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Embedded - FPGAs, or Field Programmable Gate Arrays, are advanced integrated circuits that offer unparalleled flexibility and performance for digital systems. Unlike traditional fixed-function logic devices, FPGAs can be programmed and reprogrammed to execute a wide array of logical operations, enabling customized functionality tailored to specific applications. This reprogrammability allows developers to iterate designs quickly and implement complex functions without the need for custom hardware.

Applications of Embedded - FPGAs

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

Details

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|--------------------------------|---|
| Product Status | Obsolete |
| Number of LABs/CLBs | 1664 |
| Number of Logic Elements/Cells | 16640 |
| Total RAM Bits | 212992 |
| Number of I/O | 488 |
| Number of Gates | 1052000 |
| Voltage - Supply | 1.71V ~ 1.89V |
| Mounting Type | Surface Mount |
| Operating Temperature | 0°C ~ 85°C (TJ) |
| Package / Case | 672-BBGA |
| Supplier Device Package | 672-FBGA (27x27) |
| Purchase URL | https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/intel/ep20k400cf672c7ga |

After an APEX 20KC device has been configured, it can be reconfigured in-circuit by resetting the device and loading new data. Real-time changes can be made during system operation, enabling innovative reconfigurable computing applications.

APEX 20KC devices are supported by the Altera Quartus II development system, a single, integrated package that offers HDL and schematic design entry, compilation and logic synthesis, full simulation and worst-case timing analysis, SignalTap logic analysis, and device configuration. The Quartus II software runs on Windows-based PCs, Sun SPARCstations, and HP 9000 Series 700/800 workstations.

The Quartus II software provides NativeLink interfaces to other industry-standard PC- and UNIX workstation-based EDA tools. For example, designers can invoke the Quartus II software from within third-party design tools. Further, the Quartus II software contains built-in optimized synthesis libraries; synthesis tools can use these libraries to optimize designs for APEX 20KC devices. For example, the Synopsys Design Compiler library, supplied with the Quartus II development system, includes DesignWare functions optimized for the APEX 20KC architecture.

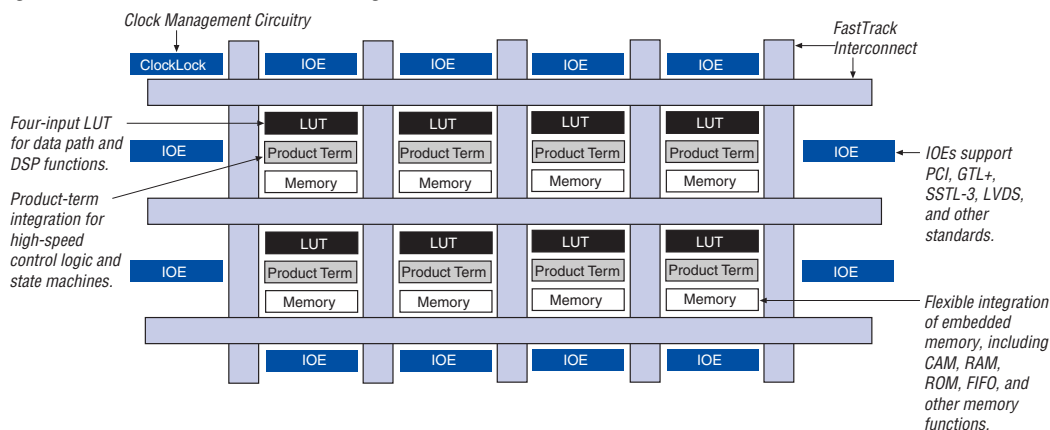
Functional Description

APEX 20KC devices incorporate LUT-based logic, product-term-based logic, and memory into one device on an all-copper technology process. Signal interconnections within APEX 20KC devices (as well as to and from device pins) are provided by the FastTrack interconnect—a series of fast, continuous row and column channels that run the entire length and width of the device.

