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Applications of Embedded - FPGAs

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

Details	
Product Status	Obsolete
Number of LABs/CLBs	84
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	672
Total RAM Bits	-
Number of I/O	152
Number of Gates	8000
Voltage - Supply	4.75V ~ 5.25V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 70°C (TA)
Package / Case	208-BFQFP
Supplier Device Package	208-PQFP (28x28)
Purchase URL	https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/intel/epf8820aqc208-4aa

JTAG BST circuitry	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

...and More Features

- Peripheral register for fast setup and clock-to-output delay
- Fabricated on an advanced SRAM process
- Available in a variety of packages with 84 to 304 pins (see Table 2)
- Software design support and automatic place-and-route provided by the Altera® MAX+PLUS® II development system for Windows-based PCs, as well as Sun SPARCstation, HP 9000 Series 700/800, and IBM RISC System/6000 workstations
- Additional design entry and simulation support provided by EDIF 2 0 0 and 3 0 0 netlist files, library of parameterized modules (LPM), Verilog HDL, VHDL, and other interfaces to popular EDA tools from manufacturers such as Cadence, Exemplar Logic, Mentor Graphics, OrCAD, Synopsys, Synplicity, and Veribest

Table 2. FLEX 8000 Package Options & I/O Pin Count *Note (1)*

Device	84-Pin PLCC	100-Pin TQFP	144-Pin TQFP	160-Pin PQFP	160-Pin PGA	192-Pin PGA	208-Pin PQFP	225-Pin BGA	232-Pin PGA	240-Pin PQFP	280-Pin PGA	304-Pin RQFP
EPF8282A	68	78										
EPF8282AV		78										
EPF8452A	68	68		120	120							
EPF8636A	68			118		136	136					
EPF8820A			112	120		152	152	152				
EPF81188A							148		184	184		
EPF81500A										181	208	208

Note:

(1) FLEX 8000 device package types include plastic J-lead chip carrier (PLCC), thin quad flat pack (TQFP), plastic quad flat pack (PQFP), power quad flat pack (RQFP), ball-grid array (BGA), and pin-grid array (PGA) packages.

General Description

Altera's Flexible Logic Element MatriX (FLEX®) family combines the benefits of both erasable programmable logic devices (EPLDs) and field-programmable gate arrays (FPGAs). The FLEX 8000 device family is ideal for a variety of applications because it combines the fine-grained architecture and high register count characteristics of FPGAs with the high speed and predictable interconnect delays of EPLDs. Logic is implemented in LEs that include compact 4-input look-up tables (LUTs) and programmable registers. High performance is provided by a fast, continuous network of routing resources.

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

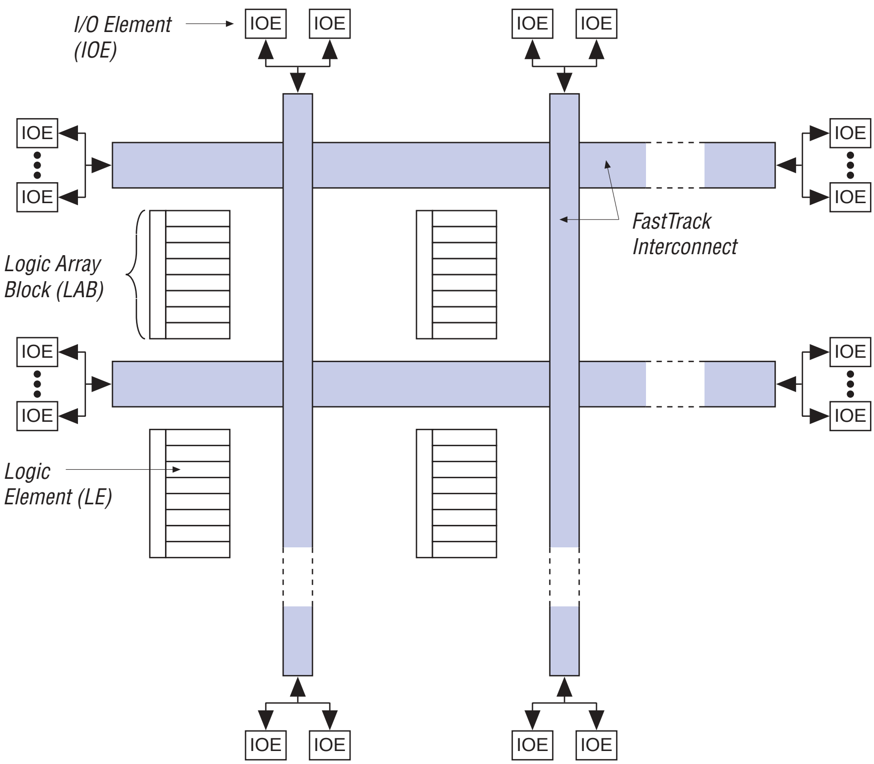
All FLEX 8000 device packages provide four dedicated inputs for synchronous control signals with large fan-outs. Each I/O pin has an associated register on the periphery of the device. As outputs, these registers provide fast clock-to-output times; as inputs, they offer quick setup times.

