

KEELOQ[®] with XTEA Microcontroller-Based Code Hopping Encoder

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INTRODUCTION

This application note describes the design of a microcontroller-based KEELOQ[®] Hopping Encoder using the XTEA encryption algorithm. This encoder is implemented on the Microchip PIC16F636 microcontroller. A description of the encoding process, the encoding hardware and description of the software modules are included within this application note. The software was designed to emulate an HCS365 dual encoder. As it is, this design can be used to implement a secure system transmitter that will have the flexibility to be designed into various types of KEELOQ receiver/decoders.

BACKGROUND

XTEA stands for Tiny Encryption Algorithm Version 2. This encryption algorithm is an improvement over the original TEA algorithm. It was developed by David Wheeler and Roger Needham of the Cambridge Computer Laboratory. XTEA is practical both for its security and the small size of its algorithm.

XTEA security is achieved by the number of iterations it goes through. The implementation in this KEELOQ Hopping Decoder uses 32 iterations. If a higher level of security is needed, 64 iterations can be used.

For a more detailed description of the XTEA encryption algorithm please refer to AN953, "Data Encryption Routines for the PIC18".

TRANSMITTER OVERVIEW

As this is an emulation of the HCS365, the transmitter has the following key features:

Security:

- Two programmable 32-bit serial numbers
- Two programmable 128-bit encryption keys
- Two programmable 64-bit seed values
- Each transmitter is unique
- 104-bit transmission code length
- 64-bit hopping code

Operation:

- 2.0-5.5V operation
- Four button inputs
- 15 functions available
- Four selectable baud rates
- Selectable minimum code word completion
- Battery low signal transmitted to receiver
- Nonvolatile synchronization data
- PWM, VPWM, PPM, and Manchester modulation
- Button queue information transmitted
- Dual Encoder functionality

DUAL ENCODER OPERATION

This firmware contains two transmitter configurations with separate serial numbers, encoder keys, discrimination values, counters and seed values. This means that the transmitter can be used as two independent systems. The SHIFT(S3) input pin is used to select between encoder configurations. A low on this pin will select Encoder 1, and a high will select Encoder 2.

FUNCTIONAL INPUTS AND OUTPUTS

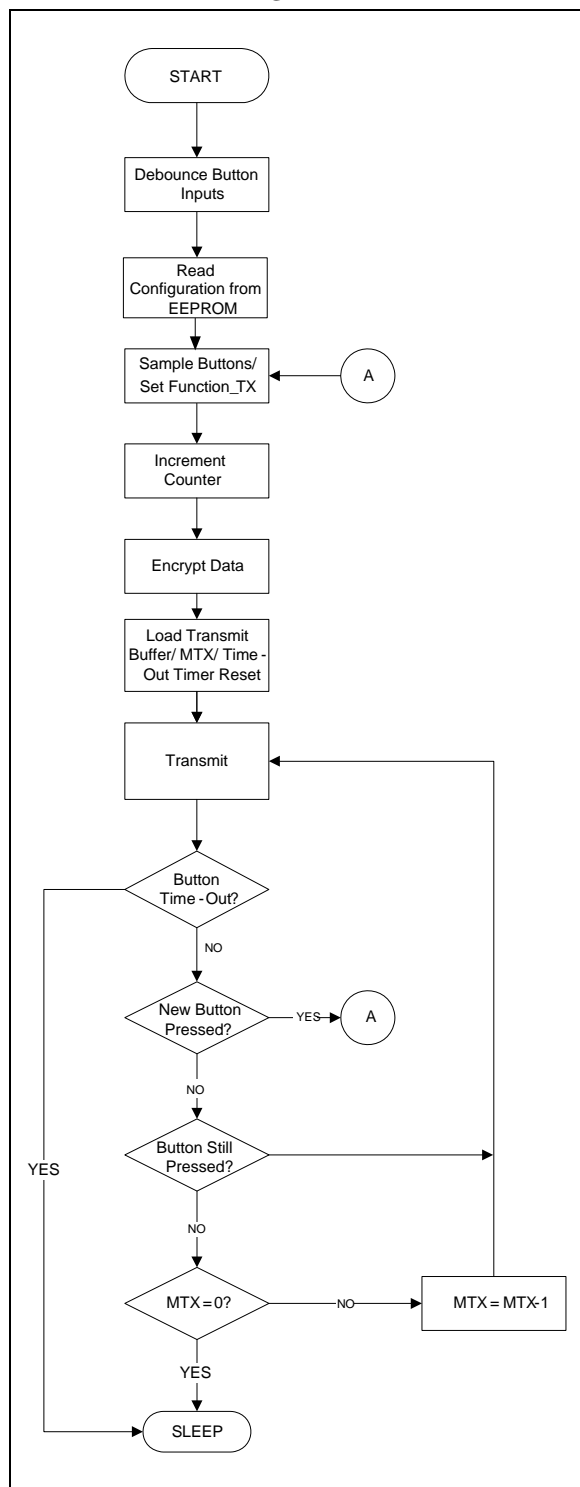
The software implementation makes use of the following pin designations:

TABLE 1: FUNCTIONAL INPUTS AND OUTPUTS

| Label | Pin Number | Input/Output | Function |
|--------|------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| S0 | 2 (RA5) | Input | Switch Input S0 |
| S1 | 3 (RA4) | Input | Switch input S1 |
| S2 | 4 (RA3) | Input | Switch Input S2 |
| S3 | 5 (RA2) | Input | Switch Input S3 |
| RF_OUT | 6 (RA1) | Output | Encoded transmitter signal output |
| LED | 7 (RA0) | Output | LED On/Off |

OPERATION FLOW DIAGRAM

FIGURE 1: OPERATION FLOW DIAGRAM



SAMPLE BUTTONS/WAKE-UP

Upon power-up, the transmitter verifies the state of the buttons inputs and determines if a button is pressed. If no button pressed is detected, the transmitter will go to Sleep mode. The transmitter will wake-up whenever a button is pressed. Wake-up is achieved by configuring the input port to generate an interrupt-on-change. After the wake event, the input buttons are debounced for 20 ms to make a determination on which buttons have been pressed. The button input values are then placed in the transmission buffer, in the appropriate section.

LOAD SYSTEM CONFIGURATION

After waking up and debouncing the input switches, the firmware will read the system Configuration bytes. These Configuration bytes will determine what data and modulation format will be for the transmission.

All the system Configuration bytes are stored in the EEPROM. Below is the EEPROM mapping for the PIC16F636 transmitter showing the configuration and data bits stored.

