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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	151
Number of Gates	263000
Voltage - Supply	1.71V ~ 1.89V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 85°C (TJ)
Package / Case	208-BFQFP
Supplier Device Package	208-PQFP (28x28)
Purchase URL	https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/intel/ep20k100eqc208-3n

Table 2. Additional APEX 20K Device Features *Note (1)*

Feature	EP20K300E	EP20K400	EP20K400E	EP20K600E	EP20K1000E	EP20K1500E
Maximum system gates	728,000	1,052,000	1,052,000	1,537,000	1,772,000	2,392,000
Typical gates	300,000	400,000	400,000	600,000	1,000,000	1,500,000
LEs	11,520	16,640	16,640	24,320	38,400	51,840
ESBs	72	104	104	152	160	216
Maximum RAM bits	147,456	212,992	212,992	311,296	327,680	442,368
Maximum macrocells	1,152	1,664	1,664	2,432	2,560	3,456
Maximum user I/O pins	408	502	488	588	708	808

Note to Tables 1 and 2:

- (1) The embedded IEEE Std. 1149.1 Joint Test Action Group (JTAG) boundary-scan circuitry contributes up to 57,000 additional gates.

Additional Features

- Designed for low-power operation
 - 1.8-V and 2.5-V supply voltage (see Table 3)
 - MultiVolt™ I/O interface support to interface with 1.8-V, 2.5-V, 3.3-V, and 5.0-V devices (see Table 3)
 - ESB offering programmable power-saving mode

Table 3. APEX 20K Supply Voltages

Feature	Device	
	EP20K100 EP20K200 EP20K400	EP20K30E EP20K60E EP20K100E EP20K160E EP20K200E EP20K300E EP20K400E EP20K600E EP20K1000E EP20K1500E
Internal supply voltage (V_{CCINT})	2.5 V	1.8 V
MultiVolt I/O interface voltage levels (V_{CCIO})	2.5 V, 3.3 V, 5.0 V	1.8 V, 2.5 V, 3.3 V, 5.0 V (1)

Note to Table 3:

- (1) APEX 20KE devices can be 5.0-V tolerant by using an external resistor.

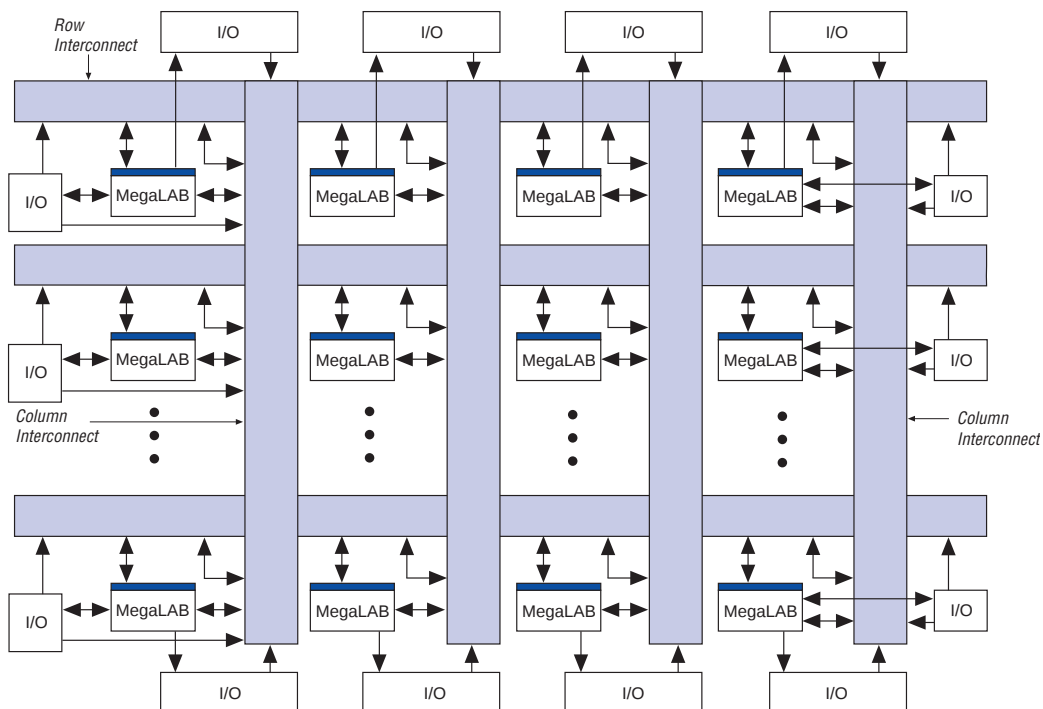
All APEX 20K devices are reconfigurable and are 100% tested prior to shipment. As a result, test vectors do not have to be generated for fault coverage purposes. Instead, the designer can focus on simulation and design verification. In addition, the designer does not need to manage inventories of different application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC) designs; APEX 20K devices can be configured on the board for the specific functionality required.