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)*

Figure 1 shows a block diagram of the FLEX 8000 architecture. Each group of eight LEs is combined into an LAB; LABs are arranged into rows and columns. The I/O pins are supported by I/O elements (IOEs) located at the ends of rows and columns. Each IOE contains a bidirectional I/O buffer and a flipflop that can be used as either an input or output register.

Figure 1. FLEX 8000 Device Block Diagram

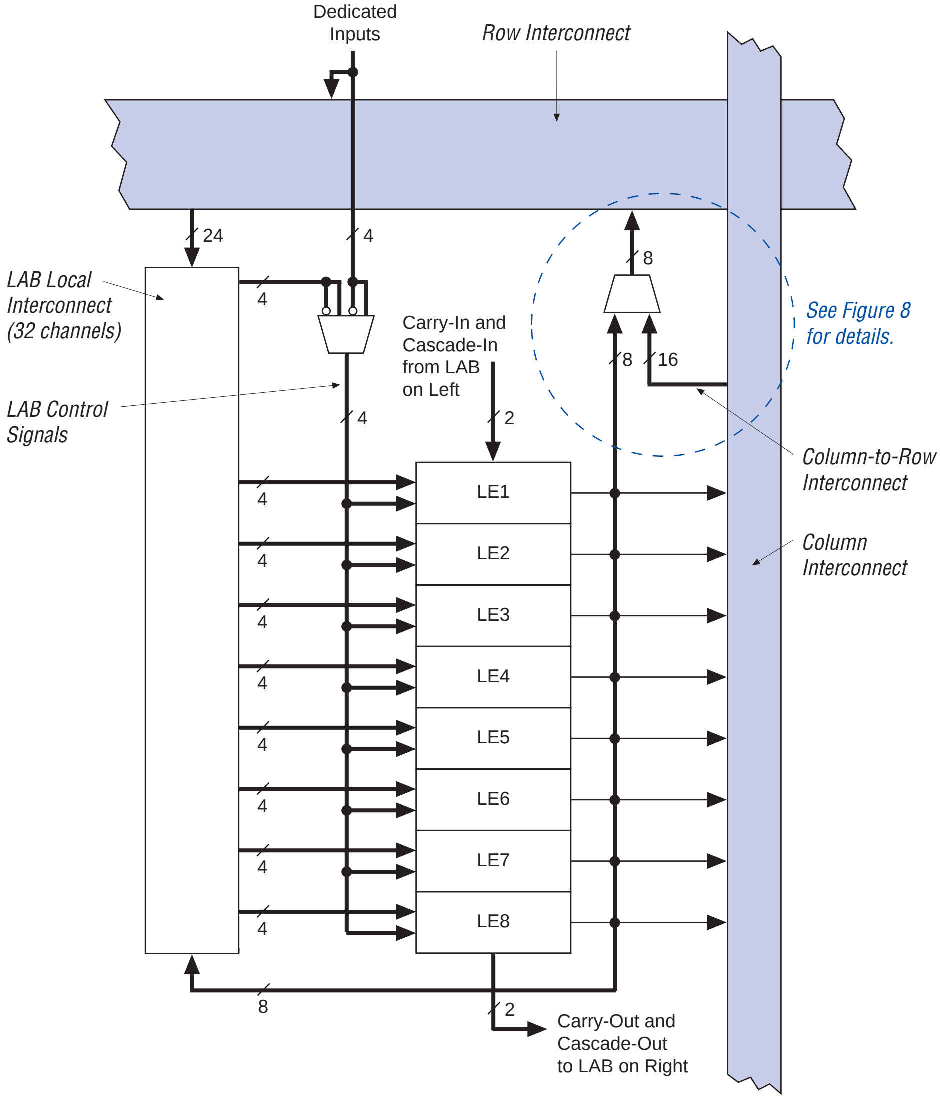


Signal interconnections within FLEX 8000 devices and between device pins are provided by the FastTrack Interconnect, a series of fast, continuous channels that run the entire length and width of the device. IOEs are located at the end of each row (horizontal) and column (vertical) FastTrack Interconnect path.

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 7. FLEX 8000 LE Asynchronous Clear & Preset Modes

