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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The XR16L570 (L570) is a 1.62 to 5.5 volt Universal Asynchronous Receiver and Transmitter (UART) with 5 volt tolerant inputs and a reduced pin count. It is software compatible to industry standard 16C450, 16C550, ST16C580, ST16C650A, XR16C850 and XR16L580 UARTs. It has 16 bytes of TX and RX FIFOs and is capable of operating with a serial data rate of up to 4 Mbps at 5V, 3 Mbps at 3.3V, 1 Mbps at 2.5V and 750 Kbps at 1.8V. The internal registers are compatible to the 16C550 register set plus enhanced registers for additional features to support today's high bandwidth data communication needs. The enhanced features include automatic hardware and software flow control to prevent data loss, selectable RX and TX trigger levels for more efficient interrupt service, wireless infrared (IrDA) encoder/decoder for wireless applications and a unique Power-Save mode to increase battery operating time. The device comes in 32-QFN and 24-QFN packages in industrial temperature range.

APPLICATIONS

- Handheld Terminals and Tablets
- Handheld Computers
- Wireless Portable Point-of-Sale Terminals
- Cellular Phones DataPort
- GPS Devices
- Personal Digital Assistants Modules
- Battery Operated Instruments

FEATURES

- Smallest Full Featured UART
- 1.62V to 5.5V Supply Voltage
- 5V Tolerant Inputs (except XTAL1/CLK)
- '0 ns' Address Hold Time (T_{AH} and T_{ADH})
- Software Compatible to industry standard 16C450, 16C550, ST16C580, ST16C650A, XR16C850 and XR16L580
- 16-byte Transmit FIFO
- 16-byte Receive FIFO with Errors Flags
- Selectable RX and TX FIFO Trigger Levels
- Automatic Hardware (RTS/CTS) Flow Control
- Automatic Software (Xon/Xoff) Flow Control
- Up to 4 Mbps data rate at 5.0V Operation
- Up to 3 Mbps data rate at 3.3V Operation
- Up to 1 Mbps data rate at 2.5V Operation
- Up to 750 Kbps data rate at 1.8V Operation
- Infrared (IrDA) Encoder/Decoder
- Complete Modem Interface
- Power-Save Mode to conserve battery power
- Sleep Mode with Wake-up Interrupt
- Very small packages: 24-QFN (4x4x0.9mm) and 32-QFN (5x5x0.9mm)
- Industrial Temperature Grade(-40 to +85°C)

FIGURE 1. BLOCK DIAGRAM

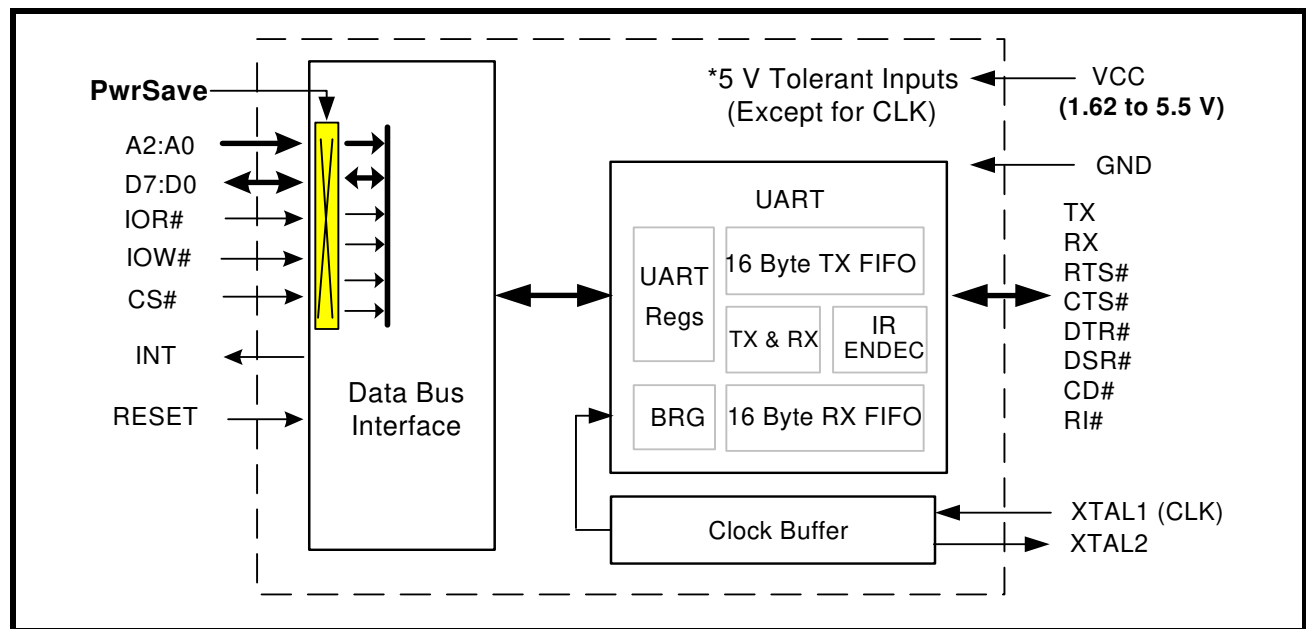
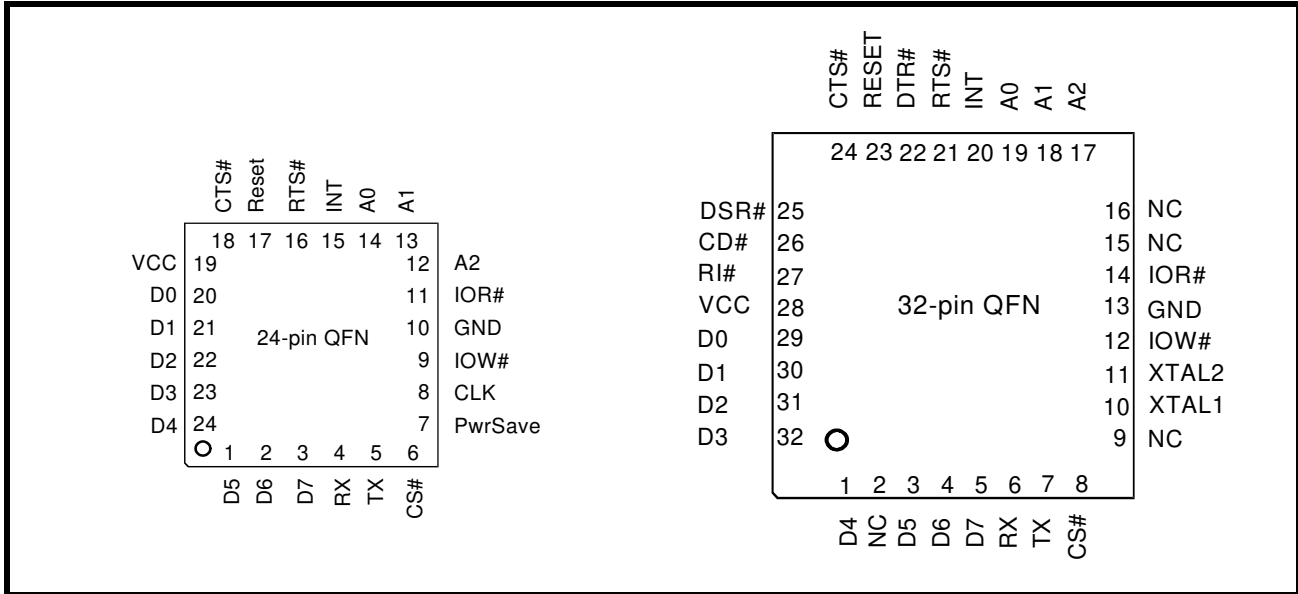


FIGURE 2. PACKAGE AND PIN OUT (24-PIN QFN PACKAGE)



ORDERING INFORMATION

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE	OPERATING TEMPERATURE RANGE
XR16L570IL24	24-pin QFN	-40°C to +85°C
XR16L570IL32	32-pin QFN	-40°C to +85°C

PIN DESCRIPTIONS

Pin Descriptions

NAME	24-QFN PIN#	32-QFN PIN#	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
DATA BUS INTERFACE				
A2	12	17	I	Address data lines [2:0]. These 3 address lines select one of the internal registers in the UART during a data bus transaction.
A1	13	18		
A0	14	19		
D7	3	5	I/O	Data bus lines [7:0] (bidirectional).
D6	2	4		
D5	1	3		
D4	24	1		
D3	23	32		
D2	22	31		
D1	21	30		
D0	20	29		
IOR#	11	14	I	This input is the read strobe (active low). The falling edge instigates an internal read cycle and retrieves the data byte from an internal register pointed by the address lines [A2:A0], puts the data byte on the data bus to allow the host processor to read it on the rising edge.
IOW#	9	12	I	This input is the write strobe (active low). The falling edge instigates the internal write cycle and the rising edge transfers the data byte on the data bus to an internal register pointed by the address lines.
CS#	6	8	I	This input is chip select (active low) to enable the device.
INT	15	20	O	This output is the active high device interrupt output. The output state is defined by the user through the software setting of MCR[3]. INT is set to the active mode when MCR[3] is set to a logic 1. INT is set to the three state mode when MCR[3] is set to a logic 0. See MCR[3].
MODEM OR SERIAL I/O INTERFACE				
TX	5	7	O	UART Transmit Data or infrared encoder data. Standard transmit and receive interface is enabled when MCR[6] = 0. In this mode, the TX signal will be a logic 1 during reset or idle (no data). Infrared IrDA transmit and receive interface is enabled when MCR[6] = 1. In the Infrared mode, the inactive state (no data) for the Infrared encoder/decoder interface is a logic 0. If it is not used, leave it unconnected.
RX	4	6	I	UART Receive Data or infrared receive data. Normal receive data input must idle at logic 1 condition. The infrared receiver idles at logic 0.
RTS#	16	21	O	UART Request-to-Send (active low) or general purpose output. This output must be asserted prior to using auto RTS flow control, see EFR[6], MCR[1] and IER[6].
CTS#	18	24	I	UART Clear-to-Send (active low) or general purpose input. It can be used for auto CTS flow control, see EFR[7], MSR[4] and IER[7]. This input should be connected to VCC when not used.
DTR#	-	22	O	UART Data-Terminal-Ready (active low) or general purpose output. <i>This pin is not available in the 24-QFN package.</i>
DSR#	-	25	I	UART Data-Set-Ready (active low) or general purpose input. This input should be connected to VCC when not used. This input has no effect on the UART. <i>This pin is not available in the 24-QFN package.</i>

