A700x family
Secure authentication microcontroller
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1. General description

1.1 Overview

The A700x family is a tamper resistant secure Micro Controller Unit (MCU) family using a dedicated security hardened MX51CPU. NXP Semiconductors has a long track record in security MCUs. NXP ICs have been used in all types of security applications such as bank cards, health insurance cards, electronic passports, and pay-TV cards. They have also been used as embedded secure element in mobile phones. The A700x family features a significantly enhanced secure microcontroller architecture. Extended instructions for Java and C code, linear addressing and high speed at low power are among many other improvements added to the classic 80C51 core architecture.

The A700x family supports the following features:

- Dedicated MX51 security CPU
- 100 kbit/s I^{2}C slave interface
- ISO/IEC 7816 interface (optional)
- ISO/IEC14443 interface (optional)
- −40 °C to +90 °C operational ambient temperature (optional)
- On-chip operating system firmware: JCOP 2.4.2
- X.509 certificate-based client authentication application pre-installed
- Secure generation and insertion of key and certificate data, individualized for each die (optional)
- NXP glue logic
- NXP secure fetch technology
- Active shielding technology
- Asynchronous self-timed Handshake Technology
- Up to 76 kB EEPROM for application-code and data
- 40 μA typical sleep mode current with I^{2}C pads operated in weak pull-up mode, do not obstruct the bus lines
- High-performance secured Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) coprocessor (RSA up to 2048-bit keys, ECC over GF(p) up to 320-bit keys)
- Secured 2-key/3-key triple-DES coprocessor
- Secured AES coprocessor (128-, 192- and 256-bit keys)
- Compliant to Java Card specification V3.0.1 classic as defined in Ref. 1
- Compliant to Global Platform specification as defined in Ref. 2 and Ref. 3

The A700x family runs a Java Card Open Platform operating system named JCOP. It is based on independent, third-party specifications such as Oracle, Global Platform consortium, International Organization for Standards (ISO), and EMV (Europay, MasterCard and VISA). The Java Card and Global Platform industry standards combined ensure ease of application development and application interoperability for developers.

The A700x family key benefits are:

- Complete security platform enabling customized solutions.
- Field and silicon proven solutions- deployed in numerous devices and environments.
- Ensures trust to drive applications in open and closed systems where a high level of security is needed.
- Full solution, ease to integrate, ensuring lower total cost of ownership.
- Robust cryptographic core, countermeasures and protection of device assets.
- Powerful cryptographic coprocessors for public and secret key encryption within a low power, performance optimized design based on NXP Semiconductors handshaking technology.

For more detailed information refer to following documentation[1]:

- User manual JCOP 2.4.2 R1 for A7 family, JCOP V2.4.2 Revision 1.0 secure embedded MCU operating system, Document Number 2318xx[2] (see Ref. 16).

  The User manual describes JCOP for the applet developer. It outlines the features available through the Java Card API. Also it explains any additional functionality at the Java layer. Also, this User manual contains the information on how to order A700x family products.

- Admin manual JCOP 2.4.2 R1 for A7 family, JCOP V2.4.2 Revision 1.0 secure embedded MCU operating system, Document Number 2319xx2 (see Ref. 17). The Administrator manual describes JCOP for the administrator of a JCOP operating system. This manual explains the pre-personalization process and its specific commands.

- Full data sheet, A700x family, secure authentication microcontroller, Document Number 2066xx[2] (see Ref. 15).

  The Full data sheet explains the details of the A700x family product from a hardware point of view. It outlines figures like pinning diagram and power consumption.

- Application note, Device Authentication APDU Specification, Document Number 2118xx[2] (see Ref. 18).

  The applet user manual contains a detailed description of the authentication application on the A700x family product. It outlines the interface description including the APDU description and a description how to use the applet.

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1. These documents are available under NDA

2. where XX refers to the last version; e.g. 10 refers to version 1.0

1.2 A700x family naming conventions

The following table explains the naming conventions of the commercial product name of the A700x family products. Every A700x family product gets assigned such a commercial name, which includes also customer and application-specific data.

The A700x family commercial names have the following format.

A700xagpp(p)/mvsrrff

The '**A700**' is a constant, all other letters are variables, which are explained in Table 1.

