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Details

Product Status	Active
Number of LABs/CLBs	3840
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	38400
Total RAM Bits	327680
Number of I/O	488
Number of Gates	1772000
Voltage - Supply	1.71V ~ 1.89V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 85°C (TJ)
Package / Case	652-BBGA
Supplier Device Package	652-BGA (45x45)
Purchase URL	https://www.e-xfl.com/pro/item?MUrl=&PartUrl=ep20k1000cb652c7

Table 4. APEX 20KC FineLine BGA Package Options & I/O Count *Notes (1), (2)*

Device	484 Pin	672 Pin	1,020 Pin
EP20K200C	376		
EP20K400C		488 (3)	
EP20K600C		508 (3)	588
EP20K1000C		508 (3)	708

Notes to Tables 3 and 4:

- (1) I/O counts include dedicated input and clock pins.
- (2) APEX 20KC device package types include plastic quad flat pack (PQFP), 1.27-mm pitch ball-grid array (BGA), and 1.00-mm pitch FineLine BGA™ packages.
- (3) This device uses a thermally enhanced package, which is taller than the regular package. Consult the *Altera Device Package Information Data Sheet* for detailed package size information.

Table 5. APEX 20KC QFP & BGA Package Sizes

Feature	208-Pin PQFP	240-Pin PQFP	356-Pin BGA	652-Pin BGA
Pitch (mm)	0.50	0.50	1.27	1.27
Area (mm ²)	924	1,218	1,225	2,025
Length × Width (mm × mm)	30.4 × 30.4	34.9 × 34.9	35.0 × 35.0	45.0 × 45.0

Table 6. APEX 20KC FineLine BGA Package Sizes

Feature	484 Pin	672 Pin	1,020 Pin
Pitch (mm)	1.00	1.00	1.00
Area (mm ²)	529	729	1,089
Length × Width (mm × mm)	23 × 23	27 × 27	33 × 33

General Description

Similar to APEX 20K and APEX 20KE devices, APEX 20KC devices offer the MultiCore architecture, which combines the strengths of LUT-based and product-term-based devices with an enhanced memory structure. LUT-based logic provides optimized performance and efficiency for data-path, register-intensive, mathematical, or digital signal processing (DSP) designs. Product-term-based logic is optimized for complex combinatorial paths, such as complex state machines. LUT- and product-term-based logic combined with memory functions and a wide variety of MegaCore and AMPP functions make the APEX 20KC architecture uniquely suited for SOPC designs. Applications historically requiring a combination of LUT-, product-term-, and memory-based devices can now be integrated into one APEX 20KC device.

Cascade Chain

With the cascade chain, the APEX 20KC architecture can implement functions with a very wide fan-in. Adjacent LUTs can compute portions of a 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 short cascade delay. Cascade chain logic can be created automatically by the Quartus II Compiler during design processing, or manually by the designer during design entry.

Cascade chains longer than ten LEs are implemented automatically by linking LABs together. For enhanced fitting, a long cascade chain skips alternate LABs in a MegaLAB structure. A cascade chain longer than one LAB skips either from an even-numbered LAB to the next even-numbered LAB, or from an odd-numbered LAB to the next odd-numbered LAB. For example, the last LE of the first LAB in the upper-left MegaLAB structure carries to the first LE of the third LAB in the MegaLAB structure. Figure 7 shows how the cascade function can connect adjacent LEs to form functions with a wide fan-in.

Figure 7. APEX 20KC Cascade Chain

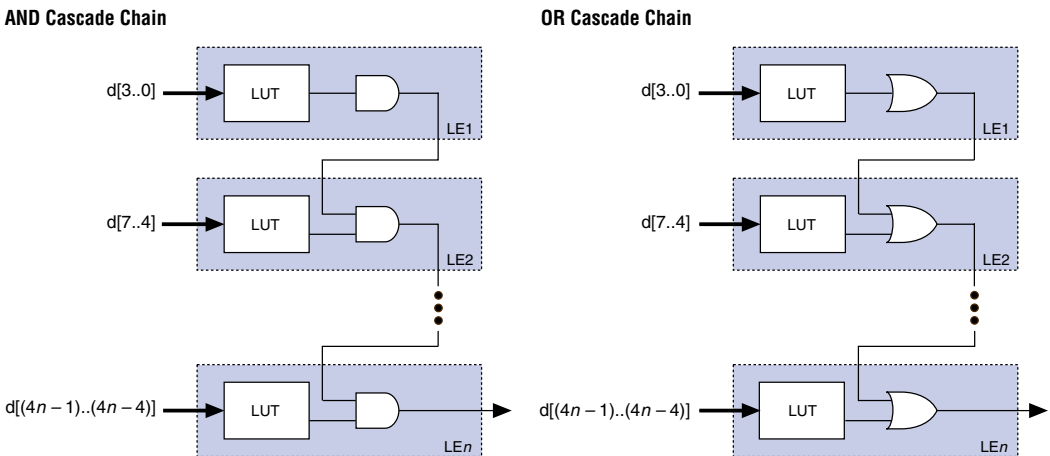
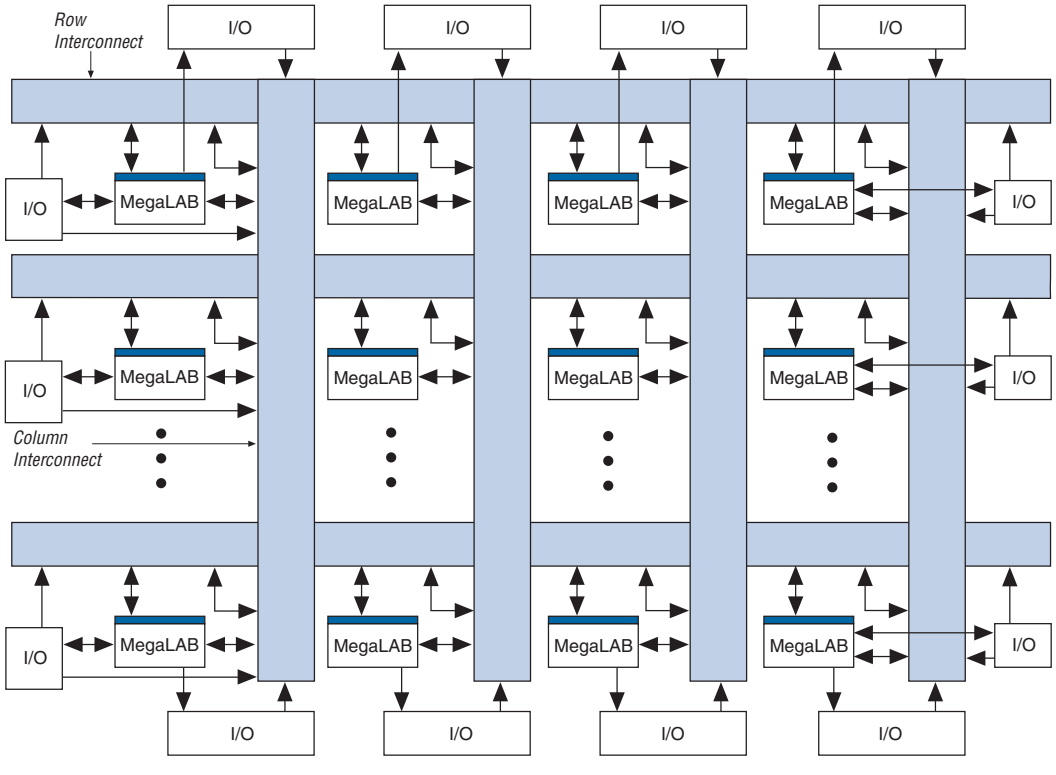


