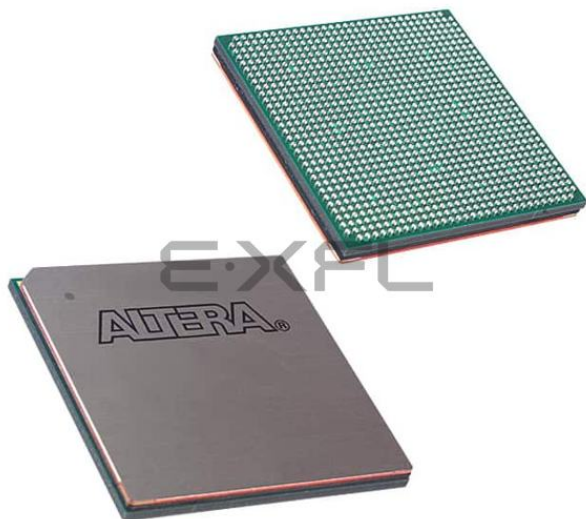




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Details

Product Status	Obsolete
Number of LABs/CLBs	3840
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	38400
Total RAM Bits	327680
Number of I/O	708
Number of Gates	1772000
Voltage - Supply	1.71V ~ 1.89V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 85°C (TJ)
Package / Case	1020-BBGA
Supplier Device Package	1020-FBGA (33x33)
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General Description

APEX™ 20K devices are the first PLDs designed with the MultiCore architecture, which combines the strengths of LUT-based and product-term-based devices with an enhanced memory structure. LUT-based logic provides optimized performance and efficiency for data-path, register-intensive, mathematical, or digital signal processing (DSP) designs. Product-term-based logic is optimized for complex combinatorial paths, such as complex state machines. LUT- and product-term-based logic combined with memory functions and a wide variety of MegaCore and AMPP functions make the APEX 20K device architecture uniquely suited for system-on-a-programmable-chip designs. Applications historically requiring a combination of LUT-, product-term-, and memory-based devices can now be integrated into one APEX 20K device.

APEX 20KE devices are a superset of APEX 20K devices and include additional features such as advanced I/O standard support, CAM, additional global clocks, and enhanced ClockLock clock circuitry. In addition, APEX 20KE devices extend the APEX 20K family to 1.5 million gates. APEX 20KE devices are denoted with an “E” suffix in the device name (e.g., the EP20K1000E device is an APEX 20KE device). [Table 8](#) compares the features included in APEX 20K and APEX 20KE devices.

Functional Description

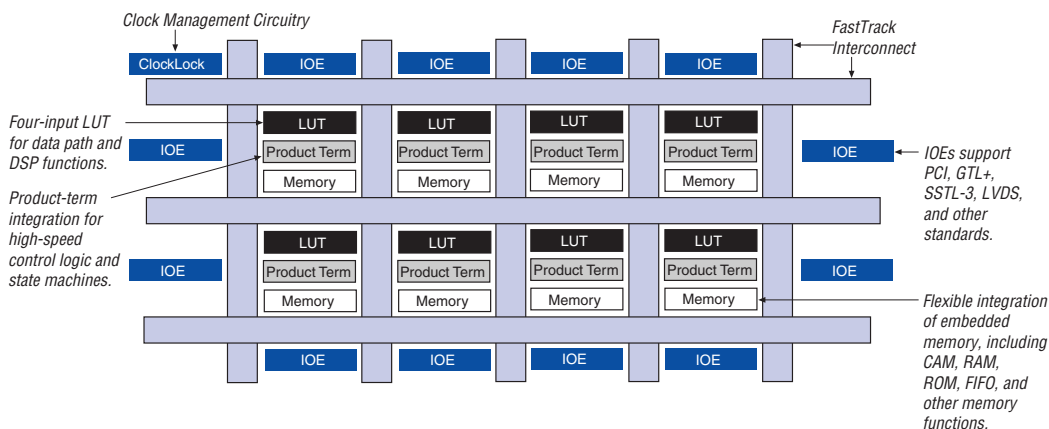
APEX 20K devices incorporate LUT-based logic, product-term-based logic, and memory into one device. Signal interconnections within APEX 20K devices (as well as to and from device pins) are provided by the FastTrack[®] Interconnect—a series of fast, continuous row and column channels that run the entire length and width of the device.

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 and a register that can be used as either an input or output register to feed input, output, or bidirectional signals. When used with a dedicated clock pin, these registers provide exceptional performance. IOEs provide a variety of features, such as 3.3-V, 64-bit, 66-MHz PCI compliance; JTAG BST support; slew-rate control; and tri-state buffers. APEX 20KE devices offer enhanced I/O support, including support for 1.8-V I/O, 2.5-V I/O, LVCMOS, LVTTL, LVPECL, 3.3-V PCI, PCI-X, LVDS, GTL+, SSTL-2, SSTL-3, HSTL, CTT, and 3.3-V AGP I/O standards.

The ESB can implement a variety of memory functions, including CAM, RAM, dual-port RAM, ROM, and FIFO functions. Embedding the memory directly into the die improves performance and reduces die area compared to distributed-RAM implementations. Moreover, the abundance of cascadable ESBs ensures that the APEX 20K device can implement multiple wide memory blocks for high-density designs. The ESB's high speed ensures it can implement small memory blocks without any speed penalty. The abundance of ESBs ensures that designers can create as many different-sized memory blocks as the system requires.

