
Atmel AT03462: ATSAM3X and ATSAM3A Series - Checklist

Atmel ARM Cortex-M3 Product Family (SAM3)

Introduction

A good hardware design comes from a perfect schematic. Therefore this Application Note is a schematic review check list for systems embedding the Atmel® SAM3X/A series of ARM® Cortex®-M3, Thumb-2-based microcontrollers.

It gives requirements concerning the different pin connections that must be considered before starting any new board design and describes the minimum hardware resources required to quickly develop an application with the SAM3X/A devices. It does not consider PCB layout constraints.

It also gives advice regarding low-power design constraints to minimize power consumption.

This Application Note is not intended to be exhaustive. Its objective is to cover as many configurations of use as possible.

The Check List table has a column reserved for reviewing designers to verify that the line item has been checked.

Features

- Associated documentation
- Schematic checklists (Powering, Clocks, Reset, PIO...)
- SAM3X/A boot program constraints
- Suggested reading
- Revision history

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1. Associated Documentation

Before going further into this application note, it is strongly recommended to check the latest documents for the [SAM3X/A](#) Microcontrollers family on the Atmel website.

[Table 1-1](#) gives the associated documentation needed to support full understanding of this application note.

Table 1-1. Associated Documentation

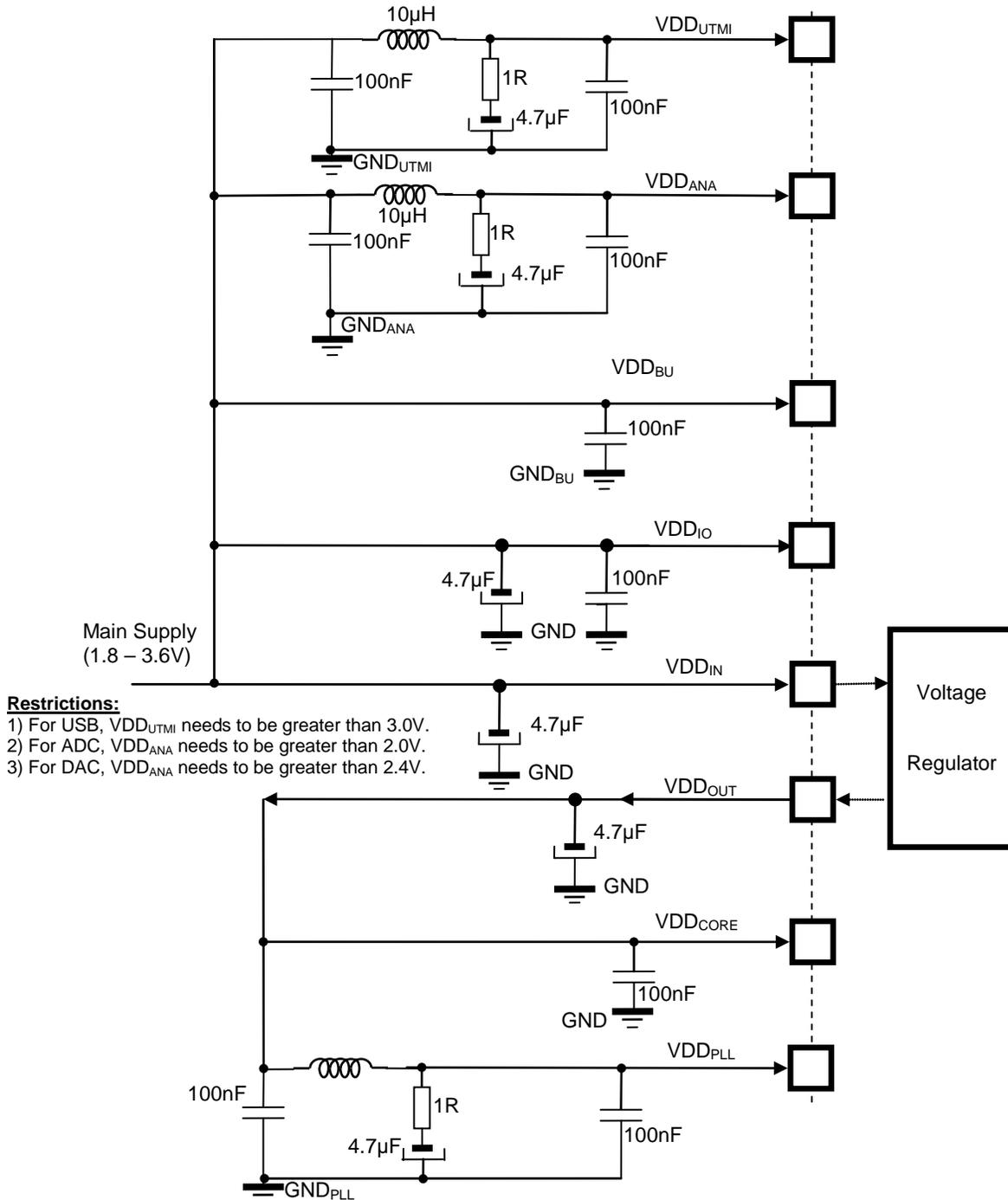
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| User Manual Electrical/Mechanical Characteristics Ordering information Errata | ATSAM3X/ATSAM3A Product Datasheet |
| Internal architecture of processor Thumb-2 instruction set Embedded in-circuit-emulator | This part is integrated and formatted according to the core integration in the SAM3S series. This information is fully detailed in the ATSAM3X/A Product Datasheet . Cortex-M3 Technical Reference Manual (available from ARM Ltd.) |
| Evaluation Kit User Guide | ATSAM3X-EK Evaluation Board User Guide |

2. Schematic Checklist

You will find below schematics and/or checklist tables which describe the recommended pin connections related to the SAM3X/A main features.

