

# ***Dead-Time Generation on the TMS320C24x***

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# Overview

A Dead-Band generator protects the power semiconductors during the commutation. The dead time is programmable between 0 $\mu$ s and 102 $\mu$ s. This time range is sufficient for all kinds of power semi-conductors (MOSFET, IGBT, BIPOLAR, and THYRISTOR) in a wide range of kW (kiloWatt) or HP (Horse Powers).

TMS320C24x Dead-Band separates the transition edges of two signals: output and complemented output, by a time interval. This time interval is programmable. The Dead-Band can only be used with Full Compare Output.

Full compare has two outputs per channel, a “true” phase and a “false” phase . These exits allow the device to directly drive the upper and the lower halves of an H-bridge. To accommodate any combinations of transistor types and polarities in the H-bridge, the state of the outputs in the ACTIVE versus INACTIVE time slots are programmable. Therefore, it does not necessarily follow that, in the dual output compare channels, the true and false phase outputs are electrically complementary. Furthermore, it is also not true that when one output is ACTIVE, the other is INACTIVE.

The key point to remember is:

- Both “true” and “false” phase outputs use the same definition for ACTIVE vs. INACTIVE time slots. The electrical state of the output pins will be determined by the value programmed in the appropriate ACTION register (ACTR) for the ACTIVE state.

In fact, the only distinguished feature between the true and false outputs is the generation of the dead band time. Dead-Band generation is accomplished by digitally counting a programmable number of cycles between the generate edges on the true and false outputs due to the a compare trigger event. The delay generated starts when the compare event happens.

The rules for Dead-Band generation are:

- When a compare event happens to enter the ACTIVE time slot of the PWM cycle, the FALSE output changes from the INACTIVE state to the ACTIVE

state immediately. The TRUE output waits for the dead-band time before changing from its INACTIVE to ACTIVE state.

- When a compare or period occurs to enter the INACTIVE time slot of the PWM cycle, the TRUE side output changes from the ACTIVE state to the INACTIVE state immediately, while the FALSE side output changes after the dead-band time.
- If the time slot definition is reset to INACTIVE on an underflow event (symmetric only), both outputs go to the INACTIVE state immediately, no dead-band is generated.

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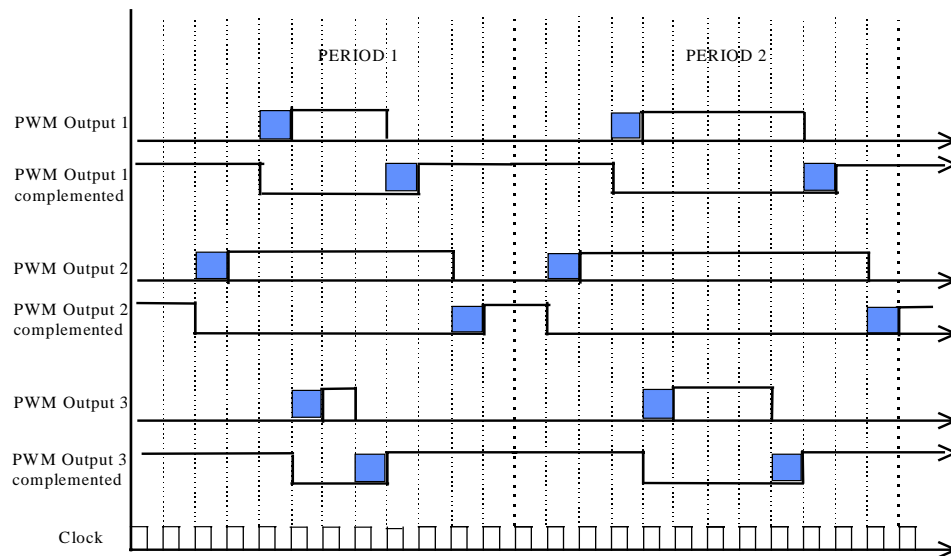
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## 1. Possibilities of Dead-Band Generator

