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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-TQFP
Supplier Device Package	100-TQFP (14x14)
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## ...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.

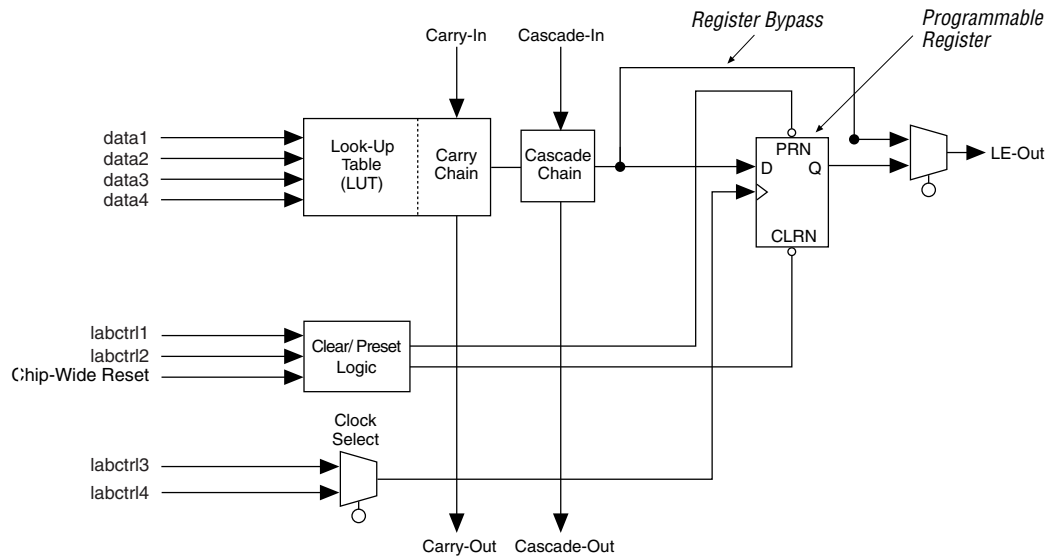
Table 3 shows FLEX 6000 performance for some common designs. All performance values shown were obtained using Synopsys DesignWare or LPM functions. Special design techniques are not required to implement the applications; the designer simply infers or instantiates a function in a Verilog HDL, VHDL, Altera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

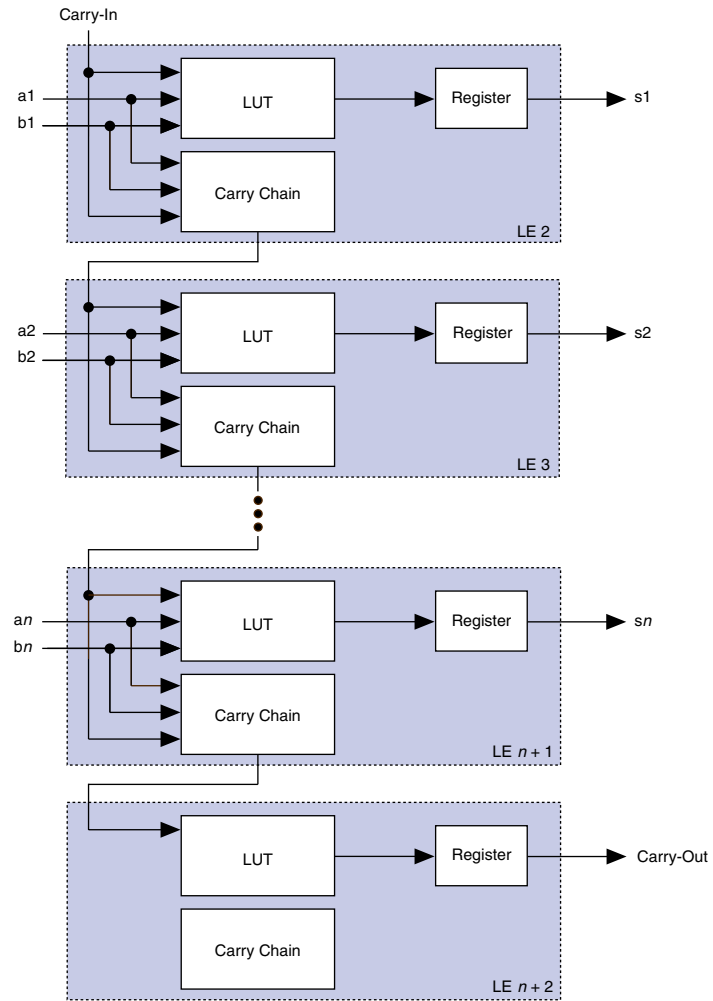
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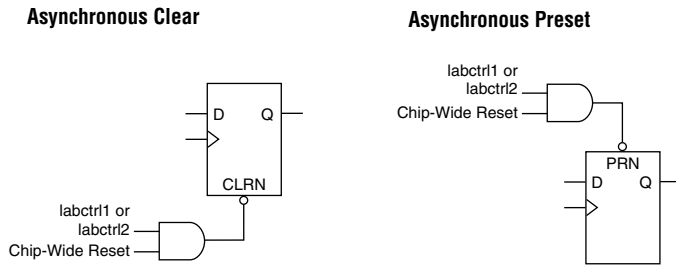
(1) This performance value is measured as a pin-to-pin delay.