Pin Descriptions

NAME	24-QFN PIN#	32-QFN PIN#	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
CD#	-	26	I	UART Carrier-Detect (active low) or general purpose input. This input should be connected to VCC when not used. This input has no effect on the UART. <i>This pin is not available in the 24-QFN package.</i>
RI#	-	27	I	UART Ring-Indicator (active low) or general purpose input. This input should be connected to VCC when not used. This input has no effect on the UART. <i>This pin is not available in the 24-QFN package.</i>
ANCILLARY SIGNALS				
XTAL1 (CLK)	8	10	I	Crystal or external clock input. This input is not 5V tolerant.
XTAL2	-	11	O	Crystal or buffered clock output. This output may be use to drive a clock buffer which can drive other device(s). <i>This pin is not available in the 24-QFN package.</i>
PwrSave	7	-	I	Power-Save (active high). This feature isolates the L570's data bus interface from the host preventing other bus activities that cause higher power drain during sleep mode. See Sleep Mode with Auto Wake-up and Power-Save Feature section for details. <i>This pin is not available in the 28-QFN package.</i>
RESET	17	23	I	This input is the active high RESET signal. A 40 ns minimum active pulse on this pin will reset the internal registers and all outputs of the UART. The UART transmitter output will be held at logic 1, the receiver input will be ignored and outputs are reset during reset period (see UART Reset Conditions).
VCC	19	28	Pwr	1.62V to 5.5V power supply. All input pins, except CLK, are 5V tolerant.
GND	10	13	Pwr	Power supply common, ground.
GND	Center Pad	Center Pad	Pwr	The center pad on the backside of the QFN packages is metallic and should be connected to GND on the PCB. The thermal pad size on the PCB should be the approximate size of this center pad and should be solder mask defined. The solder mask opening should be at least 0.0025" inwards from the edge of the PCB thermal pad.

NOTE: Pin type: I=Input, O=Output, I/O= Input/output, OD=Output Open Drain.

1.0 PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The XR16L570 (L570) is an enhanced 16C550 Universal Asynchronous Receiver and Transmitter (UART). Its features set is compatible to the ST16C580 device and additionally offers Power-Save to isolate the data bus interface during Sleep mode. The XR16L570 can operate from 1.62V to 5.5V with 5 volt tolerant inputs. The configuration registers set is 16550 UART compatible for control, status and data transfer. Also, the L570 has 16-bytes of transmit and receive FIFOs, automatic RTS/CTS hardware flow control, automatic Xon/Xoff and special character software flow control, transmit and receive FIFO trigger levels, infrared encoder and decoder (IrDA ver 1.0), programmable baud rate generator with a prescaler of divide by 1 or 4. The L570 is fabricated using an advanced CMOS process.

Enhanced Features

The L570 UART provides a solution that supports 16 bytes of transmit and receive FIFO memory. The L570 is designed to work with low supply voltage and high performance data communication systems, that require fast data processing time. Increased performance is realized in the L570 by the transmit and receive FIFOs, FIFO trigger level controls and automatic flow control mechanism. This allows the external processor to handle more networking tasks within a given time. This increases the service interval giving the external CPU additional time for other applications and reducing the overall UART interrupt servicing time. In addition, the L570 provides the Power-Save mode that drastically reduces the power consumption when the device is not used. The combination of the above greatly reduces the CPU's bandwidth requirement, increases performance, and reduces power consumption.

Data Bus Interface

The L570 provides a host interface that supports a microprocessor (CPU) data bus interface. The interface allows direct interconnect to Intel compatible type of CPUs using IOR#, IOW# and CS# inputs for data bus operation. See pin description section for details on all the control signals.

Data Rate

The L570 is capable of operation up to 4 Mbps at 5V, 3 Mbps at 3.3V, 1 Mbps at 2.5V and 750 Kbps at 1.8V with 16X internal sampling clock rate by using an external clock source on the XTAL1 (CLK) pin.

Internal Enhanced Register Sets

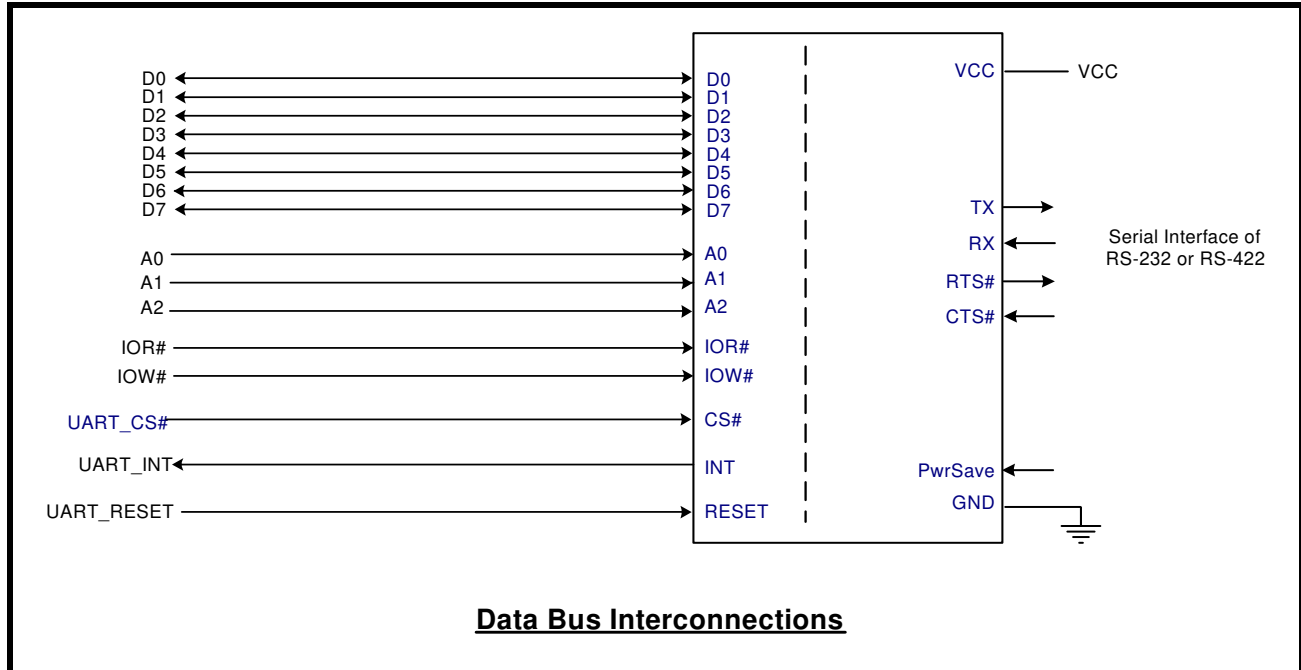
The L570 UART has a set of enhanced registers providing control and monitoring functions. Interrupt enable/disable and status, FIFO enable/disable, selectable TX and RX FIFO trigger levels, automatic hardware/software flow control enable/disable, programmable baud rates, infrared encoder/decoder enable/disable, modem interface controls and status, sleep mode and Power-Save mode (in the 24-QFN package) are all standard features. Following a power on reset or an external reset, the registers defaults to the reset condition and it is compatible with previous generation of UARTs, 16C450, 16C550, 16C580, 16L580, 16C650A and 16C850.

2.0 FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTIONS

2.1 CPU Interface

The CPU interface is 8 data bits wide with 3 address lines and control signals to execute data bus read and write transactions. The L570 data interface supports the Intel compatible types of CPUs and it is compatible to the industry standard 16C550 UART. No clock (oscillator nor external clock) is required to operate a data bus transaction. Each bus cycle is asynchronous using CS#, IOR# and IOW# inputs. A typical data bus interconnection is shown in **Figure 3**.

FIGURE 3. XR16L570 TYPICAL DATA BUS INTERCONNECTIONS



2.2 5-Volt Tolerant Inputs

The L570 can accept up to 5V inputs when operating at 3.3V, 2.5V or 1.8V. But note that if the L570 is operating at 2.5V or below, its V_{OH} may not be high enough to meet the requirements of the V_{IH} of a CPU or a serial transceiver that is operating at 5V. Note that the XTAL1 (CLK) pin is not 5V tolerant.

2.3 Device Hardware Reset

The RESET input resets the internal registers and the serial interface outputs in both channels to their default state (see [Table 11](#)). An active pulse of longer than 40 ns duration will be required to activate the reset function in the device.

2.4 Device Identification and Revision

The XR16L570 provides a Device Identification code and a Device Revision code. To read the identification code from the part, it is required to set the baud rate generator registers DLL and DLM both to 0x00. Now reading the content of the DLM will provide 0x01 to indicate XR16L570 and reading the content of DLL will provide the revision of the part; for example, a reading of 0x01 means revision A.

