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Details

Product Status	Obsolete
Number of LABs/CLBs	88
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	880
Total RAM Bits	-
Number of I/O	71
Number of Gates	10000
Voltage - Supply	3V ~ 3.6V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 85°C (TJ)
Package / Case	100-TQFP
Supplier Device Package	100-TQFP (14x14)
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Table 4 shows FLEX 6000 performance for more complex designs.

Table 4. FLEX 6000 Device Performance for Complex Designs <i>Note (1)</i>					
Application	LEs Used	Performance			Units
		-1 Speed Grade	-2 Speed Grade	-3 Speed Grade	
8-bit, 16-tap parallel finite impulse response (FIR) filter	599	94	80	72	MSPS
8-bit, 512-point fast Fourier transform (FFT) function	1,182	75 63	89 53	109 43	μS MHz
16450 universal asynchronous receiver/transmitter (UART)	487	36	30	25	MHz
PCI bus target with zero wait states	609	56	49	42	MHz

Note:

(1) The applications in this table were created using Altera MegaCore™ functions.

FLEX 6000 devices are supported by Altera development systems; a single, integrated package that offers schematic, text (including AHDL), and waveform design entry, compilation and logic synthesis, full simulation and worst-case timing analysis, and device configuration. The Altera software provides EDIF 2.0.0 and 3.0.0, LPM, VHDL, Verilog HDL, and other interfaces for additional design entry and simulation support from other industry-standard PC- and UNIX workstation-based EDA tools.

The Altera software works easily with common gate array EDA tools for synthesis and simulation. For example, the Altera software can generate Verilog HDL files for simulation with tools such as Cadence Verilog-XL. Additionally, the Altera software contains EDA libraries that use device-specific features such as carry chains which are used for fast counter and arithmetic functions. For instance, the Synopsys Design Compiler library supplied with the Altera development systems include DesignWare functions that are optimized for the FLEX 6000 architecture.

The Altera development system runs on Windows-based PCs, Sun SPARCstations, and HP 9000 Series 700/800.

f See the *MAX+PLUS II Programmable Logic Development System & Software Data Sheet* and the *Quartus Programmable Logic Development System & Software Data Sheet* for more information.

Functional Description

The FLEX 6000 OptiFLEX architecture consists of logic elements (LEs). Each LE includes a 4-input look-up table (LUT), which can implement any 4-input function, a register, and dedicated paths for carry and cascade chain functions. Because each LE contains a register, a design can be easily pipelined without consuming more LEs. The specified gate count for FLEX 6000 devices includes all LUTs and registers.

LEs are combined into groups called logic array blocks (LABs); each LAB contains 10 LEs. The Altera software automatically places related LEs into the same LAB, minimizing the number of required interconnects. Each LAB can implement a medium-sized block of logic, such as a counter or multiplexer.

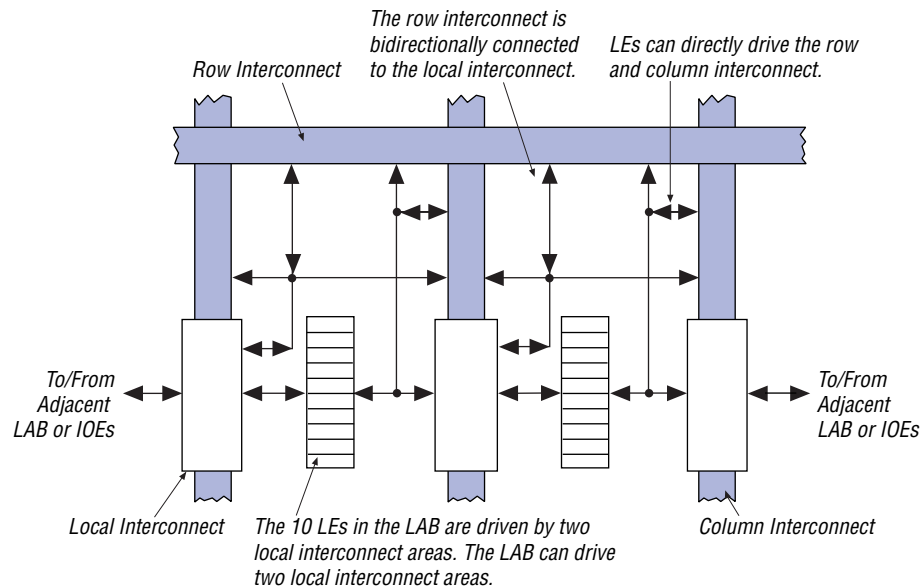
Signal interconnections within FLEX 6000 devices—and to and from device pins—are provided via the routing structure of the FastTrack Interconnect. The routing structure is a series of fast, continuous row and column channels that run the entire length and width of the device. Any LE or pin can feed or be fed by any other LE or pin via the FastTrack Interconnect. See “FastTrack Interconnect” on [page 17](#) of this data sheet for more information.

Each I/O pin is fed by an I/O element (IOE) located at the end of each row and column of the FastTrack Interconnect. Each IOE contains a bidirectional I/O buffer. Each IOE is placed next to an LAB, where it can be driven by the local interconnect of that LAB. This feature allows fast clock-to-output times of less than 8 ns when a pin is driven by any of the 10 LEs in the adjacent LAB. Also, any LE can drive any pin via the row and column interconnect. I/O pins can drive the LE registers via the row and column interconnect, providing setup times as low as 2 ns and hold times of 0 ns. IOEs provide a variety of features, such as JTAG BST support, slew-rate control, and tri-state buffers.

