

# ARM PrimeCell AMBA 3 HP Matrix (PL301) Errata Notice

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# Introduction

### Scope

This document describes errata categorised by level of severity. Each description includes:

- the current status of the defect
- where the implementation deviates from the specification and the conditions under which erroneous behavior occurs
- the implications of the erratum with respect to typical applications
- the application and limitations of a 'work-around' where possible

### **Categorisation of Errata**

Errata recorded in this document are split into three levels of severity:

- Category 1 Behavior that is impossible to work around and that severely restricts the use of the product in all, or the majority of applications, rendering the device unusable.
- Category 2 Behavior that contravenes the specified behavior and that might limit or severely impair the intended use of specified features, but does not render the product unusable in all or the majority of applications.
- Category 3 Behavior that was not the originally intended behavior but should not cause any problems in applications.

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48 New	561818	Cat 3	Incorrect stimulus addresses generated for APB configuration port
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32	Updated	422422	Cat 3	RTL uses undefined macros	
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16	New	404614	Cat 3	HxUSER signals not registered by the optimised AHB to AXI bridge
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14	New	393332	Cat 2	Expander read re-order depth can be exceeded
15	New	395354	Cat 2	Possible deadlock condition with axibm core, ahb bridges and expander

# **Errata Summary Table**

The errata associated with this product affect product versions as below.

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ID	Cat	Summary of Erratum	_				-
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720607	Doc	DDI0397E HPM (PL301) r1p2 TRM - TRM description of write issuing capability does not match RTL behaviour in all cases					X
393332	Cat 2	Expander read re-order depth can be exceeded	Χ				
395354	Cat 2	Possible deadlock condition with AHB bridges and downsizers	X				
404614	Cat 2	HxUSER signals not registered by the optimised AHB to AXI bridge		X	X	X	X
414732	Cat 2	Unlocking write issue when using the optimised AHB to AXI bridge		X			
415042	Cat 2	DownsizerAxi (4 to1) RRESP generation incorrect		Х			
419842	Cat 2	AxiToAhbSWrapper generates EXOKAY		Х			
456568	Cat 2	Transaction counter underflow when B handshake precedes AW handshake		X	Х	Х	X
460061	Cat 2	Slave interfaces being starved when master interface write FIFO fills up			X	Х	
460064	Cat 2	Unsynthesizable Verilog			Х	Х	
466785	Cat 2	Undriven inputs in configurations with a single slave interface and no ID bits			X	Х	
510518	Cat 2	RegdSyncUpAxi bridge deadlocks if first transaction arrives before the first CLKEN		X	X	X	Х
577318	Cat 2	Single slave per ID + single active write settings on a slave interface cause the read channel to lock up					X
690568	Cat 2	QoS becomes active later than expected			X	Х	Х
722106	Cat 2	Slave interface transaction tracking logic can malfunction when attempting to exceed write acceptance capability					X
723115	Cat 2	WLAST before AW handshake on a single_active_slave interface deadlocks					X

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			r0p0-00re10	r1p0-00rel0	r1p1-00rel0	r1p1-00rel1	r1p2-00rel0
404615	Cat 3	Formality may report spurious warnings when optimised AHB to AXI bridge is used		X	Х	Х	
421416	Cat 3	Master interfaces with AHB protocol and 0 USER bits may give synthesis warnings		X	Х	Х	
422422	Cat 3	RTL uses undefined macros		Х			
422820	Cat 3	AXI-AHB bridge IDLE address unaligned		Χ	Χ	Χ	
423021	Cat 3	RTL generation issue when a Slave I/F sees the full 32-bit address range		X			
424365	Cat 3	Combinatorial path from RID/BID to RREADY/BREADY		Х	Х	Х	Χ
430627	Cat 3	QoS permanently active in some master interfaces	X	Χ			
436785	Cat 3	IP-XACT description issues with signal directions and naming		X			
446839	Cat 3	AHB-Lite-Slave master interfaces cannot meet out-of-box timing		X			
446841	Cat 3	Configurations with 32 slave interfaces give Verilog compile warnings			X	X	
447585	Cat 3	Incorrect OVL assertions in axibm_decode_scheme_ <design>.v for certain configurations</design>		X			
449412	Cat 3	Incorrect timing constraints on interfaces with unregistered Expander or Downsizer			X	Х	
450012	Cat 3	Missing -library option for set_driving_cell statement			Χ	Х	
471415	Cat 3	Inconsistency between documentation and RTL for arbitration programming through APB configuration port			X	X	
481763	Cat 3	IP-XACT description does not match v1.2 bus definitions			Х		
493515	Cat 3	Multiple instances connected in some mesh arrangements can deadlock	X	Х	Х	Х	Х
561818	Cat 3	Incorrect stimulus addresses generated for APB configuration port					X
570866	Cat 3	Slave interface arbiter priorities changed between releases, resulting in extra latency					Х
587269	Cat 3	IP-XACT XSL errors cause AMBA Designer stitch failures					Х

ID	Cat	Summary of Erratum					
			r0p0-00re10	r1p0-00rel0	r1p1-00rel0	r1p1-00rel1	r1p2-00rel0
671217	Cat 3	Pin specification in timing constraint exceptions does not capture all pins					Х
701718	Cat 3	Automatic exceptions not rendered correctly when a sync down bridge is found between the core interconnect and a slave					X

# Errata - Category 1

There are no Errata in this Category

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# Errata - Category 2

### 393332: Expander read re-order depth can be exceeded

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix.

Fault status: Cat 2, Present in: r0p0-00rel0, Fixed in r1p0-00rel0.