2.5 Internal Registers

The L570 has a set of enhanced registers for control, monitoring and data loading and unloading. The configuration register set is compatible to those already available in the standard 16C550. These registers function as data holding registers (THR/RHR), interrupt status and control registers (ISR/IER), a FIFO control register (FCR), receive line status and control registers (LSR/LCR), modem status and control registers (MSR/MCR), programmable data rate (clock) divisor registers (DLL/DLM), and an user accessible Scratchpad register (SPR).

Beyond the general 16C550 features and capabilities, the L570 offers enhanced feature registers (EFR, Xon1, Xoff 1, Xon1 and Xoff2) that provide automatic RTS and CTS hardware flow control and Xon/Xoff software flow control. All the register functions are discussed in full detail later in [“Section 3.0, UART INTERNAL REGISTERS”](#) on page 19.

2.6 DMA Mode

The DMA Mode (a legacy term) refers to data block transfer operation. The DMA mode affects the state of the RXRDY# and TXRDY# output pins available in the original 16C550. These pins are not available in the XR16L570. The DMA Enable bit (FCR bit-3) does not have any function in this device and can be a '0' or a '1'.

2.7 INT Output

The interrupt output changes according to the operating mode and enhanced features setup. [Table 1](#) and [Table 2](#) below summarize the operating behavior for the transmitter and receiver. Also see Figures 18 through 21.

TABLE 1: INT PIN OPERATION FOR TRANSMITTER

	FCR BIT-0 = 0 (FIFO DISABLED)	FCR BIT-0 = 1 (FIFO ENABLED)
INT Pin	0 = one byte in THR 1 = THR empty	0 = FIFO above trigger level 1 = FIFO below trigger level or FIFO empty

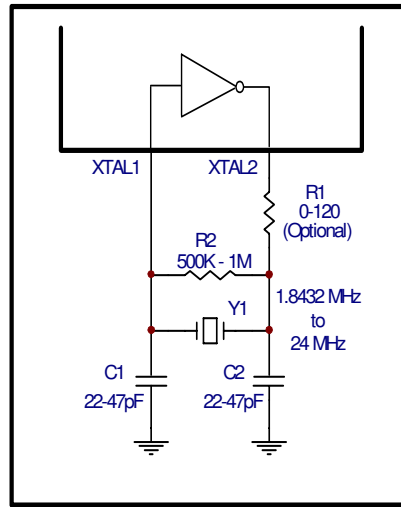
TABLE 2: INT PIN OPERATION FOR RECEIVER

	FCR BIT-0 = 0 (FIFO DISABLED)	FCR BIT-0 = 1 (FIFO ENABLED)
INT Pin	0 = no data 1 = 1 byte	0 = FIFO below trigger level 1 = FIFO above trigger level

2.8 Crystal or External Clock Input

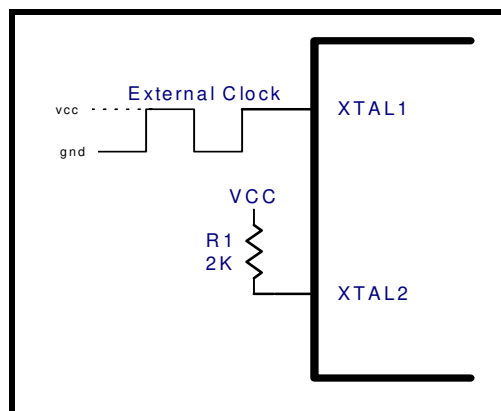
The L570 includes an on-chip oscillator in the 32-QFN package (XTAL1 and XTAL2) to generate a clock when a crystal is connected between the XTAL1 and XTAL2 pins of the device. Alternatively, an external clock can be supplied through the XTAL1 or CLK pin. The CPU data bus does not require this clock for bus operation. The crystal oscillator provides a system clock to the Baud Rate Generators (BRG) section. XTAL1 is the input to the oscillator or external clock input and XTAL2 pin is the buffered output which can be used as a clock signal for other devices in the system. Please note that the XTAL1 input is not 5V tolerant and therefore, the maximum voltage at that pin should be VCC when an external clock is supplied. For programming details, see **“Section 2.9, Programmable Baud Rate Generator” on page 9.**

FIGURE 4. TYPICAL CRYSTAL CONNECTIONS



The on-chip oscillator is designed to use an industry standard microprocessor crystal (parallel resonant, fundamental frequency with 10-22 pF capacitance load, ESR of 20-120 ohms and 100ppm frequency tolerance) connected externally between the XTAL1 and XTAL2 pins (see **Figure 4**). When VCC = 5V, the on-chip oscillator can operate with a crystal whose frequency is not greater than 24 MHz. On the other hand, the L570 can accept an external clock of up to 64MHz at XTAL1 pin, with a 2K ohms pull-up resistor on XTAL2 pin (as shown in **Figure 5**). The 2K ohms pull-up resistor may be required for external clock frequencies of greater than 24MHz. This translates to a maximum of 4Mbps serial data rate at 5V.

FIGURE 5. EXTERNAL CLOCK CONNECTION FOR EXTENDED DATA RATE

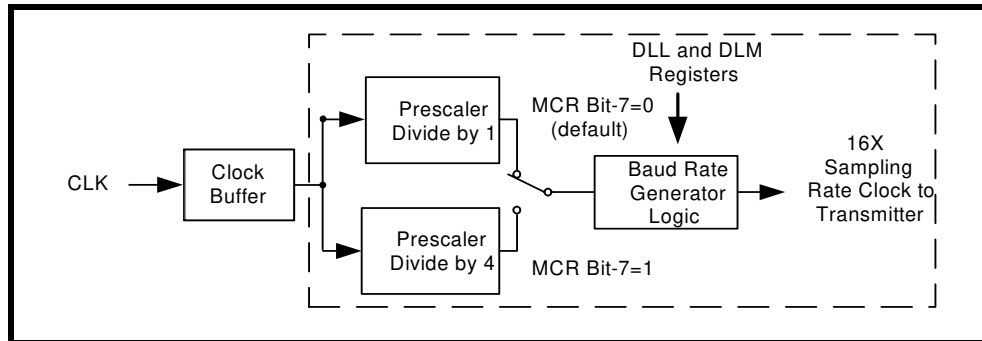


For further reading on the oscillator circuit please see the Application Note DAN108 on the EXAR web site at <http://www.exar.com>.

2.9 Programmable Baud Rate Generator

The L570 UART has its own Baud Rate Generator (BRG) with a prescaler. The prescaler is controlled by a software bit (bit-7) in the MCR register. This bit selects the prescaler to divide the input external clock by a factor of 1 or 4. The clock output of the prescaler goes to the BRG. The BRG further divides this clock by a programmable divisor (via DLL and DLM registers) between 1 and $(2^{16} - 1)$ to obtain a 16X sampling rate clock of the serial data rate. The sampling rate clock is used by the transmitter for data bit shifting and receiver for data sampling. The BRG divisor defaults to the maximum baud rate (DLL = 0x01 and DLM = 0x00) upon power up.

FIGURE 6. BAUD RATE GENERATOR AND PRESCALER



Programming the Baud Rate Generator Registers DLM and DLL provides the capability of selecting the operating data rate. **Table 3** shows the standard data rates available with a 14.7456 MHz external clock at 16X sampling rate clock rate. When using a non-standard data rate external clock, the divisor value can be calculated for DLL/DLM with the following equation.

$$\text{divisor (decimal)} = (\text{clock frequency} / \text{prescaler}) / (\text{serial data rate} \times 16)$$

TABLE 3: TYPICAL DATA RATES WITH A 14.7456 MHz EXTERNAL CLOCK

OUTPUT Data Rate MCR Bit-7=1	OUTPUT Data Rate MCR Bit-7=0 (DEFAULT)	DIVISOR FOR 16x Clock (Decimal)	DIVISOR FOR 16x Clock (HEX)	DLM PROGRAM VALUE (HEX)	DLL PROGRAM VALUE (HEX)	DATA RATE ERROR (%)
100	400	2304	900	09	00	0
600	2400	384	180	01	80	0
1200	4800	192	C0	00	C0	0
2400	9600	96	60	00	60	0
4800	19.2k	48	30	00	30	0
9600	38.4k	24	18	00	18	0
19.2k	76.8k	12	0C	00	0C	0
38.4k	153.6k	6	06	00	06	0
57.6k	230.4k	4	04	00	04	0
115.2k	460.8k	2	02	00	02	0
230.4k	921.6k	1	01	00	01	0

2.10 Transmitter

The transmitter section comprises of an 8-bit Transmit Shift Register (TSR) and 16 bytes of FIFO which includes a byte-wide Transmit Holding Register (THR). TSR shifts out every data bit with the 16X internal clock. A bit time is 16 clock periods. The transmitter sends the start-bit followed by the number of data bits, inserts the proper parity-bit if enabled, and adds the stop-bit(s). The status of the FIFO and TSR are reported in the Line Status Register (LSR bit-5 and bit-6).