The Dead-Band Generator associated with the General Purpose Timer One can be used:

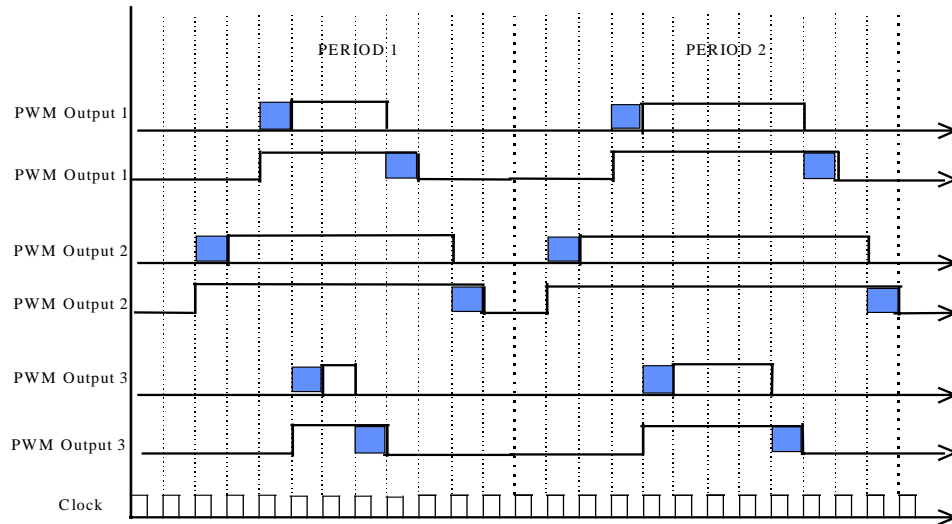
- To generate three symmetrical PWM plus three complemented PWM with Dead-Time on the Full Compare output:

*In this example, all Dead-Band values are the same for all PWM.*

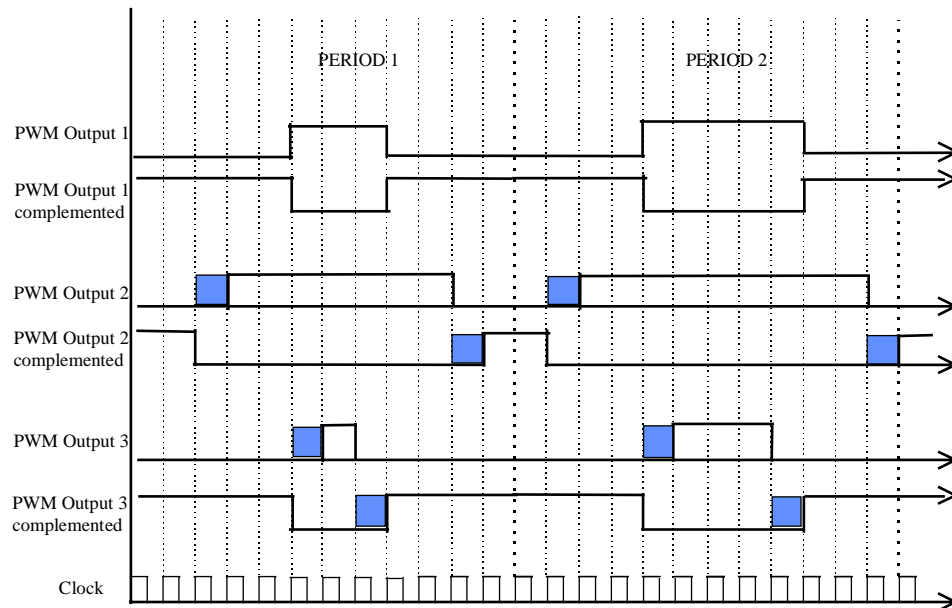


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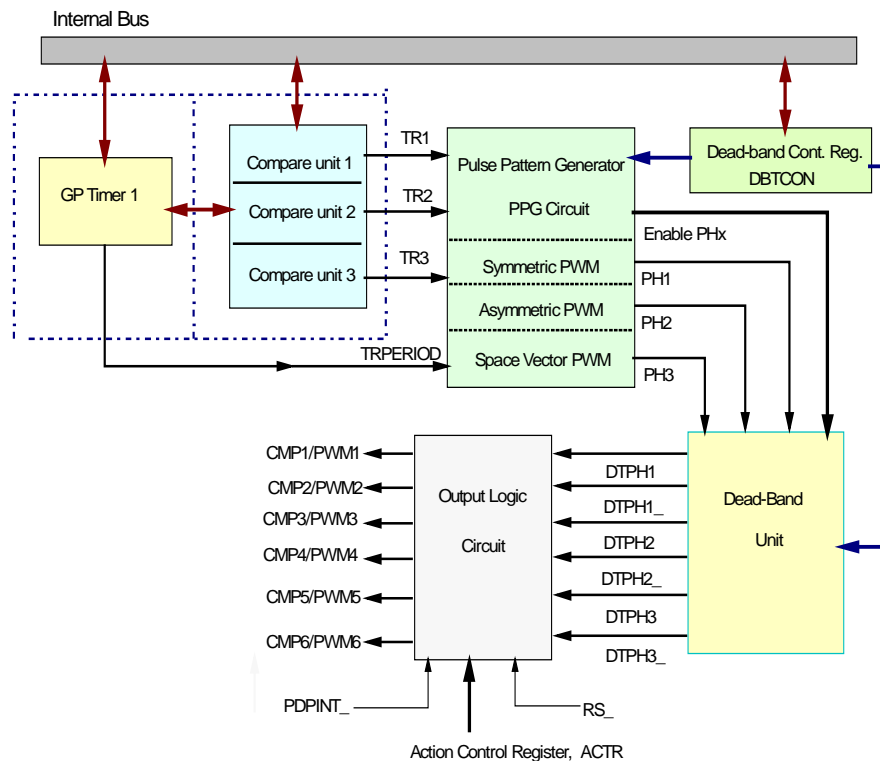
- To generate three symmetrical PWM plus three complemented PWM with Dead-time on the Full Compare output, Dead-band is enable on Phase Two and Phase Three but is disable on Phase One:



## 2. Description: Event Manager Programming

### 2.1 Connection of Dead-Band Units in the Event Manager

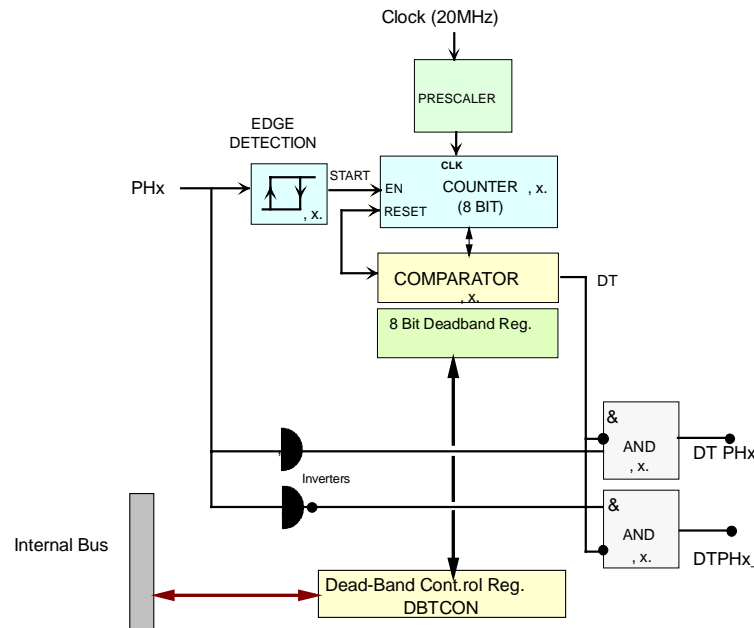
The PWM circuit associated with full compare units make it possible for the generation of 6 PWM output channels that have programmable Dead-Band and programmable output polarity.



