CMOS Watchdog Timer

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Description

The HA16117F Series of ICs make a micro-processor (MPU) system fail-safe by monitoring its power supply to detect voltage drops, and monitoring a P-RUN (program running) pulse to detect system crashes. Also referred to as watchdog timers, these devices are essential in systems that aim for high levels of crash protection. Fabricated by a CMOS process, they consume little power and are ideally suited for battery-operated systems.

These ICs are available in versions for industrial and communications equipment and automotive applications, as well as for consumer products.

Functions

- Power-on reset
 - Sends a RES signal to the MPU for a fixed time at power-on
- Watchdog timer (WDT)
 - Monitors a P-RUN signal from the MPU and sends the MPU a RES signal if P-RUN departs from a set frequency range
- Auto-reset
 - Outputs RES signals to the MPU at clocked intervals while P-RUN remains abnormal
- Supply voltage supervision
 - Outputs a low $\overline{\text{RES}}$ signal if the supply voltage (same as the MPU's V_{CC}) falls below a low threshold level (V_{TL}). The threshold differs for different ICs in the series, allowing designers to choose an IC matching system requirements (see ordering information)

Features

• Low power consumption : Operating (ACC pin low) = 0.5 mW (Typ)

: Standby (ACC pin high) = 0.2 mW (Typ)

- Watchdog timer on/off control by ACC input signal
- Independent auto-reset high and low times (t_{RH} and t_{RL})
- Watchdog monitoring by frequency filtering (independent of duty cycle)
- High-precision low voltage detection (±2%)
- Space- and weight-saving 8-pin SOP package



Ordering Information

The HA16117F Series includes three ICs with different low threshold levels (V_{TL}).

Type No.	Low Threshold Voltage (V _{TL})
HA16117FPA/FPAJ	4.4 V Typ
HA16117FPB/FPBJ	4.2 V Typ
HA16117FPC/FPCJ	4.0 V Typ

Pin Arrangement



Pin Description

Pin No.	Symbol	Function
1	V _{cc}	Power supply voltage input
2	P-RUN	Watchdog timer (WDT) input
3	C _F	Connected capacitor C_F determines WDT filter characteristic (normal frequency range)
4	C _R	Connected capacitor $C_{_R}$ determines $t_{_{ON}}$ for power-on reset and $t_{_{OFF}},t_{_{RH}},$ and $t_{_{RL}}$ for auto-reset
5	RES	Reset signal output from WDT and voltage supervision circuits
6	GND	Ground
7	ACC	WDT on/off control input (on when ACC is low)
8	Tadj *	For adjusting $t_{\mbox{\tiny RH}}$ and $t_{\mbox{\tiny OFF}}$ (divide $V_{\mbox{\tiny CC}}$ to get the adjustment voltage)

Note: The low-voltage threshold cannot be modified by changing the external resistors connected to the Tadj pin.

Block Diagram



The HA16117F consists of a low voltage detector, power-on and auto-reset circuit, and watchdog timer.

Low Voltage Detector

Uses a reference voltage source (≈ 1.25 V) and high-precision comparator to detect drops in the supply voltage.

Power-On and Auto-Reset Circuit

Generates the \overline{RES} waveform, using a multivibrator consisting of a current source I₁ that charges the external capacitor C_R, a current source I₂ that discharges C_R, and a comparator.

Watchdog Timer

Reshapes the P-RUN signal (programming-running pulse) from the MPU to obtain a 50% duty cycle, then converts frequency to duty cycle in the watchdog filter (WD filter).

The watchdog filter is a bandpass filter. The duty cycle of the filter output is highest in the normal frequency range of P-RUN.

The watchdog filter output controls I_2 in the multivibrator, the higher the duty cycle of the watchdog filter output, the shorter the time during which I_2 discharges C_R . If the duty cycle is high enough then C_R is held at a high potential, preventing the multivibrator from firing, and the RES output remains high.

		Ratings		
ltem	Symbol	HA16117FPA/FPB/FPC	HA16117FPAJ/FPBJ/FPCJ	Unit
Power supply voltage	V _{cc}	–0.3 to +14	–0.3 to +14	V
P-RUN input voltage	V _P	V _{cc}	V _{cc}	V
ACC input voltage	V_{ACC}	14	14	V
RES output current	I _{RES}	10	10	mA
Permissible dissipation *1	Ρ _τ	300	300	mW
Operating temperature range	Topr	-30 to +85	-40 to +85	°C
Storage temperature	Tstg	-55 to +125	–55 to +125	°C

Absolute Maximum Ratings (Ta = 25°C)

Note: 1. This is the value when mounted on a glass epoxy substrate with 30% wiring density, up to an ambient temperature of 83°C. Above that temperature, derate by 7.14 mW/°C.



