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Interpreting Real-Time-Clock Registers

This application note describes the format used for Maxim Real-Time Clock (RTC) time and date registers.

Maxim RTCs (real-time clocks) provide both current clock and calendar information to the end user. Many of these RTCs have a time/date alarm function that can be programmed for periodic timed alarms or for a specific one-time calendar alarm. This application note is intended to ease the implementation of Maxim RTCs through detailed discussions and examples of how to properly configure and use the clock, calendar, and alarm functions. Discussions of Timekeeping or Alarm Register contents will reference decimal equivalents of time/date data contained within, unless otherwise specified.

RTC Clock and Calendar Functions

Maxim RTCs provide both clock and calendar functions. Illogical settings will not produce predictable results. The RTC algorithms for clock and calendar counter functions are based on valid data being entered into the respective registers. The old engineering saying of "garbage in, garbage out" holds true here. From both cost and size perspectives, there are no extensive checks and balances for the data entered into any of the Timekeeping Registers used to generate clock and calendar data. It is left to the user's discretion to enter only valid clock and calendar information into the RTC Timekeeping Registers.

Table 1. Typical RTC Timekeeping Registers

Register Ac	Register Address/Command						Register Definition										
FUNCTION	A7	A6	A5	A4	A3	A2	A1	A0	VALUE	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
CLOCK																	
	1	0	0	0	0	0				0	10SE0	2		1SEC			
SEC								/W	*POR STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	RD	00-59	0	10MIN	I		1MIN			
MIN								/W	*POR STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	RD	01-12	12/24		10R					
HR								/W	00-23	1/0	0	A/P 0/1	10HR	1HR			
									*POR STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DATE	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	RD	01- 28/29 01-30 01-31	0	0	10 D.	ATE	1 DAT	E		
								/W	*POR STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MONITU	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	RD		0	0	0	10 M	1 MON	1TH		
MONTH								/W	*POR STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
		•	•	•		•			o () o =			•	•				• > 4
DAY	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	RD	01-07 *DOD	0	0	0	0	0	VVE	EKD	AY
								/W	*POR STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	4	0	0	0	4	4	0		00.00						D		
YEAR	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	RD	00-99 *DOD	10 YE	AR			1 YEA	ĸ		
								/W	*POR STATE	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	RD		WP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTROL								/W	*POR STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRICKLE	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	RD		TCS	TCS	TCS	TCS	DS	DS	RS	RS
CHARGER								/W	*POR STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CENTUDY	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	RD	0-99	1000	YEAR			100 Y	EAR		
CENTURY								/W	*POR STATE	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	DD		0	VEAD		MONTH		ЦD	MIN	SEC
ALARM	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	RD		0	TEAK	DAT		DATE	ΠK	IVIIIN	SEC

CONFIG								$\Lambda \Lambda I$	*POR STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEST	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	RD		0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
CONFIG								/W	*POR STATE	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1

Note: *POR STATE defines the Power-On Reset state of register content.

Seconds Register

The Timekeeping Seconds Register contains the current time count from the seconds counter. The seconds-counter output ranges from 00 to 59 seconds and carries over to 00 on the next 1-second count following a previous count of 59. Seconds data is contained in D6 through D0, and BCD format applies to those data bits. D7 is used in some RTCs for a status or control bit. In those RTCs, reads to and writes from the Seconds Register must mask D7 and interpret only D6 through D0 as seconds data, as shown below.

Table 2. Timekeeping Seconds Register

Seconds Register	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
	0	10SE0 (Decir	C (BCE nal 0-5	0 0-5) 5)		(BCD nal 0-9		
Min Binary Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Max Binary Count	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
POR STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Valid seconds data = 00 to 59

Minutes Register

The Timekeeping Minutes Register contains the current time count from the minutes counter. The minutes-counter output ranges from 00 to 59 minutes and carries over to 00 on the next 1-minute count following a previous count of 59. Minutes data is contained in D6 through D0, and BCD format applies to those data bits. D7 is used in some RTCs for a status or control bit. In those RTCs, reads to and writes from the Minutes Register must mask D7 and interpret only D6 through D0 as minutes data, as shown below.

