# Programmable Baud Rate Generator

The INS8250 contains a programmable baud rate generator that is capable of taking the clock input (1.8432 MHz) and dividing it by any divisor from 1 to $(2^{16}-1)$. The output frequency of the baud generator is 16 x the baud rate [divisor # = (frequency input)/(baud rate x 16)]. Two 8-bit latches store the divisor in a 16-bit binary format. These divisor latches must be loaded during initialization in order to ensure desired operation of the baud rate generator. Upon loading either of the divisor latches, a 16-bit baud counter is immediately loaded. This prevents long counts on initial load.
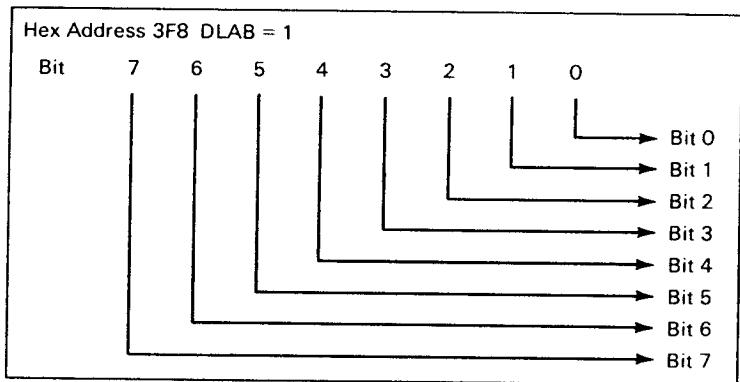
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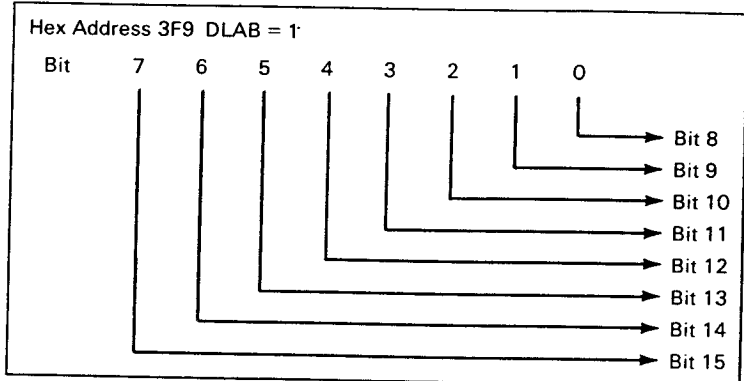
Divisor Latch Most Significant Bit (DLM)

The following figure illustrates the use of the baud rate generator with a frequency of 1.8432 MHz. For baud rates of 9600 and below, the error obtained is minimal.

Note: The maximum operating frequency of the baud generator is 3.1 MHz. In no case should the data rate be greater than 9600 baud.

Desired Baud Rate	Divisor Used to Generate 16x Clock		Percent Error Difference Between Desired and Actual
	(Decimal)	(Hex)	
50	2304	900	—
75	1536	600	—
110	1047	417	0.026
134.5	857	359	0.058
150	768	300	—
300	384	180	—
600	192	0C0	—
1200	96	060	—
1800	64	040	—
2000	58	03A	0.69
2400	48	030	—
3600	32	020	—
4800	24	018	—
7200	16	010	—
9600	12	00C	—

Baud Rate at 1.843 MHz