APEX 20K devices are configured at system power-up with data stored in an Altera serial configuration device or provided by a system controller. Altera offers in-system programmability (ISP)-capable EPC1, EPC2, and EPC16 configuration devices, which configure APEX 20K devices via a serial data stream. Moreover, APEX 20K devices contain an optimized interface that permits microprocessors to configure APEX 20K devices serially or in parallel, and synchronously or asynchronously. The interface also enables microprocessors to treat APEX 20K devices as memory and configure the device by writing to a virtual memory location, making reconfiguration easy.

After an APEX 20K device has been configured, it can be reconfigured in-circuit by resetting the device and loading new data. Real-time changes can be made during system operation, enabling innovative reconfigurable computing applications.

APEX 20K devices are supported by the Altera Quartus II development system, a single, integrated package that offers HDL and schematic design entry, compilation and logic synthesis, full simulation and worst-case timing analysis, SignalTap logic analysis, and device configuration. The Quartus II software runs on Windows-based PCs, Sun SPARCstations, and HP 9000 Series 700/800 workstations.

The Quartus II software provides NativeLink interfaces to other industry-standard PC- and UNIX workstation-based EDA tools. For example, designers can invoke the Quartus II software from within third-party design tools. Further, the Quartus II software contains built-in optimized synthesis libraries; synthesis tools can use these libraries to optimize designs for APEX 20K devices. For example, the Synopsys Design Compiler library, supplied with the Quartus II development system, includes DesignWare functions optimized for the APEX 20K architecture.

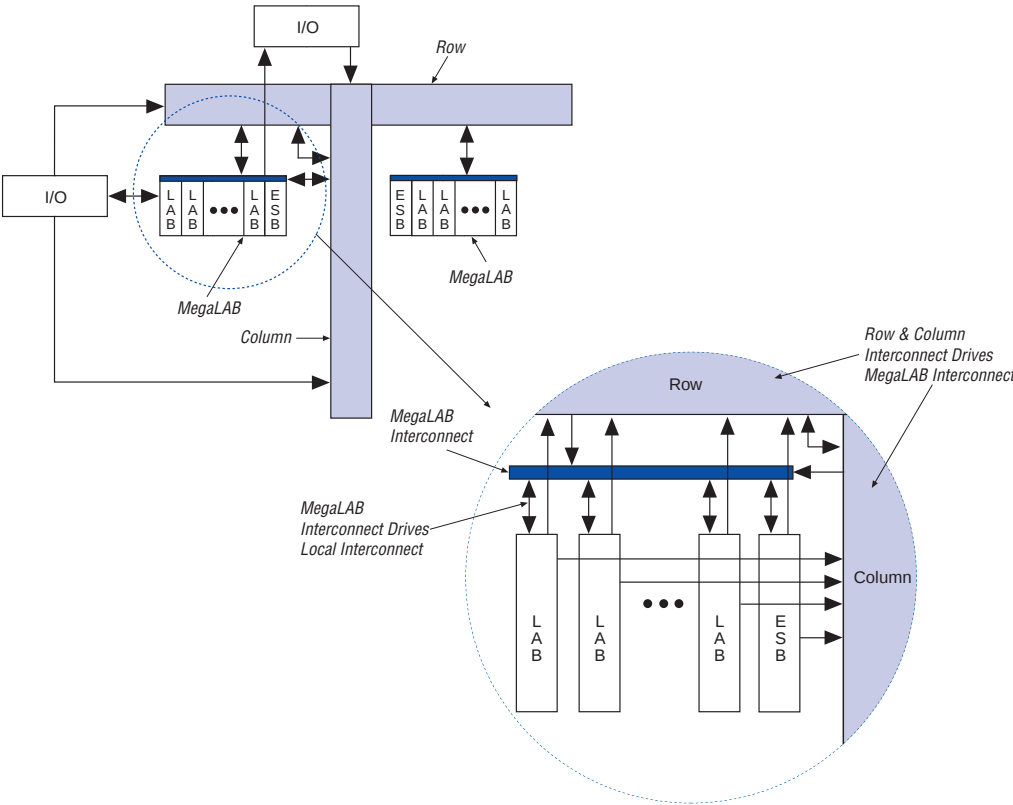
Figure 9. APEX 20K Interconnect Structure

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.

