

M16C/26

Using the M16C/26 Timer in Event Counter Mode

1.0 Abstract

Event counters are useful in automated packaging lines, tachometers, and mechanical equipment monitoring. The event counters on the M16C/26 can be configured to interrupt on a single event as well, creating additional interrupt inputs pins. The following article describes how configure the M16C/26 timers as event counters, referred to as 'Event Counter Mode'.

2.0 Introduction

The Renesas M30262 is a 16-bit MCU based on the M16C/60 series CPU core. The MCU features include up to 64K bytes of Flash ROM, 2K bytes of RAM, and 4K bytes of Virtual EEPROM. The peripheral set includes 10-bit A/D, UARTS, Timers, DMA, and GPIO. The MCU has eight timers that consists of five Timer A's and three Timer B's. All 8 timers can operate in 'Event Counter Mode'.

Timer A also has the following additional modes of operation:

- Timer Mode
- PWM Mode
- One-Shot Mode

Timer B has the following additional modes of operation:

- Timer Mode
- Pulse Width Measurement Mode

Figure 1 and Figure 2 shows the block diagrams for timers A and B. Note that there are some differences between the two timers but both operate similar in Event Counter Mode. The remainder of this document will focus on setting up timer A0 in Event Counter Mode.

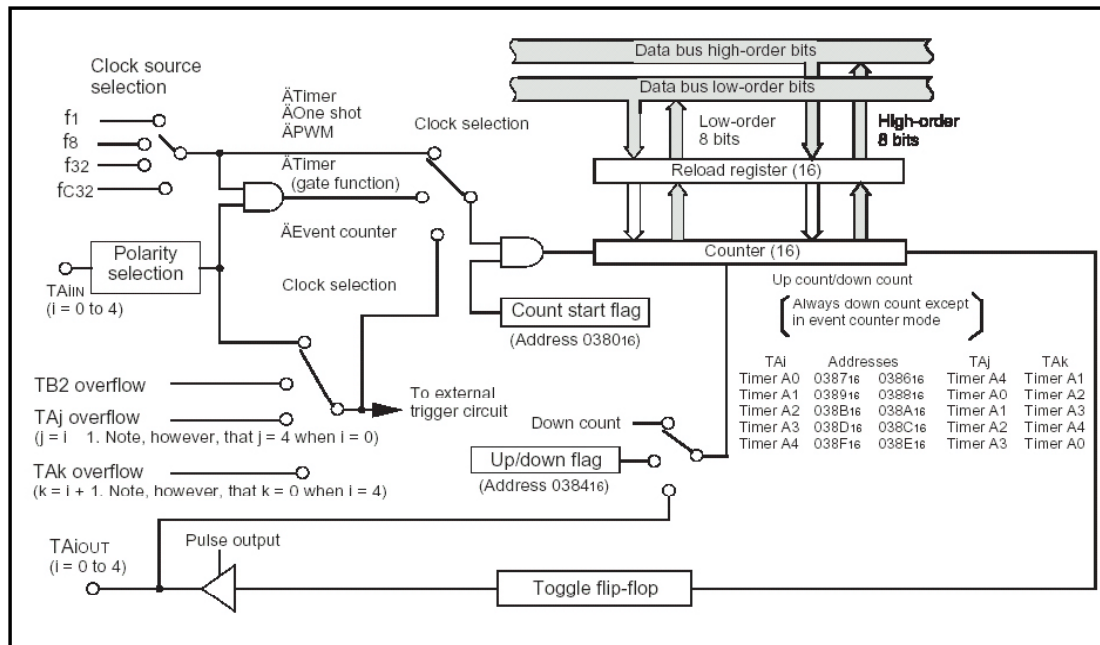


Figure 1 Block Diagram of Timer A

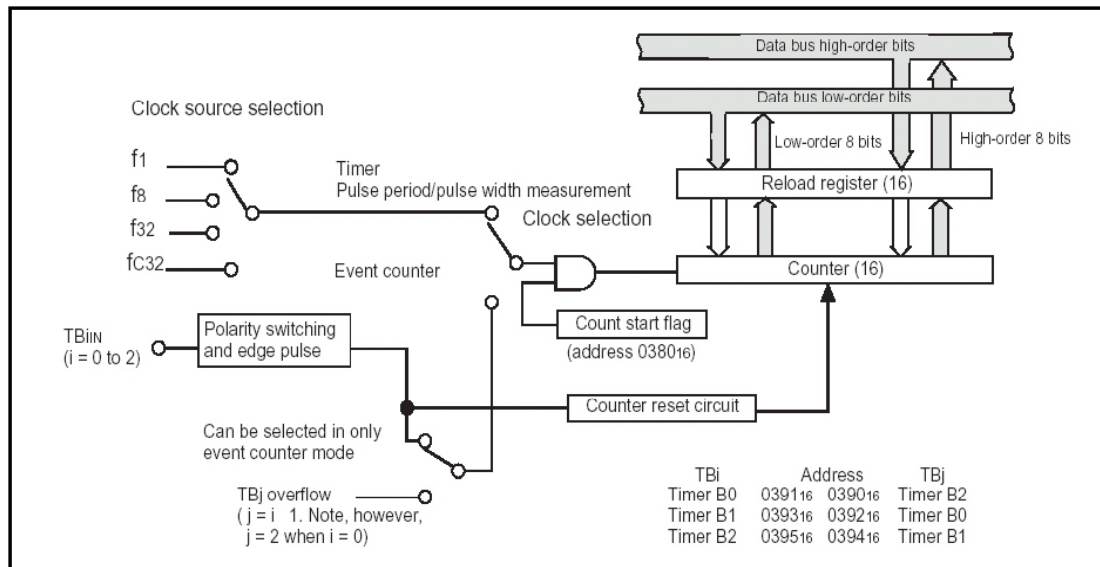


Figure 2 Block Diagram of Timer B

3.0 Event Counter Mode Description

In general, timers TAI or TBI register counts an input signal and at any time, the count value can be read. When the timer overflows (up count) or underflows (down count), the timer interrupt request bit is set and an interrupt is generated if the timer interrupt priority level is set above the current CPU priority level (if the I flag in the CPU flag registers is cleared, the interrupt will not be serviced until the flag is set). If at any time during counting the count start flag is cleared, counting is suspended until set. This is illustrated in Figure 3.

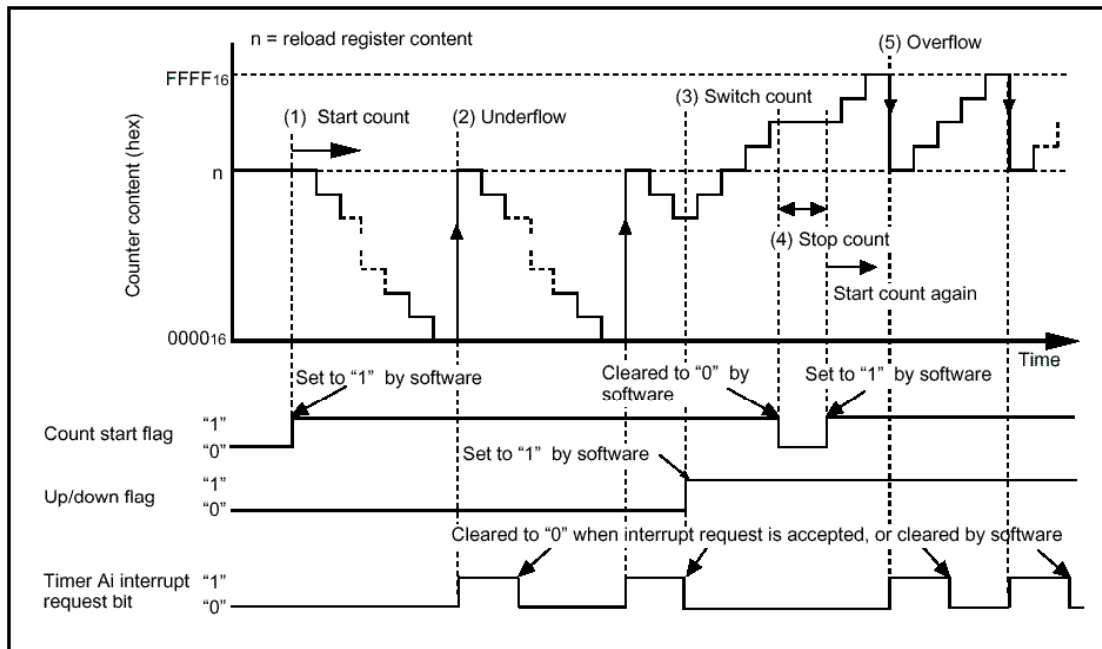