Figure 1 shows an overview of the APEX 20K device.

Figure 1. APEX 20K Device Block Diagram



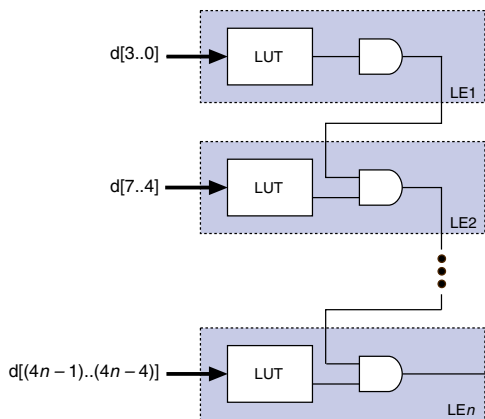
Cascade Chain

With the cascade chain, the APEX 20K architecture can implement functions with a very wide fan-in. Adjacent LUTs can compute portions of a function in parallel; the cascade chain serially connects the intermediate values. The cascade chain can use a logical AND or logical OR (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 short cascade delay. Cascade chain logic can be created automatically by the Quartus II software Compiler during design processing, or manually by the designer during design entry.

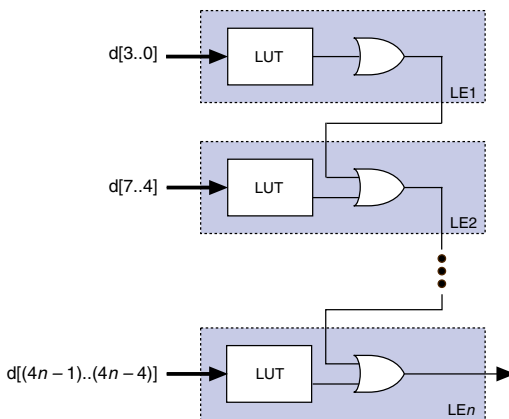
Cascade chains longer than ten LEs are implemented automatically by linking LABs together. For enhanced fitting, a long cascade chain skips alternate LABs in a MegaLAB structure. A cascade chain longer than one LAB skips either from an even-numbered LAB to the next even-numbered LAB, or from an odd-numbered LAB to the next odd-numbered LAB. For example, the last LE of the first LAB in the upper-left MegaLAB structure carries to the first LE of the third LAB in the MegaLAB structure. Figure 7 shows how the cascade function can connect adjacent LEs to form functions with a wide fan-in.

Figure 7. APEX 20K Cascade Chain

AND Cascade Chain

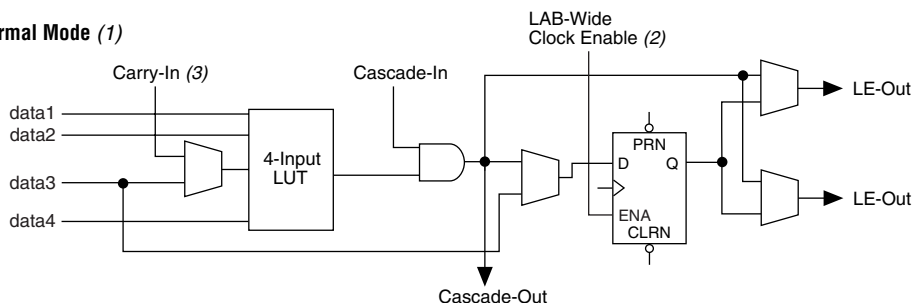


OR Cascade Chain

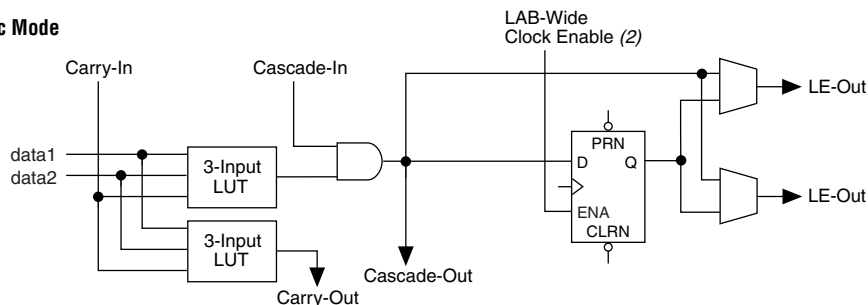


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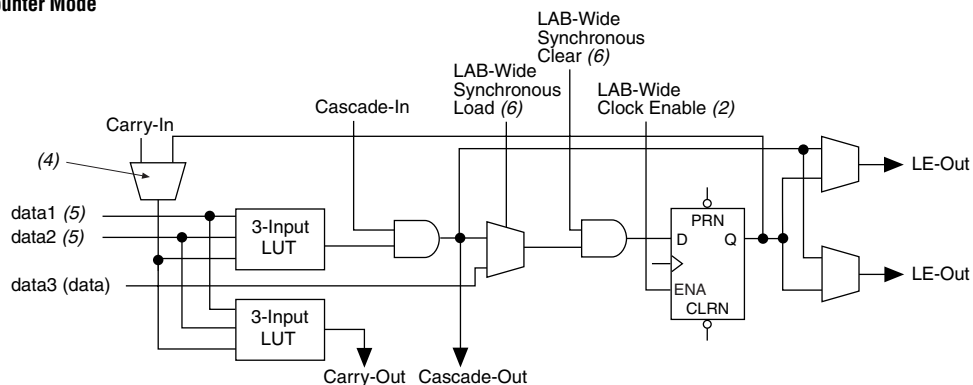
Normal Mode (1)