**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.

**Figure 5. Carry Chain Operation**

**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.

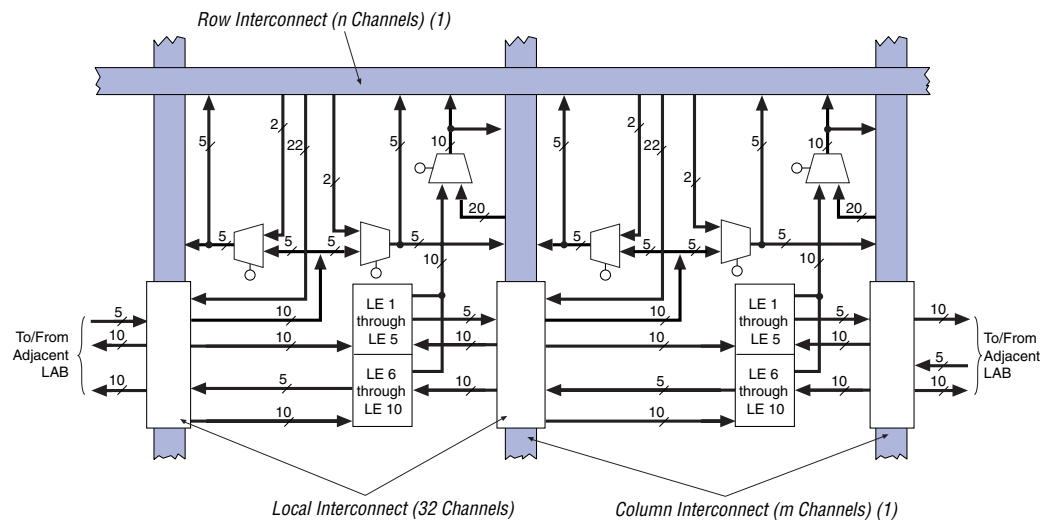
**FastTrack Interconnect**

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.

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.

A row channel can be driven by an LE or by one of two column channels. These three signals feed a 3-to-1 multiplexer that connects to six specific row channels. Row channels drive into the local interconnect via multiplexers.

Each column of LABs is served by a dedicated column interconnect. The LEs in an LAB can drive the column interconnect. The LEs in an LAB, a column IOE, or a row interconnect can drive the column interconnect. The column interconnect can then drive another row's interconnect to route the signals to other LABs in the device. A signal from the column interconnect must be routed to the row interconnect before it can enter an LAB.

Each LE has a FastTrack Interconnect output and a local output. The FastTrack interconnect output can drive six row and two column lines directly; the local output drives the local interconnect. Each local interconnect channel driven by an LE can drive four row and two column channels. This feature provides additional flexibility, because each LE can drive any of ten row lines and four column lines.

In addition, LEs can drive global control signals. This feature is useful for distributing internally generated clock, asynchronous clear, and asynchronous preset signals. A pin-driven global signal can also drive data signals, which is useful for high-fan-out data signals.

Each LAB drives two groups of local interconnects, which allows an LE to drive two LABs, or 20 LEs, via the local interconnect. The row-to-local multiplexers are used more efficiently, because the multiplexers can now drive two LABs. [Figure 10](#) shows how an LAB connects to row and column interconnects.



