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### Understanding Embedded - FPGAs (Field Programmable Gate Array)

Embedded - FPGAs, or Field Programmable Gate Arrays, are advanced integrated circuits that offer unparalleled flexibility and performance for digital systems. Unlike traditional fixed-function logic devices, FPGAs can be programmed and reprogrammed to execute a wide array of logical operations, enabling customized functionality tailored to specific applications. This reprogrammability allows developers to iterate designs quickly and implement complex functions without the need for custom hardware.

### Applications of Embedded - FPGAs

The versatility of Embedded - FPGAs makes them indispensable in numerous fields. In telecommunications.

#### Details

Product Status	Obsolete
Number of LABs/CLBs	132
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	1320
Total RAM Bits	-
Number of I/O	81
Number of Gates	16000
Voltage - Supply	3V ~ 3.6V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 85°C (TJ)
Package / Case	100-LBGA
Supplier Device Package	100-FBGA (11x11)
Purchase URL	<a href="https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/intel/epf6016afc100-3n">https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/intel/epf6016afc100-3n</a>

## ...and More Features

- Powerful I/O pins
  - Individual tri-state output enable control for each pin
  - Programmable output slew-rate control to reduce switching noise
  - Fast path from register to I/O pin for fast clock-to-output time
- Flexible interconnect
  - FastTrack® Interconnect continuous routing structure for fast, predictable interconnect delays
  - Dedicated carry chain that implements arithmetic functions such as fast adders, counters, and comparators (automatically used by software tools and megafunctions)
  - Dedicated cascade chain that implements high-speed, high-fan-in logic functions (automatically used by software tools and megafunctions)
  - Tri-state emulation that implements internal tri-state networks
  - Four low-skew global paths for clock, clear, preset, or logic signals
- Software design support and automatic place-and-route provided by Altera's development system for Windows-based PCs, Sun SPARCstations, and HP 9000 Series 700/800
- Flexible package options
  - Available in a variety of packages with 100 to 256 pins, including the innovative FineLine BGA™ packages (see [Table 2](#))
  - SameFrame™ pin-compatibility (with other FLEX® 6000 devices) across device densities and pin counts
  - Thin quad flat pack (TQFP), plastic quad flat pack (PQFP), and ball-grid array (BGA) packages (see [Table 2](#))
  - Footprint- and pin-compatibility with other FLEX 6000 devices in the same package
- Additional design entry and simulation support provided by EDIF 2.0.0 and 3.0.0 netlist files, the library of parameterized modules (LPM), Verilog HDL, VHDL, DesignWare components, and other interfaces to popular EDA tools from manufacturers such as Cadence, Exemplar Logic, Mentor Graphics, OrCAD, Synopsys, Synplicity, VeriBest, and Viewlogic

**Table 2. FLEX 6000 Package Options & I/O Pin Count**

Device	100-Pin TQFP	100-Pin FineLine BGA	144-Pin TQFP	208-Pin PQFP	240-Pin PQFP	256-Pin BGA	256-pin FineLine BGA
EPF6010A	71		102				
EPF6016			117	171	199	204	
EPF6016A	81	81	117	171			171
EPF6024A			117	171	199	218	219

## General Description

The Altera® FLEX 6000 programmable logic device (PLD) family provides a low-cost alternative to high-volume gate array designs. FLEX 6000 devices are based on the OptiFLEX architecture, which minimizes die size while maintaining high performance and routability. The devices have reconfigurable SRAM elements, which give designers the flexibility to quickly change their designs during prototyping and design testing. Designers can also change functionality during operation via in-circuit reconfiguration.

FLEX 6000 devices are reprogrammable, and they are 100% tested prior to shipment. As a result, designers are not required to generate test vectors for fault coverage purposes, allowing them to focus on simulation and design verification. In addition, the designer does not need to manage inventories of different gate array designs. FLEX 6000 devices are configured on the board for the specific functionality required.

