

# MAX3109

# Dual Serial UART with 128-Word FIFOs

## General Description

The MAX3109 advanced dual universal asynchronous receiver-transmitter (UART) has 128 words of receive and transmit first-in/first-out (FIFO) and a high-speed SPI or I<sup>2</sup>C controller interface. The 2x and 4x rate modes allow a maximum of 24Mbps data rates. A phase-locked loop (PLL) and the fractional baud-rate generators allow a high degree of flexibility in baud-rate programming and reference clock selection.

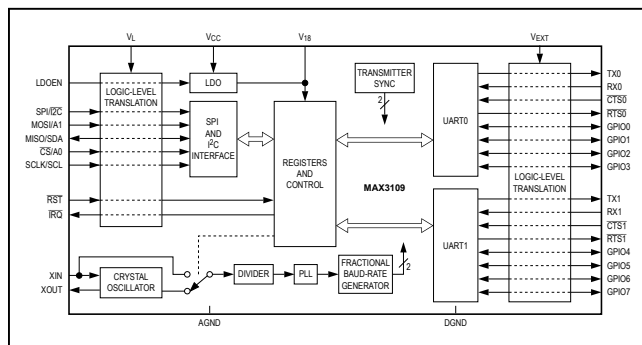
Independent logic-level translation on the transceiver and controller interfaces allows ease of interfacing to microcontrollers, FPGAs, and transceivers that are powered by differing supply voltages. Automatic hardware and software flow control with selectable FIFO interrupt triggering offloads low-level activity from the host controller. Automatic half-duplex transceiver control with programmable setup and hold times allow the MAX3109 to be used in high-speed applications such as PROFIBUS DP. The 128-word FIFOs have advanced FIFO control, reducing host processor data flow management.

The MAX3109 is available in a 32-pin TQFN (5mm x 5mm) package and is specified over the -40°C to +85°C extended temperature range.

## Applications

- Handheld Devices
- Power Meters
- Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs)
- Medical Systems
- Point-of-Sales Systems
- HVAC or Building Control

## Functional Diagram



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## Benefits and Features

- Bridges an SPI/MICROWIRE or I<sup>2</sup>C Microprocessor Bus to an Asynchronous Interface Such as RS-485, RS-232, or IrDA<sup>SM</sup>
  - SIR- and MIR-Compliant IrDA Encoder/Decoder
  - Line Noise Indication Ensures Data Link Integrity
- Deep, 128-Word Buffer and Automated Control Features Help Offload Activity on the Microcontroller
  - Automatic RTS\_ and CTS\_ Flow Control
  - Automatic XON/XOFF Software Flow Control
  - 9-Bit Multidrop-Mode Data Filtering
    - Special Character Detection
    - GPIO-Based Character Detection
    - Two Timers Routed to GPIOs
    - 8 Flexible GPIOs with 20mA Drive Capability
- Saves Board Space
  - TQFN (5mm x 5mm) Package
  - Dual UART in a Single Package
- Fast Data Rates Allow Maximum System Flexibility Across Interface Standards
  - 24Mbps (max) Data Rate
  - High-Resolution Programmable Baud-Rate
  - SPI Up to 26MHz Clock Rate
  - Fast Mode Plus I<sup>2</sup>C Up to 1MHz
- Integrated Internal Oscillator Eliminates the Need for an External Oscillator and Reduces the BOM Cost
  - Integrated PLL and Divider
- Power Management Control Features Minimize Power Consumption for Portable Applications
  - 1.71V to 3.6V Supply Range
  - Shutdown and Autosleep Modes
    - 1µA Shutdown Current
- Logic-Level Translation on the Controller and Transceiver Interfaces Ensure System Compatibility
- Register Compatible with MAX3107, MAX3108, and MAX148301

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### Absolute Maximum Ratings

(Voltages referenced to AGND.)

|  |   |
|--|---|
| $V_L, V_{CC}, V_{EXT}, XIN$ .....  | -0.3V to +4.0V                                      |
| XOUT.....  | -0.3V to ( $V_{CC} + 0.3V$ )                        |
| $V_{18}$ .....   | -0.3V to the lesser of ( $V_{CC} + 0.3V$ ) and 2.0V |
| $\overline{RST}, \overline{IRQ}, \overline{MOSI/A1}, \overline{CS/A0}, SCLK/SCL,$<br>MISO/SDA, LDOEN, SPI/I <sup>2</sup> C ..... | -0.3V to ( $V_L + 0.3V$ )                           |
| $TX_-, RX_-, \overline{CTS_-}, GPIO_-$ .....   | -0.3V to ( $V_{EXT} + 0.3V$ )                       |
| DGND .....   | -0.3V to +0.3V                                      |

Continuous Power Dissipation ( $T_A = +70^\circ C$ )

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| TQFN (derate 34.5mW/°C above +70°C)..... | 2758.6mW        |
| Operating Temperature Range .....        | -40°C to +85°C  |
| Maximum Junction Temperature .....       | +150°C          |
| Storage Temperature Range .....          | -65°C to +150°C |
| Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s) .....  | +300°C          |
| Soldering Temperature (reflow) .....     | +260°C          |

Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

### Package Thermal Characteristics (Note 1)

TQFN

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Junction-to-Ambient Thermal Resistance ( $\theta_{JA}$ ) ..... | 47°C/W  |
| Junction-to-Case Thermal Resistance ( $\theta_{JC}$ ) .....    | 1.7°C/W |

**Note 1:** Package thermal resistances were obtained using the method described in JEDEC specification JESD51-7, using a four-layer board. For detailed information on package thermal considerations, refer to [www.maximintegrated.com/thermal-tutorial](http://www.maximintegrated.com/thermal-tutorial).

### DC Electrical Characteristics

( $V_{CC} = 1.71V$  to  $3.6V$ ,  $V_L = 1.71V$  to  $3.6V$ ,  $V_{EXT} = 1.71V$  to  $3.6V$ ,  $T_A = -40^\circ C$  to  $+85^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at  $V_{CC} = 2.8V$ ,  $V_L = 1.8V$ ,  $V_{EXT} = 2.5V$ ,  $T_A = +25^\circ C$ .) (Notes 2, 3)

| PARAMETER  | SYMBOL       | CONDITIONS   | MIN  | TYP | MAX  | UNITS   |
|--|--------------|--|------|-----|------|---------|
| Digital Interface Supply Voltage                     | $V_L$        |  | 1.71 |     | 3.6  | V       |
| Analog Supply Voltage                                | $V_{CC}$     | Internal PLL disabled and bypassed   | 1.71 |     | 3.6  | V       |
|  |              | Internal PLL enabled   | 2.35 |     | 3.6  |         |
| UART Interface Logic Supply Voltage                  | $V_{EXT}$    |  | 1.71 |     | 3.6  | V       |
| Logic Supply Voltage                                 | $V_{18}$     |  | 1.65 |     | 1.95 | V       |
| <b>CURRENT CONSUMPTION</b>                           |              |  |      |     |      |         |
| $V_{CC}$ Supply Current                              | $I_{CC}$     | 1.8MHz crystal oscillator active, PLL disabled, SPI/I <sup>2</sup> C interface idle, UART interfaces idle, LDOEN = high                                      |      |     | 500  | $\mu A$ |
|  |              | Baud rate = 1Mbps, 20MHz external clock, SPI/I <sup>2</sup> C interface idle, PLL disabled, all UARTs in loopback mode, LDOEN = low                          |      |     | 500  |         |
| $V_{18}$ Input Power-Supply Current in Shutdown Mode | $I_{18SHDN}$ | $\overline{RST} = \text{low}$ , all inputs and outputs are idle  |      |     | 100  | $\mu A$ |
| $V_{CC} + V_L + V_A$ Shutdown Supply Current         | $I_{SHDN}$   | $\overline{RST} = \text{low}$ , MISO, SCLK, MOSI, SPI_I <sup>2</sup> C, $\overline{CS}$ , LDOEN = 0/ $V_L$ , CTSB0/1 = 0/ $V_{EXT}$ , CTSB0/1 = 0/ $V_{EXT}$ |      | 0   | 1    | $\mu A$ |

### DC Electrical Characteristics (continued)

( $V_{CC} = 1.71V$  to  $3.6V$ ,  $V_L = 1.71V$  to  $3.6V$ ,  $V_{EXT} = 1.71V$  to  $3.6V$ ,  $T_A = -40^{\circ}C$  to  $+85^{\circ}C$ , unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at  $V_{CC} = 2.8V$ ,  $V_L = 1.8V$ ,  $V_{EXT} = 2.5V$ ,  $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$ .) (Notes 2, 3)

| PARAMETER  | SYMBOL      | CONDITIONS   | MIN              | TYP               | MAX              | UNITS   |
|--|-------------|--|------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------|
| $V_{18}$ Input Power-Supply Current                        | $I_{18}$    | Baud rate = 1Mbps, 20MHz external clock, PLL disabled, UART in loopback mode, LDOEN = low (Note 4) |                  |                   | 4                | mA      |
| <b>SCLK/SCL, MISO/SDA</b>                                  |             |  |                  |                   |                  |         |
| MISO/SDA Output Logic-Low Voltage in I <sup>2</sup> C Mode | $V_{OL2C}$  | Sink current = 3mA, $V_L > 2V$   |                  |                   | 0.4              | V       |
|  |             | Sink current = 3mA, $V_L < 2V$   |                  |                   | $0.2 \times V_L$ |         |
| MISO/SDA Output Low Voltage in SPI Mode                    | $V_{OLSPI}$ | Sink current = 2mA   |                  |                   | 0.4              | V       |
| MISO/SDA Output High Voltage in SPI Mode                   | $V_{OHSPI}$ | Source current = 2mA   | $V_L - 0.4$      |                   |                  | V       |
| Input Logic-Low Voltage                                    | $V_{IL}$    | SPI and I <sup>2</sup> C mode  |                  |                   | $0.3 \times V_L$ | V       |
| Input Logic-High Voltage                                   | $V_{IH}$    | SPI and I <sup>2</sup> C mode  | $0.7 \times V_L$ |                   |                  | V       |
| Input Hysteresis   | $V_{HYST}$  | SPI and I <sup>2</sup> C mode  |                  | $0.05 \times V_L$ |                  | V       |
| Input Leakage Current                                      | $I_{IL}$    | $V_{IN} = 0$ to $V_L$ , SPI and I <sup>2</sup> C mode  | -1               |                   | +1               | $\mu A$ |
| Input Capacitance  | $C_{IN}$    | SPI and I <sup>2</sup> C mode  |                  | 5                 |                  | pF      |
| <b>SPI/I<sup>2</sup>C, CS/A0, MOSI/A1 INPUTS</b>           |             |  |                  |                   |                  |         |
| Input Logic-Low Voltage                                    | $V_{IL}$    | SPI and I <sup>2</sup> C mode  |                  |                   | $0.3 \times V_L$ | V       |
| Input Logic-High Voltage                                   | $V_{IH}$    | SPI and I <sup>2</sup> C mode  | $0.7 \times V_L$ |                   |                  | V       |
| Input Hysteresis   | $V_{HYST}$  | SPI and I <sup>2</sup> C mode  |                  | 50                |                  | mV      |
| Input Leakage Current                                      | $I_{IL}$    | $V_{IN} = 0$ to $V_L$ , SPI and I <sup>2</sup> C mode  | -1               |                   | +1               | $\mu A$ |
| Input Capacitance  | $C_{IN}$    | SPI and I <sup>2</sup> C mode  |                  | 5                 |                  | pF      |
| <b>IRQ OUTPUT (OPEN DRAIN)</b>                             |             |  |                  |                   |                  |         |
| Output Logic-Low Voltage                                   | $V_{OL}$    | Sink current = 2mA   |                  |                   | 0.4              | V       |
| Output Leakage Current                                     | $I_{OL}$    | $V_{IRQ} = 0$ to $V_L$ , $\overline{IRQ}$ is not asserted  | -1               |                   | +1               | $\mu A$ |
| <b>LDOEN AND RST INPUTS</b>                                |             |  |                  |                   |                  |         |
| Input Logic-Low Voltage                                    | $V_{IL}$    |  |                  |                   | $0.3 \times V_L$ | V       |
| Input Logic-High Voltage                                   | $V_{IH}$    |  | $0.7 \times V_L$ |                   |                  | V       |
| Input Hysteresis   | $V_{HYST}$  |  |                  | 50                |                  | mV      |
| Input Leakage Current                                      | $I_{IL}$    | $V_{IN} = 0$ to $V_L$  | -1               |                   | +1               | $\mu A$ |



**DC Electrical Characteristics (continued)**

( $V_{CC} = 1.71V$  to  $3.6V$ ,  $V_L = 1.71V$  to  $3.6V$ ,  $V_{EXT} = 1.71V$  to  $3.6V$ ,  $T_A = -40^{\circ}C$  to  $+85^{\circ}C$ , unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at  $V_{CC} = 2.8V$ ,  $V_L = 1.8V$ ,  $V_{EXT} = 2.5V$ ,  $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$ .) (Notes 2, 3)

| PARAMETER                   | SYMBOL     | CONDITIONS   | MIN                  | TYP  | MAX                  | UNITS   |
|-----------------------------|------------|--|----------------------|------|----------------------|---------|
| <b>UART INTERFACE</b>       |            |  |                      |      |                      |         |
| <b>RTS_, TX_ OUTPUTS</b>    |            |  |                      |      |                      |         |
| Output Logic-Low Voltage    | $V_{OL}$   | Sink current = 2mA   |                      |      | 0.4                  | V       |
| Output Logic-High Voltage   | $V_{OH}$   | Source current = 2mA   | $0.7 \times V_{EXT}$ |      |                      | V       |
| Input Leakage Current       | $I_{IL}$   | Output is three-stated, $V_{RTS} = 0$ to $V_{EXT}$                         | -1                   |      | +1                   | $\mu A$ |
| Input Capacitance           | $C_{IN}$   | High-Z mode  |                      | 5    |                      | pF      |
| <b>CTS_, RX_ INPUTS</b>     |            |  |                      |      |                      |         |
| Input Logic-Low Voltage     | $V_{IL}$   |  |                      |      | $0.3 \times V_{EXT}$ | V       |
| Input Logic-High Voltage    | $V_{IH}$   |  | $0.7 \times V_{EXT}$ |      |                      | V       |
| Input Hysteresis            | $V_{HYST}$ |  |                      | 50   |                      | mV      |
| CTS_ Input Leakage Current  | $I_{IL}$   | $V_{CTS} = 0$ to $V_{EXT}$   | -1                   |      | +1                   | $\mu A$ |
| RX_ Pullup Current          | $I_{PU}$   | $V_{RX} = 0V$ , $V_{EXT} = 3.6V$   | -7.5                 | -5.5 | -3.5                 | $\mu A$ |
| Input Capacitance           | $C_{IN}$   |  |                      | 5    |                      | pF      |
| <b>GPIO_ INPUTS/OUTPUTS</b> |            |  |                      |      |                      |         |
| Output Logic-Low Voltage    | $V_{OL}$   | Sink current = 20mA, push-pull or open-drain output type, $V_{EXT} > 2.3V$ |                      |      | 0.45                 | V       |
|                             |            | Sink current = 20mA, push-pull or open-drain output type, $V_{EXT} < 2.3V$ |                      |      | 0.55                 |         |
| Output Logic-High Voltage   | $V_{OH}$   | Source current = 5mA, push-pull output type                                | $V_{EXT} - 0.4$      |      |                      | V       |
| Input Logic-Low Voltage     | $V_{IL}$   | GPIO_ is configured as an input  |                      |      | 0.4                  | V       |
| Input Logic-High Voltage    | $V_{IH}$   | GPIO_ is configured as an input  | $2/3 \times V_{EXT}$ |      |                      | V       |
| Pulldown Current            | $I_{PD}$   | $V_{GPIO} = V_{EXT} = 3.6V$ , GPIO_ is configured as an input              | 3.5                  | 5.5  | 7.5                  | $\mu A$ |
| <b>XIN</b>                  |            |  |                      |      |                      |         |
| Input Logic-Low Voltage     | $V_{IL}$   |  |                      |      | 0.6                  | V       |
| Input Logic-High Voltage    | $V_{IH}$   |  | 1.2                  |      |                      | V       |
| Input Capacitance           | $C_{XIN}$  |  |                      | 16   |                      | pF      |
| <b>XOUT</b>                 |            |  |                      |      |                      |         |
| Input Capacitance           | $C_{XOUT}$ |  |                      | 16   |                      | pF      |

## AC Electrical Characteristics

( $V_{CC} = 1.71V$  to  $3.6V$ ,  $V_L = 1.71V$  to  $3.6V$ ,  $V_{EXT} = 1.71V$  to  $3.6V$ ,  $T_A = -40^\circ C$  to  $+85^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at  $V_{CC} = 2.8V$ ,  $V_L = 1.8V$ ,  $V_{EXT} = 2.5V$ ,  $T_A = +25^\circ C$ .) (Notes 2, 3)

| PARAMETER  | SYMBOL       | CONDITIONS  | MIN           | TYP | MAX  | UNITS   |
|--|--------------|---|---------------|-----|------|---------|
| External Crystal Frequency                                   | $f_{XOSC}$   |   | 1             |     | 4    | MHz     |
| External Clock Frequency                                     | $f_{CLK}$    |   | 0.5           |     | 35   | MHz     |
| External Clock Duty Cycle                                    |              | (Note 5)  | 45            |     | 55   | %       |
| Baud-Rate Generator Clock Input Frequency                    | $f_{REF}$    | (Note 5)  |               |     | 96   | MHz     |
| <b>I<sup>2</sup>C BUS: TIMING CHARACTERISTICS (Figure 1)</b> |              |   |               |     |      |         |
| SCL Clock Frequency  | $f_{SCL}$    | Standard mode   |               |     | 100  | kHz     |
|  |              | Fast mode   |               |     | 400  |         |
|  |              | Fast mode plus  |               |     | 1000 |         |
| Bus Free Time Between a STOP and START Condition             | $t_{BUF}$    | Standard mode   | 4.7           |     |      | $\mu s$ |
|  |              | Fast mode   | 1.3           |     |      |         |
|  |              | Fast mode plus  | 0.5           |     |      |         |
| Hold Time for START Condition and Repeated START Condition   | $t_{HD:STA}$ | Standard mode   | 4.0           |     |      | $\mu s$ |
|  |              | Fast mode   | 0.6           |     |      |         |
|  |              | Fast mode plus  | 0.26          |     |      |         |
| Low Period of the SCL Clock                                  | $t_{LOW}$    | Standard mode   | 4.7           |     |      | $\mu s$ |
|  |              | Fast mode   | 1.3           |     |      |         |
|  |              | Fast mode plus  | 0.5           |     |      |         |
| High Period of the SCL Clock                                 | $t_{HIGH}$   | Standard mode   | 4.0           |     |      | $\mu s$ |
|  |              | Fast mode   | 0.6           |     |      |         |
|  |              | Fast mode plus  | 0.26          |     |      |         |
| Data Hold Time   | $t_{HD:DAT}$ | Standard mode   | 0             |     | 0.9  | $\mu s$ |
|  |              | Fast mode   | 0             |     | 0.9  |         |
|  |              | Fast mode plus  | 0             |     |      |         |
| Data Setup Time  | $t_{SU:DAT}$ | Standard mode   | 250           |     |      | ns      |
|  |              | Fast mode   | 100           |     |      |         |
|  |              | Fast mode plus  | 50            |     |      |         |
| Setup Time for Repeated START Condition                      | $t_{SU:STA}$ | Standard mode   | 4.7           |     |      | $\mu s$ |
|  |              | Fast mode   | 0.2           |     |      |         |
|  |              | Fast mode plus  | 0.26          |     |      |         |
| Rise Time of Incoming SDA and SCL Signals                    | $t_R$        | Standard mode ( $0.3 \times V_L$ to $0.7 \times V_L$ ) (Note 6) | 20 + $0.1C_B$ |     | 1000 | ns      |
|  |              | Fast mode ( $0.3 \times V_L$ to $0.7 \times V_L$ ) (Note 6)     | 20 + $0.1C_B$ |     | 300  |         |
|  |              | Fast mode plus  |               |     | 120  |         |
| Fall Time of SDA and SCL Signals                             | $t_F$        | Standard mode ( $0.3 \times V_L$ to $0.7 \times V_L$ ) (Note 6) | 20 + $0.1C_B$ |     | 1000 | ns      |
|  |              | Fast mode ( $0.3 \times V_L$ to $0.7 \times V_L$ ) (Note 6)     | 20 + $0.1C_B$ |     | 300  |         |
|  |              | Fast mode plus  |               |     | 120  |         |

**AC Electrical Characteristics (continued)**

( $V_{CC} = 1.71V$  to  $3.6V$ ,  $V_L = 1.71V$  to  $3.6V$ ,  $V_{EXT} = 1.71V$  to  $3.6V$ ,  $T_A = -40^{\circ}C$  to  $+85^{\circ}C$ , unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at  $V_{CC} = 2.8V$ ,  $V_L = 1.8V$ ,  $V_{EXT} = 2.5V$ ,  $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$ .) (Notes 2, 3)

| PARAMETER   | SYMBOL          | CONDITIONS              | MIN  | TYP | MAX | UNITS   |
|---|-----------------|-------------------------|------|-----|-----|---------|
| Setup Time for STOP Condition                     | $t_{SU:STO}$    | Standard mode           | 4.7  |     |     | $\mu s$ |
|   |                 | Fast mode               | 0.6  |     |     |         |
|   |                 | Fast mode plus          | 0.26 |     |     |         |
| Capacitive Load for SDA and SCL                   | $C_B$           | Standard mode (Note 5)  |      |     | 400 | $pF$    |
|   |                 | Fast mode (Note 5)      |      |     | 400 |         |
|   |                 | Fast mode plus (Note 5) |      |     | 550 |         |
| SCL and SDA I/O Capacitance                       | $C_{I/O}$       | (Note 5)                |      |     | 10  | $pF$    |
| Pulse Width of Spike Suppressed                   | $t_{SP}$        |                         |      |     | 50  | ns      |
| <b>SPI BUS: TIMING CHARACTERISTICS (Figure 2)</b> |                 |                         |      |     |     |         |
| SCLK Clock Period                                 | $t_{CH}+t_{CL}$ |                         | 38.4 |     |     | ns      |
| SCLK Pulse Width High                             | $t_{CH}$        |                         | 16   |     |     | ns      |
| SCLK Pulse Width Low                              | $t_{CL}$        |                         | 16   |     |     | ns      |
| $\overline{CS}$ Fall to SCLK Rise Time            | $t_{CSS}$       |                         | 0    |     |     | ns      |
| MOSI Hold Time                                    | $t_{DH}$        |                         | 3    |     |     | ns      |
| MOSI Setup Time                                   | $t_{DS}$        |                         | 5    |     |     | ns      |
| Output Data Propagation Delay                     | $t_{DO}$        |                         |      |     | 20  | ns      |
| MISO Rise and Fall Times                          | $t_{FT}$        |                         |      |     | 10  | ns      |
| $\overline{CS}$ Hold Time                         | $t_{CSH}$       |                         | 30   |     |     | ns      |

**Note 2:** All units are production tested at  $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$ . Specifications over temperature are guaranteed by design.

**Note 3:** Currents entering the IC are negative and currents exiting the IC are positive.

**Note 4:** When  $V_{18}$  is powered by an external voltage supply, it must have current capability above or equal to  $I_{18}$ .

**Note 5:** Guaranteed by design; not production tested.

**Note 6:**  $C_B$  is the total capacitance of either the clock or data line of the synchronous bus in pF.

Timing Diagrams

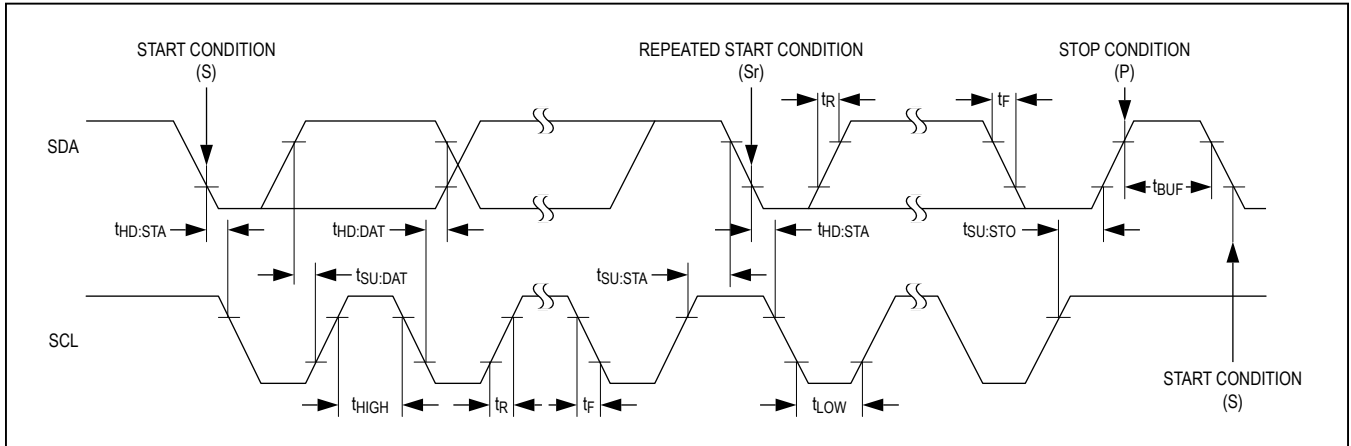


Figure 1. I<sup>2</sup>C Timing Diagram

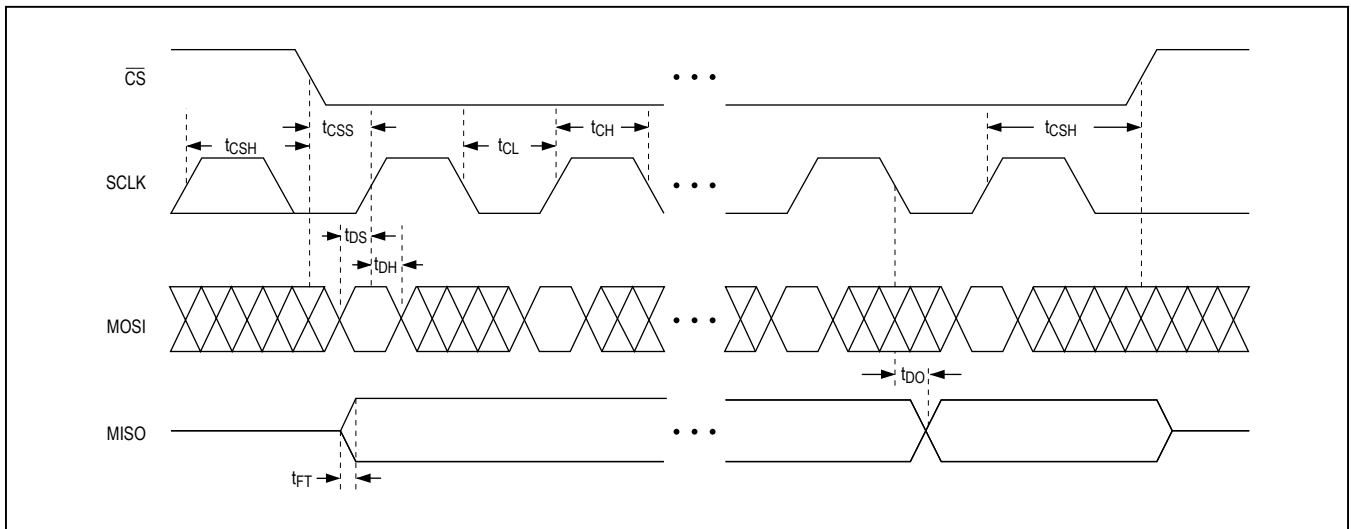
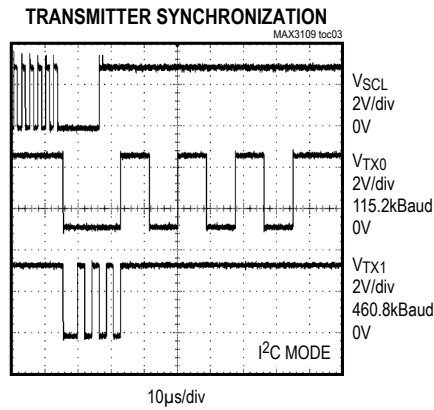
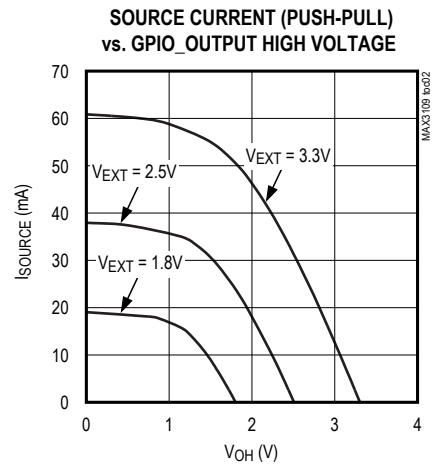
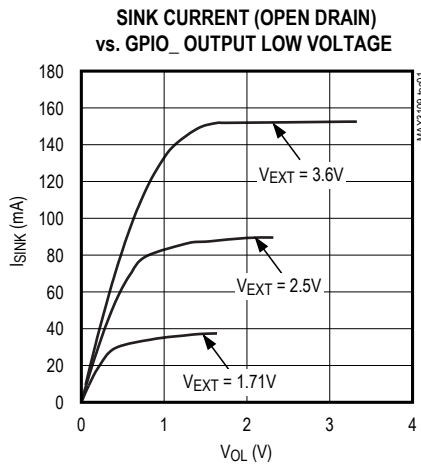


