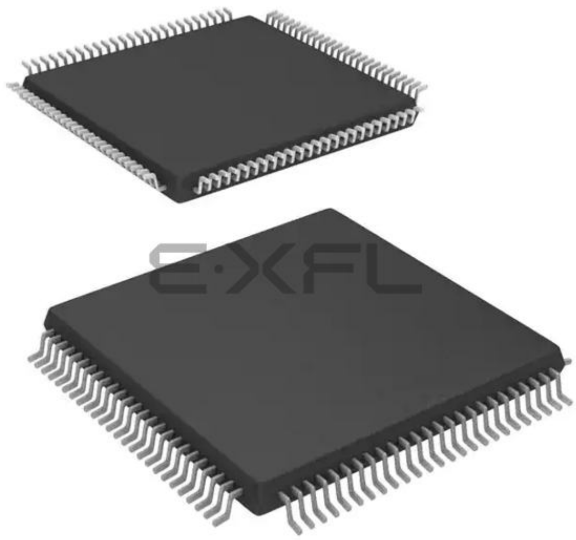

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The versatility of Embedded - FPGAs makes them indispensable in numerous fields. In telecommunications,

Details	
Product Status	Obsolete
Number of LABs/CLBs	26
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	208
Total RAM Bits	-
Number of I/O	78
Number of Gates	2500
Voltage - Supply	4.75V ~ 5.25V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 70°C (TA)
Package / Case	100-TQFP
Supplier Device Package	100-TQFP (14x14)
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FLEX 8000 devices provide a large number of storage elements for applications such as digital signal processing (DSP), wide-data-path manipulation, and data transformation. These devices are an excellent choice for bus interfaces, TTL integration, coprocessor functions, and high-speed controllers. The high-pin-count packages can integrate multiple 32-bit buses into a single device. Table 3 shows FLEX 8000 performance and LE requirements for typical applications.

Table 3. FLEX 8000 Performance

Application	LEs Used	Speed Grade			Units
		A-2	A-3	A-4	
16-bit loadable counter	16	125	95	83	MHz
16-bit up/down counter	16	125	95	83	MHz
24-bit accumulator	24	87	67	58	MHz
16-bit address decode	4	4.2	4.9	6.3	ns
16-to-1 multiplexer	10	6.6	7.9	9.5	ns

All FLEX 8000 device packages provide four dedicated inputs for synchronous control signals with large fan-outs. Each I/O pin has an associated register on the periphery of the device. As outputs, these registers provide fast clock-to-output times; as inputs, they offer quick setup times.

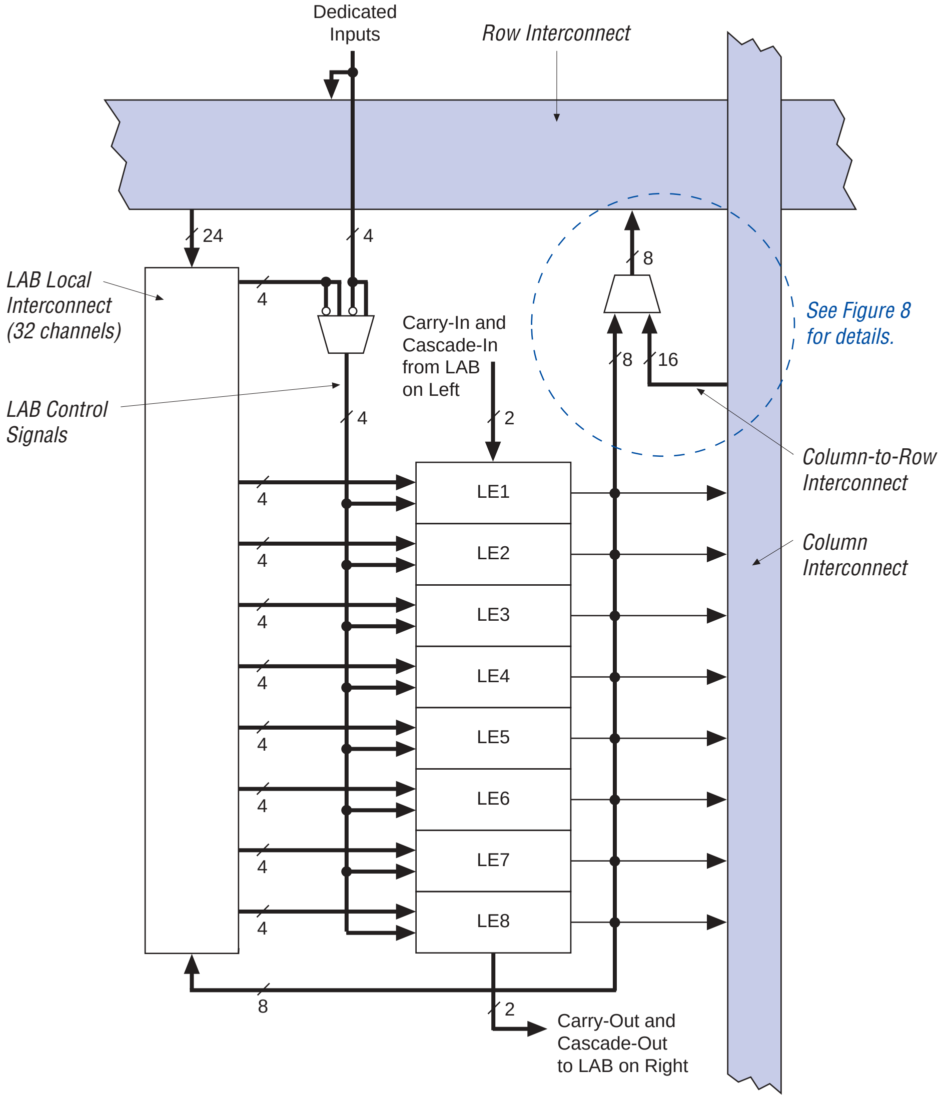
The logic and interconnections in the FLEX 8000 architecture are configured with CMOS SRAM elements. FLEX 8000 devices are configured at system power-up with data stored in an industry-standard parallel EPROM or an Altera serial configuration devices, or with data provided by a system controller. Altera offers the EPC1, EPC1213, EPC1064, and EPC1441 configuration devices, which configure FLEX 8000 devices via a serial data stream. Configuration data can also be stored in an industry-standard 32 K × 8 bit or larger configuration device, or downloaded from system RAM. After a FLEX 8000 device has been configured, it can be reconfigured in-circuit by resetting the device and loading new data. Because reconfiguration requires less than 100 ms, real-time changes can be made during system operation. For information on how to configure FLEX 8000 devices, go to the following documents:

- *Configuration Devices for APEX & FLEX Devices Data Sheet*
- *BitBlaster Serial Download Cable Data Sheet*
- *ByteBlasterMV Parallel Port Download Cable Data Sheet*
- *Application Note 33 (Configuring FLEX 8000 Devices)*
- *Application Note 38 (Configuring Multiple FLEX 8000 Devices)*

Logic Array Block

A logic array block (LAB) consists of eight LEs, their associated carry and cascade chains, LAB control signals, and the LAB local interconnect. The LAB provides the coarse-grained structure of the FLEX 8000 architecture. This structure enables FLEX 8000 devices to provide efficient routing, high device utilization, and high performance. Figure 2 shows a block diagram of the FLEX 8000 LAB.

Figure 2. FLEX 8000 Logic Array Block



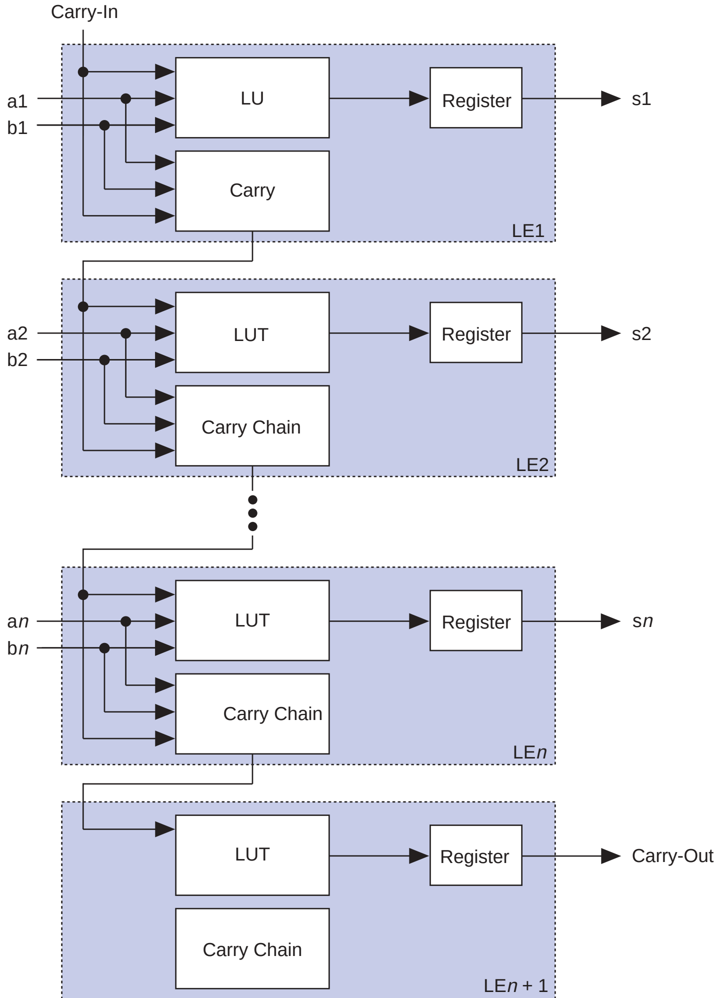
The FLEX 8000 architecture provides two dedicated high-speed data paths—carry chains and cascade chains—that connect adjacent LEs without using local interconnect paths. The carry chain supports high-speed counters and adders; the cascade chain implements wide-input functions with minimum delay. Carry and cascade chains connect all LEs in an LAB and all LABs in the same row. Heavy use of carry and cascade chains can reduce routing flexibility. Therefore, the use of carry and cascade chains should be limited to speed-critical portions of a design.

Carry Chain

The carry chain provides a very fast (less than 1 ns) carry-forward function between LEs. The carry-in signal from a lower-order bit moves forward into the higher-order bit via the carry chain, and feeds into both the LUT and the next portion of the carry chain. This feature allows the FLEX 8000 architecture to implement high-speed counters and adders of arbitrary width. The MAX+PLUS II Compiler can create carry chains automatically during design processing; designers can also insert carry chain logic manually during design entry.

