

Product Change Notification - SYST-11NVEM452

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Product Category: SMSC

Affected CPNs:  

Notification subject: ERRATA - LAN8741A/LAN8741Ai - Silicon Errata and Data Sheet Clarification Errata Document Revision

Notification text: SYST-11NVEM452
Microchip has released a new DeviceDoc for the LAN8741A/LAN8741Ai - Silicon Errata and Data Sheet Clarification of devices. If you are using one of these devices please read the document located at [LAN8741A/LAN8741Ai - Silicon Errata and Data Sheet Clarification](#).

Notification Status: Final

Description of Change: Rev A replaces the previous SMSC version Rev. 1.2

Impacts to Data Sheet: None

Reason for Change: To Improve Productivity

Change Implementation Status: Complete

Date Document Changes Effective: 12 Jan 2016

NOTE: Please be advised that this is a change to the document only the product has not been changed.

Markings to Distinguish Revised from Unrevised Devices: N/A

Attachment(s): [LAN8741A/LAN8741Ai - Silicon Errata and Data Sheet Clarification](#)

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LAN8741A/LAN8741Ai Silicon Errata and Data Sheet Clarification

This document describes known anomalies for functional revision A and B of the LAN8741A/LAN8741Ai device. The functional revision can be determined by its top marking as indicated in [Figure 1](#) and [Figure 2](#).

TABLE 1: HARDWARE ERRATAS SUMMARY

HARDWARE FUNCTIONAL REV		DESCRIPTION
A	B	
X	X	Section Module 1 :, "EEE Mode Link Failures with Cables Greater than 100m"
X	X	Section Module 2 :, "EEE Mode Link Drops with BCM53125 Link Partner for Cables Less than 20m"
X		Section Module 3 :, "EEE Mode Drops Link with Devices that Do Not Meet the Minimum IEEE 802.3az Transmit Wake Time Specification"
X		Section Module 4 :, "Cable Diagnostics Incorrectly Returns "Open" Cable Condition for Terminated Cable"
X	X	Section Module 5 :, "EEE Mode Link Drops with Realtek RTL8305N or RTL8309E Link Partners"

Note: X = Applicable to the Functional Rev.

For the purposes of this anomaly sheet, the part number indicated throughout the document includes an "A". Though only functional revision B parts contain an "A" in the device part number, this anomaly sheet also applies to the LAN8741 parts. The "A" in the part number is not indicative of the functional revision. Refer to [Figure 1](#) and [Figure 2](#) for the proper identification of the functional revision of a given device.