Table 3. Timekeeping Minutes Register

Minutes Register	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
	0	10MIN (Decir	l (BCD nal 0-5		1MIN (0-9)	(BCD ()-9) (De	ecimal
Min Binary Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Max Binary Count	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
POR STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Valid minutes data = 00 to 59

Hours Register

The Timekeeping Hours Register contains the current time count from the hours counter. There are two operating modes for the Hours Register: 12-hour format and 24-hour format. The interpretation of D5 depends on the hour format selected in D7.

Table 4. Timekeeping Hours Register

Hours Register	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
	12/24	0	10HR	10HR	1HR			
	1/0		A/P 0/1					
POR STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

D7, the 12/24 format bit set to a 0, configures the hours counter for 24-hour format. D5 is used as the upper bit in the 10-hour BCD format. Hours data in the 24-hour format is contained in D5 through D0, and BCD format applies to those data bits. In this mode, the hours-counter output ranges from 00 to 23 hours and carries over to 00 on the next 1-hour count following a previous count of 23.

Table 5. Timekeeping Hours Resister: 24-Hour Format

Hours Register (24HR Format)	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
	0 (24HR)	0	10HR (8 2) (Dec 2)		1HR (Deci	1HR (BCD 0-3) (Decimal 0-3)		
Min Binary Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Max Binary Count	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
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Note: Valid hour data (24-hour format) = 00 to 23

D7, the 12/24 format bit set to a 1, configures the hours counter for 12-hour format. D5 is used as the AM/PM indicator with 1 = PM and 0 = AM. Hours data in the 12-hour AM format or in the 12-hour PM format is contained in D4 through D0, and BCD format applies to those data bits. In this mode, the hours-counter output ranges from 01 to 12 hours and carries over to 01 on the next 1-hour count following a previous count of 12. In addition, the AM/PM bit changes on the hour increment from 11 PM (D5 = 0) to 12 AM (D5 = 1) and from 11 AM (D5 = 1) to 12 PM (D5 = 0).

Table 6. Timekeeping Hours Register: 12-Hour AM Format

Hours Register (12HR AM Format)	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
	1 (12HR)	0	0 (AM)	10HR (BCD 0-1) (Decimal 0- 1)	1HR (Dec	(BCI imal)	
Min Binary Count	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Max Binary Count	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0

Note: Valid hour data (12-hour format) = 01 to 12

Table 7. Timekeeping Hours Register: 12-Hour PM Format

Hours Register (12HR PM Format)	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
	1 (12HR)	0	1 (PM)	10HR (BCD 0-1) (Decimal 0- 1)	1HR (Dec	1HR (BCD 1-2) (Decimal 1-2)		
Min Binary Count	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Note: Valid hour data (12-hour format) = 01 to 12

Date Register

The Timekeeping Date Register contains the current calendar day of the month from the date counter. The counter-output range is dependent on the current value of the Month Register, Year Register, and Century Register. The date-counter range is 01 to 28, 01 to 29, 01 to 30, or 01 to 31. At maximum count, the date counter carries back to 01 on the next day increment computed from the Hours Register. Date data is contained in D5 through D0, and BCD format applies to those data bits. If D6 and D7 are always 0, which is the case for most Maxim RTCs, then BCD format applies for the entire Date Register.

Table 8. Timekeeping Date Register

Date Register	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
	0	0	10 DATE 3) (Decii	E (BCD 0- mal 0-3)	1 DAT (Decin	ີ E (BC mal 1-9	D 1-9) 9)	
Min Binary Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Max Binary Count	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
POR STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Note: Valid date data = 01 to 31, 01 to 30, 01 to 29, 01 to 28

Table 9. Counting Range of Date Counter

Range	Carry	Month Register (BCD)	Year and Century Register
01 to 31		01 (January) 03 (March) 05 (May) 07 (July) 08 (August) 10 (October) 12 (December)	N/A

01 to 30	04 (April) 06 (June) 09 (September) 11 (November)	N/A
01 to 29	02 (February)	Divide by 4 with no remainder
01 to 28	02 (February)	Divide by 4 with remainder

Month Register

The Timekeeping Month Register contains the current time count from the month counter. The month-counter output ranges from 01 to 12 months and carries over to 01 on the next 1-month count following a previous count of 12. Month data is contained in D4 through D0, and BCD format applies to those data bits. If D7, D6, and D5 are always 0, which is the case for most Maxim RTCs, then BCD format applies for the entire Date Register.

