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## Section 35. Output Compare with Dedicated Timer

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## 35.1 INTRODUCTION

The output compare module in PIC24F devices compares the Timer register value with the value of one or two Compare registers, depending on its mode of operation. The output compare module on compare match events has the ability to generate a single output transition or a train of output pulses. Like most PIC<sup>®</sup> MCU peripherals, the output compare module can also generate interrupts on a compare match event.

Each output compare timer can use one of the available six selectable time clocks. The clock is selected using the OCTSEL<2:0> (OCxCON1<12:10>) bits. Refer to the applicable device data sheet for more information about specific timers that can be used as a time base for the output compare timer.

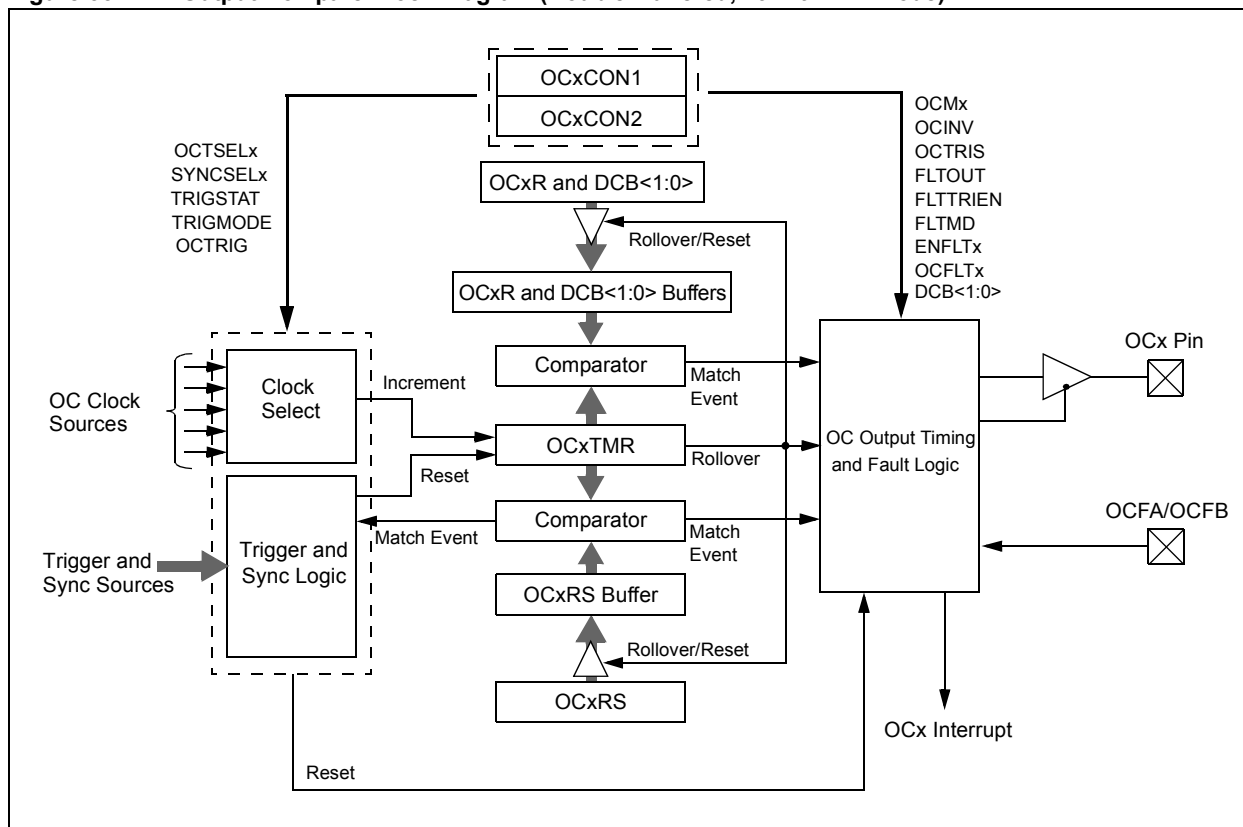
Figure 35-1 illustrates the block diagram of the output compare module.

**Note:** For complete information on the number of available channels, refer to the specific device data sheet.

All of the output compare channels are functionally identical. In this section, an 'x' in the pin, register or bit name denotes the specific output compare channel.

The OCx output must be assigned to an available RPN pin before use if the device supports Peripheral Pin Select (PPS). Refer to the Peripheral Pin Select section in the data sheet for more information.

**Figure 35-1: Output Compare Block Diagram (Double-Buffered, 16-Bit PWM Mode)**



### 35.2 OUTPUT COMPARE REGISTERS

Each output compare channel is comprised of the following registers:

- OCxCON1 and OCxCON2 – Control registers for the output compare channel
- OCxR – Data register for the output compare channel
- OCxRS – Secondary Data register for the output compare channel
- OCxTMR – The Internal Time Base register

The control registers for the output compare channels are named OC1CON1 and OC1CON2 through OCnCON1 and OCnCON2, where 'n' is the number of OC modules present in the device.

All the control registers have identical bit definitions. They can be represented by common register definitions as listed in Register 35-1 through Register 35-5. The 'x' in the register names represents the output compare channel number.

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**Register 35-1: OCxCON1: Output Compare x Control Register 1**

U-0	U-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
—	—	OCSIDL	OCTSEL2	OCTSEL1	OCTSEL0	ENFLT2 <sup>(3)</sup>	ENFLT1 <sup>(3)</sup>
bit 15							bit 8

R/W-0	R/W-0, HCS	R/W-0, HCS	R/W-0, HCS	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
ENFLT0	OCFLT2 <sup>(3)</sup>	OCFLT1 <sup>(3)</sup>	OCFLT0	TRIGMODE	OCM2 <sup>(1)</sup>	OCM1 <sup>(1)</sup>	OCM0 <sup>(1)</sup>
bit 7							bit 0

<b>Legend:</b>	HCS = Hardware Clearable/Settable bit		
R = Readable bit	W = Writable bit	U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'	
-n = Value at POR	'1' = Bit is set	'0' = Bit is cleared	x = Bit is unknown

- bit 15-14     **Unimplemented:** Read as '0'
- bit 13       **OCSIDL:** Stop Output Compare x in Idle Mode Control bit
  - 1 = Output compare x halts in CPU Idle mode
  - 0 = Output compare x continues to operate in CPU Idle mode
- bit 12-10    **OCTSEL<2:0>:** Output Compare x Clock Select bits
  - 111 = Peripheral clock (FCY)
  - 110 = Reserved
  - 101 = Reserved
  - 100 = Timer1 clock (only synchronous clock is supported)
  - 011 = Timer5 clock
  - 010 = Timer4 clock
  - 001 = Timer3 clock
  - 000 = Timer2 clock
- bit 9         **ENFLT2:** Fault 2 Input Enable bit<sup>(3)</sup>
  - 1 = Fault inputs are enabled
  - 0 = Fault inputs are disabled
- bit 8         **ENFLT1:** Fault 1 Input Enable bit<sup>(3)</sup>
  - 1 = Fault inputs are enabled
  - 0 = Fault inputs are disabled
- bit 7         **ENFLT0:** Fault 0 Input Enable bit (corresponds to OCFA pin)
  - 1 = Fault inputs are enabled
  - 0 = Fault inputs are disabled
- bit 6         **OCFLT2:** PWM Fault 2 Condition Status bit<sup>(3)</sup>
  - 1 = PWM Fault condition has occurred
  - 0 = No PWM Fault condition has occurred
- bit 5         **OCFLT1:** PWM Fault 1 Condition Status bit<sup>(3)</sup>
  - 1 = PWM Fault condition has occurred
  - 0 = No PWM Fault condition has occurred
- bit 4         **OCFLT0:** PWM Fault 0 Condition Status bit
  - 1 = PWM Fault condition has occurred
  - 0 = No PWM Fault condition has occurred
- bit 3         **TRIGMODE:** Trigger Status Mode Select bit
  - 1 = TRIGSTAT (OCxCON2<6>) is cleared when OCxRS = OCxTMR or in software
  - 0 = TRIGSTAT is cleared only by software

**Note 1:** The OCx output must also be configured to an available RPN pin if the device supports Peripheral Pin Select (PPS). For more information, refer to the specific device data sheet.

**2:** OCxR and OCxRS are double-buffered only in PWM modes.

**3:** Refer to the device data sheet to find the Fault bits mapping.

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### Register 35-1: OCxCON1: Output Compare x Control Register 1 (Continued)

- bit 2-0    **OCM<2:0>**: Output Compare Mode Select bits<sup>(1)</sup>
- 111 = Center-Aligned PWM mode: Output set high when OCxTMR = OCxR and set low when OCxTMR = OCxRS<sup>(2)</sup>
  - 110 = Edge-Aligned PWM mode: Output set high when OCxTMR = 0 and set low when OCxTMR = OCxR<sup>(2)</sup>
  - 101 = Double Compare Continuous Pulse mode: Initialize OCx pin low, toggle OCx state continuously on alternate matches of OCxR and OCxRS
  - 100 = Double Compare Single-Shot mode: Initialize OCx pin low, toggle OCx state on matches of OCxR and OCxRS for one cycle
  - 011 = Single Compare mode: Compare events with OCxR, continuously toggle OCx pin
  - 010 = Single Compare Single-Shot mode: Initialize OCx pin high, compare event with OCxR; forces OCx pin low
  - 001 = Single Compare Single-Shot mode: Initialize OCx pin low, compare event with OCxR; forces OCx pin high
  - 000 = Output compare channel is disabled

**Note 1:** The OCx output must also be configured to an available RPN pin if the device supports Peripheral Pin Select (PPS). For more information, refer to the specific device data sheet.

**2:** OCxR and OCxRS are double-buffered only in PWM modes.

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**Register 35-2: OCxCON2: Output Compare x Control Register 2<sup>(4)</sup>**

R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	U-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
FLTMD	FLTOUT	FLTTRIEN	OCINV	—	DCB1 <sup>(3)</sup>	DCB0 <sup>(3)</sup>	OC32
bit 15							bit 8

R/W-0	R/W-0, HS	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
OCTRIG	TRIGSTAT	OCTRIS	SYNCSEL4	SYNCSEL3	SYNCSEL2	SYNCSEL1	SYNCSEL0
bit 7							bit 0

<b>Legend:</b>	HS = Hardware Settable bit
R = Readable bit	W = Writable bit
-n = Value at POR	'1' = Bit is set
	U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'
	'0' = Bit is cleared
	x = Bit is unknown

- bit 15      **FLTMD:** Fault Mode Select bit  
 1 = Fault mode is maintained until the Fault source is removed; the corresponding OCFLTx bit is cleared in software and a new PWM period starts  
 0 = Fault mode is maintained until the Fault source is removed and a new PWM period starts
- bit 14      **FLTOUT:** Fault Out bit  
 1 = PWM output is driven high on a Fault  
 0 = PWM output is driven low on a Fault
- bit 13      **FLTTRIEN:** Fault Output State Select bit  
 1 = OCx pin is tri-stated on Fault condition  
 0 = OCx pin I/O state defined by FLTOUT bit on Fault condition
- bit 12      **OCINV:** OCMP Invert bit  
 1 = OCx output is inverted  
 0 = OCx output is not inverted
- bit 11      **Unimplemented:** Read as '0'
- bit 10-9    **DCB<1:0>:** PWM Duty Cycle Least Significant bits<sup>(3)</sup>  
 These bits can be considered as the two Least Significant bits (LSBs) of the duty cycle in the Pulse Generation modes. They are also used to delay the falling edge of the OCx output in all other modes; rising edge when output inversion is active (OCINV (OCxCON2<12> = 1).  
 00 = OCx output falling edge transitions on rising edge of P1 clock (Legacy mode)  
 01 = OCx output falling edge transitions on rising edge of P2 clock  
 10 = OCx output falling edge transitions on rising edge of P3 clock  
 11 = OCx output falling edge transitions on rising edge of P4 clock  
 With these bits, the pulse width can have a resolution of (Peripheral\_Clock\_Period/2)
- bit 8      **OC32:** Cascade Two OCx Modules Enable bit (32-bit operation)  
 1 = Cascade module operation enabled  
 0 = Cascade module operation disabled
- bit 7      **OCTRIG:** OCx Trigger/Sync Select bit  
 1 = Trigger OCx from source designated by SYNCSELx bits  
 0 = Synchronize OCx with source designated by SYNCSELx bits
- bit 6      **TRIGSTAT:** Timer Trigger Status bit  
 1 = Timer source has been triggered and is running  
 0 = Timer source has not been triggered and is being held clear
- bit 5      **OCTRIS:** OCx Output Pin Direction Select bit  
 1 = OCx is tri-stated  
 0 = Output compare module drives the OCx pin

- Note 1:** Never use an OCx module as its own trigger source, either by selecting this mode or other equivalent SYNCSEL settings.
- 2:** Use these inputs as trigger sources only and not as Sync sources.
- 3:** The DCB<1:0> (OCxCON2<10:9>) bits are double-buffered in the PWM modes only (OCM<2:0> (OCxCON1<2:0>) = 111, 110).
- 4:** Refer to the specific device data sheet to check if these bits are supported in the device.

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### Register 35-2: OCxCON2: Output Compare x Control Register 2<sup>(4)</sup> (Continued)

bit 4-0      **SYNCSEL<4:0>**: Trigger/Synchronization Source Selection bits

11111 = This OCx module<sup>(1)</sup>  
11110 = Input Capture 9<sup>(2)</sup>  
11101 = Input Capture 6<sup>(2)</sup>  
11100 = CTMU<sup>(2)</sup>  
11011 = A/D<sup>(2)</sup>  
11010 = Comparator 3<sup>(2)</sup>  
11001 = Comparator 2<sup>(2)</sup>  
11000 = Comparator 1<sup>(2)</sup>  
10111 = Input Capture 4<sup>(2)</sup>  
10110 = Input Capture 3<sup>(2)</sup>  
10101 = Input Capture 2<sup>(2)</sup>  
10100 = Input Capture 1<sup>(2)</sup>  
10011 = Input Capture 8<sup>(2)</sup>  
10010 = Input Capture 7<sup>(2)</sup>  
1000x = Reserved  
01111 = Timer5  
01110 = Timer4  
01101 = Timer3  
01100 = Timer2  
01011 = Timer1  
01010 = Input Capture 5<sup>(2)</sup>  
01001 = Output Compare 9  
01000 = Output Compare 8  
00111 = Output Compare 7  
00110 = Output Compare 6  
00101 = Output Compare 5  
00100 = Output Compare 4  
00011 = Output Compare 3  
00010 = Output Compare 2  
00001 = Output Compare 1  
00000 = Not synchronized to any other module

**Note 1:** Never use an OCx module as its own trigger source, either by selecting this mode or other equivalent SYNCSEL settings.

**2:** Use these inputs as trigger sources only and not as Sync sources.

**3:** The DCB<1:0> (OCxCON2<10:9>) bits are double-buffered in the PWM modes only (OCM<2:0> (OCxCON1<2:0>) = 111, 110).

**4:** Refer to the specific device data sheet to check if these bits are supported in the device.

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## Register 35-3: OCxR: Compare Register

R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
OCRB15	OCRB14	OCRB13	OCRB12	OCRB11	OCRB10	OCRB9	OCRB8
bit 15							bit 8

R/W-0	R/W-0, HS	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
OCRB7	OCRB6	OCRB5	OCRB4	OCRB3	OCRB2	OCRB1	OCRB0
bit 7							bit 0

<b>Legend:</b>	HS = Hardware Settable bit						
R = Readable bit	W = Writable bit	U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'					
-n = Value at POR	'1' = Bit is set	'0' = Bit is cleared	x = Bit is unknown				

bit 15-0     **OCRB<15:0>**: Primary Compare Register Value bits  
 When OCM<2:0> = 0b110: This register is used for the duty cycle in an edge-aligned PWM.  
 When OCM<2:0> = 0b111, 0b101, 0b100: This register is used for generating a positive edge.  
 When OCM<2:0> = 0b001, 0b010, 0b011: This register is used for generating all edges.

