

IQS396 Datasheet

An Inductive/Capacitive ProxFusion[®] sensing device with an integrated haptics driver. The haptics LRA driver features internal H-bridge and H-bridge protection. Standalone operation offers efficient integration without the need for a master device. An optional I^2C mode allows the configuration of multiple waveforms and auto-resonance.

1 Device Overview

The IQS396 is a ProxFusion[®] sensing device with an integrated haptics driver capable of driving Linear Resonant Actuator (LRA) motors. A ProxFusion channel event will trigger the haptic driver to allow effective feedback to the user. Standalone operation allows basic configuration via external strap options. The device also offers an ${}^{12}C$ mode featuring configurable composite waveforms. The ²C mode features a closed-loop autoresonance algorithm. The autoresonance algorithm matches the resonant frequency of the driven motor in real time. Power consumption is optimised by automatic power mode management and an ultra-low power mode.

1.1 Main Features

- > Standalone Mode
	- Sensor event triggers haptic feedback
	- Strap options allow for:
		- ∗ Sensitivity adjustment
		- ∗ Report rate adjustment
	- Digital output (active low, push-pull)
- $>$ $1²C$ Mode
	- I²C interface Up to Fast Mode Plus (1 MHz)
	- Highly configurable effects
	- Convert to a standalone mode after power-on configuration
	- Configure and select between multiple effects
	- Fire-and-forget interface
	- Trigger haptic via sensor event or l^2C command
	- Real-time closed loop autoresonance
	- Internal or external H-bridge
	- Selectable LRA drive frequency
- > Internal H-bridge protections
- > Ultra low power mode
- > Automatic power mode management
- > Design simplicity
	- PC software for configuration and debugging
- > Supply Voltage: 1.71 V to 3.6 V
- $>$ QFN20 Package (3 \times 3 \times 0.55 mm) 0.4 mm pitch

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- > Doorbells and keypads

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ⁱ $R_{Cx} = 0 \Omega$

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i JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500 V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process. Pins listed as ±2000 V may actually have higher performance.

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The current consumption of the IQS396 is highly dependent on the specific parameters configured during initialisation, as well as on the frequency and duration of l^2C communications. Therefore, the following tables serve as an illustration of the expected power consumption for similar configurationsⁱ[.](#page-9-1) All measurements are taken with either *Event Mode* or *Standalone Mode* enabled, without any sensor activations, and without any ²C communications. Momentary higher current consumption may be expected during activated states. All other settings, unless stated otherwise, are kept default.

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 $\overline{1}$ These measurements are based on bench testing and have not been characterised over large volumes.

4 LRA Drive Theory

A Linear Resonant Actuator (LRA) is a spring mass system. The mass is magnetic. A driving coil creates a magnetic field to exert force on the magnetic mass.

The coil must be driven with an Alternating Current (AC) voltage to create the magnetic field. When the frequency of this AC voltage matches the resonant frequency of the spring mass system, the maximum vibration force is exerted.

In the ideal case, the AC voltage is a pure sinusoid. The IQS396 approximates a pure sinusoid drive with a Pulse Width Modulated (PWM) drive signal. When the duty cycle of the PWM drive is varied sinusoidally, the average drive voltage follows a pure sinusoid.

Figure 4.1: PWM Drive Approximation

Figure [4.1](#page-10-1) shows the PWM output drive in relation to the ideal sinusoid drive. T_h is the width of a single half cycle. For a 200 Hz motor, this would be $\frac{1}{2\times 200} = 2.5\,\text{ms}$. The motor is driven in the forward direction for one half cycle and then in the reverse direction for one half cycle. This is repeated for the duration of the haptic pulse. The strength of vibration depends on the amplitude of the average sinusiodal drive. Since the amplitude of the average drive signal is directly related to the maximum duty cycle of the PWM drive, the vibration strength can be varied by changing the maximum duty cycle of the PWM drive signal.

It is difficult to vary the duty cycle of the PWM according to a pure sinusoid. For this reason, the IQS396 applies a further approximation to the PWM drive signal. Each half cycle of the sinusoidal modulation is approximated as three linearly interpolated segments. The first segment is linearly increasing, the second constant, and the third linearly decreasing. The IQS396 provides fine control over these segments. A detailed description of the configuration of these segments is given in Section [8.](#page-18-0)

5 Autoresonance

5.1 Operation

The autoresonance algorithm matches the drive frequency to the resonant frequency of the driven LRA. The driver operates by monitoring the back-EMF of the motor at the end of every half cycle. By detecting the zero-cross of the back-EMF, the driver is able to track changes in the resonant frequency of the LRA. This provides consistent vibration strength in changing conditions and across production variations. It is recommended to set the initial frequency slightly higher than the expected resonant frequency.

Autoresonance is enabled per pattern. For a complete understanding of how to enable it, see Section [8.1.](#page-18-1)

5.2 Backoff

Once a frequency lock has been achieved, it is crucial that the zero-cross occurs. If the zero-cross does not occur, the driver has no information about the back-EMF and cannot make an intelligent decision about the next half cycle's drive frequency. A zero-cross may not occur when the drive frequency is far from the resonant frequency of the motor. If the drive frequency is much lower than the resonant frequency, it can take many cycles to acquire a lock. If the drive frequency is much higher than the resonant frequency, an accurate lock may never be achieved.

When a zero-cross does not occur, the driver assumes that the drive frequency is too low. The driver increases the drive frequency by a fixed percentage. This is an attempt to re-establish a frequency lock. In most cases, a zero-cross will be seen within the next few half cycles, and the frequency lock will be restored.

This effect can be mitigated by slightly increasing the drive frequency such that it is more than the exact resonant frequency as measured by the zero cross. Unless conditions change significantly, this guarantees that a zero-cross will occur on the next half cycle.