Table 10. Timekeeping Month Register

Month Register	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
	0	0	0	10 M (BCD 0- 1) (Decimal 0- 1)	1 MC		l (BC nal 0-	
Min Binary Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Max Binary Count	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
POR STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Note: Valid month data = 01 to 12

Table 11. Month Register (BCD)

Month Register (BCD)	Month
01	January
02	February
03	March

04	April
05	Мау
06	June
07	July
08	August
09	September
10	October
11	November
12	December

Day Register

The Timekeeping Day Register (day of the week) contains the current weekday count from the day counter. The day-counter output ranges from 01 to 07 days and carries over to 01 on the next 1-day count following a previous count of 07. Weekday data is contained in D4 through D0, and BCD format applies to those data bits. If D7 through D3 are always 0, which is the case for most Maxim RTCs, then BCD format applies for the entire Day Register.

Table 12. Timekeeping Day Register

Day Register	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
	0	0	0	0	0	WEEK 7) (Dec		
Min Binary Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Max Binary Count	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
POR STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Note: Valid day data = 01 to 07

Year Register

The Timekeeping Year Register contains the current units and 10's count for the year counter. The year-counter output ranges from 00 to 99 and carries over to 00 on the next 1-year count following a previous count of 99. The current year units' count is contained in D3 through D0 in BCD format. The current year 10's count is contained in D7 through D4 in BCD format.

Table 13. Timekeeping Year Register

Year Register	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
		EAR (imal)	BCD	0-9)		AR (E imal (BCD 0)-9)	-9)
Min Binary Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Max Binary Count	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
POR STATE	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0

Note: Valid year data = 00 to 99

Century Register

The Timekeeping Century Register contains the current thousand's and hundred's count for the century counter. The century-counter output ranges from 00 to 99 and carries over to 00 on the next 1-century count following a previous count of 99. The current year thousand's count is contained in D7 through D4 in BCD format. The current year hundred's count is contained in D3 through D0 in BCD format.

Table 14. Timekeeping Century Register

Century Register	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
	100	0 YE	AR		100	YEA	٨R	
Min Binary Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Max Binary Count	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
POR STATE	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1

Note: Valid century data = 00 to 99

Time/Date Example

Table 15. Register Contents for March 26, 2001; Monday; 11:24:36 PM (23:24:36 hours)

	Hex Data	BCD Data	Timekeeping	Register/ Binary Data		D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
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Seconds	Seconds	Seconds	Seconds	0	103	SEC		1S	EC		
36h	36	36	Binary	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Minutes	Minutes	Minutes	Minutes	0	10	MIN		1M	IN		
24h	24	24	Binary	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Hour (24HR Format)	Hour (24HR Format)	Hour (24HR Format)	Hour (24HR Format)	12/24 (0/1)	0	10 HR	10 HR	1H	R		
A3h	A3	23	Binary	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Hour (12HR Format)	Hour (12HR Format)	Hour (12HR Format)	Hour (12HR Format)	12/24 (0/1)	0	A/P (0/1)	10 HR	1H	R		
31h	31	11 PM	Binary	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Date	Date	Date	Date	0	0	10 DATI	Ξ	1 C	DATE	Ξ	
26h	26	26	Binary	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Month	Month	Month	Month	0	0	0	10 M	1 N	10N	ΤН	
03h	03	3 (March)	Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Day	Day	Day	Day	0	0	0	0	0	WE	EK	DAY
02h	02	2 (Monday)	Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Year	Year	Year	Year	10 YE	AR			1 Y	'EAF	२	
01h	01	01	Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
-	Century	-	Century	1000 YEAR				100 YEAR			
20h	20	20	Binary	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

RTC Alarm Function

For Maxim RTCs that provide an alarm function, there are a variety of possible configurations for the alarm settings. Illogical settings will not produce predictable results. From both cost and size

perspectives, there are no extensive checks and balances for the data entered into the Alarm Configuration or Alarm Threshold Registers. It is left to the user's discretion to enter only valid clock and calendar information into the RTC Alarm Registers.

