

**TMS320VC5401**  
**Digital Signal Processor**  
**Silicon Errata**

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## 1 Introduction

This document describes the silicon updates to the functional specifications for the TMS320VC5401. The updates are applicable to:

- TMS320VC5401 (144-pin LQFP, PGE suffix)
- TMS320VC5401 (144-pin MicroStar BGA™, GGU suffix)

### 1.1 Quality and Reliability Conditions

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#### TMS Definition

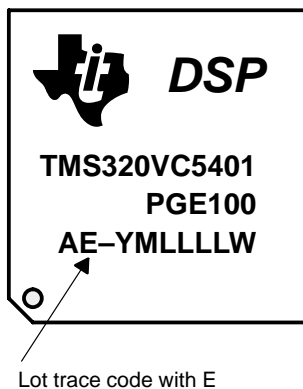
Fully-qualified production device.

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1.2 Revision Identification

The device revision can be determined by the lot trace code marked on the top of the package. The location for the lot trace codes for the PGE and the GGU packages is shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2. The location of other markings may vary per device.

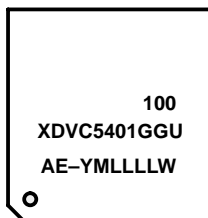
Figure 1. Example, Typical Lot Trace Code for TMS320VC5401 (PGE)



Lot trace code with E

Lot Trace Code	Silicon Revision	Comments
E (second letter in prefix is E)	Initial Silicon	

Figure 2. Example, Typical Lot Trace Code for TMS320VC5401 (GGU)



NOTE: Qualified devices in the PGE package are marked with the letters “TMS” at the beginning of the device name, while nonqualified devices in the PGE package are marked with the letters “TMX” or “TMP” at the beginning of the device name. Similarly, qualified devices in the GGU package are marked with the letters “DV” at the beginning of the device name, and nonqualified devices in the GGU package are marked with the letters “XDV” or “PDV” at the beginning of the device name.

## 2 Known Design Marginality/Exceptions to Functional Specifications

Table 1. Summary of Exceptions

Description	Revision Affected	Page
Round (RND) Instruction Clears Pending Interrupts	Initial Silicon	5
NMI	Initial Silicon	5
Far Branches/Calls/Interrupts from Active Repeat Blocks (BRAf)	Initial Silicon	6
HPI Hint	Initial Silicon	6
DMPREC	Initial Silicon	7

### Advisory

*Round (RND) Instruction Clears Pending Interrupts*

**Revision(s) Affected:** Initial Silicon

**Details:** The round (RND) instruction opcode is decoded incorrectly and will write to the interrupt flag register (IFR) with the data from the data write bus (E bus). Therefore, it could cause the pending interrupt to be missed.

**Workaround:** Replace the RND instruction with an ADD instruction as follows:

For this instruction ...	Use ...
RND src[ ,dst ]	ADD #1,15,src[ ,dst ]

### Advisory

*NMI*

**Revision(s) Affected:** Initial Silicon

**Details:** An NMI can be ignored if the internal CPU interrupt logic is not adequately prepared.

**Workaround:** Avoid generating an NMI during the time when other interrupts are being serviced. Alternatively, use one of the other external interrupts, appropriately enabled, to serve the NMI function.

**Advisory***Far Branches/Calls/Interrupts from Active Repeat Blocks (BRAf)*

**Revision(s) Affected:** Initial Silicon

**Details:** When a block repeat is interrupted by a far call, far branch, or interrupt to another page; and a program memory address in the called routine happens to have the same lower 16 bits as the block-repeat end address (REA), a branch to the 16-bit block-repeat start address (RSA) is executed on the current page until the block-repeat counter decrements to 0. The XPC is ignored during these occurrences.

**Workaround:** Use one of the following workarounds:

1. If the called routine must be on a different page and has a program memory address that has the same lower 16 bits as the REA, save ST1 and clear the BRAf in the vector table before entering the called routine with the following two instructions:

```
PSHM ST1
RSBX BRAf
```

Then, restore ST1 before returning from the called routine. In the case of an interrupt service routine, these two instructions can be included in the delay slots following a delayed-branch instruction (BD) at the interrupt vector location. Then, the ST1 is restored before returning from the routine. With this method, BRAf is always inactive while in the called routine. If BRAf was not active at the time of the call, the RSBX BRAf has no effect.