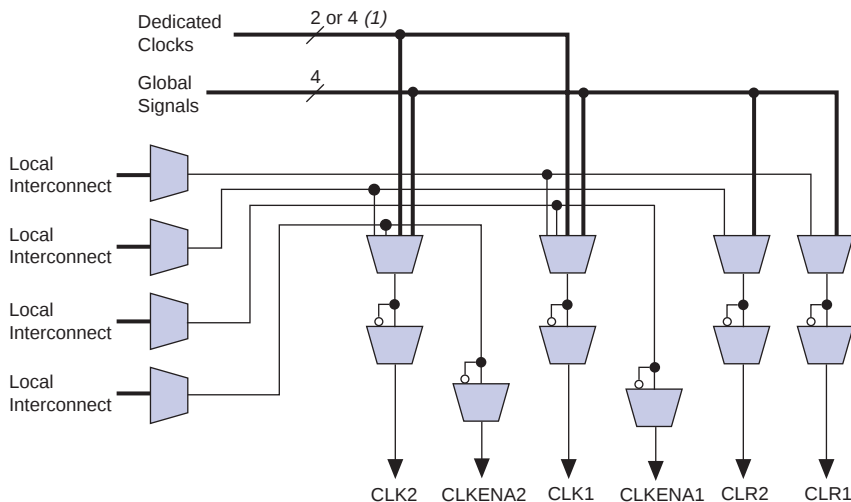
Figure 10 shows how the FastTrack Interconnect uses the local interconnect to drive LEs within MegaLAB structures.

Figure 10. FastTrack Connection to Local 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.

Each IOE drives a row, column, MegaLAB, or local interconnect when used as an input or bidirectional pin. A row IOE can drive a local, MegaLAB, row, and column interconnect; a column IOE can drive the column interconnect. **Figure 27** shows how a row IOE connects to the interconnect.

Figure 27. Row IOE Connection to the Interconnect

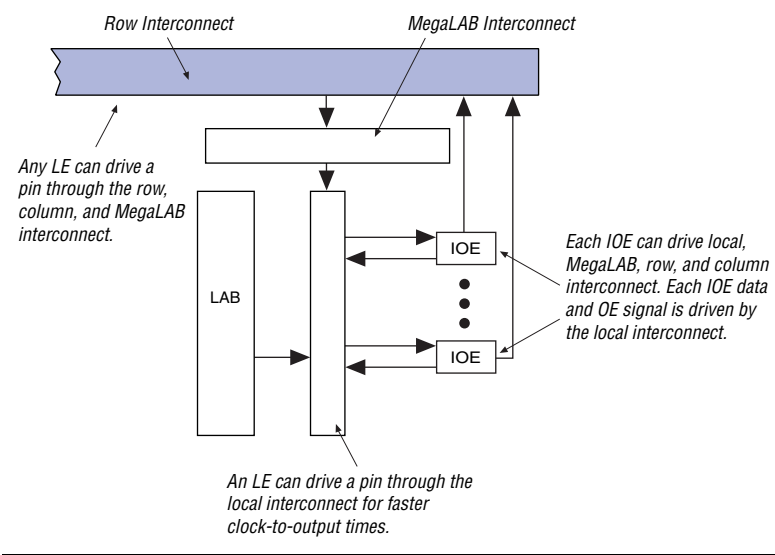
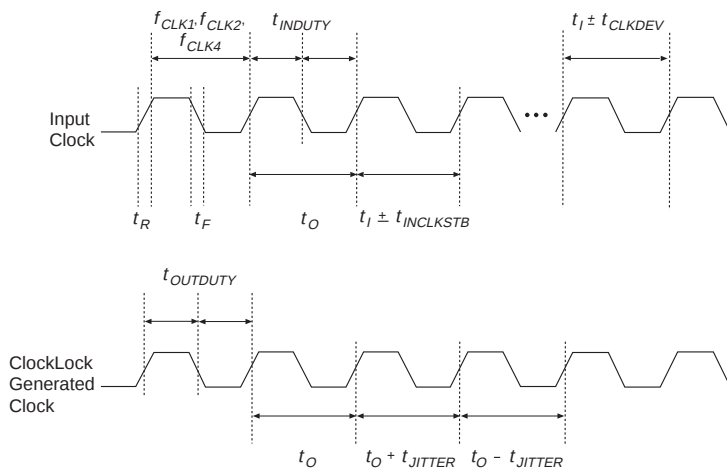


