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Number of Gates	-
Voltage - Supply	1.15V ~ 1.25V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	-40°C ~ 100°C (TJ)
Package / Case	672-BGA
Supplier Device Package	672-FBGA (27x27)
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# About This Handbook

This handbook provides comprehensive information about the Altera® Cyclone® II family of devices.

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Another special packing mode allows the register output to feed back into the LUT of the same LE so that the register is packed with its own fan-out LUT, providing another mechanism for improved fitting. The LE can also drive out registered and unregistered versions of the LUT output.

In addition to the three general routing outputs, the LEs within an LAB have register chain outputs. Register chain outputs allow registers within the same LAB to cascade together. The register chain output allows an LAB to use LUTs for a single combinational function and the registers to be used for an unrelated shift register implementation. These resources speed up connections between LABs while saving local interconnect resources. See [“MultiTrack Interconnect” on page 2–10](#) for more information on register chain connections.

## LE Operating Modes

The Cyclone II LE operates in one of the following modes:

- Normal mode
- Arithmetic mode

Each mode uses LE resources differently. In each mode, six available inputs to the LE—the four data inputs from the LAB local interconnect, the LAB carry-in from the previous carry-chain LAB, and the register chain connection—are directed to different destinations to implement the desired logic function. LAB-wide signals provide clock, asynchronous clear, synchronous clear, synchronous load, and clock enable control for the register. These LAB-wide signals are available in all LE modes.

The Quartus® II software, in conjunction with parameterized functions such as library of parameterized modules (LPM) functions, automatically chooses the appropriate mode for common functions such as counters, adders, subtractors, and arithmetic functions. If required, you can also create special-purpose functions that specify which LE operating mode to use for optimal performance.

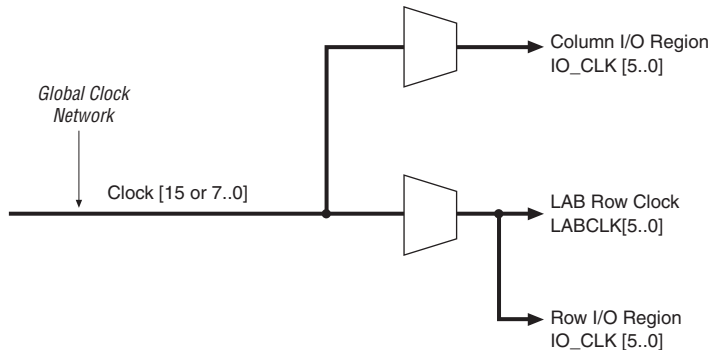
### *Normal Mode*

The normal mode is suitable for general logic applications and combinational functions. In normal mode, four data inputs from the LAB local interconnect are inputs to a four-input LUT (see [Figure 2–3](#)). The Quartus II Compiler automatically selects the carry-in or the `data3` signal as one of the inputs to the LUT. LEs in normal mode support packed registers and register feedback.

## Global Clock Network Distribution

Cyclone II devices contains 16 global clock networks. The device uses multiplexers with these clocks to form six-bit buses to drive column IOE clocks, LAB row clocks, or row IOE clocks (see [Figure 2-14](#)). Another multiplexer at the LAB level selects two of the six LAB row clocks to feed the LE registers within the LAB.

**Figure 2-14. Global Clock Network Multiplexers**



LAB row clocks can feed LEs, M4K memory blocks, and embedded multipliers. The LAB row clocks also extend to the row I/O clock regions.

IOE clocks are associated with row or column block regions. Only six global clock resources feed to these row and column regions. [Figure 2-15](#) shows the I/O clock regions.

**Table 5–16. LE\_FF Internal Timing Microparameters (Part 2 of 2)**

Parameter	–6 Speed Grade (1)		–7 Speed Grade (2)		–8 Speed Grade (3)		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
TPRE	191	—	244	—	244	—	ps
	—	—	217	—	244	—	ps
TCLKL	1000	—	1242	—	1242	—	ps
	—	—	1111	—	1242	—	ps
TCLKH	1000	—	1242	—	1242	—	ps
	—	—	1111	—	1242	—	ps
tLUT	180	438	172	545	172	651	ps
	—	—	180	—	180	—	ps

**Notes to Table 5–16:**

- (1) For the –6 speed grades, the minimum timing is for the commercial temperature grade. The –7 speed grade devices offer the automotive temperature grade. The –8 speed grade devices offer the industrial temperature grade.
- (2) For each parameter of the –7 speed grade columns, the value in the first row represents the minimum timing parameter for automotive devices. The second row represents the minimum timing parameter for commercial devices.
- (3) For each parameter of the –8 speed grade columns, the value in the first row represents the minimum timing parameter for industrial devices. The second row represents the minimum timing parameter for commercial devices.