Figure 4 shows how an n-bit full adder can be implemented in $n + 1$ LEs with the carry chain. One portion of the LUT generates the sum of two bits using the input signals and the carry-in signal; the sum is routed to the output of the LE. The register is typically bypassed for simple adders, but can be used for an accumulator function. Another portion of the LUT and the carry chain logic generate the carry-out signal, which is routed directly to the carry-in signal of the next-higher-order bit. The final carry-out signal is routed to another LE, where it can be used as a general-purpose signal. In addition to mathematical functions, carry chain logic supports very fast counters and comparators.

Figure 4. FLEX 8000 Carry Chain Operation



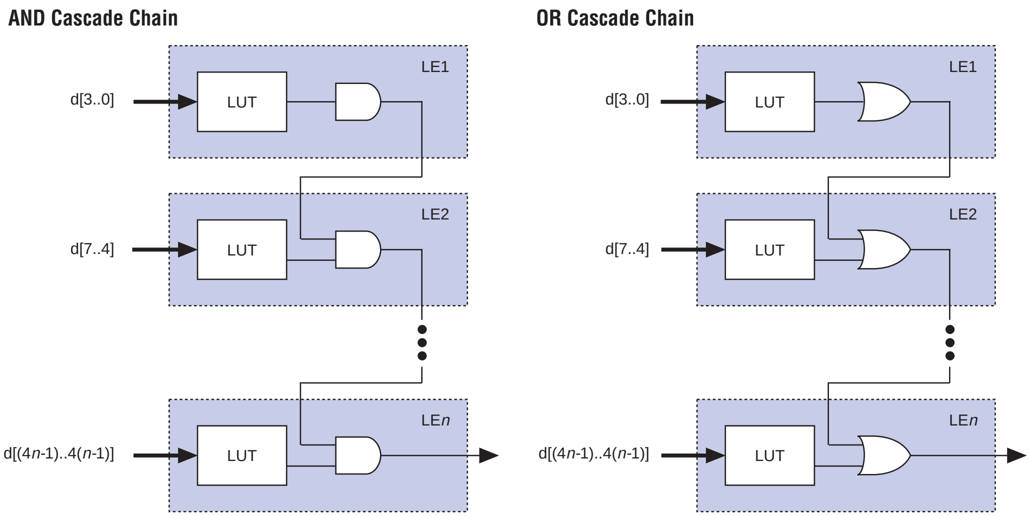
Cascade Chain

With the cascade chain, the FLEX 8000 architecture can implement functions that have a very wide fan-in. Adjacent LUTs can be used to compute portions of the 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 delay as low as 0.6 ns per LE.

The MAX+PLUS II Compiler can create cascade chains automatically during design processing; designers can also insert cascade chain logic manually during design entry. Cascade chains longer than eight LEs are automatically implemented by linking LABs together. The last LE of an LAB cascades to the first LE of the next LAB.

Figure 5 shows how the cascade function can connect adjacent LEs to form functions with a wide fan-in. These examples show functions of 4*n* variables implemented with *n* LEs. For a device with an A-2 speed grade, the LE delay is 2.4 ns; the cascade chain delay is 0.6 ns. With the cascade chain, 4.2 ns is needed to decode a 16-bit address.

Figure 5. FLEX 8000 Cascade Chain Operation



LE Operating Modes

The FLEX 8000 LE can operate in one of four modes, each of which uses LE resources differently. See Figure 6. In each mode, seven of the ten available inputs to the LE—the four data inputs from the LAB local interconnect, the feedback from the programmable register, and the carry-in and cascade-in from the previous LE—are directed to different destinations to implement the desired logic function. The three remaining inputs to the LE provide clock, clear, and preset control for the register. The MAX+PLUS II software automatically chooses the appropriate mode for each application. Design performance can also be enhanced by designing for the operating mode that supports the desired application.

Asynchronous Clear

A register is cleared by one of the two LABCTRL signals. When the CLRn port receives a low signal, the register is set to zero.

Asynchronous Preset

An asynchronous preset is implemented as either an asynchronous load or an asynchronous clear. If DATA3 is tied to VCC, asserting LABCTRLl asynchronously loads a 1 into the register. Alternatively, the MAX+PLUS II software can provide preset control by using the clear and inverting the input and output of the register. Inversion control is available for the inputs to both LEs and IOEs. Therefore, if a register is preset by only one of the two LABCTRL signals, the DATA3 input is not needed and can be used for one of the LE operating modes.

Asynchronous Clear & Preset

When implementing asynchronous clear and preset, LABCTRL1 controls the preset and LABCTRL2 controls the clear. The DATA3 input is tied to VCC; therefore, asserting LABCTRL1 asynchronously loads a 1 into the register, effectively presetting the register. Asserting LABCTRL2 clears the register.

Asynchronous Load with Clear

When implementing an asynchronous load with the clear, LABCTRL1 implements the asynchronous load of DATA3 by controlling the register preset and clear. LABCTRL2 implements the clear by controlling the register clear.