Figure 3 Timing of event counter mode, reload type selected

Besides having the option of counting up or down, the Event Counter Mode has many other options such as count source (TAiIN or TBIIN input pin or another timer), reload or free running type, etc. These options vary depending on which timer is used. The options and the timers they are associated with are summarized in Table 1, Table 2, and Table 3.

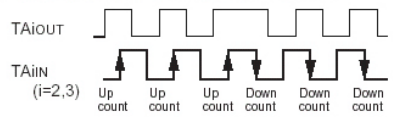
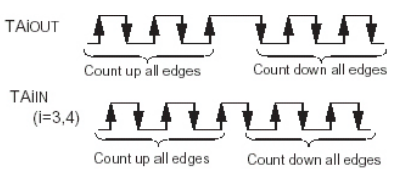
Table 1 Timer A specification in Event Counter Mode
(When not processing two-phase pulse signal)

Item	Specification
Count source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External signals input to TAIIN pin (effective edge can be selected by software) TB2 overflow, TAJ overflow
Count operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up count or down count can be selected by external signal or software When the timer overflows or underflows, it reloads the reload register contents before continuing counting (Note)
Divide ratio	$1 / (FFFF_{16} - n + 1)$ for up count $1 / (n + 1)$ for down count n : Set value
Count start condition	Count start flag is set (= 1)
Count stop condition	Count start flag is reset (= 0)
Interrupt request generation timing	The timer overflows or underflows
TAiIN pin function	Programmable I/O port or count source input
TAiOUT pin function	Programmable I/O port, pulse output, or up/down count select input
Read from timer	Count value can be read out by reading timer Ai register
Write to timer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When counting stopped When a value is written to timer Ai register, it is written to both reload register and counter When counting in progress When a value is written to timer Ai register, it is written to only reload register (Transferred to counter at next reload time)
Select function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free-run count function Even when the timer overflows or underflows, the reload register content is not reloaded to it Pulse output function Each time the timer overflows or underflows, the TAIOUT pin's polarity is reversed

