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Details

Product Status	Obsolete
Number of LABs/CLBs	832
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	8320
Total RAM Bits	106496
Number of I/O	382
Number of Gates	526000
Voltage - Supply	2.375V ~ 2.625V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 85°C (TJ)
Package / Case	484-BBGA
Supplier Device Package	484-FBGA (23x23)
Purchase URL	https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/intel/ep20k200fc484-3v

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.

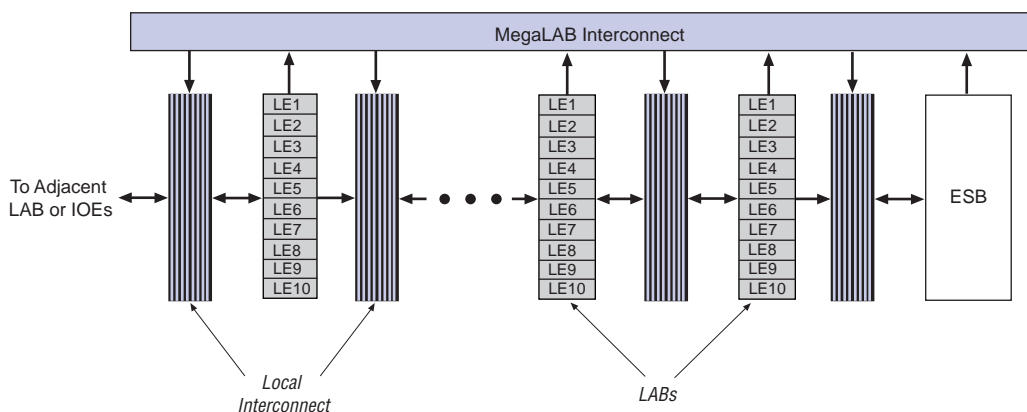
APEX 20KE devices are a superset of APEX 20K devices and include additional features such as advanced I/O standard support, CAM, additional global clocks, and enhanced ClockLock clock circuitry. In addition, APEX 20KE devices extend the APEX 20K family to 1.5 million gates. APEX 20KE devices are denoted 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.

APEX 20K devices provide two dedicated clock pins and four dedicated input pins that drive register control inputs. These signals ensure efficient distribution of high-speed, low-skew control signals. These signals use dedicated routing channels to provide short delays and low skews. Four of the dedicated inputs drive four global signals. These four global signals can also be driven by internal logic, providing an ideal solution for a clock divider or internally generated asynchronous clear signals with high fan-out. The dedicated clock pins featured on the APEX 20K devices can also feed logic. The devices also feature ClockLock and ClockBoost clock management circuitry. APEX 20KE devices provide two additional dedicated clock pins, for a total of four dedicated clock pins.

MegaLAB Structure

APEX 20K devices are constructed from a series of MegaLAB™ structures. Each MegaLAB structure contains a group of logic array blocks (LABs), one ESB, and a MegaLAB interconnect, which routes signals within the MegaLAB structure. The EP20K30E device has 10 LABs, EP20K60E through EP20K600E devices have 16 LABs, and the EP20K1000E and EP20K1500E devices have 24 LABs. Signals are routed between MegaLAB structures and I/O pins via the FastTrack Interconnect. In addition, edge LABs can be driven by I/O pins through the local interconnect. Figure 2 shows the MegaLAB structure.

