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FT201X USB I2C SLAVE IC



The FT201X is a USB to I²C interface with the following advanced features:

- Single chip USB to I²C slave interface.
- Up to 3.4MHz, high speed mode, I²C supported.
- Entire USB protocol handled on the chip. No USB specific firmware programming required.
- Fully integrated 2048 byte multi-time-programmable (MTP) memory, storing device descriptors and CBUS I/O configuration.
- Fully integrated clock generation with no external crystal required plus optional clock output selection enabling a glue-less interface to external MCU or FPGA.
- 512 byte receive buffer and 512 byte transmit buffer utilising buffer smoothing technology to allow for high data throughput.
- FTDI's royalty-free Virtual Com Port (VCP) and Direct (D2XX) drivers eliminate the requirement for USB driver development in most cases.
- Configurable CBUS I/O pins.
- Transmit and receive LED drive signals.
- USB Battery Charger Detection. Allows for USB peripheral devices to detect the presence of a higher power source to enable improved charging.
- Device supplied pre-programmed with unique USB serial number.
- USB Power Configurations; supports bus-powered, self-powered and bus-powered with power switching.
- Integrated +3.3V level converter for USB I/O.
- True 3.3V CMOS drive output and TTL input; Operates down to 1V8 with external pull-ups. Tolerant of 5V input.
- Configurable I/O pin output drive strength; 4 mA (min) and 16 mA (max).
- Integrated power-on-reset circuit.
- Fully integrated AVCC supply filtering - no external filtering required.
- + 5V Single Supply Operation.
- Internal 3V3/1V8 LDO regulators.
- Low operating and USB suspend current; 8mA (active-typ) and 125µA (suspend-typ).
- UHCI/OHCI/EHCI host controller compatible.
- USB 2.0 Full Speed compatible.
- Extended operating temperature range; -40 to 85°C.
- Available in compact Pb-free 16 Pin SSOP and QFN packages (both RoHS compliant).

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1 Typical Applications

- Upgrading Legacy Peripherals to USB.
- Utilising USB to add system modularity.
- Incorporate USB interface to enable PC transfers for development system communication.
- Motherboard and system monitoring through USB.
- USB dongle implementations for Software/Hardware Encryption and Wireless Modules.
- Interfacing MCU/PLD/FPGA based designs to add USB connectivity.
- USB Instrumentation.
- USB Industrial Control.
- USB Digital Camera Interface.
- Ability to detect dedicated charging ports for high current charging of batteries in portable devices.

1.1 Driver Support

Royalty free VIRTUAL COM PORT (VCP) and D2XX Direct Drivers are available for the following Operating Systems (OS):

- Windows
- Linux
- Mac
- Android (J2xx / D2xx only)

See the following website link for the full driver support list including OS versions and legacy OS.

<https://ftdichip.com/drivers/>

Virtual COM Port (VCP) drivers cause the USB device to appear as an additional COM port available to the PC. Application software can access the USB device in the same way as it would access a standard COM port.

D2XX Direct Drivers allow direct access to the USB device through a DLL. Application software can access the USB device through a series of DLL function calls. The functions available are listed in the [D2XX Programmer's Guide](#) document which is available from the [Documents](#) section of our website.

Please also refer to the [Installation Guides](#) webpage for details on how to install the drivers.

1.2 Part Numbers

Part Number	Package
FT201XQ-x	16 Pin QFN
FT201XS-x	16 Pin SSOP

Note: Packing codes for x is:

- R: Taped and Reel, (SSOP is 3,000pcs per reel, QFN is 5,000pcs per reel).
- U: Tube packing, 100pcs per tube (SSOP only)
- T: Tray packing, 490pcs per tray (QFN only)

For example: FT201XQ-R is 5,000pcs taped and reel packing.

1.3 USB Compliant

The FT201X is fully compliant with the USB 2.0 specification and has been given the USB-IF Test-ID (TID) 40001460 (Rev D).



2 FT201X Block Diagram

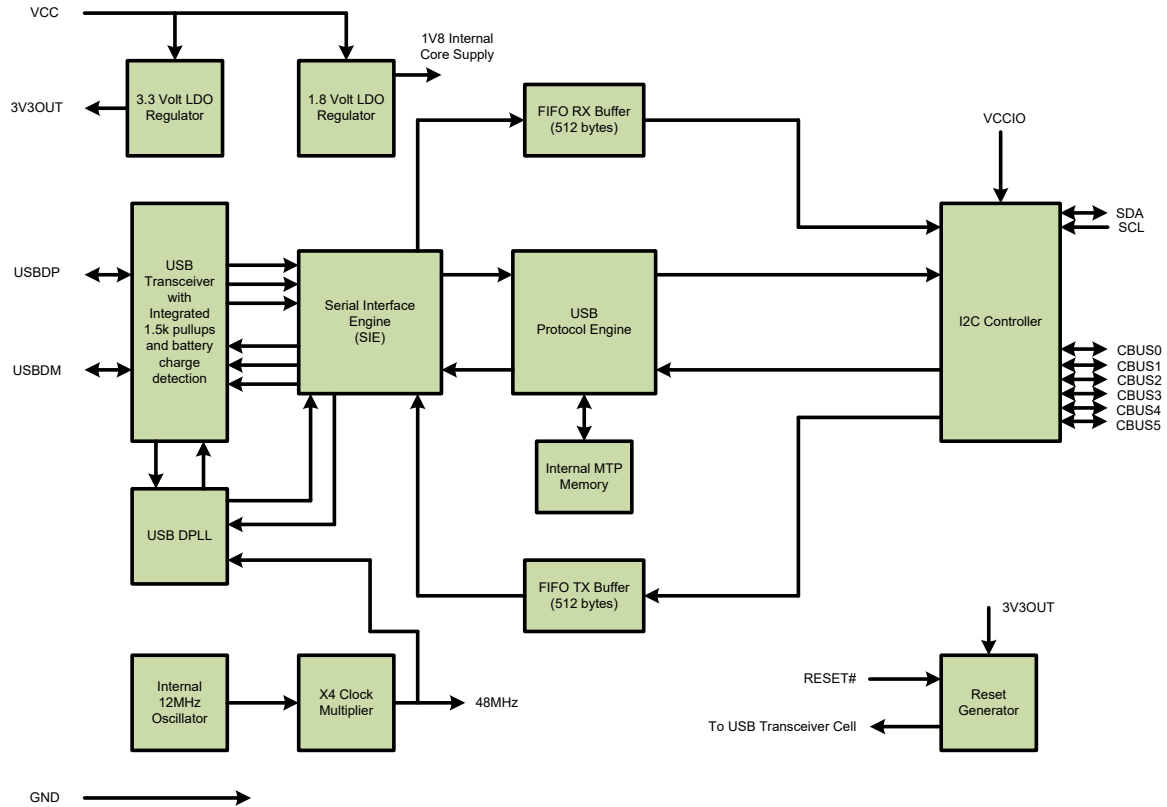


Figure 2.1 FT201X Block Diagram

For a description of each function, please refer to Section [4](#).

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3 Device Pin Out and Signal Description

3.1 16-LD QFN Package

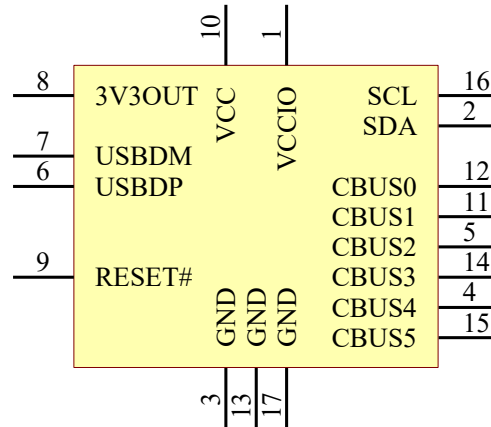


Figure 3.1 QFN Schematic Symbol

3.1.1 QFN Package PinOut Description

Note: # denotes an active low signal.

Pin No.	Name	Type	Description
10	** VCC	POWER Input	5 V (or 3V3) supply to IC.
1	VCCIO	POWER Input	1V8 - 3V3 supply for the IO cells.
8	** 3V3OUT	POWER Output	3V3 output at 50mA. May be used to power VCCIO. When VCC is 3V3; pin 8 is an input pin. Connect to pin 10.
3, 13	GND	POWER Input	0V Ground input.

Table 3.1 Power and Ground

*Pin 17 is centre pad beneath the IC. Connect to GND.

** If VCC is 3V3 then 3V3OUT must also be driven with 3V3 input

Pin No.	Name	Type	Description
7	USBDM	INPUT	USB Data Signal Minus.
6	USBDP	INPUT	USB Data Signal Plus.
9	RESET#	INPUT	Reset input (active low).

Table 3.2 Common Function pins

Pin No.	Name	Type	Description
2	SDA	I/O	I ² C bi-directional data line
16	SCL	Input	I ² C clock input
12	CBUS0	I/O	Configurable CBUS I/O Pin. Function of this pin is configured in the device MTP memory. See CBUS Signal Options, Table 3.7.
11	CBUS1	I/O	Configurable CBUS I/O Pin. Function of this pin is configured in the device MTP memory. See CBUS Signal Options, Table 3.7.
5	CBUS2	I/O	Configurable CBUS I/O Pin. Function of this pin is

Pin No.	Name	Type	Description
			configured in the device MTP memory. See CBUS Signal Options, Table 3.7.
14	CBUS3	I/O	Configurable CBUS I/O Pin. Function of this pin is configured in the device MTP memory. See CBUS Signal Options, Table 3.7.
4	CBUS4	I/O	Configurable CBUS I/O Pin. Function of this pin is configured in the device MTP memory. See CBUS Signal Options, Table 3.7.
15	CBUS5	I/O	Configurable CBUS I/O Pin. Function of this pin is configured in the device MTP memory. See CBUS Signal Options, Table 3.7.

Table 3.3 I²C Interface and CBUS Group (see note 1)

Notes:

1. When used in Input Mode, the input pins are pulled to VCCIO via internal 75kΩ (approx.) resistors. These pins can be programmed to gently pull low during USB suspend (PWREN# = "1") by setting an option in the MTP memory.
2. Clock stretching is not supported.

3.2 16-LD SSOP Package

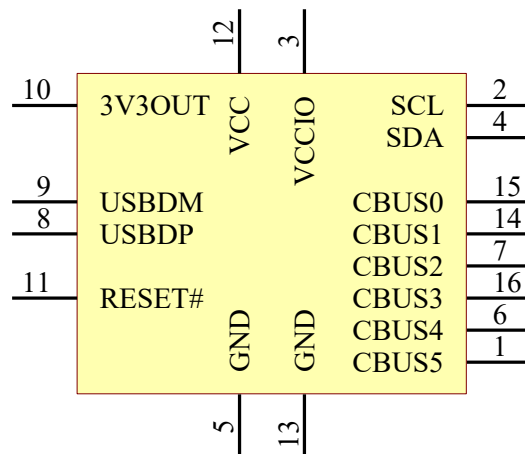


Figure 3.2 SSOP Schematic Symbol

3.2.1 SSOP Package PinOut Description

Note: # denotes an active low signal.

Pin No.	Name	Type	Description
12	** VCC	POWER Input	5 V (or 3V3) supply to IC.
3	VCCIO	POWER Input	1V8 - 3V3 supply for the IO cells.
10	** 3V3OUT	POWER Output	3V3 output at 50mA. May be used to power VCCIO. When VCC is 3V3, pin 10 is an input pin and should be connected to pin 12.
5, 13	GND	POWER Input	0V Ground input.

Table 3.4 Power and Ground

** If VCC is 3V3 then 3V3OUT must also be driven with 3V3 input

Pin No.	Name	Type	Description
9	USBDM	INPUT	USB Data Signal Minus.
8	USBDP	INPUT	USB Data Signal Plus.
11	RESET#	INPUT	Reset input (active low).

