

1 congatec Errata Sheet

Affected Products	conga-IA5, conga-MA5, conga-PA5, conga-QA5, conga-TCA5, conga-SA5
Subject	Errata sheet for congatec xA5 designs based on CPUs with silicon vendor's D.0 stepping or older
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2 Affected Article Numbers

Product Data

Affected Part Number(s)	Product
Several	conga-IA5, conga-MA5, conga-PA5, conga-QA5, conga-TCA5, conga-SA5

3 General Information

This Errata Sheet provides information about limitations on congatec xA5 designs that are based on CPUs with silicon vendor's D.0 stepping or older.

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Intended Audience

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4 Errata Description

The congatec products listed in section 2 “Affected Article Numbers” feature CPUs with silicon vendor’s D.0 stepping or older.

During the lifetime simulation of these SoCs, the silicon vendor observed that under certain use cases, the LPC, USB (low speed and full speed), SD card and eMMC may stop functioning after several years.

For more information, see the following Errata document at:

<https://www.intel.com/content/dam/www/public/us/en/documents/specification-updates/pentium-celeron-n-series-j-series-datasheet-spec-update.pdf?cache=no>

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4.1 LPC

LPC bus operating at 3.3V may degrade and stop functioning after several years if the use case is high. The product may not boot when this use case is reached.

4.1.1 Workaround

The LPC bus on congatec products operates at 3.3V. To reduce the utilization of the LPC interface, the LPC_CLKRUN# feature in the congatec BIOS setup menu must be enabled. This feature decreases the degradation of the LPC interface.

In order to enable the LPC_CLKRUN# feature, the following conditions must be met:

- use BIOS version Rx17 or later
- use Board Controller firmware CBGCP433 or later
- in the BIOS Setup Menu under Chipset->Platform Controller Hub (PCH) submenu, set Serial IRQ Mode to 'Quiet'
- in the BIOS Setup Menu under Chipset->Platform Controller Hub (PCH) submenu, set PCI CLOCK RUN or CLKRUN Logic feature (see note below) to 'Enabled'



Note

LPC devices on the carrier board will no longer function properly if this workaround is implemented.

The Platform Controller Hub (PCH) submenu setup node displays either PCI CLOCK RUN or CLKRUN Logic Feature depending on the BIOS version being used.

4.2 USB

Low speed and full speed USB devices may stop functioning after several years if the use case is high.



Note

This limitation does not apply to High-Speed (USB 2.0) or SuperSpeed (USB 3.0 / USB 3.1) devices.

4.2.1 Workaround

To prevent this issue:

- do not use low speed or full speed devices that operate at 3.3V signaling
 - if you use 3.3V signaling on the SoC's native USB port, keep the active time of the device below 12% (max. 60 TB transmit traffic over lifetime per port)



Note

USB 1.1 devices connected to the conga-xA5 through a USB 2.0 or USB 3.0 hub are not affected.

4.3 SD Card

SD Card may stop functioning after several years if the use case is high.

4.3.1 Workaround

- do not use SD card as a boot device
- remove the SD card from the system when not in use
- use UHS-I cards and operate them at 1.8V I/O voltage only.

4.4 eMMC

The eMMC may not function properly if active for more than 33 percent of the time.

4.4.1 Workaround

- keep the eMMC active for less than 33 percent of the time for embedded use case
- ensure the operating system sets the eMMC interface to RTD3 or D3 whenever the interface is not in use.

5 Revision History

Revision	Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	Author	Changes
1.0	2018-07-10	AEM	Initial release
1.1	2018-09-04	BEU	Corrected errata number in section 4 "Errata Description"