

Features

- No load capacitors required
- No motional series resistance (ESR) compensation
- No negative resistance testing
- Guaranteed oscillator startup under all conditions
- One active resonator can drive up to two clock inputs
- All-inclusive frequency stability as low as ±20 ppm over extended temperature range (-40°C to 85°C). Refer to [SiT1418](https://www.sitime.com/products/mhz-mems-resonators/sit1418) an[d SiT1420](https://www.sitime.com/products/mhz-mems-resonators/sit1420) for high temperature options
- Any frequency between 1 MHz and 110 MHz accurate to 6 decimal places
- Qualify just one device with 1.62 V to 3.63 V continuous supply voltage option
- Industry best G-sensitivity of 0.1 ppb/g
- Low power consumption of 3.5 mA typical at 1.8 V
- LVCMOS compatible output
- Industry-standard packages: 2.5×2.0 , 3.2×2.5 mm \times mm
- RoHS and REACH compliant, Pb-free, Halogen-free and Antimony-free

Conditions for Drop-In-Replacement

- SiT1408 is designed to work with non-wireless MCUs except for BLE which is supported
- SiT1408 is footprint compatible to 4-pad SMD Xtal resonators with electrically grounded pin 2 and 4
- \blacksquare MCU/ μ C supports external oscillator mode
- MCU/µC supports GPIO output function on XTAL1 pin [\(Figure 18\)](#page-14-0) and able to drive ~6 mA across 1.8 V to 3.3 V VDD continuous voltage

Applications

- Ideal for DSC, DVC, DVR, IP CAM, Tablets, e-Books, SSD, GPON, EPON, etc.
- Ideal for high-speed serial protocols such as: USB: SATA, SAS, Firewire, 100M / 1G / 10G Ethernet, etc.

Electrical Characteristics

Table 1. Electrical Characteristics[\[1,](#page-1-0)[2\]](#page-1-1)

All Min and Max limits are specified over temperature and rated operating voltage with 15 pF output load unless otherwise sta ted. Typical values are at 25°C and nominal supply voltage.

Table 1. Electrical Characteristics[\[1,](#page-1-0)[2\]](#page-1-1) (continued)

Notes:

1. All electrical specifications in the above table are specified with 15 pF output load and for all Vdd(s) unless otherwise stated.

2. The typical value of any parameter in the Electrical Characteristic table is specified for the nominal value of the highest voltage option for that parameter and at 25°C temperature.

Table 2. Pin Description

Figure 1. Pin Assignments

Notes:

3. A capacitor of value 4.7 nF between XIN and ground is recommended (Please refer to th[e Application Note](#page-12-0) section).

Ordering Information

The following part number guide is for reference only. To customize and build an exact part number, use the SiTime [Part Number Generator.](https://www.sitime.com/part-number-generator?product=SiT1408b)

Note:

4. The voltage portion of the SiT1408 part number consists of two characters that denote the specific supply voltage of the device. The SiT1408 supports either 1.8 V ±10% or any voltage between 2.25 V and 3.62 V. In the 1.8 V mode, one can simply insert 18 in the part number. In the 2.5 V to 3.3 V mode, two digits such as 18, 25 or 33 can be used in the part number to reflect the desired voltage. Alternatively, "XX" can be used to indicate the entire operating voltage range from 2.25 V to 3.63 V.

Table 3. Ordering Codes for Supported Tape & Reel Packing Method

Table 4. Absolute Maximum Limits

Attempted operation outside the absolute maximum ratings may cause permanent damage to the part. Actual performance of the IC is only guaranteed within the operational specifications, not at absolute maximum ratings.

Note:

5. Exceeding this temperature for extended period of time may damage the device. Pleas[e Contact SiTime](http://www.sitime.com/contact-us) for Junction Temperature above 150°C.

Table 5. Thermal Consideration[\[6\]](#page-3-1)

Note:

6. Refer to JESD51 for θ JA and θ JC definitions, and reference layout used to determine the θ JA and θ JC values in the above table.

