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Preface

This book is the primary reference and technical manual for the 8101/8104 Gigabit Ethernet Controller. It contains a complete functional description and includes complete physical and electrical specifications for the 8101/8104.

The 8104 is functionally the same as the 8101, except that the 8104 is in a 208-pin Ball Grid Array (BGA) package and the 8101 is in a 208-pin Plastic Quad Flat Pack (PQFP) package

Audience

This document assumes that you have some familiarity with application specific integrated circuits and related support devices. The people who benefit from this book are:

- Engineers and managers who are evaluating the 8101/8104 Gigabit Ethernet Controller for possible use in a system
 - Engineers who are designing the 8101/8104 Gigabit Ethernet Controller into a system
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Organization

This document has the following chapters:

- [Chapter 1, Introduction](#), describes the 8101/8104 Gigabit Ethernet Controller, its basic features and benefits. This chapter also describes the differences between the 8101 and 8104.
- [Chapter 2, Functional Description](#), provides a high level description of the 8101/8104 Gigabit Ethernet Controller.

- [Chapter 3, Signal Descriptions](#), provides a description of the signals used and generated by the 8101/8104 Gigabit Ethernet Controller.
- [Chapter 4, Registers](#), provides a description of the register addresses and definitions.
- [Chapter 5, Application Information](#), provides application considerations.
- [Chapter 6, Specifications](#), describes the specifications of the 8101/8104 Gigabit Ethernet Controller.

Abbreviations Used in This Manual

| | |
|------------|----------------------------------|
| 100BASE-FX | 100 Mbit/s Fiber Optic Ethernet |
| 100BASE-TX | 100 Mbit/s Twisted-Pair Ethernet |
| 10BASE-T | 10 Mbit/s Twisted-Pair Ethernet |
| 4B5B | 4-Bit 5-Bit |
| BGA | Ball Grid Array |
| CLK | Clock |
| CRC | Cyclic Redundancy Check |
| CRS | Carrier Sense |
| CSMA | Carrier Sense Multiple Access |
| CWRD | Codeword |
| DA | Destination Address |
| ECL | Emitter-Coupled Logic |
| EOF | End of Frame |
| ESD | End of Stream Delimiter |
| FCS | Frame Check Sequence |
| FDX | Full-Duplex |
| FEF | Far End Fault |
| FLP | Fast Link Pulse |
| FX | Fiber |
| HDX | Half-Duplex |
| HIZ | High Impedance |
| I/G | Individual/Group |
| IETF | Internet Engineering Task Force |
| IPG | Interpacket Gap |
| IREF | Reference Current |
| L/T | Length and Type |
| LSB | Least Significant Bit |

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|----------|--|
| MIB | Management Information Base |
| MLT3 | Multilevel Transmission (3 levels) |
| MSB | Most Significant Bit |
| mV | millivolt |
| NLP | Normal Link Pulse |
| NRZI | Nonreturn to Zero Inverted |
| NRZ | Nonreturn to Zero |
| OP | Opcode |
| PCB | Printed Circuit Board |
| pF | picofarad |
| PRE | Preamble |
| R/LH | Read Latched High |
| R/LHI | Read Latched High with Interrupt |
| R/LL | Read Latched Low |
| R/LLI | Read Latched Low with Interrupt |
| R/LT | Read Latched Transition |
| R/LTI | Read Latched Transition with Interrupt |
| R/WSC | Read/Write Self Clearing |
| RFC | Request for Comments |
| RJ-45 | Registered Jack-45 |
| RMON | Remote Monitoring |
| SA | Start Address or Station Address |
| SFD | Start of Frame Delimiter |
| SNMP | Simple Network Management Protocol |
| SOI | Start of Idle |
| Split-32 | Independent 32-bit input and output busses; one for transmit and one for receive |
| SSD | Start of Stream Delimiter |
| STP | Shielded Twisted Pair |
| TP | Twisted Pair |
| μH | microHenry |
| μP | microprocessor |
| UTP | Unshielded Twisted Pair |

Conventions Used in This Manual

The first time a word or phrase is defined in this manual, it is *italicized*.

The word *assert* means to drive a signal true or active. The word *deassert* means to drive a signal false or inactive. Signals that are active LOW end in an “n.”

Hexadecimal numbers are indicated by the prefix “0x” —for example, 0x32CF. Binary numbers are indicated by the prefix “0b” —for example, 0b0011.0010.1100.1111.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

This chapter contains a brief introduction to the 8101/8104 Gigabit Ethernet Controller. It consists of the following sections:

- [Section 1.1, “Overview”](#)
- [Section 1.2, “Features”](#)

1.1 Overview

The 8101/8104 Gigabit Ethernet Controller is a complete media access controller (MAC sublayer) with integrated coding logic for fiber and short haul copper media (8 bit/10 bit Physical Coding Sublayer) (8B10B PCS) for 1000 Mb/s Gigabit Ethernet systems.

The 8104 is functionally the same as the 8101 except that the 8104 is in a 208-pin Ball Grid Array (BGA) package and the 8101 is in a 208-pin Plastic Quad Flat Pack (PQFP) package

The Controller consists of a 32-bit system interface, receive/transmit First In, First Out (FIFO) buffers, a full-duplex Ethernet Media Access Controller (MAC), an 8 bit/10 bit PCS, a 10-bit Physical Layer Device (PHY) interface, and a 16-bit register interface. The controller also contains all the necessary circuitry to implement the IEEE 802.3x Flow Control Algorithm. Flow control messages can be sent automatically without host intervention.

The controller contains 53 counters which satisfy the management objectives of the Remote Monitoring (RMON) Statistics Group MIB, (RFC 1757), Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) Interfaces Group (RFC 1213 and 1573), Ethernet-Like Group MIB (RFC 1643), and Ethernet MIB (IEEE 802.3z Clause 30). The controller also contains 136

internal 16-bit registers that can be accessed through the register interface. These registers contain configuration inputs, status outputs, and management counter results.

The 8101/8104 is ideal as an Ethernet controller for Gigabit Ethernet switch ports, uplinks, backbones, and adapter cards.

1.2 Features

The 8101/8104 provides the following features.

- Pin-compatible upgrade of 8100
- Combined Ethernet MAC and 8B10B PCS
- 1000 Mbits/s data rate
- 64-bit, 66 MHz external bus interface (4 Gbits/s bandwidth)
- 10-bit interface to external SerDes chip
- 16-bit interface to internal registers and management counters
- Full RMON, SNMP, and Ethernet management counter support
- Independent receive and transmit FIFOs with programmable watermarks
 - 16 Kbytes receive FIFO size
 - 4 Kbytes transmit FIFO size
- AutoNegotiation algorithm on chip
- Full duplex only
- Flow control per IEEE 802.3x
- Automatic CRC generation and checking
- Automatic packet error discarding
- Programmable transmit start threshold
- Interrupt capability
- Support for fiber and short haul copper media
- 3.3 V power supply, 5 V tolerant inputs
- IEEE 802.3 and 802.3z specification compliant

Chapter 2

Functional Description

This chapter provides a high level description of the 8101/8104 Gigabit Ethernet Controller and consists of the following sections:

- [Section 2.1, "Overview"](#)
- [Section 2.2, "Transmit Data Path"](#)
- [Section 2.3, "Receive Data Path"](#)
- [Section 2.4, "Register Structure"](#)
- [Section 2.5, "Ethernet Frame Format"](#)
- [Section 2.6, "System Interface"](#)
- [Section 2.7, "Transmit MAC"](#)
- [Section 2.8, "Receive MAC"](#)
- [Section 2.9, "Transmit FIFO"](#)
- [Section 2.10, "Receive FIFO"](#)
- [Section 2.11, "8B10B PCS"](#)
- [Section 2.12, "10-Bit PHY Interface"](#)
- [Section 2.13, "Packet Discard"](#)
- [Section 2.14, "Receive Status Word"](#)
- [Section 2.15, "AutoNegotiation"](#)
- [Section 2.16, "Flow Control"](#)
- [Section 2.17, "MAC Control Frames"](#)
- [Section 2.18, "Reset"](#)
- [Section 2.19, "Counters"](#)
- [Section 2.20, "Loopback"](#)
- [Section 2.21, "Test Modes"](#)

2.1 Overview

The 8101/8104 is a complete Media Access Controller (MAC) sublayer with integrated coding logic for fiber and short haul copper media (8B10B PCS sublayer) for 1000 Mbits/s Gigabit Ethernet systems. The controller has seven main sections:

- System interface
- FIFOs
- MAC
- 8B10B PCS
- 10-bit PHY interface
- Register interface.
- Management counters

A block diagram is shown in [Figure 2.1](#).

The controller has a transmit data path and a receive data path. The transmit data path goes in the system interface and out the 10-bit PHY interface, as shown in the top half of [Figure 2.1](#). The receive data path goes in the 10-bit PHY interface and out the system interface, as shown in the bottom half of [Figure 2.1](#).

2.2 Transmit Data Path

Data is input to the system from an external bus. The data is then sent to the transmit FIFO. The transmit FIFO provides temporary storage of the data until it is sent to the MAC transmit section. The transmit MAC formats the data into an Ethernet packet according to IEEE 802.3 specification as shown in [Figure 2.2](#). The transmit MAC also generates MAC control frames and includes logic for AutoNegotiation. The Ethernet frame packet is then sent to the 8B10B PCS.

The 8B10B PCS encodes the data and adds appropriate framing delimiters to create 10-bit symbols as specified in IEEE 802.3 and shown in [Figure 2.3](#). The 10-bit symbols are then sent to the 10-bit PHY interface for transmission to an external PHY device.

Figure 2.1 8101/8104 Block Diagram

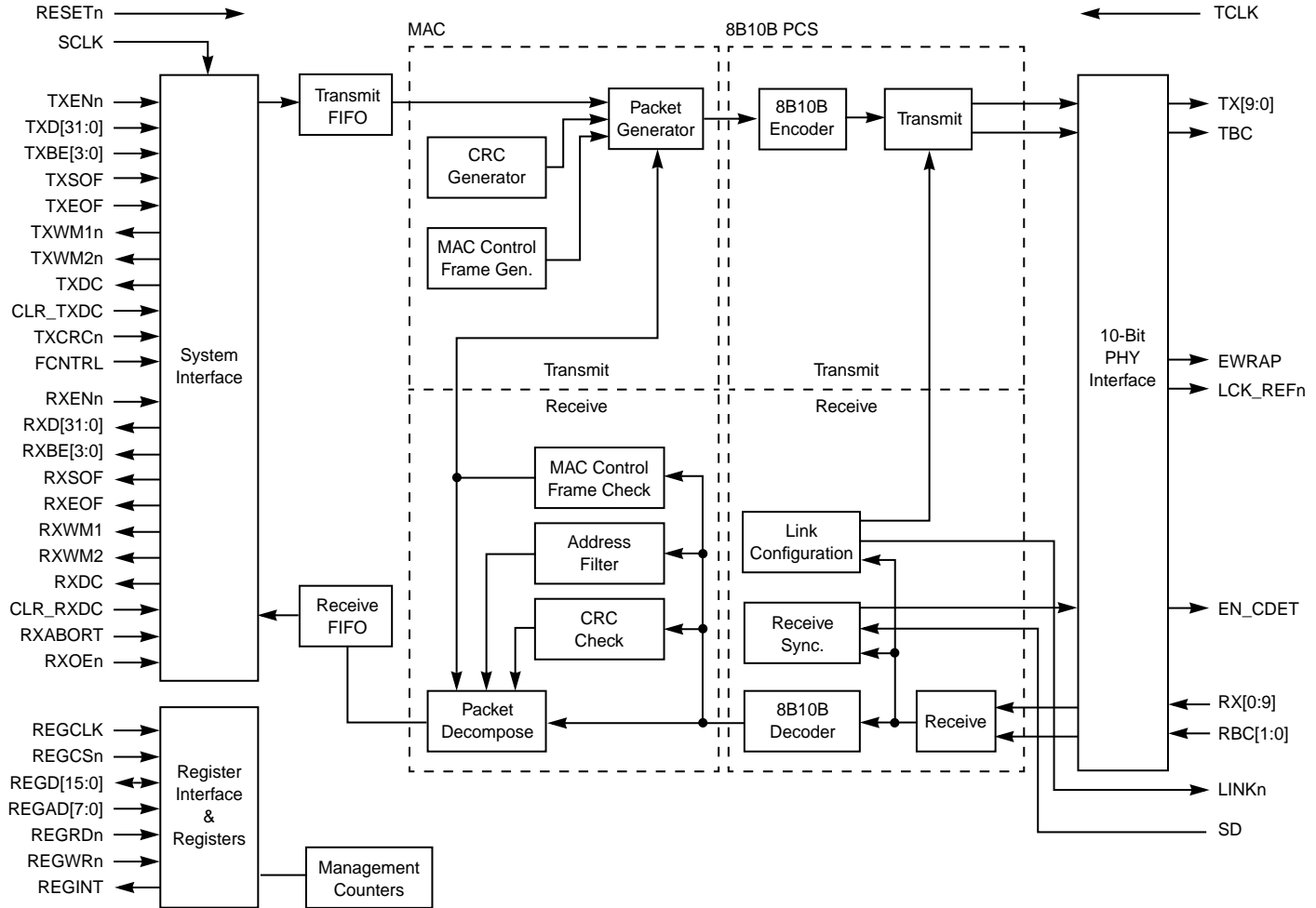
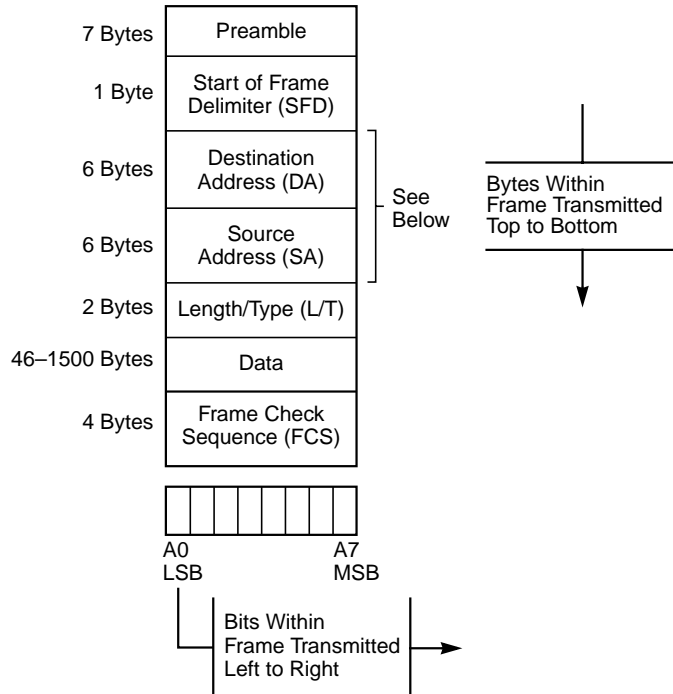


Figure 2.2 Ethernet MAC Frame Format

a. Frame Format



b. Address Field Format

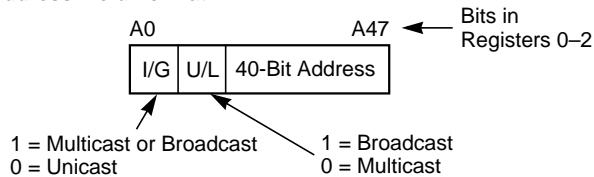
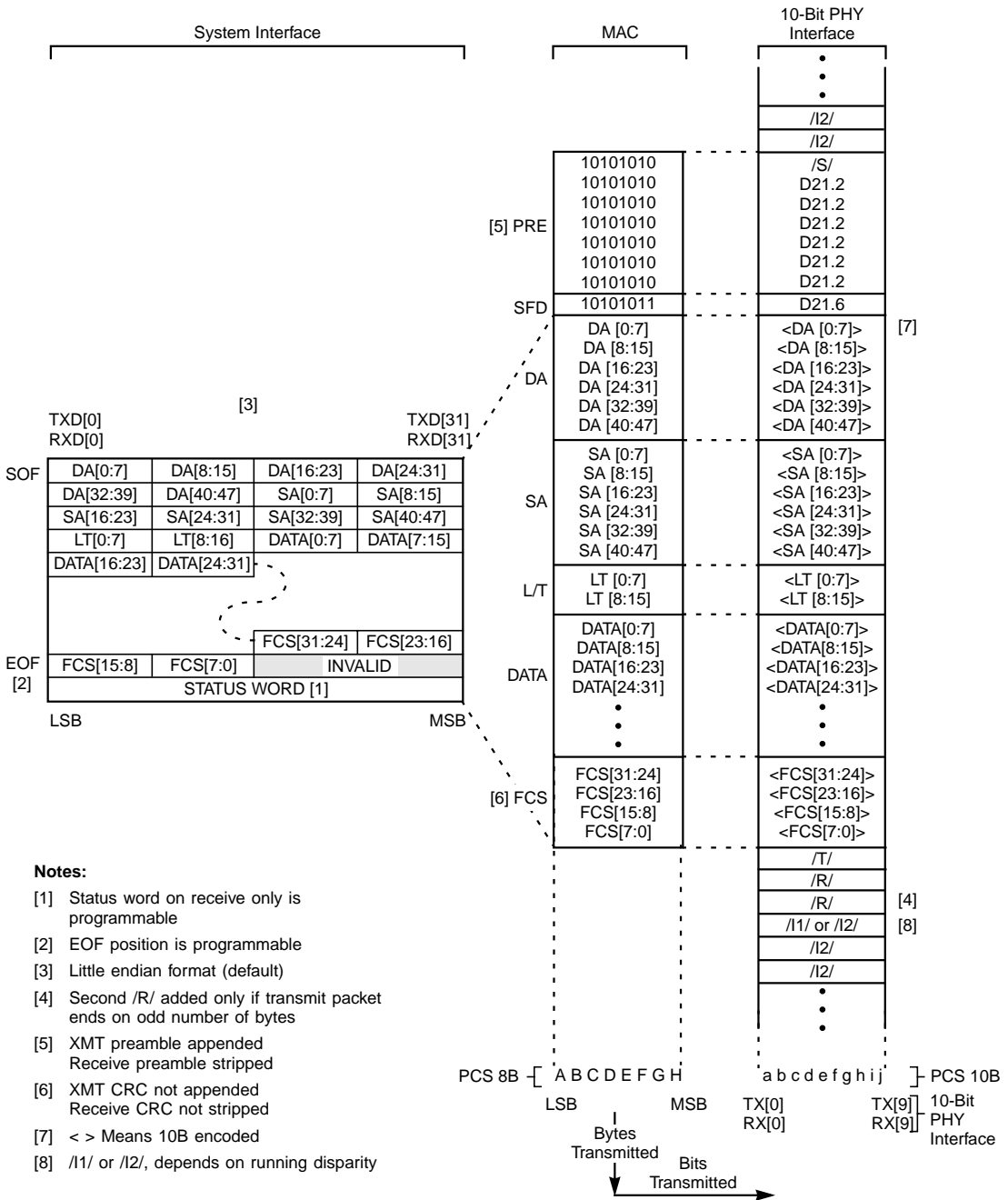


Figure 2.3 Frame Formats and Bit Ordering



2.3 Receive Data Path

The 10-bit PHY interface receives incoming encoded data from an external PHY device. The incoming encoded data must be encoded in the 10-bit PHY format specified in IEEE 802.3z, as shown in [Figure 2.3](#). The incoming encoded data is then sent to the receive 8B10B PCS block, which strips off the framing delimiters, decodes the data, and converts the encoded data into an Ethernet packet according to the IEEE 802.3 specifications, as shown in [Figure 2.2](#). The Ethernet packet data is then sent to the receive MAC section.

The receive MAC section disassembles the packet, checks the validity of the packet against certain error criteria and address filters, and checks for MAC control frames. The receive MAC then sends valid packets to the receive FIFO. The receive FIFO provides temporary storage of data until it is demanded by the system interface. The system interface outputs the data to an external bus.

2.4 Register Structure

The controller has 136 internal 16-bit registers. 22 registers are available for setting configuration inputs and reading status outputs. The remaining 114 registers are associated with the management counters.

The register interface is a separate internal register bidirectional 16 bit data bus to set configuration inputs, read status outputs, and access management counters.

The location of all registers is described in the Register Addressing Table in [Section 4.2, “Register Addresses”](#). The description of each bit for each register is described in [Section 4.3.1](#) through [Section 4.3.25](#).

2.5 Ethernet Frame Format

Information in an Ethernet network is transmitted and received in packets or frames. The basic function of the controller is to process Ethernet frames. An Ethernet frame is defined in IEEE 802.3 and consists of a preamble, start of frame delimiter (SFD), destination address (DA),

source address (SA), length/type field (L/T), data, frame check sequence (FCS), and interpacket gap (IPG). The format for the Ethernet frame is shown in [Figure 2.2](#).

An Ethernet frame is specified by IEEE 802.3 to have a minimum length of 64 bytes and a maximum length of 1518 bytes, exclusive of the preamble and SFD. Packets that are less than 64 bytes or greater than 1518 bytes are referred to as undersize and oversize packets, respectively.

2.5.1 Preamble and SFD

The preamble and SFD is a combined 64-bit field consisting of 62 alternating ones and zeros followed by a 0b11 end of preamble indicator. The first 56-bits of ones and zeros are considered to be the preamble, and the last 8 bits (0b10101011) are considered to be the SFD.

2.5.2 Destination Address

The destination address is a 48-bit field containing the address of the station(s) to which the frame is directed. The format of the address field is the same as defined in IEEE 802.3 and shown in [Figure 2.2 b](#). The destination address can be either a unicast address to a specific station, a multicast address to a group of stations, or a broadcast address to all stations. The first and second bits determine whether an address is unicast, multicast or broadcast, and the remaining 46 bits are the actual address bits, as shown in [Figure 2.2 b](#).

2.5.3 Source Address

The source address is a 48-bit field containing the specific station address from which the frame originated. The format of the address field is the same as defined in IEEE 802.3 and shown in [Figure 2.2 b](#).

2.5.4 Length/Type Field

The 16-bit length/type field takes on the meaning of either packet length or packet type, depending on its numeric value, as described in [Table 2.1](#).

Table 2.1 Length/Type Field Definition

| Length/Type Field Value (Decimal) | Length or Type | Definition |
|--|-----------------------|---|
| 0–1500 | Length | Total number of bytes in data field minus any padding |
| 1501–1517 | Neither | Undefined |
| ≥ 1518 | Type | Frame type |

2.5.5 Data

The data is a 46–1500 byte field containing the actual data to be transmitted between two stations. If the actual data is less than 46 bytes, extra zeros are added to increase the data field to the 46 byte minimum size. Adding these extra zeros is referred to as padding.

2.5.6 Frame Check Sequence (FCS)

The FCS is a 32-bit cyclic redundancy check (CRC) value computed on the entire frame, exclusive of preamble and SFD. The FCS algorithm is defined in IEEE 802.3. The FCS is appended to the end of the frame and determines frame validity.

2.5.7 Interpacket Gap (IPG)

The IPG is the time interval between packets. The minimum IPG value is 96 bits, where 1 bit = 1 ns for Gigabit Ethernet. There is no maximum IPG limit.

2.6 System Interface

The system interface is a 64-bit wide data interface consisting of separate 32-bit data busses for transmit and receive.

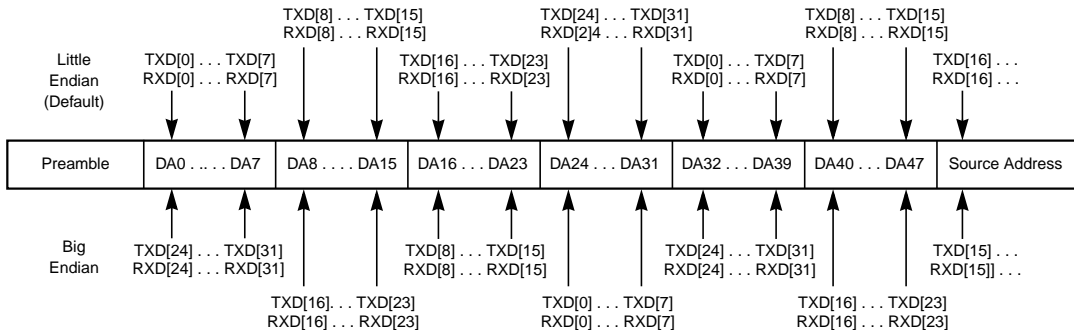
2.6.1 Data Format and Bit Order

The format of the data word on TXD[31:0] and RXD[31:0] and its relationship to the MAC frame format and 10-bit PHY interface format is

shown in [Figure 2.3](#). Note that the controller can be programmed to append an additional 32-bit status word to the end of the receive packet. Refer to [Section 2.14, “Receive Status Word,”](#) for more details on this status word.

To program the byte ordering of the TXD and RXD data bits, set the endian bit in “[Register 10—Configuration 4,](#)” [Section 4.3.11](#). The byte order shown in [Figure 2.4](#) is with the little endian format mode (default). If the controller is placed in big endian format, the byte order shown in [Figure 2.4](#) is reversed, DA[0:7] occurs on pins RXD[24:31], DA[24:31] occurs on pins RXD[0:7] and so on. The endian bit affects all bytes in the frame including the receive status word (if appended). The difference between little endian and big endian format is illustrated in [Figure 2.4](#).

Figure 2.4 Little Endian vs. Big Endian Format



2.6.2 Transmit Timing

The transmit portion of the system interface consists of 45 signals: 32 transmit data input bits (TXD[31:0]), one transmit enable (TXENn), four transmit byte enable inputs (TXBE[3:0]), two transmit start of frame and end of frame inputs (TXSOF and TXEOF), two transmit FIFO watermark outputs (TXWM1n and TXWM2n), one transmit discard output (TXDC), one transmit discard clear input (CLR_TXDC), one transmit CRC enable input (TXCRCn), and one flow control enable input (FCNTRL). All receive and transmit data is clocked in and out on the rising edge of the system clock, SCLK. SCLK must operate between 33–66 MHz.

The SCLK input needs to be continuously input to the controller at 33–66 MHz. When TXENn is deasserted, the transmit interface is not selected and subsequently, the controller accepts no input data from the

transmit system interface inputs. When TXENn is asserted, a data word on the TXD[31:0] input is clocked into the transmit FIFO on each rising edge of the SCLK clock input. Multiple packets may be clocked in on one TXENn assertion. The TXD[31:0] input data is a 32-bit wide packet data whose format and relationship to the MAC packet and 10-bit PHY data is described in [Figure 2.3](#).

The TXBE[3:0] pins determine which bytes of the 32-bit TXD[31:0] data word contain valid data. TXBE[3:0] are clocked in on the rising edge of SCLK along with each TXD[31:0] data word. The correspondence between the byte enable inputs and the valid bytes of each data word on TXD[31:0] is defined in [Table 2.2](#). Any logic combination of TXBE[3:0] inputs is allowed, with the one exception that TXBE[3:0] must not be 0b0000 on the SCLK cycle when TXSOF or TXEOF is asserted.

Table 2.2 Byte Enable Pin vs. Valid Byte Position

| TXBE[3:0]/RXBE[3:0] Byte Enable Pins | Valid Bytes on TXD[31:0]/RXD[31:0] Pins |
|---|--|
| TXBE[3]/RXBE[3] Asserted | TXD[31:24]/RXD[31:24] |
| TXBE[2]/RXBE[2] Asserted | TXD[23:16]/RXD[23:16] |
| TXBE[1]/RXBE[1] Asserted | TXD[15:8]/RXD[15:8] |
| TXBE[0]/RXBE[0] Asserted | TXD[7:0]/RXD[7:0] |

The TXSOF and TXEOF signals indicate to the controller which data words start and end the Ethernet data packet, respectively. These signals are input on the same SCLK rising edge as the first and last word of the data packet.

The TXWM1n and TXWM2n signals indicate when the transmit FIFO has exceeded the programmable watermark thresholds. The controller asserts the watermarks on the rising edge of SCLK, depending on the fullness of the transmit FIFO. Refer to [Section 2.9, “Transmit FIFO,”](#) for more details on these watermarks.

TXDC is a transmit packet discard output. TXDC is asserted every time the transmission of the packet being input on the system interface was halted and the packet discarded due to some error. This signal is latched HIGH. It is cleared when the clearing signal, CLR_TXDC, is asserted or cleared automatically if the controller is placed in the AutoClear mode. See [Section 2.13, “Packet Discard,”](#) for more details on discards and TXDC.

TXCRCn is an input that can enable the internal generation and appending of the 4-byte CRC value onto the end of the data packet. TXCRCn is sampled on the rising edge of SCLK and has to be asserted at the beginning of the packet, coincident with TXSOF, to remove or add the CRC to that packet. Setting the transmit CRC enable bit (TXCRC) in the Configuration 1 register also enables CRC generation. Refer to [Section 2.7.3, “CRC Generation”](#) for more details on CRC generation and the interaction between TXCRCn and the TXCRC bit.

FCNTRL is an input that causes the automatic generation and transmission of a MAC control pause frame. FCNTRL is input on the rising edge of SCLK. See [Section 2.17, “MAC Control Frames,”](#) for more details about this feature.

2.6.3 Receive Timing

The receive portion of the system interface consists of 45 signals:

- 32 receive output data bits (RXD[31:0])
- One receive enable input (RXENn)
- Four receive byte enable outputs (RXBE[3:0])
- One receive start of frame and one end of frame outputs (RXSOF and RXEOF)
- Two receive FIFO watermark outputs (RXWM1 and RXWM2)
- One receive discard output (RXDC)
- One receive discard clear input (CLR_RXDC)
- One receive packet abort input (RXABORT)
- One receive output enable (RXOEn)

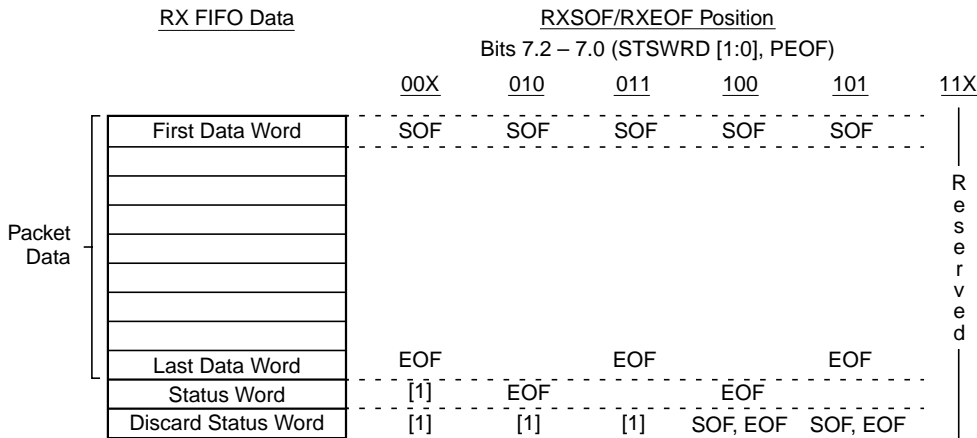
All receive and transmit data is clocked in and out with the system clock, SCLK, which must operate between 33–66 MHz.

The SCLK input must continuously operate at 33–66 MHz. When RXENn is deasserted, the receive interface is not selected and, subsequently, no data from the receive FIFO can be output over the system interface. If the receive watermarks RXWM1 and RXWM2 are asserted while RXENn is deasserted, the next data word from the receive FIFO appears on the RXD[31:0] outputs until RXENn is asserted. When RXENn is asserted, a data word from the receive FIFO is clocked out onto the RXD[31:0] outputs after each rising edge of the SCLK input. After the entire packet has been clocked out, no more data is clocked out on RXD[31:0] until RXENn is deasserted and reasserted, which allows extra dribble SCLK clock cycles to occur after the end of the packet. RXD[31:0] output data is a 32-bit wide packet data whose format and relationship to the MAC packet and 10-bit PHY data is described in [Figure 2.3](#).

The RXBE[3:0] signals determine which bytes of the 32-bit RXD[31:0] data word contain valid data. RXBE[3:0] are clocked out on the rising edge of SCLK along with each RXD[31:0] data word. Note that RXBE[3:0] = 0b1111 for all words of the packet except the last word, which may end on any one of the 4-byte boundaries of the 32-bit data word. The correspondence between the byte enable inputs and the valid data bytes of each data word on RXD[31:0] is defined in [Table 2.2](#).

The RXSOF and RXEOF signals indicate which words start and end the Ethernet data packet, respectively. These signals are generally clocked out on the same SCLK rising edge as the first and last word of the data packet, respectively. However, their exact position relative to the data packet is dependent on the programming of the PEOF bit and STSWRD[1:0] bits in Register 7, “Configuration 1”. The exact RXSOF and RXEOF position for combinations of these two bits is shown in [Figure 2.5](#). More details about the definition of these bits can be found in “[Register 7–Configuration 1](#),” [Section 4.3.8](#), and more details about the status word can be found in [Section 2.14](#), “[Receive Status Word](#),”.

Figure 2.5 RXSOF/RXEOF Position



Note:

[1] Status words do not exist with this bit combination

The RXWM1 and RXWM2 signals indicate when the receive FIFO has exceeded the programmable watermark thresholds. The watermarks are asserted or deasserted on the rising edge of SCLK, depending on the fullness of the receive FIFO. Refer to [Section 2.10, "Receive FIFO,"](#) for more details on these watermarks.

RXDC is asserted every time a received packet being output over the system interface is halted and the packet discarded due to some error. This signal is latched HIGH and can be cleared by either asserting the clearing signal, CLR_RXDC, or cleared automatically if the controller is placed in the AutoClear mode. See [Section 2.13, "Packet Discard,"](#) section for more details on discards and RXDC.