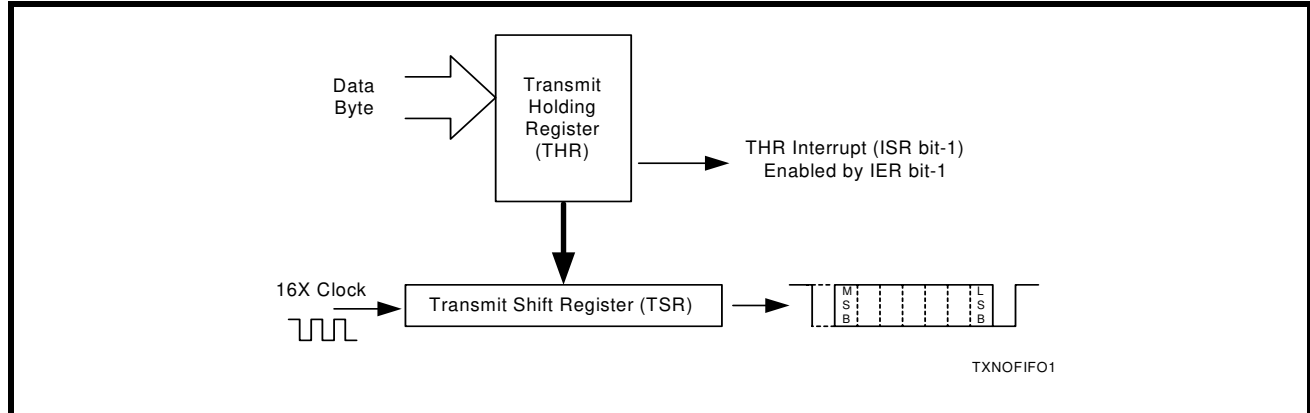
2.10.1 Transmit Holding Register (THR) - Write Only

The transmit holding register is an 8-bit register providing a data interface to the host processor. The host writes transmit data byte to the THR to be converted into a serial data stream including start-bit, data bits, parity-bit and stop-bit(s). The least-significant-bit (Bit-0) becomes first data bit to go out. The THR is the input register to the transmit FIFO of 16 bytes when FIFO operation is enabled by FCR bit-0. Every time a write operation is made to the THR, the FIFO data pointer is automatically bumped to the next sequential data location.

2.10.2 Transmitter Operation in non-FIFO Mode

The host loads transmit data to THR one character at a time. The THR empty flag (LSR bit-5) is set when the data byte is transferred to TSR. THR flag can generate a transmit empty interrupt (ISR bit-1) when it is enabled by IER bit-1. The TSR flag (LSR bit-6) is set when TSR becomes completely empty.

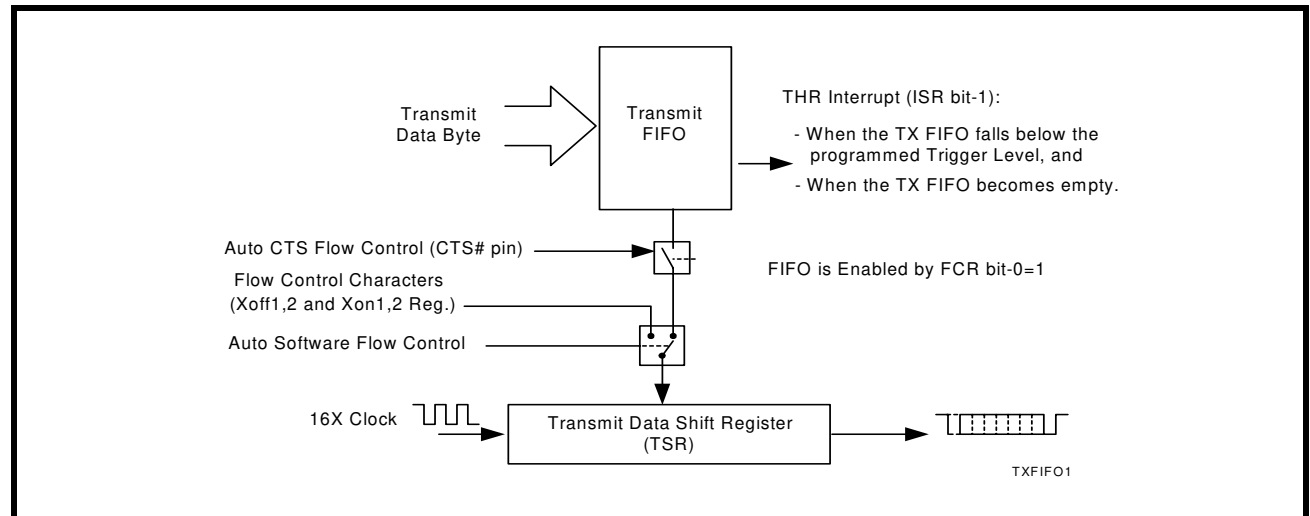
FIGURE 7. TRANSMITTER OPERATION IN NON-FIFO MODE



2.10.3 Transmitter Operation in FIFO Mode

The host may fill the transmit FIFO with up to 16 bytes of transmit data. The THR empty flag (LSR bit-5) is set whenever the FIFO is empty. The THR empty flag can generate a transmit empty interrupt (ISR bit-1) when the amount of data in the FIFO falls below its programmed trigger level. The transmit empty interrupt is enabled by IER bit-1. The Transmitter Empty Flag (LSR bit-6) is set when both the TSR and the FIFO become empty.

FIGURE 8. TRANSMITTER OPERATION IN FIFO AND FLOW CONTROL MODE



2.11 RECEIVER

The receiver section contains an 8-bit Receive Shift Register (RSR) and 16 bytes of FIFO which includes a byte-wide Receive Holding Register (RHR). The RSR uses the 16X clock for timing. On the falling edge of a start or a false start bit, an internal receiver counter starts counting at the 16X clock rate. After 8 clocks the start bit period should be at the center of the start bit. At this time the start bit is sampled and if it is still a logic 0 it is validated as a start bit. Evaluating the start bit in this manner prevents the receiver from assembling a false character. Each of the data, parity and stop bits is sampled at the middle of the bit to prevent false framing. If there were any error(s), they are reported in the LSR register bits 2-4. Upon unloading the receive data byte from RHR, the receive FIFO pointer is bumped and the error tags are immediately updated to reflect the status of the data byte in RHR register. RHR can generate a receive data ready interrupt upon receiving a character or delay until it reaches the FIFO trigger level. Furthermore, data delivery to the host is guaranteed by a receive data ready time-out interrupt when data is not received for 4 word lengths as defined by LCR[1:0] plus 12 bits time. This is equivalent to 3.7-4.6 character times. The RHR interrupt is enabled by IER bit-0.

2.11.1 Receive Holding Register (RHR) - Read-Only

The Receive Holding Register is an 8-bit register that holds a receive data byte from the Receive Shift Register. It provides the receive data interface to the host processor. The RHR register is part of the receive FIFO of 16 bytes by 11-bits wide, the 3 extra bits are for the 3 error tags to be reported in LSR register. When the FIFO is enabled by FCR bit-0, the RHR contains the first data character received by the FIFO. After the RHR is read, the next character byte is loaded into the RHR and the errors associated with the current data byte are immediately updated in the LSR bits 2-4.

FIGURE 9. RECEIVER OPERATION IN NON-FIFO MODE

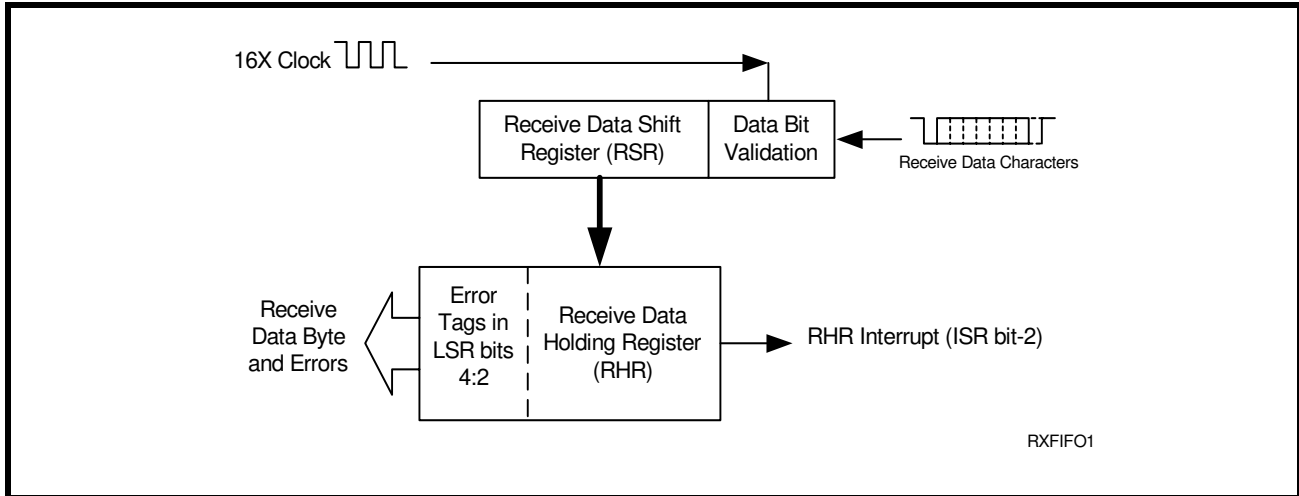
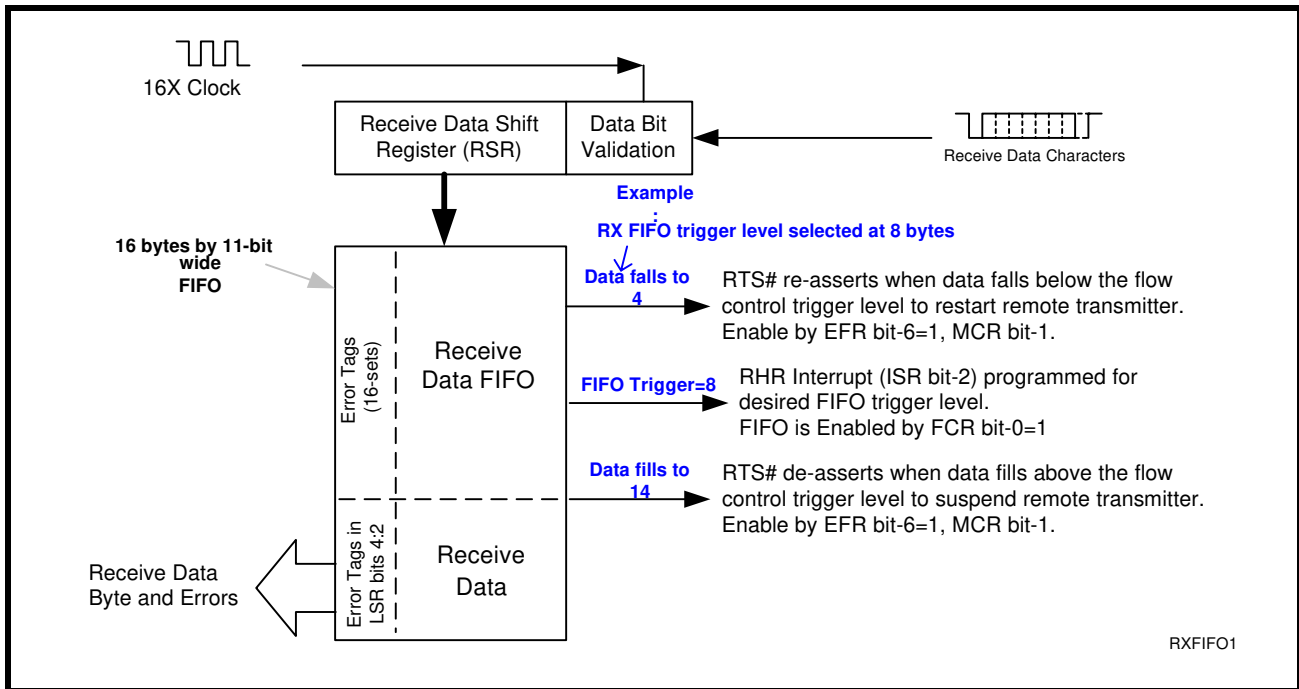


