Device affected	Package Code	Variant Code	Build Code
nRF51822	QF (QFN 48)	AA	CA, C0, FA, GC, G0
		AB	AA, A0, B0
	CE (WLCSP)	AA	BA, B0, CA, DA, D0

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Chip Marking

nRF51822-QFAA:

Build code: CA

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nRF51822-QFAB:

Build code: AA

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nRF51822-CEAA:

Build code: BA

Build code: B0

Build code: CA

Build code: DA

Build code: D0

Letters on the last line of the chip marking refer to the following information:

- Y = Year assembly marking, e.g. YY= 11
- W = Week assembly marking, e.g. WW=35
- L = Wafer lot, step letters for each lot, e.g. LL={AA, AB,…,AZ, BA,…,ZZ, AA, AB,…}

Change log

Version	Change
nRF51822-PAN v2.0	New device specific PAN document created that replaces PAN-028 Added: No. 45. "AAR: AAR may exceed real time requirements" Added: No. 44. "CCM: CCM may exceed real time requirements" Added: No. 39. "GPIOTE: 1V2 + HFCLK are requested always when the GPIOTE task is configured" Added: No. 59. "MPU: Reset value of the DISABLEINDEBUG register is incorrect" Added: No. 60. "MPU: Device may become unrecoverable when the MPU function NVM protect blocks is used in combination with UICR Protect all" Added: No. 57. "PPI: Concurrent operations on the PPI peripheral will fail" Added: No. 41. "POWER: RESETREAS register may erroneously indicate LOCKUP" Added: No. 61. "RADIO: Designs based on nRF51822 QFN packets using balun BAL-NRF01D3 are likely to fail Korean teleregulatory requirements" Added: No. 42. "System: Writing to RAM right after reset or turning it ON fails" Added: No. 43. "TEMP: Using PPI between DATARDY event and START task is not functional" Added: No. 56. "TWI: TWI module lock-up" Added: No. 40. "UART: CONFIG register read value is wrong" Added: No. 58. "UART: RTS line indicates ready to receive data for one clock cycle when the UART reception is off" Added: No. 48. "WDT: Reset value of the CRV register is incorrect"

This change log refers to the previous version of the PAN document (PAN-028.pdf).

Version	Change
PAN-028 v1.6	Added: "CPU: The CPU may fail to wake up if WFI are called from ISR's" Restructured Anomaly overview and moved "Device version affected" from each individual PAN to a common table. Added: "TWI: Consumes too much current when it is enabled and the STOP task is triggered" Added nRF51822CEAA device.
PAN-028 v1.5	Updated "RNG: RNG does not generate a new number after the current number generated." Updated "System: Programmer/Debugger is unable to discover the Cortex-M SW device" Added: "System: System OFF and System ON current higher than specified" Small nonfunctional grammatical changes to some text. Removed one condition from "System: Programmer/Debugger is unable to discover the Cortex-M SW device"
PAN-028 v1.4	Added nRF51422 QFAA C0 to "Active device version(s)"
PAN-028 v1.3	Updated Device list
PAN-028 v1.2	Added detailed description of "HFCLK: XTALFREQ register is not functional" Updated "DIF: Missing pull down on SWDCLK" with recommended pull down value Updated workaround for "System: Debugger is unable to discover device in some cases" Updated "TIMER: BITMODE is not functional for TIMER0" Added "POWER: RAMON reset value causes problems under certain conditions" Minor clarifications on some PAN's Updated workaround for "LFCLK: Calibration does not request HFCLK" Added "ADC: Setting ENABLE register to Disabled does not release the pins captured for GPIO." Added "RNG: RNG does not generate a new number after the current number generated." Removed "The output value of the pin cannot be controlled by GPIOTE when the pin is configured as event generator" Removed "RTC and WDT: Reset on 32KiHz domains delayed when peripherals turned off and 32KiHz clock is running" Updated Build code for nRF51822

Version	Change
PAN-028 v1.1	Changed sorting of PANS to alphabetical sorting Added: "GPIO: SENSE mechanism fires under some circumstances when it should not." Added code example to: "GPIOTE: OUTINIT field in CONFIGn register is not functional" Added: "HFCLK: XTALFREQ register is not functional" Added: "System: Issues with disable system OFF mechanism" Added: "TEMP: Negative measured values are not represented correctly." Added: "TEMP: STOP task clears the TEMP register." Added: "TEMP: TEMP module analog front end do not power down when DATARDY event occurs." Replaced "TEMP: The module is not functional" with "TEMP: Temperature offset value has to be manually loaded to the TEMP module" Added information on which PAN's that are planned fixed for the next version of the IC

Overview

		Package and Variant	nRF51822-QFAA		nRF51822-QFAB		nRF51822-CEAA	
		Build code	CA, C0	FA, GC, G0	AA, A0	B0	BA, B0	CA, DA, D0
PAN ID	**Module**	**Description**						
45.	AAR	AAR may exceed real time requirements.	X	X	X	X	X	X
1.	ADC	ADC module analog front end does not power down when END event occurs.	X		X		X	
2.	ADC	STOP task clears the RESULT register.	X		X		X	
3.	ADC	Setting ENABLE register to Disabled does not release the pins captured for GPIO.	X		X		X	
44.	CCM	CCM may exceed real time requirements.	X	X	X	X	X	X
6.	CPU	The CPU may fail to wake up if WFI are called from ISR's.	X		X		X	
7.	DIF	Missing pull down on SWDCLK.	X		X		X	
8.	GPIO	SENSE mechanism fires under some circumstances when it should not.	X		X		X	
9.	GPIOTE	OUTINIT field in CONFIGn register is not functional.	X		X		X	
10.	GPIOTE	The module cannot receive tasks or detect transitions on pad the first 3 clock periods after being enabled.	X		X		X	
39.	GPIOTE	1V2 + HFCLK are requested always when the GPIOTE task is configured.	X	X	X	X	X	X