The RXABORT input, when asserted, discards the current packet being output on the system interface. When RXABORT is asserted, a packet is discarded and the remaining contents of that packet in the receive FIFO are flushed. The process of flushing a receive packet from the receive FIFO with the RXABORT pin requires extra SCLK cycles equal to (packet length in bytes)/8 + 6. Refer to [Section 2.13, "Packet Discard,"](#) for more information about discarded packets. Clearing the discard RXABORT enable bit in ["Register 8—Configuration 2,"](#) [Section 4.3.9,](#) programs the controller to ignore the RXABORT signal. Setting the

RXABORT definition bit in [“Register 9—Configuration 3,” Section 4.3.10](#), also programs the controller to discard either the data packet and its status word or just the data packet exclusive of the status word.

The RXOEn signal, when asserted, places certain receive outputs in the high-impedance state. RXOEn affects the RXD[31:0], RXBE[3:0], RXSOF, and RXEOF output pins.

2.6.4 Bus Width

Setting the BUSSIZE bit in [“Register 10—Configuration 4,” Section 4.3.11](#), changes the receive word width from 32-bits to 16-bits. When the bus width is configured to 16-bits, the receive system interface data outputs appear on RXD[15:0] and the data words are now 16-bits wide instead of 32-bits wide.

Note: The transmit word width can be adjusted by appropriately setting the transmit byte enable inputs, TXBE[3:0], as described in [Table 2.2](#).

2.6.5 System Interface Disable

To disable the system interface, set the SINTF_DIS bit in [“Register 9—Configuration 3,” Section 4.3.10](#). When the system interface is disabled, the controller:

- Places all system interface outputs in the high-impedance state (TXWMn[1:2], TXDC, RXD[31:0], RXBE[3:0], RXSOF, RXEOF, RXWM1/2, RXDC)
- Ignores all inputs (SCLK, TXENn, TXD[31:0], TXBE[3:0], TXSOF, TXEOF, CLR_TXDC, FCNTRL, TXCRCn, RXENn, RXOEn, CLR_RXDC, RXABORT)
- Transmits /C/ (see [Table 2.8](#)) ordered sets with the remote fault bits RF[1:0] = 0b10 over the 10-bit PHY interface outputs

2.7 Transmit MAC

To generate an Ethernet MAC frame from the transmit FIFO, the transmit MAC section:

- Generates preamble and SFD
- Pads undersize packets with zeros to meet minimum packet size requirements
- Calculates and appends a CRC value to the packet
- Maintains a minimum interpacket gap

Each of the above four operations can be individually disabled and altered if desired. The transmit MAC then sends the fully formed Ethernet packet to the 8B10B PCS block for encoding. The transmit MAC section also generates MAC control frames.

2.7.1 Preamble and SFD Generation

The transmit MAC normally appends the preamble and SFD to the packet. To program the controller to not append the preamble and SFD to the transmit packet, clear the TXPRMBL bit in [“Register 7–Configuration 1,” Section 4.3.8](#).

2.7.2 AutoPad

The transmit MAC normally AutoPads packets. AutoPadding is the process of automatically adding enough zeroes in packets with data fields less than 46 bytes to make the data field exactly 46 bytes in length which meets the 46-byte minimum data field requirement of IEEE 802.3. To program the controller to not AutoPad, clear the APAD bit in [“Register 7–Configuration 1,” Section 4.3.8](#).

2.7.3 CRC Generation

The transmit MAC normally appends the CRC value to the packet. To program the controller to not append the CRC value to the end of the packet from the transmit FIFO, assert the TXCRCn pin or clear the TXCRC bit in Register 7 “Configuration 1”, as described in [Table 2.3](#) and as described in [“Register 7–Configuration 1,” Section 4.3.8](#).

Table 2.3 TXRC Bit and TXCRCn Pin Logic

| TXCRC Bit ¹ | TXCRCn ² Pin | CRC Appended to End of Packet? |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | Yes |
| 1 | 0 | Yes |
| 0 | 1 | No |
| 0 | 0 | Yes |

1. 1 = Append, 0 = No append
2. 1 = No append, 0 = Append

2.7.4 Interpacket Gap

If packets from the transmit FIFO arrive at the transmit MAC sooner than the minimum IPG time the transmit MAC adds enough time between packets to equal the minimum IPG value. The default IPG time is set to 96 bits (1 bit = 1 ns). To program other values, set the transmit IPG select bits IPG[2:0] in ["Register 7—Configuration 1," Section 4.3.8](#), as summarized in [Table 2.4](#).

Table 2.4 Transmit IPG Selection

| IPG[2:0] Bits | IPG Value (ns) | Comments |
|---------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| 111 | 96 | IEEE minimum specification |
| 110 | 112 | |
| 101 | 80 | |
| 100 | 64 | |
| 011 | 192 | 2 × IEEE minimum specification |
| 010 | 384 | 4 × IEEE minimum specification |
| 001 | 768 | 8 × IEEE minimum specification |
| 000 | 32 | |

2.7.5 MAC Control Frame Generation

The transmit MAC can automatically generate and transmit MAC control pause frames, which are used for flow control. This function is described in more detail in [Section 2.17, “MAC Control Frames”](#).

2.8 Receive MAC

The receive MAC section performs the following operations to disassemble Ethernet packets received from the receive 8B10B PCS section:

- Strips off the preamble and SFD
- Strips off the CRC
- Checks the destination address against the address filters to determine packet validity
- Checks frame validity against the discard conditions
- Checks the length/type field for MAC control frames

Each of the above operations can be individually disabled and altered, if desired. The receive MAC then sends valid packets to the receive FIFO for storage.

2.8.1 Preamble and SFD Stripping

The transmit MAC normally strips the preamble and SFD from the receive packet. To program the controller to not strip the preamble and SFD set the RXPRMBL bit in [“Register 7–Configuration 1,” Section 4.3.8](#). When this bit is set, the preamble and SFD are left in the receive packet and are stored in the receive FIFO as a part of the packet.

2.8.2 CRC Stripping

The receive MAC normally strips the FCS from the receive packet. To program the controller to not strip the FCS field, set the RXCRC bit in [“Register 7–Configuration 1,” Section 4.3.8](#). When this bit is set the last four bytes of the packet containing the CRC value are left in the receive packet and are stored in the receive FIFO as part of the packet.

2.8.3 Unicast Address Filter

Comparing the destination address of the receive packet against the 48-bit value stored in the three MAC Address registers (registers 0, 1 and 2) filters unicast packets. When the destination address of a unicast packet matches the value stored in these registers the unicast packet is deemed valid and passed to the receive FIFO; otherwise, the packet is rejected. The correspondence between the bits in the MAC Address registers and the incoming bits in the destination address of the receive packet is defined in the MAC Address register definitions.

To program the controller to always reject unicast packets, set the REJUCST bit in [“Register 8—Configuration 2,” Section 4.3.9](#). When this bit is set all unicast packets are rejected regardless of their address.

Unicast packet address filtering functions do not affect the reception of MAC control frames. Other bits described in [Section 2.17, “MAC Control Frames,”](#) control the reception of MAC control frames.

2.8.4 Multicast Address Filter

The multicast address filter function computes the CRC on the incoming Destination Address and produces a 6-bit number that is compared against the 64 values stored in the MAC Address Filter 1–4 registers (Registers 3, 4, 5, and 6). When the multicast packet destination address passes the address filter, the packet is deemed valid and passed to the receive FIFO; otherwise, the packet is rejected.

The multicast address filter requires 64 address filter bits to be written into the Address Filter 1–4 registers. The multicast address filtering algorithm is as follows:

1. Compute a separate 32-bit CRC on the destination address field using the same IEEE 802.3 defined method that computes the transmit CRC.
2. Use bits [0:2] of the destination address FCS to select one of the bytes in the 64-bit address filter, as shown in [Table 2.5](#).
3. Use bits [3:5] of the destination address FCS to select one of the bits within the byte selected in (2), as shown in [Table 2.5](#).

4. If the bit selected in (3) is a "one" the destination address passes the filter; otherwise, the address fails the filter and the packet is rejected and discarded.

Note: If all 64 bits of the address filter are programmed to all ones, the address filter passes all multicast addresses.

Table 2.5 Multicast Address Filter Map

| FCS Bits [0:2] ¹ | Address Filter Byte ² | FCS Bits [3:5] ¹ | Address Filter Bit ³ |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 000 | F0[7:0] | 000 | Fx[0] |
| 001 | F1[7:0] | 001 | Fx[1] |
| 010 | F2[7:0] | 010 | Fx[2] |
| 011 | F3[7:0] | 011 | Fx[3] |
| 100 | F4[7:0] | 100 | Fx[4] |
| 101 | F5[7:0] | 101 | Fx[5] |
| 110 | F6[7:0] | 110 | Fx[6] |
| 111 | F7[7:0] | 111 | Fx[7] |

1. Bits 0–5 are the six least-significant bits of the CRC.
2. F[7:0] are bytes in Address Filter 1–4 Registers.
3. Fx[7:0] are bits within each byte in Address Filter 1–4 Registers.

Setting the REJMCST bit in ["Register 8—Configuration 2," Section 4.3.9](#), programs the controller to reject all multicast packets regardless of their address. When this bit is set all multicast packets are rejected regardless of their address.

Multicast packet address filtering functions do not affect the reception of MAC control frames. Other bits described in [Section 2.17, "MAC Control Frames,"](#) control the reception of MAC control frames.

2.8.5 Broadcast Address Filter

The controller does not do any filtering on broadcast packets. To program the controller to reject all broadcast packets, set the REJBCST bit in ["Register 8—Configuration 2," Section 4.3.9](#). When this bit is set all broadcast packets are rejected regardless of their address.

Broadcast address filtering functions do not affect the reception of MAC control frames. Other bits described in [Section 2.17, “MAC Control Frames,”](#) control the reception of MAC control frames.

2.8.6 Reject or Accept All Packets

Setting the ACPTAL or REJALL bits in [“Register 8—Configuration 2,” Section 4.3.9,](#) programs the controller to accept or reject all packets regardless of type or whether the packet passes the address filter.

These bits do not affect the reception of MAC control frames. Other bits described in [Section 2.17, “MAC Control Frames,”](#) control the reception of MAC control frames.

2.8.7 Frame Validity Checks

The receive MAC checks the following to determine the validity of each receive packet:

- Valid FCS
- Oversize packet
- Undersize packet

Computing the CRC value on the incoming receive packet according to IEEE 802.3 specifications and comparing it against the actual CRC value in the FCS field of the received packet determines the validity of the FCS. If the values are not the same, the frame is determined to be invalid and the packet is discarded. Refer to [Section 2.13, “Packet Discard”](#) for more information about discards. Clearing the DIS_CRC error bit in [“Register 8—Configuration 2,” Section 4.3.9,](#) programs the controller not to discard a packet with a bad FCS.

Oversize packets are packets whose length is greater than the maximum packet size. If a received packet is an oversize packet, then the packet is determined to be invalid and is discarded. Refer to [Section 2.13, “Packet Discard”](#) for more information about discards. Clearing the DIS_OSIZE bit in [“Register 8—Configuration 2,” Section 4.3.9,](#) programs the controller not to discard an oversize packet and allow packets of unlimited length.

Undersize packets are packets whose length is less than the minimum packet size. Minimum packet size is defined to be 64 bytes, exclusive of preamble and SFD. If a received packet is an undersize packet, the frame is determined to be invalid and is discarded. Refer to [Section 2.13, “Packet Discard”](#) for more information about discards. Clearing the DIS_USIZE bit in [“Register 8—Configuration 2,” Section 4.3.9](#), programs the controller not to discard an undersize packet.

2.8.8 Maximum Packet Size

The maximum packet size used for receive MAC frame validity checking is programmed to be one of four values, 1518, 1522, 1535 or unlimited bytes. Setting the RMXPKT[1:0] receive MAC maximum packet size select bits in [“Register 9—Configuration 3,” Section 4.3.10](#), and the DIS_OSIZE bit in [“Register 8—Configuration 2,” Section 4.3.9](#), as shown in [Table 2.6](#), programs the controller to discard packets that exceed the maximum packet size selected. This selection is also described in the register descriptions for those registers.

The bits shown in [Table 2.6](#) affect the receive MAC section only; the maximum packet size for the management counters is described in [Section 2.19, “Counters”](#).

Table 2.6 Receive Maximum Packet Size Selection

| Register 8 DIS_OSIZE Bit | Register 9 RMXPKT [1:0] Bits | Maximum Packet Size (Bytes) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 0b0 | xx ¹ | unlimited |
| 0b1 | 0b10 | 1535 |
| 0b1 | 0b01 | 1522 |
| 0b1 | 0b00 | 1518 |

1. xx = Don't Care

2.8.9 MAC Control Frame Check

The length/type field is checked to detect whether the packet is a valid MAC control frame. Refer to [Section 2.17, “MAC Control Frames”](#) for more details on MAC control frames.

2.9 Transmit FIFO

The transmit FIFO acts as a temporary buffer between the system interface and transmit MAC section. The transmit FIFO size is 4 Kbytes. Data is clocked into the transmit FIFO with the 33–66 MHz system interface clock, SCLK. Data is automatically clocked out of the transmit FIFO with the 125 MHz 8B10B PCS clock whenever a full packet has been loaded into the FIFO (an EOF is written into the FIFO on the system interface), or the FIFO data exceeds the transmit FIFO AutoSend threshold. There are two programmable watermark outputs, TXWM1n and TXWM2n, which aid in managing the data flow into the transmit FIFO.

2.9.1 AutoSend

The AutoSend feature causes a packet in the transmit FIFO to be automatically transmitted when data in the transmit FIFO exceeds a certain threshold.

The transmit AutoSend threshold is programmable over the lower 2 Kbytes of the transmit FIFO. The AutoSend threshold can be programmed with the six TASND[5:0] bits that reside in the Transmit FIFO Threshold register. Whenever the data in the FIFO exceeds this threshold, the packet is automatically transmitted to the 8B10B PCS section and out the 10-bit PHY interface. A packet is also automatically transmitted if an EOF is written into the transmit FIFO for that packet, regardless of the AutoSend threshold setting.

All of the bit settings for the transmit AutoSend threshold are evenly distributed over the lower half of the transmit FIFO range, except for the 0b000000 setting. The 0b000000 setting automatically starts transmission when the transmit FIFO is full, thus facilitating the transmission of oversize packets. Refer to [“Register 17–Transmit FIFO Threshold,” Section 4.3.14](#), description for more details on the AutoSend (TASND[5:0]) bit settings.

2.9.2 Watermarks

There are two transmit watermarks for the transmit FIFO which are output on the TXWM1n and TXWM2n pins. These watermarks are asserted when the transmit FIFO data exceeds the thresholds associated with the watermarks.

The transmit watermark thresholds for TXWM1n and TXWM2n can be programmed over the entire 4 Kbyte FIFO range. Each of the watermark thresholds is independently programmed with five bits that reside in the Transmit FIFO Threshold register. Whenever the data in the FIFO exceeds the threshold of either watermark, the respective watermark pin on TXWM1n or TXWM2n is asserted LOW. The watermark signals stay asserted until the data in the FIFO goes below the respective thresholds.

2.9.3 TX Underflow

The transmit FIFO underflow condition occurs when the TX FIFO is empty but the MAC is still requesting data to complete the transmission of a packet. If the transmit FIFO underflows:

- Packet transmission to the 8B10B PCS is halted
- A /V/ code (see [Table 2.8](#)) is appended to the end of the partially transmitted packet
- Any new data for the partially transmitted packet is discarded

Refer to [Section 2.13, “Packet Discard”](#) for more information about discards.

2.9.4 TX Overflow

The transmit FIFO overflow condition occurs when the TX FIFO is full but additional data is still being written into it from the system interface. If the transmit FIFO overflows:

- The input to the TX FIFO is blocked and does not accept any more data from the system interface until the TX FIFO space is freed up
- The data already stored in the TX FIFO for the partially loaded last packet is transmitted with a /V/ code (see [Table 2.8](#)) appended to the end of the packet to indicate an error
- Any new data for the partially loaded last packet is discarded

Refer to [Section 2.13, “Packet Discard”](#) for more information about discards.

2.9.5 Link Down FIFO Flush

When the link is down (also referred to as link fail) and defined by either receiver has lost sync or AutoNegotiation process has not yet completed, the transmitter at the 10-bit PHY interface is occupied with sending either idle or AutoNegotiation codes (/I/ or /C/ see [Table 2.8](#)). As a result, data cannot exit the transmit FIFO to the transmit MAC section. If data continues to be input to the transmit FIFO from the system interface while the controller is in the link fail mode the transmit FIFO may overflow. Enabling the link down FIFO flush feature causes the data exiting the transmit FIFO to be automatically discarded when the controller is in the link fail mode, thus preventing any possible overflow of the transmit FIFO. Setting the Link Down FIFO Flush Enable bit (LNKDN) in “[Register 10—Configuration 4](#),” [Section 4.3.11](#), enables the link down FIFO flush mode.

2.10 Receive FIFO

The receive FIFO acts as a temporary buffer between the receive MAC section and system interface. The receive FIFO size is 16 Kbytes. Data is clocked into the receive FIFO with the 125 MHz 8B10B PCS clock. Data is clocked out of the receive FIFO with the 33–66 MHz system interface clock, SCLK. There are two programmable watermark outputs, RXWM1 and RXWM2, which aid in managing the data flow out of the receive FIFO.

2.10.1 Watermarks

There are two watermarks for the receive FIFO. which are output on the RXWM1 and RXWM2 pins. These watermarks are asserted when the receive FIFO data exceeds the thresholds associated with the watermarks.

The receive watermark thresholds for RXWM1 and RXWM2 can be programmed over the entire 16 Kbyte receive FIFO range. Each of the watermark thresholds is independently programmed with eight bits that reside in the Receive FIFO Threshold register. Whenever the data in the FIFO exceeds the threshold of either watermark, the respective watermark pin on either RXWM1 or RXWM2 is asserted HIGH. RXWM2 is also asserted if a complete packet is loaded into the receive FIFO from

the 8B10B PCS section. The watermarks stay asserted until the data in the FIFO goes below the respective thresholds, and RXWM2 also stays asserted until all end of packets (EOF) have been read out of the receive FIFO. After the EOFs have been read out of the receive FIFO, the watermarks cannot go active again until RXENn is deasserted.

2.10.2 RX Overflow

The receive FIFO overflow condition occurs when the receive RX FIFO is full and additional data is still being written into it from the MAC. If the receive FIFO overflows:

- The input to the RX FIFO is blocked and does not accept any more data from the 8B10B PCS until RX FIFO space is freed up
- The data already stored in the RX FIFO for the partially loaded last packet is normally discarded
- Any new data for the partially loaded last packet is also normally discarded

Refer to [Section 2.13, “Packet Discard”](#) for more information about discards. Clearing the DIS_OVF bit in [“Register 8—Configuration 2,”](#) [Section 4.3.9](#), programs the controller to not discard a packet corrupted by overflow.

2.10.3 RX Underflow

The receive FIFO underflow condition occurs when the system interface is attempting to read data out of the RX FIFO when it is empty. If the RX FIFO underflows, any data read out of the RX FIFO while the underflow condition persists is invalid, and any new data for the partially loaded last packet is stored in the RX FIFO and is not discarded.

2.11 8B10B PCS

The 8B10B PCS has a transmit section and a receive section.

The transmit 8B10B PCS section accepts Ethernet formatted packet data from the transmit MAC and:

- Encodes the data with the 8B10B encoder
- Adds the start of packet delimiter

- Adds the end of packet delimiter
- Adds the idle code stream
- Formats the packet according to the 10B PHY format defined in IEEE 802.3z and shown in [Figure 2.3](#)

The 8B10B encoded data stream is then sent to the transmit 10-bit PHY interface for transmission.

The transmit 8B10B PCS section also generates the AutoNegotiation code stream when the controller is in the AutoNegotiation process.

The receive 8B10B PCS section takes the 8B10B encoded packet data from the incoming 10-bit PHY interface and:

- Acquires and maintains word synchronization
- Strips off the start of packet delimiter
- Strips off the end of packet delimiter
- Strips off the idle code stream
- Decodes the data with the 8B10B decoder
- Converts the packet to the Ethernet packet format shown in [Figure 2.2](#)

The Ethernet packet is then sent to the receive MAC for processing.

The receive 8B10B PCS section also decodes the AutoNegotiation code stream when the controller is in the AutoNegotiation process.

2.11.1 8B10B Encoder

The 8B10B encoder converts each data byte of a packet into a unique 10-bit word as defined in IEEE 802.3z and shown in [Table 2.7](#) (in abbreviated form).

Table 2.7 8B10B Coding Table

| 8B Bytes | | 10B Codes | |
|----------------|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Data Byte Name | Bits HGFEDCBA | CurrentRD– abcdei fghj | CurrentRD+ abcdei fghj |
| D0.0 | 000 00000 | 100111 0100 | 011000 1011 |
| D1.0 | 000 00001 | 011101 0100 | 100010 1011 |
| D2.0 | 000 00010 | 101101 0100 | 010010 1011 |
| D3.0 | 000 00011 | 110001 1011 | 110001 0100 |
| . | . | . | . |
| . | . | . | . |
| . | . | . | . |
| D28.7 | 111 11100 | 001110 1110 | 001110 0001 |
| D29.7 | 111 11101 | 101110 0001 | 010001 1110 |
| D30.7 | 111 11110 | 011110 0001 | 100001 1110 |
| D31.7 | 111 11111 | 101011 0001 | 010100 1110 |

The encoder also converts the start of packet delimiter, end of packet delimiter, idle code streams, and AutoNegotiation code streams into unique 10B code words. These unique 10B code words are referred to as ordered sets. [Table 2.8](#) describes the ordered sets defined and used by IEEE 802.3z.

The 8B10B encoder also keeps the running disparity of the outgoing 10B word as close as possible to zero. Running disparity is the difference between the number of ones and zeros transmitted on the outgoing bit stream. The algorithm for calculating running disparity is defined in 802.3z. After each 10B word is transmitted, the running disparity is recalculated. If the current running disparity is negative, the next 10B word is chosen from the "Current RD–" column in [Table 2.7](#) (in abbreviated form). If the current running disparity is positive, the next 10B word is chosen from the "Current RD+" column in [Table 2.7](#).

2.11.2 8B10B Decoder

The 8B10B decoder performs the reverse process of the 8B10B encoder. The 8B10B decoder converts each 10-bit word back into an 8-bit byte using the code conversion tables defined in IEEE 802.3z and shown in [Table 2.7](#) (in abbreviated form) and [Table 2.8](#). The 8B10B decoder also checks the running disparity of the incoming 10B word to insure that it is correct.

A PCS codeword error results if the 8B10B decoder detects any of the following:

- A 10B word that is not valid (does not appear in [Table 2.7](#))
- An ordered set that is not valid (does not appear in [Table 2.8](#))
- An error in the running disparity

Packets with PCS codeword errors are normally discarded. Refer to [Section 2.13, "Packet Discard"](#) for more details on discards. Clearing the DIS_CWRD bit in "[Register 8—Configuration 2](#)," [Section 4.3.9](#), programs the controller to not discard a packet with PCS codeword errors.

Table 2.8 10B Defined Ordered Sets

| 10B Code Symbol | Description | 10B Codes | Begin RD | End RD |
|-----------------|----------------------|---|----------|-------------------|
| /C1/ | Link Configuration 1 | /K28.5/ ¹ /D21.5/ config_word1 config_word2 | + or - | flip ² |
| /C2/ | Link Configuration 2 | /K28.5/ ¹ /D2.2/ config_word1 config_word2 | + or - | same ² |
| /C/ | Link Configuration | Alternating /C1/ & /C2/ | - | - |
| /I1/ | Idle 1 | /K28.5/ /D5.6/ | + | - |
| /I2/ | Idle 2 | /K28.5/ /D16.2/ | - | - |
| /I/ | Idle | /I1/ or /I2/ | - | - |

Table 2.8 10B Defined Ordered Sets (Cont.)

| 10B Code Symbol | Description | 10B Codes | Begin RD | End RD |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|
| /S/ | Start of packet delimiter (SPD) | /K27.7/ | + or – | same |
| /T/ | End of packet delimiter (EPD) | /K29.7/ | + or – | same |
| /R/ | | /K23.7/ | + or – | same |
| /V/ | Error (void) | /K30.7/ | + or – | same |

1. config_word 1/2 contain the 16-Bit AutoNegotiation data word. See the AutoNegotiation section for details.
2. RD determined on the /K/ and /D/ characters only, not the config_word.

2.11.3 Start of Packet

A unique start of packet delimiter (SPD) indicates the start of a packet. The SPD consists of a single /S/ code inserted at the beginning of the packet in place of the first preamble octet, as defined in the IEEE 802.3z and shown in [Figure 2.3](#). The /S/ code is defined in [Table 2.8](#).

The transmit 8B10B PCS section inserts an /S/ code at the beginning of each transmit packet in place of the first 10B word of the preamble.

The receive 8B10B PCS section constantly monitors the incoming 10B bitstream. If an /S/ code is detected, the start of packet indication is given to the receive MAC, and a preamble octet is substituted in place of the /S/ code at the beginning of the packet. If the 8B10B PCS receiver detects the transition from the idle pattern (/I/ code stream) to nonidle pattern without an intervening /S/ code, the packet is assumed to have a bad SPD. Packets with a bad SPD are normally discarded as codeword errors.

Refer to [Section 2.13, “Packet Discard”](#) for more information about discards. Clearing the DIS_CWRD bit in [“Register 8—Configuration 2,” Section 4.3.9](#), programs the controller to not discard packets with PCS codeword errors.

2.11.4 End Of Packet

The End of Packet Delimiter, referred to as EPD indicates the end of a packet. The EPD consists of two codes, /T/ and /R/, inserted at the end of the packet, as defined in IEEE 802.3z and shown in [Table 2.8](#), and also shown in [Figure 2.3](#). To maintain synchronization on the proper word boundaries, an outgoing packet must also have an even number of 10-bit words transmitted. If the packet has an odd number of 10-bit words transmitted after the /T/R/ codes, an extra /R/ code is inserted after the /T/R/ (now a /T/R/R/) to meet the even word requirement, as defined in IEEE 802.3z and shown in [Figure 2.3](#).

The transmit 8B10B PCS section appends either the /T/R/ or /T/R/R/ codes to the end of each transmit packet.

The receive 8B10B PCS section constantly monitors the incoming 10B bitstream. If the /T/R/ codes are detected, the end of packet indication is given to the receive MAC, and the /T/R/ or /T/R/R/ codes are stripped from the end of the packet. If the 8B10B PCS receiver detects the transition from the nonidle pattern to an idle pattern (/I/ code stream) without intervening /T/R/ codes, the packet is assumed to have a bad EPD. Packets with a bad EPD are discarded if the controller is so programmed. Refer to [Section 2.13, “Packet Discard”](#) for more details on discards. Clearing the DIS_CWRD bit in “[Register 8—Configuration 2](#),” [Section 4.3.9](#), programs the controller to not discard packets with PCS errors.

2.11.5 Idle

The interpacket gap time is filled with a continuous stream of codes referred to as the idle pattern. The idle pattern consists of a continuous stream of /I2/ codes, as defined in IEEE 802.3z and shown in [Figure 2.3](#). The running disparity during idle is defined to be negative. So, if the running disparity after the last /R/ code of a packet is positive, a single /I1/ code must be transmitted as the first idle code to make the running disparity negative. All subsequent idle codes must be /I2/, as defined in IEEE 802.3z and shown in [Figure 2.3](#). The /I1/ and /I2/ codes are defined in [Table 2.8](#).

The transmit 8B10B PCS section inserts a continuous stream of /I1/I2/I2/I2/...or /I2/I2/I2/I2/...codes between packets.

The receive 8B10B PCS section constantly monitors the incoming 10B bitstream. If an /I2/ or /I1/ code is detected, an end of packet indication is given to the receive MAC and the /I1/ and /I2/ codes are stripped from the packet.

2.11.6 Receive Word Synchronization

In order to correctly decode the incoming encoded data, the 8B10B PCS receiver must identify the word boundaries of the incoming data stream. The process of detecting these word boundaries is referred to as word synchronization. The receiver uses a state machine compatible with the algorithm defined in IEEE 802.3z to acquire and maintain word synchronization. The comma code is used to acquire and maintain receive word synchronization, as specified by IEEE 802.3z. The comma code consists of a unique 7-bit pattern that only appears in the defined ordered sets shown in [Table 2.8](#), and the comma code does not appear in the normal data words or across data word boundaries.

When the 8B10B PCS receiver has lost word synchronization, the EN_CDET pin is asserted to signal the external PHY device. Reading the RSYNC bit in ["Register 11–Status 1," Section 4.3.12](#), also determines word synchronization.

2.11.7 AutoNegotiation

The AutoNegotiation algorithm uses the /C/ ordered sets, as defined in [Table 2.8](#), to configure the link for correct operation. Refer to [Section 2.15, "AutoNegotiation"](#) for more details on this process.

2.12 10-Bit PHY Interface

The 10-bit PHY interface is a standardized interface between the 8B10B PCS section and an external physical layer device. The 10-bit PHY interface meets all the requirements outlined in IEEE 802.3z. The controller can directly connect, without any external logic, to any physical layer device that also complies with the IEEE 802.3z 10-bit interface specifications. The 10-bit PHY interface frame format is defined in IEEE 802.3z and shown in [Figure 2.3](#).

The 10-bit PHY interface consists of 26 signals as follows:

- Ten bit transmit data output bits (TX[9:0])
- Transmit clock output (TBC)
- Ten bit receive data input bits (RX[9:0])
- Two receive clock inputs (RBC0 and RBC1)
- Comma detect enable output (EN_CDET)
- Loopback output (EWRAP)
- Receiver lock output (LCK_REFn)

2.12.1 Data Format and Bit Order

The format and bit order of the data word on TX[9:0] and RX[9:0] and its relationship to the MAC frame and the system interface data words is shown in [Figure 2.3](#). Note that [Figure 2.3](#) assumes the controller is in Little Endian format (default). If the controller is in Big Endian format, the byte order of the system interface data word is reversed. See [Section 2.6, "System Interface"](#) for more details.

2.12.2 Transmit

On the transmit side, the TBC output clock is generated from the TCLK input clock and runs continuously at 125 MHz. Data on TX[9:0] is clocked out of the controller on the rising edge of the TBC clock output.

2.12.3 Receive

On the receive side, RX[9:0] data is clocked in on rising edges of the RBC[1:0] input clocks. RBC1 and RBC0 are required to be at a frequency of 62.5 MHz and be 180° out of phase. The data on RX[9:0] is clocked in at an effective 125 MHz using alternate rising edges of the RBC[1:0] clocks to latch in the data on RX[9:0]. The incoming data on RX[9:0] is also required to be word aligned to the RBC1 clock, (the words that contain comma codes must be clocked in with the RBC1 clock, as specified in IEEE 802.3z).

The comma detect output, EN_CDET, is asserted when the receiver in the 8B10B PCS section has lost word synchronization. Setting the CDET bit in ["Register 9—Configuration 3," Section 4.3.10](#), also asserts EN_CDET. The EN_CDET output can be used to enable the bit synchronization process in an external physical layer device.

The controller does not have a pin designated for the standardized comma detect input, COM_DET, because the receive 8B10B PCS section has all the necessary logic to acquire word synchronization from the contents of the receive data stream alone.

2.12.4 Lock To Reference

Setting the LCKREFn bit in ["Register 9—Configuration 3," Section 4.3.10](#), exclusively controls the LCK_REFn output. This output is typically used to enable the PLL locking process in an external physical layer device.

2.12.5 PHY Loopback

Setting the EWRAP bit in ["Register 9—Configuration 3," Section 4.3.10](#), exclusively controls the EWRAP output. This output is typically used to enable a loopback function in an external physical layer device.

When the EWRAP pin is asserted, the signal detect input pin, SD, from an external physical layer device may be in an unknown state. To counteract this, the SD_EN bit in Register 9 "Configuration 3" should also be cleared when the EWRAP assert bit is set.

2.12.6 Signal Detect

There is an additional signal detect input pin, SD, which indicates to the controller that the receive data detected on RXD[9:0] contains valid data. If SD is asserted, the input data is assumed valid and the receive 8B10B PCS section is unaffected. If SD is deasserted, the data is assumed to be invalid and the receive 8B10B PCS section is forced into the loss of sync state. Although SD is not part of the IEEE-defined 10-bit PHY interface, it is typically sourced from an external physical layer device.

The controller powers up with the SD pin disabled (SD has no affect on the receive word synchronization state machine). To enable the SD pin, the SD_EN bit must be set in ["Register 9—Configuration 3," Section 4.3.10](#).

There is also a SD status bit in [“Register 11–Status 1,” Section 4.3.12](#), which reflects the state of the SD input pin. If the SD pin is HIGH the SD bit is forced to 1; if the SD pin is LOW the SD bit is also forced to 0.

2.12.7 TBC Disable

The transmit side of the 10-bit PHY interface can be disabled if the TBC_DIS bit is set in [“Register 10–Configuration 4,” Section 4.3.11](#). When this bit is set, the TBC and TX[9:0] outputs are placed in a high-impedance state.

2.13 Packet Discard

The controller can be programmed to discard receive and transmit packets when certain error conditions are detected. The detection of these error conditions can occur in the MAC, FIFO, or 8B10B PCS sections.

2.13.1 Transmit Discards

Transmit packets are automatically discarded if certain error conditions are detected. These error conditions are described in [Table 2.9](#). When a discard error is detected for a transmit packet, any remaining data for that packet being input from the system interface is ignored, a /V/ code is appended to the end of the packet to indicate an error to a remote station, and TXDC is asserted if the packet was being input from the system interface when the discard occurred.

