



AT15007: Differences between ATmega328/P and ATmega328PB

APPLICATION NOTE

Introduction

This application note assists the users of Atmel[®] ATmega328 variants to understand the differences and use Atmel ATmega328PB.

ATmega328PB is not a drop-in replacement for ATmega328 variants, but a new device. However, the functions are backward compatible with the existing ATmega328 functions. Existing code for these devices will work in the new devices without changing existing configuration or enabling new functions. The code that is available for your existing ATmega328 variants will continue to work on the new ATmega328PB device.

The ATmega328PB is the first 8-bit Atmel AVR® device to feature the successful Atmel QTouch® Peripheral Touch Controller (PTC).

For differences in errata, typical, and electrical characteristics between ATmega328 variants and ATmega328PB, refer to the specific device datasheets.

For complete device details, refer to the latest version of the ATmega328PB datasheet available at www.atmel.com.

Features

- Pin functionality difference
- Code compatibility
- Enhancement and added features

Note: Code compiled for ATmega328 variants are compatible and can be executed in the ATmega328PB device. Whereas, reverse code compatibility is not guaranteed.

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1. Pin Functionality Difference

1.1. Additional Pin Functionalities

ATmega328PB supports four additional GPIOs on PORTE [3:0].

The GPIO pins PE2 and PE3 are assigned to Pin19 and Pin22. PE2 and PE3 are multiplexed with ADC6 and ADC7.

Pin3 (GND) and Pin6 (VCC) are replaced by PE0 and PE1 respectively. PE0 is multiplexed with ACO.

Table 1-1 Pin Functionality Difference between ATmega328 Variants and ATmega328PB

32-pin TQFP/MLF package	ATmega328 variants	ATmega328PB
Pin 3	GND	PE0/ACO
Pin 6	VCC	PE1
Pin 19	ADC6	ADC6/PE2
Pin 22	ADC7	ADC7/PE3

1.2. Alternate Pin Configuration

The alternate pin configurations are:

ADC7- Port E, Bit 3

PE3 can also be used as ADC input channel 7.

Note: ADC input channel 7 uses analog power AVCC.

ADC6 – Port E, Bit 2

PE2 can also be used as ADC input channel 6.

Note: ADC input channel 6 uses analog power AVCC.

None – Port E, Bit 1

No alternate function.

ACO – Port E, Bit 0

ACO Analog Compare Output pin is multiplexed with PE0.



2. Enhancement and Additional Features in ATmega328PB

Compared to existing ATmega328 variants, the following enhancements or additional features are available in ATmega328PB:

- PTC Peripheral Touch Controller.
- CFD Clock Failure Detection mechanism.
- OCM1C2 Output Compare Modulator.
- USART start frame detection is available in all sleep modes
- Analog Comparator output is available on a pin. This pin is multiplexed with PE0.
- Unique device ID to identify the device
- Additional SPI
- Additional TWI
- Additional Timer/Counters

2.1. PTC - Peripheral Touch Controller

The ATmega328PB is the first 8-bit Atmel AVR device to feature the successful Atmel QTouch Peripheral Touch Controller (PTC). The Peripheral Touch Controller (PTC) acquires signals in order to detect touch on capacitive sensors. The external capacitive touch sensor is typically formed on a PCB, and the sensor electrodes are connected to the analog front end of the PTC through the I/O pins in the device. The PTC supports both self and mutual capacitance sensors.

The PTC supports 24 buttons in self-capacitance mode and up to 144 buttons in mutual-capacitance mode. It is possible to mix and match mutual-and self-capacitance sensors. Only one pin is required per electrode—no external components are required providing considerable savings on the BOM cost compared to competing solutions.

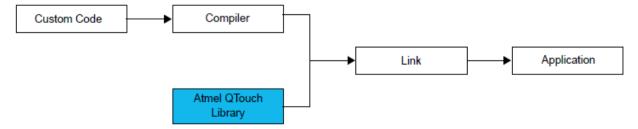
In mutual-capacitance mode, sensing is performed using capacitive touch matrices in various X-Y configurations. Whereas in self-capacitance mode, the PTC requires only one pin (Y-line) for each touch sensor.

Refer to the chapter *I/O Multiplexing* in the ATmega328PB device datasheet for details on the pin mapping for this peripheral. A signal can be mapped on several pins.

2.1.1. PTC Functional Description

To access the PTC, the user must use the QTouch Composer tool to configure and link the QTouch Library firmware with the application code. QTouch Library can be used to implement buttons, sliders, wheels, and proximity sensor in a variety of combinations on a single interface.