		Package and Variant	nRF51822-QFAA		nRF51822-QFAB		nRF51822-CEAA	
		Build code	CA, C0	FA, GC, G0	AA, A0	B0	BA, B0	CA, DA, D0
PAN ID	**Module**	**Description**						
11.	HFCLK	Base current with HFCLK running is too high.	**X**		**X**		**X**	
12.	HFCLK	Clock is paused when switching clock source for HFCLK clock.	**X**		**X**		**X**	
13.	HFCLK	XTALFREQ register is not functional.	**X**		**X**		**X**	
14.	LFCLK	Calibration does not request HFCLK.	**X**		**X**		**X**	
59.	MPU	Reset value of the DISABLEINDEBUG register is incorrect.		**X**		**X**		**X**
60.	MPU	Device may become unrecoverable when the MPU function NVM protect blocks is used in combination with UICR Protect all.		**X**		**X**		**X**
15.	POWER	It is not possible to distinguish between Power on reset and reset from off by RESETREAS.	**X**		**X**		**X**	
16.	POWER	RAMON reset value causes problems under certain conditions.	**X**		**X**		**X**	
41.	POWER	RESETREAS register may erroneously indicate LOCKUP.	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**
57.	PPI	Concurrent operations on the PPI peripheral will fail.	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**
17.	RADIO	END to START connection using PPI or short is not functional.	**X**		**X**		**X**	
18.	RADIO	RSSI module analog front end does not power down when RSSIEND event occurs.	**X**		**X**		**X**	

		Package and Variant	nRF51822-QFAA		nRF51822-QFAB		nRF51822-CEAA	
		Build code	CA, C0	FA, GC, G0	AA, A0	B0	BA, B0	CA, DA, D0
PAN ID	Module	Description						
19.	RADIO	RSSISTOP task clears the RSSISAMPLE register.	X		X		X	
20.	RADIO	State Register is not functional.	X		X		X	
61.	RADIO	Designs based on nRF51822 QFN packets using balun BAL-NRF01D3 are likely to fail Korean teleregulatory requirements.		X		X		
21.	RNG	Generated random value is reset when VALRDY event is cleared.	X		X		X	
22.	RNG	RNG does not generate a new number after the current number generated.	X		X		X	
23.	RNG	STOP task clears the VALUE register.	X		X		X	
24.	RNG	The STOP task cannot be assigned to a PPI channel.	X		X		X	
25.	SYSTEM	Programmer/Debugger is unable to discover the Cortex-M SW device.	X		X		X	
26.	SYSTEM	Manual setup is required to enable use of peripherals.	X		X		X	
27.	SYSTEM	System OFF and System ON current higher than specified.	X		X		X	
42.	SYSTEM	Writing to RAM right after reset or turning it ON fails.	X	X	X	X	X	X
28.	TEMP	Negative measured values are not represented correctly.	X		X		X	

		Package and Variant	nRF51822-QFAA		nRF51822-QFAB		nRF51822-CEAA	
		Build code	CA, C0	FA, GC, G0	AA, A0	B0	BA, B0	CA, DA, D0
PAN ID	Module	Description						
29.	TEMP	STOP task clears the TEMP register.	X		X		X	
30.	TEMP	TEMP module analog front end does not power down when DATARDY event occurs.	X		X		X	
31.	TEMP	Temperature offset value has to be manually loaded to the TEMP module.	X		X		X	
43.	TEMP	Using PPI between DATARDY event and START task is not functional.		X		X		X
32.	TIMER	BITMODE is not functional for TIMER0.	X		X		X	
33.	TIMER	One CC register is not able to generate an event for the second of two subsequent counter/ timer values.	X		X		X	
34.	TIMER	Timer cannot handle quick START-STOP-START tasks correctly.	X		X		X	
35.	TWI	Consumes too much current when it is enabled and the STOP task is triggered.	X	X	X	X	X	X
36.	TWI	Shortcuts described in nRF51 Reference Manual are not functional.	X		X		X	
56.	TWI	TWI module lock-up.	X	X	X	X	X	X
37.	UART	After a STOPRX task the UART will not be able to finish transaction.	X		X		X	

		Package and Variant	nRF51822-QFAA		nRF51822-QFAB		nRF51822-CEAA	
		Build code	CA, C0	FA, GC, G0	AA, A0	B0	BA, B0	CA, DA, D0
PAN ID	Module	Description						
40.	UART	CONFIG register read value is wrong.	X	X	X	X	X	X
58.	UART	RTS line indicates ready to receive data for one clock cycle when the UART reception is off.	X	X	X	X	X	X
38.	WDT	The watchdog config option "RUN while paused by the debugger" does not work.	X	X	X	X	X	X
48.	WDT	Reset value of the CRV register is incorrect.	X	X	X	X	X	X

45. AAR: AAR may exceed real time requirements.

Symptoms:

The AAR takes longer time than specified to resolve 8 IRKs.
AAR.RESOLVED and AAR.NOTRESOLVED are not set within the specified time.

