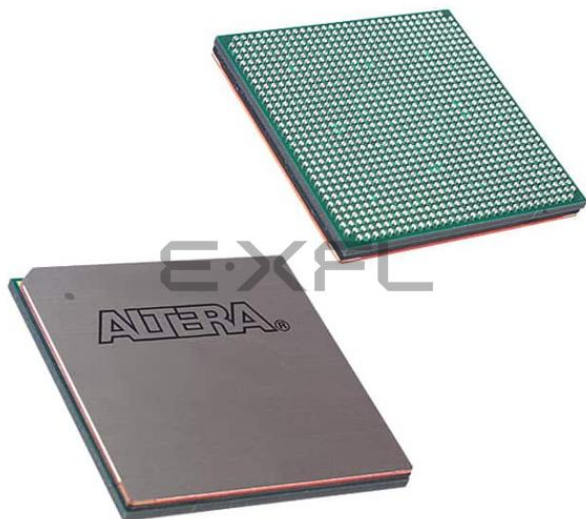




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Product Status	Obsolete
Number of LABs/CLBs	5712
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	57120
Total RAM Bits	5215104
Number of I/O	782
Number of Gates	-
Voltage - Supply	1.425V ~ 1.575V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	-
Package / Case	1020-BBGA
Supplier Device Package	1020-FBGA (33x33)
Purchase URL	https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/intel/hc1s60f1020cb

Table 2–1 illustrates the differences between HardCopy Stratix and Stratix devices.

Table 2–1. HardCopy Stratix and Stratix Device Comparison (Part 1 of 2)	
HardCopy Stratix	Stratix
Customized device. All reprogrammability support is removed and no configuration is required.	Re-programmable with configuration is required upon power-up.
Average of 50% performance improvement over corresponding FPGA (1).	High-performance FPGA.
Average of 40% less power consumption compared to corresponding FPGA (1).	Standard FPGA power consumption.
Contact Altera for information regarding specific IP support.	IP support for all devices is available.
Double data rate (DDR) SDRAM maximum operating frequency is pending characterization.	DDR SDRAM can operate at 200 MHz for -5 speed grade devices.
All routing connections are direct and all unused routing is removed.	MultiTrack™ routing stitches together routing resources to provide a path.
HC1S30 and HC1S40 devices have two M-RAM blocks. HC1S80 devices have six M-RAM blocks.	EP1S30 and EP1S40 devices have four M-RAM blocks. EP1S80 devices have nine M-RAM blocks.
It is not possible to initialize M512 and M4K RAM contents during power-up.	The contents of M512 and M4K RAM blocks can be preloaded during configuration with data specified in a memory initialization file (.mif).
The contents of memory output registers are unknown after power-on reset (POR).	The contents of memory output registers are initialized to '0' after POR.
HC1S30 and HC1S40 devices have six PLLs.	HC1S30 devices have 10 PLLs. HC1S40 devices have 12 PLLs.
PLL dynamic reconfiguration uses ROM for information. This reconfiguration is performed in the back-end and does not affect the migration flow.	PLL dynamic reconfiguration uses a MIF to initialize a RAM resource with information.
The I/O elements (IOEs) are equivalent but not identical to FPGA IOEs due to slight design optimizations for HardCopy devices.	The IOEs are optimized for the FPGA architecture.

IEEE Std. 1149.1 (JTAG) Boundary-Scan Support

All HardCopy® Stratix® structured ASICs provide JTAG boundary-scan test (BST) circuitry that complies with the IEEE Std. 1149.1-1990 specification. The BST architecture offers the capability to efficiently test components on printed circuit boards (PCBs) with tight lead spacing by testing pin connections, without using physical test probes, and capturing functional data while a device is in normal operation. Boundary-scan cells in a device can force signals onto pins, or capture data from pin or core logic signals. Forced test data is serially shifted into the boundary-scan cells. Captured data is serially shifted out and externally compared to expected results.

A device using the JTAG interface uses four required pins, TDI, TDO, TMS, and TCK, and one optional pin, TRST. HardCopy Stratix devices support the JTAG instructions as shown in [Table 3-1](#).

