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A Note on Using C compilers M3T-NC308WA and M3T-NC30WA

--On Function Calls Using the Indirection Operator--

Please take note of the following problem in using the M3T-NC308WA and M3T-NC30WA C compilers (with an assembler and integrated development environment):

• On function calls using the indirection operator

1. Products and Versions Concerned

M3T-NC308WA V.5.00 Release 1 and V.5.10 Release 1 for the M32C/80 and M16C/80 series
M3T-NC30WA V.5.20 Release 1 for the M16C/60, M16C/30, M16C/Tiny, M16C/20, M16C/10, and R8C/Tiny series

2. Description

Function calls using the indirection operator may cause incorrect code to be generated.

3. Conditions

This problem occurs if the following five conditions are satisfied:

- (1) The -OS optimizing option is selected.
- (2) At the processing immediately before ending a function, A, another one, B, is called using the indirection operator.
- (3) A pointer variable pointing to function B is declared outside of function A.
- (4) In the arguments of function A is included an argument passed to the stack.
- (5) The code for "enter #00H" is created at the beginning of function A.

4. Example

```
void (*sub)(void); /* Condition (3) */
   :
void func(long l) /* Condition (4) */
{
    :
    (*sub)(); /* Condition (2) */
}
```

5. Workaround

Place a dummy asm function immediately after a function call using the indirection operator.

```
void func(long I)
{
    :
    (*sub)();
    asm(); /* A dummy asm function placed */
}
```

6. Schedule of Fixing the Problem

We plan to fix this problem in our next release of the products.

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