Figure 2. MegaLAB Structure



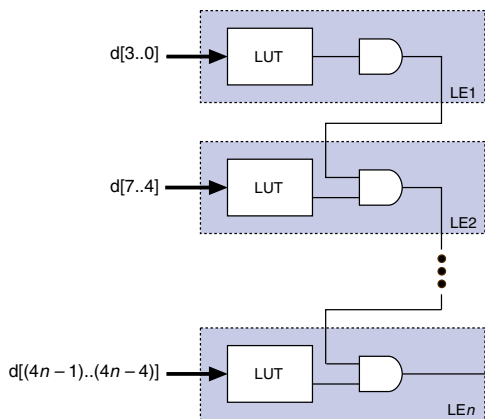
Cascade Chain

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

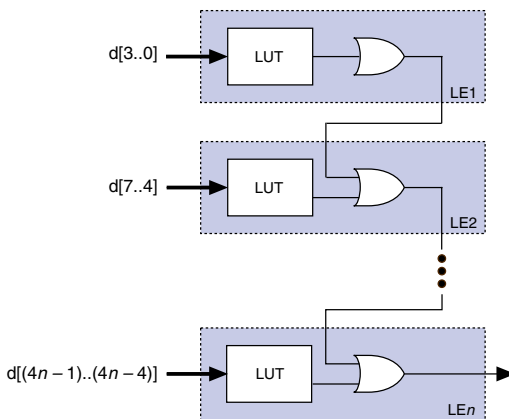
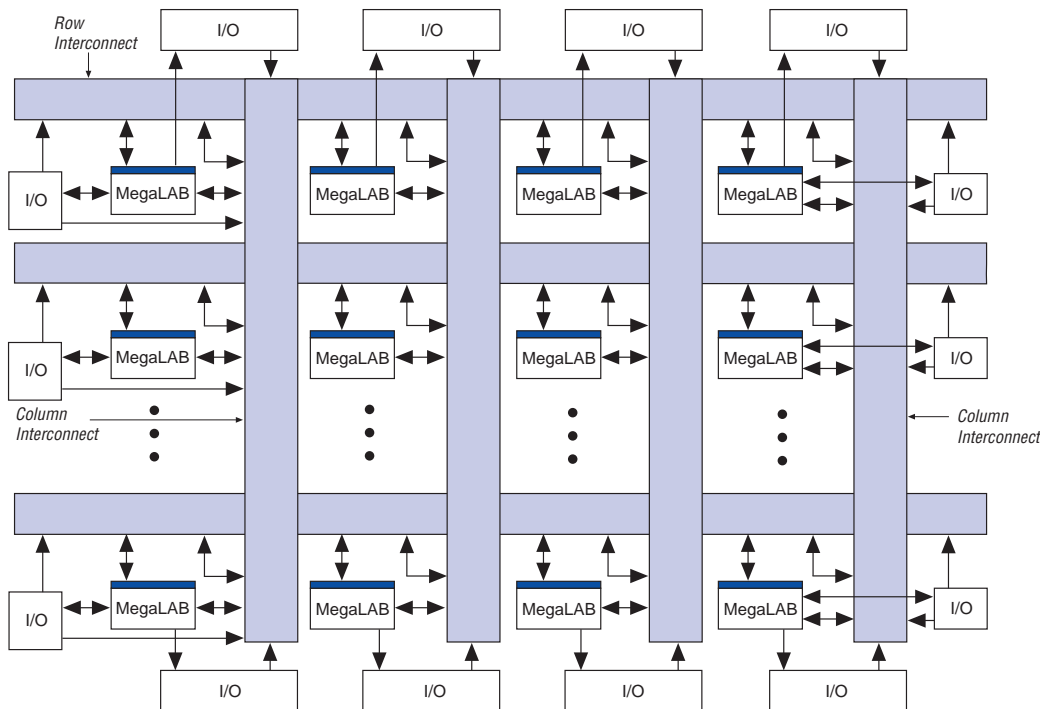


Figure 9. APEX 20K Interconnect Structure

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 12. APEX 20KE FastRow Interconnect