Table 6. Maximum Operating Junction Temperature[\[7\]](#page-3-2)

Note:

7. Datasheet specifications are not guaranteed if junction temperature exceeds the maximum operating junction temperature.

Table 7. Environmental Compliance

Test Circuit and Waveform

Figure 2. Test Circuit[\[8\]](#page-4-0)

Note:

8. Duty Cycle is computed as Duty Cycle = TH/Period.

Timing Diagrams

Figure 4. Startup Timing[\[9](#page-4-1)]

Note:

9. SiT1408 has "no runt" pulses and "no glitch" output during startup or resume.

Performance Plots[\[10\]](#page-6-0)

Figure 5. Idd vs Frequency

Figure 6. Frequency vs Temperature

Figure 7. RMS Period Jitter vs Frequency

Figure 9. 20%-80% Rise Time vs Temperature

Figure 8. Duty Cycle vs Frequency

Figure 10. 20%-80% Fall Time vs Temperature

Performance Plots[\[10\]](#page-6-0)

Notes:

- 10. All plots are measured with 15 pF load at room temperature, unless otherwise stated.
- 11. Phase noise plots are measured with Agilent E5052B signal source analyzer. Integration range is up to 5 MHz for carrier frequencies up to 40 MHz.

Programmable Drive Strength

The SiT1408 XCalibur™ active resonator includes a programmable drive strength feature to provide a simple, flexible tool to optimize the clock rise/fall time for specific applications. Benefits from the programmable drive strength feature are:

- Improves system radiated electromagnetic interference (EMI) by slowing down the clock rise/fall time.
- Improves the downstream clock receiver's (RX) jitter by decreasing (speeding up) the clock rise/fall time.
- Ability to drive large capacitive loads while maintaining full swing with sharp edge rates.

For more detailed information about rise/fall time control and drive strength selection, see the [SiTime Application Notes](https://www.sitime.com/support/resource-library?filter=641) [section.](https://www.sitime.com/support/resource-library?filter=641)

EMI Reduction by Slowing Rise/Fall Time

[Figure 13 s](#page-7-0)hows the harmonic power reduction as the rise/fall times are increased (slowed down). The rise/fall times are expressed as a ratio of the clock period. For the ratio of 0.05, the signal is very close to a square wave. For the ratio of 0.45, the rise/fall times are very close to near-triangular waveform. These results, for example, show that the $11th$ clock harmonic can be reduced by 35 dB if the rise/fall edge is increased from 5% of the period to 45% of the period.

Jitter Reduction with Faster Rise/Fall Time

Power supply noise can be a source of jitter for the downstream chipset. One way to reduce this jitter is to speed up the rise/fall time of the input clock. Some chipsets may also require faster rise/fall time in order to reduce their sensitivity to this type of jitter. Refer to the Rise/Fall Time [Tables \(Table 8](#page-8-1) to [Table 12\)](#page-8-2) to determine the proper drive strength.

High Output Load Capability

The rise/fall time of the input clock varies as a function of the actual capacitive load the clock drives. At any given drive strength, the rise/fall time becomes slower as the output load increases. As an example, for a 3.3V SiT1408 device with default drive strength setting, the typical rise/fall time is 1 ns for 15 pF output load. The typical rise/fall time slows down to 2.6 ns when the output load increases to 45 pF.

One can choose to speed up the rise/fall time to 1.83 ns by then increasing the drive strength setting on the SiT1408.

The SiT1408 can support up to 60 pF in maximum capacitive loads with drive strength settings. Refer to the [Rise/Tall Time Tables](#page-8-0) [\(Table 8](#page-8-1) to [Table 12\)](#page-8-2) to determine the proper drive strength for the desired combination of output load vs. rise/fall time.

