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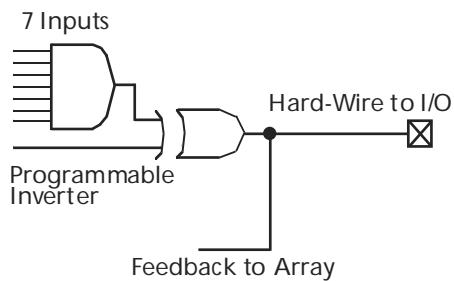
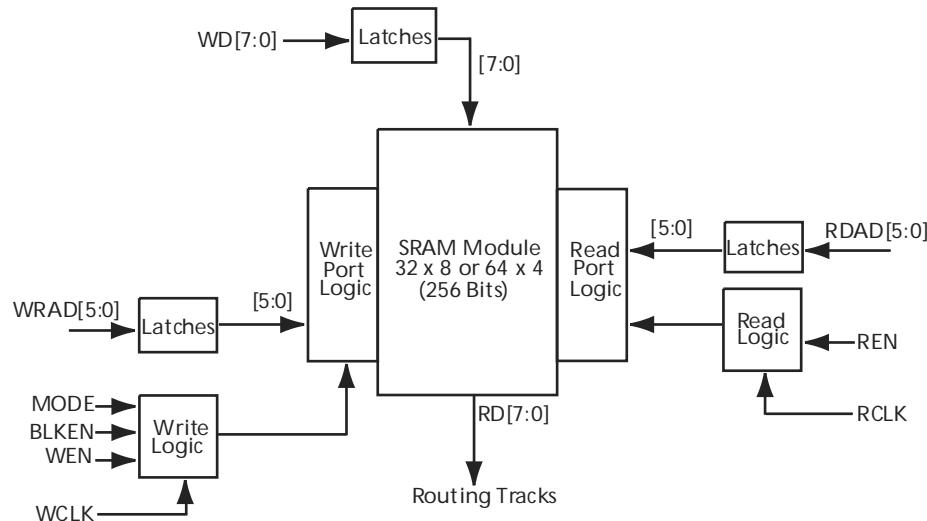
Applications of Embedded - FPGAs

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

Details

Product Status	Obsolete
Number of LABs/CLBs	-
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	-
Total RAM Bits	2560
Number of I/O	202
Number of Gates	54000
Voltage - Supply	3V ~ 3.6V, 4.5V ~ 5.5V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	-40°C ~ 85°C (TA)
Package / Case	272-BBGA
Supplier Device Package	272-PBGA (27x27)
Purchase URL	https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/microchip-technology/a42mx36-bgg272i

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3.2.3 Routing Structure

The MX architecture uses vertical and horizontal routing tracks to interconnect the various logic and I/O modules. These routing tracks are metal interconnects that may be continuous or split into segments. Varying segment lengths allow the interconnect of over 90% of design tracks to occur with only two antifuse connections. Segments can be joined together at the ends using antifuses to increase their lengths up to the full length of the track. All interconnects can be accomplished with a maximum of four antifuses.

3.2.3.1 Horizontal Routing

Horizontal routing tracks span the whole row length or are divided into multiple segments and are located in between the rows of modules. Any segment that spans more than one-third of the row length is considered a long horizontal segment. A typical channel is shown in Figure 7, page 10. Within horizontal routing, dedicated routing tracks are used for global clock networks and for power and ground tie-off tracks. Non-dedicated tracks are used for signal nets.

3.2.3.2 Vertical Routing

Another set of routing tracks run vertically through the module. There are three types of vertical tracks: input, output, and long. Long tracks span the column length of the module, and can be divided into multiple segments. Each segment in an input track is dedicated to the input of a particular module; each segment in an output track is dedicated to the output of a particular module. Long segments are uncommitted and can be assigned during routing.