### **Description**

When PL301 is configured to use the ExpanderAxi on either the Master or Slave interface the "read data reorder depth" of the Expander Master interface could be exceeded.

Under certain combinations of AXI transaction this can lead to deadlock in the interconnect.

### **Implications**

The interconnect can be deadlocked.

### Workaround

When the expander is instantiated on the Slave Interface of the axi\_bm\_core, set the SlaveInterface read\_acceptance\_capability parameter to 2. This corresponds to setting the read\_issuing\_capability of the Master Params component in AMBA Designer to 2.

If the expander is instantiated on the Master Interface, there is no safe workaround, therefore it is recommended that the expander is NOT used on the Master Interface. The user can ensure that the expander is not instantiated on the MasterInterface by ensuring that PL301 is configured so that the MasterInterface data\_width is less than or equal to the routing\_data\_width.

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### 395354: Possible deadlock condition with AHB bridges and downsizers

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix.

Fault status: Cat 2, Present in: r0p0-00rel0, Fixed in r1p0-00rel0.

### **Description**

A possible deadlock condition exists for any PL301 interconnect configuration that has: -

[1] a routing width of 32

[2] a slave interface with AHB protocol, data\_width of 64 and register\_io of 0

[3] a master interface with AHB protocol

This implies the following sequence of Interconnect Components: -

AhbToAxi Bridge: DownsizerAxi ... AXI Bus Matrix ... AxiToAhb Bridge

If the AHB master attached to this slave interface attempts a SIZE64 write transaction to the AHB master interface that requires more than one transaction in the 32-bit domain (e.g. AWLEN of 15) it will deadlock.

The deadlock occurs because of a circular dependency between the 3 interconnect components: -

- \* the AhbToAxi bridge waits for an AXI address handshake before progressing the AHB data transfers of the transaction
- \* the DownsizerAxi cannot handshake this address until all the outgoing addresses have been handshaked.
- \* the AxiToAhb bridge accepts the first address but cannot accept any more addresses until the transaction of the first address completes.
- \* this transaction cannot complete because the AHB data transfers are stalled waiting for the address handshake that cannot happen until it completes.

### **Implications**

The interconnect can be deadlocked

### Workaround

Set the register\_io for the AHB slave interface to 2. This will cause a register slice to be inserted after the AhbToAxi bridge, decoupling it from the DownsizerAxi and breaking the deadlock loop. It is important that the value is 2 rather than 1, as only a value of 2 will ensure a register slice is instantiated in the correct location to break the deadlock.

As this register is not necessarily required to achieve timing closure with the design, in some design flows a tool could automatically remove it. If your synthesis process or post-synthesis flow could remove this register in any manner you must ensure that is does not do so.

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### 404614: HxUSER signals not registered by the optimised AHB to AXI bridge

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix.

Fault status: Cat 2, Present in: r1p0-00rel0,r1p1-00rel0,r1p1-00rel1,r1p2-00rel0, Open.

### **Description**

The **HAUSER**, **HWUSER** and **HRUSER** signals are not registered by the AHB-Lite to AXI bridge optimised for memory and so their stability during the AXI transactions from the master interface of the bridge is not ensured. As the AHB master connected to the AHB slave interface cannot determine the state of the AXI interface from the state of the AHB interface, it is not possible to ensure that the AXI **xUSER** signals are held stable or change at the correct times by enforcing behaviour of the **HxUSER** signals.

### **Implications**

As a result the **HxUSER** signals should not be used. The signals remain on the interface when a memory optimised bridge is instantiated by the configuration, but the signals should be tied to a constant value in the case of inputs and left unconnected in the case of outputs.

### Workaround

There is no workaround for this issue. The **HxUSER** signals should not be used on any interface for which the AHB-Lite to AXI bridge optimised for memory is selected.

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### 414732: Unlocking write issue when using the optimised AHB to AXI bridge

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix.

Fault status: Cat 2, Present in: r1p0-00rel0, Fixed in r1p1-00rel0.

### **Description**

This defect relates to a slave interface that has been configured to use the AHB-lite to AXI bridge optimised for memory controllers. This is the case when AMBA Designer is used to configure the <code>interface\_protocol</code> parameter for the master parameters configuration component to be <code>ahb\_lite\_mem</code>.

An unlocking transfer can be missed if the following sequence occurs:

- 1) A locked sequence to the bridge
- 2) One or more unlocked transfers to another slave
- 3) An individual locked transfer to the bridge (preceded by zero or more locked idles)

If the non-sequential address of the individual locked transfer (point 3) is received before the unlocking AXI transaction from the first sequence has completed, the unlocking transaction for the second sequence can be missed leaving the interconnect locked. If the interconnect is left locked, accesses to the locked slave from other masters may wait indefinitely.

### **Implications**

The defect may lead to the interconnect not being unlocked at the end of the AHB locked sequence. This would prevent other masters from accessing the 'locked' slave and could result in deadlock.

### Workaround

This problem can be avoided by not using locked transfers in situations where the bridge can be deselected.

The problem will only arise if a master (or arbiter) allows individual locked transfers to occur to the bridge.

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### 415042: DownsizerAxi (4 to1) RRESP generation incorrect

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix.

Fault status: Cat 2, Present in: r1p0-00rel0, Fixed in r1p1-00rel0.

### **Description**

This defect relates to the generation of the RRESP on the slave interface when downsizing 128-bit or 64-bit READ transactions. When downsizing, multiple read data transfers on the master interface are combined to generate one read data transfer on the slave interface. The RRESPs of the multiple transfers on the master interface are collated to determine the RRESP on the slave interface.