Electrical Characteristics

 $(V_{CC} = 5 \text{ V}, \text{ Ta} = 25^{\circ}\text{C}, \text{ C}_{F} = 0.01 \text{ }\mu\text{F}, \text{ C}_{R} = 0.1 \text{ }\mu\text{F}, \text{ R}_{1} = 510 \text{ }k\Omega, \text{ R}_{2} = 750 \text{ }k\Omega)$

ltem			Symbol	Min	Тур	Мах	Unit	Test Conditions
General	Operating su	pply current	I _{CC1}	_	100	—	μΑ	V _{ACC} = 0 V, f _{P-RUN} = 100 Hz
			I _{CC2}	_	200	600	μΑ	V _{ACC} = 0 V, f _{P-RUN} = 20 kHz
	Standby supp	bly current	I _{stby}	—	43	100	μA	$V_{ACC} = 12 V$
Low voltage detector	Low voltage threshold level	HA16117FPA/FPAJ	V _{TL}	4.3	4.4	4.5	V	When V _{CC} drops
		HA16117FPB/FPBJ	_	4.1	4.2	4.3	V	_
		HA16117FPC/FPCJ		3.9	4.0	4.1	V	
	Hysteresis wi	dth	$V_{\rm HYS}$	50	100	150	mV	
ACC	Low input vol	tage	V_{IL1}		—	0.8	V	
	High input voltage		V _{IH1}	2.0	—	—	V	
P-RUN	Low input vol	tage	V_{IL2}		—	0.8	V	
input	High input vo	Itage	V _{IH2}	2.0	—	—	V	
WDT	Power-on res	et time	t _{on}	24	40	56	ms	
	Reset-clock c	off time	t _{OFF} *1	78	130	182	ms	
	Reset low tim	ie	t _{RL}	12	20	28	ms	
	Reset high tir	ne	t _{RH}	36	60	84	ms	P-RUN pin = 0 V
	Low setup tin	ne	t _{SL}	1	—	—	ms	
	High setup tir	ne	t _{sH}		—	1	ms	
RES	RES low volta	age	V _{OL}		—	0.4	V	$I_{OL} = 1 \text{ mA}$
output	RES high vol	tage	V _{OH}		V_{cc}	—	V	Open
	Reset functio	n starting voltage	V _{RES}	_	0.8	1.4	V	
Constant range	Constant range of R_1 and R_2		К	0.55	0.6	0.8	_	$K = R_2 / (R_1 + R_2)$
Operating s	supply voltage ra	ange	V _{CCRNG}	V _{TL}	_	6.0	V	

Note: 1. Reset-clock off time t_{OFF} is provided a shown in the under figure.



Timing Waveforms and Functional Description



Figure 1 Timing Waveforms

Watchdog On/Off Function

A feature of the HA16117F is that watchdog supervision can be switched on and off. When the watchdog function is switched on, both the supply voltage and

P-RUN input are monitored to detect abnormal conditions. When the watchdog function is switched off (standby mode), only the supply voltage is monitored. Watchdog supervision is switched on and off by the input at the ACC pin (pin 7): Supervision is on when ACC is low, and off when ACC is high.

Many MPUs have a standby mode in which the CPU stops running but memory contents are retained. In standby mode, program execution halts and I/O ports go to the high-impedance state, so there is no need for the watchdog timer to supervise pulse output from an I/O port to detect abnormal conditions. Power can be saved by placing both the MPU and HA16117F in standby mode at the same time. The HA16117F is designed to draw a typical standby current I_{STBY} of only 43 μ A Typ when the watchdog function is switched off.

ACC Pin (pin 7) and $\overline{\text{RES}}$ Output

When the MPU returns from standby mode to normal operation it generally takes 10 to 200 ms for the clock oscillator in the MPU to stabilize. The $\overline{\text{RES}}$ signal is not output during this setup time. After the setup time (t_{sL}) has elapsed, $\overline{\text{RES}}$ is output if the P-RUN signal from the MPU is still abnormal.



Figure 2 ACC Pin and RES Output

Internal Operation and Usage Notes

Figure 3 shows an equivalent circuit of the watchdog timer block with a V_{CC} pin level of 5 V and ACC pin level of 0 V, and the following pages show internal operation timing charts for different P-RUN frequencies. (Descriptions apply to conditions $C_F = 0.01 \,\mu\text{F}$, $C_R = 0.1 \,\mu\text{F}$, $R_2/(R_1 + R_2) = 0.6$.)

Operation

The power-on and auto-reset circuit is a multivibrator with timing controlled by C_R charge current I_1 and discharge current I_2 . As $I_1 : I_2 \approx 3 : 1$ (Typ design value), when the (WD) (watchdog filter circuit output) on-duty is 25% or above, the C_R pin potential does not fall below 1.6 V. Therefore, (C) in the figure below is fixed low, and \overline{RES} is not output. The (WD) on-duty varies according to the P-RUN frequency. If the frequency is lower or higher than the design value, the (WD) on-duty decreases, and at 25% or below, \overline{RES} is output. Refer to the timing charts on the following pages for an explanation of the operation of the watchdog filter.

