sup>2</sup>C specification) can be slightly violated when the I<sup>2</sup>C operates in Master Standard mode at a frequency between 88 kHz and 100 kHz.

The limitation can occur only in the following configuration:

- in Master mode
- in Standard mode at a frequency between 88 kHz and 100 kHz (no limitation in Fastmode)
- SCL rise time:
  - If the slave does not stretch the clock and the SCL rise time is more than 300 ns (if the SCL rise time is less than 300 ns, the limitation cannot occur)
  - If the slave stretches the clock

The setup time can be violated independently of the APB peripheral frequency.

### Workaround

Reduce the frequency down to 88 kHz or use the I<sup>2</sup>C Fast-mode, if supported by the slave.

## 2.3.4 Data valid time (t<sub>VD:DAT</sub>) violated without the OVR flag being set

### **Description**

The data valid time ( $t_{VD;DAT}$ ,  $t_{VD;ACK}$ ) described by the I<sup>2</sup>C standard can be violated (as well as the maximum data hold time of the current data ( $t_{HD;DAT}$ )) under the conditions described below. This violation cannot be detected because the OVR flag is not set (no transmit buffer underrun is detected).

This limitation can occur only under the following conditions:

- in Slave transmit mode
- with clock stretching disabled (NOSTRETCH=1)
- if the software is late to write the DR data register, but not late enough to set the OVR flag (the data register is written before)



#### Workaround

If the master device allows it, use the clock stretching mechanism by programming the bit NOSTRETCH=0 in the I2C\_CR1 register.

If the master device does not allow it, ensure that the software is fast enough when polling the TXE or ADDR flag to immediately write to the DR data register. For instance, use an interrupt on the TXE or ADDR flag and boost its priority to the higher level.

# 2.3.5 Both SDA and SCL maximum rise time (t<sub>r</sub>) violated when VDD\_I2C bus higher than ((VDD+0.3) / 0.7) V

## **Description**

When an external legacy  $I^2C$  bus voltage (VDD\_I2C) is set to 5 V while the MCU is powered from  $V_{DD}$ , the internal 5-Volt tolerant circuitry is activated as soon the input voltage ( $V_{IN}$ ) reaches the  $V_{DD}$  + diode threshold level. An additional internal large capacitance then prevents the external pull-up resistor ( $R_P$ ) from rising the SDA and SCL signals within the maximum timing ( $t_r$ ) which is 300 ns in fast mode and 1000 ns in Standard mode.

The rise time ( $t_r$ ) is measured from  $V_{IL}$  and  $V_{IH}$  with levels set at 0.3VDD\_I2C and 0.7VDD I2C.

### Workaround

The external VDD\_I2C bus voltage should be limited to a maximum value of ((VDD+0.3) / 0.7) V. As a result, when the MCU is powered from  $V_{DD}=3.3$  V,  $VDD_I2C$  should not exceed 5.14 V to be compliant with  $I^2C$  specifications.

# 2.3.6 Wrong data sampling when data set-up time (tSU;DAT) is smaller than one FMPI2CCLK period

### Description

The I2C bus specification and user manual specifies a minimum data set-up time (tSU;DAT) at:

- 250ns in Standard-mode,
- 100 ns in Fast-mode.
- 50 ns in Fast-mode Plus.

The I2C SDA line is not correctly sampled when tSU;DAT is smaller than one FMPI2CCLK (FMPI2C clock) period: the previous SDA value is sampled instead of the current one. This can result in a wrong slave address reception, a wrong received data byte, or a wrong received acknowledge bit.

### Workaround

Increase the I2CCLK frequency to get I2CCLK period smaller than the transmitter minimum data set-up time. Or, if it is possible, increase the transmitter minimum data set-up time



## 2.4 I2S peripheral limitation

# 2.4.1 In I2S slave mode, with Bit ASTRTEN=1, WS level must be set by the external masterwhen enabling the I2S

### **Description**

In slave mode, and when Bit ASTRTEN=1: I2S Asynchronous Start is enabled, the WS signal level is used only to start the communication. If the I2S (in slave mode) is enabled while the master is already sending the clock and the WS signal level is low (for I2S protocol) or is high (for the LSB or MSB-justified mode), the slave starts communicating data immediately. In this case, the master and slave will be desynchronized throughout the whole communication.

### Workaround

The I2S peripheral must be enabled when the external master sets the WS line at:

- High level when the I2S protocol is selected.
- Low level when the LSB or MSB-justified mode is selected.

# 2.4.2 In I2S slave PCM short pulse mode when WS hold time is not respected, it results in data corruption

## **Description**

If I2S peripheral is configured in

- Slave mode (I2SCFG = '00' or '01')
- I2S PCM standard selected (I2SSTD = '11')
- I2S Asynchronous Start is disabled (ASTRTEN = '0')

and the WS signal does not respect hold time versus SCK. In these conditions the data transmitted and received by the slave are corrupted, because the master and slave will be de-synchronized throughout the whole communication.