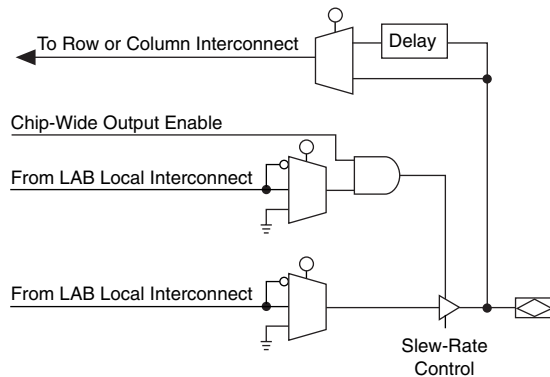
## I/O Elements

An IOE contains a bidirectional I/O buffer and a tri-state buffer. IOEs can be used as input, output, or bidirectional pins. An IOE receives its data signals from the adjacent local interconnect, which can be driven by a row or column interconnect (allowing any LE in the device to drive the IOE) or by an adjacent LE (allowing fast clock-to-output delays). A FastFLEX™ I/O pin is a row or column output pin that receives its data signals from the adjacent local interconnect driven by an adjacent LE. The IOE receives its output enable signal through the same path, allowing individual output enables for every pin and permitting emulation of open-drain buffers. The Altera Compiler uses programmable inversion to invert the data or output enable signals automatically where appropriate. Open-drain emulation is provided by driving the data input low and toggling the OE of each IOE. This emulation is possible because there is one OE per pin.

A chip-wide output enable feature allows the designer to disable all pins of the device by asserting one pin (DEV\_OE). This feature is useful during board debugging or testing.

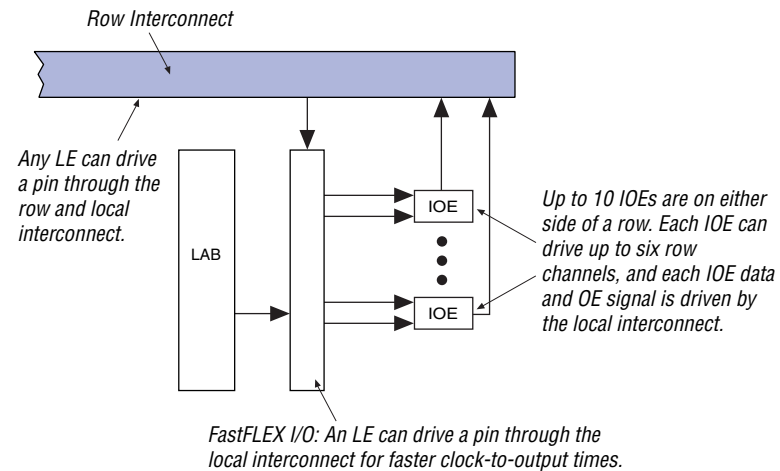
Figure 12 shows the IOE block diagram.

**Figure 12. IOE Block Diagram**



Each IOE drives a row or column interconnect when used as an input or bidirectional pin. A row IOE can drive up to six row lines; a column IOE can drive up to two column lines. The input path from the I/O pad to the FastTrack Interconnect has a programmable delay element that can be used to guarantee a zero hold time. Depending on the placement of the IOE relative to what it is driving, the designer may choose to turn on the programmable delay to ensure a zero hold time. Figure 13 shows how an IOE connects to a row interconnect, and Figure 14 shows how an IOE connects to a column interconnect.

**Figure 13. IOE Connection to Row Interconnect**



**Table 10. JTAG Timing Parameters & Values**

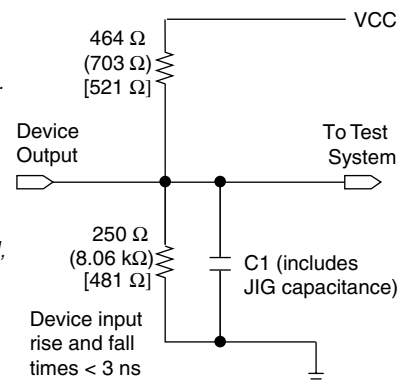
Symbol	Parameter	Min	Max	Unit
$t_{JCP}$	TCK clock period	100		ns
$t_{JCH}$	TCK clock high time	50		ns
$t_{JCL}$	TCK clock low time	50		ns
$t_{JPSU}$	JTAG port setup time	20		ns
$t_{JPH}$	JTAG port hold time	45		ns
$t_{JPCO}$	JTAG port clock-to-output		25	ns
$t_{JPZX}$	JTAG port high impedance to valid output		25	ns
$t_{JPXZ}$	JTAG port valid output to high impedance		25	ns
$t_{JSSU}$	Capture register setup time	20		ns
$t_{JSH}$	Capture register hold time	45		ns
$t_{JSCO}$	Update register clock-to-output		35	ns
$t_{JSZX}$	Update register high impedance to valid output		35	ns
$t_{JSXZ}$	Update register valid output to high impedance		35	ns

