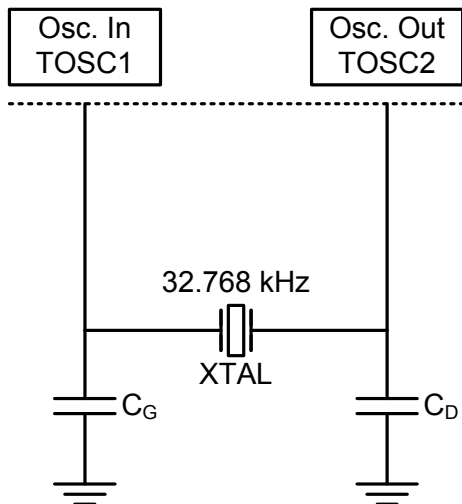


Pierce Oscillator

Design and Crystal
Recommendations

Atmel
ATxmega "LP Mode"

ATxmegaA1/A3/A4/D3/D4



Oscillator Design Check

Test Conditions			
Power Supply Voltage V _{DD}	1.7	3.6	V
Load Capacitors C _D / C _G	6.8 / 6.8		pF
Results			
Effective Load Capacitance	7.2	7.0	pF
Oscillation Allowance	400	425	kΩ
Oscillator Output Voltage AC	230	230	mV _{RMS}
Drive Level	0.035	0.035	μW
Startup Time	600	500	ms
Overtone Mode Suppression	Safe		----

Recommendation

Crystal		
Crystal Type	MS3V-T1R / CC7V-T1A	
Frequency	32.768	kHz
Load Capacitance C_L	7.0	pF
Tolerance	+/-20	ppm
Oscillator Design		
C_D	6.8	pF
C_G	6.8	pF

Remarks

The ATmegaA1/A3/A4/D3/D4 consists of a self limiting Pierce Oscillator.

Using "Low Power Mode" results in the following oscillator's characteristics:

Placing $C_D = 6.8$ pF and $C_G = 6.8$ pF load capacitors on each side of the crystal results in an effective load capacitance of 7.2 pF at $V_{DD} = 1.7$ V and 7.0 pF at $V_{DD} = 3.6$ V (including board stray capacitances) which are perfect matches for a crystal specified for $C_L = 7.0$ pF.

The oscillator circuit provides an oscillation allowance of 400 k Ω at $V_{DD} = 1.7$ V and 425 k Ω at $V_{DD} = 3.6$ V; this allows the safe use of small SMD quartz crystals ($ESR \leq 80$ k Ω).