Note: This does not apply when the free-run function is selected

Table 2 Timer A specifications in Event Counter Mode

(When processing two-phase pulse signal with timers A2, A3, and A4)

Item	Specification
Count source	• Two-phase pulse signals input to TAIiN or TAIiOUT pin
Count operation	• Up count or down count can be selected by two-phase pulse signal • When the timer overflows or underflows, the reload register content is reloaded and the timer starts over again (Note 1)
Divide ratio	1/ (FFFF ₁₆ - n + 1) for up count 1/ (n + 1) for down count n : Set value
Count start condition	Count start flag is set (= 1)
Count stop condition	Count start flag is reset (= 0)
Interrupt request generation timing	Timer overflows or underflows
TAiIN pin function	Two-phase pulse input (Set the TAIiN pin correspondent port direction register to "0".)
TAiOUT pin function	Two-phase pulse input (Set the TAIiOUT pin correspondent port direction register to "0".)
Read from timer	Count value can be read out by reading timer A2, A3, or A4 register
Write to timer	• When counting stopped When a value is written to timer A2, A3, or A4 register, it is written to both reload register and counter • When counting in progress When a value is written to timer A2, A3, or A4 register, it is written to only reload register. (Transferred to counter at next reload time.)
Select function (Note 2)	<p>• Normal processing operation (timer A2 and timer A3) The timer counts up rising edges or counts down falling edges on the TAIiN pin when input signal on the TAIiOUT pin is "H".</p>  <p>• Multiply-by-4 processing operation (timer A3 and timer A4) If the phase relationship is such that the TAIiN pin goes "H" when the input signal on the TAIiOUT pin is "H", the timer counts up rising and falling edges on the TAIiOUT and TAIiN pins. If the phase relationship is such that the TAIiN pin goes "L" when the input signal on the TAIiOUT pin is "H", the timer counts down rising and falling edges on the TAIiOUT and TAIiN pins.</p> 

Note: This does not apply when the free-run function is selected.

For Note 2 above, Timer A3 alone can be selected. Timer A2 is fixed to normal processing operation, and timer A4 is fixed to multiply-by-4 processing operation.

Table 3 Timer B specification in Event Counter Mode

Item	Specification
Count source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External signals input to TBIiN pin • Effective edge of count source can be a rising edge, a falling edge, or falling and rising edges as selected by software
Count operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counts down • When the timer underflows, it reloads the reload register contents before continuing counting
Divide ratio	$1/(n+1)$ n : Set value
Count start condition	Count start flag is set (= 1)
Count stop condition	Count start flag is reset (= 0)
Interrupt request generation timing	The timer underflows
TBIiN pin function	Count source input
Read from timer	Count value can be read out by reading timer Bi register
Write to timer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When counting stopped When a value is written to timer Bi register, it is written to both reload register and counter • When counting in progress When a value is written to timer Bi register, it is written to only reload register (Transferred to counter at next reload time)

4.0 Configuring Event Counter Mode

The steps to configure a timer for Event Counter Mode are shown below.

1. Load the timer mode register, TAIiMR
 - a. Select Event Counter Mode: bits TMOD0 = 1, TMOD1 = 0.
 - b. Set the remaining bits (MR0, MR1, MR2, TCK0, TCK1) depending on required functions (see mode register diagrams below)
2. Load the TAI or TBI register with the count source.
3. Select the trigger via the TRGSR or ONSF register (N/A for Timer B).
4. Select up or down count via the UDF register (N/A for Timer B, Timer B counts down only).
5. Set the timer 'interrupt priority level', TAIiC or TBIiC to at least 1 if required.
6. Enable interrupts (CPU I flag set).
7. Set the 'start count' flag bit, TAIiS or TBIiS in the 'count start flag' register, TABSR or TBSR.

For the most part, the order shown above is not important. However, the mode register should be loaded before the 'start count' flag is set. Also, the priority level should not be modified when there is a chance of an interrupt occurring.

The required registers are shown in Figure 4 to Figure 12.