RTC Alarm Configuration Register

The RTC Alarm Configuration Register contains bits for programming when a date/time alarm occurs.

Table 16. Alarm Configuration Register

Register Address/Command									Register Definition									
FUNCTION	A7	A6	A5	A4	A3	A2	A1	A0	VALUE	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0	
CLOCK	ОСК																	
ALARM	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	RD		0	YEAR	DAY	MONTH	DATE	HR	MIN	SEC	
CONFIG								/W	*POR STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Note: *POR STATE defines the Power-On Reset state of register content.

A logic 0 in any bit does not enable a comparison of the respective Alarm Threshold Register with the associated timekeeping-counter output for that respective time unit. A logic 1 enables the comparison. Each bit set to a logic 1 in the Alarm Configuration Register must have conditions satisfied for the alarm to occur. For example, if D0, seconds bit, is set to 1 and D1, minutes bit, is set to 1, then the alarm will occur every time the timekeeping counter matches both the count stored in the Seconds Threshold Register and the count stored in the Minutes Threshold Register.

When the Alarm Threshold Registers, which have been selected by the Alarm Configuration Register, match their respective timekeeping-counter outputs, the alarm will trigger with a typical 3mS delay. Once the alarm is triggered, it can be cleared by writing or reading to any Alarm Threshold Register or by reading or writing to the Alarm Configuration Register.

Because the alarm-trigger function is an edge-triggered logic, the alarm only occurs once each time the respective counter reaches the count that matches the respective Alarm Threshold Register setting. For example, set the Alarm Configuration Register to only minutes by setting D1 to logic 1 and all other data bits to zero. Now, in the Alarm Threshold Minutes Register, set its LSB to 1 and all other bits to zero. This configures the RTC alarm logic to trigger every time the minutes counter transitions from 00 to 01. The first transition of the minutes counter from 00 to 01 sets the alarm. If the alarm is now cleared by reading or writing to the Alarm Configuration Register or any of the Alarm Threshold Registers, it will not be reset again until the next edge transition of the minutes counter from 00 to 01, regardless of whether or not the output of the minutes counter is still at 01.

Typical RTC Alarm Threshold Registers are shown below. The Alarm Threshold Registers (Year,

Day, Month, Date, Hours, Minutes, Seconds) have the same data configuration as their respective Timekeeping Register counterparts, described in detail earlier.

Table 17. Typical RTC Alarm Registers

Register/Addre	ess	Со	nm	and					Register Definition								
FUNCTION	A7	A6	A5	A4	A3	A2	A1	A0	VALUE	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
ALARM THRESHOLDS																	
	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	RD	00-59	0	105	SEC		1SEC			
SEC								/W	*POR STATE	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
		•	•			•			~~ ~~								
MINI	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	RD	00-59	0	101	ЛIN		1M	IN		
MIN								/W	*POR STATE	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	1					1											
	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	RD	01-12	12/24	0	10 HR	10 HR	11	HR		
HR								/W	00-23	1/0		A/P 0/1			ППК		
									*POR STATE	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
DATE	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	RD	01- 28/29 01-30 01-31	0	0	10 DAT	ΓE	1 D)ATE	Ξ	
								/W	*POR STATE	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
MONITU	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	RD	01-12	0	0	0	10 M	1 N	10N	ТΗ	
MONTH								/W	*POR STATE	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	RD	01-07	0	0	0	0	0	WE	EK	DAY
DAY																	

								/W	*POR STATE	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	RD	00-99	10 YE	AR			1 Y	ΈΑΙ	2	
YEAR	-							/W	*DOD	1	1		1	1	1	1	1
CLOCK BU/RST	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	RD /W									
RAM (VBATT Backed Up)																	
RAM 0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	RD	RAM DATA 0	x	х	x	x	х	x	x	x
								/W									
0									0								
RAM 30	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	RD	RAM DATA 30	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
								/W									
RAM BU/RST	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	RD /W									

Note: *POR STATE defines the Power-On Reset state of register contents.

