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Details

Product Status	Obsolete
Number of LABs/CLBs	416
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	4160
Total RAM Bits	53248
Number of I/O	246
Number of Gates	263000
Voltage - Supply	1.71V ~ 1.89V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 85°C (TJ)
Package / Case	324-BGA
Supplier Device Package	324-FBGA (19x19)
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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

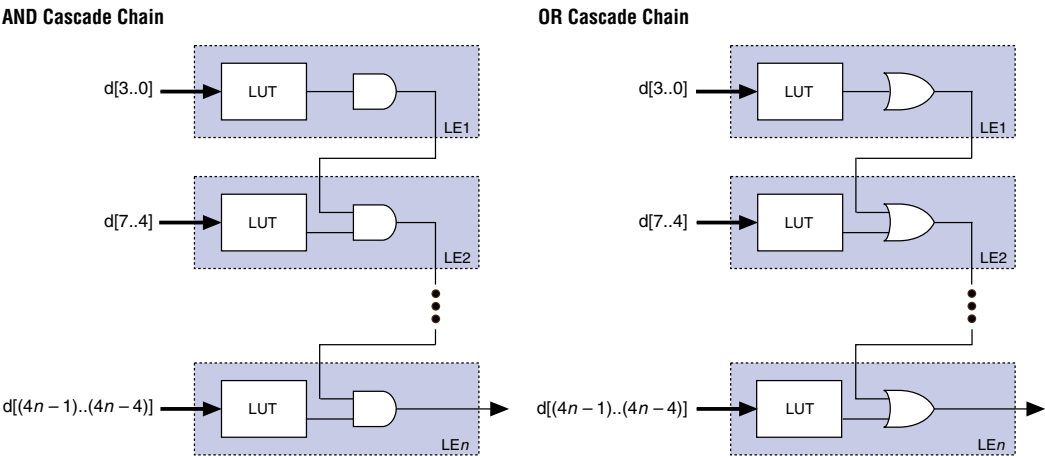
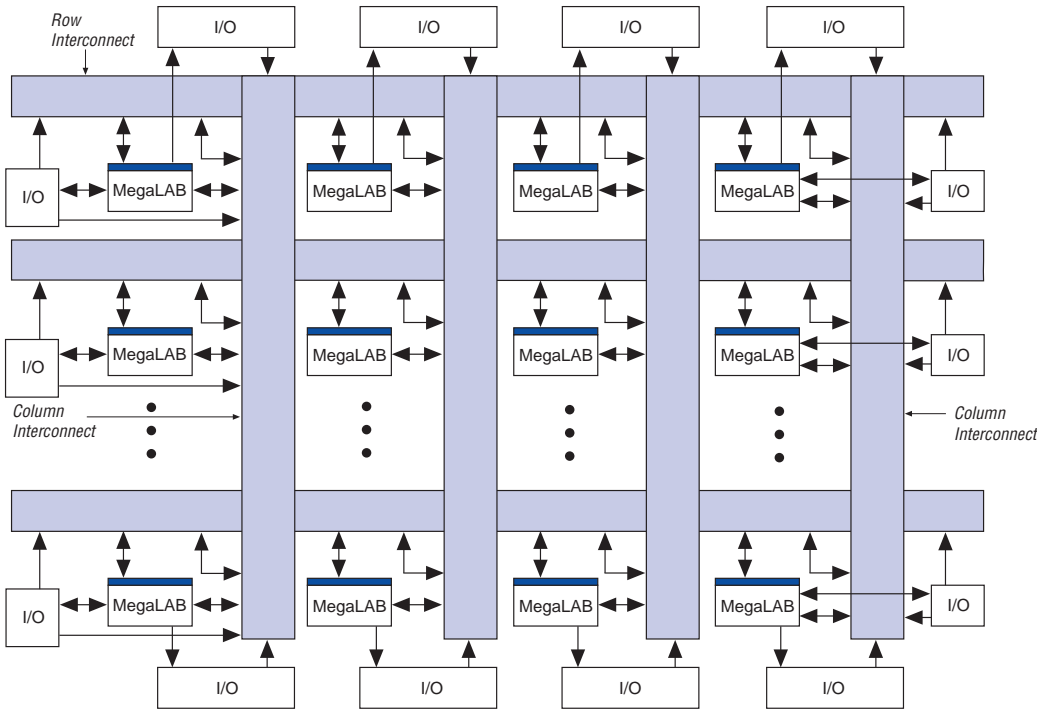


Figure 9. APEX 20K Interconnect Structure



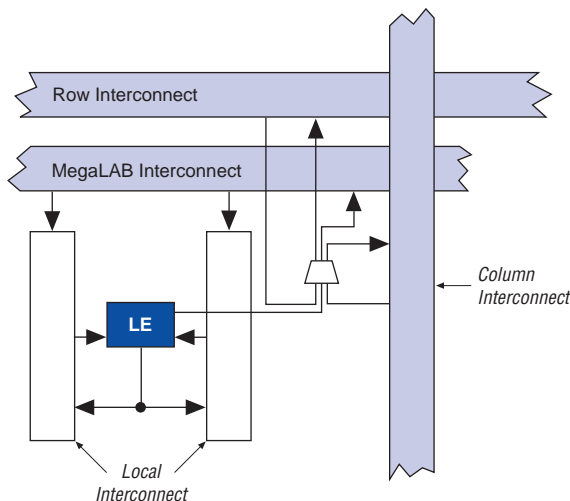
A row line can be driven directly by LEs, IOEs, or ESBs in that row. Further, a column line can drive a row line, allowing an LE, IOE, or ESB to drive elements in a different row via the column and row interconnect. The row interconnect drives the MegaLAB interconnect to drive LEs, IOEs, or ESBs in a particular MegaLAB structure.