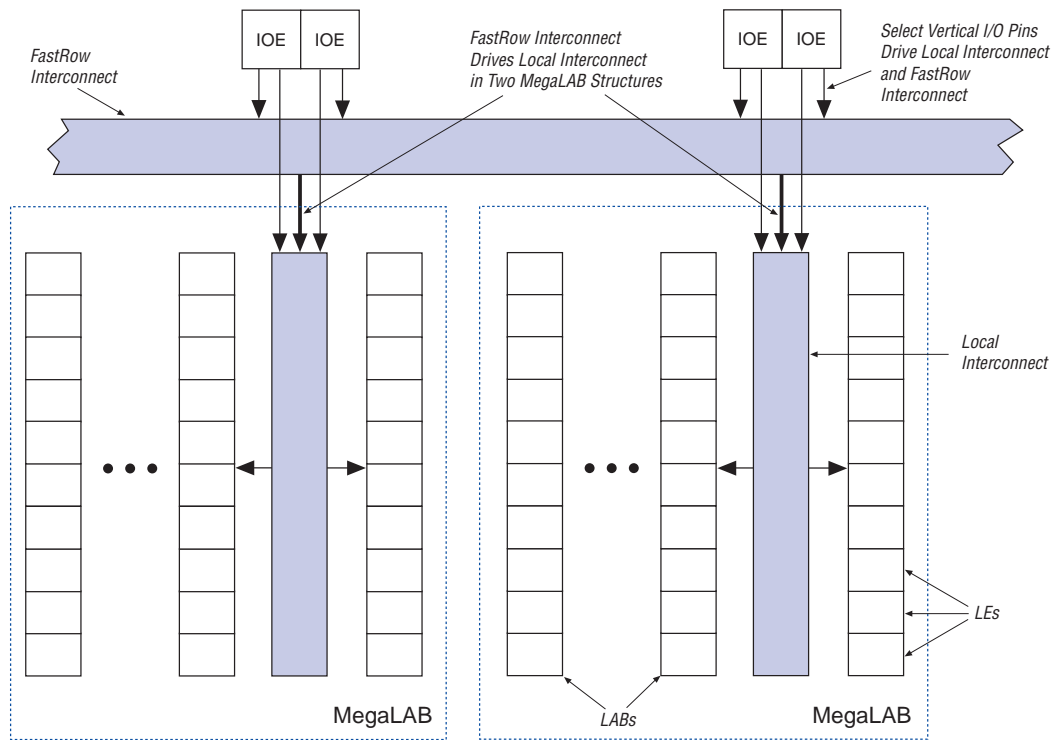
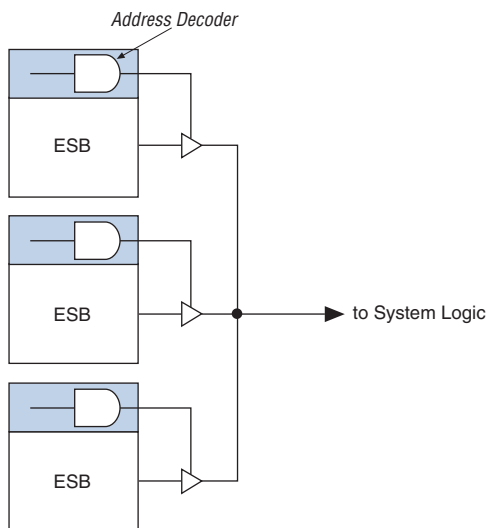


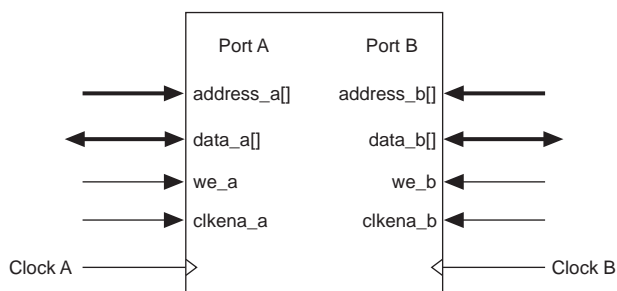
Table 9 summarizes how various elements of the APEX 20K architecture drive each other.

Figure 18. Deep Memory Block Implemented with Multiple ESBs



The ESB implements two forms of dual-port memory: read/write clock mode and input/output clock mode. The ESB can also be used for bidirectional, dual-port memory applications in which two ports read or write simultaneously. To implement this type of dual-port memory, two or four ESBs are used to support two simultaneous reads or writes. This functionality is shown in [Figure 19](#).