## Register 35-4: OCxRS: Secondary Compare Register

R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
OCRSB15	OCRSB14	OCRSB13	OCRSB12	OCRSB11	OCRSB10	OCRSB9	OCRSB8
bit 15							bit 8

R/W-0	R/W-0, HS	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
OCRSB7	OCRSB6	OCRSB5	OCRSB4	OCRSB3	OCRSB2	OCRSB1	OCRSB0
bit 7							bit 0

<b>Legend:</b>	W = Writable bit						
R = Readable bit	U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'						
-n = Value at POR	'1' = Bit is set	'0' = Bit is cleared	x = Bit is unknown				

bit 15-0     **OCRSB<15:0>**: Secondary Compare Register Value bits  
This is the Period register:  
 If OCxCON2 (SYNCSEL<4:0>) = 0x1F  
 If OCxCON2 (SYNCSEL<4:0>) = N (where N is the alternate value to select this as the Period register)  
 If OCxCON2 (OCTRIG = 1)  
All other conditions:  
 The period is determined outside this module. Used for generating a negative edge when  
 OCM<2:0> = 0b111, 0b101 or 0b100.



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**Register 35-5: OCxTMR: Timer Register**

R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0
TMRB15	TMRB14	TMRB13	TMRB12	TMRB11	TMRB10	TMRB9	TMRB8
bit 15							bit 8

R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0
TMRB7	TMRB6	TMRB5	TMRB4	TMRB3	TMRB2	TMRB1	TMRB0
bit 7							bit 0

**Legend:**

R = Readable bit	W = Writable bit	U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'
-n = Value at POR	'1' = Bit is set	'0' = Bit is cleared      x = Bit is unknown

bit 15-0      **TMRB<15:0>**: Output Compare x Timer bits  
 The current value of the Output Compare x Timer.

## 35.3 MODES OF OPERATION

Each output compare module comprises the following modes of operation:

- Single Compare Match mode
- Dual Compare Match mode generating:
  - Single output pulse
  - Continuous output pulse
- Simple Pulse-Width Modulation mode with/without Fault protection:
  - Edge-aligned
  - Center-aligned
- Cascade mode (32-bit operation)

Before understanding the modes, it is necessary to understand the synchronization/trigger mechanism. In synchronous operation, the internal timer is reset (to zero) when the source selected by the SYNCSEL<4:0> (OCxCON2<4:0>) bits sends a Sync signal. In Trigger mode, the internal timer is held in the Reset state until the selected trigger source sends a Sync signal.

The Synchronous or Trigger mode is selected by the OCTRIG (OCxCON2<7>) bit and the synchronization/trigger source can be selected by the SYNCSEL<4:0> (OCxCON2<4:0>) bits, as indicated in **Section 35.2 “Output Compare Registers”**.

<p><b>Note:</b> SYNCSEL&lt;4:0&gt; (OCxCON2&lt;4:0&gt;) = 0b00000 puts the timer in a Free-Running mode with no synchronization.</p> <p>SYNCSEL&lt;4:0&gt; (OCxCON2&lt;4:0&gt;) = 0b11111 makes the timer reset when it reaches the value of OCxRS, making the OCx module use its own Sync signal.</p> <p>OCx module sends out a synchronization/trigger signal when its timer matches OCxRS.</p>
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For more information on Synchronous/Trigger mode, refer to **Section 35.3.3.7 “Synchronous Operation”**.

### 35.3.1 Single Compare Match Mode

When control bits, OCM<2:0> (OCxCON1<2:0>) = 0b001, 0b010 or 0b011, the selected output compare channel is configured as:

- If OCM<2:0> (OCxCON1<2:0>) = 0b001: The OCx pin is initially set low; a subsequent compare event with OCxR sets the pin high
- If OCM<2:0> (OCxCON1<2:0>) = 0b010: The OCx pin is initially set high; a subsequent compare event with OCxR sets the pin low
- If OCM<2:0> (OCxCON1<2:0>) = 0b011: The OCx pin is initially set low, a subsequent compare event with OCxR toggles the pin

In Single Compare mode, the OCxR register is used to generate compare events. This register is loaded with a value and is compared with the module Timer register. The interrupt is set on each compare event if there is a level change in the OCx pin.

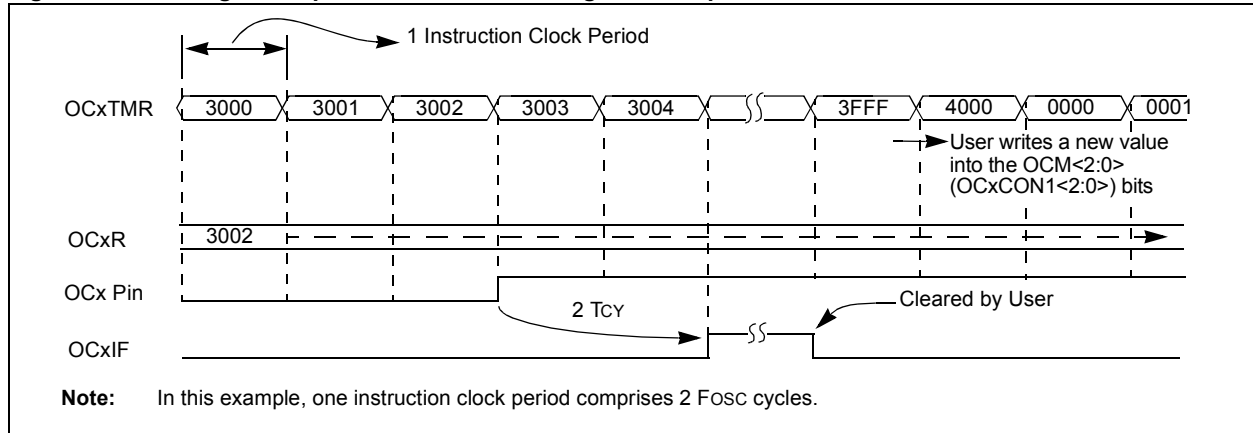
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## 35.3.1.1 SINGLE COMPARE MODE OUTPUT DRIVEN HIGH

To configure the module for this mode, set control bits,  $OCM<2:0>$  ( $OCxCON1<2:0>$ ) =  $0b001$ . Once this Compare mode is enabled, the output pin,  $OCx$ , will be initially driven low and remain low until a match between the timer and the  $OCxR$  registers occurs. Figure 35-2 provides the following key timing events:

- The  $OCx$  pin is driven high one instruction clock after a compare match between the timer and the  $OCxR$  register. The  $OCx$  pin remains high until a mode change or the module is turned off.
- The timer counts up until it rolls over, or a synchronization event occurs, and then resets (to  $0x0000$ ) on the next instruction clock.
- The respective channel interrupt flag,  $OCxIF$ , is asserted two instruction clocks after the  $OCx$  pin is driven high.

**Figure 35-2: Single Compare Mode – Set  $OCx$  High on Compare Match Event**

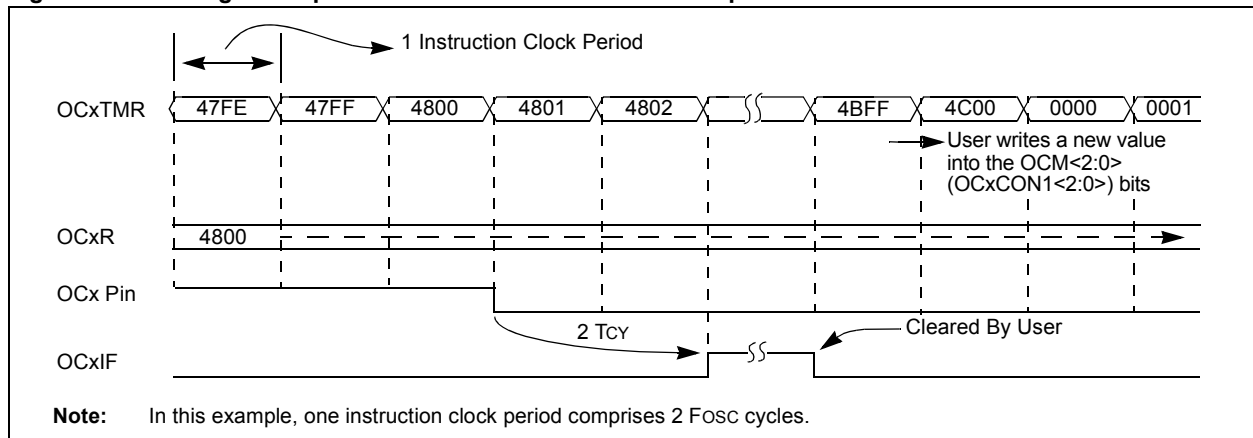


## 35.3.1.2 SINGLE COMPARE MODE OUTPUT DRIVEN LOW

To configure the output compare module for this mode, set control bits,  $OCM<2:0>$  ( $OCxCON1<2:0>$ ) =  $0b010$ . Once this Compare mode is enabled, the output pin and the  $OCx$  will be initially driven high and remain high until a match occurs between the Timer and the  $OCxR$  registers. Figure 35-3 provides the key timing events.

- The  $OCx$  pin is driven low one instruction clock after a compare match event occurs between the timer and the  $OCxR$  register. The  $OCx$  pin remains low until a mode change or the module is turned off.
- The timer counts up until it rolls over or a synchronization event occurs, and then resets to  $0x0000$  on the next instruction clock.
- The respective channel interrupt flag,  $OCxIF$ , is asserted two instruction clocks after the  $OCx$  pin is driven low.

**Figure 35-3: Single Compare Mode – Force  $OCx$  Low on Compare Match Event**

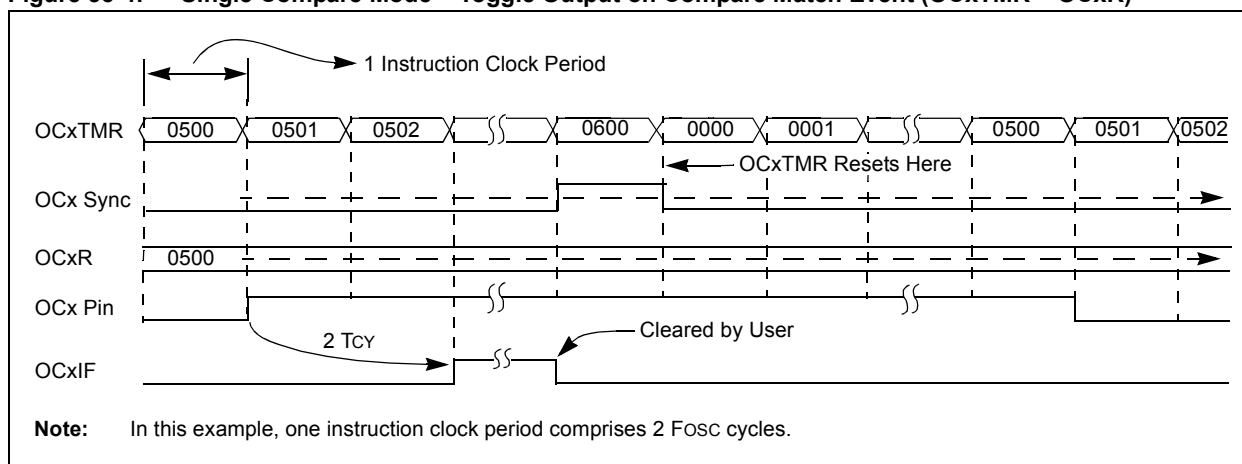


## 35.3.1.3 SINGLE COMPARE MODE TOGGLE OUTPUT

To configure the output compare module for this mode, set control bits,  $OCM\langle 2:0 \rangle$  ( $OCxCON1\langle 2:0 \rangle = 0b011$ ). Once this Compare mode has been enabled, the output pin and the OCx toggle on every match event between the timer and the OCxR registers. Figure 35-4 provides the key timing events.

- The OCx pin is toggled one instruction clock after a compare match occurs between the timer and OCxR register. The OCx pin remains at this new state until the next toggle event, or until a mode change has been made or the module is turned off.
- The timer counts up until it rolls over or synchronization occurs and then resets to 0x0000 on the next instruction clock.
- The respective channel interrupt flag, OCxIF, is asserted two instruction clocks after the OCx pin is toggled.
- The internal OCx pin output logic is set to a logic '0' on a device Reset. However, the operational OCx pin state for the Toggle mode can be set by the user software.

**Figure 35-4: Single Compare Mode – Toggle Output on Compare Match Event ( $OCxTMR > OCxR$ )**



### Example 35-1: Single Compare Mode Toggle Output

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OC1CON1 = 0;           /* It is a good practice to clear off the control bits initially */
OC1CON2 = 0;
OC1CON1bits.OCTSEL = 0x07; /* This selects the peripheral clock as the clock input to the OC
                             module */
OC1R = 1000;          /* This is just a typical number, user must calculate based on the
                       waveform requirements and the system clock */
OC1CON1bits.OCM = 3;  /* This selects and starts the toggle mode */
    
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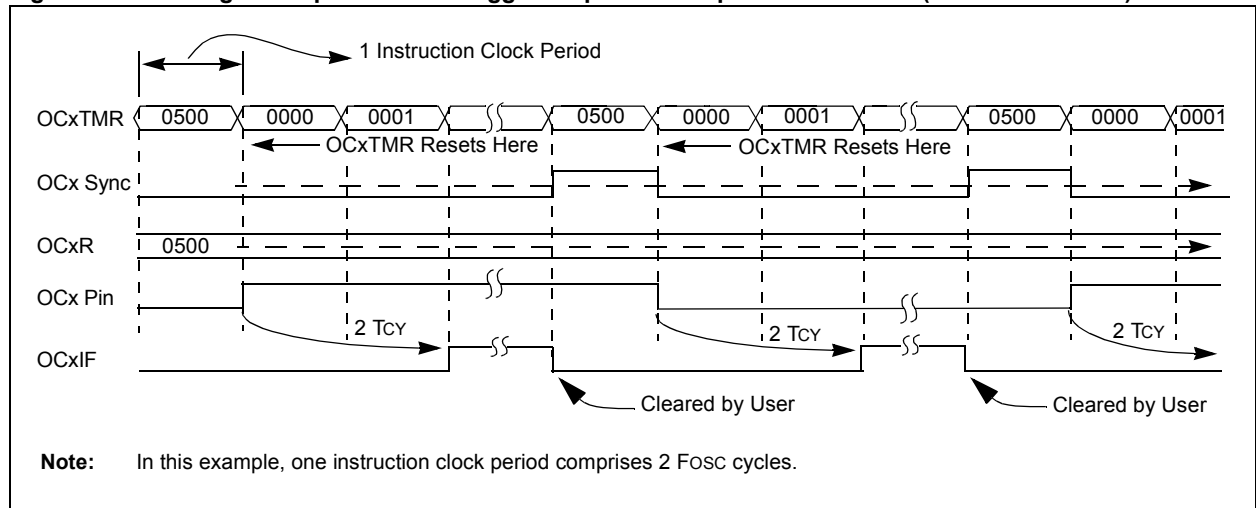
## 35.3.1.4 SPECIAL CASES OF SINGLE COMPARE MODE

Consider the following few special cases:

**Table 35-1: Special Cases of Single Compare Mode**

Special Condition	Operation	Output
When $OCxR >$ timer period (as determined by the Sync source)	No compare event occurs and the compare output remains at the initial condition.	No change in output level
When $OCxR =$ timer period (as determined by the Sync source)	The compare output functions normally. Combining this with the Toggle mode can be used to generate a fixed frequency square wave, as illustrated in Figure 35-5.	Output level transition
When the module is enabled into a Single Compare mode ( $OCxR = 0x0000$ ) and the timer is held in Reset, the Sync source is active	The compare output remains in the initial condition.	No change in output level
If, after a compare event, the $OCxR$ register is cleared and the Sync source becomes active	Output remains in the new state.	No further change in output level

**Figure 35-5: Single Compare Mode – Toggle Output on Compare Match Event ( $OCxTMR = OCxR$ )**



## 35.3.2 Dual Compare Match Mode

When control bits,  $OCM<2:0>$  ( $OCxCON1<2:0>$ ) =  $0b100$  or  $0b101$ , the selected output compare channel is configured for one of the two following Dual Compare Match modes:

- Single Output Pulse mode
- Continuous Output Pulse mode

In the Dual Compare mode, the module uses both the  $OCxR$  and  $OCxRS$  registers for the compare match events. The  $OCxR$  register is compared with the incrementing timer count,  $OCxTMR$ , and the rising (leading) edge of the pulse is generated at the  $OCx$  pin on a compare match event. The  $OCxRS$  register is then compared to the same incrementing timer count,  $OCxTMR$ , and the falling (trailing) edge of the pulse is generated at the  $OCx$  pin on a compare match event.