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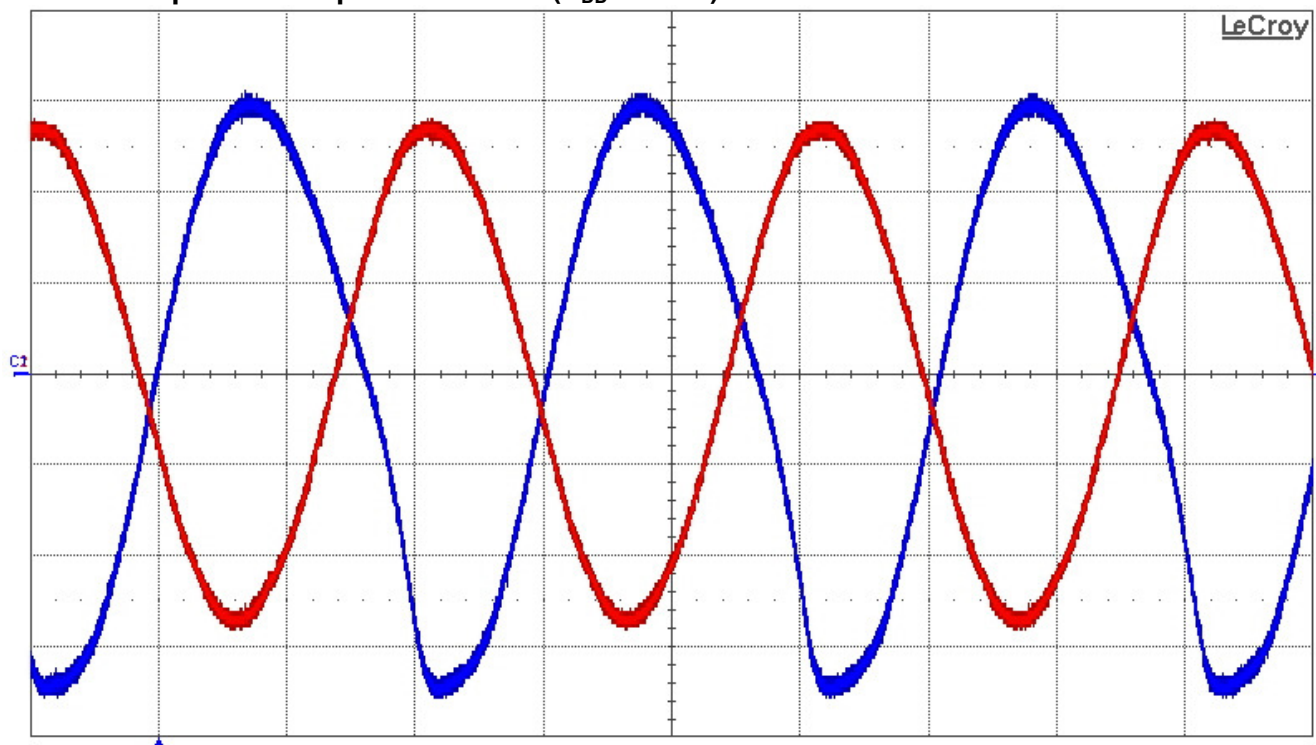
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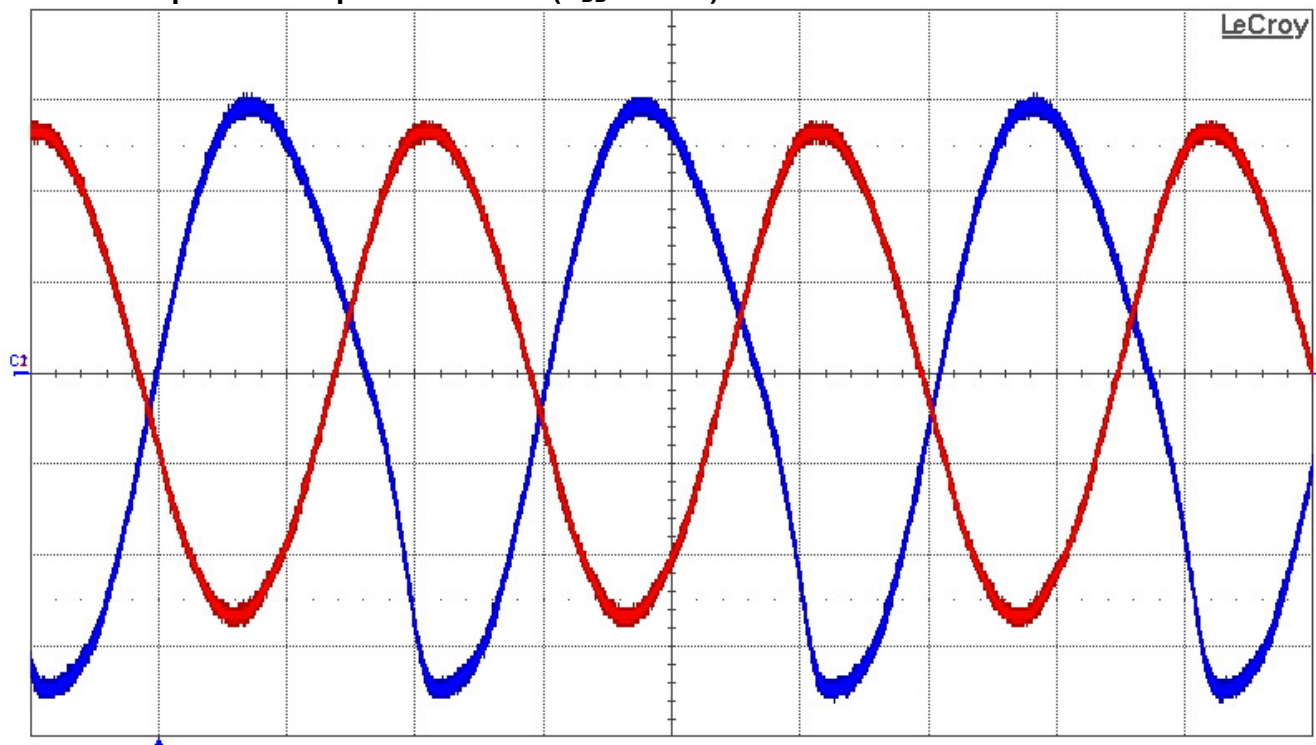
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Oscillator Input and Output waveforms ($V_{DD} = 1.7\text{ V}$):