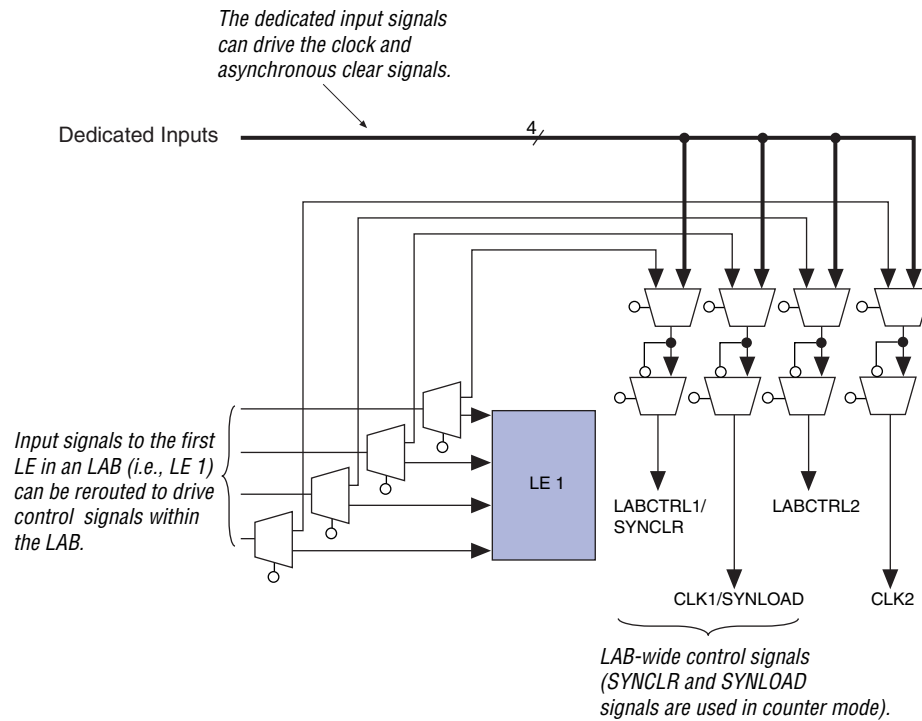
[Figure 1](#) shows a block diagram of the FLEX 6000 OptiFLEX architecture. Each group of ten LEs is combined into an LAB, and the LABs are arranged into rows and columns. The LABs are interconnected by the FastTrack Interconnect. IOEs are located at the end of each FastTrack Interconnect row and column.

The interleaved LAB structure—an innovative feature of the FLEX 6000 architecture—allows each LAB to drive two local interconnects. This feature minimizes the use of the FastTrack Interconnect, providing higher performance. An LAB can drive 20 LEs in adjacent LABs via the local interconnect, which maximizes fitting flexibility while minimizing die size. See [Figure 2](#).

Figure 2. Logic Array Block

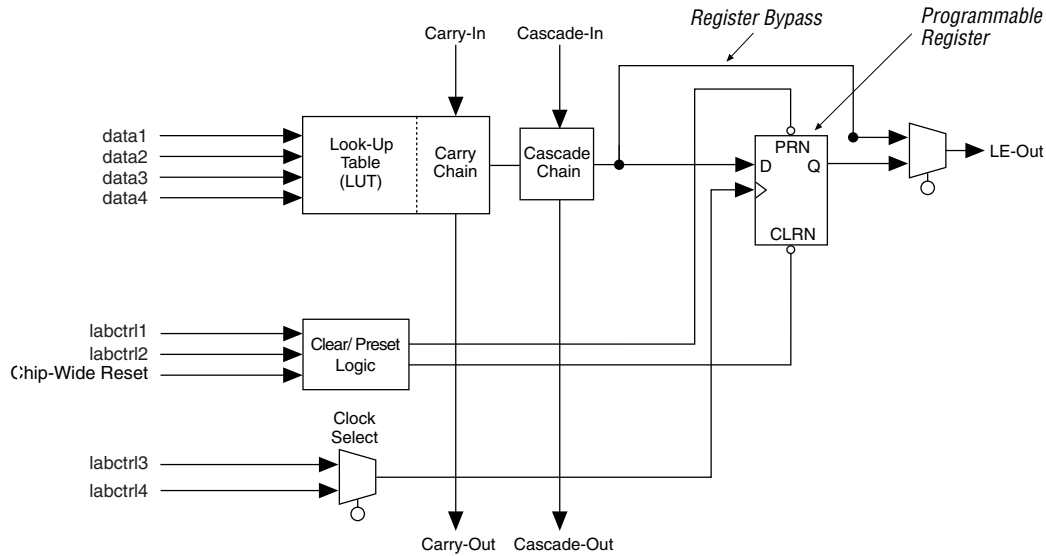


In most designs, the registers only use global clock and clear signals. However, in some cases, other clock or asynchronous clear signals are needed. In addition, counters may also have synchronous clear or load signals. In a design that uses non-global clock and clear signals, inputs from the first LE in an LAB are re-routed to drive the control signals for that LAB. See [Figure 3](#).

Figure 3. LAB Control Signals

Logic Element

An LE, the smallest unit of logic in the FLEX 6000 architecture, has a compact size that provides efficient logic usage. Each LE contains a four-input LUT, which is a function generator that can quickly implement any function of four variables. An LE contains a programmable flipflop, carry and cascade chains. Additionally, each LE drives both the local and the FastTrack Interconnect. See [Figure 4](#).

Figure 4. Logic Element

The programmable flipflop in the LE can be configured for D, T, JK, or SR operation. The clock and clear control signals on the flipflop can be driven by global signals, general-purpose I/O pins, or any internal logic. For combinatorial functions, the flipflop is bypassed and the output of the LUT drives the outputs of the LE. The LE output can drive both the local interconnect and the FastTrack Interconnect.