Conditions:

CPU interrupts occur during AAR address resolution.

Consequences:

Real time requirement to resolve all 8 IRKs is not met and either the AAR.RESOLVED or AAR.NOTRESOLVED event will be generated late.

Workaround:

CPU sleep without waking up from interrupts while the AAR is running.

Note: SoftDevices from Nordic Semiconductor will not trigger this anomaly.

1. ADC: ADC module analog front end does not power down when END event occurs.

Symptoms:

Higher current consumption.

Conditions:

Always.

Consequences:

Higher current consumption.

Workaround:

Trigger STOP task to power down analog front end and reduce power consumption.

2. ADC: STOP task clears the RESULT register.

Symptoms:

When STOP task is triggered, VALUE register is cleared.

Conditions:

Always.

Consequences:

If STOP task is triggered before reading the converted value in RESULT, the value will be lost and read as 0x00.

Workaround:

Read RESULT before triggering STOP task.

3. ADC: Setting ENABLE register to Disabled does not release the pins captured for GPIO.

Symptoms:

Pins used previously for the ADC cannot be used as GPIO.

Conditions:

After assigning those pins to the ADC and enabling the ADC.

Consequences:

Pins cannot be used as GPIOs after being used as analog pins for the ADC.

Workaround:

Execute the following code after setting ADC.ENABLE register to Disabled.

```
NRF_ADC->CONFIG = (ADC_CONFIG_RES_8bit                        << ADC_CONFIG_RES_Pos)       |
                  (ADC_CONFIG_INPSEL_SupplyTwoThirdsPrescaling << ADC_CONFIG_INPSEL_Pos)    |
                  (ADC_CONFIG_REFSEL_VBG                      << ADC_CONFIG_REFSEL_Pos)    |
                  (ADC_CONFIG_PSEL_Disabled                   << ADC_CONFIG_PSEL_Pos)      |
                  (ADC_CONFIG_EXTREFSEL_None                  << ADC_CONFIG_EXTREFSEL_Pos);
```

44. CCM: CCM may exceed real time requirements.

Symptoms:

- The CCM takes longer than specified time to encrypt/decrypt.
- When used in on-the-fly mode with radio:
  - The CCM encryption fails, resulting in the MIC failure but correct CRC for the peer.
  - The CCM decryption fails and the decryption finished (ENDCRYPT) event is lost.
  - The CCM decryption finished event (ENDCRYPT) is delayed.

Conditions:

CPU interrupts occur during CCM encryption/decryption.

Consequences:

Real time requirement when in on-the-fly mode is not met.

- Erroneously encrypted packets sent over radio.
- Failure in decryption of the received packets over radio resulting in packet loss.

Workaround:

CPU sleep without waking up from interrupts while the CCM is running encryption or decryption.

Note: SoftDevices from Nordic Semiconductor will not trigger this anomaly.

6. CPU: The CPU may fail to wake up if WFI are called from ISR's.

Symptoms:
CPU may skip interrupts or not wake up from sleep mode after calling Wait For Interrupt (WFI) from an ISR.

Conditions:
CPU is put in sleep mode by Wait For Interrupt (WFI) inside an Interrupt Service Routine (ISR).

When the CPU is in sleep mode, the nRF51 has a HW mechanism to ensure that interrupts from peripherals with equal or lower priority will NOT wake up the CPU.
When a new interrupt arrives, the HW mechanism will use 64 HFCLK cycles to evaluate the priority before it decides whether to wake up the CPU or mask the event, keeping the CPU in sleep mode.

When this HW mechanism masks an interrupt of equal or lower priority, any interrupt arriving in the last of the 64 HFCLK cycles will also be masked, regardless of its priority.

Consequences:
Masking a second interrupt, regardless of priority, may result in the CPU remaining in sleep when it should have woken up on this interrupt. Subsequent events from the same peripheral will also fail to wake up the CPU.

Workaround:

- Only call WFI from Thread mode.

Or

- Ensure that no lower-priority interrupts are enabled in the peripherals before calling WFI.
  Note: The interrupts have to be disabled in the peripherals, not in the NVIC.

7. DIF: Missing pull down on SWDCLK.

Symptoms:

- Pin reset function may not work.
- High current consumption.
- Device is hanging.

Conditions:

Always.

Consequences:

- Pin reset function may not work.
- High current consumption.
- Device is hanging.

Workaround:

Add external 12 kohm pull down resistor on SWDCLK pin.
If no programming or debug is ever used the SWDCLK can be connected to GND.

Note: The external resistor shall not be mounted on PCB's when a device that has this PAN fixed is used.

8. GPIO: SENSE mechanism fires under some circumstances when it should not.

Symptoms:

Sometimes a PORT event is generated when it should not have been generated.

Conditions:

Pre-Condition: Input buffer is disabled.
Operation: Connect the input buffer and enable the sense functionality on the pad in the same write operation to PIN_CFG.

Consequences:

False interrupt and/or PORT event might be triggered at write to PIN_CNF register.

Workaround:

Always enable the input buffer in a separate write operation, before enabling the sense functionality.

9. GPIOTE: OUTINIT field in CONFIGn register is not functional.

Symptoms:

Initial value for GPIOTE output after configuration is undefined.

Conditions:

Configuring a GPIOTE channel as a task.

Consequences:

Application specific.

