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#### Details

Product Status	Active
Number of LABs/CLBs	288
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	4608
Total RAM Bits	119808
Number of I/O	158
Number of Gates	-
Voltage - Supply	1.15V ~ 1.25V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 85°C (TJ)
Package / Case	256-LBGA
Supplier Device Package	256-FBGA (17x17)
Purchase URL	<a href="https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/intel/ep2c5f256c6">https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/intel/ep2c5f256c6</a>

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- 133-MHz PCI-X 1.0 specification compatibility
  - High-speed external memory support, including DDR, DDR2, and SDR SDRAM, and QDR II SRAM supported by drop in Altera IP MegaCore functions for ease of use
  - Three dedicated registers per I/O element (IOE): one input register, one output register, and one output-enable register
  - Programmable bus-hold feature
  - Programmable output drive strength feature
  - Programmable delays from the pin to the IOE or logic array
  - I/O bank grouping for unique VCCIO and/or VREF bank settings
  - MultiVolt™ I/O standard support for 1.5-, 1.8-, 2.5-, and 3.3-interfaces
  - Hot-socketing operation support
  - Tri-state with weak pull-up on I/O pins before and during configuration
  - Programmable open-drain outputs
  - Series on-chip termination support
- Flexible clock management circuitry
    - Hierarchical clock network for up to 402.5-MHz performance
    - Up to four PLLs per device provide clock multiplication and division, phase shifting, programmable duty cycle, and external clock outputs, allowing system-level clock management and skew control
    - Up to 16 global clock lines in the global clock network that drive throughout the entire device
- Device configuration
    - Fast serial configuration allows configuration times less than 100 ms
    - Decompression feature allows for smaller programming file storage and faster configuration times
    - Supports multiple configuration modes: active serial, passive serial, and JTAG-based configuration
    - Supports configuration through low-cost serial configuration devices
    - Device configuration supports multiple voltages (either 3.3, 2.5, or 1.8 V)
- Intellectual property
    - Altera megafunction and Altera MegaCore function support, and Altera Megafunctions Partners Program (AMPP<sup>SM</sup>) megafunction support, for a wide range of embedded processors, on-chip and off-chip interfaces, peripheral functions, DSP functions, and communications functions and

**Table 2–1. Cyclone II Device Routing Scheme (Part 2 of 2)**

Source	Destination												
	Register Chain	Local Interconnect	Direct Link Interconnect	R4 Interconnect	R24 Interconnect	C4 Interconnect	C16 Interconnect	LE	M4K RAM Block	Embedded Multiplier	PLL	Column IOE	Row IOE
LE	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓							
M4K memory Block		✓	✓	✓		✓							
Embedded Multipliers		✓	✓	✓		✓							
PLL			✓	✓		✓							
Column IOE						✓	✓						
Row IOE			✓	✓	✓	✓							

## Global Clock Network & Phase-Locked Loops

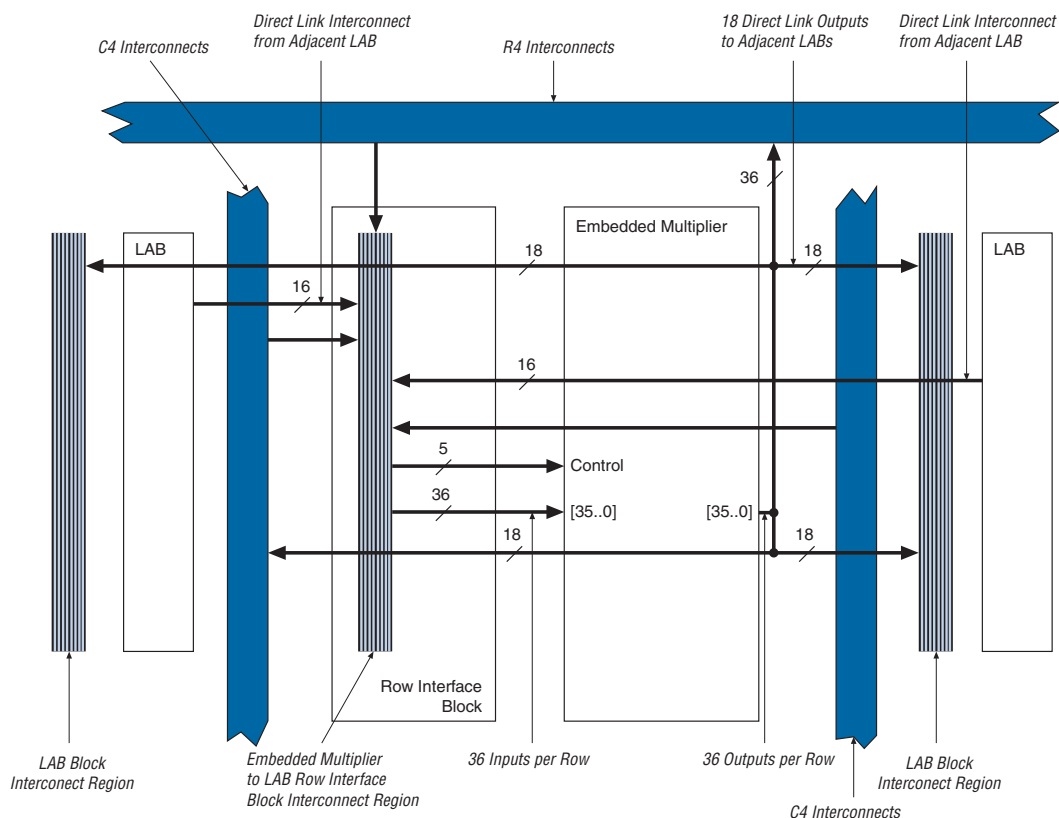
Cyclone II devices provide global clock networks and up to four PLLs for a complete clock management solution. Cyclone II clock network features include:

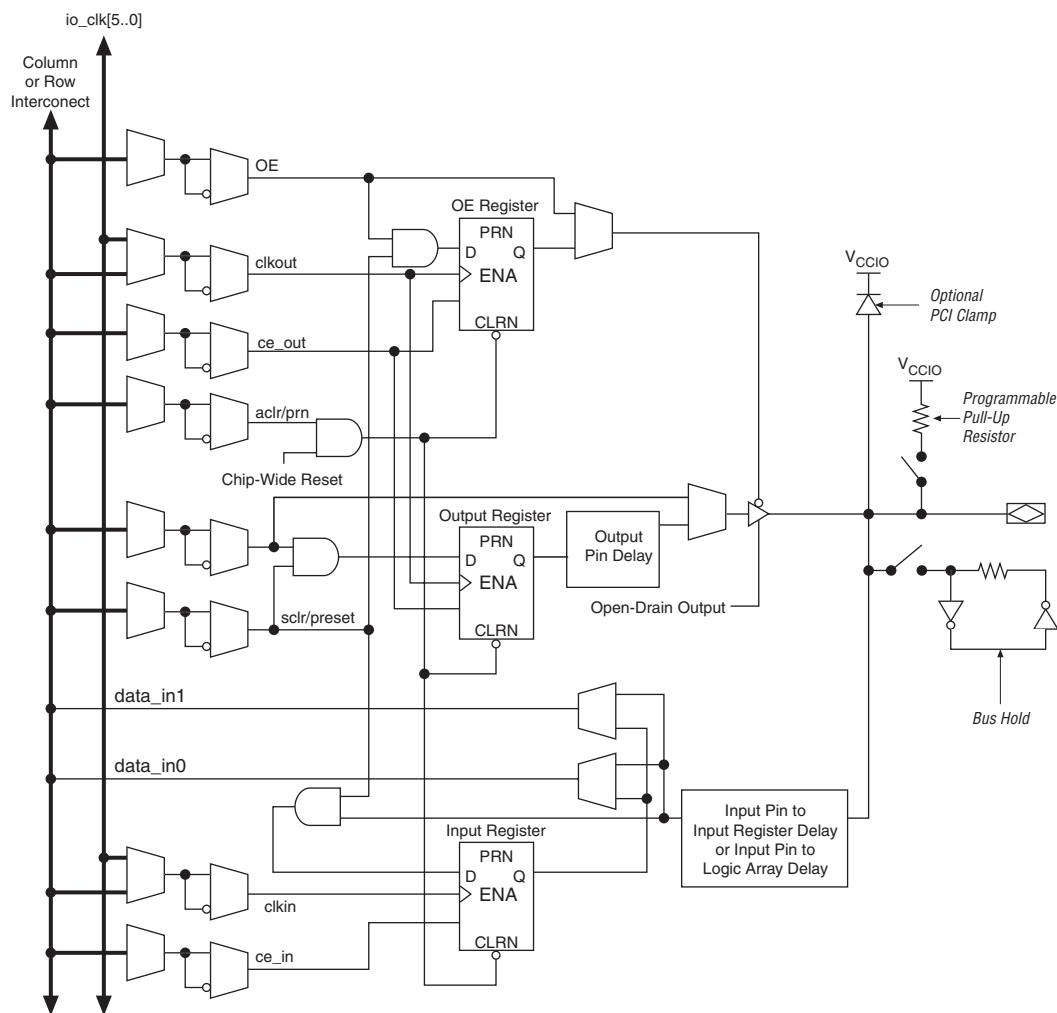
- Up to 16 global clock networks
- Up to four PLLs
- Global clock network dynamic clock source selection
- Global clock network dynamic enable and disable

## Embedded Multiplier Routing Interface

The R4, C4, and direct link interconnects from adjacent LABs drive the embedded multiplier row interface interconnect. The embedded multipliers can communicate with LABs on either the left or right side through these row resources or with LAB columns on either the right or left with the column resources. Up to 16 direct link input connections to the embedded multiplier are possible from the left adjacent LABs and another 16 possible from the right adjacent LAB. Embedded multiplier outputs can also connect to left and right LABs through 18 direct link interconnects each. Figure 2-19 shows the embedded multiplier to logic array interface.

**Figure 2-19. Embedded Multiplier LAB Row Interface**





A path in which a pin directly drives a register may require a programmable delay to ensure zero hold time, whereas a path in which a pin drives a register through combinational logic may not require the delay. Programmable delays decrease input-pin-to-logic-array and IOE input register delays. The Quartus II Compiler can program these delays to automatically minimize setup time while providing a zero hold time.