Arithmetic Mode



Counter Mode

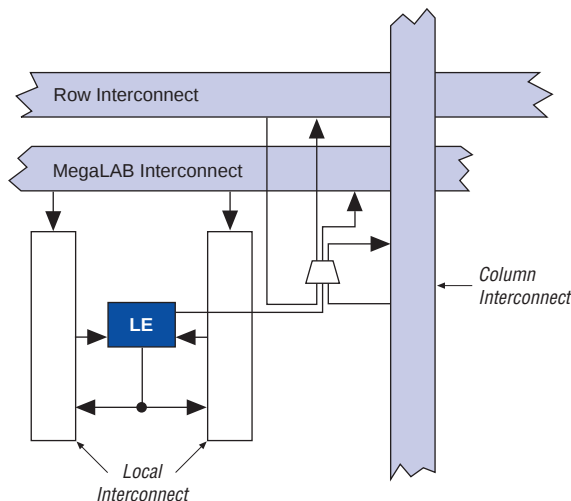


Notes to Figure 8:

- (1) LEs in normal mode support register packing.
- (2) There are two LAB-wide clock enables per LAB.
- (3) When using the carry-in in normal mode, the packed register feature is unavailable.
- (4) A register feedback multiplexer is available on LE1 of each LAB.
- (5) The DATA1 and DATA2 input signals can supply counter enable, up or down control, or register feedback signals for LEs other than the second LE in an LAB.
- (6) The LAB-wide synchronous clear and LAB wide synchronous load affect all registers in an LAB.

Figure 11 shows the intersection of a row and column interconnect, and how these forms of interconnects and LEs drive each other.

Figure 11. Driving the FastTrack Interconnect



APEX 20KE devices include an enhanced interconnect structure for faster routing of input signals with high fan-out. Column I/O pins can drive the FastRow™ interconnect, which routes signals directly into the local interconnect without having to drive through the MegaLAB interconnect. FastRow lines traverse two MegaLAB structures. Also, these pins can drive the local interconnect directly for fast setup times. On EP20K300E and larger devices, the FastRow interconnect drives the two MegaLABs in the top left corner, the two MegaLABs in the top right corner, the two MegaLABs in the bottom left corner, and the two MegaLABs in the bottom right corner. On EP20K200E and smaller devices, FastRow interconnect drives the two MegaLABs on the top and the two MegaLABs on the bottom of the device. On all devices, the FastRow interconnect drives all local interconnect in the appropriate MegaLABs except the local interconnect on the side of the MegaLAB opposite the ESB. Pins using the FastRow interconnect achieve a faster set-up time, as the signal does not need to use a MegaLAB interconnect line to reach the destination LE. Figure 12 shows the FastRow interconnect.