**Table 5–17. IOE Internal Timing Microparameters (Part 1 of 2)**

Parameter	–6 Speed Grade (1)		–7 Speed Grade (2)		–8 Speed Grade (3)		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
TSU	76	—	101	—	101	—	ps
	—	—	89	—	101	—	ps
TH	88	—	106	—	106	—	ps
	—	—	97	—	106	—	ps
TCO	99	155	95	171	95	187	ps
	—	—	99	—	99	—	ps
TPIN2COMBOUT_R	384	762	366	784	366	855	ps
	—	—	384	—	384	—	ps
TPIN2COMBOUT_C	385	760	367	783	367	854	ps
	—	—	385	—	385	—	ps
TCOMBIN2PIN_R	1344	2490	1280	2689	1280	2887	ps
	—	—	1344	—	1344	—	ps

**Table 5–17. IOE Internal Timing Microparameters (Part 2 of 2)**

Parameter	–6 Speed Grade (1)		–7 Speed Grade (2)		–8 Speed Grade (3)		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
TCOMBIN2PIN_C	1418	2622	1352	2831	1352	3041	ps
	—	—	1418	—	1418	—	ps
TCLR	137	—	165	—	165	—	ps
	—	—	151	—	165	—	ps
TPRE	192	—	233	—	233	—	ps
	—	—	212	—	233	—	ps
TCLKL	1000	—	1242	—	1242	—	ps
	—	—	1111	—	1242	—	ps
TCLKH	1000	—	1242	—	1242	—	ps
	—	—	1111	—	1242	—	ps

**Notes to Table 5–17:**

- (1) For the –6 speed grades, the minimum timing is for the commercial temperature grade. The –7 speed grade devices offer the automotive temperature grade. The –8 speed grade devices offer the industrial temperature grade.
- (2) For each parameter of the –7 speed grade columns, the value in the first row represents the minimum timing parameter for automotive devices. The second row represents the minimum timing parameter for commercial devices.
- (3) For each parameter of the –8 speed grade columns, the value in the first row represents the minimum timing parameter for industrial devices. The second row represents the minimum timing parameter for commercial devices.

**Table 5–18. DSP Block Internal Timing Microparameters (Part 1 of 2)**

Parameter	–6 Speed Grade (1)		–7 Speed Grade (2)		–8 Speed Grade (3)		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
TSU	47	—	62	—	62	—	ps
	—	—	54	—	62	—	ps
TH	110	—	113	—	113	—	ps
	—	—	111	—	113	—	ps
TCO	0	0	0	0	0	0	ps
	—	—	0	—	0	—	ps
TINREG2PIPE9	652	1379	621	1872	621	2441	ps
	—	—	652	—	652	—	ps
TINREG2PIPE18	652	1379	621	1872	621	2441	ps
	—	—	652	—	652	—	ps

**Table 5–37. Cyclone II IOE Programmable Delay on Row Pins** Notes (1), (2) (Part 2 of 2)

Parameter	Paths Affected	Number of Settings	Fast Corner (3)		–6 Speed Grade		–7 Speed Grade (4)		–8 Speed Grade		Unit
			Min Offset	Max Offset	Min Offset	Max Offset	Min Offset	Max Offset	Min Offset	Max Offset	
Input Delay from Pin to Input Register	Pad -> I/O input register	8	0	2669	0	4482	0	4834	0	4859	ps
			0	2802	—	—	0	4671	—	—	ps
Delay from Output Register to Output Pin	I/O output register -> Pad	2	0	308	0	572	0	648	0	682	ps
			0	324	—	—	0	626	—	—	ps

**Notes to Table 5–37 :**

- (1) The incremental values for the settings are generally linear. For exact values of each setting, use the latest version of the Quartus II software.
- (2) The minimum and maximum offset timing numbers are in reference to setting “0” as available in the Quartus II software.
- (3) The value in the first row represents the fast corner timing parameter for industrial and automotive devices. The second row represents the fast corner timing parameter for commercial devices.
- (4) The value in the first row is for automotive devices. The second row is for commercial devices.

## Default Capacitive Loading of Different I/O Standards

Refer to Table 5–38 for default capacitive loading of different I/O standards.