SiT1408 Drive Strength Selection

[Tables 8 through](#page-8-0) [12](#page-8-2) define the rise/fall time for a given capacitive load and supply voltage.

- **1.** Select the table that matches the SiT1408 nominal supply voltage (1.8 V, 2.5 V, 2.8 V, 3.0 V, 3.3 V).
- **2.** Select the capacitive load column that matches the application requirement (5 pF to 60 pF)
- **3.** Under the capacitive load column, select the desired rise/fall times.
- **4.** The left-most column represents the part number code for the corresponding drive strength.
- **5.** Add the drive strength code to the part number for ordering purposes.

Calculating Maximum Frequency

Based on the rise and fall time data given in [Tables 8](#page-8-0) [through](#page-8-0) [12,](#page-8-2) the maximum frequency the oscillator can operate with guaranteed full swing of the output voltage over temperature can be calculated as follows:

= 1 5 x Trf_20/80 Max Frequency

where Trf 20/80 is the typical value for 20%-80% rise/fall time.

Example 1

Calculate f_{MAX} for the following condition:

- $Vdd = 1.8 V (Table 8)$ $Vdd = 1.8 V (Table 8)$
- Capacitive Load: 30 pF
- Desired Tr/f time $=$ 3 ns (rise/fall time part number code $=$ E)

Part number for the above example:

SiT1408BI**E**12-18E-66.666660

Drive strength code is inserted here. Default setting is "-"

Rise/Fall Time (20% to 80%) vs CLOAD Tables

Table 8. Vdd = 1.8 V Rise/Fall Times for Specific CLOAD

Rise/Fall Time Typ (ns)								
Drive Strength \ CLOAD	5 _{pF}	15 pF	30 pF	45 pF	60 pF			
	6.16	11.61	22.00	31.27	39.91			
А	3.19	6.35	11.00	16.01	21.52			
R	2.11	4.31	7.65	10.77	14.47			
в	1.65	3.23	5.79	8.18	11.08			
	0.93	1.91	3.32	4.66	6.48			
Е	0.78	1.66	2.94	4.09	5.74			
U	0.70	1.48	2.64	3.68	5.09			
F or "-": default	0.65	1.30	2.40	3.35	4.56			

Table 10. Vdd = 2.8 V Rise/Fall Times for Specific CLOAD

Table 12. Vdd = 3.3 V Rise/Fall Times for Specific CLOAD

Table 9. Vdd = 2.5 V Rise/Fall Times for Specific CLOAD

Rise/Fall Time Typ (ns)								
Drive Strength \ CLOAD	5 _{pF}	15 _{pF}	30 pF	45 pF	60 pF			
	4.13	8.25	12.82	21.45	27.79			
A	2.11	4.27	7.64	11.20	14.49			
R	1.45	2.81	5.16	7.65	9.88			
в	1.09	2.20	3.88	5.86	7.57			
	0.62	1.28	2.27	3.51	4.45			
E or "-": default	0.54	1.00	2.01	3.10	4.01			
U	0.43	0.96	1.81	2.79	3.65			
F	0.34	0.88	1.64	2.54	3.32			

Table 11. Vdd = 3.0 V Rise/Fall Times for Specific CLOAD

Output on Startup

The SiT1408 XCalibur™ active resonator comes with gated output. Its clock output is accurate to the rated frequency stability within the first pulse from initial device startup. In addition, the SiT1408 features "no runt" pulses and "no glitch" output during startup as shown in the waveform captures in [Figure 14](#page-9-0) an[d Figure 15.](#page-9-1)

Instant Samples with Time Machine and Field Programmable Active Resonator

SiTime supports a field programmable version of the SiT1408 for fast prototyping and real time customization of features. The field programmable devices (FP devices) are available for all three standard SiT1408 package sizes and can be configured to one's exact specification using the Time Machine II, an USB powered MEMS resonator programmer. For more information regarding SiTime's field programmable solutions, see [Time Machine II](https://www.sitime.com/time-machine-oscillator-programmer) and [Field Programmable Devices.](https://www.sitime.com/support/resource-library/datasheets/field-programmable-oscillators-and-active-resonators-datasheet) SiT1408 is typically factory-programmed per customer ordering codes for volume delivery.