In a sequence of read data transfers, this collation of RRESPs is failing once a SLVERR or DECERR has been received from the slave. The failure results in RESPs on the slave interface which should be OKAY being reported as SLVERR or DECERR. The defect only affects responses to transfers within the same originating transaction.

### **Implications**

This defect will result in the Downsizer indicating to a master that the result of a READ transaction has not completed successfully (RRESP is DECERR or SLVERR), when in fact the READ was completed successfully (RESP is OKAY).

#### Workaround

None known at this time other than to prevent the slave from issuing DECERR or SLVERR RESPs.

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419842: AxiToAhbSWrapper generates EXOKAY

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix.

Fault status: Cat 2, Present in: r1p0-00rel0, Fixed in r1p1-00rel0.

### **Description**

This defect can cause an incorrect response to be given to an attempted exclusive access to an AHB slave. Non-exclusive and LOCKed transactions are unaffected.

The AXI-to-AHB bridges which provide access to AHB slaves do not include exclusive access monitor functionality, so cannot correctly report whether exclusivity has been maintained.

If an exclusive access is attempted through one of these bridges, the exclusivity will be ignored and the transaction performed on the AHB side of the bridge as the documentation correctly states. If the slave reports an error, this will be correctly turned into a 'SLVERR' response. If the slave reports that the transaction completed successfully then an 'EXOKAY' response will be returned by the AXI side of the bridge. This is incorrect as the exclusivity was not checked, and the 'OKAY' response should have been generated.

The 'EXOKAY' response may be correct, as exclusivity may, in fact, have been maintained, but this cannot be guaranteed.

### **Implications**

This defect could cause software to behave incorrectly if its behaviour depends on using the response values for exclusive accesses to memory areas located on AHB slaves.

### Workaround

Avoid the use of exclusive accesses to AHB slaves. LOCKed accesses should be used where exclusivity is required.

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### 456568: Transaction counter underflow when B handshake precedes AW handshake

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix.

Fault status: Cat 2, Present in: r1p0-00rel0,r1p1-00rel0,r1p1-00rel1,r1p2-00rel0, Open.

### **Description**

The AXI specification requires that, within a given transaction, all W channel transfers be completed before the B channel transfer occurs. It does not require, however, that the AW channel transfer has occurred before the B channel transfer. If the B channel handshake occurs before the AW channel handshake, a transaction counter underflow can occur and incorrect behaviour will result. PL301 prevents any W channel transfers, and hence the B channel handshake before the AW channel is VALID, but the B channel handshake can still occur before the AW channel handshake.

### **Implications**

If the AW channel handshake for a transaction does not occur before the B channel handshake, transaction counters in the master interface can underflow causing incorrect operation that would require a reset to correct.

### Workaround

Ensure that an AW channel handshake occurs before a B channel handshake for each transaction. This can be achieved by specifying a register slice on the AW channel of master interfaces that could be affected. The register slice must ensure that the handshake occurs on the PL301 side before a VALID can occur on the slave side to enforce this, so a full register slice or a forward register slice (if available in the version of PL301 being used). If a register slice is not acceptable then slaves must be designed to ensure they do not do exhibit this behaviour.

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### 460061: Slave interfaces being starved when master interface write FIFO fills up

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix.

Fault status: Cat 2, Present in: r1p1-00rel0,r1p1-00rel1, Fixed in r1p2-00rel0.

### **Description**

When the write issuing capability of a master interface is reached, no further transactions are issued, but the arbitration state update mechanism does not account for this and continues to update.

### **Implications**

If a master interface reaches its write issuing capability limit, the arbitration state may continue updating so it will not be possible to predict the arbitration decision for the next transaction that is allowed to proceed. Under certain circumstances, if the arbitration state updates a number of times and returns to the state that granted the last time a transaction was allowed to proceed it could result in starvation of access for one or more masters.

### Workaround

Increasing the write issuing capability of the master interface will require more outstanding transactions before the tracking structure fills, which increases the number of outstanding transactions required before this issue can occur. If the write issuing capability is set to one greater than the write acceptance capability of the slave interface that is connected to it then it can never occur. This will incur a small additional area and possibly a small timing penalty.

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### 460064: Unsynthesizable Verilog

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix.

Fault status: Cat 2, Present in: r1p1-00rel0,r1p1-00rel1, Fixed in r1p2-00rel0.

### **Description**

When a master interface with the fixed round-robin arbiter is sparsely connected to only a single slave interface in a system that has multiple slave interfaces, incorrect Verilog is generated.

### **Implications**

Configurations with the specified property may either fail to simulate, simulate incorrectly, or fail to synthesize.

### Workaround

Use of a programmable least-recently-granted arbiter mechanism on the affected interface will prevent this problem. It may be replaced by a simulator warning regarding use of a zero length replication multiplier (warning of a Verilog construct like:  $\{0\{1 \mid b0\}\}$ ), depending on the version of simulator being used.

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### 466785: Undriven inputs in configurations with a single slave interface and no ID bits

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix.

Fault status: Cat 2, Present in: r1p1-00rel0,r1p1-00rel1, Fixed in r1p2-00rel0.

### **Description**

When an interconnect is specified with a single slave interface which has zero ID bits some signals are undriven.

### **Implications**

The RTL will not behave correctly in simulation and should not be synthesised.

### Workaround

Specify that the slave interface has a single ID bit and tie off input pins that are created as a result. If the pins are tied off, the synthesis process should optimise them away and no additional logic should result.

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# 510518: RegdSyncUpAxi bridge deadlocks if first transaction arrives before the first CLKEN

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix.