Table 3 shows FLEX 6000 performance for some common designs. All performance values shown were obtained using Synopsys DesignWare or LPM functions. Special design techniques are not required to implement the applications; the designer simply infers or instantiates a function in a Verilog HDL, VHDL, Altera Hardware Description Language (AHDL), or schematic design file.

**Table 3. FLEX 6000 Device Performance for Common Designs**

Application	LEs Used	Performance			Units
		-1 Speed Grade	-2 Speed Grade	-3 Speed Grade	
16-bit loadable counter	16	172	153	133	MHz
16-bit accumulator	16	172	153	133	MHz
24-bit accumulator	24	136	123	108	MHz
16-to-1 multiplexer (pin-to-pin) (1)	10	12.1	13.4	16.6	ns
16 × 16 multiplier with a 4-stage pipeline	592	84	67	58	MHz

**Note:**

(1) This performance value is measured as a pin-to-pin delay.

## Functional Description

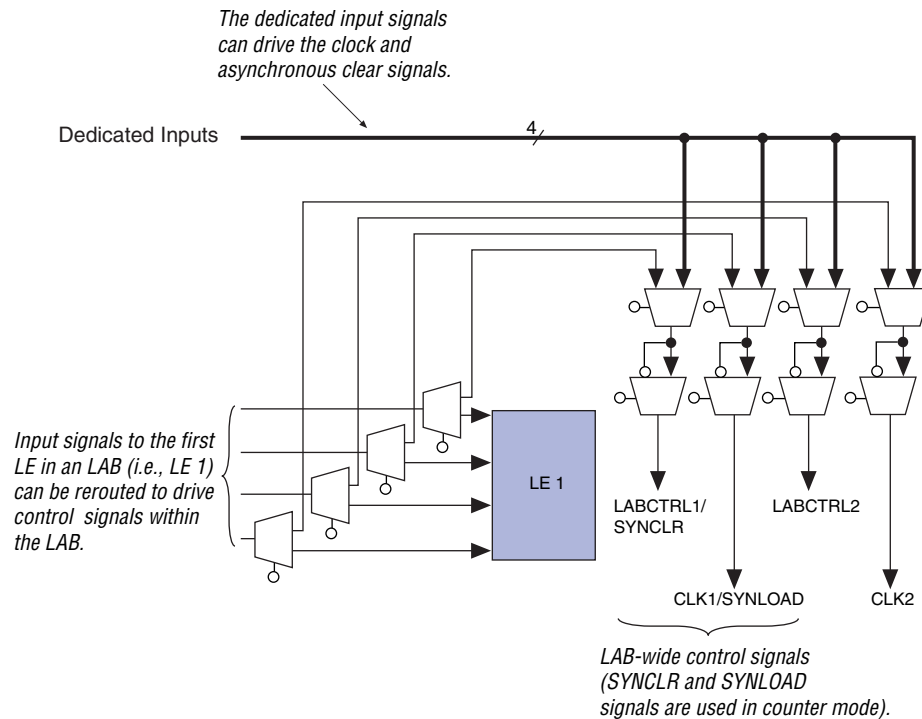
The FLEX 6000 OptiFLEX architecture consists of logic elements (LEs). Each LE includes a 4-input look-up table (LUT), which can implement any 4-input function, a register, and dedicated paths for carry and cascade chain functions. Because each LE contains a register, a design can be easily pipelined 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.