### 35.3.2.1 DUAL COMPARE SINGLE PULSE MODE

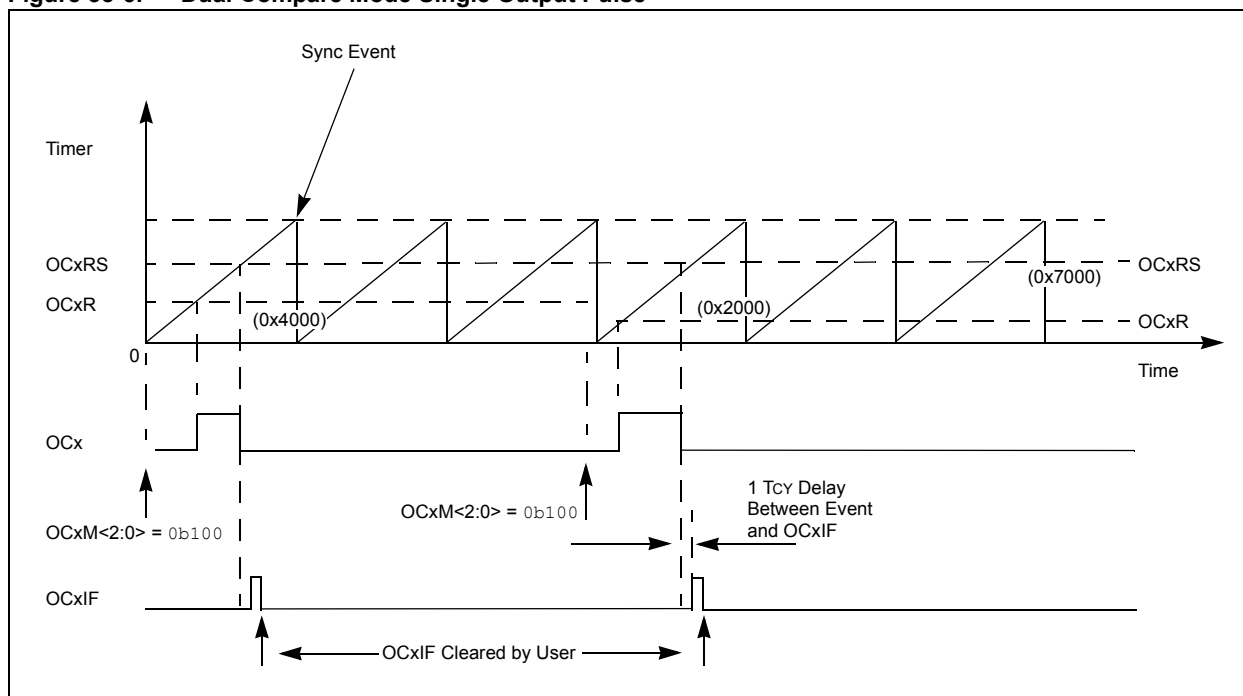
When control bits,  $OCM<2:0>$  ( $OCxCON1<2:0>$ ) =  $0b100$ , the selected output compare channel is configured so that the  $OCx$  pin is initialized low and a single output pulse is generated. Refer to Figure 35-6 and Figure 35-7.

1. Once the Dual Compare Single Pulse mode is enabled, the  $OCx$  pin will be driven low.
2. Upon the first timer compare match with  $OCxR$ , the Compare register, its pin ( $OCx$ ) would be driven high.
3. When the incrementing timer count matches the Compare register,  $OCxRS$ , the second and trailing edge (high-to-low) of the pulse is driven onto the  $OCx$  pin. At this second compare, the  $OCxIF$  interrupt flag bit gets set.

**Note:** While the mode bits do not change after the falling edge of the pulse, if another write with the same value occurs on the same control bits, a new single output pulse sequence is generated.

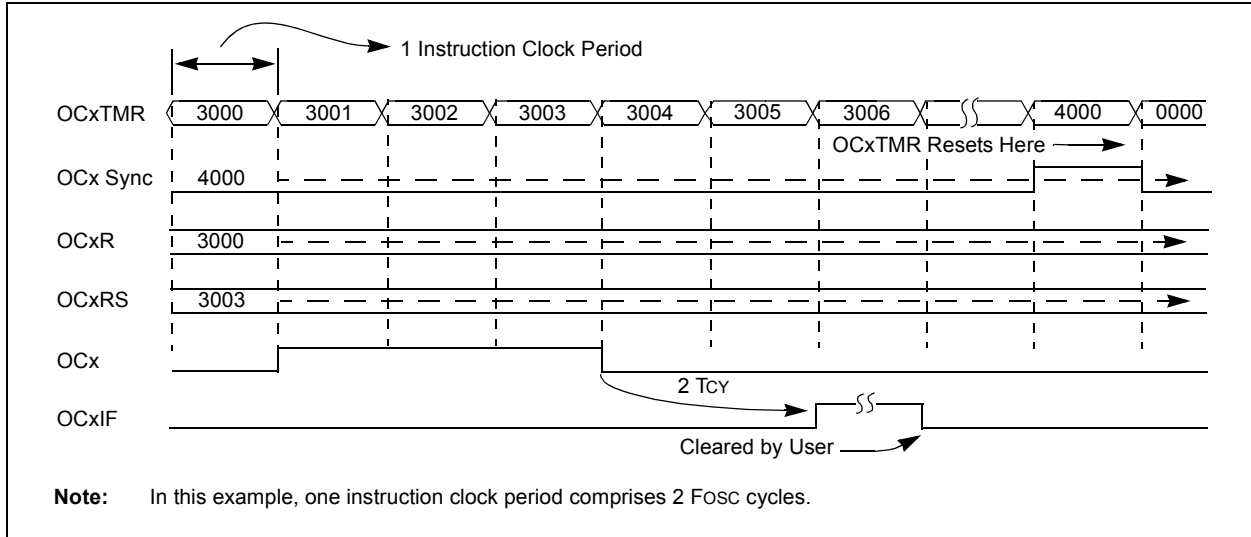
The value of  $OCxRS$  must be greater than the  $OCxR$  by a minimum of 2.

**Figure 35-6: Dual Compare Mode Single Output Pulse**



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**Figure 35-7: Dual Compare Mode**



## 35.3.2.2 TO SET UP SINGLE OUTPUT PULSE GENERATION

To configure the module for the generation of a single output pulse, perform the following steps:

1. Determine the instruction cycle time, Tcy.
2. Calculate the desired pulse-width value base upon Tcy.
3. Calculate the time to start pulse from timer start value of 0x0000.
4. Write pulse-width start and stop times into OCxR and OCxRS Compare registers.
5. Select SYNCSEL<4:0> (OCxCON2<4:0>) so that the synchronization is active after the timer is equal to, or greater than, the value in OCxRS.
6. Set OCM<2:0> (OCxCON1<2:0>) = 0b100; the pulse will be generated.
7. Issue another write to set OCM<2:0> (OCxCON1<2:0>) = 0b100 to initiate another single pulse with the same parameters.
8. Disable the OCx by writing OCM<2:0> (OCxCON1<2:0>) = 0b000 to change the parameters, and then enable the OCx by writing OCM<2:0> (OCxCON1<2:0>) = 0b100 to initiate another single pulse with different parameters.

**Note:** Refer to Table 35-2 for several simple examples of single output pulse-width calculations.  
Refer to Table 35-4 for several simple examples of Dual Compare Match mode generating a single output pulse.

**Table 35-2: Dual Compare Mode – Single Output Pulse-Width Calculation Examples**

Instruction Cycle Time (Tcy)	Desired on Time		Start Pulse Time from Timer = 0x0000		End Pulse Time (OCxRS) Register
	Time	Value	Time	Value (OCxR)	
62.5 ns	3 μs	0x0030	10 μs	0x00A0	0x0D0
100 ns	5 μs	0x0032	10 μs	0x0064	0x0096
300 ns	10 μs	0x0021	100 μs	0x014D	0x018F
500 ns	20 μs	0x0028	500 μs	0x03E8	0x0410
500 ns	30 μs	0x003C	2 ms	0x0FA0	0x0FDC

**Equation 35-1:**

$$\text{Value} = \text{Desired Time} / \text{Instruction Cycle Time (Tcy)}$$

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## Example 35-2: Dual Compare Mode – Single Output Pulse Width

```

OC1CON1 = 0;           /* It is a good practice to clear off the control bits initially */
OC1CON2 = 0;
OC1CON1bits.OCTSEL = 0x07; /* This selects the peripheral clock as the clock input to the OC
                             module */
OC1R = 1000;          /* This is just a typical number, user must calculate based on the
                       waveform requirements and the system clock */
OC1RS = 2000;
OC1CON1bits.OCM = 4;  /* This selects and starts the Single Output Pulse mode */

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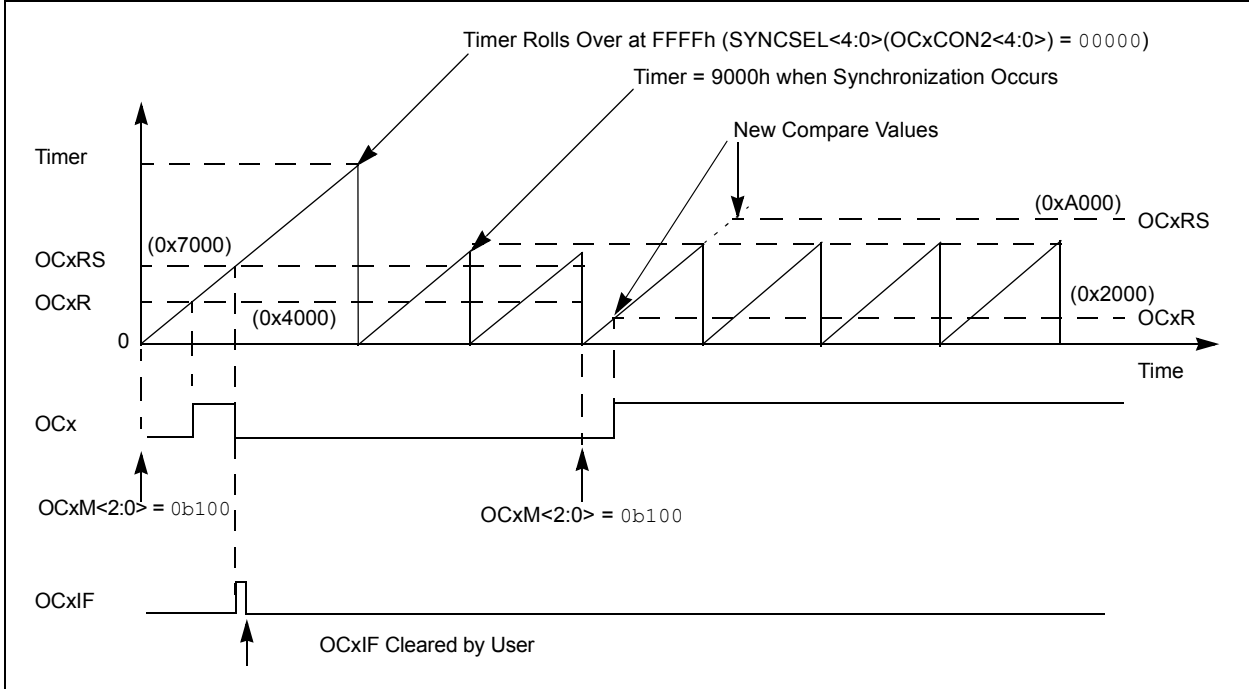
**Table 35-3: Special Cases for Dual Compare Match Mode Generating a Single Output Pulse**

Special Condition	Operation	Output
Synchronization occurs when the timer value is equal to OCxRS	Timer resets to zero in the next cycle, but the pulse is unaffected.	Pulse
Synchronization occurs before the timer value reaches OCxR	Timer resets to zero before any output transition.	Remains low
Synchronization occurs before the timer value reaches OCxRS, but after it reaches OCxR	Only a single transition (low-to-high) is generated (see Figure 35-8).	Low/High
OCxR = OCxRS = 0x0000 and Sync occurs	The output is initialized low and does not change. No interrupt is generated.	Remains low
OCxRS < OCxR	The timer counts up to the first compare (TMRx = OCxR) and the first (rising) edge is generated. The timer then continues to count and eventually resets when the synchronization occurs or rolls over. The timer then restarts from 0x0000 and counts up to the second compare (TMRx = OCxRS) and the second (falling) edge of the signal is generated. The falling edge of the output pulse generates an interrupt condition.	Pulse
OCxR = OCxRS	The timer counts up to the first compare (Timer = OCxR) and the first (rising) edge is generated. The timer continues to count and eventually resets when the synchronization occurs or a rollover from 0xFFFF occurs. The timer then restarts from 0x0000 and counts up to the second compare (TMRx = OCxRS), and the second (falling) edge of the signal is generated. The falling edge of the output pulse generates an interrupt condition.	Pulse
OCxR = 0x0000 and OCxRS > OCxR	The first cycle of the timer counts until the synchronization occurs or rolls over; the output compare pin remains low. After the Timer register resets to zero, the output compare pin goes high. Upon the next timer match with the register, OCxRS, the output compare pin goes low and remains. The falling edge of the output pulse generates an interrupt condition (see Figure 35-9).	One pulse during the second run of OCxTMR

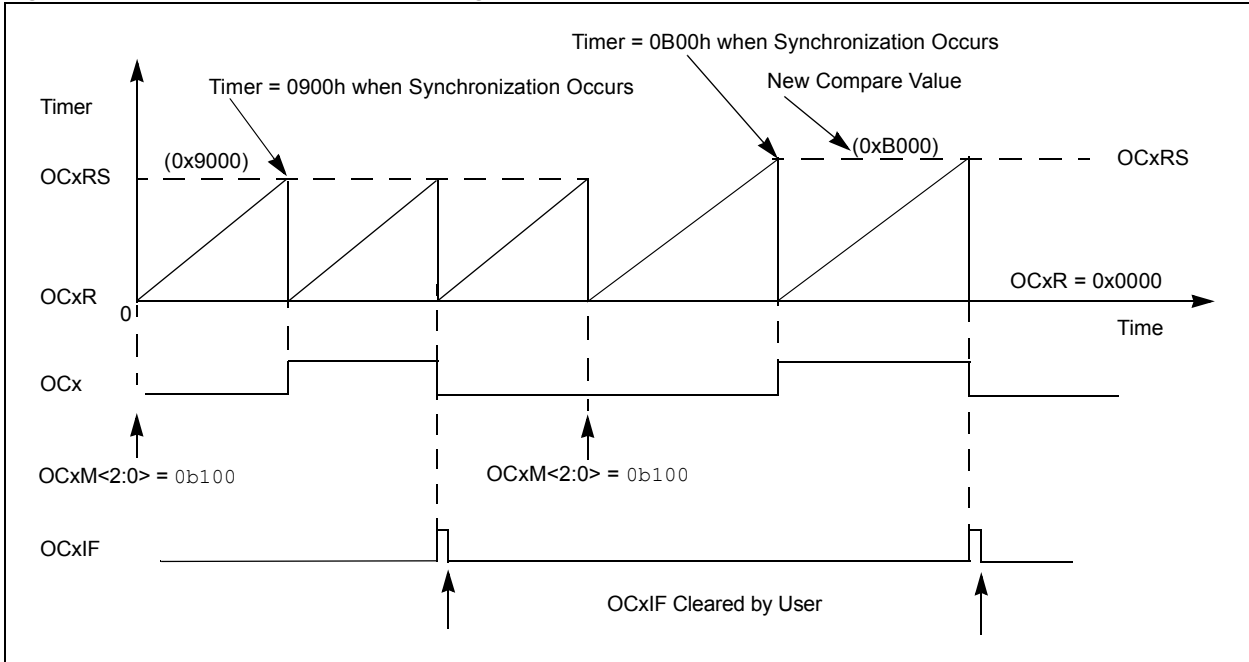


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**Figure 35-8: Dual Compare Mode – Single Output Pulse (Sync Before Timer Reaches OCxRS)**



**Figure 35-9: Dual Compare Mode – Single Output Pulse (OCxR = 0x0000, OCxRS > OCxR)**



## 35.3.2.3 DUAL COMPARE CONTINUOUS PULSE MODE

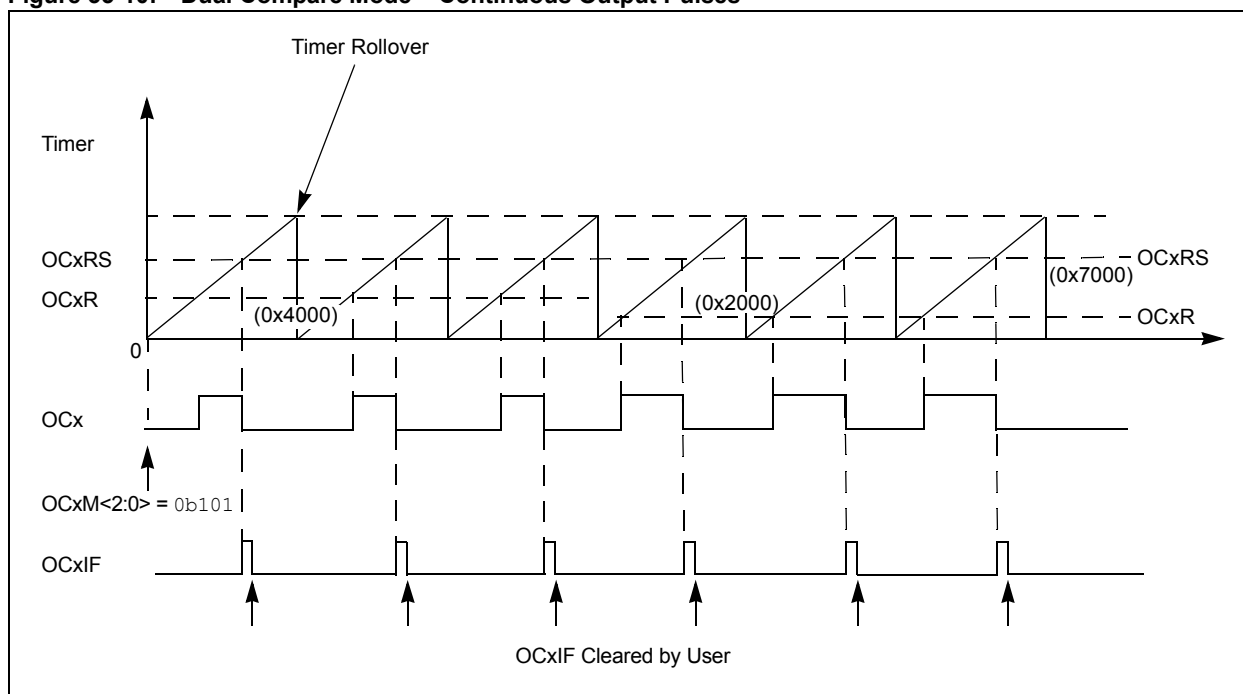
When control bits,  $OCM\langle 2:0 \rangle$  ( $OCxCON1\langle 2:0 \rangle$ ) =  $0b101$ , the selected output compare channel is configured so that the OCx pin is initialized low and continuous output pulses are generated. Figure 35-10 illustrates the Dual Compare Continuous Output Pulse mode.

- Once the Dual Compare Continuous Output Pulse mode is enabled, the pin state would be driven low.
- Upon the first timer compare match with the Compare register, OCxR, the OCx pin would be driven high.
- When the incrementing timer count matches the Compare register, OCxRS, the second and trailing edge (high-to-low) of the pulse are driven onto the OCx pin. At this second compare, the OCxIF interrupt flag bit is set.

**Note:** Unlike the Single Output Pulse mode, the output pulses continue indefinitely until the mode is terminated by user firmware or by a Reset. The falling edge of each output pulse sets the interrupt flag.

One way of generating a pulse with 50% duty cycle is by setting  $OCxR = OCxRS$  and self-synchronizing.

**Figure 35-10: Dual Compare Mode – Continuous Output Pulses**



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### 35.3.2.4 SETUP FOR CONTINUOUS OUTPUT PULSE GENERATION

To configure this module for the generation of a continuous stream of output pulses, perform the following steps:

1. Determine instruction cycle time,  $T_{CY}$ .
2. Calculate the timer to start pulse width from the timer start value of 0x0000.
3. Calculate the timer to stop pulse width from the timer start value of 0x0000.
4. Write pulse-width start and stop values into the OCxR and OCxRS Compare registers, respectively. The Sync signal should occur when OCxRS = timer or after.
5. Set OCM<2:0> (OCxCON1<2:0>) = 0b101; the timer must be enabled.

#### Example 35-3: Continuous Output Pulse Generation