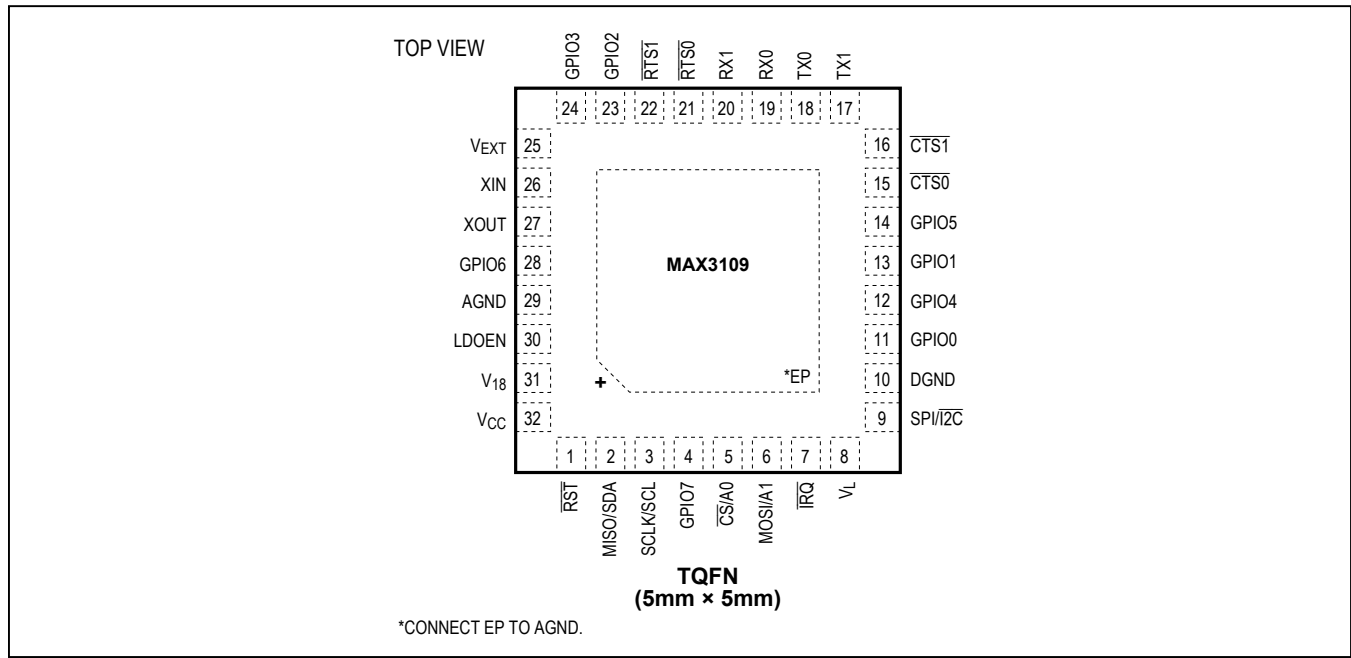
Figure 2. SPI Timing Diagram

**Typical Operating Characteristics**

( $V_{CC} = 2.5V$ ,  $V_L = 2.5V$ ,  $V_{EXT} = 2.5V$ ,  $V_{LDOEN} = V_L$ , UART1 in sleep mode,  $T_A = +25^\circ C$  unless otherwise noted.)



Pin Configuration



Pin Description

| PIN | NAME                      | FUNCTION  |
|-----|---------------------------|---|
| 1   | $\overline{\text{RST}}$   | Active-Low Reset Input. Drive $\overline{\text{RST}}$ low to force all of the UARTs into hardware reset mode. Driving $\overline{\text{RST}}$ low also enables low-power shutdown mode. When $\overline{\text{RST}}$ is low, the internal V18 LDO is switched off, even if the LDOEN input is kept high.  |
| 2   | MISO/SDA                  | Serial-Data Output. When $\text{SPI/I}^2\text{C}$ is high, MISO/SDA functions as the SPI master input-slave output (MISO). When $\text{SPI/I}^2\text{C}$ is low, MISO/SDA functions as the SDA, I <sup>2</sup> C serial-data input/output. MISO/SDA is high impedance when $\overline{\text{RST}}$ is driven low or when the externally supplied V18 is powered off.  |
| 3   | SCLK/SCL                  | Serial-Clock Input. When $\text{SPI/I}^2\text{C}$ is high, SCLK/SCL functions as the SCLK SPI serial-clock input (up to 26MHz). When $\text{SPI/I}^2\text{C}$ is low, SCLK/SCL functions as the SCL, I <sup>2</sup> C serial-clock input (up to 1MHz in fast mode plus).  |
| 4   | GPIO7                     | General-Purpose Input/Output 7. GPIO7 is user-programmable as an input or output (push-pull or open drain) or an external event-driven interrupt source. GPIO7 has a weak pulldown resistor to DGND when configured as an input.  |
| 5   | $\overline{\text{CS/A0}}$ | Active-Low Chip-Select and Address 0 Input. When $\text{SPI/I}^2\text{C}$ is high, $\overline{\text{CS/A0}}$ functions as the $\overline{\text{CS}}$ , SPI active-low chip-select. When $\text{SPI/I}^2\text{C}$ is low, $\overline{\text{CS/A0}}$ functions as the A0 I <sup>2</sup> C device address programming input. Connect $\overline{\text{CS/A0}}$ to DGND, V <sub>L</sub> , SCL, or SDA when $\text{SPI/I}^2\text{C}$ is low. |
| 6   | MOSI/A1                   | Serial-Data Input and Address 1 Input. When $\text{SPI/I}^2\text{C}$ is high, MOSI/A1 functions as the SPI master output-slave input (MOSI). When $\text{SPI/I}^2\text{C}$ is low, MOSI/A1 functions as the A1 I <sup>2</sup> C device address programming input. Connect MOSI/A1 to DGND, V <sub>L</sub> , SCL, or SDA when $\text{SPI/I}^2\text{C}$ is low.   |
| 7   | $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$   | Active-Low Interrupt Open-Drain Output. $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ is asserted when an interrupt is pending. $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ is high impedance when $\overline{\text{RST}}$ is driven low.   |

## Pin Description (continued)

| PIN | NAME              | FUNCTION   |
|-----|-------------------|--|
| 8   | $V_L$             | Digital Interface Power Supply. $V_L$ powers the internal logic-level translators for $\overline{RST}$ , $\overline{IRQ}$ , $MOSI/A1$ , $\overline{CS/A0}$ , $SCLK/SCL$ , $MISO/SDA$ , $LDOEN$ , and $SPI/I2C$ . Bypass $V_L$ with a 0.1 $\mu$ F ceramic capacitor to DGND.  |
| 9   | $SPI/I2C$         | SPI Selector Input or Active-Low I <sup>2</sup> C. Drive $SPI/I2C$ low to enable I <sup>2</sup> C. Drive $SPI/I2C$ high to enable SPI.   |
| 10  | DGND              | Digital Ground   |
| 11  | GPIO0             | General-Purpose Input/Output 0. GPIO0 is user-programmable as an input or output (push-pull or open drain) or an external event-driven interrupt source. GPIO0 has a weak pulldown resistor to DGND when configured as an input. GPIO0 is the reference clock output when bit 7 of the TxSynch register is set to high (see the <i>UART Clock to GPIO</i> section for more information). |
| 12  | GPIO4             | General-Purpose Input/Output 4. GPIO4 is user-programmable as an input or output (push-pull or open drain) or an external event-driven interrupt source. GPIO4 has a weak pulldown resistor to DGND when configured as an input. GPIO4 is the reference clock output when bit 7 of the TxSynch register is set to high (see the <i>UART Clock to GPIO</i> section for more information). |
| 13  | GPIO1             | General-Purpose Input/Output 1. GPIO1 is user-programmable as an input or output (push-pull or open drain) or an external event-driven interrupt source. GPIO1 has a weak pulldown resistor to DGND when configured as an input. GPIO1 is the TIMER output when bit 7 of the TIMER2 register is set high.  |
| 14  | GPIO5             | General-Purpose Input/Output 5. GPIO5 is user-programmable as an input or output (push-pull or open drain) or an external event-driven interrupt source. GPIO5 has a weak pulldown resistor to DGND when configured as an input. GPIO5 is the TIMER output when bit 7 of the TIMER2 register is set high.  |
| 15  | $\overline{CTS0}$ | Active-Low Clear-to-Send Input for UART0. $\overline{CTS0}$ is a flow-control status input.  |
| 16  | $\overline{CTS1}$ | Active-Low Clear-to-Send Input for UART1. $\overline{CTS1}$ is a flow-control status input.  |
| 17  | TX1               | Serial Transmitting Data Output for UART1. TX1 is logic-high when $\overline{RST}$ is low or when the externally supplied V18 is not powered.  |
| 18  | TX0               | Serial Transmitting Data Output for UART0. TX0 is logic-high when $\overline{RST}$ is low or when the externally supplied V18 is not powered.  |
| 19  | RX0               | Serial Receiving Data Input for UART0. RX0 has an internal weak pullup resistor to $V_{EXT}$ .   |
| 20  | RX1               | Serial Receiving Data Input for UART1. RX1 has an internal weak pullup resistor to $V_{EXT}$ .   |
| 21  | $\overline{RTS0}$ | Active-Low Request-to-Send Output for UART0. $\overline{RTS0}$ can be set high or low by programming the LCR register. $\overline{RTS0}$ is the UART system clock/fractional divider output when bit 7 of the CLKSource register is set high. $\overline{RTS0}$ is logic-high when $\overline{RST}$ is low or when the externally supplied V18 is not powered.                           |
| 22  | $\overline{RTS1}$ | Active-Low Request-to-Send Output for UART1. $\overline{RTS1}$ can be set high or low by programming the LCR register. $\overline{RTS1}$ is the UART system clock/fractional divider output when bit 7 of the CLKSource register is set high. $\overline{RTS1}$ is logic-high when $\overline{RST}$ is low or when the externally supplied V18 is not powered.                           |
| 23  | GPIO2             | General-Purpose Input/Output 2. GPIO2 is user-programmable as input or output (push-pull or open drain) or an external event-driven interrupt source. GPIO2 has a weak pulldown resistor to DGND when configured as an input.  |
| 24  | GPIO3             | General-Purpose Input/Output 3. GPIO3 is user-programmable as input or output (push-pull or open drain) or an external event-driven interrupt source. GPIO3 has a weak pulldown resistor to DGND when configured as an input.  |
| 25  | $V_{EXT}$         | Transceiver Interface Power Supply. $V_{EXT}$ powers the internal logic-level translators for $RX_*$ , $TX_*$ , $\overline{RTS_*$ , $\overline{CTS_*$ , and $GPIO_*$ . Bypass $V_{EXT}$ with a 0.1 $\mu$ F ceramic capacitor to DGND.  |
| 26  | XIN               | Crystal/Clock Input. When using an external crystal, connect one end of the crystal to XIN and the other end to XOUT. When using an external clock source, drive XIN with the single-ended external clock.   |

## Pin Description (continued)

| PIN | NAME     | FUNCTION  |
|-----|----------|---|
| 27  | XOUT     | Crystal Output. When using an external crystal, connect one end of the crystal to XOUT and the other end to XIN. When using an external clock source, leave XOUT unconnected.   |
| 28  | GPIO6    | General-Purpose Input/Output 6. GPIO6 is user-programmable as input or output (push-pull or open drain) or an external event-driven interrupt source. GPIO6 has a weak pulldown resistor to DGND when configured as an input. |
| 29  | AGND     | Analog Ground   |
| 30  | LDOEN    | LDO Enable Input. Drive LDOEN high to enable the internal 1.8V LDO. Drive LDOEN low to disable the internal LDO. Supply $V_{18}$ with an external voltage source when LDOEN is low.   |
| 31  | $V_{18}$ | Internal 1.8V LDO Output and 1.8V Power-Supply Input. Bypass $V_{18}$ with a 1 $\mu$ F ceramic capacitor to DGND.   |
| 32  | $V_{CC}$ | Analog Power Supply. $V_{CC}$ powers the PLL and internal LDO. Bypass $V_{CC}$ with a 0.1 $\mu$ F ceramic capacitor to AGND.  |
| —   | EP       | Exposed Pad. Connect EP to AGND. Do not use EP as the main AGND connection.   |

## Detailed Description

The MAX3109 dual universal asynchronous receiver-transmitter (UART) bridges an SPI/MICROWIRE® or I<sup>2</sup>C microprocessor bus to an asynchronous serial-data communication link, such as RS-485, RS-232, or IrDA. The MAX3109 is configured through 8-bit registers, which are accessed through the SPI or I<sup>2</sup>C interface. These registers are organized by related function as shown in the *Register Map* section.

The host controller loads data into the Transmit Hold register (**THR**) through the SPI or I<sup>2</sup>C interface. This data is automatically pushed into the transmit FIFOs, formatted, and sent out at TX\_. The MAX3109 adds START, STOP, and parity bits to the data before transmitting the data out at the selected baud rate. The clock configuration registers determine the baud rates, clock source selection, clock frequency prescaling, and fractional baud-rate generator settings for each UART.

The MAX3109 receivers detect a START bit as a high-to-low transition on RX\_. An internal clock samples this data at 16 times the baud rate. The received data is automatically placed in the receive FIFOs and can then be read out by the host controller through the Receiver Hold register (**RHR**).

The device features two identical UARTs that are completely independent except for the input clock. Text in this data sheet references individual UART operation, unless otherwise noted.

The MAX3109's register set is compatible with the MAX3107. Refer to Application Note 4938: *Differences*

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*Between Maxim's Advanced UART Devices* for information on how to transfer firmware from the MAX3107 to the MAX3109.

## Receive and Transmit FIFOs

Each UART's receiver and transmitter has a 128-word-deep FIFOs, reducing the number of intervals that the host processor needs to dedicate for high-speed, high-volume data transfer to and from the device. As the data rates of the asynchronous RX\_/TX\_ interfaces increase and get closer to those of the host controller's SPI/I<sup>2</sup>C data rates, UART management and flow-control can make up a significant portion of the host's activity. By increasing FIFO size, the host is interrupted less often and can use data block transfers to and from the FIFOs.

FIFO trigger levels can generate interrupts to the host controller, signaling that programmed FIFO fill levels have been reached. The transmitter and receiver trigger levels are programmed through the **FIFOTrgLvl** register with a resolution of eight FIFO locations. The receive FIFO trigger signals to the host either that the receive FIFO has a defined number of words waiting to be read out in a block or that a known number of vacant FIFO locations are available and ready to be filled. The transmit FIFO trigger generates an interrupt when the transmit FIFO fill level is above the programmed trigger level. The host then knows to throttle data writing to the transmit FIFO through **THR**.

The host can read out the number of words present in each of the FIFOs through the **TxFIFOLvl** and **RxFIFOLvl** registers. **Note:** The **TxFIFOLvl** and **RxFIFOLvl** values can be in error. See the **TxFIFOLvl** register description for details.



The contents of the TxFIFO and RxFIFO are both cleared when the **MODE2**[1]: FIFORst bit is set high.

**Transmitter Operation**

Figure 3 shows the structure of the transmitter with the TxFIFO. The transmit FIFO can hold up to 128 words of data that are added by writing to the **THR** register.

The transmit FIFO fill level can be programmed to generate an interrupt when greater than or equal to a programmed number of words are present in the TxFIFO through the **FIFOTrgLvl** register. This TxFIFO interrupt trigger level is selectable by the **FIFOTrgLvl**[3:0] bits. When the transmit FIFO fill level increases to at least the

programmed trigger level, an interrupt is generated in **ISR**[4]: TxTrigInt.

An interrupt is generated in **ISR**[5]: TFifoEmptyInt when the transmit FIFO is empty. **ISR**[5] goes high when the transmitter starts transmitting the last word in the TxFIFO. An additional interrupt is generated in **STSI**nt[7]: TxEmptyInt when the transmitter completes transmitting the last word.

To halt transmission, set the **MODE1**[1]: TxDisabl bit high. After TxDisabl is set, the transmitter completes the transmission of the current character and then ceases transmission. Turn the transmitter off prior to enabling auto software flow control and AutoRTS flow control.

The TX\_ output logic can be inverted through the **IrDA**[5]: TxInv bit. Unless otherwise noted, all transmitter logic described in this data sheet assumes that TxInv is set low.

**Note:** Errors in transmitted data can occur when the **THR** is being written to while the transmitter is sending data. See the **THR** register description for details.

**Receiver Operation**

The receiver expects the format of the data at RX\_ to be as shown in Figure 4. The quiescent logic state is logic-high and the first bit (the START bit) is logic-low (RxInv = 0). The 8-bit data word expected to be received LSB first. The receiver samples the data near the midbit instant (Figure 4). The received words and their associated errors are deposited into the receive FIFO. Errors and status information are stored for every received word (Figure 5). The host reads the data out of the receive FIFO by reading **RHR**, which comes out oldest data first. After a word is read out of **RHR**, **LSR** contains the status information for that word. **Note:** Errors in transmitted data can occur when the **THR** is being written to while the transmitter is sending data. See the **THR** register description for details.

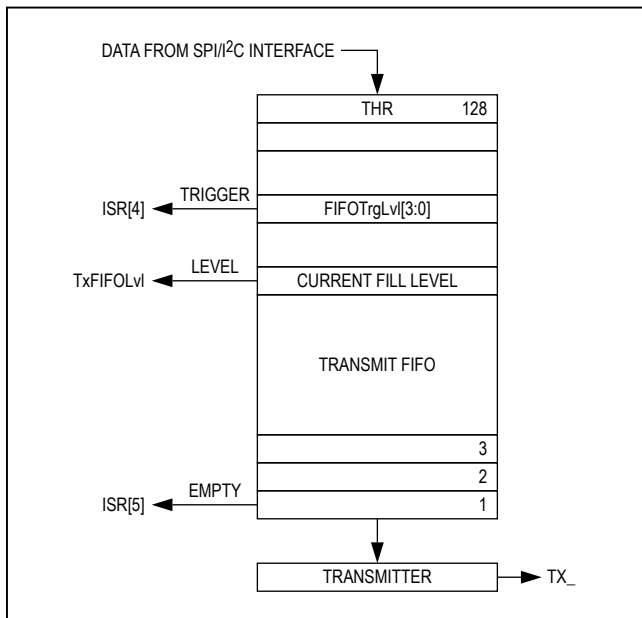


Figure 3. Transmit FIFO Signals

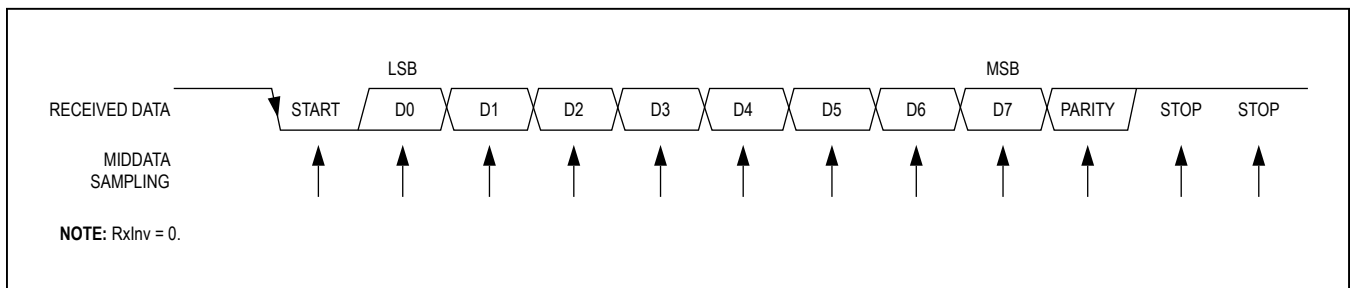


Figure 4. Receive Data Format

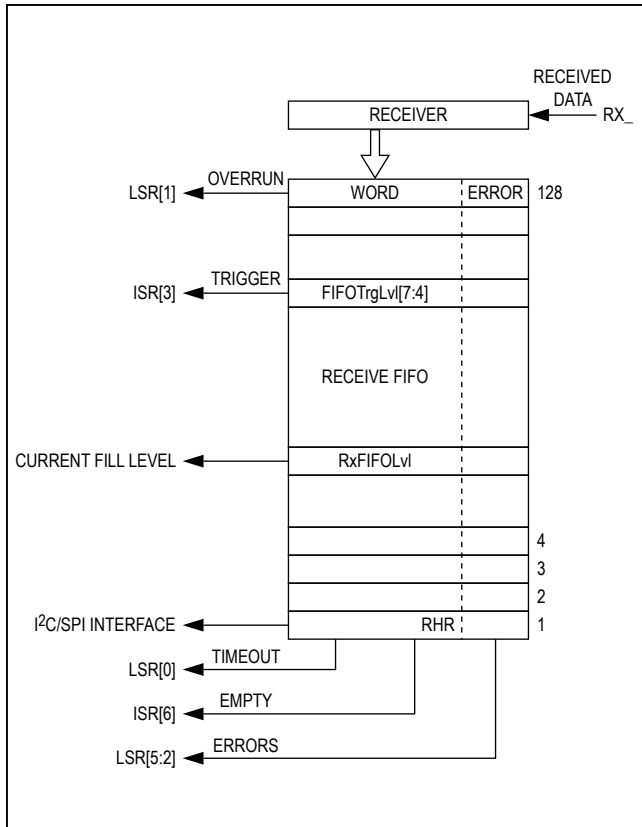


Figure 5. Receive FIFO

The following three error conditions are checked for each received word: parity error, frame error, and noise on the line. Parity errors are detected by calculating either even or odd parity of the received word as programmed by register settings. Framing errors are detected when the received data frame does not match the expected frame format in length. Line noise is detected by checking the logical congruency of the three samples taken of each bit (Figure 6).

The receiver can be turned off by setting the **MODE1[0]**: RxDisabl bit high. After this bit is set high, the MAX3109 turns the receiver off immediately following the current word and does not receive any further data.

The RX\_ input logic can be inverted by setting the **IrDA[4]**: RxInv bit high. Unless otherwise noted, all receiver logic described in this data sheet assumes that RxInv is set low.

**Line Noise Indication**

When operating in standard or 2x (i.e., not 4x) rate mode, the MAX3109 checks that the binary logic level of the three samples per received bit are identical. If any of the three samples per received bit have differing logic levels, then noise on the transmission line has affected the received data and it is considered to be noisy. This noise indication is reflected in the **LSR[5]**: RxNoise bit for each received byte. Parity errors are another indication of noise, but are not as sensitive.

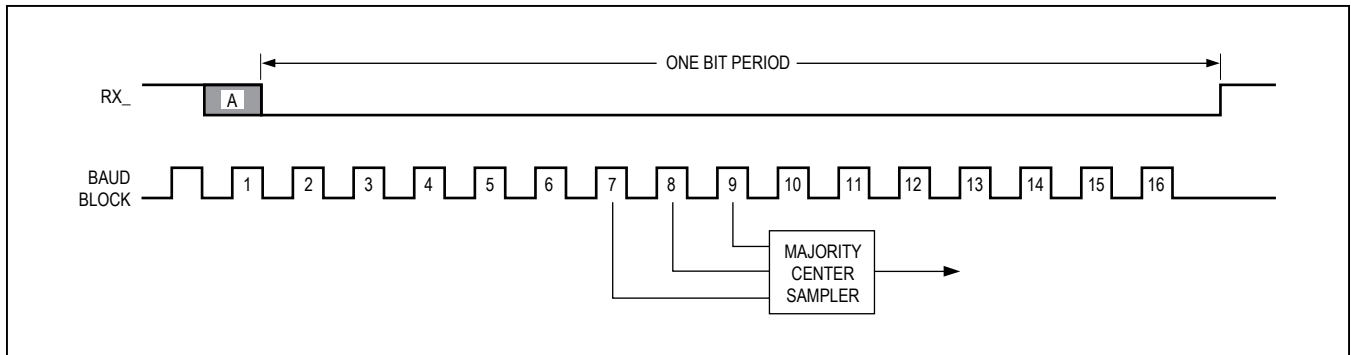


Figure 6. Midbit Sampling

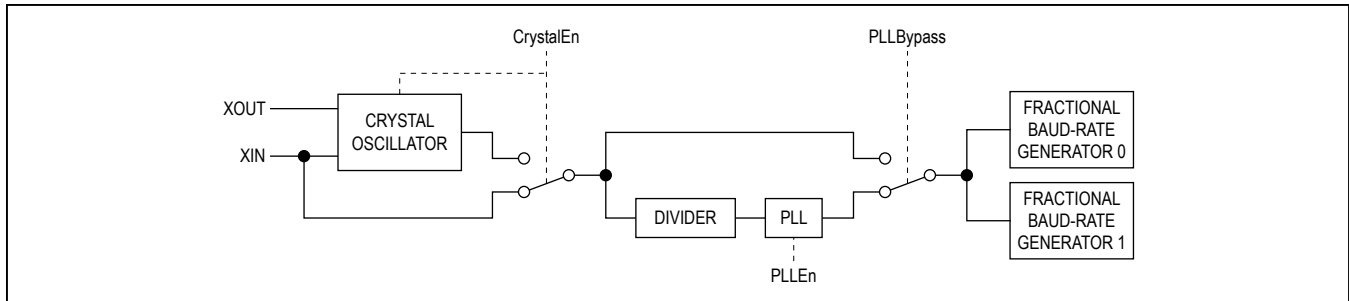


Figure 7. Clock Selection Diagram

### Clock Selection

The MAX3109 can be clocked by either an external crystal or an external clock source. Figure 7 shows a simplified diagram of the clock selection circuitry. When the MAX3109 is clocked by a crystal, the **STSInt[5]: ClkReady** bit indicates when the crystal oscillator has reached steady state and the baud-rate generator is ready for stable operation.