Fault status: Cat 2, Present in: r1p0-00rel0,r1p1-00rel0,r1p1-00rel1,r1p2-00rel0, Open.

### **Description**

The SyncUpRegd module, which is instantiated in the RegdSyncUpAxi bridge can deadlock if its ACLKEN input is not being generated when a transaction arrives at the slow side of the module (specifically on the slave interface of the AW, W and AR channels).

This could occur for instance if an automatic ACLKEN generator is being used that stabilises a number of slow clock cycles after exiting the reset state and only generates an ACLKEN signal after stabilisation.

The RegdSyncDnAxi bridge also contains this module, but the affected channels are in the reverse direction (B and R) and in order for these channels to be making transfers, there must previously have been transfers on the AW or AR channels, which which would themselves have required ACLKEN to have been active. Therefore this defect will not affect the RegdSyncDnAxi bridge despite it using the affected sub-component.

### **Implications**

If the ACLKEN is not being generated before the first transfer is requested on the AW, W or AR channels, then that channel will deadlock. A reset would be required to restore functionality.

### Workaround

Ensure that either ACLKEN is generated before leaving the reset state or that transactions are not presented until the ACLKEN is being generated.

The latter requirement may be enforced by implementing a gating signal which does not allow transactions to pass until a negative edge of the ACLKEN signal has occurred. This gating signal is logically ANDed with the VALID and READY signal of the three affected AXI channels (AW, W and AR) and the output of that function used instead of the bare VALID or READY signal.

The gating signal is derived from the behaviour of the ACLKEN signal, which is generated in the fast clock domain, and is used in the slow clock domain. In order to satisfy the timing requirements of both fast and clock domains, it must change when they have a coincident clock edge. This will happen at the end of the cycle in which ACLKEN is high. Thus a register that resets to 0, has a 1 input and is clocked by ACLKM (the fast clock) but only enabled by ACLKEN will behave correctly. As this register need make only one transition between resets, the enable may be combined with the register's state (D) as a power saving measure - an enable input driven by (ACLKEN & ~D) is enabled by the presence of ACLKEN, but disabled once the register has made the transition.

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# 577318: Single slave per ID + single active write settings on a slave interface cause the read channel to lock up

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix .

Fault status: Cat 2, Present in: r1p2-00rel0, Open.

### **Description**

Selecting slave-per-ID CDAS for both read and write and also selecting the single-active-write option results in a read deadlock.

### **Implications**

A slave interface cannot have both the slave-per-ID CDAS for reads and the slave-per-ID CDAS with the single-active-write option for writes.

### Workaround

The slave-per-ID CDAS with the single-active-write option is in most practical cases more restrictive than the single-slave CDAS, so if the slave-per-ID CDAS is required for reads and that scheme cannot be used without the single-active-write option for writes, it is recommended that the single-slave scheme be used for writes instead. If the slave-per-ID scheme with single-active-write is required for writes then the single-slave, unique-ID or hybrid scheme should be used for reads.

In all cases, if the slave-per-ID scheme is not being used for writes, the single-active-write option should not be set.

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690568: QoS becomes active later than expected

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix.

Fault status: Cat 2, Present in: r1p1-00rel0,r1p1-00rel1,r1p2-00rel0, Open.

### **Description**

When the QoS mechanism becomes active due to the tidemark being exceeded, the masters that won the arbitration decision in the previous cycle will, due to AXI's sticky VALID requirement, be permitted to make a single additional transfer even if they would not be expected to due to not being flagged in the QoS mask value.

### **Implications**

As the cycle in which the QoS tidemark is exceeded could permit two transfers to occur, and the following cycle could also permit two transfers to occur, the QoS tidemark may be exceeded by three non-QoS-privileged transactions.

### Workaround

The tidemark may be set lower to ensure the number of transactions that can be issued by QoS-privileged masters is maintained.

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# 722106: Slave interface transaction tracking logic can malfunction when attempting to exceed write acceptance capability

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix .

Fault status: Cat 2, Present in: r1p2-00rel0, Open.

### **Description**

This defect can affect a slave interface that has the slave-per-id CDAS configured for writes and the single-active-write option selected under the following circumstances:

- the number of outstanding write transactions configured for the slave interface is already reached
- the previous write transaction has not had a W transfer with WLAST asserted, so the single-active-write control would prevent a further AW transfer
- the master asserts AWVALID with transaction properties (AWADDR, etc.) that mean that the CDAS would allow the transaction to proceed if the capacity were greater
- a B transfer for an earlier write transaction is returned before the W transfer with WLAST asserted occurs In these circumstances the write data ordering transaction tracker can have an erroneous entry added which will result in deadlock when a transaction that is routed to a different slave is received.

### **Implications**

Affected slave interfaces can deadlock.

### Workaround

If the master interface driving the affected slave interface has an enforced outstanding write transaction limit (either by design, or by an additional block), then making the write acceptance capability of the slave interface at least as large as that value will prevent the attempted overfilling of the transaction tracker and hence prevent the occurrence of this problem.

It is important to note that the term 'outstanding' means having an AW transfer but not a B transfer, rather than having an AW transfer but not a W transfer with WLAST asserted.

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### 723115: WLAST before AW handshake on a single\_active\_slave interface deadlocks

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix .

Fault status: Cat 2, Present in: r1p2-00rel0, Open.

### **Description**

If a slave interface configured to use the slave\_per\_id CDAS mechanism for write transactions and with the single active slave option also selected is driven such that the AW channel handshake occurs only after the last W handshake associated with it, then that slave interface can deadlock.