Workaround:

1. Configure the GPIOTE channel as follows:
   - MODE: TASK
   - PSEL: Set to unused output pin.
   - POLARITY: LOTOHI if initial high desired, or HITOLO if initial low desired.
2. Trigger the OUT task
3. Reconfigure the GPIOTE channel as follows:
   - MODE: TASK
   - PSEL: <GPIO used for function>
   - POLARITY: <Desired polarity (Toggle, LoToHi or HiToLo)>
   - OUTINIT: <Desired initial value>

The following inline function can be used to perform this action:

```
static __INLINE void nrf_gpiote_task_config(uint32_t channel_number, uint32_t pin_number,
nrf_gpiote_polarity_t polarity, nrf_gpiote_outinit_t initial_value)
{
    /* Check if the output desired is high or low */
    if (initial_value == GPIOTE_CONFIG_OUTINIT_Low)
    {
        /* Configure channel to Pin31, not connected to the pin,
           and configure as a tasks that will set it to proper level */
        NRF_GPIOTE->CONFIG[channel_number] =
            (GPIOTE_CONFIG_MODE_Task       << GPIOTE_CONFIG_MODE_Pos)     |
            (31UL                          << GPIOTE_CONFIG_PSEL_Pos)     |
            (GPIOTE_CONFIG_POLARITY_HiToLo << GPIOTE_CONFIG_POLARITY_Pos);
    }
    else
    {
        /* Configure channel to Pin31, not connected to the pin,
           and configure as a tasks that will set it to proper level */
        NRF_GPIOTE->CONFIG[channel_number] =
            (GPIOTE_CONFIG_MODE_Task       << GPIOTE_CONFIG_MODE_Pos)     |
            (31UL                          << GPIOTE_CONFIG_PSEL_Pos)     |
            (GPIOTE_CONFIG_POLARITY_LoToHi << GPIOTE_CONFIG_POLARITY_Pos);
    }

    /* Three NOPs are required to make sure configuration
       is written before setting tasks or getting events */
    __NOP();
    __NOP();
    __NOP();

    /* Launch the task to take the GPIOTE channel output to the desired level */
    NRF_GPIOTE->TASKS_OUT[channel_number] = 1;

    /* Finally configure the channel as the caller expects.
       If OUTINIT works, the channel is configured properly.
       If it does not, the channel output inheritance sets the proper level. */
    NRF_GPIOTE->CONFIG[channel_number] = (GPIOTE_CONFIG_MODE_Task << GPIOTE_CONFIG_MODE_Pos)     |
                                         ((uint32_t)pin_number    << GPIOTE_CONFIG_PSEL_Pos)     |
                                         ((uint32_t)polarity      << GPIOTE_CONFIG_POLARITY_Pos) |
                                         ((uint32_t)initial_value << GPIOTE_CONFIG_OUTINIT_Pos);
```

```
    /* Three NOPs are required to make sure configuration is written
       before setting tasks or getting events */
    __NOP();
    __NOP();
    __NOP();
}
```

10. GPIOTE: The module cannot receive tasks or detect transitions on pad the first 3 clock periods after being enabled.

Symptoms:

A task is not always detected by the module.

Conditions:

Right after enabling the module.

Consequences:

None other than the effect it will have on the application.

Workaround:

Ensure that no task is sent to the module the first 3 clock cycles after enabling.
Adding 3 NOP statements between enable and setting tasks is recommended.

39. GPIOTE: 1V2 + HFCLK are requested always when the GPIOTE task is configured.

Symptoms:

Excess current consumption in system ON mode when CPU is sleeping.

Conditions:

One or more GPIOTE channels are configured in task mode.

Consequences:

Battery life time is degraded.

Workaround:

None.

11. HFCLK: Base current with HFCLK running is too high.

Symptoms:

Base current is up to 400 µA higher that stated in the product specification.

Conditions:

When HFCLK clock is running.

Consequences:

1. If TIMER is the only module running, too much power is drawn from the power supply. Operation therefore cannot be guaranteed in all situations.
2. Average current consumption for the system will be higher than specified.

Workaround:

To avoid potential problems while TIMER is running use constant latency mode, see POWER.CONSTLAT task while TIMER is running. To minimize idle current, use the POWER.LOWPWR task when TIMER is not running.

12. HFCLK: Clock is paused when switching clock source for HFCLK clock.

Symptoms:

When switching from 16 MHz RC to 16 MHz XO the system clock will be stopped for 8 clock cycles (0.5µs).
When switching from 16 MHz XO to 16 MHz RC the system clock will be stopped for tSTART,RC16M.

Conditions:

When 16 MHz XO is requested by triggering HFCLKSTART the system will run on 16 MHz RC until the 16 MHz XO is started. At that point the system will automatically switch to 16 MHz XO, anomaly will delay this switch.
When 16 MHz XO is no longer requested by triggering HFCLKSTOP the system will automatically switch back to 16 MHz RC, anomaly will delay this switch.

Consequences:

Timing for Serial interfaces and other modules and code that uses GPIO's will be affected during switching of HFCLK clock source.

Workaround:

Care has to be taken to avoid switching clock source when using serial interfaces to avoid timing problems.

13. HFCLK: XTALFREQ register is not functional.

Symptoms:

The microcontroller is not functional with a 32 MHz crystal.

Conditions:

Always.

Consequences:

The microcontroller is not functional.

Workaround:

Write the UICR address 0x10001008 with value 0xFFFFFF00.
Note that the UICR is erased whenever you download a SoftDevice.