Each I/O pin is fed by an I/O element (IOE) located at the end of each row and column of the FastTrack interconnect. Each IOE contains a bidirectional I/O buffer and a register that can be used as either an input or output register to feed input, output, or bidirectional signals. When used with a dedicated clock pin, these registers provide exceptional performance. IOEs provide a variety of features, such as 3.3-V, 64-bit, 66-MHz PCI compliance; JTAG BST support; slew-rate control; and tri-state buffers. APEX 20KC devices offer enhanced I/O support, including support for 1.8-V I/O, 2.5-V I/O, LVCMOS, LVTTTL, LVPECL, 3.3-V PCI, PCI-X, LVDS, GTL+, SSTL-2, SSTL-3, HSTL, CTT, and 3.3-V AGP I/O standards.

The ESB can implement a variety of memory functions, including CAM, RAM, dual-port RAM, ROM, and FIFO functions. Embedding the memory directly into the die improves performance and reduces die area compared to distributed-RAM implementations. Moreover, the abundance of cascadable ESBs allows APEX 20KC devices to implement multiple wide memory blocks for high-density designs. The ESB's high speed ensures it can implement small memory blocks without any speed penalty. Additionally, designers can use the ESBs to create as many different-sized memory blocks as the system requires. Figure 1 shows an overview of the APEX 20KC device.

Figure 1. APEX 20KC Device Block Diagram



APEX 20KC devices provide four dedicated clock pins and four dedicated input pins that drive register control inputs. These signals ensure efficient distribution of high-speed, low-skew control signals, which use dedicated routing channels to provide short delays and low skews. Four of the dedicated inputs drive four global signals. These four global signals can also be driven by internal logic, providing an ideal solution for a clock divider or internally generated asynchronous clear signals with high fan-out. The dedicated clock pins featured on the APEX 20KC devices can also feed logic. The devices also feature ClockLock and ClockBoost clock management circuitry.

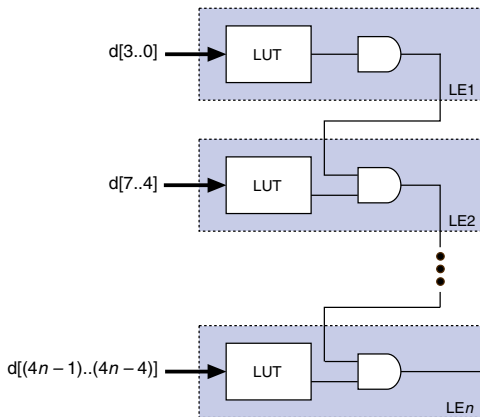
Cascade Chain

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.

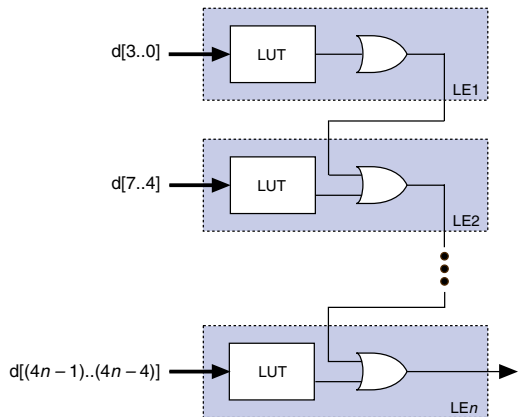
Cascade chains longer than ten LEs are implemented automatically by linking LABs together. For enhanced fitting, a long cascade chain skips alternate LABs in a MegaLAB structure. A cascade chain longer than one LAB skips either from an even-numbered LAB to the next even-numbered LAB, or from an odd-numbered 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

AND Cascade Chain



OR Cascade Chain



The counter mode uses two 3-input LUTs: one generates the counter data, and the other generates the fast carry bit. A 2-to-1 multiplexer provides synchronous loading, and another AND gate provides synchronous clearing. If the cascade function is used by an LE in counter mode, the synchronous clear or load overrides any signal carried on the cascade chain. The synchronous clear overrides the synchronous load. LEs in arithmetic mode can drive out registered and unregistered versions of the LUT output.