A column line can be directly driven by LEs, IOEs, or ESBs in that column. A column line on a device's left or right edge can also be driven by row IOEs. The column line is used to route signals from one row to another. A column line can drive a row line; it can also drive the MegaLAB interconnect directly, allowing faster connections between rows.

Figure 10 shows how the FastTrack Interconnect uses the local interconnect to drive LEs within MegaLAB structures.

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

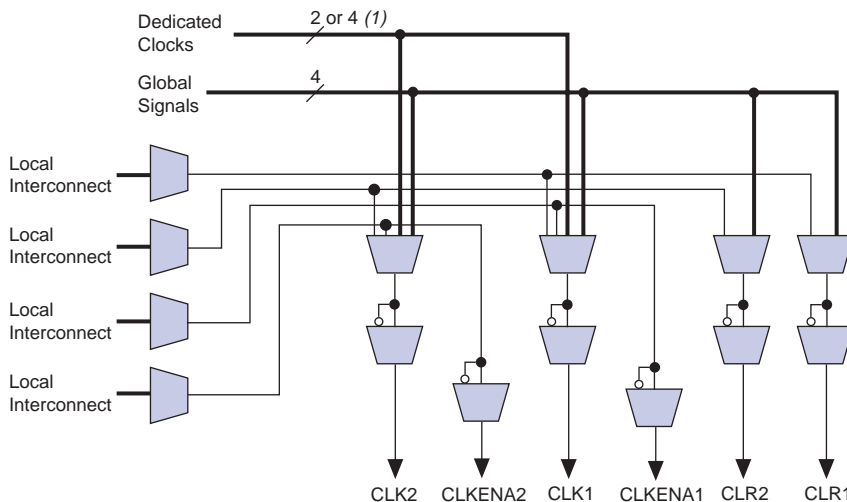
Figure 11. Driving the FastTrack Interconnect



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.

The programmable register also supports an asynchronous clear function. Within the ESB, two asynchronous clears are generated from global signals and the local interconnect. Each macrocell can either choose between the two asynchronous clear signals or choose to not be cleared. Either of the two clear signals can be inverted within the ESB. Figure 15 shows the ESB control logic when implementing product-terms.

Figure 15. ESB Product-Term Mode Control Logic



Note to Figure 15:

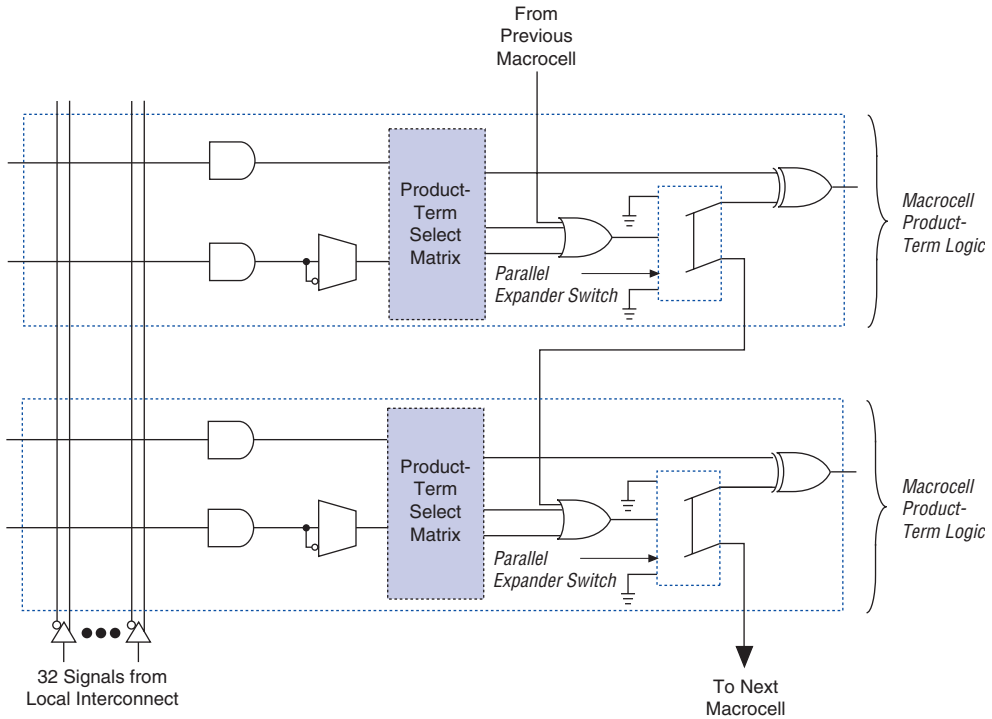
(1) APEX 20KE devices have four dedicated clocks.