FIGURE 10. RECEIVER OPERATION IN FIFO AND AUTO RTS FLOW CONTROL MODE



2.12 Auto RTS (Hardware) Flow Control

Automatic RTS hardware flow control is used to prevent data overrun to the local receiver FIFO. The RTS# output is used to request remote unit to suspend/resume data transmission. The auto RTS flow control features is enabled to fit specific application requirement (see [Figure 11](#)):

- Enable auto RTS flow control using EFR bit-6.
- The auto RTS function must be started by asserting RTS# output pin (MCR bit-1 to logic 1 after it is enabled).

If using the Auto RTS interrupt:

- Enable RTS interrupt through IER bit-6 (after setting EFR bit-4). The UART issues an interrupt when the RTS# pin makes a transition from low to high: ISR bit-5 will be set to logic 1.

2.13 Auto RTS Hysteresis

The L570 has a new feature that provides flow control trigger hysteresis while maintaining compatibility with the ST16C550 UART. With the Auto RTS function enabled, an interrupt is generated when the receive FIFO reaches the programmed RX trigger level. The RTS# pin will not be forced to a logic 1 (RTS off), until the receive FIFO reaches one trigger level above the programmed trigger level in the trigger table ([Table 8](#)). The RTS# pin will return to a logic 0 after the RX FIFO is unloaded to one trigger level lower than the programmed trigger level. This is described in [Figure 11](#). Under the above described conditions, the L570 will continue to accept data until the receive FIFO gets full. The Auto RTS function is initiated when the RTS# output pin is asserted to a logic 0 (RTS On).

2.14 Auto CTS Flow Control

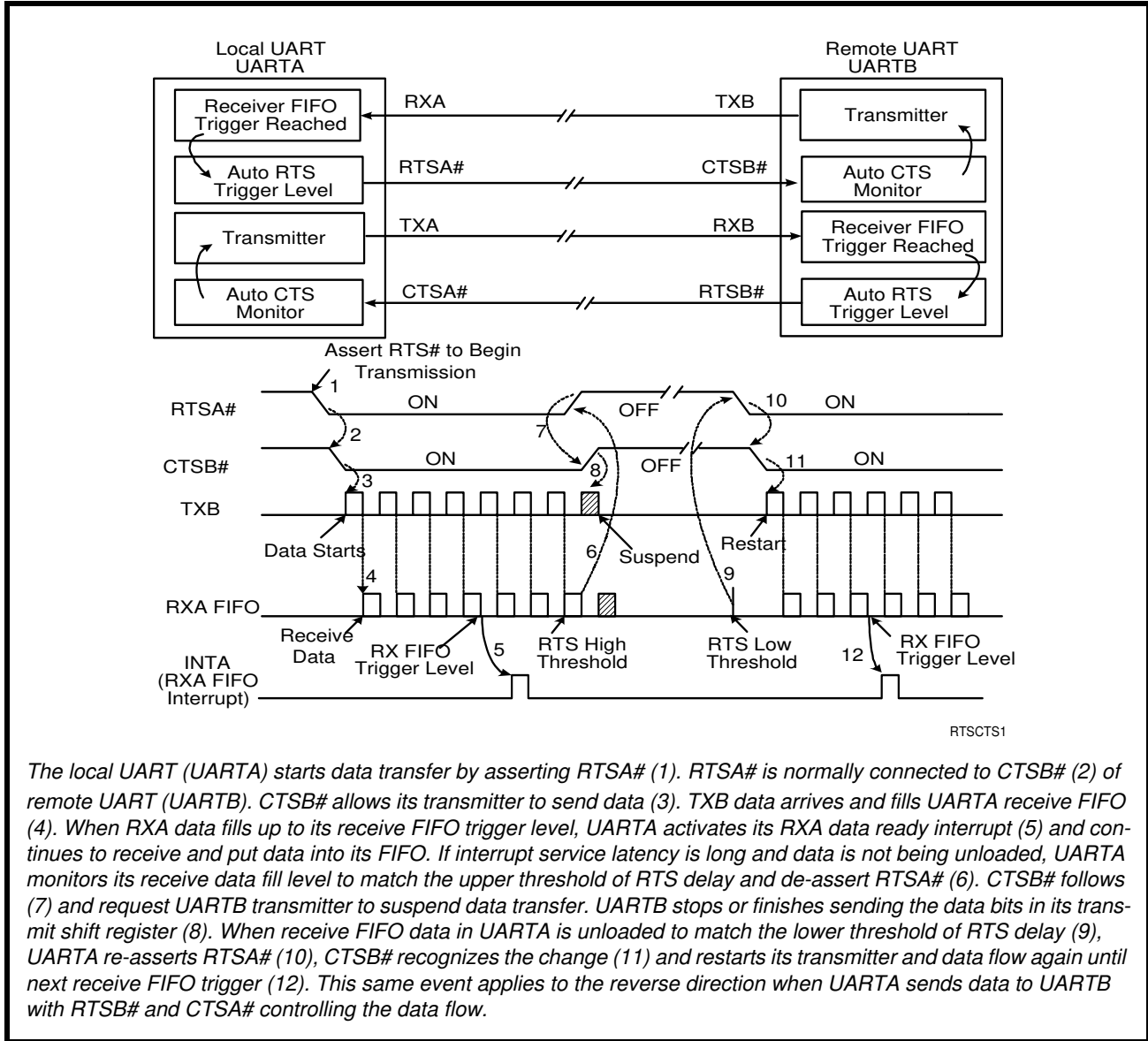
Automatic CTS flow control is used to prevent data overrun to the remote receiver FIFO. The CTS# input is monitored to suspend/restart the local transmitter. The auto CTS flow control feature is selected to fit specific application requirement (see [Figure 11](#)):

- Enable auto CTS flow control using EFR bit-7.

If using the Auto CTS interrupt:

- Enable CTS interrupt through IER bit-7 (after setting EFR bit-4). The UART issues an interrupt when the CTS# pin is de-asserted (HIGH): ISR bit-5 will be set to 1, and UART will suspend transmission as soon as the stop bit of the character in process is shifted out. Transmission is resumed after the CTS# input is re-asserted (LOW), indicating more data may be sent.

FIGURE 11. AUTO RTS AND CTS FLOW CONTROL OPERATION



2.15 Auto Xon/Xoff (Software) Flow Control

When software flow control is enabled (See Table 10), the L570 compares one or two sequential receive data characters with the programmed Xon or Xoff-1,2 character value(s). If receive character(s) (RX) match the programmed values, the L570 will halt transmission (TX) as soon as the current character has completed transmission. When a match occurs, the Xoff (if enabled via IER bit-5) flag will be set and the interrupt output pin will be activated. Following a suspension due to a match of the Xoff character, the L570 will monitor the receive data stream for a match to the Xon-1,2 character. If a match is found, the L570 will resume operation and clear the flags (ISR bit-4).

Reset initially sets the contents of the Xon/Xoff 8-bit flow control registers to a logic 0. Following reset the user can write any Xon/Xoff value desired for software flow control. Different conditions can be set to detect Xon/Xoff characters (See Table 10) and suspend/resume transmissions. When double 8-bit Xon/Xoff characters are selected, the L570 compares two consecutive receive characters with two software flow control 8-bit values (Xon1, Xon2, Xoff1, Xoff2) and controls TX transmissions accordingly. Under the above described flow control mechanisms, flow control characters are not placed (stacked) in the user accessible RX data buffer or FIFO.