Table 2.9 Transmit Discard Conditions

| Discard Condition | Description |
|-------------------------|--|
| Transmit FIFO Underflow | TX FIFO empty. Packet transmission to 8B10B PCS halted. Partially transmitted packet is terminated with a /V/ code, followed by normal /I/ codes. |
| Transmit FIFO Overflow | TX FIFO full. No more data accepted from the system interface. Partially transmitted packet is terminated with a /V/ code, followed by normal /I/ codes. |

2.13.2 Receive Discards

Receive packets can be discarded if the error conditions listed in [Table 2.10](#) are detected. The discard behavior is dependent on whether or not the packet is being output on the system interface when the discard condition is detected. If the packet containing the error is not being output on the system interface when the discard condition is detected (an internal discard) the packet is discarded, (all data from the packet containing the error is flushed from the receive FIFO). If the packet containing the error is being output on the system interface when the discard condition is detected (an external discard) the RXDC pin is asserted to indicate the error condition. Asserting the RXABORT pin or setting the AUTORXAB bit in [“Register 9—Configuration 3,”](#) [Section 4.3.10](#), automatically discards the packet. For both internal and external discarded packets, the appended status word is updated to reflect the discard error condition.

Table 2.10 Receive Discard Conditions

| Discard Condition | Description |
|-----------------------|--|
| Receive FIFO overflow | Receive FIFO full. No more data accepted from the 8B10B PCS. |
| CRC error | Receive packet has a CRC error. |
| Undersize packet | Receive packet is less than 64 bytes, exclusive of preamble and SFD. |
| Oversize packet | Receive packet is greater than maximum packet size, exclusive of preamble and SFD. |
| PCS codeword error | Receive packet contains at least one word with an 8B10BPCS coding error. |
| RXABORT pin asserted | RXABORT pin was asserted while the receive packet was read out on the system interface. The process of flushing a receive packet with RXABORT pin requires extra SCLK cycles equal to: (packet length in bytes)/8 + 6. |

Each of the receive discard conditions can be individually removed as a discard condition by appropriately clearing the appropriate discard bit in [“Register 8—Configuration 2,”](#) [Section 4.3.9](#), associated with the corresponding condition. When these bits are cleared, a packet that is afflicted with the error condition indicated by that bit is not discarded.

The controller can be programmed to send status words for discarded packets to the receive FIFO. See [Section 2.14, “Receive Status Word”](#) for more details on status word configuration.

Note: Receive FIFO underflow is not listed as a discard condition in [Table 2.10](#), (packets are not discarded when corrupted by receive FIFO underflow). However, receive FIFO underflow does cause the assertion of RXDC.

2.13.3 Discard Output Indication

When a discard condition is detected on a packet being received or transmitted over the system interface, the TXDC and RXDC output pins are asserted to indicate that the discard error was detected. TXDC and RXDC are normally latched HIGH when a discard takes place. Asserting CLR_TXDC and CLR_RXDC clearing pins, clears the TXDC and RXDC outputs.

2.13.4 AutoClear Mode

Programming the controller to be in the AutoClear mode automatically self clears the TXDC and RXDC pins. To program the controller for the AutoClear mode, set the AUTOCLR bit in [“Register 9—Configuration 3,” Section 4.3.10](#). When the controller is in the AutoClear mode, TXDC and RXDC are automatically cleared three SCLK cycles after the next end of packet occurs.

2.13.5 AutoAbort Mode

When the AutoAbort mode is enabled the controller can also automatically abort the current packet on the system interface in the receive FIFO when a discard condition is detected and RXDC is asserted. Set the AUTORXAB bit in [“Register 9—Configuration 3,” Section 4.3.10](#), to enable the AutoAbort mode.

2.14 Receive Status Word

A 32-bit status word can be appended to the end of each good receive data packet and stored in the receive FIFO. This status word contains a byte count and error information for the receive data packet.

2.14.1 Format

The format for the status word is shown in [Table 2.11](#). The upper sixteen bits contain the actual byte count for the packet and the lower sixteen bits contain the status information related to the packet. Note that the endian select bit affects the byte order of the status word in the same way that it affects the normal data byte order on the system interface.

The byte count value in the status word (upper sixteen bits) is the total number of actual bytes in the received packet minus the preamble, SFD, and CRC bytes. The byte count is independent of whether the receive MAC has stripped the preamble or CRC. If the packet overflows the receive FIFO, the byte count stops counting at the moment that the receive FIFO overflow has been detected and the remaining bytes on the incoming packet are not counted.

Table 2.11 Receive Status Word Definition

| | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|--|--|--|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| RXD31 | | | | | | | | RXD16 | |
| BC[15:0] | | | | | | | | | |
| RXD15 | | | | | | | | RXD0 | |
| RESERVED | | | | MPKT | CWRD | OSIZE | USIZE | OVFL | CRC |

| Symbol | Name | Definition | Position on RXD[31:0] ¹ |
|----------|------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| BC[15:0] | Byte count | Contains actual byte count of the receive packet | RXD[31:16] |
| — | — | Reserved | RXD[15:6] |
| MPKT | Multiple packet reject | 1 = RX FIFO full and multiple consecutive packets were discarded. Status word indicates error condition for first packet of discarded group. | RXD5 |
| CWRD | Codeword error | 1 = Receive packet has PCS coding error | RXD4 |

| Symbol | Name | Definition | Position on RXD[31:0] ¹ |
|--------|-----------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| OSIZE | Oversize packet | 1 = Receive packet is greater than maximum size | RXD3 |
| USIZE | Undersize packet | 1 = Receive packet is less than minimum size | RXD2 |
| OVFL | Receive FIFO overflow | 1 = Receive FIFO is full and has received additional data | RXD1 |
| CRC | CRC error | 1 = Receive packet has a CRC error | RXD0 |

1. This byte order is for little endian format. Big endian format reverses this byte order.

2.14.2 Append Options

The status word is normally appended to the end of all good receive packets. However, the controller can also be programmed to store a status word in the receive FIFO for discarded packets as well as append a status word to the end of good (nondiscarded) packets. The controller can also be programmed to not append any status word at all. Setting the STSWRD [1:0] bits in [“Register 7–Configuration 1,” Section 4.3.8](#), select the appropriate status word option.

2.14.3 Status Word for Discarded Packets

When the controller is programmed to add a status word for discarded packets, only the status word is stored in the receive FIFO for each discarded packet. The status word for a discarded packet contains an indication of the error that caused the discard. If the receive FIFO is full and more than one consecutive packet was discarded, then one more status word is stored in the receive FIFO for the next consecutive group of discarded packets. A bit is set in the status word indicating that multiple status words or multiple packets have been discarded. When a status word has the multiple discard bit set, the other status bits reflect the status of the second discarded packet only.

2.14.4 Status Word for RXABORT Packets

When the RXABORT pin is asserted, both the packet data and its associated status word are normally flushed from the receive FIFO. Setting the RXAB_DEF bit in [“Register 9–Configuration 3,” Section 4.3.10](#), programs the controller to allow the RXABORT pin to discard the packet only and leave the status word for the discarded packet in the receive FIFO.

Any of the following conditions initiate the AutoNegotiation algorithm:

- Controller reset
- AutoNegotiation restart bit set
- /C/ ordered sets received from remote end
- Controller reacquires receive word synchronization

After a negotiation has been initiated the controller uses the contents of ["Register 21–AutoNegotiation Base Page Transmit," Section 4.3.18](#), to advise a remote device of its capabilities. The remote device does the same, and the capabilities read back from the remote device are stored in the AutoNegotiation Base Page Receive register. The controller's capabilities can then be externally compared to the capabilities received from the remote device, and the device can then be configured for a compatible mode of operation. The controller also has next page capability. For a complete description of the AutoNegotiation algorithm in the controller, refer to IEEE 802.3z specification, clause 37.

If the 8B10B PCS receiver has lost word synchronization, the controller needs to acquire synchronization before AutoNegotiation words can be successfully received. While it is in the loss of synchronization state, the transmitter outputs /C/ ordered sets with the remote fault bits set to $RF[1:0] = 0b01$ to indicate the link failure condition to the remote end. After the 8B10B PCS receiver has acquired word synchronization, the negotiation process is ready to begin.

2.15.1 Next Page

The controller also has the next page capability defined in IEEE 802.3z. The next page feature allows the transfer of additional 16-bit data words between stations during a negotiation sequence in addition to the original base page message information. These additional 16-bit data words are referred to as next pages and can contain any arbitrary data.

If a next page is to be transmitted, the NP bit must be set in ["Register 21–AutoNegotiation Base Page Transmit," Section 4.3.18](#), to indicate this to the remote station. Conversely, if a remote station wants to send a next page to the controller, it sets the NP bit in the base page, which is stored in ["Register 22–AutoNegotiation Base Page Receive," Section 4.3.19](#). The next pages to be transmitted to the remote station have to be written into ["Register 23–AutoNegotiation Next Page](#)

Transmit," [Section 4.3.20](#), in order to be transmitted. The next pages received from the remote station are stored in "[Register 24–AutoNegotiation Next Page Receive](#)," [Section 4.3.21](#). Both stations must have the next page functionality for a successful next page transfer. Next page operation is complicated; refer to IEEE 802.3z for a full description of how this feature works and to [Chapter 4, Registers](#) for a description of the associated registers.

There are status bits related to next page operation. See [Section 2.15.2, "Negotiation Status"](#) for details.

2.15.2 Negotiation Status

There are bits in "[Register 11–Status 1](#)," [Section 4.3.12](#), that indicate the status of AutoNegotiation. These bits are summarized in [Table 2.12](#) and are described in more detail in the Status 1 register description. Some of the bits related to AutoNegotiation can be programmed to cause an interrupt, as described in the Status 1 register description.

Table 2.12 AutoNegotiation Status Bits

| Register 11 Bit No. | Bit Name | What Bit Indicates |
|------------------------|-----------|---|
| 11 | LINK | Link is up, autoNegotiation has completed |
| 7 | AN_NP | One TX and one RX next page has been exchanged |
| 6 | AN_TX_NP | One next page has been transmitted |
| 5 | AN_RX_NP | One next page has been received |
| 4 | AN_RX_BP | Base page has been received |
| 3 | AN_RMTRST | AutoNegotiation was restarted by remote station |

2.15.3 AutoNegotiation Restart

Setting the ANRST bit in "[Register 7–Configuration 1](#)," [Section 4.3.8](#), restarts the AutoNegotiation algorithm. The ANRST bit clears itself automatically after the AutoNegotiation process starts transmitting /C/ ordered sets.

2.15.4 AutoNegotiation Enable

Setting the AN_EN bit in [“Register 9—Configuration 3,” Section 4.3.10](#), enables the AutoNegotiation algorithm. When AutoNegotiation is disabled the transmitter will output /I/ ordered sets.

2.15.5 Link Indication

The successful completion of the AutoNegotiation process (and by definition the receiver has also acquired word synchronization) is indicated by asserting the LINKn pin LOW, and setting the LINK bit in [“Register 11—Status 1,” Section 4.3.12](#). The LINK output pin can drive an LED from VCC or GND as well as drive another digital input.

2.16 Flow Control

Flow control causes a remote station to temporarily halt sending packets in order to prevent packet loss in a congested system. The controller uses MAC control frames for flow control, according to IEEE 802.3x specifications. Refer to [Section 2.17, “MAC Control Frames”](#) for more details on the MAC control frame flow control scheme.

2.17 MAC Control Frames

MAC control frames are packets that pass signaling information between stations and are specified in IEEE 802.3, Clause 31. MAC control frames are used primarily for flow control.

MAC control frames are differentiated from other packets because they have the unique value of 0x8808 in the length/type field. MAC control frames have the same format as normal Ethernet packets, except the data field, consists of an opcode field and a parameter field. The opcode field contains an opcode command and the parameter field contains a value associated with the opcode command. The only opcode command defined to date by IEEE 802.3x is the pause opcode; the parameter field for the pause opcode defines the pause time. MAC control frames with the pause opcode, referred to as pause frames, are only allowed to have a destination address equal to a specific reserved multicast address or the address of the receive station itself. The value of the reserved multicast address is 0x0180C2000001.

The controller normally treats MAC control frames according to the IEEE 802.3, clause 31 algorithm. When the receive MAC detects a MAC control frame with a pause opcode and the destination address equals the reserved multicast address or address stored in the MAC Address 1–3 registers, then the transmitter is paused for a time equal to the number of pause times specified in the parameter field. Each unit of pause time equals 512 bits (512 ns for Gigabit Ethernet). If a pause frame is received while another packet is being transmitted, the transmission is completed for the current packet being transmitted, and then the transmitter is paused. If there are other packets in the transmit FIFO their transmission is delayed until the pause timer has expired. MAC control frames are not normally passed into the receive FIFO; they are terminated in the receive MAC.

The controller has also incorporated some additional features to facilitate MAC control frame operation. These features are described in the following sections.

2.17.1 Automatic Pause Frame Generation

Pause frames can be automatically generated when either the FCNTRL pin is asserted or the receive FIFO data exceeds the MAC control AutoSend threshold. These automatically generated pause frames, referred to as autogenerated pause frames, are internally generated and transmitted over the 10-bit PHY interface. The reception of a receive pause frame does not affect the transmission of autogenerated pause frames. Receive pause frames only inhibit the transmission of regular packets from the transmit FIFO.

If a packet transmission is in progress when an autogenerated pause frame is to be transmitted, the controller waits until the transmission of that packet has completed and then transmits the autogenerated pause frame before any other subsequent packets in the TX FIFO are transmitted. When the first autogenerated pause frame begins transmission, an internal timer starts whose value is equal to the pause_time value in the pause frame (and obtained from [“Register 20–Flow Control 2,” Section 4.3.17](#)). If the FCNTRL pin is still asserted or the MAC control frame AutoSend threshold is still exceeded when the internal pause timer expires, another autogenerated pause frame is transmitted. This process continues as long as FCNTRL remains asserted or the MAC control frame AutoSend threshold is exceeded.

When FCNTRL is deasserted and the MAC control AutoSend threshold is not exceeded, one last autogenerated pause frame of pause_time = 0 is transmitted. To compensate for latency, the internal pause timer internally shortens itself by 32 units from the value programmed in [“Register 20—Flow Control 2,” Section 4.3.17.](#)

Clearing the MCENDPS bit in [“Register 19—Flow Control 1,” Section 4.3.16](#) programs the controller to eliminate the last autogenerated pause frame with a pause_time = 0.

The structure of the autogenerated pause frame is described in [Figure 2.7.](#)

Note: The source address and pause_time parameter fields are programmable through internal registers as shown in [Figure 2.7.](#)

The FCNTRL pin and the MAC control AutoSend threshold can be individually disabled, (they can be programmed to no longer initiate the transmission of autogenerated pause frames). The FCNTRL pin is enabled by default. Setting the FCNTRL_DIS bit in [“Register 9—Configuration 3,” Section 4.3.10,](#) disables the FCNTRL pin. The MAC control AutoSend is disabled by default. Appropriately setting the MAC control MCASND[3:0] bits in [“Register 19—Flow Control 1,” Section 4.3.16,](#) enables the MAC control AutoSend.

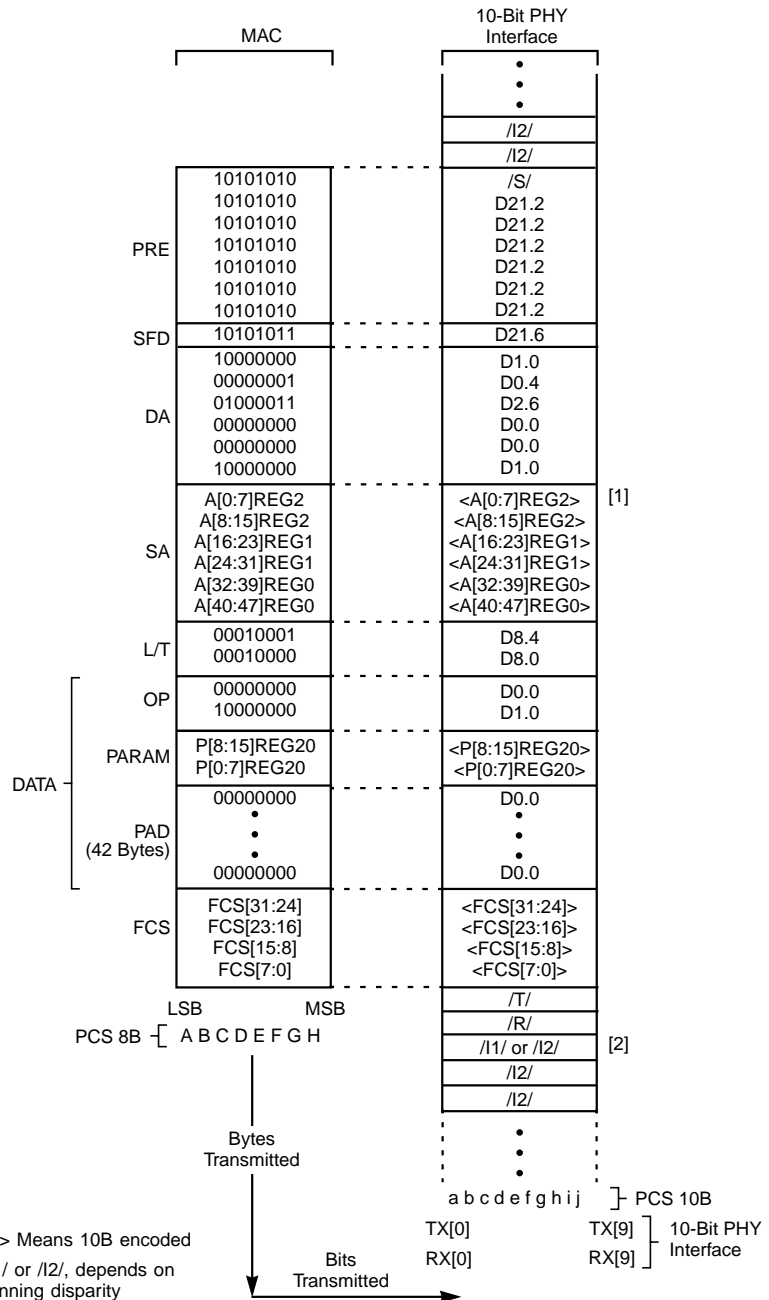
2.17.2 Transmitter Pause Disable

Receive pause frames normally pause the transmitter. Clearing the MCNTRL bit in [“Register 19—Flow Control 1,” Section 4.3.16,](#) programs the controller to not pause the transmitter. When the MCNTRL bit is 0 received pause frames do not affect the transmitter.

2.17.3 Pass Through to FIFO

Receive pause frames are normally discarded and not passed to the receive FIFO. Appropriately setting the MCPASS[1:0] bits in [“Register 19—Flow Control 1,” Section 4.3.16,](#) allows the receive pause frames to be passed to the receive FIFO. These bits allow either all MAC control frames, nonpause frames only, or pause frames only to be passed to the receive FIFO.

Figure 2.7 Autogenerated Pause Frame Format



2.17.4 Reserved Multicast Address Disable

Receive pause frames are normally rejected as invalid if they do not have the reserved multicast address in the destination address field. Setting the MCFLTR bit in ["Register 19—Flow Control 1," Section 4.3.16](#), programs the controller to accept receive pause frames regardless of the contents in the destination address field. When this bit is cleared, any value in the destination address field is accepted as a valid address.

2.17.5 MAC Control Frame AutoSend

The level of data in the receive FIFO also triggers the transmission of autogenerated pause frames. This feature is referred to as MAC control frame AutoSend. Appropriately setting the MCASEND[3:0] bits in ["Register 19—Flow Control 1," Section 4.3.16](#), enable the AutoSend feature. When MAC control frame AutoSend is enabled, autogenerated pause frames are transmitted when the receive FIFO data exceeds a programmable threshold level called the MAC control AutoSend threshold. The MAC control AutoSend threshold can be set with the four MACSEND bits in ["Register 19—Flow Control 1," Section 4.3.16](#). The automatic pause frame generation mechanism is described in more detail in [Section 2.17.1, "Automatic Pause Frame Generation"](#).

2.18 Reset

The controller has four resets which are described in [Table 2.13](#). The controller should be ready for normal operation 1 μ s after the reset sequence has been completed for that bit.

Table 2.13 Reset Description

| Name | Initiated By | Reset Action |
|-------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Controller Reset | RESETh pin asserted LOW RST bit = 1 in Register 7 (Configuration i) | Reset datapath |
| | | Flush transmit FIFO |
| | | Flush receive FIFO |
| | | Reset bits to default values |
| | | Reset counters to 0 |
| Transmit Reset | TXRST bit = 1 in Register 7 (Configuration 1) | Reset transmit data path |
| | | Flush transmit FIFO |
| | | Reset TX counters to 0 |
| Receive Reset | RXRST bit = 1 in Register 7 (Configuration 1) | Reset receive data separate path |
| | | Flush receive FIFO |
| | | Reset RX counters to 0 |
| AutoNegotiation Restart | ANRST bit = 1 in Register 7 (Configuration 1) | Starts AutoNegotiation sequence |
| Counter Reset | CTRRST bit = 1 in Register 7 (Configuration 1) | Reset counters to 0 |

2.19 Counters

The controller has a set of 53 management counters. Each counter tabulates the number of times a specific event occurs. A complete list of all counters along with their definitions is shown in [Table 2.14](#), and described in [Chapter 4, Registers](#). These counters provide the necessary statistics to completely support the following specifications:

- RMON Statistics Group (IETF RFC1757)
- SNMP Interfaces Group (IETF RFC1213 and 1573)
- Ethernet-Like MIB (IETF RFC1643)
- Ethernet MIB (IEEE 802.3z, clause 30)

All counters are 32 bits wide. To obtain each 32-bit counter result, perform a read operation over the register interface. The address locations for each counter are shown in both [Table 2.14](#) and [Table 4.2](#). For the two 16-bit register locations associated with each 32-bit counter, the register with the lower value address always contains the least significant 16 bits of the counter result. Thus, C0 of the lower value address register is the counter LSB; C15 of the higher value address register is the counter MSB.

When a counter read operation is initiated, the 32-bit counter result to be accessed is transferred to two internal 16-bit holding registers. These holding registers freeze and store the counter result for the duration of the read operation, while allowing the internal counter to continue to increment if needed.

When a counter is read, the count can, under program control, be automatically reset to zero or remain unchanged. Counters can be programmed to either stop counting when they reach their maximum count or roll over. Burst reading is only supported for the low and high value address of the same counter. To read the value of multiple counters, either REGCSn or REGRDn must be deasserted then reasserted.

Each counter has an associated status bit that is set when the counter becomes half full. These status bits can be individually programmed to cause an interrupt.

The counter set in [Table 2.14](#) includes the packet and octet statistics for the transmit and receive sides. The RMON specification literally states that packet and octet counters should only tabulate received information. This is sometimes interpreted to mean both transmitted and received information because Ethernet was originally a shared media protocol. As such, packet and octet counters for both transmit and receive are available in the controller, and the transmit and receive packet and octet counts can be summed together if desired.

The exact correspondence of the actual MIB objects from the IETF and IEEE specifications to the actual controller counters locations is described in [Chapter 5, Application Information](#).

Table 2.14 Counter Definition

| Counter Number | Counter Name (MIB Object Name) | Counter Description | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---|----------------|--|
| | | RX/TX | Definition | Size (Bits) | Register Address REGAD[7:0] (Low/High) |
| RMON Statistics Group MIB (RFC 1757) | | | | | |
| 1 | etherStatsDropEvents | RX | Packets with receive FIFO overflow error. | 32 | 0b10000000 0b10000001 |
| 2 | etherStatsOctets | RX | Bytes, exclusive of preamble, in good or bad packets. Bytes in packets with bad SFD are excluded. ¹ | 32 | 0b10000010 0b10000011 |
| 3 | etherStatsPkts | RX | All packets, good or bad. ¹ | 32 | 0b10000100 0b10000101 |
| 4 | etherStatsBroadcastPkts | RX | Broadcast packets, good only. ¹ | 32 | 0b10000110 0b10000111 |
| 5 | etherStatsMulticastPkts | RX | Multicast packets, good only. ¹ | 32 | 0b10001000 0b10001001 |
| 6 | etherStatsCRCAlignErrors | RX | Packets of legal-length with CRC error or alignment error. There are no alignment errors in 8B10B Gigabit Ethernet, so this counter will only count CRC errors for legal length packets. | 32 | 0b10001010 0b10001011 |
| 7 | etherStatsUndersizePkts | RX | Packets of length < 64 bytes with no other errors. | 32 | 0b10001100 0b10001101 |
| 8 | etherStatsOversizePkts | RX | Packets of length > Max_Packet_Length with no other errors. | 32 | 0b10001110 0b10001111 |
| 9 | etherStatsFragments | RX | Packets of length < 64 bytes with CRC error or alignment error. There are no alignment errors in 8B10B Gigabit Ethernet, so this counter will only count CRC errors with length < 64. | 32 | 0b10010000 0b10010001 |
| 10 | etherStatsJabber | RX | Packets of length > Max_Packet_Length with CRC error or alignment error. There is no jabber function in Gigabit Ethernet, so this counter is undefined. | 32 | 0b10010010 0b10010011 |

Table 2.14 Counter Definition (Cont.)

| Counter Number | Counter Name (MIB Object Name) | Counter Description | | | |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---|----------------|--|
| | | RX/TX | Definition | Size (Bits) | Register Address REGAD[7:0] (Low/High) |
| 11 | etherStatsCollisions | TX/ RX | CRS asserted and one or more collisions occurred. Since controller is Full Duplex only, this counter is undefined. | 32 | 0b10010100 0b10010101 |
| 12 | etherStatsPkts64Octets | RX | Packets of length = 64 bytes, good or bad. ¹ | 32 | 0b10010110 0b10010111 |
| 13 | etherStatsPkts65to127Octets | RX | Packets of length between 65–127 bytes, inclusive, good or bad. ¹ | 32 | 0b10011000 0b10011001 |
| 14 | etherStatsPkts128to255Octets | RX | Packets of length between 128–255 bytes, inclusive, good or bad. ¹ | 32 | 0b10011010 0b10011011 |
| 15 | etherStatsPkts256to511Octets | RX | Packets of length between 256–511 bytes, inclusive, good or bad. ¹ | 32 | 0b10011100 0b10011101 |
| 16 | etherStatsPkts512to1023Octets | RX | Packets of length between 512–1023 bytes, inclusive, good or bad. ¹ | 32 | 0b10011110 0b10011111 |
| 17 | etherStatsPkts1024to1518Octets | RX | Packets of length between 1024 and Max_Packet_Length, inclusive, or bad. ¹ | 32 | 0b10100000 0b10100001 |
| 18 | etherStatsOctets_TX | TX | Bytes, exclusive of preamble, in good or bad packets. ¹ | 32 | 0b10100010 0b10100011 |
| 19 | etherStatsPkts_TX | TX | All packets, good or bad. ¹ | 32 | 0b10100100 0b10100101 |
| 20 | etherStatsBroadcastPkts_TX | TX | Broadcast packets, good only. ¹ | 32 | 0b10100110 0b10100111 |
| 21 | etherStatsMulticastPkts_TX | TX | Multicast packets, good only. ¹ | 32 | 0b10101000 0b10101001 |
| 22 | etherStatsPkts64Octets_TX | TX | Packets of length = 64 bytes, good or bad. ¹ | 32 | 0b10101010 0b10101011 |
| 23 | etherStatsPkts65to127Octets_TX | TX | Packets of length between 65–127 bytes, inclusive, good or bad. ¹ | 32 | 0b10101100 0b10101101 |
| 24 | etherStatsPkts128to255Octets_TX | TX | Packets of length between 128–255, inclusive, good or bad. ¹ | 32 | 0b10101110 0b10101111 |
| 25 | etherStatsPkts256to511Octets_TX | TX | Packets of length between 256–511 bytes, inclusive, good or bad. ¹ | 32 | 0b10110000 0b10110001 |

Table 2.14 Counter Definition (Cont.)

| Counter Number | Counter Name (MIB Object Name) | Counter Description | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--|----------------|--|
| | | RX/TX | Definition | Size (Bits) | Register Address REGAD[7:0] (Low/High) |
| 26 | etherStatsPkts512to1023Octets_TX | TX | Packets of length between 512–1023 bytes, inclusive, good or bad. ¹ | 32 | 0b10110010 0b10110011 |
| 27 | etherStatsPkts1024to1518Octets_TX | TX | Packets of length between 1023 and Max_Packet_Length, inclusive, good or bad. ¹ | 32 | 0b10110100 0b10110101 |
| SNMP Interfaces Group MIB (RFC 1213 & 1573) | | | | | |
| 28 | ifInOctets | RX | Bytes, including preamble, in good or bad packets. | 32 | 0b10110110 0b10110111 |
| 29 | ifInUcastPkts | RX | Unicast packets, good only. | 32 | 0b10111000 0b10111001 |
| | ifInMulticastPkts | RX | Multicast packets, good only. Equivalent to "etherStatsMulticastPkts" | | Use Ctr. #5 |
| | ifInBroadcastPkts | RX | Broadcast packets, good only. Equivalent to "etherStatsBroadcastPkts" | | Use Ctr. #4 |
| | ifInNUcastPkts | RX | Broadcast and multicast packets, good only. Equivalent to "etherStatsBroadcastPkts + etherStatsMulticastPkts" | | Use Ctr. #4 and 5 |
| | ifInDiscards | RX | Packets with receive FIFO overflow error. Equivalent to "etherStatsDropEvents" | | Use Ctr. #1 |
| | ifInErrors | RX | All packets, bad only. Equivalent to "etherStatsCRCAlignError + etherStatsUndersizePkts + etherStatsOversizePkts" | | Use Ctr. #6 and 7 and 8 |
| 30 | ifOutOctets | TX | Bytes, including preamble, in good or bad packets. | 32 | 0b10111010 0b10111011 |
| 31 | ifOutUcastPkts | TX | Unicast packets, good and bad. | 32 | 0b10111100 0b10111101 |
| 32 | ifOutMulticastPkts | TX | Multicast packets, good and bad. | 32 | 0b10111110 0b10111111 |

Table 2.14 Counter Definition (Cont.)

| Counter Number | Counter Name (MIB Object Name) | Counter Description | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--|----------------|---|
| | | RX/TX | Definition | Size (Bits) | Register Address REGAD[7:0] (Low/High) |
| 33 | ifOutBroadcastPkts | TX | Broadcast packets, good and bad. | 32 | 0b11000000 0b11000001 |
| | ifOutNUcastPkts | TX | Broadcast and multicast packets, good and bad. Equivalent to "ifOutMulticastPkts + ifOutBroadcastPkts" | | Use Ctr. #32 and 33 |
| 34 | ifOutDiscards | TX | Packets with transmit FIFO underflow error. | 32 | 0b11000010 0b11000011 |
| 35 | ifOutErrors | TX | All Packets, bad only, exclusive of legal-length errors. | 32 | 0b11000100 0b11000101 |
| Ethernet-Like Group MIB (RFC 1643) | | | | | |
| 36 | dot3StatsAlignmentErrors | RX | Packets with alignment error only. There are no alignment errors in 8B10B Gigabit Ethernet, so this counter is undefined. | 32 | 0b11000110 0b11000111 |
| | dot3StatsFCSErrors | RX | Packets with CRC error only. Equivalent to "etherStatsCRCAlignErrors" | | Use Ctr. #6 |
| 38 | dot3StatsSingleCollisionFrames | TX | Packets successfully transmitted after one and only one collision (ie: attempt value = 2). Since controller is Full Duplex only, this counter is undefined. | 32 | 0b11001010 0b11001011 |
| 39 | dot3StatsMultipleCollisionFrames | TX | Packets successfully transmitted after more than one collision (ie: 2<attempt value<16). Since controller is Full Duplex only, this counter is undefined. | 32 | 0b11001100 0b11001101 |
| 40 | dot3StatsSQETestErrors | RX | Number of times SQE was asserted. There is no SQE for Gigabit Ethernet, so this counter is undefined. | 32 | 0b11001110 0b11001111 |
| 41 | dot3StatsDeferredTransmissions | TX | Packets deferred, i.e. packets whose transmission was delayed due to busy medium, on first attempt only. Since controller is Full Duplex only, this counter is undefined. | 32 | 0b11010000 0b11010001 |

Table 2.14 Counter Definition (Cont.)

| Counter Number | Counter Name (MIB Object Name) | Counter Description | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|---|----------------|--|
| | | RX/TX | Definition | Size (Bits) | Register Address REGAD[7:0] (Low/High) |
| 42 | dot3StatsLateCollisions | TX | Packets that encounter a late collision, i.e. encountered collisions more than 512-bit times into transmitted packet. A late collision is counted twice: as a collision and a late collision. Since controller is Full Duplex only, this counter is undefined. | 32 | 0b11010010 0b11010011 |
| 43 | dot3StatsExcessiveCollisions | TX | Packets not successfully transmitted after more than 15 collisions (ie: attempt value=16). Since controller is Full Duplex only, this counter is undefined. | 32 | 0b11010100 0b11010101 |
| | dot3StatsInternalMacTransmitErrors | TX | Packets with transmit FIFO underflow error. Equivalent to "ifOutDiscards" | | Use Ctr. #34 |
| 44 | dot3StatsCarrierSenseErrors | TX | Carrier sense dropout errors, i.e. number of times that carrier sense is not asserted or deasserted during packet transmission, without a collision. This counter is only incremented once per packet, regardless of the number of dropout errors in the packet. There is no CRS loopback in 8B10B Ethernet, so this counter is undefined. | 32 | 0b11010110 0b11010111 |
| | dot3StatsFrameTooLongs | RX | Packets of length > Max_Packet_Length with no other errors. Equivalent to "etherStatsOversizePkts" | | Use Ctr. #8 |
| | dot3StatsInternalMacReceiveErrors | RX | Packets with receive FIFO overflow error. Equivalent to "etherStatsDropEvents" | | Use Ctr. #1 |
| Ethernet MIB (IEEE 802.3z Clause 30) | | | | | |
| 44 | aFramesTransmittedOK | TX | All packets, good only. Equivalent to "etherStatsPkts_TX - ifOutErrors" | 32 | Use Ctr. #19 through 35 |
| | aSingleCollisionFrames | TX | Packets successfully transmitted after one and only one collision (ie: attempt value = 2). Equivalent to "dot3StatsSingleCollisionFrames" | | Use Ctr. #38 |