## Workaround

Two work around are possible:

- The THOLD (NSS\_WS vs SCK rising edge) time must be respected by the I2S Master.
- Enable I2S Asynchronous Start (ASTRTEN bit is equal to '1') when using I2S PCM standard.

## 2.5 USART peripheral limitations

## 2.5.1 Idle frame is not detected if receiver clock speed is deviated

### **Description**

If the USART receives an idle frame followed by a character, and the clock of the transmitter device is faster than the USART receiver clock, the USART receive signal falls too early when receiving the character start bit, with the result that the idle frame is not detected (IDLE flag is not set).

### Workaround

None.

## 2.5.2 In full duplex mode, the Parity Error (PE) flag can be cleared by writing to the data register

## **Description**

In full duplex mode, when the Parity Error flag is set by the receiver at the end of a reception, it may be cleared while transmitting by reading the USART\_SR register to check the TXE or TC flags and writing data to the data register.

Consequently, the software receiver can read the PE flag as '0' even if a parity error occurred.

### Workaround

The Parity Error flag should be checked after the end of reception and before transmission.

## 2.5.3 Parity Error (PE) flag is not set when receiving in Mute mode using address mark detection

## Description

The USART receiver is in Mute mode and is configured to exit the Mute mode using the address mark detection. When the USART receiver recognizes a valid address with a parity error, it exits the Mute mode without setting the Parity Error flag.

### Workaround

None

## 2.5.4 Break frame is transmitted regardless of nCTS input line status

### **Description**

When CTS hardware flow control is enabled (CTSE = 1) and the Send Break bit (SBK) is set, the transmitter sends a break frame at the end of the current transmission regardless of nCTS input line status.

Consequently, if an external receiver device is not ready to accept a frame, the transmitted break frame is lost.



#### Workaround

None.

#### 2.5.5 nRTS signal abnormally driven low after a protocol violation

## **Description**

When RTS hardware flow control is enabled, the nRTS signal goes high when data is received. If this data was not read and new data is sent to the USART (protocol violation), the nRTS signal goes back to low level at the end of this new data.

Consequently, the sender gets the wrong information that the USART is ready to receive further data.

On USART side, an overrun is detected, which indicates that data has been lost.

### Workaround

Workarounds are required only if the other USART device violates the communication protocol, which is not the case in most applications.

Two workarounds can be used:

- After data reception and before reading the data in the data register, the software takes over the control of the nRTS signal as a GPIO and holds it high as long as needed. If the USART device is not ready, the software holds the nRTS pin high, and releases it when the device is ready to receive new data.
- The time required by the software to read the received data must always be lower than the duration of the second data reception. For example, this can be ensured by treating all the receptions by DMA mode.

#### 2.5.6 Start bit detected too soon when sampling for NACK signal from the smartcard

### **Description**

In the ISO7816, when a character parity error is incorrect, the Smartcard receiver shall transmit a NACK error signal at (10.5 +/- 0.2) etu after the character START bit falling edge. In this case, the USART transmitter should be able to detect correctly the NACK signal by sampling at (11.0 +/-0.2) etu after the character START bit falling edge.

The USART peripheral used in Smartcard mode doesn't respect the (11 +/-0.2) etu timing, and when the NACK falling edge arrives at 10.68 etu or later, the USART might misinterpret this transition as a START bit even if the NACK is correctly detected.

### Workaround

None



## 2.5.7 Break request can prevent the Transmission Complete flag (TC) from being set

### **Description**

After the end of transmission of a data (D1), the Transmission Complete (TC) flag will not be set if the following conditions are met:

- CTS hardware flow control is enabled.
- D1 is being transmitted.
- A break transfer is requested before the end of D1 transfer.
- nCTS is de-asserted before the end of D1 data transfer.

#### Workaround

If the application needs to detect the end of a data transfer, the break request should be issued after checking that the TC flag is set.

## 2.5.8 Guard time is not respected when data are sent on TXE events

### **Description**

In smartcard mode, when sending a data on TXE event, the programmed guard time is not respected i.e. the data written in the data register is transferred on the bus without waiting the completion of the guardtime duration corresponding to the previous transmitted data.

#### Workaround

Write the data after TC is set because in smartcard mode, the TC flag is set at the end of the guard time duration.

## 2.5.9 nRTS is active while RE or UE = 0

### **Description**

The nRTS line is driven low as soon as RTSE bit is set even if the USART is disabled (UE = 0) or if the receiver is disabled (RE=0) i.e. not ready to receive data.

### Workaround

Configure the I/O used for nRTS as an alternate function after setting the UE and RE bits.