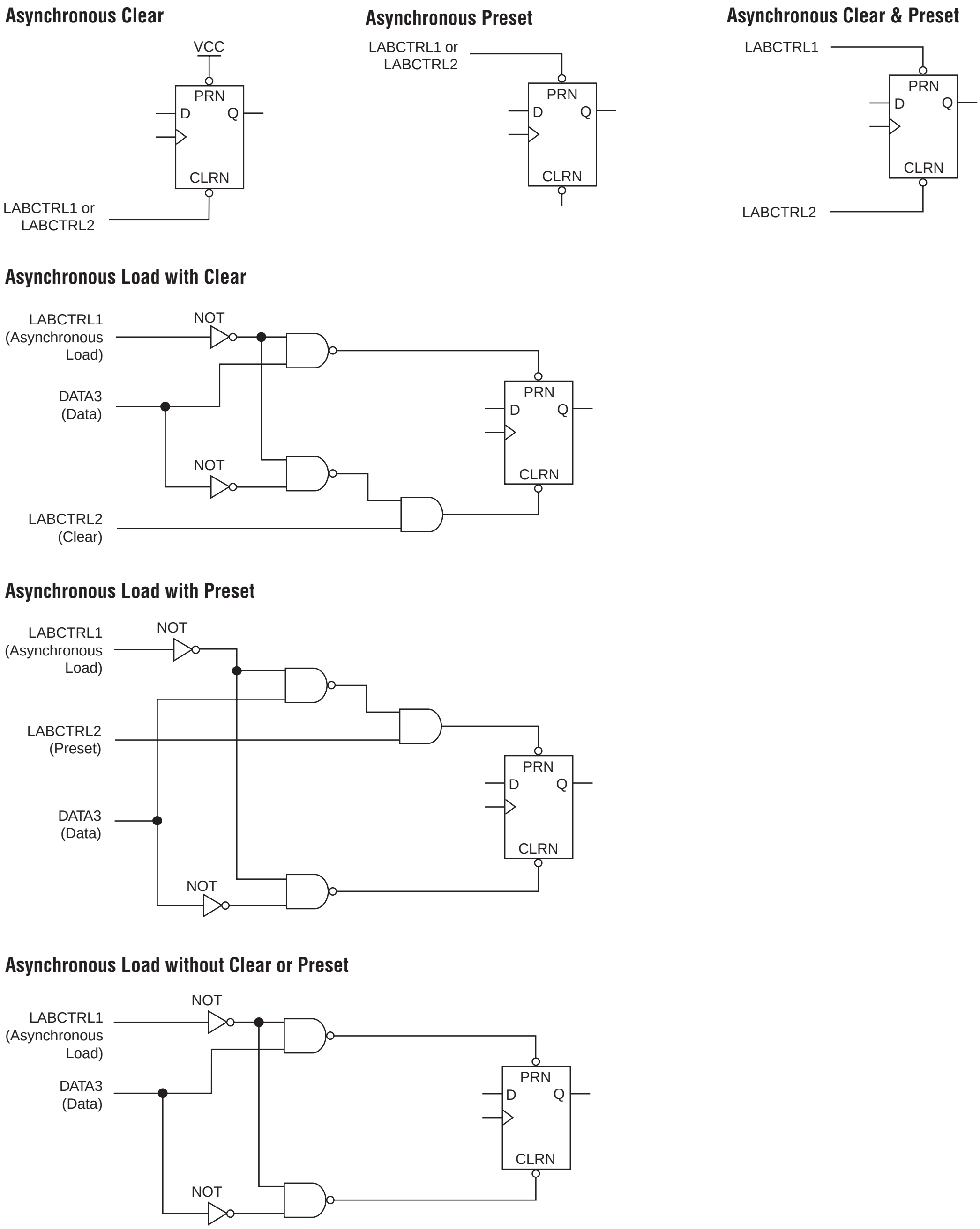