**Table 5–43. Cyclone II I/O Output Delay for Row Pins (Part 1 of 4)**

I/O Standard	Drive Strength	Parameter	Fast Corner		–6 Speed Grade	–7 Speed Grade (2)	–7 Speed Grade (3)	–8 Speed Grade	Unit
			Industrial /Auto-motive	Commercial					
LVTTTL	4 mA	t <sub>OP</sub>	1343	1408	2539	2694	2885	2891	ps
		t <sub>DIP</sub>	1467	1540	2747	2931	3158	3158	ps
	8 mA	t <sub>OP</sub>	1198	1256	2411	2587	2756	2762	ps
		t <sub>DIP</sub>	1322	1388	2619	2824	3029	3029	ps
	12 mA	t <sub>OP</sub>	1156	1212	2282	2452	2614	2620	ps
		t <sub>DIP</sub>	1280	1344	2490	2689	2887	2887	ps
	16 mA	t <sub>OP</sub>	1124	1178	2286	2455	2618	2624	ps
		t <sub>DIP</sub>	1248	1310	2494	2692	2891	2891	ps
	20 mA	t <sub>OP</sub>	1112	1165	2245	2413	2574	2580	ps
		t <sub>DIP</sub>	1236	1297	2453	2650	2847	2847	ps
	24 mA (1)	t <sub>OP</sub>	1105	1158	2253	2422	2583	2589	ps
		t <sub>DIP</sub>	1229	1290	2461	2659	2856	2856	ps
LVCMOS	4 mA	t <sub>OP</sub>	1200	1258	2231	2396	2555	2561	ps
		t <sub>DIP</sub>	1324	1390	2439	2633	2828	2828	ps
	8 mA	t <sub>OP</sub>	1125	1179	2260	2429	2591	2597	ps
		t <sub>DIP</sub>	1249	1311	2468	2666	2864	2864	ps
	12 mA (1)	t <sub>OP</sub>	1106	1159	2217	2383	2543	2549	ps
		t <sub>DIP</sub>	1230	1291	2425	2620	2816	2816	ps
2.5V	4 mA	t <sub>OP</sub>	1126	1180	2350	2477	2598	2604	ps
		t <sub>DIP</sub>	1250	1312	2558	2714	2871	2871	ps
	8 mA (1)	t <sub>OP</sub>	1105	1158	2177	2296	2409	2415	ps
		t <sub>DIP</sub>	1229	1290	2385	2533	2682	2682	ps

The actual half period is then = 3000 ps – 155 ps = 2845 ps

**Table 5–58. Maximum DCD for DDIO Output on Column I/O Pins with PLL in the Clock Path** *Notes (1), (2)*

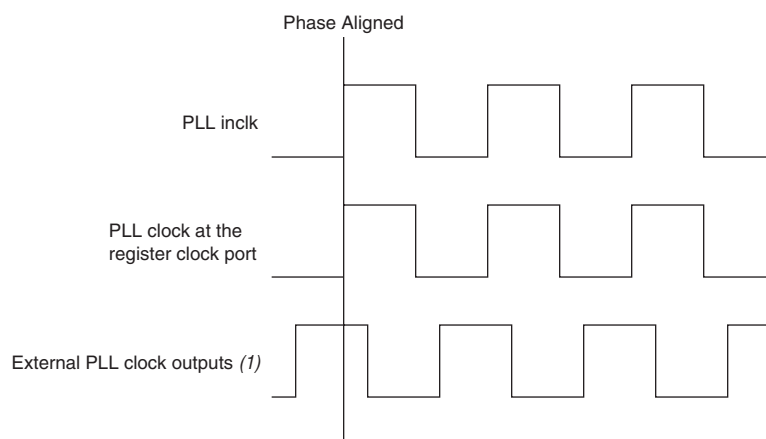
Column I/O Pins in the Clock Path	C6	C7	C8	Unit
LVC MOS	285	400	445	ps
LVTTL	305	405	460	ps
2.5-V	175	195	285	ps
1.8-V	190	205	260	ps
1.5-V	605	645	645	ps
SSTL-2 Class I	125	210	245	ps
SSTL-2 Class II	195	195	195	ps
SSTL-18 Class I	130	240	245	ps
SSTL-18 Class II	135	270	330	ps
HSTL-18 Class I	135	240	240	ps
HSTL-18 Class II	165	240	285	ps
HSTL-15 Class I	220	335	335	ps
HSTL-15 Class II	190	210	375	ps
Differential SSTL-2 Class I	125	210	245	ps
Differential SSTL-2 Class II	195	195	195	ps
Differential SSTL-18 Class I	130	240	245	ps
Differential SSTL-18 Class II	132	270	330	ps
Differential HSTL-18 Class I	135	240	240	ps
Differential HSTL-18 Class II	165	240	285	ps
Differential HSTL-15 Class I	220	335	335	ps
Differential HSTL-15 Class II	190	210	375	ps
LVDS	110	120	125	ps
Simple RSDS	125	125	275	ps
Mini-LVDS	110	120	125	ps

**Notes to Table 5–58:**

- (1) The DCD specification is characterized using the maximum drive strength available for each I/O standard.
- (2) Numbers are applicable for commercial, industrial, and automotive devices.



**Figure 7–4. Phase Relationship between Cyclone II PLL Clocks in Normal Mode**



**Note to Figure 7–4:**

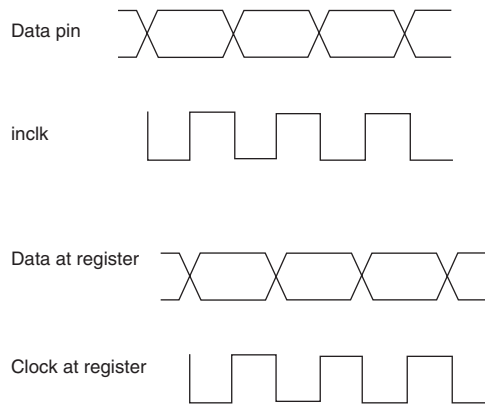
(1) The external clock output can lead or lag the PLL clock signals.