Table 3-1. HardCopy Stratix JTAG Instructions (Part 1 of 2)

JTAG Instruction	Instruction Code	Description
SAMPLE/PRELOAD	00 0000 0101	Allows a snapshot of signals at the device pins to be captured and examined during normal device operation, and permits an initial data pattern to be output at the device pins.
EXTEST (1)	00 0000 0000	Allows the external circuitry and board-level interconnects to be tested by forcing a test pattern at the output pins and capturing test results at the input pins.
BYPASS	11 1111 1111	Places the 1-bit bypass register between the TDI and TDO pins, which allows the BST data to pass synchronously through selected devices to adjacent devices during normal device operation.
USERCODE	00 0000 0111	Selects the 32-bit USERCODE register and places it between the TDI and TDO pins, allowing the USERCODE to be serially shifted out of TDO.
IDCODE	00 0000 0110	Selects the IDCODE register and places it between TDI and TDO, allowing the IDCODE to be serially shifted out of TDO.
HIGHZ (1)	00 0000 1011	Places the 1-bit bypass register between the TDI and TDO pins, which allows the BST data to pass synchronously through selected devices to adjacent devices during normal device operation, while tri-stating all of the I/O pins.

Table 3–1. HardCopy Stratix JTAG Instructions (Part 2 of 2)

JTAG Instruction	Instruction Code	Description
CLAMP (1)	00 0000 1010	Places the 1-bit bypass register between the TDI and TDO pins, which allows the BST data to pass synchronously through selected devices to adjacent devices during normal device operation while holding I/O pins to a state defined by the data in the boundary-scan register.

Note to Table 3–1:

- (1) Bus hold and weak pull-up resistor features override the high-impedance state of HIGHZ, CLAMP, and EXTEST.



The boundary-scan description language (BSDL) files for HardCopy Stratix devices are different from the corresponding Stratix FPGAs. The BSDL files for HardCopy Stratix devices are available for download from the Altera website at www.altera.com.

The HardCopy Stratix device instruction register length is 10 bits; the USERCODE register length is 32 bits. The USERCODE registers are mask-programmed, so they are not re-programmable. The designer can choose an appropriate 32-bit sequence to program into the USERCODE registers.

Tables 3–2 and 3–3 show the boundary-scan register length and device IDCODE information for HardCopy Stratix devices.

Table 3–2. HardCopy Stratix Boundary-Scan Register Length

Device	Maximum Boundary-Scan Register Length
HC1S25 672-pin FineLine BGA	1,458
HC1S30 780-pin FineLine BGA	1,878
HC1S40 780-pin FineLine BGA	1,878
HC1S60 1,020-pin FineLine BGA	2,382
HC1S80 1,020-pin FineLine BGA	2,382

Table 4–3. HardCopy Stratix Device DC Operating Conditions *Note (7)*

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Unit
I_I	Input pin leakage current	$V_I = V_{CCIOmax}$ to 0 V (8)	–10		10	μA
I_{OZ}	Tri-stated I/O pin leakage current	$V_O = V_{CCIOmax}$ to 0 V (8)	–10		10	μA
I_{CC0}	V_{CC} supply current (standby) (All memory blocks in power-down mode)	V_I = ground, no load, no toggling inputs				mA
R_{CONF}	Value of I/O pin pull-up resistor before and during configuration	$V_i=0$; $V_{CCIO} = 3.3$ V (9)	15	25	50	$k\Omega$
		$V_i=0$; $V_{CCIO} = 2.5$ V (9)	20	45	70	$k\Omega$
		$V_i=0$; $V_{CCIO} = 1.8$ V (9)	30	65	100	$k\Omega$
		$V_i=0$; $V_{CCIO} = 1.5$ V (9)	50	100	150	$k\Omega$
	Recommended value of I/O pin external pull-down resistor before and during configuration			1	2	$k\Omega$

Notes to Tables 4–1 through 4–3:

- Refer to the *Operating Requirements for Altera Devices* Data Sheet.
- Conditions beyond those listed in Table 4–1 may cause permanent damage to a device. Additionally, device operation at the absolute maximum ratings for extended periods of time may have adverse affects on the device.
- Minimum DC input is –0.5 V. During transitions, the inputs may undershoot to –2 V or overshoot to 4.6 V for input currents less than 100 mA and periods shorter than 20 ns.
- Maximum V_{CC} rise time is 100 ms, and V_{CC} must rise monotonically.
- V_{CCIO} maximum and minimum conditions for LVPECL, LVDS, and 3.3-V PCML are shown in parentheses.
- All pins, including dedicated inputs, clock, I/O, and JTAG pins, may be driven before V_{CCINT} and V_{CCIO} are powered.
- Typical values are for $T_A = 25$ °C, $V_{CCINT} = 1.5$ V, and $V_{CCIO} = 1.5$ V, 1.8 V, 2.5 V, and 3.3 V.
- This value is specified for normal device operation. The value may vary during power up. This applies for all V_{CCIO} settings (3.3, 2.5, 1.8, and 1.5 V).
- Pin pull-up resistance values will be lower if an external source drives the pin higher than V_{CCIO} .

Tables 4–4 through 4–31 list the DC operating specifications for the supported I/O standards. These tables list minimal specifications only; HardCopy Stratix devices may exceed these specifications. Table 4–32 provides information on capacitance for 1.5-V HardCopy Stratix devices.

Table 4–4. LVTTTL Specifications

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Minimum	Maximum	Unit
V_{CCIO}	Output supply voltage		3.0	3.6	V
V_{IH}	High-level input voltage		1.7	4.1	V
V_{IL}	Low-level input voltage		–0.5	0.7	V
V_{OH}	High-level output voltage	$I_{OH} = -4$ to -24 mA (1)	2.4		V
V_{OL}	Low-level output voltage	$I_{OL} = 4$ to 24 mA (1)		0.45	V

Table 4–5. LVCMOS Specifications

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Minimum	Maximum	Unit
V_{CCIO}	Output supply voltage		3.0	3.6	V
V_{IH}	High-level input voltage		1.7	4.1	V
V_{IL}	Low-level input voltage		–0.5	0.7	V
V_{OH}	High-level output voltage	$V_{CCIO} = 3.0$, $I_{OH} = -0.1$ mA	$V_{CCIO} - 0.2$		V
V_{OL}	Low-level output voltage	$V_{CCIO} = 3.0$, $I_{OL} = 0.1$ mA		0.2	V

Table 4–6. 2.5-V I/O Specifications

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Minimum	Maximum	Unit
V_{CCIO}	Output supply voltage		2.375	2.625	V
V_{IH}	High-level input voltage		1.7	4.1	V
V_{IL}	Low-level input voltage		–0.5	0.7	V
V_{OH}	High-level output voltage	$I_{OH} = -0.1$ mA	2.1		V
		$I_{OH} = -1$ mA	2.0		V
		$I_{OH} = -2$ to -16 mA (1)	1.7		V
V_{OL}	Low-level output voltage	$I_{OL} = 0.1$ mA		0.2	V
		$I_{OL} = 1$ mA		0.4	V
		$I_{OL} = 2$ to 16 mA (1)		0.7	V

Table 4–22. SSTL-3 Class II Specifications (Part 2 of 2)

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Unit
$V_{IH(DC)}$	High-level DC input voltage		$V_{REF} + 0.2$		$V_{CCIO} + 0.3$	V
$V_{IL(DC)}$	Low-level DC input voltage		-0.3		$V_{REF} - 0.2$	V
$V_{IH(AC)}$	High-level AC input voltage		$V_{REF} + 0.4$			V
$V_{IL(AC)}$	Low-level AC input voltage				$V_{REF} - 0.4$	V
V_{OH}	High-level output voltage	$I_{OH} = -16 \text{ mA}$ (1)	$V_{TT} + 0.8$			V
V_{OL}	Low-level output voltage	$I_{OL} = 16 \text{ mA}$ (1)			$V_{TT} - 0.8$	V