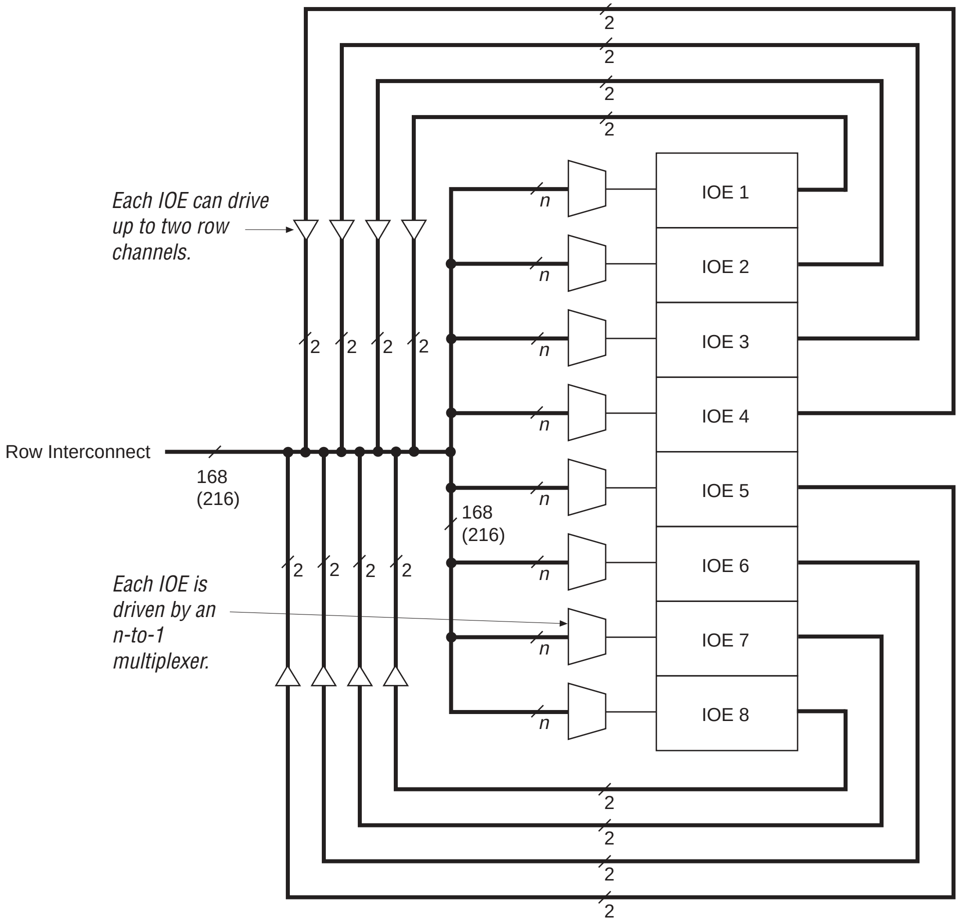