2. Put the called routine on the same page as the interruptible block-repeat code. This can be achieved automatically by placing the interrupt vector table and the interrupt service routines or other called routines on the overlay pages. If this approach is used, far branches/calls are not necessary and the bug is completely avoided.
3. Avoid putting the called routine on other pages where a program memory address has the same lower 16 bits as the REA.
4. Use the BANZ instruction as a substitute for the block repeat.

**Advisory***HPI Hint*

**Revision(s) Affected:** Initial Silicon

**Details:** The HPI will become locked up, with HRDY stuck low, if both the host processor and the 5401 CPU write a one (1) to HINT at the same time.

**Workaround:** Do not perform redundant operations to the HINT bit. Both the HOST and the CPU should check to see if HINT is set before trying to write a one (1) to this bit.

<b>For ...</b>	<b>IF ...</b>	<b>Then ...</b>
the HOST	HINT is <b>not</b> set ...	Do not try to clear HINT by writing a one (1) to it, because the CPU may try to set it.
the CPU	HINT is <b>already</b> set...	Do not try to set HINT again by writing a one (1) to it, since the HOST may try to clear it.

## Advisory

DMPREC

**Revision(s) Affected:** Initial Silicon

**Details:** When updating the DE bits of the DMPREC register while one or more DMA channel transfers are in progress, it is possible for the write to the DMPREC to cause an additional transfer on one of the active channels.

The problem occurs when an active channel completes a transfer at the same time that the user updates the DMPREC register. When the transfer completes, the DMA logic attempts to clear the DE bit corresponding to the complete channel transfer, but the register is instead updated with the CPU write (usually an ORM instruction) which can set the bit and cause an additional transfer on the channel. Refer to the example below for further clarification:

*Example:*

DMPREC value = 00C1h, corresponding to the following channel activity:

Channel 0 – enabled and running.	(DE0 = 1)
Channel 1 – disabled.	(DE1 = 0)
Channel 2 – disabled.	(DE2 = 0)
Channel 3 – disabled.	(DE3 = 0)
Channel 4 – disabled.	(DE4 = 0)
Channel 5 – disabled.	(DE5 = 0)

If the following conditions occur simultaneously:

Channel 0 transfer completes and DMA logic clears DE0 internally.

User code attempts to enable another channel (e.g. ORM #2, DMPREC)

The user code will re-enable channel 0 (DMPREC value written = 00C3h), and an additional, unintended transfer will begin on channel 0.

**Workaround:**

There are a few use conditions under which this problem does not occur. If all active DMA channels are configured in ABU mode or in auto initialization mode, then the problem does not occur because the channels remain enabled until they are disabled by user code. The problem is also avoided in applications that use only one DMA channel at a time.

Systems that use multiple DMA channels simultaneously in multiframe mode, without autoinitialization are most likely to have this problem. In such systems one of the following methods can be used to avoid the problem:

1. Always wait for all channels to complete existing transfers before re-enabling any channels, and always enable all channels at the same time. Or,
2. Before enabling a channel, check the progress of any on-going transfers by reading the element and frame counts of each active channel. If any active channel is within two element transfers of completing a block transfer, then wait until the active channel completes the block transfer before writing to the DMPREC register. Otherwise, if all active channels have more than two element transfers left in a block transfer, it is safe to update the DMPREC register.

### 3 Documentation Support

For device-specific data sheets and related documentation, visit the TI web site at: <http://www.ti.com>.

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3. Go to <http://www.ti.com>
4. Open the “**Products**” dialog box and select “**Digital Signal Processors**”
5. Scroll to “**C54X™ DSP Generation**” and click on “**DEVICE INFORMATION**”
6. Click on a device name and then click on the documentation type you prefer.

For further information regarding the TMS320VC5401, please refer to:

- *TMS320VC5401 Fixed-Point Digital Signal Processor* data sheet, literature number SPRS153
- *TMS320C54x™ DSP Functional Overview*, literature number SPRU307

The five-volume *TMS320C54x DSP Reference Set*, literature number SPRU210, consisting of:

- *Volume 1: CPU and Peripherals*, literature number SPRU131
- *Volume 2: Mnemonic Instruction Set*, literature number SPRU172
- *Volume 3: Algebraic Instruction Set*, literature number SPRU179
- *Volume 4: Applications Guide*, literature number SPRU173
- *Volume 5: Enhanced Peripherals*, literature number SPRU302

The reference set describes in detail the TMS320C54x™ DSP products currently available and the hardware and software applications, including algorithms, for fixed-point TMS320™ DSP family of devices.



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