**Table 5–38. Default Loading of Different I/O Standards for Cyclone II Device** (Part 1 of 2)

I/O Standard	Capacitive Load	Unit
LVTTTL	0	pF
LVC MOS	0	pF
2.5V	0	pF
1.8V	0	pF
1.5V	0	pF
PCI	10	pF
PCI-X	10	pF
SSTL_2_CLASS_I	0	pF
SSTL_2_CLASS_II	0	pF
SSTL_18_CLASS_I	0	pF

**Table 5–44. Maximum Input Clock Toggle Rate on Cyclone II Devices (Part 2 of 2)**

I/O Standard	Maximum Input Clock Toggle Rate on Cyclone II Devices (MHz)								
	Column I/O Pins			Row I/O Pins			Dedicated Clock Inputs		
	–6 Speed Grade	–7 Speed Grade	–8 Speed Grade	–6 Speed Grade	–7 Speed Grade	–8 Speed Grade	–6 Speed Grade	–7 Speed Grade	–8 Speed Grade
DIFFERENTIAL_SSTL_18_CLASS_I	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
DIFFERENTIAL_SSTL_18_CLASS_II	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
1.8V_DIFFERENTIAL_HSTL_CLASS_I	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
1.8V_DIFFERENTIAL_HSTL_CLASS_II	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
1.5V_DIFFERENTIAL_HSTL_CLASS_I	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
1.5V_DIFFERENTIAL_HSTL_CLASS_II	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
LVPECL	—	—	—	—	—	—	402	402	402
LVDS	402	402	402	402	402	402	402	402	402
1.2V_HSTL	110	90	80	—	—	—	110	90	80
1.2V_DIFFERENTIAL_HSTL	110	90	80	—	—	—	110	90	80

**Table 5–45. Maximum Output Clock Toggle Rate on Cyclone II Devices (Part 1 of 4)**

I/O Standard	Drive Strength	Maximum Output Clock Toggle Rate on Cyclone II Devices (MHz)								
		Column I/O Pins (1)			Row I/O Pins (1)			Dedicated Clock Outputs		
		–6 Speed Grade	–7 Speed Grade	–8 Speed Grade	–6 Speed Grade	–7 Speed Grade	–8 Speed Grade	–6 Speed Grade	–7 Speed Grade	–8 Speed Grade
LVTTTL	4 mA	120	100	80	120	100	80	120	100	80
	8 mA	200	170	140	200	170	140	200	170	140
	12 mA	280	230	190	280	230	190	280	230	190
	16 mA	290	240	200	290	240	200	290	240	200
	20 mA	330	280	230	330	280	230	330	280	230
	24 mA	360	300	250	360	300	250	360	300	250



**Table 7–6. I/O Standards Supported for Cyclone II PLLs (Part 2 of 2)**

I/O Standard	Input	Output	
	inclk	lock	pll_out
SSTL-25 class II	✓	✓	✓
RSDS/mini-LVDS (4)		✓	✓

**Notes to Table 7–6:**

- (1) The PCI-X I/O standard is supported only on side I/O pins.
- (2) Differential SSTL and HSTL outputs are only supported on the PLL<#>\_OUT pins.
- (3) These I/O standards are only supported on top and bottom I/O pins.
- (4) The RSDS and mini-LVDS pins are only supported on output pins.

## Clock Feedback Modes

Cyclone II PLLs support four clock feedback modes: normal mode, zero delay buffer mode, no compensation mode, and source synchronous mode. Cyclone II PLLs do not have support for external feedback mode. All the supported clock feedback modes allow for multiplication and division, phase shifting, and programmable duty cycle. The phase relationships shown in the waveforms in Figures 7–4 through 7–6 are for the default (zero degree) phase shift setting. Changing the phase-shift setting changes the relationships between the output clocks from the PLL.

### Normal Mode

In normal mode, the PLL phase-aligns the input reference clock with the clock signal at the ports of the registers in the logic array I/O registers to compensate for the internal global clock network delay. Use the `altpll` megafunction in the Quartus II software to define which internal clock output from the PLL (c0, c1, or c2) to compensate for.