Alarm Examples

There are 128 possible alarm settings using the Alarm Configuration Register. Not all of these possible combinations are logical or cause the desired effect for triggering the alarm (for example, setting an alarm to trigger every April 31). A few common examples are presented in detail below as guidance in correctly configuring the Alarm Configuration Register and the Alarm Threshold Registers.

Table 18. Summary of Common Examples

Alarm Configuration Register

Example	D7	D6 Year	D5 Day	D4 Month	D3 Date	D2 Hours	D1 Minutes	D0 Seconds	Alarm Occurrence (when threshold- register contents match respective timekeeping- counter output)
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Once every Seconds match (e.g., once a minute @ 30 seconds count)
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	Once every Minutes match (e.g., once an hour @ 45 minutes count)
3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	Once every Hours* match (e.g., once a day - every 24 hours @ 11 PM)
4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	Once every Hours*, Minutes, and Seconds match (e.g., once a day - every 24 hours @ specific time of day)
5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	Once every Date match (e.g., once a month)

6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	Once every Day match (e.g., once a week - every Monday)
7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	Once every Month match (e.g., once/year - every March 1 @ 12 AM)
8	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	Once every Time, Date, and Month (Month, Date, Hours*, Minutes, Seconds) match (e.g., once a year - specific month, date, time of day*)
9	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	Once every Time, Date, Month, and Year match (e.g., one-time alarm set - specific month, date, year, time of day*)

Note: *The Alarm Threshold Register must use the same hour format (12-hour or 24-hour) as the Timekeeping Register, otherwise the alarm function will not operate properly.

Alarm Example 1: Triggering the Alarm Once Every Minute @ 30-Seconds Count

Once every Seconds match. Only the Alarm Threshold Seconds Register is set, and all other Alarm Threshold Registers (Year, Day, Month, Date, Hours, Minutes) have their internal bits set to logic 0.

Set the alarm to trigger once every minute at the 30-seconds count.

Table 19. Register Contents for the Alarm Trigger Every Minute @ 30-Seconds Count

Hex Data	BCD Data	Timekeeping	Register/ Binary Data		D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Seconds	Seconds	Seconds	Seconds	0	105	SEC	,	1SI	EC		
30h	30	30	Binary	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0

Alarm Example 2: Triggering the Alarm Once Every Hour @ 45-Minutes Count

Once every Minutes match. Only the Alarm Threshold Minutes Register is set, and all other Alarm Threshold Registers (Year, Day, Month, Date, Hours, Seconds) have their internal bits set to logic 0.

Set the alarm to trigger once every hour at the 45-minutes count.

Table 20. Register Contents for the Alarm Trigger Every Hour @ 45-Minutes Count

Hex Data	BCD Data	Decimal Timekeeping Contents	Register/ Binary Data		D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Minutes	Minutes	Minutes	Minutes	0	10	ЛIN		1M	IN		
45h	45	45	Binary	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1

Alarm Example 3 (24-Hour Format): Triggering the Alarm Once a Day @ 23:00:00 Hours

Once every Hours match. Only the Alarm Threshold Hours Register is set, and all other Alarm Threshold Registers (Year, Day, Month, Date, Minutes, Seconds) have their internal bits set to logic 0. The Alarm Threshold Hour Register must use the same hour format (12-hour or 24-hour) as the Timekeeping Hour Register, otherwise the alarm function will not operate properly.

Set the alarm to trigger every 24 hours (once a day) at 23:00:00 hours.