TABLE 2: EEPROM MAPPING FOR THE PIC16F636 TRANSMITTER

| Offset | Bits | | | | | | | | |
|--------|---|--------|--------|----------|----------|----------|---|---|----------|
| Bytes | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | MNEMONIC |
| 0x00 | Sync Counter, Byte 0, Transmitter 0, Copy A | | | | | | | | EE_CNT0A |
| 0x01 | Sync Counter, Byte 1, Transmitter 0, Copy A | | | | | | | | |
| 0x02 | Sync Counter, Byte 2, Transmitter 0, Copy A | | | | | | | | |
| 0x03 | Sync Counter, Byte 3, Transmitter 0, Copy A | | | | | | | | |
| 0x04 | Sync Counter, Byte 0, Transmitter 0, Copy B | | | | | | | | EE_CNT0B |
| 0x05 | Sync Counter, Byte 1, Transmitter 0, Copy B | | | | | | | | |
| 0x06 | Sync Counter, Byte 2, Transmitter 0, Copy B | | | | | | | | |
| 0x07 | Sync Counter, Byte 3, Transmitter 0, Copy B | | | | | | | | |
| 0x08 | Sync Counter, Byte 0, Transmitter 0, Copy C | | | | | | | | EE_CNT0C |
| 0x09 | Sync Counter, Byte 1, Transmitter 0, Copy C | | | | | | | | |
| 0x0A | Sync Counter, Byte 2, Transmitter 0, Copy C | | | | | | | | |
| 0x0B | Sync Counter, Byte 3, Transmitter 0, Copy C | | | | | | | | |
| 0x0C | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | |
| 0x0D | Sync Counter, Byte 0, Transmitter 1, Copy A | | | | | | | | EE_CNT1A |
| 0x0E | Sync Counter, Byte 1, Transmitter 1, Copy A | | | | | | | | |
| 0x0F | Sync Counter, Byte 2, Transmitter 1, Copy A | | | | | | | | |
| 0x10 | Sync Counter, Byte 3, Transmitter 1, Copy A | | | | | | | | |
| 0x11 | Sync Counter, Byte 0, Transmitter 1, Copy B | | | | | | | | EE_CNT1B |
| 0x12 | Sync Counter, Byte 1, Transmitter 1, Copy B | | | | | | | | |
| 0x13 | Sync Counter, Byte 2, Transmitter 1, Copy B | | | | | | | | |
| 0x14 | Sync Counter, Byte 3, Transmitter 1, Copy B | | | | | | | | |
| 0x15 | Sync Counter, Byte 0, Transmitter 1, Copy C | | | | | | | | EE_CNT1C |
| 0x16 | Sync Counter, Byte 1, Transmitter 1, Copy C | | | | | | | | |
| 0x17 | Sync Counter, Byte 2, Transmitter 1, Copy C | | | | | | | | |
| 0x18 | Sync Counter, Byte 3, Transmitter 1, Copy C | | | | | | | | |
| 0x19 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | |
| 0x1A | Serial Number, Byte 0, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | EE_SER |
| 0x1B | Serial Number, Byte 1, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x1C | Serial Number, Byte 2, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x1D | Serial Number, Byte 3, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x1E | Seed Value, Byte 0, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | EE_SEED |
| 0x1F | Seed Value, Byte 1, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x20 | Seed Value, Byte 2, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x21 | Seed Value, Byte 3, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x22 | Seed Value, Byte 4, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x23 | Seed Value, Byte 5, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x24 | Seed Value, Byte 6, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x25 | Seed Value, Byte 7, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x26 | STRTSEL_0 | QUEN_0 | XSER_0 | HEADER_0 | TMOD_0:1 | TMOD_0:0 | | | TX0_CFG0 |
| 0x27 | User Value, Byte 0, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | EE_DISC |
| 0x28 | User Value, Byte 1, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x29 | User Value, Byte 2, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x2A | User Value, Byte 3, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x2B | Encryption Key, Byte 0, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | EE_KEY |
| 0x2C | Encryption Key, Byte 1, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x2D | Encryption Key, Byte 2, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |

TABLE 2: EEPROM MAPPING FOR THE PIC16F636 TRANSMITTER (CONTINUED)

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------|--|---------|--------|----------|----------|----------|--------|-----------|----------|
| 0x2E | Encryption Key, Byte 3, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x2F | Encryption Key, Byte 4, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x30 | Encryption Key, Byte 5, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x31 | Encryption Key, Byte 6, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x32 | Encryption Key, Byte 7, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x33 | Encryption Key, Byte 8, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x34 | Encryption Key, Byte 9, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x35 | Encryption Key, Byte 10, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x36 | Encryption Key, Byte 11, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x37 | Encryption Key, Byte 12, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x38 | Encryption Key, Byte 13, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x39 | Encryption Key, Byte 14, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x3A | Encryption Key, Byte 15, Transmitter 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x3B | Serial Number, Byte 0, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | B_EE_SER | |
| 0x3C | Serial Number, Byte 1, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x3D | Serial Number, Byte 2, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x3E | Serial Number, Byte 3, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x3F | Seed Value, Byte 0, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | B_EE_SEED | |
| 0x40 | Seed Value, Byte 1, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x41 | Seed Value, Byte 2, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x42 | Seed Value, Byte 3, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x43 | Seed Value, Byte 4, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x44 | Seed Value, Byte 5, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x45 | Seed Value, Byte 6, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x46 | Seed Value, Byte 7, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x47 | STRTSEL_1 | QUEN_1 | XSER_1 | HEADER_1 | TMOD_1:1 | TMOD_1:0 | | TX1_CFG1 | |
| 0x48 | User Value, Byte 0, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | B_EE_DISC | |
| 0x49 | User Value, Byte 1, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x4A | User Value, Byte 2, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x4B | User Value, Byte 3, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x4C | Encryption Key, Byte 0, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | B_EE_KEY | |
| 0x4D | Encryption Key, Byte 1, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x4E | Encryption Key, Byte 2, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x4F | Encryption Key, Byte 3, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x50 | Encryption Key, Byte 4, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x51 | Encryption Key, Byte 5, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x52 | Encryption Key, Byte 6, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x53 | Encryption Key, Byte 7, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x54 | Encryption Key, Byte 8, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x55 | Encryption Key, Byte 9, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x56 | Encryption Key, Byte 10, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x57 | Encryption Key, Byte 11, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x58 | Encryption Key, Byte 12, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x59 | Encryption Key, Byte 13, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x5A | Encryption Key, Byte 14, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x5B | Encryption Key, Byte 15, Transmitter 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0x5C | GSEL_0 | | BSEL_0 | | SDTM_0 | | SDMD_0 | SDLM_0 | TX0_CFG1 |
| 0x5D | LEDOS_1 | LEDBL_1 | TSEL | | RFENO | INDESEL | MTX | | SYSCFG1 |
| 0x5E | GSEL_1 | | BSEL_1 | | SDTM_1 | | SDMD_1 | SDLM_1 | TX1_CFG1 |
| 0x5F | LEDOS_0 | LEDBL_0 | PLLSEL | VLOWSEL | VLOWL | CNTSEL | WAKE | | SYSCFG0 |