Table 2.14 Counter Definition (Cont.)

| Counter Number | Counter Name (MIB Object Name) | Counter Description | | | |
|----------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|----------------|--|
| | | RX/TX | Definition | Size (Bits) | Register Address REGAD[7:0] (Low/High) |
| 44 | aMultipleCollisionFrames | TX | Packets successfully transmitted after more than one collision (ie: 2<attempt value <16). Equivalent to "dot3StatsMultipleCollisionFrames" | 32 | Use Ctr. #39 |
| | aFramesReceivedOK | RX | All packets, good only. Equivalent to "ifInUcastPkts + etherStatsBroadcastPkts + etherStatsMulticastPkts" | | Use Ctr. #29 and 4 and 5 |
| | aFrameCheckSequenceErrors | RX | Packets with CRC error only. Equivalent to "dot3StatsFCSErrors" | | Use Ctr. #37 |
| | aAlignmentErrors | RX | Packets with alignment error only. Equivalent to "dot3StatsAlignmentErrors" | | Use Ctr. #36 |
| 45 | aOctetsTransmittedOK | TX | Bytes, exclusive of preamble, in good packets only. | 32 | 0b11011000 0b11011001 |
| | aFramesWithDeferredXmissions | TX | Packets deferred, i.e. packets whose transmission was delayed due to busy medium, on first attempt only. Equivalent to "dot3StatsDeferredTransmissions" | | Use Ctr. #41 |
| | aLateCollisions | TX | Packets that encounter a late collision, i.e. encountered collisions more than 512-bit times into transmitted packet. A late collision is counted twice, as a collision and a late collision. Equivalent to "dot3StatsLateCollisions" | | Use Ctr. #42 |
| | aFrameAbortedDueToXSCollisions | TX | Packets not successfully transmitted after more than 15 collisions (ie: attempt value=16). Equivalent to "dot3StatsExcessiveCollisions" | | Use Ctr. #43 |
| | aFrameAbortedDueToIntMACXmit Error | TX | Packets with transmit FIFO underflow error. Equivalent to "ifOutDiscards" | | Use Ctr. #34 |

Table 2.14 Counter Definition (Cont.)

| Counter Number | Counter Name (MIB Object Name) | Counter Description | | | |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--|----------------|---|
| | | RX/TX | Definition | Size (Bits) | Register Address REGAD[7:0] (Low/High) |
| 45 | aCarrierSenseErrors | TX | Carrier sense dropout errors, i.e. number of times that carrier sense is not asserted or deasserted during packet transmission, without a collision. This counter is only incremented once per packet, regardless of the number of dropout errors in the packet. Equivalent to "dot3StatsCarrierSenseErrors" | 32 | Use Ctr. #44 |
| 46 | aOctetsReceivedOK | RX | Bytes, exclusive of preamble, in good packets only. | 32 | 0b11011010 0b11011011 |
| | aFramesLostDueToIntMACRcvr Error | RX | Packets with receive FIFO overflow error. Equivalent to "etherStatsDropEvents" | | Use Ctr. #1 |
| | aMulticastFrameXmittedOK | TX | TX Multicast packets, good only. Equivalent to "etherStatsMulticastPkts_TX" | | Use Ctr. #21 |
| | aBroadcastFramesXmittedOK | TX | TX Broadcast packets, good only. Equivalent to "etherStatsBroadcastPkts_TX" | | Use Ctr. #20 |
| 47 | aFramesWithExcessiveDefferal | TX | Packets with excessive deferral, i.e. packets waiting for transmission longer than two max packet times. Since controller is Full Duplex only, this counter is undefined. | 32 | 0b11011100 0b11011101 |
| | aMulticastFramesReceivedOK | RX | Multicast packets, good only. Equivalent to "etherStatsMulticastPkts" | | Use Ctr. #5 |
| | aBroadcastFramesReceivedOK | RX | Broadcast packets, good only. Equivalent to "etherStatsBroadcastPkts" | | Use Ctr. #4 |
| 48 | aInRangeLengthErrors | RX | Packets of legal-length whose actual length is different from length/type field value. | 32 | 0b11011110 0b11011111 |
| 49 | aOutOfRangeLengthField | RX | Packets with length/type field value > Max_Packet_Length. | 32 | 0b11100000 0b11100001 |
| | aFrameTooLongErrors | RX | Packets of length > Max_Packet_Length with no other errors. Equivalent to "etherStatsOversizePkts" | | Use Ctr. #8 |

Table 2.14 Counter Definition (Cont.)

| Counter Number | Counter Name (MIB Object Name) | Counter Description | | | |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--|----------------|--|
| | | RX/TX | Definition | Size (Bits) | Register Address REGAD[7:0] (Low/High) |
| 49 | aSQETestErrors | RX | Number of times SQE was asserted. Equivalent to "dot3StatsSQETestError" | 32 | Use Ctr. #40 |
| 50 | aSymbolErrorDuringCarrier | RX | One or more symbol errors received from a PHY during packet reception, exclusive of collision. This counter is only incremented once per packet, regardless of the number of symbol errors in that packet. | 32 | 0b11100010 0b11100011 |
| | aMACControlFramesTransmitted | TX | Valid MAC Control packets. Equivalent to "apauseMACCtrlFramesTransmitted" | | Use Ctr. #52 |
| | aMACControlFramesReceived | RX | Valid MAC Control packets. Equivalent to "apauseMACCtrlFramesReceived" | | Use Ctr. #53 |
| 51 | aUnsupportedOpcodesReceived | RX | Valid MAC Control packets with non-pause opcode. | 32 | 0b11100100 0b11100101 |
| 52 | apauseMACCtrlFramesTransmitted | TX | Valid MAC Control packets with pause opcode. | 32 | 0b11100110 0b11100111 |
| 53 | apauseMACCtrlFramesReceived | RX | Valid MAC Control packets with pause opcode. | 32 | 0b11101000 0b11101001 |

1. Footnotes

- a. Bad RX packet = legal-length error, CRC error, receive FIFO overflow, symbol error.
Where: CRC Error is bad FCS with an integral number of octets. Alignment Error is bad FCS with nonintegral number of octets. Symbol Error is an invalid codeword or a /V/.
- b. Bad TX packet = legal-length error, transmit FIFO underflow.
- c. Legal-length packet is between 64 and Max_Packet_Length in bytes. Preamble is not included in length count.
- d. Max_Packet_Length for the counters can be programmed to be either 1518, 1522, 1535, or unlimited bytes. 1518 is the default for both transmit and receive.
- e. The counter result is stored in two 16-bit registers. Thus, there are two register addresses for each counter. Of the two registers for a given counter, the register with the lower value address contains the least significant counter bits.
- f. The RMON specs explicitly states that packet and octet counters should only tabulate received information. This is sometimes interpreted to mean both transmitted and received information because Ethernet was originally a shared media. As such, transmit packet and octet counters are also available in counters 18–27 and can be summed with receive packet and octet counts if desired.

2.19.1 Counter Half Full

Each 32-bit counter has a half-full status output bit associated with it. The half-full bits are stored in [“Register 112–115–Counter Half Full 1-4,” Section 4.3.23](#). A half-full bit is set when its counter value reaches 0x80000000 (MSB bit goes from a 0 to a 1), so it is set when the counter becomes half full.

The counter half-full bits latch themselves when they are set. Each bit stays latched until either the bit is read or the counter register with which the bit is associated is read. Counter half-full bits are also interrupt bits (the setting of any counter half-full bit can be programmed to cause the assertion of the interrupt pin, REGINT). When a read clears the counter half-full bit, the interrupt is also cleared.

Note: REGINT stays asserted until all interrupt bits are cleared.

Each counter half-full bit can be individually programmed to assert (or not assert) the REGINT pin. Setting the appropriate mask bit associated with the counter half full [“Registers 120–123–Counter Half Full Mask 1-4,” Section 4.3.24](#), programs the controller to mask (disable) the interrupt caused by the corresponding counter half full detect bit.

2.19.2 Counter Reset On Read

A read operation on a counter does not normally affect the counter values. However, setting the CTR_RD bit in [“Register 9–Configuration 3,” Section 4.3.10](#), programs the counter to automatically reset to zero when read.

When the CTR_RD bit is set, a counter is cleared to 0 whenever any one of the two 16-bit counter registers associated with a 32-bit counter is read. An internal holding register stores the entire 32-bit counter result so that the result is correctly read as long as two successive 16-bit counter register reads are performed from the same counter. In order to read the cleared value, the read operation needs to be deasserted then reasserted (i.e., REGCSn and REGRDn).

When the CTR_RD bit is cleared (default), a read does not affect the count in the counter, as long as the counter is not at maximum count. If a counter is at maximum count, its count is always reset to 0 when the counter is read.

2.19.3 Counter Rollover

Counters normally roll over to zero when they exceed their maximum count, (receive an increment when counter is at maximum count). The counters can be programmed to freeze and stop counting once they reach their maximum count. Setting the CTR_ROLL bit in “[Register 9–Configuration 3](#),” [Section 4.3.10](#), programs the counters to freeze when they reach their maximum count.

2.19.4 Counter Maximum Packet Size

The maximum packet size used for the management counter statistics can be programmed to be one of four values. Setting the CMXPKT[1:0] bits in “[Register 10–Configuration 4](#),” [Section 4.3.11](#), select the maximum packet size. This selection is described in the register descriptions for those registers and is also summarized in [Table 2.15](#).

The bits in [Table 2.15](#) affect the maximum packet size for the counters only; the maximum packet size for the MAC section is described in [Section 2.8](#), “[Receive MAC](#)”.

Table 2.15 Counter Maximum Packet Size Selection

| CMXPKT [1:0] | Maximum Packet Size (bytes) |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 11 | Unlimited |
| 10 | 1535 |
| 01 | 1522 |
| 00 | 1518 |

2.19.5 Counter Reset

Setting the CTRRST bit in “[Register 7–Configuration 1](#),” [Section 4.3.8](#), resets all counters to zero. Asserting the controller reset pin, RESETn, also resets the counters to zero.

2.20 Loopback

To enable the diagnostic loopback mode, set the LPBK bit in ["Register 10—Configuration 4," Section 4.3.11](#). When the loopback mode is enabled, the transmit data input to the transmit system interface and output from the 8B10B encoder is internally looped back into the receive 8B10B decoder and is available to be read from the receive system interface.

2.21 Test Modes

The TEST pin is reserved for factory test, and must be tied LOW for normal operation.

Asserting the TAP pin HIGH, sets all inputs and outputs in the high-impedance state. This pin is intended for controller and board diagnostic testing.

Chapter 3

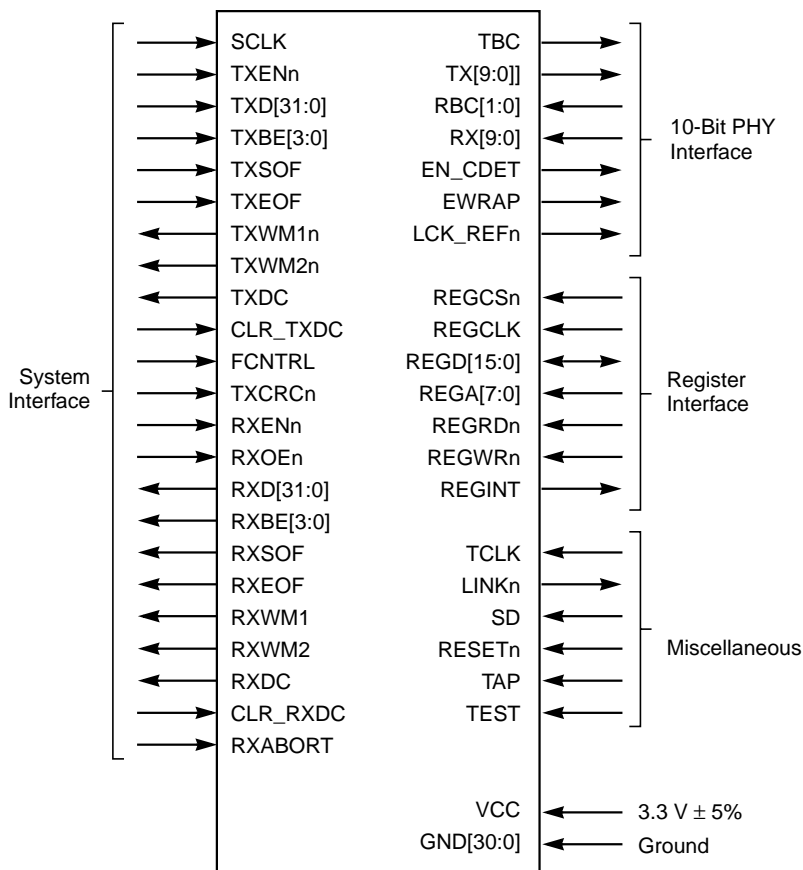
Signal Descriptions

This chapter describes the 8101/8104 Gigabit Ethernet Controller signals in the following sections:

- [Section 3.1, “System Interface Signals”](#)
- [Section 3.2, “10-Bit PHY Interface Signals”](#)
- [Section 3.3, “Register Interface Signals”](#)
- [Section 3.4, “Micellaneous Signals”](#)
- [Section 3.5, “Power Supply Signals”](#)

[Figure 3.1](#) is a diagram of the 8101/8104 signals.

Figure 3.1 8101/8104 Interface Diagram



3.1 System Interface Signals

This section describes the 8101/8104 system interface signals.

| | | |
|------------------|---|---------------|
| CLR_RXDC | Clear RXDC | Input |
| | When CLR_RXDC is asserted, the RXDC pin is cleared. When CLR_RXDC is LOW, the RXDC pin is not cleared. CLR_RXDC is clocked in on the rising edge of the system clock, SCLK. | |
| | This pin only clears RXDC when AutoClear mode is disabled. When AutoClear mode is enabled, this pin is ignored and RXDC is automatically cleared two clock cycles after RXEOF is asserted. | |
| CLR_TXDC | Clear TXDC | Input |
| | When CLR_TXDC is HIGH, the TXDC pin is cleared. When CLR_TXDC is LOW, the TXDC pin is not cleared. TXDC is clocked in on the rising edge of the system clock, SCLK. | |
| | This pin only clears TXDC when AutoClear mode is disabled. When AutoClear mode is enabled, this pin is ignored and TXDC is automatically cleared two clock cycles after TXEOF is asserted. | |
| FCNTRL | Flow Control Enable | Input |
| | When FCNTRL is HIGH, transmitter automatically transmits a MAC control pause frame. When FCNTRL is LOW, the controller resumes normal operation. FCNTRL is clocked in on the rising edge of the system clock, SCLK. | |
| RXABORT | Receive FIFO Data Abort | Input |
| | When RXABORT is asserted, the packet being read out on RXD[31:0] is aborted and discarded. When LOW, the packet is not aborted and discarded. RXABORT is clocked in on the rising edge of the system clock, SCLK. | |
| RXBE[3:0] | Receive Byte Enable | Output |
| | These outputs determine which bytes of the current data on RXD[31:0] contain valid data. RXBE[3:0] is clocked out of the device on the rising edge of the system interface clock, SCLK. | |

| | | |
|------------------|---|---------------|
| RXD[31:0] | Receive Data | Output |
| | This output bus contains the 32-bit received data word that is clocked out on the rising edge of the system interface clock, SCLK. | |
| RXDC | Receive Packet Discard | Output |
| | When HIGH, device detects that current packet being output on the system interface has an error and should be discarded. When LOW, no discard. | |
| | Asserting the RXABORT pin or setting the AUTORXAB bit in "Register 9—Configuration 3," Section 4.3.10 , automatically discards the packet being output. RXDC is clocked out on the rising edge of the system clock, SCLK. | |
| | If AutoClear mode is not enabled, this output is latched HIGH and stays latched until cleared with the assertion of the CLR_RXDC pin. If AutoClear mode is enabled, this output is latched HIGH and automatically clears itself LOW two clock cycles after RXEOF is asserted. RXDC can also be cleared with RXABORT if programmed to do so. | |
| RXENn | Receive Enable | Input |
| | This input must be asserted active LOW to enable the current data word to be clocked out of the receive FIFO on RXD[31:0]. RXENn is clocked in on the rising edge of the system interface clock, SCLK. | |
| RXEOF | Receive End Of Frame | Output |
| | This output is asserted on the same clock cycle as the last word of the packet is being read out of the receive FIFO on RXD[31:0]. RXEOF is clocked out of the device on the rising edge of the system interface clock, SCLK. | |
| RXOEn | Receive Output Enable | Input |
| | When LOW, all receive outputs are active. When HIGH, receive outputs (RXD[31:0], RXBE[3:0], RXSOF, RXEOF) are high-impedence. | |
| RXSOF | Receive Start Of Frame | Output |
| | This output is asserted on the same clock cycle as the first word of the packet is being read out of the receive FIFO on RXD[31:0]. RXSOF is clocked out of the device on the rising edge of the system interface clock, SCLK. | |

| | | |
|------------------|---|---------------|
| RXWM1 | Receive FIFO Watermark 1 When RXWM1 is LOW, the receive FIFO data is less than or equal to the receive FIFO watermark 1 threshold. When HIGH, the receive FIFO data is greater than the watermark. RXWM1 is clocked out on the rising edge of the system clock, SCLK. Data is valid on RXD[31:0] when either RXWM1 or RXWM2 is asserted, independent of RXENn. | Output |
| RXWM2 | Receive FIFO Watermark 2 When RXWM2 is LOW, the receive FIFO data is less than or equal to the receive FIFO watermark 2 threshold and no EOF in FIFO. When HIGH, the receive FIFO data is greater than the watermark. RXWM2 is clocked out on the rising edge of the system clock, SCLK. Data is valid on RXD[31:0] when either RXWM1 or RXWM2 is asserted, independent of RXENn. | Output |
| SCLK | System Interface Clock This input clocks data in and out of the transmit and receive FIFOs on TXD[31:0] and RXD[31:0], respectively. All system interface inputs and outputs are also clocked in and out on the rising edge of SCLK, with the exception of RXOEn. SCLK clock frequency must be between 33–66 MHz. | Input |
| TXBE[3:0] | Transmit Byte Enable These inputs determine which bytes of the current 32-bit word on TXD[31:0] contain valid data. TXBE[3:0] is clocked into the device on the rising edge of the system interface clock, SCLK. | Input |
| TXCRCn | Transmit CRC Enable When TXCRC is LOW, CRC is calculated and appended to the current packet being input on the system interface. When TXCRC is HIGH, CRC is not calculated. TXCRCn is clocked in on the rising edge of the system clock, SCLK, and must be asserted on the same SCLK clock cycle as TXSOF. | Input |
| TXD[31:0] | Transmit Data This input bus contains the 32-bit data word that is clocked into the transmit FIFO on the rising edge of the system interface clock, SCLK. | Input |

| | |
|---------------|--|
| TXDC | Transmit Packet Discard Output When TXDC is HIGH, the controller detects that current packet being input on the system interface has an error, rest of packet ignored. When LOW, The packet is not discarded. TXDC is clocked out on thr rising edge of the system clock. If AutoClear mode is not enabled, this output is latched HIGH and stays latched until cleared with the assertion of the CLR_TXDC pin. If AutoClear mode is enabled, this output is latched HIGH and automatically clears itself LOW two clock cycles after TXEOF is asserted. |
| TXENn | Transmit Enable Input This input must be low to enable the current data word on TXD[31:0] to be clocked into the transmit FIFO. TXENn is clocked in on the rising edge of the system interface clock, SCLK. |
| TXEOF | Transmit End Of Frame Input This input must be asserted on the same clock cycle as the last word of the packet is being clocked in on TXD[31:0]. TXEOF is clocked into the device on the rising edge of the system interface clock, SCLK. |
| TXSOF | Transmit Start Of Frame Input This input must be asserted on the same clock cycle as the first word of the packet is being clocked in on TXD[31:0]. TXSOF is clocked into the device on the rising edge of the system interface clock, SCLK. |
| TXWM1n | Transmit FIFO Watermark 1 Output When TXWM1n is HIGH, the transmit FIFO data is less than or equal to the transmit FIFO watermark 1. When LOW, the transmit FIFO data is above the watermark. TXWM1n is clocked out on the rising edge of the system clock, SCLK. |
| TXWM2n | Transmit FIFO Watermark 2 Output When TXWM2n is HIGH, the transmit FIFO data is less than or equal to the transmit FIFO watermark 2. When LOW, the transmit FIFO data is above the watermark. TXWM2n is clocked out on the rising edge of the system clock, SCLK. |

3.2 10-Bit PHY Interface Signals

This section describes the 8101/8104 10-Bit PHY interface signals.

| | | |
|-----------------|--|---------------|
| EN_CDET | Comma Detect Enable | Output |
| | This output is asserted when either the receive 8B10B PCS state machine is in the loss of synchronization state or the CDET bit is set in “Register 9—Configuration 3,” Section 4.3.10 . This output is typically used to enable the comma detect function in an external physical layer device. | |
| EWRAP | Loopback Output Enable | Output |
| | This output is asserted whenever the EWRAP bit is set in “Register 9—Configuration 3,” Section 4.3.10 . This output is typically used to enable loopback in an external physical layer device. | |
| LCK_REFn | Receiver Lock | Output |
| | This output is asserted whenever the LCK_REFn bit is set in “Register 9—Configuration 3,” Section 4.3.10 . This output is typically used to enable the receive lock-to-reference mechanism in an external physical layer. | |
| RBC[1:0] | Receive Clock | Input |
| | The RBC[1:0] signals clock receive data into the controller on the clock rising edge. RBC[1:0] are 62.5 MHz clocks, 180° out of phase, that clock data into the controller on RX[9:0] at an effective rate of 125 MHz. For the device to acquire synchronization, the comma code must be input on RXD[9:0] on RBC1 rising edges. | |
| RX[9:0] | Receive Data | Input |
| | These inputs contain receive data that are clocked in on the rising edges of RBC[1:0]. | |
| TBC | Transmit Clock | Output |
| | This output clock transmits data out on TX[0:9] on its rising edge. TBC is a 125 MHz clock and is generated from TCLK. | |

| | | |
|----------------|--|---------------|
| TX[9:0] | Transmit Data | Output |
| | These interface outputs transmit data on the rising edge of TBC. | |

3.3 Register Interface Signals

This section describes the 8101/8104 register interface signals.

| | | |
|-------------------|--|----------------------|
| REGA[7:0] | Register Interface Address | Input |
| | These inputs provide the address for the specific internal register to be accessed, and are clocked into the device on the rising edge of REGCLK. | |
| REGCLK | Register Interface Clock | Input |
| | This input clocks data in and out on REGD[15:0], REGA[7:0], REGRDn, and REGWRn on its rising edge. REGCLK frequency must be between 5–40 MHz. | |
| REGCSn | Register Interface Chip Select | Input |
| | This input must be asserted to enable reading and writing data on REGD[15:0] and REGA[7:0]. This input is clocked in on the rising edge of REGCLK. | |
| REGD[15:0] | Register Interface Data Bus | Bidirectional |
| | This bus is a bidirectional 16-bit data path to and from the internal registers. Data is read and written from and to the internal registers on the rising edge of the register clock, REGCLK. | |
| REGINT | Register Interface Interrupt | Output |
| | This output is asserted when certain interrupt bits in the registers are set, and it remains latched HIGH until all interrupt bits are read and cleared. | |
| REGRDn | Register Interface Read | Input |
| | When this input is asserted, the accessed internal register is read (data is output from the register). This input is clocked into the device on the rising edge of REGCLK. | |
| REGWRn | Register Interface Write | Input |
| | When this input is asserted, the accessed internal register is written (data is input to the register). This input is clocked into the device on the rising edge of REGCLK. | |

3.4 Micellaneous Signals

This section describes the 8101/8104 micellaneous signals.

| | | |
|-----------------|--|---------------|
| LINKn | Receive Link When this signal is HGH, there is no link. When this signal is asserted, the receive link is synchronized and configured. | Output |
| RESERVED | Reserved These pins are reserved and must be left floating. | |
| RESETn | Reset When this signal is HIGH, controller is in normal operation. When this signal is asserted, controller resets, FIFO's are cleared, counters are cleared, and register bits are set to default values. | Input |
| SD | Signal Detect When this signal is asserted, data detected on receive 10-bit PHY is valid. When SD is LOW, data is not valid and the 8B10B PCS receiver is forced to a loss of sync state. This signal is ignored (assumed high) unless the SD_EN bit in "Register 9—Configuration 3," Section 4.3.10 , is cleared. | Input |
| TAP | 3-state all pins This pin is used for testing purposes only. When asserted, all output and bidirectional pins are placed in a high-impedence state. | Input |
| TEST | Test Mode This pin is used for factory test and must be tied LOW for proper operation. | Input |
| TCLK | Transmit Clock This 125 MHz input clock is used by the 8B10B PCS section and generates the 125 MHz transmit output clock, TBC, is used to output data on the 10-bit PHY interface. | Input |

3.5 Power Supply Signals

This section describes the 8101/8104 power supply signals.

| | | |
|------------------|--|---|
| VCC[26:0] | Positive Supply. +3.3 V \pm 5% Volts | — |
| GND[26:0] | Ground 0 Volts | — |

Chapter 4

Registers

The 8101/8104 controller has 136 internal 16-bit registers. Twenty-two registers are available for setting configuration inputs and reading status outputs. The remaining 114 registers are associated with the management counters.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- [Section 4.1, “Register Interface”](#)
 - [Section 4.2, “Register Addresses”](#)
 - [Section 4.3, “Register Definitions”](#)
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4.1 Register Interface

The register interface is a 16-bit bidirectional data interface that allows access to the internal registers. The register interface consists of 29 signals:

- Sixteen bidirectional data I/O bits (REGD[15:0])
- Eight register address inputs (REGA[7:0])
- One chip select input (REGCSn)
- One clock input (REGCLK) The REGCLK clock frequency must be between 5–40 MHz.
- One read select input (REGRDn)
- One write select input (REGWRn)
- One interrupt output (REGINT)

All register accesses are done on the rising edge of the REGCLK clock. To access a register through the register interface, REGCSn must be asserted and is sampled on the rising edge of REGCLK. On that same

rising edge of REGCLK, the address of the register that is accessed is clocked in on REGA[7:0]. On that same rising edge of REGCLK, either REGRDn or REGWRn must also be asserted. These signals determine whether the register access is a read or write cycle. During a write cycle, the data to be written to a specific register is clocked in on the rising edge of the same clock that clocked in the other inputs. During a read cycle, the data is output on REGD[15:0] some delay after the rising edge of REGCLK that clocked in the input information. REGCSn can remain LOW for multiple REGCLK cycles so that many registers can be read or written during one REGCSn assertion.

During read cycles, the delay from REGCLK to data valid on the REGD[15:0] pins is a function of which register is being accessed. Data read from any register, exclusive of the Counter 1–53 registers, appears on the REGD[15:0] pins in one REGCLK cycle. Data read from the Counter 1–53 registers takes at most six REGCLK cycles to be available on REGD[15:0] for the first 16 bits of the counter result, and at most three REGCLK cycles for the second 16 bits of the counter result. Refer to [Chapter 6, Specifications](#) for details of the interface timing characteristics.

4.1.1 Bit Types

The register interface is bidirectional, and there are many types of bits in the registers. The bit type definitions are summarized in [Table 4.1](#). Write bits (W) are inputs during a write cycle and are 0 during read cycles. Read bits (R) are outputs during a read cycle and ignored and high-impedance during a write cycle. Read/Write bits (R/W) are actually write bits that can be read during a read cycle. R/WSC bits are R/W bits that are self clearing after a set period of time or after a specific event has completed. R/LL bits are read bits that latch themselves when they go to 0 and they stay latched until read. After they are read, they are set to 1. R/LH bits are the same as R/LL bits except that they latch to 1. R/LT are read bits that latch themselves whenever they make a transition or change value and they stay latched until they are read. After R/LT bits are read, they are updated to their current value. R/LLI, R/LHI, and R/LTI bits function the same as R/LL, R/LH and R/LT bits, respectively, except they also assert interrupt if programmed to do so (not masked).

Table 4.1 Register Bit Type Definition

| Bit Types | | Definition | |
|-----------|--|---|--|
| Symbol | Name | Write Cycle | Read Cycle |
| W | Write | Input | No operation, output not valid |
| R | Read | No operation, input ignored | Output |
| R/W | Read/Write | Input | Ouput |
| R/W | Read/Write | Input | Ouput |
| SC | Self Clearing | Clears itself after operation completed | |
| R/LL | Read, Latch when 0 | No operation latching | Output |
| R/LLI | Read, Latch when 0, Assert Interrupt | | Input ignored when bit goes to 0, bit latched, and interrupt asserted (if not masked) When bit is read, bit updated and interrupt cleared |
| R/LH | Read/write | No operation, input ignored | Output |
| R/LHI | Read/write, latch HIGH with interrupt | | When bit goes to 1, bit latched & interrupt asserted (if not masked) When bit is read, bit updated and interrupt cleared |
| R/LT | Read, Latch on Transition | No operation, input ignored | Output |
| R/LTI | Read, Latch on Transition with interrupt | | When bit transitions, bit latched and interrupt asserted (if not masked) When bit is read, bit updated and interrupt cleared |

4.1.2 Interrupt

An interrupt is triggered when certain output status bits change state. These bits are called interrupt bits and are designated as R/LLI, R/LHI, and R/LTI bits, as described in the previous section. The interrupt bits reside in “[Register 11–Status 1,](#)” [Section 4.3.12,](#) and “[Register 112–115–Counter Half Full 1-4,](#)” [Section 4.3.23.](#) Interrupt bits automatically latch

themselves and assert the interrupt pin, REGINT. Interrupt bits stay latched until they are read. When interrupt bits are read, the interrupt pin REGINT is deasserted and the interrupt bits that caused the interrupt are updated to their current value.

Each interrupt bit can be individually masked and subsequently removed as an interrupt bit. Setting the appropriate mask register bits in "[Register 14–Status Mask 1](#)," [Section 4.3.13](#), register and "[Registers 120–123–Counter Half Full Mask 1-4](#)," [Section 4.3.24](#), perform this function.

4.1.3 Register Structure

The Controller has 136 internal 16-bit registers. 22 registers are available for setting configuration inputs and reading status outputs. The remaining 114 registers are associated with the management counters. The location of all registers is described in [Table 4.2 Register Address Table](#). The definition of each bit for each register is described in [Section 4.3.1](#) through [Section 4.3.25](#).

4.2 Register Addresses

[Table 4.2](#) lists the register number, register address, register name, and the paragraph that describes the register. [Table 4.3](#) lists the register default values.