```

OC1CON1 = 0;
OC1CON2 = 0;           /* It is a good practice to clear off the control bits initially */
OC1CON1bits.OCTSEL = 0x07; /* This selects the peripheral clock as the clock input to the OC
                           module */
OC1R = 1000;           /* This is just a typical number, user must calculate based on the
                           waveform requirements and the system clock */
OC1RS = 2000;
T1CON = 0;
PR1 = 3000;           /* Determines the period */
OC1CON2bits.SYNCSEL = 0x0B; /* TMR1 is the sync source */
OC1CON1bits.OCM = 5;  /* This selects the Continuous Pulse mode*/
T1CONbits.TON = 1;   /* OC1TMR does not run until the sync source is switched on */
    
```

**Table 35-4: Dual Compare Mode – Continuous Output Pulse-Width Calculation Examples**

Instruction Cycle Time (TCY)	Desired Pulse Width		Start Pulse Time from Timer = 0x0000		End Pulse Time from Timer = 0x0000		Pulse Period
	Time	Value	Time	Value (OCxR)	Time	Value (OCxR)	
62.5 ns	3 μs	0x0030	10 μs	0x00A0	13 μs	0x0D0	Select appropriate Sync source to set the period. If the OC module is self-synchronized, the period is equal to the End Pulse Time.
100 ns	5 μs	0x0032	10 μs	0x0064	15 μs	0x0096	
300 ns	10 μs	0x0021	100 μs	0x014D	110 μs	0x018F	
500 ns	20 μs	0x0028	500 μs	0x03E8	520 μs	0x0410	
500 ns	30 μs	0x003C	2 ms	0x0FA0	2.03 ms	0x0FDC	

#### Equation 35-2:

$$\text{Value} = \text{Desired Time} / \text{Instruction Cycle Time (TCY)}$$

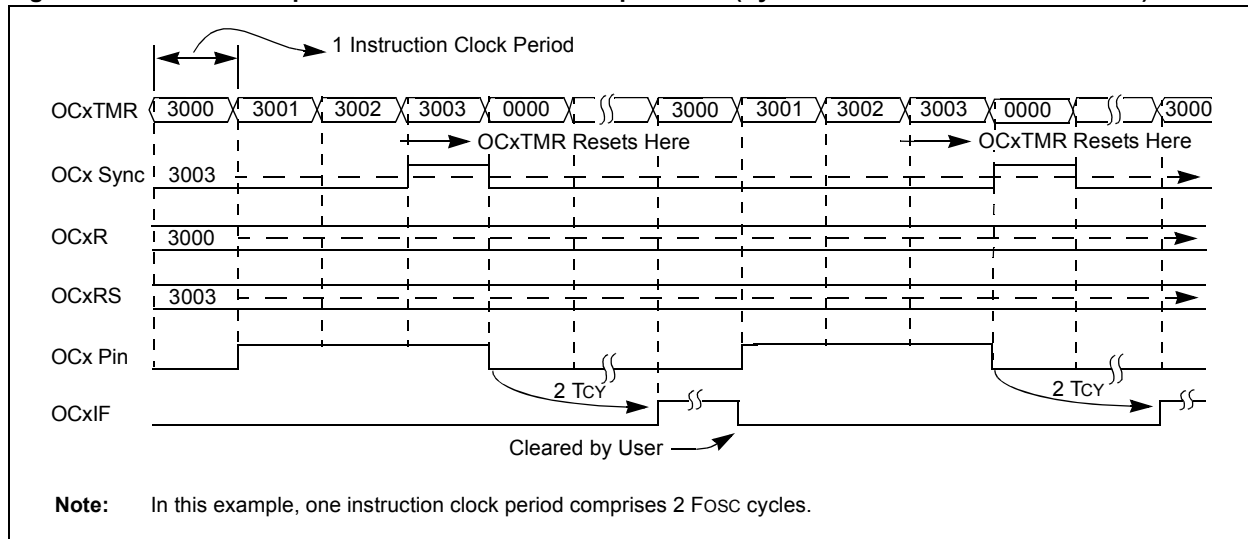
**Note:** Timer module with the same clock as OCx is used as the Sync source in this example.

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**Table 35-5: Special Cases for Dual Compare Match Mode Generating Continuous Output Pulse**

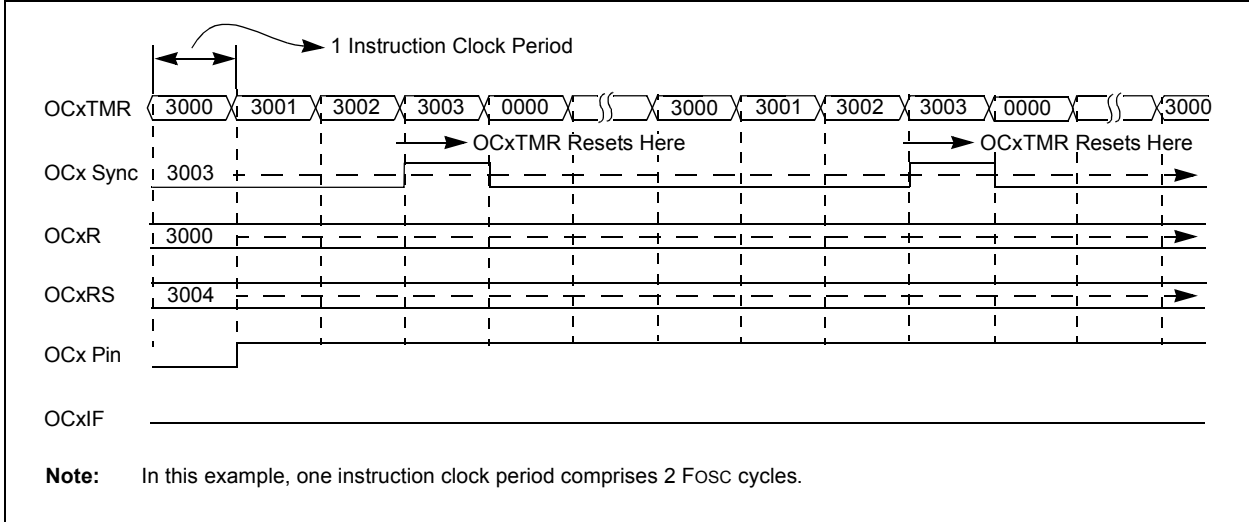
Special Condition	Operation	Output
Synchronization occurs when the timer value is equal to OCxRS	Timer resets to zero in the next cycle, but the pulse is unaffected (see Figure 35-11).	Pulses
Synchronization occurs before the timer value reaches OCxR	Timer resets to zero before any output transition.	Remains low
Synchronization occurs before the timer value reaches OCxRS, but after it reaches OCxR	Only a single transition (low-to-high) is generated (see Figure 35-12).	Low/High
OCxR = OCxRS = 0x0000 and synchronization occurs	The output is initialized low and does not change. No interrupt is generated.	Remains low
OCxRS < OCxR	The timer counts up to the first compare (TMRx = OCxR) and the first (rising) edge is generated. The timer then continues to count and eventually resets when synchronization occurs or rolls over. The timer then restarts from 0x0000 and counts up to the second compare (TMRx = OCxRS) and the second (falling) edge of the signal is generated. The falling edge of the output pulse generates an interrupt condition. The sequence repeats until the module is disabled.	Pulses
OCxR = OCxRS	The timer counts up to the first compare (Timer = OCxR) and the first (rising) edge is generated. The timer continues to count and eventually resets when synchronization occurs or a rollover from FFFFh occurs. The timer then restarts from 0x0000 and counts up to the second compare (TMRx = OCxRS), and the second (falling) edge of the signal is generated. The falling edge of the output pulse generates an interrupt condition. The sequence repeats until the module is disabled.	Pulses
OCxR = 0x0000 and OCxRS > OCxR	The first cycle of the timer counts until synchronization occurs or rolls over; the output compare pin remains low. After the Timer register resets to zero, the output compare pin goes high. Upon the next timer match with the register, OCxRS, the output compare pin goes low and remains low. The falling edge of the output pulse generates an interrupt condition (see Figure 35-13). The sequence repeats until the module is disabled.	Pulses except for the first cycle

**Figure 35-11: Dual Compare Mode – Continuous Output Pulse (Sync Occurs When Timer = OCxRS)**

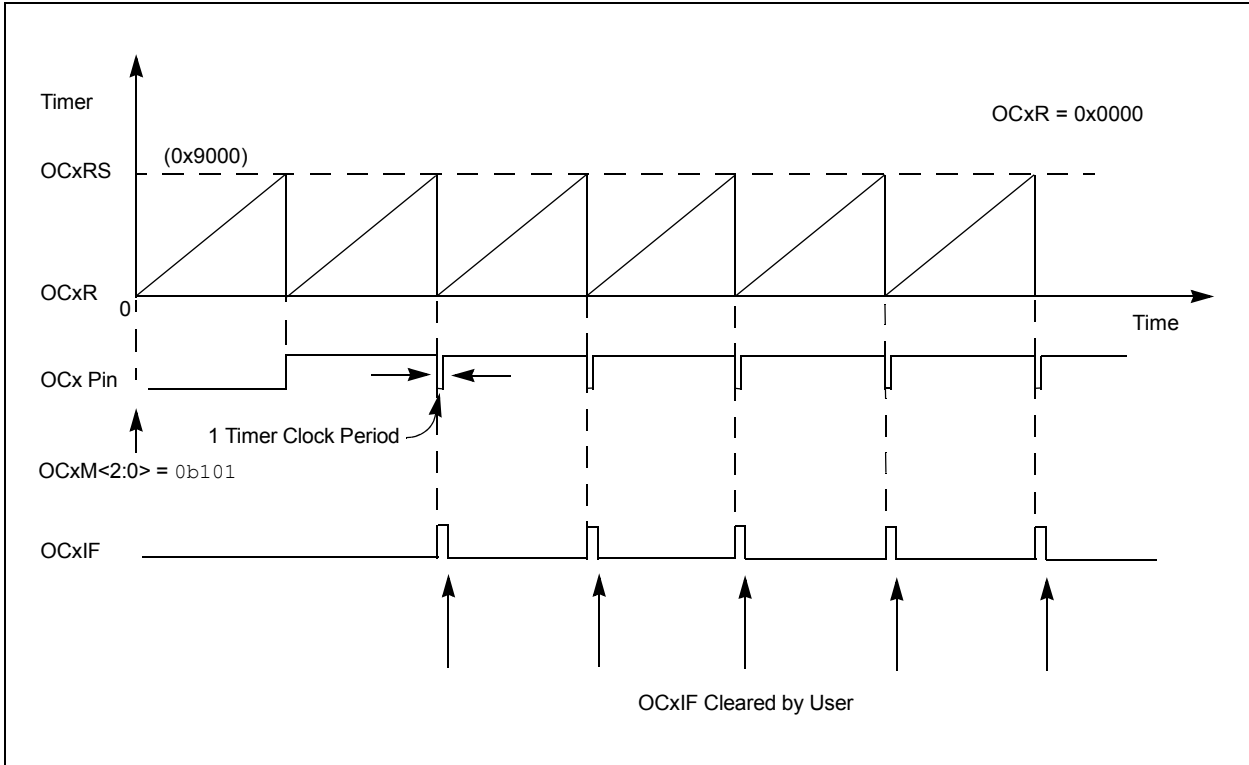


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**Figure 35-12: Dual Compare Mode – Continuous Output Pulse (Sync Before Timer Reaches OCxRS)**