Asynchronous Load with Preset

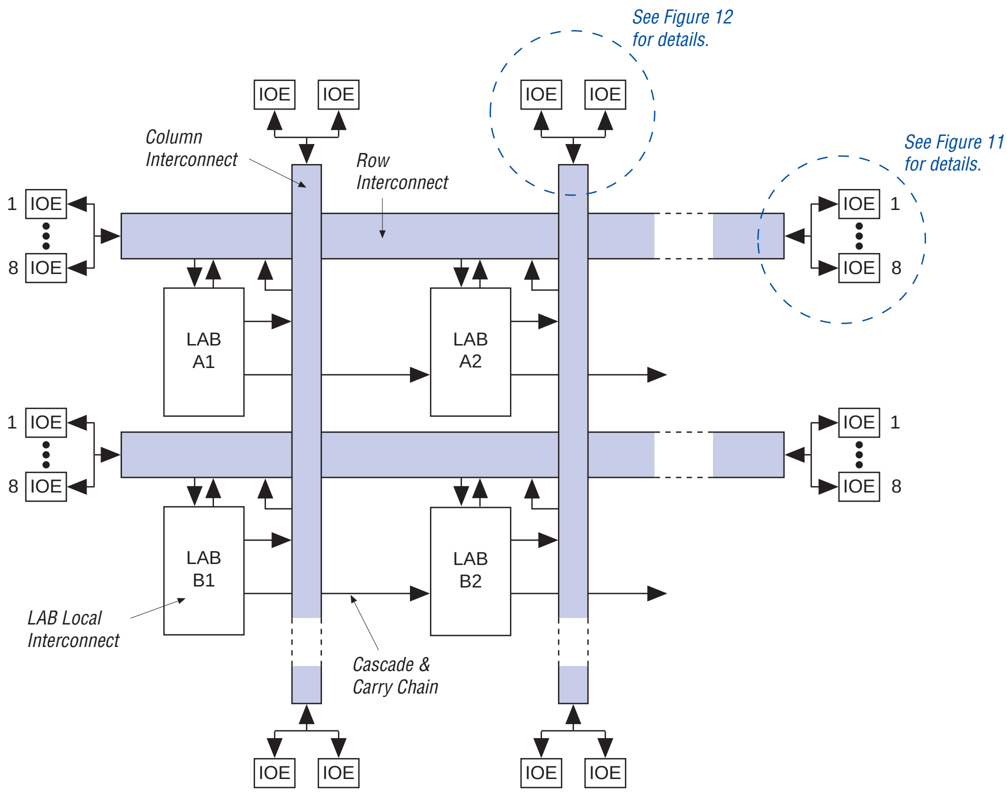
When implementing an asynchronous load in conjunction with a preset, the MAX+PLUS II software provides preset control by using the clear and inverting the input and output of the register. Asserting LABCTRL2 clears the register, while asserting LABCTRL1 loads the register. The MAX+PLUS II software inverts the signal that drives the DATA3 signal to account for the inversion of the register’s output.

Asynchronous Load without Clear or Preset

When implementing an asynchronous load without the clear or preset, LABCTRL1 implements the asynchronous load of DATA3 by controlling the register preset and clear.

Figure 9. FLEX 8000 Device Interconnect Resources

Each LAB is named according to its physical row (A, B, C, etc.) and column (1, 2, 3, etc.) position within the device.