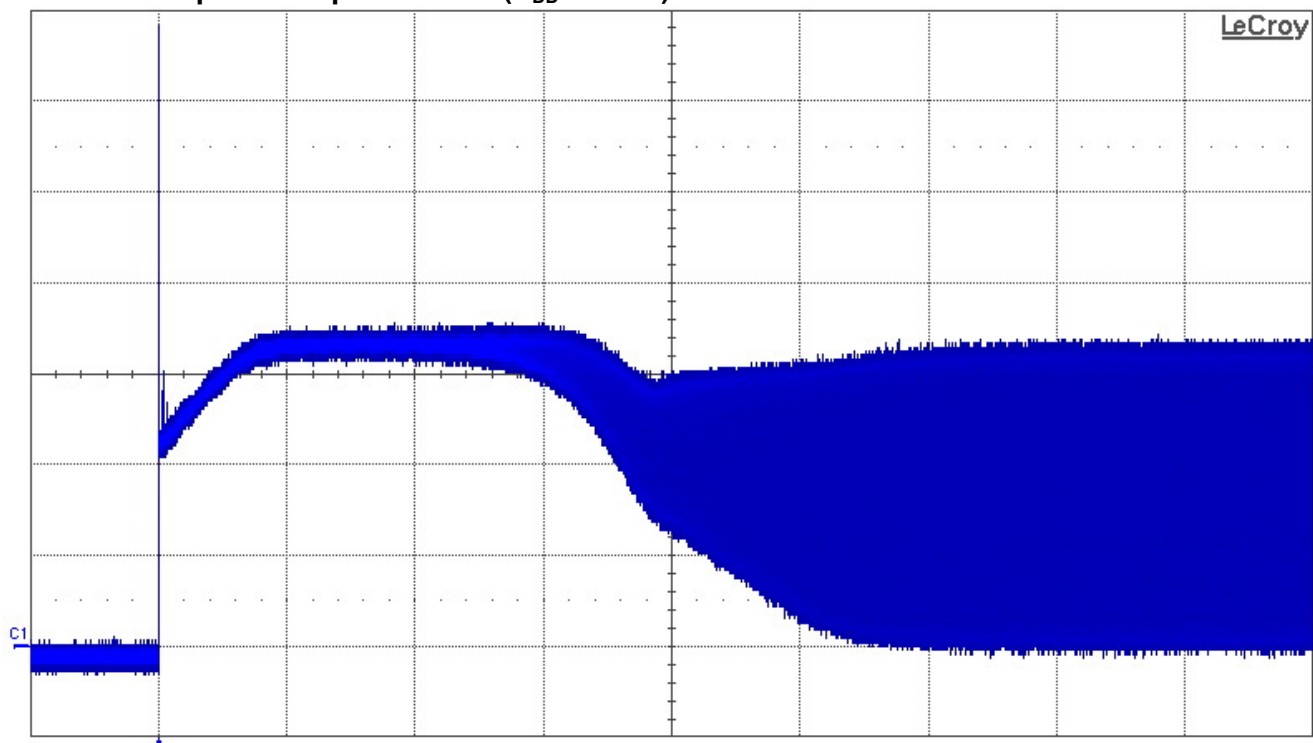
■ C1: Osc. Out (100 mV/div - AC) ■ C2: Osc. In (100 mV/div - AC) Time base: 10 $\mu\text{s}/\text{div}$