**Figure 35-13: Dual Compare Mode – Continuous Output Pulse (OCxR = 0x0000 (SYNCSEL<4:0> = 0x1F))**



## 35.3.3 Pulse-Width Modulation Mode

When control bits,  $OCM\langle 2:0 \rangle$  ( $OCxCON1\langle 2:0 \rangle$ ) =  $0b110$  or  $0b111$ , then the PWM mode is selected. The registers,  $OCxR$  and  $OCxRS$ , are double-buffered in these modes. This means that the changes on these registers would be reflected only after a timer rollover from  $0xFFFF$  or after a Sync event occurs. As a result, any changes in these registers during operation occurs only with the next pulse. Also, in these modes, Fault input is supported (described in the next sections).

### 35.3.3.1 EDGE-ALIGNED PWM MODE

When control bits,  $OCM\langle 2:0 \rangle$  ( $OCxCON1\langle 2:0 \rangle$ ) =  $0b110$ , the Edge-Aligned PWM mode of operation is selected.  $OCxR$  contains the current duty cycle and the  $SYNCSEL$  bits determine the period.  $OCxRS$  can be made to determine the period by setting  $SYNCSEL\langle 4:0 \rangle$  ( $OCxCON2\langle 4:0 \rangle$ ) =  $0x1F$ .

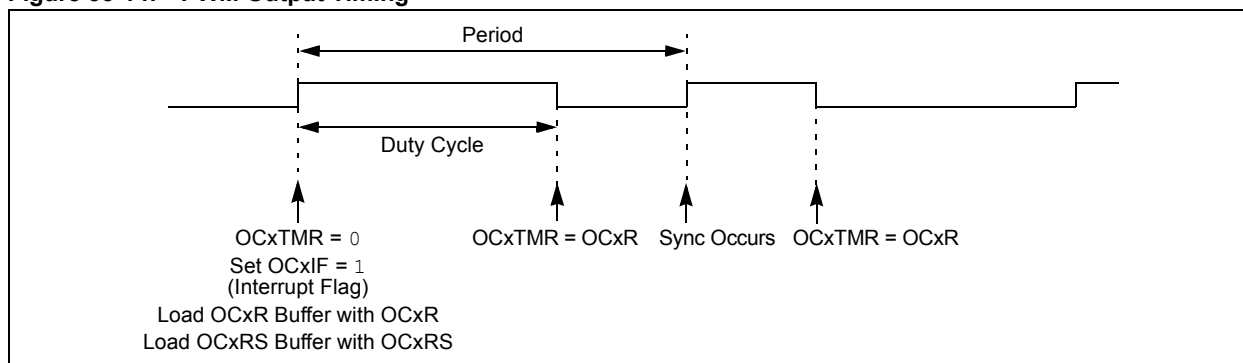
**Note:** This is a migration issue for applications. In the OC module without dedicated timers (see **Section 16. “Output Compare”**),  $OCxRS$  served as a double-buffer to  $OCxR$ . In this version, both the registers are double-buffered.

Figure 35-14 and Figure 35-15 illustrate the PWM mode operation.

Edge-Aligned PWM Mode Operation:

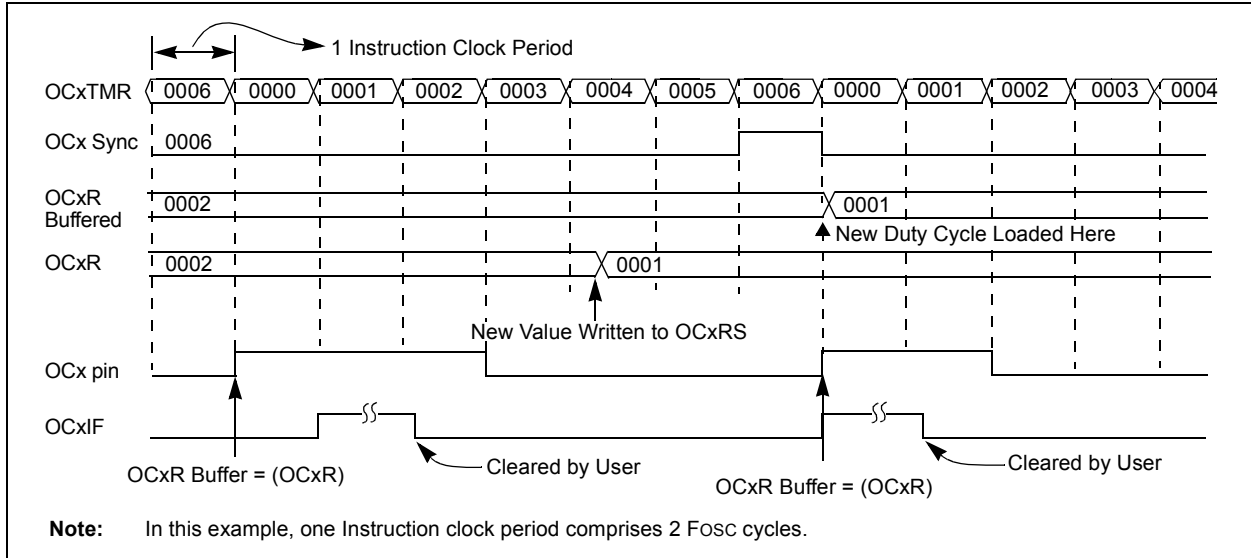
- When synchronization occurs, the following four events occur on the next increment cycle:
  - The timer is reset to zero and resumes counting
  - The  $OCx$  pin is set high (exception: if  $OCxRS = 0b0000$ , the  $OCx$  pin would not be set)
  - The  $OCxR$  and  $OCxRS$  Buffered registers are updated from  $OCxR$  and  $OCxRS$
  - Interrupt flag,  $OCxIF$ , is set
- When the timer and  $OCxR$  match, the pin would be set low. This match does not generate interrupts.

**Figure 35-14: PWM Output Timing**



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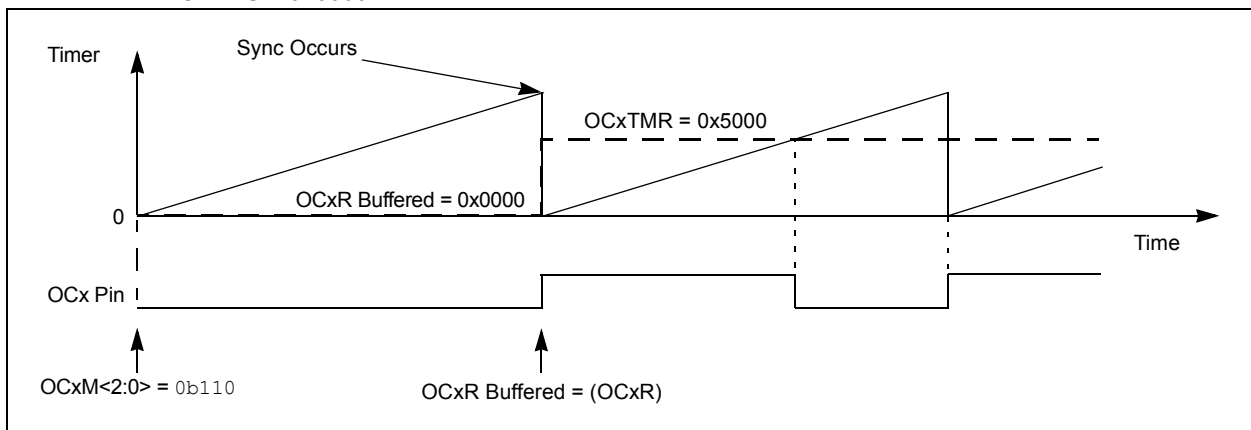
**Figure 35-15: PWM Output Timing**



### 35.3.3.2 EDGE-ALIGNED PWM MODE INITIALIZATION

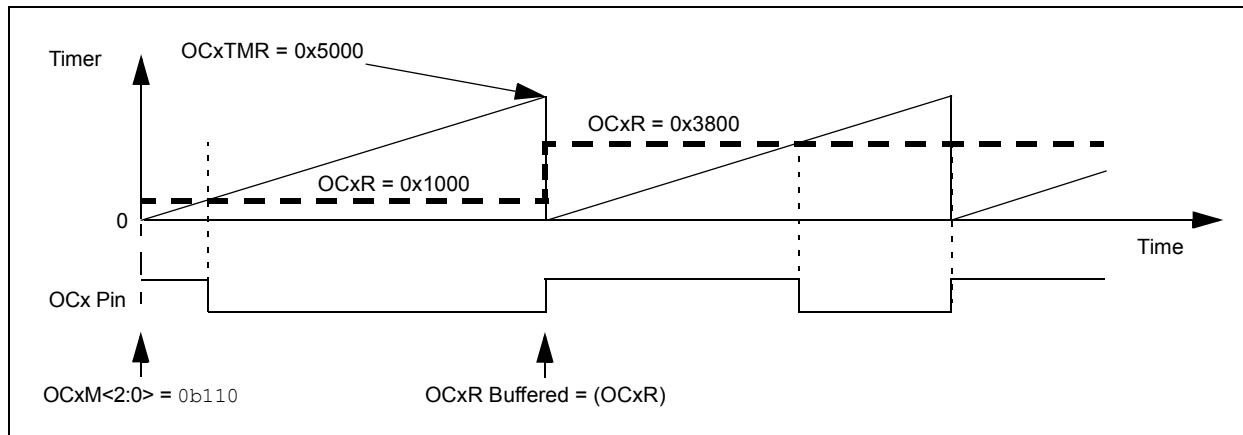
1. Once the PWM mode is enabled by setting OCM<2:0> (OCxCON1<2:0>) = 0b110, the OCx pin would be driven low if OCxR = 0x0000. If OCxR is not equal to zero, the OCx pin would be set high (see Figure 35-16 and Figure 35-17).
2. When OCxR is not equal to zero and the pin state is set to high, the first match between the OCxR and the timer clears the OCx pin. The OCx pin would remain low until a valid compare between synchronization occurs or a rollover occurs (see Figure 35-17).

**Figure 35-16: Edge-Aligned PWM Mode with OCxR = 0 – At Module Initialization, OCxR = 0x0000, OCxRS = 0x5000**



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**Figure 35-17: Edge-Aligned PWM Mode with OCxR > 0 – At Module Initialization, OCxR = 0x1000, OCxRS = 0x5000**



### 35.3.3.3 USER SETUP FOR PWM OPERATION

Perform the following steps while configuring the output compare module for the PWM operation:

1. Determine instruction cycle time,  $T_{CY}$ .
2. Calculate desired pulse on time value based upon  $T_{CY}$  and write it into OCxR.
3. Calculate the period value based upon  $T_{CY}$  and write it into OCxRS.
4. Write 0x1F to SYNCSEL<4:0> (OCxCON2<4:0>) to select self Sync.
5. Set the required clock source.
6. Set OCM<2:0> (OCxCON1<2:0>) = 0b110 to select and start Edge-Aligned PWM mode.

#### Example 35-4: PWM Mode

```

OC1CON1 = 0;          /* It is a good practice to clear off the control bits initially */
OC1CON2 = 0;
OC1CON1bits.OCTSEL = 0x07; /* This selects the peripheral clock as the clock input to the OC
                             module */
OC1R = 1000;          /* This is just a typical number, user must calculate based on the
                             waveform requirements and the system clock */
OC1RS = 2000;        /* Determines the Period */
OC1CON1bits.OCM = 6;  /* This selects and starts the Edge Aligned PWM mode*/
    