Each UART baud rate can be individually programmed and both share the same reference clock input.

The baud-rate clock can be routed to the  $\overline{\text{RTS}}$  output by setting the **CLKSource[7]: CLKtoRTS** bit high. The clock rate is 16x the baud rate in standard operating mode, 8x the baud rate in 2x rate mode, and 4x the baud rate in 4x rate mode. If the fractional portion of the baud-rate generator is used, the clock is not regular and exhibits jitter.

### Crystal Oscillator

The MAX3109 is equipped with a crystal oscillator to provide high baud-rate accuracy and low power consumption. Set the **CLKSource[1]: CrystalEn** bit high to enable and select the crystal oscillator. The on-chip crystal oscillator has integrated load capacitances of 16pF in both the XIN and XOUT pins. Connect only an external crystal or ceramic oscillator between XIN and XOUT.

### External Clock Source

Connect an external single-ended clock source to XIN when not using the crystal oscillator. Leave XOUT unconnected. Set the **CLKSource[1]: CrystalEn** bit low to select external clocking.

### PLL and Predivider

The internal predivider and PLL allow for compatibility with a wide range of external clock frequencies and baud rates. The PLL can be configured to multiply the input clock rate by a factor of 6, 48, 96, or 144 by the **PLLConfig[7:6]** bits. The predivider is located between the input clock and the PLL and allows division of the

input clock by an integer factor between 1 and 63. This value is defined by the **PLLConfig[5:0]** bits. See the **PLLConfig** register description for more information. Use of the PLL requires  $V_{CC}$  to be higher than 2.35V.

### Fractional Baud-Rate Generators

Each UART has an internal fractional baud-rate generator that provides a high degree of flexibility and high resolution in baud-rate programming. The baud-rate generator has a 16-bit integer divisor and a 4-bit word for the fractional divisor. The fractional baud-rate generator can be used either with the crystal oscillator or external clock source.

The integer and fractional divisors are calculated by the divisor,  $D$ :

$$D = \frac{f_{REF} \times \text{RateMode}}{16 \times \text{BaudRate}}$$

where  $f_{REF}$  is the reference frequency input to the baud-rate generator, **RateMode** is the rate mode multiplier (1x default), **BaudRate** is the desired baud rate, and  $D$  is the ideal divisor.  $f_{REF}$  must be less than 96MHz. **RateMode** is 1 in 1x rate mode, 2 in 2x rate mode, and 4 in 4x rate mode.

The integer divisor portion, **DIV**, of the divisor,  $D$ , is obtained by truncating  $D$ :

$$\text{DIV} = \text{TRUNC}(D)$$

**DIV** can be a maximum of 16 bits (65,535) wide and is programmed into the two single-byte-wide registers **DIVMSB** and **DIVLSB**. The minimum allowed value for **DIVLSB** is 1.

The fractional portion of the divisor, **FRACT**, is a 4-bit nibble that is programmed into **BRGConfig[3:0]**. The maximum value is 15, allowing the divisor to be programmed with a resolution of 0.0625. **FRACT** is calculated as:  $\text{FRACT} = \text{ROUND}(16 \times (D - \text{DIV}))$ .

The following is an example of how to calculate the divisor. It is based on a required baud rate of 190kbaud and a reference input frequency of 28.23MHz and 1x (default) rate mode.

The ideal divisor is calculated as:

$$D = 28,230,000 / (16 \times 190,000) = 9.286$$

hence DIV = 9.

$$FRACT = ROUND(16 \times 0.286) = 5$$

so **DIVMSB** = 0x00, **DIVLSB** = 0x09, and **BRGConfig**[3:0] = 0x05.

The resulting actual baud rate can be calculated as:

$$BR_{ACTUAL} = \frac{f_{REF} \times RateMode}{16 \times D_{ACTUAL}}$$

For this example:

$D_{ACTUAL} = 9 + 5/16 = 9.3125$ ,  $RateMode = 1$ , and  $BR_{ACTUAL} = 28,230,000 / (16 \times 9.3125) = 189463$  baud. Thus, the actual baud rate is within 0.28% of the ideal rate.

**2x and 4x Rate Modes**

To support higher baud rates than possible with standard operation using 16x sampling, the MAX3109 offers 2x and 4x rate modes. In these modes, the reference clock rate only needs to be either 8x or 4x higher than the baud rate, respectively. In 4x rate mode, each received bit is only sampled once at the midbit instant instead of the

usual three samples to determine the logic value of the received bit. This reduces the ability to detect line noise on the received data in 4x rate mode. The 2x and 4x rate modes are selectable through **BRGConfig**[5:4]. Note that IrDA encoding and decoding does not operate in 2x and 4x rate modes.

When 2x rate mode is selected, the actual baud rate is twice the rate programmed into the baud-rate generator. If 4x rate mode is enabled, the actual baud rate on the line is quadruple that of the programmed baud rate (Figure 8).

**Low-Frequency Timer**

Each UART has a general-purpose timer that can be used to generate a low-frequency clock at a GPIO output and can, for example, be used to drive external LEDs. The low-frequency clock is a divided replica of the given UART baud-rate clock. The timer for each UART is internally routed to the respective GPIO\_ output when enabled by the **TIMER2** register as follows:

- UART0: GPIO1
- UART1: GPIO5

The clock pulses at the GPIOs are generated at a rate defined by the baud-rate generator and the timer divider (Figure 9). The baud-rate generator clock frequency is divided by (1024 x **Timer**[14:0]) to produce the GPIO\_ clock, where **Timer**[14:0] is the 15-bit value programmed into the **TIMER1** and **TIMER2** registers. The timer output is 50% duty cycle clock.

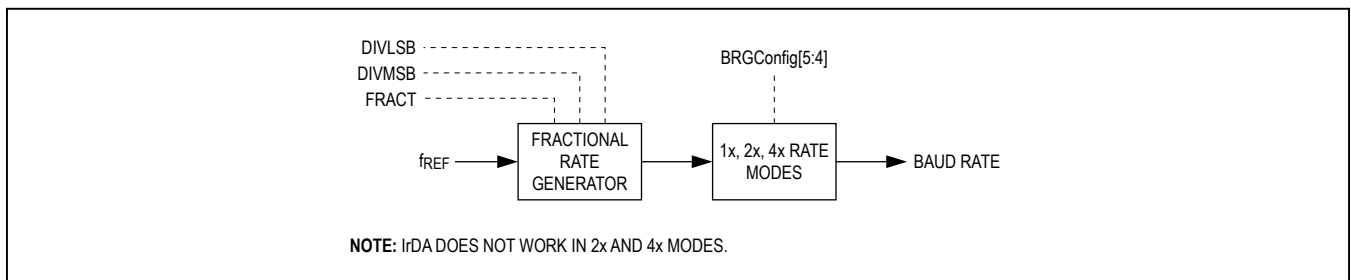


Figure 8. 2x and 4x Baud Rates

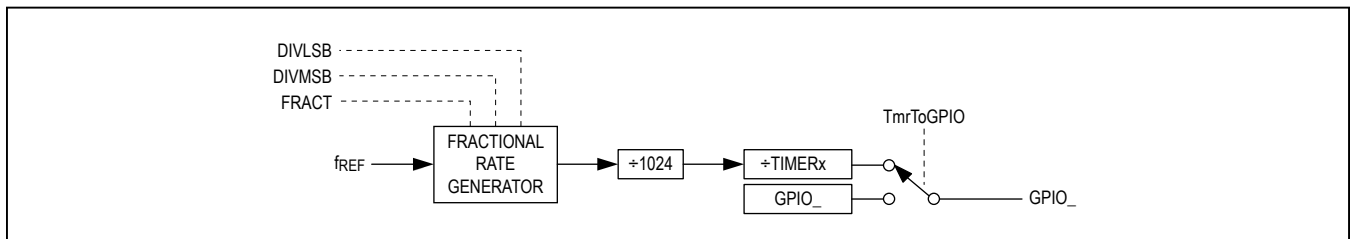


Figure 9. GPIO\_ Clock Pulse Generator

### UART Clock to GPIO

The MAX3109 reference clock can be routed to the GPIO0 and/or GPIO4 outputs if a synchronous high-frequency clock is needed by another device. Enable routing a UART clock to GPIO0 and/or GPIO4 in the **TxSynch** register. This output clock could, for example, be used to clock another UART device.

### Multidrop Mode

In multidrop mode, also known as 9-bit mode, the data word length is 8 bits and a 9th bit is used for distinguishing between an address word and a data word. Multidrop mode is enabled by the **MODE2[6]**: MultiDrop bit. The MultiDrop bit takes the place of the parity bit in the data word structure. Parity checking is disabled and an interrupt is generated in **SpclCharInt[5]**: MultiDropInt when an address (9th bit is 1) is received while in multidrop mode.

It is up to the host processor to filter out the data intended for its address. Alternatively, the auto data-filtering feature can be used to automatically filter out the data not intended for the station's specific 9-bit mode address.

### Auto Data Filtering in Multidrop Mode

In multidrop mode, the MAX3109 can be configured to automatically filter out data that is not meant for its address. The address is user-definable either by programming a register value or a combination of a register value and GPIO hardware inputs. Use either the entire **XOFF2** register or the **XOFF2[7:4]** bits in combination with GPIO\_ inputs to define the address.

Enable multidrop mode by setting the **MODE2[6]**: MultiDrop bit high and enable auto data filtering by setting the **MODE2[4]**: SpecialChr bit high.

When using register bits in combination with GPIO\_ inputs to define the address, the MSB of the address is written to the **XOFF2[7:4]** bits, while the LSBs of the address are defined by the GPIOs. To enable this address-definition method along with auto data filtering, set the **FlowCtrl[2]**: GPIAddr bit high in addition to the **MODE2[4]**: SpecialChr and **MODE2[6]**: MultiDrop bits. The GPIO\_ inputs are automatically read when the **FlowCtrl[2]**: GPIAddr bit is set high, and the address is automatically updated on logic changes to any GPIO pin.

When using auto data filtering, the MAX3109 checks each received address against the programmed station address. When an address is received that matches the station's address, received data is stored in the Rx FIFO. When an address is received that does not match the station's address, received data is discarded. Addresses are

not stored into the FIFO but an interrupt is still generated in **SpclCharInt[5]**: MultiDropInt upon receiving an address. An additional interrupt is generated in **SpclCharInt[3]**: XOFF2Int when the station address is received.

### Auto Transceiver Direction Control

In some half-duplex communication systems, the transceiver's transmitter must be turned off when data is being received in order to not load the bus. This is the case in half-duplex RS-485 communication. Similarly, in full-duplex multidrop communication such as RS-485 or RS-422 V.11, only one transmitter can be enabled at any one time while the others must be disabled. The MAX3109 can automatically enable/disable a transceiver's transmitter and/or receiver at the hardware level by controlling its DE and  $\overline{RE}$  pins. This feature relieves the host processor of this time-critical task.

The  $\overline{RTS}$  output is used to control the transceivers' transmit-enable input and is automatically set high when the MAX3109's transmitter starts transmission. This occurs as soon as data is present in the transmit FIFO. Auto transceiver direction control is enabled by the **MODE1[4]**: TrnscvCtrl bit. Figure 10 shows a typical MAX3109 connection in an RS-485 application using the auto transceiver direction control feature.

The RTS output can be set high in advance of TX\_ transmission by a programmable time period called the setup time (Figure 11). The setup time is programmed by the **HDplxDelay[7:4]**: Setupx bits. Similarly, the  $\overline{RTS}$  output can be held high for a programmable period after the transmitter has completed transmission called the hold time. The hold time is programmed by the **HDplxDelay[3:0]** bits.

### Transmitter Triggering and Synchronization

The MAX3109 allows synchronization of transmitters so that selected UARTs start transmitting data when a trigger command is received. Optional delays can also be programmed that delay the start of transmission after a trigger command is received. A UART's transmitter can be assigned one of 16 possible SPI/I<sup>2</sup>C trigger commands. A trigger command is defined as any of the 16 special values written into the **GloblComnd** register (see the **GloblComnd** register description for more information). When a byte is written into the **GloblComnd** register, the UART select bit (U) is ignored by the MAX3109 and the **GloblComnd** applies to both UARTs. Transmission is initiated when the MAX3109 receives an assigned SPI/I<sup>2</sup>C trigger command, the selected transmitter is initially disabled, and data has been loaded into its Tx FIFO.

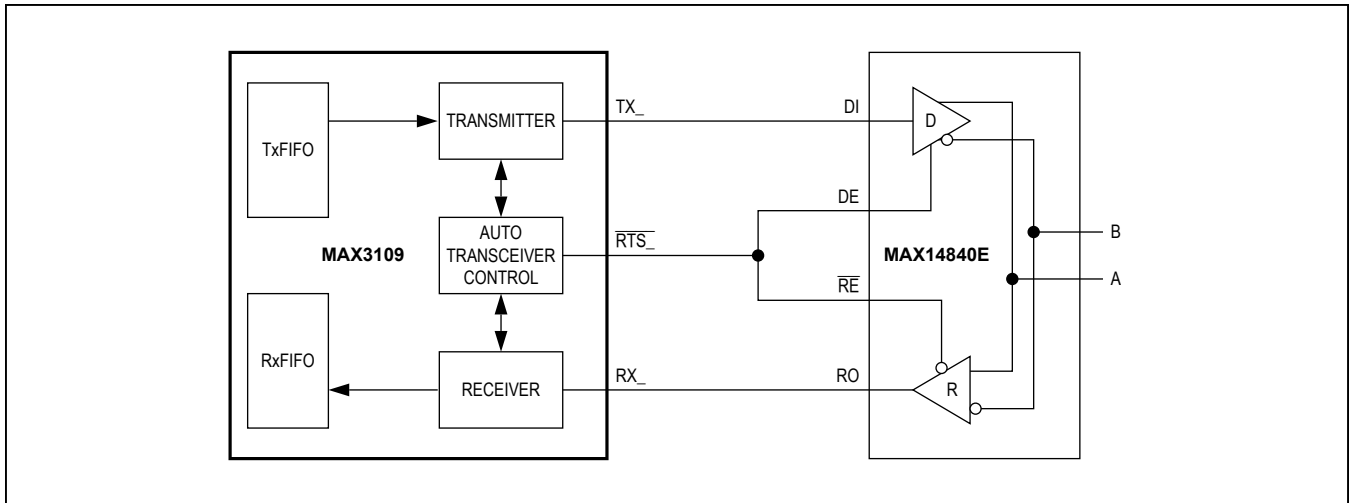


Figure 10. Auto Transceiver Direction Control

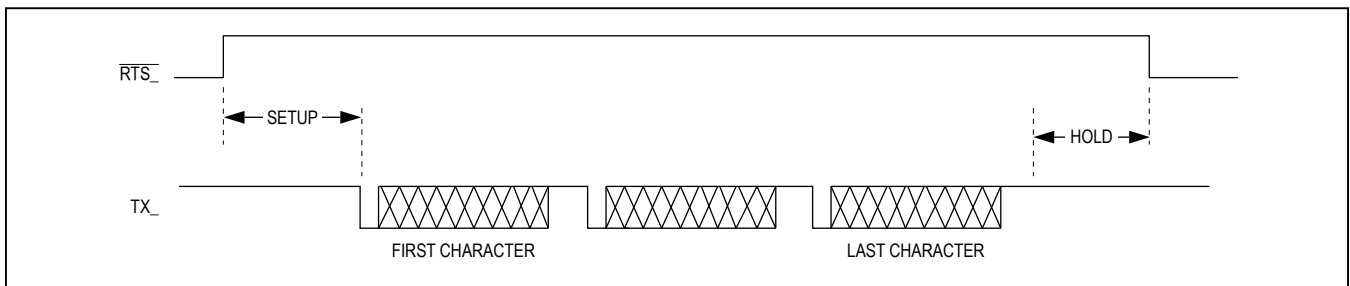


Figure 11. Setup and Hold Times in Auto Transceiver Direction Control

Enable and configure transmitter synchronization with the **TxSynch** register. Triggering and synchronization requires that the transmitters are disabled before the trigger is received. This can be done by setting the **MODE1[1]: TxDisabl** bit high or by using the auto transmitter disable function (**TxSynch[4]** is logic 1).

**Transmitter Synchronization**

Synchronize multiple UARTs so that their transmitters start transmission simultaneously by assigning a common trigger command to the UARTs that should be synchronized.

**Intrachip and Interchip Synchronization**

Intrachip transmitter triggering occurs when the two UARTs in a MAX3109 device are triggered by one command. This type of synchronization is supported in both SPI and I<sup>2</sup>C modes, as the trigger commands are global commands that are received by both UARTs simultaneously.

Interchip transmitter triggering synchronizes UARTs in different MAX3109 devices. This type of synchronization is achievable in SPI mode only. Pull the **CS** input of all the MAX3109 devices on the bus low during the SPI master's write trigger command so that the commands are received by all UARTs on the shared SPI bus.

I<sup>2</sup>C protocol does not allow simultaneous addressing of multiple devices.

**Delayed Triggering**

A delay can be programmed to postpone the start of transmission after receiving an assigned trigger command. Set the delay by programming the **SynchDelay1** and **SynchDelay2** registers.

**Trigger Accuracy**

The delay between the time when the MAX3109 receives a trigger command and the time when the associated transmitter starts transmission is made up of a fixed, deterministic portion, and a variable, random component.

Both portions of the delay are dependent on the UART's clock. When the fractional divider is not used, the intrinsic trigger delay,  $t_{TRIG}$ , is bounded by the following limits:

$$\frac{5}{UARTCLK} \leq t_{TRIG} \leq \frac{6}{UARTCLK}$$

where UARTCLK is the baud-rate divider output. The reference point is the time when the trigger command is received by the MAX3109. This occurs on the final (i.e., the 16th) SPI clock's low-to-high transition (Figure 12).

In I<sup>2</sup>C mode, this occurs on the final (i.e., the 8th) SCL low-to-high transition.

When the fractional baud-rate generator is used, the random portion is larger than one UART clock period.

**Synchronization Accuracy**

When synchronizing multiple UART transmitters, the output skew of the TX\_ transmitter outputs is based on the triggering delays of each UART (Figure 13). This skew has a baud rate dependent component, similar to the

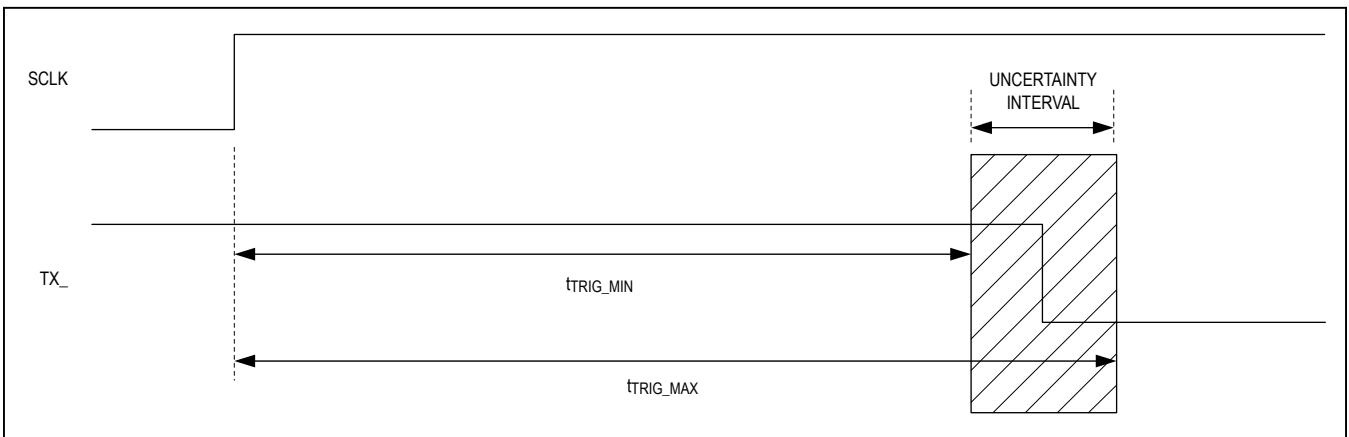


Figure 12. Single Transmitter Trigger Accuracy

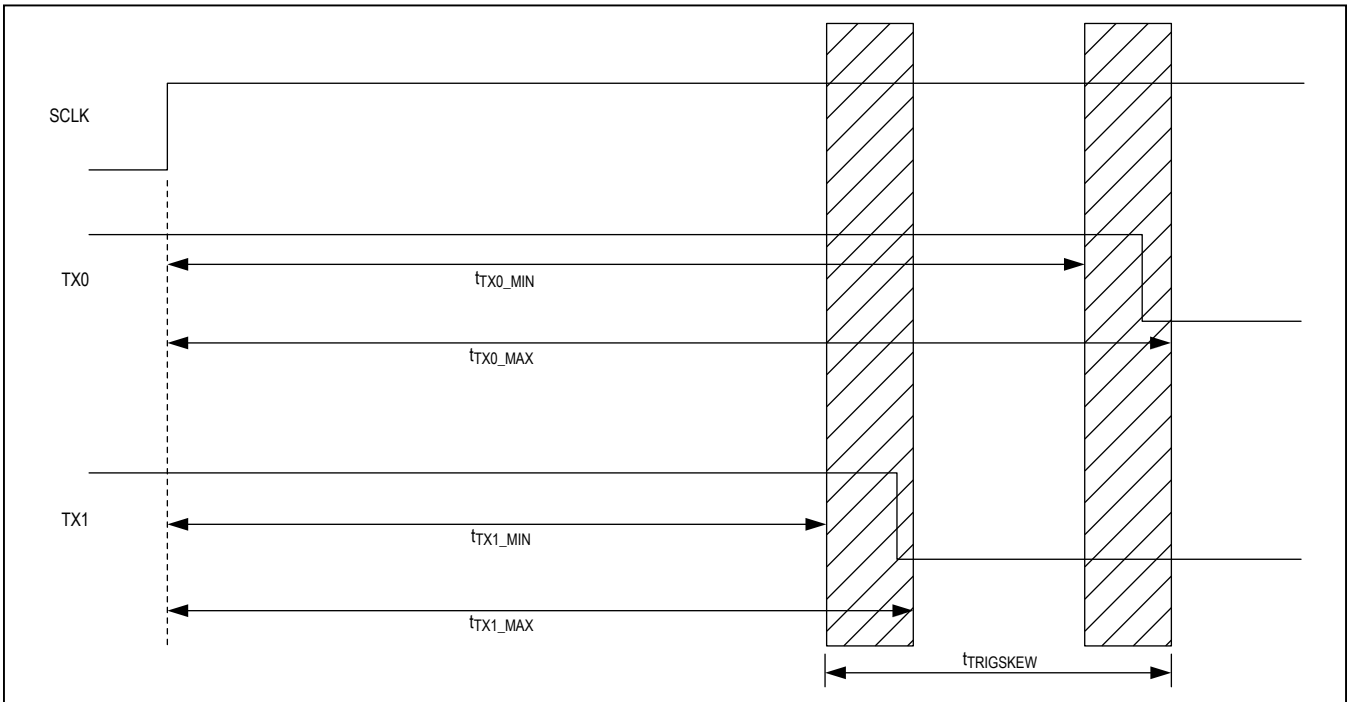


Figure 13. Multiple Transmitter Synchronization Accuracy

trigger accuracy equation for a single transmitter output. Calculate the TX\_ transmitter output skew using the following equation:

$$t_{TRIGSKEW} \leq \frac{6}{(UARTCLK)_S} - \frac{5}{(UARTCLK)_F}$$

where (UARTCLK)<sub>S</sub> is the fractional divider output clock of the lower/slower baud rate UART, and (UARTCLK)<sub>F</sub> is the fractional divider output clock of the higher/faster baud rate UART.

**Auto Transmitter Disable**

The MAX3109 allows automatic disabling of the transmitter. Enable auto transmitter disabling functionality by setting the TxSynch[6]: TxAutoDis bit high. In this mode, the MAX3109 disables the specified transmitter by setting the MODE1[1]: TxDisabl bit high after it completes sending all the data in its TxFIFO. New data can then be loaded into the TxFIFO. A disabled transmitter does not send out data on the TX\_ output when data is present in its TxFIFO.

To enable transmission after a transmitter has been disabled automatically, either clear the TxAutoDis or toggle the TxDisabl bit.

**Echo Suppression**

The MAX3109 can suppress echoed data that is sometimes found in half-duplex communication networks, such as RS-485 and IrDA. If the transceiver's receiver is not turned off while the transceiver is transmitting, copies (echoes) of the transmitted data are received by the UART. The MAX3109's receiver can block the reception of this echoed data by enabling echo suppression. Figure 14 shows a typical RS-485 application using the echo

suppression feature. Set the MODE2[7]: EchoSuprs bit high to enable echo suppression.

The MAX3109 can also block echoes with a long round trip delay by disabling the transceiver's receiver with the RTS\_ output while the MAX3109 is transmitting. The transmitter can be configured to remain enabled after the end of the transmission for a programmable period of time called the hold time delay (Figure 15). The hold time delay is set by the HDplxDelay[3:0]: Holdx bits. See the HDplxDelay description in the Detailed Register Descriptions section for more information.

Echo suppression can operate simultaneously with auto transceiver direction control.

**Auto Hardware Flow Control**

The MAX3109 is capable of auto hardware (RTS\_ and CTS\_) flow control without the need for host processor intervention. When AutoRTS control is enabled, the MAX3109 automatically controls the RTS\_ handshake without the need for host processor intervention. AutoCTS flow control separately turns the MAX3109's transmitter on and off based on the CTS\_ input. AutoRTS and AutoCTS flow control modes are independently enabled by the FlowCtrl[1:0] bits.