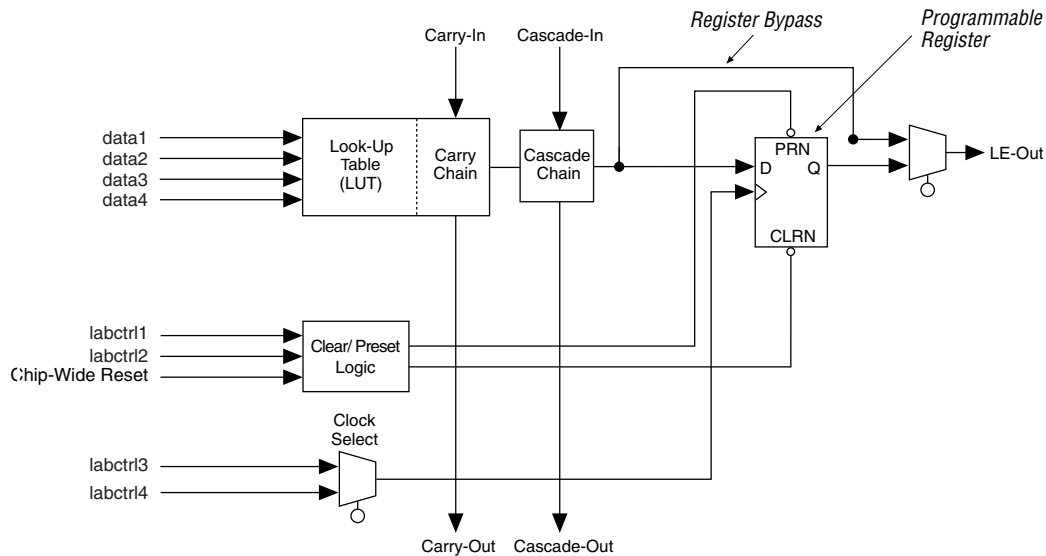
Each I/O pin is fed by an I/O element (IOE) located at the end of each row and column of the FastTrack Interconnect. Each IOE contains a bidirectional I/O buffer. Each IOE is placed next to an LAB, where it can be driven by the local interconnect of that LAB. This feature allows fast clock-to-output 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.

**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](#).



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.

### *Cascade Chain*

The cascade chain enables the FLEX 6000 architecture to implement very wide fan-in functions. Adjacent LUTs can be used to implement portions of the function in parallel; the cascade chain serially connects the intermediate values. The cascade chain can use a logical AND or logical OR gate (via De Morgan's inversion) to connect the outputs of adjacent LEs. Each additional LE provides four more inputs to the effective width of a function, with a delay as low as 0.5 ns per LE. Cascade 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 cascade chains for the appropriate functions.

A cascade chain implementing an AND gate can use the register in the last LE; a cascade chain implementing an OR gate cannot use this register because of the inversion required to implement the OR gate.

Because the first LE of an LAB can generate control signals for that LAB, the first LE in each LAB is not included in cascade chains. Moreover, cascade chains longer than nine bits are automatically implemented by linking several LABs together. For easier routing, a long cascade chain skips every other LAB in a row. A cascade 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 cascades to the second LE of the third LAB. The cascade chain does not cross the center of the row. For example, in an EPF6016 device, the cascade chain stops at the 11th LAB in a row and a new cascade chain begins at the 12th LAB.

Figure 6 shows how the cascade function can connect adjacent LEs to form functions with a wide fan-in. In this example, functions of  $4n$  variables are implemented with  $n$  LEs. The cascade chain requires 3.4 ns to decode a 16-bit address.