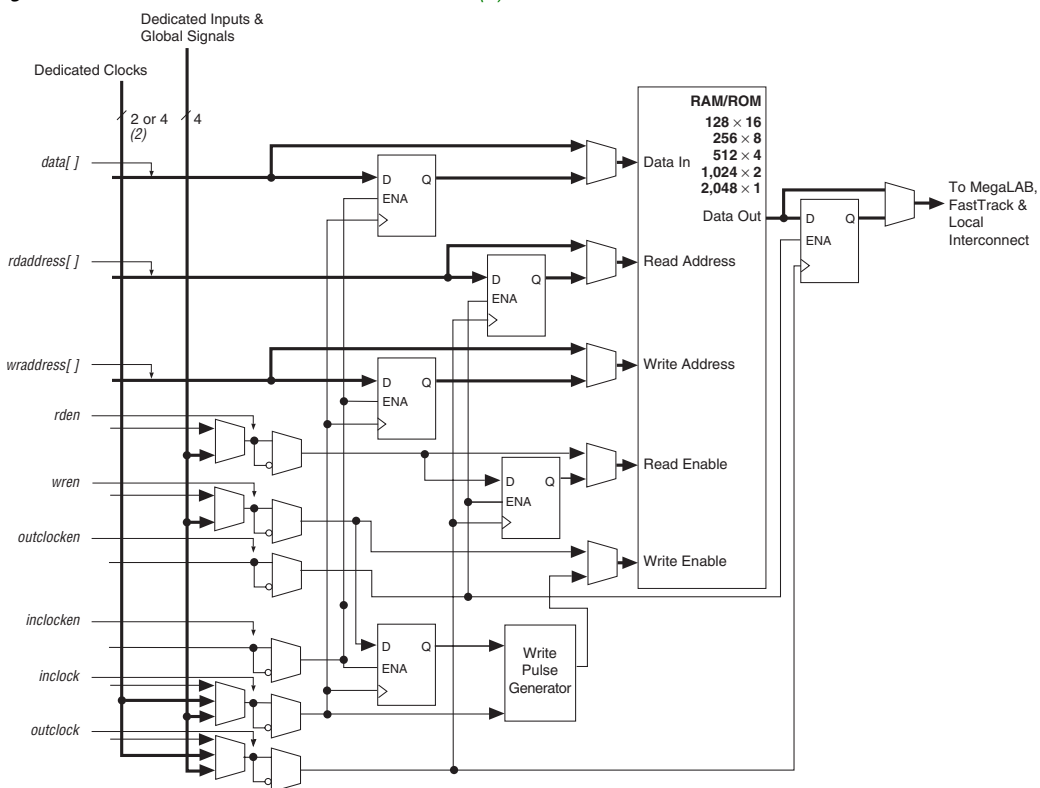
Figure 19. APEX 20K ESB Implementing Dual-Port RAM



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.

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.

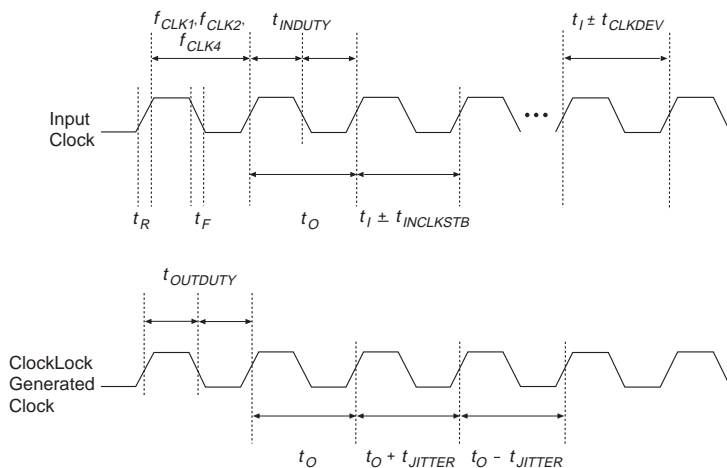
Table 12. 5.0-V Tolerant APEX 20K MultiVolt I/O Support						
V_{CCIO} (V)	Input Signals (V)			Output Signals (V)		
	2.5	3.3	5.0	2.5	3.3	5.0
2.5	✓	✓(1)	✓(1)	✓		
3.3	✓	✓	✓(1)	✓(2)	✓	✓

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

IEEE Std. 1149.1 (JTAG) Boundary-Scan Support

All APEX 20K devices provide JTAG BST circuitry that complies with the IEEE Std. 1149.1-1990 specification. JTAG boundary-scan testing can be performed before or after configuration, but not during configuration. APEX 20K devices can also use the JTAG port for configuration with the Quartus II software or with hardware using either Jam Files (.jam) or Jam Byte-Code Files (.jbc). Finally, APEX 20K devices use the JTAG port to monitor the logic operation of the device with the SignalTap embedded logic analyzer. APEX 20K devices support the JTAG instructions shown in [Table 19](#). Although EP20K1500E devices support the JTAG BYPASS and SignalTap instructions, they do not support boundary-scan testing or the use of the JTAG port for configuration.