Each output segment spans four channels (two above and two below), except near the top and bottom of the array, where edge effects occur. Long vertical tracks contain either one or two segments. An example of vertical routing tracks and segments is shown in Figure 7, page 10.

f_{q2} = Average second routed array clock rate in MHz)

Table 7 • Fixed Capacitance Values for MX FPGAs (pF)

Device Type	r1 routed_Clk1	r2 routed_Clk2
A40MX02	41.4	N/A
A40MX04	68.6	N/A
A42MX09	118	118
A42MX16	165	165
A42MX24	185	185
A42MX36	220	220

3.4.6 Test Circuitry and Silicon Explorer II Probe

MX devices contain probing circuitry that provides built-in access to every node in a design, via the use of Silicon Explorer II. Silicon Explorer II is an integrated hardware and software solution that, in conjunction with the Designer software, allow users to examine any of the internal nets of the device while it is operating in a prototyping or a production system. The user can probe into an MX device without changing the placement and routing of the design and without using any additional resources. Silicon Explorer II's noninvasive method does not alter timing or loading effects, thus shortening the debug cycle and providing a true representation of the device under actual functional situations.

Silicon Explorer II samples data at 100 MHz (asynchronous) or 66 MHz (synchronous). Silicon Explorer II attaches to a PC's standard COM port, turning the PC into a fully functional 18-channel logic analyzer. Silicon Explorer II allows designers to complete the design verification process at their desks and reduces verification time from several hours per cycle to a few seconds.

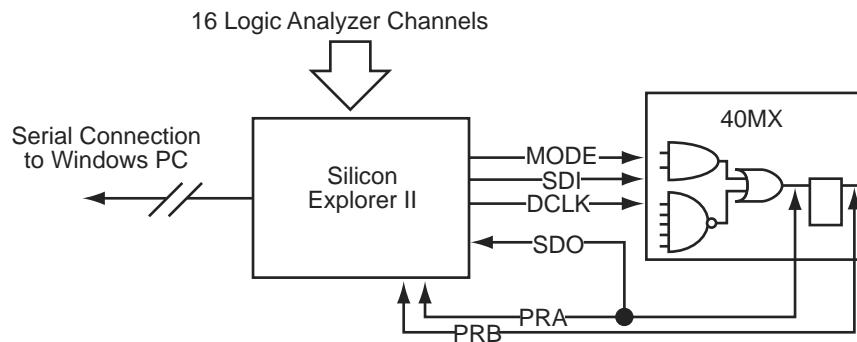
Silicon Explorer II is used to control the MODE, DCLK, SDI and SDO pins in MX devices to select the desired nets for debugging. The user simply assigns the selected internal nets in the Silicon Explorer II software to the PRA/PRB output pins for observation. Probing functionality is activated when the MODE pin is held HIGH.

Figure 12, page 16 illustrates the interconnection between Silicon Explorer II and 40MX devices, while Figure 13, page 17 illustrates the interconnection between Silicon Explorer II and 42MX devices.

To allow for probing capabilities, the security fuses must not be programmed. (See User Security, page 12 for the security fuses of 40MX and 42MX devices). Table 8, page 17 summarizes the possible device configurations for probing.

PRA and PRB pins are dual-purpose pins. When the "Reserve Probe Pin" is checked in the Designer software, PRA and PRB pins are reserved as dedicated outputs for probing. If PRA and PRB pins are required as user I/Os to achieve successful layout and "Reserve Probe Pin" is checked, the layout tool will override the option and place user I/Os on PRA and PRB pins.

Figure 12 • Silicon Explorer II Setup with 40MX



Additionally, the back-annotation flow is compatible with all the major simulators and the simulation results can be cross-probed with Silicon Explorer II, Microsemi's integrated verification and logic analysis tool. Another tool included in the Libero software is the SmartGen macro builder, which easily creates popular and commonly used logic functions for implementation into your schematic or HDL design.

Microsemi's Libero software is compatible with the most popular FPGA design entry and verification tools from companies such as Mentor Graphics, Synopsys, and Cadence design systems.