**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.

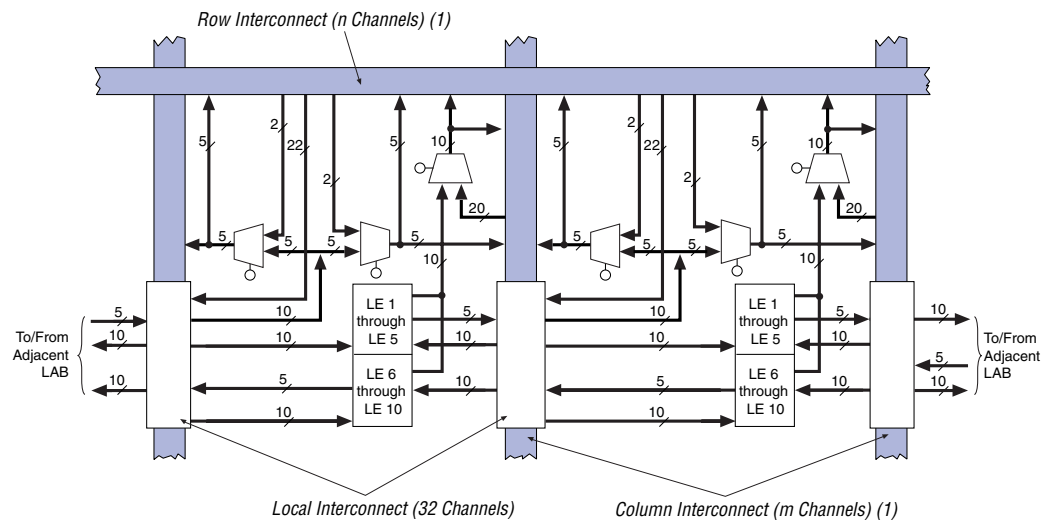
The counter mode uses two 3-input LUTs: one generates the counter data and the other generates the fast carry bit. A 2-to-1 multiplexer provides synchronous loading, and another AND gate provides synchronous clearing. If the cascade function is used by an LE in counter mode, the synchronous clear or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



The FastTrack Interconnect consists of column and row interconnect channels that span the entire device. Each row of LABs is served by a dedicated row interconnect, which routes signals between LABs in the same row, and also routes signals from I/O pins to LABs. Additionally, the local interconnect routes signals between LEs in the same LAB and in adjacent LABs. The column interconnect routes signals between rows and routes signals from I/O pins to rows.

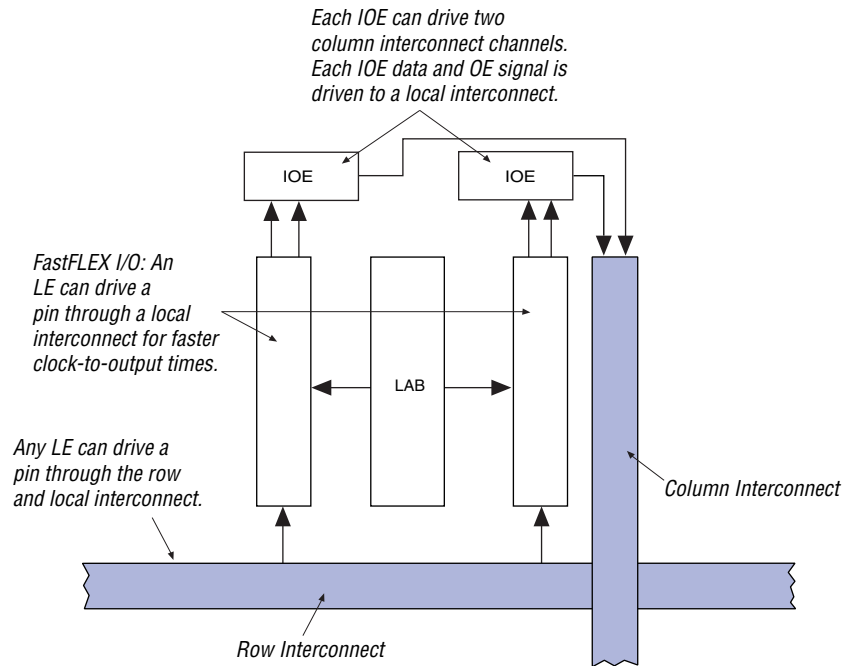
LEs 1 through 5 of an LAB drive the local interconnect to the right, while LEs 6 through 10 drive the local interconnect to the left. The DATA1 and DATA3 inputs of each LE are driven by the local interconnect to the left; DATA2 and DATA4 are driven by the local interconnect to the right. The local interconnect also routes signals from LEs to I/O pins. Figure 9 shows an overview of the FLEX 6000 interconnect architecture. LEs in the first and last columns have drivers on both sides so that all LEs in the LAB can drive I/O pins via the local interconnect.