The drive frequency should be increased by as little as possible to ensure it matches the resonant frequency. The exact amount depends on the motor being driven. To this end, the *[Autoresonance](#page-33-0) [Backoff](#page-33-0)* setting is included in the memory map.

When a zero-cross is detected, the drive frequency will be set to the resonant frequency of the motor and then increased by a percentage equal to one hundred divided by the value in the *Autoresonance Backoff* register.

> Percentage increase = 100 Autoresonance Backoff

Setting *Autoresonance Backoff* to '0' will match the zero-cross frequency exactly.

In Figure [5.1,](#page-12-1) the current half-cycle drive is shown in red. Provided $T_{h(n)}$ is close to but less than the resonant half-cycle period, the back-EMF of the motor will lag the drive voltage. The driver detects the zero cross of the back-EMF and uses this to determine T_z . The frequency of the next half cycle is then increased from T_z in accordance with the *Autoresonance Backoff* setting to determine $T_{h(n+1)}$. This is the period of the next half cycle. Note that Figure [5.1](#page-12-1) shows the average voltage for the driven half cycles and the instantaneous voltage for the back-EMF.

Figure 5.1: Autoresonance Backoff

5.3 Recommend Recalibrate

If the frequency at the start of a waveform differs by more than 25% from the frequency at the end of the waveform, the *Recommend Recalibrate* bit in the *[System Status](#page-46-1)* register will be set. Typically, this will occur for one of three situations:

- 1. This is the first haptic pulse, and the starting frequency was far from the resonant frequency.
- 2. External conditions have changed significantly.
- 3. An error has occurred with the autoresonance algorithm.

The *Recommend Recalibrate* bit is cleared when the master writes to the *[LRA Frequency](#page-33-1)* register over l^2C .

For item 1, the master can simply read the *LRA Frequency* register and write the same value back. This is most likely to occur during a calibration sequence, where the master initiates several autoresonanceenabled waveforms to find the motor frequency. The calibration sequence is successful when the *Recommend Recalibrate* bit is not set for several consecutive trigger haptic commands.

Items 2 and 3 are error conditions. If the *Recommend Recalibrate* bit is set outside of a calibration sequence, it indicates that either item 1 or item 2 has occurred. The calibration sequence should be done again.

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6 H-Bridge

6.1 Settings

6.1.1 Slew Rate

The internal H-bridge has a slew rate-limiting function. This limits the slew rate of the PWM drive. Limiting the slew rate can help to reduce electromagnetic interference caused by the fast switching H-bridge drive signals.

The *Slew Rate Control* bit in the *[H-Bridge Setup](#page-44-0)* register enables the slew rate function. When enabled, the *Slew Rate* setting selects the slew rate limit.

6.1.2 Drive Strength

The internal H-bridge is comprised of several drive stages. The *Drive Strength* setting in the *[H-Bridge](#page-44-0) [Setup](#page-44-0)* register controls which of these stages are active. The higher the *Drive Strength*, the more stages are active. The values in Table [3.10](#page-9-2) are specified for a drive strength of '5'.

A drive strength of at least '1' is required for the H-bridge to function. Generally, the *Drive Strength* should be set to '5'.

Note: Overcurrent protection is disabled when the drive strength is set to '1' or '3'.

6.1.3 Ground Inactive

When the *Ground Inactive* bit in the *[H-Bridge Setup](#page-44-0)* register is set, both M+ and M- will be pulled to ground when the motor is not being driven and the IQS396 is not in the ULP power state. In combination with inverted patterns, this can help to brake the motor and provide a crisper feel to the haptic pulse.

6.2 Protections

The internal H-bridge is equipped with several protection mechanisms. These are controlled by the H-bridge hardware. If enabled, they will automatically disable the H-bridge drive under the relevant error condition.

The H-bridge protections are closely related to Section [7.5.](#page-16-5)

6.2.1 Overcurrent Protection

Overcurrent protection is enabled by setting the *Overcurrent Protection* bit in the *[H-Bridge Setup](#page-44-0)* register. Overcurrent protection activates when the current drawn by the load connected to M+ and Mexceeds approximately 200 mA.

Once tripped, the *Overcurrent* bit in the *[System Status](#page-46-1)* register is set. The *Overcurrent* protection bit is cleared only when the *System Status* register is read over I2C.

Note: The overcurrent protection can incorrectly trip when the pulse width of the PWM drive signal is small. This behaviour is dependent on the motor being driven. For this reason, overcurrent protection is disabled by default. The reliability of the overcurrent protection functionality should be assessed at design time.

6.2.2 Over Temperature Protection

Over temperature protection is enabled by setting the *Over Temperature Protection* bit in the *[H-Bridge](#page-44-0) [Setup](#page-44-0)* register. Over temperature protection activates when the temperature of the device exceeds the temperature specified by the *Over Temperature Threshold* in the *[Over Temperature Settings](#page-43-2)* register.

The *Hysteresis* bit enables one-way hysteresis for over temperature detection. This ensures that the over temperature protection activates cleanly when an over temperature condition occurs. It is recommended to always have hysteresis enabled when using the over temperature protection functionality.

Once tripped, the *Over Temperature* bit in the *[System Status](#page-46-1)* register is set. The *Over Temperature* protection bit is cleared only when the *System Status* register is read over I2C.

6.2.3 Shoot-Through Protection

Shoot-through protection is enabled by setting the *Shoot-through Protection* bit in the *[H-Bridge Setup](#page-44-0)* register. Shoot-through protection prevents direct shorting of VDD to GND when the H-bridge transistors are switching. It is recommended to always have shoot-through protection enabled.