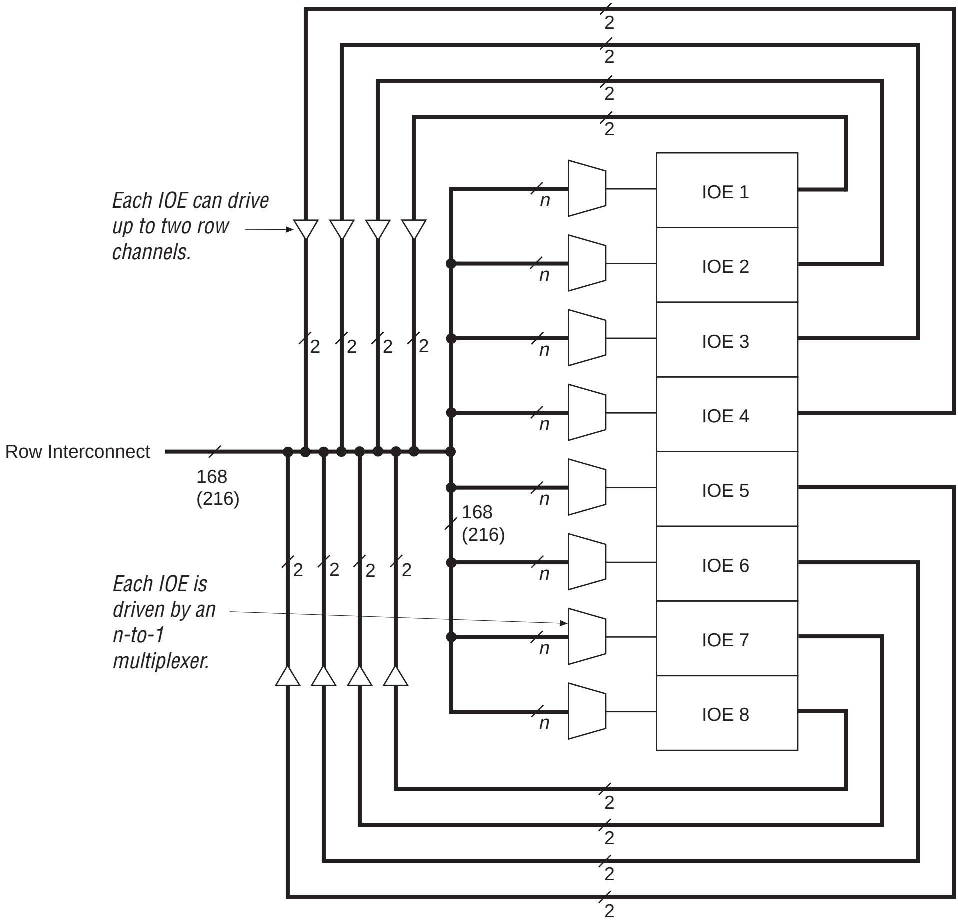


I/O Element

An IOE contains a bidirectional I/O buffer and a register that can be used either as an input register for external data that requires a fast setup time, or as an output register for data that requires fast clock-to-output performance. IOEs can be used as input, output, or bidirectional pins. The MAX+PLUS II Compiler uses the programmable inversion option to automatically invert signals from the row and column interconnect where appropriate. Figure 10 shows the IOE block diagram.

Figure 11. FLEX 8000 Row-to-IOE Connections

Numbers in parentheses are for EPF81500A devices. See Note (1).

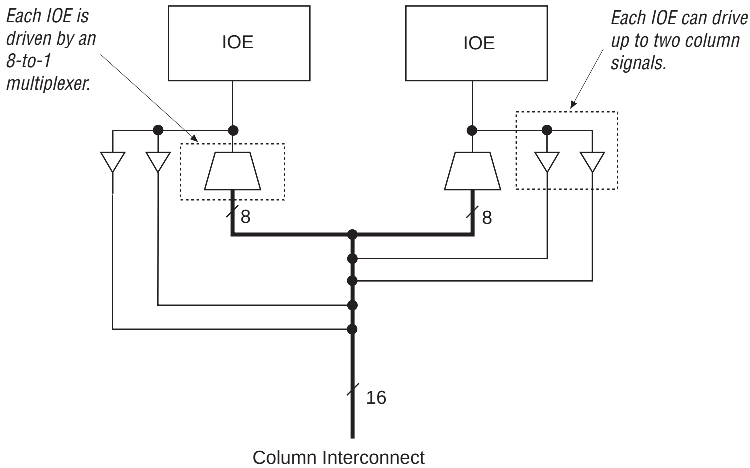


Note:
(1) n = 13 for EPF8282A and EPF8282AV devices.
n = 21 for EPF8452A, EPF8636A, EPF8820A, and EPF81188A devices.
n = 27 for EPF81500A devices.

Column-to-IOE Connections

Two IOEs are located at the top and bottom of the column channels (see Figure 12). When an IOE is used as an input, it can drive up to two separate column channels. The output signal to an IOE can choose from 8 of the 16 column channels through an 8-to-1 multiplexer.

Figure 12. FLEX 8000 Column-to-IOE Connections



In addition to general-purpose I/O pins, FLEX 8000 devices have four dedicated input pins. These dedicated inputs provide low-skew, device-wide signal distribution, and are typically used for global clock, clear, and preset control signals. The signals from the dedicated inputs are available as control signals for all LABs and I/O elements in the device. The dedicated inputs can also be used as general-purpose data inputs because they can feed the local interconnect of each LAB in the device.

Signals enter the FLEX 8000 device either from the I/O pins that provide general-purpose input capability or from the four dedicated inputs. The IOEs are located at the ends of the row and column interconnect channels.

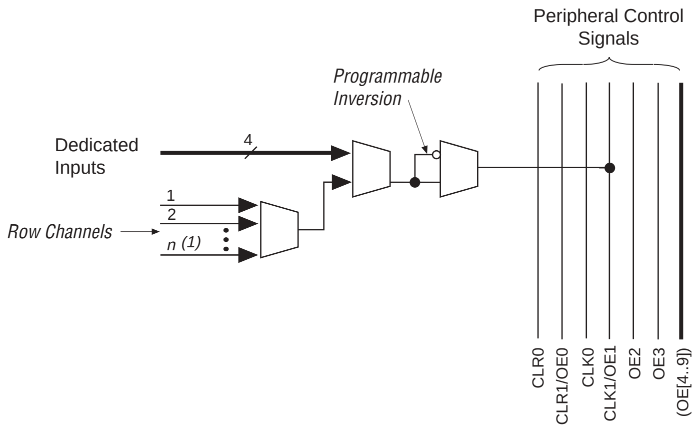
I/O pins can be used as input, output, or bidirectional pins. Each I/O pin has a register that can be used either as an input register for external data that requires fast setup times, or as an output register for data that requires fast clock-to-output performance. The MAX+PLUS II Compiler uses the programmable inversion option to invert signals automatically from the row and column interconnect when appropriate.

The clock, clear, and output enable controls for the IOEs are provided by a network of I/O control signals. These signals can be supplied by either the dedicated input pins or by internal logic. The IOE control-signal paths are designed to minimize the skew across the device. All control-signal sources are buffered onto high-speed drivers that drive the signals around the periphery of the device. This "peripheral bus" can be configured to provide up to four output enable signals (10 in EPF81500A devices), and up to two clock or clear signals. Figure 13 on page 22 shows how two output enable signals are shared with one clock and one clear signal.