Figure 9. APEX 20KC Interconnect Structure



A row line can be driven directly by LEs, IOEs, or ESBs in that row. Further, a column line can drive a row line, allowing an LE, IOE, or ESB to drive elements in a different row via the column and row interconnect. The row interconnect drives the MegaLAB interconnect to drive LEs, IOEs, or ESBs in a particular MegaLAB structure.

A column line can be directly driven by LEs, IOEs, or ESBs in that column. A column line on a device's left or right edge can also be driven by row IOEs. The column line is used to route signals from one row to another. A column line can drive a row line; it can also drive the MegaLAB interconnect directly, allowing faster connections between rows.

Figure 10 shows how the FastTrack interconnect uses the local interconnect to drive LEs within MegaLAB structures.

Table 8. APEX 20KC Routing Scheme

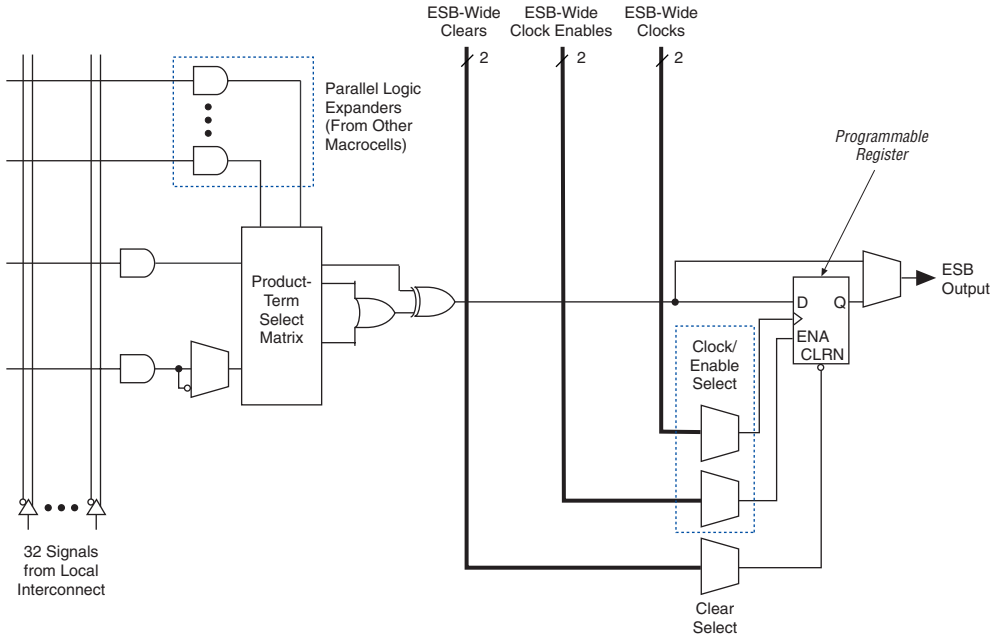
Source	Destination								
	Row I/O Pin	Column I/O Pin	LE	ESB	Local Interconnect	MegaLAB Interconnect	Row FastTrack Interconnect	Column FastTrack Interconnect	FastRow Interconnect
Row I/O pin					✓	✓	✓	✓	
Column I/O pin								✓	✓
LE					✓	✓	✓	✓	
ESB					✓	✓	✓	✓	
Local interconnect	✓	✓	✓	✓					
MegaLAB interconnect					✓				
Row FastTrack interconnect						✓		✓	
Column FastTrack interconnect						✓	✓		
FastRow interconnect					✓				

Product-Term Logic

The product-term portion of the MultiCore architecture is implemented with the ESB. The ESB can be configured to act as a block of macrocells on an ESB-by-ESB basis. Each ESB is fed by 32 inputs from the adjacent local interconnect; therefore, it can be driven by the MegaLAB interconnect or the adjacent LAB. Also, nine ESB macrocells feed back into the ESB through the local interconnect for higher performance. Dedicated clock pins, global signals, and additional inputs from the local interconnect drive the ESB control signals.