```

### 35.3.3.4 PWM MODE SPECIAL COMPARE CONDITIONS

Table 35-6 lists the PWM mode special compare conditions.

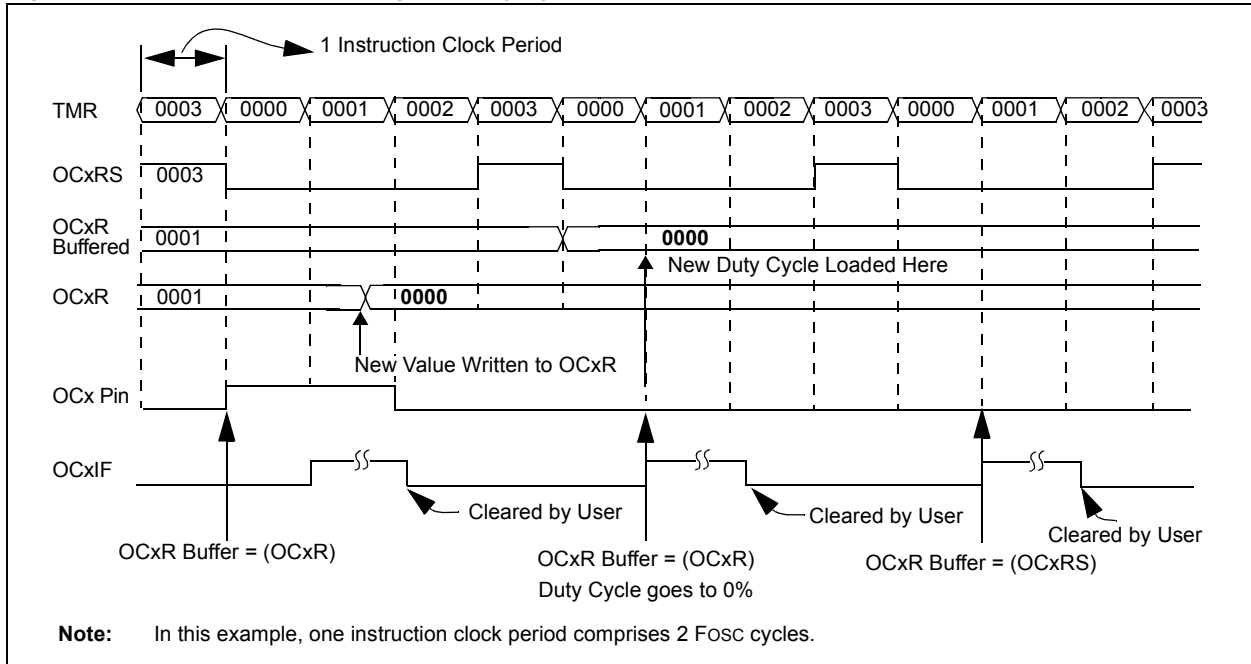
**Table 35-6: Special Compare Mode Conditions**

Special Condition	Operation	Output
OCxR = 0	The OCx pin would be set low (see Figure 35-18).	Low
OCxR > OCxRS	The OCx pin would be set high (see Figure 35-19).	High
OCxR = OCxTMR and synchronization occurs	The OCx pin would remain high (see Figure 35-20).	High

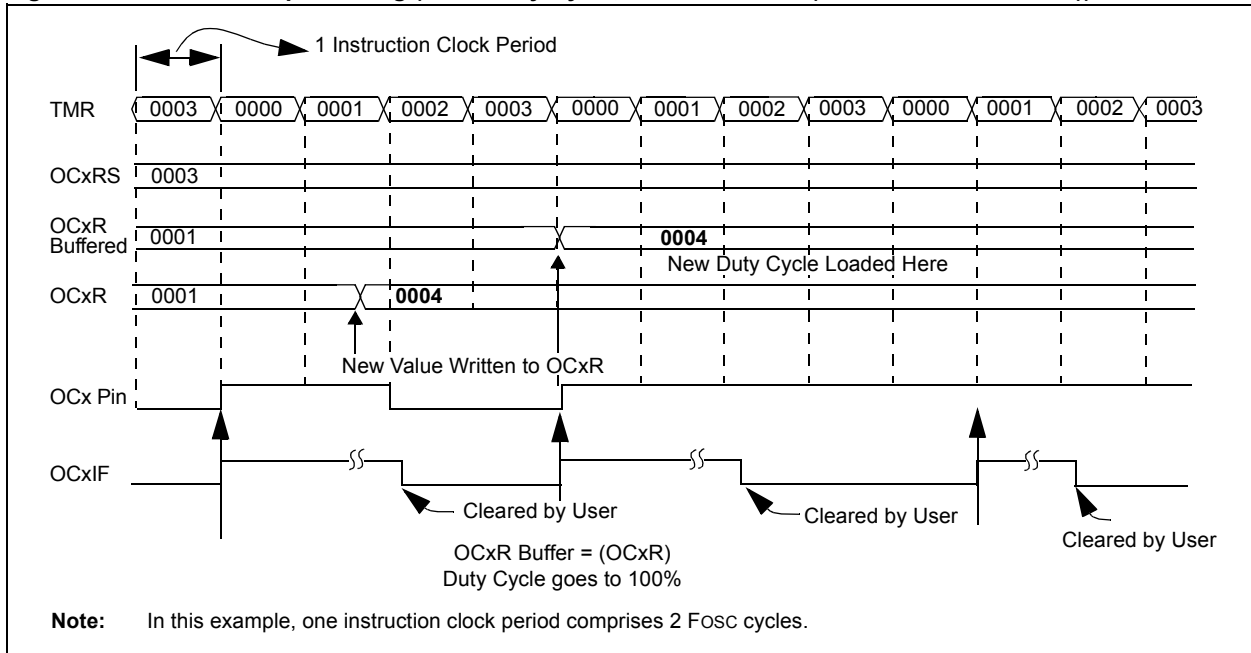


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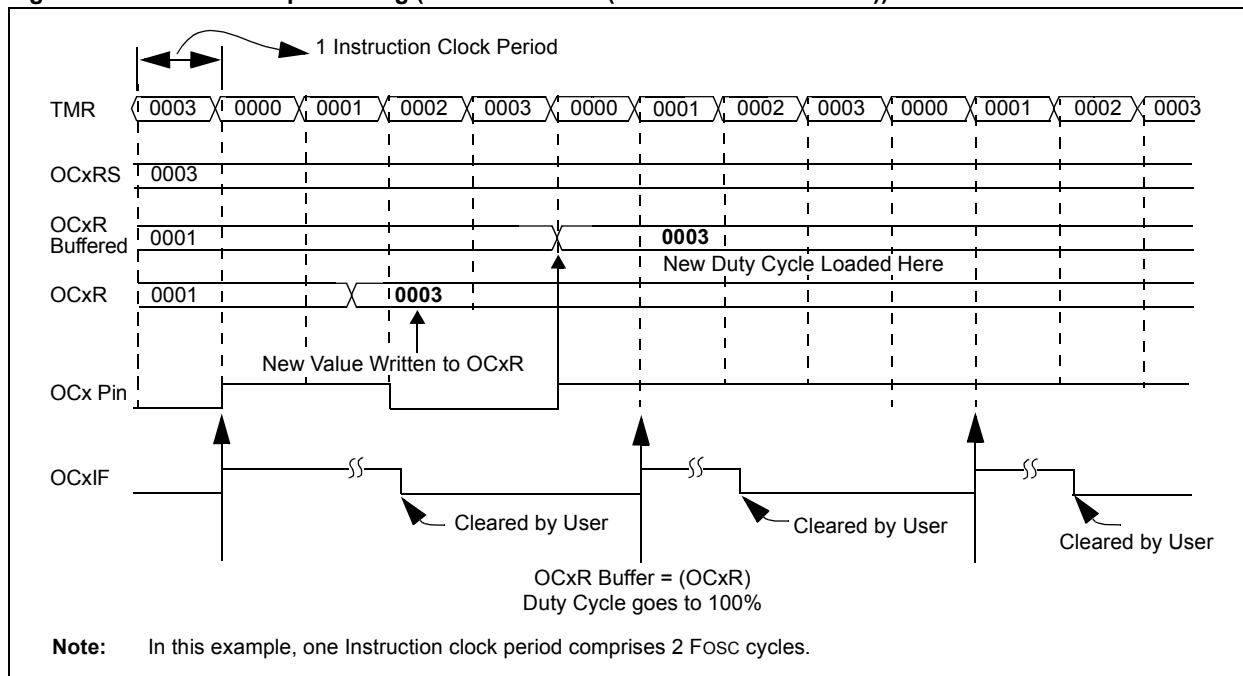
**Figure 35-18: PWM Output Timing (0% Duty Cycle, OCxR = 0x0000)**



**Figure 35-19: PWM Output Timing (100% Duty Cycle, OCxR > OCxRS (SYNCSEL<4:0> = 0x1F))**



**Figure 35-20: PWM Output Timing (OCxR = OCxRS (SYNCSEL<4:0> = 0x1F))**



### 35.3.3.5 CENTER-ALIGNED PWM MODE

In this mode, OCM<2:0> (OCxCON1<2:0>) = 0b111 functions are the same as Continuous Pulse mode, OCM<2:0> (OCxCON1<2:0>) = 0b101. The only differences are:

- OCxR and OCxRS are double-buffered, which means that the new register value would be effective only after a timer rollover or synchronization
- Fault control and pins are used

**Note:** Center alignment does not mean the pulse is exactly aligned to the center of the pulse width. It only indicates that the On time of the pulse can be positioned anywhere within the period.

### 35.3.3.6 FAULT INPUT AND CONTROL

When operating in either the Center-Aligned PWM mode or Edge-aligned PWM mode (OCM<2:0> (OCxCON1<2:0>) = 0b111 or 0b110), the Fault pin and its controls can be activated. One Fault pin, OCFA, is always available, which controls all the OC modules. However, another Fault pin, OCFB, may also be available (see the following note). The Fault pin is controlled by the register bits, ENFLT<sub>x</sub> (OCxCON1<9:7>). If these bits are zero, the corresponding Fault input pins (OCFA, OCFB, etc., refer to the device data sheet for Fault signal mappings) are ignored. The status of the Fault input can be observed in the corresponding OCFLT<sub>x</sub> (OCxCON1<6:4>) register bits.

When a Fault occurs (OCF<sub>x</sub> = 0), the OC<sub>x</sub> pin output level is determined by the FLTOUT (OCxCON2<14>) bit. The tri-stating of the OC<sub>x</sub> pin during a Fault condition is controlled by FLTTRIEN (OCxCON2<13>).

**Note:** Refer to the product data sheet for details on how Fault pins are assigned to the various OC<sub>x</sub> peripherals.

The Fault control can operate in two modes based on the FLTMD (OCxCON2<15>) bit:

- Inactive mode
- Cycle-by-Cycle mode.

**Note:** The Output Compare Fault pins, OCFA and OCFB, are active-low signals.

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### 35.3.3.6.1 Inactive Mode

When  $FLTMD$  ( $OCxCON2<15>$ ) = 1, the Fault inputs operate in the Inactive mode (see Figure 35-21). If the Fault input goes active ('0'), the  $OCFLT_x$  ( $OCxCON1<6:4>$ ) bits would be set and the module would be in the Fault condition.

It remains in the Fault condition until:

- The Fault input goes inactive
- The  $OCFLT_x$  ( $OCxCON1<6:4>$ ) bits are cleared in software
- A new timer cycle is started (timer goes to 0000h)

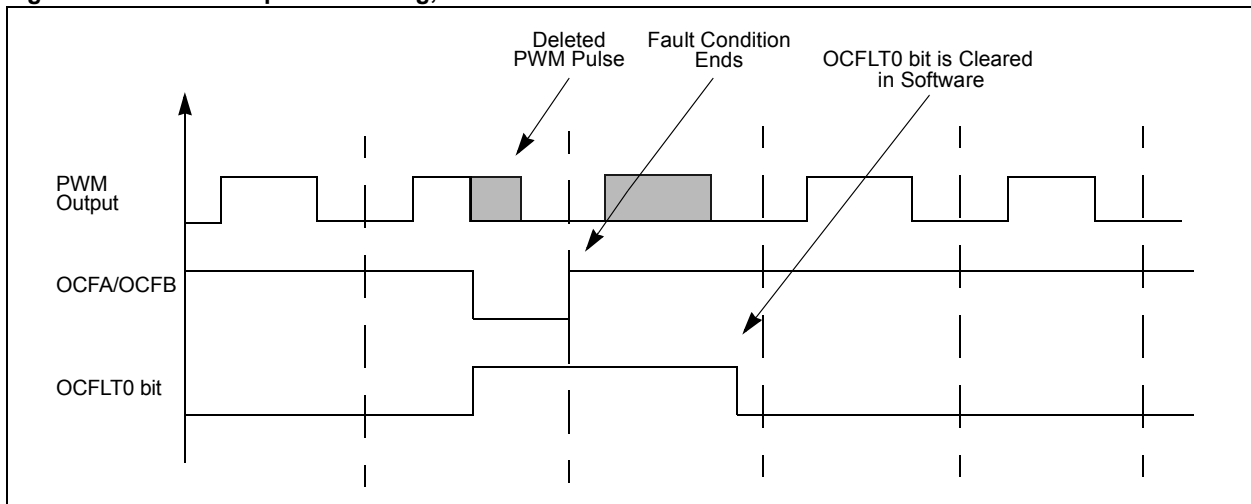
### 35.3.3.6.2 Cycle-by-Cycle Mode

When  $FLTMD$  ( $OCxCON2<15>$ ) = 0, the Fault inputs operate in the Cycle-by-Cycle mode (see Figure 35-22). If a Fault input goes active ('0'), the  $OCFLT_x$  ( $OCxCON1<6:4>$ ) bits would be set and the module would be in the Fault condition.

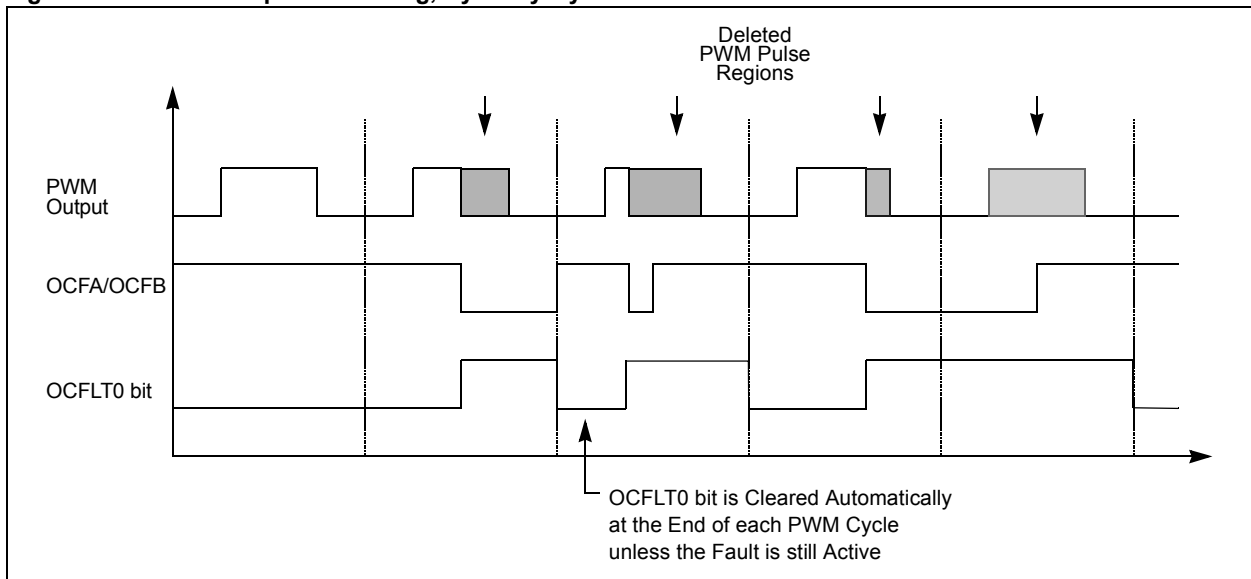
It remains in the Fault condition until:

- The Fault input goes inactive
- A new timer cycle is started (timer goes to 0x0000)

**Figure 35-21: Fault Input Pin Timing, Inactive Mode**



**Figure 35-22: Fault Input Pin Timing, Cycle-by-Cycle Mode**



## 35.3.3.7 SYNCHRONOUS OPERATION

Synchronous operation of the timer is enabled when the OCTRIG (OCxCON2<7>) = 0.

In synchronous operation, the TRIGSTAT (OCxCON2<6>) bit has no function. The timer can be synchronized with the other modules using the synchronization/trigger inputs (see Register 35-2). Whenever the selected module receives a synchronization signal, the timer would roll over to 0x0000 on the next positive edge of the selected clock.

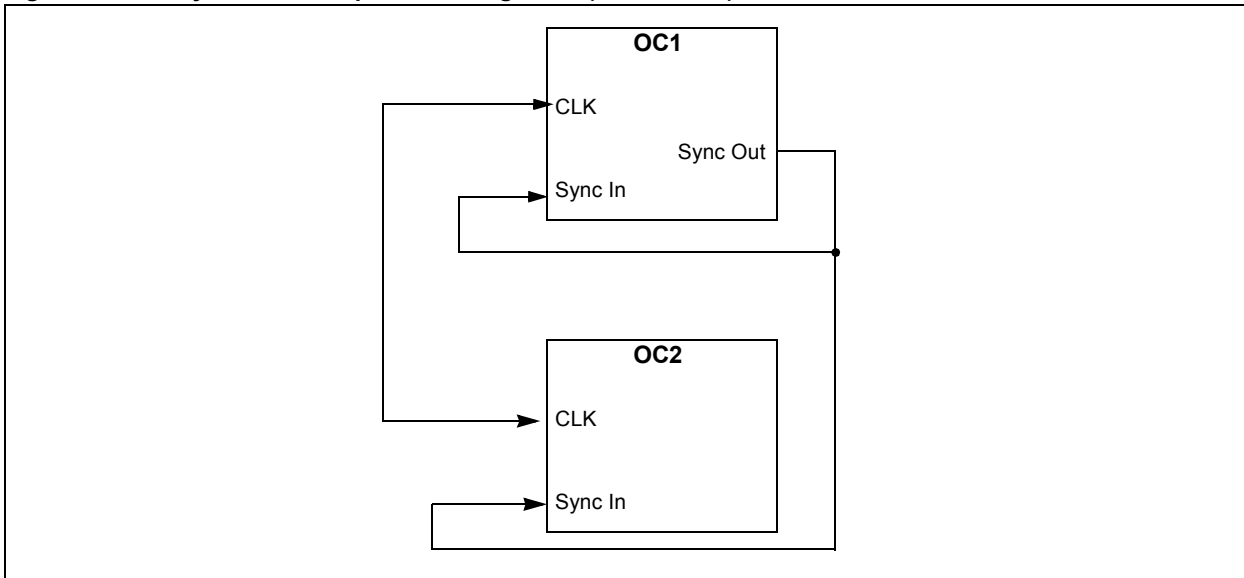
## 35.3.3.8 USE OF THE MODULE TIMER IN A SYNCHRONIZED APPLICATION

Figure 35-23 illustrates the connections for synchronization and Figure 35-24 illustrates the timing for multiple modules being synchronized. OC2 is being synchronized to OC1. The synchronization signal from OC1 is selected for synchronization by both OC1 and OC2 using the SYNCSEL<4:0>(OCxCON2<4:0>) bits. The OC1RS register now becomes the Period register for both OC1 and OC2.

When the OC1RS register matches the OC1 timer value, the OC1 module produces the synchronization signal. This causes the timers in both OC1 and OC2 to go to zero on the next positive clock edge.

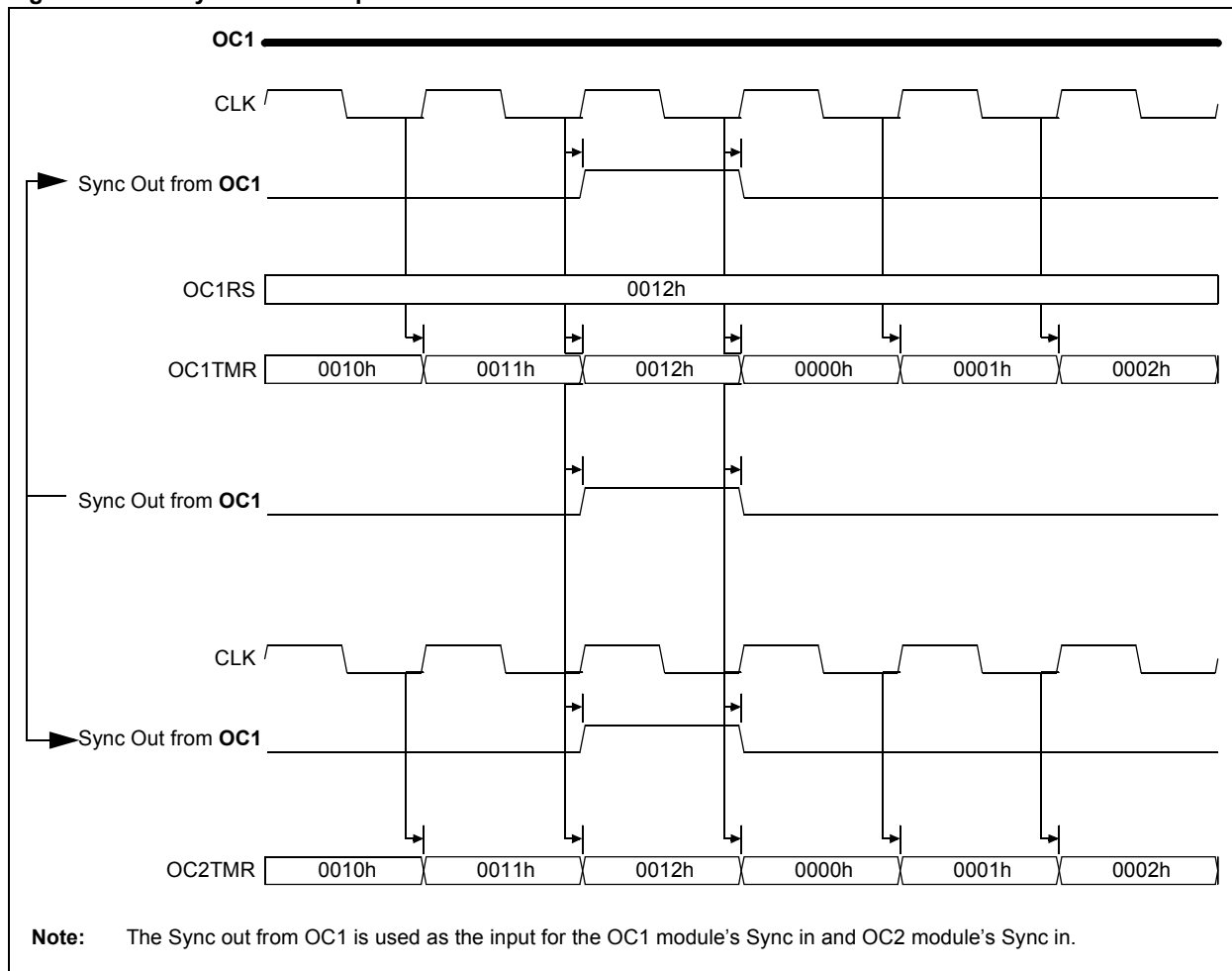
**Note:** Synchronized modules should select the same clock source to ensure proper operation.

**Figure 35-23: Synchronous Operation Integration (TRIGEN = 0)**



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Figure 35-24: Synchronous Operation



When initializing synchronized modules, the module being used as the source of synchronization should be enabled last. As illustrated in Figure 35-23, OC2 should be initialized first and OC1 should be initialized last. This ensures that the timers of all synchronized modules are maintained in a Reset condition until the last module is initialized.

### 35.3.3.9 TRIGGER OPERATION

Trigger operation of the timer is enabled when OCTRIG (OCxCON2<7>) = 1. When configured for trigger operation, the module timer is held in Reset until a trigger event occurs. After the trigger event occurs, the timer begins to count. The trigger source is selected by the SYNCSEL bits.

### 35.3.3.10 OCxCON2 TRIGGER FUNCTION

The TRIGSTAT (OCxCON2<6>) bit holds the timer in Reset or releases it to count. It controls the timer in the following manner:

- TRIGSTAT = 0
  - Timer is held in Reset
- TRIGSTAT = 1
  - Timer released from Reset
  - Timer increments on every positive clock

There are two types of trigger conditions when operating in Trigger mode:

- Hardware/software TRIGSTAT bit set
- Software only TRIGSTAT bit set

In both cases, the trigger is always cleared in software.

### 35.3.3.10.1 Hardware/Software TRIGSTAT Set

The TRIGSTAT (OCxCON2<6>) bit can be set by hardware or software when:

- The SYNCSEL (OCxCON2<4:0>) bits are not equal to 0b00000 (see **Section 35.3.3.12 “Illegal Settings”**)

When the module is enabled for a triggered response, the timer would be held in a cleared state. It remains in this cleared state until a trigger event occurs, which sets the TRIGSTAT bit. Additionally, the timer can be released from Reset by writing to the TRIGSTAT bit and setting it.

### 35.3.3.10.2 Software Only TRIGSTAT Set

The TRIGSTAT bit can be set only by software when SYNCSEL<4:0> = 0b00000.

### 35.3.3.11 CLEARING TRIGSTAT BIT

The TRIGSTAT bit can only be cleared in software by writing a ‘0’ to it. When the TRIGSTAT bit is cleared in software, the timer is reset to 0x0000 on the next timer clock’s rising edge and is ready for another trigger.

### 35.3.3.12 ILLEGAL SETTINGS

It is illegal for the module to select itself as a trigger source. Therefore, two possible values of the SYNCSEL<4:0> in Trigger mode are not allowed:

- SYNCSEL<4:0> = 0x1F
- SYNCSEL<4:0> = N, where N is the second setting that selects the same module (see Register 35-2).

**Note:** TRIGSTAT cannot be changed in software when operating in One-Shot mode. See **Section 35.3.3.13.2 “One-Shot Functionality”** for more information on this mode. The trigger source would be synchronized with the OCx clock. Preventing these illegal conditions should be taken care of in the user software.

### 35.3.3.13 USE OF THE OCx MODULE IN A TRIGGERED APPLICATION

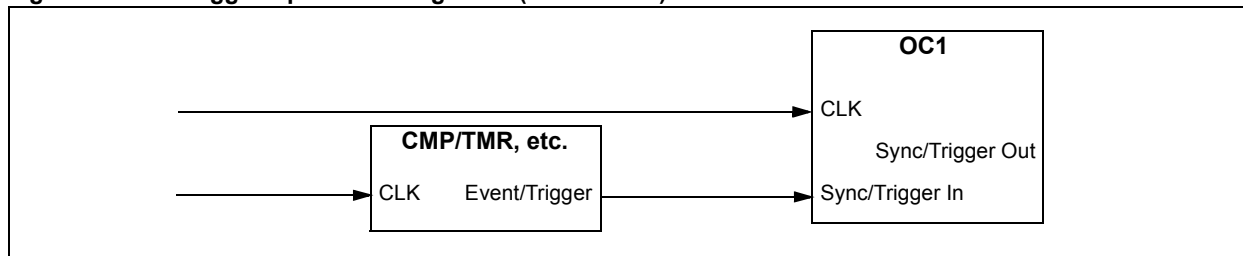
Figure 35-25 illustrates a typical application of the module timer in a triggered application. In this application, a trigger event can be generated by another output compare module, timer module, IC module, analog comparator or other peripheral functions. Refer to the product data sheet for a complete list of trigger sources.

**Note:** When OCx is switched off, it sends a trigger out signal. If any other module is using OCx as a trigger source, it must disable the Trigger mode before switching off the OCx module.

#### 35.3.3.13.1 Initialization of the OCx Module in a Triggered Application

The user misses any trigger event that occurs before the OCx module is initialized. Therefore, to avoid missing a trigger, it is recommended that the module be enabled before the trigger source.

**Figure 35-25: Trigger Operation Integration (TRIGEN = 1)**



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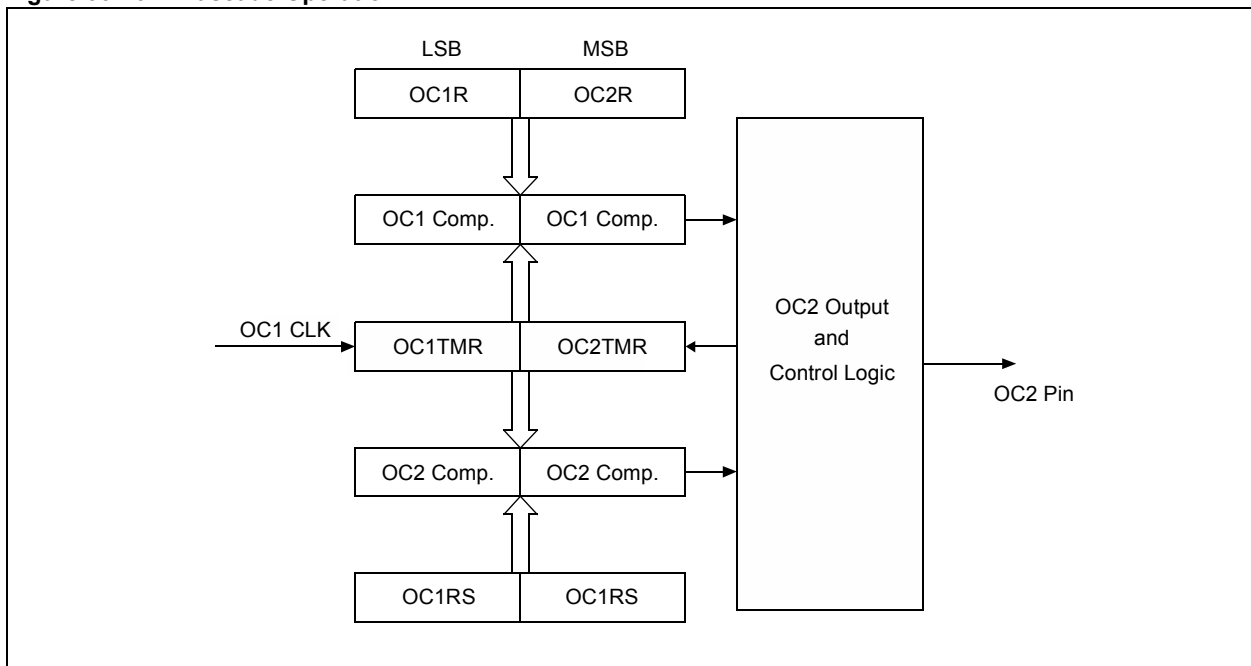
### 35.3.3.13.2 One-Shot Functionality

While operating as a trigger, the timer can operate in One-Shot mode. This produces one pulse for every trigger. The One-Shot mode is enabled by setting the TRIGMODE (OCxCON1<3>) bit. In One-Shot mode, the timer remains in Reset until a trigger event occurs. This event sets the TRIGSTAT bit and the timer begins to count. When the timer rolls over to 0000h, the TRIGSTAT bit would be cleared by hardware if TRIGMODE = 1. This holds the timer in Reset until the next trigger event, creating a one-shot timer.

### 35.3.4 Cascade Mode

When 16-bit timers are not enough, the OCx modules can be grouped in pairs to cascade them into 32-bit timers (see Figure 35-26). They are grouped as odd and even pairs (1-2, 3-4, 5-6, etc.). When cascading, the odd OCx module forms the Least Significant 16 bits of the timer/compare and the even module forms the Most Significant 16 bits. The OCx pin of the even module would be the output of the cascaded timers.

Figure 35-26: Cascade Operation



### 35.3.5 Setting Up Modules for Cascade

In this section, read OC1 as the odd OC module and OC2 as the even OC module.

The odd module is set up as follows:

- OC32 (OC1CON1<8>) = 1
- OCTRIG (OC1CON2<7>) can either be '1' or '0' as the timer can either be synchronized or triggered
- OCTRIS (OC1CON2<5>) = 1 (since the OC1 pin would not be used, the output should be tri-stated)

The even module is set up as follows:

- OC32 (OC2CON1<8>) = 1
- OCTRIG (OC2CON2<7>) = 0 (even the timer must be operated in Synchronized mode when cascaded)
- OCTRIS (OC2CON2<5>) = 0 (since OC2 would not be used, the output should be enabled)

## 35.3.5.1 INITIALIZATION OF THE MODULES IN A CASCADE APPLICATION

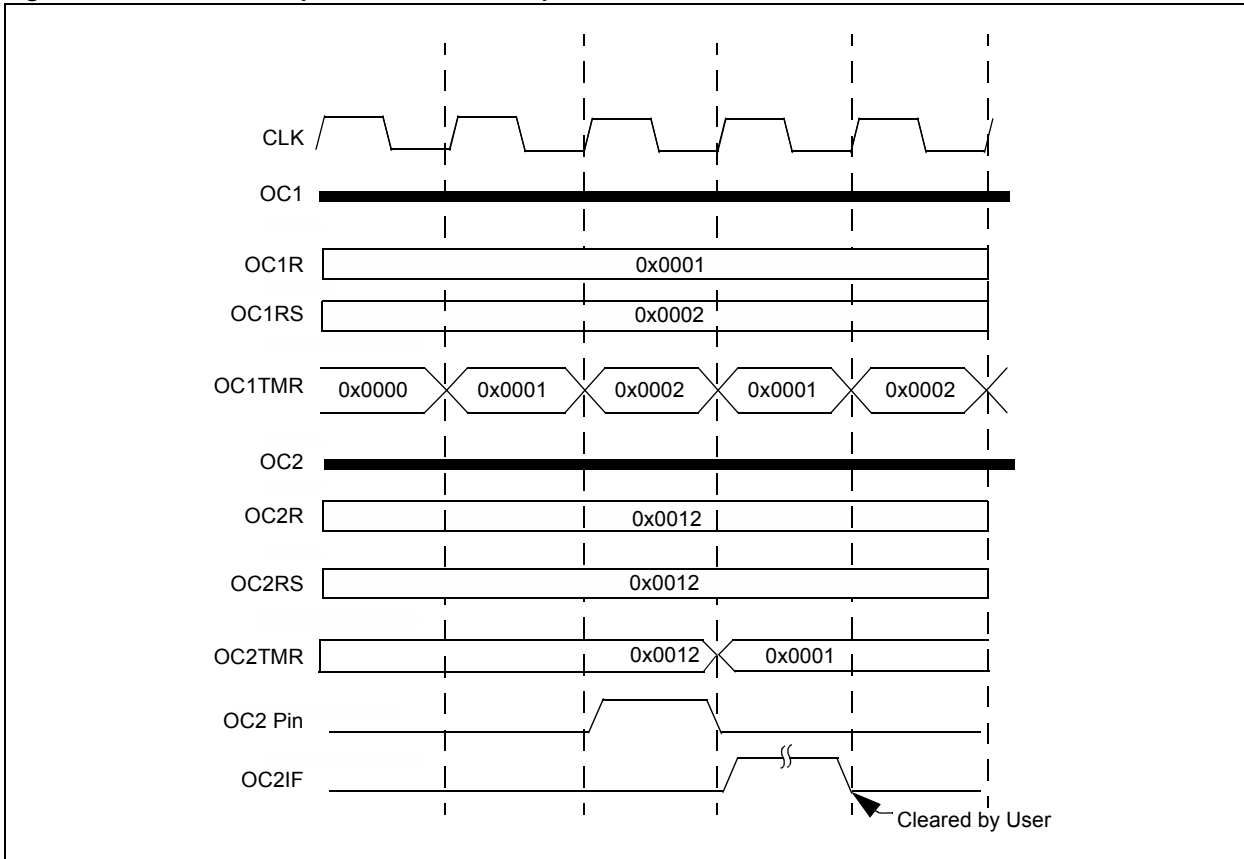
When initializing cascaded modules, the even module should be initialized first and the odd module should be initialized last.

## 35.3.5.2 TIMER CLOCK SELECTION

This clock should be selected before the module is enabled and should not be changed during the operation. The waveform for the cascade operation is illustrated in Figure 35-27.

**Note:** The even and odd OC modules must have the same clock.

**Figure 35-27: Cascade Operation in Dual Compare Mode**





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### 35.3.5.3 CASCADE OPERATION WITH THE ODD MODULE TRIGGERED

When two modules are cascaded to form a 32-bit timer, the timer can be triggered by setting the odd module, OCTRIG (OCxCON2 <7>) = 1. The odd module remains in Reset until a trigger event occurs. Once a trigger event occurs, the odd and even modules count as usual.

### 35.3.5.4 SYNCHRONIZING MULTIPLE CASCADED MODULE PAIRS

Multiple 32-bit pairs can also be synchronized; for example:

- To synchronize the OC3 + OC4 pair with the OC1 + OC2 pair:
  - OC1 and OC2 are set up as defined in **Section 35.3.5 “Setting Up Modules for Cascade”**.
  - OC3 and OC4 are set up in the same way, but also SYNCSEL = 1 (synchronization out from OC1); this allows the Sync out from OC1 to hold OC3 in sync.

#### Example 35-5: Output Compare in Cascade Mode