Figure 2-1 QTouch Library Usage





2.2. CFD - Clock Failure Detection mechanism

Clock Failure Detection and Switching Mechanism is a new feature introduced in ATmega328PB. This digital logic detects the failure of the Low power crystal oscillator, Full swing crystal oscillator, and external clocks. If a failure is detected, this logic will automatically switch the clock to 1MHz internal RC system clock.

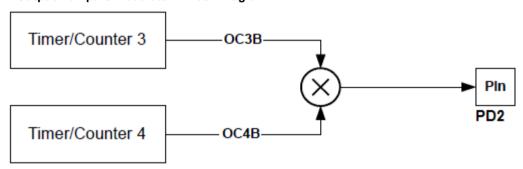
The Clock Failure Detection mechanism for the device is enabled by an active high fuse. When the CFD fuse is enabled, 128kHz oscillator will be enabled and the CFD circuit works using that clock.

CFD will be automatically disabled when the chip enters power save/down sleep mode. It will be enabled by itself when the chip returns to active mode. CFD will be enabled only when the system frequency is greater than 256kHz.

2.3. OCM1C2 - Output Compare Modulator

The Output Compare Modulator (OCM) allows generation of waveforms modulated with a carrier frequency. The modulator uses the outputs from the Output Compare Unit B of the 16-bit Timer/Counter3 and the Output Compare Unit of the 16-bit Timer/Counter4. When the modulator is enabled, the two output compare channels are modulated together as shown in the block diagram.

Figure 2-2 Output Compare Modulator - Block Diagram



The Output Comparator unit 3B and Output compare unit 4B shares the PD2 port pin for output. The outputs of the Output Compare units (OC3B and OC4B) overrides the normal PORTD2 bit when one of them is enabled (that is, when COMnx1:0 is not equal to zero). When both OC3B and OC4B are enabled simultaneously, the modulator is automatically enabled.

2.4. USART

ATmega328PB has one additional USART with start-of-frame detection, which can wake up the MCU from all sleep modes - when a start bit is detected. Two USART modules are available in the ATmega328PB with individual configuration registers, refer *Register Description* section under the USART module in the ATmega328PB device datasheet for detailed description of these registers. They also have separate TX, RX, and XCK pins. For details on the pin mapping for this peripheral, refer to the *I/O Multiplexing* section in the ATmega328PB device datasheet.

When a high-to-low transition is detected on RxDn, the internal 8MHz oscillator is powered up and the USART clock is enabled. After start-up the rest of the data frame can be received, provided that the baud rate is slow enough to allow the internal 8MHz oscillator to start up. Start-up time of the internal 8MHz oscillator varies with supply voltage and temperature.



The USART start frame detection works both in asynchronous and synchronous modes. It is enabled by writing the Start Frame Detection Enable bit (SFDEn). If the USART Start- Interrupt Enable (RXSIE) bit is set, the USART Receive Start Interrupt is generated immediately when a start is detected.

When using the feature without the Receive Start Interrupt, the start detection logic activates the internal 8MHz oscillator and the USART clock while the frame is being received only. Other clocks remain stopped until the Receive Complete Interrupt optionally wakes up the MCU.

The maximum baud rate depends on the sleep mode the device is woken up from.

In synchronous mode:

- Idle or ADC Noise Reduction sleep mode: system clock frequency divided by four
- Standby or Power-down: 500kbps

In asynchronous mode:

• Idle sleep mode: the same as in active mode

2.5. Analog Comparator

Analog Comparator output is available on a pin. The analog comparator's output is Multiplexed to PE0 when the AC output is enabled by writing a one to the Analog Comparator Output Enable bit (ACOE) in "ACSR0 – Analog Comparator Output Control Register".

2.6. Unique Device ID

In Atmel ATmega328PB, the unique device ID is now accessible through I/O registers. This unique device ID is available from I/O address 0xF0 - 0xF8. The ID is created by concatenating the nine bytes read out from these registers. These registers are read-only.

2.7. Additional SPI

ATmega328PB has one Additional SPI. There are two SPIs with individual configuration registers. Refer to the *Register Description* section in the SPI peripheral in the ATmega328PB device datasheet for detailed description of these registers. They also have a separate MOSI, MISO, SCK, and SS pins. Refer to the *I/O Multiplexing* section in the ATmega328PB device datasheet for details about the pin mapping for this peripheral.

2.8. Additional TWI

ATmega328PB has one additional byte-oriented 2-wire serial interface (TWI). There are two TWI peripheral with individual configuration registers. Refer the *Register Description* section under the TWI - 2-wire Serial Interface module in the ATmega328PB device datasheet for detailed description of these registers. Separate SDA and SDL pins are also available. Refer to the section *I/O Multiplexing* in the ATmega328PB device datasheet for details on the pin mapping for this peripheral.

