

RX Family

Hardware Design Guide

Introduction

This application note presents notes on board design and layout examples when using RX Family MCUs.

Target Device

RX Family

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1. Board Configuration

1.1 Block Diagram

Figure 1.1 shows a block diagram of the board configuration used in the design example.



Figure 1.1 Block Diagram



1.2 Component Layout

Figure 1.2 and Figure 1.3 show component layout examples. Note that the board thickness is typically 1.6 mm.

The feedback resistor (R2) and damping resistors (R3 and R5) are usually unnecessary. (In Figure 1.2 no feedback resistors are mounted.) If the oscillator manufacturer stipulates that external feedback resistors or damping resistors should be added, mount them according to the manufacturer's specification.

In some cases 0 Ω damping resistors (R3 and R5) or wiring pattern connection can be used.



Figure 1.2 Component Layout (Front Side)





Figure 1.3 Component Layout (Back Side)



1.3 Layer Structure

Figure 1.4 shows layer structure examples.



Figure 1.4 Layer Structure Examples



Figure 1.5 shows an example wiring pattern for a two-layer board.



Figure 1.5 Example Wiring Pattern for Two-Layer Board



2. Board Design

2.1 Power Supply Pins

Connect the power supply pins to GND via a bypass capacitor (decoupling capacitor). Use a capacitor with good frequency characteristics, such as a ceramic capacitor. The wiring length between each power supply pin and the bypass capacitor must be equal and as short as possible. In addition, pair the appropriate power supply pins. For example, the VCC pin, AVCC pin, and VREFH pin should be paired with the VSS pin, AVSS pin, and VREFL pin, respectively. Refer to the User's Manual: Hardware of the product used for more details on pairing pins. The traces for the power supply pins must be wider than traces for other signal lines and must be connected to the power supply and GND via a bypass capacitor. Figure 2.1 shows example connections of power supply pins and bypass capacitors.



Figure 2.1 Example Connections of Power Supply Pins and Bypass Capacitors

Refer to the application notes below for details of the analog power-supply pins. The latest versions and guides to new products can be downloaded from the Renesas Electronics website.

- RX610 Group: Notes on Analog Power Supply Printed Circuit Board Patterns (R01AN0271EJ)
- RX62N Group, RX621 Group: Notes on Analog Power Supply Printed Circuit Board Patterns (R01AN0269EJ)
- RX62T Group: Notes on Analog Power Supply Printed Circuit Board Patterns (R01AN0638EJ)

Board design hint

A bypass capacitor connected to the power supply pins can be placed so as to route noise to GND during MCU operation.



Figure 2.2 shows an example power supply pin circuit configuration, and Figure 2.3 shows an example power supply pin wiring pattern



Figure 2.2 Example Power Supply Pin Circuit Configuration



Figure 2.3 Example Power Supply Pin Wiring Pattern



2.2 VCL Pin

Connect the VCL pin to GND via a capacitor with a rated capacitance matching that specified in the user's manual of the device used. The wiring length between the VCL pin and the capacitor should be 8 mm or less (4 mm or less if possible).

Note that GND wiring patterns vary depending on the number of board layers. Section 2.2.1 describes twolayer boards, and section 2.2.2 describes boards with four or more layers.

Board design hint

If the wiring length between the VCL pin and capacitor is longer than 8 mm, the parasitic resistance increases, decreasing the effectiveness of the capacitor and possibly causing noise from the VCC pin. When the wiring length between the VCL pin and capacitor is longer than 8 mm, the wiring pattern should be designed so that the parasitic resistance is less than 1 Ω . Figure 2.4 shows a formula for calculating the parasitic resistance.



Figure 2.4 Formula for Calculating Parasitic Resistance

In the following example, the formula shown in Figure 2.4 is used to calculate the parasitic resistance.

Example:

Wiring length (I): 0.008 m (8 mm) Wiring width (w): 0.00025 m (0.25 mm) Wiring thickness (t): 0.000035 m (0.035 mm) Resistivity of copper ($\rho = 1 / \sigma$): 0.000000169 $\Omega \bullet m$

Parasitic resistance = $R + 2\pi fL$ = $(I / \sigma wt) + 2 \times \pi \times 20 \times (0.2 \times I (loge (2 \times I / (w + t)) + 0.5))$ = 0.01545 + 2 × 3.1416 × 20 × 0.00724 ≈ 0.9253 (Ω)



Figure 2.5 shows an example circuit configuration for the VCL pin.