**AutoRTS Control**

AutoRTS flow control ensures that the receive FIFO does not overflow by signaling to the far-end UART to stop data transmission. The MAX3109 does this automatically by controlling the RTS\_ output. AutoRTS flow control is enabled by setting the FlowCtrl[0]: AutoRTS bit high. The HALT and RESUME programmable values determine the threshold RxFIFO fill levels at which RTS\_ is asserted and deasserted. Set the HALT and RESUME levels in

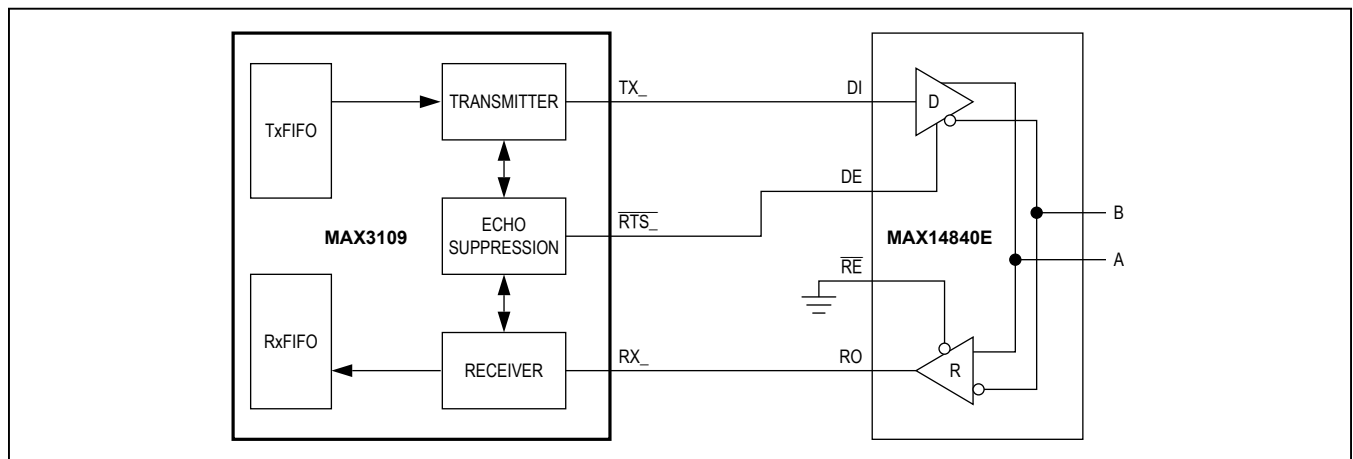


Figure 14. Half-Duplex with Echo Suppression



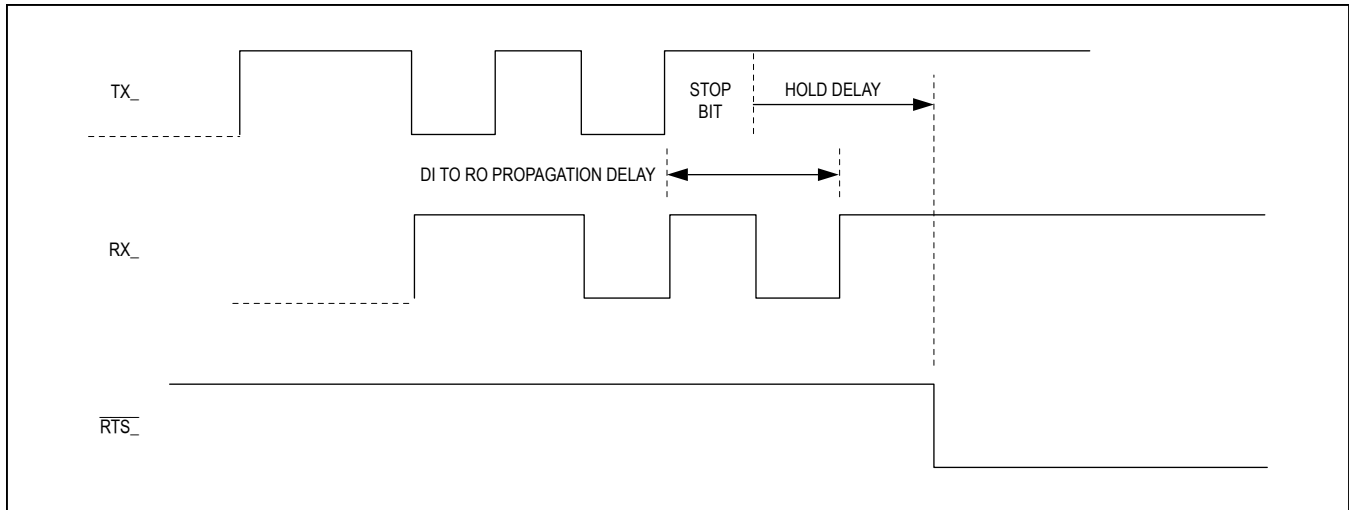


Figure 15. Echo Suppression Timing

the **FlowLvl** register. With differing HALT and RESUME levels, hysteresis of the RxFIFO level can be defined for  $\overline{\text{RTS}}$  transitions.

When the RxFIFO is filled to a level higher than the HALT level, the MAX3109 deasserts  $\overline{\text{RTS}}$  and stops the far-end UART from transmitting any additional data.  $\overline{\text{RTS}}$  remains deasserted until the RxFIFO is emptied enough so that the number of words falls to below the RESUME level.

Interrupts are not generated when the HALT and RESUME levels are reached. This allows the host controller to be completely disengaged from  $\overline{\text{RTS}}$  flow control management.

#### AutoCTS Control

When AutoCTS flow control is enabled, the UART automatically starts transmitting data when the  $\overline{\text{CTS}}$  input is logic-low and stops transmitting data when  $\overline{\text{CTS}}$  is logic-high. This frees the host processor from managing this time-critical flow-control task. AutoCTS flow control is enabled by setting the **FlowCtrl**[1]: AutoCTS bit high. The **ISR**[7]: CTSInt interrupt works normally during AutoCTS flow control. Set the **IRQEn**[7]: CTSIntEn bit low to disable routing of  $\overline{\text{CTS}}$  interrupts to  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  and ensure that the host does not receive interrupts from  $\overline{\text{CTS}}$  transitions. If  $\overline{\text{CTS}}$  transitions from low to high during transmission of a data word, the MAX3109 completes the transmission of the current word and halts transmission afterwards.

Turn the transmitter off by setting the **MODE1**[1]: TxDisabl bit high before enabling AutoCTS control.

#### Auto Software (XON/XOFF) Flow Control

When auto software flow control is enabled, the MAX3109 recognizes and/or sends predefined XON/XOFF characters to control the flow of data across the asynchronous serial link. The XON character signifies that there is enough room in the receive FIFO and transmission of data should continue. The XOFF character signifies that the receive FIFO is nearing overflow and that the transmission of data should stop. Auto software flow control works autonomously and does not require host intervention, similar to auto hardware flow control. To reduce the chance of receiving corrupted data that equals a single-byte XON or XOFF character, the MAX3109 allows for double-wide (16-bit) XON/XOFF characters. The XON and XOFF characters are programmed into the **XON1**, **XON2** and **XOFF1**, **XOFF2** registers.

The **FlowCtrl**[7:3] bits are used for enabling and configuring auto software flow control. An interrupt is generated in **ISR**[1]: SpCharInt whenever an XON or XOFF character is received and details are stored in the **SpCharInt** register. Set the **IRQEn**[1]: SpChriEn bit low to disable routing of the interrupt to  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ .

Software flow control consists of transmit flow control and receive flow control, which operate independently of each other.

#### Receiver Flow Control

When auto receive flow control is enabled by the **FlowCtrl**[7:6] bits, the MAX3109 automatically controls the transmission of data by the far-end UART by sending XOFF and XON control characters. The HALT and

RESUME levels determine the threshold RxFIFO fill levels at which the XOFF and XON characters are sent. HALT and RESUME are programmed in the **FlowLvl** register. With differing HALT and RESUME levels, hysteresis can be defined in the RxFIFO fill level for the receiver flow control activity.

When the RxFIFO is filled to a level higher than the HALT level, the MAX3109 sends an XOFF character to stop data transmission. An XON character is sent when the RxFIFO is emptied enough so that the number of words falls to below the RESUME level.

If double-wide (16-bit) XON/XOFF characters are selected by setting the **FlowCtrl**[7:6] bits to 11, then **XON1/XOFF1** are transmitted before **XON2/XOFF2** whenever a control character is transmitted.

### Transmitter Flow Control

If auto transmit control is enabled by the **FlowCtrl**[5:4] bits, the receiver compares all received words with the XOFF and XON characters. When an XOFF character is received, the MAX3109 halts the transmitter from sending further data following any currently transmitting word. The receiver is not affected and continues receiving. Upon receiving an XON character, the transmitter restarts sending data. The received XON and XOFF characters are filtered out and are not stored into the receive FIFO. An interrupt is not generated.

If double-wide (16-bit) XON/XOFF characters are selected by setting the **FlowCtrl**[5:4] bits to 11, then a character matching **XON1/XOFF1** must be received before a character matching **XON2/XOFF2** in order to be interpreted as a control character.

Turn the transmitter off by setting the **MODE1**[1]: TxDisabl bit high before enabling software transmitter flow control.

### FIFO Interrupt Triggering

Receive and transmit FIFO fill-dependent interrupts are generated if FIFO trigger levels are defined. When the number of words in the FIFOs reach or exceed a trigger level programmed in the **FIFOTrgLvl** register, an interrupt is generated in **ISR**[3] or **ISR**[4]. The interrupt trigger levels operate independently from the HALT and RESUME flow control levels in AutoRTS or auto software flow control modes.

The FIFO interrupt triggering can be used, for example, for a block data transfer. The trigger level interrupt gives the host an indication that a given block size of data is available for reading in the receive FIFO or available for transfer to the transmit FIFO. If the HALT and RESUME levels are outside of this range, then the UART continues

to transmit or receive data during the block read/write operations for uninterrupted data transmission on the bus.

### Low-Power Standby Modes

The MAX3109 has sleep and shutdown modes that reduce power consumption during periods of inactivity. In both sleep and shutdown modes, the UART disables specific functional blocks to reduce power consumption.

After sleep or shutdown mode is exited, the internal clock starts up and a period of time is needed for clock stabilization. The **STSInt**[5]: ClkReady bit indicates when the clocks are stable. When an external clock source is used, the ClkReady bit does not indicate clock stability.

### Forced-Sleep Mode

In forced-sleep mode, all UART-related on-chip clocking is stopped. The following blocks are inactive: the crystal oscillator, the PLL, the predivider, the receiver, and the transmitter. The I<sup>2</sup>C/SPI interface and the registers remain active and the host controller can access them. To force the MAX3109 to enter sleep mode, set the **MODE1**[5]: ForcedSleep bit high. To exit forced-sleep mode, set the ForcedSleep bit low.

### Auto-Sleep Mode

The MAX3109 can be configured to operate in auto-sleep mode by setting the **MODE1**[6]: AutoSleep bit high. In auto-sleep mode, the MAX3109 automatically enters sleep mode when all the following conditions are met:

- Both FIFOs are empty.
- There are no pending  $\overline{IRQ}$  interrupts.
- There is no activity on any input pins for a period equal to 65,536 UART character lengths.

The same blocks are inactive when the UART is in auto-sleep mode as in forced-sleep mode.

The MAX3109 exits auto-sleep mode as soon as activity is detected on any of the GPIO\_, RX\_, or  $\overline{CTS}$ \_ inputs.

To manually exit auto-sleep mode, set the **MODE1**[6]: AutoSleep bit low.

### Multiple UARTs in Sleep Mode

The MAX3109's two UARTs enter and exit sleep mode separately. When only one UART is in sleep mode, the device stops routing the clock to this UART, reducing power consumption. All other clocking circuitry remains active if the other UART is still active. If both UARTs are in sleep mode, the clocking circuitry is switched off, further reducing power consumption.

**Shutdown Mode**

Drive the  $\overline{\text{RST}}$  input to logic-low to enter shutdown mode. Shutdown mode consumes less than 1 $\mu\text{A}$ . In shutdown mode, all the MAX3109 circuitry is completely off. This includes the I<sup>2</sup>C/SPI interface, the registers, the FIFOs, and the clocking circuitry.

When the  $\overline{\text{RST}}$  input transitions from low to high, the MAX3109 exits shutdown mode and a hardware reset is initiated. The chip initialization is complete when the I<sup>2</sup>C/SPI controller is able to read out known register contents from the MAX3109. This could, for example, be the DIVLSB register.

The MAX3109 needs to be reprogrammed following a shutdown.

**Power-Up and  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$**

The  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  output only operates when all supplies are active.  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  operates as a hardware active-low interrupt output;  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  is asserted when an interrupt is pending. An  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  interrupt is only possible during normal operation if at least one of the interrupt enable bits in the IRQEn register is set.

In polled mode, any register with a known reset value can be polled to check whether the MAX3109 is ready for operation. If the controller gets a valid response from the polled register, then the MAX3109 is ready for operation.

**Interrupt Structure**

Figure 16 shows the structure of the interrupt. There are four interrupt source registers: **ISR**, **LSR**, **STSInt**, and **SpclCharInt**. The interrupt sources are divided into top-level and low-level interrupts. The top-level interrupts typically occur more often and can be read out by the host controller directly through **ISR**. The low-level interrupts typically occur less often and their specific source can be read out by the host controller through **LSR**, **STSInt**, or **SpclCharInt**. The three LSBs of **ISR** point to the low-level interrupt registers that contain the details of the interrupt source.

**Interrupt Enabling**

Every interrupt bit of the four interrupt registers can be enabled or masked through an associated interrupt enable register bit. These are the **IRQEn**, **LSRIntEn**, **SpclChrIntEn**, and **STSIntEn** registers. By default, all interrupts are masked.

**Interrupt Clearing**

When an interrupt is pending (i.e.,  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  is asserted) and **ISR** is read, both the **ISR** bits are cleared and the  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  output is deasserted. Low-level interrupt information does not reassert  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  for the same interrupt, but remains stored in the low-level interrupt registers until each is separately cleared. **SpclCharInt** and **STSInt** are clear-on-read (COR). The **LSR** bits are only cleared when the source of the interrupt is removed, not when **LSR** is read.

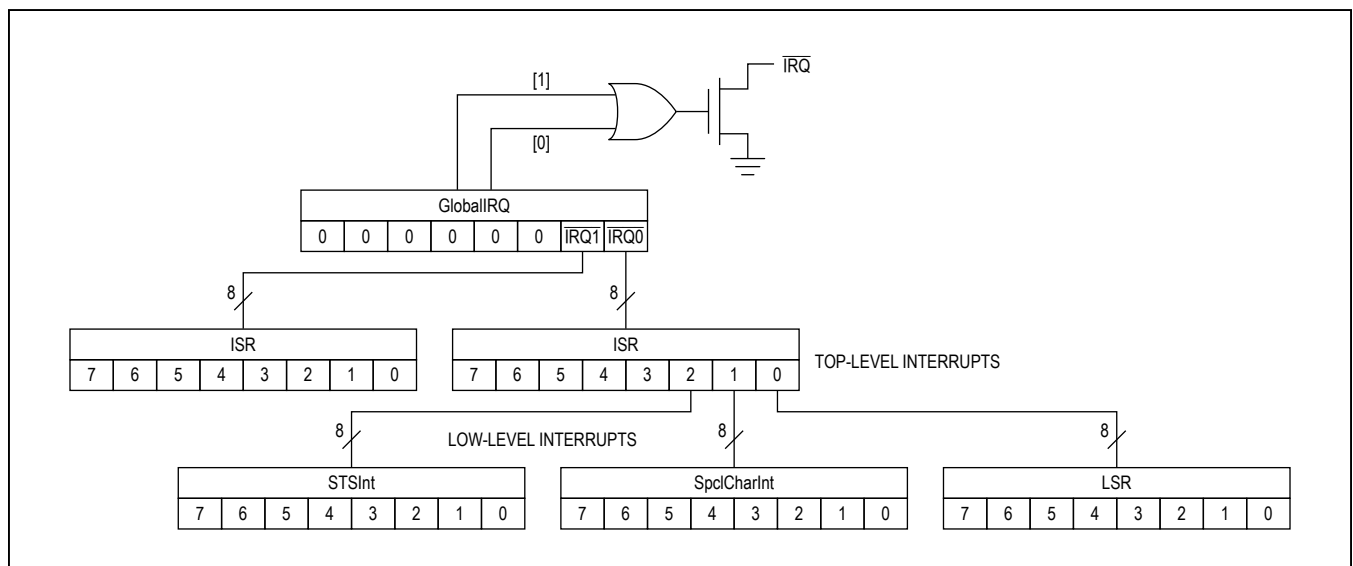


Figure 16. Simplified Interrupt Structure

Register Map

(Note: All default reset values are 0x00, unless otherwise noted. All registers are R/W, unless otherwise noted.)

| REGISTER                   | ADDR | BIT 7        | BIT 6      | BIT 5         | BIT 4      | BIT 3         | BIT 2       | BIT 1      | BIT 0       |
|----------------------------|------|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| <b>FIFO DATA</b>           |      |              |            |               |            |               |             |            |             |
| RHR <sup>1</sup>           | 0x00 | RData7       | RData6     | RData5        | RData4     | RData3        | RData2      | RData1     | RData0      |
| THR <sup>1</sup>           | 0x00 | TData7       | TData6     | TData5        | TData4     | TData3        | TData2      | TData1     | TData0      |
| <b>INTERRUPTS</b>          |      |              |            |               |            |               |             |            |             |
| IRQEn                      | 0x01 | CTSIEn       | RxEmtylEn  | TFifoEmtylEn  | TxTrglEn   | RxTrglEn      | STSEn       | SpChrlEn   | LSRErrEn    |
| ISR <sup>1,2</sup>         | 0x02 | CTSInt       | RxEmptyInt | TFifoEmptyInt | TxTrglInt  | RxTrglInt     | STSEnt      | SpCharInt  | LSRErrInt   |
| LSRIntEn                   | 0x03 | —            | —          | NoiseIntEn    | RBreaklEn  | FrameErrlEn   | ParitylEn   | ROverrlEn  | RTimeoutlEn |
| LSR <sup>1,2</sup>         | 0x04 | CTSbit       | —          | RxNoise       | RxBreak    | FrameErr      | RxParityErr | RxOverrun  | RTimeout    |
| SpclChrIntEn               | 0x05 | —            | —          | MltDrpIntEn   | BREAKIntEn | XOFF2IntEn    | XOFF1IntEn  | XON2IntEn  | XON1IntEn   |
| SpclCharInt <sup>1</sup>   | 0x06 | —            | —          | MultiDropInt  | BREAKInt   | XOFF2Int      | XOFF1Int    | XON2Int    | XON1Int     |
| STSEntEn <sup>3</sup>      | 0x07 | TxEmptyIntEn | SleepIntEn | ClkRdyIntEn   | —          | GPIO3IntEn    | GPIO2IntEn  | GPIO1IntEn | GPIO0IntEn  |
| STSEnt <sup>1,2,3</sup>    | 0x08 | TxEmptyInt   | SleepInt   | ClkReady      | —          | GPIO3Int      | GPIO2Int    | GPIO1Int   | GPIO0Int    |
| <b>UART MODES</b>          |      |              |            |               |            |               |             |            |             |
| MODE1                      | 0x09 | —            | AutoSleep  | ForcedSleep   | TmncvCtrl  | RTSHIZ        | TxHz        | TxDisabl   | RxDisabl    |
| MODE2                      | 0x0A | EchoSuprs    | MultiDrop  | Loopback      | SpecialChr | RFifoEmptyInv | RxTrglInv   | FIFORst    | RST         |
| LCR <sup>2</sup>           | 0x0B | RTSbit       | TxBreak    | ForceParity   | EvenParity | ParityEn      | StopBits    | Length1    | Length0     |
| RxTimeOut                  | 0x0C | TimOut7      | TimOut6    | TimOut5       | TimOut4    | TimOut3       | TimOut2     | TimOut1    | TimOut0     |
| HDplxDelay                 | 0x0D | Setup3       | Setup2     | Setup1        | Setup0     | Hold3         | Hold2       | Hold1      | Hold0       |
| IrDA                       | 0x0E | —            | —          | TxInv         | RxInv      | MIR           | —           | SIR        | IrDAEn      |
| <b>FIFOs CONTROL</b>       |      |              |            |               |            |               |             |            |             |
| FlowLvl                    | 0x0F | Resume3      | Resume2    | Resume1       | Resume0    | Halt3         | Halt2       | Halt1      | Halt0       |
| FIFOTrgLvl <sup>2</sup>    | 0x10 | RxTrig3      | RxTrig2    | RxTrig1       | RxTrig0    | TxTrig3       | TxTrig2     | TxTrig1    | TxTrig0     |
| TxFIFOLvl <sup>1</sup>     | 0x11 | TxFL7        | TxFL6      | TxFL5         | TxFL4      | TxFL3         | TxFL2       | TxFL1      | TxFL0       |
| RxFIFOLvl <sup>1</sup>     | 0x12 | RxFL7        | RxFL6      | RxFL5         | RxFL4      | RxFL3         | RxFL2       | RxFL1      | RxFL0       |
| <b>FLOW CONTROL</b>        |      |              |            |               |            |               |             |            |             |
| FlowCtrl                   | 0x13 | SwFlow3      | SwFlow2    | SwFlow1       | SwFlow0    | SwFlowEn      | GPIOAddr    | AutoCTS    | AutoRTS     |
| XON1                       | 0x14 | Bit7         | Bit6       | Bit5          | Bit4       | Bit3          | Bit2        | Bit1       | Bit0        |
| XON2                       | 0x15 | Bit7         | Bit6       | Bit5          | Bit4       | Bit3          | Bit2        | Bit1       | Bit0        |
| XOFF1                      | 0x16 | Bit7         | Bit6       | Bit5          | Bit4       | Bit3          | Bit2        | Bit1       | Bit0        |
| XOFF2                      | 0x17 | Bit7         | Bit6       | Bit5          | Bit4       | Bit3          | Bit2        | Bit1       | Bit0        |
| <b>GPIOs</b>               |      |              |            |               |            |               |             |            |             |
| GPIOConf <sup>3</sup>      | 0x18 | GP3OD        | GP2OD      | GP1OD         | GP0OD      | GP3Out        | GP2Out      | GP1Out     | GP0Out      |
| GPIODat <sup>3</sup>       | 0x19 | GP3Dat       | GP2Dat     | GP1Dat        | GP0Dat     | GPO3Dat       | GPO2Dat     | GPO1Dat    | GPO0Dat     |
| <b>CLOCK CONFIGURATION</b> |      |              |            |               |            |               |             |            |             |
| PLLConfig <sup>2,4</sup>   | 0x1A | PLLFactor1   | PLLFactor0 | PreDiv5       | PreDiv4    | PreDiv3       | PreDiv2     | PreDiv1    | PreDiv0     |
| BRGConfig                  | 0x1B | —            | —          | 4xMode        | 2xMode     | FRACT3        | FRACT2      | FRACT1     | FRACT0      |
| DIVLSB <sup>2</sup>        | 0x1C | Div7         | Div6       | Div5          | Div4       | Div3          | Div2        | Div1       | Div0        |
| DIVMSB                     | 0x1D | Div15        | Div14      | Div13         | Div12      | Div11         | Div10       | Div9       | Div8        |
| CLKSource <sup>2,4</sup>   | 0x1E | CLKtoRTS     | —          | —             | —          | PLLbypass     | PLLEn       | CrystalEn  | —           |
| <b>GLOBAL REGISTERS</b>    |      |              |            |               |            |               |             |            |             |
| GlobalIRQ <sup>1,2</sup>   | 0x1F | 0            | 0          | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0           | IRQ1       | IRQ0        |
| GloblComnd <sup>1</sup>    | 0x1F | GlbCom7      | GlbCom6    | GlbCom5       | GlbCom4    | GlbCom3       | GlbCom2     | GlbCom1    | GlbCom0     |
| <b>SYNCHRONIZATION</b>     |      |              |            |               |            |               |             |            |             |
| TxSynch <sup>5</sup>       | 0x20 | CLKtoGPIO    | TxAutoDis  | TrigDelay     | SynchEn    | TrigSel3      | TrigSel2    | TrigSel1   | TrigSel0    |
| SynchDelay1 <sup>5</sup>   | 0x21 | SDelay7      | SDelay6    | SDelay5       | SDelay4    | SDelay3       | SDelay2     | SDelay1    | SDelay0     |
| SynchDelay2 <sup>5</sup>   | 0x22 | SDelay15     | SDelay14   | SDelay13      | SDelay12   | SDelay11      | SDelay10    | SDelay9    | SDelay8     |
| <b>TIMER REGISTERS</b>     |      |              |            |               |            |               |             |            |             |
| TIMER1 <sup>5</sup>        | 0x23 | Timer7       | Timer6     | Timer5        | Timer4     | Timer3        | Timer2      | Timer1     | Timer0      |
| TIMER2 <sup>5</sup>        | 0x24 | TmrToGPIO    | Timer14    | Timer13       | Timer12    | Timer11       | Timer10     | Timer9     | Timer8      |
| <b>REVISION</b>            |      |              |            |               |            |               |             |            |             |
| RevID <sup>1,2,5</sup>     | 0x25 | 1            | 1          | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0           | 1          | 0           |

<sup>1</sup> Denotes nonread/write mode: RHR = R, THR = W, ISR = COR, LSR = R, SpclCharInt = COR, STSEnt = R/COR, TxFIFOLvl = R, RxFIFOLvl = R, GlobalIRQ = R, GloblComnd = W, RevID = R.  
<sup>2</sup> Denotes nonzero default reset value: ISR = 0x60, LCR = 0x05, FIFOTrgLvl = 0xFF, PLLConfig = 0x01, DIVLSB = 0x01, CLKSource = 0x18, GlobalIRQ = 0x03, RevID = 0xC1.  
<sup>3</sup> Each UART has four individually assigned GPIO outputs as follows: UART0: GPIO0–GPIO3, UART1: GPIO4–GPIO7.  
<sup>4</sup> Denotes a register that can only be programmed by accessing UART0.  
<sup>5</sup> Denotes a register that can only be directly addressed in I<sup>2</sup>C mode. Use extended addressing when operating in SPI mode.

## Detailed Register Descriptions

The MAX3109 has 8-bit-wide registers. When using SPI control, the extended register location (0x20 through 0x25) can only be accessed by first enabling extended read/writing through **GlobComnd**. Each UART has an exclusive set of registers. Select a UART to write to by setting the U bit of the command byte in SPI mode or the unique I<sup>2</sup>C address in I<sup>2</sup>C mode (see the *Serial Controller Interface* section for more information).

### Receive Hold Register (RHR)

|                 |             |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | <b>0x00</b> |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | <b>R</b>    |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b>    | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | RData7      | RData6   | RData5   | RData4   | RData3   | RData2   | RData1   | RData0   |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

#### Bits 7–0: RDatax

The RHR is the bottom of the receive FIFO and is the register used for reading data out of the receive FIFO. It contains the oldest (first received) character in the receive FIFO. **RHR[0]** is the LSB of the character received at the RX\_ input. It is the first data bit of the serial-data word received by the receiver. Reading **RHR** removes the read word from the receive FIFO, clearing space for more data to be received.

Note that the data read out of RHR can be in error. This occurs when the UART receiver is receiving a character at the same time as a value is being read out of RHR and the FIFO level counter is being updated. In the event of this error condition, the result is that a character will be read out twice from the RHR.

To avoid this, the receiver should not be receiving data while the RHR is being read out. This can be achieved via flow control, or prior knowledge of the amount of data that is expected to be received.

### Transmit Hold Register (THR)

|                 |             |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | <b>0x00</b> |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | <b>W</b>    |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b>    | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | TData7      | TData6   | TData5   | TData4   | TData3   | TData2   | TData1   | TData0   |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

#### Bits 7–0: TDatax

The **THR** is the register that the host controller writes data to for subsequent UART transmission. This data is deposited in the transmit FIFO. **THR[0]** is the LSB. It is the first data bit of the serial-data word that the transmitter sends out, immediately after the START bit.

Note that an error can occur in the Tx FIFO when a character is written into THR at the same time as the transmitter is transmitting out data via TX. In the event of this error condition, the result is that the character will not be transmitted.

To avoid this, stop the transmitter when writing data to the THR. This can be done via the TxDisable bit in the MODE1 register.

## IRQ Enable Register (IRQEn)

|                 |          |           |              |          |          |          |          |           |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x01     |           |              |          |          |          |          |           |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | R/W      |           |              |          |          |          |          |           |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b>5</b>     | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b>  |
| <b>NAME</b>     | CTSIEn   | RxEmtlyEn | TFifoEmtlyEn | TxTrglEn | RxTrglEn | STSIEn   | SpChrlEn | LSRErrlEn |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0        | 0         | 0            | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0         |

The **IRQEn** register is used to enable the  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  physical interrupt. Any of the eight **ISR** interrupt sources can be enabled to generate an interrupt on  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$ . The **IRQEn** bits only influence the  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  output and do not have any effect on the **ISR** contents or behavior. Every one of the **IRQEn** bits operates on a corresponding **ISR** bit.