Clear & Preset Logic Control

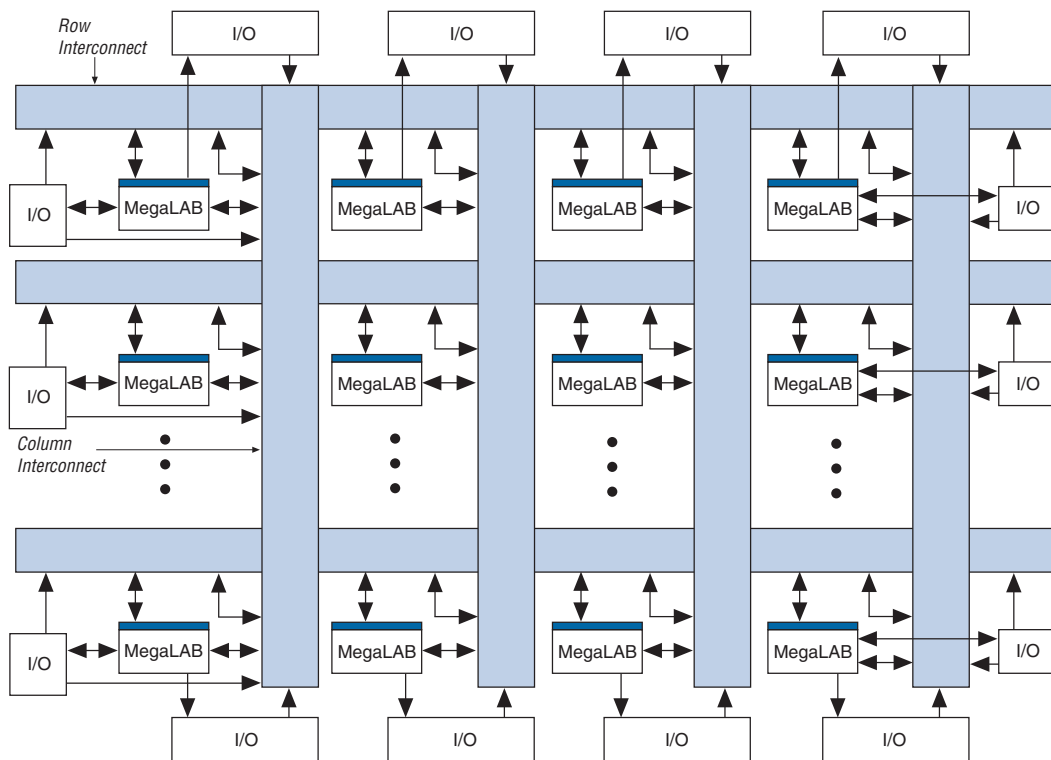
Logic for the register's clear and preset signals is controlled by LAB-wide signals. The LE directly supports an asynchronous clear function. The Quartus II Compiler can use a NOT-gate push-back technique to emulate an asynchronous preset or to emulate simultaneous preset and clear or asynchronous load. However, this technique uses three additional LEs per register. All emulation is performed automatically when the design is compiled. Registers that emulate simultaneous preset and load will enter an unknown state upon power-up or when the chip-wide reset is asserted.

In addition to the two clear and preset modes, APEX 20KC devices provide a chip-wide reset pin (DEV_CLRn) that resets all registers in the device. Use of this pin is controlled through an option in the Quartus II software that is set before compilation. The chip-wide reset overrides all other control signals. Registers using an asynchronous preset are preset when the chip-wide reset is asserted; this effect results from the inversion technique used to implement the asynchronous preset.

FastTrack Interconnect

In the APEX 20KC architecture, connections between LEs, ESBs, and I/O pins are provided by the FastTrack interconnect. The FastTrack interconnect is a series of continuous horizontal and vertical routing channels that traverse the device. This global routing structure provides predictable performance, even in complex designs. In contrast, the segmented routing in FPGAs requires switch matrices to connect a variable number of routing paths, increasing the delays between logic resources and reducing performance.

The FastTrack interconnect consists of row and column interconnect channels that span the entire device. The row interconnect routes signals throughout a row of MegaLAB structures; the column interconnect routes signals throughout a column of MegaLAB structures. When using the row and column interconnect, an LE, IOE, or ESB can drive any other LE, IOE, or ESB in a device. See [Figure 9](#).

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.