Parallel Expanders

Parallel expanders are unused product terms that can be allocated to a neighboring macrocell to implement fast, complex logic functions. Parallel expanders allow up to 32 product terms to feed the macrocell OR logic directly, with two product terms provided by the macrocell and 30 parallel expanders provided by the neighboring macrocells in the ESB.

The Quartus II software Compiler can allocate up to 15 sets of up to two parallel expanders per set to the macrocells automatically. Each set of two parallel expanders incurs a small, incremental timing delay. Figure 16 shows the APEX 20K parallel expanders.

Figure 16. APEX 20K Parallel Expanders



Embedded System Block

The ESB can implement various types of memory blocks, including dual-port RAM, ROM, FIFO, and CAM blocks. The ESB includes input and output registers; the input registers synchronize writes, and the output registers can pipeline designs to improve system performance. The ESB offers a dual-port mode, which supports simultaneous reads and writes at two different clock frequencies. Figure 17 shows the ESB block diagram.

Figure 17. ESB Block Diagram

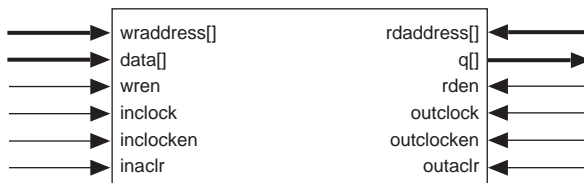
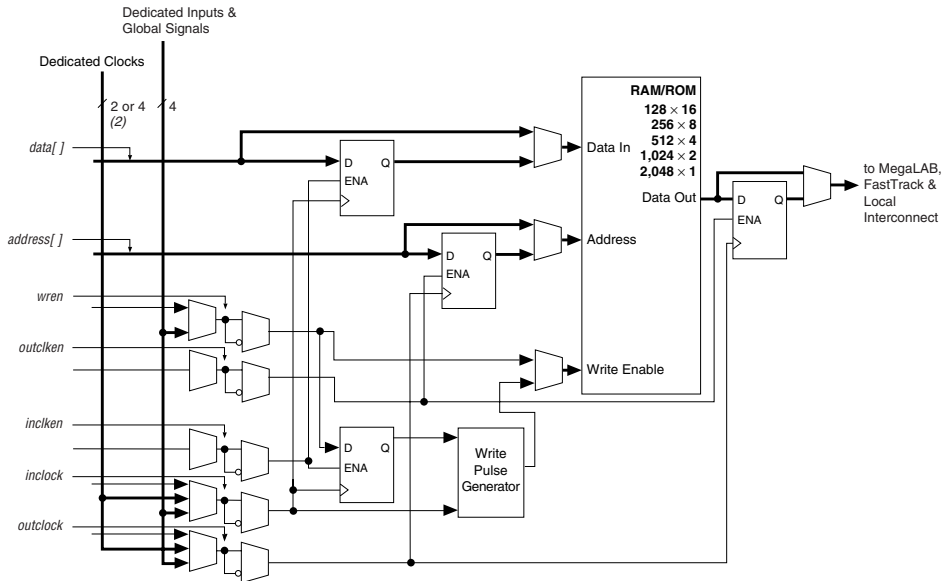


Figure 22. ESB in Single-Port Mode *Note (1)*



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.

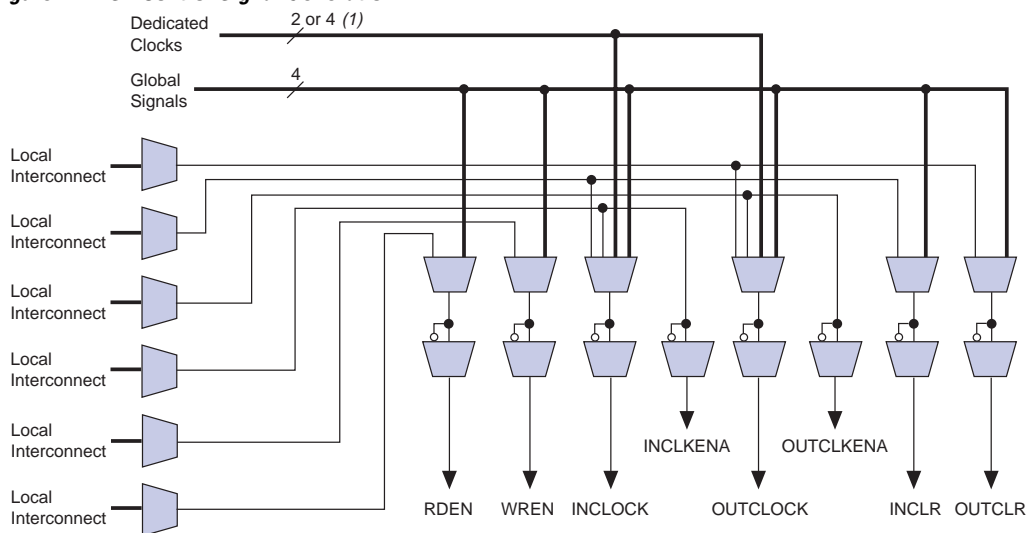


For more information on APEX 20KE devices and CAM, see *Application Note 119 (Implementing High-Speed Search Applications with APEX CAM)*.