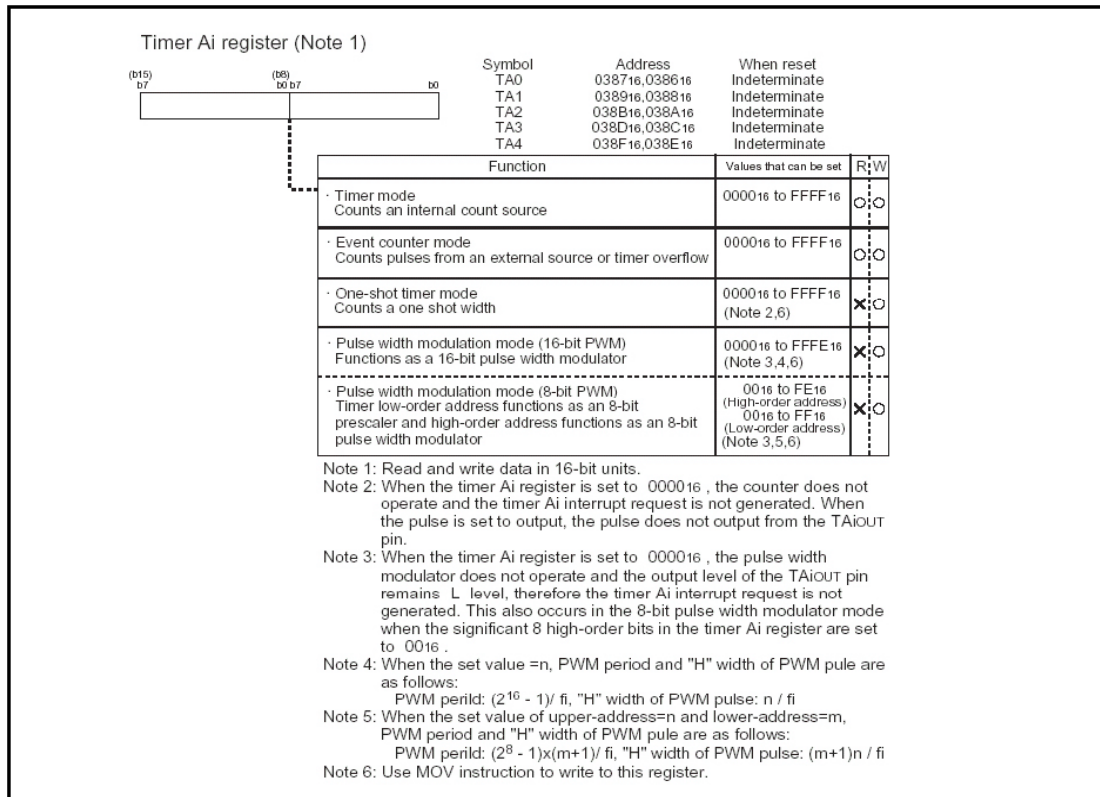


Figure 4 Timer Ai registers

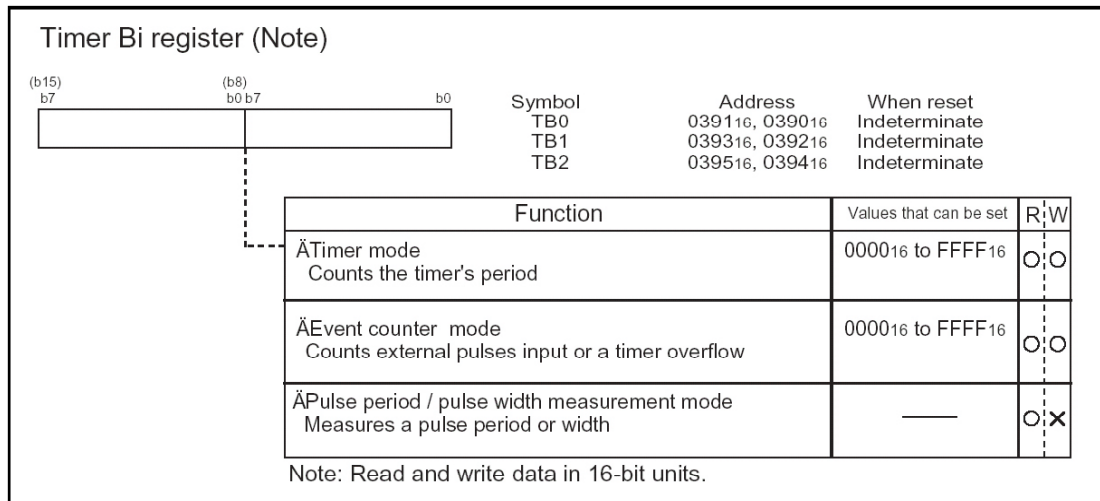


Figure 5 Timer Bi registers

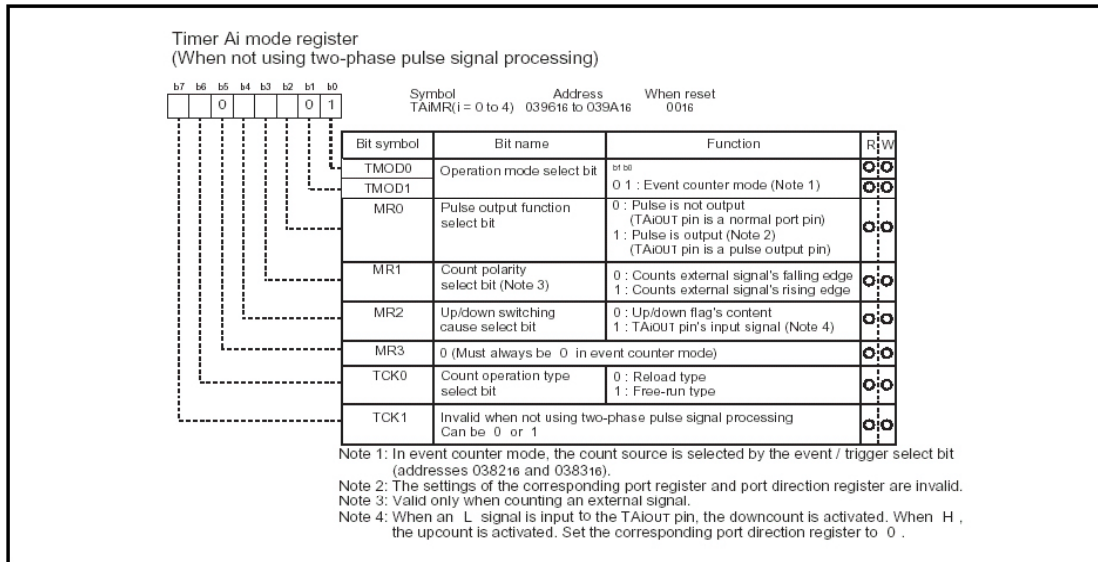