```
OC1CON1 = 0;          /* It is a good practice to clear off the control bits initially */
OC1CON2 = 0;
OC2CON1 = 0;
OC2CON2 = 0;

OC1CON1bits.OCTSEL = 0x07; /* This selects the peripheral clock as the clock input to the OC
                             module */
OC2CON1bits.OCTSEL = 0x07;

OC1R = 0x1000;        /* Determines the On-Time */
OC2R = 0x0002;        /* Determines the On-Time */

OC1RS = 0x2000;       /* Determines the Period */
OC2RS = 0x0003;       /* Determines the Period */

OC1CON2bits.SYNCSEL = 0x1F;
OC2CON2bits.SYNCSEL = 0x1F;

OC1CON2bits.OCTRIS = 1; /* Odd module's output is not required */

/* Even module must be enabled first */
/* Odd module must be enabled last */

OC2CON2bits.OC32 = 1;
OC1CON2bits.OC32 = 1;

OC2CON1bits.OCM = 6;   /* This selects the Edge Aligned PWM mode */
OC1CON1bits.OCM = 6;   /* This starts the cascaded timer */
```

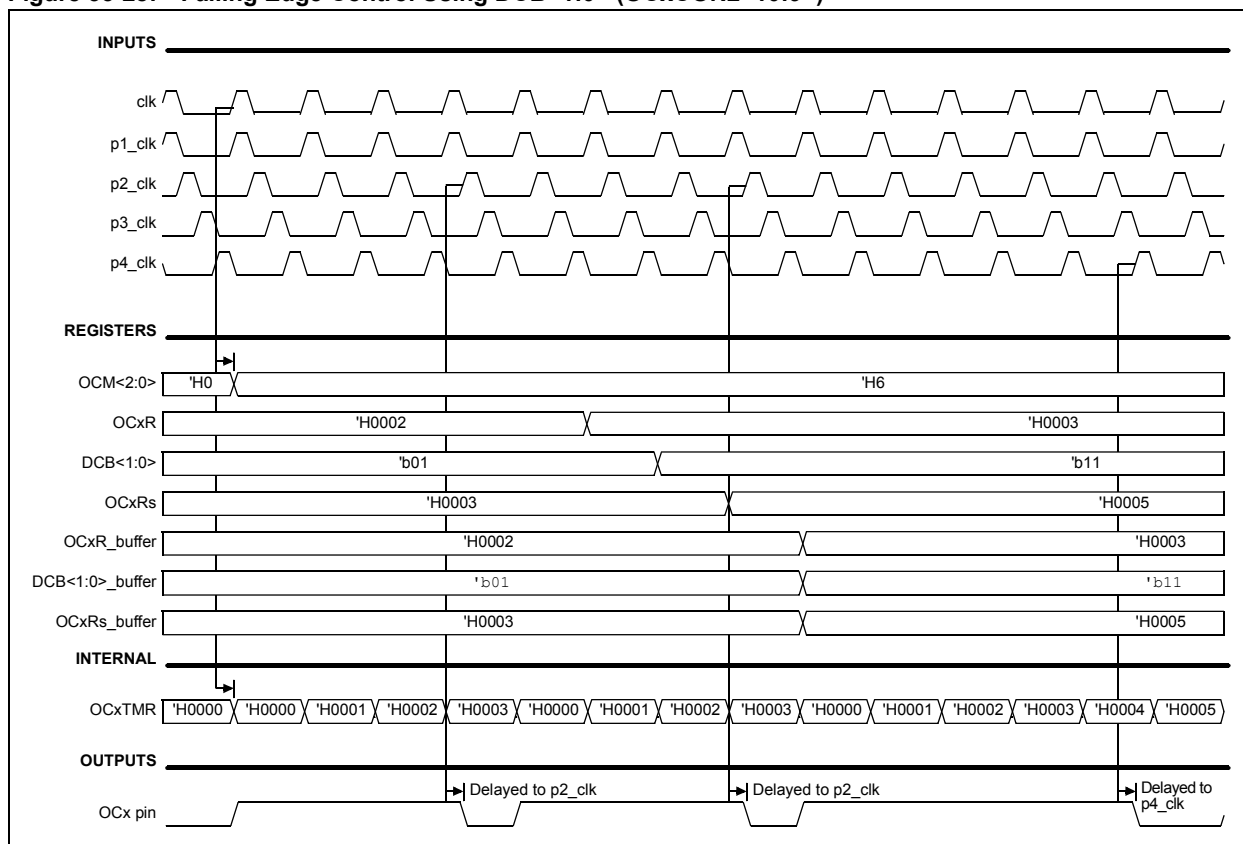
## 35.3.5.5 EFFECTS OF DCB<1:0> SETTINGS

The DCB<1:0> (OCxCON2 <10:9>) settings can be used to achieve a finer resolution of duty cycle. If DCB = 0b00, then there would be no effect of DCB but for settings, 0b01, 0b10 and 0b11, and the second edge of the pulse is delayed until the rising edge of P2, P3 and P4 clocks, respectively. Since these quadrature clocks may not have a 50% duty cycle, selecting between adjacent quadrature clocks may not yield a 25% difference, but selecting between the P1 and P3 clocks will yield a 50% difference (see Figure 35-28).

**Note:** A duty cycle setting of 0 (without considering DCB) will not have any effect because of DCB; DCB will have its effect only if there is a pulse.

Prescaler will not scale the effects of DCB<1:0> (OCxCON2 <10:9>) i.e., even if prescaler is used to divide the clock fed to the output compare module, the effect of DCB<1:0> (OCxCON2 <10:9>) will be as if no prescaler is used.

**Figure 35-28: Falling Edge Control Using DCB<1:0> (OCxCON2<10:9>)**



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## 35.4 OUTPUT COMPARE OPERATION IN POWER-SAVING STATES

### 35.4.1 Output Compare Operation in Sleep Mode

When the device enters Sleep mode, the system clock is disabled. During Sleep, the output compare channel drives the pin to the same active state as it was driven prior to entering the Sleep state. The module then Halts at this state.

For example:

If the pin was high and the CPU enters the Sleep state, the pin stays high. Likewise, if the pin was low and the CPU enters the Sleep state, the pin stays low. In both cases, when the device awakes, the output compare module resumes operation.

### 35.4.2 Sleep with PWM Fault Mode

- When the module is in PWM Fault mode, the asynchronous portions of the Fault circuit remain active.
- If a Fault is detected, the output of OCx is determined by the FLTOUT and the OCTRIS setting of the OCxCON2 register.
- The OCFLT0 bit would be set. An interrupt would not be generated at a Fault occurrence. However, the interrupt would be queued and occurs at the time the part wakes up.

### 35.4.3 Output Compare Operation in Idle Mode

When the device enters Idle mode, the system clock sources remain functional and the CPU stops executing code. The OCSIDL (OCxCON1<13>) bit selects if the output capture module stops in Idle mode or continues operation in Idle mode.

- If OCSIDL = 1, the module discontinues the operation in Idle mode. The module performs the same procedures when stopped in the Idle mode (OCSIDL = 1) as it does for the Sleep mode.
- If OCSIDL = 0, the output compare channel(s) operate during the CPU Idle mode if the OCSIDL bit is a logic '0'. Furthermore, the time base must be enabled with the respective TSIDL bit is set to a logic '0'; if internal, the timer is used as the clock source.

**Note:** The external Fault pins, if enabled for use, continue to control the associated OCx output pins while the device is in Sleep or Idle mode.

### 35.4.4 Doze Mode

Output compare operation in Doze mode is the same as in normal mode. When the device enters Doze mode, the system clock sources remain functional and the CPU may run at a slower clock rate.

### 35.4.5 Selective Peripheral Module Control

The Peripheral Module Disable (PMD) registers provide a method to disable the output compare module by stopping all the clock sources supplied to it. When the module is disabled via the appropriate PMD control bit, it is in a minimum power consumption state. The control and status registers associated with the module would also be disabled. Therefore, a write to these registers would have no effect, and the read values would be invalid and return zero.

## 35.5 I/O PIN CONTROL

When the output compare module is enabled, the I/O pin direction is controlled by the compare module. The compare module returns the I/O pin control back to the appropriate LAT and TRIS control bits when it is disabled. When the Simple PWM with Fault Protection Input mode is enabled, the OCFA/OCFB Fault pins must be configured as inputs by setting the respective TRIS bit. Enabling this special PWM mode does not configure the OCFA/OCFB Fault pins as inputs.

**Note:** Refer to the product data sheet for available output compare and Fault pins.  
If the PPS feature is present, the OCx module I/Os must be assigned to the required remappable pins before enabling the module.

## 35.6 REGISTER MAPS

A summary of the registers associated with the PIC24F Output Compare with Dedicated Timer module is provided in Table 35-7.

**Table 35-7: Output Compare with Dedicated Timer Register Map**

File Name	Bit 15	Bit 14	Bit 13	Bit 12	Bit 11	Bit 10	Bit 9	Bit 8	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0	All Resets
OCxCON1	—	—	OCSIDL	OCTSEL2	OCTSEL1	OCTSEL0	ENFLT2	ENFLT1	ENFLT0	OCFLT2	OCFLT1	OCFLT0	TRIGMODE	OCM2	OCM1	OCM0	0000
OCxCON2	FLTMD	FLTOUT	FLTTRIEN	OCINV	—	DCB1	DCB0	OC32	OCTRIG	TRIGSTAT	OCTRIS	SYNCSEL4	SYNCSEL3	SYNCSEL2	SYNCSEL1	SYNCSEL0	0000
OCxRS	Output Compare x Secondary Register																0000
OCxR	Output Compare x Register																0000
OCxTMR	Timer Value x Register																xxxx

**Legend:** — = unimplemented, read as '0'. Reset values are shown in hexadecimal.

**Note:** For details on the Output Compare with Dedicated Timer map, refer to the specific device data sheet.

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## 35.7 ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

### 35.7.1 AC Characteristics

Figure 35-29: Output Compare Timings

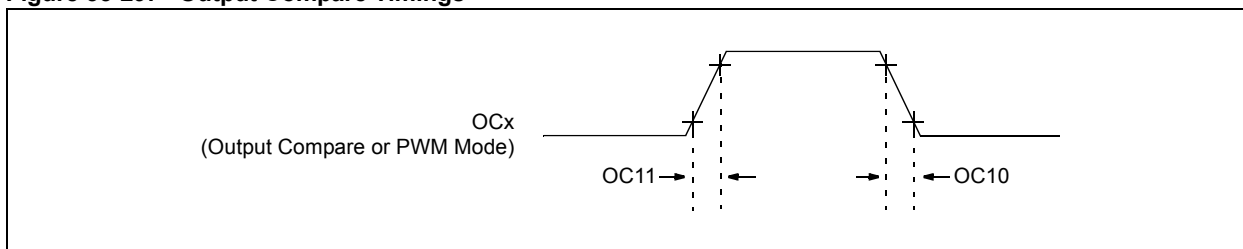


Table 35-8: Output Compare

Param. No.	Symbol	Characteristic	Min	Max	Unit	Condition
OC11	TccR	OC1 Output Rise Time	—	10	ns	—
			—	—	ns	—
OC10	TccF	OC1 Output Fall Time	—	10	ns	—
			—	—	ns	—

Figure 35-30: PWM Module Timing Requirements

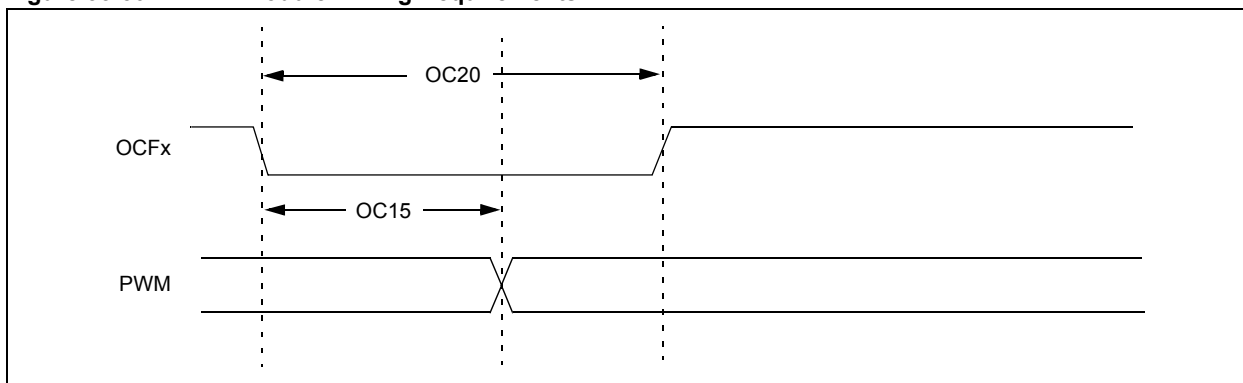


Table 35-9: PWM Timing Requirements

Param. No.	Symbol	Characteristic	Min	Typ <sup>(1)</sup>	Max	Unit	Condition
OC15	TFD	Fault Input to PWM I/O Change	—	—	25	ns	V <sub>DD</sub> = 3.0V, -40°C to +85°C
OC20	TFH	Fault Input Pulse Width	50	—	—	ns	V <sub>DD</sub> = 3.0V, -40°C to +85°C

**Note 1:** Data in “Typ” column is at 3.3V, 25°C unless otherwise stated. These parameters are for design guidance only and are not tested.

## 35.8 DESIGN TIPS

**Question 1:** *The output compare pin stops functioning even when the OCSIDL bit is not set. Why?*

**Answer:** This is most likely to occur when the TSIDL (TxCON<13>) bit of the associated timer source is set if it is used as the clock source. Therefore, it is the timer that actually goes into the Idle mode when the PWRSAV instruction is executed and the clock is not generated.

**Question 2:** *Can I cascade OC2 and OC3?*

**Answer:** No; cascading can be done only in pairs of OC1-OC2, OC3-OC4, etc., and OC9 cannot be paired.

**Question 3:** *My device has PPS and I have mapped the OC pins to the remappable pins. Still, it doesn't work. Why?*

**Answer:** Verify if the required values are actually written to the appropriate registers. Writing into PPS registers might require unlocking and locking sequences.

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## 35.9 RELATED APPLICATION NOTES

This section lists application notes that are related to this section of the manual. These application notes may not be written specifically for the PIC24F device family, but the concepts are pertinent and could be used with modification and possible limitations. The current application notes related to the Output Compare with Dedicated Timer module are:

Title	Application Note #
No related application notes at this time.	

<b>Note:</b> Please visit the Microchip web site ( <a href="http://www.microchip.com">www.microchip.com</a> ) for additional application notes and code examples for the PIC24F family of devices.
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## 35.10 REVISION HISTORY

### Revision A (February 2008)

This is the initial released version of this document.

### Revision B (September 2009)

Expansion to include more devices of the PIC24F family. The following revisions were made:

- Updated Register 35-1 with bits, 9, 8, 6 and 5.
- Updated Register 35-2 with bits, 10 and 9.
- Modified OCxR value in Figure 35-17.
- Modified **Section 35.3.3.6 “Fault Input and Control”** to generalize the Fault pin in the OC modules.
- In **Section 35.3.3.6.1 “Inactive Mode”** replaced the OCFLT0 (OCxCON1<4>) bit with the OCFLT<sub>x</sub> (OCxCON1<6:4>) bits.
- Added new **Section 35.3.5.5 “Effects of DCB<1:0> Settings”**.