Table 21. Register Contents for the Alarm Trigger Every 24 Hours @ 23:00:00 Hours

	BCD Data	Timekeeping	Register/ Binary Data		D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
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Hour (24HR Format)	Hour (24HR Format)	Hour (24HR Format)	Hour (24HR Format)	12/24 (0/1)	0	10HR	10HR	1H	R		
A3h	A3	23	Binary	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1

Alarm Example 3 (12-Hour Format): Triggering the Alarm Once a Day @ 11 PM

Once every Hours match. Only the Alarm Threshold Hours Register is set, and all other Alarm Threshold Registers (Year, Day, Month, Date, Minutes, Seconds) have their internal bits set to logic 0. The Alarm Threshold Hour Register must use the same hour format (12-hour or 24-hour) as the Timekeeping Hour Register, otherwise the alarm function will not operate properly.

Set the alarm to trigger every 24 hours (once a day) at 11 PM.

Hex Data	BCD Data	Decimal Timekeeping Contents	Register/ Binary Data	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Hour (12HR Format)	Hour (12HR Format)	Hour (12HR Format)	Hour (12HR Format)	12/24 (0/1)	0	A/P (0/1)	10HR	1HI	R		
31h	31	11 PM	Binary	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1

Table 22. Register Contents for the Alarm Trigger Every 24 Hours @ 11 PM

Alarm Example 4 (24-Hour Format): Triggering the Alarm Once a Day @ 23:24:36 Hours

Once every Hours, Minutes, and Seconds match. Only the Alarm Threshold Hours Register, Minutes Register, and Seconds Register are set, and all other Alarm Threshold Registers (Year, Day, Month, Date) have their internal bits set to logic 0. The Alarm Threshold Hour Register must use the same hour format (12-hour or 24-hour) as the Timekeeping Hour Register, otherwise the alarm function will not operate properly.

Set the alarm to trigger every 24 hours (once a day) at 23:24:36 hours.

Table 23. Register Contents for the Alarm Trigger Every 24 Hours @ 23:24:36 Hours

DataDobTimekeeping ContentsBinary DataD7D6D5D4D3D2D1D0	Hex Data	BCD Data	Timekeeping	•		D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
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Seconds	Seconds	Seconds	Seconds	0	103	SEC		1SI	EC		
36h	36	36	Binary	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Minutes	Minutes	Minutes	Minutes	0	10	MIN		1M	IN		
24h	24	24	Binary	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Hour (24HR Format)	Hour (24HR Format)	Hour (24HR Format)	Hour (24HR Format)	12/24 (0/1)	0	10HR	10HR	1H	R		
A3h	A3	23	Binary	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1

Alarm Example 4 (12-Hour Format): Triggering the Alarm Once a Day @ 11:24:36 PM

Once every Hours, Minutes, and Seconds match. Only the Alarm Threshold Hours Register, Minutes Register, and Seconds Register are set, and all other Alarm Threshold Registers (Year, Day, Month, Date) have their internal bits set to logic 0. The Alarm Threshold Hour Register must use the same hour format (12-hour or 24-hour) as the Timekeeping Hour Register, otherwise the alarm function will not operate properly.

Set the alarm to trigger every 24 hours (once a day) at 23:24:36 hours.

Table 24. Register Contents for the Alarm	Trigger Every 24 Hours @ 11:24:36 PM
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Hex Data	BCD Data	Decimal Timekeeping Contents	Register/ Binary Data	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Seconds	Seconds	Seconds	Seconds	0	105	SEC		1SI	EC		
36h	36	36	Binary	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Minutes	Minutes	Minutes	Minutes	0	10	ЛIN		1M	IN		
24h	24	24	Binary	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Hour (12HR Format)	Hour (12HR Format)	Hour (12HR Format)	Hour (12HR Format)	12/24 (0/1)	0	A/P (0/1)	10HR	1H	R		
A3h	A3	23	Binary	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1

Alarm Example 5: Triggering the Alarm Once a Month on the 26th Day

Once every Date match. Only the Alarm Threshold Date Register is set, and all other Alarm Threshold Registers (Year, Day, Month, Hours, Minutes, Seconds) have their internal bits set to logic 0. Because it is desired for the alarm to trigger each month on the same date, a valid date that exists in each month should be chosen, otherwise the alarm will not trigger during a month that does not contain the particular date (for example, 31 does not exist in June).