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

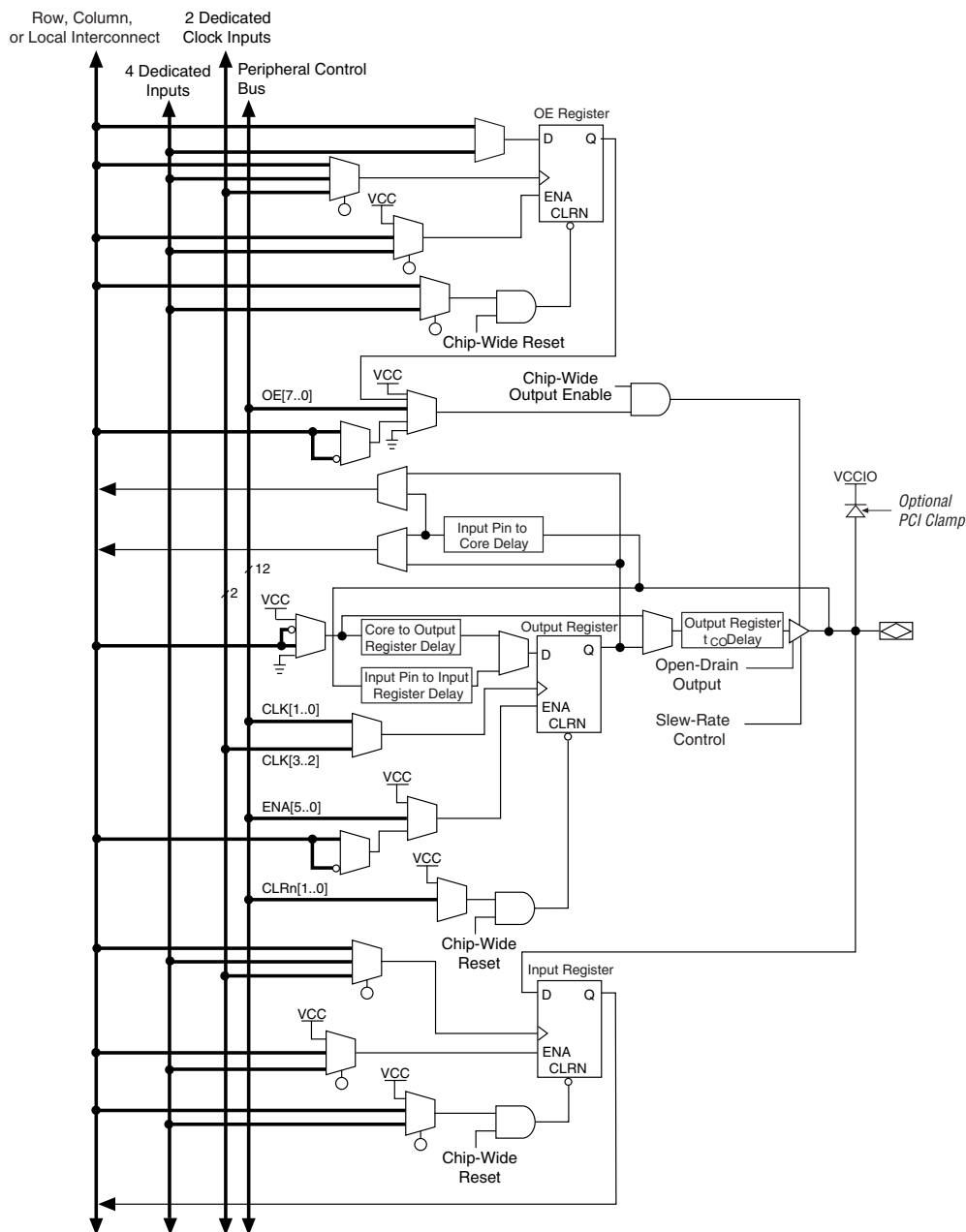


Note to Figure 24:

(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.