Table 1.   JCOP V2.4.2 commercial name format

Variable	Meaning	Values	Description
	IC hardware specification code	see Table 4	
a	embedded operating system code	A	JCOP V2.4.2 R0.9
		C	JCOP V2.4.2 R1
g	embedded application firmware (applet) code	G	Generic, no application layer firmware (i.e. JCOP applets) pre-installed
		C	Customized, customer Applet pre-installed in ROM or EEPROM
		A	Application firmware implementing generic X509 based client authentication
pp(p)	package type code	see Table 3	
m	Manufacturing Site Code	T	
v	Silicon Version Code	0	
s	Silicon Version Subcode	B	
rr	ROM Code ID		
ff	FabKey ID		

1.3 X509 certificate-based client authentication

In addition to the A700x family secure MCU and the Java Card Open Platform operating system, the total solution includes an X.509 certificate-based client authentication application.

1.4 Trust provisioning service

The A700x family is delivered with pre-programmed, die-specific keys and certificates which are being generated and programmed in a certified (Common Criteria) secure NXP internal environment. The master keys are securely stored in HSMs (Hardware Secure Modules). Additional authentication software for the host (host-MCU or remote server) can also be included as part of the solution.

NXP Semiconductors offers a pre-personalizations service where customer-specific initialization data can be preprogrammed. This data can be die-individual card manager keys, symmetric DES-or AES keys, random data, X509 certificates, RSA signing keys or any other constant data like application code.

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1.5 JCOPX - Additional Application Programming Interface (APIs) features

JCOP provides extended support for several industry-specific requirements. This support is given with the JCOPX API that comprises following functionality:

- Extended cryptography support (several algorithms and methods not specified in Java Card v3.0.1 classic (see Ref. 1)

- Secure Box feature supporting execution of native customer code in user mode out of Java Application

- A700xC (JCOP 2.4.2 R1): Support of IO configuration and control API, implementing methods to reconfigure the default I2C slave address. To configure the GPIO pin as either input or output pin and the read, set or clear the pin.

- MIFARE FleX support

More details about the JCOPX API can be found in JCOP User Manual (see Ref. 16).

1.6 Security features

The A700x family security concept is combining a comprehensive portfolio of NXP security measures which is protecting the chip against all types of attacks. Summarizing, there are more than 100 security features in an NXP security chip to protect against attacks from outside. NXP Semiconductors apply their extensive knowledge of chip security to harden the chip against any kinds of attacks.

The following features provide the highest level of attack resilience, which is unique in the market.

- counter measures against reverse engineering attacks provided by the dedicated security CPU designed in asynchronous handshaking circuit technology

- very dense submicron 5-metal-layer 0.14 μm technology

- NXP glue logic and active shielding technology

Secure Fetch Technology significantly enhances the chip hardware security for a certain class of light and laser attacks to the chip hardware. More specifically, Secure Fetch offers increased protection against attacks with higher spatial resolution. It also protects against attacks with both shorter and longer light pulses, and with both single and multiple pulses. It protects both the device memory and code fetching operations from ROM, RAM and EEPROM, greatly increasing the probability that fault injection attacks are detected. This unique security technology offers increased protection against future attack scenarios with light and laser sources, facilitating the development of highly secure software applications for customers.

The A700x family security concept includes dedicated HW measures to protect against any kind of leakage attacks. The Triple-DES coprocessor provides a high level of leak-resistance to first-order DPA, thus equally resilient against all kinds of leakage attacks.

The A700x family incorporates inherent and OS controlled security features:

- Secure Fetch Technology, protecting code fetches from ROM, RAM and EEPROM
- Dedicated security CPU designed in asynchronous handshaking circuit technology
- High dense submicron 5-metal-layer 0.14 μm CMOS technology,
- NXP glue logic
- Enhanced security sensors
  - Low and high temperature sensor (for A7001/3/5 only)
  - Low and high supply voltage sensor
  - Single Fault Injection (SFI) attack detection
  - Light sensors (incl. integrated memory light sensor functionality)

1.7 Security licensing

NXP Semiconductors has obtained a patent license for SPA and DPA countermeasures from Cryptography Research Incorporated (CRI). This license covers both hardware and software countermeasures. It is important to customers that countermeasures within the operation system are covered under this license agreement with CRI. Further details can be obtained on request.