Figure 6 Timer Ai mode register in Event Counter Mode

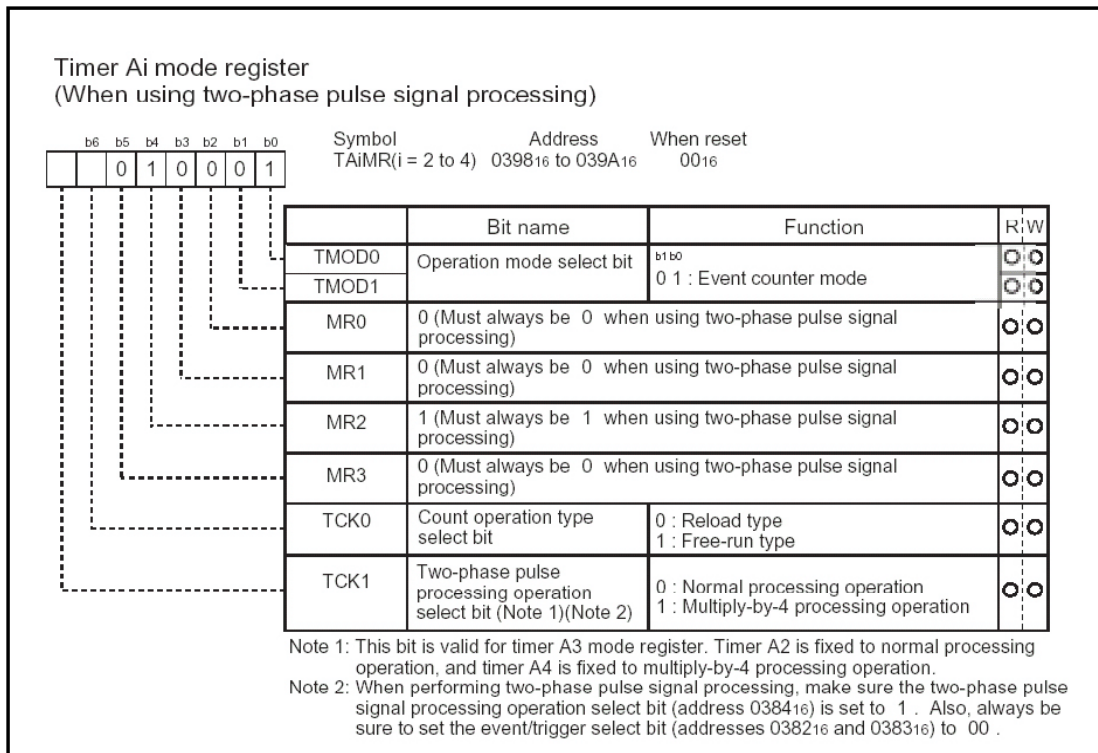


Figure 7 Timer Ai mode register in Event Counter Mode
(when using 2-phase pulse signals)