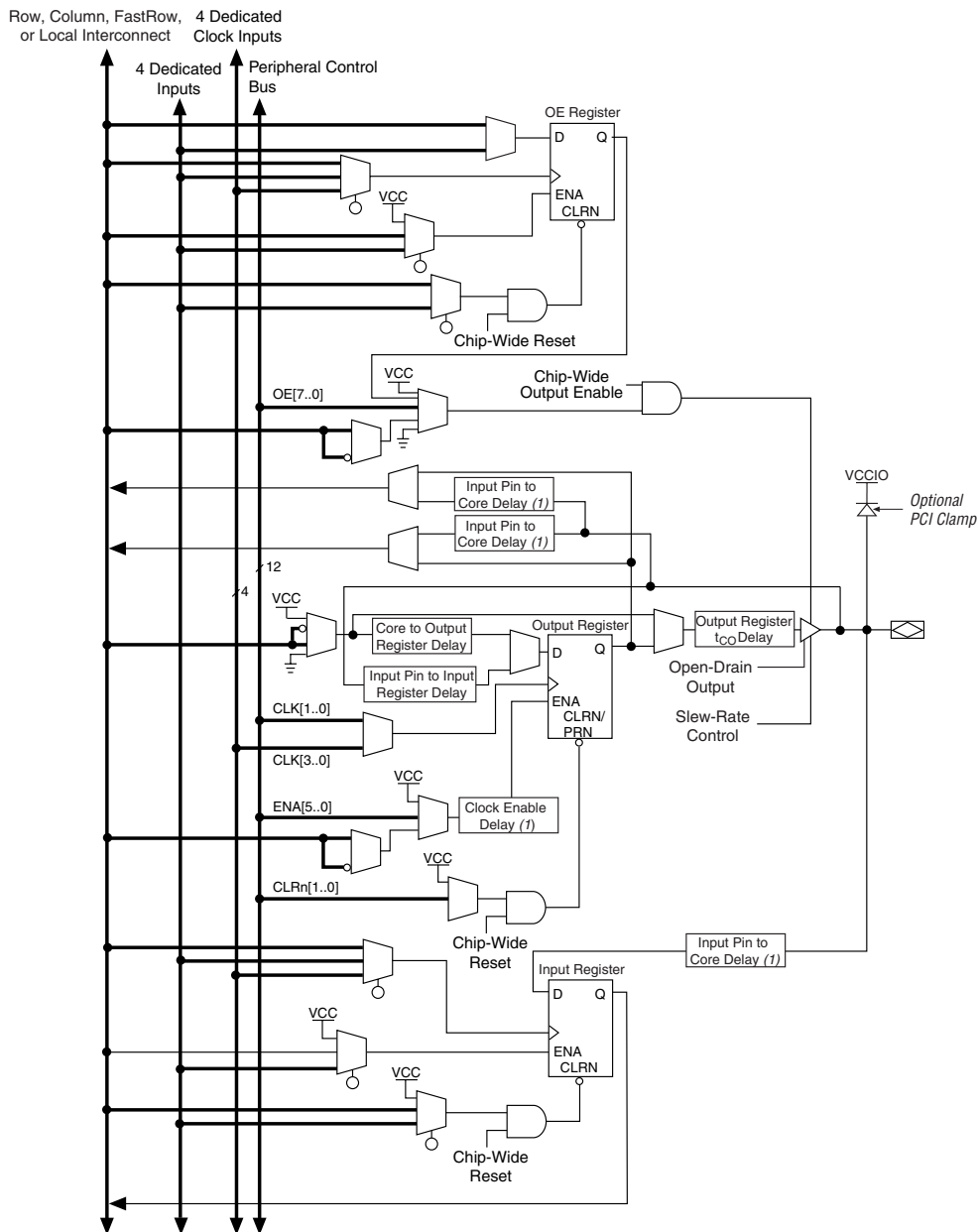
Figure 25. APEX 20K Bidirectional I/O Registers *Note (1)*



Note to Figure 25:

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

Figure 26. APEX 20KE Bidirectional I/O Registers Notes (1), (2)



Notes to Figure 26:

- (1) This programmable delay has four settings: off and three levels of delay.
- (2) The output enable and input registers are LE registers in the LAB adjacent to the bidirectional pin.

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.

MultiVolt I/O Interface

Under hot socketing conditions, APEX 20KE devices will not sustain any damage, but the I/O pins will drive out.

The APEX device architecture supports the MultiVolt I/O interface feature, which allows APEX devices in all packages to interface with systems of different supply voltages. The devices have one set of VCC pins for internal operation and input buffers (VCCINT), and another set for I/O output drivers (VCCIO).

The APEX 20K VCCINT pins must always be connected to a 2.5 V power supply. With a 2.5-V VCCINT level, input pins are 2.5-V, 3.3-V, and 5.0-V tolerant. The VCCIO pins can be connected to either a 2.5-V or 3.3-V power supply, depending on the output requirements. When VCCIO pins are connected to a 2.5-V power supply, the output levels are compatible with 2.5-V systems. When the VCCIO pins are connected to a 3.3-V power supply, the output high is 3.3 V and is compatible with 3.3-V or 5.0-V systems.

Table 12 summarizes 5.0-V tolerant APEX 20K MultiVolt I/O support.

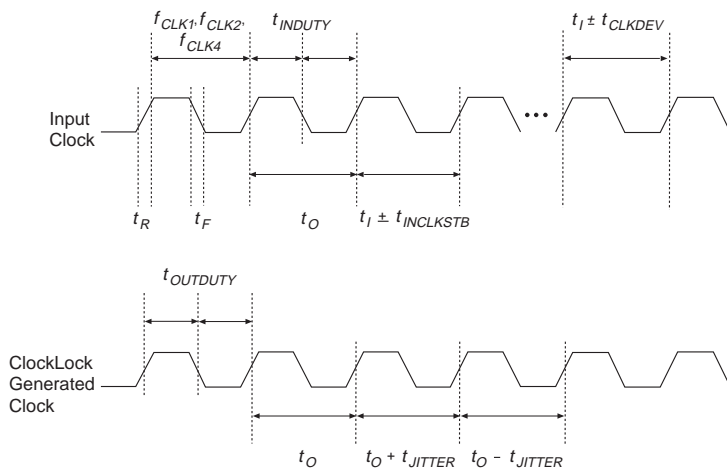
Table 12. 5.0-V Tolerant APEX 20K MultiVolt I/O Support						
V_{CCIO} (V)	Input Signals (V)			Output Signals (V)		
	2.5	3.3	5.0	2.5	3.3	5.0
2.5	✓	✓(1)	✓(1)	✓		
3.3	✓	✓	✓(1)	✓(2)	✓	✓

Notes to Table 12:

- (1) The PCI clamping diode must be disabled to drive an input with voltages higher than V_{CCIO}.
- (2) When V_{CCIO} = 3.3 V, an APEX 20K device can drive a 2.5-V device with 3.3-V tolerant inputs.

