AMD Xilinx - XC3S50-4VQ100C Datasheet

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Applications of Embedded - FPGAs

The versatility of Embedded - FPGAs makes them indispensable in numerous fields. In telecommunications.

Details	
Product Status	Active
Number of LABs/CLBs	192
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	1728
Total RAM Bits	73728
Number of I/O	63
Number of Gates	50000
Voltage - Supply	1.14V ~ 1.26V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 85°C (TJ)
Package / Case	100-TQFP
Supplier Device Package	100-VQFP (14x14)
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IOBs

For additional information, refer to the chapter entitled “Using I/O Resources” in UG331: *Spartan-3 Generation FPGA User Guide*.

IOB Overview

The Input/Output Block (IOB) provides a programmable, bidirectional interface between an I/O pin and the FPGA’s internal logic.

A simplified diagram of the IOB’s internal structure appears in Figure 7. There are three main signal paths within the IOB: the output path, input path, and 3-state path. Each path has its own pair of storage elements that can act as either registers or latches. For more information, see the Storage Element Functions section. The three main signal paths are as follows:

- The input path carries data from the pad, which is bonded to a package pin, through an optional programmable delay element directly to the I line. There are alternate routes through a pair of storage elements to the IQ1 and IQ2 lines. The IOB outputs I, IQ1, and IQ2 all lead to the FPGA’s internal logic. The delay element can be set to ensure a hold time of zero.
- The output path, starting with the O1 and O2 lines, carries data from the FPGA’s internal logic through a multiplexer and then a three-state driver to the IOB pad. In addition to this direct path, the multiplexer provides the option to insert a pair of storage elements.
- The 3-state path determines when the output driver is high impedance. The T1 and T2 lines carry data from the FPGA’s internal logic through a multiplexer to the output driver. In addition to this direct path, the multiplexer provides the option to insert a pair of storage elements. When the T1 or T2 lines are asserted High, the output driver is high-impedance (floating, hi-Z). The output driver is active-Low enabled.
- All signal paths entering the IOB, including those associated with the storage elements, have an inverter option. Any inverter placed on these paths is automatically absorbed into the IOB.

Storage Element Functions

There are three pairs of storage elements in each IOB, one pair for each of the three paths. It is possible to configure each of these storage elements as an edge-triggered D-type flip-flop (FD) or a level-sensitive latch (LD).

The storage-element-pair on either the Output path or the Three-State path can be used together with a special multiplexer to produce Double-Data-Rate (DDR) transmission. This is accomplished by taking data synchronized to the clock signal’s rising edge and converting them to bits synchronized on both the rising and the falling edge. The combination of two registers and a multiplexer is referred to as a Double-Data-Rate D-type flip-flop (FDDR). See Double-Data-Rate Transmission, page 12 for more information.

The signal paths associated with the storage element are described in Table 5.

Table 5: **Storage Element Signal Description**

Storage Element Signal	Description	Function
D	Data input	Data at this input is stored on the active edge of CK enabled by CE. For latch operation when the input is enabled, data passes directly to the output Q.
Q	Data output	The data on this output reflects the state of the storage element. For operation as a latch in transparent mode, Q will mirror the data at D.
CK	Clock input	A signal’s active edge on this input with CE asserted, loads data into the storage element.
CE	Clock Enable input	When asserted, this input enables CK. If not connected, CE defaults to the asserted state.
SR	Set/Reset	Forces storage element into the state specified by the SRHIGH/SRLOW attributes. The SYNC/ASYNC attribute setting determines if the SR input is synchronized to the clock or not.
REV	Reverse	Used together with SR. Forces storage element into the state opposite from what SR does.