Oscillator Input and Output waveforms ($V_{DD} = 3.6\text{ V}$):



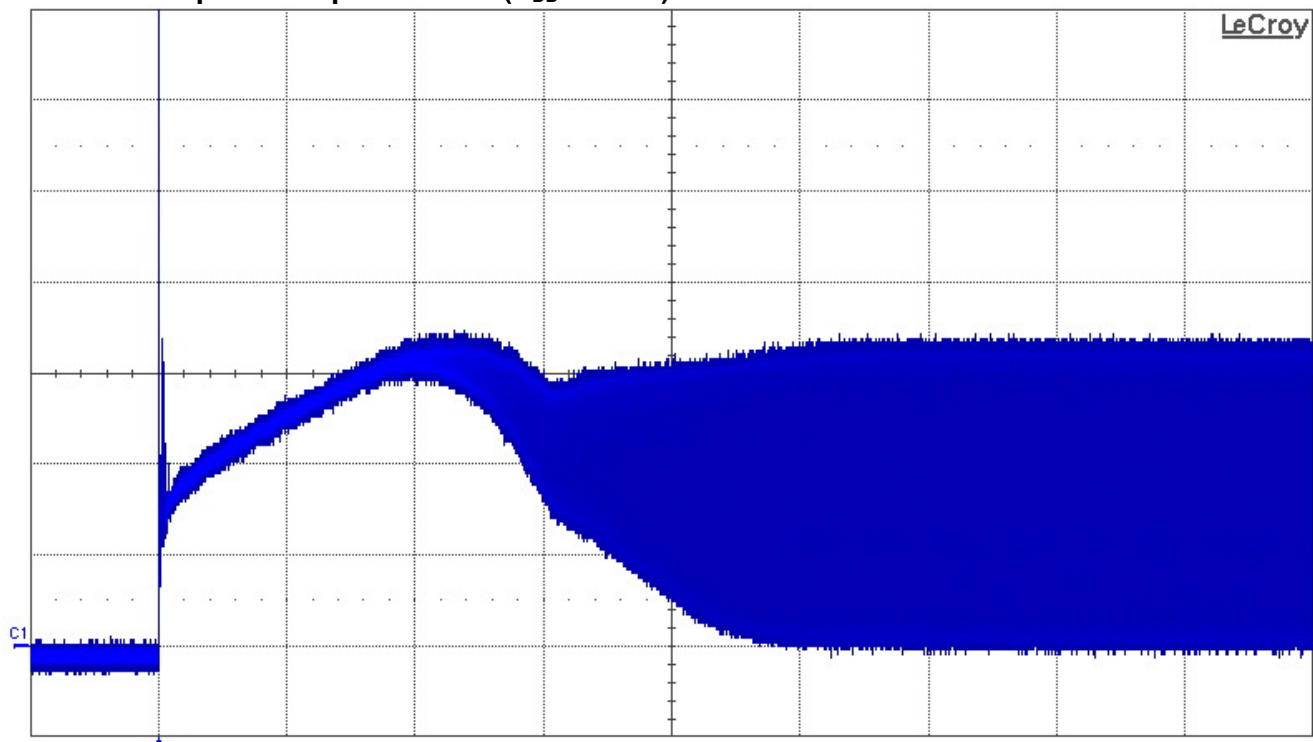
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Oscillator Output startup waveform ($V_{DD} = 1.7\text{ V}$):