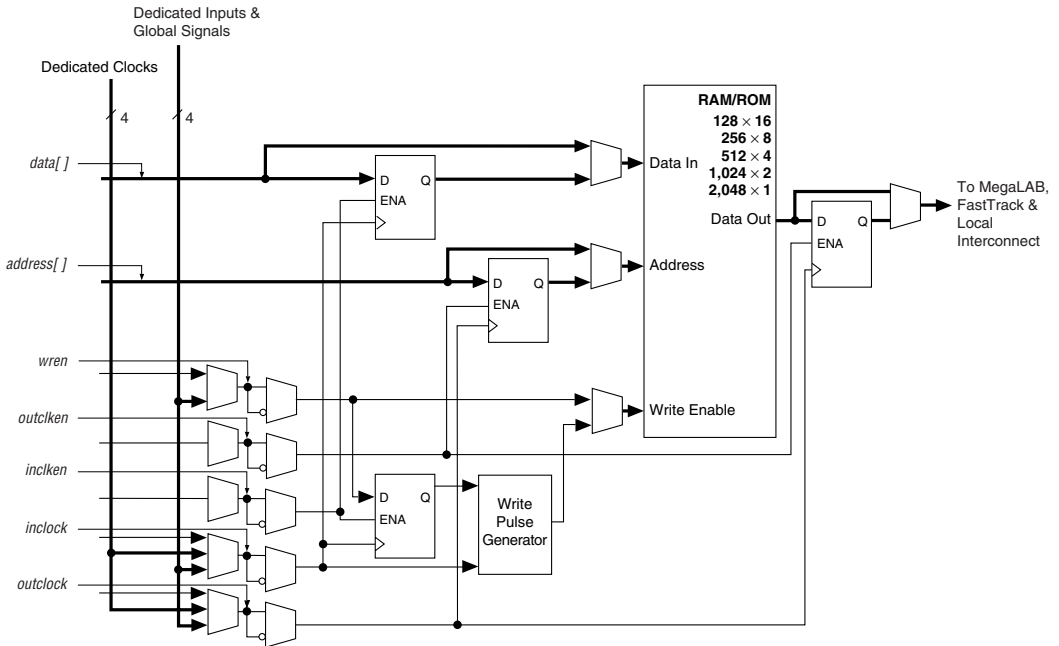
A column line can be directly driven by LEs, IOEs, or ESBs in that column. A column line on a device's left or right edge can also be driven by row IOEs. The column line is used to route signals from one row to another. A column line can drive a row line; it can also drive the MegaLAB interconnect directly,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

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

Single-Port Mode

The APEX 20KC ESB also supports a single-port mode, which is used when simultaneous reads and writes are not required. See [Figure 22](#).

Figure 22. ESB in Single-Port Mode *Note (1)*



Note to Figure 22:

- (1) All registers can be asynchronously cleared by ESB local interconnect signals, global signals, or the chip-wide reset.

Content-Addressable Memory

In APEX 20KC devices, the ESB can implement CAM. CAM can be thought of as the inverse of RAM. When read, RAM outputs the data for a given address. Conversely, CAM outputs an address for a given data word. For example, if the data FA12 is stored in address 14, the CAM outputs 14 when FA12 is driven into it.

Implementing Logic in ROM

In addition to implementing logic with product terms, the ESB can implement logic functions when it is programmed with a read-only pattern during configuration, creating a large LUT. With LUTs, combinatorial functions are implemented by looking up the results, rather than by computing them. This implementation of combinatorial functions can be faster than using algorithms implemented in general logic, a performance advantage that is further enhanced by the fast access times of ESBs. The large capacity of ESBs enables designers to implement complex functions in one logic level without the routing delays associated with linked LEs or distributed RAM blocks. Parameterized functions such as LPM functions can take advantage of the ESB automatically. Further, the Quartus II software can implement portions of a design with ESBs where appropriate.

Programmable Speed/Power Control

APEX 20KC ESBs offer a high-speed mode that supports very fast operation on an ESB-by-ESB basis. When high speed is not required, this feature can be turned off to reduce the ESB's power dissipation by up to 50%. ESBs that run at low power incur a nominal timing delay adder. This Turbo Bit™ option is available for ESBs that implement product-term logic or memory functions. An ESB that is not used will be powered down so that it does not consume DC current.

Designers can program each ESB in the APEX 20KC device for either high-speed or low-power operation. As a result, speed-critical paths in the design can run at high speed, while the remaining paths operate at reduced power.