## Zero Delay Buffer Mode

In zero delay buffer mode, the clock signal on the PLL external clock output pin (PLL<#>\_OUT), fed by the c2 counter, is phase-aligned with the PLL input clock pin for zero delay. If the c[1..0] ports drive internal clock ports, there is a phase shift with respect to the input clock pin.

Figure 7–5 shows an example waveform of the PLL clocks' phase relationship in this mode.

**Figure 7–7. Phase Relationship between Cyclone II PLL Clocks in Source-Synchronous Compensation Mode**



Set the input pin to the register delay chain within the IOE to zero in the Quartus II software for all data pins clocked by a source-synchronous mode PLL.

## Hardware Features

Cyclone II device PLLs support a number of features for general-purpose clock management. This section discusses clock multiplication and division implementation, phase-shifting implementation and PLL lock circuits.

### Clock Multiplication & Division

Cyclone II device PLLs provide clock synthesis for PLL output ports using  $m/(n \times \text{post-scale})$  scaling factors. Every PLL has one pre-scale divider,  $n$ , with a range of 1 to 4 and one multiply counter,  $m$ , with a range of 1 to 32. The input clock,  $f_{\text{IN}}$ , is divided by a pre-scale counter,  $n$ , to produce the input reference clock,  $f_{\text{REF}}$ , to the PFD. This input reference clock,  $f_{\text{REF}}$ , is then multiplied by the  $m$  feedback factor. The control loop drives the VCO frequency to match  $f_{\text{IN}} \times (m/n)$ . The equations for these frequencies are:

$$f_{\text{REF}} = \frac{f_{\text{IN}}}{n}$$

$$f_{\text{VCO}} = f_{\text{REF}} \times m = f_{\text{IN}} \frac{m}{n}$$



outputs, respectively. When the output registers are bypassed, the new data is available on the rising edge of the same clock cycle on which it was written. See “Read-During- Write Operation at the Same Address” on page 8–28 for waveforms and information on mixed-port read-during-write mode.

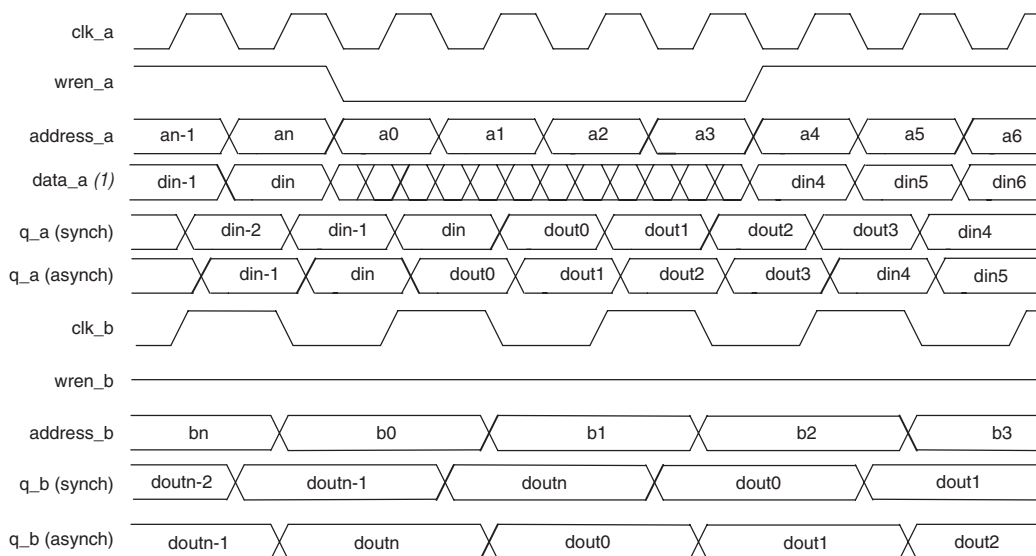
Potential write contentions must be resolved external to the RAM because writing to the same address location at both ports results in unknown data storage at that location.



For the maximum synchronous write cycle time, refer to the *Cyclone II Device Family Data Sheet* in volume 1 of the *Cyclone II Device Handbook*.

Figure 8–11 shows true dual-port timing waveforms for the write operation at port A and the read operation at port B.