In the event that the receive buffer is overfilling and flow control needs to be executed, the L570 automatically sends an Xoff message (when enabled) via the serial TX output to the remote modem. The L570 sends the Xoff character(s) two-character-times (= time taken to send two characters at the programmed baud rate) after the receive FIFO crosses the programmed trigger level. To clear this condition, the L570 will transmit the programmed Xon character(s) as soon as receive FIFO is less than one trigger level below the programmed trigger level (see Table 8). **The table below describes this.**

TABLE 4: AUTO XON/XOFF (SOFTWARE) FLOW CONTROL

RX TRIGGER LEVEL	INT PIN ACTIVATION	XOFF CHARACTER(S) SENT (CHARACTERS IN RX FIFO)	XON CHARACTER(S) SENT (CHARACTERS IN RX FIFO)
1	1	1*	0
4	4	4*	1
8	8	8*	4
14	14	14*	8

* After the trigger level is reached, an xoff character is sent after a short span of time (= time required to send 2 characters); for example, after 2.083ms has elapsed for 9600 baud and 8-bit word length, no parity and 1 stop bit setting.

2.16 Special Character Detect

A special character detect feature is provided to detect an 8-bit character when bit-5 is set in the Enhanced Feature Register (EFR). When this character (Xoff2) is detected, it will be placed in the FIFO along with normal incoming RX data.

The L570 compares each incoming receive character with the programmed Xoff-2 data. If a match exists, the received data will be transferred to the RX FIFO and ISR bit-4 will be set to indicate detection of special character. Although the Internal Register Table shows Xon, Xoff Registers with eight bits of character information, the actual number of bits is dependent on the programmed word length. Line Control Register (LCR) bits 0-1 defines the number of character bits, i.e., either 5 bits, 6 bits, 7 bits, or 8 bits. The word length selected by LCR bits 0-1 also determines the number of bits that will be used for the special character comparison. Bit-0 in the Xon, Xoff Registers corresponds with the LSB bit for the receive character.

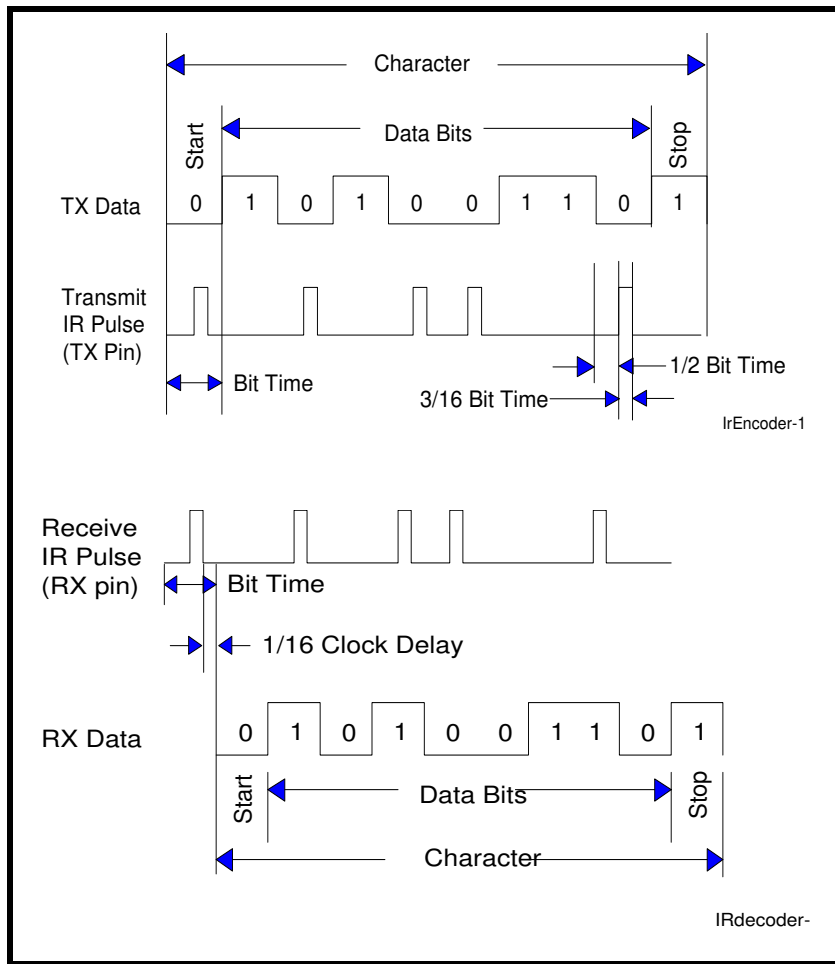
2.17 Infrared Mode

The L570 UART includes the infrared encoder and decoder compatible to the IrDA (Infrared Data Association) version 1.0. The IrDA 1.0 standard that stipulates the infrared encoder sends out a 3/16 of a bit wide HIGH-pulse for each “0” bit in the transmit data stream. This signal encoding reduces the on-time of the infrared LED, hence reduces the power consumption. See **Figure 12** below.

The infrared encoder and decoder are enabled by setting MCR register bit-6 to a ‘1’. When the infrared feature is enabled, the transmit data output, TX, idles at logic zero level. Likewise, the RX input assumes an idle level of logic zero from a reset and power up, see **Figure 12**.

Typically, the wireless infrared decoder receives the input pulse from the infrared sensing diode on the RX pin. Each time it senses a light pulse, it returns a logic 1 to the data bit stream. However, this is not true with some infrared modules on the market which indicate a logic 0 by a light pulse. So the L570 has a provision to invert the input polarity to accommodate this. In this case, the user can enable MCR bit-2 to invert the IR signal at the RX pin.

FIGURE 12. INFRARED TRANSMIT DATA ENCODING AND RECEIVE DATA DECODING



2.18 Sleep Mode with Wake-Up Interrupt and Power-Save Feature

The L570 supports low voltage system designs, hence, a sleep mode with wake-up interrupt and Power-Save feature is included to reduce power consumption when the device is not actively used.

2.18.1 Sleep Mode

All of these conditions must be satisfied for the L570 to enter sleep mode:

- no interrupts pending (ISR bit-0 = 1)
- the 16-bit divisor programmed in DLM and DLL registers is a non-zero value
- sleep mode is enabled (IER bit-4 = 1)
- modem inputs are not toggling (MSR bits 0-3 = 0)
- RX input pin is idling at a logic 1

The L570 resumes normal operation by any of the following:

- a receive data start bit transition (HIGH to LOW)
- a data byte is loaded to the transmitter, THR or FIFO
- a change of logic state on the modem or general purpose serial input CTS#

If the L570 is awakened by any one of the above conditions, it issues an interrupt as soon as the oscillator circuit is up and running and the device is ready to transmit/receive. This interrupt has the same encoding (bit-0 of ISR register = 1) as "no interrupt pending" and will clear when the ISR register is read. This will show up in the ISR register only if no other interrupts are enabled. The L570 will return to the sleep mode automatically after all interrupting conditions have been serviced and cleared. If the L570 is awakened by the modem input CTS#, a read to the MSR is required to reset the modem input. In any case, the sleep mode will not be entered while an interrupt is pending. The L570 will stay in the sleep mode of operation until it is disabled by setting IER bit-4 to a logic 0.

2.18.2 Power-Save Feature

If the address lines, data bus lines, IOW#, IOR#, CS# and modem input lines remain steady when the L570 is in sleep mode, the maximum current will be in the microamp range as specified in the DC Electrical Characteristics on [page 35](#). If the input lines are floating or are toggling while the L570 is in sleep mode, the current can be up to 100 times more. If not using the Power-Save feature, an external buffer would be required to keep the address and data bus lines from toggling or floating to achieve the low current. But if the Power-Save feature is enabled (PwrSave pin connected to VCC), this will eliminate the need for an external buffer by internally isolating the address, data and control signals (see Figure 1 on page 1) from other bus activities that could cause wasteful power drain. The L570 enters Power-Save mode when this pin is connected to VCC and the L570 is in sleep mode (see Sleep Mode section above).

Since Power-Save mode isolates the address, data and control signals, **the device will wake-up only by:**