Table 3.5 Common Function pins

Pin No.	Name	Type	Description
4	SDA	I/O	I ² C bi-directional data line
2	SCL	Input	I ² C clock input
15	CBUS0	I/O	Configurable CBUS I/O Pin. Function of this pin is configured in the device MTP memory. See CBUS Signal Options, Table 3.7.
14	CBUS1	I/O	Configurable CBUS I/O Pin. Function of this pin is configured in the device MTP memory. See CBUS Signal Options, Table 3.7.
7	CBUS2	I/O	Configurable CBUS I/O Pin. Function of this pin is configured in the device MTP memory. See CBUS Signal Options, Table 3.7.
16	CBUS3	I/O	Configurable CBUS I/O Pin. Function of this pin is configured in the device MTP memory. See CBUS Signal Options, Table 3.7.
6	CBUS4	I/O	Configurable CBUS I/O Pin. Function of this pin is configured in the device MTP memory. See CBUS Signal Options, Table 3.7.
1	CBUS5	I/O	Configurable CBUS I/O Pin. Function of this pin is configured in the device MTP memory. See CBUS Signal Options, Table 3.7.

Table 3.6 Interface and CBUS Group (see note 1)

Notes:

1. When used in Input Mode, the input pins are pulled to VCCIO via internal 75k Ω (approx.) resistors. These pins can be programmed to gently pull low during USB suspend (PWREN# = "1") by setting an option in the MTP memory.
2. Clock stretching is not supported.

3.3 CBUS Signal Options

The following options can be configured on the CBUS I/O pins. CBUS signal options are common to both package versions of the FT201X. These options can be configured in the internal MTP memory using the software utility [FT_PROG](#). The default configuration is described in Section 9.

CBUS Signal Option	Available On CBUS Pin	Description
TRI-STATE	CBUS0, CBUS1, CBUS2, CBUS3, CBUS4, CBUS5	IO Pad is tri-stated
DRIVE 1	CBUS0, CBUS1, CBUS2, CBUS3, CBUS4, CBUS5	Output a constant 1
DRIVE 0	CBUS0, CBUS1, CBUS2, CBUS3, CBUS4, CBUS5	Output a constant 0
PWREN#	CBUS0, CBUS1, CBUS2, CBUS3, CBUS4, CBUS5	Output is low after the device has been configured by USB, then high during USB suspend mode. This output can be used to control power to an external logic P-Channel logic level MOSFET switch. Enable the interface pull-down option when using the PWREN# in this way.
SLEEP#	CBUS0, CBUS1, CBUS2, CBUS3, CBUS4, CBUS5	Goes low during USB suspend mode. Typically used to power down an external logic.
CLK24MHz	CBUS0, CBUS1, CBUS2, CBUS3, CBUS4, CBUS5	24 MHz Clock output.*
CLK12MHz	CBUS0, CBUS1, CBUS2, CBUS3,	12 MHz Clock output.*

CBUS Signal Option	Available On CBUS Pin	Description
	CBUS4, CBUS5	
CLK6MHz	CBUS0, CBUS1, CBUS2, CBUS3, CBUS4, CBUS5	6 MHz Clock output.*
GPIO	CBUS0, CBUS1, CBUS2, CBUS3,	CBUS bit bang mode option. Allows up to 4 of the CBUS pins to be used as general purpose I/O. Configured individually for CBUS0, CBUS1, CBUS2 and CBUS3 in the internal MTP memory. A separate application note, AN232R-01, available from FTDI website (www.ftdichip.com) describes in more detail how to use CBUS bit bang mode.
BCD Charger	CBUS0, CBUS1, CBUS2, CBUS3, CBUS4, CBUS5	Battery charge Detect, indicates when the device is connected to a dedicated battery charger host. Active high output.
BCD Charger#	CBUS0, CBUS1, CBUS2, CBUS3, CBUS4, CBUS5	Inverse of BCD Charger (open drain)
BitBang_WR#	CBUS0, CBUS1, CBUS2, CBUS3, CBUS4, CBUS5	Synchronous and asynchronous bit bang mode WR# strobe output.
BitBang_RD#	CBUS0, CBUS1, CBUS2, CBUS3, CBUS4, CBUS5	Synchronous and asynchronous bit bang mode RD# strobe output.
I2C_TXE#	CBUS0, CBUS1, CBUS2, CBUS3, CBUS4, CBUS5	Transmit buffer empty, used to indicate to I ² C master device status of the FT201EX transmit buffer
I2C_RXF#	CBUS0, CBUS1, CBUS2, CBUS3, CBUS4, CBUS5	Receive buffer full, used to indicate to I ² C master device status of FT201EX receive buffer
VBUS_Sense	CBUS0, CBUS1, CBUS2, CBUS3, CBUS4, CBUS5	Input to detect when VBUS is present.
Time Stamp	CBUS0, CBUS1, CBUS2, CBUS3, CBUS4, CBUS5	Toggle signal which changes state each time a USB SOF is received
Keep_Awake#	CBUS0, CBUS1, CBUS2, CBUS3, CBUS4, CBUS5	Prevents the device from entering suspend state when unplugged. May be used if programming the MTP memory over I2C

Table 3.7 CBUS Configuration Control

*When in USB suspend mode the outputs clocks are also suspended.

4 Function Description

The FT201X is a USB to I²C interface device which simplifies USB implementations and reduces external component count by fully integrating into the device an EEPROM, and a clock circuit which requires no external crystal. It has been designed to operate efficiently with USB host controllers by using as little bandwidth as possible when compared to the total USB bandwidth available.

4.1 Key Features

Functional Integration. Fully integrated MTP memory, clock generation, AVCC filtering, Power-On-Reset (POR) and LDO regulators.

Configurable CBUS I/O Pin Options. The fully integrated MTP memory allows configuration of the Control Bus (CBUS) functionality and drive strength selection. There are 6 configurable CBUS I/O pins. These configurable options are defined in Section 3.3. The device is shipped with the most commonly used pin definitions pre-programmed - see Section 9 for details.

Asynchronous Bit Bang Mode with RD# and WR# Strokes. The FT201X supports FTDI's previous chip generation bit-bang mode. In bit-bang mode, the 2 I²C lines can be switched from the regular interface mode to a 2-bit general purpose I/O port. Data packets can be sent to the device and they will be sequentially sent to the interface at a rate controlled by an internal timer (equivalent to the baud rate pre-scalar). In the FT201X device this mode has been enhanced by outputting the internal RD# and WR# strobes signals which can be used to allow external logic to be clocked by accesses to the bit-bang I/O bus. This option will be described more fully in a separate application note available from FTDI website (www.ftdichip.com).

Synchronous Bit Bang Mode. The FT201X supports synchronous bit bang mode. This mode differs from asynchronous bit bang mode in that the interface pins are only read when the device is written to. This makes it easier for the controlling program to measure the response to an output stimulus as the data returned is synchronous to the output data. An application note, [AN232R-01](#) describes this feature.

Source Power and Power Consumption. The FT201X is capable of operating at a voltage supply between +3.3V and +5.25V with a nominal operational mode current of 8mA and a nominal USB suspend mode current of 125µA. This allows greater margin for peripheral designs to meet the USB suspend mode current limit of 2.5mA. An integrated level converter within the I²C interface allows the FT201X to interface to UART logic running at +1.8V to +3.3V (5V tolerant).

4.2 Functional Block Descriptions

The following paragraphs detail each function within the FT201X. Please refer to the block diagram shown in Figure 2.1

Internal MTP Memory. The internal MTP memory in the FT201X is used to store USB Vendor ID (VID), Product ID (PID), device serial number, product description string and various other USB configuration descriptors. The internal MTP memory is also used to configure the CBUS pin functions. The FT201X is supplied with the internal MTP memory pre-programmed as described in Section 9. A user area of the internal MTP memory is available to system designers to allow storing of additional data from the user application over USB. The internal MTP memory descriptors can be programmed in circuit, over USB without any additional voltage requirement. The descriptors can be programmed using the FTDI utility software called [FT_PROG](#). Additionally, the MTP memory can be configured over the I²C interface.

+1.8V LDO Regulator. The +1.8V LDO regulator generates the +1.8V reference voltage for driving the internal core of the IC.

+3.3V LDO Regulator. The +3.3V LDO regulator generates the +3.3V reference voltage for driving the USB transceiver cell output buffers. It requires an external decoupling capacitor to be attached to the 3V3OUT regulator output pin. It also provides +3.3V power to the 1.5kΩ internal pull up resistor on USBDP. The main function of the LDO is to power the USB Transceiver and the Reset Generator Cells rather than to power external logic. However, it can be used to supply external circuitry requiring a +3.3V nominal supply with a maximum current of 50mA.

USB Transceiver. The USB Transceiver Cell provides the USB 1.1 / USB 2.0 full-speed physical interface to the USB cable. The output drivers provide +3.3V level slew rate control signalling, whilst a differential input receiver and two single ended input receivers provide USB data in, Single-Ended-0 (SE0) and USB reset detection conditions respectfully. This function also incorporates a 1.5k Ω pull up resistor on USBDP. The block also detects when connected to a USB power supply which will not enumerate the device but still supply power and may be used for battery charging.

USB DPLL. The USB DPLL cell locks on to the incoming NRZI USB data and generates recovered clock and data signals for the Serial Interface Engine (SIE) block.

Internal 12MHz Oscillator. The Internal 12MHz Oscillator cell generates a 12MHz reference clock. This provides an input to the x4 Clock Multiplier function. The 12MHz Oscillator is also used as the reference clock for the SIE, USB Protocol Engine and UART FIFO controller blocks.

Clock Multiplier / Divider. The Clock Multiplier / Divider takes the 12MHz input from the Internal Oscillator function and generates the 48MHz, 24MHz, 12MHz and 6MHz reference clock signals. The 48Mhz clock reference is used by the USB DPLL and the Baud Rate Generator blocks.

Serial Interface Engine (SIE). The Serial Interface Engine (SIE) block performs the parallel to serial and serial to parallel conversion of the USB data. In accordance with the USB 2.0 specification, it performs bit stuffing/un-stuffing and CRC5/CRC16 generation. It also checks the CRC on the USB data stream.

USB Protocol Engine. The USB Protocol Engine manages the data stream from the device USB control endpoint. It handles the low-level USB protocol requests generated by the USB host controller and the commands for controlling the functional parameters of the I²C in accordance with the USB 2.0 specification chapter 9.

FIFO RX Buffer (512 bytes). Data sent from the USB host controller to the I²C interface via the USB data OUT endpoint is stored in the FIFO RX (receive) buffer. Data is removed from the buffer to the I²C transmit register under control of the I²C Controller. (Rx relative to the USB interface).

FIFO TX Buffer (512 bytes). Data from the I²C receive register is stored in the TX buffer. The USB host controller removes data from the FIFO TX Buffer by sending a USB request for data from the device data IN endpoint. (Tx relative to the USB interface).

I²C Controller. Module to handle the latching in and out of serial data on the I²C interface. Supports up to 3.4MHz, High Speed Serial Mode.

RESET Generator. The integrated Reset Generator Cell provides a reliable power-on reset to the device internal circuitry at power up. The RESET# input pin allows an external device to reset the FT201X. RESET# can be tied to VCCIO.

5 I²C Interface Description

I²C (Inter Integrated Circuit) is a multi-master serial bus invented by Philips. I²C uses two bi-directional open-drain wires called serial data (SDA) and serial clock (SCL). Common I²C bus speeds are the 100 kbit/s standard mode (SM), 400 kbit/s fast mode (FM), 1 Mbit/s Fast mode plus (FM+), and 3.4 Mbit/s High Speed mode (HS)

An I²C bus node can operate either as a master or a slave:

- Master node – issues the clock and addresses slaves
- Slave node – receives the clock line and address.

The FT201X device shall only be able to operate as a slave, but is capable of speeds up to 3.4MBit/s. There are four potential modes of operation for a given bus device, although most devices only use a single role and its two modes:

- Master transmit – sending data to a slave
- Master receive – receiving data from a slave
- Slave transmit – sending data to a master
- Slave receive – receiving data from the master

The master is initially in master transmit mode by sending a start bit followed by the 7-bit address of the slave it wishes to communicate with, which is finally followed by a single bit representing whether it wishes to write(0) to or read(1) from the slave.

If the slave exists on the bus then it will respond with an ACK bit (active low for acknowledged) for that address. The master then continues in either transmit or receive mode (according to the read/write bit it sent), and the slave continues in its complementary mode (receive or transmit, respectively).