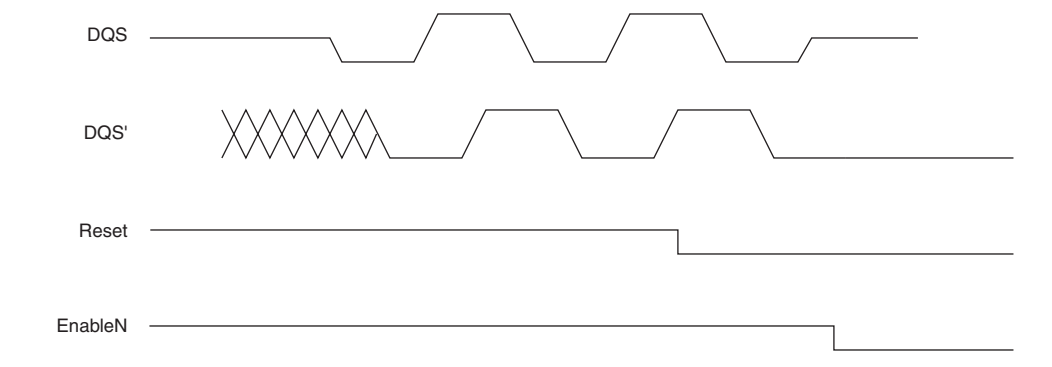
If an external clock output pin (PLL<#>\_OUT) is used in this mode, there is a phase shift with respect to the clock input pin. Similarly, if the internal PLL clock outputs are used to drive general-purpose I/O pins, there is a phase shift with respect to the clock input pin.

Figure 7–4 shows an example waveform of the PLL clocks' phase relationship in this mode.

**Table 7–8. Global Clock Network Connections (Part 2 of 3)**

Global Clock Network Clock Sources	Global Clock Networks															
	All Cyclone II Devices								EP2C15 through EP2C70 Devices Only							
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
PLL4_c0													✓	✓		✓
PLL4_c1													✓		✓	✓
PLL4_c2														✓	✓	
DPCLK0 (1)	✓															
DPCLK1 (1)		✓														
DPCLK10 (1), (2) CDPCLK0 or CDPCLK7 (3)			✓													
DPCLK2 (1), (2) CDPCLK1 or CDPCLK2 (3)				✓												
DPCLK7 (1)					✓											
DPCLK6 (1)						✓										
DPCLK8 (1), (2) CDPCLK5 or CDPCLK6 (3)							✓									
DPCLK4 (1), (2) CDPCLK4 or CDPCLK3 (3)								✓								
DPCLK8 (1)									✓							
DPCLK11 (1)										✓						
DPCLK9 (1)											✓					
DPCLK10 (1)												✓				
DPCLK5 (1)													✓			
DPCLK2 (1)														✓		
DPCLK4 (1)															✓	

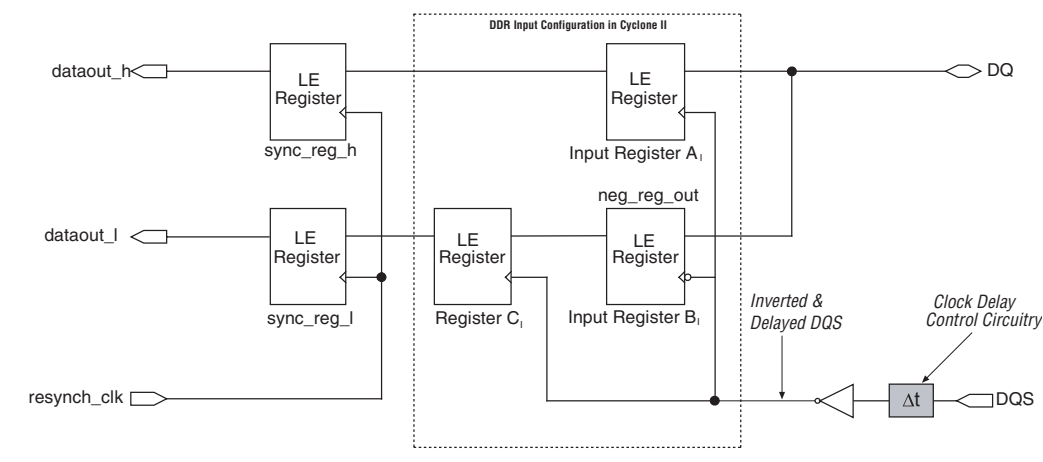
**Figure 9–10. Cyclone II DQS Postamble Circuitry Control Timing Waveform**



## DDR Input Registers

In Cyclone II devices, the DDR input registers are implemented with five internal LE registers located in the logic array block (LAB) adjacent to the DDR input pin (see [Figure 9–11](#)). The DDR data is fed to the first two registers, input register  $A_I$  and input register  $B_I$ . Input register  $B_I$  captures the DDR data present during the rising edge of the clock. Input register  $A_I$  captures the DDR data present during the falling edge of the clock. Register  $C_I$  aligns the data before it is transferred to the resynchronization registers.