Figure 2.5 Example VCL Pin Circuit Configuration



2.2.1 Two-Layer Board

- Use the GND wiring pattern to form a guard for the portion of the back side between the VCL pin and the capacitor.
- Make connections to GND via at least four through holes.
- Make the GND wiring traces as wide as possible.

Figure 2.6 shows an example VCL pin wiring pattern on a two-layer board.



Figure 2.6 Example VCL Pin Wiring Pattern on Two-Layer Board





Figure 2.7 shows an example VCL pin wiring pattern (two-layer board).

Figure 2.7 Example VCL Pin Wiring Pattern (Two-Layer Board)



2.2.2 Board With Four or More Layers

Figure 2.8 shows an example VCL pin wiring pattern (board with four or more layers).



Figure 2.8 Example VCL Pin Wiring Pattern (Board With Four or More Layers)



2.3 Reset Pin

When directly connecting the reset pin to the reset IC, position the reset IC as close as possible. Noise can also be reduced by inserting a low-pass filter. Do not run the trace for the reset pin parallel to other traces (traces with large current flows or rapid level changes). If no low-pass filter is used, shield the trace for the reset pin with the GND trace. The GND traces used for shielding should be at least 0.3 mm wide and there should be a space of 0.3 mm to 2.0 mm between them and adjacent traces.

Board design hint

The pulse width input to the reset pin is specified in the timing requirements. If the noise input to the reset pin has a shorter width than the specified pulse width, a reset condition may be released before the MCU's internal initialization has completed, possibly causing program runaway.

Figure 2.9 shows an example reset pin circuit configuration, and Figure 2.10 shows an example reset pin wiring pattern (multilayer board).



Figure 2.9 Example Reset Pin Circuit Configuration (With Low-Pass Filter)



Figure 2.10 Example Reset Pin Wiring Pattern



Figure 2.11 shows an example reset pin wiring pattern.



Figure 2.11 Example Reset Pin Wiring Pattern



2.4 Clock I/O Pins

The wiring traces for the clock I/O pins (EXATL, XTAL, XCIN, and XCOUT) should be as short as possible, including peripheral circuits. Shield the wiring pattern for the clock I/O pins with the GND pattern and do not arrange the traces for the clock I/O pins in parallel with or across other traces (traces with large current flows or rapid level changes). The GND traces used for shielding should be at least 0.3 mm wide and there should be a space of 0.3 mm to 2.0 mm between them and adjacent traces. In addition, do not place the GND wiring pattern and power supply wiring pattern in layers under a peripheral circuit incorporating a crystal oscillator.

Refer to the application note below for information on the main clock oscillator circuit and the sub-clock oscillator circuit. The latest versions and guides to new products can be downloaded from the Renesas Electronics website.

• RX and RA families: Design Guide for Main Clock Circuit and Sub-Clock Circuit (R01AN7202EJ)

Board design hint

If noise impinges on the clock I/O pins, the clock waveforms may become distorted, possibly causing an MCU malfunction or program runaway. In addition, accurate clock signals cannot be input to the MCU if there is a potential difference between the VSS inputs to the MCU and oscillators.

Figure 2.12 shows an example clock I/O pin circuit configuration.



Figure 2.12 Example Clock I/O Pin Circuit Configuration



Figure 2.13, Figure 2.14, and Figure 2.15 show example clock I/O pin wiring patterns.



Figure 2.13 Example Clock I/O Pin Wiring Pattern





Figure 2.14 Example Clock I/O Pin Wiring Pattern (Front Side)





Figure 2.15 Example Clock I/O Pin Wiring Pattern (Back Side)



Figure 2.16 shows an example clock I/O pin wiring pattern.



Figure 2.16 Example Clock I/O Pin Wiring



2.5 Analog Input Pins

Connect each analog input pin to GND via a capacitor. Wiring between the analog input pin and capacitor and wiring between the AVSS pin and capacitor must be the same length and as short as possible. Do not run the trace for the analog input pin parallel to or across other traces (traces with large current flows or rapid level changes), and shield the trace for the analog input pin with the GND trace. The GND traces used for shielding should be at least 0.3 mm wide and there should be a space of 0.3 mm to 2.0 mm between them and adjacent traces.

