Overview
Rare Package of Performance, Integration and Value
First developed by Freescale Semiconductor and launched in 2000, a digital signal controller (DSC) is a specialized processor containing a single core capable of performing both microcontroller and digital signal processor functions. On-chip integration and the ease of implementation and programming helps to speed development, lower component count and significantly reduce system costs, enabling a new generation of applications.

Freescale’s 56F8000 series is based on the second-generation 56800E DSC core. It complements the higher-end 56F8100 and 56F8300 series by offering software-compatible solutions with higher integration, lower pin count packaging and is exceptionally cost-effective for DSCs. These products are optimized to provide the features, performance and pricing ideal for widespread use in electric motor control, full digital power conversion and advanced lighting control applications.

Key Features
> High-performance dual Harvard architecture DSC core that is capable of performing complex DSP and MCU algorithms
> 256 words flash erasable size for EEPROM emulation to eliminate external EEPROM for data storage
> Integrated 12-bit DACs and high-speed analog comparators to reduce system cost; DACs can be connected internally as inputs to the comparators. Comparators, in conjunction with the DACs, can be used to provide programmable event detections
> Highly multiplexed functions on each pin to provide a highly functional product in low-cost, small pin-count packages
> High-performance PWM with 15-bit resolution that can run at 3x system clock (96 MHz) for precise waveform control with cycle-by-cycle control and enhanced features such as independent rising and falling edge delay control and programmable fault interrupts
> On-chip clock synthesis to reduce system cost with loss of clock to enable safe shut down in the event of a system failure

Applications
> Motor control
> Digital power conversion
> Advanced lighting control
### Design Challenges
System designers are constantly looking for opportunities to enhance their products and stay ahead of competition. Enhancements can take many forms, including increased performance and features, lower cost, smaller size and better energy efficiency. Frequently, the opportunity to make enhancements is weighed against the ease of implementation and implementation cost which is why many opportunities fail to move forward. Sophisticated control algorithms and high-performance CPUs are often beyond the reach of many high-volume but cost-sensitive applications.

### Freescale Solution
Freescale DSCs combine the processing power of a DSP with the functionality of a microcontroller to provide integrated solutions for motor control, digital power conversion, sensorless control, motor control, power electronics, lighting control and instrumentation. The combination of a fully integrated core with high-performance peripherals provide the speed, flexibility and low power consumption essential for industrial and appliance applications. With seven devices to choose from, spanning 12 KB to 64 KB program memory and 32-pin to 64-pin highly multiplexed I/O, this series offers a broad set of options to enhance products.

### Tools and Support
For rapid application development, Freescale offers CodeWarrior® Development Studio with Processor Expert™ technology. Award-winning CodeWarrior tools provide an integrated development environment for creating, compiling, linking and debugging applications. The Processor Expert tool provides access to fully debugged peripheral drivers, software libraries and example applications.

A complimentary CodeWarrior permanent license for up to 16 KB application code (sufficient for the MC56F801x products) is available through simple web-based registration. Freescale also provides training materials, application notes and reference designs to expedite system development with Freescale DSCs.

### Documentation

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### Learn More:
For more information about Freescale’s digital signal controllers, please visit www.freescale.com/dsc.