See the Libero IDE web content at www.microsemi.com/soc/products/software/libero/default.aspx for further information on licensing and current operating system support.

3.6 Related Documents

The following sections give the list of related documents which can be referred for this datasheet.

3.6.1 Application Notes

- AC278: *BSDL Files Format Description*
- AC225: *Programming Antifuse Devices*
- AC168: *Implementation of Security in Microsemi Antifuse FPGAs*

3.6.2 User Guides and Manuals

- *Antifuse Macro Library Guide*
- *Silicon Sculptor Programmers User Guide*

3.6.3 Miscellaneous

Libero IDE Flow Diagram

3.7 5.0 V Operating Conditions

The following tables show 5.0 V operating conditions.

Table 12 • Absolute Maximum Ratings for 40MX Devices*

Symbol	Parameter	Limits	Units
VCC	DC Supply Voltage	-0.5 to +7.0	V
VI	Input Voltage	-0.5 to VCC+0.5	V
VO	Output Voltage	-0.5 to VCC+0.5	V
t _{STG}	Storage Temperature	-65 to +150	°C

Note: *Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to absolute maximum rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability. Devices should not be operated outside the recommended operating conditions.

Table 13 • Absolute Maximum Ratings for 42MX Devices*

Symbol	Parameter	Limits	Units
VCCI	DC Supply Voltage for I/Os	-0.5 to +7.0	V
VCCA	DC Supply Voltage for Array	-0.5 to +7.0	V
VI	Input Voltage	-0.5 to VCCI+0.5	V
VO	Output Voltage	-0.5 to VCCI+0.5	V
t _{STG}	Storage Temperature	-65 to +150	°C