Table 19. APEX 20K JTAG Instructions

JTAG Instruction	Description
SAMPLE/PRELOAD	Allows a snapshot of signals at the device pins to be captured and examined during normal device operation, and permits an initial data pattern to be output at the device pins. Also used by the SignalTap embedded logic analyzer.
EXTEST	Allows the external circuitry and board-level interconnections to be tested by forcing a test pattern at the output pins and capturing test results at the input pins.
BYPASS ⁽¹⁾	Places the 1-bit bypass register between the TDI and TDO pins, which allows the BST data to pass synchronously through selected devices to adjacent devices during normal device operation.
USERCODE	Selects the 32-bit USERCODE register and places it between the TDI and TDO pins, allowing the USERCODE to be serially shifted out of TDO.
IDCODE	Selects the IDCODE register and places it between TDI and TDO, allowing the IDCODE to be serially shifted out of TDO.
ICR Instructions	Used when configuring an APEX 20K device via the JTAG port with a MasterBlaster™ or ByteBlasterMV™ download cable, or when using a Jam File or Jam Byte-Code File via an embedded processor.
SignalTap Instructions ⁽¹⁾	Monitors internal device operation with the SignalTap embedded logic analyzer.

Note to Table 19:

(1) The EP20K1500E device supports the JTAG BYPASS instruction and the SignalTap instructions.

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 33. Relationship between V_{CCIO} & V_{CCINT} for 3.3-V PCI Compliance

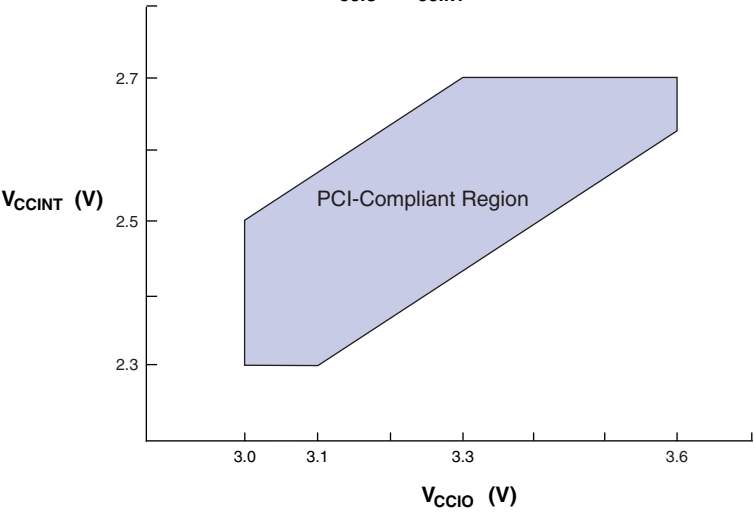
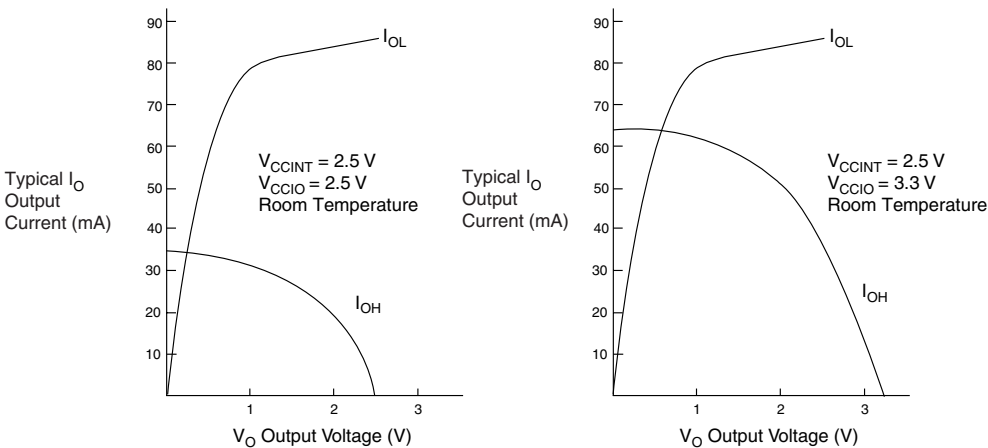