Figure 11. FLEX 8000 Row-to-IOE Connections

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



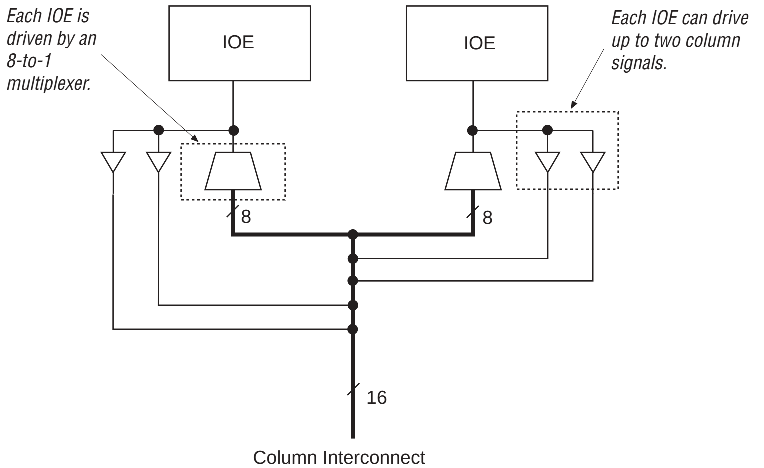
Note:

(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.

Table 5 lists the source of the peripheral control signal for each FLEX 8000 device by row.

Table 5. Row Sources of FLEX 8000 Peripheral Control Signals

Peripheral Control Signal	EPF8282A EPF8282AV	EPF8452A	EPF8636A	EPF8820A	EPF81188A	EPF81500A
CLK0	Row A	Row A	Row A	Row A	Row E	Row E
CLK1/OE1	Row B	Row B	Row C	Row C	Row B	Row B
CLR0	Row A	Row A	Row B	Row B	Row F	Row F
CLR1/OE0	Row B	Row B	Row C	Row D	Row C	Row C
OE2	Row A	Row A	Row A	Row A	Row D	Row A
OE3	Row B	Row B	Row B	Row B	Row A	Row A
OE4	–	–	–	–	–	Row B
OE5	–	–	–	–	–	Row C
OE6	–	–	–	–	–	Row D
OE7	–	–	–	–	–	Row D
OE8	–	–	–	–	–	Row E
OE9	–	–	–	–	–	Row F

Output Configuration

This section discusses slew-rate control and MultiVolt I/O interface operation for FLEX 8000 devices.

Slew-Rate Control

The output buffer in each IOE has an adjustable output slew rate that can be configured for low-noise or high-speed performance. A slow slew rate reduces system noise by slowing signal transitions, adding a maximum delay of 3.5 ns. The slow slew-rate setting affects only the falling edge of a signal. The fast slew rate should be used for speed-critical outputs in systems that are adequately protected against noise. Designers can specify the slew rate on a pin-by-pin basis during design entry or assign a default slew rate to all pins on a global basis.

For more information on high-speed system design, go to *Application Note 75 (High-Speed Board Designs)*.

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.

The instruction register length for FLEX 8000 devices is three bits. Table 7 shows the boundary-scan register length for FLEX 8000 devices.

Table 7. FLEX 8000 Boundary-Scan Register Length

Device	Boundary-Scan Register Length
EPF8282A, EPF8282AV	273
EPF8636A	417
EPF8820A	465
EPF81500A	645

FLEX 8000 devices that support JTAG include weak pull-ups on the JTAG pins. Figure 14 shows the timing requirements for the JTAG signals.