Figure 14. Startup Waveform vs. Vdd

Figure 15. Startup Waveform vs. Vdd (Zoomed-in View of [Figure 14\)](#page-9-0)

Dimensions and Patterns

Notes:

12. Top marking: Y denotes manufacturing origin and XXXX denotes manufacturing lot number. The value of "Y" will depend on the assembly location of the device.

13. A capacitor of value 4.7 nF between XIN and GND is required.

Table 13. Additional Information

Revision History

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XCalibur Active MEMS Resonator MCU Requirements

1 Introduction

Embedded microcontroller (µM/MCU) and microprocessor systems typically rely on an external quartzbased resonator for their operation. XCalibur active MEMS resonators are a drop-in replacement for 4-pin SMD resonators and offer a reliable, higher frequency stability alternative to quartz-based MHz [Figure 16.](#page-12-2)

Figure 16. XCalibur Active MEMS Resonator Drop-In Compatible with 4-Pin SMD XTAL (TOP View)

The MCU system must meet the following conditions before XCalibur active MEMS resonators can be used as a drop-in replacement:

- **1.** MCU can disable analog-mode for external crystalresonator and bypass the MCU's internal Pierce oscillator circuit.
- **2.** MCU can enable digital mode and drive GPIO to VDD to power up XCalibur XIN pin with ≥ 6 mA of current.
- **3.** External pair of loading caps should be removed and a 4.7 nF decoupling cap to be placed on XIN for the GPIO power.

This application note provides details on the three requirements above to ensure a seamless drop-in transition to XCalibur resonators.

Example firmware is provided in [Chapter 4:](#page-15-0) [MCU](#page-15-0) [Programming Requirements](#page-15-0) for a select number of MCUs where XCalibur resonators have been tested successfully. Sample firmware highlights required steps to switch from Analog Mode to Digital Mode to power up XCalibur.

[Appendix A](#page-17-0) lists compatible MCUs that support XCalibur resonator requirements listed above.

A list of MCU that are **not** compliant with XCalibur resonator requirements are provided in [Appendix B.](#page-19-0)

2 MCU Analog and Digital Operation Modes

Quartz-based resonators rely on a Pierce oscillator inside an MCU to bias and drive the external resonator. XCalibur active resonators do not rely on a Pierce oscillator and only require power from the MCU's GPIO (X1 in [Figure 17\)](#page-13-1).

To meet this requirement, the MCU must disable the *Analog Mode* to bypass the Pierce oscillator (X1 and X2 pins), and then enable *Digital Mode* to provide GPIO power from X1 to XIN pin of the XCalibur resonator.

This analog to digital operating mode change is shown conceptually in [Figure 17.](#page-13-1)

Figure 17. MCU in Analog Mode with Pierce Oscillator (left), and Digital Mode with GPIO Enabled (right)

3 MCU GPIO

The XCalibur SiT14xx family of resonators require a power source from the MCU. This section outlines power requirements from the MCU and considerations to mitigate potential transient-currents that may be present during power-up and power-down events.

List of power requirements:

- **1.** The MCU must provide power over GPIO in the range of 1.8 V to 3.3 V.
- **2.** The GPIO must deliver 6mA or greater current
- **3.** External crystal-resonator loading caps are removed, and a single decoupling cap of 4.7 nF is added on the VDD pin of the XCalibur resonator.
	- **a.** An MCU with on-chip loading caps should accommodate an external decoupling cap on the existing PCB.

3.1 Power Requirements (VDDIO)

Most MCU can provide a GPIO voltage (VDDIO) equal to the core-voltage VDD. Any voltage drop on the GPIO must be accounted and maintained within the operating specification range of XCalibur resonators.