6.3 External H-Bridge Support

When the *External* bit in the *[H-Bridge Setup](#page-44-0)* register is set, the IQS396 will output the drive signals for one half of an external H-bridge on the M+ and M- pins. The external H-bridge circuit must invert these signals to drive the opposite side of the H-bridge.

The reference circuit for the external H-bridge is shown in Figure [6.1.](#page-15-0) M+ and M- must be connected to the PWM1 and PWM2 nets. Note that the pulldown resistors are required to prevent shorting VMOT to GND during power on and when the IQS396 is in the ULP power state.

Autoresonance cannot be used when using an external H-bridge, as there is no way to measure the back-EMF of the motor. It is the responsibility of the master to ensure autoresonance is disabled when using an external H-bridge. There are no restrictions on any other waveform configuration settings.

Figure 6.1: External H-Bridge Circuit

7 Haptic Control and Monitoring

The IQS396 allows up to eight unique waveforms to be stored in memory. The active waveform is chosen using the *Waveform Selection* field in the *[Haptic Control](#page-43-1)* register.

While a waveform is executing, the *Haptics Active* bit in the *[System Status](#page-46-1)* register will be set. Waveform settings must only be modified when the *Haptics Active* bit is clear. Modifying waveform settings while a waveform is running may result in undefined behaviour.

7.1 Trigger Haptics Command

The currently active waveform is played when a trigger haptics command is given. A trigger haptics command can be given through I^2C or by using input pin control.

A trigger haptics command issued while the *Haptics Active* bit is set will be ignored.

7.2 I²C Control

In I2C, a trigger haptics command is given by setting the *Trigger Haptics* bit in the *[Haptic Control](#page-43-1)* register. The *Trigger Haptics* bit is cleared at the start of every waveform, regardless of how the waveform was triggered.

Since the *Waveform Selection* field and the *Trigger Haptics* bit are in the same register, only the address bytes plus a single data byte need to be written to both play and select a waveform.

The waveform can be stopped at any time by asserting the *Stop Haptics* bit in the *Haptic Control* register. The waveform will be halted immediately, and the *Stop Haptics* bit will be cleared. If the *Stop Haptics* bit is set when the haptics is not running, it will have no effect and will immediately be cleared.

7.3 LRA Drive Frequency

The *[LRA Frequency](#page-33-1)* register is used to set the frequency in Hertz (Hz) at which the duty cycle of the PWM output drive changes. It is also used to report the frequency measured by the autoresonance algorithm.

The *LRA Frequency* register should not be modified by the master while the *Haptics Active* bit in the *[System Status](#page-46-1)* register is set. It can be read at any time.

7.4 PWM Frequency

The *[PWM Frequency](#page-33-2)* register sets the frequency in Hertz (Hz) of the output PWM drive. Internally, this has an effect on the time domain resolution with which the duty cycle of the drive updates.

It is recommended to always set the *PWM Frequency* register to '20000'.

7.5 Strict Failure

In strict failure mode, the *Overcurrent* and *Over Temperature* bits in the *[System Status](#page-46-1)* register must be clear for a waveform to run. More details regarding the H-bridge protections are given in Section [6.2.](#page-13-5)

If strict failure mode is disabled, the IQS396 will attempt to play a waveform regardless of the state of the *Overcurrent* and *Over Temperature* bits. If either bit is set, but the error condition is no longer present, the waveform will play as normal. If the error condition is still present, the waveform will be stopped immediately.

Strict failure mode is enabled by setting the *Strict Failure* bit in the *[H-Bridge Setup](#page-44-0)* register.

Haptic Effect Configuration

The IQS396 defines the following concepts:

Figure [8.1](#page-19-1) shows the basic components of a single drive cycle. The segments are denoted S_0 , S_1 , and S_2 and make up an approximately sinusoidal pattern. Each half cycle, denoted H_0 and H_1 , consists of a single pattern. Every two-half cycles makes one LRA drive period. Every alternate half cycle is driven in the opposite direction to its predecessor.

Different haptic effects can be composed by creating combinations of these settings. For example, Figure [8.2](#page-20-0) shows a two-stage waveform. The first stage consists of an approximately sinusoidal pattern lasting two half cycles. The second is a single half cycle driving a triangular pattern.

8.1 Pattern Definition

Each pattern can have up to three segments. A pattern is fully defined if the first N segments have valid settings when the *[Segments](#page-31-0)* setting in a pattern's configuration registers is set to 'N'. Only the first N segments form part of the pattern. All other segments are ignored.

Each segment has a *[Start Duty Cycle](#page-31-1)* and an *[End Duty Cycle](#page-31-2)*. For every segment, the IQS396 will linearly interpolate the drive duty cycle from the *Start Duty Cycle* to the *End Duty Cycle*, and then progress to the next segment or half cycle.

The segment *[Duration](#page-31-3)* parameter defines how long it will take to perform the interpolation. The *Duration* is specified as a percentage of the half cycle width, where 255 is 99%. For example, a register value of '85' will result in the segment lasting one third of every half cycle. For any given pattern, the values of all enabled segment *Duration* registers must sum to 255. For example, if two segments are used and the first segment's *Duration* register is '100', the second segment's *Duration* register must be set to '155'.

The *Invert* bit in a pattern's *[Pattern Setup](#page-45-0)* register selects the drive direction for each half cycle. When the *Invert* bit is clear, even half cycles are driven in the forward direction and odd half cycles are driven in the reverse direction. Setting the *Invert* bit flips this behaviour. This allows braking patterns to be defined. The indexing begins at the start of the stages. In other words, the first half cycle of a stage is always considered even.

The *Autoresonance* bit in a pattern's *Pattern Setup* register enables autoresonance for the pattern. Any stage executing a pattern whose *Autoresonance* bit is set will perform autoresonance only for the duration of that stage. Pattern-specific autoresonance allows for easy configuration of braking and pseudo overdrive patterns. A full description of autoresonance is in Section [5.](#page-11-0)

Figure 8.1: Anatomy of One Full Drive Cycle

8.2 Stages

Every waveform pulse consists of up to five stages. Patterns are packed into stages in a waveform's *[Pattern Selection](#page-45-1)* register.