In product-term mode, each ESB contains 16 macrocells. Each macrocell consists of two product terms and a programmable register. [Figure 13](#) shows the ESB in product-term mode.

Figure 14. APEX 20KC Macrocell



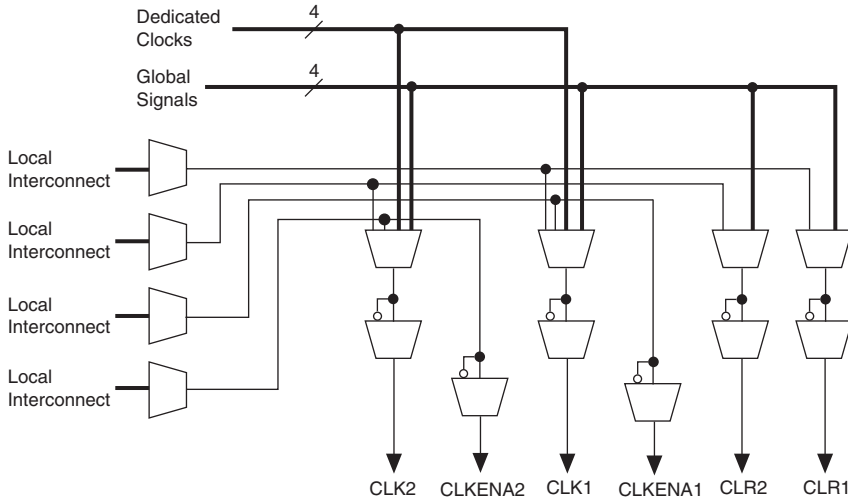
For registered functions, each macrocell register can be programmed individually to implement D, T, JK, or SR operation with programmable clock control. The register can be bypassed for combinatorial operation. During design entry, the designer specifies the desired register type; the Quartus II software then selects the most efficient register operation for each registered function to optimize resource utilization. The Quartus II software or other synthesis tools can also select the most efficient register operation automatically when synthesizing HDL designs.

Each programmable register can be clocked by one of two ESB-wide clocks. The ESB-wide clocks can be generated from device dedicated clock pins, global signals, or local interconnect. Each clock also has an associated clock enable, generated from the local interconnect. The clock and clock enable signals are related for a particular ESB; any macrocell using a clock also uses the associated clock enable.

If both the rising and falling edges of a clock are used in an ESB, both ESB-wide clock signals are used.

The programmable register also supports an asynchronous clear function. Within the ESB, two asynchronous clears are generated from global signals and the local interconnect. Each macrocell can either choose between the two asynchronous clear signals or choose to not be cleared. Either of the two clear signals can be inverted within the ESB. Figure 15 shows the ESB control logic when implementing product-terms.

Figure 15. ESB Product-Term Mode Control Logic

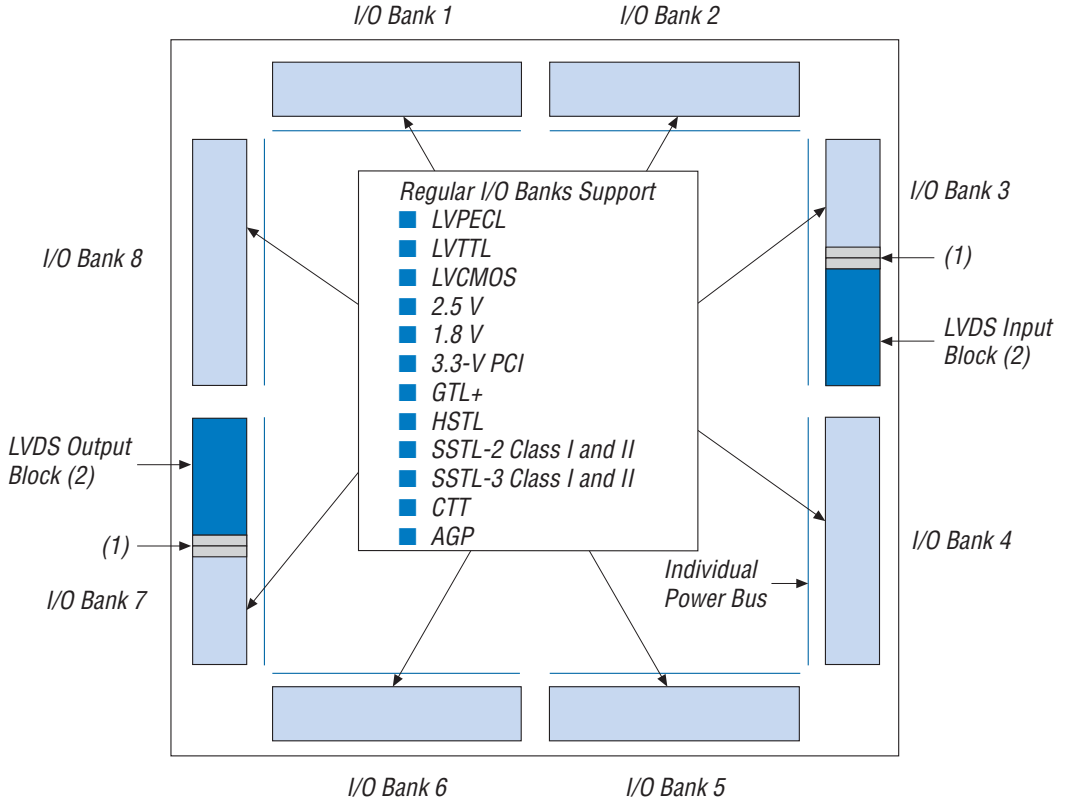


Parallel Expanders

Parallel expanders are unused product terms that can be allocated to a neighboring macrocell to implement fast, complex logic functions. Parallel expanders allow up to 32 product terms to feed the macrocell OR logic directly, with two product terms provided by the macrocell and 30 parallel expanders provided by the neighboring macrocells in the ESB.