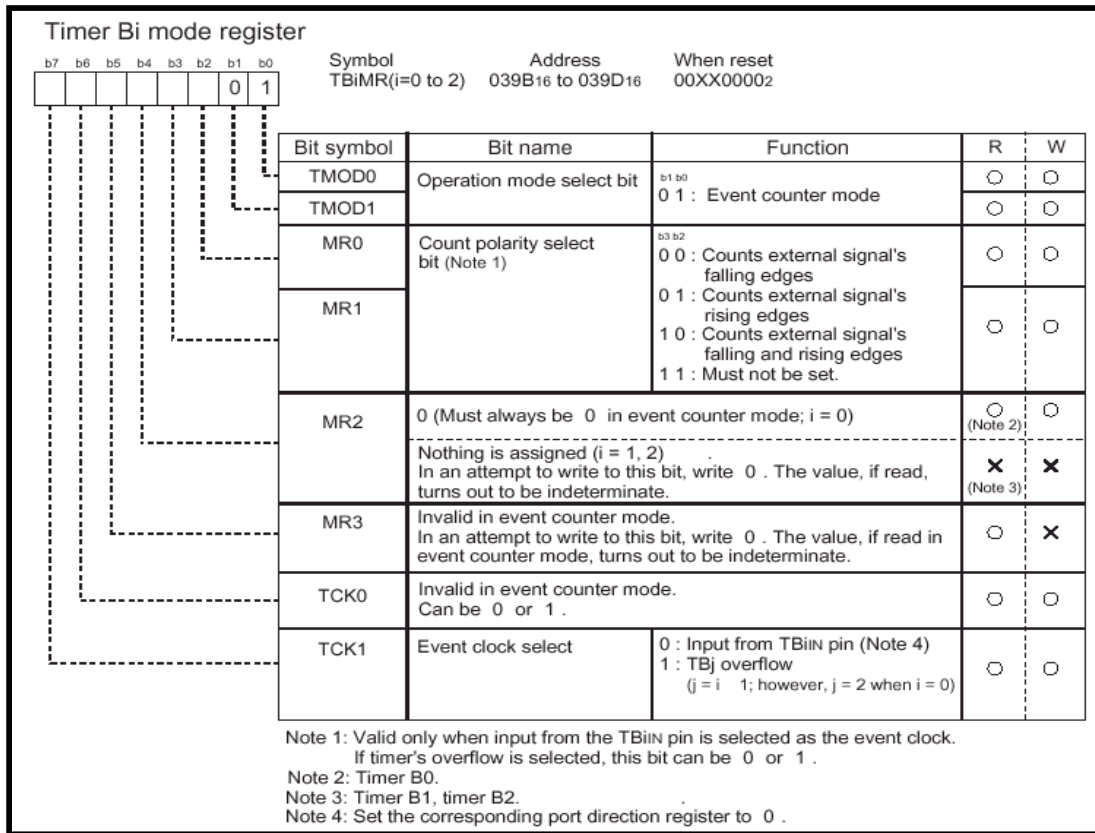


Figure 8 Timer B mode register in Event Counter Mode

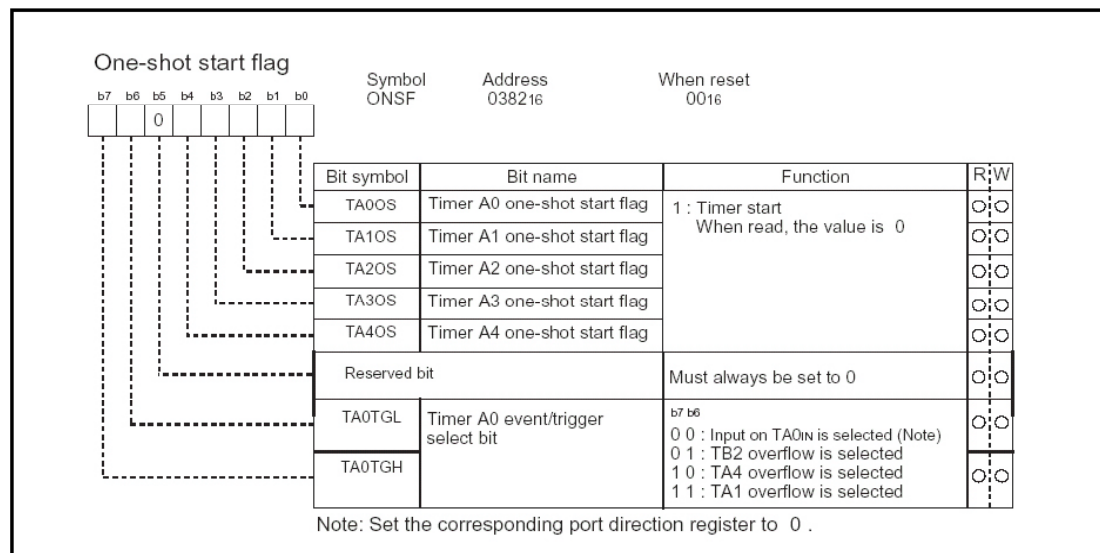


Figure 9 One Shot Start Flag Register (contains Trigger Select for Timer A0)