The FLEX 6000 architecture provides two types of dedicated high-speed data paths that connect adjacent LEs without using local interconnect paths: carry chains and cascade chains. A carry chain supports high-speed arithmetic functions such as counters and adders, while a cascade chain implements wide-input functions such as equivalent comparators with minimum delay. Carry and cascade chains connect LEs 2 through 10 in an LAB and all LABs in the same half of the row. Because extensive use of carry and cascade chains can reduce routing flexibility, these chains should be limited to speed-critical portions of a design.

Carry Chain

The carry chain provides a very fast (0.1 ns) carry-forward function between LEs. The carry-in signal from a lower-order bit drives forward into the higher-order bit via the carry chain, and feeds into both the LUT and the next portion of the carry chain. This feature allows the FLEX 6000 architecture to implement high-speed counters, adders, and comparators of arbitrary width. Carry chain logic can be created automatically by the Altera software during design processing, or manually by the designer during design entry. Parameterized functions such as LPM and DesignWare functions automatically take advantage of carry chains for the appropriate functions.

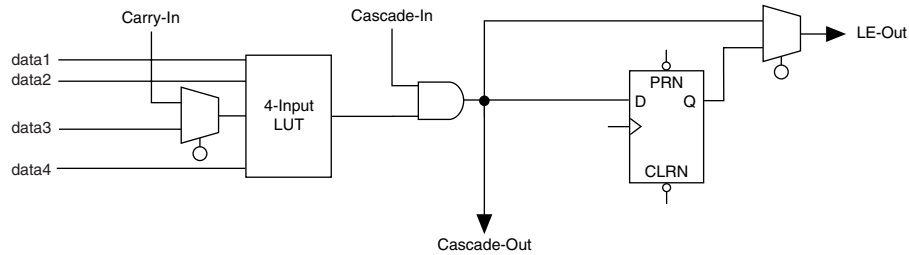
Because the first LE of each LAB can generate control signals for that LAB, the first LE in each LAB is not included in carry chains. In addition, the inputs of the first LE in each LAB may be used to generate synchronous clear and load enable signals for counters implemented with carry chains.

Carry chains longer than nine LEs are implemented automatically by linking LABs together. For enhanced fitting, a long carry chain skips alternate LABs in a row. A carry chain longer than one LAB skips either from an even-numbered LAB to another even-numbered LAB, or from an odd-numbered LAB to another odd-numbered LAB. For example, the last LE of the first LAB in a row carries to the second LE of the third LAB in the row. In addition, the carry chain does not cross the middle of the row. For instance, in the EPF6016 device, the carry chain stops at the 11th LAB in a row and a new carry chain begins at the 12th LAB.

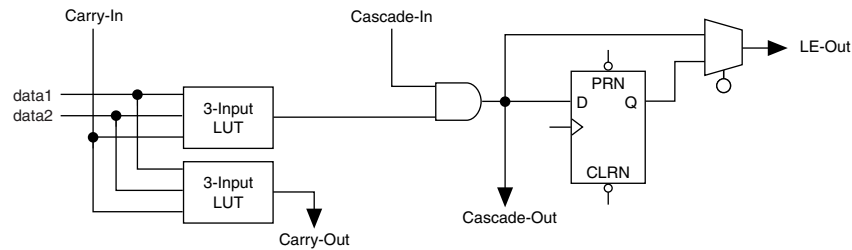
Figure 5 shows how an n -bit full adder can be implemented in $n + 1$ LEs with the carry chain. One portion of the LUT generates the sum of two bits using the input signals and the carry-in signal; the sum is routed to the output of the LE. Although the register can be bypassed for simple adders, it can be used for an accumulator function. Another portion of the LUT and the carry chain logic generates the carry-out signal, which is routed directly to the carry-in signal of the next-higher-order bit. The final carry-out signal is routed to an LE, where it is driven onto the FastTrack Interconnect.

Figure 7. LE Operating Modes

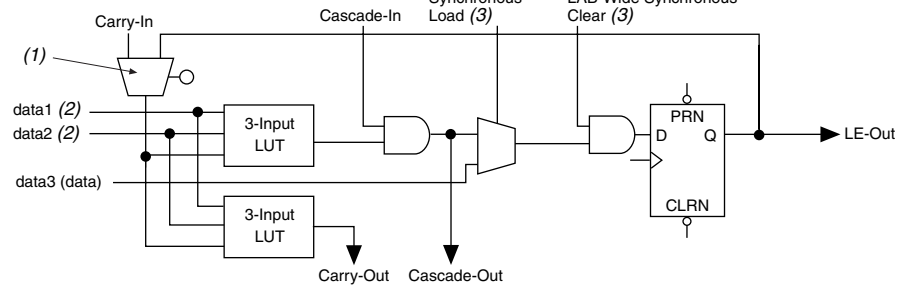
Normal Mode



Arithmetic Mode



Counter Mode



Notes:

- (1) The register feedback multiplexer is available on LE 2 of each LAB.
- (2) The data1 and data2 input signals can supply a clock enable, up or down control, or register feedback signals for all LEs other than the second LE in an LAB.
- (3) The LAB-wide synchronous clear and LAB-wide synchronous load affect all registers in an LAB.

Normal Mode

The normal mode is suitable for general logic applications, combinatorial functions, or wide decoding functions that can take advantage of a cascade chain. In normal mode, four data inputs from the LAB local interconnect and the carry-in are inputs to a 4-input LUT. The Altera software automatically selects the carry-in or the DATA3 signal as one of the inputs to the LUT. The LUT output can be combined with the cascade-in signal to form a cascade chain through the cascade-out signal.

Arithmetic Mode

The arithmetic mode is ideal for implementing adders, accumulators, and comparators. An LE in arithmetic mode uses two 3-input LUTs. One LUT computes a 3-input function; the other generates a carry output. As shown in [Figure 7](#), the first LUT uses the carry-in signal and two data inputs from the LAB local interconnect to generate a combinatorial or registered output. For example, when implementing an adder, this output is the sum of three signals: DATA1, DATA2, and carry-in. The second LUT uses the same three signals to generate a carry-out signal, thereby creating a carry chain. The arithmetic mode also supports simultaneous use of the cascade chain.