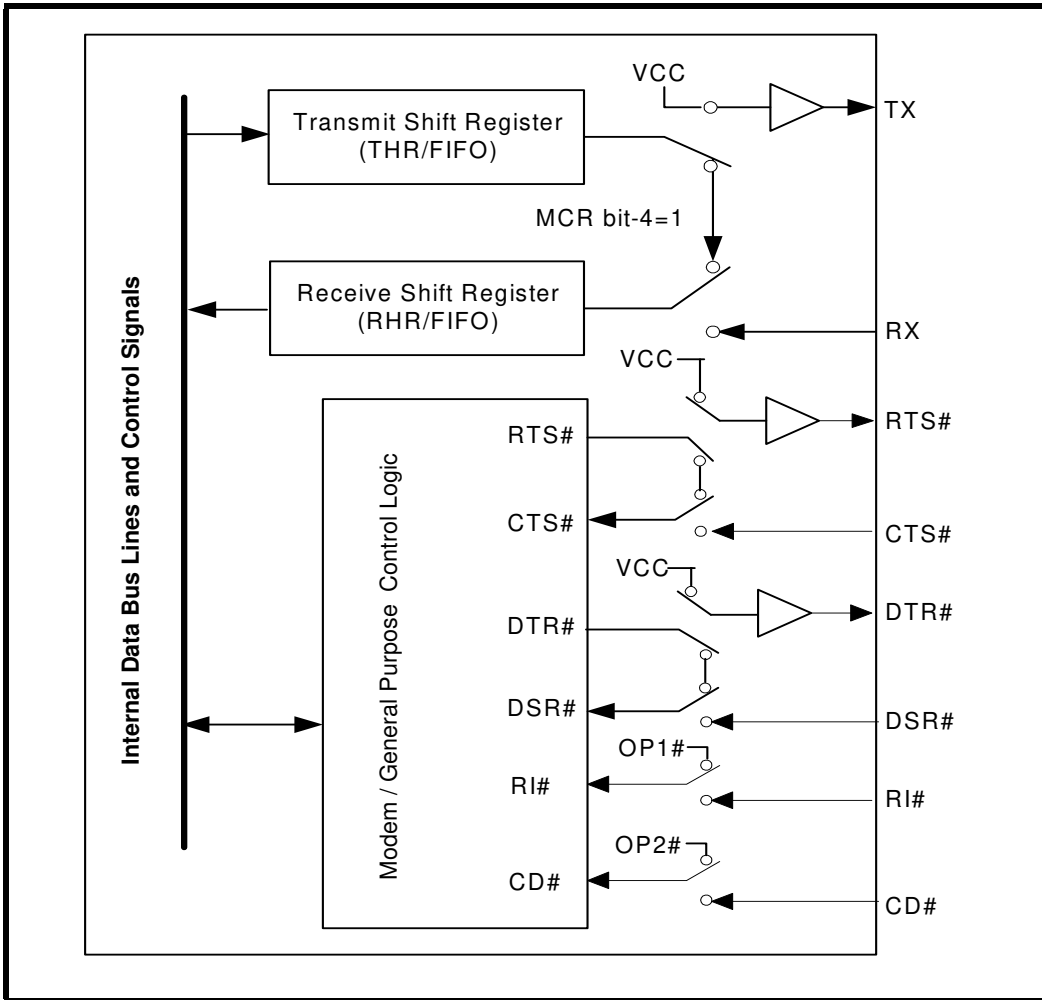
- a receive data start bit transition (HIGH to LOW) at the RX input or
- a change of logic state on the modem or general purpose serial input CTS#

The L570 will return to the Power-Save mode automatically after a read to the MSR (to reset the modem input CTS#) and all interrupting conditions have been serviced and cleared. The L570 will stay in the Power-Save mode of operation until it is disabled by setting IER bit-4 to a logic 0 and/or the Power-Save pin is connected to GND. **The Power-Save feature is only available in the 24-QFN package only.**

2.19 Internal Loopback

The L570 UART provides an internal loopback capability for system diagnostic purposes. The internal loopback mode is enabled by setting MCR register bit-4 to logic 1. All regular UART functions operate normally including automatic hardware and software flow control. **Figure 13** shows how the modem port signals are re-configured. The general purpose outputs OP1#, OP2#, the modem output DTR# and the modem inputs DSR#, RI# and CD# are not available in the 24-QFN package of the L570. However, in internal loopback mode, the DTR#, OP1# and OP2# bits in the MCR register, control the DSR#, RI# and CD# bits in the MSR register respectively. Transmit data from the transmit shift register output is internally routed to the receive shift register input allowing the system to receive the same data that it was sending. The TX pin is held HIGH while RTS# is de-asserted, and CTS# input is ignored. Caution: the RX input pins must be held HIGH during loopback test else upon exiting the loopback test the UART may detect and report a false “break” signal.

FIGURE 13. INTERNAL LOOP BACK



3.0 UART INTERNAL REGISTERS

The L570 has a set of configuration registers selected by address lines A0, A1 and A2 with CS# asserted. The complete register set is shown on **Table 5** and **Table 6**.

TABLE 5: UART INTERNAL REGISTERS

A2,A1,A0 ADDRESSES	REGISTER	READ/WRITE	COMMENTS
16C550 COMPATIBLE REGISTERS			
0 0 0	RHR - Receive Holding Register THR - Transmit Holding Register	Read-only Write-only	LCR[7] = 0
0 0 0	DLL - Div Latch Low Byte	Read/Write	LCR[7] = 1
0 0 1	DLM - Div Latch High Byte	Read/Write	
0 0 0	DREV - Device Revision Code	Read-only	DLL, DLM = 0x00, LCR[7] = 1
0 0 1	DVID - Device Identification Code	Read-only	
0 0 1	IER - Interrupt Enable Register	Read/Write	LCR[7] = 0
0 1 0	ISR - Interrupt Status Register FCR - FIFO Control Register	Read-only Write-only	LCR ≠ 0xBF
0 1 1	LCR - Line Control Register	Read/Write	
1 0 0	MCR - Modem Control Register	Read/Write	LCR ≠ 0xBF
1 0 1	LSR - Line Status Register Reserved	Read-only Write-only	
1 1 0	MSR - Modem Status Register Reserved	Read-only Write-only	
1 1 1	SPR - Scratchpad Register	Read/Write	LCR ≠ 0xBF
ENHANCED REGISTERS			
0 1 0	EFR - Enhanced Function Register	Read/Write	LCR = 0xBF
1 0 0	Xon-1 - Xon Character 1	Read/Write	
1 0 1	Xon-2 - Xon Character 2	Read/Write	
1 1 0	Xoff-1 - Xoff Character 1	Read/Write	
1 1 1	Xoff-2 - Xoff Character 2	Read/Write	

TABLE 6: INTERNAL REGISTERS DESCRIPTION. SHADED BITS ARE ENABLED WHEN EFR BIT-4=1

ADDRESS A2-A0	REG NAME	READ/ WRITE	BIT-7	BIT-6	BIT-5	BIT-4	BIT-3	BIT-2	BIT-1	BIT-0	COMMENT
16C550 Compatible Registers											
0 0 0	RHR	RD	Bit-7	Bit-6	Bit-5	Bit-4	Bit-3	Bit-2	Bit-1	Bit-0	LCR[7]=0
0 0 0	THR	WR	Bit-7	Bit-6	Bit-5	Bit-4	Bit-3	Bit-2	Bit-1	Bit-0	
0 0 1	IER	RD/WR	0/ CTS Int. Enable	0/ RTS Int. Enable	0/ Xoff Int. Enable	0/ Sleep Mode Enable	Modem Stat. Int. Enable	RX Line Stat. Int. Enable	TX Empty Int. Enable	RX Data Int. Enable	
0 1 0	ISR	RD	FIFOs Enabled	FIFOs Enabled	0/ INT Source Bit-5	0/ INT Source Bit-4	INT Source Bit-3	INT Source Bit-2	INT Source Bit-1	INT Source Bit-0	LCR ≠ 0xBF
0 1 0	FCR	WR	RXFIFO Trigger	RXFIFO Trigger	0/ TXFIFO Trigger	0/ TXFIFO Trigger	DMA Mode Enable	TX FIFO Reset	RX FIFO Reset	FIFOs Enable	
0 1 1	LCR	RD/WR	Divisor Enable	Set TX Break	Set Parity	Even Parity	Parity Enable	Stop Bits	Word Length Bit-1	Word Length Bit-0	
1 0 0	MCR	RD/WR	0/ BRG Prescaler	0/ IR Mode Enable	0/ XonAny	Internal Loop-back Enable	INT Output Enable (OP2#)	(OP1#) Invert IR RX	RTS# Output Control	DTR# Output Control	LCR ≠ 0xBF
1 0 1	LSR	RD	RX FIFO Global Error	THR & TSR Empty	THR Empty	RX Break	RX Framing Error	RX Parity Error	RX Over-run Error	RX Data Ready	
1 1 0	MSR	RD	CD# Input	RI# Input	DSR# Input	CTS# Input	Delta CD#	Delta RI#	Delta DSR#	Delta CTS#	
1 1 1	SPR	RD/WR	Bit-7	Bit-6	Bit-5	Bit-4	Bit-3	Bit-2	Bit-1	Bit-0	LCR ≠ 0xBF
Baud Rate Generator Divisor											
0 0 0	DLL	RD/WR	Bit-7	Bit-6	Bit-5	Bit-4	Bit-3	Bit-2	Bit-1	Bit-0	LCR[7]=1
0 0 1	DLM	RD/WR	Bit-7	Bit-6	Bit-5	Bit-4	Bit-3	Bit-2	Bit-1	Bit-0	
0 0 0	DREV	RD	Bit-7	Bit-6	Bit-5	Bit-4	Bit-3	Bit-2	Bit-1	Bit-0	LCR[7]=1 DLL=0x00 DLM=0x00
0 0 1	DVID	RD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	

TABLE 6: INTERNAL REGISTERS DESCRIPTION. SHADED BITS ARE ENABLED WHEN EFR BIT-4=1

ADDRESS A2-A0	REG NAME	READ/ WRITE	BIT-7	BIT-6	BIT-5	BIT-4	BIT-3	BIT-2	BIT-1	BIT-0	COMMENT
Enhanced Registers											
0 1 0	EFR	RD/WR	Auto CTS Enable	Auto RTS Enable	Special Char Select	Enable IER [7:4], ISR [5:4], FCR[5:4], MCR[7:5], MCR[2]	Soft- ware Flow Cntl Bit-3	Soft- ware Flow Cntl Bit-2	Soft- ware Flow Cntl Bit-1	Soft- ware Flow Cntl Bit-0	LCR=0xBF
1 0 0	XON1	WR	Bit-7	Bit-6	Bit-5	Bit-4	Bit-3	Bit-2	Bit-1	Bit-0	
1 0 1	XON2	WR	Bit-7	Bit-6	Bit-5	Bit-4	Bit-3	Bit-2	Bit-1	Bit-0	
1 1 0	XOFF1	WR	Bit-7	Bit-6	Bit-5	Bit-4	Bit-3	Bit-2	Bit-1	Bit-0	
1 1 1	XOFF2	WR	Bit-7	Bit-6	Bit-5	Bit-4	Bit-3	Bit-2	Bit-1	Bit-0	

4.0 INTERNAL REGISTER DESCRIPTIONS

4.1 Receive Holding Register (RHR) - Read- Only

SEE "RECEIVER" ON PAGE 11.