The UICR can be written by using the debug tools:

```
nrfjprog.exe --snr <your_jlink_debugger_serial_number> --memwr 0x10001008 --val 0xFFFFFF00
```

Or the following code can be included in the SystemInit function in system_nRF51.c file, always before the launch of the TASK_HFCLKSTART task launch:

```
if (*(uint32_t *)0x10001008 == 0xFFFFFFFF)
{
    NRF_NVMC->CONFIG = NVMC_CONFIG_WEN_Wen << NVMC_CONFIG_WEN_Pos;
    while (NRF_NVMC->READY == NVMC_READY_READY_Busy){}
    *(uint32_t *)0x10001008 = 0xFFFFFF00;
    NRF_NVMC->CONFIG = NVMC_CONFIG_WEN_Ren << NVMC_CONFIG_WEN_Pos;
    while (NRF_NVMC->READY == NVMC_READY_READY_Busy){}
    NVIC_SystemReset();
    while (true){}
}
```

14. LFCLK: Calibration does not request HFCLK.

Symptoms:

- Calibration of the RC32.768 kHz clock does not finish within expected timeframe.
- The frequency of the RC32.768kHz clock is not within specification after calibration.

Conditions:

If RcOsc calibration module is the only module requiring HFCLK clock.

Consequences:

DONE event does not occur until a module has requested HFCLK long enough for the calibration to finish. The resulting RC32k clock frequency will not be within specification.

Workaround:

Set the microcontroller in a state were the HFCLK is requested before the launch of the calibration of the 32.768 kHz RC oscillator.
For example:

```
NRF_POWER->TASKS_CONSTLAT = 1;
```

Remember to set the microcontroller to the desired state once the 32.768 kHz RC oscillator has been calibrated.
For example:

```
NRF_POWER->TASKS_LOWPWR = 1;
```

59. MPU: Reset value of the DISABLEINDEBUG register is incorrect.

Symptoms:

MPU.DISABLEINDEBUG reset value is wrong.

Conditions:

Always.

Consequences:

Keeping the MPU.DISABLEINDEBUG.DISABLEINDEBUG at ENABLE (0) could make the device unrecoverable.
See anomaly 60 for details.

Workaround:

See the workaround in anomaly 60 for details on how to use the MPU.DISABLEINDEBUG.DISABLEINDEBUG field.

This code will set the MPU.DISABLEINDEBUG.DISABLEINDEBUG field to the correct default value:

```
NRF_MPU->DISABLEINDEBUG = MPU_DISABLEINDEBUG_DISABLEINDEBUG_Disabled <<
MPU_DISABLEINDEBUG_DISABLEINDEBUG_Pos;
```

60. MPU: Device may become unrecoverable when the MPU function NVM protect blocks is used in combination with UICR Protect all.

Symptoms:

Device cannot be erased.

Conditions:

The following combination of settings:

- Keeping the MPU.DISABLEINDEBUG.DISABLEINDEBUG field to ENABLE (0).
- Using the NVM protect blocks mechanism by setting one or more bits in MPU.PROTENSET0/ MPU.PROTENSET1.
- Enable readback protection of all code by setting UICR.RBPCONF.PALL = 0x00.

Consequences:

The device is functional and protected but cannot be erased/ reprogrammed by the debugger and will therefore be unrecoverable.

Workaround:

Avoid using the readback protection UICR.RBCONF.PALL =0x0 (Protect all) during development phase. By doing this you can safely use the functionality provided through MPU.DISABLEINDEBUG.

When the software is released the MPU.DISABLEINDEBUG.DISABLEINDEBUG field should be set to DISABLE (1). By doing this you will be able to use the readback protection without risking the device becoming unrecoverable.

15. POWER: It is not possible to distinguish between Power on reset and reset from off by RESETREAS.

Symptoms:

Both PowerOnReset and WakingFromOff status bits are set in RESETREAS register when entering system-off.

Conditions:

When entering system-off.

Consequences:

Impossible to distinguish between the two reset sources in question.

Workaround:

Check state of the General Purpose Retention register GPREGRET, it will keep its contents in System-off but not in Power-on reset.

16. POWER: RAMON reset value causes problems under certain conditions.

Symptoms:

Program does not run.

Conditions:

The automatic variable stack is located in RAM block 1.

Consequences:

Program does not run.

Workaround:

Include the following code in the startup_nrf51.s reset routine as the first code run in the microcontroller (before the line "LDR R0, =SystemInit"):

```
LDR     R0, =NRF_POWER_RAMON_ADDRESS
LDR     R2, [R0]
MOVS    R1, #NRF_POWER_RAMON_RAM1ON_ONMODE_Msk
ORRS    R2, R2, R1
STR     R2, [R0]
```

Add as well the following lines before the reset handler procedure:

```
NRF_POWER_RAMON_ADDRESS           EQU   0x40000524  ; NRF_POWER->RAMON address
NRF_POWER_RAMON_RAM1ON_ONMODE_Msk EQU   0xF         ; RAM block 1 on in onmode bit mask
```

41. POWER: RESETREAS register may erroneously indicate LOCKUP.

Symptoms:

POWER.RESETREAS.LOCKUP is set together with any other bit in POWER.RESETREAS, even though no LOCKUP reset has occurred.

Conditions:

Always.

Consequences:

POWER.RESETREAS.LOCKUP cannot be trusted when another bit in POWER.RESETREAS also is set.

Workaround:

Always clear RESETREAS after reading. Do not trust RESETREAS.LOCKUP when it is not the only bit set in the register.