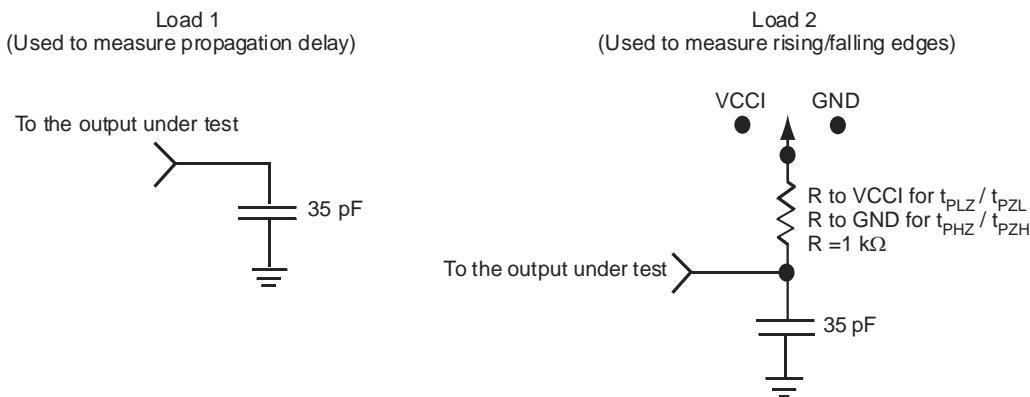
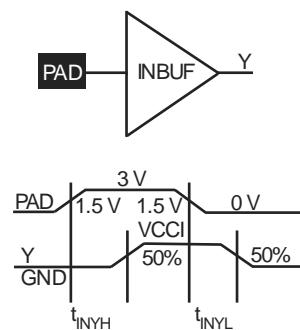
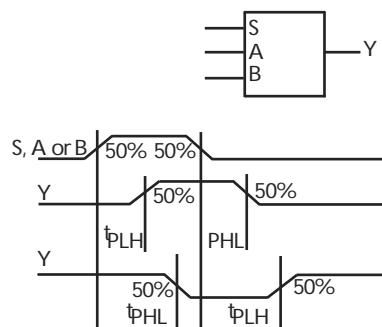
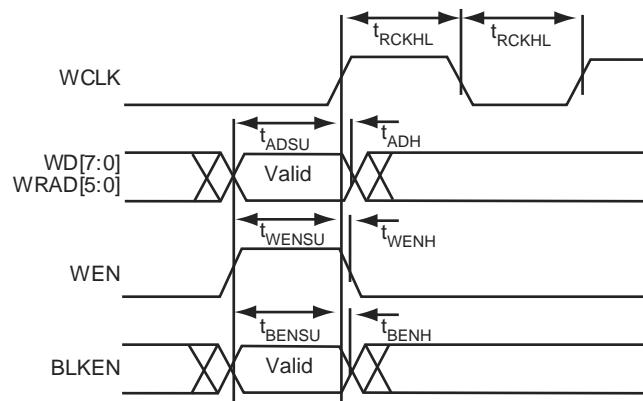
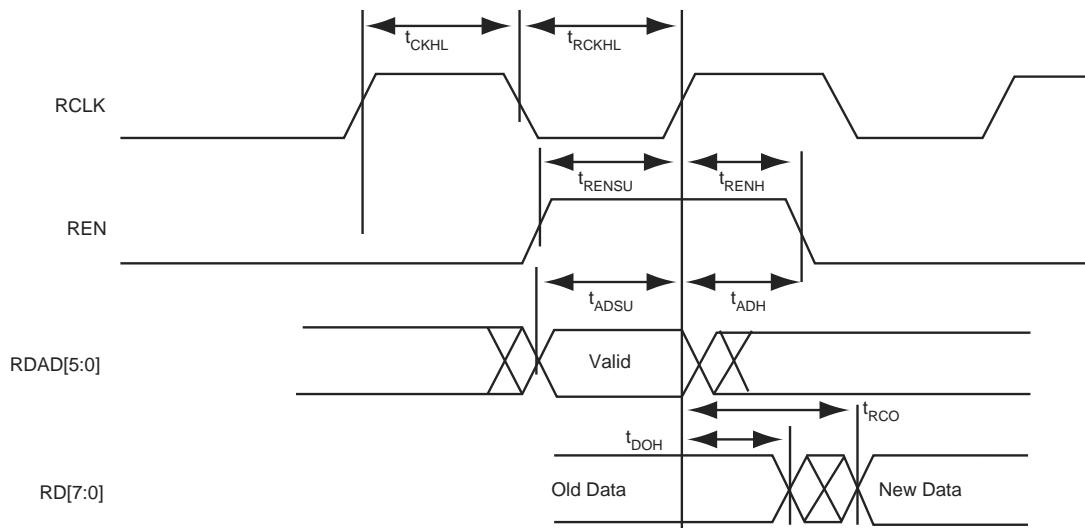
Figure 22 • AC Test Loads**Figure 23 • Input Buffer Delays****Figure 24 • Module Delays**

Figure 30 • 42MX SRAM Write Operation

Note: Identical timing for falling edge clock

Figure 31 • 42MX SRAM Synchronous Read Operation

Note: Identical timing for falling edge clock

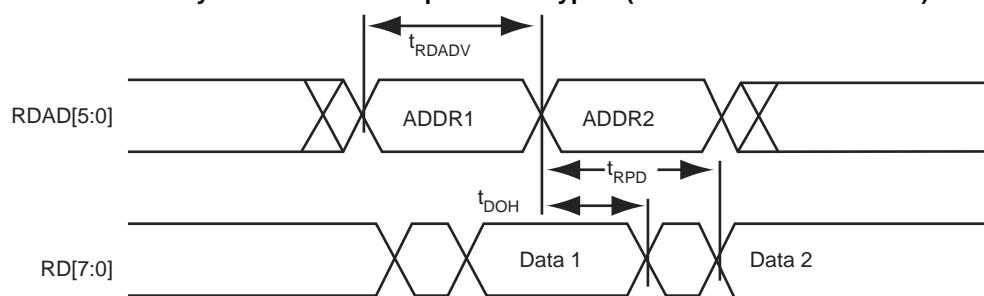
Figure 32 • 42MX SRAM Asynchronous Read Operation—Type 1 (Read Address Controlled)