The 16-bit pattern select setting is laid out in groups of three-bit wide bitfields. Each bitfield corresponds to a stage. Since there are five stages, the most significant bit is ignored. If a pattern select bitfield is set to '0b000', no pattern is selected and the stage is disabled. Otherwise, it selects one of the seven definable patterns.

Every waveform has a block of five 8-bit wide half-cycle count settings. This array sets the number of half cycles to execute in each stage. Each half-cycle count corresponds to a stage. For example, the half cycle counts for waveform zero begin at memory map address 0x1102. The value loaded at address 0x1102 sets the number of half cycles for the first stage. The value loaded at address 0x1103 sets the number of half cycles for the second stage and so on.

Figure 8.2: A Two Stage Waveform

9 ProxFusion® Channel

The IQS396 features a ProxFusion® sensing channel that uses Azoteq's patented on-chip ProxFusion® module to measure and process relative changes in capacitive and inductive sensors.

9.1 Sensing Modes

The ProxFusion® channel supports the following sensing modes:

- > Self-capacitive sensing
- > Resonated inductive sensing

The sensing mode can be modified in the *[ProxFusion Settings 1](#page-42-1)* registers.

Please refer to the following [application notes](https://www.azoteq.com/design/application-notes/) for more information:

- > AZD004: Overview of Azoteq's ProxFusion[®] Sensing
- > AZD115: Design Guidelines for Inductive Sensing
- > AZD125: Design Guidelines for Capacitive Touch Sensing

9.2 Counts

The ProxFusion® module reports a capacitance or inductance measurement as a relative, unit-less value referred to as "Raw Counts". These raw counts are related to the number of charge transfer cycles necessary to charge an internal sampling capacitor, and are typically inversely proportional to the signal measured on the external sensor.

9.2.1 Counts Linearisation

The IQS396 does not directly use the "Raw Counts" obtained from the sensing module, but uses "Linearised Counts", which is calculated as

Linearised Counts =
$$
\frac{3276750}{\text{Raw Counts}}
$$
 (1)

All references to "Counts" in this datasheet, and in the I^2C memory map, use these Linearised Counts values.

After linearisation, counts are filtered using a low-pass IIR filter to reduce the high-frequency noise in the measurement. The response of the filter can be adjusted with the *Counts Filter Beta* value in the *[Filter Betas](#page-30-1)* registers. Higher beta values result in a slower filter response, with less noise on the channel.

9.3 Button Event Detection

Button Events attempt to emulate the behaviour of a typical button, which stays in activation for a configurable period of time as it is pressed. A *Button Proximity Event* occurs when the configurable *[Proximity Threshold](#page-31-4)* has been reached and this happens when a target comes into close proximity with the sensing electrode. A *Button Touch Event* occurs when the configurable *[Touch Threshold](#page-31-5)* has been reached.

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9.3.1 Long-Term Average

Button events are detected by comparing the filtered counts value to a reference value, known as the Long-Term Average (LTA). While the channel is not in activation, the LTA is slowly updated to track changes in the environment using a low-pass filter.

The difference between the filtered counts and the LTA is stored as the *[Delta](#page-33-3)* value.

$$
Delta = LTA - Counts \tag{2}
$$

The delta is used to detect user interaction by comparing it to the *[Touch Threshold](#page-31-5)*. The channel enters the active state when the delta exceeds the threshold, and the *Touch Active* bit in the *[Button Events](#page-47-1)* register will be set.

The LTA is then halted (kept constant) while the Button event is active, or while the delta exceeds the *[LTA Halt Threshold](#page-31-6)*, as shown in Figure [9.1.](#page-22-3) The LTA Halt Threshold can typically be made smaller than the Button Threshold. This may help increase the sensitivity of the event detection during slower activations, preventing the LTA from drifting during user interaction.

The response of the LTA filter is controlled by the various *[LTA Beta](#page-30-2)* values. The *LTA Beta* value sets the response of the filter during High-Accuracy and Normal power modes, whereas the *Low Power LTA Beta* is used during Low and Ultra-Low power modes. The Low Power Beta value should be set to a *larger* value than the Normal Beta value, to maintain adequate sensitivity at lower sampling rates.

9.3.2 Direction

Negative delta values are typically ignored, as they typically indicate an unexpected decrease in signal. If a negative delta value exceeds the *[Fast LTA Bound](#page-30-3)* threshold, the LTA will be updated using the *Fast LTA Beta* filter. This behaviour can be disabled by setting the *Bi-Directional* bit, or the sign of the delta can be inverted by setting the *Inverse* bit in the *[ProxFusion Settings 0](#page-42-0)* register.

9.3.3 LTA Reseeding

The reseed function of the device will replace the filtered counts and the long-term average value of the channel with the latest sampled counts value to reset the environmental reference of the channel. This may be necessary in certain instances when the Button event gets incorrectly stuck in an activation. Detection of stuck states is controlled by the *[Touch Timeout](#page-30-4)* parameter. If the Button event remains active for this timeout duration, the LTA is reseeded automatically. This behaviour can be disabled by setting the timeout parameter to 0.

A *Reseed* command can also be given manually by setting the corresponding bit in *[System Com](#page-40-1)[mands](#page-40-1)*.

9.4 Automatic Tuning Implementation

The ATI is a sophisticated technology implemented in ProxFusion® devices to allow optimal performance of the devices for a wide range of sensing electrode designs, without modification to external components.