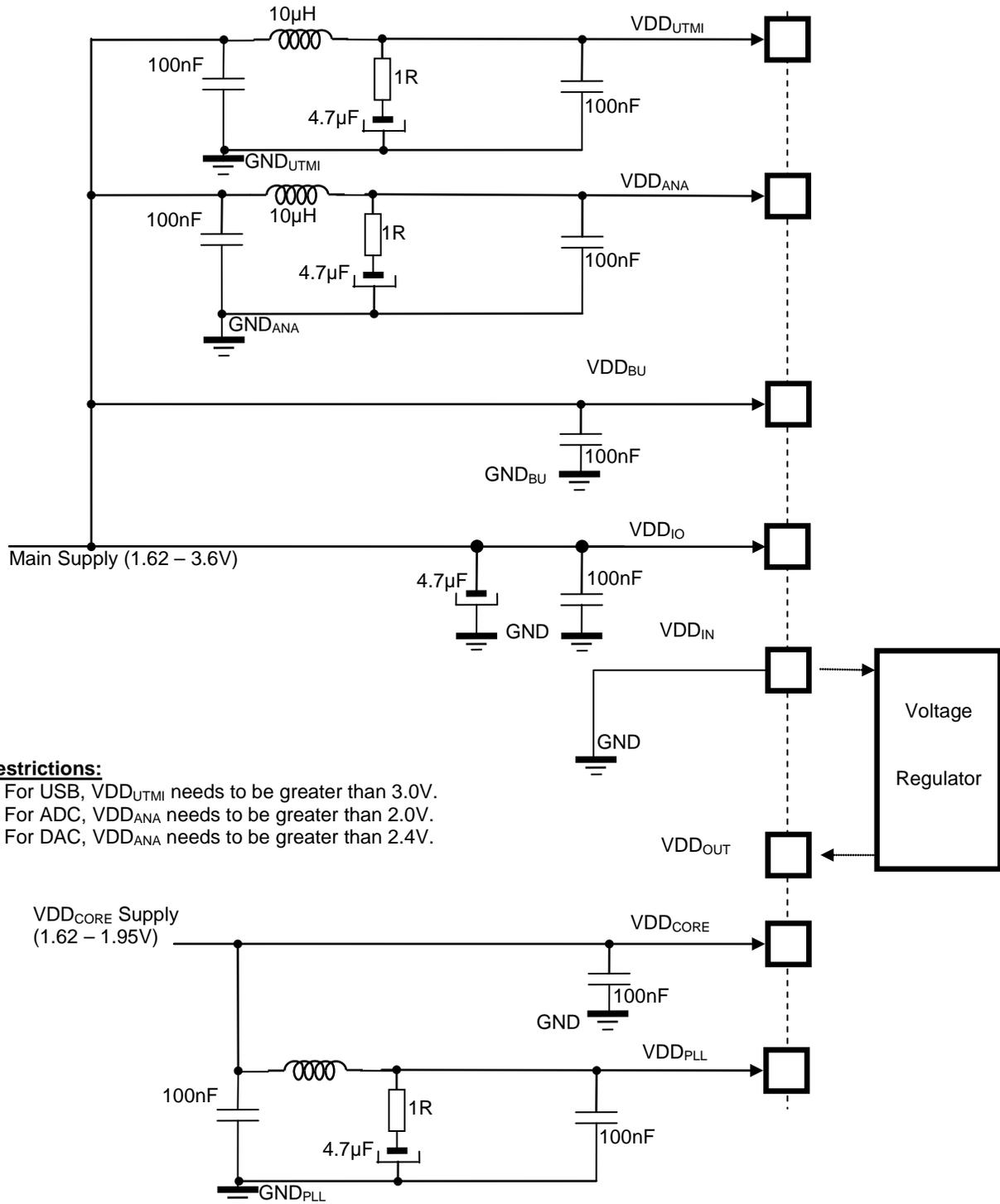
2.1 Powering

2.1.1 Single Power Supply



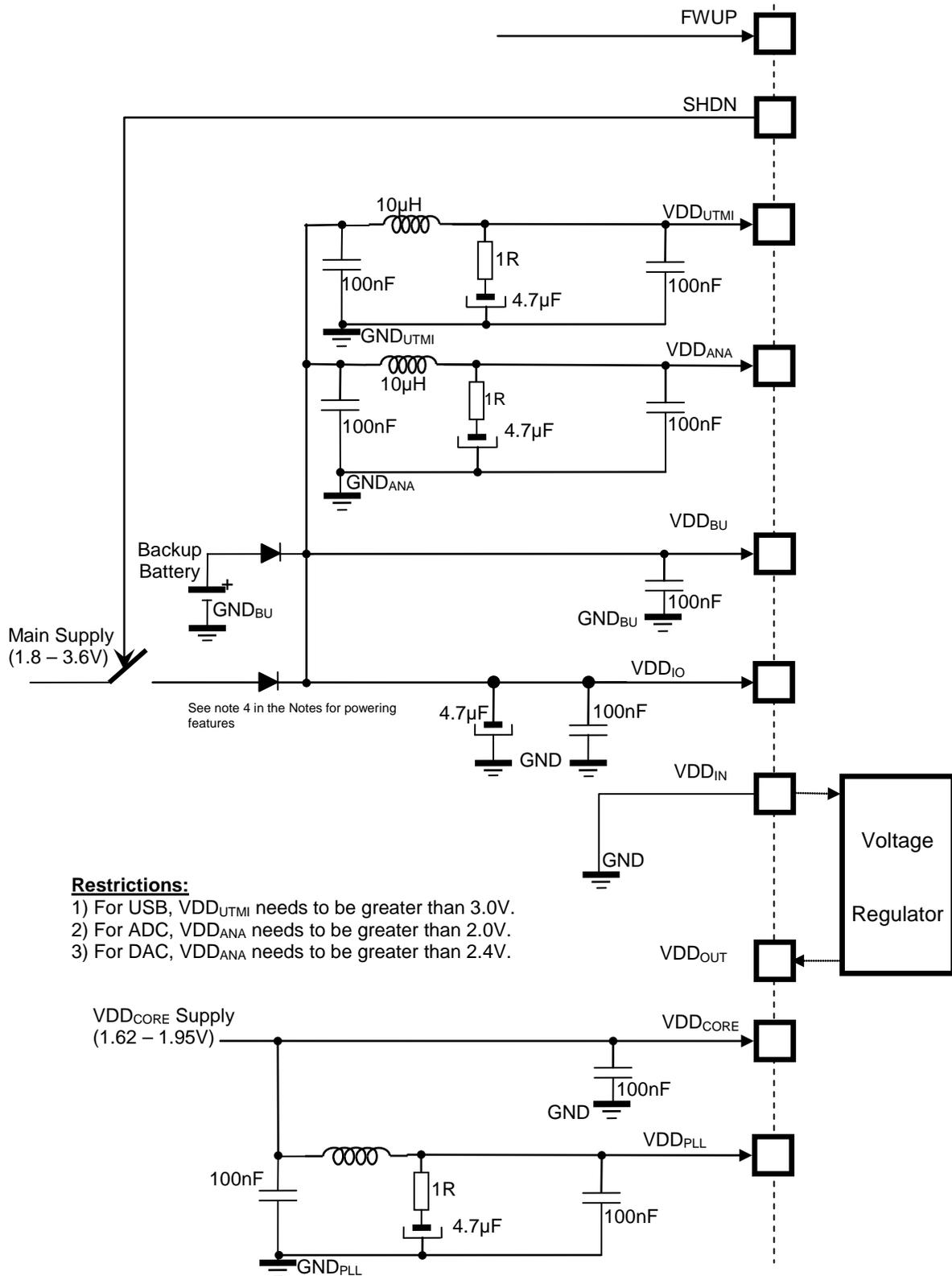
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Signal Name | Recommended Pin Connection | Description |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---|---|
| | VDD _{IN} | 1.8V to 3.6V Voltage range Decoupling/Filtering Capacitor (CD _{IN}) (10µF or higher ceramic capacitor) ^{1,2} | Powers the internal voltage regulator |
| | VDD _{IO} | Voltage ranges from 1.62V to 3.6V Decoupling/Filtering Capacitors (4.7µF on the main branch and 100nF on each pin as described in the figure) ^{1,2} | Powers the Peripherals I/O lines |
| | VDD _{ANA} | Voltage ranges from 2.0V to 3.6V for 10-bits resolution Warning: Voltage ranges from 2.4V to 3.6V for 12-bits resolution. Decoupling/Filtering Capacitors (100nF) ^{1,2} | Powers the ADC and DAC cells |
| | VDD _{UTMI} | Voltage ranges from 3.0V to 3.6V, 3.3V nominal Decoupling/Filtering Capacitors (100nF) ^{1,2} Additional RLC circuit (R = 1; L = 10µH; C = 4.7µF) ^{1,3} | Powers the UTMI+ interface Supply ripple must not exceed 10mV |
| | VDD _{BU} | Voltage ranges from 1.62V to 3.6V Decoupling/Filtering Capacitors (100nF) ^{1,2} | Powers the Slow Clock oscillator and a part of the System Controller |
| | VDD _{OUT} | Decoupling/Filtering Capacitor (CD _{OUT}) (4.7µF or higher ceramic capacitor) ^{1,2} | It is the output of the voltage regulator. Decoupling/Filtering capacitors must be added to Guarantee stability. |
| | VDD _{CORE} | Voltage ranges from 1.62V to 1.95V Decoupling/Filtering Capacitors (100nF on each pin) ^{1,2} | Power the core, the embedded memories and the peripherals |
| | VDD _{PLL} | Voltage ranges from 1.62V to 1.95V Decoupling/Filtering Capacitors (100nF) ^{1,2} Additional RLC circuit (R = 1; L = 10µH; C = 4.7µF) ^{1,3} | Powers the PLL A, UPLL, and 3-20MHz oscillator. Supply ripple must not exceed 10mV. |
| | GND | Grounded | Ground pins GND are common to VDD _{IN} , VDD _{IO} , and VDD _{CORE} |
| | GND _{BU} | Grounded | Dedicated VDD _{BU} ground pin |