## 2.6 bxCAN limitation

## 2.6.1 bxCAN time triggered communication mode not supported

### **Description**

The time triggered communication mode described in the reference manual is not supported. As a result timestamp values are not available. TTCM bit must be kept cleared in the CAN\_MCR register (time triggered communication mode disabled).



### Workaround

None

## 2.7 FSMC peripheral limitation

## 2.7.1 Dummy read cycles inserted when reading synchronous memories

## **Description**

When performing a burst read access to a synchronous memory, two dummy read accesses are performed at the end of the burst cycle whatever the type of AHB burst access. However, the extra data values which are read are not used by the FSMC and there is no functional failure.

#### Workaround

None.

## 2.8 SDIO peripheral limitations

## 2.8.1 Wrong CCRCFAIL status after a response without CRC is received

## **Description**

The CRC is calculated even if the response to a command does not contain any CRC field. As a consequence, after the SDIO command IO\_SEND\_OP\_COND (CMD5) is sent, the CCRCFAIL bit of the SDIO\_STA register is set.

### Workaround

The CCRCFAIL bit in the SDIO\_STA register shall be ignored by the software. CCRCFAIL must be cleared by setting CCRCFAILC bit of the SDIO\_ICR register after reception of the response to the CMD5 command.

## 2.8.2 No underrun detection with wrong data transmission

### **Description**

In case there is an ongoing data transfer from the SDIO host to the SD card and the hardware flow control is disabled (bit 14 of the SDIO\_CLKCR is not set), if an underrun condition occurs, the controller may transmit a corrupted data block (with wrong data word) without detecting the underrun condition when the clock frequencies have the following relationship:

 $[3 \times period(PCLK2) + 3 \times period(SDIOCLK)] >= (32 / (BusWidth)) \times period(SDIO_CK)$ 

#### Workaround

Avoid the above-mentioned clock frequency relationship, by:

- Incrementing the APB frequency
- · or decreasing the transfer bandwidth
- or reducing SDIO\_CK frequency

## 2.9 ADC peripheral limitations

## 2.9.1 ADC sequencer modification during conversion

## **Description**

If an ADC conversion is started by software (writing the SWSTART bit), and if the ADC\_SQRx or ADC\_JSQRx registers are modified during the conversion, the current conversion is reset and the ADC does not restart a new conversion sequence automatically.

If an ADC conversion is started by hardware trigger, this limitation does not apply. The ADC restarts a new conversion sequence automatically.

### Workaround

When an ADC conversion sequence is started by software, a new conversion sequence can be restarted only by setting the SWSTART bit in the ADC\_CR2 register.



## 2.10 DAC peripheral limitations

## 2.10.1 DMA underrun flag management

### **Description**

If the DMA is not fast enough to input the next digital data to the DAC, as a consequence, the same digital data is converted twice. In these conditions, the DMAUDR flag is set, which usually leads to disable the DMA data transfers. This is not the case: the DMA is not disabled by DMAUDR=1, and it keeps servicing the DAC.

### Workaround

To disable the DAC DMA stream, reset the EN bit (corresponding to the DAC DMA stream) in the DMA SxCR register.

## 2.10.2 DMA request not automatically cleared by DMAEN=0

## **Description**

if the application wants to stop the current DMA-to-DAC transfer, the DMA request is not automatically cleared by DMAEN=0, or by DACEN=0.

If the application stops the DAC operation while the DMA request is high, the DMA request will be pending while the DAC is reinitialized and restarted; with the risk that a spurious unwanted DMA request is serviced as soon as the DAC is re-enabled.

### Workaround

To stop the current DMA-to-DAC transfer and restart, the following sequence should be applied:

- 1. Check if DMAUDR is set.
- 2. Clear the DAC/DMAEN bit.
- 3. Clear the EN bit of the DAC DMA/Stream
- 4. Reconfigure by software the DAC, DMA, triggers etc.
- 5. Restart the application.

## 2.11 QuadSPI limitation:

### 2.11.1 Extra data written in the FIFO at the end of a read transfer

### **Description**

When all the conditions listed below are gathered:

- QUADSPI is used in indirect mode
- QUADSPI clock is AHB/2 (PRESCALER = 0x01 in the QUADSPI\_CR)
- QUADSPI is in quad mode (DMO
  - DE = 0b11 in the QUADSPI\_CCR)
- QUADSPI is in DDR mode (DDR
  - M = 0b1 in the QUADSPI\_CCR)



An extra data is incorrectly written in the FIFO when a data is read at the same time that the FIFO gets full at the end of a read transfer.

### Workaround

One of the two workarounds listed below can be done:

- Read out the extra data until the BUSY flag goes low and discard it.
- Request an abort after reading out all the correct received data from FIFO in order to flush FIFO and have the busy low. Abort will keep the last register configuration (set the ABORT bit in the QUADSPI\_CR).



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## 3 Revision history

**Table 5. Document revision history** 

Date	Revision	Changes
16-Mar-2015	1	Initial release.

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