3.2 Current Requirements

A minimum of 6 mA or greater current is required for normal operation across supported voltage supplies between 1.8 V to 3.3 V. Using a 4.7 nF decoupling cap is a requirement that will ensure stable power supply that will meet XCalibur requirements.

3.3 Decoupling Cap Power Filter

A 4.7 nF decoupling cap is required when using XCalibur resonators as a drop-in replacement. This capacitor replaces any loading capacitor C1 on X1 (XCalibur XIN) Pin. Any loading cap C2 on X2 must be removed.

Figure 18. MCU De-Coupling Cap on GPIO

The decoupling cap minimizes power supply fluctuations and filters out power supply noise due to external influences. Adding a decoupling capacitor to a circuit introduces charge and discharge currents during powerup (rising edge) and power-down (falling edge) of the GPIO output [\(Figure 19\)](#page-14-5).

4 MCU Programming Requirements

After reset, an MCU is brought up using an internal lowrate RC oscillator to manage basic H/W configuration and initialization of its I/O pins. This section gives examples code for a select number of MCUs to configure their GPIO for proper operation using XCalibur active MEMS resonators. Sample code is provided for the following MCUs:

- Microchip/Atmel ATSAME54P20
- [◼] TI MSP432P4111P
- **NXP S32K146**
- Renesas R7FS5D97
- ST Micro STM32F303

Please [contact SiTime](https://www.sitime.com/contact-us) for any support in programming different MCU.

4.1 Microchip/Atmel ATSAME54P20

The external oscillator operations are configured via OSCCTRL control registers. Through this interface, these oscillators are enabled, disabled, or have their calibration values updated.

The external Multipurpose Crystal Oscillator (XOSCn) can operate in two different modes:

- External clock, with an external clock signal connected to the XIN pin
- [◼] Crystal oscillator, with an external 8-48 MHz crystal connected to the XIN and XOUT pins

After a reset, the XOSCn is disabled and the XINn/XOUTn pins can be used as General Purpose I/O (GPIO) pins by other peripherals in the system.

When XOSCn is enabled, the operating mode determines the GPIO usage. The XINn and XOUTn pins are controlled by the OSCCTRL when in crystal oscillator mode, and GPIO functions are overridden on both pins.

Only the XINn pins will be overridden and controlled by the OSCCTRL when in external clock mode, while the XOUTn pins can still be used as GPIO pins.

The latter is the mode used by XCalibur resonators.

Table 15: Atmel ATSAM54P20 sample code for configuring XOUT as GPIO

wait 5ms to ensure XCalibur starts */

/* select XOSC1 as a clock source for the system (e.g., for DPLL or GCG) */

4.2 Texas Instruments MSP432P4111P

TI MSP432P4111P device can support a high-frequency crystal on the HFXT pins.

It is possible to apply an Oscillator digital clock such as XCalibur to the LFXIN and HFXIN input pins when the appropriate LFXTBYPASS or HFXTBYPASS mode is selected.

In this case, the associated LFXOUT and HFXOUT pins can be used for other purposes. If they are left unused, they must be terminated.

XCalibur uses this HFXTBYPASS mode to use the HFXT pins in GPIO mode.

Table 16: TI MSP432 sample code to enable GPIO Mode

4.3 NXP S32K146

NXP S32K1XX is a low-power ARM Cortex-M4F/M0+ core micro-controller.

Clocking options for the NXP processor are:

- [◼] 4 to 40 MHz fast external oscillator (SOSC) or 50 MHz DC external square input clock in external clock mode
- 48 MHz Fast Internal RC oscillator (FIRC)
- MHz Slow Internal RC oscillator (SIRC)
- 128 kHz Low Power Oscillator (LPO)
- Up to 112 MHz (HSRUN) System Phased Lock Loop (SPLL)
- Up to 20 MHz TCLK and 25 MHz SWD_CLK
- [◼] 32 kHz Real Time Counter external clock (RTC_CLKIN)

XCalibur uses "SOSC" external oscillator mode using the following configuration.