Figure 12. APEX 20KE FastRow Interconnect

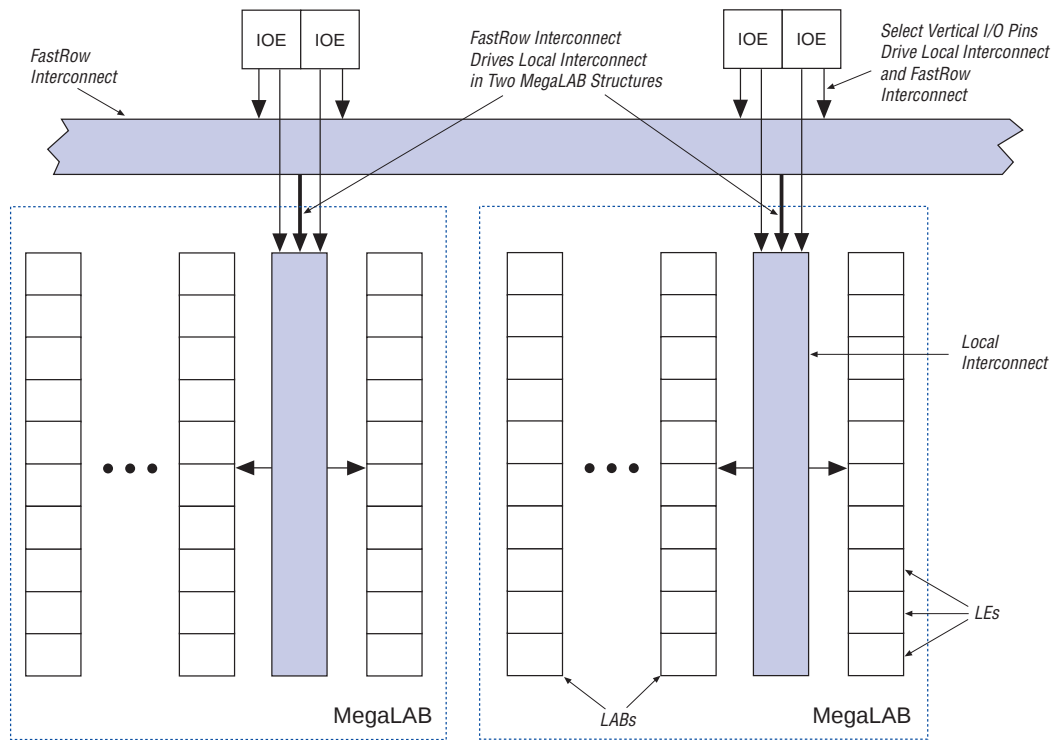
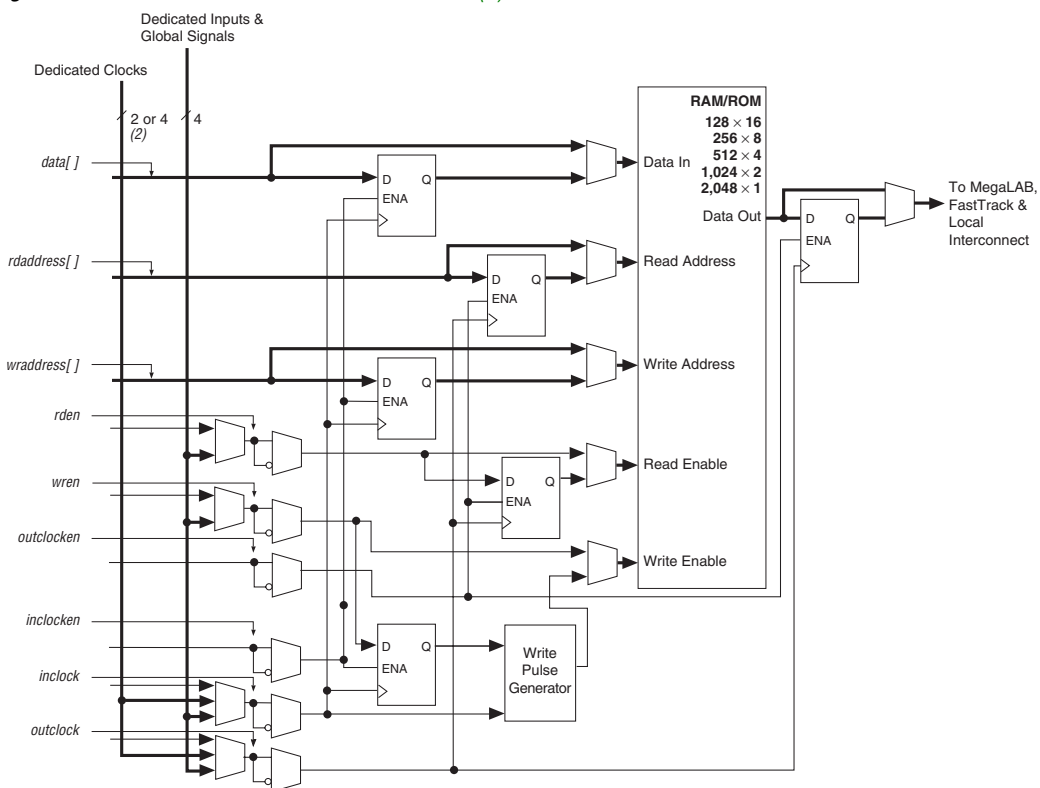


Table 9 summarizes how various elements of the APEX 20K architecture drive each other.

Read/Write Clock Mode

The read/write clock mode contains two clocks. One clock controls all registers associated with writing: data input, WE, and write address. The other clock controls all registers associated with reading: read enable (RE), read address, and data output. The ESB also supports clock enable and asynchronous clear signals; these signals also control the read and write registers independently. Read/write clock mode is commonly used for applications where reads and writes occur at different system frequencies. Figure 20 shows the ESB in read/write clock mode.

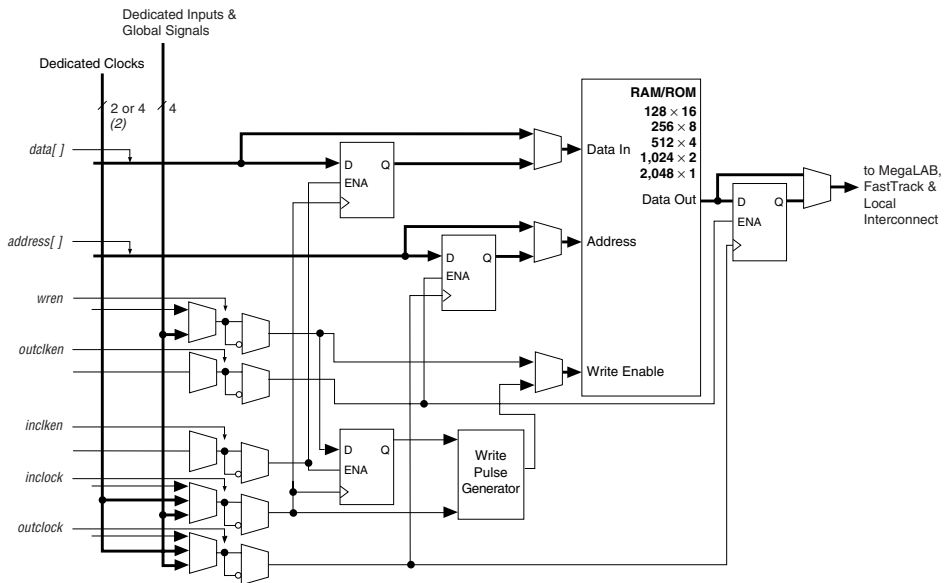
Figure 20. ESB in Read/Write Clock Mode *Note (1)*



Notes to Figure 20:

- (1) All registers can be cleared asynchronously by ESB local interconnect signals, global signals, or the chip-wide reset.
- (2) APEX 20KE devices have four dedicated clocks.