I/O Structure

The APEX 20KC IOE contains a bidirectional I/O buffer and a register that can be used either as an input register for external data requiring fast setup times or as an output register for data requiring fast clock-to-output performance. IOEs can be used as input, output, or bidirectional pins.

ClockLock & ClockBoost Timing Parameters

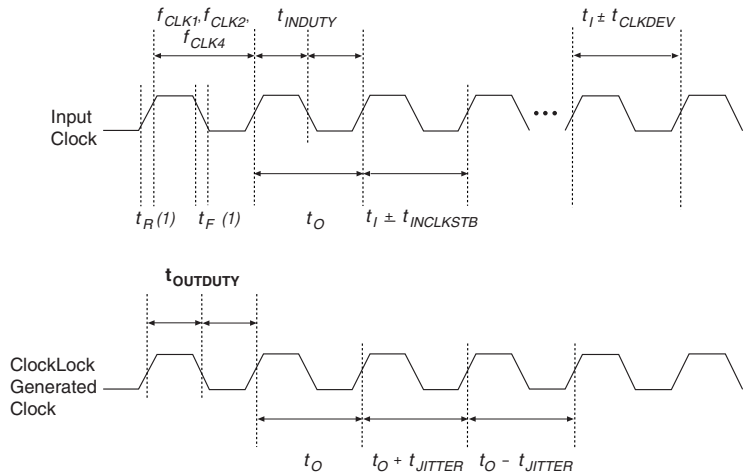
For the ClockLock and ClockBoost circuitry to function properly, the incoming clock must meet certain requirements. If these specifications are not met, the circuitry may not lock onto the incoming clock, which generates an erroneous clock within the device. The clock generated by the ClockLock and ClockBoost circuitry must also meet certain specifications. If the incoming clock meets these requirements during configuration, the APEX 20KC ClockLock and ClockBoost circuitry will lock onto the clock during configuration. The circuit will be ready for use immediately after configuration. In APEX 20KC devices, the clock input standard is programmable, so the PLL cannot respond to the clock until the device is configured. The PLL locks onto the input clock as soon as configuration is complete. Figure 29 shows the incoming and generated clock specifications.



For more information on ClockLock and ClockBoost circuitry, see [Application Note 115: Using the ClockLock and ClockBoost PLL Features in APEX Devices](#).

Figure 29. Specifications for the Incoming & Generated Clocks

The t_I parameter refers to the nominal input clock period; the t_O parameter refers to the nominal output clock period.



Note to Figure 29:

- (1) Rise and fall times are measured from 10% to 90%.

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Generic Testing

Each APEX 20KC device is functionally tested. Complete testing of each configurable SRAM bit and all logic functionality ensures 100% yield. AC test measurements for APEX 20KC devices are made under conditions equivalent to those defined in the “[Timing Model](#)” section on page 65. Multiple test patterns can be used to configure devices during all stages of the production flow. AC test criteria include:

- Power supply transients can affect AC measurements.
- Simultaneous transitions of multiple outputs should be avoided for accurate measurement.
- Threshold tests must not be performed under AC conditions.
- Large-amplitude, fast-ground-current transients normally occur as the device outputs discharge the load capacitances. When these transients flow through the parasitic inductance between the device ground pin and the test system ground, significant reductions in observable noise immunity can result.

Operating Conditions

[Tables 17](#) through [20](#) provide information on absolute maximum ratings, recommended operating conditions, DC operating conditions, and capacitance for 1.8-V APEX 20KC devices.

Table 17. APEX 20KC Device Absolute Maximum Ratings *Note (1)*

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Max | Unit |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--|------|-----|------|
| V _{CCINT} | Supply voltage | With respect to ground (2) | –0.5 | 2.5 | V |
| V _{CCIO} | | | –0.5 | 4.6 | V |
| V _I | DC input voltage | | –0.5 | 4.6 | 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 | PQFP, RQFP, TQFP, and BGA packages, under bias | | 135 | ° C |
| | | Ceramic PGA packages, under bias | | 150 | ° C |