| | GND _{PLL} | Grounded | Dedicated VDD _{PLL} ground pin |
| | GND _{UTMI} | Grounded | Dedicated VDD _{UTMI} ground pin |
| | GND _{ANA} | Grounded | Dedicated VDD _{ANA} ground pin |

2.1.2 Core Externally Supplied



| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Signal Name | Recommended Pin Connection | Description |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--|---|
| | VDD _{IN} | Grounded | Powers the internal voltage regulator not use in this case |
| | VDD _{IO} | Voltage ranges from 1.62V to 3.6V Decoupling/Filtering Capacitors (4.7µF and 100nF on each) ^{1,2} | Powers the Peripherals I/O lines |
| | VDD _{ANA} | Voltage ranges from 2.0V to 3.6V for 10 bits resolution. Warning: Voltage ranges from 2.4V to 3.6V for 12-bits resolution. Decoupling/Filtering Capacitors (100nF) ^{1,2} | Powers the ADC and DAC cells |
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| | VDD _{OUT} | Not Connected or Decoupling/Filtering capacitors can be added to guarantee stability. | It is the output of the voltage regulator |
| | VDD _{CORE} | Voltage ranges from 1.62V to 1.95V Decoupling/Filtering Capacitors (100nF on each pin) ^{1,2} | Power the core, the embedded memories and the peripherals |
| | VDD _{PLL} | Voltage ranges from 1.62V to 1.95V Decoupling/Filtering Capacitors (100nF) ^{1,2} Additional RLC circuit (R = 1; L = 10µH; C = 4.7µF) ^{1,3} | Powers the PLL A, UPLL and 3-20MHz Oscillator. Supply ripple must not exceed 10mV. |
| | GND | Grounded | Ground pins GND are common to VDD _{IN} , VDD _{IO} , and VDD _{CORE} |
| | GND _{BU} | Grounded | Dedicated VDD _{BU} ground pin |
| | GND _{PLL} | Grounded | Dedicated VDD _{PLL} ground pin |
| | GND _{UTMI} | Grounded | Dedicated VDD _{UTMI} ground pin |
| | GND _{ANA} | Grounded | Dedicated VDD _{ANA} ground pin |

2.1.3 Backup Supply



Restrictions:

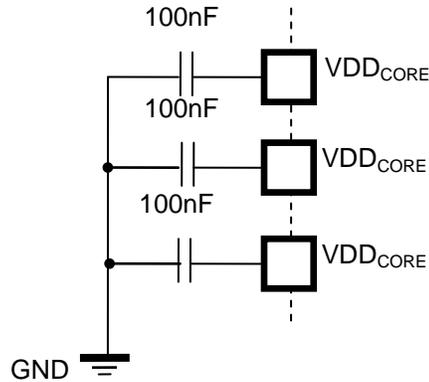
- 1) For USB, VDD_{UTMI} needs to be greater than 3.0V.
- 2) For ADC, VDD_{ANA} needs to be greater than 2.0V.
- 3) For DAC, VDD_{ANA} needs to be greater than 2.4V.