### **Implications**

The single active slave mechanism cannot be used if the problematic behaviour cannot be avoided. This in turn may mean that the slave\_per\_id cyclic scheme cannot be used for write transactions.

### Workaround

Please contact Support for assistance with a workaround for this issue.

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# 404615: Formality may report spurious warnings when optimised AHB to AXI bridge is used

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix .

Fault status: Cat 3, Present in: r1p0-00rel0,r1p1-00rel0,r1p1-00rel1, Fixed in r1p2-00rel0.

### Description

When a memory optimised AHB to AXI bridge is used (interface\_protocol=ahb\_lite\_mem is specified in the Master Params component in AMBA Designer), in some cases a register slice is automatically inserted in the generated RTL to avoid a possible deadlock situation. This register slice is configured to register only the forward path of the AXI AW channel. The design of the register slice is such that static optimisation by the synthesis tool optimises away the pass-through paths on the other channels. However, Formality has an incompatibility with this code and reports some warnings. These warnings are detected by the PL301 log file checking process which causes the PL301 script to report a failure when both synthesis and LEC have in fact completed successfully.

### **Implications**

The synthesis and LEC process appears to have been unsuccessful but has in fact succeeded. The following warnings may be reported:

```
Warning: The port range and the net range of the net 'AxIDS' differ. (FMR_VLOG-179)
Warning: The port range and the net range of the net 'AxUSERS' differ. (FMR_VLOG-179)
Warning: The port range and the net range of the net 'AxIDM' differ. (FMR_VLOG-179)
Warning: The port range and the net range of the net 'AxUSERM' differ. (FMR_VLOG-179)
```

### Workaround

If failure is indicated, check the Formality log file and if the warnings are as shown in the "Implications" section, they may be ignored. The LEC process can be disabled in the AMBA Designer RTL flow manager "Preferences" dialog once it is confirmed that these are the only warnings present.

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# 421416: Master interfaces with AHB protocol and 0 USER bits may give synthesis warnings

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix.

Fault status: Cat 3, Present in: r1p0-00rel0,r1p1-00rel0,r1p1-00rel1, Fixed in r1p2-00rel0.

### **Description**

When a master interface is specified as using the AHB protocol and the configuration also uses 0 user signal bits then some synthesis or LEC warnings can occur.

In these circumstances, on master interfaces the **HRUSER** AHB signal is not provided externally and is unused internally, but still exists as a module input port which is unconnected. Some synthesis or LEC tools may issue warnings about this undriven input port.

In these circumstances, on slave interfaces the **HAUSER** and **HWUSER** AHB signals are not provided externally and are unused internally, but still exist as module input ports and are internally tied to Verilog value {0(1'b0)}. Some synthesis or LEC tools may issue warnings about this.

### **Implications**

The signals are unused, so when 0 USER bits are specified, these warnings may be ignored.

### Workaround

None

### 422422: RTL uses undefined macros

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix.

Fault status: Cat 3, Present in: r1p0-00rel0, Fixed in r1p1-00rel0.

### **Description**

The files DownsizerAxi\_128to32Wrapper.v and

DownsizerAxiWrapper.vuse Verilog `define

macros that are defined in the file Axi.v, however they are missing a

`include statement to include these definitions when reading the files.

If compiling all the PL301 Verilog files, the Axi.v file is included by another module before the downsizers are compiled. With some tools/versions, the definitions are persistent across multiple files within the same compilation run and therefore this does not cause a problem. However where these files are compiled separately or with some tool versions this is not the case and undefined macros are therefore found.

### **Implications**

When the PL301 Verilog files are compiled separately, or with some tool versions, undefined macros may be reported.

### Workaround

Include the following line immediately before the module declaration in both the affected Verilog files:

`include "Axi.v"

422820: AXI-AHB bridge IDLE address unaligned

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix.

Fault status: Cat 3, Present in: r1p0-00rel0,r1p1-00rel0,r1p1-00rel1, Fixed in r1p2-00rel0.

### **Description**

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In some circumstances during AHB IDLE cycles, the **HADDR** value is not aligned with the **HSIZE** value. This behavior is prohibited in the AHB-Lite specification.

### **Implications**

The defect is not expected to cause a problem in synthesizable code as AHB slave interfaces do not generally sample **HADDR** during IDLE cycles. A protocol checker that is strictly implementing the AHB-Lite specification may report errors.

### Workaround

Disable AHB protocol checks for **HADDR** alignment during IDLE cycles.

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### 423021: RTL generation issue when a Slave I/F sees the full 32-bit address range

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix.

Fault status: Cat 3, Present in: r1p0-00rel0, Fixed in r1p1-00rel0.

### **Description**

A code generation error occurs for a configuration which has any slave interface whose entire addressable space is occupied by master interfaces which are configured to use the AHB protocol.

This error does not generate any incorrect code, but causes an infinite loop in the software that generates test vectors for the configuration. As a result the generation stalls.

### **Implications**

Affected configurations cannot be generated.

### Workaround

As the defect only manifests itself when AHB interfaces occupy all of the addressable space of a slave interface, this problem can be worked around in most cases by reducing the space the connected slaves occupy in the address map.

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### 424365: Combinatorial path from RID/BID to RREADY/BREADY

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix.

Fault status: Cat 3, Present in: r1p0-00rel0,r1p1-00rel0,r1p1-00rel1,r1p2-00rel0, Open.

### **Description**

The core AXI interconnect within PL301 implements combinatorial paths from **BID** to **BREADY** and from **RID** to **RREADY** on master interfaces ("output ports").