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2. Features and benefits

2.1 Standard family features

- High reliable EEPROM for both data storage and program execution: 80 kB
  - ◆ Data retention time: 25 years minimum
  - ◆ Endurance: 500,000 cycles minimum
- Dedicated Secure_MX51 MCU (Memory eXtended/enhanced 80C51)
- 100 kbit/s I^{2}C slave interface
- Optional ISO/IEC 7816 contact interface
- Optional ISO/IEC 14443 A Contactless Interface Unit (CIU)
- Public Key Cryptography (PKC) coprocessor supporting RSA, Elgamal, DSS, Diffie-Hellman, Guillou-Quisquater, Fiat-Shamir and Elliptic Curves
  - ◆ RSA support for the key lengths up to 2048 bit
  - ◆ Elliptic Curve over GF(p) Cryptography with key lengths up to 320 bit
- Single DES (56 bit) and Triple DES with 2 or 3 Keys (112 bit or 168 bit), encryption and decryption in ECB, CBC and CBC-MAC mode
- High-speed AES coprocessor (128-bit parallel processing AES engine)
- Low-power True Random Number Generator (TRNG) in hardware, AIS-31 compliant
- SHA1, SHA-224 and SHA-256
- SEED algorithm
- MD5
- On-Chip Key generation
- CRC calculations
- Data Authentication Pattern (DAP) for the Supplementary Security Domains
- Low power and low voltage design using NXP Semiconductors handshaking technology
- Power-saving SLEEP mode
- Wake-up from SLEEP mode by any I^{2}C communication request
- 40 µA typical sleep mode current with I^{2}C pads operated in weak pull-up mode, do not obstruct the bus lines
- Internally generated CPU clock (typical 62 MHz)
- 1.62 V to 5.5 V operating voltage range

2.2 Product-specific features

- A7001
  - ◆ −25 °C to +85 °C operational ambient temperature
- A7002
  - ◆ −40 °C to +90 °C operational ambient temperature
- A7003
  - ◆ −25 °C to +85 °C operational ambient temperature
  - ◆ ISO/IEC 7816 contact interface
- A7004
  - ◆ −40 °C to +90 °C operational ambient temperature
  - ◆ ISO/IEC 7816 contact interface

- A7005
  - ◆ −25 °C to +85 °C operational ambient temperature
  - ◆ ISO/IEC 7816 contact interface
  - ◆ ISO/IEC 14443 A Contactless Interface Unit (CIU)
  - ◆ Factory configurable input capacitance to match smaller loop antennas
  - ◆ MIFARE reader infrastructure compatibility via optional MIFARE 1K, 4K or FleX implementation including built-in anticollision support
- A7006
  - ◆ −40 °C to +90 °C operational ambient temperature
  - ◆ ISO/IEC 7816 contact interface
  - ◆ ISO/IEC 14443 A Contactless Interface Unit (CIU)
  - ◆ Factory configurable input capacitance to match smaller loop antennas
  - ◆ MIFARE reader infrastructure compatibility via optional MIFARE 1K, 4K or FleX implementation including built-in anticollision support

3. Applications

The A700x family is a complete embedded security platform for mobile phones, portable devices, computing and consumer electronic devices, and embedded systems where a strong security infrastructure is required. The A700x family provides an outstanding level of security, while overcoming the challenges of performance, power consumption and solution footprint. Its flexible architecture offers brand owners and device manufacturers a robust solution that can be tailored to meet the demanding embedded security requirements of today. The A700x family can be used in various host platforms and host operating systems to secure a broad range of applications.

The A700x family is offered as a turnkey solution that provides customers easy integration of authentication solutions into their end products. Minimal impact on the performance of end-products is achieved through high-speed, low power consumption ICs that feature the industry standard I^{2}C interface.

The flexibility of the A700x family solution allows for fast and convenient customization of specific solutions or implementations.

3.1 Application areas

- Embedded Security
- Counterfeit protection of hardware and software
  - Anti-cloning
  - Brand integrity of original goods
- Profile of service
  - Conditional access to software, content and features
  - Secure access to online services
- Device identity
  - Signing transactions
  - Secure machine to machine (M2M) communication

4. Quick reference data

Table 2. Quick reference data

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
V_{DD}	supply voltage		1.62	-	5.5	V
EEPROM						
t_{ret}	retention time	$T_{amb} = +55\ °C$	25	-	-	years
$N_{endu(W)}$	write endurance	under all operating conditions	5×10^5	-	-	cycles

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5. Ordering information

Table 3.   Ordering information

Type number[1]	Package		
	Name	**Description**	**Version**
A7001agUA/... A7002agUA/... A7003agUA/... A7004agUA/... A7005agUA/... A7006agUA/...	FFC	8 inch wafer (sawn; 150 μm thickness; on film frame carrier; electronic fail die marking according to SECSII format)	not applicable
A7001agHN1/... A7002agHN1/... A7003agHN1/... A7004agHN1/... A7005agHN1/... A7006agHN1/...	HVQFN32	plastic thermal enhanced very thin quad flat package; no leads, 32 terminals; body 5 × 5 × 0.85 mm	SOT617-1

[1]   a = A or C, g = G, C or A, according to the A700x family type classification, see Section 1.2 "A700x family naming conventions"

5.1 Ordering options

Table 4 gives an overview of available A700x family product types

Table 5. shows JCOP features.