The signals for the peripheral bus can be generated by any of the four dedicated inputs or signals on the row interconnect channels, as shown in Figure 13. The number of row channels in a row that can drive the peripheral bus correlates to the number of columns in the FLEX 8000 device. EPF8282A and EPF8282AV devices use 13 channels; EPF8452A, EPF8636A, EPF8820A, and EPF81188A devices use 21 channels; and EPF81500A devices use 27 channels. The first LE in each LAB is the source of the row channel signal. The six peripheral control signals (12 in EPF81500A devices) can be accessed by each IOE.

Figure 13. FLEX 8000 Peripheral Bus

Numbers in parentheses are for EPF81500A devices.



Note:

(1) n = 13 for EPF8282A and EPF8282AV devices.
n = 21 for EPF8452A, EPF8636A, EPF8820A, and EPF81188A devices.
n = 27 for EPF81500A devices.

MultiVolt I/O Interface

The FLEX 8000 device architecture supports the MultiVolt I/O interface feature, which allows EPF81500A, EPF81188A, EPF8820A, and EPF8636A devices to interface with systems with differing supply voltages. These devices in all packages—except for EPF8636A devices in 84-pin PLCC packages—can be set for 3.3-V or 5.0-V I/O pin operation. These devices have one set of V_{CC} pins for internal operation and input buffers (`VCCINT`), and another set for I/O output drivers (`VCCIO`).

The `VCCINT` pins must always be connected to a 5.0-V power supply. With a 5.0-V V_{CCINT} level, input voltages are at TTL levels and are therefore compatible with 3.3-V and 5.0-V inputs.

The `VCCIO` pins can be connected to either a 3.3-V or 5.0-V power supply, depending on the output requirements. When the `VCCIO` pins are connected to a 5.0-V power supply, the output levels are compatible with 5.0-V systems. When the `VCCIO` pins are connected to a 3.3-V power supply, the output high is at 3.3 V and is therefore compatible with 3.3-V or 5.0-V systems. Devices operating with V_{CCIO} levels lower than 4.75 V incur a nominally greater timing delay of t_{OD2} instead of t_{OD1}. See Table 8 on page 26.

IEEE Std. 1149.1 (JTAG) Boundary-Scan Support

The EPF8282A, EPF8282AV, EPF8636A, EPF8820A, and EPF81500A devices provide JTAG BST circuitry. FLEX 8000 devices with JTAG circuitry support the JTAG instructions shown in Table 6.

Table 6. EPF8282A, EPF8282AV, EPF8636A, EPF8820A & EPF81500A JTAG Instructions

JTAG Instruction	Description
SAMPLE/PRELOAD	Allows a snapshot of the 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.
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	Places the 1-bit bypass register between the `TDI` and `TDO` pins, which allows the BST data to pass synchronously through the selected device to adjacent devices during normal device operation.

Table 8. JTAG Timing Parameters & Values

Symbol	Parameter	EPF8282A EPF8282AV EPF8636A EPF8820A EPF81500A		Unit
		Min	Max	
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 detailed information on JTAG operation in FLEX 8000 devices, refer to *Application Note 39 (IEEE 1149.1 (JTAG) Boundary-Scan Testing in Altera Devices)*.

Generic Testing

Each FLEX 8000 device is functionally tested and specified by Altera. Complete testing of each configurable SRAM bit and all logic functionality ensures 100% configuration yield. AC test measurements for FLEX 8000 devices are made under conditions equivalent to those shown in Figure 15. Designers can use multiple test patterns to configure devices during all stages of the production flow.

Table 12. FLEX 8000 5.0-V Device Capacitance *Note (8)*					
Symbol	**Parameter**	**Conditions**	**Min**	**Max**	**Unit**
C_{IN}	Input capacitance	V_{IN} = 0 V, f = 1.0 MHz		10	pF
C_{OUT}	Output capacitance	V_{OUT} = 0 V, f = 1.0 MHz		10	pF

Notes to tables:

(1) See the *Operating Requirements for Altera Devices Data Sheet*.
(2) Minimum DC input is –0.5 V. During transitions, the inputs may undershoot to –2.0 V or overshoot to 7.0 V for input currents less than 100 mA and periods shorter than 20 ns.
(3) The maximum V_{CC} rise time is 100 ms.
(4) Numbers in parentheses are for industrial-temperature-range devices.
(5) Typical values are for T_A = 25° C and V_{CC} = 5.0 V.
(6) These values are specified in Table 10 on page 28.
(7) The I_{OH} parameter refers to high-level TTL or CMOS output current; the I_{OL} parameter refers to low-level TTL or CMOS output current.
(8) Capacitance is sample-tested only.

Tables 13 through 16 provide information on absolute maximum ratings, recommended operating conditions, operating conditions, and capacitance for 3.3-V FLEX 8000 devices.