2.9. Additional Timer/Counters

ATmega328PB has two additional 16-bit Timer/Counters(**TC3** and **TC4**) with separate Prescaler, Compare Mode, and Capture Mode. There are three 16-bit Timer/Counters (TC1, **TC3**, **and TC4**) and ten PWM channels available in ATmega328PB. Refer to the *I/O Multiplexing* section in the ATmega328PB device datasheet for details about the pin mapping for this peripheral.



3. Register Description



3.1. Port E Input Pins Address

When addressing I/O Registers as data space using LD and ST instructions, the provided offset must be used. When using the I/O specific commands IN and OUT, the offset is reduced by 0x20, resulting in an I/O address offset within 0x00 - 0x3F.

Name: PINE Offset: 0x2C Reset: N/A

Property: When addressing as I/O Register: address offset is 0x0C

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
		PINE6	PINE5	PINE4	PINE3	PINE2	PINE1	PINE0
Access		R/W						
Reset		X	X	X	X	X	x	X

Bits 3:0 – PINEn: Port E Input Pins Address [n = 3:0] Writing to the pin register provides toggle functionality for I/O.

Bits 6:0 – PINEn: Port E Input Pins Address [n = 6:0] Writing to the pin register provides toggle functionality for I/O.



3.2. Port E Data Direction Register

When addressing I/O Registers as data space using LD and ST instructions, the provided offset must be used. When using the I/O specific commands IN and OUT, the offset is reduced by 0x20, resulting in an I/O address offset within 0x00 - 0x3F.

Name: **DDRE** Offset: 0x2D Reset: 0x00

Property: When addressing as I/O Register: address offset is 0x0D

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
		DDRE6	DDRE5	DDRE4	DDRE3	DDRE2	DDRE1	DDRE0
Access		R/W						
Reset		0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Bits 3:0 - DDREn: Port E Data Direction [n = 3:0]

Bits 6:0 - DDREn: Port E Data Direction [n = 6:0]



3.3. Port E Data Register

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Name: PORTE Offset: 0x2E Reset: 0x00

Property: When addressing as I/O Register: address offset is 0x0E

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
		PORTE6	PORTE5	PORTE4	PORTE3	PORTE2	PORTE1	PORTE0
Access		R/W						
Reset		0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Bits 3:0 - PORTEn: Port E Data [n = 3:0]

Bits 6:0 - PORTEn: Port E Data [n = 6:0]



3.4. XOSC Failure Detection Control And Status Register

Name: XFDCSR
Offset: 0x62
Reset: 0x00
Property: -

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
							XFDIF	XFDIE
Access							R	R/W
Reset							0	0

Bit 1 - XFDIF: Failure Detection Interrupt Flag

This bit is set when a failure is detected. It serves as status bit for CFD.

Note: This bit is read only.

Bit 0 - XFDIE: Failure Detection Interrupt Enable

Setting this bit will enable the interrupt which will be issued when XFDIF is set. This bit is enable only. Once enabled, it is not possible for the user to disable.



3.5. USART Control and Status Register 0 D

This register is not used in Master SPI Mode (UMSEL0[1:0] = 11)

Name: UCSR0D Offset: 0xC3 Reset: 0x00 Property: -

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	RXIE	RXS	SFDE					
Access	R/W	R/W	R/W					
Reset	0	0	0					

Bit 7 - RXIE: USART RX Start Interrupt Enable

Writing this bit to one enables the interrupt on the RXS flag. In sleep modes this bit enables start frame detector that can wake up the MCU when a start condition is detected on the RxD line. The USART RX Start Interrupt is generated only, if the RXSIE bit, the Global Interrupt flag, and RXS are set.

Bit 6 - RXS: USART RX Start

The RXS flag is set when a start condition is detected on the RxD line. If the RXSIE bit and the Global Interrupt Enable flag are set, an RX Start Interrupt will be generated when the flag is set. The flag can only be cleared by writing a logical one on the RXS bit location.

If the start frame detector is enabled (RXSIE = 1) and the Global Interrupt Enable flag is set, the RX Start Interrupt will wake up the MCU from all sleep modes.

Bit 5 - SFDE: Start Frame Detection Enable

Writing this bit to one enables the USART Start Frame Detection mode. The start frame detector is able to wake up the MCU from sleep mode when a start condition, i.e. a high (IDLE) to low (START) transition, is detected on the RxD line.