Table 17: NXP S32K146 SOSC external clock mode configuration firmware

```
SCG->SOSCCFG &= ~(1 << 2); // configure SOSCCFG External reference clock
PCC-> PCCn[0x128] | = (1 \times 30); // Enable clock on PORT B
PORTB->PCR[6] = (PORTB->PCR[6] & 0xFFFFF8BF)|(1<<8)|(1<<6);
// Configure XTAL (PB6) pins to GPIO with high drive strength 
PTB->PDDR |= 1 << 6; // set XTAL pin(PB6) to out direction 
PTB-> PSOR |= 1 \ll 6; // set PB6 to high state
/* wait 5ms to ensure XCalibur starts */ 
/* select OSC as a clock source for the system */
```
MCU.

4.4 Renesas R7FS5D97

The Renesas MCU supports an external oscillator by configuring XTAL as a CMOS GPIO Output and EXTAL as the clock input.

XCalibur clock output is connected to EXTAL input of the

Table 18: Renesas R7FS5D97 MCU EXTAL/XTAL clock mode configuration firmware

```
R SYSTEM->PRCR = 0xA501; \frac{1}{2} // Enables writing to the registers related to the Clock
                                           Generation Circuit 
R_PFS->P213PFS = 0xC00; \frac{1}{2} // set XTAL pin function as CMOS with hi-drive capability
R_IOPORT2->PCNTR1 | = (1 << 29) | (1 << 13) // Configure XTAL pin (P213) to out direction 
                                                         with high state
R_SYSTEM->MOSCCR_b.MOSTP = 0x01; // stop main oscillator 
R SYSTEM->MOMCR b.MOSEL = <math>\theta \times \theta</math>1; // Confidence Main Clock to external clock inputR SYSTEM->MOSCCR b.MOSTP = 0; // enable main oscillator
R SYSTEM->PRCR = 0x0; \frac{1}{2} // Disable writing to the registers related to the Clock
                                           Generation Circuit
/* wait 5ms to ensure XCalibur starts */ 
/* select Main clock oscillator as a clock source for the system */
```


4.5 ST Micro STM32F303

```
RCC-\angle CR = (1 << 18) | (1 << 16); // Configure external clock
RCC->AHBENR |= (1 << 22); // enable clock on PORT F
GPIOF->MODER |= (GPIOF->MODER & 0xFFFFFFF3) | 0x04; // set PF1 (XOSC_OUT) pin function as 
                                                 GPIO
GPIOF->OTYPER &= \sim (1 \ll 1); // select output type as push-pull
GPIOF ->OSPEEDR | = (1 \ltimes 3) | (1 \ltimes 2); // select hi-drive capability
GPIOF->BSRR | = (1 \ll 1); // set PF1 to high state
/* wait 5ms to ensure XCalibur starts */ 
/* select Main clock oscillator as a clock source for the system */
```


5 Appendix A: MCU Compatibility List

The following compatibility list has been compiled based on information obtained from each MCU's datasheet. Please contact the [SiTime support team](http://www.sitime.com/contact-us) for the latest update to this list.

Table 19: XCalibur MCU Compatibility (Based on Datasheet)

6 Appendix B: Incompatible MCU List

The following MCUs are not compatible as a drop-in replacement for XCalibur resonators. Please contact the [SiTime support team](http://www.sitime.com/contact-us) for the latest update to this list.