Figure 22. ESB in Single-Port Mode *Note (1)*



Notes to Figure 22:

- (1) All registers can be asynchronously cleared by ESB local interconnect signals, global signals, or the chip-wide reset.
- (2) APEX 20KE devices have four dedicated clocks.

Content-Addressable Memory

In APEX 20KE devices, the ESB can implement CAM. CAM can be thought of as the inverse of RAM. When read, RAM outputs the data for a given address. Conversely, CAM outputs an address for a given data word. For example, if the data FA12 is stored in address 14, the CAM outputs 14 when FA12 is driven into it.

CAM is used for high-speed search operations. When searching for data within a RAM block, the search is performed serially. Thus, finding a particular data word can take many cycles. CAM searches all addresses in parallel and outputs the address storing a particular word. When a match is found, a match flag is set high. Figure 23 shows the CAM block diagram.

Figure 23. APEX 20KE CAM Block Diagram

CAM can be used in any application requiring high-speed searches, such as networking, communications, data compression, and cache management.

The APEX 20KE on-chip CAM provides faster system performance than traditional discrete CAM. Integrating CAM and logic into the APEX 20KE device eliminates off-chip and on-chip delays, improving system performance.

When in CAM mode, the ESB implements 32-word, 32-bit CAM. Wider or deeper CAM can be implemented by combining multiple CAMs with some ancillary logic implemented in LEs. The Quartus II software combines ESBs and LEs automatically to create larger CAMs.

CAM supports writing “don’t care” bits into words of the memory. The “don’t-care” bit can be used as a mask for CAM comparisons; any bit set to “don’t-care” has no effect on matches.

The output of the CAM can be encoded or unencoded. When encoded, the ESB outputs an encoded address of the data’s location. For instance, if the data is located in address 12, the ESB output is 12. When unencoded, the ESB uses its 16 outputs to show the location of the data over two clock cycles. In this case, if the data is located in address 12, the 12th output line goes high. When using unencoded outputs, two clock cycles are required to read the output because a 16-bit output bus is used to show the status of 32 words.

The encoded output is better suited for designs that ensure duplicate data is not written into the CAM. If duplicate data is written into two locations, the CAM’s output will be incorrect. If the CAM may contain duplicate data, the unencoded output is a better solution; CAM with unencoded outputs can distinguish multiple data locations.

CAM can be pre-loaded with data during configuration, or it can be written during system operation. In most cases, two clock cycles are required to write each word into CAM. When “don’t-care” bits are used, a third clock cycle is required.

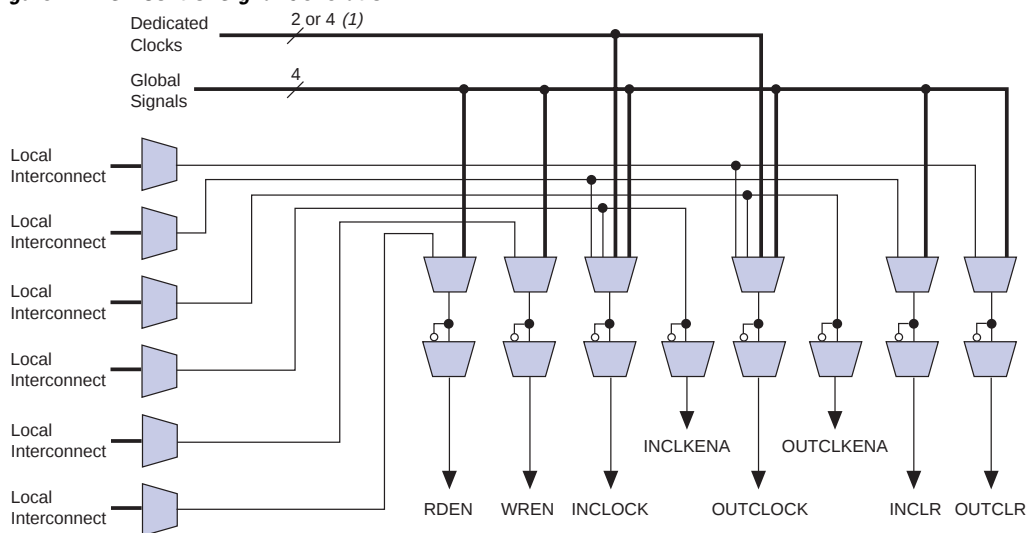


For more information on APEX 20KE devices and CAM, see *Application Note 119 (Implementing High-Speed Search Applications with APEX CAM)*.

Driving Signals to the ESB

ESBs provide flexible options for driving control signals. Different clocks can be used for the ESB inputs and outputs. Registers can be inserted independently on the data input, data output, read address, write address, WE, and RE signals. The global signals and the local interconnect can drive the WE and RE signals. The global signals, dedicated clock pins, and local interconnect can drive the ESB clock signals. Because the LEs drive the local interconnect, the LEs can control the WE and RE signals and the ESB clock, clock enable, and asynchronous clear signals. [Figure 24](#) shows the ESB control signal generation logic.