**Figure 9. FastTrack Interconnect Architecture**



**Note:**

- (1) For EPF6010A, EPF6016, and EPF6016A devices,  $n = 144$  channels and  $m = 20$  channels; for EPF6024A devices,  $n = 186$  channels and  $m = 30$  channels.

**Figure 14. IOE Connection to Column Interconnect**

## SameFrame Pin-Outs

3.3-V FLEX 6000 devices support the SameFrame pin-out feature for FineLine BGA packages. The SameFrame pin-out feature is the arrangement of balls on FineLine BGA packages such that the lower-ball-count packages form a subset of the higher-ball-count packages. SameFrame pin-outs provide the flexibility to migrate not only from device to device within the same package, but also from one package to another. A given printed circuit board (PCB) layout can support multiple device density/package combinations. For example, a single board layout can support an EPF6016A device in a 100-pin FineLine BGA package or an EPF6024A device in a 256-pin FineLine BGA package.

The Altera software packages provide support to design PCBs with SameFrame pin-out devices. Devices can be defined for present and future use. The Altera software packages generate pin-outs describing how to lay out a board to take advantage of this migration (see [Figure 15](#)).

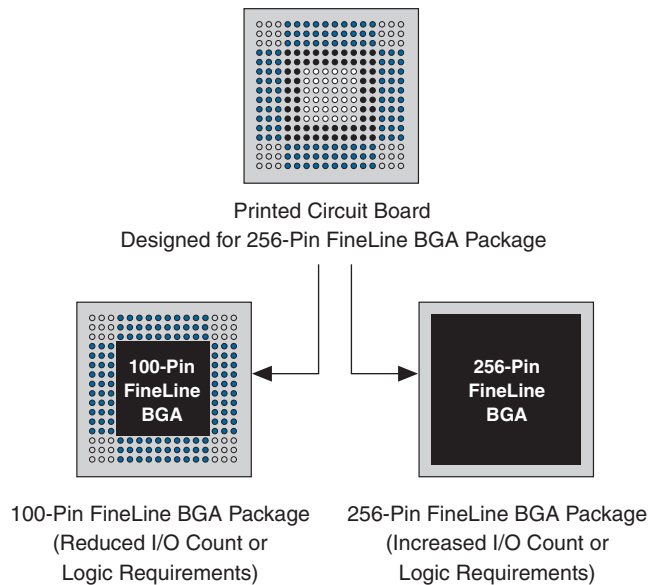
**Figure 15. SameFrame Pin-Out Example**

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.

## MultiVolt I/O Interface

The FLEX 6000 device architecture supports the MultiVolt I/O interface feature, which allows FLEX 6000 devices to interface with systems of differing supply voltages. The EPF6016 device can be set for 3.3-V or 5.0-V I/O pin operation. This device has one set of  $V_{CC}$  pins for internal operation and input buffers ( $V_{CCINT}$ ), and another set for output drivers ( $V_{CCIO}$ ).

The  $V_{CCINT}$  pins on 5.0-V FLEX 6000 devices must always be connected to a 5.0-V power supply. With a 5.0-V  $V_{CCINT}$  level, input voltages are at TTL levels and are therefore compatible with 3.3-V and 5.0-V inputs.

The  $V_{CCIO}$  pins on 5.0-V FLEX 6000 devices can be connected to either a 3.3-V or 5.0-V power supply, depending on the output requirements. When the  $V_{CCIO}$  pins are connected to a 5.0-V power supply, the output levels are compatible with 5.0-V systems. When the  $V_{CCIO}$  pins are connected to a 3.3-V power supply, the output high is 3.3 V and is therefore compatible with 3.3-V or 5.0-V systems. Devices operating with  $V_{CCIO}$  levels lower than 4.75 V incur a nominally greater timing delay of  $t_{OD2}$  instead of  $t_{OD1}$ .