Figure 30. Specifications for the Incoming & Generated Clocks *Note (1)*



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

Notes to Table 16:

- (1) To implement the ClockLock and ClockBoost circuitry with the Quartus II software, designers must specify the input frequency. The Quartus II software tunes the PLL in the ClockLock and ClockBoost circuitry to this frequency. The f_{CLKDEV} parameter specifies how much the incoming clock can differ from the specified frequency during device operation. Simulation does not reflect this parameter.
- (2) Twenty-five thousand parts per million (PPM) equates to 2.5% of input clock period.
- (3) During device configuration, the ClockLock and ClockBoost circuitry is configured before the rest of the device. If the incoming clock is supplied during configuration, the ClockLock and ClockBoost circuitry locks during configuration because the t_{LOCK} value is less than the time required for configuration.
- (4) The t_{JITTER} specification is measured under long-term observation.

Tables 17 and 18 summarize the ClockLock and ClockBoost parameters for APEX 20KE devices.

Table 17. APEX 20KE ClockLock & ClockBoost Parameters <i>Note (1)</i>						
Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
t_R	Input rise time				5	ns
t_F	Input fall time				5	ns
t_{INDUTY}	Input duty cycle		40		60	%
$t_{INJITTER}$	Input jitter peak-to-peak				2% of input period	peak-to-peak
$t_{OUTJITTER}$	Jitter on ClockLock or ClockBoost-generated clock				0.35% of output period	RMS
$t_{OUTDUTY}$	Duty cycle for ClockLock or ClockBoost-generated clock		45		55	%
t_{LOCK} (2), (3)	Time required for ClockLock or ClockBoost to acquire lock				40	μ s

Table 21. 32-Bit APEX 20K Device IDCODE

Device	IDCODE (32 Bits) ⁽¹⁾			
	Version (4 Bits)	Part Number (16 Bits)	Manufacturer Identity (11 Bits)	1 (1 Bit) ⁽²⁾
EP20K30E	0000	1000 0000 0011 0000	000 0110 1110	1
EP20K60E	0000	1000 0000 0110 0000	000 0110 1110	1
EP20K100	0000	0000 0100 0001 0110	000 0110 1110	1
EP20K100E	0000	1000 0001 0000 0000	000 0110 1110	1
EP20K160E	0000	1000 0001 0110 0000	000 0110 1110	1
EP20K200	0000	0000 1000 0011 0010	000 0110 1110	1
EP20K200E	0000	1000 0010 0000 0000	000 0110 1110	1
EP20K300E	0000	1000 0011 0000 0000	000 0110 1110	1
EP20K400	0000	0001 0110 0110 0100	000 0110 1110	1
EP20K400E	0000	1000 0100 0000 0000	000 0110 1110	1
EP20K600E	0000	1000 0110 0000 0000	000 0110 1110	1
EP20K1000E	0000	1001 0000 0000 0000	000 0110 1110	1

Notes to Table 21:

- (1) The most significant bit (MSB) is on the left.
(2) The IDCODE's least significant bit (LSB) is always 1.

Figure 31 shows the timing requirements for the JTAG signals.