Table 39 • A42MX09 Timing Characteristics (Nominal 3.3 V Operation) (continued)(Worst-Case Commercial Conditions, VCCA = 3.0 V, TJ = 70°C)

Parameter / Description	-3 Speed		-2 Speed		-1 Speed		Std Speed		-F Speed		Units
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	
TTL Output Module Timing⁵											
t _{DLH}	Data-to-Pad HIGH		3.4		3.8		4.3		5.1		7.1 ns
t _{DHL}	Data-to-Pad LOW		4.0		4.5		5.1		6.1		8.3 ns
t _{ENZH}	Enable Pad Z to HIGH		3.7		4.1		4.6		5.5		7.6 ns
t _{ENZL}	Enable Pad Z to LOW		4.1		4.5		5.1		6.1		8.5 ns
t _{ENHZ}	Enable Pad HIGH to Z		6.9		7.6		8.6		10.2		14.2 ns
t _{ENLZ}	Enable Pad LOW to Z		7.5		8.3		9.4		11.1		15.5 ns
t _{GLH}	G-to-Pad HIGH		5.8		6.5		7.3		8.6		12.0 ns
t _{GHL}	G-to-Pad LOW		5.8		6.5		7.3		8.6		12.0 ns
t _{LSU}	I/O Latch Set-Up	0.7		0.8		0.9		1.0		1.4	ns
t _{LH}	I/O Latch Hold	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	ns
t _{LCO}	I/O Latch Clock-to-Out (Pad-to-Pad), 64 Clock Loading		8.7		9.7		10.9		12.9		18.0 ns
t _{ACO}	Array Clock-to-Out (Pad-to-Pad), 64 Clock Loading		12.2		13.5		15.4		18.1		25.3 ns
d _{TLH}	Capacity Loading, LOW to HIGH	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.10		0.01	ns/pF
d _{THL}	Capacity Loading, HIGH to LOW	0.09		0.10		0.10		0.10		0.10	ns/pF

Table 42 • A42MX24 Timing Characteristics (Nominal 5.0 V Operation) (continued)(Worst-Case Commercial Conditions, VCCA = 4.75 V, TJ = 70°C)

Parameter / Description		-3 Speed		-2 Speed		-1 Speed		Std Speed		-F Speed		Units
		Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	
Input Module Propagation Delays												
t _{INPY}	Input Data Pad-to-Y	1.0		1.1		1.3		1.5		2.1		ns
t _{INGO}	Input Latch Gate-to-Output	1.3		1.4		1.6		1.9		2.6		ns
t _{INH}	Input Latch Hold	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
t _{INSU}	Input Latch Set-Up	0.5		0.5		0.6		0.7		1.0		ns
t _{ILA}	Latch Active Pulse Width	4.7		5.2		5.9		6.9		9.7		ns

Table 42 • A42MX24 Timing Characteristics (Nominal 5.0 V Operation) (continued)(Worst-Case Commercial Conditions, VCCA = 4.75 V, TJ = 70°C)