The Quartus II Compiler can allocate up to 15 sets of up to two parallel expanders per set to the macrocells automatically. Each set of two parallel expanders incurs a small, incremental timing delay. Figure 16 shows the APEX 20KC parallel expanders.

Figure 28. APEX 20KC I/O Banks



Notes to Figure 28:

- (1) For more information on placing I/O pins in LVDS blocks, refer to the “Guidelines for Using LVDS Blocks” section in *Application Note 120 (Using LVDS in APEX 20KE Devices)*.
- (2) If the LVDS input and output blocks are not used for LVDS, they can support all of the I/O standards and can be used as input, output, or bidirectional pins with V_{CCIO} set to 3.3 V, 2.5 V, or 1.8 V.

Power Sequencing & Hot Socketing

Because APEX 20KC devices can be used in a mixed-voltage environment, they have been designed specifically to tolerate any possible power-up sequence. Therefore, the V_{CCIO} and V_{CCINT} power supplies may be powered in any order.

Clock Multiplication

The APEX 20KC ClockBoost circuit can multiply or divide clocks by a programmable number. The clock can be multiplied by $m/(n \times k)$, where m and k range from 2 to 160 and n ranges from 1 to 16. Clock multiplication and division can be used for time-domain multiplexing and other functions, which can reduce design LE requirements.

Clock Phase & Delay Adjustment

The APEX 20KC ClockShift feature allows the clock phase and delay to be adjusted. The clock phase can be adjusted by 90° steps. The clock delay can be adjusted to increase or decrease the clock delay by an arbitrary amount, up to one clock period.

LVDS Support

All APEX 20KC devices support differential LVDS buffers on the input and output clock signals that interface with external devices. This is controlled in the Quartus II software by assigning the clock pins with an LVDS I/O standard assignment.

Two high-speed PLLs are designed to support the LVDS interface. When using LVDS, the I/O clock runs at a slower rate than the data transfer rate. Thus, PLLs are used to multiply the I/O clock internally to capture the LVDS data. For example, an I/O clock may run at 105 MHz to support 840 Mbps LVDS data transfer. In this example, the PLL multiplies the incoming clock by eight to support the high-speed data transfer. You can use PLLs in EP20K400C and larger devices for high-speed LVDS interfacing.

Lock Signals

The APEX 20KC ClockLock circuitry supports individual LOCK signals. The LOCK signal drives high when the ClockLock circuit has locked onto the input clock. The LOCK signals are optional for each ClockLock circuit; when not used, they are I/O pins.

Table 12. APEX 20KC Clock Input & Output Parameters (Part 2 of 2) *Note (1)*

Symbol	Parameter	I/O Standard	-7 Speed Grade		-8 Speed Grade		Units
			Min	Max	Min	Max	
f_{CLOCK1_EXT}	Output clock frequency for external clock1 output	3.3-V LVTTTL	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	MHz
		2.5-V LVTTTL	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	MHz
		1.8-V LVTTTL	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	MHz
		GTL+	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	MHz
		SSTL-2 Class I	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	MHz
		SSTL-2 Class II	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	MHz
		SSTL-3 Class I	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	MHz
		SSTL-3 Class II	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	MHz
		LVDS	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	MHz
f_{IN}	Input clock frequency	3.3-V LVTTTL	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	MHz
		2.5-V LVTTTL	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	MHz
		1.8-V LVTTTL	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	MHz
		GTL+	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	MHz
		SSTL-2 Class I	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	MHz
		SSTL-2 Class II	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	MHz
		SSTL-3 Class I	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	MHz
		SSTL-3 Class II	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	MHz
		LVDS	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	MHz

Notes to Tables 11 and 12:

- (1) All input clock specifications must be met. The PLL may not lock onto an incoming clock if the clock specifications are not met, creating an erroneous clock within the device.
- (2) The maximum lock time is 40 μ s or 2,000 input clock cycles, whichever occurs first.
- (3) Before configuration, the PLL circuits are disable and powered down. During configuration, the PLLs remain disabled. The PLLs begin to lock once the device is in the user mode. If the clock enable feature is used, lock begins once the CLKLK_ENA pin goes high in user mode.
- (4) The PLL VCO operating range is 200 MHz $\leq f_{VCO} \leq$ 840 MHz for LVDS mode.
- (5) Contact Altera Applications for information on these parameters.

SignalTap Embedded Logic Analyzer

APEX 20KC devices include device enhancements to support the SignalTap embedded logic analyzer. By including this circuitry, the APEX 20KC device provides the ability to monitor design operation over a period of time through the IEEE Std. 1149.1 (JTAG) circuitry; a designer can analyze internal logic at speed without bringing internal signals to the I/O pins. This feature is particularly important for advanced packages such as FineLine BGA packages because adding a connection to a pin during the debugging process can be difficult after a board is designed and manufactured.