Table 4.2 Register Addresses

| Register Numbers | Register Address (REGAD[7:0] Pins) | Register Name | Paragraph Number |
|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 0 | 0b00000000 | MAC Address 1 | 4.3.1 |
| 1 | 0b00000001 | MAC Address 2 | 4.3.2 |
| 2 | 0b00000010 | MAC Address 3 | 4.3.3 |
| 3 | 0b00000011 | MAC Address Filter 1 | 4.3.4 |
| 4 | 0b00000100 | MAC Address Filter 2 | 4.3.5 |
| 5 | 0b00000101 | MAC Address Filter 3 | 4.3.6 |

Table 4.2 Register Addresses (Cont.)

| Register Numbers | Register Address (REGAD[7:0] Pins) | Register Name | Paragraph Number |
|-------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 6 | 0b00000110 | MAC Address Filter 4 | 4.3.7 |
| 7 | 0b00000111 | Configuration 1 | 4.3.8 |
| 8 | 0b00001000 | Configuration 2 | 4.3.9 |
| 9 | 0b00001001 | Configuration 3 | 4.3.10 |
| 10 | 0b00001010 | Configuration 4 | 4.3.11 |
| 11 | 0b00001011 | Status 1 | 4.3.12 |
| 12–13 | 0b00001100– 0b00001101 | Reserved | |
| 14 | 0b00001110 | Status Mask 1 | 4.3.13 |
| 15–16 | 0b00001111– 0b00010000 | Reserved | |
| 17 | 0b00010001 | Transmit FIFO Threshold | 4.3.14 |
| 18 | 0b00010010 | Receive FIFO Threshold | 4.3.15 |
| 19 | 0b00010011 | Flow Control 1 | 4.3.16 |
| 20 | 0b00010100 | Flow Control 2 | 4.3.17 |
| 21 | 0b00010101 | AutoNegotiation Base Page Transmit | 4.3.18 |
| 22 | 0b00010110 | AutoNegotiation Base Page Receive | 4.3.19 |
| 23 | 0b00010111 | AutoNegotiation Next Page Transmit | 4.3.20 |
| 24 | 0b00011000 | AutoNegotiation Next Page Receive | 4.3.21 |
| 25–31 | 0b00011001– 0b00011111 | Reserved | |
| 32 | 0b00100000 | Device ID | 4.3.22 |
| 33–111 | 0b00011001– 0b01101111 | Reserved | |
| 112–115 | 0b01110000– 0b01110011 | Counter Half Full 1–4 | 4.3.23 |

Table 4.2 Register Addresses (Cont.)

| Register Numbers | Register Address (REGAD[7:0] Pins) | Register Name | Paragraph Number |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 116–119 | 0b01110100– 0b01110111 | Reserved | |
| 120–123 | 0b01111000– 0b01111011 | Counter Half Full Mask 1–4 | 4.3.24 |
| 124–127 | 0b01111100– 0b01111111 | Reserved | |
| 128–129 | 0b10000000– 0b10000001 | Counter 1 - etherStatsDropEvents | 4.3.25 |
| 130–131 | 0b10000010– 0b10000011 | Counter 2 - etherStatsOctets | 4.3.25 |
| 132–133 | 0b10000100– 0b10000101 | Counter 3 - etherStatsPkts | 4.3.25 |
| 134–135 | 0b10000110– 0b10000111 | Counter 4 - etherStatsBroadcastPkts | 4.3.25 |
| 136–137 | 0b10001000– 0b10001001 | Counter 5 - etherStatsMulticastPkts | 4.3.25 |
| 138–139 | 0b10001010– 0b10001011 | Counter 6 - etherStatsCRCAlignErrors | 4.3.25 |
| 140–141 | 0b10001100– 0b10001101 | Counter 7 - etherStatsUndersizePkts | 4.3.25 |
| 142–143 | 0b10001110– 0b10001111 | Counter 8 - etherStatsOversizePkts | 4.3.25 |
| 144–145 | 0b10010000– 0b10010001 | Counter 9 - etherStatsFragments | 4.3.25 |
| 146–147 | 0b10010010– 0b10010011 | Counter 10 - etherStatsJabber | 4.3.25 |
| 148–149 | 0b10010100– 0b10010101 | Counter 11 - etherStatsCollisions | 4.3.25 |
| 150–151 | 0b10010110– 0b10010111 | Counter 12 - etherStatsPkts64Octets | 4.3.25 |

Table 4.2 Register Addresses (Cont.)

| Register Numbers | Register Address (REGAD[7:0] Pins) | Register Name | Paragraph Number |
|-------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|
| 152–153 | 0b10011000– 0b10011001 | Counter 13 - etherStatsPkts65to127Octets | 4.3.25 |
| 154–155 | 0b10011010– 0b10011011 | Counter 14 - etherStatsPkts128to255Octets | 4.3.25 |
| 156–157 | 0b10011100– 0b10011101 | Counter 15 - etherStatsPkts256to511Octet | 4.3.25 |
| 158–159 | 0b10011110– 0b10011111 | Counter 16 - etherStatsPkts512to1023Octets | 4.3.25 |
| 160–161 | 0b10100000– 0b10100001 | Counter 17 - etherStatsPkts1024to1518Octets | 4.3.25 |
| 162–163 | 0b10100010– 0b10100011 | Counter 18 - etherStatsOctets_TX | 4.3.25 |
| 164–165 | 0b10100100– 0b10100101 | Counter 19 - etherStatsPkts_TX | 4.3.25 |
| 166–167 | 0b10100110– 0b10100111 | Counter 20 - etherStatsBroadcastPkts_TX | 4.3.25 |
| 168–169 | 0b10101000– 0b10101001 | Counter 21 - etherStatsMulticastPkts_TX | 4.3.25 |
| 170–171 | 0b10101010– 0b10101011 | Counter 22 - etherStatsPkts64Octets_TX | 4.3.25 |
| 172–173 | 0b10101100– 0b10101101 | Counter 23 - etherStatsPkts65to127Octets_TX | 4.3.25 |
| 174–175 | 0b10101110– 0b10101111 | Counter 24 - etherStatsPkts128to255Octets_TX | 4.3.25 |
| 176–177 | 0b10110000– 0b10110001 | Counter 25 - etherStatsPkts256to511Octets_TX | 4.3.25 |
| 178–179 | 0b10110010– 0b10110011 | Counter 26 - etherStatsPkts512to1023Octets_TX | 4.3.25 |
| 180–181 | 0b10110100– 0b10110101 | Counter 27 - etherStatsPkts1024to1518Octets_TX | 4.3.25 |

Table 4.2 Register Addresses (Cont.)

| Register Numbers | Register Address (REGAD[7:0] Pins) | Register Name | Paragraph Number |
|-------------------------|---|---|-------------------------|
| 182–183 | 0b10110110– 0b10110111 | Counter 28 - ifInOctets | 4.3.25 |
| 184–185 | 0b10111000– 0b10111001 | Counter 29 - ifInUcastPkts | 4.3.25 |
| 186–187 | 0b10111010– 0b10111011 | Counter 30 - ifOutOctets | 4.3.25 |
| 188–189 | 0b10111100– 0b10111101 | Counter 31 - ifOutUcastPkts | 4.3.25 |
| 190–191 | 0b10111110– 0b10111111 | Counter 32 - ifOutMulticastPkts | 4.3.25 |
| 192–193 | 0b11000000– 0b11000001 | Counter 33 - ifOutBroadcastPkts | 4.3.25 |
| 194–195 | 0b11000010– 0b11000011 | Counter 34 - ifOutDiscards | 4.3.25 |
| 196–197 | 0b11000100– 0b11000101 | Counter 35 - ifOutErrors | 4.3.25 |
| 198–199 | 0b11000110– 0b11000111 | Counter 36 - dot3StatsAlignmentErrors | 4.3.25 |
| 200–201 | 0b11001000– 0b11001001 | Reserved | |
| 202–203 | 0b11001010– 0b11001011 | Counter 38 - dot3StatsSingleCollisionFrames | 4.3.25 |
| 204–205 | 0b11001100– 0b11001101 | Counter 39 - dot3StatsMultipleCollisionFrames | 4.3.25 |
| 206–207 | 0b11001110– 0b11001111 | Counter 40 - dot3StatsSQETestErrors | 4.3.25 |
| 208–209 | 0b11010000– 0b11010001 | Counter 41 - dot3StatsDeferredTransmissions | 4.3.25 |
| 210–211 | 0b11010010– 0b11010011 | Counter 42 - dot3StatsLateCollisions | 4.3.25 |

Table 4.2 Register Addresses (Cont.)

| Register Numbers | Register Address (REGAD[7:0] Pins) | Register Name | Paragraph Number |
|-------------------------|---|---|-------------------------|
| 212–213 | 0b11010100– 0b11010101 | Counter 43 - dot3StatsExcessiveCollisions | 4.3.25 |
| 214–215 | 0b11010110– 0b11010111 | Counter 44 - dot3StatsCarrierSenseErrors | 4.3.25 |
| 216–217 | 0b11011000– 0b11011001 | Counter 45 - aOctetsTransmittedOK | 4.3.25 |
| 218–219 | 0b11011010– 0b11011011 | Counter 46 - aOctetsReceivedOK | 4.3.25 |
| 220–221 | 0b11011100– 0b11011101 | Counter 47 - aFramesWithExcessiveDefferal | 4.3.25 |
| 222–223 | 0b11011110– 0b11011111 | Counter 48 - aInRangeLengthErrors | 4.3.25 |
| 224–225 | 0b11100000– 0b11100001 | Counter 49 - aOutOfRangeLengthField | 4.3.25 |
| 226–227 | 0b11100010– 0b11100011 | Counter 50 - aSymbolErrorDuringCarrier | 4.3.25 |
| 228–229 | 0b11100100– 0b11100101 | Counter 51 - aUnsupportedOpCodesReceived | 4.3.25 |
| 230–231 | 0b11100110– 0b11100111 | Counter 52 - aPauseMACCtrlFramesTransmitted | 4.3.25 |
| 232–233 | 0b11101000– 0b11101001 | Counter 53 - aPauseMACCtrlFramesReceived | 4.3.25 |
| 234–255 | 0b11101010– 0b11111111 | Reserved | |

Table 4.3 Register Default Values

| Register Numbers | Register Address (REGAD[7:0] Pins) | Register Name | Default (Hex) |
|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| 0 | 0b00000000 | MAC Address 1 | 0x0000 |
| 1 | 0b00000001 | MAC Address 2 | 0x0000 |
| 2 | 0b00000010 | MAC Address 3 | 0x0000 |
| 3 | 0b00000011 | MAC Address Filter 1 | 0x0000 |
| 4 | 0b00000100 | MAC Address Filter 2 | 0x0000 |
| 5 | 0b00000101 | MAC Address Filter 3 | 0x0000 |
| 6 | 0b00000110 | MAC Address Filter 4 | 0x0000 |
| 7 | 0b00000111 | Configuration 1 | 0x03F2 |
| 8 | 0b00001000 | Configuration 2 | 0x07E5 |
| 9 | 0b00001001 | Configuration 3 | 0x07E0 |
| 10 | 0b00001010 | Configuration 4 | 0x0000 |
| 11 | 0b00001011 | Status 1 | 0x0000 |
| 12–13 | 0b00001100–0b00001101 | Reserved | |
| 14 | 0b00001110 | Status Mask 1 | 0xFFFF |
| 15–16 | 0b00001111–0b00010000 | Reserved | |
| 17 | 0b00010001 | Transmit FIFO Threshold | 0x8620 |
| 18 | 0b00010010 | Receive FIFO Threshold | 0x00C0 |
| 19 | 0b00010011 | Flow Control 1 | 0x9800 |
| 20 | 0b00010100 | Flow Control 2 | 0xF000 |
| 21 | 0b00010101 | AutoNegotiation Base Page Transmit | 0x00A0 |
| 22 | 0b00010110 | AutoNegotiation Base Page Receive | 0x0000 |
| 23 | 0b00010111 | AutoNegotiation Next Page Transmit | 0x0000 |
| 24 | 0b00011000 | AutoNegotiation Next Page Receive | 0x0000 |
| 25–31 | 0b00011001–0b00011111 | Reserved | |
| 32 | 0b00100000 | Device ID | 0x1000 |

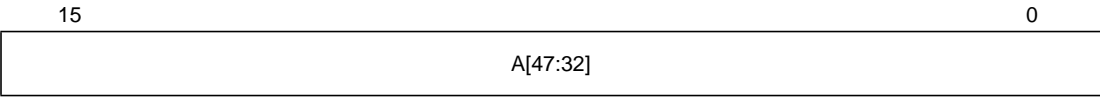
Table 4.3 Register Default Values (Cont.)

| Register Numbers | Register Address (REGAD[7:0] Pins) | Register Name | Default (Hex) |
|------------------|------------------------------------|---|---------------|
| 33–111 | 0b00011001–0b01101111 | Reserved | |
| 112–115 | 0b01110000–0b01110011 | Counter Half Full 1–4 | 0x0000 |
| 116–119 | 0b01110100–0b01110111 | Reserved | |
| 120–123 | 0b01111000–0b01111011 | Counter Half Full Mask 1–4 | 0xFFFF |
| 124–127 | 0b01111100–0b01111111 | Reserved | |
| 128–233 | 0b10000000–0b11101001 | Counter 1-53 32-bit Management Counters | 0x0000 |
| 234–255 | 0b11101010–0b11111111 | Reserved | |

4.3 Register Definitions

The following paragraphs describe the 8101/8104 internal registers.

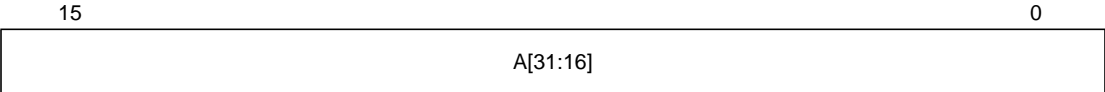
4.3.1 Register 0—MAC Address 1



Note: A[47] 15-bit occurs on the REGD15 pin.

A[47:32] MAC Address, First Word [15:0], R/W
This is the first of three words in the 48-bit MAC address.
The MAC address is used to receive unicast address filtering of the DA, and serves as the SA for automatically generated MAC control pause frames.
A0 (see Register 2) corresponds to the first bit transmitted or received by the MAC section (DA[0] or SA[0] in [Figure 2.3](#)).

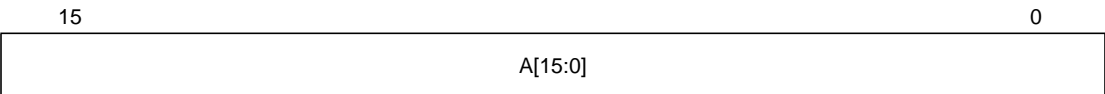
4.3.2 Register 1–MAC Address 2



Note: A[31] 15-bit occurs on the REGD15 pin.

A[31:16] MAC Address, Second Word [15:0], R/W
This is the second of three words in the 48-bit MAC address.
The MAC address is used to receive unicast address filtering of the DA, and serves as the SA for automatically generated MAC control pause frames.
A0 (see Register 2) corresponds to the first bit transmitted or received by the MAC section (DA[0] or SA[0] in [Figure 2.3](#)).

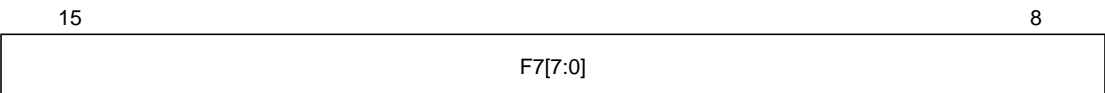
4.3.3 Register 2–MAC Address 3

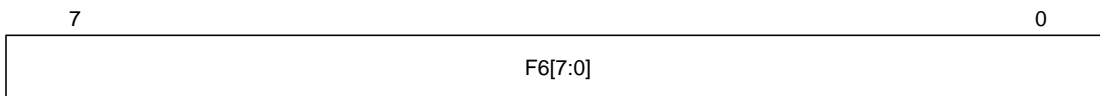


Note: A[15] 15-bit occurs on the REGD15 pin.

A[15:0] MAC Address, Third Word [15:0], R/W
This is the third of three words that comprise the 48-bit MAC address.
The MAC address is used to receive unicast address filtering of the DA, and serves as the SA for automatically generated MAC control pause frames.
A0 corresponds to the first bit transmitted or received by the MAC section (DA[0] or SA[0] in [Figure 2.3](#)).

4.3.4 Register 3–MAC Address Filter 1





Note: F7[7] 15-bit occurs on the REGD15 pin.

F7[7:0], F6[7:0]

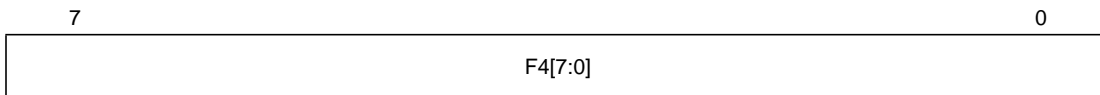
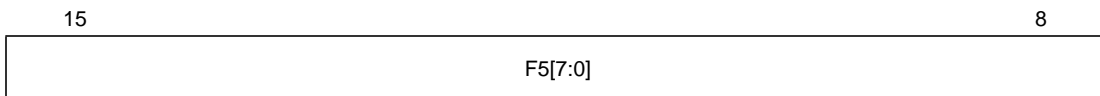
MAC Address Filter

[15:0], R/W

This is the first of four words in the 64-bit MAC address filter.

The MAC address filter is used to filter the destination address on multicast packets.

4.3.5 Register 4–MAC Address Filter 2



Note: F5[7] 15-bit occurs on the REGD15 pin.

F5[7:0], F4[7:0]

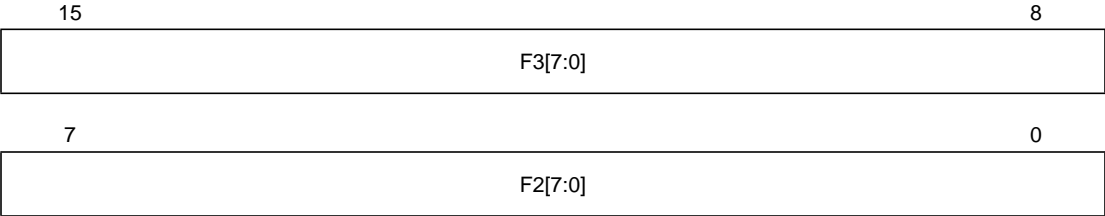
MAC Address Filter

[15:0], R/W

This is the second of four words in the 64-bit MAC address filter.

The MAC address filter is used to filter the destination address on multicast packets.

4.3.6 Register 5—MAC Address Filter 3



Note: F3[7] 15-bit occurs on the REGD15 pin

F3[7:0], F2[7:0]

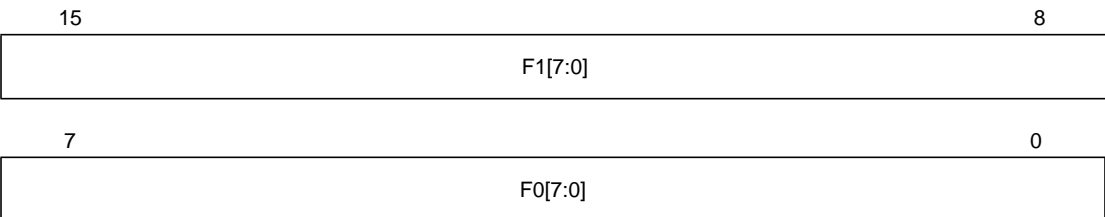
MAC Address Filter

[15:0], R/W

This is the third of four words in the 64-bit MAC address filter.

The MAC address filter is used to filter the destination address on multicast packets.

4.3.7 Register 6—MAC Address Filter 4



Note: F1[7] 15-bit occurs on the REGD15 pin

F1[7:0], F0[7:0]

MAC Address Filter

[15:0], R/W

This is the fourth of four words in the 64-bit MAC address filter.

The MAC address filter is used to filter the destination address on multicast packets.

4.3.8 Register 7–Configuration 1

| | | | | | | | |
|--------|---------|-------|---------|--------|---------|----------|------|
| 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 |
| RST | RXRST | TXRST | ANRST | CTRRST | APAD | IPG[2:1] | |
| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| IPG[0] | TXPRMBL | TXCRC | RXPRMBL | RXCRC | STSWRD1 | STSWRD0 | PEOF |

Note: RST 15-bit occurs on the REGD15 pin

| RST | Reset | 15, R/WSC | | | | | | |
|---------------|---|------------------|-------------|---|---|---|-------------------|--|
| | <table><tr><th>RST</th><th>Description</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Controller is reset; it self-clears in 1 μs</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>Nominal operation</td></tr></table> | RST | Description | 1 | Controller is reset; it self-clears in 1 μs | 0 | Nominal operation | |
| RST | Description | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Controller is reset; it self-clears in 1 μs | | | | | | | |
| 0 | Nominal operation | | | | | | | |
| RXRST | Receive Reset | 14, R/WSC | | | | | | |
| | <table><tr><th>RXRST</th><th>Description</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Receive data path reset, self-clears when the start of the new packet is detected</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>Normal</td></tr></table> | RXRST | Description | 1 | Receive data path reset, self-clears when the start of the new packet is detected | 0 | Normal | |
| RXRST | Description | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Receive data path reset, self-clears when the start of the new packet is detected | | | | | | | |
| 0 | Normal | | | | | | | |
| TXRST | Transmit Reset | 13, R/WSC | | | | | | |
| | <table><tr><th>TXRST</th><th>Description</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Transmit data, data reset, self-clearing in 1 μs</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>Normal</td></tr></table> | TXRST | Description | 1 | Transmit data, data reset, self-clearing in 1 μs | 0 | Normal | |
| TXRST | Description | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Transmit data, data reset, self-clearing in 1 μs | | | | | | | |
| 0 | Normal | | | | | | | |
| ANRST | AutoNegotiation Restart | 12, R/WSC | | | | | | |
| | <table><tr><th>ANRST</th><th>Description</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>AutoNegotiation algorithm restarted, self-clearing after AutoNegotiation process starts</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>No Reset</td></tr></table> | ANRST | Description | 1 | AutoNegotiation algorithm restarted, self-clearing after AutoNegotiation process starts | 0 | No Reset | |
| ANRST | Description | | | | | | | |
| 1 | AutoNegotiation algorithm restarted, self-clearing after AutoNegotiation process starts | | | | | | | |
| 0 | No Reset | | | | | | | |
| CTRRST | Counter Reset | 11, R/WSC | | | | | | |
| | <table><tr><th>CTRRST</th><th>Description</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>All counters reset to 0, self-clearing in 1 μs</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>No reset</td></tr></table> | CTRRST | Description | 1 | All counters reset to 0, self-clearing in 1 μs | 0 | No reset | |
| CTRRST | Description | | | | | | | |
| 1 | All counters reset to 0, self-clearing in 1 μs | | | | | | | |
| 0 | No reset | | | | | | | |

| | | |
|-----------------|---|-------------------|
| APAD | AutoPad Enable | 10, R/W |
| APAD | Description | |
| 1 | All undersize transmit packets padded to 64 bytes | |
| 0 | No autopad | |
| IPG[2:0] | Transmit Interpacket Gap Select | [9:7], R/W |
| IPG[2:0] | Description | |
| 111 | Transmit IPG is 96 bits (IEEE specification minimum) | |
| 110 | Transmit IPG is 122 bits | |
| 101 | Transmit IPG is 80 bits | |
| 100 | Transmit IPG is 64 bits | |
| 011 | Transmit IPG is 192 bits-(2 x IEEE specification minimum) | |
| 010 | Transmit IPG is 384 bits-(4 x IEEE specification minimum) | |
| 001 | Transmit IPG is 768 bits-(8 x IEEE specification minimum) | |
| 000 | Transmit IPG is 32 bits | |
| TXPRMBL | Transmit Preamble Enable | 6, R/W |
| TXPRMBL | Description | |
| 1 | Preamble added to beginning of transmit packet | |
| 0 | Preamble not added | |
| TXCRC | Transmit CRC Enable | 5, R/W |
| TXCRC | Description | |
| 1 | CRC calculated and added to end of transmit packet | |
| 0 | CRC not added | |
| RXPRMBL | Receive Preamble Enable | 4, R/W |
| RXPRMBL | Description | |
| 1 | Preamble is stored in RX FIFO with rest of packet | |
| 0 | Preamble stripped off | |

RXCRC Receive CRC Enable 3, R/W

| RXCRC | Description |
|-------|--|
| 1 | CRC is stored in RX FIFO with rest of packet |
| 0 | CRC stripped off |

STSWRD[1:0] Receive Status Word Append Select [2:1], R/W

| STSWRD[1:0] | Description |
|-------------|--|
| 11 | Reserved |
| 10 | Receive status word for nondiscarded packets and discarded packets |
| 01 | Receive status word for nondiscarded packets |
| 00 | No receive status word |

PEOF Receive EOF Position Select 0, R/W

| PEOF | Description |
|------|---|
| 1 | Receive EOF at end of packet data |
| 0 | Receive EOF at end of receive status word |

4.3.9 Register 8—Configuration 2

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 |
| REJUCST | REJMCST | REJBCST | REJALL | ACPTALL | DIS_OVF | DIS_CRC | DIS_USIZE |
| | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 0 | | | |
| DIS_OSIZE | DIS_CWRD | DIS_RXAB | RES = 0 | | | | |

Note: REJUCST 15-bit occurs on the REGD15 pin

REJUCST Receive Unicast Packets Reject 15, R/W

| REJUCST | Description |
|---------|--|
| 1 | Receiver rejects all unicast packets |
| 0 | Accept unicast packet if DA value in registers [0:2] |

| | | |
|----------------|---|----------------|
| REJMCST | Receive Multicast Packets Reject | 14, R/W |
| REJMCST | Description | |
| 1 | Receiver rejects all multicast packets | |
| 0 | Accept multicast packet if DA passes MAC address filter | |
| REJBCST | Receive Broadcast Packets Reject | 13, R/W |
| REJBCST | Description | |
| 1 | Receiver rejects all broadcast packets | |
| 0 | Accept broadcast packet | |
| REJALL | Receive All Packet Reject | 12, R/W |
| REJALL | Description | |
| 1 | Receiver rejects all packets | |
| 0 | Normal | |
| ACPTALL | Receive All Packets Enable | 11, R/W |
| ACPTALL | Description | |
| 1 | Receiver accepts all packets regardless of address (not including MAC control frames) | |
| 0 | Normal | |
| DIS_OVF | Discard Overflow Packet Enable | 10, R/W |
| DIS_OVF | Description | |
| 1 | Discard receive packet with receive FIFO overflow error | |
| 0 | No discard | |
| DIS_CRC | Discard CRC Error Packet Enable | 9, R/W |
| DIS_CRC | Description | |
| 1 | Discard receive packet with CRC error | |
| 0 | No discard | |

DIS_USIZE Discard Undersize Packet Enable 8, R/W

| DIS_USIZE | Description |
|-----------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | Discard receive undersize packet |
| 0 | No discard |

DIS_OSIZE Discard Oversize Packet Enable 7, R/W

| DIS_OSIZE | Description |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Discard receive oversize packet |
| 0 | No discard |

Note: Clearing this bit to 0 allows maximum packet size to be unlimited in length.

DIS_CWRD Discard Codeword Error Packet Enable 6, R/W

| DIS_CWRD | Description |
|----------|---|
| 1 | Discard receive packets that contain PCS codeword error |
| 0 | No discard |

DIS_RXAB Discard RXABORT Packet Enable 5, R/W

| DIS_RXAB | Description |
|----------|---|
| 1 | Discard receive packets that are aborted with RXABORT |
| 0 | No discard (i.e. RXABORT pin is disabled) |

RES Reserved [4:0], R/W
Must be left at default value or written to 0 for proper operation.

4.3.10 Register 9—Configuration 3

| | | | | | | | |
|------|---------|----------|---------|----------|-----------|------------|-------|
| 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 |
| RES | AUTOCLR | AUTORXAB | CTR_RD | CTR_ROLL | EWRAP | LCKREF | |
| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| CDET | AN_EN | RMXPKT1 | RMXPKT2 | RXAB_DEF | SINTF_DIS | FCNTRL_DIS | SD_EN |

Note: RES 15-bit occurs on the REGD15 pin

| | | |
|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| RES | Reserved | [15:14], R/W |
| | Must be left at default value or written to 0 for proper operation. | |
| AUTOCLR | AutoClear Mode Enable | 13, R/W |
| AUTOCLR | Description | |
| 1 | TXDC and RXDC automatically cleared at next EOF | |
| 0 | TXDC and RXDC cleared by CLR_TXDC and CLR_RXDC pins, respectively | |
| AUTORXAB | AutoAbort Enable | 12, R/W |
| AUTORXAB | Description | |
| 1 | Current packet aborted and RXDC automatically cleared at next EOF | |
| 0 | No Abort | |
| CTR_RD | Counter Reset On Read Enable | 11, R/W |
| CTR_RD | Description | |
| 1 | Counters reset to 0 when read | |
| 0 | Counters not reset when read (only if count < maximum count) | |
| CTR_ROLL | Counter Rollover Enable | 10, R/W |
| CTR_ROLL | Description | |
| 1 | Counters rollover to 0 after maximum count | |
| 0 | Counters stop at maximum count | |
| EWRAP | EWRAP Pin Assert | 9, R/W |
| EWRAP | Description | |
| 1 | EWRAP pin is asserted active HIGH | |
| 0 | Deassert | |
| LCKREF | LCKREFn Pin Assert | 8, R/W |
| LCKREF | Description | |
| 1 | LCKREFn pin is asserted | |
| 0 | Deassert | |

CDET **EN_CEDT Pin Assert** **7, R/W**

| CDET | Description |
|------|--|
| 1 | EN_CDET pin is asserted active HIGH |
| 0 | EN_CDET pin is controlled by receive PCS state machine |

AN_EN **AutoNegotiation Enable** **6, R/W**

| AN_EN | Description |
|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | AutoNegotiation algorithm enabled |
| 0 | Disabled |

RMXPKT[1:0] **Receive MAC Maximum Packet Size Select** **[5:4], R/W**

| RMXPKT[1:0] | Description |
|-------------|-------------|
| 11 | Reserved |
| 10 | 1535 Bytes |
| 01 | 1522 Bytes |
| 00 | 1518 Bytes |

Note: Max packet size is unlimited if bit 7 = 0

RXAB_DEF **RXABORT Pin Definition** **3, R/W**

| RXAB_DEF | Description |
|----------|---|
| 1 | RXABORT pin and autoabort feature discards data |
| 0 | RXABORT pin and autoabort feature discards data and status word |

SINTF_DIS **System Interface Disable** **2, R/W**

| SINTF_DIS | Description |
|-----------|--|
| 1 | System interface disabled (see system interface section) |
| 0 | Normal |

FCNTRL_DIS FCNTRL Pin**1, R/W****FCNTRL_DIS Description**

| | |
|---|--|
| 1 | FCNTRL pin disabled (does not cause autogenerated pause frame transmission). |
| 0 | Enabled |

SD_EN**Signal Detect Pin Enable****0, R/W****SD_EN Description**

| | |
|---|--|
| 1 | Enabled |
| 0 | SD pin disabled, i.e., internal SD always asserted, does not affect receive word synchronization |

4.3.11 Register 10—Configuration 4

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|---------|-----|------|-------|---------|-----|---------|---------|-----|---|---|
| 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| ENDIAN | BUSSIZE | RES | LPBK | LNKDN | TBC_DIS | RES | CMXPKT1 | CMXPKT0 | RES | | |

Note: ENDIAN 15-bit occurs on the REGD15 pin**ENDIAN****Endian Select****15, R/W****ENDIAN Description**

| | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | RXD/TXD data in big endian format |
| 0 | RXD/TXD data in little endian format |

BUSSIZE**Bus Size Word Width****14, R/W****BUSSIZE Description**

| | |
|---|--|
| 1 | Receive system bus word width is 16 bits |
| 0 | Receive system bus word width is 32 bits |

RES**Reserved****13, [9:8], [5:0], R/W**

Must be left at default value or written to 0 for proper device operation.

LPBK**Loopback Enable****12, R/W****LPBK Description**

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1 | Loopback mode enabled |
| 0 | Normal |

LNKDN **Link Down FIFO Flush Enable** **11, R/W**

| LNKDN | Description |
|-------|--|
| 1 | When receive link is down, data exiting the TX FIFO is discarded |
| 0 | Normal |

TBC_DIS **TX Disable** **10, R/W**

| TBC_DIS | Description |
|---------|---|
| 1 | TBC, TX [9:0] outputs disabled (high impedance) |
| 0 | Enabled |

RES **Reserved** **[9:8], [5:0] R/W**
Must be left at default value or written to 0 for proper device operation.

CMXPKT[1:0] **Counter Max Packet Size Select** **[7:6], R/W**

| CMXPKT[1:0] | Description |
|-------------|-------------|
| 11 | Unlimited |
| 10 | 1535 bytes |
| 01 | 1522 bytes |
| 00 | 1518 bytes |

4.3.12 Register 11–Status 1

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|-----|----|------|-----|-------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----|---|---|---|
| 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| RSYNC | RES | SD | LINK | RES | AN_NP | AN_TX_NP | AN_RX_NP | AN_RX_BP | AN_RMTRST | RES | | | |

Note: RSYNC 15-bit occurs on the REGD15 pin

RSYNC **Receive Word Synchronization Detect** **15, R/LTI**

| RSYNC | Description |
|-------|---|
| 1 | Receive 8B10B PCS has acquired word synchronization |
| 0 | Not synchronized |

RES **Reserved** **[14:13], [10:8], [2:0]**
Must be left at default value or written to 0 for proper device operation.

| | | |
|------------------|---|------------------|
| SD | Signal Detect Pin Status | 12, R |
| SD | Description | |
| 1 | SD input pin HIGH | |
| 0 | SD input pin LOW | |
| LINK | Link Detect Status | 11, R/LTI |
| LINK | Description | |
| 1 | Link pass (receiver in sync, AutoNegotiation done) | |
| 0 | Link fail | |
| AN_NP | AutoNegotiation Next Page Status | 7, R/LHI |
| AN_NP | Description | |
| 1 | One next page exchange done (both RX and TX) | |
| 0 | Not done | |
| AN_TX_NP | AutoNegotiation TX Next Page Status | 6, R |
| AN_TX_NP | Description | |
| 1 | Transmission of next page done | |
| 0 | Not done | |
| AN_RX_NP | AutoNegotiation RX Next Page Status | 5, R |
| AN_RX_NP | Description | |
| 1 | Reception of next page done, next page valid | |
| 0 | Not done | |
| AN_RX_BP | AutoNegotiation RX Base Page Status | 4, R |
| AN_RX_BP | Description | |
| 1 | Reception of base page done, base page valid | |
| 0 | Not done | |
| AN_RMTRST | AutoNegotiation Remote Restart Status | 3, R/LHI |
| AN_RMTRST | Description | |
| 1 | AutoNegotiation restarted because remote end sent restart codes or invalid characters | |
| 0 | Normal | |

4.3.13 Register 14–Status Mask 1

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|---------|-----------|---------|------------|---------|----------------|---------|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | 14 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| MASK_RSYNC | RES = 1 | MASK_LINK | RES = 1 | MASK_AN_NP | RES = 1 | MASK_AN_RMTRST | RES = 1 | | | | |

Note: MASK_RSYNC 15-bit occurs on the REGD15 pin

MASK_RSYNC

Interrupt Mask - Receive Word Synchronization Detect **15, R/W**

| MASK_RSYNC | Description |
|------------|---|
| 1 | Mask interrupt for RSYNC in Register 11 |
| 0 | No mask |

RES **Reserved** **[14:12], [10:8], [6:4], [2:0], R/W**
Must be left at default value or written to 1 for proper device operation.