■ C1: Osc. Out (200 mV/div - DC) Time base: 100 ms/div

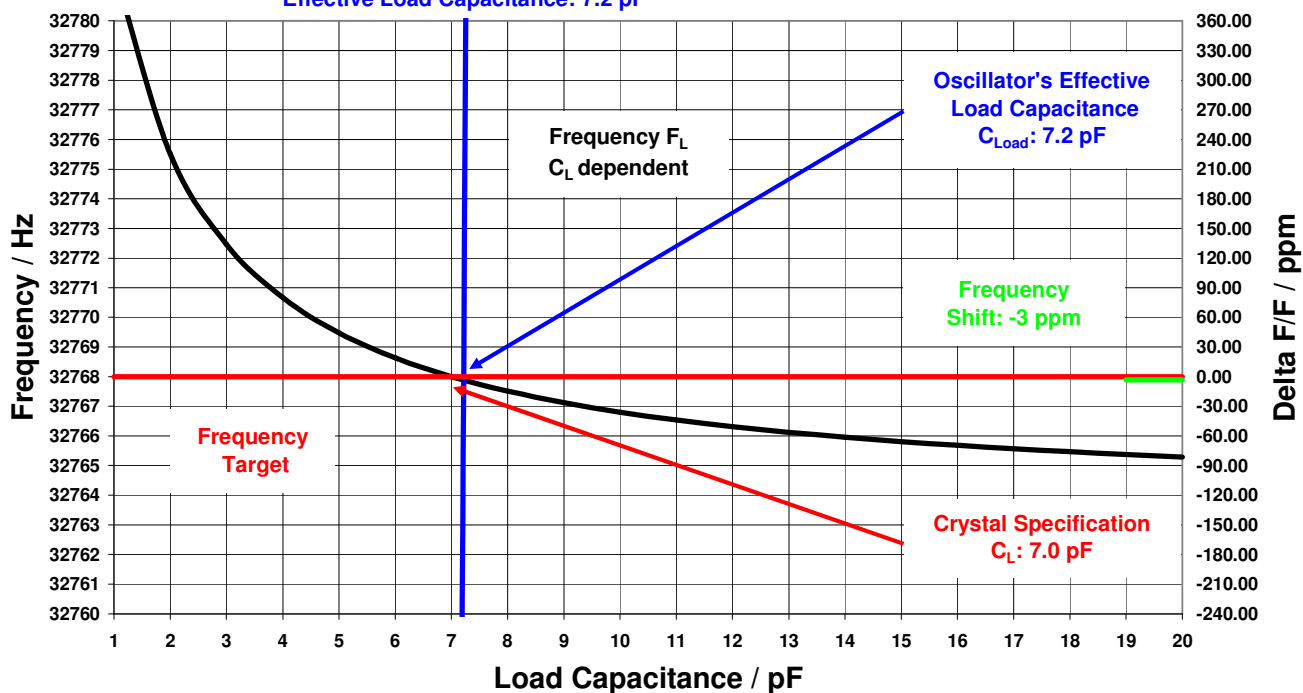
Oscillator Output startup waveform ($V_{DD} = 3.6\text{ V}$):