Table 4–23. 3.3-V AGP 2× Specifications

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Unit
V_{CCIO}	Output supply voltage		3.15	3.3	3.45	V
V_{REF}	Reference voltage		$0.39 \times V_{CCIO}$		$0.41 \times V_{CCIO}$	V
V_{IH}	High-level input voltage (4)		$0.5 \times V_{CCIO}$		$V_{CCIO} + 0.5$	V
V_{IL}	Low-level input voltage (4)				$0.3 \times V_{CCIO}$	V
V_{OH}	High-level output voltage	$I_{OUT} = -0.5 \text{ mA}$	$0.9 \times V_{CCIO}$		3.6	V
V_{OL}	Low-level output voltage	$I_{OUT} = 1.5 \text{ mA}$			$0.1 \times V_{CCIO}$	V

Table 4–24. 3.3-V AGP 1× Specifications

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Unit
V_{CCIO}	Output supply voltage		3.15	3.3	3.45	V
V_{IH}	High-level input voltage (4)		$0.5 \times V_{CCIO}$		$V_{CCIO} + 0.5$	V
V_{IL}	Low-level input voltage (4)				$0.3 \times V_{CCIO}$	V
V_{OH}	High-level output voltage	$I_{OUT} = -0.5 \text{ mA}$	$0.9 \times V_{CCIO}$		3.6	V
V_{OL}	Low-level output voltage	$I_{OUT} = 1.5 \text{ mA}$			$0.1 \times V_{CCIO}$	V

Tables 4–38 through 4–39 show the external timing parameters on column and row pins for HC1S40 devices.

Table 4–38. HC1S40 External I/O Timing on Column Pins Using Global Clock Networks

Parameter	Performance		Unit
	Min	Max	
t_{INSU}	2.126		ns
t_{INH}	0.000		ns
t_{OUTCO}	2.856	7.253	ns
t_{XZ}	2.796	7.138	ns
t_{ZX}	2.796	7.138	ns
t_{INSUPLL}	1.466		ns
t_{INHPLL}	0.000		ns
t_{OUTCOPLL}	1.092	2.473	ns
t_{XZPLL}	1.032	2.358	ns
t_{ZXPLL}	1.032	2.358	ns

Table 4–39. HC1S40 External I/O Timing on Row Pins Using Global Clock Networks

Parameter	Performance		Unit
	Min	Max	
t_{INSU}	2.020		ns
t_{INH}	0.000		ns
t_{OUTCO}	2.912	7.480	ns
t_{XZ}	2.939	7.562	ns
t_{ZX}	2.939	7.562	ns
t_{INSUPLL}	1.370		ns
t_{INHPLL}	0.000		ns
t_{OUTCOPLL}	1.144	2.693	ns
t_{XZPLL}	1.171	2.775	ns
t_{ZXPLL}	1.171	2.775	ns

Tables 4–40 through 4–41 show the external timing parameters on column and row pins for HC1S60 devices.

Table 4–40. HC1S60 External I/O Timing on Column Pins Using Global Clock Networks

Parameter	Performance		Unit
	Min	Max	
t_{INSU}	2.000		ns
t_{INH}	0.000		ns
t_{OUTCO}	3.051	6.977	ns
t_{XZ}	2.991	6.853	ns
t_{ZX}	2.991	6.853	ns
t_{INSUPLL}	1.315		ns
t_{INHPLL}	0.000		ns
t_{OUTCOPLL}	1.029	2.323	ns
t_{XZPLL}	0.969	2.199	ns
t_{ZXPLL}	0.969	2.199	ns

Table 4–41. HC1S60 External I/O Timing on Row Pins Using Global Clock Networks

Parameter	Performance		Unit
	Min	Max	
t_{INSU}	2.232		ns
t_{INH}	0.000		ns
t_{OUTCO}	3.182	7.286	ns
t_{XZ}	3.209	7.354	ns
t_{ZX}	3.209	7.354	ns
t_{INSUPLL}	1.651		ns
t_{INHPLL}	0.000		ns
t_{OUTCOPLL}	1.154	2.622	ns
t_{XZPLL}	1.181	2.690	ns
t_{ZXPLL}	1.181	2.690	ns

Tables 4–42 through 4–43 show the external timing parameters on column and row pins for HC1S80 devices.