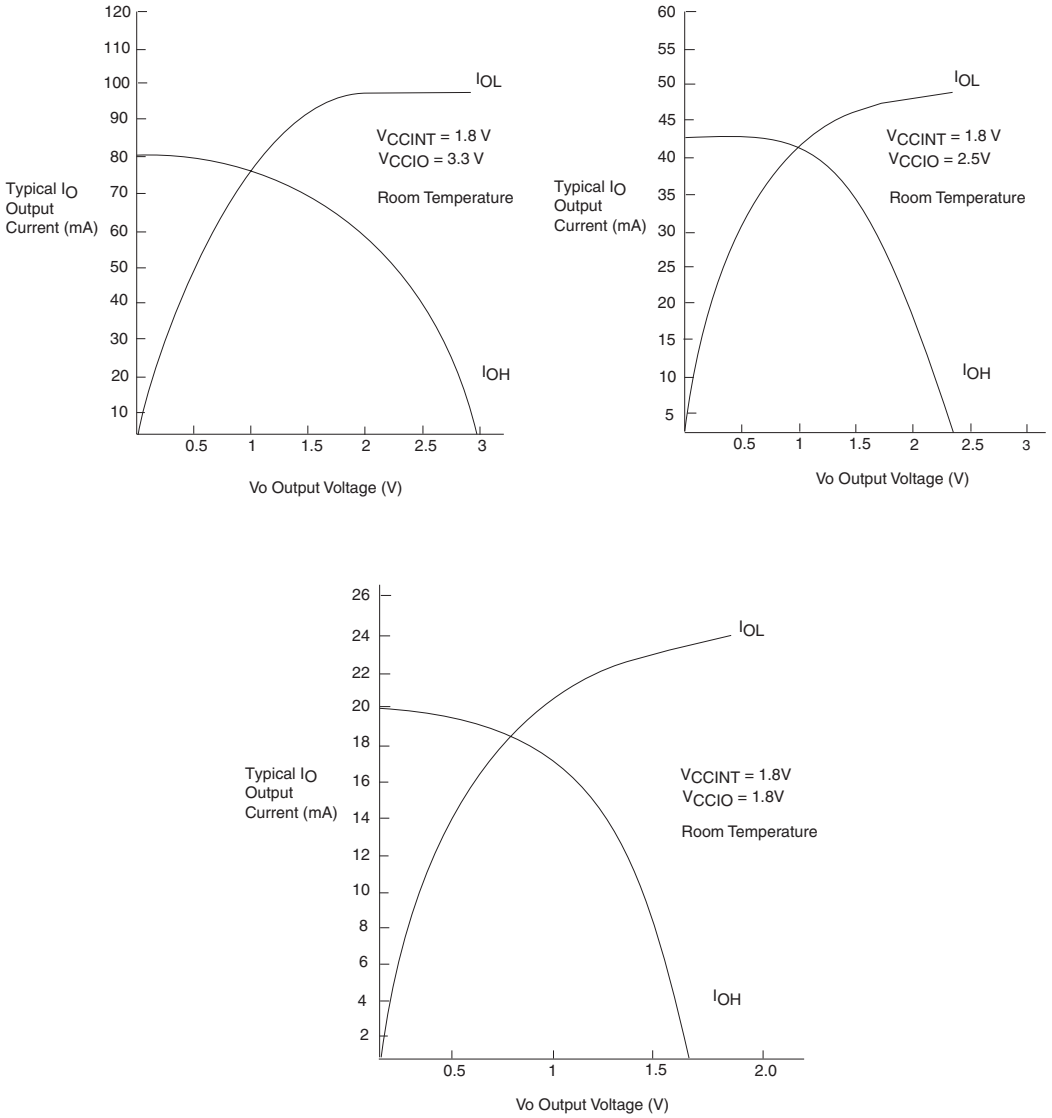
Table 24. 1.8-V I/O Specifications

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Minimum	Maximum	Units
V_{CCIO}	Output supply voltage		1.7	1.9	V
V_{IH}	High-level input voltage		$0.65 \times V_{CCIO}$	$V_{CCIO} + 0.3$	V
V_{IL}	Low-level input voltage			$0.35 \times V_{CCIO}$	V
I_I	Input pin leakage current	$V_{IN} = 0 \text{ V or } 3.3 \text{ V}$	-10	10	μA
V_{OH}	High-level output voltage	$I_{OH} = -2 \text{ mA (1)}$	$V_{CCIO} - 0.45$		V
V_{OL}	Low-level output voltage	$I_{OL} = 2 \text{ mA (2)}$		0.45	V

Table 25. 3.3-V PCI Specifications

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units
V_{CCIO}	I/O supply voltage		3.0	3.3	3.6	V
V_{IH}	High-level input voltage		$0.5 \times V_{CCIO}$		$V_{CCIO} + 0.5$	V
V_{IL}	Low-level input voltage		-0.5		$0.3 \times V_{CCIO}$	V
I_I	Input pin leakage current	$0 < V_{IN} < V_{CCIO}$	-10		10	μA
V_{OH}	High-level output voltage	$I_{OUT} = -500 \mu\text{A}$	$0.9 \times V_{CCIO}$			V
V_{OL}	Low-level output voltage	$I_{OUT} = 1,500 \mu\text{A}$			$0.1 \times V_{CCIO}$	V

Figure 31. Output Drive Characteristics of APEX 20KC Devices *Note (1)*



Note to Figure 31:

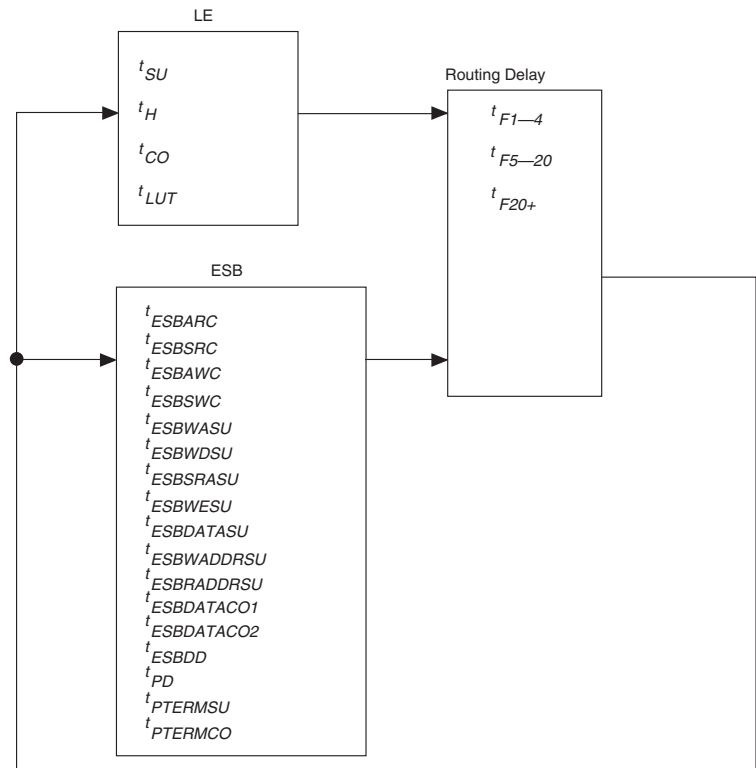
(1) These are transient (AC) currents.

Timing Model

The high-performance FastTrack and MegaLAB interconnect routing resources ensure predictable performance, accurate simulation, and accurate timing analysis. This predictable performance contrasts with that of FPGAs, which use a segmented connection scheme and therefore have unpredictable performance.

Figure 32 shows the f_{MAX} timing model for APEX 20KC devices.

Figure 32. f_{MAX} Timing Model



Figures 33 and 34 show the asynchronous and synchronous timing waveforms, respectively, for the ESB macroparameters in Table 37.

Figure 34. ESB Synchronous Timing Waveforms

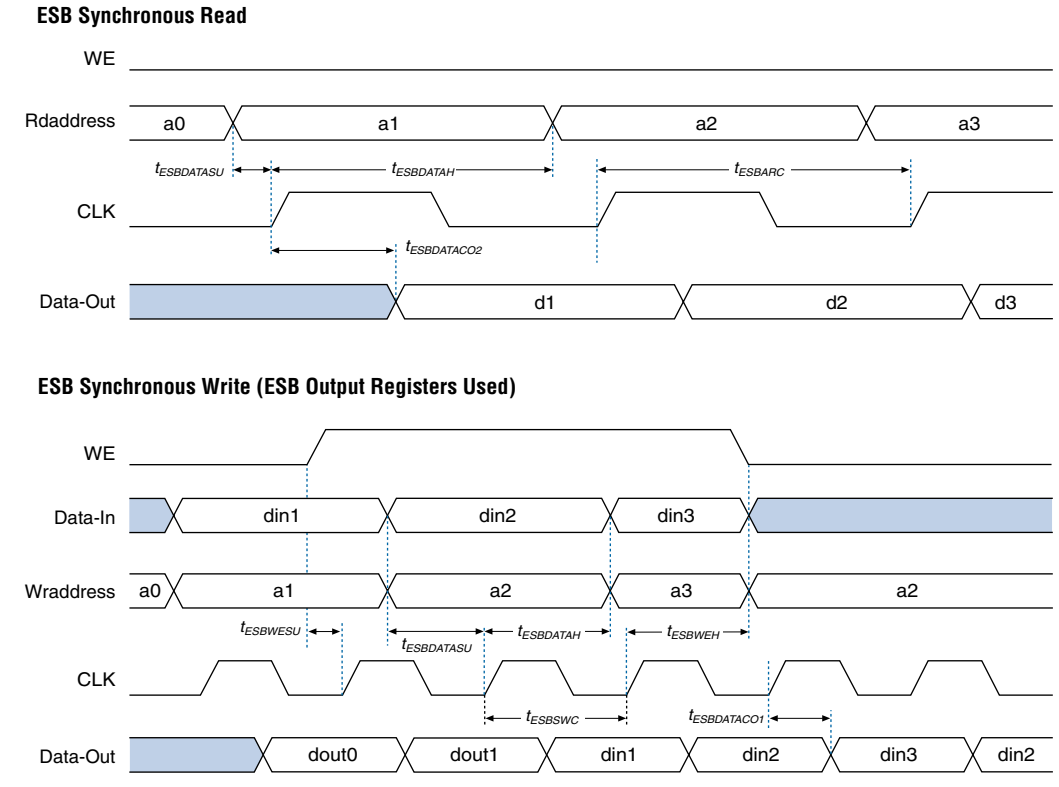
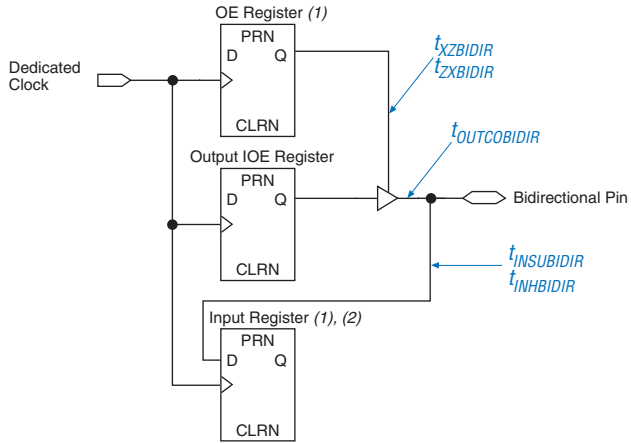


Figure 35 shows the timing model for bidirectional I/O pin timing.

Figure 35. Synchronous Bidirectional Pin External Timing



Notes to Figure 35:

- (1) The output enable and input registers are LE registers in the LAB adjacent to the bidirectional pin. Use the “Output Enable Routing = Single-Pin” option in the Quartus II software to set the output enable register.
- (2) Use the “Decrease Input Delay to Internal Cells = OFF” option in the Quartus II software to set the LAB-adjacent input register. This maintains a zero hold time for LAB-adjacent registers while giving a fast, position-independent setup time. Set “Decrease Input Delay to Internal Cells = ON” and move the input register farther away from the bidirectional pin for a faster setup time with zero hold time. The exact position where zero hold occurs with the minimum setup time varies with device density and speed grade.