## Generic Testing

Each FLEX 6000 device is functionally tested. Complete testing of each configurable SRAM bit and all logic functionality ensures 100% configuration yield. AC test measurements for FLEX 6000 devices are made under conditions equivalent to those shown in [Figure 17](#). Multiple test patterns can be used to configure devices during all stages of the production flow.

**Figure 17. AC Test Conditions**

Power supply transients can affect AC measurements. Simultaneous transitions of multiple outputs should be avoided for accurate measurement. Threshold tests must not be performed under AC conditions. Large-amplitude, fast-ground-current transients normally occur as the device outputs discharge the load capacitances. When these transients flow through the parasitic inductance between the device ground pin and the test system ground, significant reductions in observable noise immunity can result. Numbers without parentheses are for 5.0-V devices or outputs. Numbers in parentheses are for 3.3-V devices or outputs. Numbers in brackets are for 2.5-V devices or outputs.



## Operating Conditions

Tables 11 through 18 provide information on absolute maximum ratings, recommended operating conditions, operating conditions, and capacitance for 5.0-V and 3.3-V FLEX 6000 devices.

**Table 11. FLEX 6000 5.0-V Device Absolute Maximum Ratings** *Note (1)*

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
$V_{CC}$	Supply voltage	With respect to ground (2)	−2.0	7.0	V
$V_I$	DC input voltage		−2.0	7.0	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, TQFP, and BGA packages		135	° C

**Table 12. FLEX 6000 5.0-V Device Recommended Operating Conditions**

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
$V_{CCINT}$	Supply voltage for internal logic and input buffers	(3), (4)	4.75 (4.50)	5.25 (5.50)	V
$V_{CCIO}$	Supply voltage for output buffers, 5.0-V operation	(3), (4)	4.75 (4.50)	5.25 (5.50)	V
	Supply voltage for output buffers, 3.3-V operation	(3), (4)	3.00 (3.00)	3.60 (3.60)	V
$V_I$	Input voltage		−0.5	$V_{CCINT} + 0.5$	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 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

<b>Table 17. FLEX 6000 3.3-V Device DC Operating Conditions</b> <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	$I_{OH} = -100$ $\mu$ 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	$I_{OL} = 100$ $\mu$ 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	$\mu$ A
$I_{OZ}$	Tri-stated I/O pin leakage current	$V_O = 5.3$ V to ground (8)	-10		10	$\mu$ A
$I_{CC0}$	$V_{CC}$ supply current (standby)	$V_I =$ ground, no load		0.5	5	mA

<b>Table 18. FLEX 6000 3.3-V Device Capacitance</b> <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.

## Timing Model

The continuous, high-performance FastTrack Interconnect routing resources ensure predictable performance and accurate simulation and timing analysis. This predictable performance contrasts with that of FPGAs, which use a segmented connection scheme and therefore have unpredictable performance.

Device performance can be estimated by following the signal path from a source, through the interconnect, to the destination. For example, the registered performance between two LEs on the same row can be calculated by adding the following parameters:

- LE register clock-to-output delay ( $t_{CO} + t_{REG\_TO\_OUT}$ )
- Routing delay ( $t_{ROW} + t_{LOCAL}$ )
- LE LUT delay ( $t_{DATA\_TO\_REG}$ )
- LE register setup time ( $t_{SU}$ )

The routing delay depends on the placement of the source and destination LEs. A more complex registered path may involve multiple combinatorial LEs between the source and destination LEs.

Timing simulation and delay prediction are available with the Simulator and Timing Analyzer, or with industry-standard EDA tools. The Simulator offers both pre-synthesis functional simulation to evaluate logic design accuracy and post-synthesis timing simulation with 0.1-ns resolution. The Timing Analyzer provides point-to-point timing delay information, setup and hold time analysis, and device-wide performance analysis.