Table 13. FLEX 8000 3.3-V Device Absolute Maximum Ratings *Note (1)*					
Symbol	**Parameter**	**Conditions**	**Min**	**Max**	**Unit**
V_{CC}	Supply voltage	With respect to ground *(2)*	–2.0	5.3	V
V_I	DC input voltage		–2.0	5.3	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	Plastic packages, under bias		135	° C

Table 14. FLEX 8000 3.3-V Device Recommended Operating Conditions					
Symbol	**Parameter**	**Conditions**	**Min**	**Max**	**Unit**
V_{CC}	Supply voltage	*(3)*	3.0	3.6	V
V_I	Input voltage		–0.3	V_{CC} + 0.3	V
V_O	Output voltage		0	V_{CC}	V
T_A	Operating temperature	For commercial use	0	70	° C
t_R	Input rise time			40	ns
t_F	Input fall time			40	ns

Table 15. FLEX 8000 3.3-V Device DC Operating Conditions Note (4)						
Symbol	**Parameter**	**Conditions**	**Min**	**Typ**	**Max**	**Unit**
V_{IH}	High-level input voltage		2.0		V_{CC} + 0.3	V
V_{IL}	Low-level input voltage		–0.3		0.8	V
V_{OH}	High-level output voltage	I_{OH} = –0.1 mA DC (5)	V_{CC} – 0.2			V
V_{OL}	Low-level output voltage	I_{OL} = 4 mA DC (5)			0.45	V
I_I	Input leakage current	V_I = V_{CC} or ground	–10		10	µA
I_{OZ}	Tri-state output off-state current	V_O = V_{CC} or ground	–40		40	µA
I_{CC0}	V_{CC} supply current (standby)	V_I = ground, no load (6)		0.3	10	mA

Table 16. FLEX 8000 3.3-V Device Capacitance Note (7)					
Symbol	**Parameter**	**Conditions**	**Min**	**Max**	**Unit**
C_{IN}	Input capacitance	V_{IN} = 0 V, f = 1.0 MHz		10	pF
C_{OUT}	Output capacitance	V_{OUT} = 0 V, f = 1.0 MHz		10	pF

Notes to tables:

(1) See the *Operating Requirements for Altera Devices Data Sheet*.
(2) Minimum DC input voltage is –0.3 V. During transitions, the inputs may undershoot to –2.0 V or overshoot to 5.3 V for input currents less than 100 mA and periods shorter than 20 ns.
(3) The maximum V_{CC} rise time is 100 ms. V_{CC} must rise monotonically.
(4) These values are specified in Table 14 on page 29.
(5) The I_{OH} parameter refers to high-level TTL output current; the I_{OL} parameter refers to low-level TTL output current.
(6) Typical values are for T_A = 25° C and V_{CC} = 3.3 V.
(7) Capacitance is sample-tested only.

Figure 16 shows the typical output drive characteristics of 5.0-V FLEX 8000 devices. The output driver is compliant with ***PCI Local Bus Specification, Revision 2.2***.

Table 23. EPF8282A Interconnect Timing Parameters

Symbol	Speed Grade						Unit
	A-2		A-3		A-4		
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{LABCASC}$		0.3		0.3		0.4	ns
$t_{LABCARRY}$		0.3		0.3		0.4	ns
t_{LOCAL}		0.5		0.6		0.8	ns
t_{ROW}		4.2		4.2		4.2	ns
t_{COL}		2.5		2.5		2.5	ns
t_{DIN_C}		5.0		5.0		5.5	ns
t_{DIN_D}		7.2		7.2		7.2	ns
t_{DIN_IO}		5.0		5.0		5.5	ns

Table 26. EPF8282AV I/O Element Timing Parameters

Symbol	Speed Grade				Unit
	A-3		A-4		
	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{IOD}		0.9		2.2	ns
t_{IOC}		1.9		2.0	ns
t_{IOE}		1.9		2.0	ns
t_{IOCO}		1.0		2.0	ns
t_{IOCOMB}		0.1		0.0	ns
t_{IOSU}	1.8		2.8		ns
t_{IOH}	0.0		0.2		ns
t_{IOCLR}		1.2		2.3	ns
t_{IN}		1.7		3.4	ns
t_{OD1}		1.7		4.1	ns
t_{OD2}		–		–	ns
t_{OD3}		5.2		7.1	ns
t_{XZ}		1.8		4.3	ns
t_{ZX1}		1.8		4.3	ns
t_{ZX2}		–		–	ns
t_{ZX3}		5.3		8.3	ns

Table 27. EPF8282AV Interconnect Timing Parameters

Symbol	Speed Grade				Unit
	A-3		A-4		
	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{LABCASC}$		0.4		1.3	ns
$t_{LABCARRY}$		0.4		0.8	ns
t_{LOCAL}		0.8		1.5	ns
t_{ROW}		4.2		6.3	ns
t_{COL}		2.5		3.8	ns
t_{DIN_C}		5.5		8.0	ns
t_{DIN_D}		7.2		10.8	ns
t_{DIN_IO}		5.5		9.0	ns