See note 4 in the Notes for powering features

| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Signal Name | Recommended Pin Connection | Description |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--|---|
| | VDD _{IN} | 1.8V to 3.6V Voltage range Decoupling/Filtering Capacitor (CDIN) (10µF or higher ceramic capacitor) ^{1,2} | Powers the internal voltage regulator |
| | VDD _{IO} | Voltage ranges from 1.62V to 3.6V Decoupling/Filtering Capacitors (4.7µF and 100nF on each pin) ^{1,2} | Powers the Peripherals I/O lines |
| | VDD _{ANA} | Voltage ranges from 2.0V to 3.6V 10 bits resolution Warning: Voltage ranges from 2.4V to 3.6V for 12-bits resolution Decoupling/Filtering Capacitors (100nF) ^{1,2} | Powers the ADC and DAC cells. |
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| | VDD _{OUT} | Decoupling/Filtering Capacitor (CDOUT) (4.7µF or higher ceramic capacitor) ^{1,2} | It is the output of the voltage regulator. Decoupling/Filtering capacitors must be added to Guarantee stability. |
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| | VDD _{PLL} | Voltage ranges from 1.62V to 1.95V Decoupling/Filtering Capacitors (100nF) ^{1,2} Additional RLC circuit (R = 1; L = 10µH; C = 4.7µF) ^{1,3} | Powers the PLL A, UPLL, and 3-20MHz Oscillator Supply ripple must not exceed 10mV |
| | FWUP | Input pin (Active low level, configurable debouncing) Add a pull-up resistor (100kΩ) if OFF Mode or FWUP functionality is used. To enter in FFPI mode FWUP pin must be tied to V _{VDDIO} . If unused, tie this pin to GND | Force Wake-up pin: Exits the core from Backup mode |
| | SHDN | Output pin used to control the main power switch in Backup mode | Shut-down Control pin: 0=>The device is in backup mode 1=> The device is running (not in backup mode) |
| | GND | Grounded | Ground pins GND are common to VDD _{IN} , VDD _{IO} , and VDD _{CORE} |
| | GND _{BU} | Grounded | Dedicated VDD _{BU} ground pin |
| | GND _{PLL} | Grounded | Dedicated VDD _{PLL} ground pin |
| | GND _{UTMI} | Grounded | Dedicated VDD _{UTMI} ground pin |
| | GND _{ANA} | Grounded | Dedicated VDD _{ANA} ground pin |

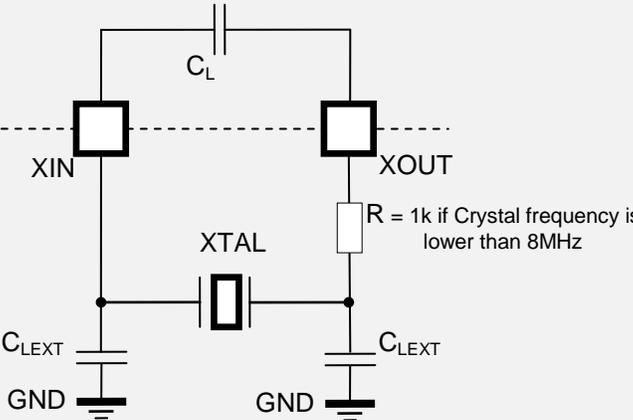
Note: Powering features:

1. All values are given as a typical example.
2. The decoupling capacitors must be connected as close as possible to each POWER pin as described:



3. The filtering RLC circuit is given as an example. Depending on the application the user may only need a 100nF decoupling capacitor.
4. The two diodes provide a “switch over circuit” (for illustration purpose) between the backup battery and the main supply, when the system is put in backup mode.

2.2 Clock, Oscillator, and PLL

| ✓ | Signal Name | Recommended Pin Connection | Description |
|---|-------------------------------|--|--|
| | XIN XOUT In Normal mode | Crystals between 3 and 20MHz Capacitors on XIN and XOUT (crystal load capacitance dependant) 1kΩ resistor on XOUT only required for crystals with frequencies lower than 8MHz. | Main Oscillator pin in Normal mode. Internal Equivalent load capacitance $C_L = 9.5\text{pF}$ (typical) Crystal Load capacitance, ESR, Drive level, and shunt capacitance to validate.  $C_{LEXT} = 2 \times (C_{Crystal} - C_L - C_{PCB})$ Where C_{PCB} is the capacitance of the printed circuit board (PCB) track layout from the crystal to the chip pin. Refer to the Crystal Oscillators Design Consideration Information section from the ATSAM3X/A Product Datasheet |
| | XIN XOUT In Bypass mode | XIN: external clock source input XOUT: can be left unconnected | 1.62V to 1.95V Square wave signal (VDD_{PLL}) External Clock Source up to 50MHz Duty Cycle: 40 to 60% |

| ✓ | Signal Name | Recommended Pin Connection | Description |
|---|--|---|--|
| | XIN32 XOUT32 Slow Clock Oscillator In Normal mode | 32.768kHz Crystal Capacitors on XIN32 and XOUT32 (crystal load capacitance dependent) | <p>32.768kHz Oscillator pin in Normal mode. Internal Equivalent parasitic capacitance $C_{PARA} = 1.4\text{pF}$ (typical) Crystal Load capacitance, ESR, Drive level, and shunt capacitance to validate.</p> $C_{LEXT32} = 2 \times (C_{Crystal} - C_{PCB} - C_{PARA})$ <p>Where C_{PCB} is the capacitance of the printed circuit board (PCB) track layout from the crystal to the chip pin. Refer to the Crystal Oscillators Design Consideration Information section from the ATSAM3X/A Product Datasheet</p> |
| | XIN32 XOUT32 In Bypass mode | XIN: external clock source input XOUT: can be left unconnected | <p>1.62V to 3.6V Square wave signal ($V_{DD_{BU}}$) External Clock Source up to 50MHz Duty Cycle: 40 to 60% In order to set the Bypass mode, the OSCBYPASS bit of the Supply Controller Mode Register (SUPC_MR) needs to be set at 1.</p> |