CONFIGURATION WORDS DESCRIPTION

TABLE 3: TX0_CFG0 (FOR TRANSMITTER 0, FOR TRANSMITTER 1 USE TX1_CFG0)

| BIT | Field | Description | Values |
|-----|----------|------------------------------------|--|
| 0 | Not used | — | — |
| 1 | Not used | | |
| 2 | TMOD:0 | Transmission Modulation Format | 00 = PWM 01 = Manchester 10 = VPWM 11 = PPM |
| 3 | TMOD:1 | | |
| 4 | HEADER | Time Length of Transmission Header | 0 = 4*Te 1 = 10*Te |
| 6 | QUEN | Queue Counter Enable | 0 = Disable 1 = Enable |
| 7 | STRTSEL | Start/Stop Pulse Enable | 0 = Disable 1 = Enable |

TABLE 4: TX0_CFG1 (FOR TRANSMITTER 0, FOR TRANSMITTER 1 USE TX1_CFG1)

| BIT | Field | Description | Values |
|-----|------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 0 | SDLM | Limited Seed Enable | 0 = Disable 1 = Enable |
| 1 | SDMD | Seed Mode | 0 = User 1 = Production |
| 2 | SDTM <3:2> | Time Before Seed Code Word | 00 = 0.0 sec 01 = 0.8 sec 10 = 1.6 sec 11 = 3.2 sec |
| 3 | | | |
| 4 | BSEL <5:4> | Transmission Baud Rate Select | 00 = 100 μ s 01 = 200 μ s 10 = 400 μ s 11 = 800 μ s |
| 5 | | | |
| 6 | GSEL <7:6> | Guard Time Select | 00 = 0.0 ms 01 = 6.4 ms 10 = 51.2 ms 11 = 102.4 ms |
| 7 | | | |

TABLE 5: SYSCFG0

| BIT | Field | Description | Values |
|-----|------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 0 | WAKE <1:0> | Wake-up | 00 = No wake-up 01 = 75ms 50% 10 = 50ms 33% 11 = 100ms 16.6% |
| 1 | | | |
| 3 | VLOWL | Low-Voltage Latch Enable | 0 = Disable 1 = Enable |
| 4 | VLOWSEL | Transmission Baud Rate Select | 0 = 2.2V 1 = 3.2V |
| 5 | PLLSEL | PLL interface Select | 0 = ASK 1 = FSK |
| 6 | LEDBL_0 | Low-Voltage LED Blink | 0 = Continuous 1 = Once |
| 7 | LEDOS_0 | LED On Time Select | 0 = 50 ms 1 = 100 ms |