MASK_LINK **Interrupt Mask - Link Status Detect** **11, R/W**

| MASK_LINK | Description |
|-----------|--|
| 1 | Mask interrupt for LINK in Register 11 |
| 0 | No mask |

MASK_AN_NP

Interrupt Mask - AutoNegotiation Next Page Status **7, R/W**

| MASK_AN_NP | Description |
|------------|---|
| 1 | Mask interrupt for AN_NP in Register 11 |
| 0 | No mask |

MASK_AN_RMTRST

Interrupt Mask - AutoNegotiation Remote Restart Status **3, R/W**

| MASK_AN_RMTRST | Description |
|----------------|---|
| 1 | Mask interrupt for AN_RMTRST in Register 11 |
| 0 | No mask |

4.3.14 Register 17–Transmit FIFO Threshold

| | | | | | |
|-----------|----|-----------|---|------------|---|
| 15 | 11 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| TWM1[4:0] | | TWM2[4:0] | | TASND[5:0] | |

Note: TWM1[4] 15-bit occurs on the REGD15 pin

TWM1[4:0] Transmit FIFO Watermark 1 Threshold [15:11], R/W

| TWM1[4:0] | Description |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Range | 0–1024 words (0–4096 bytes) |
| Increment | 32 words (128 bytes) |
| 11111 | Reserved, do not use |
| 11110 | 992 words in FIFO (3968 bytes) |
| 11101 | 960 words in FIFO (3840 bytes) |
| ⋮ | |
| 00001 | 64 words in FIFO (256 bytes) |
| 00000 | 32 words in FIFO (128 bytes) |

TWM2[4:0] Transmit FIFO Watermark 2 Threshold [10:6], R/W

| TWM2[4:0] | Description |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Range | 0–1024 words (0–4096 bytes) |
| Increment | 32 words (128 bytes) |
| 11111 | Reserved, do not use |
| 11110 | 992 words in FIFO (3968 bytes) |
| 11101 | 960 words in FIFO (3840 bytes) |
| ⋮ | |
| 00001 | 64 words in FIFO (256 bytes) |
| 00000 | 32 words in FIFO (128 bytes) |

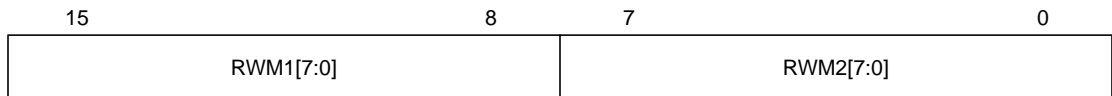
TASND[5:0] Transmit FIFO AutoSend Threshold [5:0], R/W

| TASND[5:0] | Description |
|-------------------|--|
| Range | 0–1024 words (0–4096 bytes) |
| Increment | 8 words (32 bytes) |
| 111111 | Reserved do not use |
| 111110 | Transmit starts when 504 words in FIFO |
| ⋮ | |
| 000010 | Transmit starts when 24 words in FIFO |
| 000001 | Transmit starts when 16 words in FIFO |
| 000000 | Transmit starts when 992 words in FIFO |

Note 1: An EOF written into FIFO also starts transmission of that packet regardless of the AutoSend threshold setting.

Note 2: The 0b000000 setting in TASND[5:0] lets the FIFO fill up before transmission starts, facilitating transmission of oversize packets.

4.3.15 Register 18–Receive FIFO Threshold



Note: RWM1[15] 15-bit occurs on REGD15 pin.

RWM1[7:0] Receive FIFO Watermark 1 Threshold [15:8], R/W

| RWM1[7:0] | Description |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Range | 0–4096 words (0–16386 bytes) |
| Increment | 16 words (64 bytes) |
| 11111111 | Reserved, do not use |
| 11111110 | 4080 words in FIFO (16320 bytes) |
| 11111110 | 4064 words in FIFO (16256 bytes) |
| ⋮ | |
| 00000001 | 32 words in FIFO (128 bytes) |
| 00000000 | 16 words in FIFO (64 bytes) |

**RWM2[7:0] Receive FIFO Increment = 16 Words (64 Bytes)
Watermark 2 Threshold [7:0], R/W**

| RWM2[7:0] | Description |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Range | 0–4096 words (0–16386 bytes) |
| 11111111 | Reserved, do not use |
| 11111110 | 4080 words in FIFO (16320 bytes) |
| 11111110 | 4064 words in FIFO (16256 bytes) |
| ⋮ | |
| 00000001 | 32 words in FIFO (128 bytes) |
| 00000000 | 16 words in FIFO (64 bytes) |

4.3.16 Register 19–Flow Control 1

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------|-------------|----|--------|---------|-------------|---|---------|---|
| 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 7 | 6 | 0 |
| MCNTRL | MCPASS[1:0] | | MCFLTR | MCENDPS | MCASND[3:0] | | RES = 0 | |

Note: MCNTRL 15-bit occurs on REGD15 pin

MCNTRL MAC Control Frame Enable 15, R/W

| MCNTRL | Description |
|---------------|--|
| 1 | Valid receive MAC control frames cause the transmitter to pause (flow control enabled) |
| 0 | Transmitter not paused (flow control disable) |

MCPASS[1:0]

MAC Control Frame Pass Through Enable [14:13], R/W

| MCPASS[1:0] | Description |
|--------------------|---|
| 11 | Valid MAC control frame that have pause opcode are passed through to receive FIFO |
| 10 | Valid MAC control frames that have any opcode are passed through to receive FIFO |
| 01 | Valid MAC control frames that have nonpause opcode are passed through to receive FIFO |
| 00 | MAC control frames are not passed through to receive FIFO |

MCFLTR **MAC Control Frame Address Filter Enable** **12, R/W**

| MCFLTR | Description |
|--------|---|
| 1 | Use reserved multicast address or station address as the DA to determine MAC control pause frame validity |
| 0 | Use any address as the DA to determine MAC control pause frame validity |

MCENDPS **MAC Control Frame End Pause Enable** **11, R/W**

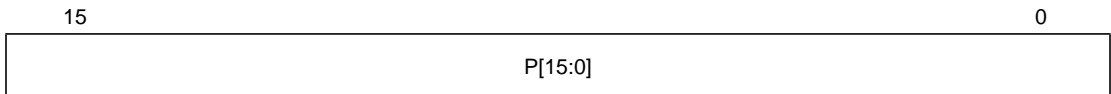
| MCENDPS | Description |
|---------|--|
| 1 | When FNCTRL is deasserted, send transmit MAC control frame with pause_time = 0 |
| 0 | Normal |

MCASND[3:0] **MAC Control Frame AutoSend Threshold** **[10:7], R/W**
 These bits determine the receive FIFO threshold, which causes the automatic transmission of pause frames. Autogenerated pause frame transmission is also affected by the FCNTRL pin and bit 1.

| MCASND[3:0] | Description |
|-------------|--|
| 1111 | 15360 bytes |
| ⋮ | |
| 0010 | 2048 bytes |
| 0001 | 1024 bytes |
| 0000 | Disabled, i.e. RX FIFO data does not cause autogenerated pause frame transmission. |

RES **Reserved** **[6:0], R/W**
 Must be left at defaults or written to 0 for proper operation.

4.3.17 Register 20—Flow Control 2



Note: P15 15-bit occurs on REGD15 pin

P[15:0] Pause Time [15:0], R/W

The contents of this register are inserted into the pause_time parameter field of all autogenerated transmit MAC control pause frames. Upon successful reception of these autogenerated pause frames, a remote device does not transmit data for a time interval equal to the decimal value of this register times 512 ns.

P0 is the LSB.

Any pause time value less than or equal to 0x32 is sent as 0x32.

4.3.18 Register 21—AutoNegotiation Base Page Transmit

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|-----|---------|-----|--------|----|-----|-----|-----|---|---|---|
| 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| NP | ACK | RF[2:1] | RES | PS_DIR | PS | HDX | FDX | RES | | | |

Note: NP 15-bit occurs on REGD15 pin

NP Next Page Enable 15, R/W

| NP | Description |
|----|------------------|
| 1 | Next page exists |
| 0 | No next page |

ACK Acknowledge 14, R/W

| ACK | Description |
|-----|--|
| 1 | Received AutoNegotiation word recognized |
| 0 | Not recognized |

Note: Writing this bit has no effect on device operation. The transmitted bit is controlled by internal state machine.

RF[2:1] Remote Fault [13:12], R/W

| RF[2:1] | Description |
|---------|-----------------------|
| 11 | AutoNegotiation error |
| 10 | Offline |
| 01 | Link failure |
| 00 | No error, link OK |

| | | |
|------------------|--|--------------------|
| RES | Reserved Reserved for future IEEE use | [11:9], R/W |
| PS_DIR PS | Pause Capable | [8:7], R/W |
| PS_DIR PS | Description | |
| 11 | Capable of receive pause only | |
| 10 | Capable of transmit pause only | |
| 01 | Capable of transmit and receive pause | |
| 00 | Not capable | |
| HDX | Half-Duplex Capable | 6, R/W |
| HDX | Description | |
| 1 | Capable of half duplex | |
| 0 | Not capable | |
| FDX | Full-Duplex Capable | 5, R/W |
| FDX | Description | |
| 1 | Capable of full duplex | |
| 0 | Not capable | |
| RES | Reserved Reserved for future IEEE use. | [4:0], R/W |

4.3.19 Register 22–AutoNegotiation Base Page Receive

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|-----|---------|-----|--------|----|-----|-----|-----|---|---|---|
| 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| NP | ACK | RF[2:1] | RES | PS_DIR | PS | HDX | FDX | RES | | | |

Note: NP 15-bit occurs on the REGD15 pin.

| | | |
|-----------|-------------------------|--------------|
| NP | Next Page Enable | 15, R |
| NP | Description | |
| 1 | Next page exists | |
| 0 | No next page | |

| | | |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|
| ACK | Acknowledge | 14, R |
| ACK | Description | |
| 1 | Received AutoNegotiation word recognized | |
| 0 | Not recognized | |
| RF[2:1] | Remote Fault | [13:12], R |
| RF[2:1] | Description | |
| 11 | AutoNegotiation error | |
| 10 | Offline | |
| 01 | Link failure | |
| 00 | No error, link OK | |
| RES | Reserved | [11:9], [4:0], R |
| | Reserved for future IEEE use. | |
| PS_DIR, PS | Pause Capable | [8:7], R |
| PS_DIR, PS | Description | |
| 11 | Capable of receive pause only | |
| 10 | Capable of transmit pause only | |
| 01 | Capable of transmit and receive pause only | |
| 00 | Not capable | |
| HDX | Half-Duplex Capable | 6, R |
| HDX | Description | |
| 1 | Capable of half-duplex | |
| 0 | Not capable | |
| FDX | Full-Duplex Capable | 5, R |
| FDX | Description | |
| 1 | Capable of full-duplex | |
| 0 | Not capable | |

4.3.20 Register 23–AutoNegotiation Next Page Transmit

| | | | | | | |
|----|-----|----------|------|--------|-----------|---|
| 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 0 |
| NP | ACK | PAGETYPE | ACK2 | TOGGLE | MSG[10:0] | |

Note: NP 15-bit occurs on REGD15 pin

NP **Next Page Enable** **15, R/W**

| NP | Description |
|----|-------------|
|----|-------------|

| | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Additional next page exists |
| 0 | This is the last next page |

ACK **Acknowledge** **14, R/W**

| ACK | Description |
|-----|-------------|
|-----|-------------|

| | |
|---|--|
| 1 | Received AutoNegotiation word recognized |
| 0 | Not recognized |

Note: Writing this bit has no effect on device operation. The transmitted bit is controlled by internal state machine.

PAGE **Page Type** **13, R/W**

| PAGE | Description |
|------|-------------|
|------|-------------|

| | |
|---|------------------|
| 1 | Message page |
| 0 | Unformatted page |

ACK2 **Acknowledge 2** **12, R/W**

| ACK2 | Description |
|------|-------------|
|------|-------------|

| | |
|---|--|
| 1 | Able to comply with the received message |
| 0 | Not able to comply |

TOGGLE **Toggle Bit** **11, R/W**

| TOGGLE | Description |
|--------|--|
| 1 | Value of the toggle bit in previously transmitted AutoNegotiation word was 0 |
| 0 | Value of the toggle bit in previously transmitted AutoNegotiation word was 1 |

Note: Writing this bit has no effect on device operation. The transmitted bit is controlled by internal state machine.

MSG[10:0] **Message** **[10:0], R/W**

These bits carry the 11-bit message associated with this next page. Refer to IEEE 802.3z specifications for details on the format and definition of these bits.

4.3.21 Register 24—AutoNegotiation Next Page Receive

| | | | | | | |
|----|-----|----------|------|--------|-----------|---|
| 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 0 |
| NP | ACK | PAGETYPE | ACK2 | TOGGLE | MSG[10:0] | |

Note: NP 15-bit occurs on the REGD15 pin

NP **Next Page Enable** **15, R**

| NP | Description |
|----|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Additional next page exists |
| 0 | This is last next page |

ACK **Acknowledge** **14, R**

| ACK | Description |
|-----|--|
| 1 | Received AutoNegotiation word recognized |
| 0 | Not recognized |

PAGETYPE **Page Type** **13, R**

| PAGETYPE | Description |
|----------|------------------|
| 1 | Message page |
| 0 | Unformatted page |

ACK2 **Acknowledge 2** **12, R**

| ACK2 | Description |
|------|--|
| 1 | Able to comply with the received message |
| 0 | Not able to comply |

TOGGLE **Toggle Bit** **11, R**

| TOGGLE | Description |
|--------|--|
| 1 | Value of the toggle bit in previous transmitted AutoNegotiation word was 0 |
| 0 | Value of the toggle bit in previous transmitted AutoNegotiation word was 1 |

MSG[10:0] **Message** **[10:0], R**
 These bits carry the 11-bit message associated with this next page. Refer to the IEEE 802.3z specifications for details on the format and definition of these bits.

4.3.22 Register 32–Device ID

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------|----|-----------|---|-----|---|-----------|---|
| 15 | 12 | 11 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| PART[3:0] | | HREV[3:0] | | RES | | SREV[3:0] | |

Note: PART[3] 15-bit occurs on the REGD15 pin.

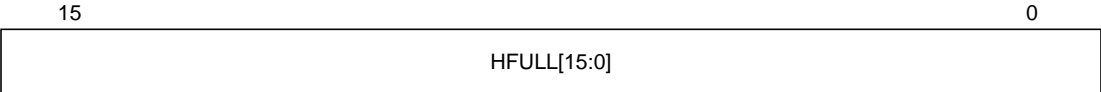
PART[3:0] **Part Number** **[15:12], R**
 This field contains a 4-bit number that uniquely identifies the device.

HREV[3:0] **Hardware Revision Number** **[11:8], R**
 This field contains a 4-bit number that identifies that a revision was made to the device and the revision did not affect any register bit definitions.

RES **Reserved** **[7:4], R/W**
 Reserved for future use.

SREV[3:0] **Software Revision Number** **[3:0], R/W**
 This field contains a 4-bit number that identifies that a revision was made to the device and the revision did affect register bit definitions.

4.3.23 Register 112–115–Counter Half Full 1–4



Note: HFULL[15] 15-bit occurs on the REGD15 pin.

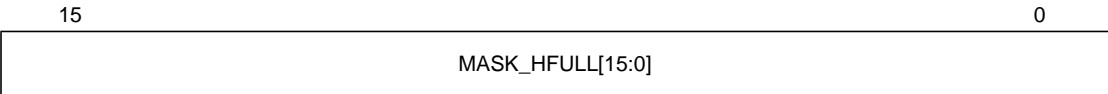
HFULL[15:0] Counter Half Full Detect [15:0], R/LHI

These bits indicate when a counter is near overflow is half full. These four registers contain 53 counter half-full detect bits, one bit for each of the 53 counters.

Bit 0 in Counter Half Full Register 0 corresponds to Counter 1 as listed in [Table 4.1](#); bit 15 in Counter Half Full Register 0 corresponds to Counter 16; bit 4 of Counter Half Full Register 4 corresponds to Counter 53.

| HFULL[15:0] | Description |
|-------------|---|
| 1 | Counter has reached a count of 0x80000000, (half full). |
| 0 | Count < 0x80000000 |

4.3.24 Registers 120–123–Counter Half Full Mask 1–4



Note: MASK_HFULL[15] 15-bit occurs on the REGD15 pin

MASK_HFULL[15:0] Counter Half Full Detect Mask [15:0], R/W

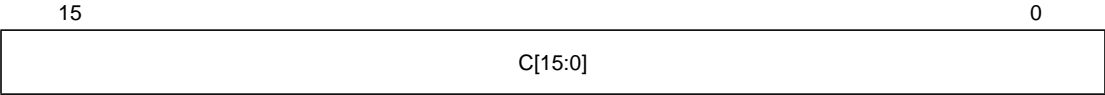
The MASK_HFULL[15:0] bits mask (disable) the interrupt caused by the counter half-full detect bits. These four registers contain 53 mask bits, one bit for each of the 53 half-full detect bits.

Bit 0 in Counter Half Full Mask Register 0 masks the interrupt caused by the half full detect bit for Counter 1; bit 15 in Counter Half Full Mask Register 0 corresponds to Counter 16; bit 4 in Counter Half Full Mask Register 3 corresponds to Counter 53.

MASK_HFULL[15:0] Description

| | |
|---|--|
| 1 | Mask (disable) the interrupt caused by the corresponding Counter Half Full Detect Bit. |
| 0 | No mask |

4.3.25 Registers 128–233–Counter 1–53



Note: C15 15-bit occurs on the REGD15 pin.

C[15:0] Counter Result Value [15:0], R

These 106 registers contain the results of the 53 32-bit management counters.

Each 32-bit counter result value resides in two 16-bit registers. For the two registers associated with each counter, the register with the lower value address always contains the least-significant 16 bits of the counter result. C0 of the lower value address is the counter LSB; C15 of the higher value is the counter MSB.

The definition and register address for each counter is shown in [Table 2.14](#). The register address for each counter is also shown in [Table 4.2](#).

Chapter 5

Application Information

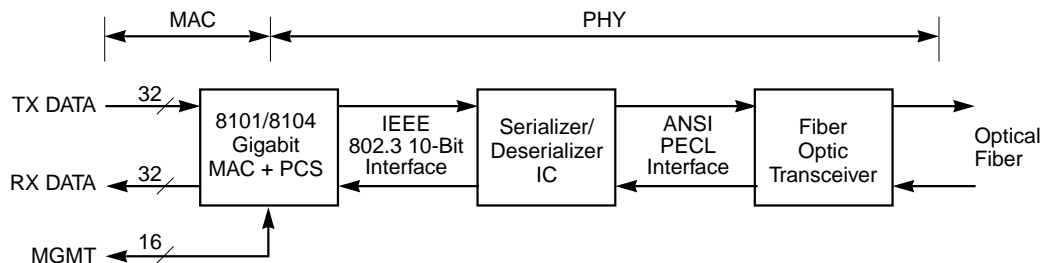
This Chapter provides application information for the 8101/8104 Gigabit Ethernet Controller. The chapter contains the following sections

- [Section 5.1, “Typical Ethernet Port”](#)
- [Section 5.2, “10-Bit PHY Interface”](#)
- [Section 5.3, “System Interface”](#)
- [Section 5.4, “Reset”](#)
- [Section 5.5, “Loopback”](#)
- [Section 5.6, “AutoNegotiation”](#)
- [Section 5.7, “Management Counters”](#)
- [Section 5.8, “TX Packet and Octet Counters”](#)
- [Section 5.9, “Power Supply Decoupling”](#)

5.1 Typical Ethernet Port

A typical example of a Gigabit Ethernet switch port using the 8101/8104 controller is shown in [Figure 5.1](#).

Figure 5.1 Gigabit Ethernet Switch Port Using the 8101/8104



5.2 10-Bit PHY Interface

The 10-bit PHY interface directly couples to any external physical layer device that complies with the IEEE 802.3z or the 10-bit ANSI X3.230 interface standards.

5.2.1 External Physical Layer Devices

In a typical configuration, the controller is connected to an external Serializer/Deserializer (SerDes) Integrated circuit, as shown in [Figure 5.1](#). A list of SerDes devices whose specifications are compatible with and can directly connect to the controller is shown in [Table 5.1](#).

Table 5.1 Compatible SerDes Devices

| Vendor | Device No. |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Vitesse | VSC7135 |
| Hewlett-Packard | HDMP-1636 HDMP-1646 |
| Sony | CXB1589Q |
| AMCC | 52052 |
| TriQuint | TQ9506 |

5.2.2 Printed Circuit Board Layout

The 10-bit PHY interface clocks data at 125 MHz. The setup and hold times on the timing signals are very short. The outputs are specified assuming a maximum load of only 10 pf. For these reasons, it is imperative that the SerDes or other physical layer device be placed as close as possible to the controller, preferably within one inch. In addition, care should be taken to eliminate any extra loading on all the 10-bit PHY interface signal lines. Also, the clock and data lines in both receive and transmit directions should be routed along the same paths so that they have similar parasitics and delays, to prevent degrading setup and hold times. Termination is not necessary if these precautions are taken.

5.3 System Interface

The system interface requires the selection of watermarks and close attention to printed circuit board layout.

5.3.1 Watermarks

There are two independent watermarks on both the transmit and receive FIFOs. The usage of these watermarks is unspecified and is left to the discretion of the system designer. Below are three examples of watermark usage based on transferring data in any of the following ways:

- Complete packets
- Fixed block sizes
- Variable block sizes

5.3.1.1 Complete Packet Watermarks

To transfer data to and from the controller in completed packets, only one watermark is needed. Either transmit watermark could be chosen for this application. On the receive side, RXWM2 should be chosen because it is asserted when a complete packet is loaded into the RX FIFO. The transmit and receive watermark thresholds should preferably be set to a value equal to or larger than the maximum size packet (1518 bytes or greater). On the transmit side, the data is written into the TX FIFO in complete packet bursts when the system requires. On the receive side the data is read out of the RX FIFO beginning with the assertion of RXWM2 and ending when RXEOF is asserted.

5.3.1.2 Fixed Block Watermarks

To transfer data to and from the controller in fixed block sizes (64 bytes at a time, for example), only one watermark is needed. Either transmit watermark could be chosen for this application. On the receive side, RXWM2 should be chosen because it is asserted when a complete packet is loaded into the RX FIFO. The transmit watermark threshold is set to a low value (64 bytes for example), and the receive watermark thresholds preferably are set to a value equal to or greater than the fixed cell size (64 bytes in this example). On the transmit side, the data is written into the TX FIFO in fixed block size bursts when the system requires. When the transmit watermark is deasserted, another block must be written into the TX FIFO. On the receive side, the data is read out of the RX FIFO beginning with the assertion of RXWM2 and ending when the fixed block has been read out (64 bytes in this example) or RXEOF has been asserted.

5.3.1.3 Variable Block Watermarks

To transfer data to and from the controller in variable cell sizes, two watermarks are needed. The TXWM1n and RXWM1 watermark thresholds are set to some low value (64 bytes for this example) while the TXWM2n and RXWM2 watermark thresholds are set to some high value (1024 bytes for example). On the transmit side, the data is written into the TX FIFO when the system requires. If TXWM2n is asserted, the data input must be halted. If TXWM1n is deasserted, the data input must be resumed. In this way, the TX FIFO contents are kept between the high and low watermark thresholds, which potentially increases the external

system loading efficiency. Similarly, on the receive side the data must be read out of the RX FIFO when RXWM2 is asserted. If RXWM1 is deasserted, or RXEOF is asserted, the data output must be halted. If RXWM2 is asserted the data output must be resumed. In this way, the RX FIFO contents are kept between the high and low watermarks.

The transmit and receive watermarks can also be used to indicate that the FIFO is full or empty (or almost full or almost empty), if desired.

5.3.2 PCB Layout

Because the data rate of the system interface can be as high as 66 MHz, care should be taken to keep PCB trace lengths of all critical signals as short as possible, preferably less than 2 inches in length. If this guideline is followed termination is not necessary.

5.4 Reset

While the device is being reset, it transmits valid 10B symbols out of the 10-bit PHY interface on TXD[0:9] and TBC. If the device is reset with the RESETn pin for a long period of time, these 10B symbols may be mistakenly decoded as valid packet information and fill up the memory in a remote device. The reset procedure outlined in [Table 5.2](#) avoids this situation and is recommended for use when the RESETn pin is asserted for long periods of time. When the reset bit is used for device reset the above situation is avoided because the reset bit is self-clearing in 1 μ s.

Table 5.2 Reset Procedure

| Step | Action | Result |
|------|-------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Set the TBC_DIC bit | Stop transmission of data from the 10-bit PHY interface to SerDes. |
| 2 | Wait for more than 20 μ s | Insures that the remote device receiver detects that the link has been broken so it will not decode 10B data as valid. |
| 3 | Assert RESETn | Start the reset period. |
| 4 | Wait more than 10 μ s. | Allow enough time for all circuits in controller to be reset. |
| 5 | Deassert RESETn | Stop the reset period. |
| 6 | Clear the TBC_DIC bit | Turns on 10-bit PHY interface and returns controller to normal operation. |

5.5 Loopback

The controller has a loopback mode, but most external SerDes devices connected to the controller 10-bit PHY interface also have a loopback mode. Sometimes it is desirable to use the SerDes loopback mode instead of the controller loopback mode because the SerDes loopback mode tests a larger and/or different section of the system circuitry. When the SerDes loopback mode is used, it is recommended that the procedure outlined in [Table 5.3](#) be followed.

Table 5.3 SerDes Loopback Procedure

| STEP | Action | Result |
|------|--|--|
| 1 | Set the REJALL bit in Register 8 | Ignore all receive data until the loopback mode is ready for operation. |
| 2 | Set the EWRAP bit in Register 9 | Enable the external SerDes loopback mode. |
| 3 | Clear the SD_EN bit in Register 9 | Ignore the signal detect output from optical transceiver because the receive optical data may be invalid. |
| 4 | Set the TBC_DIS bit in Register 10 | Stop transmission of data out of 10-bit PHY interface which causes the SerDes and controller to lose sync so that they properly resync to the new data stream. |
| 5 | Wait more than 200 μ s | Allow time for the SerDes and controller receivers to lose sync. |
| 6 | Clear the TBC_DIS bit in Register 10 | Turn on the transmitter so that the SerDes and controller receivers can gain sync. |
| 7 | Wait more than 200 μ s | Allow time for the SerDes and controller receivers to gain sync. |
| 8 | Clear the REJALL bit in Register 8 | Stop ignoring receive data and turn on the receive MAC. |
| 9 | Do loopback tests | |
| 10 | Clear the EWRAP bit, and set the SD_EN bit in Register 9 (if SD pin is used) | Turn off the SerDes loopback mode and enable the signal detect function (if used). |
| 11 | Set the ANRST bit in Register 7 | Restarts AutoNegotiation. Controller is ready for normal operation when AutoNegotiation is completed. |

5.6 AutoNegotiation

AutoNegotiation is a handshake operation between the controller and the external device (see [Section 2.15, “AutoNegotiation”](#)). If the external device is capable of AutoNegotiation, the procedures described in [Section 5.6.1, “AutoNegotiation at Power Up”](#) should be followed. If the external device is not capable of AutoNegotiation, refer to [Section 5.6.2, “Negotiating with a Non-AutoNegotiation Capable Device”](#).

5.6.1 AutoNegotiation at Power Up

When the device is powered up the AutoNegotiation algorithm must handshake with the remote device to configure itself for a common mode of operation. To insure smooth and proper AutoNegotiation operation at power up it is recommended that the procedure outlined in [Table 5.4](#) be followed.

Table 5.4 AutoNegotiation Power Up Procedure

| STEP | Action | Result |
|------|---|--|
| 1 | Wait for the SD pin to go HIGH (If SD is not used, go to the next step.) | Waits for valid data from the optical transceiver. |
| 2 | Set RST bit in Register 7 | Resets the device. |
| 3 | Set bits [15:0] in Register 21 | Sets up the capabilities for AutoNegotiation. |
| 4 | Set the remaining register bits as needed. | Sets up the device for the desired operation. |
| 5 | Set ANRST bit in Register 7 | Restarts AutoNegotiation. |
| 6 | Wait > 50 μ s | Wait for AutoNegotiation to complete. |
| 7 | Read LINK bit in register 11 twice. If 0, then done. If 1, repeat #5–7 (up to seven times). | Determine if AutoNegotiation done and link pass. If link pass, device ready for operation. If link fail, retry again seven more times. If no link pass after seven times, disable ANEG and try manual link pass. |
| 8 | Clear AN_EN bit in Register 9 | Disable AutoNegotiation. |
| 9 | Clear ANRST bit in Register 7 | Clears all internal AutoNegotiation circuitry. |
| 10 | Wait > 100 μ s | Wait for manual link pass. |
| 11 | Read LINK bit in Register 11 twice. If 0, go to first step. If 1, done. | If manual link pass, then device ready for operation. If link fail, then redo procedure until link pass is achieved. |

5.6.2 Negotiating with a Non-AutoNegotiation Capable Device

When the controller has AutoNegotiation enabled and the remote device to which it is connected has the AutoNegotiation disabled (or does not have AutoNegotiation capability at all), the controller stays in the link fail state and continually restarts AutoNegotiation because it cannot complete a negotiation sequence successfully. Conversely, the remote device goes to the link pass state because it sees the AutoNegotiation words transmitted to it as valid idle symbols. For proper operation between two devices, the controller and the remote device must both be either set with AutoNegotiation enabled or set with AutoNegotiation disabled.

5.7 Management Counters

The controller management counters provide the necessary statistics to completely support the following IETF and IEEE specifications:

- IETF RFC 1757: RMON Statistics Group
- IETF RFC 1213 and 1573 SNMP Interfaces Group
- IETF RFC 1643: Ethernet-Like MIB
- IEEE 802.3/Cl. 30: Ethernet MIB

A complete list of the counters along with their definitions was already defined in [Table 2.14](#). A map of the actual MIB objects from the IETF and IEEE specifications to the specific controller counters is shown below in [Table 5.5–Table 5.8](#).

Table 5.5 MIB Objects vs. Counter Location for RMON Statistics Group MIB (RFC 1757)

| MIB Objects | Counter Location | |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Counter | Register Address (Low/High) |
| etherStatsDropEvents | 1 | 0b10000000 0b10000001 |
| etherStatsOctets | 2 | 0b10000010 0b10000011 |
| etherStatsPkts | 3 | 0b10000100 0b10000101 |
| etherStatsBroadcastPkts | 4 | 0b10000110 0b10000111 |
| etherStatsMulticastPkts | 5 | 0b10001000 0b10001001 |
| etherStatsCRCAlignErrors | 6 | 0b10001010 0b10001011 |
| etherStatsUndersizePkts | 7 | 0b10001100 0b10001101 |
| etherStatsOversizePkts | 8 | 0b10001110 0b10001111 |
| etherStatsFragments | 9 | 0b10010000 0b10010001 |
| etherStatsJabber | 10 | 0b10010010 0b10010011 |
| etherStatsCollisions | 11 | 0b10010100 0b10010101 |
| etherStatsPkts64Octets | 12 | 0b10010110 0b10010111 |
| etherStatsPkts65to127Octets | 13 | 0b10011000 0b10011001 |
| etherStatsPkts128to255Octets | 14 | 0b10011010 0b10011011 |

Table 5.5 MIB Objects vs. Counter Location for RMON Statistics Group MIB (RFC 1757) (Cont.)

| MIB Objects | Counter Location | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Counter | Register Address (Low/High) |
| etherStatsPkts256to511Octets | 15 | 0b10011100 0b10011101 |
| etherStatsPkts512to1023Octets | 16 | 0b10011110 0b10011111 |
| etherStatsPkts1024to1518Octets | 17 | 0b10100000 0b10100001 |

Table 5.6 MIB Objects vs. Counter Location for SNMP Interface Group MIB (RFC 1213 and 1573)

| MIB Objects | Counter Location | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---|
| | Counter # | Register Address (Low/High) |
| ifInOctets | 28 | 0b10110110 0b10110111 |
| ifInUcastPkts | 29 | 0b10111000 0b10111001 |
| ifInMulticastPkts | 5 | 0b10001000 0b10001001 |
| ifInBroadcastPkts | 4 | 0b10000110 0b10000111 |
| ifInNUcastPkts | 5 and 4 | 0b10001000 0b10001001 and 0b10000110 0b10000111 |
| ifInDiscards | 1 | 0b10000000 0b10000001 |

Table 5.6 MIB Objects vs. Counter Location for SNMP Interface Group MIB (RFC 1213 and 1573) (Cont.)

| MIB Objects | Counter Location | |
|--------------------|------------------|--|
| | Counter # | Register Address (Low/High) |
| ifInErrors | 6 and 7 and 8 | 0b10001010 0b10001011 and 0b10001100 0b10001101 and 0b10001110 0b10001111 |
| ifOutOctets | 30 | 0b10111010 0b10111011 |
| ifOutUcastPkts | 31 | 0b10111100 0b10111101 |
| ifOutMulticastPkts | 32 | 0b10111110 0b10111111 |
| ifOutBroadcastPkts | 33 | 0b11000000 0b11000001 |
| ifOutNUcastPkts | 32 and 33 | 0b10111110 0b10111111 and 0b11000000 0b11000001 |
| ifOutDiscards | 34 | 0b11000010 0b11000011 |
| ifOutErrors | 35 | 0b11000100 0b11000101 |

Table 5.7 MIB Objects vs. Counter Location for Ethernet-Like Group MIB (RFC 1643)

| | Counter Location | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| MIB Objects | Counter # | Register Address (Low/High) |
| dot3StatsAlignmentErrors | 36 | 0b11000110 0b11000111 |
| dot3StatsFCSErrors | 6 | 0b10001010 0b10001011 |
| dot3StatsSingleCollisionFrames | 38 | 0b11001010 0b11001011 |
| dot3StatsMultipleCollisionFrames | 39 | 0b11001100 0b11001101 |
| dot3StatsSQETestErrors | 40 | 0b11001110 0b11001111 |
| dot3StatsDeferredTransmissions | 41 | 0b11010000 0b11010001 |
| dot3StatsLateCollisions | 42 | 0b11010010 0b11010011 |
| dot3StatsExcessiveCollisions | 43 | 0b11010100 0b11010101 |
| dot3StatsInternalMacTransmitErrors | 34 | 0b11000010 0b11000011 |
| dot3StatsCarrierSenseErrors | 44 | 0b11010110 0b11010111 |
| dot3StatsFrameTooLongs | 8 | 0b10001110 0b10001111 |
| dot3StatsInternalMacReceiveErrors | 1 | 0b10000000 0b10000001 |

**Table 5.8 MIB Objects vs. Counter Location For Ethernet MIB
(IEEE 802.3z, Clause 30)**

| | Counter Location | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--|
| MIB Objects | Counter # | Register Address (Low/High) |
| aFramesTransmittedOK | 19 through 35 | 0b10100100 0b10100101 through 0b11000100 0b11000101 |
| aSingleCollisionFrames | 38 | 0b11001010 0b11001011 |
| aMultipleCollisionFrames | 39 | 0b11001100 0b11001101 |
| aFramesReceivedOK | 29 and 4 and 5 | 0b10111000 0b10111001 and 0b10000110 0b10000111 and 0b10001000 0b10001001 |
| aFrameCheckSequenceErrors | 6 | 0b10001010 0b10001011 |
| aAlignmentErrors | 36 | 0b11000110 0b11000111 |
| aOctetsTransmittedOK | 45 | 0b11011000 0b11011001 |
| aFramesWithDeferredXmissions | 41 | 0b11010000 0b11010001 |
| aLateCollisions | 42 | 0b11010010 0b11010011 |
| aFrameAbortedDueToXSCollisions | 43 | 0b11010100 0b11010101 |
| aFrameAbortedDueToIntMACXmitError | 34 | 0b11000010 0b11000011 |
| aCarrierSenseErrors | 44 | 0b11010110 0b11010111 |

**Table 5.8 MIB Objects vs. Counter Location For Ethernet MIB
(IEEE 802.3z, Clause 30) (Cont.)**

| MIB Objects | Counter Location | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Counter # | Register Address (Low/High) |
| aOctetsReceivedOK | 46 | 0b11011010 0b11011011 |
| aFramesLostDueToIntMACRcvrError | 1 | 0b10000000 0b10000001 |
| aMulticastFrameXmittedOK | 21 | 0b10101000 0b10101001 |
| aBroadcastFramesXmittedOK | 20 | 0b10100110 0b10100111 |
| aFramesWithExcessiveDefferal | 47 | 0b11011100 0b11011101 |
| aMulticastFramesReceivedOK | 5 | 0b10001000 0b10001001 |
| aBroadcastFramesReceivedOK | 4 | 0b10000110 0b10000111 |
| aInRangeLengthErrors | 48 | 0b11011110 0b11011111 |
| aOutOfRangeLengthField | 49 | 0b11100000 0b11100001 |
| aFrameTooLongErrors | 8 | 0b10001110 0b10001111 |
| aSQETestErrors | 40 | 0b11001110 0b11001111 |
| aSymbolErrorDuringCarrier | 50 | 0b11100010 0b11100011 |
| aMACControlFramesTransmitted | 52 | 0b11100110 0b11100111 |
| aMACControlFramesReceived | 53 | 0b11101000 0b11101001 |

Table 5.8 MIB Objects vs. Counter Location For Ethernet MIB (IEEE 802.3z, Clause 30) (Cont.)

| MIB Objects | Counter Location | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Counter # | Register Address (Low/High) |
| aUnsupportedOpcodesReceived | 51 | 0b11100100 0b11100101 |
| aPauseMACCtrlFramesTransmitted | 52 | 0b11100110 0b11100111 |
| aPauseMACCtrlFramesReceived | 53 | 0b11101000 0b11101001 |

5.8 TX Packet and Octet Counters

The controller counter set includes packet and octet counters for the transmit and receive packets. The RMON specifications state that packet and octet counters should only tabulate received information. This is sometimes interpreted to mean both transmitted and received information, because Ethernet was originally a shared media protocol. As such, the tables above only point to receive packet and octet counters, but the transmit packet and octet counters are also available in counters 17 through 26 and can be summed with the receive packet and octet counts if desired.