When PL301 is configured with no registered component (e.g. an AXI register slice) between the master interfaces of the core interconnect and the master interfaces of the complete PL301 sub-system, then these combinatorial paths are exposed on the external AXI interface.

This contravenes the AXI specification (ARM IHI 0022) which bans combinatorial paths from inputs to outputs on an AXI interface because they can cause problems with timing closure when integrating an AXI-based system.

Note that there are no functional issues due to this erratum.

### **Implications**

The presence of unexpected combinatorial paths on the AXI master interfaces might cause problems when trying to achieve timing closure of the AXI system into which PL301 is integrated.

If user-generated synthesis scripts have assumed that no such paths will exist then it is possible that the user has included set\_false\_path or set\_multicycle\_path commands to hide such paths. These would prevent the paths from being optimised during synthesis which could lead to failures in-silicon. Note that the synthesis scripts provided by ARM with PL301 do not include any such commands.

### Workaround

For all AXI master interfaces on PL301, ensure that no false or multicycle paths are declared which would hide paths from **RID** to **RREADY** or from **BID** to **BREADY**. This will ensure that any timing violations are found.

If the user-generated PL301 configuration implements these combinatorial paths, there are two options:

- 1. If there are no timing violations when PL301 is integrated into the larger system, the paths can be allowed to remain: there are no functional errors associated with these paths.
- 2. If the affected paths must be registered in order to integrate PL301 into the larger system, re-configure PL301 so that the relevant master interfaces are registered by setting the registered\_io parameter to 1 or 2.

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### 430627: QoS permanently active in some master interfaces

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix .

Fault status: Cat 3, Present in: r0p0-00rel0,r1p0-00rel0, Fixed in r1p1-00rel0.

### **Description**

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If the sum of all read\_acceptance\_capbilility and write\_acceptance\_capability values on all slave interfaces can be represented in fewer bits than the value of combined\_issuing\_capability on a master interface then the Quality-of-Service mechanism for that master interface will not have the expected behaviour. In particular if that condition is true and the combined\_acceptance\_capability is also a power of two then the QoS scheme will prevent any transactions being transferred by that master interface.

### **Implications**

In some circumstances the values of read\_acceptance\_capbility and write\_acceptance\_capability for all slave interfaces and combined\_issuing\_capability for a master interface can result in no transactions being passed by that master interface unless that interface has been programmed to give QoS privileges to at least one slave interface.

### Workaround

During configuration, ensure that the combined\_issuing\_capability of each master interface is no larger than the sum of all slave interfaces' read\_acceptance\_capability and write\_acceptance\_capability values. This will not affect performance as such a restriction will not prevent the maximum possible number of transactions from existing in the system.

In an already configured system, if no transactions are being passed and the Quality-of-Service mechanism is always on, transactions can be enabled by granting QoS privileges to all slave interfaces.

## 436785: IP-XACT description issues with signal directions and naming

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix.

Fault status: Cat 3, Present in: r1p0-00rel0, Fixed in r1p1-00rel0.

## **Description**

The IP-XACT component description generated when the PL301 RTL is rendered contains some incorrect definitions of signal directions for master or slave interfaces that are configured for AHB protocol and some signal naming mismatches compared to the Verilog.

## **Implications**

When the IP-XACT description is used by AMBA Designer for RTL stitching the generated PL301 with other components, there are errors in the resulting stitched RTL due to signal direction and signal naming mismatches.

#### Workaround

None.

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## 446839: AHB-Lite-Slave master interfaces cannot meet out-of-box timing

## **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix.

Fault status: Cat 3, Present in: r1p0-00rel0, Fixed in r1p1-00rel0.

## **Description**

A PL301 instance with a master interface using the AHB-Lite-slave protocol cannot be synthesised to meet timing constraints out of the box. The **HREADY** output on such an interface is directly connected to the **HREADYOUT** input. The default constraints for such an interface are such that the input delay of the input combined with the output delay of the output are greater than a clock cycle and thus cannot be met.

## **Implications**

Synthesis cannot meet timing constraints.

## Workaround

Adjust the timing constraints in the rendered scripts to values that are achievable.

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## 446841: Configurations with 32 slave interfaces give Verilog compile warnings

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix.

Fault status: Cat 3, Present in: r1p1-00rel0,r1p1-00rel1, Fixed in r1p2-00rel0.

## **Description**

If a configuration has 32 slave interfaces, a value that is used to pad a one-bit-per-slave-interface value up to 32 bits is 0 bits in width. This padding value is created using the Verilog repeat operator and if the number of repeats is 0 some versions of some simulators issue a warning message.

## **Implications**

Verilog compile warnings may be issued.

#### Workaround

No functionality is affected, so no workaround is required. Ignore this particular warning.

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# 447585: Incorrect OVL assertions in axibm\_decode\_scheme\_<design>.v for certain configurations

#### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix.

Fault status: Cat 3, Present in: r1p0-00rel0, Fixed in r1p1-00rel0.

## **Description**

For configurations where there are multiple remap ranges on a master interface using the same remap bit, the OVL assertions that are rendered in the Verilog file axibm\_decode\_scheme\_<design>.v (where <design> is the configuration name) are generated incorrectly and cause simulation errors of the form:

identifier 'm0\_remap\_range\_0' previously declared

## **Implications**

Simulations fail due to syntax errors with incorrectly formed OVL assertions.

#### Workaround

As only OVLs are involved, disabling OVLs for this file will avoid the problem.

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## 449412: Incorrect timing constraints on interfaces with unregistered Expander or Downsizer

#### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix .

Fault status: Cat 3, Present in: r1p1-00rel0,r1p1-00rel1, Fixed in r1p2-00rel0.

## **Description**

The synthesis timing constraints are incorrectly generated for master or slave interfaces that have an Expander or Downsizer instantiated without being registered. The timing constraints do not account for the combinatorial paths that exist through the Expander and Downsizer, and so this can lead to over-constrained paths.

## **Implications**

Timing on over-constrained paths cannot be met.

## Workaround

Adjust the timing constraints in the rendered scripts to values that are achievable.

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## 450012: Missing -library option for set\_driving\_cell statement

## **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix.

Fault status: Cat 3, Present in: r1p1-00rel0,r1p1-00rel1, Fixed in r1p2-00rel0.

## **Description**

The set\_driving\_cell statement in the synthesis scripts does not have a -library option with it to specify which technology library to draw the driving cell from. Some versions of Design Compiler issue a warning when this is the case. The warning is of the form:

Warning: Driving cell was specified without the -library option. Using library\_cell BUFX2HS from library ss\_1v08\_125c.db:ss\_1v08\_125c. (UID-1003)

## **Implications**

The tool infers which library to draw the cell from and the warning indicates the identity of that library. If multiple libraries are configured, it is possible the inferred library may be incorrect.

Even though the warning does not cause a problem with the end synthesis result, the IP generation scripts will report the synthesis run as FAILED.

#### Workaround

If the inferred cell library is correct, no action is required and the warning may be ignored. If the cell library is incorrect, a -library option should be added to the control script line that executes the command set\_driving\_cell.

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## 471415: Inconsistency between documentation and RTL for arbitration programming through APB configuration port

#### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix.

Fault status: Cat 3, Present in: r1p1-00rel0,r1p1-00rel1, Fixed in r1p2-00rel0.

## **Description**

The description of access to arbitration registers via the APB programming interface is not consistent with the RTL.

## **Implications**

If the documentation is followed, unexpected programming of, or interrogation of, the arbitration mechanisms may result which could result in unexpected behaviour.

#### Workaround

The documentation indicates the following:

```
Write = 0 x XX 00 XX 00

| - New priority level
|
|- Slave interface number

Read = A special write, followed by read
Write = 0 x FF 00 00 XX

| - Slave interface number

Read = 0 x 00 00 XX XX

| - Slave interface number
|
| - Priority
```

but this is inconsistent with the RTL. The RTL requires the following use mechanism:

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The "slot number" is the index of the slave interface in the list of slave interfaces in the arbitration specification in the XML configuration file regardless of the slave interface number they describe, so slot 0 relates to the first arbitration specification line, slot 1 to the second, etc.

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## 481763: IP-XACT description does not match v1.2 bus definitions

## **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix .

Fault status: Cat 3, Present in: r1p1-00rel0, Fixed in r1p1-00rel1.

## **Description**

The APB IP-XACT bus definition has been corrected and means that the PL301 APB description is not compatible with IP-XACT v1.2.

## **Implications**

PL301 instances cannot be stitched by AMBA Designer

#### Workaround

Update to PL301 version r1p1-00rel1; the APB description is the only change from r1p1-00rel0.

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## 493515: Multiple instances connected in some mesh arrangements can deadlock

### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix.

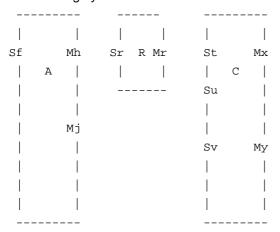
Fault status: Cat 3, Present in: r0p0-00rel0,r1p0-00rel0,r1p1-00rel0,r1p1-00rel1,r1p2-00rel0, Open.

## **Description**

When connecting multiple instances of PL301 in non-trivial ways, it is possible to create a system that can deadlock. This issue is not due to a defect in the PL301 product, but inherent in the flexibility allowed by the AXI protocol.

If there are multiple AXI connections between instances of PL301 and the upstream instance has slave interfaces which allow transactions to more than one master interface at a time then that system could be liable to deadlock due to the relative ordering of AW or AR transfers at their origin and destination.

The following system can exhibit this issue. All slave interfaces use the slave-per-id cyclic scheme:



The following routes for transactions are possible:

- (1) Sf->Mh->Sr->Mr->St->Mx
- (2) Sf->Mj->Su->My
- (3) Sv->My
- (4) Sv->Mx

If the system is quiescent and then these transactions handshake in the following places in the following order:

- (1) AW handshakes in Mr
- (2) AW handshakes in My
- (3) AW handshakes in My
- (4) AW handshakes in Mx
- (1) AW handshakes in Mx

Because of the AXI requirement that the first beat of W must be transferred in the same order as the AW transfers, each of the master and slave interfaces involved in those four transactions may only perform a W transfer with one specific party:

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Sf will only handshake with Mx, which will only handshake with Sv, which will only handshake with My, which will only handshake with Sf.

Thus the system deadlocks for writes.

## **Implications**

If a system is configured that is subject to this problem then under some sequences of transactions, the system can become deadlocked. A reset would be required to recover.

#### Workaround

Affected instances of PL301 are those that have more then one route along which **some** transaction can pass (via any number of register slices, other PL301 instances, or any other component) to another PL301 instance and also have one or more slave interfaces that have both a cyclic scheme other than single-slave and write acceptance capability greater than 1 (for writes) or the higher rank cyclic scheme (for reads). So if instance A has a route to instance C via instance B and another route to instance C via a register slice, then it is affected.