Table 4–42. HC1S80 External I/O Timing on Column Pins Using Global Clock Networks

Parameter	Performance		Unit
	Min	Max	
t_{INSU}	0.884		ns
t_{INH}	0.000		ns
t_{OUTCO}	3.267	7.415	ns
t_{XZ}	3.207	7.291	ns
t_{ZX}	3.207	7.291	ns
t_{INSUPLL}	0.506		ns
t_{INHPLL}	0.000		ns
t_{OUTCOPLL}	1.635	2.828	ns
t_{XZPLL}	1.575	2.704	ns
t_{ZXPLL}	1.575	2.704	ns

Table 4–43. HC1S80 External I/O Timing on Rows Using Pin Global Clock Networks

Symbol	Performance		Unit
	Min	Max	
t_{INSU}	1.362		ns
t_{INH}	0.000		ns
t_{OUTCO}	3.457	7.859	ns
t_{XZ}	3.484	7.927	ns
t_{ZX}	3.484	7.927	ns
t_{INSUPLL}	0.994		ns
t_{INHPLL}	0.000		ns
t_{OUTCOPLL}	1.821	3.254	ns
t_{XZPLL}	1.848	3.322	ns
t_{ZXPLL}	1.848	3.322	ns

Table 4–52 describes the HardCopy Stratix device fast PLL specifications.

Table 4–52. Fast PLL Specifications

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Max	Unit
f_{IN}	CLKIN frequency (for $m = 1$) (1), (2)	300	717	MHz
	CLKIN frequency (for $m = 2$ to 19)	300/ m	1,000/ m	MHz
	CLKIN frequency (for $m = 20$ to 32)	10	1,000/ m	MHz
f_{OUT}	Output frequency for internal global or regional clock (3)	9.4	420	MHz
f_{OUT_EXT}	Output frequency for external clock (2)	9.375	717	MHz
f_{VCO}	VCO operating frequency	300	1,000	MHz
t_{INDUTY}	CLKIN duty cycle	40	60	%
$t_{INJITTER}$	Period jitter for CLKIN pin		±200	ps
t_{DUTY}	Duty cycle for DFFIO 1 × CLKOUT pin (4)	45	55	%
t_{JITTER}	Period jitter for DFFIO clock out (4)		±80	ps
	Period jitter for internal global or regional clock		±100 ps for >200-MHz outclk ±20 mUI for <200-MHz outclk	ps or mUI
t_{LOCK}	Time required for PLL to acquire lock	10	100	μs
m	Multiplication factors for m counter (4)	1	32	Integer
l_0, l_1, g_0	Multiplication factors for l_0, l_1 , and g_0 counter (5), (6)	1	32	Integer
t_{ARESET}	Minimum pulse width on areset signal	10		ns

Notes to Table 4–52:

- (1) Refer to “Maximum Input and Output Clock Rates” on page 4–23 for more information.
- (2) PLLs 7, 8, 9, and 10 in the HC1S80 device support up to 717-MHz input and output.
- (3) When using the SERDES, high-speed differential I/O mode supports a maximum output frequency of 210 MHz to the global or regional clocks (for example, the maximum data rate 840 Mbps divided by the smallest SERDES J factor of 4).
- (4) This parameter is for high-speed differential I/O mode only.
- (5) These counters have a maximum of 32 if programmed for 50/50 duty cycle. Otherwise, they have a maximum of 16.
- (6) High-speed differential I/O mode supports $W = 1$ to 16 and $J = 4, 7, 8$, or 10.

Electrostatic Discharge

Electrostatic discharge (ESD) protection is a design practice that is integrated in Altera FPGAs and Structured ASIC devices. HardCopy Stratix devices are no exception, and they are designed with ESD protection on all I/O and power pins.