57. PPI: Concurrent operations on the PPI peripheral will fail.

Symptoms:

One or several peripherals do not behave as expected.

Conditions:

Two or more concurrent operations within the same clock cycle attempt to enable or disable one or several PPI channels.

This can happen in the following scenarios:

- Two or more PPI channels are used to trigger PPI Groups' tasks. The events triggering the PPI Groups' tasks occur in the same clock cycle, or only one event is used.
- At least one PPI channel is used to trigger PPI Group's task and in the same clock cycle the firmware is enabling or disabling PPI channels, either by writing to CHEN/CHENSET/CHENCLR registers or by triggering a PPI Group's task.

Note: The firmware and the PPI channel operations do not have to occur on the same PPI channel for the device to fail.

Consequences:

The PPI channels are not enabled or disabled as desired.

Workaround:

Avoid performing concurrent enabling or disabling operations on PPI channels. One way of avoiding concurrent operations is not to use PPI channels for triggering PPI Groups' tasks.

17. RADIO: END to START connection using PPI or short is not functional.

Symptoms:

1. Radio SHORTS (END->START) is not functional.
2. Connecting the END event to the START event in the Radio using a PPI channel does not work.

Conditions:

Always applies.

Consequences:

Radio will not catch the START task and remain in READY state.

Workaround:

Do not use SHORTS or PPI to connect RADIO END to Radio START.
Connecting Radio END to Radio START has to be done in software, either by polling the END event and/or by setting up an interrupt to be trigged on the END event.

18. RADIO: RSSI module analog front end does not power down when RSSIEND event occurs.

Symptoms:

Higher current consumption.

Conditions:

Always after RSSI measurement.

Consequences:

Higher current consumption.

Workaround:

Trigger RSSISTOP task to power down RSSI.

19. RADIO: RSSISTOP task clears the RSSISAMPLE register.

Symptoms:

When RSSISTOP task is triggered, RSSISAMPLE register is cleared.

Conditions:

Always.

Consequences:

If RSSISTOP task is triggered before reading the value in RSSISAMPLE, the RSSI value will be lost and read as 0x00.

Workaround:

Read RSSISAMPLE before triggering STOP task.

20. RADIO: State Register is not functional.

Symptoms:

Reading the STATE register in the RADIO always returns 0.

Conditions:

Always.

Consequences:

It is not possible to check the current state of the radio.

Workaround:

None.

61. RADIO: Designs based on nRF51822 QFN packets using balun BAL-NRF01D3 are likely to fail Korean teleregulatory requirements.

Symptoms:

LO leakage is too high.

Conditions:

Designs based on the QFN packets nRF51822-QFAA/nRF51822-QFAB combined with ST Microelectronics balun, BAL-NRF01D3 (as described in the reference layout nRF51822-DF-ST v1.0).

Consequences:

The designs are likely to fail Korean teleregulatory spurious emission limits due to LO leakage.

Workaround:

There is no workaround for the balun BAL-NRF01D3. We are working on a solution for this issue. If your design is affected please contact Nordic Semiconductor for details.

An alternative solution is to design based on the discrete match as described in the reference layout nRF51822-DF.

21. RNG: Generated random value is reset when VALRDY event is cleared.

Symptoms:

A random value of 0 is read from the random number generator.

Conditions:

The VALRDY (Value Ready) event is cleared before the generated value is read.

Consequences:

Algorithms based on random numbers will be broken.

Workaround:

Read the generated random number before the VALRDY event is cleared.

22. RNG: RNG does not generate a new number after the current number generated.

Symptoms:

New random values are not automatically generated.

Conditions:

A random value has already been generated.

Consequences:

- A manual step is required to generate a new random value.
- Data throughput is reduced.

Workaround:

Clear EVENTS_VALRDY event to start generating a new random value.

23. RNG: STOP task clears the VALUE register.

Symptoms:

When STOP task is triggered, VALUE register is cleared.

Conditions:

Always.

Consequences:

If STOP task is triggered before reading the random value in VALUE, the random value will be lost and read as 0x00.

Workaround:

Read VALUE before triggering STOP task.

24. RNG: The STOP task cannot be assigned to a PPI channel.

Symptoms:

When a PPI channel is configured to stop the Random Number generator the task never reaches the module.

Conditions:

Always.

Consequences:

The module will not be powered down if the PPI is set up to trigger the STOP task.

Workaround:

The random number generator has to be stopped by writing to the STOP task register.

25. System: Programmer/Debugger is unable to discover the Cortex-M SW device.

Symptoms:

Cannot to enter debug session or download code to the flash memory.
The programmer/debugger reports JLink – Cortex-M Error: "No Cortex-M SW Device Found".

Conditions:

One of the following:

- If the device is in system_off when you try to enter debug mode.
- The device is entering system_off within 500 µs after startup.

Consequences:

The debugger is unable to connect to the device when in system_off mode.

Workaround:

The device has to be woken up from system_off mode before it enters debug mode. Also, the program running on the device has to wait up to 500 µs after startup before it enters system_off mode.
In nRFgo Studio there is a Recover function that can erase the flash memory on a device that is continuously failing when trying to download code to the flash memory.

26. System: Manual setup is required to enable use of peripherals.

Symptoms:

It is not possible to configure or use peripherals.

Conditions:

Always.

Consequences:

Peripherals are unusable.