The ATI functions by using the *[Base](#page-31-7)* and *[Target](#page-31-8)* parameters to calculate appropriate *[Divider](#page-31-9)* and *[Com](#page-31-10)[pensation](#page-31-10)* values to achieve an LTA approximately equal to the ATI target value. Note that the base and target values are specified in terms of Linearised Counts, and the base value should always be larger than the target. Typical base and target values for inductive and capacitive sensing modes are shown in Table [9.1.](#page-23-2)

Table 9.1: Base and Tartget Range

The sensitivity of the touch channel can be adjusted by configuring the *[ATI Base](#page-31-7)* and *[ATI Target](#page-31-8)* registers. The ATI parameters' relationship to sensitivity is generally described as:

Sensitivity $\propto \frac{\textsf{ATI Base}}{\textsf{ATI Target}}$.

To increase the sensitivity of the touch sensor, the Target value can be decreased. To reduce the sensitivity, the Base value can be decreased.

If the ATI algorithm cannot achieve a counts value within the ATI Band, the IQS396 will set the channel's ATI Error flag.

The Coarse Gain parameter in the *[ProxFusion Dividers](#page-43-0)* register can be tuned in the GUI. The ATI will then adjust the Fine Divider parameter until the counts reach the base value. The Coarse Gain should be manually adjusted at design time until the Fine Divider reaches a value between '4' and '14' after ATI. It can then be fixed across production.

9.4.1 Automatic Re-ATI

One of the most important features of the automatic Re-ATI functionality of the IQS396 is that it allows easy and fast recovery from an incorrect ATI, such as when performing ATI during user interaction with the sensor. It is always recommended to have the automatic Re-ATI functionality enabled. When a Re-ATI is performed on the IQS396, the *ATI Event* status bit will be set momentarily to indicate that this has occurred.

An automatic Re-ATI operation is performed when the reference of a channel drifts outside the acceptable range around the ATI Target, which is defined by the *[ATI Band](#page-31-11)* parameter. Automatic Re-ATI is also triggered on ATI Error states.

9.5 Debouncing and Hysteresis

Each of the Button event provides two mechanisms to prevent jitter: debouncing and hysteresis.

Debouncing occurs when the Button delta initially crosses the threshold. It forces the IQS396 to perform a number of quick measurements (at Normal Power report rate), checking that all measurements exceed the threshold. The event's *Debouncing* flag is set as long as debouncing is active. Once debouncing is complete, the event's *Active* flag is set.

The number of high-frequency measurements to execute can be configured independently for entering or exiting the event's active state in the *[Debounce](#page-42-3)* register. Setting the debounce values to '0' or '1' will disable debouncing.

Hysteresis allows the channel to use different enter and exit thresholds for an event. Once the event has entered the active state by exceeding the normal threshold value, the exit threshold is calculated as

$$
Exit Threshold = Threshold \times \left(1 - \frac{Hysteresis Value}{256}\right) \tag{3}
$$

For example, with a Button threshold of 100 counts, and a hysteresis value of 50, the Button event will enter the Active state when the delta exceeds 100 counts, and will exit the Active state when the delta drops down to $100 \times (1 - 50/256) = 80$ counts.

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10 I²C Interface

10.1 I²C Module Specification

The device features a standard two-wire I^2C interface, complemented by a RDY (ready interrupt) line, supporting a maximum bit rate of up to 1 Mbit/s. The memory structures accessible over the ²C interface are byte-addressable with 16-bit address values. 16-bit or 32-bit values are packed with little-endian byte order and are stored in word-aligned addresses.

- > Standard two-wire interface with RDY interrupt line
- > *Fast-Mode Plus* I ²C with up to 1 Mbit/s bit rate
- > 7-bit device address
- > 16-bit little-endian register addressing
- > One data byte stored per register address

10.2 I²C Address

The IQS396 has a default I^2C address of 0x56 (0b1010110). The full address byte will thus be 0xAC (write) or 0xAD (read).

10.2.1 Reserved I2C Address

When communicating with the IQS396, it will acknowledge (ACK) communication attempts made to an additional address derived from its slave address. This derived address is obtained by flipping the least significant bit of the slave address.

For example, with the default slave address of 0x56, the derived address would be 0x57 (0b1010111), obtained by changing the LSB from '0' to '1'. This derived address is reserved for internal use and should not be used. Even though the device will acknowledge communication attempts to this address, it will not function as normal, and should therefore be avoided.

10.3 I³C Compatibility

This device is not compatible with an $13³C$ bus due to clock stretching allowed for data retrieval.

10.4 Memory Map Addressing

All memory locations are 16-bit addressable in little-endian byte order.

10.5 Memory Map Data

Each 16-bit memory map address stores a single byte (8 bits), making the memory map byte-addressable. Since the data is packed in a little-endian sequence, a 16-bit value starting at, for example, address 0x1014 will have its least significant byte at address 0x1014 and its most significant byte at address 0x1015.

10.6 RDY/IRQ

The IQS396 has an open-drain active low RDY signal to inform the master that updated data is available. The IQS396 will pull the RDY line low to indicate that it has opened a communications window, or "RDY window", for the master to read the new updated data. While the master can communicate

with the device at any time according to the *Force Comms Method*, it is recommended to use the RDY signal for optimal power consumption. Integrating the RDY signal as an interrupt input allows the master MCU to read and write data efficiently.

The device provides both streaming and event modes. In streaming mode, the RDY line toggles continuously, with each sensing cycle, whereas in event mode the RDY toggles only when specific events occurs. The types of events that trigger the RDY window are configurable in the *[Event Mask](#page-41-0)* register.