TABLE 6: SYSCFG1

| BIT | Field | Description | Values |
|-----|-----------|-------------------------|--|
| 0 | MTX <1:0> | Maximum Code Words | 00 = 1 01 = 2 10 = 4 11 = 8 |
| 1 | | | |
| 2 | INDESEL | Dual Encoder Enable | 0 = Disable 1 = Enable |
| 3 | RFEN0 | RF Enable Output Select | 0 = Disable 1 = Enable |
| 4 | TSEL | Time-out Select | 00 = Disabled 01 = 0.8 sec 10 = 3.2 sec 11 = 25.6 sec |
| 5 | | | |
| 6 | LEDBL_1 | Low-Voltage LED Blink | 0 = Continuous 1 = Once |
| 7 | LEDOS_1 | LED On Time Select | 0 = 50 ms 1 = 100 ms |

EE_SER AND B_EE_SER

These locations store the 4 bytes of the 32-bit serial number for transmitter 1 and transmitter 2. There are 32 bits allocated for the serial number and the serial number is meant to be unique for every transmitter.

EE_SEED AND B_EE_SEED

This is the 64-bit seed code that will be transmitted when seed transmission is selected. EE_SEED for transmitter 0 and B_EE_SEED for transmitter 1. This allows for the implementation of the secure learning scheme.

EE_KEY AND B_EE_KEY 128-BIT ENCRYPTION KEY)

The 128-bit encryption key is used by the transmitter to create the encrypted message transmitted to the receiver. This key is created using a key generation algorithm. The inputs to the key generation algorithm are the secret manufacturer's code, the serial number, and/or the SEED value. The user may elect to use the algorithm supplied by Microchip or to create their own method of key generation.

COUNTER-CODE DESCRIPTION

The following addresses save the counter checksum values. The counter value is stored in the Counter locations (COUNTA, COUNTB, COUNTC described on the EEPROM table. This code is contained in module CounterCode.inc.

BUTTON PRESS DURING TRANSMIT

If the device is in the process of transmitting and detects that a new button is pressed, the current transmission will be aborted, a new code word will be generated based on the new button information and transmitted. If all the buttons are released, a minimum number of code words will be completed. If the time for transmitting the minimum code words is longer than the time-out time, or the button is pressed for that long, the device will time-out.

CODE TRANSMISSION FORMAT

The following is the data stream format transmitted (Table 7):

TABLE 7: KEELOQ®/XTEA PACKET FORMAT:

| Plaintext (40 bits) | | | | Encrypted (64 bits) | | |
|---------------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| CRC (2 bits) | VLOW (1 bit) | Function Code (4 bits) | Serial Number (32 bits) | Function Code (8 bits) | User (24 bits) | Counter (32 bits) |

Data transmitted LSb first

A KEELOQ/XTEA transmission consists of 64 bits of hopping code data, 36 bits of fixed code data and 3 bits of status information.

HOPPING CODE PORTION

The hopping code portion is calculated by encrypting the counter, discrimination value, and function code with the Encoder Key (KEY). A new hopping code is calculated every time a button press is pressed.

The discrimination value can be programmed with any fixed value to serve as a post decryption check on the receiver end.

FIXED CODE PORTION

The 40 bits of fixed consist of 32 bits of serial number and four bits of the 8-bit function code.

Each code word contains a preamble, header and data, and is separated from another code by guard time. The Guard Time Select (GSEL) configuration option can select a time period of 0ms, 6.4ms, 51.2ms or 102.4ms.

All other timing specifications are based on the timing element (T_e). This T_e can be set to 100 μ s, 200 μ s, 400 μ s or 800 μ s with the Baud Rate Select (BSEL) configuration. The calibration header time can be set to 4* T_e or 10* T_e with the Header Select (HEADER) configuration option.