Workaround:

The following instructions shall be executed before any peripheral can be used.

```
*(uint32_t *)0x40000504 = 0xC007FFDF;
*(uint32_t *)0x40006C18 = 0x00008000;
```

Execute them as early as possible, for example in the SystemInit function in system_nrf51.c. This operation will allow configuration and use of all peripherals.

27. System: System OFF and System ON current higher than specified.

Symptoms:

Higher than specified current is drawn by the device in System OFF and System ON modes.

Conditions:

Always.

Consequences:

Measurements show an increased current consumption in the order of 0.5 µA to 2 µA due to leakage issues. The magnitude of increased current consumption for individual devices may vary more as it is dependent on manufacturing process variation.

Mode	RAM ON	Typical (measured) mode current	Specified mode current	Difference
System-OFF	0 kB	1.4 µA	0.4 µA	1.0 µA
System-OFF	8 kB	1.9 µA	0.6 µA	1.3 µA
System-OFF	16 kB	2.4 µA	0.8 µA	1.6 µA
System-ON	16 kB	2.8 µA	2.3 µA	0.5 µA

Workaround:
None.

42. System: Writing to RAM right after reset or turning it ON fails.

Symptoms:

A value written to RAM is lost; i.e. write has no effect.

Conditions:

The user attempts to store data in RAM within 0.5 us of enabling the RAM block with POWER.RAMON or within 0.5 us of a reset.

Consequences:

Program execution may fail due to corrupt data in RAM.

Workaround:

Do not access RAM for 0.5 us after a reset or enabling a RAM block. Note that function calls normally make use of the RAM.

28. TEMP: Negative measured values are not represented correctly.

Symptoms:

Negative numbers are not represented correctly. Bit extension does not work properly.

Conditions:

Always

Consequences:

When a temperature below 0 degrees is measured, bit extension only happens up to bit 9.

Workaround:

When a value is measured, to correctly read the measured temperature perform the following operations, using an inline function:

```
return ((NRF_TEMP->TEMP & MASK_SIGN) != 0) ? (NRF_TEMP->TEMP | MASK_SIGN_EXTENSION) : (NRF_TEMP->TEMP);
```

where:

```
MASK_SIGN = (0x00000200)
MASK_SIGN_EXTENSION = (0xFFFFFC00)
```

29. TEMP: STOP task clears the TEMP register.

Symptoms:

When STOP task is triggered, TEMP register is cleared.

Conditions:

Always

Consequences:

If STOP task is triggered before reading the measured temperature in TEMP register, the measurement will be lost. If TEMP is read afterwards, 0x00 will be read.

Workaround:

Read TEMP before triggering STOP task.

30. TEMP: TEMP module analog front end does not power down when DATARDY event occurs.

Symptoms:

Higher power consumption.

Conditions:

Always

Consequences:

Higher current consumption.

Workaround:

Trigger STOP task to power down analog front end and reduce power consumption.

31. TEMP: Temperature offset value has to be manually loaded to the TEMP module.

Symptoms:

The temperature sensor gives wrong values.

Conditions:

Always.

Consequences:

Wrong temperature VALUE is read.

Workaround:

Register 0x4000C504 needs to be written to 0x00000000 before triggering the START task. If it is done, the temperature is measured correctly:

```
*(uint32_t *)0x4000C504 = 0x00000000;
```

43. TEMP: Using PPI between DATARDY event and START task is not functional.

Symptoms:

Using a PPI channel to short between DATARDY event and START task fails.

Conditions:

Always.

Consequences:

Temperature module will be started and remain on but measurement does not take place.

Workaround:

Manually restart the temp sensor with TEMP.START task or trigger this task from another event using PPI.

32. TIMER: BITMODE is not functional for TIMER0.

Symptoms:

TIMER 0 does not wrap a value 2^16-1 = 65535. 16 bit mode is not functional for TIMER0.

Conditions:

Always.

Consequences:

TIMER0 can only be used as a 24 bit timer.

Workaround:

Use a shortcut to clear Timer0.

To ensure that code is compatable with future version of the device, write the following instruction and use it before TASKS_START is triggered:

```
NRF_TIMER0->BITMODE = TIMER_BITMODE_BITMODE_24Bit << TIMER_BITMODE_BITMODE_Pos;
```

33. TIMER: One CC register is not able to generate an event for the second of two subsequent counter/ timer values.

Symptoms:

A timer event is not generated when the timer reaches the value stored in the CC register.

Conditions:

When the same CC register was used to generate an event at the desired value minus one.

Consequences:

No event is generated.

Workaround:

Use another CC register to generate the event.

34. TIMER: Timer cannot handle quick START-STOP-START tasks correctly.

Symptoms:

STOP task may be ignored by the system in some corner cases.

Conditions:

A STOP task is ignored if it occurs in the same timer period (set by PRESCALER) as a START task.
E.g: Within the same PRESCALER period START has priority, not the latest arriving task.

Consequences:

The timer may continue to run and requests resources, thereby increasing current consumption.

Workaround:

None.

35. TWI: Consumes too much current when it is enabled and the STOP task is triggered.

Symptoms:

TWI consumes between 10 µA and 750 µA more current than expected when enabled.

Conditions:

TWI is enabled but has been stopped using the STOP task.

Consequences:

Increased current consumption.

Workaround:

Disable TWI module when not using it.
Note: Will require re-configuration of module once enabled again.

36. TWI: Shortcuts described in nRF51 Reference Manual are not functional.

Symptoms:

The following shortcuts are not implemented:

- Short-cut between BB event and SUSPEND task.
- Short-cut between BB event and STOP task.