Table 20: Incompatible MCU List (Based on Datasheet)

XCalibur Active MEMS Resonator Frequently Asked Questions

1 Introduction

This section provides a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) when replacing a 4-pin XTAL resonator with an SiT14xx XCalibur™ active MEMS resonator from [SiTime.](https://www.sitime.com/products/mhz-mems-resonators/sit1425) This FAQ should be used as a companion to application not[e AN-10080 SiT14xx XCalibur Active MEMS Resonator](#page-12-0) [MCU Requirements.](#page-12-0)

2 General Hardware

- How does the footprint of a SiT14xx active resonator compare to a 4-pin SMD XTAL resonator?
	- [Figure 20](#page-20-0) shows a comparison of the XCalibur footprint compared to a 4-pin resonator.

Figure 20. XCalibur Active MEMS Resonator compared with 4-Pin SMD XTAL (TOP View)

- What is an active MEMS resonator?
	- An active resonator is a resonator based on microelectro mechanical systems (MEMS) technology that will need a power source to generate an output.
- What are the available packages for SiT14xx active resonators?
	- Industry-standard 3225 and 2520 SMD packages.
- Can I replace a 2-pin crystal resonator with 4-pin XCalibur resonator?
	- No. The 2-pin PCB landing pads needs to be redesigned for the 4-pin footprint of SiT14xx.
- The X1/X2 pins or XIN/XOUT functions are swapped on my MCU. Can I use XCalibur in this scenario?
	- Yes. You can rotate the package 180 degrees so that pins 1 and 3 and 2 and 4 are swapped on the landing pads such that the XIN/XOUT functions are mated correctly with the MCU.
- What is analog mode in an MCU?
	- Analog mode refers to the mode that enables an internal Pierce oscillator that supports an external XTAL-Resonator.
- What is digital mode in an MCU?
	- Digital mode refers to a mode of operation in an MCU that uses an external oscillator. When in digital mode, the MCU also enables XIN as a GPIO and can provide power to GPIO.

3 Software

- Is there any firmware change required after replacing a XTAL resonator?
	- Yes. A firmware change is required to enable GPIO to provide power and to setup the MCU to operate from an external oscillator.

4 Electrical

- What power supplies are supported?
	- SiT14xx supports two supplies:
		- \blacksquare 1.8 V fixed
		- $\sqrt{2.25 \text{ V}}$ to 3.63 V variable
- What is the current requirement for XCalibur?
	- SiT14xx requires a minimum 6 mA of current (includes 2 mA of margin above steady state).
- Do I need to replace the 12 pF loading capacitors used in a 4-pin XTAL SMD design?
	- Yes. The loading capacitor on X1/XIN must be replaced with a 4.7 nF cap.
	- The loading cap on X2/XOUT must be removed.
- Why is a 4.7 nF capacitor used on XIN?
	- A 4.7 nF decoupling cap is used to filter noise on GPIO power for better performance.
- My MCU cannot provide power (as GPIO) over X1/XIN. Can I still use XCalibur?
	- Yes, if you can provide an alternative source of power to SiT14xx.
- Can I use a larger (47 nF) decoupling capacitor instead of recommended 4.7 nF value?
	- No. A 4.7 nF decoupling cap is sufficient and a larger value capacitor is not recommended.
	- The decoupling cap minimizes power supply fluctuations and filters out power supply noise due to external influences. Adding a decoupling capacitor to a circuit introduces a charge and a discharge current during power-up (rising edge) and power-down (falling edge) of the GPIO output [\(Figure 19\)](#page-14-5).
	- A larger 47 nF (instead of 4.7 nF) capacitor will increase this current on power-up and powerdown.

5 Limitations FAQ

- Can an XCalibur active resonator be used with any MCU?
	- No. Please refer to [XCalibur MCU Compatibility](#page-18-1) and [Incompatible MCU List.](#page-19-1)

Supplemental Information

The Supplemental Information section is not part of the datasheet and is for informational purposes only.

Best Reliability

Silicon is inherently more reliable than quartz. Unlike quartz suppliers, [SiTime](https://www.sitime.com/) has in-house MEMS and analog CMOS expertise, which allows SiTime to develop the most reliable products. Figure 1 shows a comparison with quartz technology.