Table 18. APEX 20KC Device Recommended Operating Conditions

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Max | Unit |
|-------------|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------|
| V_{CCINT} | Supply voltage for internal logic and input buffers | (3), (4) | 1.71 (1.71) | 1.89 (1.89) | V |
| V_{CCIO} | Supply voltage for output buffers, 3.3-V operation | (3), (4) | 3.00 (3.00) | 3.60 (3.60) | V |
| | Supply voltage for output buffers, 2.5-V operation | (3), (4) | 2.375 (2.375) | 2.625 (2.625) | V |
| | Supply voltage for output buffers, 1.8-V operation | (3), (4) | 1.71 (1.71) | 1.89 (1.89) | V |
| V_I | Input voltage | (2), (5) | -0.5 | 4.1 | V |
| V_O | Output voltage | | 0 | V_{CCIO} | V |
| T_J | Operating junction temperature | For commercial use | 0 | 85 | ° C |
| | | For industrial use | -40 | 100 | ° C |
| t_R | Input rise time (10% to 90%) | | | 40 | ns |
| t_F | Input fall time (90% to 10%) | | | 40 | ns |

Table 19. APEX 20KC Device DC Operating Conditions *Notes (6), (7)*

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|------------|---|--|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| I_I | Input pin leakage current (8) | $V_I = 3.6$ to 0.0 V | -10 | | 10 | μ A |
| I_{OZ} | Tri-stated I/O pin leakage current (8) | $V_O = 4.1$ to -0.5 V | -10 | | 10 | μ A |
| I_{CC0} | V_{CC} supply current (standby) (All ESBs in power-down mode) | $V_I =$ ground, no load, no toggling inputs, -7 speed grade | | 10 | | mA |
| | | $V_I =$ ground, no load, no toggling inputs, -8, -9 speed grades | | 5 | | mA |
| R_{CONF} | Value of I/O pin pull-up resistor before and during configuration | $V_{CCIO} = 3.0$ V (9) | 20 | | 50 | k Ω |
| | | $V_{CCIO} = 2.375$ V (9) | 30 | | 80 | k Ω |
| | | $V_{CCIO} = 1.71$ V (9) | 60 | | 150 | k Ω |



DC operating specifications on APEX 20KC I/O standards are listed in [Tables 21 to 35](#).

Table 22. LVCMOS I/O Specifications

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Minimum | Maximum | Units |
|------------|----------------------------|--|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| V_{CCIO} | Power supply voltage range | | 3.0 | 3.6 | V |
| V_{IH} | High-level input voltage | | 2.0 | $V_{CCIO} + 0.3$ | V |
| V_{IL} | Low-level input voltage | | -0.3 | 0.8 | 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 | $V_{CCIO} = 3.0\text{ V}$ $I_{OH} = -0.1\text{ mA (1)}$ | $V_{CCIO} - 0.2$ | | V |
| V_{OL} | Low-level output voltage | $V_{CCIO} = 3.0\text{ V}$ $I_{OL} = 0.1\text{ mA (2)}$ | | 0.2 | V |

Table 23. 2.5-V I/O Specifications

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Minimum | Maximum | Units |
|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|------------------|---------------|
| V_{CCIO} | Output supply voltage | | 2.375 | 2.625 | V |
| V_{IH} | High-level input voltage | | 1.7 | $V_{CCIO} + 0.3$ | V |
| V_{IL} | Low-level input voltage | | -0.3 | 0.8 | 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 | $I_{OH} = -0.1\text{ mA (1)}$ | 2.1 | | V |
| | | $I_{OH} = -1\text{ mA (1)}$ | 2.0 | | V |
| | | $I_{OH} = -2\text{ mA (1)}$ | 1.7 | | V |
| V_{OL} | Low-level output voltage | $I_{OL} = 0.1\text{ mA (2)}$ | | 0.2 | V |
| | | $I_{OL} = 1\text{ mA (2)}$ | | 0.4 | V |
| | | $I_{OL} = 2\text{ mA (2)}$ | | 0.7 | V |