If a PL301 instance is affected, the deadlock issue can be avoided by setting appropriate slave interface parameters. For reads, the selected cyclic dependency avoidance scheme must be anything except higher-rank. The choice of cyclic dependency avoidance scheme can be made independently for each slave interface. For writes, the selected cyclic dependency avoidance scheme must be either single-slave or slave-per-id and if the slave-per-id scheme is selected then the write acceptance capability of the slave interface must be set to 1, or an external mechanism must be used to prevent more than 1 data-active write transaction from being in progress. An data-active write transaction is different from an active write transaction - the latter is one which has had an AW or W channel handshake but not a B channel handshake whereas the former is one that has had an AW channel handshake but not a W handshake with WLAST asserted.

Prior to version r1p2, there is only a single parameter to select cyclic scheme, and the selected scheme applies to both reads and writes. From version r1p2 onwards, the cyclic schemes for reads and write can be selected separately.

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## 561818: Incorrect stimulus addresses generated for APB configuration port

## **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix .

Fault status: Cat 3, Present in: r1p2-00rel0, Open.

## **Description**

The out-of-box test vectors use incorrect offsets for querying the arbitration registers of master interfaces when one or more master interfaces lack the arbitration registers. The vectors correctly do not attempt to access the registers of master interfaces that lack them, but use incorrect addresses for subsequent master interfaces.

## **Implications**

One phase of the out-of-box test mechanism will not pass if master interfaces are configured that lack the arbitration registers.

#### Workaround

Contact Support for assistance resolving this defect if required.

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570866: Slave interface arbiter priorities changed between releases, resulting in extra latency

#### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix .

Fault status: Cat 3, Present in: r1p2-00rel0, Open.

## **Description**

The priorities of master interfaces at the arbitration of the R and B channels in slave interfaces changed between versions of the product. In earlier versions, the priority was determined by the order of the master interfaces in the configuration file. In version r1p2 the order is determined by the cyclic\_rank attribute of the master interfaces.

The master interface that the default slave is connected to does not have a cyclic\_rank attribute, so a value of 0 is inferred for it, and this results in the default slave being the highest priority. The highest priority master interface is used as a default arbitration choice when no VALID signals are asserted by master interfaces so that one master interface will have a fast path as soon as activity resumes, as it will not need to win the arbitration. With the changed priorities, the master interface with the fast path becomes the default slave rather than the first master interface declared in the configuration file.

## **Implications**

The fast path from one master interface will not exist after a default arbitration.

#### Workaround

The default slave's master interface can be given a cyclic\_rank attribute which will cause its priority to be the lowest, which will result in another master interface having the highest priority and thus being the default arbitration decision.

The default slave's master interface parameters are created by the amba\_build.tcl script. Support can provide guidance on changes needed to this script to achieve this result.

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## 587269: IP-XACT XSL errors cause AMBA Designer stitch failures

## **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix .

Fault status: Cat 3, Present in: r1p2-00rel0, Open.

## **Description**

The IP-XACT description of the generated PL301 design omits clock domain specific reset signals for AXI interfaces that do not specify an outer register slice and have an external interface faster than the PL301 core.

## **Implications**

The IP-XACT file cannot be used for any purpose which requires correct declaration of RESET signals when affected interfaces are present.

#### Workaround

A modified stylesheet for the IP-XACT description is required. Support can provide this on request.

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## 671217: Pin specification in timing constraint exceptions does not capture all pins

## **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix .

Fault status: Cat 3, Present in: r1p2-00rel0, Open.

## **Description**

The file pl301\_a3bm\_exceptions.tcl, generated in the rendering process, that documents timing exceptions for the pl301 instance does not correctly capture all required pins in the slow clock domain of a clock crossing bridge.

## **Implications**

Multi-cycle paths across the clock domain crossing bridge are defined as single cycle paths, and hence the design is over constrained.

## Workaround

The file is generated by the rendering process and is specific to each pl301 configuration. Contact support for a corrected template from which to generate this file.

## 701718: Automatic exceptions not rendered correctly when a sync down bridge is found between the core interconnect and a slave

#### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix .

Fault status: Cat 3, Present in: r1p2-00rel0, Open.

## **Description**

Multi-cycle paths through a RegdSyncDn clock bridge on a master interface (between the PL301 core and a slave) are specified in the wrong sense.

## **Implications**

Some of the specified multicycle paths do not exist and so will have no effect. Other paths do exist and as a result, some single cycle paths are defined as multicycle which could lead to incorrect timing paths in the final synthesised design.

#### Workaround

The affected file is generated and is unique to a configuration. Contact support for a corrected template that the file is generated from.

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## **Errata - Documentation**

720607: DDI0397E HPM (PL301) r1p2 TRM - TRM description of write issuing capability does not match RTL behaviour in all cases

#### **Status**

Affects: Product PL301 AMBA 3 HP Matrix .

Fault status: Doc, Present in: r1p2-00rel0, Open.

## Description

In a configuration with a single slave interface, a master interface's write issuing capability parameter will not be enforced.

The write issuing capability's presence was to allow a transaction tracking structure to be correctly sized. When there is only a single slave interface, this tracking structure is not required and thus removed. The size of the tracking structure imposed a limit on the number of outstanding write transactions that could exist through that master interface, so its removal removes the restriction on the number of outstanding transactions.

## **Implications**

The write issuing capability of a master interface cannot be used to restrict the number of outstanding write transactions through a master interface.

### Workaround

If the ability to restrict write issuing capability on a master interface is required, a second slave interface can be added with all inputs tied low and outputs ignored. This will cause the transaction tracking structure (and hence the outstanding transaction limit) to be present.

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## Errata – Driver Software

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