4.2 Transmit Holding Register (THR) - Write-Only

SEE "TRANSMITTER" ON PAGE 10.

4.3 Baud Rate Generator Divisors (DLL and DLM) - Read/Write

The Baud Rate Generator (BRG) is a 16-bit counter that generates the data rate for the transmitter. The rate is programmed through registers DLL and DLM which are only accessible when LCR bit-7 is set to '1'.
SEE "PROGRAMMABLE BAUD RATE GENERATOR" ON PAGE 9.

4.4 Interrupt Enable Register (IER) - Read/Write

The Interrupt Enable Register (IER) masks the interrupts from receive data ready, transmit empty, line status and modem status registers. These interrupts are reported in the Interrupt Status Register (ISR).

4.4.1 IER versus Receive FIFO Interrupt Mode Operation

When the receive FIFO (FCR BIT-0 = 1) and receive interrupts (IER BIT-0 = 1) are enabled, the RHR interrupts (see ISR bits 2 and 3) status will reflect the following:

- A. The receive data available interrupts are issued to the host when the FIFO has reached the programmed trigger level. It will be cleared when the FIFO drops below the programmed trigger level.
- B. FIFO level will be reflected in the ISR register when the FIFO trigger level is reached. Both the ISR register status bit and the interrupt will be cleared when the FIFO drops below the trigger level.
- C. The receive data ready bit (LSR BIT-0) is set as soon as a character is transferred from the shift register to the receive FIFO. It is reset when the FIFO is empty.

4.4.2 IER versus Receive/Transmit FIFO Polled Mode Operation

When FCR bit-0 equals a logic 1 for FIFO enable; resetting IER bits 0-3 enables the XR16L570 in the FIFO polled mode of operation. Since the receiver and transmitter have separate bits in the LSR either or both can be used in the polled mode by selecting respective transmit or receive control bit(s).

- A. LSR BIT-0 indicates there is data in RHR or RX FIFO.
- B. LSR BIT-1 indicates an overrun error has occurred and that data in the FIFO may not be valid.
- C. LSR BIT 2-4 provides the type of receive data errors encountered for the data byte in RHR, if any.
- D. LSR BIT-5 indicates THR is empty.
- E. LSR BIT-6 indicates when both the transmit FIFO and TSR are empty.
- F. LSR BIT-7 indicates a data error in at least one character in the RX FIFO.

IER[0]: RHR Interrupt Enable

The receive data ready interrupt will be issued when RHR has a data character in the non-FIFO mode or when the receive FIFO has reached the programmed trigger level in the FIFO mode.

- Logic 0 = Disable the receive data ready interrupt (default).
- Logic 1 = Enable the receiver data ready interrupt.

IER[1]: THR Interrupt Enable

This bit enables the Transmit Ready interrupt which is issued whenever the THR becomes empty in the non-FIFO mode or when data in the FIFO falls below the programmed trigger level in the FIFO mode. If the THR is empty when this bit is enabled, an interrupt will be generated.

- Logic 0 = Disable Transmit Ready interrupt (default).
- Logic 1 = Enable Transmit Ready interrupt.

IER[2]: Receive Line Status Interrupt Enable

If any of the LSR register bits 1, 2, 3 or 4 is a logic 1, it will generate an interrupt to inform the host controller about the error status of the current data byte in FIFO. LSR bit-1 generates an interrupt immediately when the character has been received. LSR bits 2-4 generate an interrupt when the character with errors is ready to be read out of the FIFO.

- Logic 0 = Disable the receiver line status interrupt (default).
- Logic 1 = Enable the receiver line status interrupt.

IER[3]: Modem Status Interrupt Enable

- Logic 0 = Disable the modem status register interrupt (default).
- Logic 1 = Enable the modem status register interrupt.

IER[4]: Sleep Mode Enable (requires EFR bit-4 = 1)

- Logic 0 = Disable Sleep Mode (default).
- Logic 1 = Enable Sleep Mode. See Sleep Mode section for further details.

IER[5]: Xoff Interrupt Enable (requires EFR bit-4=1)

- Logic 0 = Disable the software flow control, receive Xoff interrupt. (default)
- Logic 1 = Enable the software flow control, receive Xoff interrupt. See Software Flow Control section for details.

IER[6]: RTS# Output Interrupt Enable (requires EFR bit-4=1)

- Logic 0 = Disable the RTS# interrupt (default).

- Logic 1 = Enable the RTS# interrupt. The UART issues an interrupt when the RTS# pin makes a transition from low to high.

IER[7]: CTS# Input Interrupt Enable (requires EFR bit-4=1)

- Logic 0 = Disable the CTS# interrupt (default).
- Logic 1 = Enable the CTS# interrupt. The UART issues an interrupt when CTS# pin makes a transition from low to high.

4.5 Interrupt Status Register (ISR) - Read-Only

The UART provides multiple levels of prioritized interrupts to minimize external software interaction. The Interrupt Status Register (ISR) provides the user with six interrupt status bits. Performing a read cycle on the ISR will give the user the current highest pending interrupt level to be serviced, others are queued up to be serviced next. No other interrupts are acknowledged until the pending interrupt is serviced. The Interrupt Source Table, [Table 7](#), shows the data values (bit 0-5) for the interrupt priority levels and the interrupt sources associated with each of these interrupt levels.

4.5.1 Interrupt Generation:

- LSR is by any of the LSR bits 1, 2, 3 and 4.
- RXRDY is by RX trigger level.
- RXRDY Time-out is by a 4-char plus 12 bits delay timer.
- TXRDY is by TX trigger level or TX FIFO empty.
- MSR is by any of the MSR bits 0, 1, 2 and 3.
- Receive Xoff/Special character is by detection of a Xoff or Special character.
- CTS# is when its transmitter toggles the input pin (from low to high) during auto CTS flow control enabled by EFR bit-7.
- RTS# is when its receiver toggles the output pin (from low to high) during auto RTS flow control enabled by EFR bit-6.
- Wake-up Interrupt is when the device wakes up from sleep mode. See Sleep Mode section for more details.

4.5.2 Interrupt Clearing:

- LSR interrupt is cleared by reading the LSR register (but FIFO error bit does not clear until the character(s) that generated the interrupt(s) is (are) read from the FIFO).
- RXRDY interrupt is cleared by reading data until FIFO falls below the trigger level.
- RXRDY Time-out interrupt is cleared by reading the RHR register.
- TXRDY interrupt is cleared by reading the ISR register or writing to the THR register.
- MSR interrupt is cleared by reading the MSR register.
- Xoff interrupt is cleared by reading the ISR or when Xon character(s) is received.
- Special character interrupt is cleared by reading the ISR or after the next character is received.
- RTS# and CTS# flow control interrupts are cleared by reading the MSR register.
- Wake-up interrupt is cleared by reading the ISR register.

TABLE 7: INTERRUPT SOURCE AND PRIORITY LEVEL

PRIORITY LEVEL	ISR REGISTER STATUS BITS						SOURCE OF INTERRUPT
	BIT-5	BIT-4	BIT-3	BIT-2	BIT-1	BIT-0	
1	0	0	0	1	1	0	LSR (Receiver Line Status Register)
2	0	0	1	1	0	0	RXRDY (Receive Data Time-out)
3	0	0	0	1	0	0	RXRDY (Received Data Ready)
4	0	0	0	0	1	0	TXRDY (Transmit Ready)
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	MSR (Modem Status Register)
6	0	1	0	0	0	0	RXRDY (Received Xoff or Special character)
7	1	0	0	0	0	0	CTS#, RTS# change of state
-	0	0	0	0	0	1	None (default) or Wake-up Interrupt

ISR[0]: Interrupt Status

- Logic 0 = An interrupt is pending and the ISR contents may be used as a pointer to the appropriate interrupt service routine.
- Logic 1 = No interrupt pending (default condition) or wake-up interrupt. The wake-up interrupt is issued when the L570 has been awakened from sleep mode.

ISR[3:1]: Interrupt Status

These bits indicate the source for a pending interrupt at interrupt priority levels (See Interrupt Source [Table 7](#)).

ISR[5:4]: Interrupt Status

These bits are enabled when EFR bit-4 is set to a logic 1. ISR bit-4 indicates that the receiver detected a data match of the Xoff character(s). Note that once set to a logic 1, the ISR bit-4 will stay a logic 1 until a Xon character is received. ISR bit-5 indicates that CTS# or RTS# has changed state.

ISR[7:6]: FIFO Enable Status

These bits are set to a logic 0 when the FIFOs are disabled. They are set to a logic 1 when the FIFOs are enabled.

4.6 FIFO Control Register (FCR) - Write-Only

This register is used to enable the FIFOs, clear the FIFOs, set the transmit/receive FIFO trigger levels, and select the DMA mode. The DMA, and FIFO modes are defined as follows:

FCR[0]: TX and RX FIFO Enable

- Logic 0 = Disable the transmit and receive FIFO (default).
- Logic 1 = Enable the transmit and receive FIFOs. This bit must be set to logic 1 when other FCR bits are written or they will not be programmed.

FCR[1]: RX FIFO Reset

This bit is only active when FCR bit-0 is a '1'.

- Logic 0 = No receive FIFO reset (default)
- Logic 1 = Reset the receive FIFO pointers and FIFO level counter logic (the receive shift register is not cleared or altered). This bit will return to a logic 0 after resetting the FIFO.