2.3 ICE and JTAG

| ✓ | Signal Name | Recommended Pin Connection | Description |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| | TCK ² / SWCLK PB28 | Pull-up (100kΩ) ¹ to $V_{DD_{IO}}$ | Test Clock/Serial Wire Clock Input Pin TCK after reset. This pin is a Schmitt trigger input. No internal pull-up resistor. |
| | TMS ² / SWDIO PB31 | Pull-up (100kΩ) ¹ to $V_{DD_{IO}}$ | Test Mode Select /Serial Wire Input/Output TMS after reset This pin is a Schmitt trigger input. No internal pull-up resistor. |
| | TDI ² PB29 | Pull-up (100kΩ) ¹ to $V_{DD_{IO}}$ | Test Data In TDI after reset This pin is a Schmitt trigger input. No internal pull-up resistor. |
| | TDO ² / TRACESWO PB30 | Floating | Test Data Out / Trace Asynchronous DataOut Output driven at up to $V_{DD_{IO}}$. TDO pin is set in input mode when the Cortex-M3 Core is not in debug mode. Thus the internal pull-up corresponding to this PIO line must be enabled to avoid current consumption due to floating input. |
| | RTCK ² | Floating/TCK | Output driven at up to $V_{DD_{IO}}$ |

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|--|------------------------|--|---|
| | JTAGSEL ^{2,3} | In harsh environments, it is strongly recommended to tie this pin to GND _{BU} if not used or to add an external low value resistor (such as 1kΩ ¹). | Internal pull-down resistor to GND _{BU} (15kΩ). Must be tied to VDD _{BU} to enter JTAG Boundary Scan. |
|--|------------------------|--|---|

- Notes:
1. All values are given as a typical example.
 2. It is recommended to establish accessibility to a JTAG connector for debug in any case.
 3. In a well-shielded environment subject to low magnetic and electric field interference, the pin may be left unconnected. In noisy environments, a connection to ground is recommended.
 4. All JTAG pins can be used as GPIO if they are not used for JTAG functions.

2.4 RESET/TEST

| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Signal Name | Recommended Pin Connection | Description |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--|---|
| | NRST | Application dependent. Can be connected to a push button for hardware reset | Microcontroller Reset Input/Output pin NRST is controlled by the Reset Controller (RSTC). An internal pull-up resistor to VDD _{IO} (100kΩ) is available for User Reset and External Reset control. |
| | NRSTB ¹ | In harsh environments, it is recommended to add an external capacitor (10nF) between NRSTB and VDD _{BU} | Asynchronous Microcontroller Reset Input pin The NRSTB pin integrates a permanent pull-up resistor of about 15kΩ. This allows connection of a simple push button on the NRSTB pin as a system-user reset. In all modes, this pin will reset the chip including the Backup region (RTC, RTT, and Supply Controller). It reacts as the Power-on reset. It can be used as an external system reset source. |
| | TST ¹ | In harsh environments, It is strongly Recommended to tie this pin to GND _{BU} if not used or to add an external low-value resistor (such as 1kΩ). | Test Mode Select Input pin Internal pull-down resistor to GND _{BU} (15kΩ). |

- Note:
1. In a well-shielded environment subject to low magnetic and electric field interference, the pin may be left unconnected. In noisy environments, a connection to ground is recommended.

2.5 Shutdown/Wakeup Logic

| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Signal Name | Recommended Pin Connection | Description |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|---|---|
| | FWUP | Input pin (low level, configurable debouncing) If used Need external Pull-up 0V to VDD _{BU} | Force Wake up pin: Exits the core from Backup mode FWUP to be set at VDD _{BU} in JTAG Boundary Scan. FWUP behavior can be configured through the Supply Controller (SUPC). |
| | SHDN | Output pin used to control the main power switch in Back-up mode for example | Shut-down Control pin: 0=>The device is in backup mode 1=> The device is running (not in backup mode) |

2.6 PIO

| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Signal Name | Recommended Pin Connection | Description |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| | PIOA ¹ PIOB ² PIOC ³ PIOD ⁴ PIOE ⁵ PIOF ⁶ | Application Dependant (Internal Pulled-up on VDD _{IO}) | At reset, all PIOs are configured as Schmitt trigger ^{1,2,3,4,5,6} inputs with pull-up. Optional input glitch and debouncing filters are independently programmable on each I/O line. To reduce power consumption, if not used, the concerned PIO can be configured as an output and driven at '0' with internal pull-up disabled. |

- Notes:
1. PIOA: Schmitt Trigger on all, except PA0, PA9, PA26, PA29, PA30, PA31.
 2. PIOB: Schmitt Trigger on all, except PB14 and PB22.
 3. PIOC: Schmitt Trigger on all, except PC2 to PC9, PC15 to PC24.
 4. PIOD: Schmitt Trigger on all, except PD10 to PD30.
 5. PIOE: Schmitt Trigger on all, except PE0 to PE4, PE15, PE17, PE19, PE21, PE23, PE25, PE29.
 6. PIOF: Schmitt Trigger on all PIOs.