### Bit 7: CTSIEn

The CTSIEn bit enables  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  interrupt generation when the CTSInt interrupt is set in **ISR**[7]. Set CTSIEn low to disable  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  generation from CTSInt.

### Bit 6: RxEmtlyEn

The RxEmtlyEn bit enables  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  interrupt generation when the RxEmptyInt interrupt is set in **ISR**[6]. Set RxEmtlyEn low to disable  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  generation from RxEmptyInt.

### Bit 5: TFifoEmtlyEn

The TFifoEmtlyEn bit enables  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  interrupt generation when the TFifoEmptyInt interrupt is set in **ISR**[5]. Set TFifoEmtlyEn low to disable  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  generation from TFifoEmptyInt.

### Bit 4: TxTrglEn

The TxTrglEn bit enables  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  interrupt generation when the TxTrglInt interrupt is set in **ISR**[4]. Set TxTrglEn low to disable  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  generation from TxTrglInt.

### Bit 3: RxTrglEn

The RxTrglEn bit enables  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  interrupt generation when the RxTrglInt interrupt is set in **ISR**[3]. Set RxTrglEn low to disable  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  generation from RxTrglInt.

### Bit 2: STSIEn

The STSIEn bit enables  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  interrupt generation when the STSInt interrupt is set in **ISR**[2]. Set STSIEn low to disable  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  generation from STSInt.

### Bit 1: SpChrlEn

The SpChrlEn bit enables  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  interrupt generation when the SpCharInt interrupt is set in **ISR**[1]. Set SpChrlEn low to disable  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  generation from SpCharInt.

### Bit 0: LSRErrlEn

The LSRErrlEn bit enables  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  interrupt generation when the LSRErrlInt interrupt is set in **ISR**[0]. Set LSRErrlEn low to disable  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  generation from LSRErrlInt.

## Interrupt Status Register (ISR)

|                 |          |            |               |           |           |          |           |           |
|-----------------|----------|------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x02     |            |               |           |           |          |           |           |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | COR      |            |               |           |           |          |           |           |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b>   | <b>5</b>      | <b>4</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b>  | <b>0</b>  |
| <b>NAME</b>     | CTSInt   | RxEmptyInt | TFifoEmptyInt | TxTrigInt | RxTrigInt | STSInt   | SpCharInt | LSRErrInt |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0        | 1          | 1             | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         |

The Interrupt Status register provides an overview of all interrupts generated by the MAX3109. Both the interrupt bits and any pending interrupts on  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  are cleared after reading **ISR**. When the MAX3109 is operated in polled mode, **ISR** can be polled to establish the UART's status. In interrupt-driven mode,  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  interrupts are enabled by the appropriate **IRQEn** bits. The **ISR** contents either give direct information on the cause for the interrupt or point to other registers that contain more detailed information.

### Bit 7: CTSInt

The CTSInt interrupt is generated when a logic state transition occurs at the  $\overline{\text{CTS}}$  input. CTSInt is cleared after **ISR** is read. The current logic state of the  $\overline{\text{CTS}}$  input can be read out through the **LSR[7]:  $\overline{\text{CTS}}$**  bit.

### Bit 6: RxEmptyInt

The RxEmptyInt interrupt is generated when the receive FIFO is empty. RxEmptyInt is cleared after **ISR** is read. Its meaning can be inverted by the **MODE2[3]: RFifoEmptyInv** bit.

### Bit 5: TFifoEmptyInt

The TFifoEmptyInt interrupt is generated when the transmit FIFO is empty and the transmitter is transmitting the last character. Use **STSInt[7]: TxEmptyInt** to determine when the last character has completed transmission. TFifoEmptyInt is cleared after **ISR** is read.

### Bit 4: TxTrigInt

The TxTrigInt interrupt is generated when the number of characters in the transmit FIFO is equal to or greater than the transmit FIFO trigger level defined in **FIFOTrgLvl[3:0]**. TxTrigInt is cleared when the transmit FIFO level falls below the trigger level or after **ISR** is read. TxTrigInt can be used as a warning that the transmit FIFO is nearing overflow.

### Bit 3: RxTrigInt

The RxTrigInt interrupt is generated when the receive FIFO fill level reaches the receive FIFO trigger level defined in **FIFOTrgLvl[7:4]**. RxTrigInt can be used as an indication that the receive FIFO is nearing overrun. It can also be used to report that a known number of words are available that can be read out in one block. The meaning of RxTrigInt can be inverted by the **MODE2[2]: RxTrigInv** bit. RxTrigInt is cleared after **ISR** is read.

### Bit 2: STSInt

The STSInt interrupt is generated when any interrupt in the **STSInt** register that is enabled by a **STSIntEn** bit is high. STSInt is cleared after **ISR** is read, but the interrupt in **STSInt** that caused this interrupt remains set. See the **STSInt** register description for details about this interrupt.

### Bit 1: SpCharInt

The SpCharInt interrupt is generated when a special character is received, a line break is detected, or an address character is received in multidrop mode. SpCharInt is cleared after **ISR** is read, but the interrupt in **SpCharInt** that caused this interrupt remains set. See the **SpCharInt** register description for details about this interrupt.

### Bit 0: LSRErrInt

The LSRErrInt interrupt is generated when any interrupts in **LSR** that are enabled by corresponding bits in **LSRIntEn** are set. This bit is cleared after **ISR** is read. See the **LSR** register description for details about this interrupt.

### Line Status Interrupt Enable Register (LSRIntEn)

|                 |          |          |            |           |             |           |           |            |
|-----------------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x03     |          |            |           |             |           |           |            |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | R/W      |          |            |           |             |           |           |            |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b>   | <b>4</b>  | <b>3</b>    | <b>2</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>0</b>   |
| <b>NAME</b>     | —        | —        | NoiseIntEn | RBreakIEn | FrameErrIEn | ParityIEn | ROverrIEn | RTimoutIEn |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0         | 0           | 0         | 0         | 0          |

**LSRIntEn** allows routing of **LSR** interrupts to **ISR[0]**. The **LSRIntEn** bits only influence the **ISR[0]**: LSRErrInt bit and do not have any effect on the **LSR** contents or behavior. Bits 5 to 0 of the **LSRIntEn** register operate on a corresponding **LSR** bit, while bits 7 and 6 are not used.

#### Bits 7 and 6: No Function

#### Bit 5: NoiseIntEn

Set the NoiseIntEn bit high to enable routing the **LSR[5]**: RxNoise interrupt to **ISR[0]**. If NoiseIntEn is set low, RxNoise is not routed to **ISR[0]**.

#### Bit 4: RBreakIEn

Set the RBreakIEn bit high to enable routing the **LSR[4]**: RxBreak interrupt to **ISR[0]**. If RBreakIEn is set low, RxBreak is not routed to **ISR[0]**.

#### Bit 3: FrameErrIEn

Set the FrameErrIEn bit high to enable routing the **LSR[3]**: FrameErr interrupt to **ISR[0]**. If FrameErrIEn is set low, FrameErr is not routed to **ISR[0]**.

#### Bit 2: ParityIEn

Set the ParityIEn bit high to enable routing the **LSR[2]**: RxParityErr interrupt to **ISR[0]**. If ParityIEn is set low, RxParityErr is not routed to **ISR[0]**.

#### Bit 1: ROverrIEn

Set the ROverrIEn bit high to enable routing the **LSR[1]**: RxOverrun interrupt to **ISR[0]**. If ROverrIEn is set low, RxOverrun is not routed to **ISR[0]**.

#### Bit 0: RTimoutIEn

Set the RTimoutIEn bit high to enable routing the **LSR[0]**: RTimeout interrupt to **ISR[0]**. If RTimoutIEn is set low, RTimeout is not routed to **ISR[0]**.



## Line Status Register (LSR)

|                 |                                   |          |          |          |          |             |           |          |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x04                              |          |          |          |          |             |           |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | R                                 |          |          |          |          |             |           |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b>                          | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b>    | <b>1</b>  | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | $\overline{\text{CTS}}\text{bit}$ | —        | RxNoise  | RxBreak  | FrameErr | RxParityErr | RxOverrun | RTimeout |
| <b>RESET</b>    | X                                 | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0           | 0         | 0        |

**LSR** contains all error information related to the word most recently read out from the Rx FIFO through **RHR**. The **LSR** bits are not cleared after **LSR** is read; these bits stay set until the next character is read out of **RHR**, with the exception of **LSR[1]**, which is cleared by reading either **RHR** or **LSR**. **LSR** also contains the current logic state of the  $\overline{\text{CTS}}$  input.

### Bit 7: $\overline{\text{CTS}}\text{bit}$

The  $\overline{\text{CTS}}\text{bit}$  bit reflects the current logic state of the  $\overline{\text{CTS}}$  input. This bit is cleared when the  $\overline{\text{CTS}}$  input is low and set when it is high. Following a power-up or reset, the logic state of  $\overline{\text{CTS}}\text{bit}$  depends on the state of the  $\overline{\text{CTS}}$  input.

### Bit 6: No Function

### Bit 5: RxNoise

If noise is detected on the  $\text{RX}_\text{input}$  during reception of a character, the RxNoise interrupt is generated for that character. **LSR[5]** corresponds to the character most recently read from **RHR**. RxNoise is cleared after the character following the “noisy character” is read out from **RHR**. RxNoise generates an interrupt in **ISR[0]** if enabled by **LSRIntEn[5]**.

### Bit 4: RxBreak

If a line break (RX input low for a period longer than the programmed character duration) is detected, a break character is put in the Rx FIFO and the RxBreak interrupt is generated for this character. A break character is represented by an all-zeros data character. The RxBreak interrupt distinguishes a regular character with all zeros from a break character. **LSR[4]** corresponds to the current character most recently read from **RHR**. RxBreak is cleared after the character following the break character is read out from **RHR**. RxBreak generates an interrupt in **ISR[0]** if enabled by **LSRIntEn[4]**.

### Bit 3: FrameErr

The FrameErr interrupt is generated when the received data frame does not match the expected frame format in length. A frame error is related to errors in expected STOP bits. **LSR[3]** corresponds to the frame error of the character most recently read from **RHR**. FrameErr is cleared after the character following the affected character is read out from **RHR**. FrameErr generates an interrupt in **ISR[0]** if enabled by **LSRIntEn[3]**.

### Bit 2: RxParityErr

The RxParityErr interrupt is generated when the parity computed on the character being received does not match the received character’s parity bit. **LSR[2]** indicates a parity error for the character most recently read from **RHR**. RxParityErr is cleared when the character following the affected character is read out from **RHR**.

In 9-bit multidrop mode (**MODE2[6]** is logic 1) the receiver does not check parity and the 9th bit (address/data) is stored in **LSR[2]**.

RxParityErr generates an interrupt in **ISR[0]** if enabled by **LSRIntEn[2]**.

### Bit 1: RxOverrun

The RxOverrun interrupt is generated when the receive FIFO is full and additional data is received that does not fit into the receive FIFO. The receive FIFO retains the data that it already contains and discards all new data. RxOverrun is cleared after **LSR** is read or the Rx FIFO level falls below its maximum. RxOverrun generates an interrupt in **ISR[0]** if enabled by **LSRIntEn[1]**.

### Bit 0: RTimeout

The RTimeout interrupt indicates that stale data is present in the receive FIFO. RTimeout is set when all of the characters in the Rx FIFO have been present for at least as long as the period programmed into the **RxTimeOut** register.

The timeout counter restarts whenever **RHR** is read or a new character is received by the RxFIFO. If the value in **RxTimeOut** is zero, RTimeout is disabled. RTimeout is cleared after a word is read out of the RxFIFO or a new word is received. RTimeout generates an interrupt in **ISR[0]** if enabled by **LSRIntEn[0]**.

### Special Character Interrupt Enable Register (SpclChrIntEn)

|                 |             |          |             |            |            |            |           |           |
|-----------------|-------------|----------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | <b>0x05</b> |          |             |            |            |            |           |           |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | <b>R/W</b>  |          |             |            |            |            |           |           |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b>    | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b>    | <b>4</b>   | <b>3</b>   | <b>2</b>   | <b>1</b>  | <b>0</b>  |
| <b>NAME</b>     | —           | —        | MltDrpIntEn | BREAKIntEn | XOFF2IntEn | XOFF1IntEn | XON2IntEn | XON1IntEn |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0           | 0        | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         |

**SpclChrIntEn** allows routing of **SpclCharInt** interrupts to **ISR[1]**. The **SpclChrIntEn** bits only influence the **ISR[1]**: SpCharInt bit and do not have any effect on the **SpclCharInt** contents or behavior.

#### Bits 7 and 6: No Function

#### Bit 5: MltDrpIntEn

Set the MltDrpIntEn bit high to enable routing the **SpclCharInt[5]**: MultiDropInt interrupt to **ISR[1]**. If MltDrpIntEn is set low, MultiDropInt is not routed to **ISR[1]**.

#### Bit 4: BREAKIntEn

Set the BREAKIntEn bit high to enable routing the **SpclCharInt[4]**: BREAKInt interrupt to **ISR[1]**. If BREAKIntEn is set low, BREAKInt is not routed to **ISR[1]**.

#### Bit 3: XOFF2IntEn

Set the XOFF2IntEn bit high to enable routing the **SpclCharInt[3]**: XOFF2Int interrupt to **ISR[1]**. If XOFF2IntEn is set low, XOFF2Int is not routed to **ISR[1]**.

#### Bit 2: XOFF1IntEn

Set the XOFF1IntEn bit high to enable routing the **SpclCharInt[2]**: XOFF1Int interrupt to **ISR[1]**. If XOFF1IntEn is set low, XOFF1Int is not routed to **ISR[1]**.

#### Bit 1: XON2IntEn

Set the XON2IntEn bit high to enable routing the **SpclCharInt[1]**: XON2Int interrupt to **ISR[1]**. If XON2IntEn is set low, XON2Int is not routed to **ISR[1]**.

#### Bit 0: XON1IntEn

Set the XON1IntEn bit high to enable routing the **SpclCharInt[0]**: XON1Int interrupt to **ISR[1]**. If XON1IntEn is set low, XON1Int is not routed to **ISR[1]**.

### Special Character Interrupt Register (SpclCharInt)

|                 |          |          |              |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x06     |          |              |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | COR      |          |              |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b>     | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | —        | —        | MultiDropInt | BREAKInt | XOFF2Int | XOFF1Int | XON2Int  | XON1Int  |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0        | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

**SpclCharInt** contains interrupts that are generated when a special character is received, an address is received in multidrop mode, or a line break occurs.

#### Bits 7 and 6: No Function

#### Bit 5: MultiDropInt

The MultiDropInt interrupt is generated when the MAX3109 receives an address character in 9-bit multidrop mode, enabled in **MODE2**[6]. MultiDropInt is cleared after **SpclCharInt** is read. MultiDropInt generates an interrupt in **ISR**[1] if enabled by **SpclChrIntEn**[5].

#### Bit 4: BREAKInt

The BREAKInt interrupt is generated when a line break (RX\_ low for longer than one character length) is detected by the receiver. BREAKInt is cleared after **SpclCharInt** is read. BREAKInt generates an interrupt in **ISR**[1] if enabled by **SpclChrIntEn**[4].

#### Bit 3: XOFF2Int

The XOFF2Int interrupt is generated when both an XOFF2 special character is received and special character detection is enabled by **MODE2**[4]. XOFF2Int is cleared after **SpclCharInt** is read. XOFF2Int generates an interrupt in **ISR**[1] if enabled by **SpclChrIntEn**[3].

#### Bit 2: XOFF1Int

The XOFF1Int interrupt is generated when both an XOFF1 special character is received and special character detection is enabled by **MODE2**[4]. XOFF1Int is cleared after **SpclCharInt** is read. XOFF1Int generates an interrupt in **ISR**[1] if enabled by **SpclChrIntEn**[2].

#### Bit 1: XON2Int

The XON2Int interrupt is generated when both an XON2 special character is received and special character detection is enabled by **MODE2**[4]. XON2Int is cleared after **SpclCharInt** is read. XON2Int generates an interrupt in **ISR**[1] if enabled by **SpclChrIntEn**[1].

#### Bit 0: XON1Int

The XON1Int interrupt is generated when both an XON1 special character is received and special character detection is enabled by **MODE2**[4]. XON1Int is cleared after **SpclCharInt** is read. XON1Int generates an interrupt in **ISR**[1] if enabled by **SpclChrIntEn**[0].

### STS Interrupt Enable Register (STSIntEn)

|                 |              |            |             |          |           |           |           |           |
|-----------------|--------------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x07         |            |             |          |           |           |           |           |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | R/W          |            |             |          |           |           |           |           |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b>     | <b>6</b>   | <b>5</b>    | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>0</b>  |
| <b>NAME</b>     | TxEmptyIntEn | SleepIntEn | ClkRdyIntEn | —        | GPI3IntEn | GPI2IntEn | GPI1IntEn | GPI0IntEn |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0            | 0          | 0           | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |

**STSIntEn** allows routing of **STSInt** interrupts to **ISR[2]**. The **STSIntEn** bits only influence the **ISR[2]**: STSInt bit and do not have any effect on the **STSInt** contents or behavior, with the exception of the GPIxIntEn interrupt enable bits, which control the generation of the **STSInt**.

#### Bit 7: TxEmptyIntEn

Set the TxEmptyIntEn bit high to enable routing the **STSInt[7]**: TxEmptyInt interrupt to **ISR[2]**. If TxEmptyIntEn is set low, TxEmptyInt is not routed to **ISR[2]**.

#### Bit 6: SleepIntEn

Set the SleepIntEn bit high to enable routing the **STSInt[6]**: SleepInt interrupt to **ISR[2]**. If SleepIntEn is set low, SleepInt is not routed to **ISR[2]**.

#### Bit 5: ClkRdyIntEn

Set the ClkRdyIntEn bit high to enable routing the **STSInt[6]**: ClkReady interrupt to **ISR[2]**. If ClkRdyIntEn is set low, ClkReady is not routed to **ISR[2]**.

#### Bit 4: No Function

#### Bits 3–0: GPIxIntEn

Each UART has four individually assigned GPIO outputs as follows: UART0: GPIO0–GPIO3, UART1: GPIO4–GPIO7. For example, for UART1: GP0OD configures GPIO4, GP1OD configures GPIO5, GP2OD configures GPIO6 and GP3OD configures GPIO7.

Set the GPIxIntEn bits high to enable generating the **STSInt[3:0]**: GPIxInt interrupts. If any of the GPIxIntEn bits are set low, the associated GPIxInt interrupts are not generated.

### Status Interrupt Register (STSInt)

|                 |            |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x08       |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | R/COR      |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b>   | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | TxEmptyInt | SleepInt | ClkReady | —        | GPI3Int  | GPI2Int  | GPI1Int  | GPI0Int  |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

#### Bit 7: TxEmptyInt

The TxEmptyInt interrupt is generated when both the Tx FIFO is empty and the last character has completed transmission. TxEmptyInt is cleared after **STSInt** is read. TxEmptyInt generates an interrupt in **ISR[2]** if enabled by **STSIntEn[7]**.

#### Bit 6: SleepInt

The SleepInt status bit is generated when the MAX3109 enters sleep mode. SleepInt is cleared when the UART exits sleep mode. This status bit is also cleared when the UART clock is disabled and is not cleared by reading **STSInt**. SleepInt generates an interrupt in **ISR[2]** if enabled by **STSIntEn[6]**.

#### Bit 5: ClkReady

The ClkReady status bit is generated when the clock, the predivider, and the PLL have settled, signifying that the MAX3109 is ready for data communication. The ClkReady bit only works with the crystal oscillator. It does not work with external clocking through XIN.

ClkReady is cleared when the clock is disabled and is not cleared after **STSInt** is read. ClkReady generates an interrupt in **ISR[2]** if enabled by **STSIntEn[5]**.

#### Bit 4: No Function

#### Bits 3–0: GPIxInt

Each UART has four individually assigned GPIO outputs as follows: UART0: GPIO0–GPIO3, UART1: GPIO4–GPIO7. For example, for UART1: GP0OD configures GPIO4, GP1OD configures GPIO5, GP2OD configures GPIO6 and GP3OD configures GPIO7.

The GPIxInt interrupts are generated when a change of logic state occurs on the associated GPIO input. The GPIxInt interrupts are cleared after **STSInt** is read. The GPIxInt interrupts generate an interrupt in **ISR[2]** if enabled by the corresponding bits in **STSIntEn[3:0]**.

## MODE1 Register

|                 |          |           |             |            |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|-------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x09     |           |             |            |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | R/W      |           |             |            |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b>5</b>    | <b>4</b>   | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | —        | AutoSleep | ForcedSleep | TrnscvCtrl | RTSHiZ   | TxHiZ    | TxDisabl | RxDisabl |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0        | 0         | 0           | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

### Bit 6: AutoSleep

Set the AutoSleep bit high to set the MAX3109 to automatically enter low-power sleep mode after a period of no activity (see the *Auto-Sleep Mode* section). An interrupt is generated in **STSI**nt[6]: SleepInt when the MAX3109 enters sleep mode.

### Bit 5: ForcedSleep

Set the ForcedSleep bit high to force the MAX3109 into low-power sleep mode (see the *Forced-Sleep Mode* section). The current sleep state can be read out through the ForcedSleep bit, even when the UART is in sleep mode.

### Bit 4: TrnscvCtrl

Set the TrnscvCtrl bit high to enable auto transceiver direction control mode.  $\overline{\text{RTS}}_-$  automatically controls the transceiver's transmit/receive enable/disable inputs in this mode.  $\overline{\text{RTS}}_-$  is logic-low so that the transceiver is in receive mode with the transmitter disabled until the TxFIFO contains data available for transmission, at which point  $\overline{\text{RTS}}_-$  is automatically set logic-high before the transmitter sends out the data. Once the transmitter is empty,  $\overline{\text{RTS}}_-$  is automatically forced low again.

Setup and hold times for  $\overline{\text{RTS}}_-$  with respect to the TX\_ output can be defined through the **HDplxDelay** register. A transmitter empty interrupt is generated in **ISR**[5] when the TxFIFO is empty.

### Bit 3: RTSHiZ

Set the RTSHiZ bit high to three-state  $\overline{\text{RTS}}_-$ .

### Bit 2: TxHiZ

Set the TxHiZ bit high to three-state the TX\_ output.

### Bit 1: TxDisabl

Set the TxDisabl bit high to disable transmission. If the TxDisabl bit is set high during transmission, the transmitter completes sending out the current character and then ceases transmission. Data still present in the transmit FIFO remains in the TxFIFO. The TX\_ output is set to logic-high after transmission.

In auto transceiver direction control mode, TxDisabl is high when the transmitter is completely empty.

### Bit 0: RxDisabl

Set the RxDisabl bit high to disable the receiver of the selected UART so that the receiver stops receiving data. All data present in the receive FIFO remains in the RxFIFO.

## MODE2 Register

|                 |           |           |          |            |               |           |          |          |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x0A      |           |          |            |               |           |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | R/W       |           |          |            |               |           |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b>   | <b>3</b>      | <b>2</b>  | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | EchoSuprs | MultiDrop | Loopback | SpecialChr | RFifoEmptyInv | RxTrigInv | FIFORst  | RST      |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0             | 0         | 0        | 0        |

### Bit 7: EchoSuprs

Set the EchoSuprs bit high to discard any data that the MAX3109 receives when its transmitter is busy transmitting. In half-duplex communication such as RS-485 and IrDA, this allows blocking of the locally echoed data. The receiver can block data for an extended time after the transmitter ceases transmission by programming a hold time in **HDplxDelay**[3:0].

### Bit 6: MultiDrop

Set the MultiDrop bit high to enable the 9-bit multidrop mode. If this bit is set, parity checking is not performed by the receiver and parity generation is not done by the transmitter. The address/data indication takes the place of the parity bit in received and transmitted data words. The parity error interrupt in **LSR**[2] has a different meaning in multidrop mode: it represents the 9th bit (address/data indication) that is received with each 9-bit data character.

### Bit 5: Loopback

Set the Loopback bit high to enable internal local loopback mode. This internally connects TX<sub>o</sub> to RX<sub>i</sub> and also  $\overline{\text{RTS}}_{o}$  to  $\overline{\text{CTS}}_{i}$ . In local loopback mode, the TX<sub>o</sub> output and the RX<sub>i</sub> input are disconnected from the internal transmitter and receiver. The TX<sub>o</sub> output is in three-state. The  $\overline{\text{RTS}}_{o}$  output remains connected to the internal logic and reflects the logic state programmed in **LCR**[7]. The  $\overline{\text{CTS}}_{i}$  input is disconnected from  $\overline{\text{RTS}}_{o}$  and the internal logic.  $\overline{\text{CTS}}_{i}$  thus remains in a high-impedance state.

### Bit 4: SpecialChr

Set the SpecialChr bit high to enable special character detection. The receiver can detect up to four special characters, as selected in **FlowCtrl**[5:4] and defined in the **XON1**, **XON2**, **XOFF1**, and/or **XOFF2** registers, optionally in combination with GPIO<sub>o</sub> inputs if enabled through **FlowCtrl**[2]: GPIAddr. When a special character is received, it is put into the RxFIFO and a special character detect interrupt is generated in **ISR**[1].

Special character detection can be used in addition to auto XON/XOFF flow control if enabled by **FlowCtrl**[3]: SwFlowEn. In this case, XON/XOFF flow control is limited to single byte XON and XOFF characters (**XON1** and **XOFF1**), and only two special characters can be defined (**XON2** and **XOFF2**).

### Bit 3: RFifoEmptyInv

Set the RFifoEmptyInv bit high to invert the meaning of the receiver empty interrupt in **ISR**[6]: RxEmptyInt. If RFifoEmptyInv is set low, RxEmptyInt is generated when the receive FIFO is empty. If RFifoEmptyInv is set high, RxEmptyInt is generated when data is put into the empty receive FIFO.

### Bit 2: RxTrigInv

Set the RxTrigInv bit high to invert the meaning of the RxFIFO triggering. If the RxTrigInv bit is set low, an interrupt is generated in **ISR**[3]: RxTrigInt when the RxFIFO fill level is filled up to above the trigger level programmed into **FIFOTrgLvl**[7:4]. If RxTrigInv is set high, an interrupt is generated in **ISR**[3] when the RxFIFO is emptied to below the trigger level programmed into **FIFOTrgLvl**[7:4].

### Bit 1: FIFORst

Set the FIFORst bit high to clear all data contents from both the receive and transmit FIFOs. After a FIFO reset, set FIFORst low to continue normal operation.

### Bit 0: RST

Set the RST bit high to initiate software reset for the selected UART in the MAX3109. The I<sup>2</sup>C/SPI bus stays active during this reset; communication with the MAX3109 is possible while RST is set. All register bits in the selected UART are reset to their reset state and all FIFOs are cleared during a reset.

Set RST low to continue normal operation after a software reset. The MAX3109 requires reprogramming following a software reset.

## Line Control Register (LCR)

|                 |          |             |             |            |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|-------------|-------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> |          | <b>0x0B</b> |             |            |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    |          | <b>R/W</b>  |             |            |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b>    | <b>5</b>    | <b>4</b>   | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | RTSbit   | TxBreak     | ForceParity | EvenParity | ParityEn | StopBits | Length1  | Length0  |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0        | 0           | 0           | 0          | 0        | 1        | 0        | 1        |

### Bit 7: $\overline{\text{RTS}}$ bit

The  $\overline{\text{RTS}}$ bit bit provides direct control of the  $\overline{\text{RTS}}$ \_ output logic state. If  $\overline{\text{RTS}}$ bit is logic 1, then  $\overline{\text{RTS}}$ \_ is logic 1; if it is logic 0, then  $\overline{\text{RTS}}$ \_ is logic 0.  $\overline{\text{RTS}}$ bit only works when **CLKSource**[7]: CLKtoRTS is set low.