Set the alarm to trigger on the 26th day of every month at 12:00:00 AM.

Table 25. Register Contents for the Alarm Trigger Every Month on the 26th Day of the Month@ 12:00:00 AM

Hex Data	BCD Data		Register/ Binary Data	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Date	Date	Date	Date	0	0	10 DA	TE	1 D	ATE	Ξ	
26h	26	26	Binary	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0

Alarm Example 6: Triggering the Alarm Once a Week Every Monday @ 12:00:00AM

Once every Day match. Only the Alarm Threshold Day Register is set, and all other Alarm Threshold Registers (Year, Month, Date, Hours, Minutes, Seconds) have their internal bits set to logic 0.

Set the alarm to trigger once per week on Monday at 12:00:00 AM.

Table 26. Register Contents for the Alarm Trigger Every Week on Monday @ 12:00:00 AM

Hex Data	BCD Data	Decimal Timekeeping Contents	Register/ Binary Data		D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Day	Day	Day	Day	0	0	0	0	0	WE	EKD	AY
02h	02	2 (Monday)	Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

Alarm Example 7: Triggering the Alarm Once a Year Every March 1 @ 12:00:00 AM

Once every Month match. Only the Alarm Threshold Month Register is set, and all other Alarm Threshold Registers (Year, Day, Date, Hours, Minutes, Seconds) have their internal bits set to logic 0.

Set the alarm to trigger once per year on March 1 at 12:00:00 AM.

Table 27. Register Contents for the Alarm Trigger Every Year on March 1 @ 12:00:00 AM

Hex Data	RCD	Decimal Timekeeping Contents	Register/ Binary Data	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Month	Month	Month	Month	0	0	0	10 M	1 N	ION	тн	
03h	03	3 (March)	Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Alarm Example 8 (24-Hour Format): Triggering the Alarm Once a Year Every March 26 @ 23:24:36 Hours

Once every Time, Date, and Month match. Only the Alarm Threshold Month, Date, Hours, Minutes, and Seconds Registers are set, and the other Alarm Threshold Registers (Year, Day) have their internal bits set to logic 0. Because it is desired for the alarm to trigger each year on the same date, a valid date that exists in each month should be chosen, otherwise the alarm will not trigger during a month that does not contain the particular date (for example, 31 does not exist in June).

Set the alarm to trigger once per year on March 26 @ 23:24:36 hours.

Table 28. Register Contents for the Alarm Trigger Every Year on March 26 @ 23:24:36 Hours

Hex Data	BCD Data	Decimal Timekeeping Contents	Register/ Binary Data	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Seconds	Seconds	Seconds	Seconds	0	105	SEC		1SE	EC		
36h	36	36	Binary	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Minutes	Minutes	Minutes	Minutes	0	10	ЛIN		1M	IN		
24h	24	24	Binary	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Hour (24HR Format)	Hour (24HR Format)	Hour (24HR Format)	Hour (24HR Format)	12/24 (0/1)	0	10HR	10HR	1HI	२		
A3h	A3	23	Binary	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1

Date	Date	Date	Date	0	0	10 DA	TE	1 C	ΑΤΙ	E	
26h	26	26	Binary	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Month	Month	Month	Month	0	0	0	10 M	1 N	101	ITH	
03h	03	3 (March)	Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Alarm Example 8 (12-Hour Format): Triggering the Alarm Once a Year Every March 26 @ 11:24:36 PM

Once every Time, Date, and Month match. Only the Alarm Threshold Month, Date, Hours, Minutes, and Seconds Registers are set, and the other Alarm Threshold Registers (Year, Day) have their internal bits set to logic 0. Because it is desired for the alarm to trigger each year on the same date, a valid date that exists in each month should be chosen, otherwise the alarm will not trigger during a month that does not contain the particular date (for example, 31 does not exist in June).

Set the alarm to trigger once per year on March 26 @ 11:24:36 hours.