The Altera software implements logic functions to use the arithmetic mode automatically where appropriate; the designer does not have to decide how the carry chain will be used.

Counter Mode

The counter mode offers counter enable, synchronous up/down control, synchronous clear, and synchronous load options. The counter enable and synchronous up/down control signals are generated from the data inputs of the LAB local interconnect. The synchronous clear and synchronous load options are LAB-wide signals that affect all registers in the LAB. Consequently, if any of the LEs in a LAB use counter mode, other LEs in that LAB must be used as part of the same counter or be used for a combinatorial function. In addition, the Altera software automatically places registers that are not in the counter into other LABs.

The counter mode uses two 3-input LUTs: one generates the counter data and the other generates the fast carry bit. A 2-to-1 multiplexer provides synchronous loading, and another AND gate provides synchronous clearing. If the cascade function is used by an LE in counter mode, the synchronous clear or load will override any signal carried on the cascade chain. The synchronous clear overrides the synchronous load.

Either the counter enable or the up/down control may be used for a given counter. Moreover, the synchronous load can be used as a count enable by routing the register output into the data input automatically when requested by the designer.

The second LE of each LAB has a special function for counter mode; the carry-in of the LE can be driven by a fast feedback path from the register. This function gives a faster counter speed for counter carry chains starting in the second LE of an LAB.

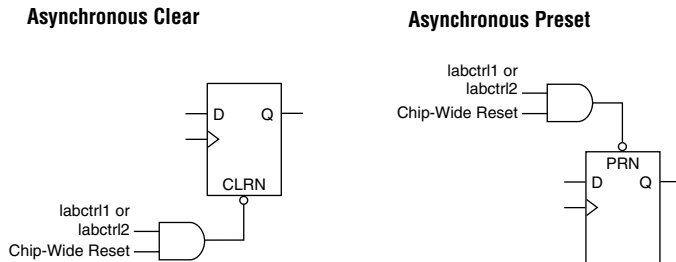
The Altera software implements functions to use the counter mode automatically where appropriate. The designer does not have to decide how the carry chain will be used.

Internal Tri-State Emulation

Internal tri-state emulation provides internal tri-states without the limitations of a physical tri-state bus. In a physical tri-state bus, the tri-state buffers' output enable (OE) signals select which signal drives the bus. However, if multiple OE signals are active, contending signals can be driven onto the bus. Conversely, if no OE signals are active, the bus will float. Internal tri-state emulation resolves contending tri-state buffers to a low value and floating buses to a high value, thereby eliminating these problems. The Altera software automatically implements tri-state bus functionality with a multiplexer.

Clear & Preset Logic Control

Logic for the programmable register's clear and preset functions is controlled by the LAB-wide signals LABCTRL1 and LABCTRL2. The LE register has an asynchronous clear that can implement an asynchronous preset. Either LABCTRL1 or LABCTRL2 can control the asynchronous clear or preset. Because the clear and preset functions are active-low, the Altera software automatically assigns a logic high to an unused clear or preset signal. The clear and preset logic is implemented in either the asynchronous clear or asynchronous preset mode, which is chosen during design entry (see [Figure 8](#)).

Figure 8. LE Clear & Preset Modes**Asynchronous Clear**

The flipflop can be cleared by either LABCTRL1 or LABCTRL2.

Asynchronous Preset

An asynchronous preset is implemented with an asynchronous clear. The Altera software provides preset control by using the clear and inverting the input and output of the register. Inversion control is available for the inputs to both LEs and IOEs. Therefore, this technique can be used when a register drives logic or drives a pin.

In addition to the two clear and preset modes, FLEX 6000 devices provide a chip-wide reset pin (DEV_CLRn) that can reset all registers in the device. The option to use this pin is set in the Altera software before compilation. The chip-wide reset overrides all other control signals. Any register with an asynchronous preset will be preset when the chip-wide reset is asserted because of the inversion technique used to implement the asynchronous preset.

The Altera software can use a programmable NOT-gate push-back technique to emulate simultaneous preset and clear or asynchronous load. However, this technique uses an additional three LEs per register.

FastTrack Interconnect

In the FLEX 6000 OptiFLEX architecture, connections between LEs and device I/O pins are provided by the FastTrack Interconnect, a series of continuous horizontal and vertical routing channels that traverse the device. This global routing structure provides predictable performance, even for complex designs. In contrast, the segmented routing in FPGAs requires switch matrices to connect a variable number of routing paths, increasing the delays between logic resources and reducing performance.

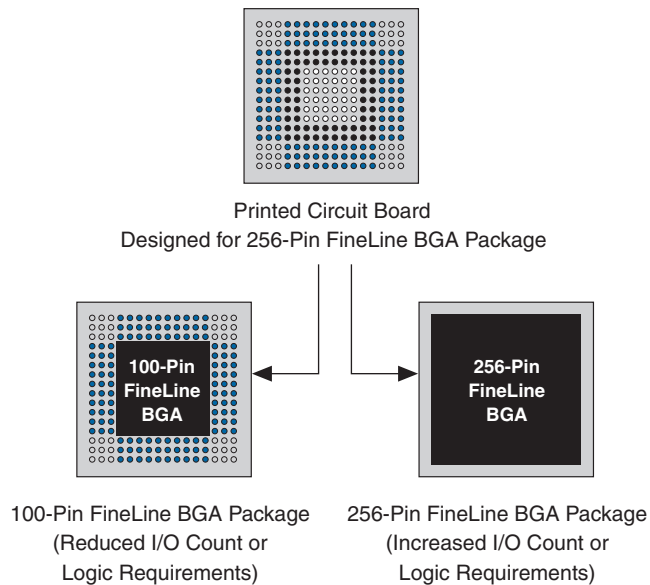
Figure 15. SameFrame Pin-Out Example

Table 6 lists the 3.3-V FLEX 6000 devices with the SameFrame pin-out feature.