The address and the data bytes are sent most significant bit first. The start bit is indicated by a high-to-low transition of SDA with SCL high; the stop bit is indicated by a low-to-high transition of SDA with SCL high.

If the master wishes to write to the slave then it repeatedly sends a byte with the slave sending an ACK bit. (In this situation, the master is in master transmit mode and the slave is in slave receive mode.)

If the master wishes to read from the slave then it repeatedly receives a byte from the slave, the master sending an ACK bit after every byte but the last one. (In this situation, the master is in master receive mode and the slave is in slave transmit mode.)

The master then ends transmission with a stop bit, or it may send another START bit if it wishes to retain control of the bus for another transfer (a "combined message").

I²C defines three basic types of message, each of which begins with a START and ends with a STOP:

- Single message where a master writes data to a slave;
- Single message where a master reads data from a slave;
- Combined messages, where a master issues at least two reads and/or writes to one or more slaves

In a combined message, each read or write begins with a START and the slave address. After the first START, these are also called repeated START bits; repeated START bits are not preceded by STOP bits, which is how slaves know the next transfer is part of the same message.

Please refer to the I²C specification for more information on the protocol.

6 Devices Characteristics and Ratings

6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

The absolute maximum ratings for the FT201X devices are as follows. These are in accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 60134). Exceeding these may cause permanent damage to the device.

Parameter	Value	Unit	Conditions
Storage Temperature	-65°C to 150°C	Degrees C	
Floor Life (Out of Bag) At Factory Ambient (30°C / 60% Relative Humidity)	168 Hours (IPC/JEDEC J-STD-033A MSL Level 3 Compliant)*	Hours	
Ambient Operating Temperature (Power Applied)	-40°C to 85°C	Degrees C	
MTTF/MTBF FT201XS	9,185,671	Hours	60% Confidence Level. FIT = 108.87
MTTF/MTBF FT201XQ	9,185,671	Hours	
VCC Supply Voltage	-0.3 to +5.5	V	
VCCIO IO Voltage	-0.3 to +4.0	V	
DC Input Voltage – USBDP and USBDM	-0.5 to +3.63	V	
DC Input Voltage – High Impedance Bi-directional (powered from VCCIO)	-0.3 to +5.8	V	
DC Output Current – Outputs	22	mA	

Table 6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

* If devices are stored out of the packaging beyond this time limit the devices should be baked before use. The devices should be ramped up to a temperature of +125°C and baked for up to 17 hours.

6.2 ESD and Latch-up Specifications

Description	Specification
Human Body Mode (HBM)	> ± 2kV
Machine mode (MM)	> ± 200V
Charged Device Mode (CDM)	> ± 500V
Latch-up	> ± 200mA

Table 6.2 ESD and Latch-Up Specifications

6.3 DC Characteristics

DC Characteristics (Ambient Temperature = -40°C to +85°C)

Parameter	Description	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units	Conditions
VCC	VCC Operating Supply Voltage	2.97	5	5.5	V	Normal Operation
VCC2	VCCIO Operating Supply Voltage	1.62	---	3.63	V	
Icc1	Operating Supply Current	6.4	8	8.65	mA	Normal Operation
Icc2	Operating Supply Current		125		µA	USB Suspend
3V3OUT	3.3V regulator output	2.97	3.3	3.63	V	VCC must be greater than 3V3 otherwise 3V3OUT is an input which must be driven



Parameter	Description	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units	Conditions
						with 3.3V

Table 6.3 Operating Voltage and Current

Parameter	Description	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units	Conditions
Voh	Output Voltage High	2.97	VCCIO	VCCIO	V	Ioh = -2mA I/O Drive strength* = 4mA
		2.97	VCCIO	VCCIO	V	I/O Drive strength* = 8mA
		2.97	VCCIO	VCCIO	V	I/O Drive strength* = 12mA
		2.97	VCCIO	VCCIO	V	I/O Drive strength* = 16mA
Vol	Output Voltage Low		0	0.4	V	Iol = +2mA I/O Drive strength* = 4mA
			0	0.4	V	I/O Drive strength* = 8mA
			0	0.4	V	I/O Drive strength* = 12mA
			0	0.4	V	I/O Drive strength* = 16mA
Vil	Input Low Switching Threshold			0.8	V	LVTTL
Vih	Input High Switching Threshold	2.0			V	LVTTL
Vt	Switching Threshold		1.49		V	LVTTL
Vt-	Schmitt trigger negative going threshold voltage		1.15		V	
Vt+	Schmitt trigger positive going threshold voltage		1.64		V	
Rpu	Input pull-up resistance	40	75	190	KΩ	Vin = 0
Rpd	Input pull-down resistance	40	75	190	KΩ	Vin = VCCIO
Iin	Input Leakage Current	-10	+/-1	10	μA	Vin = 0
Ioz	Tri-state output leakage current	-10	+/-1	10	μA	Vin = 5.5V or 0

Table 6.4 I/O Pin Characteristics VCCIO = +3.3V (except USB PHY pins)

* The I/O drive strength and slow slew-rate are configurable in the MTP memory.

Parameter	Description	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units	Conditions
Voh	Output Voltage High	2.25	VCCIO	VCCIO	V	Ioh = +/-2mA I/O Drive strength* = 4mA
		2.25	VCCIO	VCCIO	V	I/O Drive strength* =

Parameter	Description	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units	Conditions
						8mA
		2.25	VCCIO	VCCIO	V	I/O Drive strength* = 12mA
		2.25	VCCIO	VCCIO	V	I/O Drive strength* = 16mA
Vol	Output Voltage Low		0	0.4	V	Iol = +/-2mA I/O Drive strength* = 4mA
			0	0.4	V	I/O Drive strength* = 8mA
			0	0.4	V	I/O Drive strength* = 12mA
			0	0.4	V	I/O Drive strength* = 16mA
Vil	Input Low Switching Threshold			0.8	V	LVTTL
Vih	Input High Switching Threshold	1.2			V	LVTTL
Vt	Switching Threshold		1.1		V	LVTTL
Vt-	Schmitt trigger negative going threshold voltage		0.8		V	
Vt+	Schmitt trigger positive going threshold voltage		1.2		V	
Rpu	Input pull-up resistance	40	75	190	KΩ	Vin = 0
Rpd	Input pull-down resistance	40	75	190	KΩ	Vin = VCCIO
Iin	Input Leakage Current	-10	+/-1	10	μA	Vin = 0
Ioz	Tri-state output leakage current	-10	+/-1	10	μA	Vin = 5.5V or 0

Table 6.5 I/O Pin Characteristics VCCIO = +2.5V (except USB PHY pins)

* The I/O drive strength and slow slew-rate are configurable in the MTP memory.

Parameter	Description	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units	Conditions
Voh	Output Voltage High	1.62	VCCIO	VCCIO	V	Ioh = +/-2mA I/O Drive strength* = 4mA
		1.62	VCCIO	VCCIO	V	I/O Drive strength* = 8mA
		1.62	VCCIO	VCCIO	V	I/O Drive strength* = 12mA
		1.62	VCCIO	VCCIO	V	I/O Drive strength* = 16mA
Vol	Output Voltage Low		0	0.4	V	Iol = +/-2mA I/O Drive strength* =

Parameter	Description	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units	Conditions
						4mA
			0	0.4	V	I/O Drive strength* = 8mA
			0	0.4	V	I/O Drive strength* = 12mA
			0	0.4	V	I/O Drive strength* = 16Ma
Vil	Input Low Switching Threshold			0.77	V	LVTTL
Vih	Input High Switching Threshold	1.6			V	LVTTL
Vt	Switching Threshold		0.77		V	LVTTL
Vt-	Schmitt trigger negative going threshold voltage		0.557		V	
Vt+	Schmitt trigger positive going threshold voltage		0.893		V	
Rpu	Input pull-up resistance	40	75	190	KΩ	Vin = 0
Rpd	Input pull-down resistance	40	75	190	KΩ	Vin =VCCIO
Iin	Input Leakage Current	-10	+/-1	10	μA	Vin = 0
Ioz	Tri-state output leakage current	-10	+/-1	10	μA	Vin = 5.5V or 0

Table 6.6 I/O Pin Characteristics VCCIO = +1.8V (except USB PHY pins)

* The I/O drive strength and slow slew-rate are configurable in the **MTP memory**.

Parameter	Description	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units	Conditions
Voh	Output Voltage High	3V3OUT-0.2			V	
Vol	Output Voltage Low			0.2	V	
Vil	Input Low Switching Threshold		-	0.8	V	
Vih	Input High Switching Threshold	2.0	-		V	

Table 6.7 USB I/O Pin (USBDP, USBDM) Characteristics

6.4 MTP Memory Reliability Characteristics

The internal 2048 Byte MTP memory has the following reliability characteristics:

Parameter	Value	Unit
Data Retention	10	Years
Write Cycle	2,000	Cycles
Read Cycle	Unlimited	Cycles

Table 6.8 MTP memory Characteristics

Note: Performing X-ray inspection as part of manufacturing process could potentially corrupt the MTP content. Avoid X-ray directly on the IC as part of the manufacturing process if possible, or conduct your own evaluation and risk assessment.

6.5 Internal Clock Characteristics

The internal Clock Oscillator has the following characteristics:

Parameter	Value			Unit
	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	
Frequency of Operation (see Note 1)	11.98	12.00	12.02	MHz
Clock Period	83.19	83.33	83.47	Ns
Duty Cycle	45	50	55	%

Table 6.9 Internal Clock Characteristics

Note: Equivalent to +/-1667ppm

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7.2 Self Powered Configuration

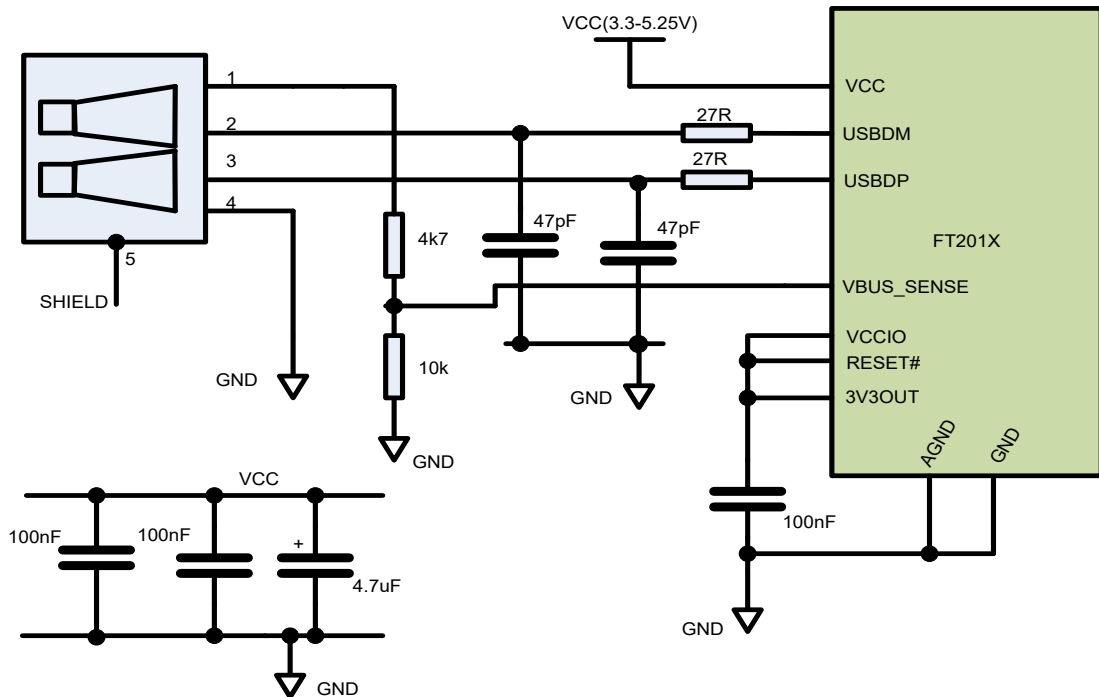


Figure 7.2 Self Powered Configuration

Figure 7.2 illustrates the FT201X in a typical USB self-powered configuration. A USB self-powered device gets its power from its own power supply, VCC, and does not draw current from the USB bus. The basic rules for USB self-powered devices are as follows –

- i) A self-powered device should not force current down the USB bus when the USB host or hub controller is powered down.
- ii) A self-powered device can use as much current as it needs during normal operation and USB suspend as it has its own power supply.
- iii) A self-powered device can be used with any USB host, a bus powered USB hub or a self-powered USB hub.