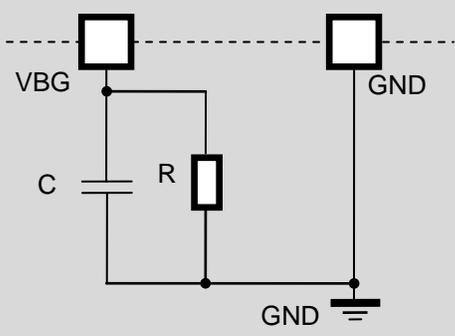
2.7 ADC

| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Signal Name | Recommended Pin Connection | Description |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|--|--|
| | ADVREF | 2.0V to V _{VDDANA} in 10-bits resolution Warning: 2.4V to V _{VDDANA} for 12-bits resolution To reduce power consumption, if ADC is not used, connect ADVREF to GND. | Reference Voltage ADVREF is a pure analog input. |
| | AD0 to AD14 | 0V to ADVREF | Analog input channels AD15 is not an actual pin but is connected to a temperature sensor. The temperature sensor provides an output voltage VT that is proportional to absolute temperature (PTAT). To activate the temperature sensor, TSON bit (ADC_ACR) needs to be set. |
| | ADTRG | V _{VDDANA} | This pin is the external trigger input of the ADC to produce one of the possible hardware trigger source. |

2.8 DAC

| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Signal Name | Recommended Pin Connection | Description |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| | DAC0 DAC1 | 1/6* ADVREF to 5/6* ADVREF | Analog output channels |
| | DATRGA/PA10 | V _{VDDANA} | External triggers |

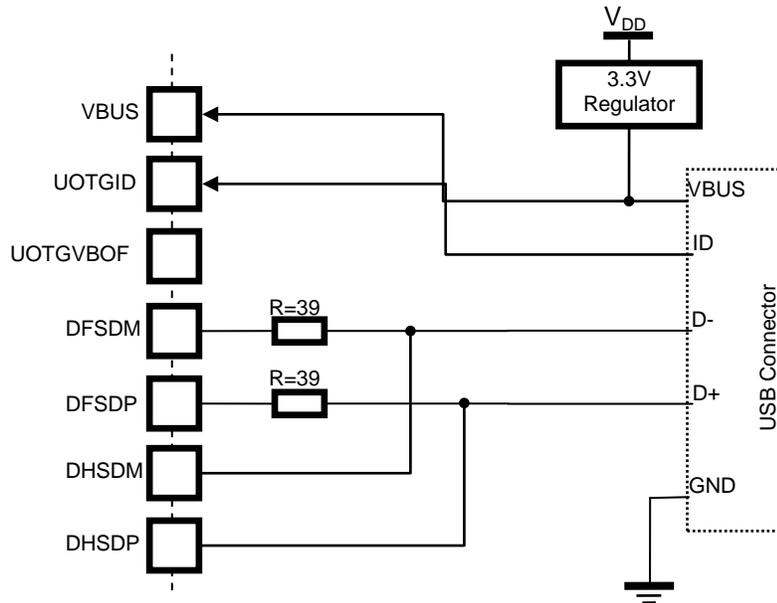
2.9 USB OTG HS

| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Signal Name | Recommended Pin Connection | Description |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|
| | VBUS | Connector VBUS/ External voltage generator/Regulator (Application dependent) | VBUS: Bus Power Measurement (Host/Device) Port input pin (VDD _{UTMI}) |
| | DFSDM | Application dependent If USB Device is not used it can be left floating. | FS Data -: Full-Speed Differential Data Line – Port Input/Output pin (VDD _{UTMI}) internal Pull down 15kΩ resistor |
| | DFSDP | Application dependent If USB Device is not used it can be left floating. | FS Data +: Full-Speed Differential Data Line + Port Input/Output pin (VDD _{UTMI}) internal Pull down 15kΩ resistor |
| | DHSDM | Application dependent If USB Device is not used it can be left floating. | HS Data -: Hi-Speed Differential Data Line – Port Input/Output pin (VDD _{UTMI}) internal Pull down 15kΩ resistor |
| | DHSDP | Application dependent If USB Device is not used it can be left floating. | HS Data +: Hi-Speed Differential Data Line + Port Input/Output pin (VDD _{UTMI}) internal Pull down 15kΩ resistor |
| | UOTGID/PB11 ¹ | Application dependent If USB Device is not used it can be left floating. | USB Identification: Mini Connector Identification Port (VDD _{IO}) Internal pull up |
| | UOTGVBOF/PB10 ¹ | Application dependent If USB Device is not used it can be left floating. | USB V _{BUS} On/Off: Bus Power Control Port (VDD _{IO}) Internal pull up |
| | VBG | RC filter (R = 6K8 ±1%; C = 10pF) | Bias Voltage reference (VDD _{IO}) SAM3X/A  |

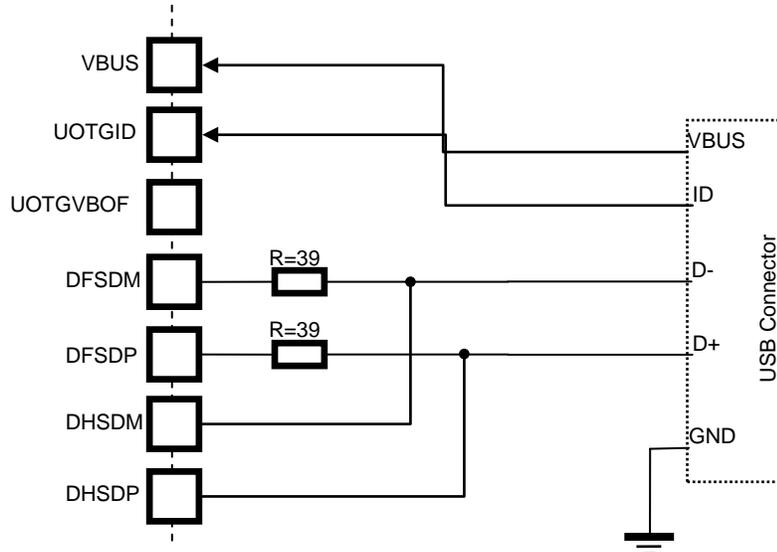
- Note: 1. The UOTGVBOF and UOTGID pins are multiplexed with I/O Controller lines and may also be multiplexed with lines of other peripherals. In order to use them with the USB, the user must first configure the I/O Controller to assign them to their USB peripheral functions.
- If UOTGID is used, the I/O Controller must be configured to enable the internal pull-up resistor of its pin.
 - If UOTGVBOF or UOTGID is not used by the application, the corresponding pin can be used for other purposes by the I/O Controller or by other peripherals.