Open-drain output pins on 5.0-V tolerant APEX 20K 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 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.

Figure 30. Specifications for the Incoming & Generated Clocks *Note (1)*



Note to Figure 30:

- (1) The t_I parameter refers to the nominal input clock period; the t_O parameter refers to the nominal output clock period.

Table 15 summarizes the APEX 20K ClockLock and ClockBoost parameters for -1 speed-grade devices.

Table 15. APEX 20K ClockLock & ClockBoost Parameters for -1 Speed-Grade Devices (Part 1 of 2)				
Symbol	Parameter	Min	Max	Unit
f_{OUT}	Output frequency	25	180	MHz
f_{CLK1} (1)	Input clock frequency (ClockBoost clock multiplication factor equals 1)	25	180 (1)	MHz
f_{CLK2}	Input clock frequency (ClockBoost clock multiplication factor equals 2)	16	90	MHz
f_{CLK4}	Input clock frequency (ClockBoost clock multiplication factor equals 4)	10	48	MHz
$t_{OUTDUTY}$	Duty cycle for ClockLock/ClockBoost-generated clock	40	60	%
f_{CLKDEV}	Input deviation from user specification in the Quartus II software (ClockBoost clock multiplication factor equals 1) (2)		25,000 (3)	PPM
t_R	Input rise time		5	ns
t_F	Input fall time		5	ns
t_{LOCK}	Time required for ClockLock/ClockBoost to acquire lock (4)		10	μ s

Table 15. APEX 20K ClockLock & ClockBoost Parameters for -1 Speed-Grade Devices (Part 2 of 2)

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Max	Unit
t_{SKEW}	Skew delay between related ClockLock/ClockBoost-generated clocks		500	ps
t_{JITTER}	Jitter on ClockLock/ClockBoost-generated clock (5)		200	ps
t_{INCLKSTB}	Input clock stability (measured between adjacent clocks)		50	ps

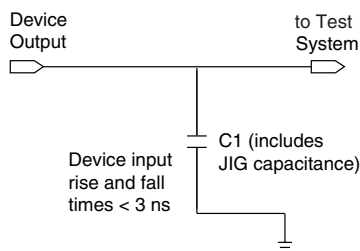
Notes to Table 15:

- (1) The PLL input frequency range for the EP20K100-1X device for 1x multiplication is 25 MHz to 175 MHz.
- (2) All input clock specifications must be met. The PLL may not lock onto an incoming clock if the clock specifications are not met, creating an erroneous clock within the device.
- (3) During device configuration, the ClockLock and ClockBoost circuitry is configured first. If the incoming clock is supplied during configuration, the ClockLock and ClockBoost circuitry locks during configuration, because the lock time is less than the configuration time.
- (4) The jitter specification is measured under long-term observation.
- (5) If the input clock stability is 100 ps, t_{JITTER} is 250 ps.

Table 16 summarizes the APEX 20K ClockLock and ClockBoost parameters for -2 speed grade devices.

Table 16. APEX 20K ClockLock & ClockBoost Parameters for -2 Speed Grade Devices

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Max	Unit
f_{OUT}	Output frequency	25	170	MHz
f_{CLK1}	Input clock frequency (ClockBoost clock multiplication factor equals 1)	25	170	MHz
f_{CLK2}	Input clock frequency (ClockBoost clock multiplication factor equals 2)	16	80	MHz
f_{CLK4}	Input clock frequency (ClockBoost clock multiplication factor equals 4)	10	34	MHz
t_{OUTDUTY}	Duty cycle for ClockLock/ClockBoost-generated clock	40	60	%
f_{CLKDEV}	Input deviation from user specification in the Quartus II software (ClockBoost clock multiplication factor equals one) (1)		25,000 (2)	PPM
t_{R}	Input rise time		5	ns
t_{F}	Input fall time		5	ns
t_{LOCK}	Time required for ClockLock/ ClockBoost to acquire lock (3)		10	μs
t_{SKEW}	Skew delay between related ClockLock/ ClockBoost-generated clock	500	500	ps
t_{JITTER}	Jitter on ClockLock/ ClockBoost-generated clock (4)		200	ps
t_{INCLKSTB}	Input clock stability (measured between adjacent clocks)		50	ps

Figure 32. APEX 20K AC Test Conditions *Note (1)*


Note to Figure 32:

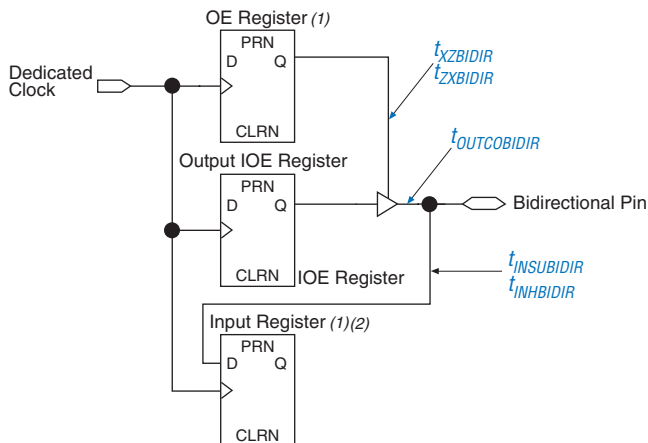
- (1) Power supply transients can affect AC measurements. Simultaneous transitions of multiple outputs should be avoided for accurate measurement. Threshold tests must not be performed under AC conditions. Large-amplitude, fast-ground-current transients normally occur as the device outputs discharge 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.

Operating Conditions

Tables 23 through 26 provide information on absolute maximum ratings, recommended operating conditions, DC operating conditions, and capacitance for 2.5-V APEX 20K devices.

Table 23. APEX 20K 5.0-V Tolerant Device Absolute Maximum Ratings *Notes (1), (2)*

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
V_{CCINT}	Supply voltage	With respect to ground (3)	–0.5	3.6	V
V_{CCIO}			–0.5	4.6	V
V_I			–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, RQFP, TQFP, and BGA packages, under bias		135	°C
		Ceramic PGA packages, under bias		150	°C

Figure 40. Synchronous Bidirectional Pin External Timing**Notes to Figure 40:**

- (1) The output enable and input registers are LE registers in the LAB adjacent to a bidirectional row pin. The output enable register is set with "Output Enable Routing= Signal-Pin" option in the Quartus II software.
- (2) The LAB adjacent input register is set with "Decrease Input Delay to Internal Cells= Off". This maintains a zero hold time for lab adjacent registers while giving a fast, position independent setup time. A faster setup time with zero hold time is possible by setting "Decrease Input Delay to Internal Cells= ON" and moving the input register farther away from the bidirectional pin. The exact position where zero hold occurs with the minimum setup time, varies with device density and speed grade.

Table 31 describes the f_{MAX} timing parameters shown in Figure 36 on page 68.

Table 31. APEX 20K t_{MAX} Timing Parameters (Part 1 of 2)	
Symbol	Parameter
t_{SU}	LE register setup time before clock
t_H	LE register hold time after clock
t_{CO}	LE register clock-to-output delay
t_{LUT}	LUT delay for data-in
t_{ESBRC}	ESB Asynchronous read cycle time
t_{ESBWC}	ESB Asynchronous write cycle time
$t_{ESBWESU}$	ESB WE setup time before clock when using input register
$t_{ESBDATASU}$	ESB data setup time before clock when using input register
$t_{ESBDATAH}$	ESB data hold time after clock when using input register
$t_{ESBADDRSU}$	ESB address setup time before clock when using input registers
$t_{ESBDATACO1}$	ESB clock-to-output delay when using output registers

Table 72. EP20K160E External Bidirectional Timing Parameters

Symbol	-1		-2		-3		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{\text{INSUBIDIR}}$	2.86		3.24		3.54		ns
t_{INHBIDIR}	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
$t_{\text{OUTCOBIDIR}}$	2.00	5.07	2.00	5.59	2.00	6.13	ns
t_{XZBIDIR}		7.43		8.23		8.58	ns
t_{ZXBIDIR}		7.43		8.23		8.58	ns
$t_{\text{INSUBIDIRPLL}}$	4.93		5.48		-		ns
$t_{\text{INHBIDIRPLL}}$	0.00		0.00		-		ns
$t_{\text{OUTCOBIDIRPLL}}$	0.50	3.00	0.50	3.35	-	-	ns
$t_{\text{XZBIDIRPLL}}$		5.36		5.99		-	ns
$t_{\text{ZXBIDIRPLL}}$		5.36		5.99		-	ns

Tables 73 through 78 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 EP20K200E APEX 20KE devices.

Table 73. EP20K200E f_{MAX} LE Timing Microparameters

Symbol	-1		-2		-3		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{SU}	0.23		0.24		0.26		ns
t_{H}	0.23		0.24		0.26		ns
t_{CO}		0.26		0.31		0.36	ns
t_{LUT}		0.70		0.90		1.14	ns

