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## SPECIFICATIONS

# NI USB-7856R

## R Series for USB Multifunction RIO with Kintex-7 160T FPGA

This document contains the specifications for the NI USB-7856R. Specifications are typical at 25 °C unless otherwise noted.



**Caution** Using the NI USB-7856R in a manner not described in this document may impair the protection the NI USB-7856R provides.

## Analog Input

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Number of channels     | 8  |
| Input modes            | DIFF, NRSE, RSE (software-selectable; selection applies to all channels) |
| Type of ADC            | Successive approximation register (SAR)                                  |
| Resolution             | 16 bits  |
| Conversion time        | 1 $\mu$ s  |
| Maximum sampling rate  | 1 MS/s (per channel)   |
| Input impedance        |  |
| Powered on             | 1.25 G $\Omega$    2 pF  |
| Powered off/overload   | 4.0 k $\Omega$ minimum   |
| Input signal range     | $\pm$ 1 V, $\pm$ 2 V, $\pm$ 5 V, $\pm$ 10 V (software-selectable)        |
| Input bias current     | $\pm$ 5 nA   |
| Input offset current   | $\pm$ 5 nA   |
| Input coupling         | DC   |
| Overvoltage protection |  |
| Powered on             | $\pm$ 42 V maximum   |
| Powered off            | $\pm$ 35 V maximum   |

**Table 1.** AI Operating Voltage Ranges Over Temperature

| Range | Measurement Voltage, AI+ to AI- |             |             | Maximum Working Voltage<br>(Signal + Common Mode) |
|-------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---|
|       | Minimum (V) <sup>1</sup>        | Typical (V) | Maximum (V) |   |
| ±10 V | ±10.37                          | ±10.5       | ±10.63      | ±12 V of ground                                   |
| ±5 V  | ±5.18                           | ± 5.25      | ±5.32       | ±10 V of ground                                   |
| ±2 V  | ±2.07                           | ±2.1        | ±2.13       | ±8.5 V of ground                                  |
| ±1 V  | ±1.03                           | ±1.05       | ±1.06       | ±8 V of ground                                    |

## AI Absolute Accuracy

Absolute accuracy at full scale numbers is valid immediately following internal calibration and assumes the device is operating within 10 °C of the last external calibration. Accuracies listed are valid for up to one year from the device external calibration.

Absolute accuracy at full scale on the analog input channels is determined using the following assumptions:

- TempChangeFromLastExternalCal = 10 °C
- TempChangeFromLastInternalCal = 1 °C
- number\_of\_readings = 10,000
- CoverageFactor = 3  $\sigma$

**Table 2.** AI Absolute Accuracy (Calibrated)

| Specifications                       | Range |       |       |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                      | ±10 V | ±5 V  | ±2 V  | ±1 V  |
| Residual Gain Error (ppm of Reading) | 104.4 | 105.9 | 110.6 | 118.4 |
| Gain Tempco (ppm/°C)                 | 20    | 20    | 20    | 20    |
| Reference Tempco (ppm/°C)            | 4     | 4     | 4     | 4     |
| Residual Offset Error (ppm of Range) | 16.4  | 16.4  | 16.4  | 16.4  |
| Offset Tempco (ppm of Range/°C)      | 4.18  | 4.17  | 4.41  | 4.63  |
| INL Error (ppm of range)             | 42.52 | 46.52 | 46.52 | 50.52 |

<sup>1</sup> The minimum measurement voltage range is the largest voltage the NI USB-7856R is guaranteed to accurately measure.

**Table 2.** AI Absolute Accuracy (Calibrated) (Continued)

| Specifications                                    | Range |       |      |      |
|---|-------|-------|------|------|
|   | ±10 V | ±5 V  | ±2 V | ±1 V |
| Random Noise, $\sigma$ ( $\mu\text{Vrms}$ )       | 263   | 156   | 90   | 74   |
| Absolute Accuracy at Full Scale ( $\mu\text{V}$ ) | 2,283 | 1,170 | 479  | 252  |