Table 44. EPF81188A LE Timing Parameters

Symbol	Speed Grade						Unit
	A-2		A-3		A-4		
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{LUT}		2.0		2.5		3.2	ns
t_{CLUT}		0.0		0.0		0.0	ns
t_{RLUT}		0.9		1.1		1.5	ns
t_{GATE}		0.0		0.0		0.0	ns
t_{CASC}		0.6		0.7		0.9	ns
t_{CICO}		0.4		0.5		0.6	ns
t_{CGEN}		0.4		0.5		0.7	ns
t_{CGENR}		0.9		1.1		1.5	ns
t_{C}		1.6		2.0		2.5	ns
t_{CH}	4.0		4.0		4.0		ns
t_{CL}	4.0		4.0		4.0		ns
t_{CO}		0.4		0.5		0.6	ns
t_{COMB}		0.4		0.5		0.6	ns
t_{SU}	0.8		1.1		1.2		ns
t_{H}	0.9		1.1		1.5		ns
t_{PRE}		0.6		0.7		0.8	ns
t_{CLR}		0.6		0.7		0.8	ns

Table 45. EPF81188A External Timing Parameters

Symbol	Speed Grade						Unit
	A-2		A-3		A-4		
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$\mathbf{t_{DRR}}$		16.0		20.0		25.0	ns
$\mathbf{t_{ODH}}$	1.0		1.0		1.0		ns

Table 46. EPF81500A I/O Element Timing Parameters

Symbol	Speed Grade						Unit
	A-2		A-3		A-4		
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{IOD}		0.7		0.8		0.9	ns
t_{IOC}		1.7		1.8		1.9	ns
t_{IOE}		1.7		1.8		1.9	ns
t_{IOCO}		1.0		1.0		1.0	ns
t_{IOCOMB}		0.3		0.2		0.1	ns
t_{IOSU}	1.4		1.6		1.8		ns
t_{IOH}	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
t_{IOCLR}		1.2		1.2		1.2	ns
t_{IN}		1.5		1.6		1.7	ns
t_{OD1}		1.1		1.4		1.7	ns
t_{OD2}		1.6		1.9		2.2	ns
t_{OD3}		4.6		4.9		5.2	ns
t_{XZ}		1.4		1.6		1.8	ns
t_{ZX1}		1.4		1.6		1.8	ns
t_{ZX2}		1.9		2.1		2.3	ns
t_{ZX3}		4.9		5.1		5.3	ns

Table 47. EPF81500A Interconnect Timing Parameters

Symbol	Speed Grade						Unit
	A-2		A-3		A-4		
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{LABCASC}$		0.3		0.3		0.4	ns
$t_{LABCARRY}$		0.3		0.3		0.4	ns
t_{LOCAL}		0.5		0.6		0.8	ns
t_{ROW}		6.2		6.2		6.2	ns
t_{COL}		3.0		3.0		3.0	ns
t_{DIN_C}		5.0		5.0		5.5	ns
t_{DIN_D}		8.2		8.2		8.7	ns
t_{DIN_IO}		5.0		5.0		5.5	ns

Operating Modes

The FLEX 8000 architecture uses SRAM elements that require configuration data to be loaded whenever the device powers up and begins operation. The process of physically loading the SRAM programming 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. The configuration and initialization processes together are called *command mode*; normal device operation is called *user mode*.

SRAM elements allow FLEX 8000 devices to be reconfigured in-circuit with new programming data that is loaded into the device. Real-time reconfiguration is performed by forcing the device into command mode with a device pin, loading different programming data, reinitializing the device, and resuming user-mode operation. The entire reconfiguration process requires less than 100 ms and can be used to dynamically reconfigure an entire system. In-field upgrades can be performed by distributing new configuration files.

Configuration Schemes

The configuration data for a FLEX 8000 device can be loaded with one of six configuration schemes, chosen on the basis of the target application. Both active and passive schemes are available. In the active configuration schemes, the FLEX 8000 device functions as the controller, directing the loading operation, controlling external configuration devices, and completing the loading process. The clock source for all active configuration schemes is an oscillator on the FLEX 8000 device that operates between 2 MHz and 6 MHz. In the passive configuration schemes, an external controller guides the FLEX 8000 device. Table 51 shows the data source for each of the six configuration schemes.

Table 51. Data Source for Configuration

Configuration Scheme	Acronym	Data Source
Active serial	AS	Altera configuration device
Active parallel up	APU	Parallel configuration device
Active parallel down	APD	Parallel configuration device
Passive serial	PS	Serial data path
Passive parallel synchronous	PPS	Intelligent host
Passive parallel asynchronous	PPA	Intelligent host

Table 52. FLEX 8000 84-, 100-, 144- & 160-Pin Package Pin-Outs (Part 3 of 3)

Pin Name	84-Pin PLCC EPF8282A	84-Pin PLCC EPF8452A EPF8636A	100-Pin TQFP EPF8282A EPF8282AV	100-Pin TQFP EPF8452A	144-Pin TQFP EPF8820A	160-Pin PGA EPF8452A	160-Pin PQFP EPF8820A *(1)*
GND	5, 26, 47, 68	5, 26, 47, 68	2, 13, 30, 44, 52, 63, 80, 94	19, 44, 69, 94	7, 17, 27, 39, 54, 80, 81, 100,101, 128, 142	C12, D4, D7, D9, D13, G4, G13, H3, H12, J4, J13, L1, M3, M8, M12, M15, N4	12, 13, 34, 35, 51, 63, 75, 80, 83, 93, 103, 115, 126, 131, 143, 155
No Connect (N.C.)	–	–	–	2, 6, 13, 30, 37, 42, 43, 50, 52, 56, 63, 80, 87, 92, 93, 99	–	–	–
Total User I/O Pins *(9)*	64	64	74	64	108	116	116