Table 29. Register Contents for the Alarm Trigger Every Year on March 26 @ 11:24:36 PM

Hex Data	BCD Data	Decimal Timekeeping Contents	Register/ Binary Data	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Seconds	Seconds	Seconds	Seconds	0	105	SEC		1SI	ΞC		
36h	36	36	Binary	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Minutes	Minutes	Minutes	Minutes	0	10	ЛIN		1MIN			
24h	24	24	Binary	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Hour (12HR Format)	Hour (12HR Format)	Hour (12HR Format)	Hour (12HR Format)	12/24 (0/1)	0	A/P (0/1)	10HR	1H	R		
31h	31	11 PM	Binary	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Date	Date	Date	Date	0	0	10 D.	ATE	1 D	ATE	Ξ	
26h	26	26	Binary	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Month	Month	Month	Month	0	0	0	10 M	1 N	10N	ΤН	
03h	03	3 (March)	Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Alarm Example 9 (24-Hour Format): Triggering the Alarm Once on March 26, 2099 @ 23:24:36 Hours

Once on Time, Date, Month, and Year match. The Alarm Threshold Year, Month, Date, Hours, Minutes, and Seconds Registers are set, and the Alarm Threshold Day Register has its internal bits set to logic 0.

Set the alarm to trigger on March 26, 2099, @ 23:24:36 hours. This assumes, of course, that the Century Register was programmed for 20 (BCD format).

Table 30. Register Contents for the Alarm Trigger on March 26, 2099, @ 23:24:36 Hours

Hex Data	BCD Data	Decimal Timekeeping Contents	Register/ Binary Data	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Seconds	Seconds	Seconds	Seconds	0	108	SEC		1SI	EC		
36h	36	36	Binary	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Minutes	Minutes	Minutes	Minutes	0	10	MIN		1M	IN		
24h	24	24	Binary	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Hour (24HR Format)	Hour (24HR Format)	Hour (24HR Format)	Hour (24HR Format)	12/24 (0/1)	0	10HR	10HR	1H	R		
A3h	A3	23	Binary	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Date	Date	Date	Date	0	0	10 DA	TE	1 D	ATE	Ξ	
26h	26	26	Binary	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Month	Month	Month	Month	0	0	0	10 M	1 N	10N	ΤН	
03h	03	3 (March)	Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Day	Day	Day	Day	0	0	0	0	0	WE	EK	DAY
02h	02	2 (Monday)	Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Year	Year	Year	Year	10 YE	AR			1 Y	ΈAF	र	

Alarm Example 9 (12-Hour Format): Triggering the Alarm Once on March 26, 2099 @ 11:24:36 PM

Once on Time, Date, Month, and Year match. The Alarm Threshold Year, Month, Date, Hours, Minutes, and Seconds Registers are set, and the Alarm Threshold Day Register has its internal bits set to logic 0.

Set the alarm to trigger on March 26, 2099 @ 11:24:36 PM. This assumes, of course, that the Century Register was programmed for 20 (BCD format).

Table 31. Register Contents for the Alarm Trigger on March 26, 2099, @ 11:24:36 PM

Hex Data	BCD Data	Decimal Timekeeping Contents	Register/ Binary Data	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Seconds	Seconds	Seconds	Seconds	0	105	SEC		1SEC			
36h	36	36	Binary	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Minutes	Minutes	Minutes	Minutes	0	10	ЛIN		1M	IN		
24h	24	24	Binary	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Hour (12HR Format)	Hour (12HR Format)	Hour (12HR Format)	Hour (12HR Format)	12/24 (0/1)	0	A/P (0/1)	10HR	1HR			
31h	31	11 PM	Binary	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Date	Date	Date	Date	0	0	10 D	ATE	1 DATE			
26h	26	26	Binary	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Month	Month	Month	Month	0	0	0	10 M	1 N	10N	ΤН	
03h	03	3 (March)	Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Day	Day	Day	Day	0	0	0	0	0	WE	EK	DAY
02h	02	2 (Monday)	Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

Year	Year	Year	Year	10 YEAR				1 YEAR				
99h	99h	99h	Binary	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	

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