Figure 34 shows the typical output drive characteristics of APEX 20K devices with 3.3-V and 2.5-V V_{CCIO} . The output driver is compatible with the 3.3-V *PCI Local Bus Specification, Revision 2.2* (when V_{CCIO} pins are connected to 3.3 V). 5-V tolerant APEX 20K devices in the -1 speed grade are 5-V PCI compliant over all operating conditions.

Figure 34. Output Drive Characteristics of APEX 20K Device *Note (1)*



Note to Figure 34:

(1) These are transient (AC) currents.

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 56. EP20K60E t_{MAX} ESB Timing Microparameters

Symbol	-1		-2		-3		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{ESBARC}		1.83		2.57		3.79	ns
t_{ESBSRC}		2.46		3.26		4.61	ns
t_{ESBAWC}		3.50		4.90		7.23	ns
t_{ESBSWC}		3.77		4.90		6.79	ns
$t_{ESBWASU}$	1.59		2.23		3.29		ns
t_{ESBWAH}	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
$t_{ESBWDSU}$	1.75		2.46		3.62		ns
t_{ESBWDH}	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
$t_{ESBRASU}$	1.76		2.47		3.64		ns
t_{ESBRAH}	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
$t_{ESBWESU}$	1.68		2.49		3.87		ns
t_{ESBWEH}	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
$t_{ESBDATASU}$	0.08		0.43		1.04		ns
$t_{ESBDATAH}$	0.13		0.13		0.13		ns
$t_{ESBWADDRSU}$	0.29		0.72		1.46		ns
$t_{ESBRADDRSU}$	0.36		0.81		1.58		ns
$t_{ESBDATACO1}$		1.06		1.24		1.55	ns
$t_{ESBDATACO2}$		2.39		3.35		4.94	ns
t_{ESBDD}		3.50		4.90		7.23	ns
t_{PD}		1.72		2.41		3.56	ns
$t_{PTERMSU}$	0.99		1.56		2.55		ns
$t_{PTERMCO}$		1.07		1.26		1.08	ns

Table 62. EP20K100E t_{MAX} ESB Timing Microparameters

Symbol	-1		-2		-3		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{ESBARC}		1.61		1.84		1.97	ns
t_{ESBSRC}		2.57		2.97		3.20	ns
t_{ESBAWC}		0.52		4.09		4.39	ns
t_{ESBSWC}		3.17		3.78		4.09	ns
$t_{ESBWASU}$	0.56		6.41		0.63		ns
t_{ESBWAH}	0.48		0.54		0.55		ns
$t_{ESBWDSU}$	0.71		0.80		0.81		ns
t_{ESBWDH}	.048		0.54		0.55		ns
$t_{ESBRASU}$	1.57		1.75		1.87		ns
t_{ESBRAH}	0.00		0.00		0.20		ns
$t_{ESBWESU}$	1.54		1.72		1.80		ns
t_{ESBWEH}	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
$t_{ESBDATASU}$	-0.16		-0.20		-0.20		ns
$t_{ESBDATAH}$	0.13		0.13		0.13		ns
$t_{ESBWADDRSU}$	0.12		0.08		0.13		ns
$t_{ESBRADDRSU}$	0.17		0.15		0.19		ns
$t_{ESBDATAO1}$		1.20		1.39		1.52	ns
$t_{ESBDATAO2}$		2.54		2.99		3.22	ns
t_{ESBDD}		3.06		3.56		3.85	ns
t_{PD}		1.73		2.02		2.20	ns
$t_{PTERMSU}$	1.11		1.26		1.38		ns
$t_{PTERMCO}$		1.19		1.40		1.08	ns