Board design hint

If noise impinges on the analog input pins, the waveforms may become distorted, possibly reducing A/D converter accuracy. An external capacitor can be used to reduce noise.

An external capacitor can also be used to achieve high-speed conversion. This requires that sufficient electrical charge has accumulated in the external capacitor before conversion starts to reduce the signal source impedance of the input capacitor of the sample and hold circuit. Note that if the voltage level of the analog input pin changes (in continuous scan mode, for example), causing the external capacitor charge to be renewed, an adequate electrical charge cannot be accumulated. In this case, do not connect an external capacitor.

Figure 2.17 shows an example analog input pin circuit configuration, and Figure 2.18 shows an example analog input pin wiring pattern.



Figure 2.17 Example Analog Input Pin Circuit Configuration





Figure 2.18 Example Analog Input Pin Wiring Pattern

Figure 2.19 shows an example analog input pin wiring pattern.



Figure 2.19 Example Analog Input Pin Wiring Pattern



2.6 Signal Pins with Large Current Flows

When a large current exceeding the current range supported by the MCU flows in a signal line, place the signal line as far from the MCU (and the oscillators in particular) as possible, and do not arrange the signal line in parallel with or across the traces of the reset pin, clock I/O pins, or analog input pins.

Board design hint

In systems using an MCU there are signal lines to control motors, LEDs, thermal heads, etc. If large currents flow in these signal lines, mutual inductance with parallel wiring traces can cause noise.

2.7 Signal Pins with Rapid Level Changes

Place signal lines with rapid level changes as far from the oscillators and the wiring traces of the oscillators as possible. Do make such signal lines any longer than necessary and ensure they do not run parallel to or across the clock-related signal lines or other lines that are easily affected by noise.

Board design hint

Signal lines with rapid level changes can easily affect other signal lines when the level changes at the rising and falling edges. In particular, when such signal lines cross clock-related signal lines, the clock waveform can be distorted, possibly resulting in malfunction or program runaway.



3. Board Wiring Pattern Examples

3.1 Example Two-Layer Board Wiring Pattern

Figure 3.1 shows an example two-layer board wiring pattern for an RX Family MCU, and Figure 3.2 and Figure 3.3 show the wiring patterns for the first and second layers separately.



Figure 3.1 Example Board Wiring Pattern (Two-Layer Board)







Figure 3.2 Example Board Wiring Pattern (First Layer Wiring Pattern)







Figure 3.3 Example Board Wiring Pattern (Second Layer Wiring Pattern)



3.2 Example Four-Layer Board Wiring Pattern

Figure 3.4 shows an example four-layer board wiring pattern for an RX Family MCU, and Figure 3.5, Figure 3.6, Figure 3.7, and Figure 3.8 show the wiring patterns for each of the individual layers separately.



Figure 3.4 Example Board Wiring Pattern (Four-Layer Board)





Figure 3.5 Example Board Wiring Pattern (First Layer Wiring Pattern)





Figure 3.6 Example Board Wiring Pattern (Second Layer Wiring Pattern)





Figure 3.7 Example Board Wiring Pattern (Third Layer Wiring Pattern)



Figure 3.8 Example Board Wiring Pattern (Fourth Layer Wiring Pattern)



4. Reference Documents

- User's Manual: Hardware Catalog
- User's Manual: Hardware for each product group in the RX Family (The latest version for each device can be downloaded from the Renesas Electronics website.)
- RX610 Group: Notes on Analog Power Supply Printed Circuit Board Patterns (R01AN0271EJ)
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3. Input of signal during power-off state

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6. Voltage application waveform at input pin

Waveform distortion due to input noise or a reflected wave may cause malfunction. If the input of the CMOS device stays in the area between V_{IL} (Max.) and V_{IH} (Min.) due to noise, for example, the device may malfunction. Take care to prevent chattering noise from entering the device when the input level is fixed, and also in the transition period when the input level passes through the area between V_{IL} (Max.) and V_{IH} (Min.).

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