The power descriptor in the internal MTP memory of the FT201X should be programmed to a value of zero (self-powered).

To comply with the first requirement above, the USB bus power (pin 1) is used to control the VBUS_Sense pin of the FT201X device. When the USB host or hub is powered up an internal 1.5kΩ resistor on USBDP is pulled up to +3.3V, thus identifying the device as a full speed device to the USB host or hub. When the USB host or hub is powered off, VBUS_Sense pin will be low and the FT201X is held in a suspend state. In this state the internal 1.5kΩ resistor is not pulled up to any power supply (hub or host is powered down), so no current flows down USBDP via the 1.5kΩ pull-up resistor. Failure to do this may cause some USB host or hub controllers to power up erratically. Figure 7.2 illustrates a self-powered design which has a +3.3V to +5.25V supply.

Note:

1. When the FT201X is in reset, the interface I/O pins are tri-stated. Input pins have internal 75kΩ pull-up resistors to VCCIO, so they will gently pull high unless driven by some external logic.

7.3 USB Bus Powered with Power Switching Configuration

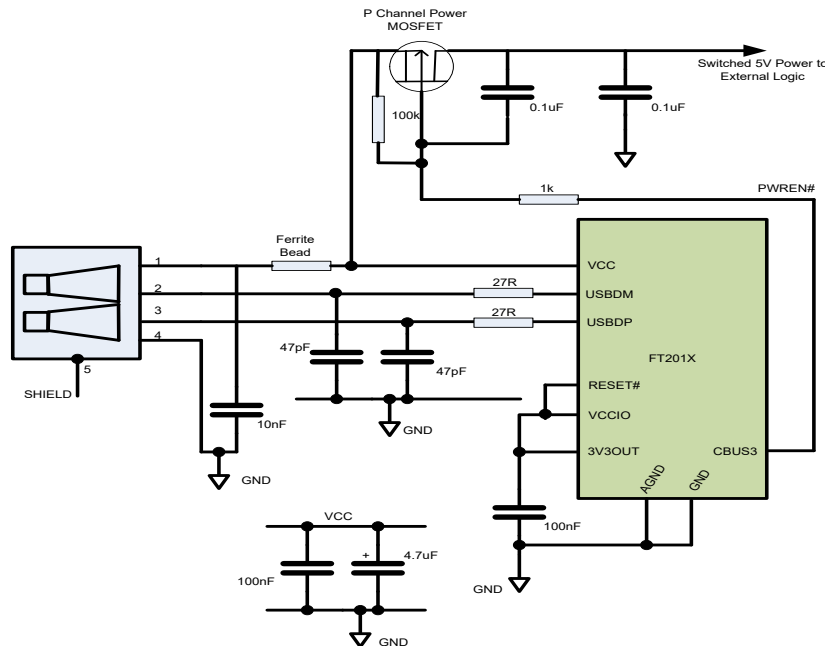


Figure 7.3 Bus Powered with Power Switching Configuration

A requirement of USB bus powered applications is when in USB suspend mode, the application draws a total current of less than 2.5mA. This requirement includes external logic. Some external logic has the ability to power itself down into a low current state by monitoring the PWREN# signal. For external logic that cannot power itself down in this way, the FT201X provides a simple but effective method of turning off power during the USB suspend mode.

Figure 7.3 shows an example of using a discrete P-Channel MOSFET to control the power to external logic. A suitable device to do this is an International Rectifier (www.irf.com) IRLML6402, or equivalent. It is recommended that a "soft start" circuit consisting of a 1k Ω series resistor and a 0.1 μ F capacitor is used to limit the current surge when the MOSFET turns on. Without the "soft start" circuit it is possible that the transient power surge, caused when the MOSFET switches on, will reset the FT201X or the USB host/hub controller. The "soft start" circuit example shown in Figure 7.3 powers up with a slew rate of approximately 12.5V/ms. Thus, supply voltage to external logic transitions from GND to +5V in approximately 400 microseconds.

As an alternative to the MOSFET, a dedicated power switch IC with inbuilt "soft start" can be used. A suitable power switch IC for such an application is the Micrel MIC2025-2BM or equivalent.

With power switching controlled designs the following should be noted:

- The external logic to which the power is being switched should have its own reset circuitry to automatically reset the logic when power is re-applied when moving out of suspend mode.
- Set the Pull-down on Suspend option in the internal FT201X MTP memory.
- One of the CBUS Pins should be configured as PWREN# in the internal FT201X MTP memory and used to switch the power supply to the external circuitry.
- For USB high-power bus powered applications (one that consumes greater than 100mA, and up to 500mA of current from the USB bus), the power consumption of the application must be set in the Max Power field in the internal FT201X MTP memory. A high-power bus powered application uses the descriptor in the internal FT201X MTP memory to inform the system of its power requirements.
- PWREN# gets its VCC from VCCIO. For designs using 3V3 logic, ensure VCCIO is not powered down using the external logic. In this case use the +3V3OUT.

Please also refer to technical note [TN_162 Bus Powered with Power Switching Configuration](#).

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If the master wishes to read from the slave then it repeatedly receives a byte from the slave, the master sending an ACK bit after every byte but the last one. (In this situation, the master is in master receive mode and the slave is in slave transmit mode.)

The master then ends transmission with a stop bit, or it may send another START bit if it wishes to retain control of the bus for another transfer (a "combined message").

I²C defines three basic types of message, each of which begins with a START and ends with a STOP:

- Single message where a master writes data to a slave;
- Single message where a master reads data from a slave;
- Combined messages, where a master issues at least two reads and/or writes to one or more slaves

In a combined message, each read or write begins with a START and the slave address. After the first START, these are also called repeated START bits; repeated START bits are not preceded by STOP bits, which is how slaves know the next transfer is part of the same message.

The I²C address of the FT201X is stored in the device internal MTP memory.

Please refer to the I²C specification for more information on the protocol.

8.2 USB Battery Charging Detection

A recent addition to the USB specification (<http://www.usb.org/developers/>) is to allow for additional charging profiles to be used for charging batteries in portable devices. These charging profiles do not enumerate the USB port of the peripheral. The FT201X device will detect that a USB compliant dedicated charging port (DCP) is connected. Once detected while in suspend mode a battery charge detection signal is provided to allow external logic to switch to charging mode as opposed to operation mode.

To use the FT201X with battery charging detection the CBUS pins must be reprogrammed to allow for the BCD Charger output to switch the external charger circuitry on. The CBUS pins are configured in the internal MTP memory with the free utility FT_PROG. If the charging circuitry requires an active low signal to enable it, the CBUS pin can be programmed to BCD Charger# as an alternative.

When connected to a USB compliant dedicated charging port (DCP, as opposed to a standard USB host) the device USB signals will be shorted together and the device suspended. The BCD charger signal will bring the LTC4053 out of suspend and allow battery charging to start. The charge current in the example below is 1A as defined by the resistance on the PROG pin.



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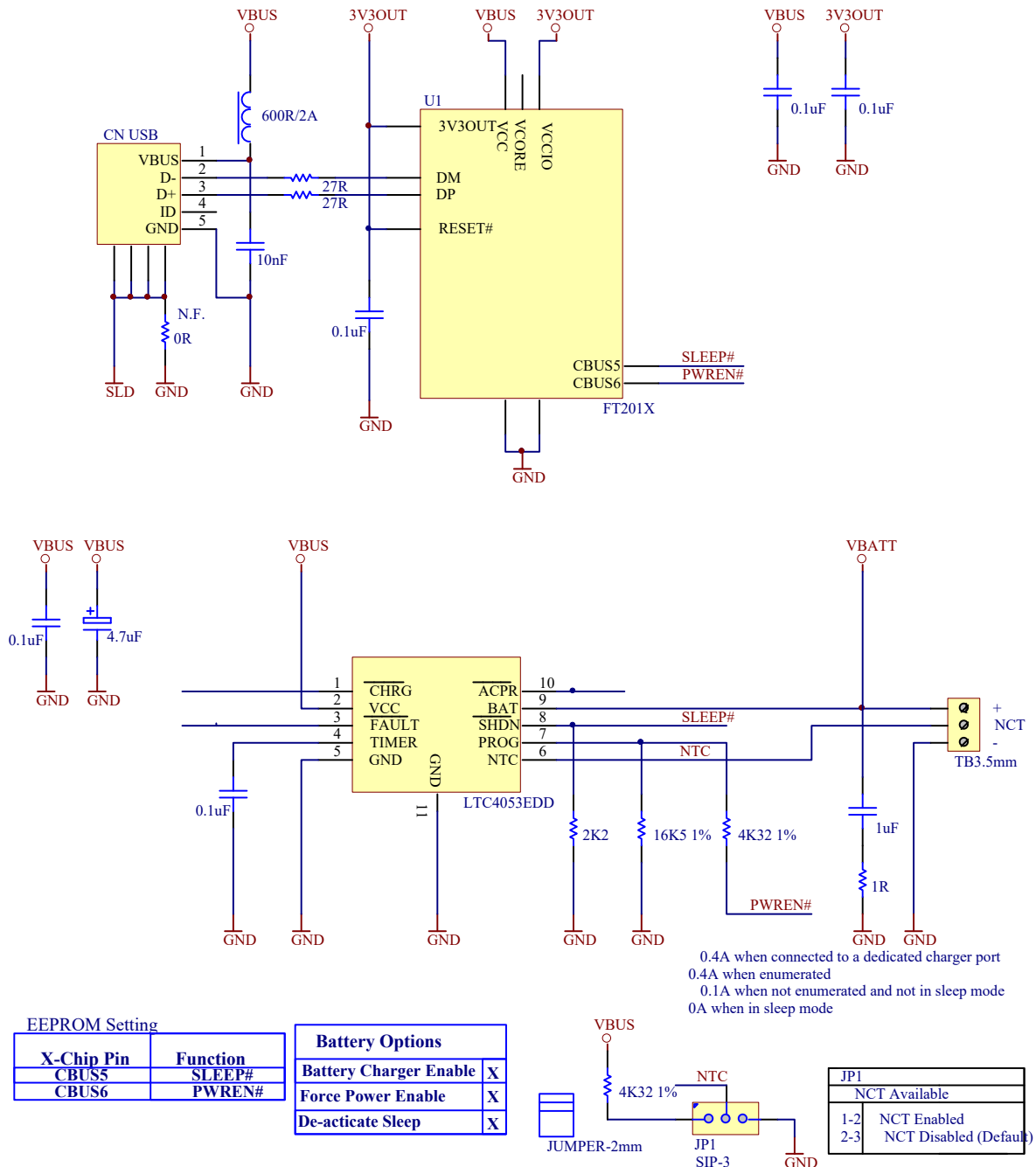


Figure 8.3 USB Battery Charging Detection (2- pin)

In the example above the FT201X SLEEP pin is used to enable/disable the LTC4053, while the PWREN# signal alters the charging current by altering the resistance on the LTC4053 PROG pin.

A third option shown in the example below uses the SLEEP signal from the FT201X to enable / disable the battery charger. The BCD# and PWREN# signals are then used to alter the resistance on the PROG pin of the LTC4053 which controls the charge current drawn from the USB connector.