Three pairs PWM (Full Compare) are exclusively based on the Time Base One.

- **Complemented PWMs with Dead-Band**, signals will be opposite of each other with a time interval which separate transition edges.
- All PWM combinations, each output pin of pairs PWM can be programmed by user software using Output Logic Circuit.

## 2.2 Dead-Band Unit Composition



### ***2.3 Preparation Phase to Configure the Full Compare Units with Dead-Band***

Two main modules have to be proposed to generate three pairs PWM with Dead-band:

- Full Compare Units programming:
  - to write ACTR : Action Control Register which controls the action on each of 6 compare output pins.
  - to write CMPR1 : Compare register 1
  - to write CMPR2 : Compare register 2
  - to write CMPR3 : Compare register 3
  - to write DBTCON : Dead-Band Timer Control Register
  - to write COMCON : Compare Control Register



Timer Base generation with General Purpose Timer 1:

*CF Application note “TMS320C24x General Purpose Timer 1 in symmetrical mode”*

- to write TPR1 : Timer Period register.
- to write TCNT1 : Counter register initialization.
- to write TCON1 with bit 6=0b (timer disable)  
: Control register to program Count Mode Selection, Clock Pre-scaler, Clock Source, compare reload condition, enable compare operation.
- to write TCON1 with bit 6=1b to start the timer.  
: Control register to enable the Timer 1

## 2.4 Example

Generation of three pairs PWM, each pair has an output and a complemented output with a 50ns Dead-Band, PWM are symmetrical.

- Free run, no emulation mode.
- Timer count mode in Continuous Up/Down-Count Mode : symmetrical PWM
- No timer input pre-scaler and internal clock.
- Reload the Full Compare shadow compare register when counter = 0.
- PWM output Active High for uneven output and Active Low for even output.
- dead-band 50ns for each phase
- Period  $5 * 2 * 50\text{ns}$ .

Register programming:

*CF Application note “TMS320C24x PWM Full Compare in symmetric mode” for compare generation.*

ACTR	=	0666h	
	Bit 1&0	:10b	,Active High for output 1
	Bit 3&2	:10b	,Active Low for output 2 (output 1 complemented)
	Bit 5&4	:10b	,Active High for output 3
	Bit 7&6	:10b	,Active Low for output 4 (output 3 complemented)
	Bit 9&8	:10b	,Active High for output 5
	Bit 11&10	:10b	,Active Low for output 6 (output 5 complemented)

DBTCON	=	02e0h	
		Bit 3&4	:00b ,Dead-Band Pre-scaler is x/1
		Bit 5	:1b ,Enable Dead-Band Phase 1
		Bit 6	:1b ,Enable Dead-Band Phase 2
		Bit 7	:1b ,Enable Dead-Band Phase 3
		Bit 8-15	:01h ,Dead-Band value is 2 DSP Clock.
CMPR1	=	3h	
CMPR2	=	2h	
CMPR3	=	4h	
COMCON(1)	=	0307h	
		Bit 0	:1b ,PWM mode for PWM2 and PWM1
		Bit 1	:1b ,PWM mode for PWM4 and PWM3
		Bit 2	:1b ,PWM mode for PWM6 and PWM5
		Bit 9	:1b ,Full Compare output are enabled.
		Bit 11&10	:00b ,Reload Compare register at TCNT1=0.
COMCON(2)	=	8307h	
		Bit 15	:1b ,Enable Compare operations

*CF Application note “TMS320C24x General Purpose Timer 1 symmetric mode” for time base generation*

TPR1	=	5h	
TCMPR1	=	3h	
TCNT1	=	0h	
TCON1 (first)	=	a802h	
		Bit 1	: 1b , Enable timer compare operation.
		Bit 3&2	: 00b , Compare Register reload when counter is zero.
		Bit 5&4	: 00b , Internal Clock source select.
		Bit 6	: 0b , Timer 1 Disabled and pre-scaler reset.
		Bit 13,12&11	: 101b , Continuous-Up/Down Count Mode.
		Bit 15&14	: 10b , GP timer not affected by emulation suspend.
TCON1 (second)	=	a842h	
		Bit 6	: 1b , Timer 1 is enabled.