Table 6. 3.3-V FLEX 6000 Devices with SameFrame Pin-Outs

Device	100-Pin FineLine BGA	256-Pin FineLine BGA
EPF6016A	V	V
EPF6024A		V

Output Configuration

This section discusses slew-rate control, the MultiVolt I/O interface, power sequencing, and hot-socketing for FLEX 6000 devices.

Slew-Rate Control

The output buffer in each IOE has an adjustable output slew-rate that can be configured for low-noise or high-speed performance. A slower slew-rate reduces system noise and adds a maximum delay of 6.8 ns. The fast slew-rate should be used for speed-critical outputs in systems that are adequately protected against noise. Designers can specify the slew-rate on a pin-by-pin basis during design entry or assign a default slew rate to all pins on a device-wide basis. The slew-rate setting affects only the falling edge of the output.

Table 13. FLEX 6000 5.0-V Device DC Operating Conditions Notes (5), (6)

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
V_{IH}	High-level input voltage		2.0		$V_{CCINT} + 0.5$	V
V_{IL}	Low-level input voltage		-0.5		0.8	V
V_{OH}	5.0-V high-level TTL output voltage	$I_{OH} = -8$ mA DC, $V_{CCIO} = 4.75$ V (7)	2.4			V
	3.3-V high-level TTL output voltage	$I_{OH} = -8$ mA DC, $V_{CCIO} = 3.00$ V (7)	2.4			V
	3.3-V high-level CMOS output voltage	$I_{OH} = -0.1$ mA DC, $V_{CCIO} = 3.00$ V (7)	$V_{CCIO} - 0.2$			V
V_{OL}	5.0-V low-level TTL output voltage	$I_{OL} = 8$ mA DC, $V_{CCIO} = 4.75$ V (8)			0.45	V
	3.3-V low-level TTL output voltage	$I_{OL} = 8$ mA DC, $V_{CCIO} = 3.00$ V (8)			0.45	V
	3.3-V low-level CMOS output voltage	$I_{OL} = 0.1$ mA DC, $V_{CCIO} = 3.00$ V (8)			0.2	V
I_I	Input pin leakage current	$V_I = V_{CC}$ or ground (8)	-10		10	μ A
I_{OZ}	Tri-stated I/O pin leakage current	$V_O = V_{CC}$ or ground (8)	-40		40	μ A
I_{CC0}	V_{CC} supply current (standby)	$V_I =$ ground, no load		0.5	5	mA

Table 14. FLEX 6000 5.0-V Device Capacitance Note (9)

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
C_{IN}	Input capacitance for I/O pin	$V_{IN} = 0$ V, $f = 1.0$ MHz		8	pF
C_{INCLK}	Input capacitance for dedicated input	$V_{IN} = 0$ V, $f = 1.0$ MHz		12	pF
C_{OUT}	Output capacitance	$V_{OUT} = 0$ V, $f = 1.0$ MHz		8	pF

Notes to tables:

- (1) See the *Operating Requirements for Altera Devices Data Sheet*.
- (2) Minimum DC input is -0.5 V. During transitions, the inputs may undershoot to -2.0 V or overshoot to 7.0 V for input currents less than 100 mA and periods shorter than 20 ns.
- (3) Numbers in parentheses are for industrial-temperature-range devices.
- (4) Maximum V_{CC} rise time to 100 ms. V_{CC} must rise monotonically.
- (5) Typical values are for $T_A = 25^\circ$ C and $V_{CC} = 5.0$ V.
- (6) These values are specified under the FLEX 6000 Recommended Operating Conditions shown in Table 12 on page 31.
- (7) The I_{OH} parameter refers to high-level TTL or CMOS output current.
- (8) The I_{OL} parameter refers to low-level TTL, PCI, or CMOS output current. This parameter applies to open-drain pins as well as output pins.
- (9) Capacitance is sample-tested only.

Table 15. FLEX 6000 3.3-V Device Absolute Maximum Ratings *Note (1)*

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
V _{CC}	Supply voltage	With respect to ground (2)	−0.5	4.6	V
V _I	DC input voltage		−2.0	5.75	V
I _{OUT}	DC output current, per pin		−25	25	mA
T _{STG}	Storage temperature	No bias	−65	150	°C
T _{AMB}	Ambient temperature	Under bias	−65	135	°C
T _J	Junction temperature	PQFP, PLCC, and BGA packages		135	°C

Table 16. FLEX 6000 3.3-V Device Recommended Operating Conditions

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
V _{CCINT}	Supply voltage for internal logic and input buffers	(3), (4)	3.00 (3.00)	3.60 (3.60)	V
V _{CCIO}	Supply voltage for output buffers, 3.3-V operation	(3), (4)	3.00 (3.00)	3.60 (3.60)	V
	Supply voltage for output buffers, 2.5-V operation	(3), (4)	2.30 (2.30)	2.70 (2.70)	V
V _I	Input voltage		−0.5	5.75	V
V _O	Output voltage		0	V _{CCIO}	V
T _J	Operating temperature	For commercial use	0	85	°C
		For industrial use	−40	100	°C
t _R	Input rise time			40	ns
t _F	Input fall time			40	ns