Table 26. 3.3-V PCI-X Specifications

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Minimum | Typical | Maximum | Units |
|------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|
| V_{CCIO} | Output 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 | | $0.35 \times V_{CCIO}$ | V |
| V_{IPU} | Input pull-up voltage | | $0.7 \times V_{CCIO}$ | | | V |
| I_{IL} | Input pin leakage current | $0 < V_{IN} < V_{CCIO}$ | -10.0 | | 10.0 | μA |
| V_{OH} | High-level output voltage | $I_{OUT} = -500 \mu A$ | $0.9 \times V_{CCIO}$ | | | V |
| V_{OL} | Low-level output voltage | $I_{OUT} = 1,500 \mu A$ | | | $0.1 \times V_{CCIO}$ | V |
| L_{pin} | Pin Inductance | | | | 15.0 | nH |

Table 27. 3.3-V LVDS I/O Specifications

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Minimum | Typical | Maximum | Units |
|-----------------|---|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| V_{CCIO} | I/O supply voltage | | 3.135 | 3.3 | 3.465 | V |
| V_{OD} | Differential output voltage | $R_L = 100 \Omega$ | 250 | | 650 | mV |
| ΔV_{OD} | Change in V_{OD} between high and low | $R_L = 100 \Omega$ | | | 50 | mV |
| V_{OS} | Output offset voltage | $R_L = 100 \Omega$ | 1.125 | 1.25 | 1.375 | V |
| ΔV_{OS} | Change in V_{OS} between high and low | $R_L = 100 \Omega$ | | | 50 | mV |
| V_{TH} | Differential input threshold | $V_{CM} = 1.2 V$ | -100 | | 100 | mV |
| V_{IN} | Receiver input voltage range | | 0.0 | | 2.4 | V |
| R_L | Receiver differential input resistor (external to APEX devices) | | 90 | 100 | 110 | Ω |

Table 32. SSTL-3 Class II Specifications

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Minimum | Typical | Maximum | Units |
|------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
| V_{CCIO} | I/O supply voltage | | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.6 | V |
| V_{TT} | Termination voltage | | $V_{REF} - 0.05$ | V_{REF} | $V_{REF} + 0.05$ | V |
| V_{REF} | Reference voltage | | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.7 | V |
| V_{IH} | High-level input voltage | | $V_{REF} + 0.2$ | | $V_{CCIO} + 0.3$ | V |
| V_{IL} | Low-level input voltage | | -0.3 | | $V_{REF} - 0.2$ | V |
| V_{OH} | High-level output voltage | $I_{OH} = -16 \text{ mA}$ (1) | $V_{TT} + 0.8$ | | | V |
| V_{OL} | Low-level output voltage | $I_{OL} = 16 \text{ mA}$ (2) | | | $V_{TT} - 0.8$ | V |

Table 33. HSTL Class I I/O Specifications

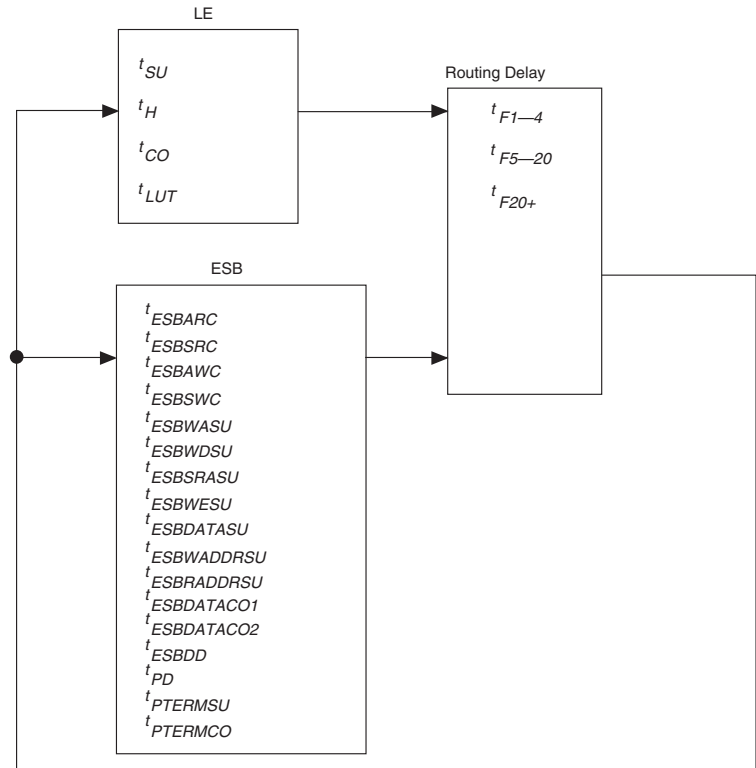
| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Minimum | Typical | Maximum | Units |
|------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
| V_{CCIO} | I/O supply voltage | | 1.71 | 1.8 | 1.89 | V |
| V_{TT} | Termination voltage | | $V_{REF} - 0.05$ | V_{REF} | $V_{REF} + 0.05$ | V |
| V_{REF} | Reference voltage | | 0.68 | 0.75 | 0.90 | V |
| V_{IH} | High-level input voltage | | $V_{REF} + 0.1$ | | $V_{CCIO} + 0.3$ | V |
| V_{IL} | Low-level input voltage | | -0.3 | | $V_{REF} - 0.1$ | V |
| V_{OH} | High-level output voltage | $I_{OH} = -8 \text{ mA}$ (1) | $V_{CCIO} - 0.4$ | | | V |
| V_{OL} | Low-level output voltage | $I_{OL} = 8 \text{ mA}$ (2) | | | 0.4 | V |