Table 63. EP20K100E t_{MAX} Routing Delays

Symbol	-1		-2		-3		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{F1-4}		0.24		0.27		0.29	ns
t_{F5-20}		1.04		1.26		1.52	ns
t_{F20+}		1.12		1.36		1.86	ns

Table 78. EP20K200E External Bidirectional Timing Parameters

Symbol	-1		-2		-3		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{\text{INSUBIDIR}}$	2.81		3.19		3.54		ns
t_{INHBIDIR}	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
$t_{\text{OUTCOBIDIR}}$	2.00	5.12	2.00	5.62	2.00	6.11	ns
t_{XZBIDIR}		7.51		8.32		8.67	ns
t_{ZXBIDIR}		7.51		8.32		8.67	ns
$t_{\text{INSUBIDIRPLL}}$	3.30		3.64		-		ns
$t_{\text{INHBIDIRPLL}}$	0.00		0.00		-		ns
$t_{\text{OUTCOBIDIRPLL}}$	0.50	3.01	0.50	3.36	-	-	ns
$t_{\text{XZBIDIRPLL}}$		5.40		6.05		-	ns
$t_{\text{ZXBIDIRPLL}}$		5.40		6.05		-	ns

Tables 79 through 84 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 EP20K300E APEX 20KE devices.

Table 79. EP20K300E f_{MAX} LE Timing Microparameters

Symbol	-1		-2		-3		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{SU}	0.16		0.17		0.18		ns
t_{H}	0.31		0.33		0.38		ns
t_{CO}		0.28		0.38		0.51	ns
t_{LUT}		0.79		1.07		1.43	ns

Table 106. EP20K1500E 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 107. EP20K1500E External Timing Parameters

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t _{INSU}	3.09		3.30		3.58		ns
t _{INH}	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
t _{OUTCO}	2.00	6.18	2.00	6.81	2.00	7.36	ns
t _{INSUPLL}	1.94		2.08		-		ns
t _{INHPLL}	0.00		0.00		-		ns
t _{OUTCOPLL}	0.50	2.67	0.50	2.99	-	-	ns

Table 108. EP20K1500E External Bidirectional Timing Parameters

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{\text{INSUBIDIR}}$	3.47		3.68		3.99		ns
t_{INHBIDIR}	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
$t_{\text{OUTCOBIDIR}}$	2.00	6.18	2.00	6.81	2.00	7.36	ns
t_{XZBIDIR}		6.91		7.62		8.38	ns
t_{ZXBIDIR}		6.91		7.62		8.38	ns
$t_{\text{INSUBIDIRPLL}}$	3.05		3.26				ns
$t_{\text{INHBIDIRPLL}}$	0.00		0.00				ns
$t_{\text{OUTCOBIDIRPLL}}$	0.50	2.67	0.50	2.99			ns
$t_{\text{XZBIDIRPLL}}$		3.41		3.80			ns
$t_{\text{ZXBIDIRPLL}}$		3.41		3.80			ns

Tables 109 and 110 show selectable I/O standard input and output delays for APEX 20KE devices. If you select an I/O standard input or output delay other than LVCMOS, add or subtract the selected speed grade to or from the LVCMOS value.

Table 109. Selectable I/O Standard Input Delays

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
LVCMOS		0.00		0.00		0.00	ns
LVTTTL		0.00		0.00		0.00	ns
2.5 V		0.00		0.04		0.05	ns
1.8 V		−0.11		0.03		0.04	ns
PCI		0.01		0.09		0.10	ns
GTL+		−0.24		−0.23		−0.19	ns
SSTL-3 Class I		−0.32		−0.21		−0.47	ns
SSTL-3 Class II		−0.08		0.03		−0.23	ns
SSTL-2 Class I		−0.17		−0.06		−0.32	ns
SSTL-2 Class II		−0.16		−0.05		−0.31	ns
LVDS		−0.12		−0.12		−0.12	ns
CTT		0.00		0.00		0.00	ns
AGP		0.00		0.00		0.00	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.