### Bit 6: TxBreak

Set the TxBreak bit high to generate a line break whereby the TX\_ output is held low. TX\_ remains low until TxBreak is set low.

### Bit 5: ForceParity

The ForceParity bit enables forced parity that overrides normal parity generation. Set both the **LCR**[3]: ParityEn and ForceParity bits high to use forced parity. In forced-parity mode, the parity bit is forced high by the transmitter if the **LCR**[4]: EvenParity bit is low. The parity bit is forced low if EvenParity is high. Forced parity mode enables the transmitter to control the address/data bit in 9-bit multidrop communication.

### Bit 4: EvenParity

Set the EvenParity bit high to enable even parity for both the transmitter and receiver. If EvenParity is set low, odd parity is used.

### Bit 3: ParityEn

Set the ParityEn bit high to enable the use of a parity bit on the TX\_ and RX\_ interfaces. Set the ParityEn bit low to disable parity usage.

If ParityEn is set low, then no parity bit is generated by the transmitter or expected by the receiver. If ParityEn is set high, the transmitter generates the parity bit whose polarity is defined in **LCR**[4]: EvenParity, and the receiver checks the parity bit according to the same polarity.

### Bit 2: StopBits

The StopBits bit defines the number of stop bits and depends on the length of the word programmed in **LCR**[1:0] (Table 1). For example, when StopBits is set high and the word length is 5, the transmitter generates a word with a stop bit length equal to 1.5 baud periods. Under these conditions, the receiver recognizes a stop bit length greater than a one-bit duration.

### Bits 1 and 0: Lengthx

The Lengthx bits configure the length of the words that the transmitter generates and the receiver checks for at the asynchronous TX\_ and RX\_ interfaces (Table 2).

**Table 1. StopBits Truth Table**

| StopBits | WORD LENGTH | STOP BIT LENGTH |
|----------|-------------|-----------------|
| 0        | 5, 6, 7, 8  | 1               |
| 1        | 5           | 1–1.5           |
| 1        | 6, 7, 8     | 2               |

**Table 2. Lengthx Truth Table**

| Length1 | Length0 | WORD LENGTH |
|---------|---------|-------------|
| 0       | 0       | 5           |
| 0       | 1       | 6           |
| 1       | 0       | 7           |
| 1       | 1       | 8           |



## Receiver Timeout Register (RxTimeOut)

|                 |          |             |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> |          | <b>0x0C</b> |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    |          | <b>R/W</b>  |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b>    | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | TimOut7  | TimOut6     | TimOut5  | TimOut4  | TimOut3  | TimOut2  | TimOut1  | TimOut0  |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0        | 0           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

### Bits 7–0: TimOutx

The **RxTimeOut** register allows programming a time delay from after the last (newest) character in the receive FIFO was received until a receive data timeout interrupt is generated in **LSR[0]**. The units of TimOutx are measured in complete character frames, which are dependent on the character length, parity, and STOP bit settings, and baud rate. If the value in **RxTimeOut** equals zero, a timeout interrupt is not generated.

## HDpplxDelay Register

|                 |          |             |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> |          | <b>0x0D</b> |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    |          | <b>R/W</b>  |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b>    | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | Setup3   | Setup2      | Setup1   | Setup0   | Hold3    | Hold2    | Hold1    | Hold0    |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0        | 0           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

The **HDpplxDelay** register allows programming setup and hold times between  $\overline{\text{RTS}}$  transitions and TX\_ output activity in auto transceiver direction control mode, enabled by setting the **MODE1[4]: TrnscvCtrl** bit high. The hold time can also be used to ensure echo suppression in half-duplex communication. **HDpplxDelay** functions in 2x and 4x rate modes.

### Bits 7–4: Setupx

The Setupx bits define a setup time for  $\overline{\text{RTS}}$  to transition high before the transmitter starts transmission of its first character in auto transceiver direction control mode, enabled by setting the **MODE1[4]: TrnscvCtrl** bit high. This allows the MAX3109 to account for skew times between the external transmitter's enable delay and propagation delays. Setupx can also be used to fix a stable state on the transmission line prior to the start of transmission.

The resolution of the **HDpplxDelay** setup time delay is one bit interval, or one over the baud rate; this delay is baud-rate dependent. The maximum delay is 15 bit intervals.

### Bits 3–0: Holdx

The Holdx bits define a hold time for  $\overline{\text{RTS}}$  to be held high after the transmitter ends transmission of its last character in auto transceiver direction control mode, enabled by setting the **MODE1[4]: TrnscvCtrl** bit high.  $\overline{\text{RTS}}$  transitions low after the hold time delay, which starts after the last STOP bit was sent. This keeps the external transmitter enabled during the hold time duration.

The Holdx bits also define a delay in echo suppression mode, enabled by setting the **MODE2[7]: EchoSuprs** bit high. See the *Echo Suppression* section for more information.

The resolution of the **HDpplxDelay** hold time delay is one bit interval, or one over the baud rate. Thus, this delay is baud rate dependent. The maximum delay is 15 bit intervals.

## IrDA Register

|                 |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x0E     |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | R/W      |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | —        | —        | TxInv    | RxInv    | MIR      | —        | SIR      | IrDAEn   |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

The IrDA register allows selection of IrDA SIR- and MIR-compliant pulse shaping at the TX\_ and RX\_ interfaces. It also allows inversion of the TX\_ and RX\_ logic, separate from whether IrDA pulse shaping is enabled or not.

### Bits 7, 6, and 2: No Function

#### Bit 5: TxInv

Set the TxInv bit high to invert the logic at the TX\_ output. This functionality is separate from IrDA operation.

#### Bit 4: RxInv

Set the RxInv bit high to invert the logic at the RX\_ input. This functionality is separate from IrDA operation.

#### Bit 3: MIR

Set the MIR and IrDAEn bits high to select IrDA 1.1 (MIR) with 1/4th period pulse widths.

#### Bit 1: SIR

Set the SIR and IrDAEn bits high to select IrDA 1.0 pulses (SIR) with 3/16th period pulse widths.

#### Bit 0: IrDAEn

Set the IrDAEn bit high to program the MAX3109 to produce IrDA-compliant pulses at the TX\_ output and expect IrDA-compliant pulses at the RX\_ input. If IrDAEn is set low, normal (non-IrDA) pulses are generated by the transmitter and expected by the receiver. Use IrDAEn in conjunction with the SIR or MIR bits to select the pulse width.

## Flow Level Register (FlowLvl)

|                 |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x0F     |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | R/W      |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | Resume3  | Resume2  | Resume1  | Resume0  | Halt3    | Halt2    | Halt1    | Halt0    |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

**FlowLvl** is used for selecting the Rx FIFO threshold levels used for auto software (XON/XOFF) and hardware ( $\overline{\text{RTS}}_/ \text{CTS}_$ ) flow control.

### Bits 7–4: Resumex

The Resumex bits set the receive FIFO threshold at which an XON character is automatically sent in auto software flow control mode or  $\overline{\text{RTS}}_$  is automatically asserted in AutoRTS mode. These flow control actions occur once the Rx FIFO is emptied to below the value in Resumex. This signals the far-end station to resume transmission. The threshold level is calculated as  $8 \times \text{Resumex}$ . The resulting possible threshold-level range is 0 to 120 (decimal).

### Bits 3–0: Haltx

The Haltx bits set the receive FIFO threshold level at which an XOFF character is automatically sent in auto software flow control mode or  $\overline{\text{RTS}}_$  is automatically deasserted in AutoRTS mode. These flow control actions occur once the Rx FIFO is filled to above the value in Haltx. This signals the far-end station to halt transmission. The threshold level is calculated as  $8 \times \text{Haltx}$ . The resulting possible threshold-level range is 0 to 120 (decimal).

### FIFO Interrupt Trigger Level Register (FIFOTrgLvl)

|                 |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x10     |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | R/W      |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | RxTrig3  | RxTrig2  | RxTrig1  | RxTrig0  | TxTrig3  | TxTrig2  | TxTrig1  | TxTrig0  |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 1        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 1        |

#### Bits 7–4: RxTrigx

The RxTrigx bits allow definition of the receive FIFO threshold level at which the UART generates an interrupt in **ISR**[3]. This interrupt can be used to signal that either the receive FIFO is nearing overflow or a predefined number of FIFO locations are available for being read out in one block, depending on the state of the **MODE2**[2]: RxTrigInv bit.

The selectable threshold resolution is eight FIFO locations, so the actual FIFO trigger level is calculated as 8 x RxTrigx. The resulting possible trigger-level range is 0 to 120 (decimal).

#### Bits 3–0: TxTrigx

The TxTrigx bits allow definition of the transmit FIFO threshold level at which the MAX3109 generates an interrupt in **ISR**[4]. This interrupt can be used to manage data flow to the transmit FIFO. For example, if the trigger level is defined near the bottom of the Tx FIFO, the host knows that a predefined number of FIFO locations are available for being written to in one block. Alternatively, if the trigger level is set near the top of the FIFO, the host is warned when the transmit FIFO is nearing overflow. The selectable threshold resolution is eight FIFO locations, so the actual FIFO trigger level is calculated as 8 x TxTrigx. The resulting possible trigger-level range is 0 to 120 (decimal).

### Transmit FIFO Level Register (TxFIFOLvl)

|                 |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x11     |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | R        |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | TxFL7    | TxFL6    | TxFL5    | TxFL4    | TxFL3    | TxFL2    | TxFL1    | TxFL0    |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

#### Bits 7–0: TxFLx

The **TxFIFOLvl** register represents the current number of words in the transmit FIFO whenever the transmit UART is idle. When the transmit UART actively sends out characters, the value in this register can sometimes be inaccurate if this register is read at the same time that the transmit UART updates the transmit FIFO. First disable the transmitter to get an accurate value. To manage the transmit FIFO even when the transmit UART is active, do not use this register to determine transmit FIFO state. Rather, use the TFifoEmpty bit or the TFifoTrigInt bits.

### Receive FIFO Level Register (RxFIFOLvl)

|                 |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x12     |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | R        |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | RxFL7    | RxFL6    | RxFL5    | RxFL4    | RxFL3    | RxFL2    | RxFL1    | RxFL0    |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

#### Bits 7–0: RxFLx

The **RxFIFOLvl** register represents the current number of words in the receive FIFO whenever the receive UART is idle. When the receive UART actively receives characters, the value in this register can sometimes be inaccurate if this register is read at the same time that the receive UART updates the receive FIFO. To manage the receive FIFO even when the receive UART is active, do not use this register to determine receive FIFO state. Use the RFIFOEmptyInt bit, the RxTrigInt bit, and the RTimeOut bit instead.

## Flow Control Register (FlowCtrl)

|                 |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x13     |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | R/W      |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | SwFlow3  | SwFlow2  | SwFlow1  | SwFlow0  | SwFlowEn | GPIAddr  | AutoCTS  | AutoRTS  |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

The **FlowCtrl** register configures hardware ( $\overline{\text{RTS}}/\overline{\text{CTS}}$ ) and software (XON/XOFF) flow control as well as special characters detection.

### Bits 7–4: SwFlowx

The SwFlowx bits select the XON and XOFF characters used for auto software flow control and/or special character detection in combination with the characters programmed in the **XON1**, **XON2**, **XOFF2**, and/or **XOFF2** registers. See table 3.

If auto software flow control is enabled (through **FlowCtrl**[3]:SwFlowEn) and special character detection is not enabled, SwFlowx allows selecting either single or dual XON/XOFF character flow control. When double character flow control is enabled, the transmitter sends out **XON1/XOFF1** first followed by **XON2/XOFF2** during receive flow control. For transmit flow control, the receiver only recognizes the received character sequence **XON1/XOFF1** followed by **XON2/XOFF2** as a valid control sequence to resume/halt transmission.

If only special character detection is enabled (through **MODE2**[4]: SpecialChr) while auto software flow control is disabled, the SwFlowx allows selecting either single or double character detection. Single character detection allows the detection of two characters: **XON1** or **XON2** and **XOFF1** or **XOFF2**. Double character detection does not distinguish between the sequence of the two received **XON1/XON2** or **XOFF1/XOFF2** characters. The two characters have to be received in succession, but it is insignificant which of the two is received first. The special characters are deposited in the receive FIFO. An **ISR**[1]: SpCharInt interrupt is generated when special characters are received.

Auto software flow control and special character detection can be enabled to operate simultaneously. If both are enabled, **XON1** and **XOFF1** define the auto flow control characters, while **XON2** and **XOFF2** constitute the special character detection characters.

### Bit 3: SwFlowEn

Set the SwFlowEn bit high to enable auto software flow control. The characters used for automatic software flow control are selected by SwFlowx. If special character detection is enabled by setting the **MODE2**[4]: SpecialChr bit high in addition to automatic software flow control, **XON1** and **XOFF1** are used for flow control while **XON2** and **XOFF2** define the special characters.

### Bit 2: GPIAddr

Set the GPIAddr bit high to enable the four GPIO\_ inputs to be used in conjunction with **XOFF2** for the definition of a special character. This can be used, for example, for defining the address of an RS-485 slave device through hardware. The GPIO\_ input logic levels define the four LSBs of the special character, while the four MSBs are defined by the **XOFF2**[7:4] bits. The contents of the **XOFF2**[3:0] bits are neglected while the GPIO\_ inputs are used in special character definition. Reading the **XOFF2** register does not reflect the logic on GPIO\_ in this mode.

### Bit 1: AutoCTS

Set the AutoCTS bit high to enable AutoCTS flow control mode. In this mode, the transmitter stops and starts sending data at the TX\_ interface depending on the logic state of the  $\overline{\text{CTS}}$ \_ input. See the *Auto Hardware Flow Control* section for more information about AutoCTS flow control mode. Logic changes at the  $\overline{\text{CTS}}$ \_ input result in an interrupt in **ISR**[7]: CTSInt. The transmitter must be turned off by setting the **MODE1**[1]: TxDisabl bit high before AutoCTS mode is enabled.

### Bit 0: AutoRTS

Set the AutoRTS bit high to enable AutoRTS flow control mode. In this mode, the logic state of the  $\overline{\text{RTS}}$ \_ output is dependent on the receive FIFO fill level. The FIFO thresholds at which  $\overline{\text{RTS}}$ \_ changes state are set in **FlowLvl**. See the *Auto Hardware Flow Control* section for more information about AutoRTS flow control mode.

Table 3. SwFlow[3:0] Truth Table

| RECEIVE FLOW CONTROL |         | TRANSMIT FLOW CONTROL/SPECIAL CHARACTER DETECTION |         | DESCRIPTION  |
|----------------------|---------|---|---------|--|
| SwFlow3              | SwFlow2 | SwFlow1   | SwFlow0 |  |
| 0                    | 0       | 0   | 0       | No flow control/no special character detection.  |
| 0                    | 0       | X   | X       | No receive flow control.   |
| 1                    | 0       | X   | X       | Transmitter generates XON1, XOFF1.   |
| 0                    | 1       | X   | X       | Transmitter generates XON2, XOFF2.   |
| 1                    | 1       | X   | X       | Transmitter generates XON1, XON2, XOFF1, and XOFF2.  |
| X                    | X       | 0   | 0       | No transmit flow control.  |
| X                    | X       | 1   | 0       | Receiver compares XON1 and XOFF1 and controls the transmitter accordingly.<br>XON1 and XOFF1 special character detection.                          |
| X                    | X       | 0   | 1       | Receiver compares XON2 and XOFF2 and controls the transmitter accordingly.<br>XON2 and XOFF2 special character detection.                          |
| X                    | X       | 1   | 1       | Receiver compares XON1, XON2, XOFF1, and XOFF2 and controls the transmitter accordingly. XON1, XON2, XOFF1, and XOFF2 special character detection. |

X = Don't care

## XON1 Register

|                 |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x14     |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | R/W      |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | Bit7     | Bit6     | Bit5     | Bit4     | Bit3     | Bit2     | Bit1     | Bit0     |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

The **XON1** and **XON2** register contents define the XON character used for automatic XON/XOFF flow control and/or the special characters used for special-character detection. See the **FlowCtrl** register description for more information.

### Bits 7–0: Bitx

These bits define the **XON1** character if single character XON auto software flow control is enabled in **FlowCtrl**[7:4]. If double-character flow control is selected in **FlowCtrl**[7:4], these bits constitute the least significant byte of the 2-byte XON character. If special character detection is enabled in **MODE2**[4] and auto flow control is not enabled, these bits define a special character.

If both special character detection and auto software flow control are enabled, **XON1** defines the XON flow control character.

## XON2 Register

|                 |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x15     |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | R/W      |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | Bit7     | Bit6     | Bit5     | Bit4     | Bit3     | Bit2     | Bit1     | Bit0     |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

The **XON1** and **XON2** register contents define the XON character for automatic XON/XOFF flow control and/or the special characters used in special-character detection. See the **FlowCtrl** register description for more information.

### Bits 7–0: Bitx

These bits define the **XON2** character if single character auto software flow control is enabled in **FlowCtrl**[7:4]. If double-character flow control is selected in **FlowCtrl**[7:4], these bits constitute the most significant byte of the 2-byte XON character. If special character detection is enabled in **MODE2**[4] and auto software flow control is not enabled, these bits define a special character.

If both special character detection and auto software flow control are enabled, **XON2** defines a special character.

## XOFF1 Register

|                 |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x16     |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | R/W      |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | Bit7     | Bit6     | Bit5     | Bit4     | Bit3     | Bit2     | Bit1     | Bit0     |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

The **XOFF1** and **XOFF2** register contents define the XOFF character for automatic XON/XOFF flow control and/or the special characters used in special character detection. See the **FlowCtrl** register description for more information.

### Bits 7–0: Bitx

These bits define the **XOFF1** character if single character XOFF auto software flow control is enabled in **FlowCtrl**[7:4]. If double character flow control is selected in **FlowCtrl**[7:4], these bits constitute the least significant byte of the 2-byte XOFF character. If special character detection is enabled in **MODE2**[4] and auto software flow control is not enabled, these bits define a special character.

If both special character detection and auto software flow control are both enabled, **XOFF1** defines the XOFF flow control character.

## XOFF2 Register

|                 |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x17     |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | R/W      |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | Bit7     | Bit6     | Bit5     | Bit4     | Bit3     | Bit2     | Bit1     | Bit0     |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

The **XOFF1** and **XOFF2** register contents define the XOFF character for automatic XON/XOFF flow control and/or the special characters used in special character detection. See the **FlowCtrl** register description for more information.

### Bits 7–0: Bitx

These bits define the **XOFF1** character if single character XOFF auto software flow control is enabled in **FlowCtrl**[7:4]. If double character flow control is selected in **FlowCtrl**[7:4], these bits constitute the least significant byte of the 2-byte XOFF character. If special character detection is enabled in **MODE2**[4] and auto software flow control is not enabled, these bits define a special character.

If both special character detection and auto software flow control are both enabled, **XOFF2** defines a special character.

## GPIO Configuration Register (GPIOConf)

|                 |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x18     |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | R/W      |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | GP3OD    | GP2OD    | GP1OD    | GP0OD    | GP3Out   | GP2Out   | GP1Out   | GP0Out   |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

Each UART has four GPIOs that can be configured as inputs or outputs and can be operated in push-pull or open-drain mode. The reference clock needs to be active for the GPIOs to work.

Each UART has four individually assigned GPIO outputs as follows: UART0: GPIO0–GPIO3, UART1: GPIO4–GPIO7.

### Bits 7–4: GPxOD

Set the GPxOD bits high to configure the associated GPIOs as open-drain outputs. Set the GPxOD bits low to configure the associated GPIOs as push-pull outputs. For example, for UART1: GP0OD configures GPIO4, GP1OD configures GPIO5, GP2OD configures GPIO6 and GP3OD configures GPIO7.

The GPxDat bits reflect the input logic on the associated GPIO\_s. For example, for UART1: GP0Dat configures GPIO4, GP1Dat configures GPIO5, GP2Dat configures GPIO6 and GP3Dat configures GPIO7.

### Bits 3–0: GPxOut

The GPxOut bits configure the associated GPIO\_s to be either inputs or outputs. Set the GPxOut bits high to configure the associated GPIO\_s as outputs. Set the GPxOut bits low to configure the associated GPIO\_s as inputs. For example, for UART1: GP0Out configures GPIO4, GP1Out configures GPIO5, GP2Out configures GPIO6 and GP3Out configures GPIO7.

### GPIO Data Register (GPIOData)

|                 |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x19     |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | R/W      |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | GPI3Dat  | GPI2Dat  | GPI1Dat  | GPI0Dat  | GPO3Dat  | GPO2Dat  | GPO1Dat  | GPO0Dat  |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

Each UART has four individually assigned GPIO outputs as follows: UART0: GPIO0–GPIO3, UART1: GPIO4–GPIO7.

#### Bits 7–4: GPIxDat

The GPIxDat bits reflect the input logic on the associated GPIO\_s. For example, for UART1: GP0Dat configures GPIO4, GP1Dat configures GPIO5, GP2Dat configures GPIO6 and GP3Dat configures GPIO7. When configured as inputs in GPxOut, the GPIO\_s are high-impedance inputs with weak pulldown resistors, regardless of the state of GPxOD.

#### Bits 3–0: GPOxDat

The GPOxDat bits allow programming of the logic state of the GPIO\_s when configured as outputs in **GPIOConfg**[3:0]. For open-drain operation, pullup resistors are needed on the GPIOs. For example, for UART1: GP0Dat configures GPIO4, GP1Dat configures GPIO5, GP2Dat configures GPIO6 and GP3Dat configures GPIO7.



### PLL Configuration Register (PLLConfig)

|                 |             |            |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | <b>0x1A</b> |            |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | <b>R/W</b>  |            |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b>    | <b>6</b>   | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | PLLFactor1  | PLLFactor0 | PreDiv5  | PreDiv4  | PreDiv3  | PreDiv2  | PreDiv1  | PreDiv0  |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0           | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        |

#### Bits 7–6: PLLFactorx

The PLLFactorx bits allow programming the PLL multiplication factor. The input and output frequencies of the PLL must be limited to the ranges shown in Table 4. Enable the PLL in **CLKSource[2]**.

#### Bits 5–0: PreDivx

The PreDivx bits allow programming of the divisor in the PLL’s predivider. The divisor must be chosen such that the output frequency of the predivider, which is the PLL’s input frequency, is limited to the ranges shown in Table 4. The PLL input frequency is calculated as:

$$f_{PLLIN} = f_{CLK}/PreDiv$$

where  $f_{CLK}$  is the input frequency of the crystal oscillator or external clock source (Figure 17), and PreDiv is an integer in the range of 1 to 63.

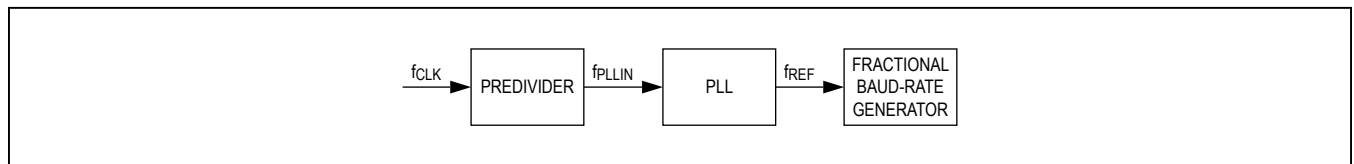


Figure 17. PLL Signal Path

### Table 4. PLLFactorx Selection Guide

| PLLFactor1 | PLLFactor0 | MULTIPLICATION FACTOR | f <sub>PLLIN</sub> |        | f <sub>REF</sub> |           |
|------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------|------------------|-----------|
|            |            |                       | MIN (kHz)          | MAX    | MIN (MHz)        | MAX (MHz) |
| 0          | 0          | 6                     | 500                | 800kHz | 3                | 4.8       |
| 0          | 1          | 48                    | 850                | 1.2MHz | 40.8             | 56        |
| 1          | 0          | 96                    | 425                | 1MHz   | 40.8             | 96        |
| 1          | 1          | 144                   | 390                | 667kHz | 56               | 96        |

### Baud-Rate Generator Configuration Register (BRGConfig)

|                 |          |             |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> |          | <b>0x1B</b> |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    |          | <b>R/W</b>  |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b>    | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | —        | —           | 4xMode   | 2xMode   | FRACT3   | FRACT2   | FRACT1   | FRACT0   |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0        | 0           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

#### Bits 7 and 6: No Function

#### Bit 5: 4xMode

Set the 4xMode bit high to quadruple the regular (16x sampling) baud rate. Set the 2xMode bit low when 4xMode is enabled. See the *2x and 4x Rate Modes* section for more information.

#### Bit 4: 2xMode

Set the 2xMode bit high to double the regular (16x sampling) baud rate. Set the 4xMode bit low when 2xMode is enabled. See the *2x and 4x Rate Modes* section for more information.

#### Bits 3–0: FRACTx

The FRACTx bits are the fractional portion of the baud-rate generator divisor. Set FRACTx to 0000b if not used. See the *Fractional Baud-Rate Generator* section for calculations of how to set this value to select the baud rate.

### Baud-Rate Generator LSB Divisor Register (DIVLSB)

|                 |          |             |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> |          | <b>0x1C</b> |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    |          | <b>R/W</b>  |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b>    | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | Div7     | Div6        | Div5     | Div4     | Div3     | Div2     | Div1     | Div0     |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0        | 0           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        |

**DIVLSB** and **DIVMSB** define the baud-rate generator integer divisor. The minimum value for **DIVLSB** is 1. See the *Fractional Baud-Rate Generator* section for more information.

#### Bits 7–0: Divx

The Divx bits are the eight LSBs of the integer divisor portion (DIV) of the baud-rate generator.

### Baud-Rate Generator MSB Divisor Register (DIVMSB)

|                 |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x1D     |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | R/W      |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | Div15    | Div14    | Div13    | Div12    | Div11    | Div10    | Div9     | Div8     |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

**DIVLSB** and **DIVMSB** define the baud-rate generator integer divisor. The minimum value for **DIVLSB** is 1. See the *Fractional Baud-Rate Generator* section for more information.

#### Bits 7–0: Divx

The Divx bits are the eight MSBs of the integer divisor portion (DIV) of the baud-rate generator.

### Clock Source Register (CLKSource)

|                 |          |          |          |          |           |          |           |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x1E     |          |          |          |           |          |           |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | R/W      |          |          |          |           |          |           |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b>  | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b>  | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | CLKtoRTS | —        | —        | —        | PLLBypass | PLLEn    | CrystalEn | —        |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 1         | 0        | 0         | 0        |

#### Bit 7: CLKtoRTS

Set the CLKtoRTS bit high to route the baud-rate generator (16x baud rate) output clock to  $\overline{RTS}_-$ . The  $\overline{RTS}_-$  clock frequency is a factor of 16x, 8x, or 4x of the baud rate in 1x, 2x, and 4x rate modes, respectively.

#### Bits 6, 5, 4, and 0: No Function

#### Bit 3: PLLBypass

Set the PLLBypass bit high to bypass the internal PLL and predivider.

#### Bit 2: PLLEn

Set the PLLEn bit high to enable the internal PLL. Set PLLEn low to disable the internal PLL.

#### Bit 1: CrystalEn

Set the CrystalEn bit high to enable the crystal oscillator. When using an external clock source at XIN, set CrystalEn low.