On 3.3-V FLEX 6000 devices, the  $V_{CCINT}$  pins must be connected to a 3.3-V power supply. Additionally, 3.3-V FLEX 6000A devices can interface with 2.5-V, 3.3-V, or 5.0-V systems when the  $V_{CCIO}$  pins are tied to 2.5 V. The output can drive 2.5-V systems, and the inputs can be driven by 2.5-V, 3.3-V, or 5.0-V systems. When the  $V_{CCIO}$  pins are tied to 3.3 V, the output can drive 3.3-V or 5.0-V systems. MultiVolt I/Os are not supported on 100-pin TQFP or 100-pin FineLine BGA packages.

Table 7 describes FLEX 6000 MultiVolt I/O support.

<b>Table 7. FLEX 6000 MultiVolt I/O Support</b>							
<b><math>V_{CCINT}</math> (V)</b>	<b><math>V_{CCIO}</math> (V)</b>	<b>Input Signal (V)</b>			<b>Output Signal (V)</b>		
		<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>5.0</b>
3.3	2.5	v	v	v	v		
3.3	3.3	v	v	v	v (1)	v	v
5.0	3.3		v	v		v	v
5.0	5.0		v	v			v

**Note:**

- (1) When  $V_{CCIO} = 3.3$  V, a FLEX 6000 device can drive a 2.5-V device that has 3.3-V tolerant inputs.

Open-drain output pins on 5.0-V or 3.3-V FLEX 6000 devices (with a pull-up resistor to the 5.0-V supply) can drive 5.0-V CMOS input pins that require a  $V_{IH}$  of 3.5 V. When the open-drain pin is active, it will drive low. When the pin is inactive, the trace will be pulled up to 5.0 V by the resistor. The open-drain pin will only drive low or tri-state; it will never drive high. The rise time is dependent on the value of the pull-up resistor and load impedance. The  $I_{OL}$  current specification should be considered when selecting a pull-up resistor.

Output pins on 5.0-V FLEX 6000 devices with  $V_{CCIO} = 3.3$  V or 5.0 V (with a pull-up resistor to the 5.0-V supply) can also drive 5.0-V CMOS input pins. In this case, the pull-up transistor will turn off when the pin voltage exceeds 3.3 V. Therefore, the pin does not have to be open-drain.

### Power Sequencing & Hot-Socketing

Because FLEX 6000 family devices can be used in a mixed-voltage environment, they have been designed specifically to tolerate any possible power-up sequence. The  $V_{CCIO}$  and  $V_{CCINT}$  power planes can be powered in any order.

Signals can be driven into 3.3-V FLEX 6000 devices before and during power up without damaging the device. Additionally, FLEX 6000 devices do not drive out during power up. Once operating conditions are reached, FLEX 6000 devices operate as specified by the user.

### IEEE Std. 1149.1 (JTAG) Boundary-Scan Support

All FLEX 6000 devices provide JTAG BST circuitry that comply with the IEEE Std. 1149.1-1990 specification. [Table 8](#) shows JTAG instructions for FLEX 6000 devices. JTAG BST can be performed before or after configuration, but not during configuration (except when you disable JTAG support in user mode).

- 1 See [Application Note 39 \(IEEE 1149.1 \(JTAG\) Boundary-Scan Testing in Altera Devices\)](#) for more information on JTAG BST circuitry.

**Table 8. FLEX 6000 JTAG Instructions**

JTAG Instruction	Description
SAMPLE/PRELOAD	Allows a snapshot of the 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	Allows the external circuitry and board-level interconnections to be tested by forcing a test pattern at the output pins and capturing test result at the input pins.
BYPASS	Places the 1-bit bypass register between the $TDI$ and $TDO$ pins, which allows the BST data to pass synchronously through the selected device to adjacent devices during normal device operation.