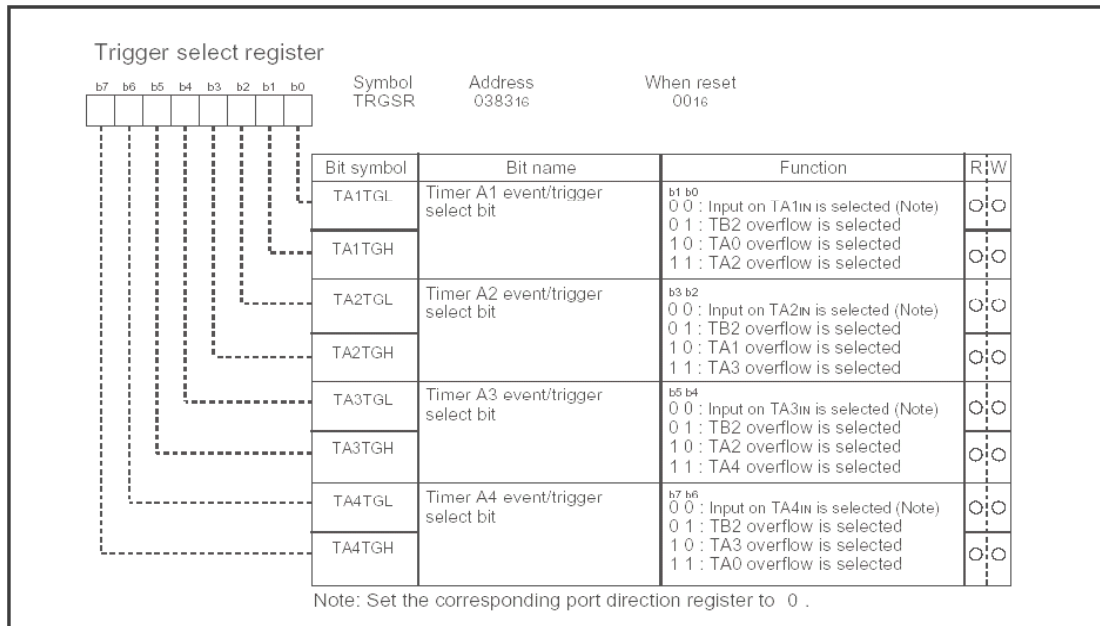


Figure 10 Trigger Select Register

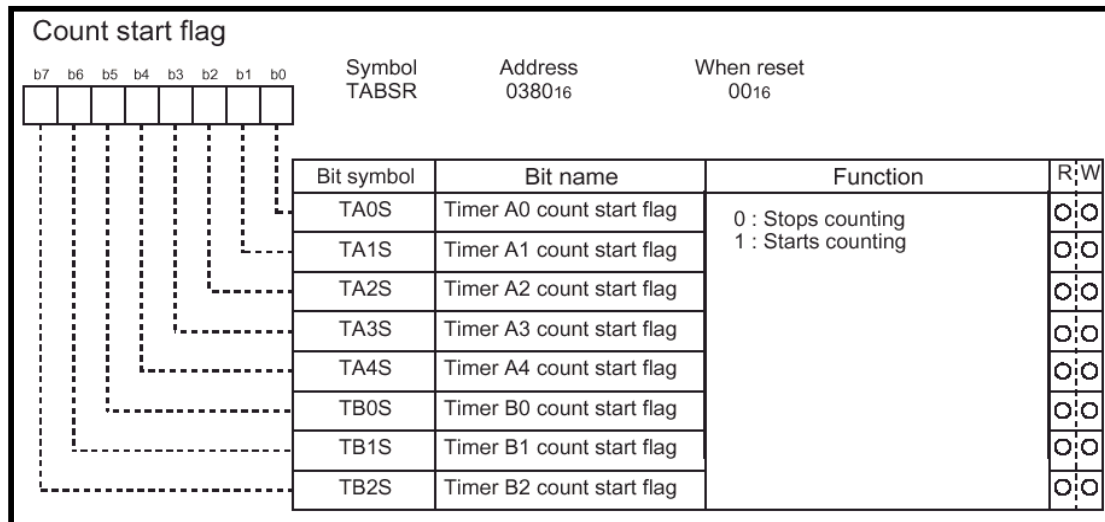


Figure 11 Count start flag register for Timers A and B

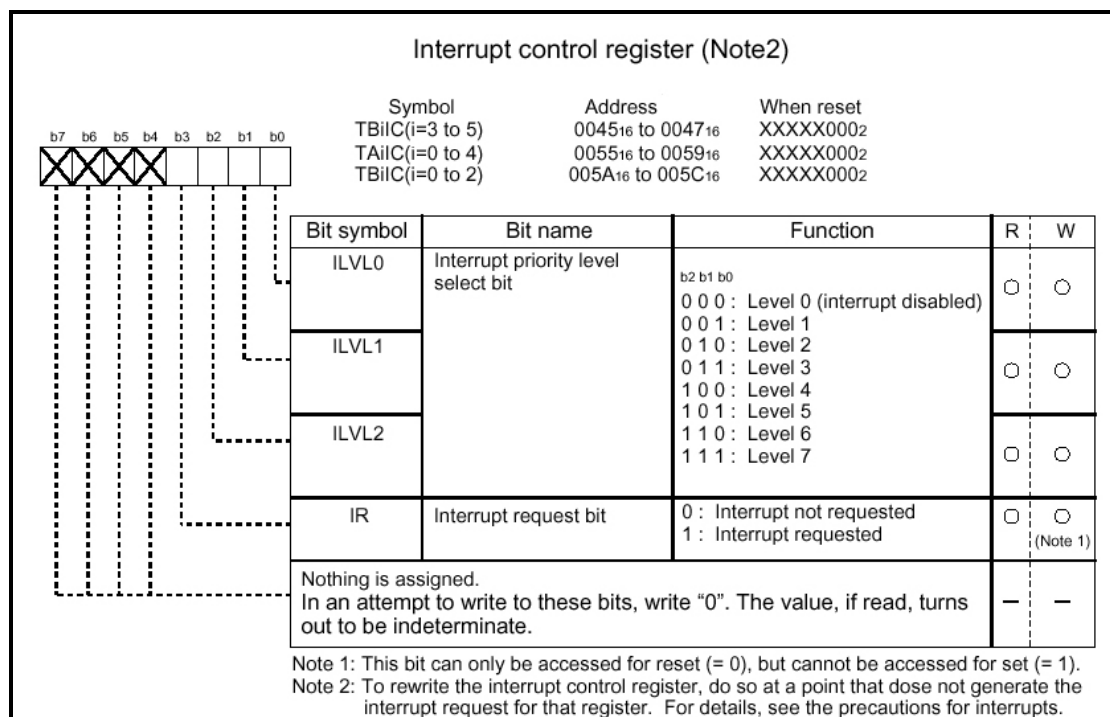


Figure 12 Interrupt control register for Timers A and B

5.0 Reference

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Data Sheets

- M16C/26 datasheet, M30262eds.pdf

User's Manual

- KNC30 Users Manual, KNC30UE.PDF
- M16C/60 and M16C/20 C Language Programming Manual, 6020EC.PDF
- Writing interrupt handlers in C for the M16C Application Note
- MSV30262-SKP or MSV-Mini26-SKP Quick start guide
- MSV30262-SKP or MSV-Mini26-SKP Users Manual
- MDECE30262 or MSV-Mini26-SKP Schematic

6.0 Software Code

A sample program written in C and compiled using the KNC30 compiler to illustrate how to configuring Event Counter Mode. The program counts 100 falling edges on the P7.5 (TA2IN) pin then flashes D5 on the MSV30262 Starter Kit Board.

To get familiar with this mode, try changing to up-count, the count value or even switch to a different timer (e.g. TA1, TB0, etc).

```

/*****
*
*   File Name: event_mode.c
*
*   Content: Example program using Timer A2 in "Event Counter Mode". This
*           program is written for the Event Counter Mode application note.
*           Counts falling edges on the TA2in pin. This program works with the
*           MSV30262 starter kit board.
*
*   All timing based on 20 Mhz Xtal
*
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*=====
*   $Log:$
*=====*/
#include "sfr26.h"

#define TIME_CONFIG 0x01 /* 00000001 value to load into timer mode register
                        |||||_ TMOD0,TMOD1: EVENT COUNTER MODE
                        ||||_ MR0: NO PULSE OUTPUT
                        |||_ MR1: COUNT FALLING EDGES
                        ||_ MR2: USE UP/DOWN FLAG
                        ||_ MR3: = 0 IN EVENT COUNTER MODE
                        ||_ TCK0: RELOAD TYPE
                        |_ TCK1: BIT NOT USED */

#define CNTR_IPL 0x03 // TA2 priority interrupt level
#define LED p7_2 // LED port on MSV30262 board
#define LED_PORT_DIRECTION pd7_2 // LED port direction on MSV30262 board
#define OUTPUT 1

int count;

//prototypes
void init(void);

#pragma INTERRUPT /B TimerA2Int
void TimerA2Int(void);

```

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/*****
Name:      TimerA2Int()
Parameters: none
Returns:  nothing
Description:Timer A2 Interrupt Service Routine. Interrupts every 100 falling