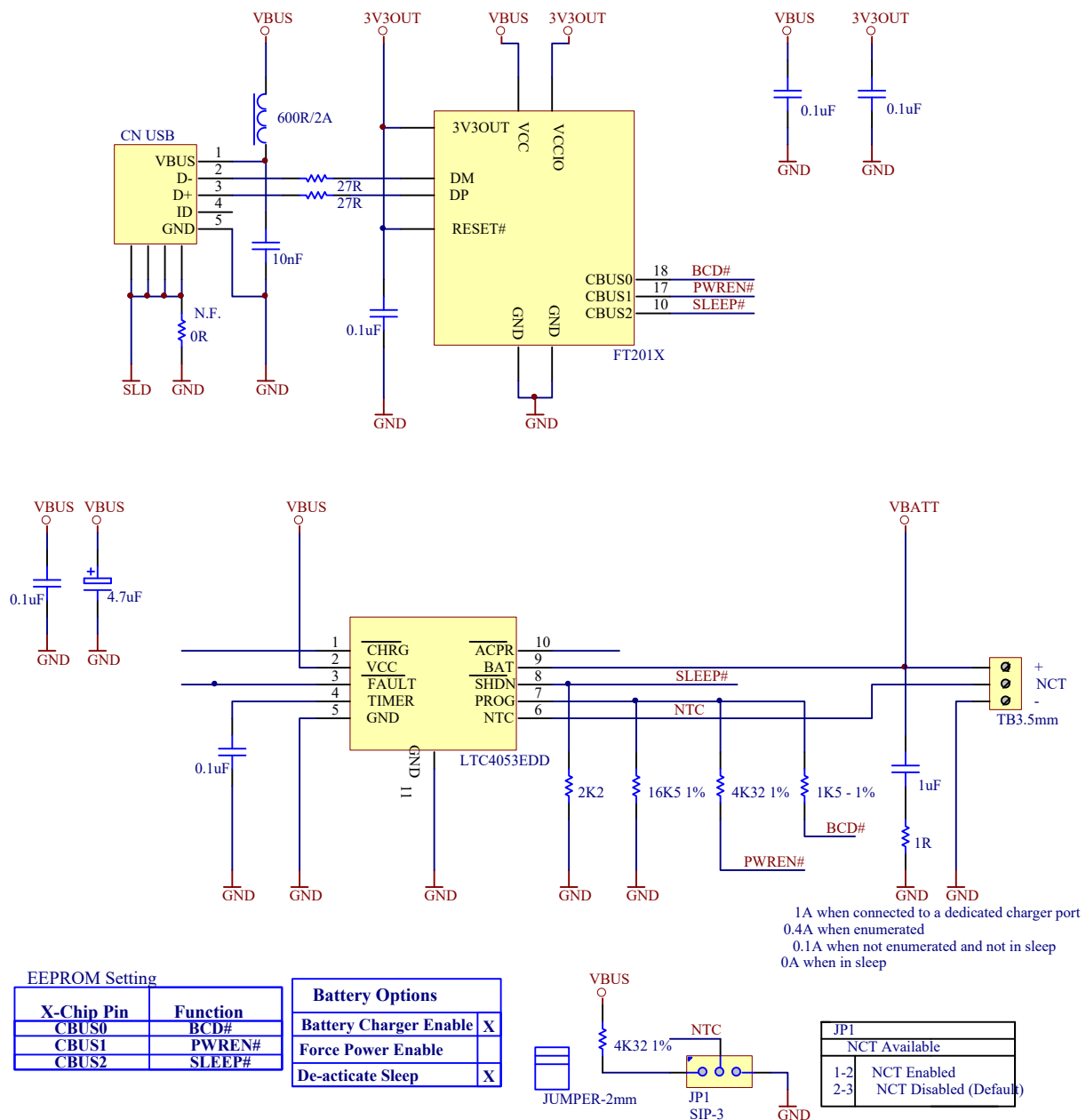


Figure 8.4 USB Battery Charging Detection (3 - pin)

To calculate the equivalent resistance on the LTC4053 PROG pin select a charge current, then $Res = 1500V/I_{chg}$.

For more configuration options of the LTC4053 refer to:

[AN 175 Battery Charger Detection over USB with FT-X Devices](#)

Note: If the FT201X is connected to a standard host port such that the device is enumerated the battery charge detection signal is inactive as the device will not be in suspend.

9 USB and I²C Interfacing

This section covers the transfer of data from USB to I²C and vice versa.

Please note that the FT200XD and FT201X are I²C slave devices only and should be interfaced to an I²C host (often in a microcontroller or FPGA). If an I²C master is required, please see the FT232H, FT2232H, FT4232H and FT2232D devices.

This section covers transfer of data only. The USB and I²C interfaces on the FT200XD and FT201X can also be used for programming of the MTP memory, which is covered in a separate section.

Throughout this section, the reference FT-X applies to the FT200XD and FT201X devices, as the other members of the FT-X family do not have I²C interfaces.

9.1 Host Interface (USB)

From the host computer's point of view, the I²C data can be sent and received in the same way as when interfacing to one of the standard UART devices such as the FT232R. The FT-X handles the entire I²C protocol inside the chip and so reading and writing data does not require any special programming from the PC side. It can be treated as a simple data bridge.

9.1.1 VCP and D2xx Interfaces

Like the other FTDI devices, the host can use D2xx commands or can use a Virtual COM Port (VCP) to communicate with the device.

D2xx Interface

The D2xx method allows the application software to use the functions in the FTDI D2xx library to communicate directly with the device. This is a library provided free-of-charge by FTDI and is available within the driver download files at <http://www.ftdichip.com/Drivers/D2XX.htm>.

It includes functions to find the FTDI devices on the system, open a particular device, send data to the device and read data from the device. Any data written using FT_Write, for example, will be sent to the FT-X chip and will be available for the external I²C Master to read. As mentioned above, only the data itself needs to be sent as the FT-X handles all of the I²C specific protocol.

There are many other functions available, and full details can be found in the [D2XX Programmer's Guide](#).

Virtual COM Port Interface

If using the Virtual Com Port (VCP), the device will appear as if it were a real COM port on the computer. This is useful where an application has already been written to use an RS232 port on the computer as it allows that application to treat the FT-X as if it were a real COM port. This port can be opened in a terminal program or a custom application in the same way as a serial port would be opened. Data can then be sent or received using standard serial / COM port functions.

No I²C decoding is required as the chip itself handles the I²C protocol. Because of this, even I²C versions of the FT-X family can be used with the VCP interface. Any data which the host PC sends to the Virtual COM Port (for example, typed into the terminal window in HyperTerminal) will be sent over USB to the FT-X and can then be read by the external I²C Master. Likewise, any data written to the FT-X over I²C will be sent to the PC where the terminal program will display it.

Since the FT-X is the I²C slave and does not generate a clock signal, the settings such as baud rate and handshaking do not have any effect.

D2xx and VCP Interface under Windows

In Windows systems, the VCP driver is actually an additional layer on top of the D2xx driver. The D2xx driver is always loaded and the VCP later may or may not be loaded on top of it, depending on the requirements of the application.

When VCP is disabled, the device will appear only under Universal Serial Bus Controllers in the Device Manager and no COM port is exposed. When the VCP is enabled, the device will appear under both the Universal Serial Bus Controllers and the Ports (COM & LPT) sections in Device Manager.

The VCP interface will be disabled by default in the FT200XD and FT201X but can be enabled in one of the following ways:

- An option bit in the MTP memory on the chip is checked each time that the device is enumerated and can cause the host computer to load the VCP layer. This allows each individual hardware unit to enable or disable VCP as per its requirements. The MTP information in section 10 has further details. [FT_PROG](#) can also be used to modify the MTP settings.
- The user may open the Properties for the device under Universal Serial Bus Controllers in Device Manager in Windows and tick a box to load the VCP. Re-enumeration of the FT-X is necessary to enable the new setting.
- By editing the driver FtdiBus.inf file (please refer to application note, [AN 107 Advanced Driver Options](#)). Note that the FT_INF utility available from the FTDI website can be used to help create the modified inf files.

In other Operating systems (e.g. Linux and Mac), there are separate drivers for D2xx and VCP, and only one of these drivers may be installed at any time. Therefore, the mode is selected by installing the associated driver instead and the selection defined in the bullet points above has no effect.

9.1.2 Reading and Writing Data

Data from FT-X to the Host

When data is to be sent from the host computer to the external I²C master, the software application writes this data to the FTDI driver using VCP or D2xx and this data is sent by the driver over USB to the buffer in the device.

The external I²C master device may then perform an I²C read (Master receiver, Slave transmitter) operation to retrieve the data.

The external I²C master should check if data is available to ensure that the data which has been read is valid. The methods for this are described in Section [9.2.2](#).

Data from Host to the FT-X

When data is to be sent from the external I²C master to the host computer, the external master performs an I²C write (Master transmitter, Slave receiver) operation to the FT-X.

The FT-X stores this in its buffer and the data is sent back to the driver on the host computer over USB. As with other FTDI devices, this happens when either the buffer in the device fills or when the latency timer rolls over (so that partially filled buffers do not wait indefinitely), whichever happens first.

Note that when writing data to the FT-X over I²C, the external master should check whether there is space available in the buffer inside the FT-X. It can do this using the methods shown in Section [9.2.2](#) below.

The host computer application can then read the data from the driver buffer using the VCP interface or the D2xx commands. In the case of D2xx, the number of bytes available may be determined using the FT_GetQueueStatus command before doing the FT_Read.

9.2 I²C Interface

From an I²C point of view, the FT-X behaves as a standard I²C slave. Data transfers take the same form as a standard I²C communication. In addition to reading and writing, there are some other commands which can be used to determine the status of the device and these are covered in this section and in further detail in Section [9.3](#).

Note: This section uses 7-bit addressing in the examples. It uses eight characters to describe the seven address bits and the single read/write bit. For example, **1110 011 1** means address 0x73 with the

Read/Write bit set to 1, and therefore corresponds to a read of address 0x73. Data values are represented in bytes, for example, **1010 0101** for data value 0xA5.

9.2.1 Addressing

The FT-X can be given a custom slave address on the I²C bus. This is stored in MTP memory and can be re-programmed over USB or I²C. Please see the separate MTP Programming information in section 10. The slave address is used when reading and writing to the device. The FT-X supports both 7-bit and 10-bit addressing.

The general call address (0000 000 0) is for addressing every device on the bus. Some slaves do not support the General Call Address though the FT-X devices do support it. They will acknowledge this address, receive the second byte and interpret it. There are several commands available for this second byte. The FT-X will support the Software Reset command which is part of the I2C specification as well as other custom FTDI commands. These are covered in more detail later in the Other I2C Commands section.

9.2.2 Data Transfers

Reading and Writing

For all I²C data transfers to and from the FT-X, the slave address of the FT-X is used. Figure 9.1 shows a typical 7-bit address transfer for each direction.

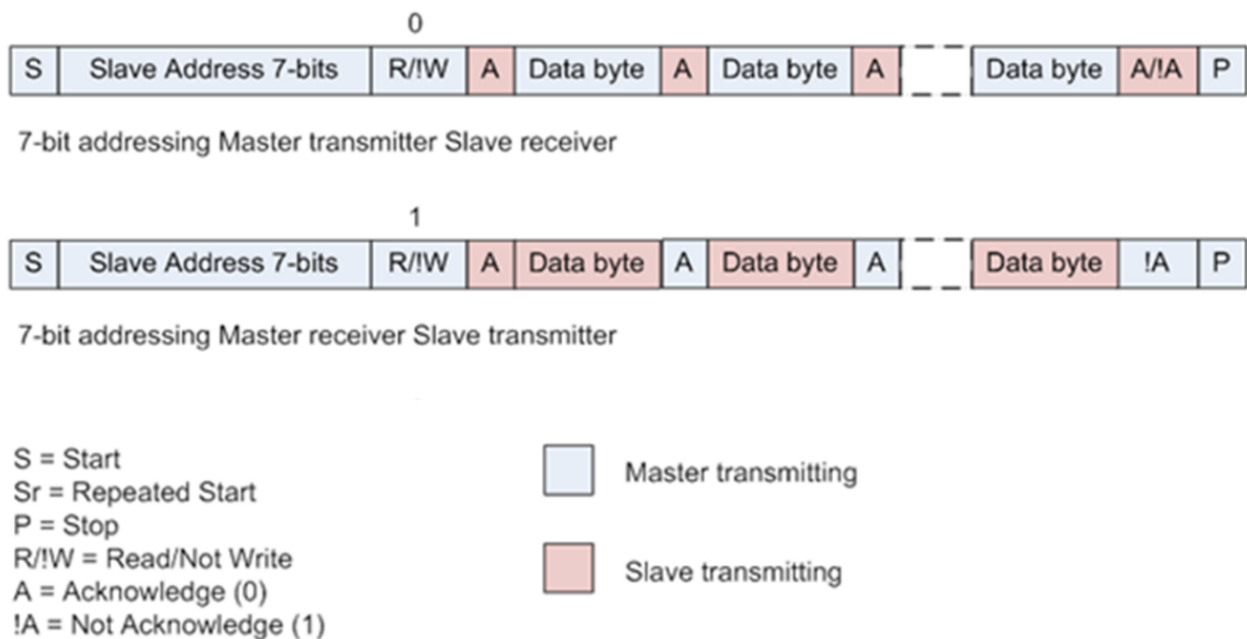


Figure 9.1 Data transfers using 7-bit addressing

Figure 9.2 summarises all of the transfers available (7-bit and 10-bit addressing).