**Figure 8–11. Cyclone II True Dual-Port Timing Waveforms**

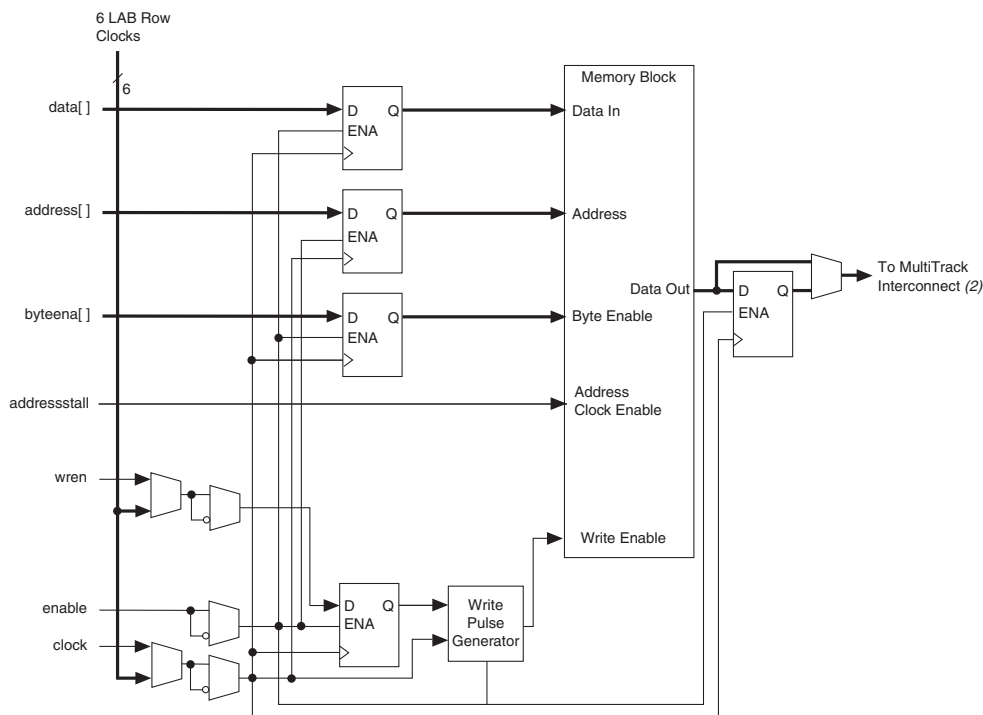


**Note to Figure 8–11:**

(1) The crosses in the data\_a waveform during write indicate “don’t care.”

## Shift Register Mode

Cyclone II memory blocks can implement shift registers for digital signal processing (DSP) applications, such as finite impulse response (FIR) filters, pseudo-random number generators, multi-channel filtering, and auto-correlation and cross-correlation functions. These and other DSP

**Figure 8–20. Cyclone II Single-Clock Mode in Single-Port Mode** *Notes (1), (2)***Notes to Figure 8–20:**

- (1) Violating the setup or hold time on the memory block address registers could corrupt memory contents. This applies to both read and write operations.
- (2) See the *Cyclone II Device Family Data Sheet* in Volume 1 of the *Cyclone II Device Handbook* for more information on the MultiTrack interconnect.

## Power-Up Conditions & Memory Initialization

The Cyclone II memory block outputs always power-up to zero, regardless of whether the output registers are used or bypassed. Even if an MIF pre-loads the contents of the memory block, the outputs still power up cleared. For example, if address 0 is pre-initialized to FF, M4K blocks power up with the output at 00. A subsequent read after power up from address 0 outputs the pre-initialized value of FF.

For example, to implement a 72-bit wide SDRAM memory interface in Cyclone II devices, use 5 DQS/DQ groups in the top I/O bank and 4 DQS/DQ groups in the bottom I/O bank, or vice-versa. In this case, if DQS0T or DQS1T is used for the fifth DQS signal, the DQS2R or DQS2L pins become regular I/O pins and are unavailable for DQS signals in memory interface. For detailed information about the global clock network, refer to the *Global Clock Network & Phase Locked Loops* section in the *Cyclone II Architecture* chapter of the *Cyclone II Device Handbook*.

You must configure the DQ and DQS pins as bidirectional DDR pins on all the I/O banks of the device. Use the `altddq` and `altdqs` megafunctions to configure the DQ and DQS paths, respectively. If you only want to use the DQ or DQS pins as inputs, for instance in the QDRII memory interface where DQ and DQS are unidirectional read data and read clock, set the output enable of the DQ or DQS pins to ground. For further information, please refer to the section [“QDRII SRAM” on page 9–5](#) of this handbook.

## Clock, Command & Address Pins

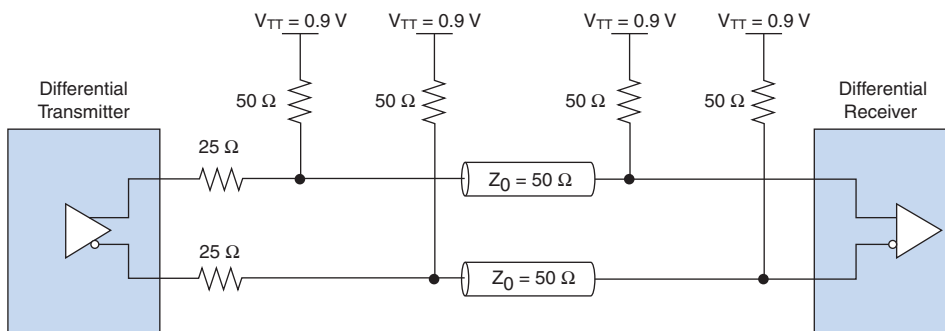
You can use any of the user I/O pins on all the I/O banks (that support the external memory’s I/O standard) of the device to generate clocks and command and address signals to the memory device.

## Parity, DM & ECC Pins

You can use any of the DQ pins for the parity pins in Cyclone II devices. Cyclone II devices support parity in the  $\times 8/\times 9$  and  $\times 16/\times 18$  modes. There is one parity bit available per 8 bits of data pins.

The data mask (DM) pins are required when writing to DDR SDRAM and DDR2 SDRAM devices. A low signal on the DM pin indicates that the write is valid. If the DM signal is high, the memory masks the DQ signals. In Cyclone II devices, the DM pins are pre-assigned in the device pin outs, and these are the preferred pins. Each group of DQS and DQ signals requires a DM pin. Similar to the DQ output signals, the DM signals are clocked by the  $-90^\circ$  shifted clock.