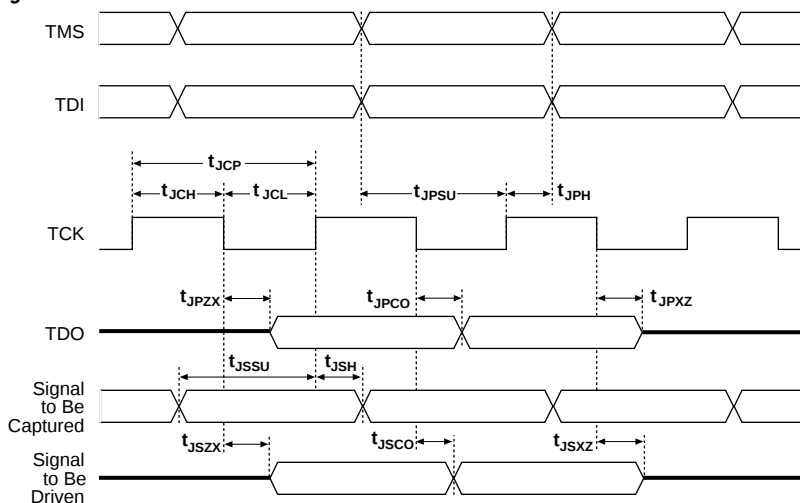
Figure 31. APEX 20K JTAG Waveforms

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

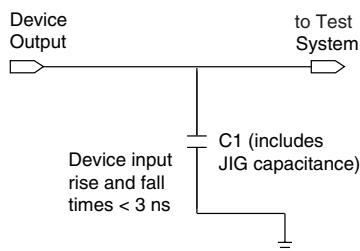


For more information, see the following documents:

- *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.

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 37. APEX 20KE t_{MAX} Timing Model