Figure 24. ESB Control Signal Generation

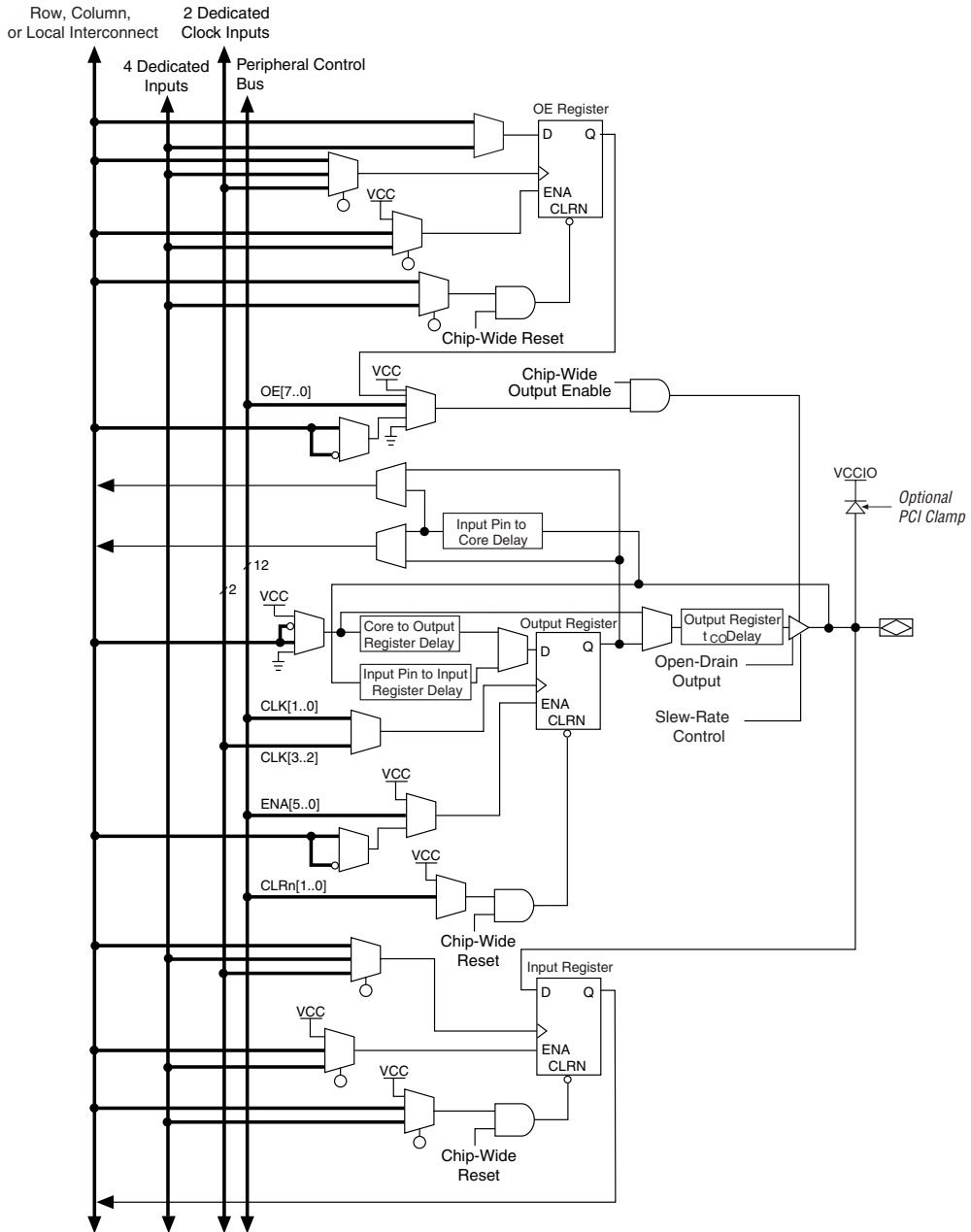


Note to Figure 24:

(1) APEX 20KE devices have four dedicated clocks.

An ESB is fed by the local interconnect, which is driven by adjacent LEs (for high-speed connection to the ESB) or the MegaLAB interconnect. The ESB can drive the local, MegaLAB, or FastTrack Interconnect routing structure to drive LEs and IOEs in the same MegaLAB structure or anywhere in the device.

Figure 25. APEX 20K Bidirectional I/O Registers *Note (1)*

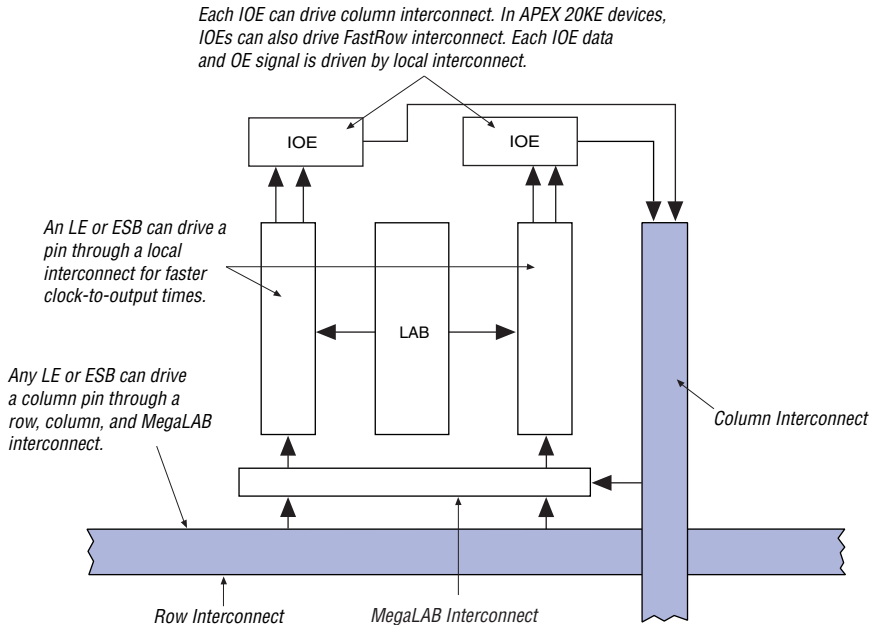


Note to Figure 25:

(1) The output enable and input registers are LE registers in the LAB adjacent to the bidirectional pin.

Figure 28 shows how a column IOE connects to the interconnect.

Figure 28. Column IOE Connection to the Interconnect



Dedicated Fast I/O Pins

APEX 20KE devices incorporate an enhancement to support bidirectional pins with high internal fanout such as PCI control signals. These pins are called Dedicated Fast I/O pins (FAST1, FAST2, FAST3, and FAST4) and replace dedicated inputs. These pins can be used for fast clock, clear, or high fanout logic signal distribution. They also can drive out. The Dedicated Fast I/O pin data output and tri-state control are driven by local interconnect from the adjacent MegaLAB for high speed.

Advanced I/O Standard Support

APEX 20KE IOEs support the following I/O standards: LVTTTL, LVCMOS, 1.8-V I/O, 2.5-V I/O, 3.3-V PCI, PCI-X, 3.3-V AGP, LVDS, LVPECL, GTL+, CTT, HSTL Class I, SSTL-3 Class I and II, and SSTL-2 Class I and II.



For more information on I/O standards supported by APEX 20KE devices, see *Application Note 117 (Using Selectable I/O Standards in Altera Devices)*.

The APEX 20KE device contains eight I/O banks. In QFP packages, the banks are linked to form four I/O banks. The I/O banks directly support all standards except LVDS and LVPECL. All I/O banks can support LVDS and LVPECL with the addition of external resistors. In addition, one block within a bank contains circuitry to support high-speed True-LVDS and LVPECL inputs, and another block within a particular bank supports high-speed True-LVDS and LVPECL outputs. The LVDS blocks support all of the I/O standards. Each I/O bank has its own VCCIO pins. A single device can support 1.8-V, 2.5-V, and 3.3-V interfaces; each bank can support a different standard independently. Each bank can also use a separate V_{REF} level so that each bank can support any of the terminated standards (such as SSTL-3) independently. Within a bank, any one of the terminated standards can be supported. EP20K300E and larger APEX 20KE devices support the LVDS interface for data pins (smaller devices support LVDS clock pins, but not data pins). All EP20K300E and larger devices support the LVDS interface for data pins up to 155 Mbit per channel; EP20K400E devices and larger with an X-suffix on the ordering code add a serializer/deserializer circuit and PLL for higher-speed support.

Each bank can support multiple standards with the same VCCIO for output pins. Each bank can support one voltage-referenced I/O standard, but it can support multiple I/O standards with the same VCCIO voltage level. For example, when VCCIO is 3.3 V, a bank can support LVTTTL, LVCMOS, 3.3-V PCI, and SSTL-3 for inputs and outputs.

When the LVDS banks are not used as LVDS I/O banks, they support all of the other I/O standards. [Figure 29](#) shows the arrangement of the APEX 20KE I/O banks.

The APEX 20K device instruction register length is 10 bits. The APEX 20K device USERCODE register length is 32 bits. [Tables 20 and 21](#) show the boundary-scan register length and device IDCODE information for APEX 20K devices.

Table 20. APEX 20K Boundary-Scan Register Length

Device	Boundary-Scan Register Length
EP20K30E	420
EP20K60E	624
EP20K100	786
EP20K100E	774
EP20K160E	984
EP20K200	1,176
EP20K200E	1,164
EP20K300E	1,266
EP20K400	1,536
EP20K400E	1,506
EP20K600E	1,806
EP20K1000E	2,190
EP20K1500E	1 (1)

Note to [Table 20](#):

- (1) This device does not support JTAG boundary scan testing.

Table 22 shows the JTAG timing parameters and values for APEX 20K devices.

Table 22. APEX 20K 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



For more information, see the following documents:

- *Application Note 39 (IEEE Std. 1149.1 (JTAG) Boundary-Scan Testing in Altera Devices)*
- *Jam Programming & Test Language Specification*

Generic Testing

Each APEX 20K device is functionally tested. Complete testing of each configurable static random access memory (SRAM) bit and all logic functionality ensures 100% yield. AC test measurements for APEX 20K devices are made under conditions equivalent to those shown in Figure 32. Multiple test patterns can be used to configure devices during all stages of the production flow.