Table 17. FLEX 6000 3.3-V Device DC Operating Conditions <i>Notes (5), (6)</i>						
Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
V_{IH}	High-level input voltage		1.7		5.75	V
V_{IL}	Low-level input voltage		-0.5		0.8	V
V_{OH}	3.3-V high-level TTL output voltage	$I_{OH} = -8$ mA DC, $V_{CCIO} = 3.00$ V (7)	2.4			V
	3.3-V high-level CMOS output voltage	$I_{OH} = -0.1$ mA DC, $V_{CCIO} = 3.00$ V (7)	$V_{CCIO} - 0.2$			V
	2.5-V high-level output voltage	$I_{OH} = -100$ μ A DC, $V_{CCIO} = 2.30$ V (7)	2.1			V
		$I_{OH} = -1$ mA DC, $V_{CCIO} = 2.30$ V (7)	2.0			V
		$I_{OH} = -2$ mA DC, $V_{CCIO} = 2.30$ V (7)	1.7			V
V_{OL}	3.3-V low-level TTL output voltage	$I_{OL} = 8$ mA DC, $V_{CCIO} = 3.00$ V (8)			0.45	V
	3.3-V low-level CMOS output voltage	$I_{OL} = 0.1$ mA DC, $V_{CCIO} = 3.00$ V (8)			0.2	V
	2.5-V low-level output voltage	$I_{OL} = 100$ μ A DC, $V_{CCIO} = 2.30$ V (8)			0.2	V
		$I_{OL} = 1$ mA DC, $V_{CCIO} = 2.30$ V (8)			0.4	V
		$I_{OL} = 2$ mA DC, $V_{CCIO} = 2.30$ V (8)			0.7	V
I_I	Input pin leakage current	$V_I = 5.3$ V to ground (8)	-10		10	μ A
I_{OZ}	Tri-stated I/O pin leakage current	$V_O = 5.3$ V to ground (8)	-10		10	μ A
I_{CC0}	V_{CC} supply current (standby)	$V_I =$ ground, no load		0.5	5	mA

Table 18. FLEX 6000 3.3-V Device Capacitance <i>Note (9)</i>					
Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
C_{IN}	Input capacitance for I/O pin	$V_{IN} = 0$ V, $f = 1.0$ MHz		8	pF
C_{INCLK}	Input capacitance for dedicated input	$V_{IN} = 0$ V, $f = 1.0$ MHz		12	pF
C_{OUT}	Output capacitance	$V_{OUT} = 0$ V, $f = 1.0$ MHz		8	pF

Notes to tables:

- (1) See the *Operating Requirements for Altera Devices Data Sheet*.
- (2) The minimum DC input voltage is -0.5 V. During transitions, the inputs may undershoot to -2.0 V or overshoot to 5.75 V for input currents less than 100 mA and periods shorter than 20 ns.
- (3) Numbers in parentheses are for industrial-temperature-range devices.
- (4) Maximum V_{CC} rise time is 100 ms. V_{CC} must rise monotonically.
- (5) Typical values are for $T_A = 25^\circ$ C and $V_{CC} = 3.3$ V.
- (6) These values are specified under [Table 16 on page 33](#).
- (7) The I_{OH} parameter refers to high-level TTL or CMOS output current.
- (8) The I_{OL} parameter refers to low-level TTL, PCI, or CMOS output current. This parameter applies to open-drain pins as well as output pins.
- (9) Capacitance is sample-tested only.

Tables 19 through 21 describe the FLEX 6000 internal timing microparameters, which are expressed as worst-case values. Using hand calculations, these parameters can be used to estimate design performance. However, before committing designs to silicon, actual worst-case performance should be modeled using timing simulation and timing analysis. Tables 22 and 23 describe FLEX 6000 external timing parameters.

Table 19. LE Timing Microparameters <i>Note (1)</i>		
Symbol	Parameter	Conditions
$t_{REG_TO_REG}$	LUT delay for LE register feedback in carry chain	
$t_{CASC_TO_REG}$	Cascade-in to register delay	
$t_{CARRY_TO_REG}$	Carry-in to register delay	
$t_{DATA_TO_REG}$	LE input to register delay	
$t_{CASC_TO_OUT}$	Cascade-in to LE output delay	
$t_{CARRY_TO_OUT}$	Carry-in to LE output delay	
$t_{DATA_TO_OUT}$	LE input to LE output delay	
$t_{REG_TO_OUT}$	Register output to LE output delay	
t_{SU}	LE register setup time before clock; LE register recovery time after asynchronous clear	
t_H	LE register hold time after clock	
t_{CO}	LE register clock-to-output delay	
t_{CLR}	LE register clear delay	
t_C	LE register control signal delay	
t_{LD_CLR}	Synchronous load or clear delay in counter mode	
$t_{CARRY_TO_CARRY}$	Carry-in to carry-out delay	
$t_{REG_TO_CARRY}$	Register output to carry-out delay	
$t_{DATA_TO_CARRY}$	LE input to carry-out delay	
$t_{CARRY_TO_CASC}$	Carry-in to cascade-out delay	
$t_{CASC_TO_CASC}$	Cascade-in to cascade-out delay	
$t_{REG_TO_CASC}$	Register-out to cascade-out delay	
$t_{DATA_TO_CASC}$	LE input to cascade-out delay	
t_{CH}	LE register clock high time	
t_{CL}	LE register clock low time	

Table 23. External Timing Parameters		
Symbol	Parameter	Conditions
t_{INSU}	Setup time with global clock at LE register	(8)
t_{INH}	Hold time with global clock at LE register	(8)
t_{OUTCO}	Clock-to-output delay with global clock with LE register using FastFLEX I/O pin	(8)

Notes to tables:

- (1) Microparameters are timing delays contributed by individual architectural elements and cannot be measured explicitly.
- (2) Operating conditions:
 $V_{\text{CCIO}} = 5.0 \text{ V} \pm 5\%$ for commercial use in 5.0-V FLEX 6000 devices.
 $V_{\text{CCIO}} = 5.0 \text{ V} \pm 10\%$ for industrial use in 5.0-V FLEX 6000 devices.
 $V_{\text{CCIO}} = 3.3 \text{ V} \pm 10\%$ for commercial or industrial use in 3.3-V FLEX 6000 devices.
- (3) Operating conditions:
 $V_{\text{CCIO}} = 3.3 \text{ V} \pm 10\%$ for commercial or industrial use in 5.0-V FLEX 6000 devices.
 $V_{\text{CCIO}} = 2.5 \text{ V} \pm 0.2 \text{ V}$ for commercial or industrial use in 3.3-V FLEX 6000 devices.
- (4) Operating conditions:
 $V_{\text{CCIO}} = 2.5 \text{ V}, 3.3 \text{ V}, \text{ or } 5.0 \text{ V}.$
- (5) These parameters are worst-case values for typical applications. Post-compilation timing simulation and timing analysis are required to determine actual worst-case performance.
- (6) This timing parameter shows the delay of a register-to-register test pattern and is used to determine speed grades. There are 12 LEs, including source and destination registers. The row and column interconnects between the registers vary in length.
- (7) This timing parameter is shown for reference and is specified by characterization.
- (8) This timing parameter is specified by characterization.

Tables 24 through 28 show the timing information for EPF6010A and EPF6016A devices.

Table 24. LE Timing Microparameters for EPF6010A & EPF6016A Devices (Part 1 of 2)							
Parameter	Speed Grade						Unit
	-1		-2		-3		
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{REG_TO_REG}$		1.2		1.3		1.7	ns
$t_{CASC_TO_REG}$		0.9		1.0		1.2	ns
$t_{CARRY_TO_REG}$		0.9		1.0		1.2	ns
$t_{DATA_TO_REG}$		1.1		1.2		1.5	ns
$t_{CASC_TO_OUT}$		1.3		1.4		1.8	ns
$t_{CARRY_TO_OUT}$		1.6		1.8		2.3	ns
$t_{DATA_TO_OUT}$		1.7		2.0		2.5	ns
$t_{REG_TO_OUT}$		0.4		0.4		0.5	ns
t_{SU}	0.9		1.0		1.3		ns
t_H	1.4		1.7		2.1		ns

Table 33. External Timing Parameters for EPF6016 Devices

Parameter	Speed Grade				Unit
	-2		-3		
	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t _{INSU}	3.2		4.1		ns
t _{INH}	0.0		0.0		ns
t _{OUTCO}	2.0	7.9	2.0	9.9	ns

Tables 34 through 38 show the timing information for EPF6024A devices.

Table 34. LE Timing Microparameters for EPF6024A Devices

Parameter	Speed Grade						Unit
	-1		-2		-3		
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{REG_TO_REG}$		1.2		1.3		1.6	ns
$t_{CASC_TO_REG}$		0.7		0.8		1.0	ns
$t_{CARRY_TO_REG}$		1.6		1.8		2.2	ns
$t_{DATA_TO_REG}$		1.3		1.4		1.7	ns
$t_{CASC_TO_OUT}$		1.2		1.3		1.6	ns
$t_{CARRY_TO_OUT}$		2.0		2.2		2.6	ns
$t_{DATA_TO_OUT}$		1.8		2.1		2.6	ns
$t_{REG_TO_OUT}$		0.3		0.3		0.4	ns
t_{SU}	0.9		1.0		1.2		ns
t_H	1.3		1.4		1.7		ns
t_{CO}		0.2		0.3		0.3	ns
t_{CLR}		0.3		0.3		0.4	ns
t_C		1.9		2.1		2.5	ns
t_{LD_CLR}		1.9		2.1		2.5	ns
$t_{CARRY_TO_CARRY}$		0.2		0.2		0.3	ns
$t_{REG_TO_CARRY}$		1.4		1.6		1.9	ns
$t_{DATA_TO_CARRY}$		1.3		1.4		1.7	ns
$t_{CARRY_TO_CASC}$		1.1		1.2		1.4	ns
$t_{CASC_TO_CASC}$		0.7		0.8		1.0	ns
$t_{REG_TO_CASC}$		1.4		1.6		1.9	ns
$t_{DATA_TO_CASC}$		1.0		1.1		1.3	ns
t_{CH}	2.5		3.0		3.5		ns
t_{CL}	2.5		3.0		3.5		ns

Table 38. External Timing Parameters for EPF6024A Devices

Table 38. External Timing Parameters for EPF6024A Devices							
Parameter	Speed Grade						Unit
	-1		-2		-3		
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t _{INSU}	2.0 (1)		2.2 (1)		2.6 (1)		ns
t _{INH}	0.2 (2)		0.2 (2)		0.3 (2)		ns
t _{OUTCO}	2.0	7.4	2.0	8.2	2.0	9.9	ns

Notes:

- (1) Setup times are longer when the *Increase Input Delay* option is turned on. The setup time values are shown with the *Increase Input Delay* option turned off.
- (2) Hold time is zero when the *Increase Input Delay* option is turned on.

Power Consumption

The supply power (P) for FLEX 6000 devices can be calculated with the following equations:

$$P = P_{\text{INT}} + P_{\text{IO}}$$

$$P = (I_{\text{CCSTANDBY}} + I_{\text{CCACTIVE}}) \times V_{\text{CC}} + P_{\text{IO}}$$

Typical $I_{\text{CCSTANDBY}}$ values are shown as I_{CC0} in the “FLEX 6000 Device DC Operating Conditions” table on [pages 31 and 33](#) of this data sheet. The I_{CCACTIVE} value depends on the switching frequency and the application logic. This value is based on the amount of current that each LE typically consumes. The P_{IO} value, which depends on the device output load characteristics and switching frequency, can be calculated using the guidelines given in [Application Note 74 \(Evaluating Power for Altera Devices\)](#).