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

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
V <sub>CC</sub>	Supply voltage	With respect to ground (2)	−0.5	4.6	V
V <sub>I</sub>	DC input voltage		−2.0	5.75	V
I <sub>OUT</sub>	DC output current, per pin		−25	25	mA
T <sub>STG</sub>	Storage temperature	No bias	−65	150	°C
T <sub>AMB</sub>	Ambient temperature	Under bias	−65	135	°C
T <sub>J</sub>	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 <sub>CCINT</sub>	Supply voltage for internal logic and input buffers	(3), (4)	3.00 (3.00)	3.60 (3.60)	V
V <sub>CCIO</sub>	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 <sub>I</sub>	Input voltage		−0.5	5.75	V
V <sub>O</sub>	Output voltage		0	V <sub>CCIO</sub>	V
T <sub>J</sub>	Operating temperature	For commercial use	0	85	°C
		For industrial use	−40	100	°C
t <sub>R</sub>	Input rise time			40	ns
t <sub>F</sub>	Input fall time			40	ns

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.

<b>Table 19. LE Timing Microparameters</b> <i>Note (1)</i>		
<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Conditions</b>
$t_{REG\_TO\_REG}$	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 24. LE Timing Microparameters for EPF6010A & EPF6016A Devices (Part 2 of 2)**

Parameter	Speed Grade						Unit
	-1		-2		-3		
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{CO}$		0.3		0.4		0.4	ns
$t_{CLR}$		0.4		0.4		0.5	ns
$t_C$		1.8		2.1		2.6	ns
$t_{LD\_CLR}$		1.8		2.1		2.6	ns
$t_{CARRY\_TO\_CARRY}$		0.1		0.1		0.1	ns
$t_{REG\_TO\_CARRY}$		1.6		1.9		2.3	ns
$t_{DATA\_TO\_CARRY}$		2.1		2.5		3.0	ns
$t_{CARRY\_TO\_CASC}$		1.0		1.1		1.4	ns
$t_{CASC\_TO\_CASC}$		0.5		0.6		0.7	ns
$t_{REG\_TO\_CASC}$		1.4		1.7		2.1	ns
$t_{DATA\_TO\_CASC}$		1.1		1.2		1.5	ns
$t_{CH}$	2.5		3.0		3.5		ns
$t_{CL}$	2.5		3.0		3.5		ns

**Table 25. IOE Timing Microparameters for EPF6010A & EPF6016A Devices**

Parameter	Speed Grade						Unit
	-1		-2		-3		
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{OD1}$		1.9		2.2		2.7	ns
$t_{OD2}$		4.1		4.8		5.8	ns
$t_{OD3}$		5.8		6.8		8.3	ns
$t_{XZ}$		1.4		1.7		2.1	ns
$t_{XZ1}$		1.4		1.7		2.1	ns
$t_{XZ2}$		3.6		4.3		5.2	ns
$t_{XZ3}$		5.3		6.3		7.7	ns
$t_{IOE}$		0.5		0.6		0.7	ns
$t_{IN}$		3.6		4.1		5.1	ns
$t_{IN\_DELAY}$		4.8		5.4		6.7	ns



Tables 29 through 33 show the timing information for EPF6016 devices.

Table 29. LE Timing Microparameters for EPF6016 Devices					
Parameter	Speed Grade				Unit
	-2		-3		
	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{REG\_TO\_REG}$		2.2		2.8	ns
$t_{CASC\_TO\_REG}$		0.9		1.2	ns
$t_{CARRY\_TO\_REG}$		1.6		2.1	ns
$t_{DATA\_TO\_REG}$		2.4		3.0	ns
$t_{CASC\_TO\_OUT}$		1.3		1.7	ns
$t_{CARRY\_TO\_OUT}$		2.4		3.0	ns
$t_{DATA\_TO\_OUT}$		2.7		3.4	ns
$t_{REG\_TO\_OUT}$		0.3		0.5	ns
$t_{SU}$	1.1		1.6		ns
$t_H$	1.8		2.3		ns
$t_{CO}$		0.3		0.4	ns
$t_{CLR}$		0.5		0.6	ns
$t_C$		1.2		1.5	ns
$t_{LD\_CLR}$		1.2		1.5	ns
$t_{CARRY\_TO\_CARRY}$		0.2		0.4	ns
$t_{REG\_TO\_CARRY}$		0.8		1.1	ns
$t_{DATA\_TO\_CARRY}$		1.7		2.2	ns
$t_{CARRY\_TO\_CASC}$		1.7		2.2	ns
$t_{CASC\_TO\_CASC}$		0.9		1.2	ns
$t_{REG\_TO\_CASC}$		1.6		2.0	ns
$t_{DATA\_TO\_CASC}$		1.7		2.1	ns
$t_{CH}$	4.0		4.0		ns
$t_{CL}$	4.0		4.0		ns