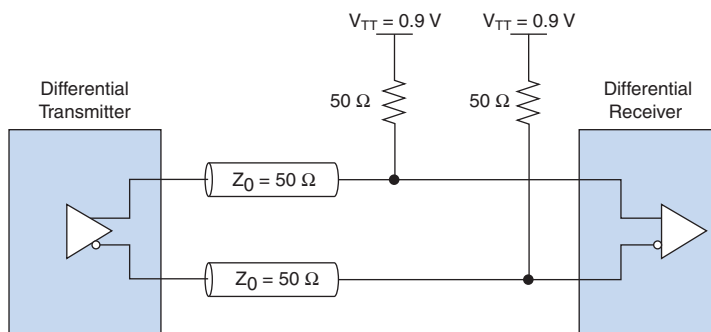
Some DDR SDRAM and DDR2 SDRAM devices support error correction coding (ECC) or parity. Parity bit checking is a way to detect errors, but it has no correction capabilities. ECC can detect and automatically correct errors in data transmission. In 72-bit DDR SDRAM, there are 8 ECC pins on top of the 64 data pins. Connect the DDR and DDR2 SDRAM ECC pins to a Cyclone II device’s DQS/DQ group. The memory controller needs extra logic to encode and decode the ECC data.

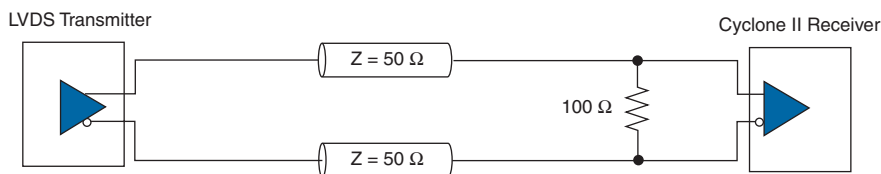
**Figure 10–10. Differential SSTL-18 Class II Termination**


### 1.8-V Pseudo-Differential HSTL Class I and II

The 1.8-V differential HSTL specification is the same as the 1.8-V single-ended HSTL specification. It is used for applications designed to operate in the 0.0 to 1.8-V HSTL logic switching range such as QDR memory clock interfaces. Cyclone II devices support both input and output levels. Refer to [Figures 10–11 and 10–12](#) for details on 1.8-V differential HSTL termination.

Cyclone II devices do not support true 1.8-V differential HSTL standards. Cyclone II devices support pseudo-differential HSTL outputs for `PLL_OUT` pins and pseudo-differential HSTL inputs for clock pins. Pseudo-differential inputs require an input reference voltage as opposed to the true differential inputs. Refer to [Table 10–1 on page 10–2](#) for information about pseudo-differential HSTL.

**Figure 10–11. 1.8-V Differential HSTL Class I Termination**


**Figure 11–11. LVPECL I/O Interface**

### Differential SSTL Support in Cyclone II Devices

The differential SSTL I/O standard is a memory bus standard used for applications such as high-speed double data rate (DDR) SDRAM interfaces. The differential SSTL I/O standard is similar to voltage referenced SSTL and requires two differential inputs with an external termination voltage ( $V_{TT}$ ) of  $0.5 \times V_{CCIO}$  to which termination resistors are connected. A 2.5-V output source voltage is required for differential SSTL-2, while a 1.8-V output source voltage is required for differential SSTL-18. The differential SSTL output standard is only supported at PLLCLKOUT pins using two single-ended SSTL output buffers programmed to have opposite polarity.

The differential SSTL input standard is supported at the global clock (GCLK) pins only, treating differential inputs as two single-ended SSTL, and only decoding one of them.

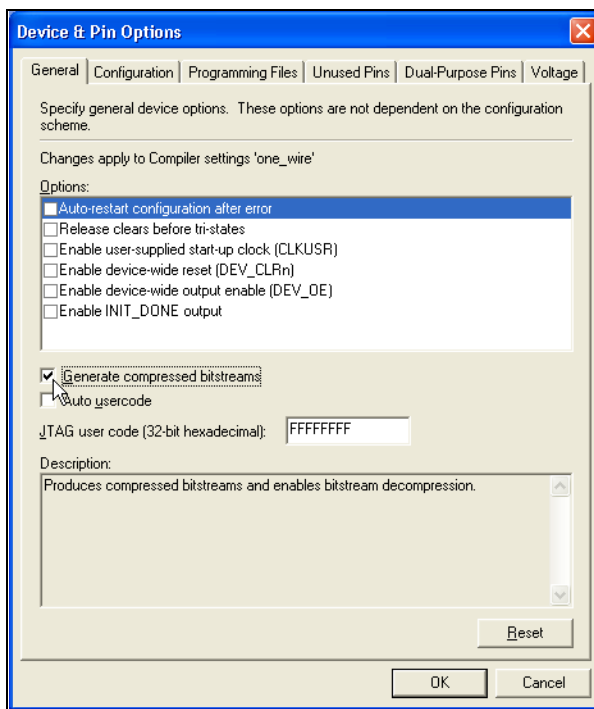


For SSTL signaling characteristics, see the *DC Characteristics & Timing Specification* chapter and the *Selectable I/O Standards in Cyclone II Devices* chapter in Volume 1 of the *Cyclone II Device Handbook*.

Figures 11–12 and 11–13 show the differential SSTL class I and II interfaces, respectively.