Figure 14. EPF8282A, EPF8282AV, EPF8636A, EPF8820A & EPF81500A JTAG Waveforms

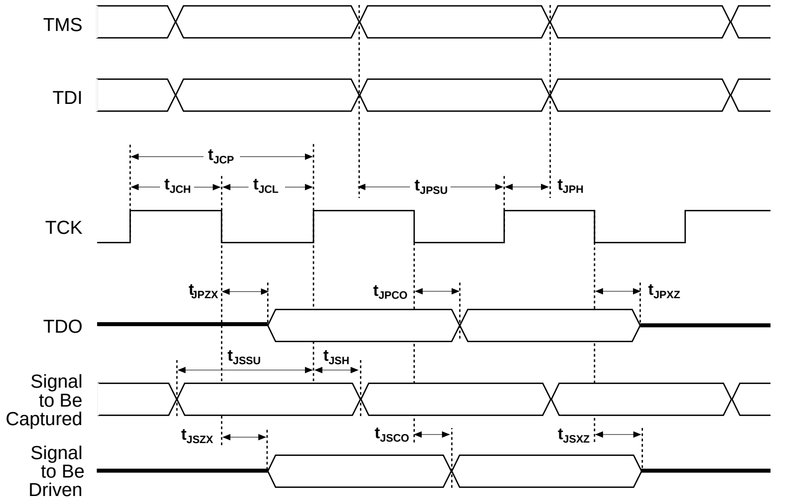


Table 8 shows the timing parameters and values for EPF8282A, EPF8282AV, EPF8636A, EPF8820A, and EPF81500A devices.

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)*

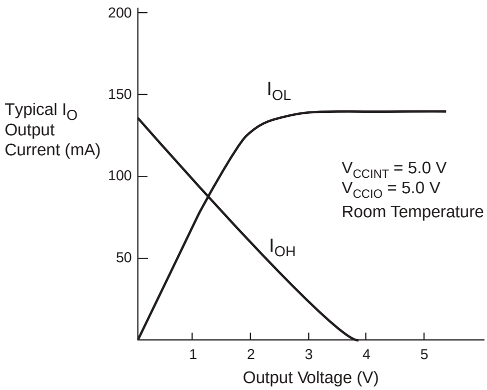
Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
C_{IN}	Input capacitance	V_{IN} = 0 V, f = 1.0 MHz		10	pF
C_{OUT}	Output capacitance	V_{OUT} = 0 V, f = 1.0 MHz		10	pF

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***.

Figure 16. Output Drive Characteristics of 5.0-V FLEX 8000 Devices (Except EPF8282A)



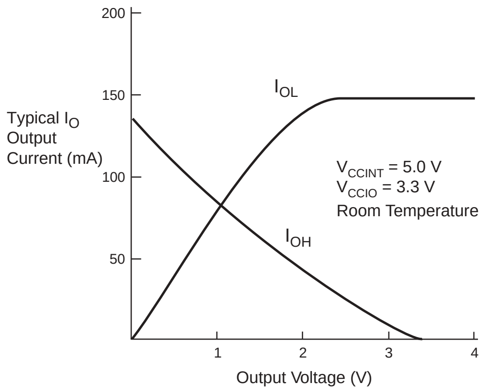


Figure 17 shows the typical output drive characteristics of 5.0-V EPF8282A devices. The output driver is compliant with ***PCI Local Bus Specification, Revision 2.2***.

Figure 17. Output Drive Characteristics of EPF8282A Devices with 5.0-V V_{CCIO}

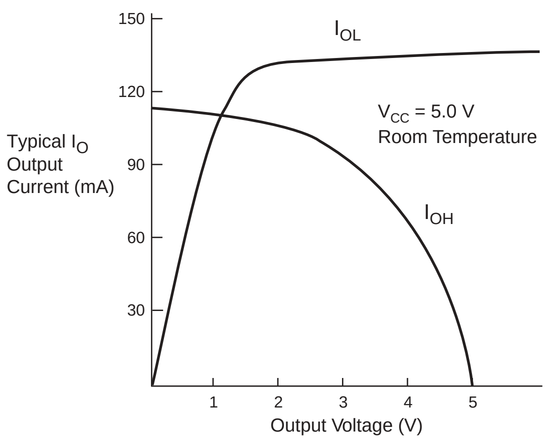


Figure 18 shows the typical output drive characteristics of EPF8282AV devices.