The firmware has four different transmission modulation formats available. The Modulation select (TMOD) Configuration Option is used to select between:

- Pulse-Width Modulation (PWM) – Figure 2
- Manchester (MAN) – Figure 3
- Variable Pulse-Width Modulation (VPWM) – Figure 4
- Pulse Position Modulation (PPM) – Figure 5

FIGURE 2: PULSE-WIDTH MODULATION (PWM)

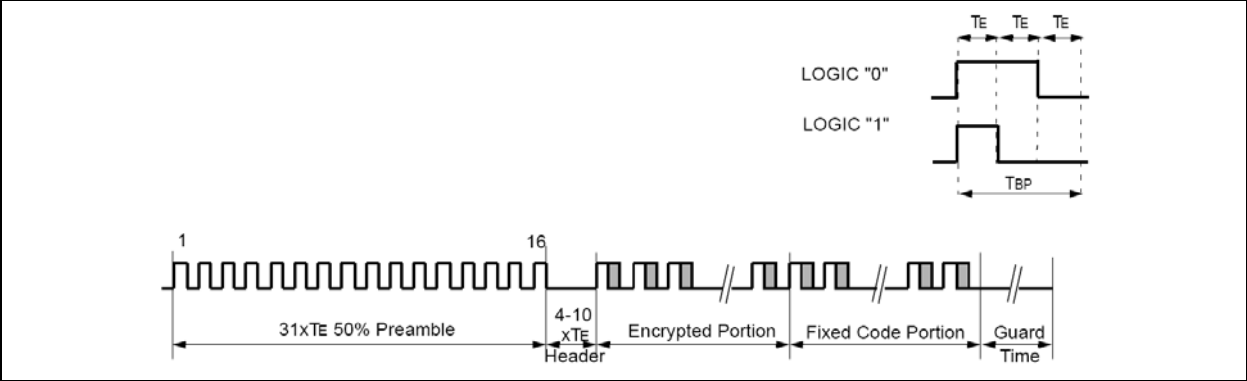


FIGURE 3: MANCHESTER (MAN)

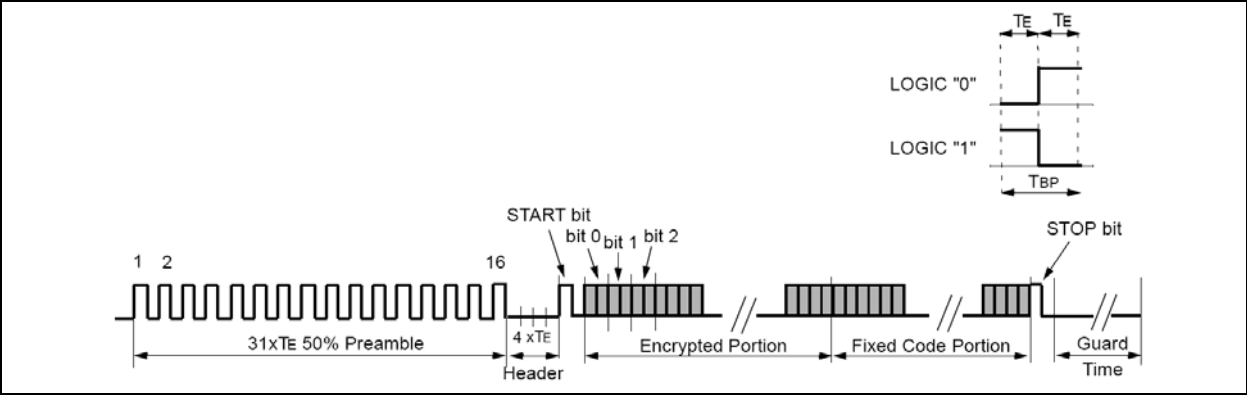


FIGURE 4: VARIABLE PULSE-WIDTH MODULATION (VPWM)