**Table 3.** AI Absolute Accuracy (Uncalibrated)

| Specifications                                    | Range  |        |       |       |
|---|--------|--------|-------|-------|
|   | ±10 V  | ±5 V   | ±2 V  | ±1 V  |
| Residual Gain Error (ppm of Reading)              | 2,921  | 3,021  | 3,021 | 3,021 |
| Gain Tempco (ppm/°C)                              | 20     | 20     | 20    | 20    |
| Reference Tempco (ppm/°C)                         | 4      | 4      | 4     | 4     |
| Residual Offset Error (ppm of Range)              | 661    | 671    | 700   | 631   |
| Offset Tempco (ppm of Range/°C)                   | 4.18   | 4.17   | 4.41  | 4.63  |
| INL Error (ppm of range)                          | 42.52  | 46.52  | 46.52 | 50.52 |
| Random Noise, $\sigma$ ( $\mu\text{Vrms}$ )       | 263    | 156    | 90    | 74    |
| Absolute Accuracy at Full Scale ( $\mu\text{V}$ ) | 36,895 | 19,018 | 7,667 | 3,769 |

## Calculating Absolute Accuracy

$$\text{AbsoluteAccuracy} = \text{Reading} \times (\text{GainError}) + \text{Range} \times (\text{OffsetError}) + \text{NoiseUncertainty}$$

$$\text{GainError} = \text{ResidualGainError} + \text{GainTempco} \times (\text{TempChangeFromLastInternalCal}) + \text{ReferenceTempco} \times (\text{TempChangeFromLastExternalCal})$$

$$\text{OffsetError} = \text{ResidualOffsetError} + \text{OffsetTempco} \times (\text{TempChangeFromLastInternalCal}) + \text{INL\_Error}$$

$$\text{NoiseUncertainty} = \frac{\text{RandomNoise} \times \text{CoverageFactor}}{\sqrt{\text{number\_of\_readings}}}$$

Refer to the following equation for an example of calculating absolute accuracy.

Absolute accuracy at full scale on the analog input channels is determined using the following assumptions:

- $\text{TempChangeFromLastExternalCal} = 10\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
- $\text{TempChangeFromLastInternalCal} = 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
- $\text{number\_of\_readings} = 10,000$
- $\text{CoverageFactor} = 3\sigma$

$$\text{GainError} = 104.4\text{ ppm} + 20\text{ ppm} \times 1 + 4\text{ ppm} \times 10$$

$$\text{GainError} = 164.4\text{ ppm}$$

$$\text{OffsetError} = 16.4\text{ ppm} + 4.18\text{ ppm} \times 1 + 42.52\text{ ppm}$$

$$\text{OffsetError} = 63.1\text{ ppm}$$

$$\text{NoiseUncertainty} = \frac{263\text{ }\mu\text{V} \times 3}{\sqrt{10,000}}$$

$$\text{NoiseUncertainty} = 7.89\text{ }\mu\text{V}$$

$$\text{AbsoluteAccuracy} = 10\text{ V} \times (\text{GainError}) + 10\text{ V} \times (\text{OffsetError}) + \text{NoiseUncertainty}$$

$$\text{AbsoluteAccuracy} = 2,283\text{ }\mu\text{V}$$

## DC Transfer Characteristics

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| INL               | Refer to the AI Accuracy Table               |
| DNL               | $\pm 0.4$ LSB typical, $\pm 0.9$ LSB maximum |
| No missing codes  | 16 bits guaranteed                           |
| CMRR, DC to 60 Hz | -100 dB                                      |

# Dynamic Characteristics

## Bandwidth

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| Small signal | 1 MHz   |
| Large signal | 500 kHz |

**Table 4. Settling Time**

| Range (V) | Step Size (V) | Accuracy |         |          |
|-----------|---------------|----------|---------|----------|
|           |               | ±16 LSB  | ±4 LSB  | ±2 LSB   |
| ±10       | ±20.0         | 1.50 μs  | 4.00 μs | 7.00 μs  |
|           | ±2.0          | 0.50 μs  | 0.50 μs | 1.00 μs  |
|           | ±0.2          | 0.50 μs  | 0.50 μs | 0.50 μs  |
| ±5        | ±10           | 1.50 μs  | 3.50 μs | 7.50 μs  |
|           | ±1            | 0.50 μs  | 0.50 μs | 1.00 μs  |
|           | ±0.1          | 0.50 μs  | 0.50 μs | 0.50 μs  |
| ±2        | ±4            | 1.00 μs  | 3.50 μs | 8.00 μs  |
|           | ±0.4          | 0.50 μs  | 0.50 μs | 1.00 μs  |
|           | ±0.04         | 0.50 μs  | 0.50 μs | 0.50 μs  |
| ±1        | ±2            | 1.00 μs  | 3.50 μs | 12.00 μs |
|           | ±0.2          | 0.50 μs  | 0.50 μs | 2.00 μs  |
|           | ±0.02         | 0.50 μs  | 0.50 μs | 0.50 μs  |