Why is [SiTime](https://www.sitime.com/) Best in Class:

- SiTime's MEMS resonators are vacuum sealed using an advanced EpiSeal® process, which eliminates foreign particles and improves long term aging and reliability
- World-class MEMS and CMOS design expertise

Best Aging

Unlike quartz, MEMS oscillators have excellent long term aging performance which is why every new [SiTime](https://www.sitime.com/) product specifies 10-year aging. A comparison is shown in Figure 2.

Why is [SiTime](https://www.sitime.com/) Best in Class:

- SiTime's MEMS resonators are vacuum sealed using an advanced EpiSeal® process, which eliminates foreign particles and improves long term aging and reliability
- Inherently better immunity of electrostatically driven MEMS resonator

Figure 2. Aging Comparison[\[2\]](#page-24-1)

Best Electro Magnetic Susceptibility (EMS)

SiTime's oscillators in plastic packages are up to 54 times more immune to external electromagnetic fields than quartz oscillators as shown in Figure 3.

Why is [SiTime](https://www.sitime.com/) Best in Class:

- Internal differential architecture for best common mode noise rejection
- Electrostatically driven MEMS resonator is more immune to EMS

Figure 3. Electro Magnetic Susceptibility (EMS)[\[3\]](#page-24-2)

Best Power Supply Noise Rejection

SiTime's MEMS oscillators are more resilient against noise on the power supply. A comparison is shown in Figure 4.

Why is [SiTime](https://www.sitime.com/) Best in Class:

- On-chip regulators and internal differential architecture for common mode noise rejection
- MEMS resonator is paired with advanced analog CMOS IC

Figure 4. Power Supply Noise Rejection[\[4\]](#page-24-3)

Best Vibration Robustness

High-vibration environments are all around us. All electronics, from handheld devices to enterprise servers and storage systems are subject to vibration. Figure 5 shows a comparison of vibration robustness.

Why is [SiTime](https://www.sitime.com/) Best in Class:

- The moving mass of SiTime's MEMS resonators is up to 3000 times smaller than quartz
- Center-anchored MEMS resonator is the most robust design

Figure 5. Vibration Robustness[\[5\]](#page-24-4)

Figure labels:

- TXC = TXC
- Epson = EPSN
- Connor Winfield = CW
- Kyocera = KYCA
- \blacksquare SiLabs = SLAB
- SiTime = EpiSeal MEMS

Best Shock Robustness

SiTime's oscillators can withstand at least 50,000 *g* shock. They all maintain their electrical performance in operation during shock events. A comparison with quartz devices is shown in Figure 6.

Why is [SiTime](https://www.sitime.com/) Best in Class:

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Figure 6. Shock Robustness[\[6\]](#page-24-5)

Notes:

- 1. Data source: Reliability documents of named companies.
- 2. Data source: SiTime and quartz oscillator devices datasheets.
- 3. Test conditions for Electro Magnetic Susceptibility (EMS):
	- According to IEC EN61000-4.3 (Electromagnetic compatibility standard)
	- Field strength: 3V/m
	- Radiated signal modulation: AM 1 kHz at 80% depth
	- Carrier frequency scan: 80 MHz 1 GHz in 1% steps
	- **•** Antenna polarization: Vertical
	- DUT position: Center aligned to antenna

Devices used in this test:

4. 50 mV pk-pk Sinusoidal voltage.

Devices used in this test:

5. Devices used in this test:

same as EMS test stated in Note 3.

6. Test conditions for shock test:

- MIL-STD-883F Method 2002
- Condition A: half sine wave shock pulse, 500-g, 1ms
- Continuous frequency measurement in 100 μs gate time for 10 seconds
- **Devices used in this test:**
	- same as EMS test stated in Note 3.

7. Additional data, including setup and detailed results, is available upon request to qualified customer. Please contac[t productsupport@sitime.com.](mailto:productsupport@sitime.com)