This section discusses the following areas:

- How to design HardCopy Stratix and HardCopy APEX structured ASICs using the Quartus II software
- An explanation of what the `HARDCOPY_FPGA_PROTOTYPE` devices are and how to target designs to these devices
- Performance and power estimation of HardCopy Stratix devices
- How to generate the HardCopy design database for submitting HardCopy Stratix and HardCopy APEX designs to the HardCopy Design Center

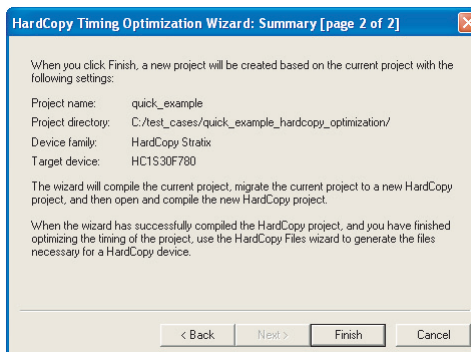
Features

Beginning with version 4.2, the Quartus II software contains several powerful features that facilitate design of HardCopy Stratix and HardCopy APEX devices:

- **HARDCOPY_FPGA_PROTOTYPE Devices**
These are virtual Stratix FPGA devices with features identical to HardCopy Stratix devices. You must use these FPGA devices to prototype your designs and verify the functionality in silicon.
- **HardCopy Timing Optimization Wizard**
Using this feature, you can target your design to HardCopy Stratix devices, providing an estimate of the design's performance in a HardCopy Stratix device.
- **HardCopy Stratix Floorplans and Timing Models**
The Quartus II software supports post-migration HardCopy Stratix device floorplans and timing models and facilitates design optimization for design performance.
- **Placement Constraints**
Location and LogicLock constraints are supported at the HardCopy Stratix floorplan level to improve overall performance.
- **Improved Timing Estimation**
Beginning with version 4.2, the Quartus II software determines routing and associated buffer insertion for HardCopy Stratix designs, and provides the Timing Analyzer with more accurate information about the delays than was possible in previous versions of the Quartus II software. The Quartus II Archive File automatically receives buffer insertion information, which greatly enhances the timing closure process in the back-end migration of your HardCopy Stratix device.

After selecting the wizard you want to run, the “HardCopy Timing Optimization Wizard: Summary” page shows you details about the settings you made in the Wizard, as shown in (Figure 5–4).

Figure 5–4. HardCopy Timing Optimization Wizard Summary Page



When either of the second two options in Figure 5–4 are selected (**Migration and Compilation** or **Full HardCopy Compilation**), designs are targeted to HardCopy Stratix devices and optimized using the HardCopy Stratix placement and timing analysis to estimate performance. For details on the performance optimization and estimation steps, refer to “**Performance Estimation**” on page 5–12. If the performance requirement is not met, you can modify your RTL source, optimize the FPGA design, and estimate timing until you reach timing closure.

Tcl Support for HardCopy Migration

To complement the GUI features for HardCopy migration, the Quartus II software provides the following command-line executables (which provide the tool command language (Tcl) shell to run the `--flow` Tcl command) to migrate the `HARDCOPY_FPGA_PROTOTYPE` project to HardCopy Stratix devices:

- `quartus_sh --flow migrate_to_hardcopy <project_name> [-c <revision>]` ↵

This command migrates the project compiled for the `HARDCOPY_FPGA_PROTOTYPE` device to a HardCopy Stratix device.

Generating the HardCopy Design Database

You can use the HardCopy Files Wizard to generate the complete set of deliverables required for migrating the design to a HardCopy device in a single click. The HardCopy Files Wizard asks questions related to the design and archives your design, settings, results, and database files for delivery to Altera. Your responses to the design details are stored in `<project name>_hardcopy_optimization\<project name>.hps.txt`.

You can generate the archive of the HardCopy design database only after compiling the design to a HardCopy Stratix device. The Quartus II Archive File is generated at the same directory level as the targeted project, either before or after optimization.