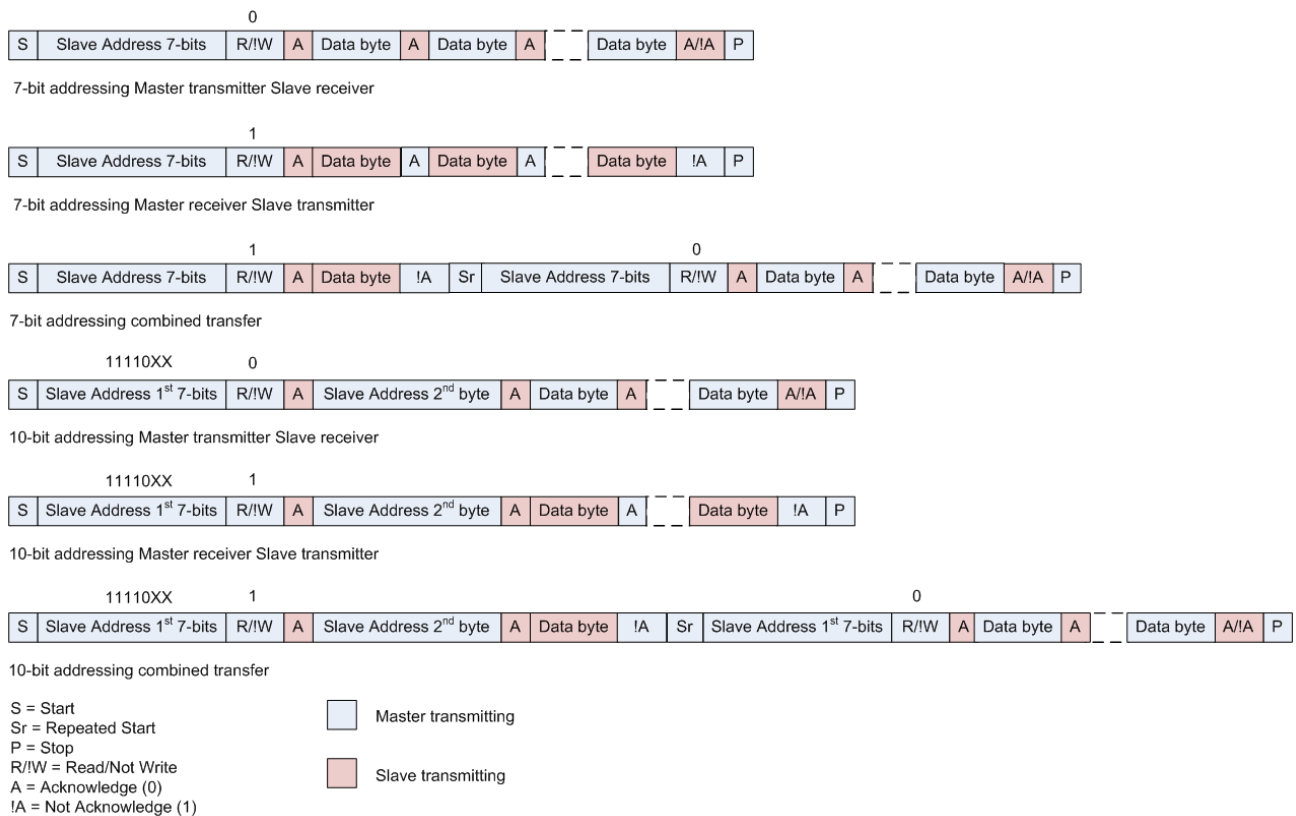


Figure 9.2 Data transfers with 7-bit and 10-bit addressing modes

Flow Control when Reading

When reading data, it is important to know if there is data available to read over I²C and if the data read is valid. There are three methods by which to check whether the data being read is valid.

- Checking the I2C_RXF# line, which indicates to the I2C master device the status of the receive buffer being empty or not. This signal can be mapped to the CBUS pin. When the line is de-asserted, there is no data available in the receive buffer for the I2C master to read. When the line is asserted, the receive buffer has 1 or more bytes of data available for the I2C master to read.
- Do a read over I²C (Master receiver, Slave transmitter) and check whether the FT-X acknowledges the address phase. The FT-X will NAK the address phase if there is no data to read.
- If bursting data, then there is not an address phase for each byte. In this case, it is not possible to tell when the buffer has emptied and therefore when you are no longer reading valid bytes. In this case, a Data Available check can be carried out first. If the byte after the general call address is 0x0C (0000 1100), the FT-X returns the Data Available Count to indicate the number of bytes available for burst read. Please also refer to Section 9.3. Note that because this returns a single byte, the maximum value is 0xFF, and so a value of 0xFF indicates that there are 255 or more bytes available.



Figure 9.3 Checking the Data Available Count

Flow Control when Writing

When writing data (data going from I²C toward the host computer), it is important to check if there is space available and if the FT-X accepted the byte written. There are two methods by which to check whether space is available.

- Checking the I2C_TXE# line, which indicates to the I2C master device the status of the transmit buffer being full or still available to transmit data. This signal can be mapped to the CBUS pin. This line does not indicate the number of bytes available. If the line is de-asserted, the transmit buffer is not empty. When the line is asserted, there is space for the master to write more data into the FT-X.
- Do a write over I²C (Master transmitter, Slave receiver) and check if the FT-X ACKs. The FT-X will NAK if there is no space in the buffer for the data to be written into. The FT-X will NACK in the address phase if this is the first byte being written and there is no space available. If the buffer becomes full during a burst write, the FT-X will NACK any bytes during the data phase which cannot be accommodated in the buffer.

Note that because the acknowledgement can be checked for each byte written (since the FT-X slave is generating the acknowledgement when writing to it), there is no command to ask the FT-X how much buffer space is available.

9.3 Other I²C Commands

Soft reset

This uses the General Call Address. If the second byte is 0x06 (0000 0110) it will be interpreted by the FT-X as the Soft Reset command, which clears all buffers.

Flush command

This uses the General Call Address. If the second byte is 0x0E (0000 1110) it will be interpreted by the FT-X as the Flush command and the Transmit and Receive buffers will be flushed of all data.

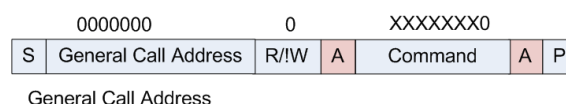


Figure 9.4 Flush data command

Read Data Available command

This uses the General Call Address. If the second byte is 0x0C (0000 1100) it will be interpreted by the block as the Read Data Available command and on the next I²C read cycle following this command, the data will hold the number of bytes available for burst read.

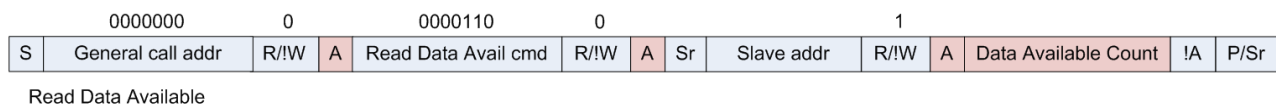


Figure 9.5 Reading the amount of data available

USB State command

This uses the General Call Address. If the second byte is 0x16 (0001 0110) it will be interpreted by the block as the USB State command and on the next read cycle following this command, the data will hold the coded USB State value. The USB state allows you to check the current USB enumeration state:

0x00 = Suspended.
0x01 = Default.
0x02 = Addressed.

0x03 = Configured.

Note: The Configured state is the normal operating state.

Further details of these states can be found in Chapter 9 of the USB 2.0 Specification from the USB Implementers Forum website (<http://www.usb.org>).

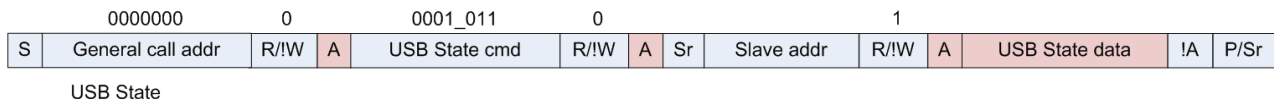


Figure 9.6 Checking the USB State

Device ID command

This command uses the Slave address of the FT-X. The master issues the 1111 100 0 command (0x7c write) followed by the slave address with the direction bit as either 0 or 1 (don't care). The master then sends a repeated start followed by the 1111 100 1 command (0x7c read). The FT-X responds with 3 bytes containing the manufacturer ID (12 bits), part ID (9 bits) and revision (3 bits). The master ends reading with a NACK.

Note: In the case where the master keeps ACKing the data, it has to wrap around and the slave (the FT-X) will keep sending the 3 bytes of its ID.

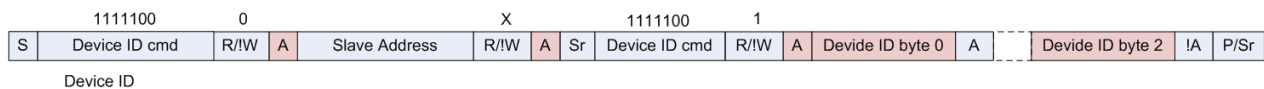


Figure 9.7 Reading the Device ID

10 Internal MTP Memory Configuration

The FT201X includes an internal MTP memory which holds the USB configuration descriptors, other configuration data for the chip and also user data areas. Following a power-on reset or a USB reset the FT201X will scan its internal MTP memory and read the USB configuration descriptors stored there.

In many cases, the default values programmed into the MTP memory will be suitable and no re-programming will be necessary. The defaults can be found in Section [10.1](#).

The MTP memory in the FT201X can be programmed over USB or over the I²C bus if the values need to be changed for a particular application. Further details of this are provided from section 10.2 onwards.

Users who do not have their own USB Vendor ID but who would like to use a unique Product ID in their design can apply to FTDI for a free block of unique PIDs. See [TN 100 USB Vendor ID/Product ID Guidelines](#) for more details.

10.1 Default Values

The default factory programmed values of the internal MTP memory are shown in Table 10.1.

Parameter	Value	Notes
USB Vendor ID (VID)	0403h	FTDI default VID (hex)
USB Product ID (PID)	6015h	FTDI default PID (hex)
Serial Number Enabled?	Yes	
Serial Number	See Note	A unique serial number is generated and programmed into the MTP memory during device final test.
Pull down I/O Pins in USB Suspend	Disabled	Enabling this option will make the device pull down on the UART interface lines when in USB suspend mode (PWREN# is high).
Manufacturer Name	FTDI	
Product Description	FT201X USB I2C	
Max Bus Power Current	90mA	
Power Source	Bus Powered	
Device Type	FT201X	
USB Version	0200	Returns USB 2.0 device description to the host. Note: The device is a USB 2.0 Full Speed device (12Mb/s) as opposed to a USB 2.0 High Speed device (480Mb/s).
Remote Wake Up	Disabled	
DBUS Drive Current Strength	4mA	Options are 4mA, 8mA, 12mA, 16mA
DBUS slew rate	Slow	Options are slow or fast
DBUS Schmitt Trigger Enable	Normal	Options are normal or Schmitt
CBUS Drive Current Strength	4mA	Options are 4mA, 8mA, 12mA, 16mA
CBUS slew rate	Slow	Options are slow or fast
CBUS Schmitt Trigger Enable	Normal	Options are normal or Schmitt
Load VCP Driver	Disabled	Enabling this will load the VCP driver interface for the device.
I ² C Address	22h	The I ² C device address
CBUS0	SLEEP#	Default configuration of CBUS0 – Goes low during USB suspend mode.
CBUS1	TRI-STATE	Default configuration of CBUS1 – TRI-STATE.
CBUS2	TRI-STATE	Default configuration of CBUS2 – TRI-STATE
CBUS3	PWREN#	Default configuration of CBUS3 – Power enable. Low after USB enumeration, high during USB suspend mode.