Tables 36 to 38 describes the f_{MAX} timing parameters shown in Figure 32. Table 39 describes the functional timing parameters.

Symbol	Parameter
t_{SU}	LE register setup time before clock
t_H	LE register hold time before clock
t_{CO}	LE register clock-to-output delay
t_{LUT}	LUT delay for data-in to data-out

Table 39. APEX 20KC Minimum Pulse Width Timing Parameters

Symbol	Parameter
t_{CH}	Minimum clock high time from clock pin
t_{CL}	Minimum clock low time from clock pin
t_{CLRP}	LE clear pulse width
t_{PREP}	LE preset pulse width
t_{ESBCH}	Clock high time
t_{ESBCL}	Clock low time
t_{ESBWP}	Write pulse width
t_{ESBRP}	Read pulse width

Tables 40 and 41 describe APEX 20KC external timing parameters. The timing values for these pin-to-pin delays are reported for all pins using the 3.3-V LVTTTL I/O standard.

Table 40. APEX 20KC External Timing Parameters *Note (1)*

Symbol	Clock Parameter	Conditions
t_{INSU}	Setup time with global clock at IOE register	
t_{INH}	Hold time with global clock at IOE register	
t_{OUTCO}	Clock-to-output delay with global clock at IOE output register	(2)
$t_{INSUPLL}$	Setup time with PLL clock at IOE input register	
t_{INHPLL}	Hold time with PLL clock at IOE input register	
$t_{OUTCOPLL}$	Clock-to-output delay with PLL clock at IOE output register	(2)

Table 51. EP20K400C t_{MAX} ESB Timing Parameters

Symbol	-7 Speed Grade		-8 Speed Grade		-9 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{ESBARC}		1.30		1.51		1.69	ns
t_{ESBSRC}		2.35		2.49		2.72	ns
t_{ESBAWC}		2.92		3.46		3.86	ns
t_{ESBSWC}		3.05		3.44		3.85	ns
$t_{ESBWASU}$	0.45		0.50		0.54		ns
t_{ESBWAH}	0.44		0.50		0.55		ns
$t_{ESBWDSU}$	0.57		0.63		0.68		ns
t_{ESBWDH}	0.44		0.50		0.55		ns
$t_{ESBRASU}$	1.25		1.43		1.56		ns
t_{ESBRAH}	0.00		0.03		0.11		ns
$t_{ESBWESU}$	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
$t_{ESBDATASU}$	2.01		2.27		2.45		ns
$t_{ESBWADDRSU}$	-0.20		-0.24		-0.28		ns
$t_{ESBRADDRSU}$	0.02		0.00		-0.02		ns
$t_{ESBDATAO1}$		1.09		1.28		1.43	ns
$t_{ESBDATAO2}$		2.10		2.52		2.82	ns
t_{ESBDD}		2.50		2.97		3.32	ns
t_{PD}		1.48		1.78		2.00	ns
$t_{PTERMSU}$	0.58		0.72		0.81		ns
$t_{PTERMCO}$		1.10		1.29		1.45	ns

Table 52. EP20K400C t_{MAX} Routing Delays

Symbol	-7 Speed Grade		-8 Speed Grade		-9 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{F1-4}		0.15		0.17		0.19	ns
t_{F5-20}		0.94		1.06		1.25	ns
t_{F20+}		1.73		1.96		2.30	ns

Table 63. EP20K1000C t_{MAX} ESB Timing Microparameters

Symbol	-7 Speed Grade		-8 Speed Grade		-9 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{ESBARC}		1.48		1.57		1.65	ns
t_{ESBSRC}		2.36		2.50		2.73	ns
t_{ESBAWC}		2.93		3.46		3.86	ns
t_{ESBSWC}		3.08		3.43		3.83	ns
$t_{ESBWASU}$	0.51		0.50		0.52		ns
t_{ESBWAH}	0.38		0.51		0.57		ns
$t_{ESBWDSU}$	0.62		0.62		0.66		ns
t_{ESBWDH}	0.38		0.51		0.57		ns
$t_{ESBRASU}$	1.40		1.47		1.53		ns
t_{ESBRAH}	0.00		0.07		0.18		ns
$t_{ESBWESU}$	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
$t_{ESBDATASU}$	1.92		2.19		2.35		ns
$t_{ESBWADDRSU}$	-0.20		-0.28		-0.32		ns
$t_{ESBRADDRSU}$	0.00		-0.03		-0.05		ns
$t_{ESBDATAO1}$		1.12		1.30		1.46	ns
$t_{ESBDATAO2}$		2.11		2.53		2.84	ns
t_{ESBDD}		2.56		2.96		3.30	ns
t_{PD}		1.49		1.79		2.02	ns
$t_{PTERMSU}$	0.61		0.69		0.77		ns
$t_{PTERMCO}$		1.13		1.32		1.48	ns

Table 64. EP20K1000C t_{MAX} Routing Delays

Symbol	-7 Speed Grade		-8 Speed Grade		-9 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{F1-4}		0.15		0.17		0.19	ns
t_{F5-20}		1.13		1.31		1.50	ns
t_{F20+}		2.30		2.71		3.19	ns