           edges on the TA2in pin. Flashes the LED and increments 'count'.
*****/
void TimerA2Int(void)
{
    int delaycntr;
    delaycntr = 0;
    count++;      // e.g for an automated packaging line, counts # of cases
    LED = 1;
    while( delaycntr <0xffff) //software delay for flashing LED
        delaycntr++;
    LED = 0;
}

/*****
Name:      main()
Parameters: none
Returns:  nothing
Description: initializes variables and LED port. Then does nothing but
           wait for TA2 interrupts.
*****/
void main (void)
{
    int temp;
    count = 0;
    LED_PORT_DIRECTION = OUTPUT;
    init();
    while (1);
}

/*****
Name:      init()
Parameters: none
Returns:  nothing
Description: Timer TA2 setup for event counter mode, interrupts every 100 events.
*****/
void init()
{
    ta2 = 100;    //e.g for an automated packaging line, 100 items per case

/* the following procedure for writing an Interrupt Priority Level follows that as described
in the M16C data sheets under 'Interrupts' */

    _asm (" fclr i" ) ; // turn off interrupts before modifying IPL
    ta2ic |= CNTR_IPL; // use read-modify-write instruction to write IPL
    ta2mr = TIME_CONFIG;
    _asm (" fset i" );

    ta2s = 1; //start counting
}

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In order for this program to run properly, timer A0's interrupt vector needs to point to the interrupt function, TimerA2Int. The interrupt vector table is near the end of the startup file "sect30.inc". Insert the function label "_TimerA2Int" into the interrupt vector table at vector 23 as shown below.

```
;*****  
;  
;      C Compiler for M16C/26  
;  
;      Copyright,2003 Renesas Technology America, Inc.  
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;  
;      Written by T.Aoyama  
;      Modified for use on MSV30262 Starter Kit.  
;      sect30.inc      : section definition  
;      This program is applicable when using KD30 and the ROM Monitor.  
;*****  
;-----  
:  
:  
  
    .lword  dummy_int          ; timer A0(for user)(vector 21)  
    .lword  dummy_int          ; timer A1(for user)(vector 22)  
    .glb   _TimerA2Int  
    .lword  _TimerA2Int        ; timer A2(for user)(vector 23)  
    .lword  dummy_int          ; timer A3(for user)(vector 24)  
    .lword  dummy_int          ; timer A4(for user)(vector 25)  
    .lword  dummy_int          ; timer B0(for user)(vector 26)  
:  
:  
:
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