Table 24. APEX 20K 5.0-V Tolerant Device Recommended Operating Conditions *Note (2)*

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
V_{CCINT}	Supply voltage for internal logic and input buffers	(4), (5)	2.375 (2.375)	2.625 (2.625)	V
V_{CCIO}	Supply voltage for output buffers, 3.3-V operation	(4), (5)	3.00 (3.00)	3.60 (3.60)	V
	Supply voltage for output buffers, 2.5-V operation	(4), (5)	2.375 (2.375)	2.625 (2.625)	V
V_I	Input voltage	(3), (6)	−0.5	5.75	V
V_O	Output voltage		0	V_{CCIO}	V
T_J	Junction 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 25. APEX 20K 5.0-V Tolerant Device DC Operating Conditions (Part 1 of 2) *Notes (2), (7), (8)*

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
V_{IH}	High-level input voltage		1.7, $0.5 \times V_{CCIO}$ (9)		5.75	V
V_{IL}	Low-level input voltage		−0.5		$0.8, 0.3 \times V_{CCIO}$ (9)	V
V_{OH}	3.3-V high-level TTL output voltage	$I_{OH} = -8$ mA DC, $V_{CCIO} = 3.00$ V (10)	2.4			V
	3.3-V high-level CMOS output voltage	$I_{OH} = -0.1$ mA DC, $V_{CCIO} = 3.00$ V (10)	$V_{CCIO} - 0.2$			V
	3.3-V high-level PCI output voltage	$I_{OH} = -0.5$ mA DC, $V_{CCIO} = 3.00$ to 3.60 V (10)	$0.9 \times V_{CCIO}$			V
	2.5-V high-level output voltage	$I_{OH} = -0.1$ mA DC, $V_{CCIO} = 2.30$ V (10)	2.1			V
		$I_{OH} = -1$ mA DC, $V_{CCIO} = 2.30$ V (10)	2.0			V
		$I_{OH} = -2$ mA DC, $V_{CCIO} = 2.30$ V (10)	1.7			V

Table 64. EP20K100E Minimum Pulse Width Timing Parameters

Symbol	-1		-2		-3		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t _{CH}	2.00		2.00		2.00		ns
t _{CL}	2.00		2.00		2.00		ns
t _{CLRP}	0.20		0.20		0.20		ns
t _{PREP}	0.20		0.20		0.20		ns
t _{ESBCH}	2.00		2.00		2.00		ns
t _{ESBCL}	2.00		2.00		2.00		ns
t _{ESBWP}	1.29		1.53		1.66		ns
t _{ESBRP}	1.11		1.29		1.41		ns

Table 65. EP20K100E External Timing Parameters

Symbol	-1		-2		-3		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t _{INSU}	2.23		2.32		2.43		ns
t _{INH}	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
t _{OUTCO}	2.00	4.86	2.00	5.35	2.00	5.84	ns
t _{INSUPLL}	1.58		1.66		-		ns
t _{INHPLL}	0.00		0.00		-		ns
t _{OUTCOPLL}	0.50	2.96	0.50	3.29	-	-	ns

Table 66. EP20K100E External Bidirectional Timing Parameters

Symbol	-1		-2		-3		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t _{INSUBIDIR}	2.74		2.96		3.19		ns
t _{INHBIDIR}	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
t _{OUTCOBIDIR}	2.00	4.86	2.00	5.35	2.00	5.84	ns
t _{XZBIDIR}		5.00		5.48		5.89	ns
t _{ZXBIDIR}		5.00		5.48		5.89	ns
t _{INSUBIDIRPLL}	4.64		5.03		-		ns
t _{INHBIDIRPLL}	0.00		0.00		-		ns
t _{OUTCOBIDIRPLL}	0.50	2.96	0.50	3.29	-	-	ns
t _{XZBIDIRPLL}		3.10		3.42		-	ns
t _{ZXBIDIRPLL}		3.10		3.42		-	ns

Tables 67 through 72 describe f_{MAX} LE Timing Microparameters, f_{MAX} ESB Timing Microparameters, f_{MAX} Routing Delays, Minimum Pulse Width Timing Parameters, External Timing Parameters, and External Bidirectional Timing Parameters for EP20K160E APEX 20KE devices.

Table 67. EP20K160E f_{MAX} LE Timing Microparameters

Symbol	-1		-2		-3		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{SU}	0.22		0.24		0.26		ns
t_H	0.22		0.24		0.26		ns
t_{CO}		0.25		0.31		0.35	ns
t_{LUT}		0.69		0.88		1.12	ns

Table 87. EP20K400E t_{MAX} Routing Delays

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{F1-4}		0.25		0.25		0.26	ns
t_{F5-20}		1.01		1.12		1.25	ns
t_{F20+}		3.71		3.92		4.17	ns

Table 88. EP20K400E Minimum Pulse Width Timing Parameters

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{CH}	1.36		2.22		2.35		ns
t_{CL}	1.36		2.26		2.35		ns
t_{CLRP}	0.18		0.18		0.19		ns
t_{PREP}	0.18		0.18		0.19		ns
t_{ESBCH}	1.36		2.26		2.35		ns
t_{ESBCL}	1.36		2.26		2.35		ns
t_{ESBWP}	1.17		1.38		1.56		ns
t_{ESBRP}	0.94		1.09		1.25		ns

Table 89. EP20K400E External Timing Parameters

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{INSU}	2.51		2.64		2.77		ns
t_{INH}	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
t_{OUTCO}	2.00	5.25	2.00	5.79	2.00	6.32	ns
$t_{INSUPLL}$	3.221		3.38		-		ns
t_{INHPLL}	0.00		0.00		-		ns
$t_{OUTCOPLL}$	0.50	2.25	0.50	2.45	-	-	ns



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