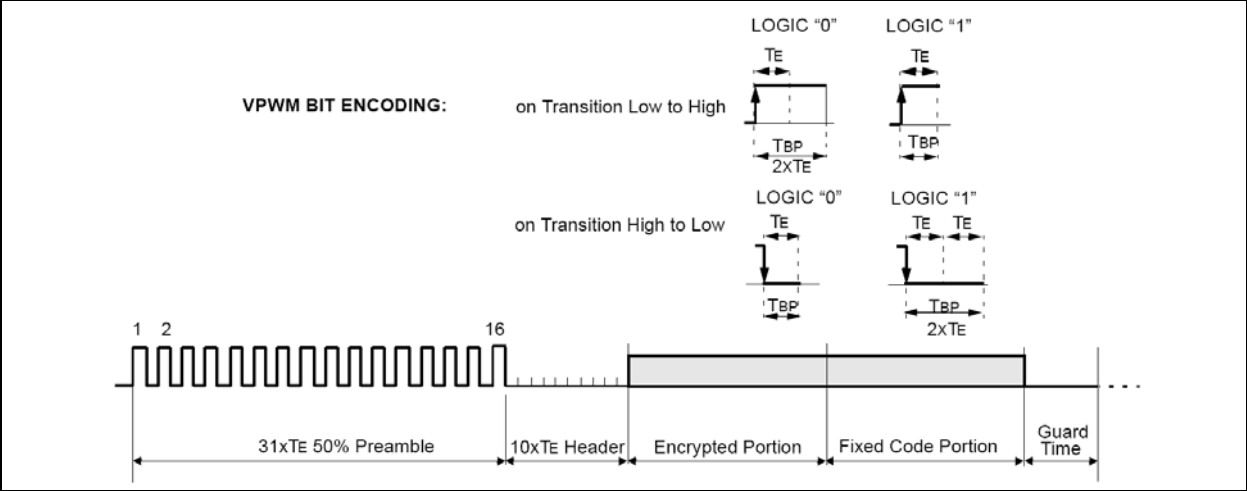
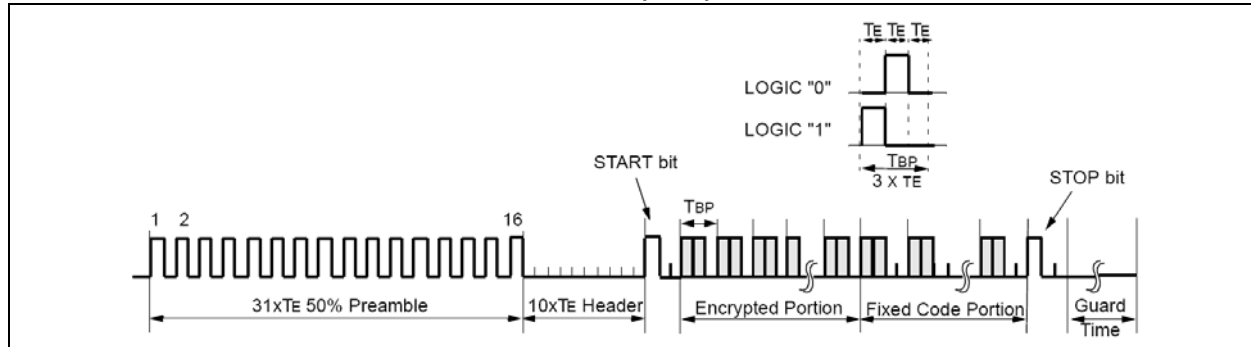


FIGURE 5: PULSE POSITION MODULATION (PPM)

If the Start/Stop Pulse Enable (STEN) configuration option is enabled, the software will place a leading and trailing '1' on each code word. This bit is necessary for modulation formats such as Manchester and PPM to interpret the first and last data bit.

A receiver wake-up sequence can be transmitted before the transmission starts. The wake-up sequence is configured with the Wake-up (WAKE) configuration option and can be disabled or set to 50 ms, 75 ms, or 100 ms of pulses of T_e width.

FIRMWARE MODULES

The following files make up the KEELQ transmitter firmware:

- `XTEA_KLQ_16F636.asm`: this file contains the main loop routine as well as the wake-up, debounce, read configuration, load transmit buffer and transmit routines.
- `XTEA_Encrypt.inc`: this file runs the XTEA encryption algorithm.
- `XTEA_eeprom.inc`: this file contains the EEPROM data as specified on the EEPROM data map.
- `CounterCode.inc`: Calculates the checksums and confirms the validity of the counter.

Because of statutory export license restrictions on encryption software, the source code listings for the XTEA algorithms are not provided here.

These applications may be ordered from Microchip Technology Inc. through its sales offices, or through the corporate web site: www.microchip.com.

CONCLUSION

This KEELQ/XTEA transmitter firmware has all the features of a standard hardware encoder. What makes this firmware implementation useful is that it gives the designer the power and flexibility of modifying the encoding and/or transmission formats and parameters to suit their security system.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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