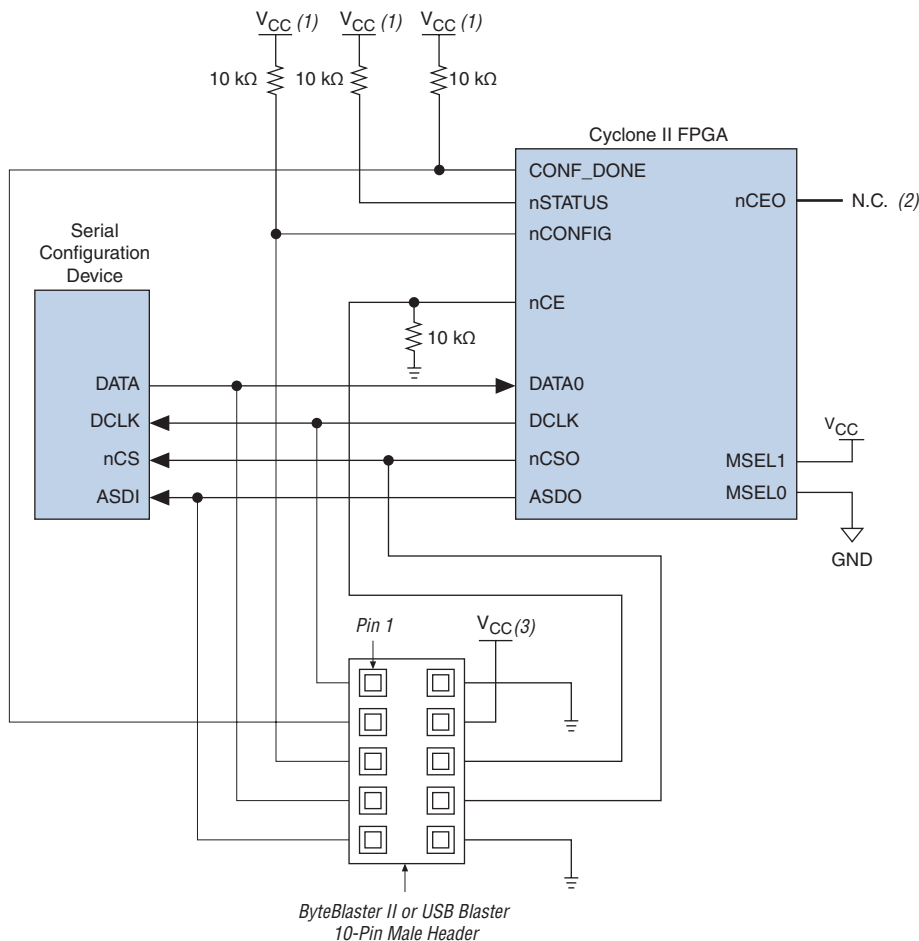


**Figure 13–1. Enabling Compression for Cyclone II Bitstreams in Compiler Settings**



You can also use the following steps to enable compression when creating programming files from the Convert Programming Files window.

1. Click **Convert Programming Files** (File menu).
2. Select the Programming File type. Only Programmer Object Files (.pof), SRAM HEXOUT, RBF, or TTF files support compression.
3. For POFs, select a configuration device.
4. Select **Add File** and add a Cyclone II SRAM Object File(s) (.sof).
5. Select the name of the file you added to the SOF Data area and click on **Properties**.
6. Check the **Compression** check box.

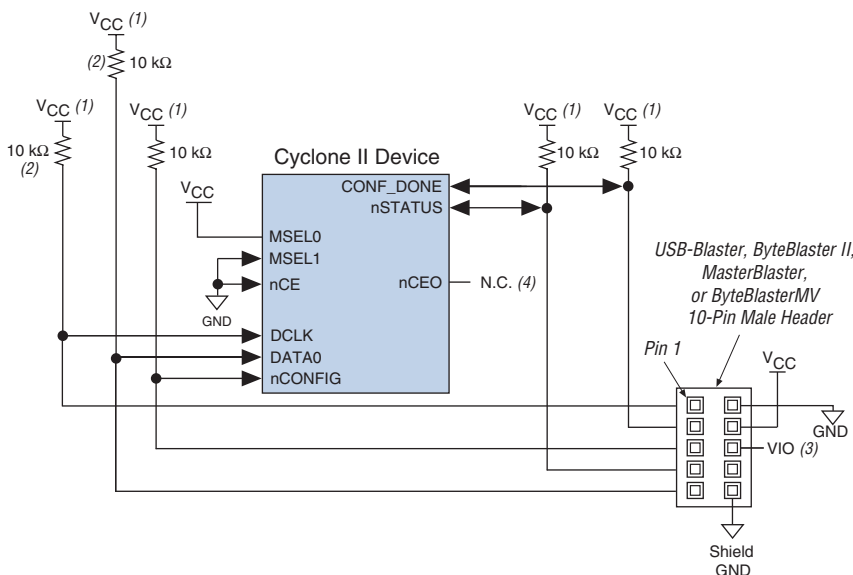
**Figure 13–7. In-System Programming of Serial Configuration Devices****Notes to Figure 13–7:**

- (1) Connect these pull-up resistors to 3.3-V supply.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Power up the ByteBlaster II or USB Blaster cable's  $V_{CC}$  with a 3.3-V supply.

You can use the Quartus II software with the APU and the appropriate configuration device programming adapter to program serial configuration devices. All serial configuration devices are offered in an 8-pin or 16-pin small outline integrated circuit (SOIC) package and can be programmed using the PLMSEPC-8 adapter.