Figure 19 shows the overall timing model, which maps the possible routing paths to and from the various elements of the FLEX 6000 device.

<b>Table 23. External Timing Parameters</b>		
<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Conditions</b>
$t_{\text{INSU}}$	Setup time with global clock at LE register	(8)
$t_{\text{INH}}$	Hold time with global clock at LE register	(8)
$t_{\text{OUTCO}}$	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:  
 $V_{\text{CCIO}} = 2.5 \text{ V}$ ,  $3.3 \text{ V}$ , 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.
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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 24. LE Timing Microparameters for EPF6010A & EPF6016A Devices (Part 2 of 2)**

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

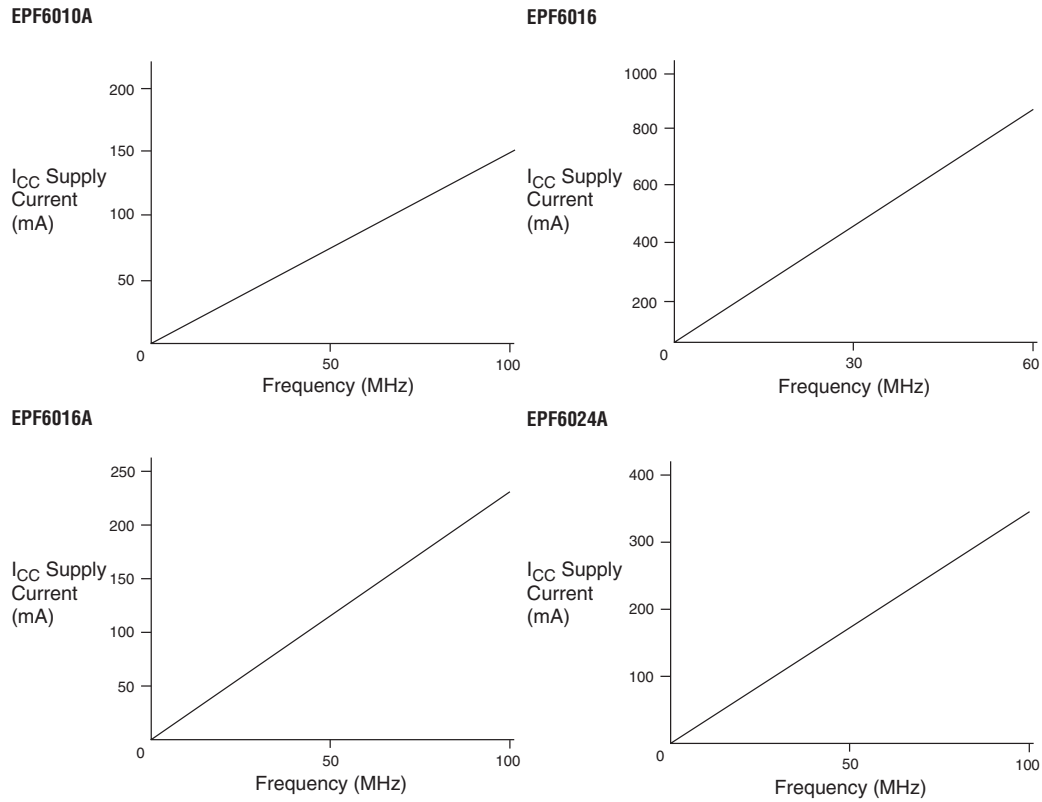
**Table 25. IOE Timing Microparameters for EPF6010A & EPF6016A Devices**

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

This calculation provides an  $I_{CC}$  estimate based on typical conditions with no output load. The actual  $I_{CC}$  should be verified during operation because this measurement is sensitive to the actual pattern in the device and the environmental operating conditions.

To better reflect actual designs, the power model (and the constant K in the power calculation equations shown above) for continuous interconnect FLEX devices assumes that LEs drive FastTrack Interconnect channels. In contrast, the power model of segmented FPGAs assumes that all LEs drive only one short interconnect segment. This assumption may lead to inaccurate results, compared to measured power consumption for an actual design in a segmented interconnect FPGA.

Figure 20 shows the relationship between the current and operating frequency for EPF6010A, EPF6016, EPF6016A, and EPF6024A devices.

**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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