### Global IRQ Register (GlobalIRQ)

|          |      |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |
|----------|------|---|---|---|---|---|------|------|
| ADDRESS: | 0x1F |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |
| MODE:    | R    |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |
| BIT      | 7    | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1    | 0    |
| NAME     | —    | — | — | — | — | — | IRQ1 | IRQ0 |
| RESET    | 0    | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1    | 1    |

#### Bit 7–2: No Function

#### Bits 1-0: $\overline{\text{IRQx}}$

The MAX3109 has a single  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  output. The **GlobalIRQ** register bits report which of the UARTs have an interrupt pending, as enabled in the **ISRIntEn** registers.

The **GlobalIRQ** register can be read in two ways: either by reading register 0x1F of any of the two UARTs or by sampling the two bits sent to the master on MISO during the command byte of a read cycle (full-duplex SPI) (see the *Fast Read Cycle* section for more information).

The  $\overline{\text{IRQx}}$  bits are set low when the associated UARTs have an  $\overline{\text{IRQ}}$  interrupt pending. The  $\overline{\text{IRQx}}$  bits are cleared high when the associated UART interrupt is cleared. UART interrupts are cleared by reading the UART **ISR** register.

## Global Command Register (GlbComnd)

|                 |             |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | <b>0x1F</b> |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | <b>W</b>    |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b>    | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | GlbCom7     | GlbCom6  | GlbCom5  | GlbCom4  | GlbCom3  | GlbCom2  | GlbCom1  | GlbCom0  |

### Bits 7–0: GlbComx

The **GlbComnd** register is the only global write register in the MAX3109. Every byte written to **GlbComnd** is sent simultaneously to both UARTs. Every byte sent by the SPI/I<sup>2</sup>C master to register 0x1F is interpreted as a global command by both internal UARTs, regardless of which UART it was written to.

The MAX3109 logic supports the following commands (Table 5):

- Global Tx Synchronization
- Extended Addressing Space Enable (to enable access to registers beyond address 0x1F)
- Extended Addressing Space Disable (to disable access to registers beyond address 0x1F)

The last two commands (0xCE/0xCD) enable or disable access to registers in the extended space of the register map when the MAX3109 operates in SPI mode. The SPI command byte has only 5 bits to address a given register so that the registers beyond 0x1F could not be addressed using the standard access method. In I<sup>2</sup>C mode, there is no need to explicitly enable and disable the extended register map access as I<sup>2</sup>C allows up to 7 bits for register addressing. To extend the addressing capability of the SPI command byte, send a 0xCE to location 0x1F. The internal SPI address in extended access mode is generated as 0010 A3A2A1A0, where A3A2A1A0 is the least significant nibble of the command byte. Bit A4 of the command byte is disregarded when the extended space of the register map is enabled and only the least significant nibble is used for addressing purposes (Table 6).

The U bit of the command byte maintains its meaning in the extended mode. See the *SPI Interface* section for more information. To return to standard addressing mode, the SPI master sends the 0xCD command to register 0x1F. In this case, the internal SPI address will be generated as follows (default): 000A4 A3A2A1A0.

**Table 5. GlbComnd Command Descriptions**

| GlbComndx | COMMAND DESCRIPTION                  |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| 0xE0      | Tx Command 0                         |
| 0xE1      | Tx Command 1                         |
| 0xE2      | Tx Command 2                         |
| 0xE3      | Tx Command 3                         |
| 0xE4      | Tx Command 4                         |
| 0xE5      | Tx Command 5                         |
| 0xE6      | Tx Command 6                         |
| 0xE7      | Tx Command 7                         |
| 0xE8      | Tx Command 8                         |
| 0xE9      | Tx Command 9                         |
| 0xEA      | Tx Command 10                        |
| 0xEB      | Tx Command 11                        |
| 0xEC      | Tx Command 12                        |
| 0xED      | Tx Command 13                        |
| 0xEE      | Tx Command 14                        |
| 0xEF      | Tx Command 15                        |
| 0xCE      | Enable extended register map access  |
| 0xCD      | Disable extended register map access |

**Table 6. Extended Mode Addressing (SPI Only)**

| REGISTER    | SPI MODE ADDRESS | I <sup>2</sup> C MODE ADDRESS |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| TxSynch     | 0x00             | 0x20                          |
| SynchDelay1 | 0x01             | 0x21                          |
| SynchDelay2 | 0x02             | 0x22                          |
| TIMER1      | 0x03             | 0x23                          |
| TIMER2      | 0x04             | 0x24                          |
| RevID       | 0x05             | 0x25                          |

## Transmitter Synchronization Register (TxSynch)

|                 |             |           |           |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | <b>0x20</b> |           |           |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | <b>R/W</b>  |           |           |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b>    | <b>6</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | CLKtoGPIO   | TxAutoDis | TrigDelay | SynchEn  | TrigSel3 | TrigSel2 | TrigSel1 | TrigSel0 |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0           | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

The **TxSynch** register is used to configure transmitter synchronization with a global SPI or I<sup>2</sup>C command. One of 16 trigger commands (Table 5) can be selected to be the synchronization trigger source individually for each UART. This allows simultaneous start of transmission of multiple UARTs that are associated with the same global trigger command. The synchronized UARTs can be on either a single MAX3109 or multiple devices if they are controlled by a common SPI interface.

The UARTs start transmission when a global trigger command is received. Start of transmission is considered to be the falling edge of the START bit at the TX\_ output. A delay can optionally be programmed through the **SynchDelay1** and **SynchDelay2** registers.

TX synchronization is managed through software by transmitting the broadcast trigger Tx command (Table 5) to the MAX3109 through the SPI or I<sup>2</sup>C interface. To selectively synchronize ports that are on the same MAX3109 (intrachip synchronization) or on different MAX3109 (interchip synchronization) devices, up to 16 trigger Tx commands have been defined (see the *Global Command Register (GloblComnd)* section for more information).

### Bit 7: CLKtoGPIO

The CLKtoGPIO bit is used to provide a buffered replica of the UARTs system clock (i.e., the fractional baud-rate generator input) to a GPIO. UART0's clock is routed to GPIO0 and UART1's clock is routed to GPIO4.

### Bit 6: TxAutoDis

Set the TxAutoDis bit high to enable automatic transmitter disabling. When TxAutoDis is set high, the transmitter is automatically disabled when all data in the Tx FIFO has been transmitted. After the transmitter is disabled, the Tx FIFO can then be filled with data that will be transmitted when its assigned trigger command is received, as defined by the TrigSelx bits.

### Bit 5: TrigDelay

Set the TrigDelay bit high to enable delayed start of transmission when a trigger command is received. The UART starts transmitting data following a delay programmed in **SynchDelay1** and **SynchDelay2** after receiving the assigned trigger command.

### Bit 4: SynchEn

Set the SynchEn bit high to enable software TX synchronization mode. If SynchEn is set high, the UART starts transmitting data when the assigned trigger command is received and the Tx FIFO contains data. Setting SynchEn high forces the **MODE1[1]: TxDisabl** bit high and thereby disables the UART's transmitter. This prevents the transmitter from sending data as soon as the Tx FIFO is loaded. Once the Tx FIFO has been loaded, the UART starts transmitting data only upon receiving the assigned trigger command.

Set the SynchEn bit low to disable transmitter synchronization for that UART. If SynchEn is set low, that UART's transmitter does not start transmission through any trigger command.

### Bits 3–0: TrigSelx

The TrigSelx bits assign the trigger command for that UART's transmitter synchronization when SynchEn is set high. For example, set **TxSynch[3:0]** to 0x08 for the UART to be triggered by TX command 8 (0xE8, Table 5).

### Synchronization Delay Register 1 (SynchDelay1)

|                 |             |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | <b>0x21</b> |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | <b>R/W</b>  |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b>    | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | SDelay7     | SDelay6  | SDelay5  | SDelay4  | SDelay3  | SDelay2  | SDelay1  | SDelay0  |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

The **SynchDelay1** and **SynchDelay2** register contents define the time delay between when the UART receives an assigned transmitter trigger command and when the UART begins transmission.

#### Bits 7–0: SDelayx

The SDelayx bits are the 8 LSBs of the delay between when the UART receives an assigned transmitter trigger command and when the UART begins transmission. The delay is expressed in number of UART bit intervals ( $1/\text{BaudRate}$ ). The maximum delay is 65,535 bit intervals.

For example, given a baud rate of 230.4kbps, the bit time is 4.34Fs, so the maximum delay is 284ms.

### Synchronization Delay Register 2 (SynchDelay2)

|                 |             |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | <b>0x22</b> |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | <b>R/W</b>  |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b>    | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | SDelay15    | SDelay14 | SDelay13 | SDelay12 | SDelay11 | SDelay10 | SDelay9  | SDelay8  |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

The **SynchDelay1** and **SynchDelay2** register contents define the time delay between when the UART receives an assigned transmitter trigger command and when the UART begins transmission.

#### Bits 7–0: SDelayx

The SDelayx bits are the 8 MSBs of the delay between when the UART receives an assigned transmitter trigger command and when the UART begins transmission. The delay is expressed in number of UART bit intervals ( $1/\text{BaudRate}$ ). The maximum delay is 65,535 bit intervals.

For example, given a baud rate of 230.4kbps, the bit time is 4.34Fs, so the maximum delay is 284ms.

### Timer Register 1 (TIMER1)

|                 |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x23     |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | R/W      |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | Timer7   | Timer6   | Timer5   | Timer4   | Timer3   | Timer2   | Timer1   | Timer0   |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

The **TIMER1** and **TIMER2** register contents can be used to generate a low-frequency clock signal on a GPIO\_ output. The low-frequency clock is a divided replica of the fractional baud-rate generator output. If **TIMER1** and **TIMER2** are both 0x00, the low-frequency clock is off.

#### Bits 7–0: Timerx

The **TIMER1**[7:0] bits are the 8 LSBs of the 15-bit timer divisor. See the **TIMER2** register description.

### Timer Register 2 (TIMER2)

|                 |           |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x24      |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | R/W       |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b>  | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | TmrToGPIO | Timer14  | Timer13  | Timer12  | Timer11  | Timer10  | Timer9   | Timer8   |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

The **TIMER1** and **TIMER2** register contents can be used to generate a low-frequency clock signal on a GPIO\_ output. The low-frequency clock is a divided replica of the fractional baud-rate generator output. If **TIMER1** and **TIMER2** are both 0x00, the low-frequency clock is off.

#### Bit 7: TmrToGPIO

Set the TmrToGPIO bit high to enable clock generation at a GPIO output. The clock signal is routed to GPIO1 for UART0 and GPIO5 for UART1. The output clock has a 50% duty cycle.

#### Bits 6–0: Timerx

The **TIMER2**[6:0] bits are the 7 MSBs of the 15-bit timer divisor. The clock frequency is calculated using the following formula:

$$f_{\text{TIMER\_CLK}} = \text{UARTClk} / (1024 \times \text{Timerx})$$

where UARTClk is the fractional baud-rate generator output (i.e., 16 x Baud Rate).

### Revision Identification Register (ReVID)

|                 |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b> | 0x25     |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>MODE:</b>    | R        |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>BIT</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>NAME</b>     | Bit7     | Bit6     | Bit5     | Bit4     | Bit3     | Bit2     | Bit1     | Bit0     |
| <b>RESET</b>    | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        |

#### Bits 7–0: Bitx

The **ReVID** register indicates the revision number of the MAX3109 silicon starting with 0xC0. This can be used during software development as a known reference.



### Serial Controller Interface

The MAX3109 can be controlled through I<sup>2</sup>C or SPI as defined by the logic on SPI/I<sup>2</sup>C. See the *Pin Description* for further details.

#### SPI Interface

The SPI supports both single-cycle and burst read/write access. The SPI master must generate clock and data signals in SPI MODE0 (i.e., with clock polarity CPOL = 0 and clock phase CPHA = 0).

Each of the two UARTs is addressed using 1 bit (U) in the command byte (Table 7).

To access the registers with addresses 0x20 or higher in SPI mode, enable extended register map access. See the **GloblComnd** register description for more information.

#### SPI Single-Cycle Access

Before a specific UART has been addressed, both UARTs could attempt to drive MISO. To avoid this contention, the MISO line is held in high impedance during a write cycle (Figure 18).

During a read cycle, MISO is high impedance for the first four clock cycles of the command byte. Once the SPI address has been properly decoded, the addressed SPI drives the MISO line (Figure 19).

**Table 7. SPI Command Byte Configuration**

| SPI COMMAND BYTE |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| BIT 7            | BIT 6 | BIT 5 | BIT 4 | BIT 3 | BIT 2 | BIT 1 | BIT 0 |
| W/R              | 0     | U     | A4    | A3    | A2    | A1    | A0    |

A<sub>x</sub> = Register address.

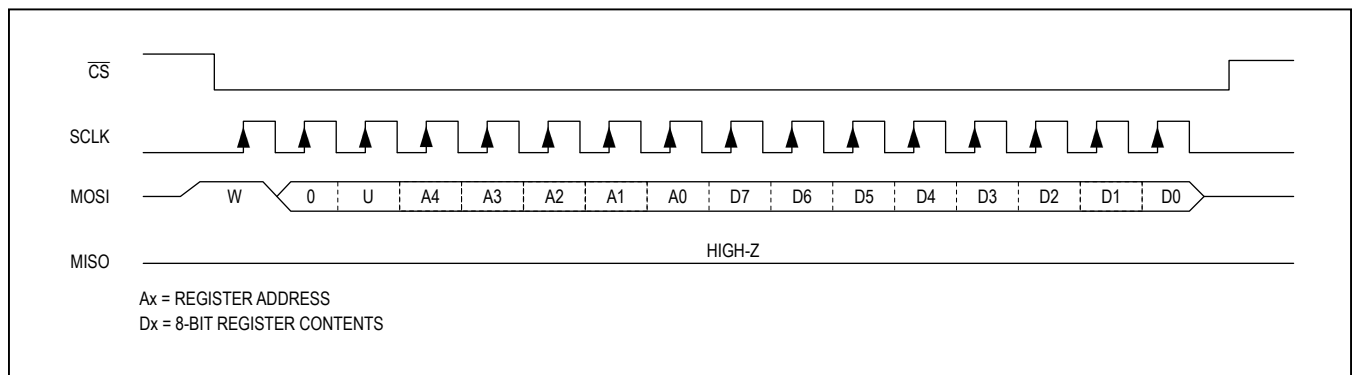


Figure 18. SPI Write Cycle

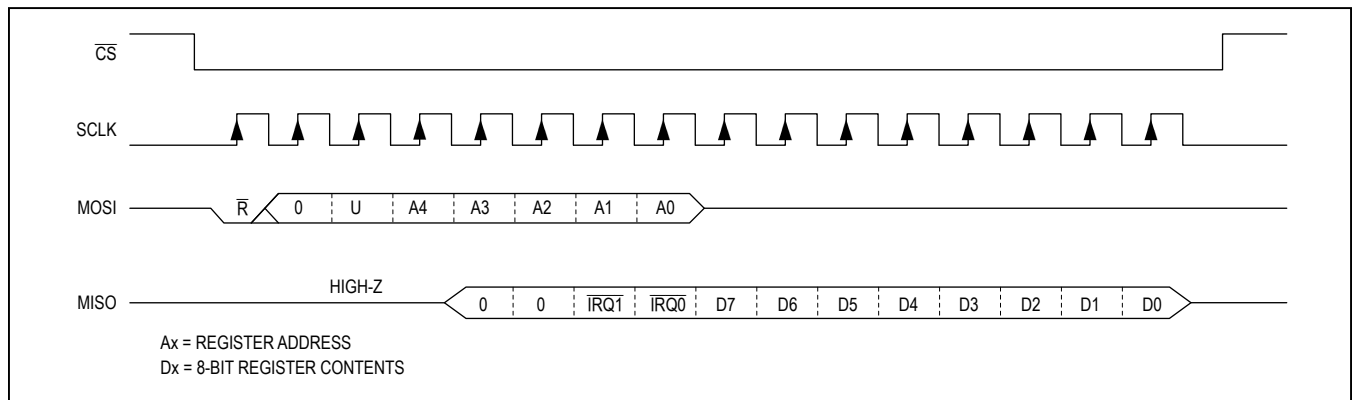


Figure 19. SPI Ready Cycle

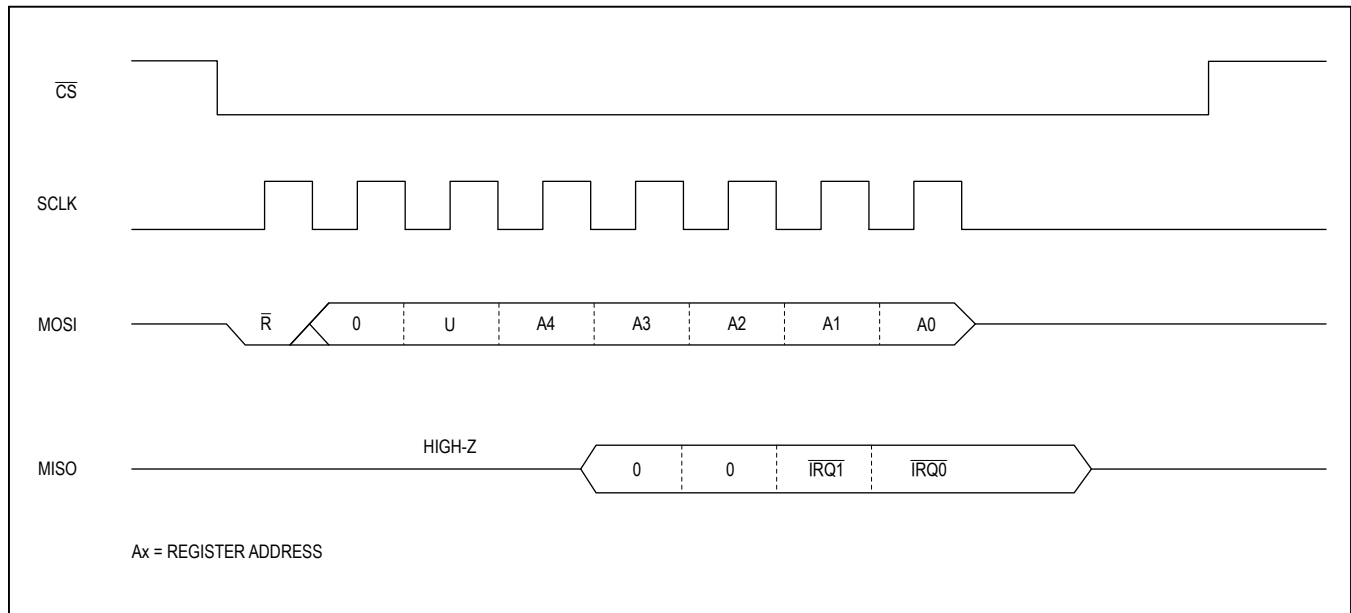


Figure 20. SPI Fast Read Cycle

### SPI Burst Access

Burst access allows writing and reading multiple data bytes in one block by defining only the initial register address in the SPI command byte. Multiple characters can be loaded into the TxFIFO by using the THR (0x00) as the initial burst write address. Similarly, multiple characters can be read out of the RxFIFO by using the RHR (0x00) as the SPI's burst read address. If the SPI burst address is different from 0x00, the MAX3109 automatically increments the register address after each SPI data byte. Efficient programming of multiple consecutive registers is thus possible. The chip-select input,  $\overline{CS}/A0$ , must be held low during the whole cycle. The SCLK/SCL clock continues clocking throughout the burst access cycle. The burst cycle ends when the SPI master pulls  $\overline{CS}/A0$  high.

For example, writing 128 bytes into the TxFIFO can be achieved by a burst write access using the following sequence:

- 1) Pull  $\overline{CS}/A0$  low.
- 2) Send SPI write command to address 0x00.
- 3) Send 128 bytes.
- 4) Release  $\overline{CS}/A0$ .

This takes a total of  $(1 + 128) \times 8$  clock cycles.

### Fast Read Cycle

The two UART interrupts on the MAX3109 share the single  $\overline{IRQ}$  output. When operating in interrupt-based mode, the microcontroller needs to locate the source of the interrupt (i.e., which of the UARTs generated the interrupt) and clear the interrupt.

In order to locate the source of an interrupt more quickly, the MAX3109 implements the SPI fast read cycle. This means that the microcontroller can determine which UART is the source of the interrupt (UART0 or UART1) using only 8 clock cycles (Figure 20). The U bit is ignored during the fast read cycle.

### I<sup>2</sup>C Interface

The MAX3109 contains an I<sup>2</sup>C-compatible interface for data communication with a host processor (SCL and SDA). The interface supports a clock frequency of up to 1MHz. SCL and SDA require pullup resistors that are connected to a positive supply.

### START, STOP, and Repeated START Conditions

When writing to the MAX3109 using I<sup>2</sup>C, the master sends a START condition (S) followed by the MAX3109 I<sup>2</sup>C address. After the address, the master sends the register address of the register that is to be programmed. The master then ends communication by issuing a STOP condition (P) to relinquish control of the bus, or a repeated START

condition (Sr) to communicate to another I<sup>2</sup>C slave. See Figure 21.

**Slave Address**

The MAX3109 includes a configurable 7-bit I<sup>2</sup>C slave address, allowing up to 16 MAX3109 devices to share the same I<sup>2</sup>C bus. The address is defined by connecting the MOSI/A1 and  $\overline{CS}/A0$  inputs to DGND, V<sub>L</sub>, SCL, or SDA (Table 5). Set the R/W bit high to configure the MAX3109 to read mode. Set the R/W bit low to configure the MAX3109

to write mode. The address is the first byte of information sent to the MAX3109 after the START condition.

**Bit Transfer**

One data bit is transferred on the rising edge of each SCL clock cycle. The data on SDA must remain stable during the high period of the SCL clock pulse. Changes in SDA while SCL is high and stable are considered control signals (see the *START, STOP, and Repeated START Conditions* section). Both SDA and SCL remain high when the bus is not active.

**Table 8. I<sup>2</sup>C Address Map**

| MOSI/A1        | $\overline{CS}/A0$ | UART0 |      | UART1 |      |
|----------------|--------------------|-------|------|-------|------|
|                |                    | WRITE | READ | WRITE | READ |
| DGND           | DGND               | 0xD8  | 0xD9 | 0xB8  | 0xB9 |
| DGND           | V <sub>L</sub>     | 0xC2  | 0xC3 | 0xA2  | 0xA3 |
| DGND           | SCL                | 0xC4  | 0xC5 | 0xA4  | 0xA5 |
| DGND           | SDA                | 0xC6  | 0xC7 | 0xA6  | 0xA7 |
| V <sub>L</sub> | DGND               | 0xC8  | 0xC9 | 0xA8  | 0xA9 |
| V <sub>L</sub> | V <sub>L</sub>     | 0xCA  | 0xCB | 0xAA  | 0xAB |
| V <sub>L</sub> | SCL                | 0xCC  | 0xCD | 0xAC  | 0xAD |
| V <sub>L</sub> | SDA                | 0xCE  | 0xCF | 0xAE  | 0xAF |
| SCL            | DGND               | 0xD0  | 0xD1 | 0xB0  | 0xB1 |
| SCL            | V <sub>L</sub>     | 0xD2  | 0xD3 | 0xB2  | 0xB3 |
| SCL            | SCL                | 0xD4  | 0xD5 | 0xB4  | 0xB5 |
| SCL            | SDA                | 0xD6  | 0xD7 | 0xB6  | 0xB7 |
| SDA            | DGND               | 0xC0  | 0xC1 | 0xA0  | 0xA1 |
| SDA            | V <sub>L</sub>     | 0xDA  | 0xDB | 0xBA  | 0xBB |
| SDA            | SCL                | 0xDC  | 0xDD | 0xBC  | 0xBD |
| SDA            | SDA                | 0xDE  | 0xDF | 0xBE  | 0xBF |

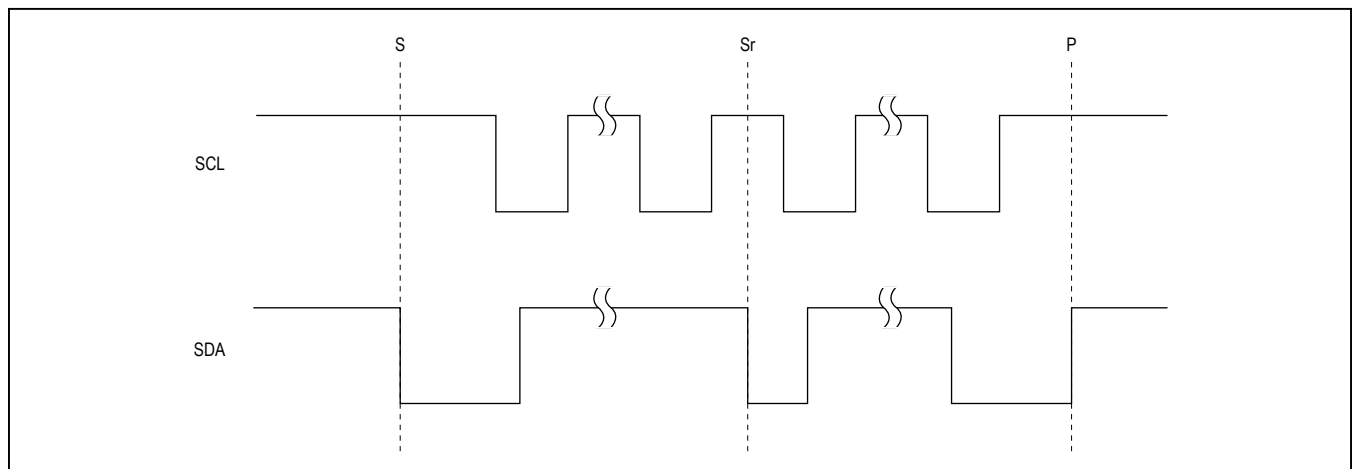


Figure 21. I<sup>2</sup>C START, STOP, and Repeated START Conditions

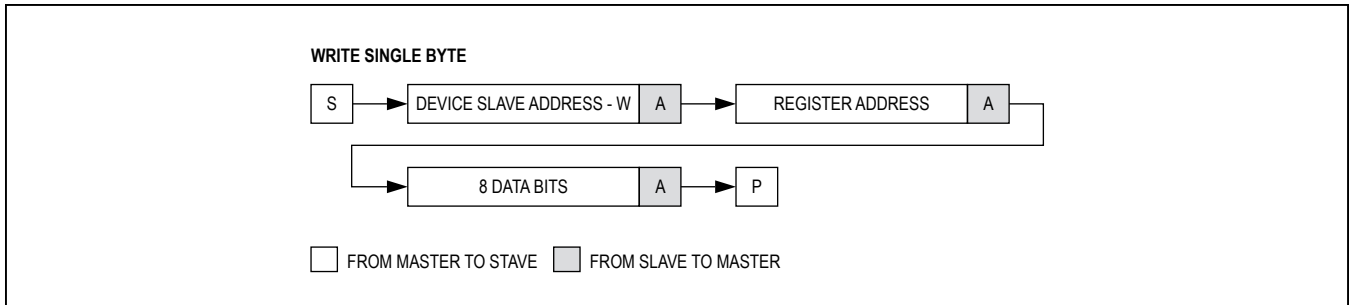


Figure 22. Write Byte Sequence

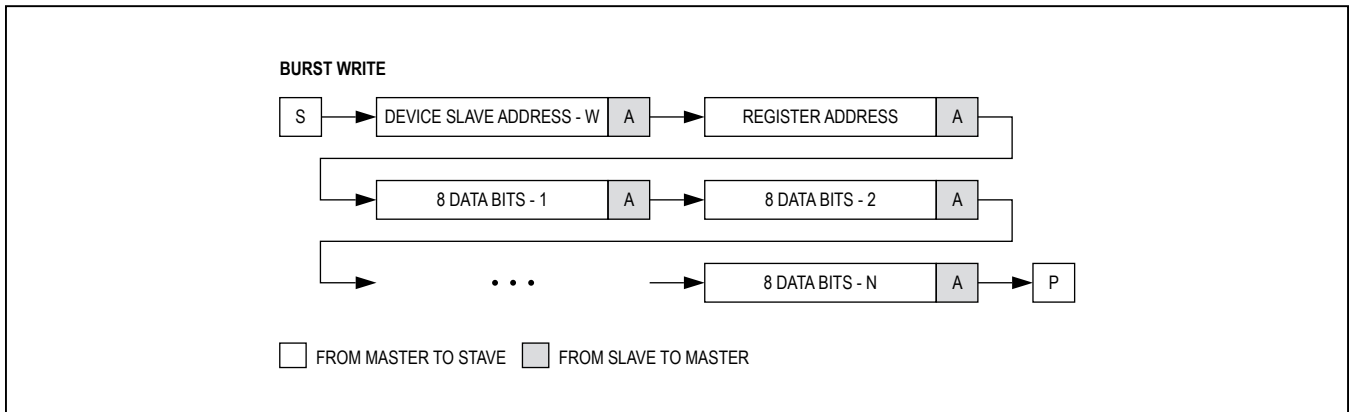


Figure 23. Burst Write Sequence

**Single-Byte Write**

In this operation, the master sends an address and two data bytes to the slave device (Figure 22). The following procedure describes the single-byte write operation:

- 1) The master sends a START condition.
- 2) The master sends the 7-bit slave address plus a write bit (low).
- 3) The addressed slave asserts an ACK on the data line.
- 4) The master sends the 8-bit register address.
- 5) The slave asserts an ACK on the data line only if the address is valid (NACK if not).
- 6) The master sends 8 data bits.
- 7) The slave asserts an ACK on the data line.
- 8) The master generates a STOP condition.