Quartus II programmer and a download cable. Figure 13–19 shows the PS configuration for Cyclone II devices using a USB-Blaster, MasterBlaster, ByteBlaster II or ByteBlasterMV cable.

**Figure 13–19. PS Configuration Using a USB-Blaster, MasterBlaster, ByteBlaster II or ByteBlasterMV Cable**



**Notes to Figure 13–19:**

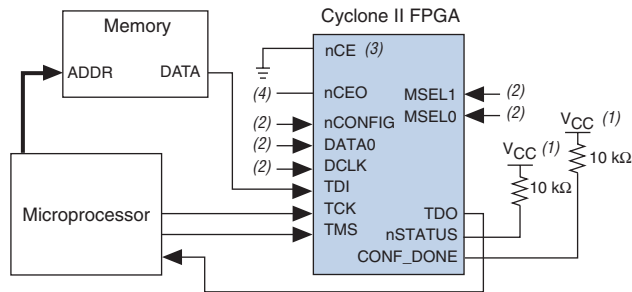
- (1) The pull-up resistor should be connected to the same supply voltage as the USB-Blaster, MasterBlaster (VIO pin), ByteBlaster II, or ByteBlasterMV cable.
- (2) The pull-up resistors on DATA0 and DCLK are only needed if the download cable is the only configuration scheme used on your board. This is to ensure that DATA0 and DCLK are not left floating after configuration. For example, if you are also using a configuration device, the pull-up resistors on DATA0 and DCLK are not needed.
- (3) Pin 6 of the header is a VIO reference voltage for the MasterBlaster output driver. VIO should match the device's VCCIO. 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.
- (4) 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.

You can use a download cable to configure multiple Cyclone II devices by connecting each device's nCEO pin to the subsequent device's nCE pin. Connect the first Cyclone II device's nCE pin to GND and connect its nCEO pin to the nCE pin of the next device in the chain. Use an external 10-kΩ pull-up resistor to pull the nCEO pin high to VCCIO when it feeds next device's nCE pin. Connect all other configuration pins (nCONFIG, nSTATUS, DCLK, DATA0, and CONF\_DONE) on every device in the chain together. Because all CONF\_DONE pins are connected, all devices in the chain initialize and enter user mode at the same time.

When designing a Cyclone II board for JTAG configuration, use the guidelines in [Table 13–10](#) for the placement of the dedicated configuration pins.

<b>Table 13–10. Dedicated Configuration Pin Connections During JTAG Configuration</b>	
<b>Signal</b>	<b>Description</b>
nCE	On all Cyclone II devices in the chain, nCE should be driven low by connecting it to ground, pulling it low via a resistor, or driving it by some control circuitry. For devices that are also in multiple device AS, or PS configuration chains, the nCE pins should be connected to GND during JTAG configuration or JTAG configured in the same order as the configuration chain.
nCEO	On all Cyclone II devices in the chain, nCEO can be used as a user I/O or connected to the nCE of the next device. If nCEO is connected to the nCE of the next device, the nCEO pin must be pulled high to V <sub>CCIO</sub> by an external 10-kΩ pull-up resistor to help the internal weak pull-up resistor. If the nCEO pin is not connected to the nCE pin of the next device, you can use it as a user I/O pin after configuration.
MSEL	These pins must not be left floating. These pins support whichever non-JTAG configuration is used in production. If only JTAG configuration is used, you should tie these pins to ground.
nCONFIG	Driven high by connecting to V <sub>CC</sub> , pulling up via a resistor, or driven high by some control circuitry.
nSTATUS	Pull to V <sub>CC</sub> via a 10-kΩ resistor. When configuring multiple devices in the same JTAG chain, each nSTATUS pin should be pulled up to V <sub>CC</sub> individually. nSTATUS pulling low in the middle of JTAG configuration indicates that an error has occurred.
CONF_DONE	Pull to V <sub>CC</sub> via a 10-kΩ resistor. When configuring multiple devices in the same JTAG chain, each CONF_DONE pin should be pulled up to V <sub>CC</sub> individually. CONF_DONE going high at the end of JTAG configuration indicates successful configuration.
DCLK	Should not be left floating. Drive low or high, whichever is more convenient on your board.

[Figure 13–23](#) shows JTAG configuration of a Cyclone II device with a microprocessor.

**Figure 13–23. JTAG Configuration of a Single Device Using a Microprocessor****Notes to Figure 13–23:**

- (1) The pull-up resistor should be connected to a supply that provides an acceptable input signal for all devices in the chain.
- (2) Connect the nCONFIG and MSEL[1..0] pins to support a non-JTAG configuration scheme. If only JTAG configuration is used, connect the nCONFIG pin to V<sub>CC</sub>, and the MSEL[1..0] pins to ground. In addition, pull DCLK and DATA0 to either high or low, whichever is convenient on your board.
- (3) nCE must be connected to GND or driven low for successful JTAG configuration.
- (4) If using an EPCS4 or EPCS1 device, set MSEL[1..0] to 00. See Table 13–4 for more details.

**JTAG Configuration of Multiple Devices**

When programming a JTAG device chain, one JTAG-compatible header is connected to several devices. The number of devices in the JTAG chain is limited only by the drive capability of the download cable. When four or more devices are connected in a JTAG chain, Altera recommends buffering the TCK, TDI, and TMS pins with an on-board buffer.

JTAG-chain device programming is ideal when the system contains multiple devices, or when testing your system using JTAG BST circuitry. Figure 13–24 shows multiple device JTAG configuration.