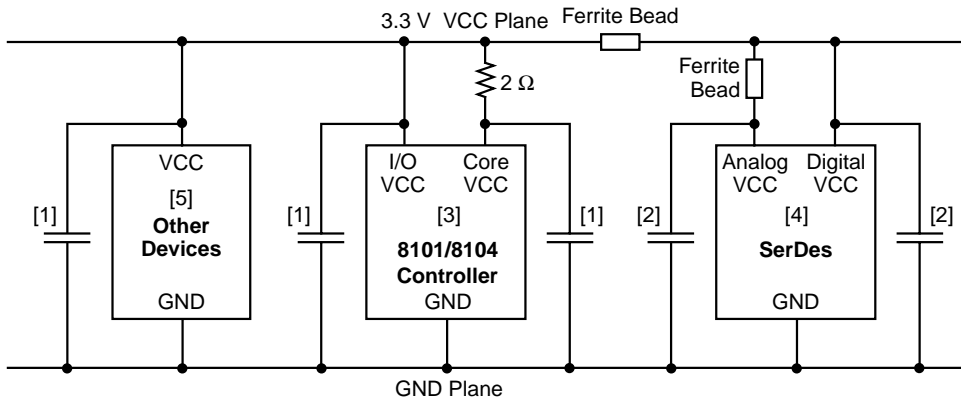
5.9 Power Supply Decoupling

There are 23 VCCs (VCC[22:0]) and 31 GNDs (GND[30:0]) on the controller. All GNDs should also be connected to a large ground plane. If the GNDs vary in potential by even a small amount, noise and latch up can result. The GNDs should be kept to within 50 mV of each other.

Some of the VCC pins on the controller go to the internal core logic, and the remaining VCCs go to the I/O buffers. The core and I/O VCCs should be isolated from each other to minimize jitter on the 10-bit PHY interface. It is recommended that all of the I/O VCCs be directly connected to a large VCC plane. It is also recommended that the core VCCs (pins 70,

97, 135, 147, and 193 of the 8101 or pins B6, D13, G14, N13, and R7 of the 8104) be isolated from the I/O VCCs with a 2-ohm resistor between the VCC plane and the device core VCC pins, as shown in [Figure 5.2](#).

Figure 5.2 Decoupling Recommendations



Notes:

- [1] It is recommended that a 0.1/0.001 μ F pair of capacitors for every four VCCs less than 0.5 inches from the device VCC/GND pins, evenly distributed around all four sides of the devices.
- [2] Same as Note [1] except every two VCCs.
- [3] Core VCC pins are 70, 97, 135, 147, and 193 of the 8101 or pins B6, D13, G14, N13, and R7 of the 8104. All remaining VCC pins are I/O VCCs.
- [4] These are generic recommendations for SerDes. Follow any recommendations from the specific SerDes manufacturer.
- [5] This is a generic recommendation for other digital devices. Follow any recommendations from the specific device manufacturers.

The 2 ohm resistor will reduce the amount of noise coupling from the I/O VCCs to the core VCCs. A resistor is recommended over a ferrite bead because the inductance of a ferrite bead can induce noise spikes at the device pins. Decoupling capacitors should then be placed between the device VCC pins and GND plane, as shown in [Figure 5.2](#) and described as follows.

The external SerDes device that is typically connected to the 10-bit PHY interface can also be very sensitive to noise from the VCC plane. Recommendations from the manufacturer of the SerDes device used should be followed. Generically, it has been found from practice that the SerDes should be isolated from all devices on the PCB with a ferrite bead between the VCC plane and all of the SerDes VCC pins, as shown in [Figure 5.2](#). In addition, it has been found from practice that the analog

and digital VCC pins on the SerDes device should be isolated from each other with a ferrite bead placed between the analog SerDes VCC pins and the digital SerDes VCC pins, as shown in [Figure 5.2](#). Decoupling capacitors should then be placed between the SerDes device VCC pins and GND plane, as shown in [Figure 5.2](#) and described as follows.

For the controller and other digital devices there should be a pair of 0.1 μf and 0.001 μf decoupling capacitors connected between VCC and GND for every four sets of VCC/GND pins placed as close as possible to the device pins, preferably within 0.5" and evenly distributed around all four sides of the devices. For the external SerDes device, there should be a pair of 0.1/0.001 μf capacitors for every two sets of VCC/GND pins. The 0.1 μf and 0.001 μf capacitors reduce the LOW and HIGH frequency noise, respectively, on the VCC at the device.

The PCB layout and power supply decoupling discussed above should provide sufficient decoupling to achieve the following when measured at the device:

- The resultant AC noise voltage measured across each VCC/GND set should be less than 100 mVpp.
- All VCCs should be within 50 mVpp of each other.
- All GNDs should be within 50 mVpp of each other.

Chapter 6

Specifications

This Chapter describes the specifications of the 8101/8104 Gigabit Ethernet Controller and consists of the following Sections:

- [Section 6.1, “Absolute Maximum Ratings”](#)
- [Section 6.2, “DC Electrical Characteristics”](#)
- [Section 6.3, “AC Electrical Characteristics”](#)
- [Section 6.4, “8101/8104 Pinouts and Pin Listings”](#)
- [Section Figure 6.13, “8104 208-Pin BGA Pinout”](#)
- [Section 6.5, “Package Mechanical Dimensions”](#)

6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Absolute maximum ratings are limits, which when exceeded may cause permanent damage to the device or affect device reliability. All voltages are specified with respect to GND, unless otherwise specified.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| VCC supply voltage | −0.3 V to 4.0 V |
| All inputs and outputs | −0.3 V to 5.5 V |
| Package power dissipation | 2.2 Watt @ 70 °C |
| Storage temperature | −65 to +150 °C |
| Temperature under bias | −10 to +85 °C |
| Lead temperature (soldering, 10 sec) | 260 °C |
| Body temperature (soldering, 30 sec) | 220 °C |

6.2 DC Electrical Characteristics

Table 6.1 lists and describes the DC electrical characteristics of the 8101/8104. Unless otherwise noted, all test conditions are as follows:

- $T_A = 0 \text{ to } +70 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
- $V_{CC} = 3.3 \text{ V} \pm 5\%$
- $SCLK = 66 \text{ MHz} \pm 0.01\%$
- $TCLK = 125 \text{ MHz} \pm 0.01\%$

Table 6.1 DC Electrical Characteristics

| Symbol | Parameter | Limit | | | Unit | Conditions |
|--------|---------------------|--------------|-----|-----|---------------|---------------------------------|
| | | Min | Typ | Max | | |
| VIL | Input LOW voltage | — | — | 0.8 | Volt | |
| VIH | Input HIGH voltage | 2 | — | 5.5 | Volt | |
| IIL | Input LOW current | — | — | —1 | μA | VIN = GND |
| IIH | Input HIGH current | — | — | 1 | μA | VIN = VCC |
| VOL | Output LOW voltage | GND | — | 0.4 | Volt | IOL = —4 mA All except LINKn |
| | | GND | — | 1 | Volt | IOL = —20 mA LINKn |
| VOH | Output HIGH voltage | 2.4 | — | VCC | Volt | IOL = 4 mA All except LINKn |
| | | VCC — 1.0 | — | VCC | Volt | IOL = 20 mA LINKn |
| CIN | Input capacitance | — | — | 5 | pF | |
| ICC | VCC supply current | — | — | 300 | mA | No output load |

6.3 AC Electrical Characteristics

The following tables list and describe the the AC electrical characteristics of the 8101/8104. Unless otherwise noted, all test conditions are as follows:

- $T_A = 0 \text{ to } +70 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
- $V_{CC} = 3.3 \text{ V} \pm 5\%$
- $SCLK = 66 \text{ MHz} \pm 0.01\%$
- $TCLK = 125 \text{ MHz} \pm 0.01\%$
- Input conditions:
All Inputs: $t_r, t_f \leq 4 \text{ ns}$, 0.8 V to 2.0 V
- Output loading
TBC, TX[0:9]: 10 pF
LINK: 50 pF
All other digital outputs: 30 pF
- Measurement points:
Data active to 3-state: 200 mV change
Data 3-state to active: 200 mV change
All inputs and outputs: 1.5 Volts

Table 6.2 Input Clock Timing Characteristics

| Symbol | Parameter | Limit | | | Unit | Conditions |
|--------|-------------------|--------|-----|--------|-------|------------|
| | | Min | Typ | Max | | |
| t1 | SCLK cycle time | 1/33 | | 1/66 | 1 MHz | |
| t2 | SCLK duty cycle | 40 | | 60 | % | |
| t3 | TCLK period | 7.9992 | 8 | 8.0008 | ns | |
| t4 | TCLK HIGH time | 3.6 | | 4.4 | ns | |
| t5 | TCLK LOW time | 3.6 | | 4.4 | ns | |
| t6 | TCLK to TBC delay | 0 | | 8 | ns | |
| t7 | REGCLK cycle time | 1/5 | | 1/40 | 1 MHz | |
| t8 | REGCLK duty cycle | 40 | | 60 | % | |

Note: Refer to [Figure 6.1](#) for timing diagram.

Figure 6.1 Input Clock Timing

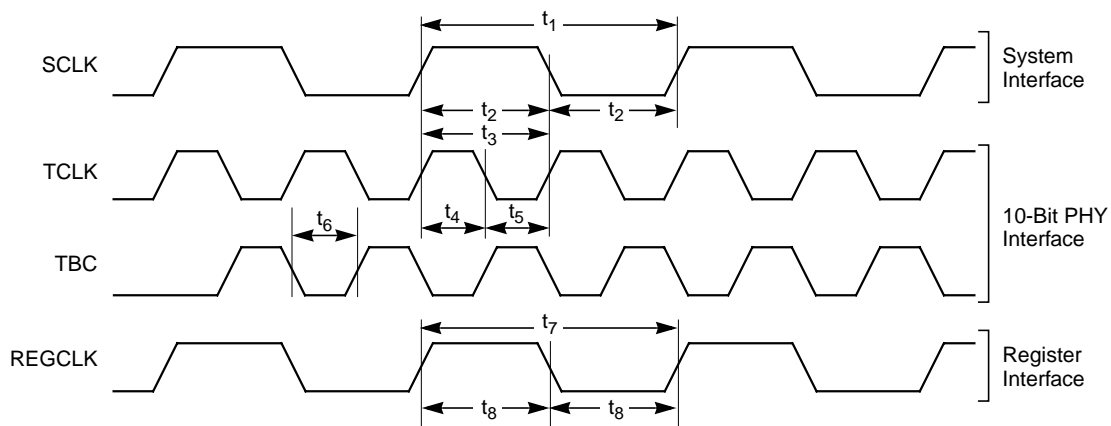
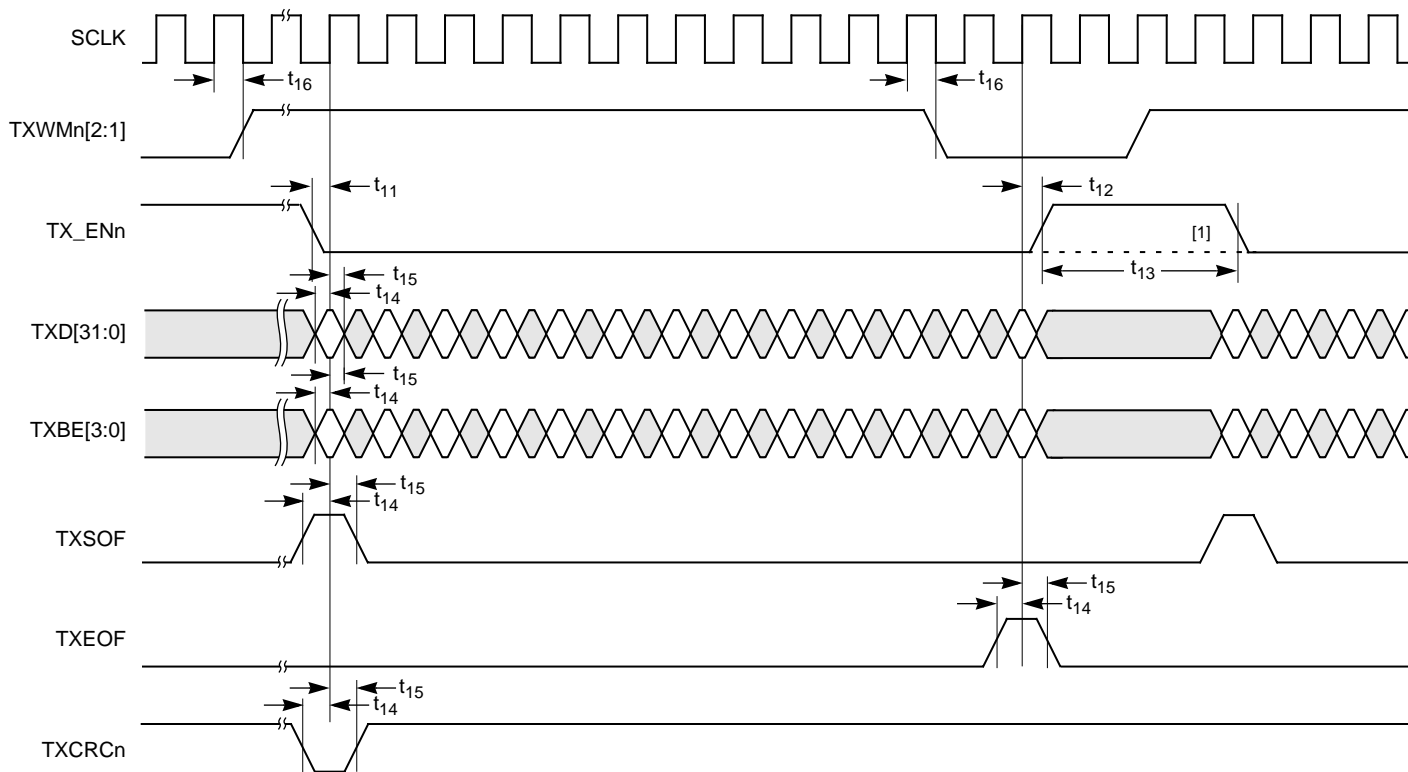


Table 6.3 Transmit System Interface Timing Characteristics

| Symbol | Parameter | Limit | | | Unit | Conditions |
|--------|--|--------------|-----|-----|------|------------|
| | | Min | Typ | Max | | |
| t11 | TXENn setup time | 5 | | | ns | |
| t12 | TXENn hold time | 0 | | | ns | |
| t13 | TXENn deassert time | 1 SCLK cycle | | | ns | |
| t14 | TXD, TXBE, TXSOFn, TXEOF, and TXCRC setup time | 5 | | | ns | |
| t15 | TXD, TXBE, TXSOFn, TXEOF, and TXCRC hold time | 0 | | | ns | |
| t16 | TXWMn delay time | 0 | | 8 | ns | |
| t17 | TXWMn rise/fall time | | | 4 | ns | |

Note: Refer to [Figure 6.2](#) for timing diagram.

Figure 6.2 Transmit System Interface Timing**Note:**

[1] Back-to-back packet transmission allowed without TXENn deassertion.

Table 6.4 Receive System Interface Timing Characteristics

| Symbol | Parameter | Limit | | | Unit | Conditions |
|--------|--|---------------|-----|----------------------|------|------------|
| | | Min | Typ | Max | | |
| t31 | RXENn setup time | 5 | | | ns | |
| t32 | RXENn hold time | 1 | | | ns | |
| t33 | RXENn deassert time | 3 SCLK cycles | | | ns | |
| t34 | RXD, RXBE, RXSOF, RXEOF, and RXWM delay time | 0 | | 8 | ns | |
| t35 | RXD, RXBE, RXSOF, RXEOF, and RXWM rise/fall time | | | 4 | ns | |
| t41 | RXABORT setup time | 5 | | | ns | |
| t42 | RXABORT hold time | 0 | | | ns | |
| t43 | RXABORT assert to RXWM deassert delay | 0 | | 1 SCLK cycles + 8 ns | ns | |
| t46 | RXOEEn deassert to data High-Z delay | 0 | | 15 | ns | |
| t47 | RXOEEn assert to data active delay | 0 | | 15 | ns | |

Note: Refer to [Figure 6.3–Figure 6.5](#) for timing diagrams.

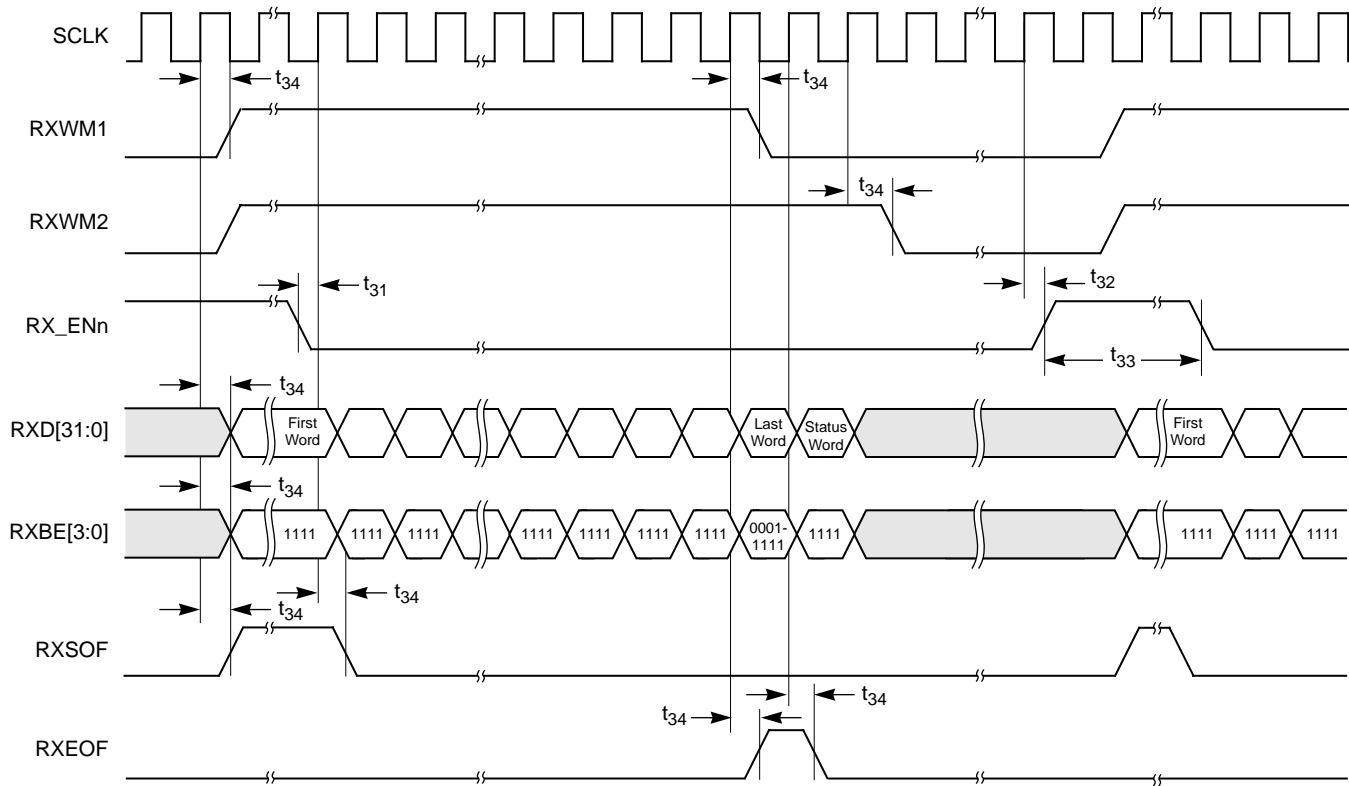
Figure 6.3 Receive System Interface Timing

Figure 6.4 Receive System Interface RXABORT Timing

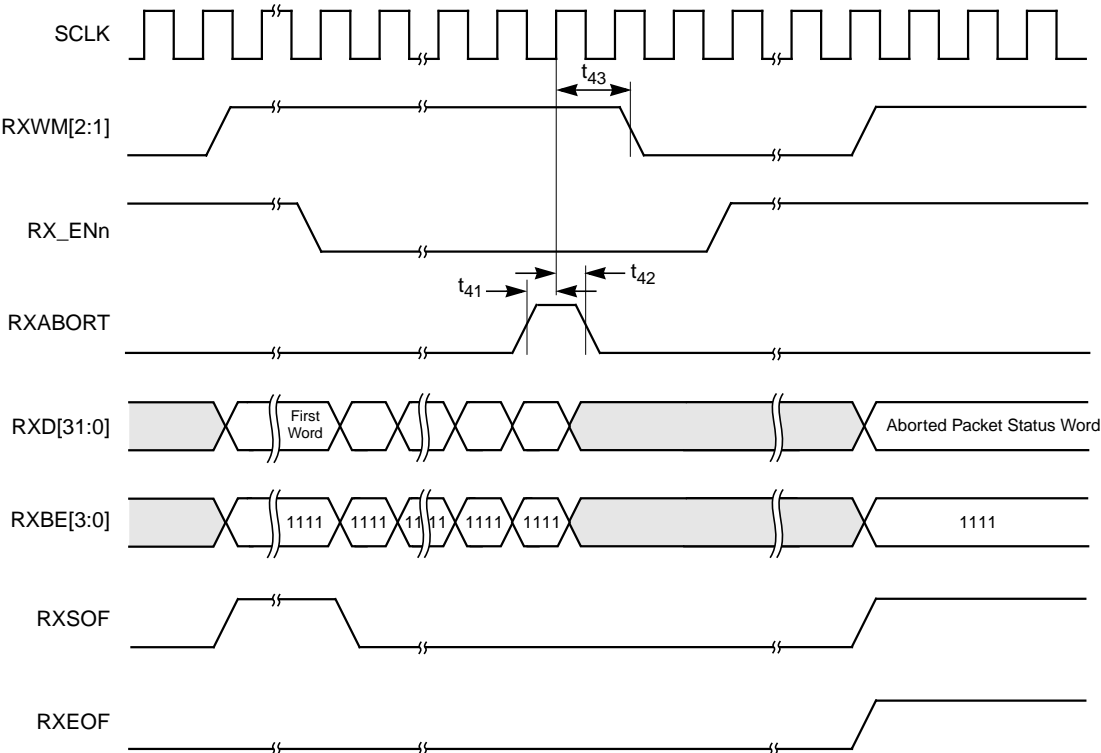


Figure 6.5 Receive System Interface RXOEn Timing

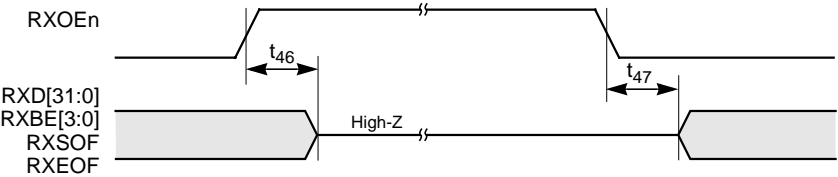


Table 6.5 System Interface RXDC/TXDC Timing Characteristics

| Symbol | Parameter | Limit | | | Unit | Conditions |
|--------|-------------------------------|-------|-----|---------------------|------|--------------------|
| | | Min | Typ | Max | | |
| t51 | TXDC/RXDC assert delay time | 0 | | 8 | ns | |
| t52 | TXDC/RXDC deassert delay time | 0 | | 2 SCLK cycle + 8 ns | ns | AutoClear mode off |
| | | 0 | | 3 SCLK cycle + 8 ns | ns | AutoClear mode on |
| t53 | CLR_TXDC/RXDC setup time | 5 | | | ns | |
| t54 | CLR_TXDC/RXDC hold time | 0 | | | ns | |
| | TXDC/RXDC rise and fall time | | | 4 | ns | |

Note: Refer to [Figure 6.6](#) for timing diagram.

Figure 6.6 System Interface RXDC/TXDC Timing

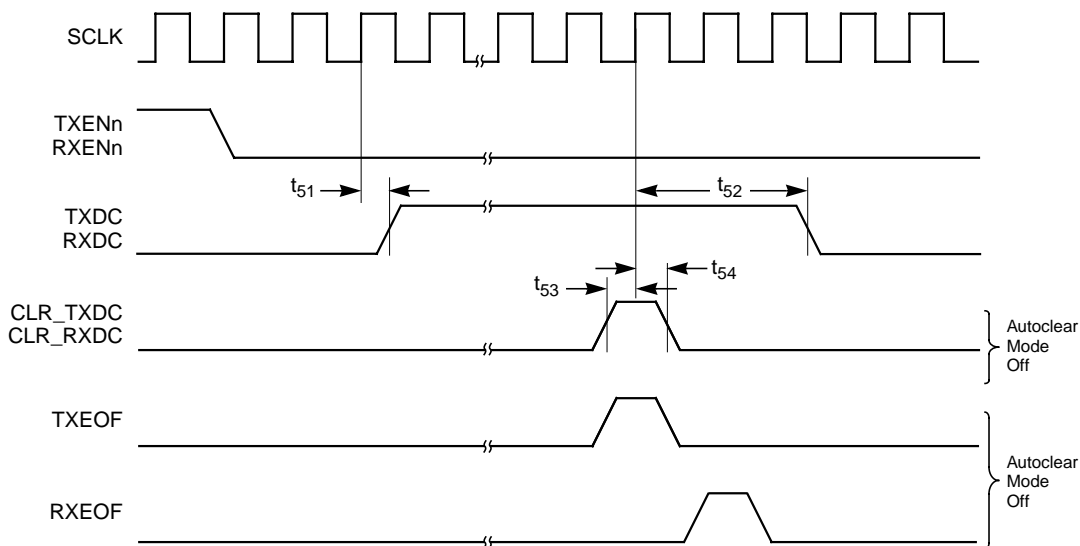


Table 6.6 Transmit 10-Bit PHY Interface Timing Characteristics

| Symbol | Parameter | Limit | | | Unit | Conditions |
|--------|---|-------|-----|-------|------|---------------------------------|
| | | Min | Typ | Max | | |
| t61 | TBC period | 7.992 | 8 | 8.008 | ns | |
| t62 | TBC HIGH time | 3.2 | | 4.8 | ns | |
| t63 | TBC LOW time | 3.2 | | 4.8 | ns | |
| t64 | TX[0:9] data valid before TBC rising edge | 2.0 | | | ns | Assumes TBC duty cycle = 40–60% |
| t65 | TX[0:9] data valid after TBC rising edge | 1.0 | | | ns | Assumes TBC duty cycle = 40–60% |
| t66 | TBC, TX[0:9] rise and fall time | 0.7 | | 2.4 | ns | |

Note: Refer to [Figure 6.7](#) for timing diagram.

Figure 6.7 Transmit 10-Bit PHY Interface Timing

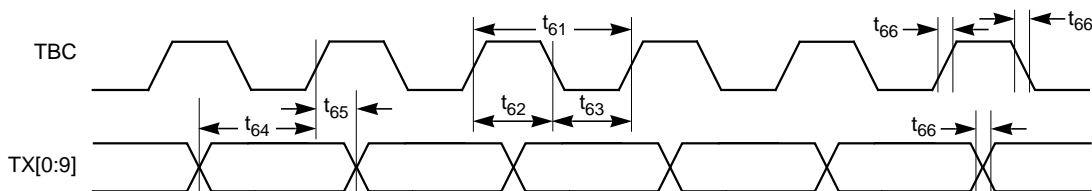


Table 6.7 Receive 10-Bit PHY Interface Timing Characteristics

| Symbol | Parameter | Limit | | | Unit | Conditions |
|----------|---------------------------------|---------|------|---------|------|------------------------|
| | | Min | Typ | Max | | |
| t_{71} | RBC frequency | 62.4937 | 62.5 | 62.5063 | MHz | |
| t_{72} | RBC HIGH time | 6.4 | | 9.6 | ns | |
| | | 6.4 | | 128 | ns | During synchronization |
| t_{73} | RBC LOW time | 6.4 | | 9.6 | ns | |
| | | 6.4 | | 128 | ns | During synchronization |
| t_{74} | RBC skew | 7.5 | | 8.5 | ns | |
| t_{75} | RX[0:9] setup time | 2.5 | | | ns | |
| t_{76} | RX[0:9] hold time | 1.5 | | | ns | |
| t_{77} | RBC, RX[0:9] rise and fall time | 0.7 | | 2.4 | ns | |

Note: Refer to [Figure 6.8](#) for timing diagram.

Figure 6.8 Receive 10-Bit PHY Interface Timing

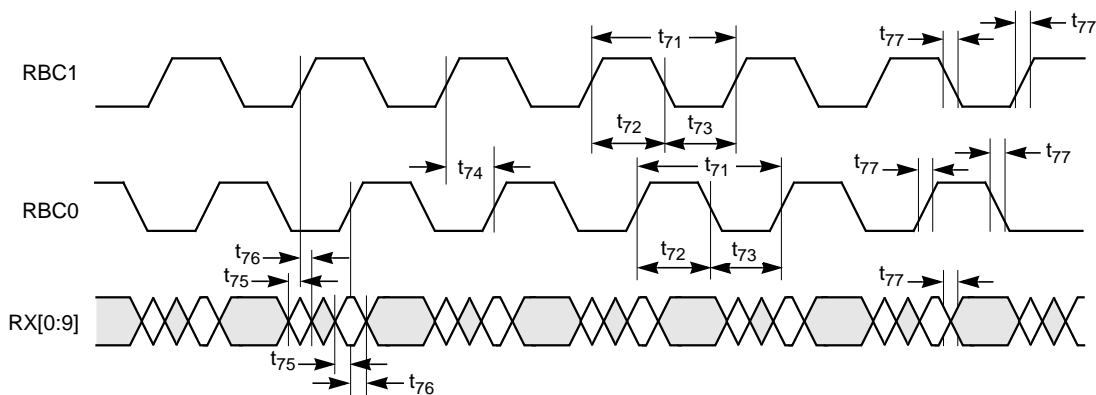


Table 6.8 Register Interface Timing Characteristics

| Symbol | Parameter | Limit | | | Unit | Conditions |
|--------|---|-----------|-----|-------------------------|------|--|
| | | Min | Typ | Max | | |
| t81 | REGCSn, REGWRn, REGRDn, REGA, REGD setup time | 10 | | | ns | |
| t82 | REGCSn, REGWRn, REGRDn, REGA, REGD hold time | 1 | | | ns | |
| t83 | REGCLK to REGD active delay | | | 10 | ns | Read cycle. All registers except Counter Registers 1–53 |
| | | | | 6 REGCLK cycles + 10 ns | ns | Read cycle. Counter Registers 1–53, first 16 bits of counter result |
| | | | | 3 REGCLK cycles + 10 ns | ns | Read cycle. Counter Registers 1–53, second 16 bits of counter result |
| t84 | REGCLK to REGD 3-state delay | 0 | | 10 | ns | |
| t85 | REGCLK to REGINT assert delay | 0 | | 20 | ns | |
| t86 | REGCLK to REGINT deassert delay | 0 | | 20 | ns | |
| t87 | Deassertion time between reads | 4 REG-CLK | | | | |

Note: Refer to [Figure 6.9](#) and [Figure 6.10](#) for timing diagrams.

