

RA family MCU

Injection current to prevent damage to MCU

Introduction

In general, injection current into the I/O pin by external voltage below VSS or above VCC should be avoided. However, it describes injection current that is recommended so that the MCU will not be damaged if the abnormal injection current occurs accidentally.

Target Device

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1. Recommended condition

1.1 RA4E1, RA4E2, RA4M2, RA4M3, RA4T1, RA6E1, RA6E2, RA6M1, RA6M2, RA6M3, RA6M4, RA6M5, RA6T1, RA6T2, RA6T3

- VCC = AVCC = 2.7V to 3.6V

Symbol	Parameter	Limits *1, *2			Unit
		Min	Typ	Max	
linput_s	Port input current (static) at overvoltage condition of terminals without 5V-tolerant *3	-	-	±2.0	mA
Slinput_s	Sum of all pins input current (static) at overvoltage condition	-	-	±20.0	mA

Note 1) Such levels of injection currents will not damage the device, but may have effect on the accuracy of analog units and shall be evaluated.

Note 2) The limits indicated in the table assume all VCC pins being supplied.

Note 3) For the corresponding pins of 5V-tolerant, please check the hardware user's manual for each product.

1.2 RA2A1, RA4M1

- VCC = AVCC = 1.8V to 5.5V

Symbol	Parameter	Limits *1, *2			Unit
		Min	Typ	Max	
linput_s	Port input current (static) at overvoltage condition of terminals without 5V-tolerant *3	-	-	±2.0	mA
Slinput_s	Sum of all pins input current (static) at overvoltage condition	-	-	±20.0	mA

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1.3 RA0E1, RA0E2, RA0E3, RA0L1, RA2A2, RA2E1, RA2E2, RA2E3, RA2L1, RA2L2, RA2T1

- VCC = AVCC = 1.6V to 5.5V

Symbol	Parameter	Limits *1, *2			Unit
		Min	Typ	Max	
linput_s	Port input current (static) at overvoltage condition of terminals without 5V-tolerant *3	-	-	±2.0	mA
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1.4 RA8D1, RA8M1, RA8T1, RA8E1, RA8E2

- VCC = 1.68V to 3.6V, VCC2 = AVCC0 = 1.65V to 3.6V

Symbol	Parameter	Limits *1, *2			Unit
		Min	Typ	Max	
Iinput_s	Port input current (static) at overvoltage condition of terminals without 5V-tolerant *3	-	-	±2.0	mA
SIinput_s	Sum of all pins input current (static) at overvoltage condition	-	-	±20.0	mA

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1.5 RA4L1

- VCC = AVCC = 1.6V to 3.6V

Symbol	Parameter	Limits *1, *2			Unit
		Min	Typ	Max	
Iinput_s	Port input current (static) at overvoltage condition of terminals without 5V-tolerant *3	-	-	±2.0	mA
SIinput_s	Sum of all pins input current (static) at overvoltage condition	-	-	±20.0	mA

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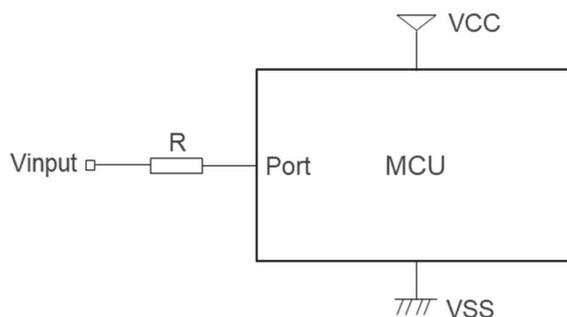
2. Supplementary explanation

Please use a series resistor of appropriate size to limit the input current to the values in the table as indicated previously.

The positive injection current limiting resistor is calculated as $R = (V_{input} - VCC) / |I_{input_s}|$.

The negative injection current limiting resistor is calculated as $R = (VSS - V_{input}) / |I_{input_s}|$.

Select the larger of these two calculated resistances if the pin is exposed to positive and negative injection currents.



Revision History

Rev.	Date	Description	
		Page	Summary
1.00	Sep. 07, 2021	All	First revision issued.
1.10	Oct. 21, 2021	1, 2 2	Added the information of RA6E1, RA4E1 and RA2E2. Changed Note 1 and 2 to more understandable description.
1.20	Jan. 06, 2022	1, 2	Added the information of RA6T2.
1.30	Aug.07, 2023	1, 2	Added the information of RA6E2, RA4E2, RA6T3, RA4T1. Changed "5-V tolerant" to "5V-tolerant".
1.40	Feb. 15, 2024	3	Added the information of RA8D1, RA8M1, RA8T1.
1.50	Feb. 18, 2025	1, 2, 3	Added the information of RA0E1, RA2A2, RA2E3, RA4L1, RA8E1 and RA8E2.
1.60	Mar.3, 2026	"1.3"	Added new products of RA0E2, RA0E3, RA0L1, RA2L2 and RA2T1

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1. Precaution against Electrostatic Discharge (ESD)

A strong electrical field, when exposed to a CMOS device, can cause destruction of the gate oxide and ultimately degrade the device operation. Steps must be taken to stop the generation of static electricity as much as possible, and quickly dissipate it when it occurs. Environmental control must be adequate. When it is dry, a humidifier should be used. This is recommended to avoid using insulators that can easily build up static electricity.

Semiconductor devices must be stored and transported in an anti-static container, static shielding bag or conductive material. All test and measurement tools including work benches and floors must be grounded. The operator must also be grounded using a wrist strap. Semiconductor devices must not be touched with bare hands. Similar precautions must be taken for printed circuit boards with mounted semiconductor devices.

2. Processing at power-on

The state of the product is undefined at the time when power is supplied. The states of internal circuits in the LSI are indeterminate and the states of register settings and pins are undefined at the time when power is supplied. In a finished product where the reset signal is applied to the external reset pin, the states of pins are not guaranteed from the time when power is supplied until the reset process is completed. In a similar way, the states of pins in a product that is reset by an on-chip power-on reset function are not guaranteed from the time when power is supplied until the power reaches the level at which resetting is specified.

3. Input of signal during power-off state

Do not input signals or an I/O pull-up power supply while the device is powered off. The current injection that results from input of such a signal or I/O pull-up power supply may cause malfunction and the abnormal current that passes in the device at this time may cause degradation of internal elements. Follow the guideline for input signal during power-off state as described in your product documentation.

4. Handling of unused pins

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5. Clock signals

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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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