**Figure 9–11. DDR Input Implementation**



## I/O Termination

The majority of the Cyclone II I/O standards are single-ended, non-voltage-referenced I/O standards and, as such, the following I/O standards do not specify a recommended termination scheme:

- 3.3-V LVTTTL and LVCMOS
- 2.5-V LVTTTL and LVCMOS
- 1.8-V LVTTTL and LVCMOS
- 1.5-V LVCMOS
- 3.3-V PCI and PCI-X

### Voltage-Referenced I/O Standard Termination

Voltage-referenced I/O standards require both an input reference voltage,  $V_{REF}$ , and a termination voltage,  $V_{TT}$ . The reference voltage of the receiving device tracks the termination voltage of the transmitting device.

For more information on termination for voltage-referenced I/O standards, refer to [“Supported I/O Standards” on page 10-1](#).

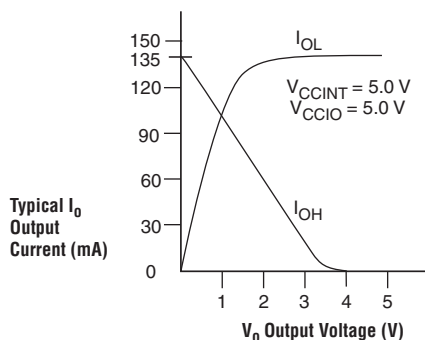
### Differential I/O Standard Termination

Differential I/O standards typically require a termination resistor between the two signals at the receiver. The termination resistor must match the differential load impedance of the bus.

Cyclone II devices support differential I/O standards LVDS, RSDS, and mini-LVDS, and differential LVPECL.

For more information on termination for differential I/O standards, refer to [“Supported I/O Standards” on page 10-1](#).

**Figure 10–22. Output Drive Characteristics of a 5.0-V Device**



As shown above,  $R_1 = 5.0\text{-V}/135\text{ mA}$ .



The values shown in data sheets usually reflect typical operating conditions. Subtract 20% from the data sheet value for guard band. This subtraction when applied in the example in [Figure 10–22](#) gives  $R_1$  a value of  $30\ \Omega$

$R_2$  should be selected so that it does not violate the driving device's  $I_{OH}$  specification. For example, if the device has a maximum  $I_{OH}$  of 8 mA, given that the PCI clamping diode,  $V_{IN} = V_{CCIO} + 0.7\text{-V} = 3.7\text{-V}$ , and the maximum supply load of a 5.0-V device ( $V_{CC}$ ) is 5.25-V, the value of  $R_2$  can be calculated as follows:

$$R_2 = \frac{(5.25\text{ V} - 3.7\text{ V}) - (8\text{ mA} \times 30\ \Omega)}{8\text{ mA}} = 164\ \Omega$$

This analysis assumes worst case conditions. If your system does not have a wide variation in voltage-supply levels, you can adjust these calculations accordingly.



Because 5.0-V device tolerance in Cyclone II devices requires use of the PCI clamp, and this clamp is activated during configuration, 5.0-V signals may not be driven into the device until it is configured.

## Conclusion

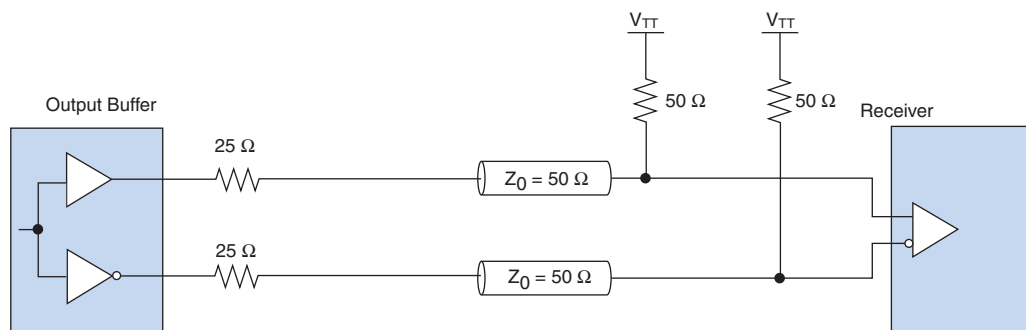
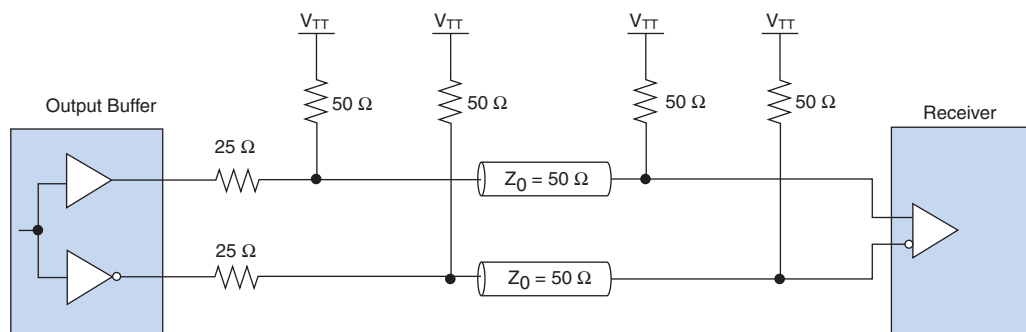
Cyclone II device I/O capabilities enable you to keep pace with increasing design complexity utilizing a low-cost FPGA device family. Support for I/O standards including SSTL and LVDS compatibility allow Cyclone II devices to fit into a wide variety of applications. The Quartus II