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FIGURE 1: TOP MARKING FOR FUNCTIONAL REVISION A DEVICE

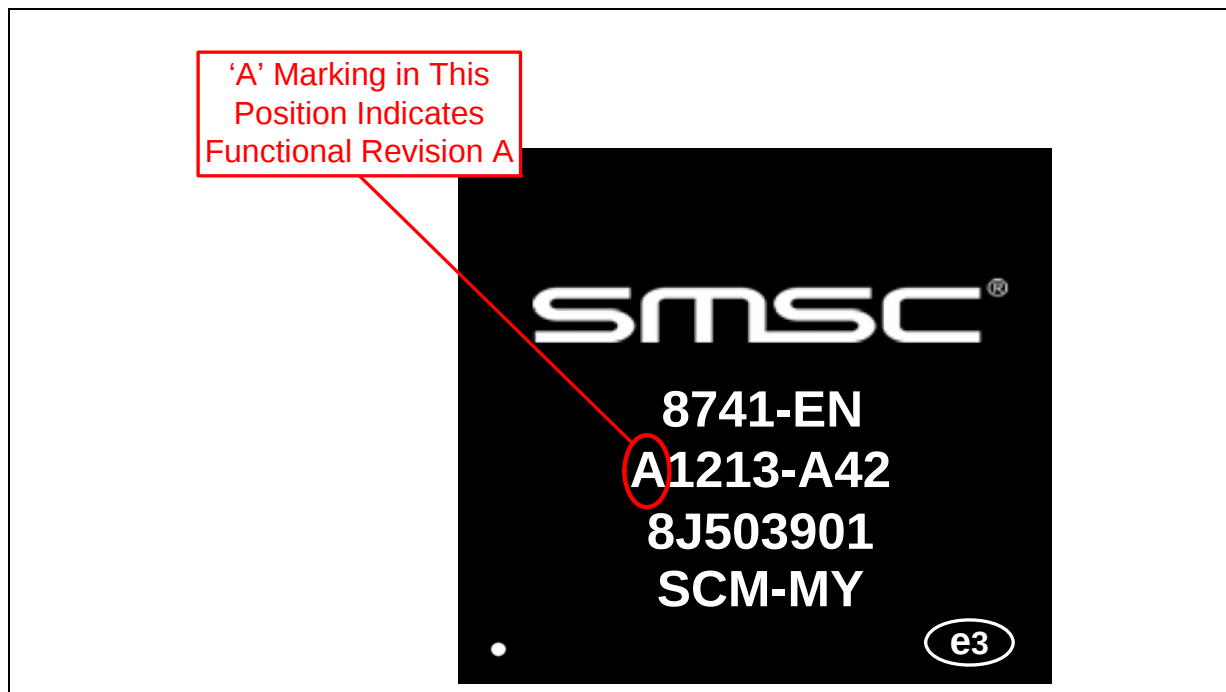
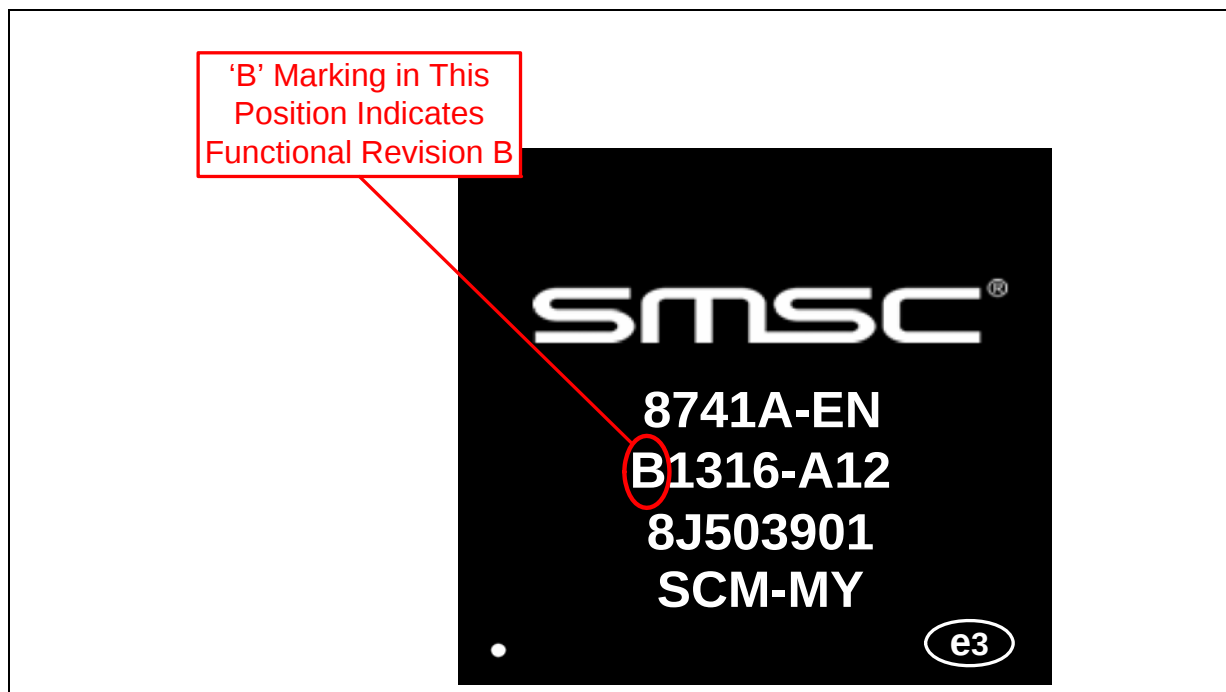


FIGURE 2: TOP MARKING FOR FUNCTIONAL REVISION B DEVICE



Note: Figure 1 and Figure 2 detail the top markings of example parts. Other than the highlighted revision marking, other top marking values may differ (manufacture date, lot codes, industrial temperature part, etc.)