Crosstalk -80 dB, DC to 100 kHz

## Analog Output

|                     |                              |
|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Output type         | Single-ended, voltage output |
| Number of channels  | 8                            |
| Resolution          | 16 bits                      |
| Update time         | 1.0 μs                       |
| Maximum update rate | 1 MS/s                       |
| Type of DAC         | Enhanced R-2R                |

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Range                  | ±10 V                   |
| Output coupling        | DC                      |
| Output impedance       | 0.5 Ω                   |
| Current drive          | ±2.5 mA                 |
| Protection             | Short circuit to ground |
| Overvoltage protection |                         |
| Powered on             | ±15 V maximum           |
| Powered off            | ±10 V maximum           |
| Power-on state         | User-configurable       |
| Power-on glitch        | -1 V for 1 μs           |

**Table 5.** AO Operating Voltage Ranges for Over Temperature

| Range | Measurement Voltage, AO+ to AO GND |             |             |
|-------|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|       | Minimum (V) <sup>2</sup>           | Typical (V) | Maximum (V) |
| ±10 V | ±10.1                              | ±10.16      | ±10.22      |

## AO Absolute Accuracy

Absolute accuracy at full scale numbers is valid immediately following internal calibration and assumes the device is operating within 10 °C of the last external calibration. Accuracies listed are valid for up to one year from the device external calibration.

Absolute accuracy at full scale on the analog output channels is determined using the following assumptions:

- TempChangeFromLastExternalCal = 10 °C
- TempChangeFromLastInternalCal = 1 °C

**Table 6.** AO Absolute Accuracy (Calibrated)

| Specifications                              | ±10 V Range |
|---|-------------|
| <b>Residual Gain Error (ppm of Reading)</b> | 87.3        |
| <b>Gain Tempco (ppm/°C)</b>                 | 12.6        |
| <b>Reference Tempco (ppm/°C)</b>            | 4           |
| <b>Residual Offset Error (ppm of Range)</b> | 41.1        |

<sup>2</sup> The minimum measurement voltage range is the largest voltage the NI USB-7856R is guaranteed to accurately measure.

**Table 6. AO Absolute Accuracy (Calibrated) (Continued)**

| Specifications                       | ±10 V Range |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Offset Tempco (ppm of Range/°C)      | 7.8         |
| INL Error (ppm of range)             | 61          |
| Absolute Accuracy at Full Scale (µV) | 2,498       |

**Table 7. AO Absolute Accuracy (Uncalibrated)**

| Specifications                       | ±10 V Range |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Residual Gain Error (ppm of Reading) | 2,968.6     |
| Gain Tempco (ppm/°C)                 | 12.6        |
| Reference Tempco (ppm/°C)            | 4           |
| Residual Offset Error (ppm of Range) | 1,004.1     |
| Offset Tempco (ppm of Range/°C)      | 7.8         |
| INL Error (ppm of range)             | 61          |
| Absolute Accuracy at Full Scale (µV) | 40,941      |

## Calculating Absolute Accuracy

$$AbsoluteAccuracy = OutputValue \times (GainError) + Range \times (OffsetError)$$

$$GainError = ResidualGainError + GainTempco \times (TempChangeFromLastInternalCal) + ReferenceTempco \times (TempChangeFromLastExternalCal)$$

$$OffsetError = ResidualOffsetError + AOffsetTempco \times (TempChangeFromLastInternalCal) + INL\_Error$$

Refer to the following equation for an example of calculating absolute accuracy.

Absolute accuracy at full scale on the analog output channels is determined using the following assumptions:

- TempChangeFromLastExternalCal = 10 °C
- TempChangeFromLastInternalCal = 1 °C



$$\text{GainError} = 87.3 \text{ ppm} + 12.6 \text{ ppm} \times 1 + 4 \text{ ppm} \times 10$$

$$\text{GainError} = 139.9 \text{ ppm}$$

$$\text{OffsetError} = 41.1 \text{ ppm} + 7.8 \text{ ppm} \times 1 + 61 \text{ ppm}$$

$$\text{OffsetError} = 109.9 \text{ ppm}$$

$$\text{AbsoluteAccuracy} = 10 \text{ V} \times (\text{GainError}) + 10 \text{ V} \times (\text{OffsetError})$$

$$\text{AbsoluteAccuracy} = 2,498 \text{ } \mu\text{V}$$

## DC Transfer Characteristics

|              |                                  |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| INL          | Refer to the AO Accuracy Table   |
| DNL          | ±0.5 LSB typical, ±1 LSB maximum |
| Monotonicity | 16 bits, guaranteed              |