Table 4.   A700x family feature table

Product type[1]	Operational ambient temperature	Free EEPROM data space	Transient Heap (RAM)	Embedded OS	Interface option
A7001Cgpp(p)	−25 °C to +85 °C	76.4 kB	3.2 kB	JCOP 2.4.2 R1	I^2C
A7002Cgpp(p)	−40 °C to +90 °C	76.4 kB	3.2 kB	JCOP 2.4.2 R1	I^2C
A7003Cgpp(p)	−25 °C to +85 °C	76.4 kB	3.2 kB	JCOP 2.4.2 R1	I^2C, ISO/IEC 7816
A7004Cgpp(p)	−40 °C to +90 °C	76.4 kB	3.2 kB	JCOP 2.4.2 R1	I^2C, ISO/IEC 7816
A7005Cgpp(p)	−25 °C to +85 °C	76.4 kB (MIFARE Config A)	3.2 kB	JCOP 2.4.2 R1	I^2C
		75.4 kB (MIFARE Config B1)			ISO/IEC 7816
		72.4 kB (MIFARE Config B2)			ISO/IEC 14443 A
A7006Cgpp(p)	−40 °C to +90 °C	76.4 kB (MIFARE Config A)	3.2 kB	JCOP 2.4.2 R1	I^2C
		75.4 kB (MIFARE Config B1)			ISO/IEC 7816
		72.4 kB (MIFARE Config B2)			ISO/IEC 14443 A

[1]   g = G, C, or A; pp(p) = UA or HN1, according to the A700x family type classification, see Section 1.2 "A700x family naming conventions"

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Table 5.   JCOP V2.4.2 feature table

Product type	Java Card	Global Platform	VGP configurable 1, 2, 3	Applet backward compatible VGP 2.0.1 [1]	Applet loading	APDU Buffer	IO configure and control API
JCOP V2.4.2 R1	3.0.1	2.1.1	3	yes	yes	1462 bytes	

[1]   To configure JCOP V2.4.2 R1 to be application backward compatible contact NXP Semiconductors Customer Application Support (CAS).

5.1.1   Samples and final products

Section 5.1.2, Section 5.1.3 and Section 5.1.4 give details of how to order samples and final products.

5.1.2   Ordering A700x family samples

Samples in HVQFN32 package can be ordered from NXP Semiconductors.

Note that NXP Semiconductors can provide up to 10 pieces free of charge. Larger quantities have to be ordered separately. Valid NDA has to be in place before samples are shipped.

Contact your local NXP Semiconductors representative for further information.

### 5.1.3   Ordering JCOP products

NXP Semiconductors has created various product configurations which are available for ordering. For a complete list of orderable A700x product types and part numbers, contact your local NXP Semiconductors representative.

5.1.4   JCOP tools

JCOP tools provide Integrated Development Environment (IDE) based on the ECLIPSE framework and specific JCOP product family through the JCOP tools plug-in.

Contact your local NXP Semiconductors representative for further information on JCOP tools (plug-in) availability.