Figure 6.9 Register Interface Timing (Excluding Counter Read Cycle)

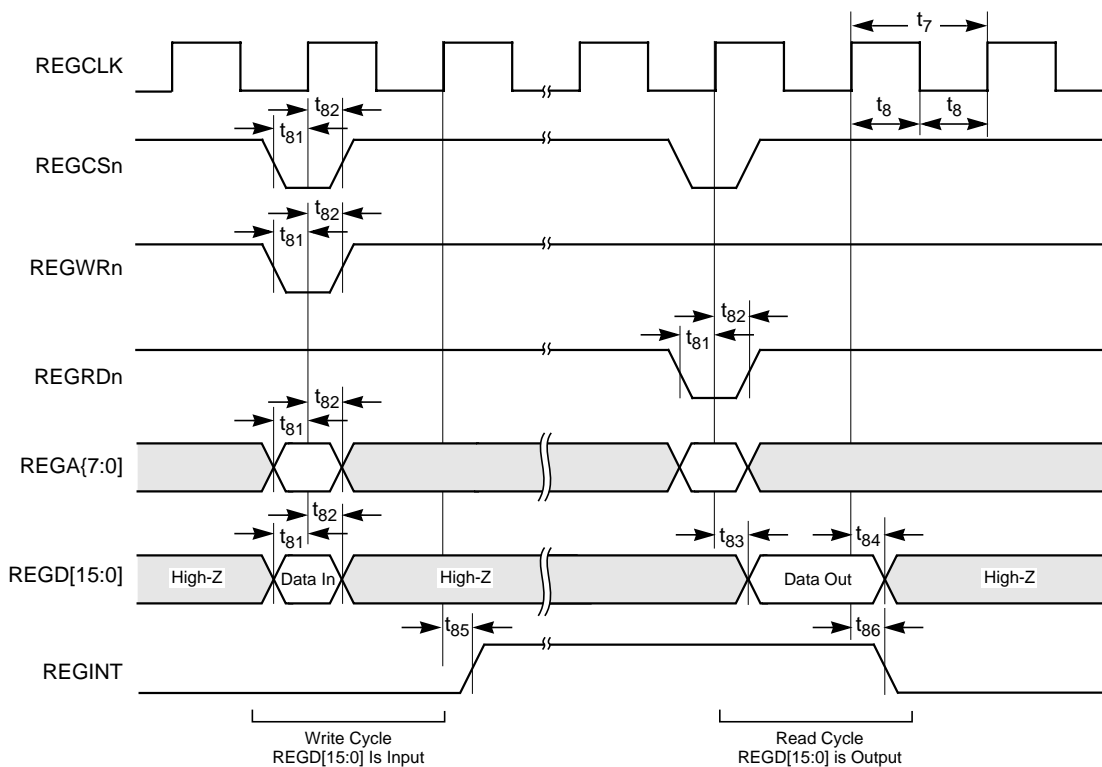


Figure 6.10 Register Interface Timing, Counter Read Cycle (of the Same Counter)

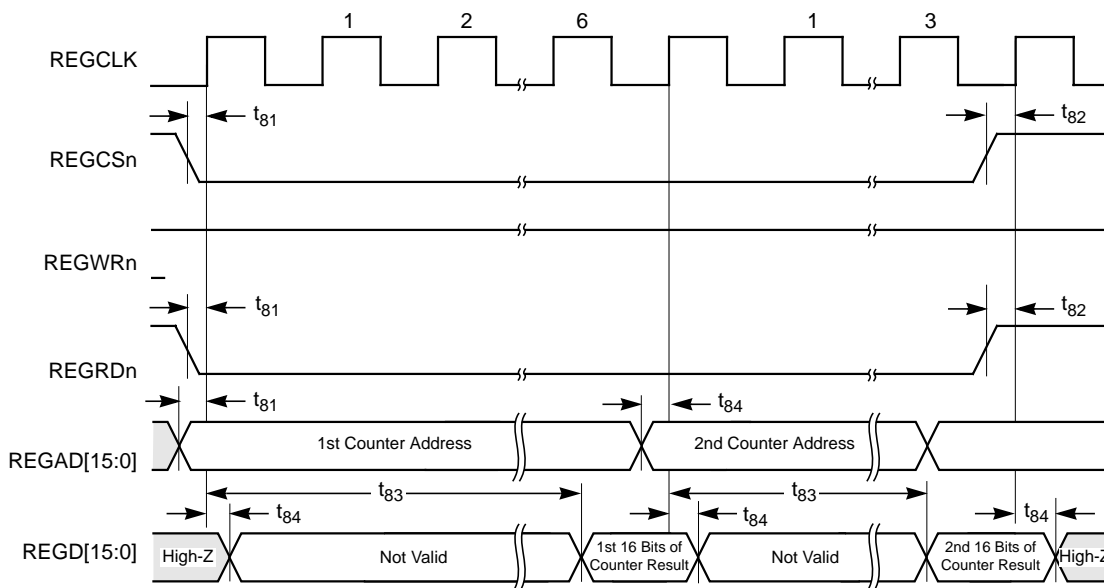
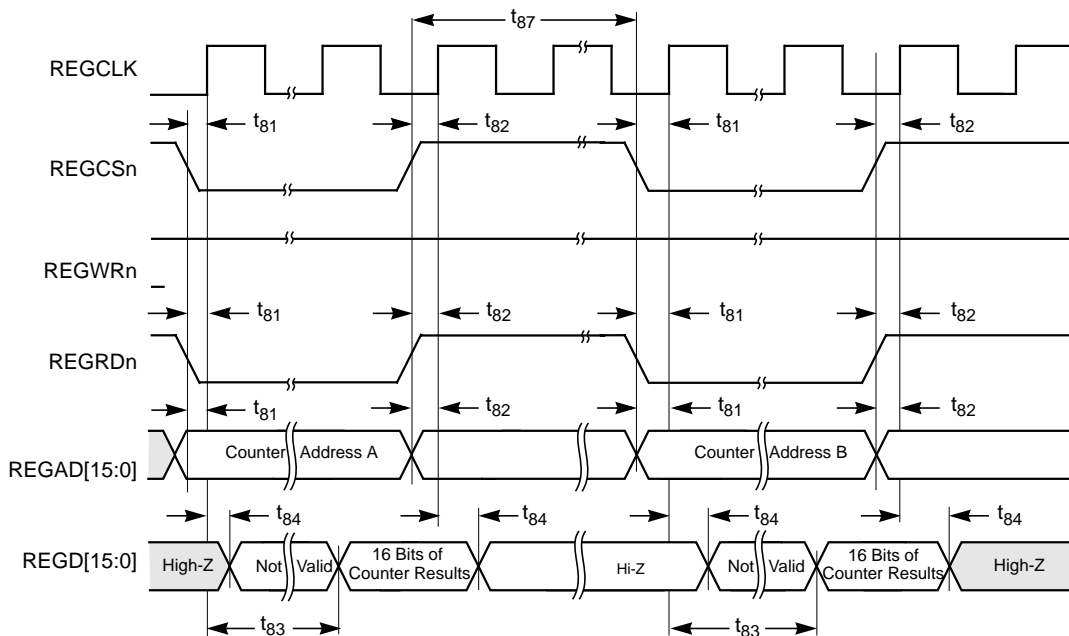


Figure 6.11 Register Interface Timing, Counter Read Cycle (Between Different Counters)



Note: No burst reading,

6.4 8101/8104 Pinouts and Pin Listings

[Figure 6.12](#) shows the pinout and [Table 6.9](#) lists the pins for the 8101 and [Figure 6.13](#) shows the pinout and [Table 6.10](#) lists the pins for the 8104.

Figure 6.12 8101 208-Pin PQFP Pinout

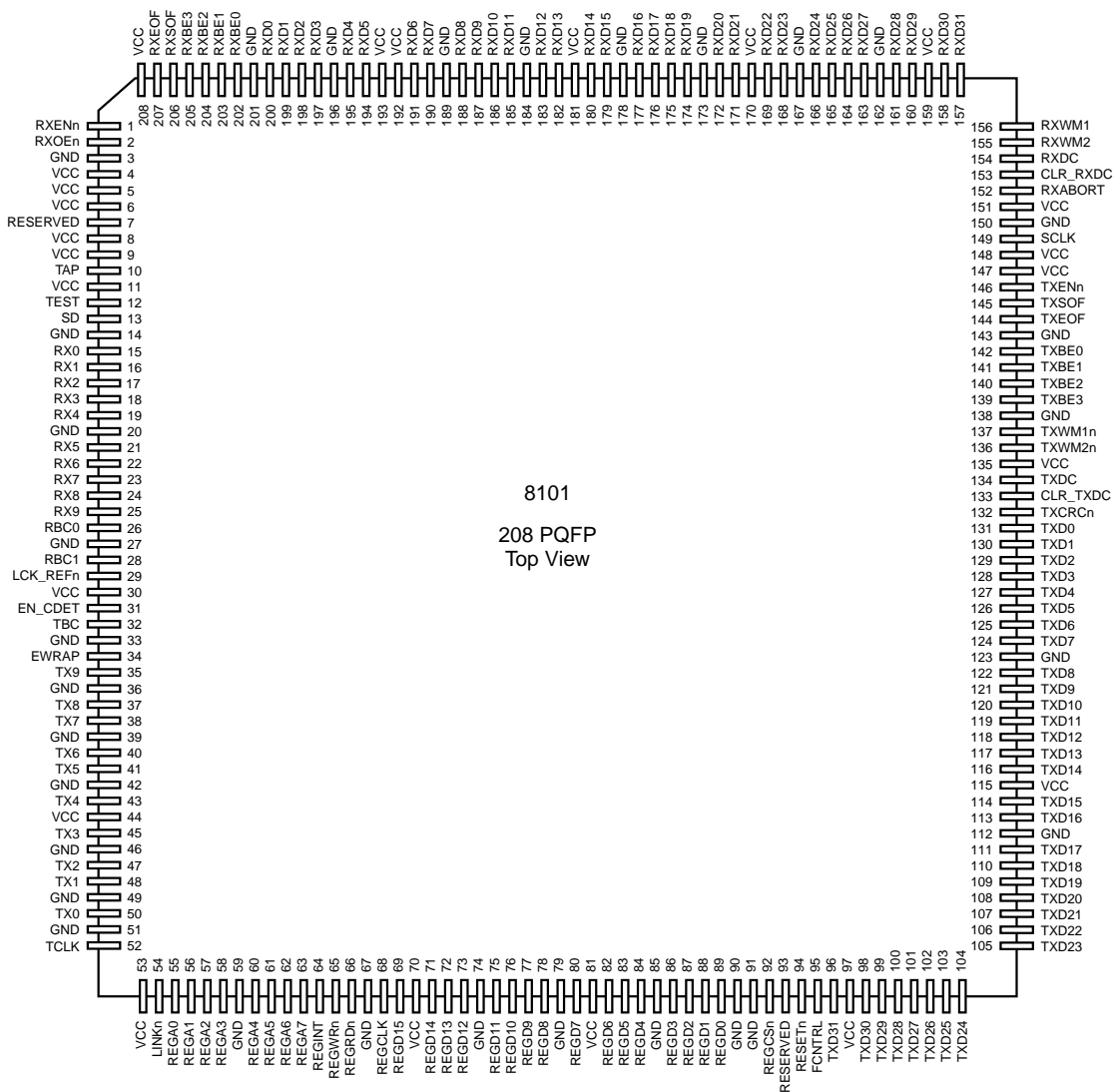


Table 6.9 8101 208-Pin PQFP Pin List (Alphabetical Listing)

| Signal | Pin | Signal | Pin | Signal | Pin | Signal | Pin | Signal | Pin |
|----------|-----|----------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|
| CLR_RXDC | 153 | REGA2 | 57 | RXBE1 | 203 | SCLK | 149 | TXD21 | 107 |
| CLR_TXDC | 133 | REGA3 | 58 | RXBE2 | 204 | SD | 13 | TXD22 | 106 |
| EN_CDET | 31 | REGA4 | 60 | RXBE3 | 205 | TAP | 10 | TXD23 | 105 |
| EWRAp | 34 | REGA5 | 61 | RXD0 | 200 | TBC | 32 | TXD24 | 104 |
| FCNTRL | 95 | REGA6 | 62 | RXD1 | 199 | TCLK | 52 | TXD25 | 103 |
| GND | 3 | REGA7 | 63 | RXD2 | 198 | TEST | 12 | TXD26 | 102 |
| GND | 14 | REGCLK | 68 | RXD3 | 197 | TX0 | 50 | TXD27 | 101 |
| GND | 20 | REGCSn | 92 | RXD4 | 195 | TX1 | 48 | TXD28 | 100 |
| GND | 27 | REGD0 | 89 | RXD5 | 194 | TX2 | 47 | TXD29 | 99 |
| GND | 33 | REGD1 | 88 | RXD6 | 191 | TX3 | 45 | TXD30 | 98 |
| GND | 36 | REGD2 | 87 | RXD7 | 190 | TX4 | 43 | TXD31 | 96 |
| GND | 39 | REGD3 | 86 | RXD8 | 188 | TX5 | 41 | TXDC | 134 |
| GND | 42 | REGD4 | 84 | RXD9 | 187 | TX6 | 40 | TXENn | 146 |
| GND | 46 | REGD5 | 83 | RXD10 | 186 | TX7 | 38 | TXEOF | 144 |
| GND | 49 | REGD6 | 82 | RXD11 | 185 | TX8 | 37 | TXSOF | 145 |
| GND | 51 | REGD7 | 80 | RXD12 | 183 | TX9 | 35 | TXWM1n | 137 |
| GND | 59 | REGD8 | 78 | RXD13 | 182 | TXBE0 | 142 | TXWM2n | 136 |
| GND | 67 | REGD9 | 77 | RXD14 | 180 | TXBE1 | 141 | VCC | 4 |
| GND | 74 | REGD10 | 76 | RXD15 | 179 | TXBE2 | 140 | VCC | 5 |
| GND | 79 | REGD11 | 75 | RXD16 | 177 | TXBE3 | 139 | VCC | 6 |
| GND | 85 | REGD12 | 73 | RXD17 | 176 | TXCRCn | 132 | VCC | 8 |
| GND | 90 | REGD13 | 72 | RXD18 | 175 | TXD0 | 131 | VCC | 9 |
| GND | 91 | REGD14 | 71 | RXD19 | 174 | TXD1 | 130 | VCC | 11 |
| GND | 112 | REGD15 | 69 | RXD20 | 172 | TXD2 | 129 | VCC | 30 |
| GND | 123 | REGINT | 64 | RXD21 | 171 | TXD3 | 128 | VCC | 44 |
| GND | 138 | REGRDn | 66 | RXD22 | 169 | TXD4 | 127 | VCC | 53 |
| GND | 143 | REGWRn | 65 | RXD23 | 168 | TXD5 | 126 | VCC | 70 |
| GND | 150 | RESERVED | 7 | RXD24 | 166 | TXD6 | 125 | VCC | 81 |
| GND | 162 | RESERVED | 93 | RXD25 | 165 | TXD7 | 124 | VCC | 97 |
| GND | 167 | RESETn | 94 | RXD26 | 164 | TXD8 | 122 | VCC | 115 |
| GND | 173 | RX0 | 15 | RXD27 | 163 | TXD9 | 121 | VCC | 135 |
| GND | 178 | RX1 | 16 | RXD28 | 161 | TXD10 | 120 | VCC | 147 |
| GND | 184 | RX2 | 17 | RXD29 | 160 | TXD11 | 119 | VCC | 148 |
| GND | 189 | RX3 | 18 | RXD30 | 158 | TXD12 | 118 | VCC | 151 |
| GND | 196 | RX4 | 19 | RXD31 | 157 | TXD13 | 117 | VCC | 159 |
| GND | 201 | RX5 | 21 | RXDC | 154 | TXD14 | 116 | VCC | 170 |
| LCK_REFn | 29 | RX6 | 22 | RXENn | 1 | TXD15 | 114 | VCC | 181 |
| LINKn | 54 | RX7 | 23 | RXEOF | 207 | TXD16 | 113 | VCC | 193 |
| RBC0 | 26 | RX8 | 24 | RXOEn | 2 | TXD17 | 111 | VCC | 192 |
| RBC1 | 28 | RX9 | 25 | RXSOF | 206 | TXD18 | 110 | VCC | 208 |
| REGA0 | 55 | RXABORT | 152 | RXWM1 | 156 | TXD19 | 109 | | |
| REGA1 | 56 | RXBE0 | 202 | RXWM2 | 155 | TXD20 | 108 | | |

Figure 6.13 8104 208-Pin BGA Pinout

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|----|-------------------|----|----------------------|----|--------------------|----|-------|----|--------------------|----|--------------------|----|--------|----|--------|----|-------|-----|-------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|-------|-----|---------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|
| A1 | VCC | A2 | RXEOF | A3 | RXBE3 | A4 | RXD0 | A5 | RXD4 | A6 | VCC | A7 | RXD7 | A8 | RXD11 | A9 | RXD16 | A10 | RXD20 | A11 | RXD21 | A12 | RXD23 | A13 | RXD27 | A14 | RXD29 | A15 | RXD30 | A16 | RXD31 |
| B1 | RXOE _n | B2 | RXEN _n | B3 | RXSO _F | B4 | RXBE2 | B5 | RXD2 | B6 | VCC | B7 | RXD8 | B8 | RXD10 | B9 | RXD15 | B10 | RXD19 | B11 | VCC | B12 | RXD25 | B13 | RXD28 | B14 | VCC | B15 | RXWM1 | B16 | RXWM2 |
| C1 | GND | C2 | VCC | C3 | VCC | C4 | RXBE1 | C5 | RXD3 | C6 | VCC | C7 | RXD6 | C8 | RXD12 | C9 | RXD14 | C10 | RXD18 | C11 | RXD22 | C12 | RXD26 | C13 | GND | C14 | RXABORT | C15 | CLR_RXDC | C16 | TXDC |
| D1 | VCC | D2 | VCC | D3 | RESERVED | D4 | RXBE0 | D5 | RXD1 | D6 | RXD5 | D7 | RXD9 | D8 | RXD13 | D9 | VCC | D10 | RXD17 | D11 | VCC | D12 | RXD24 | D13 | VCC | D14 | VCC | D15 | SICK | D16 | VCC |
| E1 | VCC | E2 | TAP | E3 | VCC | E4 | TEST | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | E13 | GND | E14 | TXEOF | E15 | TXSO _F | E16 | TXEN _n |
| F1 | SD | F2 | RX0 | F3 | RX1 | F4 | RX2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | F13 | TXBE3 | F14 | TXBE2 | F15 | TXBE0 | F16 | TXBE1 |
| G1 | RX4 | G2 | RX3 | G3 | RX5 | G4 | RX6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | G13 | TXDC | G14 | VCC | G15 | TXWM2 _n | G16 | TXWM1 _n |
| H1 | RX8 | H2 | RX7 | H3 | RX9 | H4 | RBC0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | H13 | TXD1 | H14 | TXD0 | H15 | TXORC _n | H16 | CLR_TXDC |
| J1 | RBC1 | J2 | LCK_REF _n | J3 | VCC | J4 | VCC | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | J13 | TXD2 | J14 | TXD3 | J15 | TXD5 | J16 | TXD4 |
| K1 | TBC | K2 | EN_CDET | K3 | EW _{WRAP} | K4 | TX9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | K13 | TXD6 | K14 | GND | K15 | GND | K16 | TXD8 |
| L1 | TX7 | L2 | TX8 | L3 | GND | L4 | TX6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | L13 | TXD9 | L14 | TXD10 | L15 | TXD11 | L16 | TXD12 |
| M1 | GND | M2 | TX5 | M3 | TX4 | M4 | VCC | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | M13 | TXD13 | M14 | TXD14 | M15 | TXD15 | M16 | VCC |
| N1 | TX3 | N2 | TX2 | N3 | GND | N4 | GND | N5 | REGWR _n | N6 | REGD15 | N7 | REGD12 | N8 | REGD8 | N9 | REGD7 | N10 | REGD5 | N11 | REGD1 | N12 | RESERVED | N13 | VCC | N14 | TXD17 | N15 | TXD18 | N16 | TXD16 |
| P1 | TX1 | P2 | TCLK | P3 | REGA3 | P4 | REGA5 | P5 | REGINT | P6 | REGCLK | P7 | REGD13 | P8 | REGD9 | P9 | REGD6 | P10 | REGD4 | P11 | REGD0 | P12 | RESET _n | P13 | TXD30 | P14 | TXD19 | P15 | TXD22 | P16 | TXD20 |
| R1 | TX0 | R2 | VCC | R3 | REGA2 | R4 | REGA4 | R5 | REGA6 | R6 | REGRD _n | R7 | VCC | R8 | REGD11 | R9 | VCC | R10 | REGD2 | R11 | GND | R12 | TXD31 | R13 | TXD28 | R14 | TXD27 | R15 | TXD23 | R16 | TXD21 |
| T1 | LINK _n | T2 | REGA0 | T3 | REGA1 | T4 | GND | T5 | REGA7 | T6 | GND | T7 | REGD14 | T8 | REGD10 | T9 | VCC | T10 | REGD3 | T11 | REGCS _n | T12 | FONTRL | T13 | TXD29 | T14 | TXD26 | T15 | TXD25 | T16 | TXD24 |

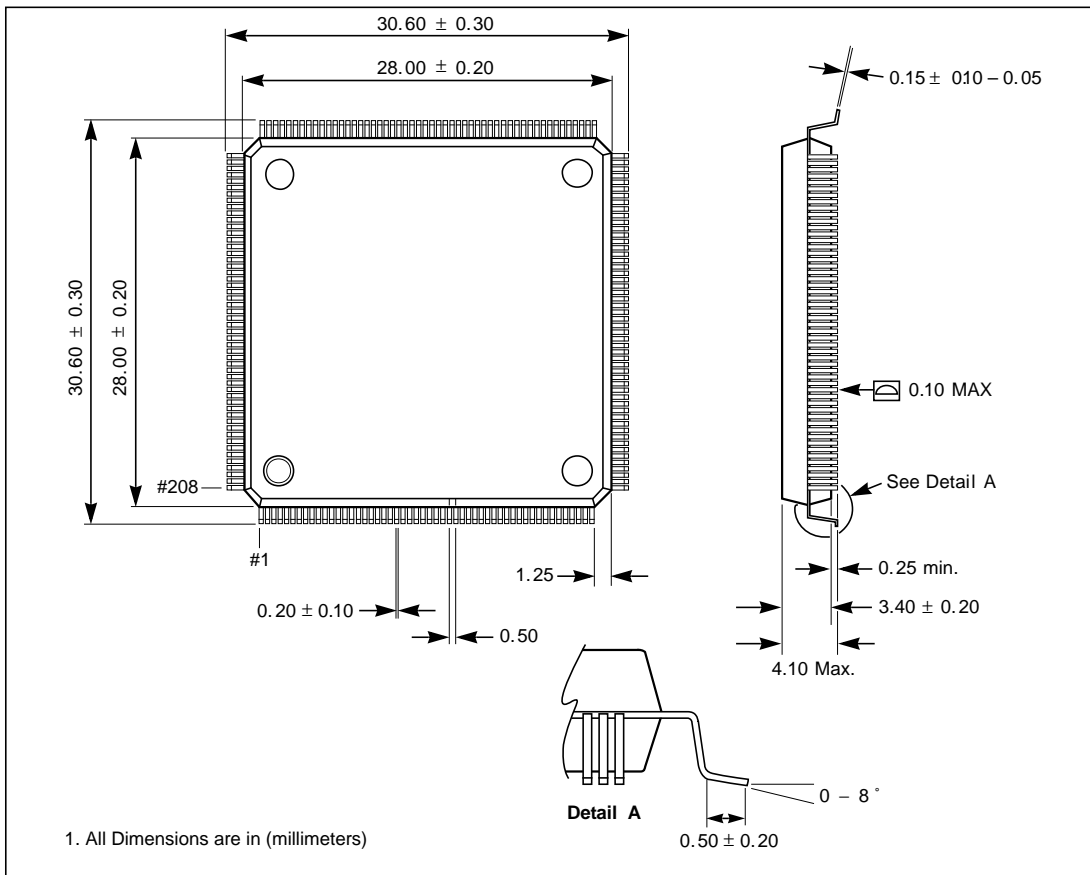
Table 6.10 8104 208-Pin BGA Pin List (Alphabetical Listing)

| Signal | Pin | Signal | Pin | Signal | Pin | Signal | Pin | Signal | Pin |
|----------|-----|----------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|
| CLR_RXDC | C15 | REGA6 | R05 | RXD1 | D05 | TCLK | P02 | TXD25 | T15 |
| CLR_TXDC | H16 | REGA7 | T05 | RXD2 | B05 | TEST | E04 | TXD26 | T14 |
| EN_CDET | K02 | REGCLK | P06 | RXD3 | C05 | TX0 | R01 | TXD27 | R14 |
| EWRAP | K03 | REGCSn | T11 | RXD4 | A05 | TX1 | P01 | TXD28 | R13 |
| FCNTRL | T12 | REGD0 | P11 | RXD5 | D06 | TX2 | N02 | TXD29 | T13 |
| GND | C01 | REGD1 | N11 | RXD6 | C07 | TX3 | N01 | TXD30 | P13 |
| GND | C13 | REGD2 | R10 | RXD7 | A07 | TX4 | M03 | TXD31 | R12 |
| GND | E13 | REGD3 | T10 | RXD8 | B07 | TX5 | M02 | TXDC | G13 |
| GND | G07 | REGD4 | P10 | RXD9 | D07 | TX6 | L04 | TXENn | E16 |
| GND | G08 | REGD5 | N10 | RXD10 | B08 | TX7 | L01 | TXEOF | E14 |
| GND | G09 | REGD6 | P09 | RXD11 | A08 | TX8 | L02 | TXSOF | E15 |
| GND | G10 | REGD7 | N09 | RXD12 | C08 | TX9 | K04 | TXWM1n | G16 |
| GND | H07 | REGD8 | N08 | RXD13 | D08 | TXBE0 | F15 | TXWM2n | G15 |
| GND | H08 | REGD9 | P08 | RXD14 | C09 | TXBE1 | F16 | VCC | A01 |
| GND | H09 | REGD10 | T08 | RXD15 | B09 | TXBE2 | F14 | VCC | A06 |
| GND | H10 | REGD11 | R08 | RXD16 | A09 | TXBE3 | F13 | VCC | B06 |
| GND | J07 | REGD12 | N07 | RXD17 | D10 | TXCRCn | H15 | VCC | B11 |
| GND | J08 | REGD13 | P07 | RXD18 | C10 | TXD0 | H14 | VCC | B14 |
| GND | J09 | REGD14 | T07 | RXD19 | B10 | TXD1 | H13 | VCC | C02 |
| GND | J10 | REGD15 | N06 | RXD20 | A10 | TXD2 | J13 | VCC | C03 |
| GND | K07 | REGINT | P05 | RXD21 | A11 | TXD3 | J14 | VCC | C06 |
| GND | K08 | REGRDn | R06 | RXD22 | C11 | TXD4 | J16 | VCC | D01 |
| GND | K09 | REGWRn | N05 | RXD23 | A12 | TXD5 | J15 | VCC | D02 |
| GND | K10 | RESERVED | D03 | RXD24 | D12 | TXD6 | K13 | VCC | D09 |
| GND | K15 | RESERVED | N12 | RXD25 | B12 | TXD7 | K14 | VCC | D11 |
| GND | L03 | RESETn | P12 | RXD26 | C12 | TXD8 | K16 | VCC | D13 |
| GND | M01 | RX0 | F02 | RXD27 | A13 | TXD9 | L13 | VCC | D14 |
| GND | N03 | RX1 | F03 | RXD28 | B13 | TXD10 | L14 | VCC | D16 |
| GND | N04 | RX2 | F04 | RXD29 | A14 | TXD11 | L15 | VCC | E01 |
| GND | R11 | RX3 | G02 | RXD30 | A15 | TXD12 | L16 | VCC | E03 |
| GND | T04 | RX4 | G01 | RXD31 | A16 | TXD13 | M13 | VCC | G14 |
| GND | T06 | RX5 | G03 | RXDC | C16 | TXD14 | M14 | VCC | J03 |
| LCK_REFn | J02 | RX6 | G04 | RXENn | B02 | TXD15 | M15 | VCC | J04 |
| LINKn | T01 | RX7 | H02 | RXEOF | A02 | TXD16 | N16 | VCC | M04 |
| RBC0 | H04 | RX8 | H01 | RXOEn | B01 | TXD17 | N14 | VCC | M16 |
| RBC1 | J01 | RX9 | H03 | RXSOF | B03 | TXD18 | N15 | VCC | N13 |
| REGA0 | T02 | RXABORT | C14 | RXWM1 | B15 | TXD19 | P14 | VCC | R02 |
| REGA1 | T03 | RXBE0 | D04 | RXWM2 | B16 | TXD20 | P16 | VCC | R07 |
| REGA2 | R03 | RXBE1 | C04 | SCLK | D15 | TXD21 | R16 | VCC | R09 |
| REGA3 | P03 | RXBE2 | B04 | SD | F01 | TXD22 | P15 | VCC | T09 |
| REGA4 | R04 | RXBE3 | A03 | TAP | E02 | TXD23 | R15 | | |
| REGA5 | P04 | RXD0 | A04 | TBC | K01 | TXD24 | T16 | | |

6.5 Package Mechanical Dimensions

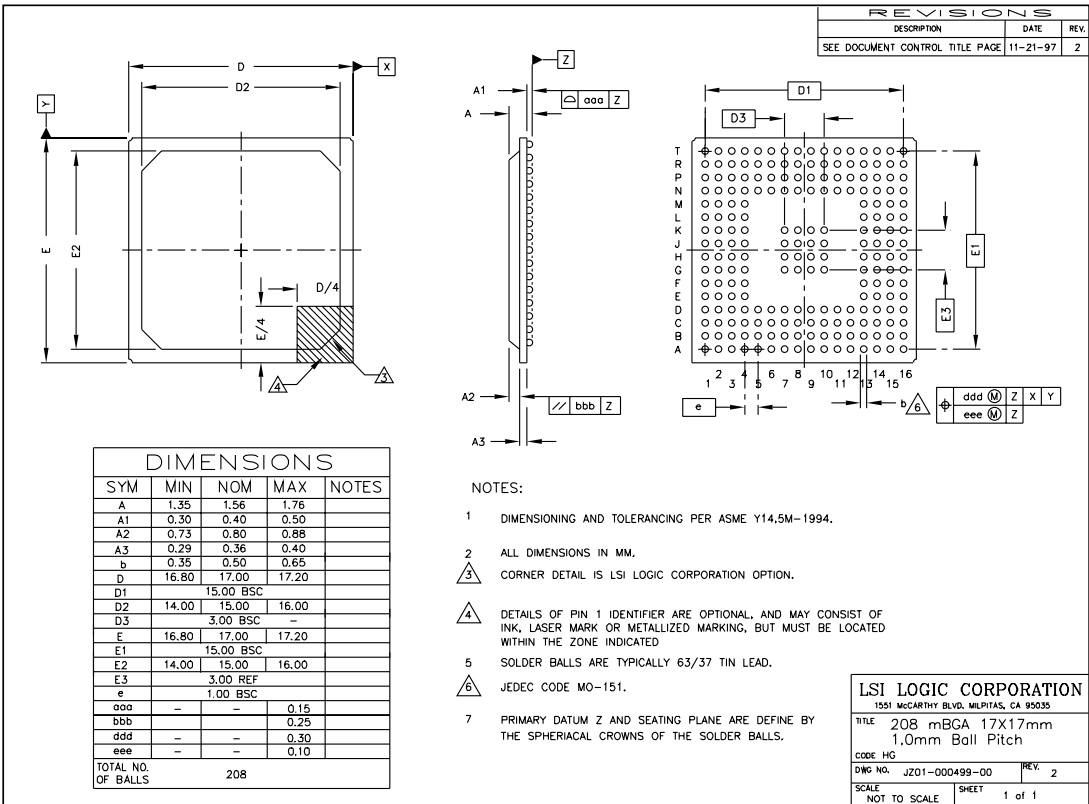
The 8101 Gigabit Ethernet Controller is available in the 208-pin Plastic Quad Flat Pack (PQFP) as shown in [Figure 6.14](#), and the 8104 Ball Grid Array Package as shown in [Figure 6.15](#).

Figure 6.14 208-Pin PQFP Mechanical Drawing



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Figure 6.15 208 mini-BGA (HG) Mechanical Drawing



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