The Design Assistant automatically runs when the HardCopy Files Wizard is started.

This calculation should only be used as an estimation of power, not as a specification. The actual I_{CC} should be verified during operation because this estimate is sensitive to the actual logic in the device and the environmental operating conditions.



For more information about simulation-based power estimation, refer to the *Power Estimation and Analysis* Section in volume 3 of the *Quartus II Handbook*.



On average, HardCopy Stratix devices are expected to consume 40% less power than the equivalent FPGA.

HardCopy APEX Early Power Estimation

The PowerPlay Early Power Estimator can be run from the Altera website in the device support section (<http://www.altera.com/support/devices/dvs-index.html>). You cannot open this feature in the Quartus II software.

With the HardCopy APEX PowerPlay Early Power Estimator, you can estimate the power consumed by HardCopy APEX devices and design systems with the appropriate power budget. Refer to the web page for instructions on using the HardCopy APEX PowerPlay Early Power Estimator.



HardCopy APEX devices are generally expected to consume about 40% less power than the equivalent APEX 20KE or APEX 20KC FPGA devices.

Tcl Support for HardCopy Stratix

The Quartus II software also supports the HardCopy Stratix design flow at the command prompt using Tcl scripts.



For details on Quartus II support for Tcl scripting, refer to the *Tcl Scripting* chapter in volume 2 of the *Quartus II Handbook*.

Targeting Designs to HardCopy APEX Devices

Beginning with version 4.2, the Quartus II software supports targeting designs to HardCopy APEX device families. After compiling your design for one of the APEX 20KC or APEX 20KE FPGA devices supported by a HardCopy APEX device, run the HardCopy Files Wizard to generate the necessary set of files for HardCopy migration.

The HardCopy APEX device requires a different set of design files for migration than HardCopy Stratix. Table 5–5 shows the files collected for HardCopy APEX by the HardCopy Files Wizard.

Table 5–5. HardCopy APEX Files Collected by the HardCopy Files Wizard
<project name>.tan.rpt <project name>.asm.rpt <project name>.fit.rpt <project name>.hps.txt <project name>.map.rpt <project name>.pin <project name>.sof <project name>.qsf <project name>_cksum.datasheet <project name>_cpld.datasheet <project name>_hcpy.vo <project name>_hcpy_v.sdo <project name>_pt_hcpy_v.tcl <project name>_rba_pt_hcpy_v.tcl <project name>_target.datasheet <project name>_violations.datasheet

Refer to “Generating the HardCopy Design Database” on page 5–21 for information about generating the complete set of deliverables required for migrating the design to a HardCopy APEX device. After you have successfully run the HardCopy Files Wizard, you can submit your design archive to Altera to implement your design in a HardCopy device. You should contact Altera for more information about this process.

Conclusion

The methodology for designing HardCopy Stratix devices using the Quartus II software is the same as that for designing the Stratix FPGA equivalent. You can use the familiar Quartus II software tools and design flow, target designs to HardCopy Stratix devices, optimize designs for higher performance and lower power consumption than the Stratix FPGAs, and deliver the design database for migration to a HardCopy Stratix device. Compatible APEX FPGA designs can migrate to HardCopy APEX after compilation using the HardCopy Files Wizard to archive the design files. Submit the files to the HardCopy Design Center to complete the back-end migration.

Performance Improvement Example

With the design used for the performance improvement example in this section, the designer was seeking performance improvement on an HC1S30F780 design for an intellectual property (IP) core consisting of approximately 5200 LEs, 75,000 bits of memory, and two digital signal processing (DSP) multiplier accumulators (MACs). The final application needed to fit in a reserved portion of the HC1S30 device floorplan, so the entire block of IP was initially bounded in a single LogicLock region. The IP block was evaluated as a stand-alone block.