6. Block diagram
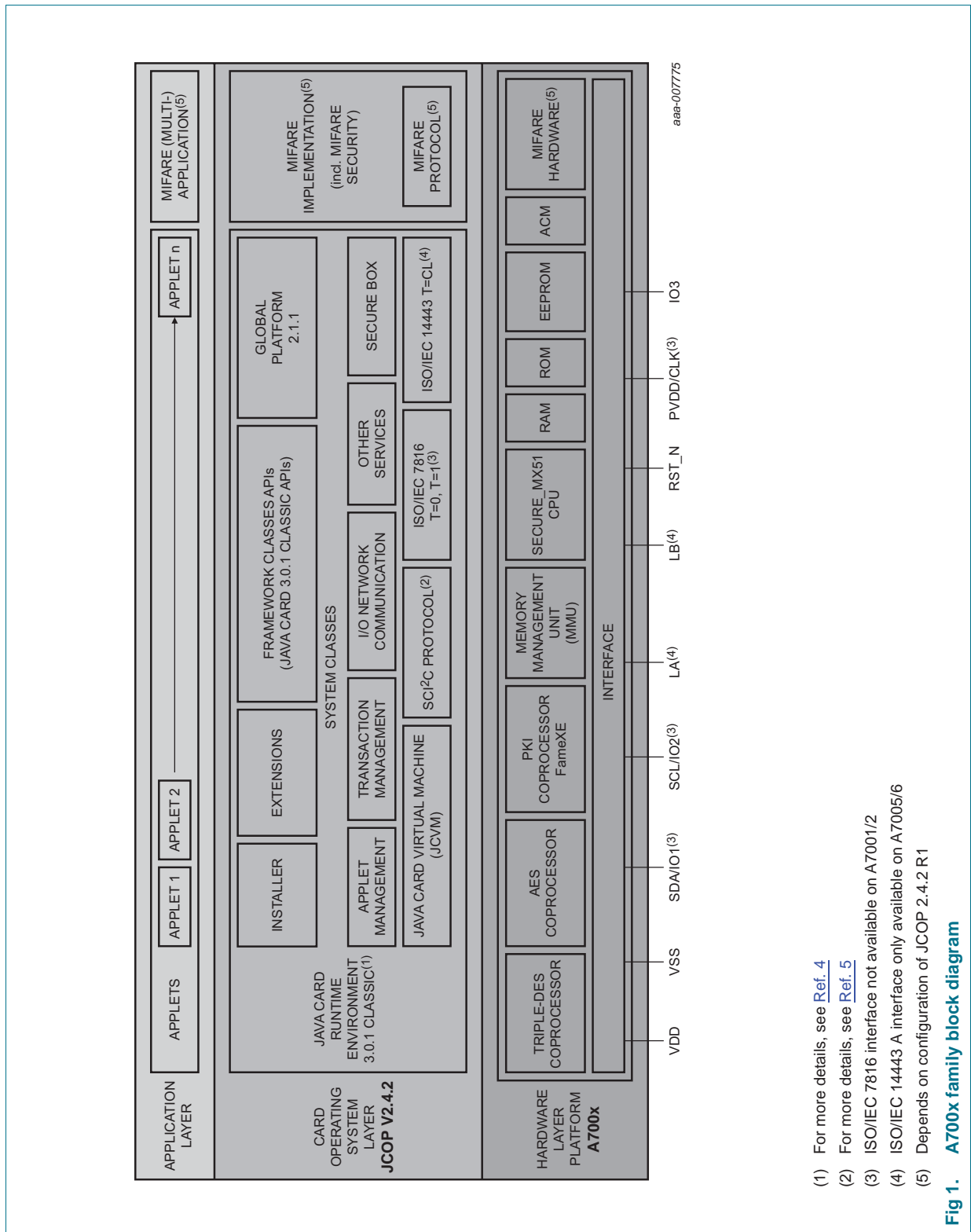
(1) For more details, see Ref. 4
(2) For more details, see Ref. 5
(3) ISO/IEC 7816 interface not available on A7001/2
(4) ISO/IEC 14443 A interface only available on A7005/6
(5) Depends on configuration of JCOP 2.4.2 R1

Fig 1.   A700x family block diagram

7. Limiting values

Table 6.   Limiting values
In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 60134). Voltages are referenced to VSS (ground = 0 V).

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
V_{DD}	supply voltage		−0.5	+6.0	V
V_I	input voltage	any signal pad	−0.5	V_{DD} + 0.5	V
I_I	input current	pad SDA, SCL or IO3	-	±15.0	mA
I_O	output current	pad SDA, SCL or IO3	-	±15.0	mA
I_{lu}	latch-up current	V_I < 0 V or V_I > V_{DD}	-	±100	mA
V_{ESD}	electrostatic discharge voltage	pads VDD, VSS, SDA, SCL, IO3 [1]	-	±4.0	kV
P_{tot}	total power dissipation	[2]	-	1	W
T_{stg}	storage temperature	[3]	-	-	°C

[1]   MIL Standard 883-D method 3015; human body model; C = 100 pF, R = 1.5 kΩ; T_{amb} = −25 °C to +85 °C.

[2]   Depending on appropriate thermal resistance of the package.