Table 30. IOE Timing Microparameters for EPF6016 Devices					
Parameter	Speed Grade				Unit
	-2		-3		
	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{OD1}$		2.3		2.8	ns
$t_{OD2}$		4.6		5.1	ns

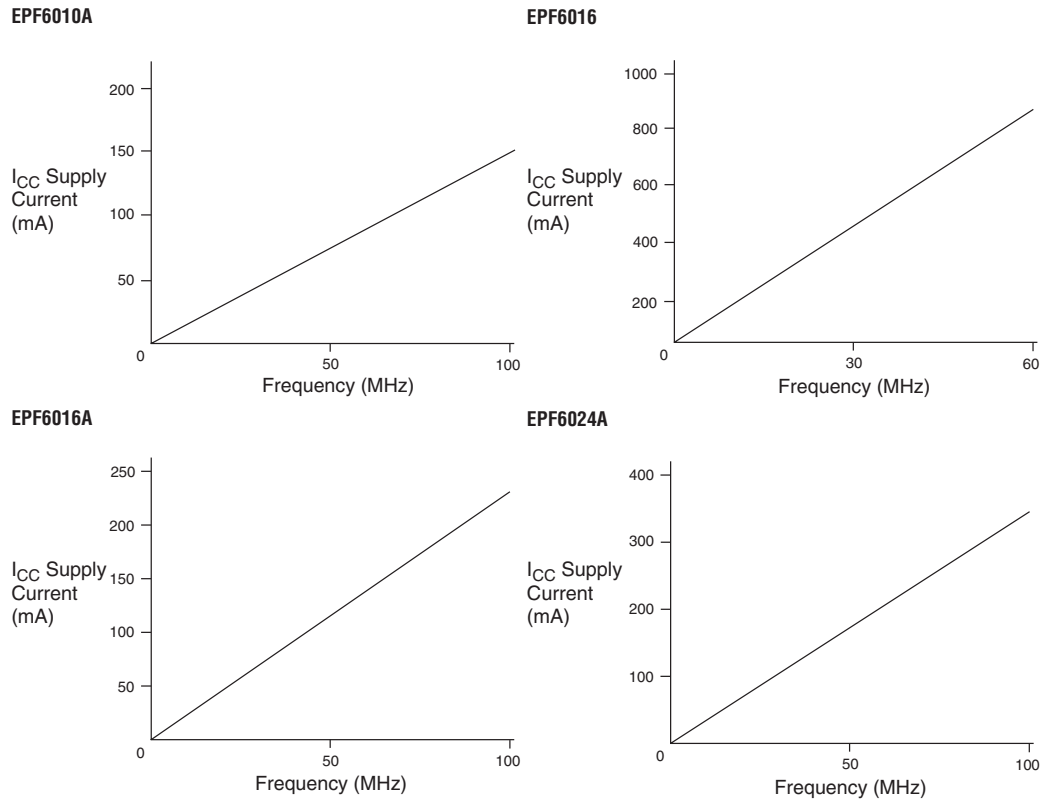
**Table 33. External Timing Parameters for EPF6016 Devices**

Parameter	Speed Grade				Unit
	-2		-3		
	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t <sub>INSU</sub>	3.2		4.1		ns
t <sub>INH</sub>	0.0		0.0		ns
t <sub>OUTCO</sub>	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

**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.

<b>Table 40. Configuration Schemes</b>	
<b>Configuration Scheme</b>	<b>Data Source</b>
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



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