Initial Design Example Settings

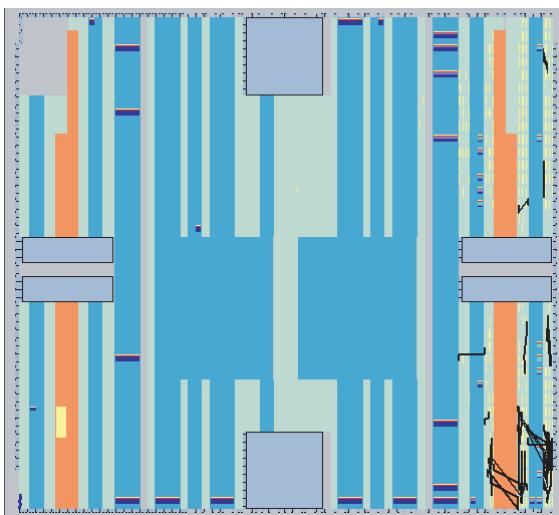
The default settings in the Quartus II software version 4.2 were used, with the following initial constraints added:

- The device was set to the target Stratix FPGA device which is the prototype for the HC1S30F780 device:

```
set_global_assignment -name DEVICE  
EP1S30F780C6_HARDCOPY_FPGA_PROTOTYPE
```
- A LogicLock region was created for the block to bound it in the reserved region.
- The LogicLock region properties were set to **Auto Size** and **Floating Location**, and **Reserve Unused Logic** was turned on:

```
set_global_assignment -name LL_STATE FLOATING  
set_global_assignment -name LL_AUTO_SIZE ON  
set_global_assignment -name LL_RESERVED OFF  
set_global_assignment -name LL_SOFT OFF
```
- Virtual I/O pins were used for the ports of the core since this core does not interface to pins in the parent design, and the I/O pins were placed outside the LogicLock region and are represented as registers in LEs.

The initial compilation results yielded 65.30-MHz f_{MAX} in the FPGA. The block was constrained through virtual I/O pins and a LogicLock region to keep the logic from spreading throughout the floorplan.

Figure 6–3. HardCopy Stratix Device Floorplan with Soft Region On

To keep the LogicLock region contents bounded in the final placement in the HardCopy Stratix device floorplan, turn off the **Soft Region** option. After turning off the **Soft Region** option and compiling the HardCopy Stratix design, the result is an f_{MAX} of 88.14 MHz—a gain of 33% over the Stratix FPGA device performance. The bounded placement in the LogicLock region helps to achieve performance improvement in well-partitioned design blocks by taking advantage of the smaller die size and custom metal routing interconnect of the HardCopy Stratix device. The floorplan of the bounded LogicLock region is visible in [Figure 6–4](#). In this figure, you can see the difference in disabling the Soft Region setting in the HardCopy Stratix design.

Running the HardCopy Timing Optimization wizard on this design and compiling the HardCopy Stratix project yields an f_{MAX} of 92.01 MHz, a 24% improvement over the FPGA timing.

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The available Fitter Settings produce an additional performance improvement. The DSE feature is used on the Stratix FPGA device to run through the various seeds in the design and select the best seed point to use for future compiles. This can often yield additional performance benefits as the Quartus II software further refines placement of the LEs and performs clustering of associated logic together.

For this design example, DSE was run with high effort (physical synthesis) and multiple placement seeds. Table 6–5 shows the DSE results. The base compile matches the fifth compile in the DSE variations, showing that the work already done on the design before DSE was optimal. The FPGA project was optimized before running DSE.

Table 6–5. DSE Results		
Compile Point	Clock Period: CLK	Logic Cells
Base (Best)	13.451 ns (74.34 MHz)	5,781
1	13.954 ns	5,703
2	13.712 ns	6,447
3	14.615 ns	5,777
4	13.911 ns	5,742
5	13.451 ns	5,781
6	14.838 ns	5,407
7	14.177 ns	5,751
8	14.479 ns	5,827
9	14.863 ns	5,596
10	14.662 ns	5,605
11	14.250 ns	5,710
12	14.016 ns	5,708
13	13.840 ns	5,802
14	13.681 ns	5,788
15	14.829 ns	5,644