2.9.1 USB OTGHS Typical Connection Examples

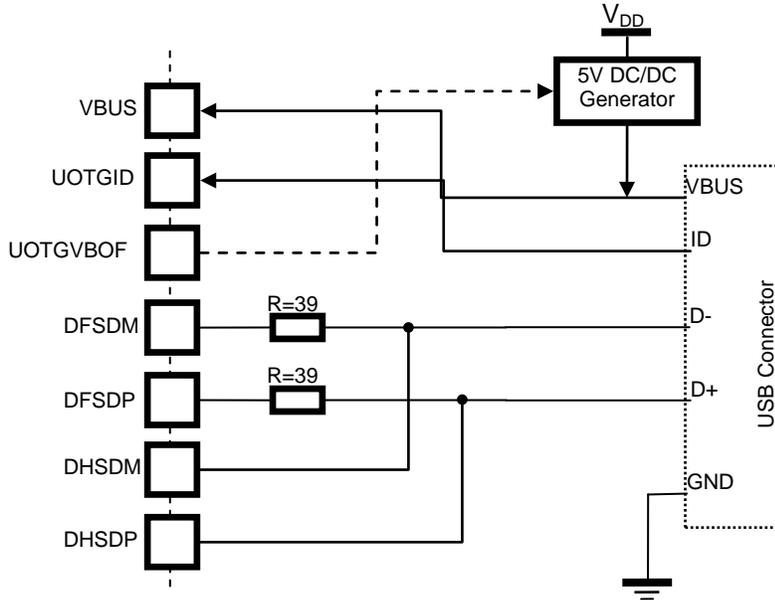
2.9.1.1 Device Mode: Bus-Powered Device



2.9.1.2 Self-Powered Device



2.9.1.3 Host and OTG Modes



2.10 Ethernet

In order to facilitate hardware design around the SAM3X Ethernet, Atmel provides an application note on www.atmel.com on [How to connect an Ethernet PHY to SAM3X](#).

2.11 CAN

| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Signal Name | Recommended Pin Connection | Description |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|--|---|
| | CANRX0/PA1 | Application dependent If CAN feature is not used it can be left floating. | CAN Receive Serial Data 0 input pin The pins used for interfacing the CAN are multiplexed with the PIO lines |
| | CANTX0/PA0 | Application dependent If CAN feature is not used it can be left floating. | CAN Transmit Serial Data 0 output pin The pins used for interfacing the CAN are multiplexed with the PIO lines |
| | CANRX1/PB15 | Application dependent If CAN feature is not used it can be left floating. | CAN Receive Serial Data 1 input pin The pins used for interfacing the CAN are multiplexed with the PIO lines |
| | CANTX1/PB14 | Application dependent If CAN feature is not used it can be left floating. | CAN Transmit Serial Data 1 output pin The pins used for interfacing the CAN are multiplexed with the PIO lines |

2.12 Static Memory Controller

| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Signal Name | Recommended Pin Connection | Description |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| | D[15:0] ¹ | Application dependent | Data Bus I/O |
| | NCS[7:0] ² | Application dependent | Static Memory Controller Chip Select Lines Output Low |
| | NRD ³ | Application dependent | Read Signal Output Low |
| | NWR0/NWE ⁴ | Application dependent | Write 0/Write Enable Signal Output Low Byte-write or byte-select access, "Memory Connection for an 8-bit Data Bus" and "Memory Connection for a 16-bit Data Bus" |
| | A0/NBS0 ⁵ | Application dependent | Address Bit 0/Byte 0 Select Signal Output Low 8- or 16-bit data bus |
| | NWR1/NBS1 ⁶ | Application dependent | Write 1/Byte 1 Select Signal Output Low Byte-write or byte-select access |
| | A1 ⁷ | Application dependent | Bit 1 Output Low 8-/16-bit data bus Byte-write or byte-select access |
| | A[23:2] ⁸ | Application dependent | Address Bus Output |
| | NWAIT ⁹ | Application dependent | Signal Input Low multiplexed with PA4 |
| | NANDRDY NAND ¹⁰ | Application dependent | Flash Ready/Busy Input |
| | NANDWE NAND ¹¹ | Application dependent | Flash Write Enable Output Low |
| | NANDOE NAND ¹² | Application dependent | Flash Output Enable Output Low |
| | NANDALE NAND ¹³ | Application dependent | Flash Address Latch Enable Output |
| | NANDCLE NAND ¹⁴ | Application dependent | Flash Command Latch Enable Output |

- Notes:
1. DATA bus lines are multiplexed with the PIOC controller.
 2. NCS[7:0] multiplexing:
 - a. NCS0 is multiplexed with PA6 peripheral B
 - b. NCS1 is multiplexed with PA7 peripheral B
 - c. NCS2 is multiplexed with PB24 peripheral B.
 - d. NCS3 is multiplexed with PB27 peripheral A.
 - e. NCS4 is multiplexed with PE5 peripheral A.
 - f. NCS5 is multiplexed with PE6 peripheral A.
 - g. NCS6 is multiplexed with PE18 peripheral B.
 - h. NCS7 is multiplexed with PE27 peripheral A. PIOC: Schmitt Trigger on all, except PC2 to PC9, PC15 to PC24.
 3. NRD is multiplexed with PA29 peripheral B.
 4. NWR0/NWE is multiplexed with PC18 peripheral A.
 5. A0/NBS0 is multiplexed with PC21 peripheral A.
 6. NWR1/NBS1 is multiplexed with PD10 peripheral A.
 7. A1 is multiplexed with PC22 peripheral A.
 8. A[23:2] multiplexed with the PIOC [30:23] & PIOD controller [9:0] peripheral A.
 9. NWAIT is multiplexed with PA4 peripheral B.
 10. NANDRDY NAND is multiplexed with PA2 peripheral B.
 11. NANDWE NAND is multiplexed with PC20 peripheral A.
 12. NANDOE NAND is multiplexed with PC19 peripheral A.
 13. NANDALE NAND is multiplexed with PD8 peripheral A.
 14. NANDCLE NAND is multiplexed with PD9 peripheral A.