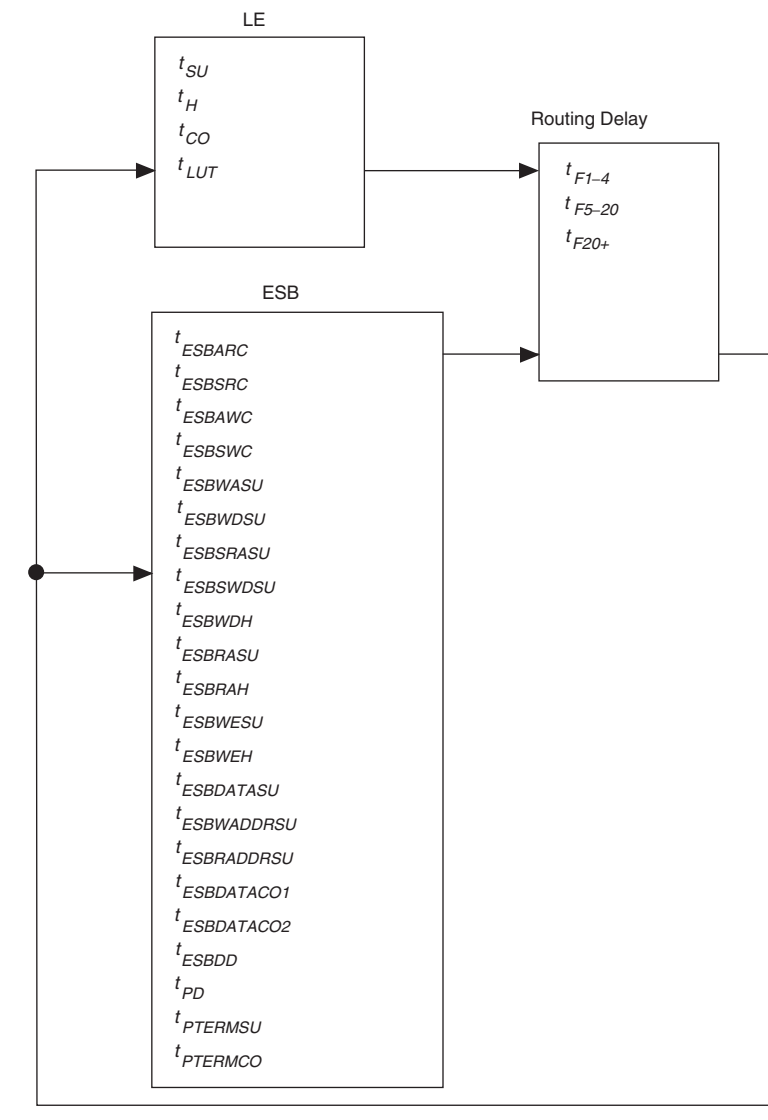


Figure 39. ESB Synchronous Timing Waveforms

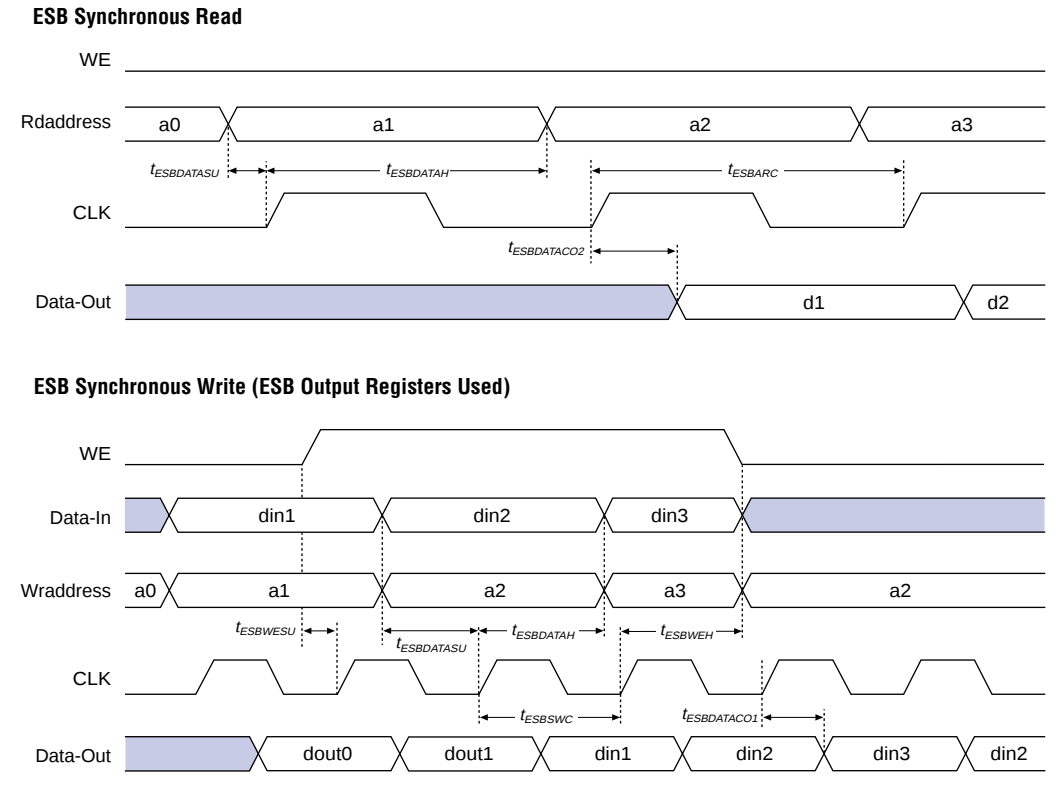


Figure 40 shows the timing model for bidirectional I/O pin timing.

Table 31. APEX 20K t_{MAX} Timing Parameters (Part 2 of 2)

Symbol	Parameter
$t_{ESB\text{DATA}CO2}$	ESB clock-to-output delay without output registers
t_{ESBDD}	ESB data-in to data-out delay for RAM mode
t_{PD}	ESB macrocell input to non-registered output
$t_{PTERMSU}$	ESB macrocell register setup time before clock
$t_{PTERMCO}$	ESB macrocell register clock-to-output delay
t_{F1-4}	Fanout delay using local interconnect
t_{F5-20}	Fanout delay using MegaLab Interconnect
t_{F20+}	Fanout delay using FastTrack Interconnect
t_{CH}	Minimum clock high time from clock pin
t_{CL}	Minimum clock low time from clock pin
t_{CLRP}	LE clear pulse width
t_{PREP}	LE preset pulse width
t_{ESBCH}	Clock high time
t_{ESBCL}	Clock low time
t_{ESBWP}	Write pulse width
t_{ESBRP}	Read pulse width

Tables 32 and 33 describe APEX 20K external timing parameters.

Table 32. APEX 20K External Timing Parameters Note (1)

Symbol	Clock Parameter
t_{INSU}	Setup time with global clock at IOE register
t_{INH}	Hold time with global clock at IOE register
t_{OUTCO}	Clock-to-output delay with global clock at IOE register

Table 33. APEX 20K External Bidirectional Timing Parameters Note (1)

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions
$t_{INSUBIDIR}$	Setup time for bidirectional pins with global clock at same-row or same-column LE register	
$t_{INH\text{BIDIR}}$	Hold time for bidirectional pins with global clock at same-row or same-column LE register	
$t_{OUTCO\text{BIDIR}}$	Clock-to-output delay for bidirectional pins with global clock at IOE register	C1 = 10 pF
$t_{XZ\text{BIDIR}}$	Synchronous IOE output buffer disable delay	C1 = 10 pF
$t_{ZXBIDIR}$	Synchronous IOE output buffer enable delay, slow slew rate = off	C1 = 10 pF

Notes to **Tables 43 through 48:**

- (1) This parameter is measured without using ClockLock or ClockBoost circuits.
- (2) This parameter is measured using ClockLock or ClockBoost circuits.