10.7 Read and Write Operations

10.7.1 I2C Read From Specific Address

A typical read operation is displayed in Figure [10.1.](#page-26-3) The master device waits for the RDY line of the IQS396 to go low, indicating the availability of new data and an available communication window. Once the RDY interrupt is triggered, the master initiates communication by sending a start condition followed by the device address and a write command. The IQS396 responds with an acknowledgement, after which the master device will transmit two bytes defining the register address. The master then sends a repeated start condition, followed by the device address with a read command. The IQS396 transmits data from the requested address and will continue to do so while the master acknowledges each byte. The read operation is ended when the master does not acknowledge the last byte received and produces a stop condition.

Figure 10.1: I²C Read Example — Read System Control Registers 0x1000 and 0x1001

10.7.2 I2C Write To Specific Address

The write operation is displayed in Figure [10.2.](#page-27-3) Similar to the read transaction, when the RDY interrupt is triggered, the master initiates communication by sending a start condition followed by the device address and a write command. The IQS396 responds with an acknowledgement, after which the master device transmits two bytes defining the register address. The slave acknowledges the register address bytes. The master may then write a series of bytes to the register address and the addresses that follow, with each byte being acknowledged by the slave. The write operation is ended when the master produces a stop condition.

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Figure 10.2: I²C Write Example — Write Two Bytes to System Control Registers 0x1000 and 0x1001

10.7.3 Modifying Bits Over I2C

When modifying individual bits in a register, it is recommended to read the register first, make the necessary modifications, and then write the updated value back to the IQS396 register to prevent unintentional bit changes.

For example, setting the *Ack Reset* bit and *Power Mode* setting would involve:

- > Read the *[System Control](#page-40-1)* Registers (0x1000 and 0x1001) as illustrated in Figure [10.1.](#page-26-3)
- > Set the *Ack Reset* bit using the bitwise OR operator. For example:

READ_VALUE OR 0x01

> Set the *Power Mode* setting by clearing the bit field using a bitwise AND operation, then setting the bit field value with an OR operation. For example, to set the *Power Mode* to 'Auto':

(READ_VALUE AND 0xF8) OR 0x02

 $>$ Write the new values back over 1^2C , as shown in Figure [10.2.](#page-27-3)

Read-modify-write transactions should be done in a single communication window, using ¹²C restart conditions. Please refer to Section [10.9](#page-27-2) for more information regarding multiple I²C transactions in a single communication window.

10.8 I²C Timeout

If the communication window is not serviced within the βC Timeout period (in milliseconds), the session is ended (RDY goes HIGH), and processing continues as normal. This allows the system to continue and keep reference values up to date even if the master is not responsive. However, the corresponding data will be lost, so this should be avoided. The default ${}^{12}C$ timeout period is set to 250 ms.

10.9 Terminate Communication

With the *Terminate Comms Window* setting enabled in the *[Power Settings](#page-40-2)* register, a standard I2C STOP ends the current communication window. If multiple I^2C transactions need to be done, then they should be strung together using repeated-start conditions instead of giving a STOP. Allowing an I²C STOP to terminate the communication window is the recommended method, as illustrated in Figures [10.1](#page-26-3) and [10.2.](#page-27-3)

This behaviour can be temporarily disabled by clearing the *Terminate Comms Window* setting. In this case, an I^2C STOP will NOT terminate the communication window. Instead, the communication window can be closed manually, as desired, by setting the *Terminate Comms Window* bit as the final I ²C transaction, followed by a STOP.

10.10 Invalid Communications Return

The device will give an invalid communication response (0xEE) under the following conditions:

- $>$ The host is trying to read from a memory map register that does not exist.
- $>$ The host is trying to read from the device outside a communication window (while RDY is high).

10.11 Event Mode Communication

The device can be set up to bypass the communication window when no activity is sensed by setting the *Event Mode* bit in the *[Power Settings](#page-40-2)* register. This is usually enabled since the master does not need to be interrupted unnecessarily during every cycle if no activity occurs. The communication will resume (RDY will indicate available data) if an enabled event occurs. It is recommended that the RDY be placed on an interrupt-on-pin-change input on the master.

Event mode can only be entered if the following requirements are met:

- > Events must be serviced by reading from the *[Event Flags](#page-46-2)* register to ensure all events flags are cleared, otherwise continuous reporting (RDY interrupts) will persist after every cycle, similar to streaming mode.
- > The *Show Reset* bit in the *[Device Status](#page-46-1)* register has been cleared by setting the *Ack Reset* bit in *[System Commands](#page-40-1)*.

10.11.1 Events

Numerous events can be individually enabled in the *[Event Mask](#page-41-0)* register to trigger communication in Event Mode:

- > Power mode changes
- > ATI events
- > Touch events
- > Proximity events
- > Haptics events

10.11.2 Force Communication

In streaming mode, the IQS396 I²C will provide RDY windows at regular intervals specified by the relevant power mode report rate. This will provide the master with regular opportunities to perform I²C communication as necessary.

If the device is placed in Event Mode or Halt Mode, the IQS396 will not open RDY windows unless certain conditions are met. A new RDY window can be requested by writing $0xFF$ over 1^2C , followed by a stop condition. After a short delay, the IQS396 will pull the RDY line low and open a new communication window. This is shown in Figure [10.3.](#page-29-0)

Figure 10.3: Force Comms Diagram

After a short delay, a new communication window will be made available, indicated by the RDY signal. The delay between the communication request and the opening of a RDY window (t_{wait}) is application specific, but will typically be under 2 milliseconds.

11 I²C Memory Map

Table 11.1: I²C Memory Map

12 Ordering Information

12.1 Ordering Code

Table 12.1: Order Code Description

Other order codes for standalone operation are available on special request – please contact Azoteq.