■ C1: Osc. Out (200 mV/div - DC) Time base: 100 ms/div

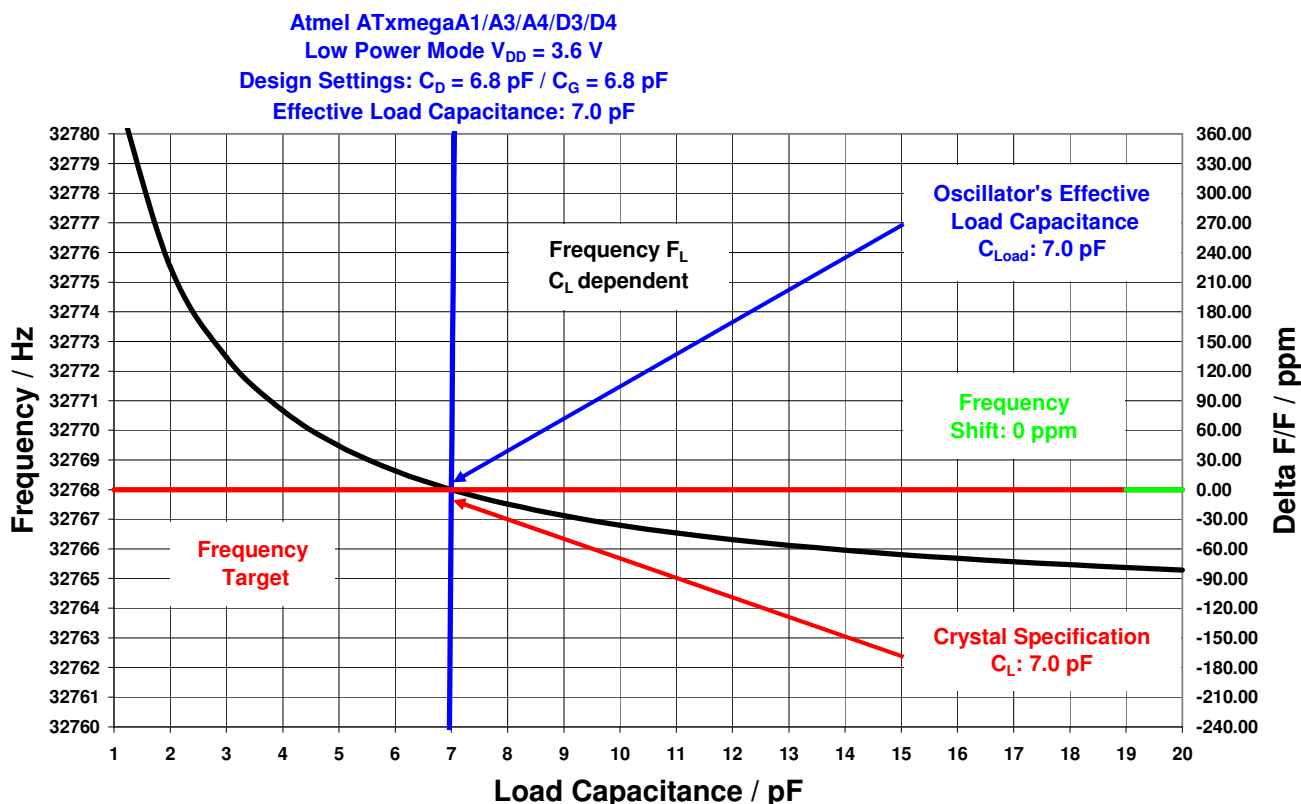
Crystal matching chart ($V_{DD} = 1.7\text{ V}$):

Atmel ATxmegaA1/A3/A4/D3/D4
Low Power Mode $V_{DD} = 1.7\text{ V}$
Design Settings: $C_D = 6.8\text{ pF}$ / $C_G = 6.8\text{ pF}$
Effective Load Capacitance: 7.2 pF



As shown in the chart above, an effective load capacitance of 7.2 pF results in a frequency offset of -3 ppm using a MS3V-T1R crystal specified for $C_L: 7.0\text{ pF}$.

Crystal matching chart ($V_{DD} = 3.6\text{ V}$):



As shown in the chart above, an effective load capacitance of 7.0 pF results in a frequency offset of 0 ppm using a MS3V-T1R crystal specified for $C_L: 7.0\text{ pF}$.

Remarks:

On a final product, with optimized PCB layout (smaller crystal's pads and crystal placed close to the IC), the stray capacitances will likely be smaller. Due to that, the effective load capacitance will be reduced. In this case, in order to still achieve a perfect crystal's matching, the external load capacitors value (C_D and C_G) has to be increased.