software makes it easy to use these I/O standards in Cyclone II device designs. After design compilation, the software also provides clear, visual representations of pads and pins and the selected I/O standards. Taking advantage of the support of these I/O standards in Cyclone II devices allows you to lower your design costs without compromising design flexibility or complexity.

## References

For more information on the I/O standards referred to in this document, refer to the following sources:

- Stub Series Terminated Logic for 2.5-V (SSTL-2), JESD8-9A, Electronic Industries Association, December 2000.
- 1.5-V +/- 0.1-V (Normal Range) and 0.9-V - 1.6-V (Wide Range) Power Supply Voltage and Interface Standard for Non-terminated Digital Integrated Circuits, JESD8-11, Electronic Industries Association, October 2000.
- 1.8-V +/- 0.15-V (Normal Range) and 1.2-V - 1.95-V (Wide Range) Power Supply Voltage and Interface Standard for Non-terminated Digital Integrated Circuits, JESD8-7, Electronic Industries Association, February 1997.
- 2.5-V +/- 0.2-V (Normal Range) and 1.8-V to 2.7-V (Wide Range) Power Supply Voltage and Interface Standard for Non-terminated Digital Integrated Circuits, JESD8-5, Electronic Industries Association, October 1995.
- Interface Standard for Nominal 3-V/ 3.3-V Supply Digital Integrated Circuits, JESD8-B, Electronic Industries Association, September 1999.
- PCI Local Bus Specification, Revision 2.2, PCI Special Interest Group, December 1998.
- Electrical Characteristics of Low Voltage Differential Signaling (LVDS) Interface Circuits, ANSI/TIA/EIA-644, American National Standards Institute/Telecommunications Industry/Electronic Industries Association, October 1995.

**Figure 11–12. Differential SSTL Class I Interface****Figure 11–13. Differential SSTL Class II Interface**

## Differential HSTL Support in Cyclone II Devices

The differential HSTL AC and DC specifications are the same as the HSTL single-ended specifications. The differential HSTL I/O standard is available on the *GCLK* pins only, treating differential inputs as two single-ended HSTL, and only decoding one of them. The differential HSTL output I/O standard is only supported at the *PLLCLKOUT* pins using two single-ended HSTL output buffers with the second output programmed as inverted. The standard requires two differential inputs with an external termination voltage ( $V_{TT}$ ) of  $0.5 \times V_{CCIO}$  to which termination resistors are connected.



For the HSTL signaling characteristics, see the *DC Characteristics & Timing Specifications* chapter and the *Selectable I/O Standards in Cyclone II Devices* chapter in Volume 1 of the *Cyclone II Device Handbook*.

Table 11–5 defines the parameters of the timing diagram shown in Figure 11–16. Figure 11–17 shows the Cyclone II high-speed I/O timing budget.

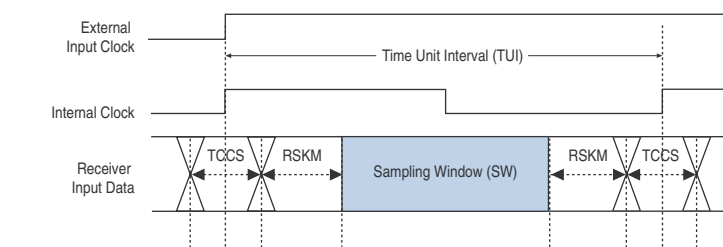
**Table 11–5. High-Speed I/O Timing Definitions**

Parameter	Symbol	Description
Transmitter channel-to-channel skew (1)	TCCS	The timing difference between the fastest and slowest output edges, including $t_{CO}$ variation and clock skew. The clock is included in the TCCS measurement.
Sampling window	SW	The period of time during which the data must be valid in order for you to capture it correctly. The setup and hold times determine the ideal strobe position within the sampling window. $T_{SW} = T_{SU} + T_{hd} + \text{PLL jitter}$ .
Receiver input skew margin	RSKM	RSKM is defined by the total margin left after accounting for the sampling window and TCCS. The RSKM equation is: $RSKM = (TUI - SW - TCCS) / 2$ .
Input jitter tolerance (peak-to-peak)		Allowed input jitter on the input clock to the PLL that is tolerable while maintaining PLL lock.
Output jitter (peak-to-peak)		Peak-to-peak output jitter from the PLL.