3. External Bus Interface (EBI) Hardware Interface

Table 3-1 details the connections to be applied between the EBI pins and the external devices for each Memory Controller:

Table 3-1. EBI Pins and External Static Device Connections

| Pin | Pins of the Interfaced Device | | | | SDR-SDRAM |
|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| | 8-bits Static Device | 2 x 8-bits Static Device | 16-bits Static Device | NAND Flash | |
| Controller | SMC | | | | SDR-SDRAMC |
| D0 - D7 | D0 - D7 | D0 - D7 | D0 - D7 | I/O0 - I/O7 | D0 - D7 |
| D8 - D15 | - | D8 - D15 | D8 - D15 | I/O8 - I/O15 ¹ | D8 - D15 |
| A0/NBS0 | | - | NLB | - | dqm0 |
| A1 | A1 | A0 | A0 | - | - |
| A2 - A9 | A2 - A9 | A1 - A8 | A1 - A8 | - | A0 - A7 |
| A10 | A10 | A9 | A9 | - | A8 |
| A11 | A11 | A10 | A10 | - | A9 |
| SDCS | - | - | - | - | CS |
| SDA10 | - | - | - | - | A10 |
| A12 | A12 | A11 | A11 | - | - |
| A13 - A14 | A13 - A14 | A12 - A13 | A12 - A13 | - | A11 - A12 |
| A15 | A15 | A14 | A14 | - | - |
| A16/BA0 | A16 | A15 | A15 | - | BA0 |
| A17/BA1 | A17 | A16 | A16 | - | BA1 |
| A18 - A20 | A18 - A20 | A17 - A19 | A17 - A19 | - | - |
| A21/NANDALE | A21 | A20 | A20 | ALE | - |
| A22/NANDCLE | A22 | A21 | A21 | CLE | - |
| A23 | A23 | A22 | A22 | - | - |
| NCS0 | CS | CS | CS | CE ³ | - |
| NCS1 | CS | CS | CS | - | CS |
| NCS2 | CS | CS | CS | CE ³ | - |
| NCS3 | CS | CS | CS | CE ³ | - |
| NCS4 | CS | CS | CS | CE ³ | - |
| NCS5 | CS | CS | CS | CE ³ | - |
| NCS6 | CS | CS | CS | CE ³ | - |
| NCS7 | CS | CS | CS | CE ³ | - |
| NANDOE | - | - | - | RE | - |
| NANDWE | - | - | - | WE | - |
| NRD | OE | OE | OE | | - |
| NWR0/NWE | WE | WE ² | WE | | - |
| NWR1/NBS1 | WE | WE ² | NUB | - | DQM1 |
| SDCK | - | - | - | - | CLK |
| SDCKE | - | - | - | - | CKE |

| | | | | | |
|---------|---|---|---|-----|-----|
| RAS | - | - | - | - | RAS |
| CAS | - | - | - | - | CAS |
| SDWE | - | - | - | - | WE |
| NWAIT | - | - | - | - | - |
| NANDRDY | - | - | - | RDY | - |

- Notes:
1. I/O8 - I/O15 bits used only for 16-bit NAND Flash.
 2. NWR1 enables upper byte writes. NWR0 enables lower byte writes.
 3. CE connection depends on the NAND Flash.
 - a. For standard NAND Flash devices, it must be connected to any free PIO line.
 - b. For "CE don't care" 8-bit NAND Flash devices, it can be either connected to any NCS.
 - c. For "CE don't care" 16-bit NAND Flash devices, it must be connected to any free PIO line.

4. SAM3X/A Boot Program Constraints

See AT91SAM Boot Program section of the SAM3X/A Series Datasheet for more details on the boot program.

4.1 SAM-BA Boot

The SAM-BA[®] Boot Assistant supports serial communication via the UART or USB device port:

- UART0 hardware requirements:
 - 12.000MHz quartz or 12.000MHz external clock on XIN, or
 - no quartz or external clock on XIN, or
 - below 5.0MHz quartz or below 5.0MHz external clock on XIN.
- USB device hardware requirements:
 - 12.000MHz quartz or 12.000MHz external clock on XIN.
 - 12MHz must be ± 500 ppm and 1.8V Square Wave Signal.

“SAM-BA Boot uses the first 2048 bytes of the SRAM for variables and stacks. The remaining available size can be used for user's code.”

Table 4-1. Pin Description

| Peripheral | Pin | PIO Line |
|------------|-------|----------|
| UART | URXD | PA8 |
| UART | UTRXD | PA9 |

5. Suggested Reading

5.1 Device Datasheet

The device datasheet contains block diagrams of the peripherals and details about implementing firmware for the device. It also contains the electrical specifications and expected characteristics of the device.

The datasheet is available on <http://www.atmel.com/> in the Datasheets section of the product page.

5.2 Evaluation Kit User Guide

The SAM3X-EK user guide contains schematics that can be used as a starting point when designing with the SAM3X devices. This user guide is available on <http://www.atmel.com/> in the documents section of the SAM3X-EK page.

5.3 USB Specification

The Universal Serial Bus specification is available from <http://www.usb.org>.

5.4 USB High Speed Design Guidelines

In order to facilitate hardware design around the SAM3 USB On-The-Go High Speed Port, Atmel provides an application note on www.atmel.com.

5.5 ARM Documentation on Cortex-M3 Core

- Cortex-M3 Devices Generic User Guide
- Cortex-M3 Technical Reference Manual

These documents are available at <http://www.arm.com/> in the info center section.

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