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Update Default Core Voltage Level on all

MitySOM-AM62 Modules

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To: Purchasing Agents & Design Engineers

Dear Customer,

This is an initial announcement of a change to a product that is currently offered by Critical Link. The details of this change are on the following pages.

For questions regarding this notice, contact the Hardware Manager Alex Block.

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Overview

Changes to MitySOM-AM62 System on Modules are identified in the following sections. These changes should only effect early adopters of the module.

1 Change Default

1.1 Description of Change

The revision -4 and earlier variants of the MitySOM-AM62x provide a default 0.75V VDD_CORE Voltage from an on-board power management integrated circuit (PMIC) device, TPS6521903RHBR and separate 0.85V VDDR_CORE voltage for the DDR4 power domain of the AM62x processor device. Revision -5 devices will provide a default 0.85V power rail to supply both the VDD_CORE voltage and the VDDR_CORE voltage of the AM62x processor device by utilizing a TPS6521904RHBR device.

1.2 Reason for Change

To support the 1.4 GHz ARM Cortex-A53 operating performance point (OPP), the VDD_CORE core voltage must be set to 0.85V. On the older revisions, Critical Link software was adjusting the VDD_CORE voltage from 0.75V to 0.85V during the boot process prior to enabling the 1.4 GHz OPP. Texas Instruments (TI) has advised Critical Link that dynamically adjusting the VDD_CORE voltage once the boot software has loaded is not officially supported for the AM62x family of devices. If the VDD_CORE voltage is not adjusted, then at 0.75V the MitySOM-AM62x maximum CPU speed should be limited to the 1.250 GHz OPP. Adjusting the PMIC voltage to start at 0.85V will allow enabling the 1.4 GHz OPP in a manner that is officially supported by TI.

1.3 Anticipated Impact on Form, Fit, Function (positive / negative)

Starting a revision 10.0 of Critical Link's SDK release, the VDD_CORE voltage will no longer be adjusted by the boot software. Revision -4 (and earlier) SOMs will be limited to a maximum OPP of 1.25 GHz while newer SOMs will support up to 1.4 GHz. No other impact on Form, Fit, Function is expected.

1.4 Anticipated Impact on Quality or Reliability (positive / negative)

Critical Link has not observed any issues with boot or processor stability with the older (-4 and below) revisions of the MitySOM-AM62x when adjusting the VDD_CORE voltage prior to enabling the 1.4 GHz OPP. While there is no known impact to Quality or Reliability, it is anticipated that the change will bring additional design margin to the SOM and improve long term quality of the product.

2 Products Affected

Details regarding the full revision history are located in the MitySOM-AM62 Revision History section on the Critical Link support site.

https://support.criticallink.com/redmine/projects/mitysom_am62x/wiki/Errata_and_Module_Product_Change_Notifications

Table 1 Products Affected

Model Number	Starting PCA	Replacement PCA
6231-IX-XXD-RI	80-001631RI-4	80-001631RI-5
6252-TX-XXD-RI	80-001632RI-4	80-001632RI-5
6254-TX-XXD-RI	80-001633RI-4	80-001633RI-5
6254-TX-X9E-RC	80-001744RC-4	80-001744RC-5
6252-TX-X8D-RC	80-001785RC-4	80-001785RC-5
6252-TX-X8D-RI	80-001747RC-4	80-001747RC-5
6254-TX-29D-RI	80-001779RC-4	80-001779RC-5

3 Document Revision History

Date	Version	Change Description
10-24-2024	1.0	Initial Version