Parameter	Value	Notes
CBUS4	VBUS_Sense	Default configuration of CBUS4 – Input to detect when VBUS is present.
CBUS5	Keep_Awake#	Prevents the device from entering suspend state when unplugged. May be used if programming the MTP memory over I ² C.

Table 10.1 Default Internal MTP Memory Configuration

Note: These values apply to Revision D and later. The previous revisions had different CBUS defaults.

Note: The Internal MTP is protected with a checksum. This checksum can fail if the memory is programmed incorrectly by the user, or if it's exposed to X-Ray during PCB inspection. When a device fails this checksum then it automatically reverts back to FTDI default settings. This is a protection mechanism to allow the device to attempt to successfully enumerate with the USB Host. In such cases the default VID and PID will be set as per Table 10.1 and the Product Description would read FT232EX. [FT_PROG](#) can be used to attempt to recover the memory. If recovery is not possible then please [Contact Us](#).

10.2 Methods of Programming the MTP Memory

10.2.1 Programming the MTP memory over USB

The MTP memory on all FT-X devices can be programmed over USB. This method is the same as for the EEPROM on other FTDI devices such as the FT232R. No additional hardware, connections or programming voltages are required. The device is simply connected to the host computer in the same way that it would be for normal applications, and the FT_PROG utility is used to set the required options and program the device.

The FT_PROG utility is provided free-of-charge from the FTDI website and can be found at the link below. The user guide is also available at this link.

http://www.ftdichip.com/Support/Utilities.htm#FT_Prog.

Additionally, D2XX commands can be used to program the MTP memory from within user applications. For more information on the commands available, please refer to [D2XX Programmer's Guide](#).

10.2.2 Programming the MTP memory over I²C

In the FT201X device, it is possible to program the MTP memory over its I²C interface. This is the same interface which is used in the normal application of the FT201X and would normally be connected to the I²C master implemented in a microcontroller (MCU) or FPGA. However, special commands can also be used to access the MTP memory in the FT201X over the same I²C connection, allowing the MCU/FPGA to read and write locations in the MTP memory. No additional hardware, connections or programming voltages are required.

Warning: When programming locations in the MTP which are covered by the checksum, the checksum value must always be programmed to the correct value before any device reset takes place. If the device starts up or resets with an incorrect checksum, I²C communication will not be possible. Recovery is only possible by re-programming the checksum to the correct value over USB.

Two examples where it may be desired to use the I²C interface to write and read the MTP Memory are given below. In some cases, the application may use both of these possibilities.

1. To store and retrieve application specific data such as calibration constants in the user area (e.g. if the overall application was an analog measurement system). This can avoid the need for an extra EEPROM chip on the application board.
2. To read and write the configuration data (e.g. custom VID, PID, description strings or CBUS signal selection to enable signals for battery charging etc.) without a USB host. This could allow an MCU/FPGA to configure the FT201X during production testing of the finished device or even when in use in the field.

The information in the rest of this chapter can be used to implement the storing and reading of application data in the user area as in example 1 above. Example 2 requires details of the configuration data stored in the MTP memory. Further details can be found in the application note [AN_201_FT-X MTP Memory Configuration](#).

10.3 Memory Map

The FT-X family MTP memory has various areas which come under three main categories:

- User Memory Area
- Configuration Memory Area (writable)
- Configuration Memory Area (non-writable)

Memory Area Description	Word Address
User Memory Area 2 Accessible via USB, I ² C and FT1248	0x3FF - 0x80
Configuration Memory Area Accessible via USB, I ² C and FT1248	0x7E - 0x50
Configuration Memory Area Cannot be written	0x4E - 0x40
User Memory Area 1 Accessible via USB, I ² C and FT1248	0x3E - 0x12
Configuration Memory Area Accessible via USB, I ² C and FT1248	0x10 - 0x00

Figure 10.1 Simplified memory map for the FT201X

User Memory Area

The User Memory Areas are highlighted in Green on the memory map. They can be read and written via both USB and I²C. All locations within this range are freely programmable; no areas have special functions and there is no checksum for the user area.

Note that the application should take into account the specification for the number of write cycles in Section [6.4](#) if it will be writing to the MTP memory multiple times.

Configuration Memory Area (writable)

This area stores the configuration data for the device, including the data which is returned to the host in the configuration descriptors (e.g. the VID, PID and string descriptions) and also values which set the hardware configuration (the signal assigned to each CBUS pin for example).

These values can have a significant effect on the behaviour of the device. Steps must be taken to ensure that these locations are not written to un-intentionally by an application which is intended to access only the user area.

This area is included in a checksum which covers configuration areas of the memory, and so changing any value can also cause this checksum to fail. When changing any locations covered by the checksum, the checksum value must always be updated before a device reset or power cycle takes place (i.e. before the device uses the new MTP settings). Devices with incorrect checksum will require programming over USB to recover and correct the checksum.

Configuration Memory Area (non-writable)

This is a reserved area and the application should not write to this area of memory. Any attempt to write these locations will fail.

10.4 Hardware Requirements

The hardware is the same as for a typical USB-I²C application and no additional hardware or programming voltages are required. The I²C connections are the same as shown in Section 8.1. For the USB connections, either a bus-powered configuration (see Section 7.1 and 7.3) or a self-powered configuration (see Section 7.2) could be used.

Warning: When programming locations in the MTP which are covered by the checksum, the checksum value must always be programmed to the correct value before any device reset takes place. If the device starts up or resets with an incorrect checksum, I²C communication will not be possible. Recovery is only possible by re-programming the checksum to the correct value over USB.

10.5 Protocol

The I²C MTP memory protocol consists of 3 commands:

- Address MTP memory (0x10)
- Write MTP memory (0x12)
- Read MTP memory (0x14)

For further details on the I²C protocol, refer to Section 5.

10.5.1 Address MTP memory (0x10)

This consists of a general call with a command phase followed by 2 data bytes which represent the MTP memory address allowing users to address, potentially, up to 64K byte addresses.

10.5.2 Write MTP memory (0x12)

This consists of a general call with a command phase followed by 1 data byte which shall be programmed into the MTP memory at the address location set by the MTP memory address command.

10.5.3 Read MTP memory (0x14)

This consists of a general call with a command phase followed by 1 data byte which is the data read from the MTP memory at the address location set by the MTP memory address command.

10.5.4 Examples of Writing and Reading

When performing MTP memory write and read requests via the I²C protocol, users must first issue the MTP address command along with 2 bytes representing the MTP memory address. The acknowledge phase of this command represents the current status of the MTP memory (whether it is busy or not). If the MTP memory is being accessed during an I²C access then the respective command and data phases will NAK the master. The address will only be updated when the MTP memory is inactive.

Writing

The first part of the communication sets the address, and this is followed by the write command along with the data to be written. The MTP memory write itself will be initiated when the FT201X receives an MTP memory write command followed by a single data byte. The ACK phase represents the current activity of the MTP memory (whether it is busy or not busy). A successful write will only occur when both status phases acknowledge the master indicating that the MTP memory can start the write. Users wishing to determine if the MTP memory write was successful should immediately try an MTP memory read to verify the new contents.

This process of writing to the MTP memory is shown in Figure 10.2.

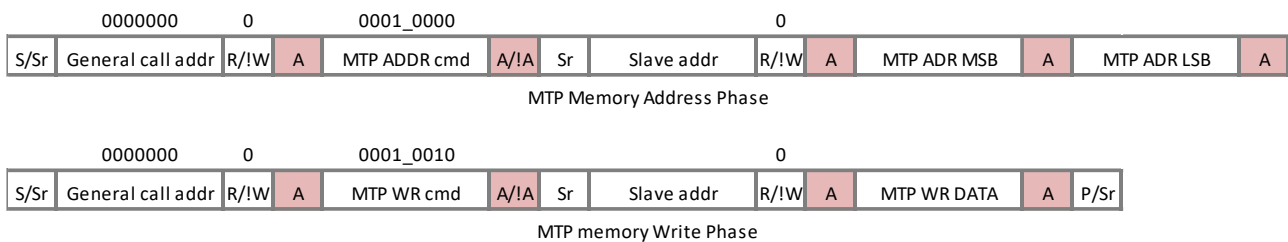


Figure 10.2 Write EEPROM command sequence

Reading

In a similar way, the read is carried out as shown below. The first part of the communication sets the address, and this is followed by the read command and a read cycle used to retrieve the data read back from that address.

An MTP memory read will be initiated when the I²C slave receives an MTP read command. The acknowledgement during the command phase indicates whether or not the MTP memory will be able to service the read request. If it is possible to carry out the read, the I²C moves into the data phase where it can either continue with the read transaction until the slave successful returns an ACK along with the data or if it receives NAK during the data phase it can abort the read transfer and try again.

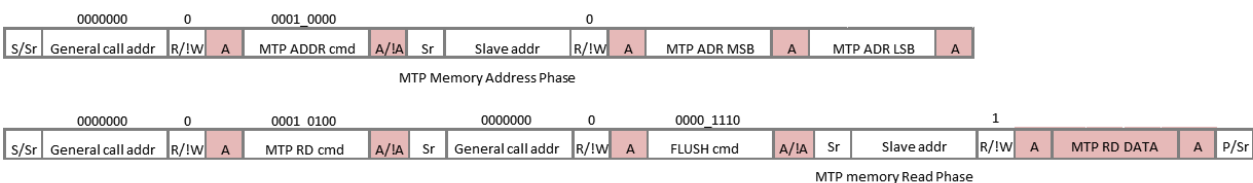


Figure 10.3 Read EEPROM command sequence

11 Package Parameters

The FT201X is available in two different packages. The FT201XS is the SSOP-16 option and the FT201XQ is the QFN-16 package option. The solder reflow profile for both packages is described in Section [11.5](#).

11.1 SSOP-16 Package Mechanical Dimensions

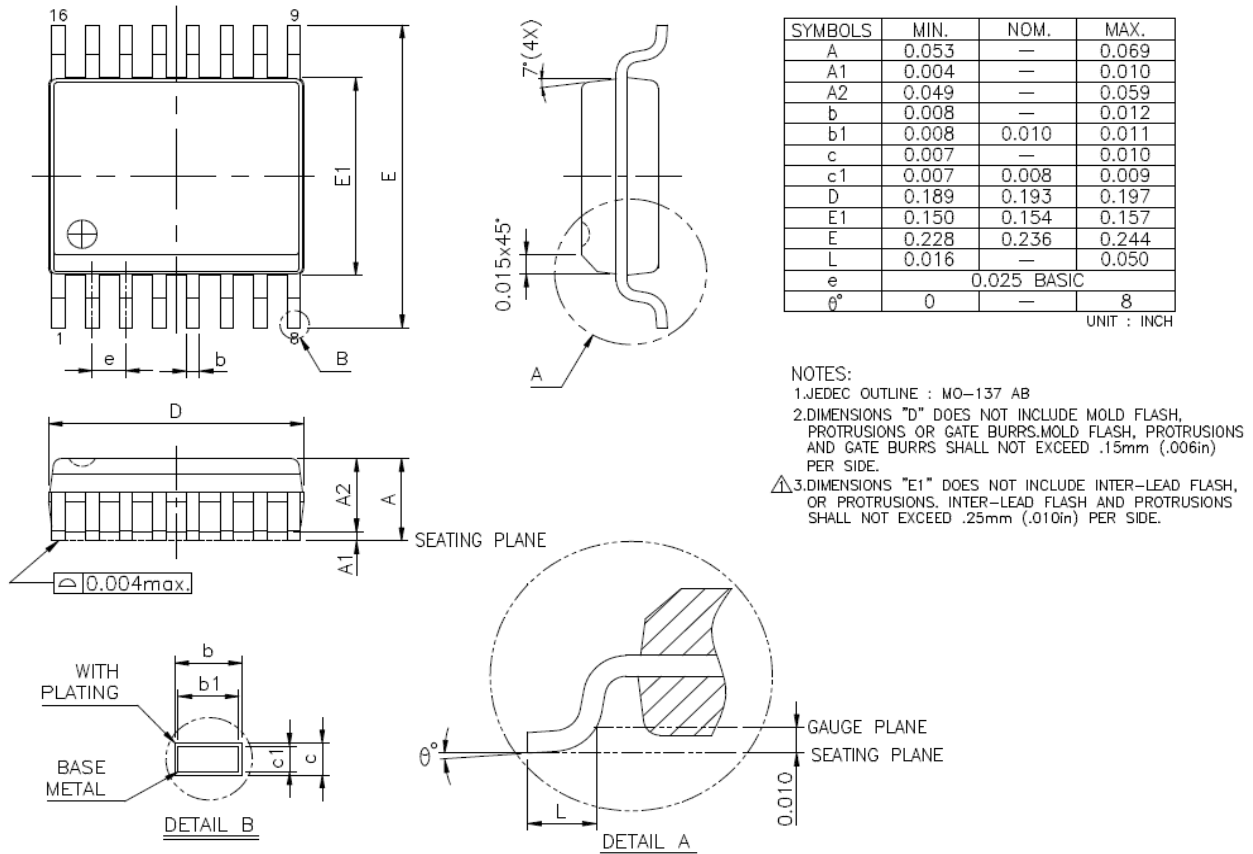


Figure 11.1 SSOP-16 Package Dimensions

The FT201XS is supplied in a RoHS compliant 16 pin SSOP package. The package is lead (Pb) free and uses a 'green' compound. The package is fully compliant with European Union directive 2002/95/EC.