Module 1: EEE Mode Link Failures with Cables Greater than 100m

DESCRIPTION

In EEE mode, the device may fail to link or drop link at cable lengths exceeding the IEEE 802.3 specification of 100 meters.

END USER IMPLICATIONS

When in EEE mode, the device may either fail to link or will drop link when using cable lengths greater than the IEEE 802.3 specification of 100 meters. This anomaly does not impact 10Mb or non-EEE operation.

Work around

When using EEE mode, limit cable length to 100 meters or less.

PLAN

This will not be addressed in a future revision of the device.

Module 2: EEE Mode Link Drops with BCM53125 Link Partner for Cables Less than 20m

DESCRIPTION

In EEE mode, the device may drop link when using a Broadcom BCM53125 link partner at cable lengths less than 20 meters.

END USER IMPLICATIONS

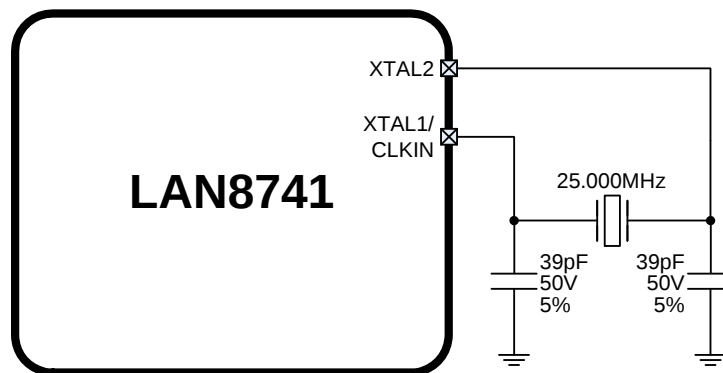
When using a Broadcom BCM53125 link partner in EEE mode, the device may drop link when using cable lengths less than 20 meters. The BCM53125 has exhibited a sensitivity to minute deviations in its link partner's transmit clock frequency during 100Mb EEE operation. This issue is exacerbated at short cable lengths. This anomaly does not impact 10Mb or non-EEE operation.

Work around

There are three methods to reduce the likelihood of occurrence:

1. Utilize an Ethernet cable length of greater than 20m.
2. Increase the load capacitors on the LAN8741A/LAN8741Ai external crystal circuit to 39pF and exercise best practices for board layout. Refer to [FIGURE 3](#): for an example external crystal circuit.

FIGURE 3: EXAMPLE EXTERNAL CRYSTAL CIRCUIT



3. Use a single-ended 25MHz clock source that meets the LAN8741A/LAN8741Ai specification requirements in lieu of a crystal.

PLAN

This will not be addressed in a future revision of the device.

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Module 3: EEE Mode Drops Link with Devices that Do Not Meet the Minimum IEEE 802.3az Transmit Wake Time Specification

DESCRIPTION

The LAN8741A/LAN8741Ai will not maintain link with devices that do not meet the minimum IEEE 802.3az transmit wake time specification.

END USER IMPLICATIONS

The device will drop link when entering EEE mode. This does not impact 10Mb or non-EEE operation.