Tables 49 through 54 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 EP20K30E APEX 20KE devices.

Table 49. EP20K30E f_{MAX} LE Timing Microparameters							
Symbol	-1		-2		-3		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{SU}	0.01		0.02		0.02		ns
t_H	0.11		0.16		0.23		ns
t_{CO}		0.32		0.45		0.67	ns
t_{LUT}		0.85		1.20		1.77	ns

Table 50. EP20K30E t_{MAX} ESB Timing Microparameters

Symbol	-1		-2		-3		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{ESBARC}		2.03		2.86		4.24	ns
t_{ESBSRC}		2.58		3.49		5.02	ns
t_{ESBAWC}		3.88		5.45		8.08	ns
t_{ESBSWC}		4.08		5.35		7.48	ns
$t_{ESBWASU}$	1.77		2.49		3.68		ns
t_{ESBWAH}	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
$t_{ESBWDSU}$	1.95		2.74		4.05		ns
t_{ESBWDH}	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
$t_{ESBRASU}$	1.96		2.75		4.07		ns
t_{ESBRAH}	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
$t_{ESBWESU}$	1.80		2.73		4.28		ns
t_{ESBWEH}	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
$t_{ESBDATASU}$	0.07		0.48		1.17		ns
$t_{ESBDATAH}$	0.13		0.13		0.13		ns
$t_{ESBWADDRSU}$	0.30		0.80		1.64		ns
$t_{ESBRADDRSU}$	0.37		0.90		1.78		ns
$t_{ESBDATACO1}$		1.11		1.32		1.67	ns
$t_{ESBDATACO2}$		2.65		3.73		5.53	ns
t_{ESBDD}		3.88		5.45		8.08	ns
t_{PD}		1.91		2.69		3.98	ns
$t_{PTERMSU}$	1.04		1.71		2.82		ns
$t_{PTERMCO}$		1.13		1.34		1.69	ns

Table 51. EP20K30E t_{MAX} Routing Delays

Symbol	-1		-2		-3		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{F1-4}		0.24		0.27		0.31	ns
t_{F5-20}		1.03		1.14		1.30	ns
t_{F20+}		1.42		1.54		1.77	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
$t_{ESBDATAO1}$		1.09		1.35		1.51	ns
$t_{ESBDATAO2}$		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 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

SRAM configuration elements allow APEX 20K 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. In-field upgrades can be performed by distributing new configuration files.

Configuration Schemes

The configuration data for an APEX 20K device can be loaded with one of five configuration schemes (see Table 111), chosen on the basis of the target application. An EPC2 or EPC16 configuration device, intelligent controller, or the JTAG port can be used to control the configuration of an APEX 20K device. When a configuration device is used, the system can configure automatically at system power-up.

Multiple APEX 20K devices can be configured in any of five configuration schemes by connecting the configuration enable (nCE) and configuration enable output (nCEO) pins on each device.

Table 111. Data Sources for Configuration	
Configuration Scheme	Data Source
Configuration device	EPC1, EPC2, EPC16 configuration devices
Passive serial (PS)	MasterBlaster or ByteBlasterMV download cable or serial data source
Passive parallel asynchronous (PPA)	Parallel data source
Passive parallel synchronous (PPS)	Parallel data source
JTAG	MasterBlaster or ByteBlasterMV download cable or a microprocessor with a Jam or JBC File



For more information on configuration, see *Application Note 116 (Configuring APEX 20K, FLEX 10K, & FLEX 6000 Devices.)*

Device Pin-Outs

See the Altera web site (<http://www.altera.com>) or the *Altera Digital Library* for pin-out information

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APEX 20K Programmable Logic Device Family Data Sheet version 4.1 contains the following changes:

- t_{ESBWEH} added to [Figure 37](#) and [Tables 35, 50, 56, 62, 68, 74, 86, 92, 97, and 104](#).
- Updated EP20K300E device internal and external timing numbers in [Tables 79 through 84](#).