This package is nominally 4.90mm x 3.91mm body (4.90mm x 5.99mm including pins). The pins are on a 0.635 mm pitch. The above mechanical drawing shows the SSOP-16 package.

11.2 SSOP-16 Package Markings

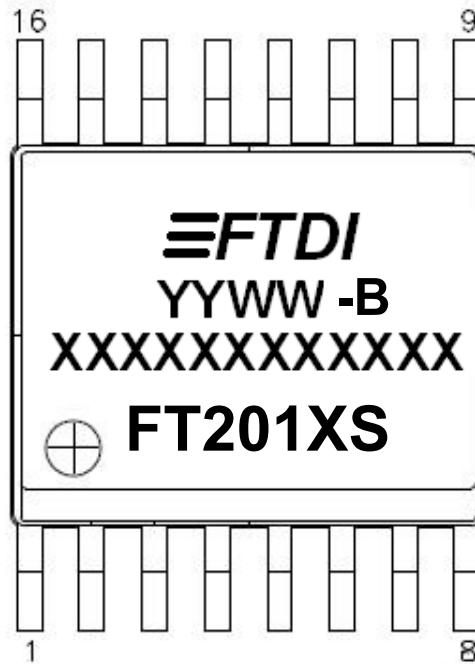


Figure 11.2 SSOP-16 Package Markings

The date code format is **YYXX** where XX = 2-digit week number, YY = 2-digit year number. This is followed by the revision number.

The code **XXXXXXXXXXXXXX** is the manufacturing LOT code.

11.3 QFN-16 Package Mechanical Dimensions

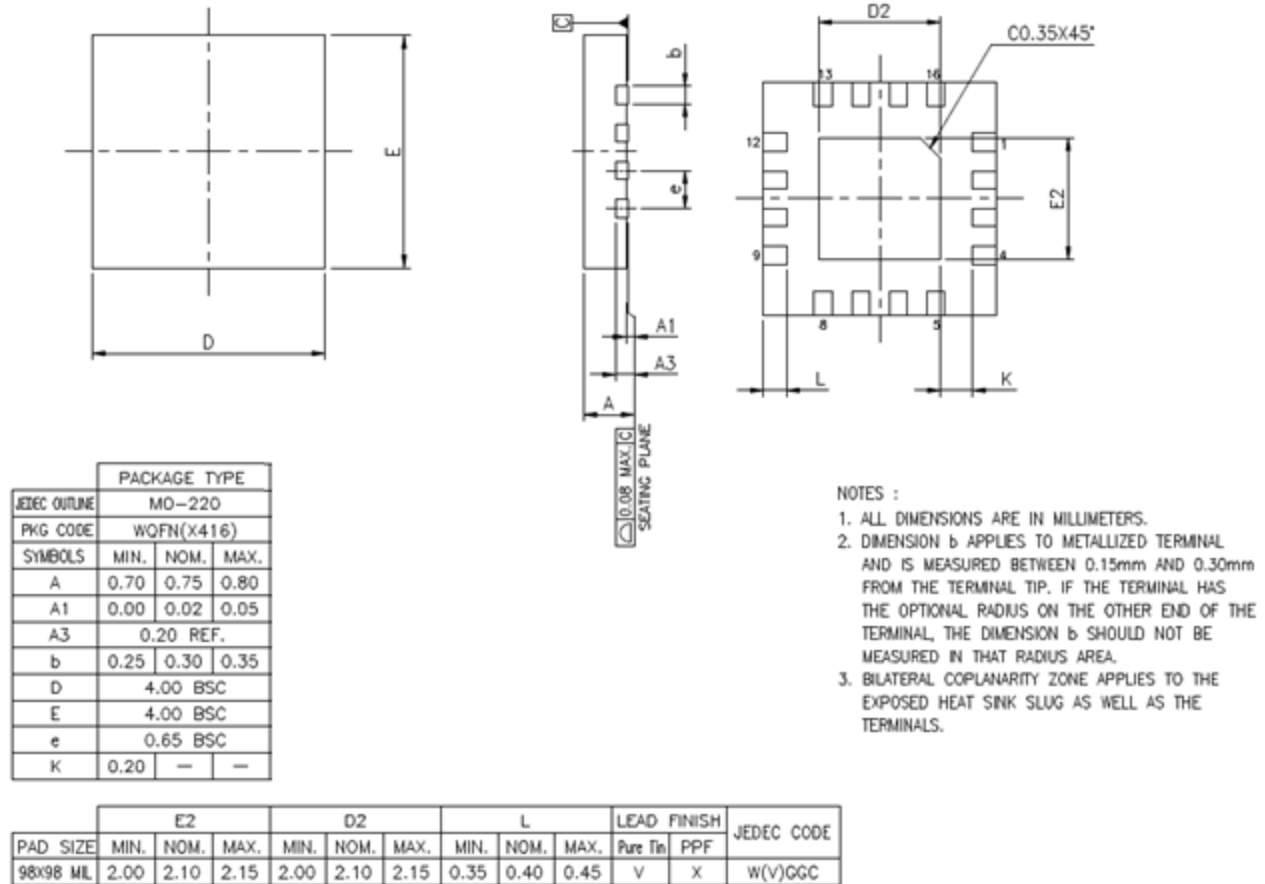


Figure 11.3 QFN-16 Package Dimensions

The FT201XQ is supplied in a RoHS compliant leadless QFN-16 package. The package is lead (Pb) free and uses a 'green' compound. The package is fully compliant with European Union directive 2002/95/EC. This package is nominally 4.00mm x 4.00mm. The solder pads are on a 0.65mm pitch. The above mechanical drawing shows the QFN-16 package. All dimensions in table are in millimetres.

The centre pad on the base of the FT201XQ is internally connected to GND. Do not place signal tracks on the PCB top layer under this area. Connect to GND.

11.4 QFN-16 Package Markings

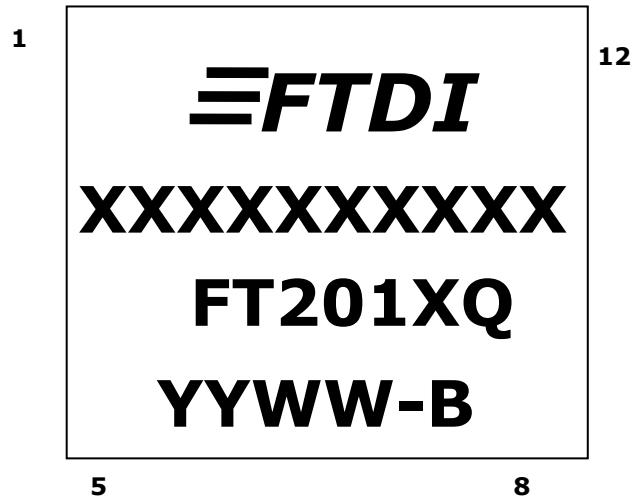


Figure 11.4 QFN-16 Package Markings

The date code format is **YYXX** where XX = 2-digit week number, YY = 2-digit year number. This is followed by the revision number.

The code **XXXXXXXX** is the manufacturing LOT code.

11.5 Solder Reflow Profile

The FT201X is supplied in Pb free 16 LD SSOP and QFN-16 packages. The recommended solder reflow profile for both package options is shown in Figure 11.5.

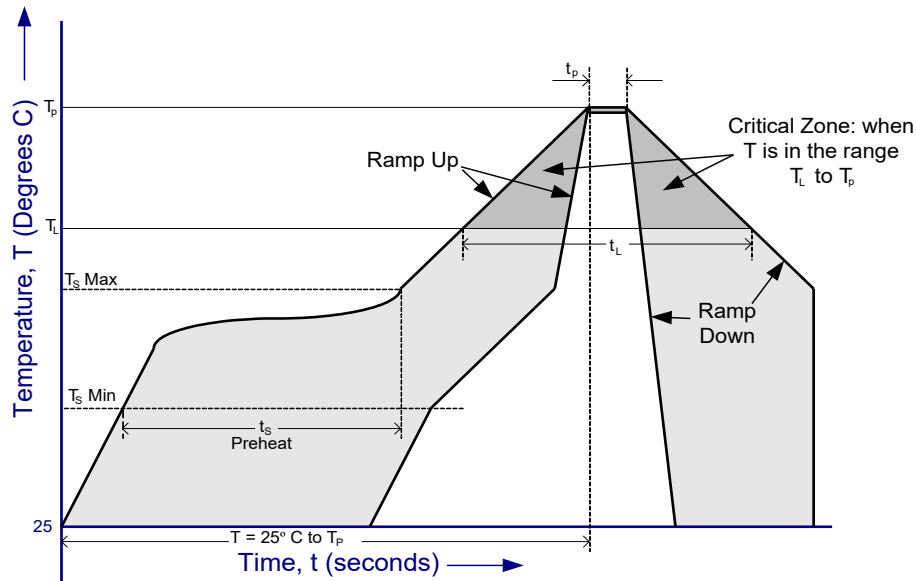


Figure 11.5 FT201X Solder Reflow Profile

The recommended values for the solder reflow profile are detailed in Table 11.1. Values are shown for both a completely Pb free solder process (i.e. the FT201X is used with Pb free solder), and for a non-Pb free solder process (i.e. the FT201X is used with non-Pb free solder).

Profile Feature	Pb Free Solder Process	Non-Pb Free Solder Process
Average Ramp Up Rate (T_s to T_p)	3°C / second Max.	3°C / Second Max.
Preheat - Temperature Min (T_s Min.) - Temperature Max (T_s Max.) - Time (t_s Min to t_s Max)	150°C 200°C 60 to 120 seconds	100°C 150°C 60 to 120 seconds
Time Maintained Above Critical Temperature T_L : - Temperature (T_L) - Time (t_L)	217°C 60 to 150 seconds	183°C 60 to 150 seconds
Peak Temperature (T_p)	260°C	240°C
Time within 5°C of actual Peak Temperature (t_p)	20 to 40 seconds	20 to 40 seconds
Ramp Down Rate	6°C / second Max.	6°C / second Max.
Time for $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$ to Peak Temperature, T_p	8 minutes Max.	6 minutes Max.

Table 11.1 Reflow Profile Parameter Values

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<http://www.usb.org/developers/>

Acronyms and Abbreviations

Terms	Description
EHCI	Enhanced Host Controller Interface
FIT	Failure In Time
FPGA	Field Programmable Gate Array
I2C	Inter-Integrated Circuit
LDO	Low Drop Out
LED	Light Emitting Diode
MCU	Micro Controller Unit
MTBF	Mean Time Between Failures
MTP	Multi-time Programmable
MTTF	Mean Time To Failure
OHCI	Open Host Controller Interface
PLD	Programmable Logic Device
QFN	Quad Flat No-Lead
RoHS	Restriction of Hazardous Substances Directive
USB	Universal Serial Bus
UHCI	Universal Host Controller Interface
VCP	Virtual COM Port

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