Work around

The following sequence of PHY register writes may be used as a work-around:

Write PHY Register 0x00: 0x2100

Write PHY Register 0x14: 0x0000

Write PHY Register 0x14: 0x0000

Write PHY Register 0x14: 0x0000

Write PHY Register 0x14: 0x0400

Write PHY Register 0x14: 0x0000

Write PHY Register 0x14: 0x0400

Write PHY Register 0x17: 0x1002

Write PHY Register 0x14: 0x4C00

Write PHY Register 0x17: 0x18BC

Write PHY Register 0x14: 0x4C03

Write PHY Register 0x17: 0x017C

Write PHY Register 0x14: 0x4C04

Write PHY Register 0x17: 0x017C

Write PHY Register 0x14: 0x4C05

Write PHY Register 0x17: 0x017C

Write PHY Register 0x14: 0x4C06

Write PHY Register 0x17: 0x0610

Write PHY Register 0x14: 0x4C08

Write PHY Register 0x17: 0x0270

Write PHY Register 0x14: 0x4C07

Write PHY Register 0x17: 0x0088

Write PHY Register 0x14: 0x4C09

Write PHY Register 0x17: 0x66FF

Write PHY Register 0x14: 0x4C0A

Write PHY Register 0x00: 0x3100

This work-around does not impact interoperability with other IEEE 802.3az compliant devices.

PLAN

This anomaly has been fixed in functional revision B and newer devices.

Module 4: Cable Diagnostics Incorrectly Returns “Open” Cable Condition for Terminated Cable

DESCRIPTION

The TDR Control/Status register bits [10:9] (TDR Channel Cable Type) return 10b indicating an “Open” condition when the cable is properly terminated (connected to a link partner). For a properly terminated cable, this field should return 11b (Match condition).

END USER IMPLICATIONS

The TDR does not return 11b for a properly terminated cable. Short and Open conditions are detected and reported correctly. There are no functional implications associated with this anomaly.

Work around

The following sequence of PHY register writes may be used as a work-around:

Write PHY Register 0x18: 0x9B9D

Write PHY Register 0x0D: 0x001E

Write PHY Register 0x0E: 0x000B

Write PHY Register 0x0D: 0x401E

Write PHY Register 0x0E: 0x0249

Write PHY Register 0x0D: 0x001E

Write PHY Register 0x0E: 0x000C

Write PHY Register 0x0D: 0x401E

Write PHY Register 0x0E: 0x0132

PLAN

This anomaly has been fixed in functional revision B and newer devices.

Module 5: EEE Mode Link Drops with Realtek RTL8305N or RTL8309E Link Partners

DESCRIPTION

In 100Mb EEE mode, the device may infrequently drop link during continuous high-traffic operation when linked to the Realtek RTL8305N or RTL8309E devices.

END USER IMPLICATIONS

When using a Realtek RTL8305N or RTL8309E link partner in 100Mb EEE mode, the device may drop link during continuous high-traffic operation. It is unlikely that this behavior will create any user-visible interference to the operation of applications anticipated for the device. This anomaly does not impact 10Mb or non-EEE operation.

Work around

No solution is required.

PLAN

This will not be addressed in a future revision of the device.

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APPENDIX A: LAN8741A/LAN8741Ai DOCUMENT REVISION HISTORY

REVISION LEVEL AND DATE	DESCRIPTION
DS80000678A (12-3-15)	Rev A replaces the previous SMSC version Rev. 1.2
Rev. 1.2 (06-03-13)	Added functional revision B information.
	Added Section Module 5 :, "EEE Mode Link Drops with Realtek RTL8305N or RTL8309E Link Partners"
Rev. 1.1 (10-17-12)	Updated Section Module 4 :, "Cable Diagnostics Incorrectly Returns "Open" Cable Condition for Terminated Cable," on page 5 including solution information. Co-branded document with Microchip logo, modified legal disclaimer.
	Updated Section Module 3 :, "EEE Mode Drops Link with Devices that Do Not Meet the Minimum IEEE 802.3az Transmit Wake Time Specification," on page 4 solution information
	Updated Section Module 2 :, "EEE Mode Link Drops with BCM53125 Link Partner for Cables Less than 20m," on page 3 including end user implications and solution information
	Updated Section Module 1 :, "EEE Mode Link Failures with Cables Greater than 100m," on page 3
Rev. 1.0 (05-14-12)	Initial release

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