The I_{CCACTIVE} value can be calculated with the following equation:

$$I_{\text{CCACTIVE}} = K \times f_{\text{MAX}} \times N \times \text{tog}_{\text{LC}} \times \frac{\mu\text{A}}{\text{MHz} \times \text{LE}}$$

Where:

f_{MAX} = Maximum operating frequency in MHz

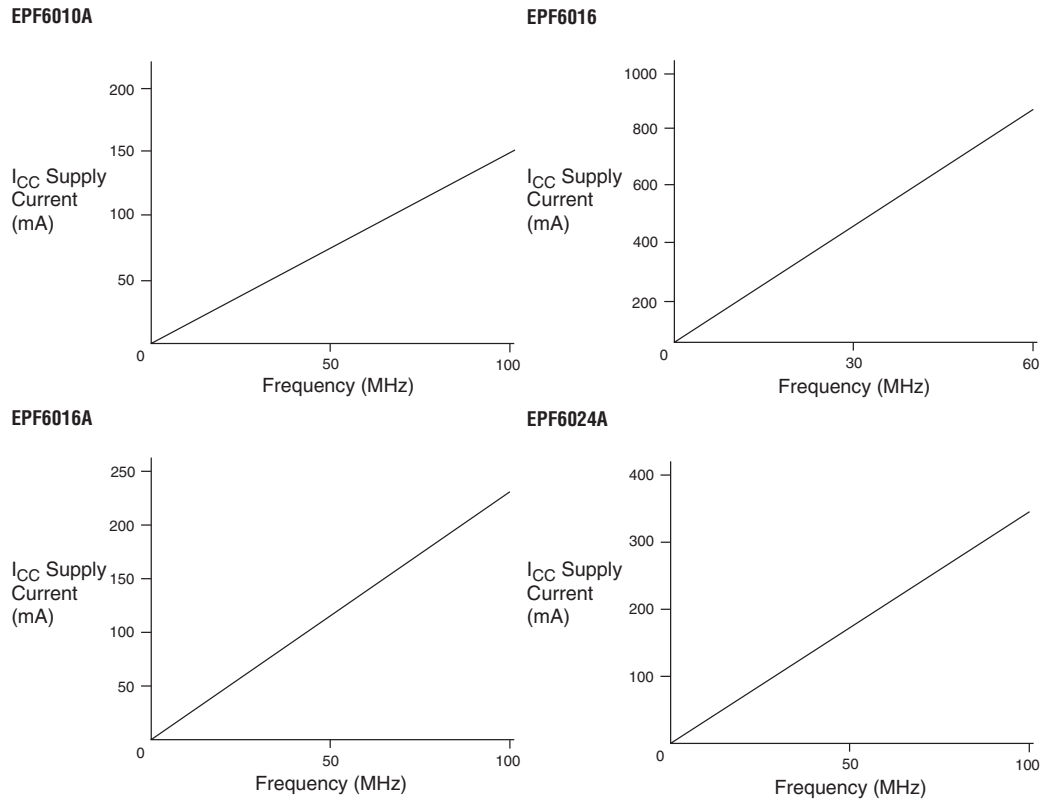
N = Total number of LEs used in a FLEX 6000 device

tog_{LC} = Average percentage of LEs toggling at each clock (typically 12.5%)

K = Constant, shown in [Table 39](#)

Table 39. K Constant Values

Device	K Value
EPF6010A	14
EPF6016	88
EPF6016A	14
EPF6024A	14

Figure 20. $I_{CCACTIVE}$ vs. Operating Frequency

Device Configuration & Operation

The FLEX 6000 architecture supports several configuration schemes to load a design into the device(s) on the circuit board. This section summarizes the device operating modes and available device configuration schemes.

- f See [Application Note 116 \(Configuring APEX 20K, FLEX 10K & FLEX 6000 Devices\)](#) for detailed information on configuring FLEX 6000 devices, including sample schematics, timing diagrams, configuration options, pins names, and timing parameters.

Operating Modes

The FLEX 6000 architecture uses SRAM configuration elements that require configuration data to be loaded every time the circuit powers up. This process of physically loading the SRAM data into a FLEX 6000 device is known as configuration. During initialization—a process that occurs immediately after configuration—the device resets registers, enables I/O pins, and begins to operate as a logic device. The I/O pins are tri-stated during power-up, and before and during configuration. The configuration and initialization processes of a device are referred to as *command mode*; normal device operation is called *user mode*.

SRAM configuration elements allow FLEX 6000 devices to be reconfigured in-circuit by loading new configuration data into the device. Real-time reconfiguration is performed by forcing the device into command mode with a device pin, loading different configuration data, reinitializing the device, and resuming user-mode operation. The entire reconfiguration process requires less than 100 ms and is used to dynamically reconfigure an entire system. Also, in-field system upgrades can be performed by distributing new configuration files.

Configuration Schemes

The configuration data for a FLEX 6000 device can be loaded with one of three configuration schemes, which is chosen on the basis of the target application. An EPC1 or EPC1441 configuration device or intelligent controller can be used to control the configuration of a FLEX 6000 device, allowing automatic configuration on system power-up.

Multiple FLEX 6000 devices can be configured in any of the three configuration schemes by connecting the configuration enable input (nCE) and configuration enable output (nCEO) pins on each device.

Table 40 shows the data sources for each configuration scheme.

Table 40. Configuration Schemes	
Configuration Scheme	Data Source
Configuration device	EPC1 or EPC1441 configuration device
Passive serial (PS)	BitBlaster™, ByteBlasterMV™, or MasterBlaster™ download cables, or serial data source
Passive serial asynchronous (PSA)	BitBlaster, ByteBlasterMV, or MasterBlaster download cables, or serial data source