Table 67. EP20K1000C External Bidirectional Timing Parameters

Symbol	-7 Speed Grade		-8 Speed Grade		-9 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{\text{IN SUBIDIR}}$	1.86		2.54		3.15		ns
$t_{\text{INH BIDIR}}$	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
$t_{\text{OUT CO BIDIR}}$	2.00	4.63	2.00	5.26	2.00	5.69	ns
$t_{\text{XZ BIDIR}}$		8.98		9.89		10.67	ns
t_{ZXBIDIR}		8.98		9.89		10.67	ns
$t_{\text{IN SUBIDIR PLL}}$	4.17		5.27		-		ns
$t_{\text{INH BIDIR PLL}}$	0.00		0.00		-		ns
$t_{\text{OUT CO BIDIR PLL}}$	0.50	2.32	0.50	2.55	-	-	ns
$t_{\text{XZ BIDIR PLL}}$		6.67		7.18		-	ns
$t_{\text{ZXBIDIR PLL}}$		6.67		7.18		-	ns

Tables 68 and 69 show selectable I/O standard input and output delays for APEX 20KC devices. If you select an I/O standard input or output delay other than LVCMOS, add the delay for the selected speed grade to the LVCMOS value.

Table 68. Selectable I/O Standard Input Delays

Symbol	-7 Speed Grade		-8 Speed Grade		-9 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
LVCMOS		0.00		0.00		0.00	ns
LVTTTL		0.00		0.00		0.00	ns
2.5 V		0.00		0.00		0.00	ns
1.8 V		0.04		0.11		0.14	ns
PCI		0.00		0.04		0.03	ns
GTL+		-0.30		0.25		0.23	ns
SSTL-3 Class I		-0.19		-0.13		-0.13	ns
SSTL-3 Class II		-0.19		-0.13		-0.13	ns
SSTL-2 Class I		-0.19		-0.13		-0.13	ns
SSTL-2 Class II		-0.19		-0.13		-0.13	ns
LVDS		-0.19		-0.17		-0.16	ns
CTT		0.00		0.00		0.00	ns
AGP		0.00		0.00		0.00	ns

Table 69. Selectable I/O Standard Output Delays

Symbol	-7 Speed Grade		-8 Speed Grad		-9 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
LVC MOS		0.00		0.00		0.00	ns
LV TTL		0.00		0.00		0.00	ns
2.5 V		0.00		0.00		0.00	ns
1.8 V		1.18		1.41		1.57	ns
PCI		-0.52		-0.53		-0.56	ns
GTL+		-0.18		-0.29		-0.39	ns
SSTL-3 Class I		-0.67		-0.71		-0.75	ns
SSTL-3 Class II		-0.67		-0.71		-0.75	ns
SSTL-2 Class I		-0.67		-0.71		-0.75	ns
SSTL-2 Class II		-0.67		-0.71		-0.75	ns
LVDS		-0.69		-0.70		-0.73	ns
CTT		0.00		0.00		0.00	ns
AGP		0.00		0.00		0.00	ns

Power Consumption

To estimate device power consumption, use the interactive power estimator on the Altera web site at <http://www.altera.com>.

Configuration & Operation

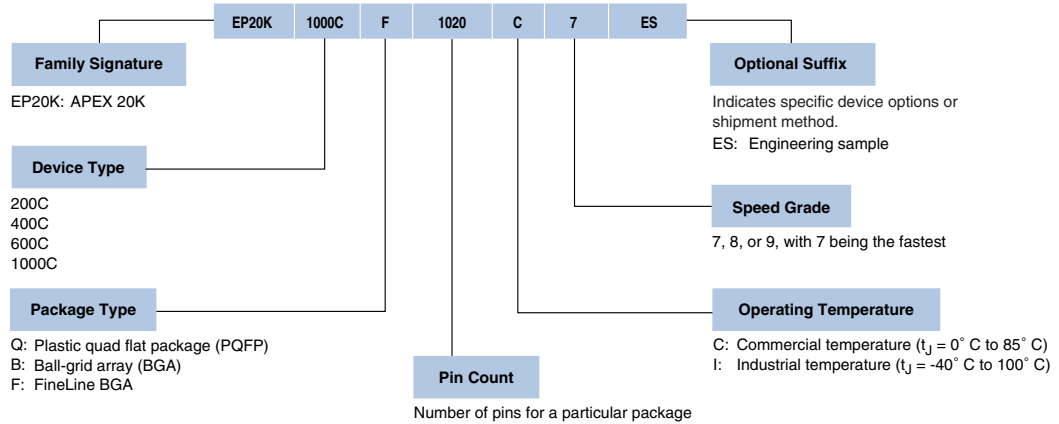
The APEX 20KC architecture supports several configuration schemes. This section summarizes the device operating modes and available device configuration schemes.

Operating Modes

The APEX architecture uses SRAM configuration elements that require configuration data to be loaded each time the circuit powers up. The process of physically loading the SRAM 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. Together, the configuration and initialization processes are called *command mode*; normal device operation is called *user mode*.

Before and during device configuration, all I/O pins are pulled to V_{CCIO} by a built-in weak pull-up resistor.

Figure 39. APEX 20KC Device Packaging Ordering Information



Revision History

The information contained in the *APEX 20KC Programmable Logic Device Data Sheet* version 2.2 supersedes information published in previous versions.

Version 2.2

The following changes were made to the *APEX 20KC Programmable Logic Device Data Sheet* version 2.2:

- Updated [Tables 1](#).
- Updated notes in [Tables 20](#).

Version 2.1

The following changes were made to the *APEX 20KC Programmable Logic Device Data Sheet* version 2.1:

- Removed figure on AC Test Conditions.
- Updated conditions in [Tables 40](#) and [41](#).
- Added [Tables 42](#) and [43](#).
- Updated V_{OD} in [Table 27](#).
- Added [Figures 36](#) through [38](#).
- Updated [Tables 44](#) through [49](#).
- Updated [Tables 62](#) through [67](#).
- Removed notes in [Tables 44](#) through [67](#).
- Various textual changes throughout the document.