12.2 Top Marking

Figure 12.1: IQS396-QFN20 Package Top Marking

Figure 12.2: QFN20 Generic Package Top Marking

13 Package Information

13.1 QFN20 Package Outline

Figure 13.1: QFN20 Package Outline

Table 13.1: QFN20 Package Dimensions [mm]

Table 13.2: QFN20 Package Tolerances [mm]

13.2 QFN20 Recommended Footprint

Figure 13.2: QFN20 Recommended Footprint

13.3 Tape and Reel Specifications

QUADRANT ASSIGNMENTS FOR PIN 1 ORIENTATION IN TAPE

Pocket Quadrants

Figure 13.3: Tape and Reel Specification

A Memory Map Descriptions

A.1 System Commands (0x1000)

> Bit 5: **Trigger Haptics**

- 0: No action
- 1: Trigger Haptics
- Bit automatically cleared

> Bit 4: **Reseed ProxFusion Channel**

- 0: No action
- 1: Reseed the Proxfusion channel LTA
- Bit automatically cleared

> Bit 2: **ATI ProxFusion Channel**

- 0: No action
- 1: Perform ATI calibration of the ProxFusion channel
- Bit automatically cleared

> Bit 1: **Soft Reset**

- 0: No action
- 1: Soft reset the device
- Bit automatically cleared

> Bit 0: **Ack Reset**

- 0: No action
	- 1: Acknowledge a device reset
	- Bit automatically cleared

A.2 Power Settings (0x1001)

> Bit 7: **Terminate Comms on Stop**

- 0: Keep I²C communications window open on I²C stop condition
- \cdot 1: Close I²C communications window on I²C stop condition

> Bit 5-6: **Interface select**

- 0: Streaming mode enabled. An ²C communications window is opened every cycle.
- 1: Event mode enabled. An l^2C communications window is opened only if an enabled event occurs.
- 2: Reserved
- 3: Standalone mode. I^2C is disabled.

> Bit 0-2: **Power Mode Setting**

- 0: Normal Power
- 1: Ultra Low Power
- 2: Auto
- 3: Halt

A.3 Event Masks (0x1002)

> Bit 4: **Haptics Event**

- 0: Disabled
- \cdot 1: Open an I^2C communications window on haptics events
- > Bit 3: **Touch Event**
	- 0: Disabled
	- \cdot 1: Open an I^2C communications window on touch events
- > Bit 2: **Proximity Event**
	- 0: Disabled
	- \cdot 1: Open an I^2C communications window on proximity events
- > Bit 1: **ATI Event**
	- 0: Disabled
		- \cdot 1: Open an I^2C communications window on ATI events

> Bit 0: **Power Mode Event**

- 0: Disabled
- \cdot 1: Open an 12 C communications window on power mode changes

A.4 ULP and Watchdog Settings (0x1003)

> Bit 6: **Disable Read-Only Check**

• 0: Disabled

• 1: Enabled

> Bit 3-5: **Watchdog Period**

- 0: Off
- $1:50 \text{ ms}$
- 2: 125 ms
- 3: 250 ms
- 4: 500 ms
- 5: 1000 ms
- 6: 2000 ms
- 7: 4000 ms

> Bit 2: **AutoProx Enable**

- 0: AutoProx disabled
- 1: AutoProx enabled

> Bit 0-1: **AutoProx Conversion Setting**

- 0: Update all channels and UIs after 4 AutoProx conversions
- 1: Update all channels and UIs after 8 AutoProx conversions
- 2: Update all channels and UIs after 16 AutoProx conversions
- 3: Update all channels and UIs after 32 AutoProx conversions

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A.5 ProxFusion Settings 0 (0x1012)

> Bit 6-7: **ATI Mode**

- 0: Disabled
- 1: Divider Only
- 2: Compensation Only
- 3: Divider And Compensation

> Bit 5: **Dual Threshold**

- Allow button events to trigger for both positive and negative delta values
- 0: Disabled
- 1: Enabled

> Bit 4: **Inverse**

- Set button events to trigger for negative deltas. May be necessary for inductive sensing.
- 0: Disabled
- 1: Enabled

A.6 ProxFusion Settings 1 (0x1013)

> Bit 7: **FOSC Tx**

- 0: Disabled
	- \cdot 1: Run sensor with TX at F_{OSC} frequency. Recommended only for inductive sensing.

> Bit 4-6: **Sensing Mode**

- 0: Disabled
- 3: Self-Capacitance
- 4: Inductance

> Bit 0-3: **Conversion Frequency**

The following are recommended example values:

- 3: 1.750 MHz
- 7: 0.875 MHz
- 15: 0.4375 MHz

Note: The maximum recommended conversion frequency for capacitive sensing is 1 MHz.

A.7 Proximity Debounce (0x1028)

> Bit 4-7: **Debounce Exit**

- 4-bit value
- Number of high-frequency samples while exiting proximity state

> Bit 0-3: **Debounce Enter**

- 4-bit value
- Number of high-frequency samples while entering proximity state

A.8 Touch Debounce (0x102C)

> Bit 4-7: **Debounce Exit**

- 4-bit value
- Number of high-frequency samples while exiting touch state

> Bit 0-3: **Debounce Enter**

- 4-bit value
- Number of high-frequency samples while entering touch state

A.9 ProxFusion Dividers (0x104A)

- > Bit 9-13: **Fine Divider**
	- 5-bit value
- > Bit 0-8: **Coarse Gain** • 9-bit value

A.10 Haptics Control (0x104E)

> Bit 4: **Cancel Haptics**

- 0: Haptics Event Enabled
- 1: Haptics Event Disabled

> Bit 1-3: **Waveform Selection**

- 0: WAV0
- 1: WAV1
- 2: WAV2

> Bit 0: **Trigger Haptics**

- 0: Haptics not triggered
- 1: Haptics triggered

A.11 Over-Temperature Settings (0x104F)

> Bit 4: **Stop Haptics**

- 0: Haptics Enabled
- 1: Haptics Disabled
- > Bit 0-3: **Trip Temperature** \cdot 0: 29 $^{\circ}$ C