Table 74. EP20K200E t_{MAX} ESB Timing Microparameters

Symbol	-1		-2		-3		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{ESBARC}		1.68		2.06		2.24	ns
t_{ESBSRC}		2.27		2.77		3.18	ns
t_{ESBAWC}		3.10		3.86		4.50	ns
t_{ESBSWC}		2.90		3.67		4.21	ns
$t_{ESBWASU}$	0.55		0.67		0.74		ns
t_{ESBWAH}	0.36		0.46		0.48		ns
$t_{ESBWDSU}$	0.69		0.83		0.95		ns
t_{ESBWDH}	0.36		0.46		0.48		ns
$t_{ESBRASU}$	1.61		1.90		2.09		ns
t_{ESBRAH}	0.00		0.00		0.01		ns
$t_{ESBWESU}$	1.42		1.71		2.01		ns
t_{ESBWEH}	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
$t_{ESBDATASU}$	-0.06		-0.07		0.05		ns
$t_{ESBDATAH}$	0.13		0.13		0.13		ns
$t_{ESBWADDRSU}$	0.11		0.13		0.31		ns
$t_{ESBRADDRSU}$	0.18		0.23		0.39		ns
$t_{ESBDATACO1}$		1.09		1.35		1.51	ns
$t_{ESBDATACO2}$		2.19		2.75		3.22	ns
t_{ESBDD}		2.75		3.41		4.03	ns
t_{PD}		1.58		1.97		2.33	ns
$t_{PTERMSU}$	1.00		1.22		1.51		ns
$t_{PTERMCO}$		1.10		1.37		1.09	ns

Table 75. EP20K200E t_{MAX} Routing Delays

Symbol	-1		-2		-3		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{F1-4}		0.25		0.27		0.29	ns
t_{F5-20}		1.02		1.20		1.41	ns
t_{F20+}		1.99		2.23		2.53	ns

Table 90. EP20K400E External Bidirectional Timing Parameters

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{\text{INSUBIDIR}}$	2.93		3.23		3.44		ns
t_{INHBIDIR}	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
$t_{\text{OUTCOBIDIR}}$	2.00	5.25	2.00	5.79	2.00	6.32	ns
t_{XZBIDIR}		5.95		6.77		7.12	ns
t_{ZXBIDIR}		5.95		6.77		7.12	ns
$t_{\text{INSUBIDIRPLL}}$	4.31		4.76		-		ns
$t_{\text{INHBIDIRPLL}}$	0.00		0.00		-		ns
$t_{\text{OUTCOBIDIRPLL}}$	0.50	2.25	0.50	2.45	-	-	ns
$t_{\text{XZBIDIRPLL}}$		2.94		3.43		-	ns
$t_{\text{ZXBIDIRPLL}}$		2.94		3.43		-	ns

Tables 91 through 96 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 EP20K600E APEX 20KE devices.

Table 91. EP20K600E f_{MAX} LE Timing Microparameters

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{SU}	0.16		0.16		0.17		ns
t_{H}	0.29		0.33		0.37		ns
t_{CO}		0.65		0.38		0.49	ns
t_{LUT}		0.70		1.00		1.30	ns

Table 99. EP20K1000E t_{MAX} Routing Delays

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{F1-4}		0.27		0.27		0.27	ns
t_{F5-20}		1.45		1.63		1.75	ns
t_{F20+}		4.15		4.33		4.97	ns

Table 100. EP20K1000E Minimum Pulse Width Timing Parameters

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{CH}	1.25		1.43		1.67		ns
t_{CL}	1.25		1.43		1.67		ns
t_{CLRP}	0.20		0.20		0.20		ns
t_{PREP}	0.20		0.20		0.20		ns
t_{ESBCH}	1.25		1.43		1.67		ns
t_{ESBCL}	1.25		1.43		1.67		ns
t_{ESBWP}	1.28		1.51		1.65		ns
t_{ESBRP}	1.11		1.29		1.41		ns

Table 101. EP20K1000E External Timing Parameters

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{INSU}	2.70		2.84		2.97		ns
t_{INH}	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
t_{OUTCO}	2.00	5.75	2.00	6.33	2.00	6.90	ns
$t_{INSUPLL}$	1.64		2.09		-		ns
t_{INHPLL}	0.00		0.00		-		ns
$t_{OUTCOPLL}$	0.50	2.25	0.50	2.99	-	-	ns

Table 110. Selectable I/O Standard Output Delays

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
LVC MOS		0.00		0.00		0.00	ns
LVTTL		0.00		0.00		0.00	ns
2.5 V		0.00		0.09		0.10	ns
1.8 V		2.49		2.98		3.03	ns
PCI		−0.03		0.17		0.16	ns
GTL+		0.75		0.75		0.76	ns
SSTL-3 Class I		1.39		1.51		1.50	ns
SSTL-3 Class II		1.11		1.23		1.23	ns
SSTL-2 Class I		1.35		1.48		1.47	ns
SSTL-2 Class II		1.00		1.12		1.12	ns
LVDS		−0.48		−0.48		−0.48	ns
CTT		0.00		0.00		0.00	ns
AGP		0.00		0.00		0.00	ns

Power Consumption

To estimate device power consumption, use the interactive power calculator on the Altera web site at <http://www.altera.com>.

Configuration & Operation

The APEX 20K architecture supports several configuration schemes. This section summarizes the device operating modes and available device configuration schemes.

Operating Modes

The APEX architecture uses SRAM configuration elements that require configuration data to be loaded each time the circuit powers up. The process of physically loading the SRAM data into the device is called configuration. During initialization, which 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. Together, the configuration and initialization processes are called *command mode*; normal device operation is called *user mode*.

Before and during device configuration, all I/O pins are pulled to V_{CCIO} by a built-in weak pull-up resistor.