Table 3-1 USART Start Frame Detection Modes

SFDE	RXSIE	RXCIE	Description
0	Х	Х	Start frame detector disabled
1	0	0	Reserved
1	0	1	Start frame detector enabled. RXC flag wakes up MCU from all sleep modes
1	1	0	Start frame detector enabled. RXS flag wakes up MCU from all sleep modes
1	1	1	Start frame detector enabled. Both RXC and RXS wake up the MCU from all sleep modes



3.6. USART Control and Status Register n D

This register is not used in Master SPI Mode (UCSRnC.UMSEL[1:0] = 11)

Name: UCSR0D, UCSR1D Offset: 0xC3 + n*0x08 [n=0..1]

Reset: 0x00 Property: -

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	RXIE	RXS	SFDE					
Access	R/W	R/W	R/W					
Reset	0	0	0					

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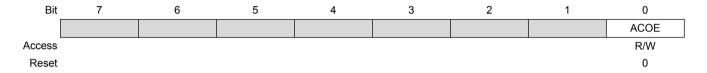
3.7. Analog Comparator Control and Status Register B

The Store Program Memory Control and Status Register contains the control bits needed to control the Boot Loader operations.

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Name: ACSRB Offset: 0x4F Reset: 0x00

Property: When addressing as I/O Register: address offset is 0x2F



Bit 0 - ACOE: Analog Comparator Output Enable

When this bit is set, the analog comparator output is connected to the ACO pin.



3.8. Device ID byte 0

Each individual part has a specific unique device ID. This can be used to identify a specific part while it is in the field. The Device ID consist of nine bytes in which the user can access directly from the registers. The register address locations are located at 0xF0 to 0xF8.

Name: DEVID0 Offset: 0xF0

Reset: Device ID value

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
				Device ID	byte 0[7:0]			
Access	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Reset	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	X

Bits 7:0 - Device ID byte 0[7:0]: Device ID byte 0

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Name: DEVID1 Offset: 0xF1

Reset: Device ID value

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0		
	Device ID byte 1[7:0]									
Access	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		
Reset	x	X	X	X	x	x	x	X		

Bits 7:0 - Device ID byte 1[7:0]: Device ID byte 1

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Name: DEVID2 Offset: 0xF2

Reset: Device ID value

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	Device ID byte 2[7:0]							
Access	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Reset	x	x	X	x	x	X	x	X

Bits 7:0 - Device ID byte 2[7:0]: Device ID byte 2

3.11. Device ID byte 3

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Name: DEVID3 Offset: 0xF3

Reset: Device ID value

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	Device ID byte 3[7:0]							
Access	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Reset	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	X

Bits 7:0 - Device ID byte 3[7:0]: Device ID byte 3

3.12. Device ID byte 4

Each individual part has a specific unique device ID. This can be used to identify a specific part while it is in the field. The Device ID consist of nine bytes in which the user can access directly from the registers. The register address locations are located at 0xF0 to 0xF8.

Name: DEVID4 Offset: 0xF4

Reset: Device ID value

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	Device ID byte 4[7:0]							
Access	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Reset	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	X

Bits 7:0 - Device ID byte 4[7:0]: Device ID byte 4

3.13. Device ID byte 5

Each individual part has a specific unique device ID. This can be used to identify a specific part while it is in the field. The Device ID consist of nine bytes in which the user can access directly from the registers. The register address locations are located at 0xF0 to 0xF8.

Name: DEVID5 Offset: 0xF5

Reset: Device ID value

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	Device ID byte 5[7:0]							
Access	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Reset	x	x	x	x	x	X	x	X

Bits 7:0 - Device ID byte 5[7:0]: Device ID byte 5

3.14. Device ID byte 6

Each individual part has a specific unique device ID. This can be used to identify a specific part while it is in the field. The Device ID consist of nine bytes in which the user can access directly from the registers. The register address locations are located at 0xF0 to 0xF8.

Name: DEVID6 Offset: 0xF6

Reset: Device ID value

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	Device ID byte 6[7:0]							
Access	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Reset	x	X	X	X	x	x	X	X

Bits 7:0 - Device ID byte 6[7:0]: Device ID byte 6

3.15. Device ID byte 7

Each individual part has a specific unique device ID. This can be used to identify a specific part while it is in the field. The Device ID consist of nine bytes in which the user can access directly from the registers. The register address locations are located at 0xF0 to 0xF8.

Name: DEVID7 Offset: 0xF7

Reset: Device ID value

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	Device ID byte 7[7:0]							
Access	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Reset	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	X

Bits 7:0 - Device ID byte 7[7:0]: Device ID byte 7

3.16. Device ID byte 8

Each individual part has a specific unique device ID. This can be used to identify a specific part while it is in the field. The Device ID consist of nine bytes in which the user can access directly from the registers. The register address locations are located at 0xF0 to 0xF8.

Name: DEVID8 Offset: 0xF8

Reset: Device ID value

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	Device ID byte 8[7:0]							
Access	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Reset	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	X

Bits 7:0 - Device ID byte 8[7:0]: Device ID byte 8

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