**Note to Table 11–5:**

- (1) The TCCS specification applies to the entire bank of LVDS as long as the SERDES logic are placed within the LAB adjacent to the output pins.

**Figure 11–16. High-Speed I/O Timing Diagram**





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### *Configuration Stage*

When the `nSTATUS` pin transitions high, the configuration device's `OE` pin also transitions high and the configuration device clocks data out serially to the FPGA using its internal oscillator. The Cyclone II device receives configuration data on its `DATA0` pin and the clock is received on the `DCLK` pin. Data is latched into the FPGA on the rising edge of `DCLK`.

After the FPGA has received all configuration data successfully, it releases the open-drain `CONF_DONE` pin, which is pulled high by a pull-up resistor. Since the Cyclone II device's `CONF_DONE` pin is tied to the configuration device's `nCS` pin, the configuration device is disabled when `CONF_DONE` goes high. Enhanced configuration and EPC2 devices have an optional internal pull-up resistor on the `nCS` pin. You can turn this option on in the Quartus II software from the **General** tab of the **Device & Pin Options** dialog box. If you do not use this internal pull-up resistor, you need to connect an external 10-k $\Omega$  pull-up resistor to the `nCS` and `CONF_DONE` line. A low-to-high transition on `CONF_DONE` indicates configuration is complete, and the device can begin initialization.

### *Initialization Stage*

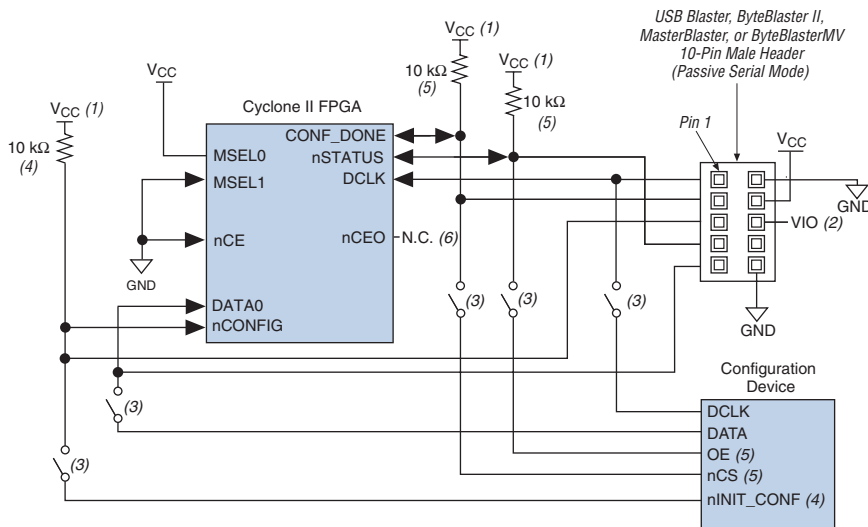
In Cyclone II devices, the default initialization clock source is the Cyclone II internal oscillator (typically 10 MHz). Cyclone II devices can also use the optional `CLKUSR` pin. If your design uses the internal oscillator, the Cyclone II device supplies itself with enough clock cycles for proper initialization. The advantage of using the internal oscillator is you do not need to use another device or source to send additional clock cycles to the `CLKUSR` pin during the initialization stage. Additionally, you can use of the `CLKUSR` pin as a user I/O pin, which means you have an additional user I/O pin.

If you want to delay the initialization of the device, you can use the `CLKUSR` pin. Using the `CLKUSR` pin allows you to control when the Cyclone II device enters user mode. You can delay the Cyclone II devices from entering user mode for an indefinite amount of time. You can turn on the **Enable user-supplied start-up clock (CLKUSR)** option in the Quartus II software from the **General** tab of the **Device & Pin Options** dialog box. Supplying a clock on `CLKUSR` does not affect the configuration process. After all configuration data is accepted and `CONF_DONE` goes high, Cyclone II devices require 299 clock cycles to properly initialize and support a `CLKUSR`  $f_{MAX}$  of 100 MHz.