Conditions:

Always.

Consequences:

Connections have to be set up using a PPI channel.

Workaround:

See Consequences.

56. TWI: TWI module lock-up.

Symptoms:

The TWI peripheral is locked up under certain conditions.

Conditions:

The following conditions will make the TWI lock up:

- Disabling the TWI module while the TWI slave clock-stretches an ongoing read or write sequence.
- Triggering the RESUME task too early after receiving RXDRDY event. Firmware triggers the RESUME task within the same CPU clock cycle as the ACK bit is finished sending from the TWI master.

Consequences:

The TWI peripheral locks up and no further transactions on TWI are possible.

Workaround:

For the first condition the firmware has to do a recover of the peripheral (as described below).
To avoid the second condition the firmware should ensure that the time between receiving the RXDRDY event and trigging the RESUME task is at least two times the TWI clock period (i.e. 20 µs at 100 kbps). Provided the TWI slave doesn't do clock stretching during the ACK bit, this will be enough to avoid the RESUME task hit the end of the ACK bit. If this fails, a recovery of the peripheral will be necessary, see below.
The way for the firmware to detect if the TWI master is locked up is to implement a timeout handler detecting the missing TXSENT/ RXDRDY event in the write or read sequence while also not getting any error flag.

Recovery of the TWI peripheral:
To recover a TWI peripheral that has been locked up you must use the following code.
After the recover function it is important to reconfigure all relevant TWI registers explicitly to ensure that it operates correctly.

TWI0:

```
NRF_TWI0->ENABLE = TWI_ENABLE_ENABLE_Disabled << TWI_ENABLE_ENABLE_Pos;
*(uint32_t *)(NRF_TWI0_BASE + 0xFFC) = 0;
nrf_delay_us(5);
*(uint32_t *)(NRF_TWI0_BASE + 0xFFC) = 1;
NRF_TWI0->ENABLE = TWI_ENABLE_ENABLE_Enabled << TWI_ENABLE_ENABLE_Pos;
```

TWI1:

```
NRF_TWI1->ENABLE = TWI_ENABLE_ENABLE_Disabled << TWI_ENABLE_ENABLE_Pos;
*(uint32_t *)(NRF_TWI1_BASE + 0xFFC) = 0;
nrf_delay_us(5);
*(uint32_t *)(NRF_TWI1_BASE + 0xFFC) = 1;
NRF_TWI1->ENABLE = TWI_ENABLE_ENABLE_Enabled << TWI_ENABLE_ENABLE_Pos;
```

37. UART: After a STOPRX task the UART will not be able to finish transaction.

Symptoms:

When handshake is used the "QOS" cannot be guaranteed with respect to RTS going inactive as result of triggering the STOPRX task.
When the STOPRX task is triggered, the UART will set the RTS line inactive, followed by switching off the clocks to the UART's receiver. The UART specification states that the counterpart UART transmitter can send one byte (and only one) after the RTS line has been deactivated. However, this last byte will be lost if the UART's receiver is stopped (STOPRX) before, or during reception of the last byte.

Conditions:

This may occur when the STOPRX task is used to end a transmission while flow-control is used.

Consequences:

If conditions are met the last byte received will be lost.

Workaround:

Instead of stopping the UART using STOPRX only, firmware can first disconnect the RTS line from the GPIO using PSELRTS=0xFFFFFFFF (while the OUT register for the pin is set to 1, so when the UART releases the PIN the communication partner still sees it un-asserted), then use a timer to time the period to listen for the last byte, before triggering the STOPRX task. The time required to listen for the last byte depends on the link-speed and the protocol used.

40. UART: CONFIG register read value is wrong.

Symptoms:

The value read from UART.CONFIG does not match expected value.

Conditions:

Always.

Consequences:

Not possible to perform a read-modify-write sequence with register. Register cannot be read.

Workaround:

None.

58. UART: RTS line indicates ready to receive data for one clock cycle when the UART reception is off.

Symptoms:

Data sent by the peer is lost.

Conditions:

UART is used in flow control mode, only STARTTX task has been triggered, and one byte is sent.

Consequences:

RTS line goes low (ready to receive) for one clock cycle at the start of the byte transmission. Peer sends data when the UART is not ready to receive. Data is lost.

Workaround:

Avoid the problem by doing one of the following:

- Always trigger STARTRX task when STARTTX task is triggered.
- Manually control the RTS line with the GPIO peripheral to the desired level (RTS high) when STARTRX has not been triggered. This can be done by writing 0xFFFFFFFF to PSELRTS register. Assign pin to UART by the use of PSELRTS before STARTRX task is triggered.

38. WDT: The watchdog config option "RUN while paused by the debugger" does not work.

Symptoms:

The debugger and micro-controller do not communicate. The micro-controller does not run any code.

Conditions:

The watchdog is configured to "run while halted by the debugger", and the watchdog timer expires with the debugger connected.

Consequences:

The debugger and micro-controller do not communicate. The micro-controller does not run any code.

Workaround:

Do not configure the watchdog timer to run while paused by the debugger.

48. WDT: Reset value of the CRV register is incorrect.

Symptoms:

Device is inaccessible.

Conditions:

Watchdog is started without changing WDT.CRV register.

Consequences:

The device resets just after enabling the WDT.

Workaround:

Set the CRV register to a proper value (not equal 0x0000) before starting the WDT.