## Dynamic Characteristics

**Table 8.** Settling Time

| Step Size | Accuracy |        |        |
|-----------|----------|--------|--------|
|           | ±16 LSB  | ±4 LSB | ±2 LSB |
| ±20.0 V   | 5.3 μs   | 6.5 μs | 7.8 μs |
| ±2.0      | 3.2 μs   | 3.9 μs | 4.4 μs |
| ±0.2      | 1.8 μs   | 2.8 μs | 3.8 μs |

|                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Slew rate                            | 10 V/μs                |
| Noise                                | 250 μVrms, DC to 1 MHz |
| Glitch energy at midscale transition | ±10 mV for 3 μs        |

## 5V Output

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Output voltage | 4.75 V to 5.1 V |
| Output current | 0.5 A maximum   |

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Overvoltage protection | $\pm 30$ V |
| Overcurrent protection | 650 mA     |

## Digital I/O

**Table 9.** Channel Frequency

| Connector   | Number of Channels | Maximum Frequency |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Connector 0 | 32                 | 80 MHz            |
| Connector 1 | 16                 | 10 MHz            |

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Compatibility            | LVTTL, LVCMOS   |
| Logic family             | User-selectable |
| Default software setting | 3.3 V           |

**Table 10.** Digital Input Logic Levels

| Logic Family | Input Low Voltage  | Input High Voltage |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|              | $V_{IL}$ (Maximum) | $V_{IH}$ (Minimum) |
| 1.2 V        | 0.42 V             | 0.84 V             |
| 1.5 V        | 0.51 V             | 1.01 V             |
| 1.8 V        | 0.61 V             | 1.21 V             |
| 2.5 V        | 0.70 V             | 1.60 V             |
| 3.3 V        | 0.80 V             | 2.00 V             |

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Maximum input | 3.6 V |
|---------------|-------|

**Table 11.** Digital Output Logic Levels

| Logic Family | Current     | Output Low Voltage | Output High Voltage |
|--------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|
|              |             | $V_{OL}$ (Maximum) | $V_{OH}$ (Minimum)  |
| 1.2 V        | 100 $\mu$ A | 0.20 V             | 1.00 V              |
| 1.5 V        | 100 $\mu$ A | 0.20 V             | 1.25 V              |
| 1.8 V        | 100 $\mu$ A | 0.20 V             | 1.54 V              |
| 2.5 V        | 100 $\mu$ A | 0.20 V             | 2.22 V              |

**Table 11.** Digital Output Logic Levels (Continued)

| Logic Family | Current      | Output Low Voltage        | Output High Voltage       |
|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|              |              | V <sub>OL</sub> (Maximum) | V <sub>OH</sub> (Minimum) |
| 3.3 V        | 100 $\mu$ A, | 0.20 V,                   | 3.00 V,                   |
|              | 4 mA         | 0.40 V                    | 2.40 V                    |

## Output current

Source 4.0 mA

Sink 4.0 mA

Input leakage current  $\pm 15$   $\mu$ A maximumInput impedance 50 k $\Omega$  typical, pull-downOutput impedance 50  $\Omega$ 

Power-on state Programmable, by line

Protection  $\pm 20$  V, single line

Digital I/O voltage switching time 2 ms maximum

**Note** Refer to *NI RIO Software Help* for more information about switching times.

## Reconfigurable FPGA

FPGA type Kintex-7 160T

Number of flip-flops 202,800

Number of LUTs 101,400

Embedded block RAM 11,700 kbits

Number of DSP48 slices 600

Timebase 40 MHz, 80 MHz, 120 MHz, 160 MHz, or 200 MHz

Timebase accuracy, onboard clock  $\pm 100$  ppm

# Bus Interface

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|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| USB compatibility      | USB 2.0 Hi-Speed or Full-Speed <sup>3</sup> |
| Data transfers         | DMA, interrupts, programmed I/O             |
| Number of DMA channels | 3   |

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# Power Requirement

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|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Input voltage          | 9 V to 30 V |
| Maximum power          | 20 W        |
| Overvoltage protection | 40 V        |

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**Caution** You must use either the power supply provided in the shipping kit, or another UL Listed ITE power supply marked LPS with the NI USB-7856R.

# Physical Characteristics

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**Note** If you need to clean the device, wipe it with a dry, clean towel.

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Dimensions     | 18.5 cm × 17.3 cm × 3.6 cm<br>(7.3 in. × 6.8 in. × 1.4 in.) |
| Weight         | 1,000 g (35.27 oz)  |
| I/O connectors | 2 × 68-pin VHDCI  |

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# Maximum Working Voltage

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Maximum working voltage refers to the signal voltage plus the common-mode voltage.