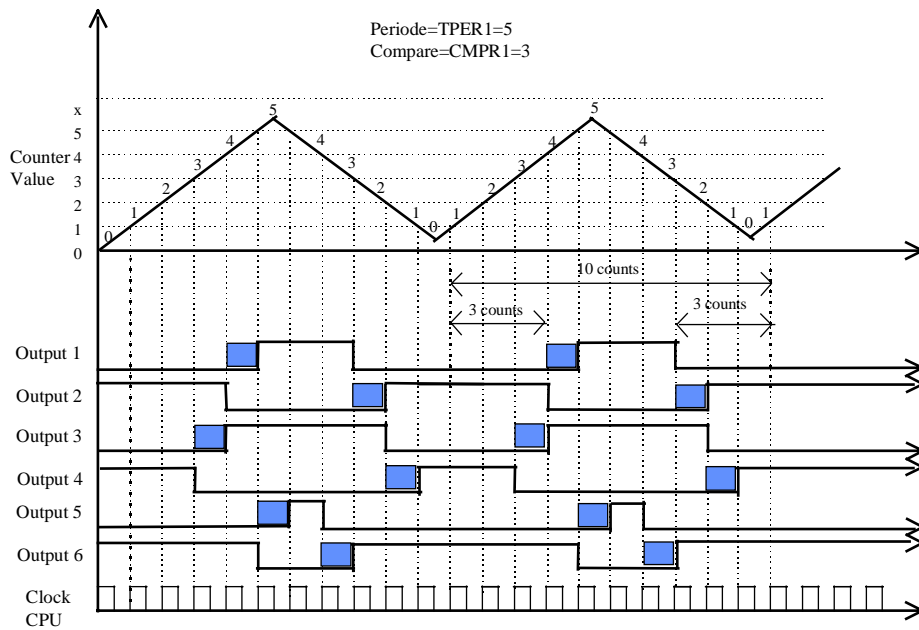
## Initialization Assembly code:

;Note : registers are memory mapped.

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GPTCON .set    7400h    ;General Timer Controls
TCNT1  .set    7401h    ;T1 Counter Register
TPR1   .set    7403h    ;T1 Period Register
TCON1  .set    7404h    ;T1 Control Register
COMCON .set    740dh    ;Compare Control Register
ACTR   .set    740eh    ;Full Compare Action Register
DBTCON .set    7410h    ;Dead-Band Timer control register
CMPR1  .set    7411h    ;Full Compare unit Compare register 1
CMPR2  .set    7412h    ;Full Compare unit Compare register 1
CMPR3  .set    7413h    ;Full Compare unit Compare register 1
```

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LDP    #232
SPLK   #666h,ACTR
SPLK   #1e0h,DBTCON
SPLK   #3h,CMPR1
SPLK   #2h,CMPR2
SPLK   #4h,CMPR3
SPLK   #307h,COMCON
SPLK   #8307h,COMCON
SPLK   #5h,TPR1
SPLK   #0h,TCNT1
SPLK   #0a802h,TCON1
SPLK   #0a842h,TCON1
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Result of this example



## 2.5 Boundary Conditions for Dead-Band Generator

The Dead-Band module is totally secure. In case the Dead-time value is equal or greater the active width or is more than periode boundary, the two phases stay complemented all the time.

Example with a 150ns Dead-Time