Parameter / Description		-3 Speed		-2 Speed		-1 Speed		Std Speed		-F Speed		Units
		Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	
TTL Output Module Timing⁵												
t _{DH}	Data-to-Pad HIGH	2.4		2.7		3.1		3.6		5.1		ns
t _{DHL}	Data-to-Pad LOW	2.8		3.2		3.6		4.2		5.9		ns
t _{ENZH}	Enable Pad Z to HIGH	2.5		2.8		3.2		3.8		5.3		ns
t _{ENZL}	Enable Pad Z to LOW	2.8		3.1		3.5		4.2		5.9		ns
t _{ENHZ}	Enable Pad HIGH to Z	5.2		5.7		6.5		7.6		10.7		ns
t _{ENLZ}	Enable Pad LOW to Z	4.8		5.3		6.0		7.1		9.9		ns
t _{GLH}	G-to-Pad HIGH	2.9		3.2		3.6		4.3		6.0		ns
t _{GHL}	G-to-Pad LOW	2.9		3.2		3.6		4.3		6.0		ns
t _{LSU}	I/O Latch Output Set-Up	0.5		0.5		0.6		0.7		1.0		ns
t _{LH}	I/O Latch Output Hold	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
t _{LCO}	I/O Latch Clock-to-Out (Pad-to-Pad) 32 I/O	5.6		6.1		6.9		8.1		11.4		ns
t _{ACO}	Array Latch Clock-to-Out (Pad-to-Pad) 32 I/O	10.6		11.8		13.4		15.7		22.0		ns
d _{TLH}	Capacitive Loading, LOW to HIGH	0.04		0.04		0.04		0.05		0.07		ns/pF
d _{THL}	Capacitive Loading, HIGH to LOW	0.03		0.03		0.03		0.04		0.06		ns/pF

Table 53 • PQ208

PQ208	Pin Number	A42MX16 Function	A42MX24 Function	A42MX36 Function
	95	NC	I/O	I/O
	96	NC	I/O	I/O
	97	NC	I/O	I/O
	98	VCCI	VCCI	VCCI
	99	I/O	I/O	I/O
	100	I/O	WD, I/O	WD, I/O
	101	I/O	WD, I/O	WD, I/O
	102	I/O	I/O	I/O
	103	SDO, I/O	SDO, TDO, I/O	SDO, TDO, I/O
	104	I/O	I/O	I/O
	105	GND	GND	GND
	106	NC	VCCA	VCCA
	107	I/O	I/O	I/O
	108	I/O	I/O	I/O
	109	I/O	I/O	I/O
	110	I/O	I/O	I/O
	111	I/O	I/O	I/O
	112	NC	I/O	I/O
	113	NC	I/O	I/O
	114	NC	I/O	I/O
	115	NC	I/O	I/O
	116	I/O	I/O	I/O
	117	I/O	I/O	I/O
	118	I/O	I/O	I/O
	119	I/O	I/O	I/O
	120	I/O	I/O	I/O
	121	I/O	I/O	I/O
	122	I/O	I/O	I/O
	123	I/O	I/O	I/O
	124	I/O	I/O	I/O
	125	I/O	I/O	I/O
	126	GND	GND	GND
	127	I/O	I/O	I/O
	128	I/O	TCK, I/O	TCK, I/O
	129	LP	LP	LP
	130	VCCA	VCCA	VCCA
	131	GND	GND	GND

Table 53 • PQ208

PQ208	Pin Number	A42MX16 Function	A42MX24 Function	A42MX36 Function
	169	I/O	WD, I/O	WD, I/O
	170	I/O	I/O	I/O
	171	NC	I/O	QCLKD, I/O
	172	I/O	I/O	I/O
	173	I/O	I/O	I/O
	174	I/O	I/O	I/O
	175	I/O	I/O	I/O
	176	I/O	WD, I/O	WD, I/O
	177	I/O	WD, I/O	WD, I/O
	178	PRA, I/O	PRA, I/O	PRA, I/O
	179	I/O	I/O	I/O
	180	CLKA, I/O	CLKA, I/O	CLKA, I/O
	181	NC	I/O	I/O
	182	NC	VCCI	VCCI
	183	VCCA	VCCA	VCCA
	184	GND	GND	GND
	185	I/O	I/O	I/O
	186	CLKB, I/O	CLKB, I/O	CLKB, I/O
	187	I/O	I/O	I/O
	188	PRB, I/O	PRB, I/O	PRB, I/O
	189	I/O	I/O	I/O
	190	I/O	WD, I/O	WD, I/O
	191	I/O	WD, I/O	WD, I/O
	192	I/O	I/O	I/O
	193	NC	I/O	I/O
	194	NC	WD, I/O	WD, I/O
	195	NC	WD, I/O	WD, I/O
	196	I/O	I/O	QCLKC, I/O
	197	NC	I/O	I/O
	198	I/O	I/O	I/O
	199	I/O	I/O	I/O
	200	I/O	I/O	I/O
	201	NC	I/O	I/O
	202	VCCI	VCCI	VCCI
	203	I/O	WD, I/O	WD, I/O
	204	I/O	WD, I/O	WD, I/O
	205	I/O	I/O	I/O