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|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Channel-to-earth   | ±12 V, Measurement Category I |
| Channel-to-channel | ±24 V, Measurement Category I |

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Measurement Category I is for measurements performed on circuits not directly connected to the electrical distribution system referred to as MAINS voltage. MAINS is a hazardous live electrical supply system that powers equipment. This category is for measurements of voltages from specially protected secondary circuits. Such voltage measurements include signal levels, special equipment, limited-energy parts of equipment, circuits powered by regulated low-voltage sources, and electronics.

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<sup>3</sup> Operating on a full-speed bus will result in lower performance and you might not be able to achieve maximum sampling/update rates.



**Caution** Do not use the NI USB-7856R for connection to signals in Measurement Categories II, III, or IV.



**Note** Measurement Categories CAT I and CAT O (Other) are equivalent. These test and measurement circuits are not intended for direct connection to the MAINS building installations of Measurement Categories CAT II, CAT III, or CAT IV.

## Safety

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This product is designed to meet the requirements of the following electrical equipment safety standards for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- IEC 61010-1, EN 61010-1
- UL 61010-1, CSA 61010-1



**Note** For UL and other safety certifications, refer to the product label or the [Online Product Certification](#) section.

## Electromagnetic Compatibility

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This product meets the requirements of the following EMC standards for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- EN 61326-1 (IEC 61326-1): Class A emissions; Basic immunity
- EN 55011 (CISPR 11): Group 1, Class A emissions
- EN 55022 (CISPR 22): Class A emissions
- EN 55024 (CISPR 24): Immunity
- AS/NZS CISPR 11: Group 1, Class A emissions
- AS/NZS CISPR 22: Class A emissions
- FCC 47 CFR Part 15B: Class A emissions
- ICES-001: Class A emissions



**Note** In the United States (per FCC 47 CFR), Class A equipment is intended for use in commercial, light-industrial, and heavy-industrial locations. In Europe, Canada, Australia and New Zealand (per CISPR 11) Class A equipment is intended for use only in heavy-industrial locations.



**Note** Group 1 equipment (per CISPR 11) is any industrial, scientific, or medical equipment that does not intentionally generate radio frequency energy for the treatment of material or inspection/analysis purposes.



**Note** For EMC declarations and certifications, and additional information, refer to the [Online Product Certification](#) section.

# CE Compliance

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This product meets the essential requirements of applicable European Directives, as follows:

- 2006/95/EC; Low-Voltage Directive (safety)
- 2004/108/EC; Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (EMC)

## Online Product Certification

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Refer to the product Declaration of Conformity (DoC) for additional regulatory compliance information. To obtain product certifications and the DoC for this product, visit [ni.com/certification](https://ni.com/certification), search by model number or product line, and click the appropriate link in the Certification column.

## Environmental

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Refer to the manual for the chassis you are using for more information about meeting these specifications.

|   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Operating temperature<br>(IEC 60068-2-1, IEC 60068-2-2) | -40 °C to 70 °C                 |
| Storage temperature<br>(IEC 60068-2-1, IEC 60068-2-2)   | -40 °C to 85 °C                 |
| Operating humidity (IEC 60068-2-56)                     | 10% RH to 90% RH, noncondensing |
| Storage humidity (IEC 60068-2-56)                       | 5% RH to 95% RH, noncondensing  |
| Pollution Degree  | 2                               |
| Maximum altitude  | 2,000 m                         |

Indoor use only.

## Environmental Management

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NI is committed to designing and manufacturing products in an environmentally responsible manner. NI recognizes that eliminating certain hazardous substances from our products is beneficial to the environment and to NI customers.

For additional environmental information, refer to the *Minimize Our Environmental Impact* web page at [ni.com/environment](https://ni.com/environment). This page contains the environmental regulations and directives with which NI complies, as well as other environmental information not included in this document.

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## Calibration

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Recommended warm-up time      | 15 minutes        |
| Calibration interval          | 1 year            |
| Onboard calibration reference |                   |
| DC level <sup>4</sup>         | 5.000 V (±2 mV)   |
| Temperature coefficient       | ±4 ppm/°C maximum |
| Long-term stability           | ±25 ppm/1,000 h   |



**Note** Refer to Calibration Certifications at [ni.com/calibration](https://ni.com/calibration) to generate a calibration certificate for the NI USB-7856R

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<sup>4</sup> Actual value stored in Flash memory

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