**Burst Write**

In this operation, the master sends an address and multiple data bytes to the slave device (Figure 23). The slave device automatically increments the register address after each data byte is sent, unless the register being accessed is 0x00, in which case the register address remains the same. The following procedure describes the burst write operation:

- 1) The master sends a START condition.
- 2) The master sends the 7-bit slave address plus a write bit (low).
- 3) The addressed slave asserts an ACK on the data line.
- 4) The master sends the 8-bit register address.
- 5) The slave asserts an ACK on the data line only if the address is valid (NACK if not).
- 6) The master sends 8 data bits.
- 7) The slave asserts an ACK on the data line.
- 8) Repeat 6 and 7 N-1 times.
- 9) The master generates a STOP condition.

**Single-Byte Read**

In this operation, the master sends an address plus two data bytes and receives one data byte from the slave device (Figure 24). The following procedure describes the single-byte read operation:

- 1) The master sends a START condition.
- 2) The master sends the 7-bit slave address plus a write bit (low).
- 3) The addressed slave asserts an ACK on the data line.
- 4) The master sends the 8-bit register address.
- 5) The active slave asserts an ACK on the data line only if the address is valid (NACK if not).
- 6) The master sends a repeated START condition.
- 7) The master sends the 7-bit slave address plus a read bit (high).
- 8) The addressed slave asserts an ACK on the data line.
- 9) The slave sends 8 data bits.

- 10) The master asserts a NACK on the data line.
- 11) The master generates a STOP condition.

**Burst Read**

In this operation, the master sends an address plus two data bytes and receives multiple data bytes from the slave device (Figure 25). The following procedure describes the burst byte read operation:

- 1) The master sends a START condition.
- 2) The master sends the 7-bit slave address plus a write bit (low).
- 3) The addressed slave asserts an ACK on the data line.
- 4) The master sends the 8-bit register address.
- 5) The slave asserts an ACK on the data line only if the address is valid (NACK if not).
- 6) The master sends a repeated START condition.
- 7) The master sends the 7-bit slave address plus a read bit (high).

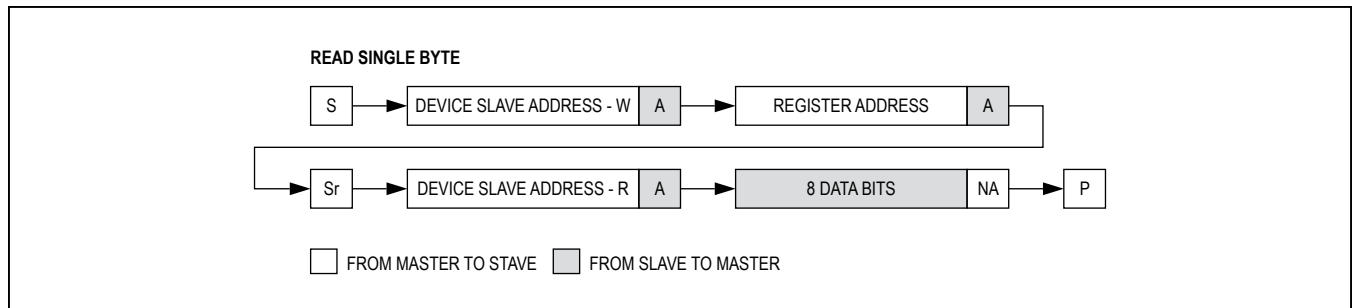


Figure 24. Read Byte Sequence

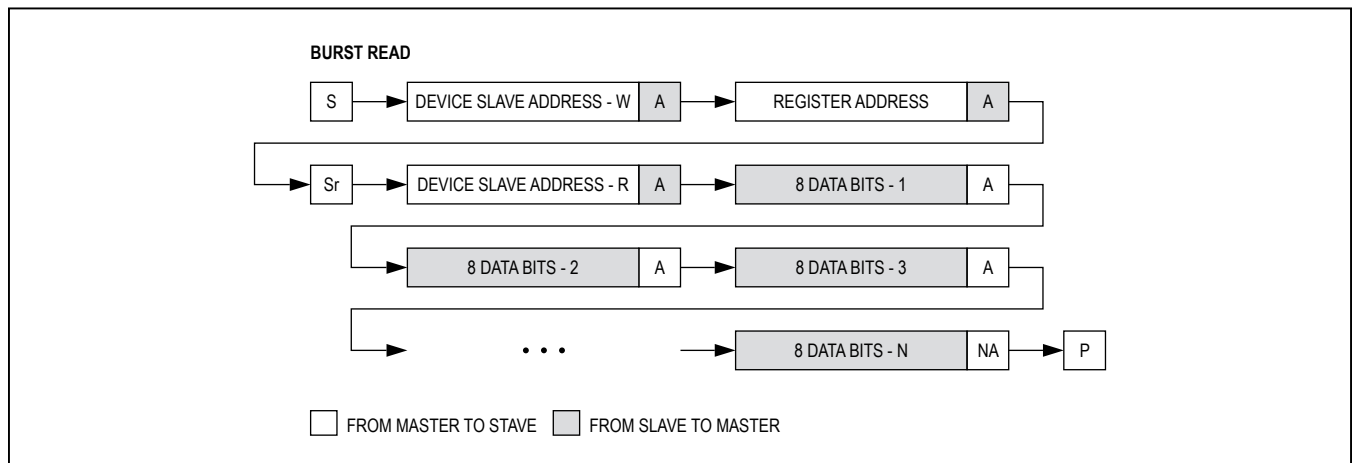


Figure 25. Burst Read Sequence

- 8) The slave asserts an ACK on the data line.
- 9) The slave sends 8 data bits.
- 10) The master asserts an ACK on the data line.
- 11) Repeat 9 and 10 N-2 times.
- 12) The slave sends the last 8 data bits.
- 13) The master asserts a NACK on the data line.
- 14) The master generates a STOP condition.

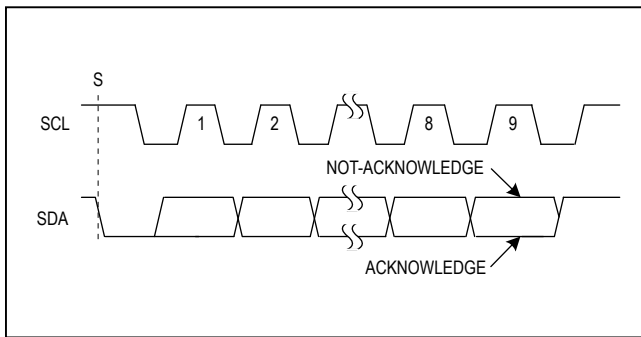


Figure 26. Acknowledge

**Acknowledge Bits**

Data transfers are acknowledged with an acknowledge bit (ACK) or a not-acknowledge bit (NACK). Both the master and the MAX3109 generate ACK bits. To generate an ACK, pull SDA low before the rising edge of the ninth clock pulse and hold it low during the high period of the ninth clock pulse (Figure 26). To generate a NACK, leave SDA high before the rising edge of the ninth clock pulse and leave it high for the duration of the ninth clock pulse. Monitoring for NACK bits allows for detection of unsuccessful data transfers.

**Applications Information**

**Startup and Initialization**

The MAX3109 can be initialized following power-up, a hardware reset, or a software reset as shown in Figure 27. To verify that the MAX3109 is ready for operation after a power-up or reset.

Repeatedly read a known register until the expected contents are returned. The MAX3109 is ready for operation after approximately 200µs.

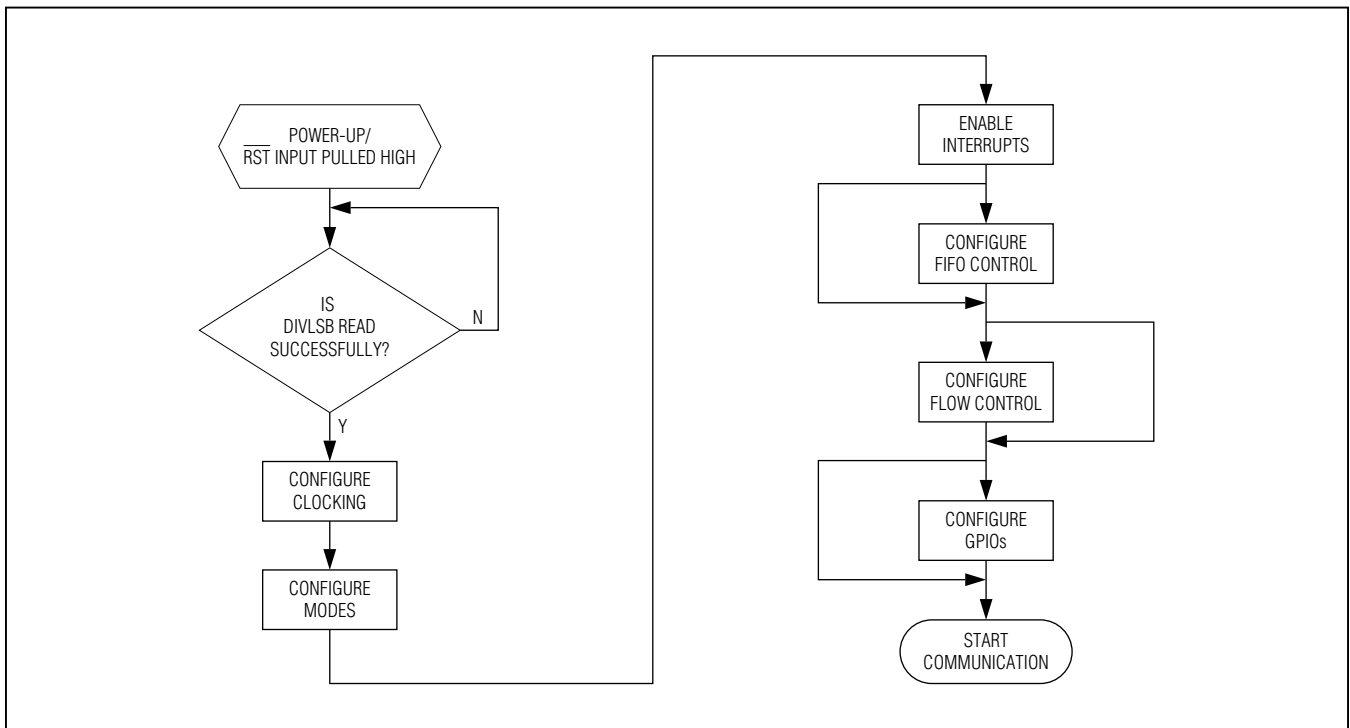


Figure 27. Startup and Initialization Flowchart

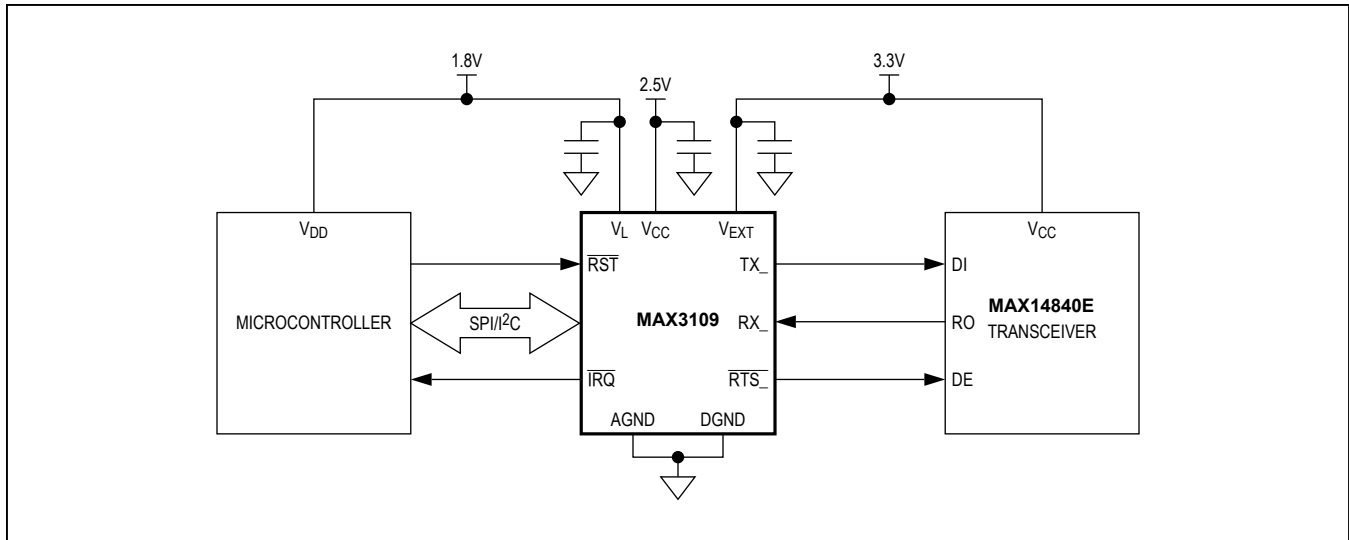


Figure 28. Logic-Level Translation

### Low-Power Operation

To reduce the power consumption during normal operation, the following techniques can be adopted:

- Do not use the internal PLL. This saves the most power of the options listed here. Disable and bypass the PLL. With the PLL enabled, the current to the  $V_{CC}$  supply is in the range of a few mA (depending on clock frequency and multiplication factor), while it drops to below 1mA if disabled.
- Use an external clock source. The lowest power clocking mode is when an external clock signal is used. This drops the power consumption to about half that of an external crystal.
- Keep the internal clock rates as low as possible.
- Use a low voltage on the  $V_{CC}$  supply.
- Use an external 1.8V supply. This saves the power dissipated by the internal 1.8V linear regulator for the 1.8V core supply. Connect an external 1.8V supply to  $V_{18}$  and disable the internal regulator by connecting LDOEN to DGND.

### Interrupts and Polling

Monitor the MAX3109 by polling the **ISR** register or by monitoring the  $\overline{IRQ}$  output. In polled mode, the  $\overline{IRQ}$  physical interrupt output is not used and the host controller polls the **ISR** register at frequent intervals to establish the state of the MAX3109.

Alternatively, the physical  $\overline{IRQ}$  interrupt can be used to interrupt the host controller after specified events, making polling unnecessary. The  $\overline{IRQ}$  output is an open-drain output that requires a pullup resistor to  $V_L$ .

### Logic-Level Translation

The MAX3109 can be directly connected to transceivers and controllers that have different supply voltages. The  $V_L$  input defines the logic voltage levels of the controller interface, while the  $V_{EXT}$  voltage defines the logic of the transceiver interface. This ensures flexibility when selecting a controller and transceiver. Figure 28 shows an example of a configuration where the controller, transceiver, and the MAX3109 are powered by three different supplies.

**Power-Supply Sequencing**

The device's power supplies can be turned on in any order. Each supply can be present over the entire specified range regardless of the presence or level of the others. Ensure the presence of the interface supplies  $V_L$  and  $V_{EXT}$  before sending input signals to the controller and transceiver interfaces.

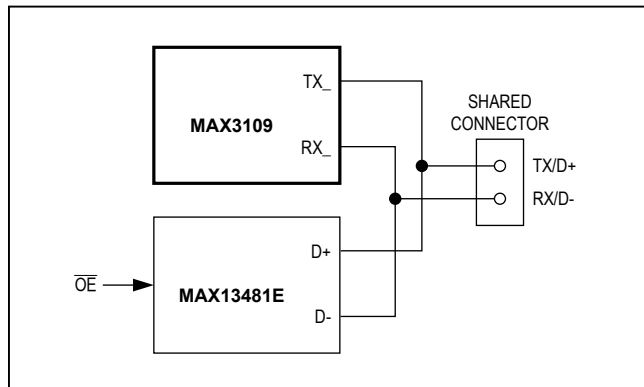


Figure 29. Connector Sharing with a USB Transceiver

**Connector Sharing**

The  $Tx\_$  and  $\overline{RTS\_}$  outputs can be programmed to be high impedance. This feature is used in cases where the MAX3109 shares a common connector with other communications devices. Set the output of the MAX3109 to high impedance when the other communication devices are active. Set the **MODE1**[2]: TxHiZ bit high to set  $Tx\_$  to a high-impedance state. Set the **MODE1**[3]: RTSHiZ bit high to set  $\overline{RTS\_}$  to a high-impedance state. Figure 29 shows an example of connector sharing with a USB transceiver.

**RS-232 5x3 Application**

The four GPIOs can be used to implement the other flow control signals defined in ITU V.24. Figure 30 shows how the GPIOs create the DSR, DTR, DCD, and RI signals found on some RS-232/V.28 interfaces.

Set the **FlowCtrl**[1:0] bits high to enable automatic hardware  $\overline{RTS\_}/\overline{CTS\_}$  flow control.

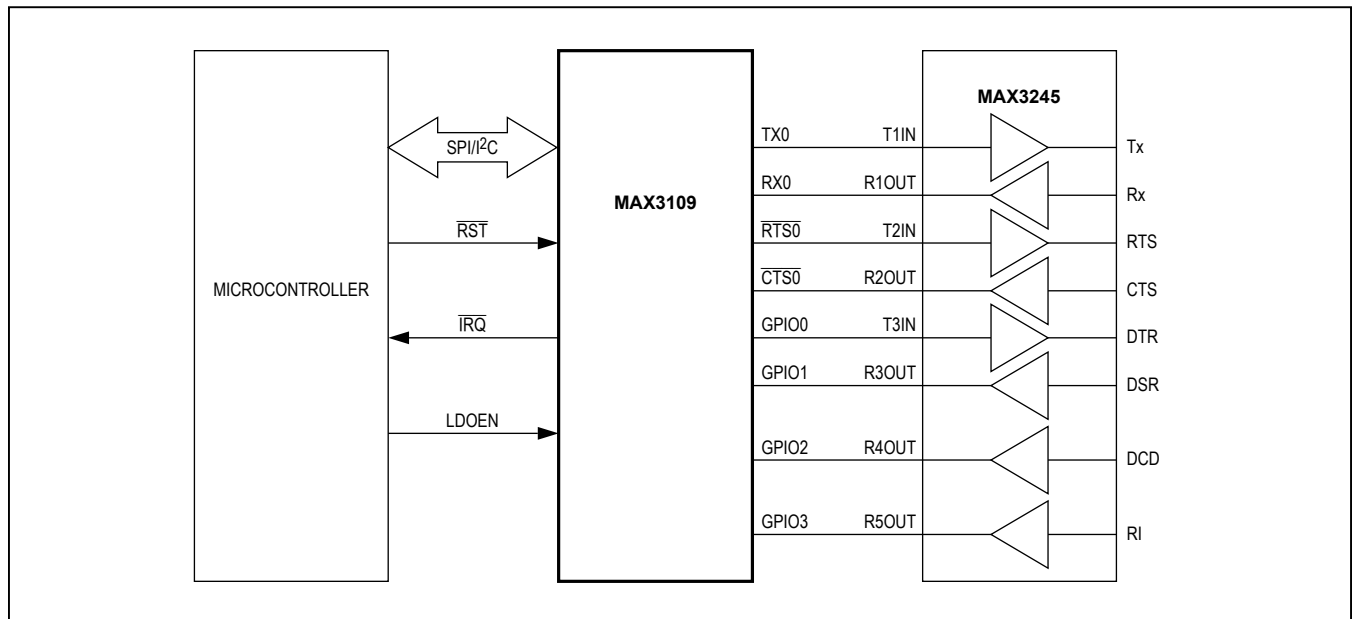


Figure 30. RS-232 Application



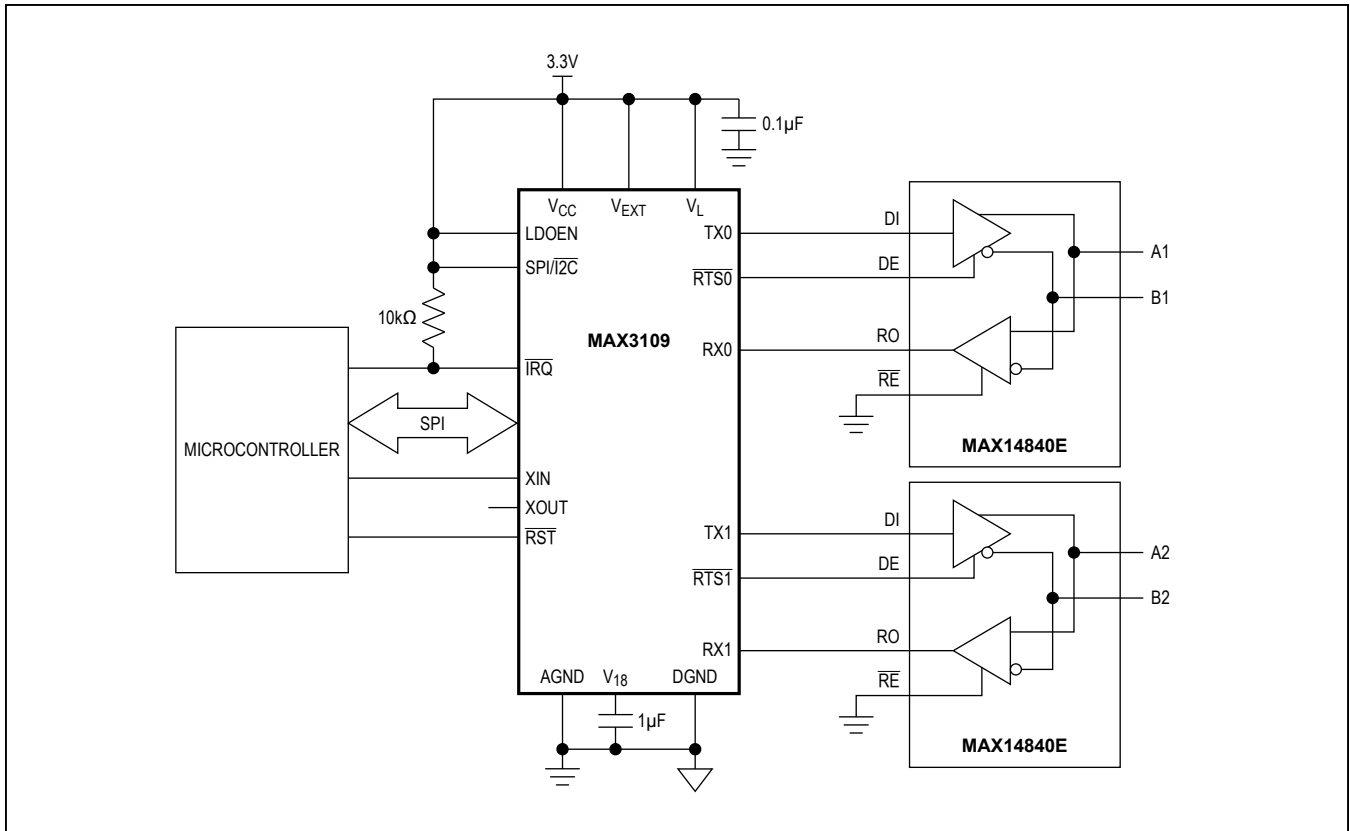


Figure 31. RS-485 Half-Duplex Application

### Typical Application Circuit

Figure 31 shows the MAX3109 being used in a half-duplex RS-485 application. The microcontroller, the RS-485 transceiver, and the MAX3109 are powered by a single 3.3V supply. SPI is used as the controller’s communication interface. The microcontroller provides an external clock source to clock the UART.

The MAX14840 receiver is always enabled, so echoing occurs. Enable auto echo suppression in the MAX3109 by setting the **MODE2**[7]: EchoSuprs bit high.

Set the **MODE1**[4]: TranscvCtrl bit high to enable auto transceiver direction control in order to automatically control the DE input of the transceiver.

### Chip Information

PROCESS: BiCMOS

### Ordering Information

| PART        | TEMP RANGE     | PIN-PACKAGE |
|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| MAX3109ETJ+ | -40°C to +85°C | 32 TQFN-EP* |

+Denotes a lead(Pb)-free/RoHS-compliant package.

\*EP = Exposed pad.

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| PACKAGE TYPE | PACKAGE CODE | OUTLINE NO.             | LAND PATTERN NO.        |
|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 32 TQFN-EP   | T3255+4      | <a href="#">21-0140</a> | <a href="#">90-0012</a> |

## Revision History

| REVISION NUMBER | REVISION DATE | DESCRIPTION   | PAGES CHANGED            |
|-----------------|---------------|---|--------------------------|
| 0               | 3/11          | Initial release   | —                        |
| 1               | 5/12          | Corrected for improved shutdown current mode and specifications, including low-power shutdown mode configurations   | 1, 7, 14, 15, 27, 38, 62 |
| 2               | 10/12         | Updated <i>DC Electrical Characteristics</i> , updated <i>Pin Description</i> , updated Register Map, updated recommended capacitor value, updated IRQ text, updated Figure 31  | 9, 16, 28, 52, 56, 65    |
| 3               | 2/15          | Added to the <i>Receive and Transmit</i> FIFOs section a note about how the TxFIFOLvl and RxFIFOLvl values can be in error, added a note to the <i>Transmitter Operation</i> and <i>Receiver Operation</i> sections about how errors can occur; updated the RHR, THR, TxFIFOLvl, and RxFIFOLvl register bit descriptions. | 16, 17, 29, 43           |
| 4               | 5/15          | Removed automotive reference in the <i>Applications</i> section, revised the <i>Benefits and Features</i> section, and updated the outline number in the <i>Package Information</i> table   | 1, 65                    |
| 5               | 8/16          | Updated package code.   | 65                       |

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