[3]   Depending on delivery type, refer to *NXP Semiconductors General Specification for 8" Wafer*s and to *NXP Semiconductors Contact & Dual Interface Chip Card Module Specification.*

8. Application information

Figure 2 shows a typical application diagram. It shows how the pins of the A700x family are applied to operate the IC in an I2C system as an I2C slave device. In this system, an individual reset control is not supported. The hardware reset is executed at power-up time (power-on reset).
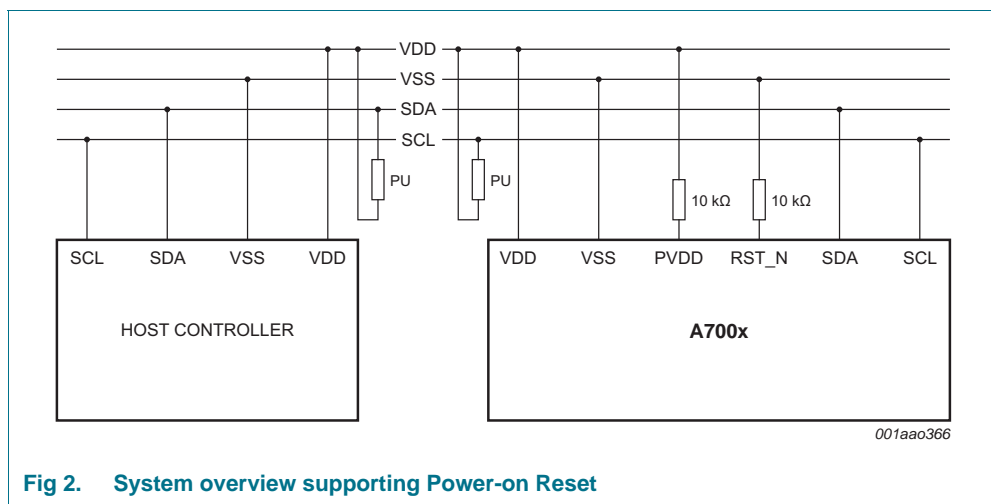

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Fig 2.   System overview supporting Power-on Reset

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9. Abbreviations

Table 7.   Abbreviations

Acronym	Description
AES	Advanced Encryption Standard
API	Application Programming Interface
CBC	Cipher-Block Chaining
CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check
DES	Digital Encryption Standard
DPA	Differential Power Analysis
DSS	Digital Signature Standard
ECB	Electronic Code Book
ECC	Elliptic Curve Cryptography
EEPROM	Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory
GF	Galois Function
I/O	Input/Output
MAC	Message Authentication Code
MD5	Message-Digest algorithm 5
MMU	Memory Management Unit
OS	Operating System
PKC	Public Key Cryptography
PKI	Public Key Infrastructure
RSA	Rivest, Shamir and Adleman
SFI	Single Fault Injection
SHA	Secure Hash Algorithm
SMD	Surface Mounted Device
SPA	Simple Power Analysis

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11. Revision history

Table 8.   Revision history

Document ID	Release date	Data sheet status	Change notice	Supersedes
A700X_FAM_SDS v.3.1	20130705	Product short data sheet	-	A700X_FAM_SDS v.3.0
Modifications:	• Removed chapter "Pinning Information". • Corrected a number of details throughout the data sheet.			
A700X_FAM_SDS v.3.0	20130128	Product short data sheet	-	A700X_FAM_SDS v.2.2
Modifications:	• Document status promoted from Preliminary status to Product status. • HVSON8 package (SOT685-1, 5 mm × 6 mm) removed from Table 3 "Ordering information" on page 9.			
A700X_FAM_SDS v.2.2	20120521	Preliminary short data sheet	-	A700X_FAM_SDS v.2.1
Modifications:	• Text errors corrected.			
A700X_FAM_SDS v.2.1	20120217	Preliminary short data sheet	-	A700X_FAM_SDS v.2.0
Modifications:	• New product type A7003/4 supporting ISO/IEC 7816 contact interface. • New product type A7005/6 supporting ISO/IEC 7816 contact interface and ISO/IEC 14443 A contactless interface. • New product types upgraded to JCOP 2.4.2 R1 with IO Configuration and Control API support.			
A700X_FAM_SDS v.2.0	20110825	Preliminary short data sheet	-	A7001AG_SDS v.1.1
Modifications:	• New product type A7002 supporting −40 °C to +90 °C operational ambient temperature range. • Sleep mode current reduced from 50 μA (typical) to 40 μA (typical).			
A7001AG_SDS v.1.1	20110318	Preliminary short data sheet	-	A7001AG_SDS v.1.0
Modifications:	• Product naming updated.			
A7001AG_SDS v.1.0	20110211	Preliminary short data sheet	-	-
Modifications:	• Initial version.			

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12.1 Data sheet status

Document status[1][2]	Product status[3]	Definition
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[2] The term 'short data sheet' is explained in section "Definitions".

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