An optional `INIT_DONE` pin is available, which signals the end of initialization and the start of user mode with a low-to-high transition. The **Enable INIT\_DONE output** option is available in the Quartus II software from the **General** tab of the **Device & Pin Options** dialog box. If you use the `INIT_DONE` pin, an external 10-k $\Omega$  pull-up resistor pulls it high when

the five common signals (`nCONFIG`, `nSTATUS`, `DCLK`, `DATA0`, and `CONF_DONE`) between the cable and the configuration device. You can also remove the configuration device from the board when configuring the FPGA with the cable. Figure 13–21 shows a combination of a configuration device and a download cable to configure an FPGA.

**Figure 13–21. PS Configuration with a Download Cable & Configuration Device Circuit**



**Notes to Figure 13–21:**

- (1) The pull-up resistor should be connected to the same supply voltage as the configuration device.
- (2) Pin 6 of the header is a  $V_{IO}$  reference voltage for the MasterBlaster output driver.  $V_{IO}$  should match the device's  $V_{CCIO}$ . Refer to the *MasterBlaster Serial/USB Communications Cable Data Sheet* for this value. In the ByteBlasterMV, this pin is a no connect. In the USB-Blaster and ByteBlaster II, this pin is connected to `nCE` when it is used for AS programming, otherwise it is a no connect.
- (3) You should not attempt configuration with a download cable while a configuration device is connected to a Cyclone II device. Instead, you should either remove the configuration device from its socket when using the download cable or place a switch on the five common signals between the download cable and the configuration device.
- (4) The `nINIT_CONF` pin (available on enhanced configuration devices and EPC2 devices only) has an internal pull-up resistor that is always active. This means an external pull-up resistor should not be used on the `nINIT_CONF` to `nCONFIG` line. The `nINIT_CONF` pin does not need to be connected if its functionality is not used. If `nINIT_CONF` is not used or not available (e.g., on EPC1 devices), `nCONFIG` must be pulled to  $V_{CC}$  either directly or through a resistor (if reconfiguration is required, a resistor is necessary).
- (5) The enhanced configuration devices' `OE` and `nCS` pins have internal programmable pull-up resistors. If internal pull-up resistors are used, external pull-up resistors should not be used on these pins. The internal pull-up resistors are used by default in the Quartus II software. To turn off the internal pull-up resistors, check the **Disable nCS and OE pull-ups on configuration device** option when generating programming files.
- (6) The `nCEO` pin can be left unconnected or used as a user I/O pin when it does not feed other device's `nCE` pin.

frequency (up to 40 MHz), which reduces your configuration time. In addition, Cyclone II devices can receive a compressed configuration bitstream and decompress this data on-the-fly in the AS or PS configuration scheme, which further reduces storage requirements and configuration time.

- Perform a `SAMPLE/PRELOAD` test cycle prior to the first `EXTEST` test cycle to ensure that known data is present at the device pins when the `EXTEST` mode is entered. If the `OEJ` update register contains a 0, the data in the `OUTJ` update register is driven out. The state must be known and correct to avoid contention with other devices in the system.
- Do not perform `EXTEST` testing during `ICR`. This instruction is supported before or after `ICR`, but not during `ICR`. Use the `CONFIG_IO` instruction to interrupt configuration, then perform testing, or wait for configuration to complete.
- If performing testing before configuration, hold the `nCONFIG` pin low.
- After configuration, any pins in a differential pin pair cannot be tested. Therefore, performing `BST` after configuration requires editing `BSC` group definitions that correspond to these differential pin pairs. The `BSC` group should be redefined as an internal cell. See the `BSDL` file for more information on editing.

For more information on boundary scan testing, contact Altera Applications.

## Boundary-Scan Description Language (BSDL) Support

The Boundary-Scan Description Language (BSDL), a subset of VHDL, provides a syntax that allows you to describe the features of an IEEE Std. 1149.1 BST-capable device that can be tested. Test software development systems then use the `BSDL` files for test generation, analysis, and failure diagnostics. For more information, or to receive `BSDL` files for IEEE Std. 1149.1-compliant Cyclone II devices, visit the Altera web site at [www.altera.com](http://www.altera.com).

## Conclusion

The IEEE Std. 1149.1 BST circuitry available in Cyclone II devices provides a cost-effective and efficient way to test systems that contain devices with tight lead spacing. Circuit boards with Altera and other IEEE Std. 1149.1-compliant devices can use the `EXTEST`, `SAMPLE/PRELOAD`, `BYPASS`, `IDCODE`, `USERCODE`, `CLAMP`, and `HIGHZ` modes to create serial patterns that internally test the pin connections between devices and check device operation.

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