The PIC16C54C/55A/56A/57C/58B (Rev. A Silicon ONLY) parts you have received conform functionally to the PIC16C5X Device Data Sheet (DS30453D), except for the anomalies described below.

All the problems listed here will be addressed in future revisions of the PIC16C54C/55A/56A/57C/58B silicon.

1. Module: RESET

The minimum specification for the MCLR must be met in order to RESET the PIC16C54C/55A/56A/57C/58B. If a MCLR pulse occurs that is less than the minimum specification (parameter #30), improper device operation can occur.

If the minimum specification cannot be met, then an external circuit must be used to ensure that any pulse width, less than the specification, will be filtered before it reaches the MCLR pin.

**Work around**

A possible circuit is shown in Figure 1. Proper design validation needs to be done to ensure desired operation over the applications operating conditions.

**FIGURE 1: MCLR EXTERNAL CIRCUIT**

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VDD

R1

R2

C1

MCLR

PIC16C54C/55A/56A/57C/58B

4.7KW ≤ R1 ≤ 10KW
0.0µF ≤ C1 ≤ 0.1µF
R2 = 100Ω
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**Note:** As with any windowed EPROM device, please cover the window at all times, except when erasing.
Clarifications/Corrections to the Data Sheet:

In the Device Data Sheet (DS30453D), the following clarifications and corrections should be noted.

None
APPENDIX A: REVISION HISTORY

Rev A Document (3/2001)
First revision of this document.

Removed Device Data Sheet anomalies which were corrected in new revision DS30453D.
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