Usage Notes

- When the P-RUN frequency reaches 20 kHz or above, t_{OFF} is short (see the timing charts on the following pages). This must be borne in mind in the design stage.
- If the P-RUN frequency fluctuates, RES may also be output within the normal detection set frequency (see the timing charts on the following pages).
- Detection frequencies f_H and f_L described in the Data Book are Typ values, and a certain amount of dispersion can be expected. A margin of ±30% or more should be allowed for in the design.



Figure 3 Watchdog Timer Evaliation Circuit

1. When P-RUN signal is not input





2. With a low-frequency P-RUN signal (13 Hz to 26 Hz)

3. With a 10 kHz P-RUN signal



4. With a 150 kHz P-RUN signal



5. t_{OFF} when P-RUN signal 90 kHz



6. When P-RUN frequency fluctuates (1)

If there is a double-pulse in P-RUN, the WD filter duty will be decreased and $\overline{\text{RES}}$ will be output, as shown in the figure below, for example. In this case, the condition for non-output of the $\overline{\text{RES}}$ signal is a value of 3 or less for the ratio of P-RUN pulse interval minimum value to maximum value (when $f_{\text{P-RUN}} \leq 20$ kHz). This is because the C_{R} pin charge/discharge current ratio is 3.



7. When P-RUN frequency fluctuates (2)







Setting of **RES** Timing and Watchdog Frequency Range

Different MPUs have different $\overline{\text{RES}}$ timing requirements. The minimum reset time (t_{on}) required at poweron (rise of V_{CC}) is 20 ms for some MPUs and 100 ms for others.

 $\overline{\text{RES}}$ timing waveform parameters must be selected according to the MPU. With the HA16117F the timing of the $\overline{\text{RES}}$ output and the watchdog frequency range can both be set by external constants (C_F, C_R, and K).

		Parameters		
Item	Symbol	CR (pin 4)	CF (pin 3)	K (pin 8) *1
Power-on reset time	t _{on}	•		
Reset-clock off time	t _{off}	•	▲ * ²	•
Reset low time	t _{RL}	•		
Reset high time	t _{RH}	•		•
Watchdog frequency high	f _н		•	•
Watchdog frequency low	f _L	•	•	•

Notes: 1. $K = R_2 / (R_1 + R_2)$

2. Variability of t_{OFF} increases with increasing C_{F} . The variability Δt_{OFF} is approximately 3.3 (M Ω) × C_{F} (μ F), so $C_{\text{F}} \leq 0.01$ (μ F) is recommended.

3. External constants should be selected with reference to the formulas in tables 1 and 2.

Table 1Calculation of RES Output Timing

ltem	Formula	Notes
t _{on} (ms)	400 (Ω) × C _R (μ F)	$t_{\mbox{\tiny ON}}$ and $t_{\mbox{\tiny OFF}}$ can be set independently
t _{off} (ms)	$1.99 imes t_{_{ m RH}}$ (ms)	
t _{RL} (ms)	$0.5 imes t_{_{ON}}$ (ms)	$t_{\scriptscriptstyle RL}$ and $t_{\scriptscriptstyle RH}$ can be set independently
t _{RH} (ms)	$\frac{1.6 \; (V)}{K \times 31 \; (\mu A) - 15.8 \; (\mu A)} \times C_{_R} \; (\mu F) \times 10^3$	_
t _{sL} (ms)	≈ t _{off} (ms)	

Table 2 Calculation of Watchdog Frequency Range

ltem	Formula
f _н (MHz)	$\frac{1}{500 \ (\Omega) \times C_{\scriptscriptstyle \sf F} \ (\mu {\sf F})} \times \frac{t_{\scriptscriptstyle \sf RH} \ (ms) - t_{\scriptscriptstyle \sf RL} \ (ms)}{t_{\scriptscriptstyle \sf RH} \ (ms) + t_{\scriptscriptstyle \sf RL} \ (ms)}$
f _L (Hz)	$\label{eq:constraint} \begin{array}{l} \displaystyle \frac{1}{1.7 \ (M\Omega) \times C_{F} \ (\mu F)} \times \displaystyle \frac{t_{_{RL}} \ (ms)}{t_{_{RH}} \ (ms) + t_{_{RL}} \ (ms)} \text{or} \displaystyle \frac{1}{t_{_{OFF}} \ (ms)} \times 10^{3} \\ \\ \text{Whichever is larger} \end{array}$

Selection of External Constants

If the reset duration necessary for the MPU to operate reliably at power-on is known, there is a simple procedure for selecting external constants, starting from the power-on reset time (t_{ON}) .



Figure 4 Procedure for Selecting External Constants

Application Example





Operating Characteristics and Test Circuits























Package Dimensions



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