Table 58 • CQ208

CQ208	
Pin Number	A42MX36 Function
1	GND
2	VCCA
3	MODE
4	I/O
5	I/O
6	I/O
7	I/O
8	I/O
9	I/O
10	I/O
11	I/O
12	I/O
13	I/O
14	I/O
15	I/O
16	I/O
17	VCCA
18	I/O
19	I/O
20	I/O
21	I/O
22	GND
23	I/O
24	I/O
25	I/O
26	I/O
27	GND
28	VCCI
29	VCCA
30	I/O
31	I/O
32	VCCA
33	I/O
34	I/O
35	I/O
36	I/O

Table 58 • CQ208

CQ208	
Pin Number	A42MX36 Function
148	I/O
149	I/O
150	GND
151	I/O
152	I/O
153	I/O
154	I/O
155	I/O
156	I/O
157	GND
158	I/O
159	SDI, I/O
160	I/O
161	WD, I/O
162	WD, I/O
163	I/O
164	VCCI
165	I/O
166	I/O
167	I/O
168	WD, I/O
169	WD, I/O
170	I/O
171	QCLKD, I/O
172	I/O
173	I/O
174	I/O
175	I/O
176	WD, I/O
177	WD, I/O
178	PRA, I/O
179	I/O
180	CLKA, I/O
181	I/O
182	VCCI
183	VCCA
184	GND

Table 59 • CQ256

CQ256	
Pin Number	A42MX36 Function
22	I/O
23	I/O
24	I/O
25	I/O
26	VCCA
27	I/O
28	I/O
29	VCCA
30	VCCI
31	GND
32	VCCA
33	LP
34	TCK, I/O
35	I/O
36	GND
37	I/O
38	I/O
39	I/O
40	I/O
41	I/O
42	I/O
43	I/O
44	I/O
45	I/O
46	I/O
47	I/O
48	GND
49	I/O
50	I/O
51	I/O
52	I/O
53	I/O
54	I/O
55	I/O
56	I/O
57	I/O
58	I/O

Table 59 • CQ256

CQ256	
Pin Number	A42MX36 Function
96	VCCA
97	GND
98	GND
99	I/O
100	I/O
101	I/O
102	I/O
103	I/O
104	I/O
105	WD, I/O
106	WD, I/O
107	I/O
108	I/O
109	WD, I/O
110	WD, I/O
111	I/O
112	QCLKA, I/O
113	I/O
114	GND
115	I/O
116	I/O
117	I/O
118	I/O
119	VCCI
120	I/O
121	WD, I/O
122	WD, I/O
123	I/O
124	I/O
125	I/O
126	I/O
127	GND
128	NC
129	NC
130	NC
131	GND
132	I/O

Table 60 • BG272

BG272	
Pin Number	A42MX36 Function
J9	GND
J10	GND
J11	GND
J12	GND
J17	VCCA
J18	I/O
J19	I/O
J20	I/O
K1	I/O
K2	I/O
K3	I/O
K4	VCCI
K9	GND
K10	GND
K11	GND
K12	GND
K17	I/O
K18	VCCA
K19	VCCA
K20	LP
L1	I/O
L2	I/O
L3	VCCA
L4	VCCA
L9	GND
L10	GND
L11	GND
L12	GND
L17	VCCI
L18	I/O
L19	I/O
L20	TCK, I/O
M1	I/O
M2	I/O
M3	I/O
M4	VCCI
M9	GND