Table 21. FLEX 8000 Timing Model Interconnect Paths		
Source	**Destination**	**Total Delay**
LE-Out	LE in same LAB	t_{LOCAL}
LE-Out	LE in same row, different LAB	$t_{ROW} + t_{LOCAL}$
LE-Out	LE in different row	$t_{COL} + t_{ROW} + t_{LOCAL}$
LE-Out	IOE on column	t_{COL}
LE-Out	IOE on row	t_{ROW}
IOE on row	LE in same row	$t_{ROW} + t_{LOCAL}$
IOE on column	Any LE	$t_{COL} + t_{ROW} + t_{LOCAL}$

Tables 22 through 49 show the FLEX 8000 internal and external timing parameters.

Table 22. EPF8282A Internal 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}		–		–		–	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}		–		–		–	ns
t_{ZX3}		4.9		5.1		5.3	ns

Table 42. EPF81188A 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 43. EPF81188A 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}		5.0		5.0		5.0	ns
t_{COL}		3.0		3.0		3.0	ns
t_{DIN_C}		5.0		5.0		5.5	ns
t_{DIN_D}		7.0		7.0		7.5	ns
t_{DIN_IO}		5.0		5.0		5.5	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	
t_{DRR}		16.0		20.0		25.0	ns
t_{ODH}	1.0		1.0		1.0		ns

Table 48. EPF81500A 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 49. EPF81500A External Timing Parameters							
Symbol	**Speed Grade**						**Unit**
	A-2		**A-3**		**A-4**		
	Min	**Max**	**Min**	**Max**	**Min**	**Max**	
$\mathbf{t_{DRR}}$		16.1		20.1		25.1	ns
$\mathbf{t_{ODH}}$	1.0		1.0		1.0		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

Notes to tables:

(1) Perform a complete thermal analysis before committing a design to this device package. See *Application Note 74 (Evaluating Power for Altera Devices)* for more information.
(2) This pin is a dedicated pin and is not available as a user I/O pin.
(3) SDOUT will drive out during configuration. After configuration, it may be used as a user I/O pin. By default, the MAX+PLUS II software will not use SDOUT as a user I/O pin; the user can override the MAX+PLUS II software and use SDOUT as a user I/O pin.
(4) If the device is not configured to use the JTAG BST circuitry, this pin is available as a user I/O pin.
(5) JTAG pins are available for EPF8636A devices only. These pins are dedicated user I/O pins.
(6) If this pin is used as an input in user mode, ensure that it does not toggle before or during configuration.
(7) TRST is a dedicated input pin for JTAG use. This pin must be grounded if JTAG BST is not used.
(8) Pin 52 is a V_{CC} pin on EPF8452A devices only.
(9) The user I/O pin count includes dedicated input pins and all I/O pins.
(10) Unused dedicated inputs should be tied to ground on the board.
(11) SDOUT does not exist in the EPF8636GC192 device.
(12) These pins are no connect (N.C.) pins for EPF8636A devices only. They are user I/O pins in EPF8820A devices.
(13) EPF8636A devices have 132 user I/O pins; EPF8820A devices have 148 user I/O pins.
(14) For EPF81500A devices, these pins are dedicated JTAG pins and are not available as user I/O pins. If JTAG BST is not used, TDI, TCK, TMS, and TRST should be tied to GND.

Revision History

The information contained in the *FLEX 8000 Programmable Logic Device Family Data Sheet* version 11.1 supersedes information published in previous versions. The *FLEX 8000 Programmable Logic Device Family Data Sheet* version 11.1 contains the following change: minor textual updates.