- $1:36^{\circ}$ C • 2:44 $^{\circ}$ C $• 3:49^{\circ}$ C $• 4:56°C$ $• 5:64°C$ $• 6:71^{\circ}$ C $• 7:81^{\circ}$ C $• 8:89^{\circ}$ C $•$ 9: 99 $°C$ $• 10:106°C$ $• 11:116°C$
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-
- $12:126°C$
- $13:136°C$
- $14:146°C$
- $15:159°C$

A.12 H-Bridge Setup (0x1050)

- > Bit 11: **Ground Inactive Pins**
	- 0: Do not ground inactive pins
	- 1: Ground inactive pins
- > Bit 11: **External H-Bridge**
	- 0: Do not use external H-bridge
	- 1: Use external H-bridge

> Bit 8-10: **Drive Strength**

- \cdot 0: DRV off
- \cdot 1: DRV₁
- \cdot 2: DRV_{2A}
- \cdot 3: DRV_{2B}
- \cdot 4: DRV_3
- \cdot 5: DRV₅

> Bit 4-5: **Slew Rate Selection**

- 0: 20V/us
- 1: 40V/us
- 2: 80V/us
- 3: 160V/us

> Bit 3: **Slew Rate Protection**

- 0: Slew Rate Protection Disabled
- 1: Slew Rate Protection Enabled

> Bit 2: **Shoot-Through Protection**

- 0: Shoot-Through Protection Disabled
- 1: Shoot-Through Protection Enabled
- > Bit 1: **Over-Temperature Protection**
	- 0: Over-Temperature Protection Disabled
	- 1: Over-Temperature Protection Enabled

> Bit 0: **Over-Current Protection**

- 0: Over-Current Protection Disabled
- 1: Over-Current Protection Enabled

A.13 Pattern Setup (0x105C, 0x1067, 0x1072, ..., 0x109E)

- > Bit 1: **Autoresonance**
	- 0: Disable autoresonance
	- 1: Enable autoresonance
- > Bit 0: **Invert**
	- 0: Do not invert pattern
	- 1: Invert pattern

A.14 Waveform Pattern Selection (0x1100, 0x1107, 0x110E)

> Bit 12-14: **Stage 4**

- 0: None
- 1: Pattern 1
- 2: Pattern 2
- 3: Pattern 3
- 4: Pattern 4
- 5: Pattern 5
- 6: Pattern 6
- 7: Pattern 7

> Bit 9-11: **Stage 3**

- 0: None
- 1: Pattern 1
- 2: Pattern 2
- 3: Pattern 3
- 4: Pattern 4
- 5: Pattern 5
- 6: Pattern 6
- 7: Pattern 7

> Bit 6-8: **Stage 2**

- 0: None
	- 1: Pattern 1
	- 2: Pattern 2
	- 3: Pattern 3
	- 4: Pattern 4
	- 5: Pattern 5
	- 6: Pattern 6
	- 7: Pattern 7

> Bit 3-5: **Stage 1**

- 0: None
- 1: Pattern 1
- 2: Pattern 2
- 3: Pattern 3
- 4: Pattern 4
- 5: Pattern 5
- 6: Pattern 6
- 7: Pattern 7
- > Bit 0-2: **Stage 0**
	- 0: None

- 1: Pattern 1
- 2: Pattern 2
- 3: Pattern 3
- 4: Pattern 4
- 5: Pattern 5
- 6: Pattern 6
- 7: Pattern 7

A.15 Power Mode Flags (0x2000)

> Bit 0-1: **Power Mode**

- 0: Normal Power
- 1: Ultra Low Power
- 2: Auto
- 3: Halt

A.16 Device Status (0x2001)

> Bit 1: **AutoProx Error**

- 0: Disabled
- 1: An error occurred with the AutoProx limits. The device will perform regular measurements rather than Auto-Prox conversions in Ultra Low power mode.
- > Bit 0: **Show Reset**
	- 0: Disabled
	- 1: System reset event occurred

A.17 Event Flags (0x2002)

> Bit 4: **Haptics Event**

- 0: No event
- 1: Haptics event occurred
- Cleared on read

> Bit 3: **Touch Event**

- 0: No event
	- 1: Touch event occurred
	- Cleared on read

> Bit 2: **Proximity Event**

- 0: No event
- 1: Proximity event occurred
- Cleared on read
- > Bit 1: **ATI Event**
	- 0: No event
	- 1: ATI event occurred
	- Cleared on read

> Bit 0: **Power Mode Event**

- 0: No event
- 1: Power mode change occurred
- Cleared on read

A.18 ProxFusion States (0x2003)

> Bit 1: **ATI Error**

• 0: No error

• 1: ProxFusion channel failed to calibrate correctly

A.19 Button Event Flags (0x2005)

> Bit 7: **Current Power Mode**

- 0: Normal power
- 1: ULP.

> Bit 6: **Report Rate**

- 0: Slow sampling
- 1: Fast Sampling.

> Bit 5: **Sensitivity**

- 0: Low sensitivity
- 1: High sensitivity.

> Bit 4: **Touch Event**

- 0: No event
- 1: Touch event. *Output State* transitioned from '0' to '1'.

> Bit 3: **Proximity Event**

- 0: No event
- 1: Proximity event.

> Bit 2: **LTA Halt**

- 0: LTA is filtering normally
- 1: LTA filter is halted to improve channel sensitivity.

> Bit 1: **Debounce**

- 0: Button UI not currently debouncing
- 1: Button UI currently debouncing by sampling at normal power report rate.

> Bit 0: **Output State**

- 0: Button UI delta currently below threshold
- 1: Button UI delta currently above threshold. Button is considered "pressed".

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