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.

Table 37. APEX 20KC t_{MAX} ESB Timing Parameters

| Symbol | Parameter |
|------------------|--|
| t_{ESBARC} | ESB asynchronous read cycle time |
| t_{ESBSRC} | ESB synchronous read cycle time |
| t_{ESBAWC} | ESB asynchronous write cycle time |
| t_{ESBSWC} | ESB synchronous write cycle time |
| $t_{ESBWASU}$ | ESB write address setup time with respect to WE |
| t_{ESBWAH} | ESB write address hold time with respect to WE |
| $t_{ESBWDSDU}$ | ESB data setup time with respect to WE |
| t_{ESBWDH} | ESB data hold time with respect to WE |
| $t_{ESBRASU}$ | ESB read address setup time with respect to RE |
| t_{ESBRAH} | ESB read address hold time with respect to RE |
| $t_{ESBWESU}$ | ESB WE setup time before clock when using input register |
| $t_{ESBDATASU}$ | ESB data setup time before clock when using input register |
| $t_{ESBWADDRSU}$ | ESB write address setup time before clock when using input registers |
| $t_{ESBRADDRSU}$ | ESB read address setup time before clock when using input registers |
| $t_{ESBDATACO1}$ | ESB clock-to-output delay when using output registers |
| $t_{ESBDATACO2}$ | ESB clock-to-output delay without output registers |
| t_{ESBDD} | ESB data-in to data-out delay for RAM mode |
| t_{PD} | ESB macrocell input to non-registered output |
| $t_{PTERMSU}$ | ESB macrocell register setup time before clock |
| $t_{PTERMCO}$ | ESB macrocell register clock-to-output delay |

Table 38. APEX 20KC t_{MAX} Routing Delays

| Symbol | Parameter |
|-------------|---|
| t_{F1-4} | Fan-out delay estimate using local interconnect |
| t_{F5-20} | Fan-out delay estimate using MegaLab interconnect |
| t_{F20+} | Fan-out delay estimate using FastTrack interconnect |

Figure 36. AC Test Conditions for LVTTL, 2.5 V, 1.8 V, PCI & GTL+ I/O Standards

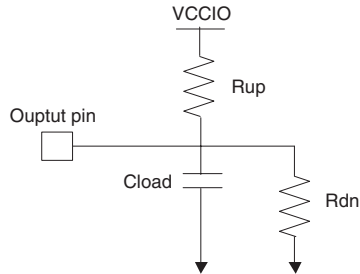


Figure 37. AC Test Conditions for SSTL-3 Class I & II I/O Standards

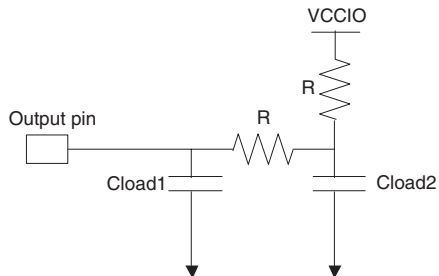


Figure 38. AC Test Conditions for the LVDS I/O Standard

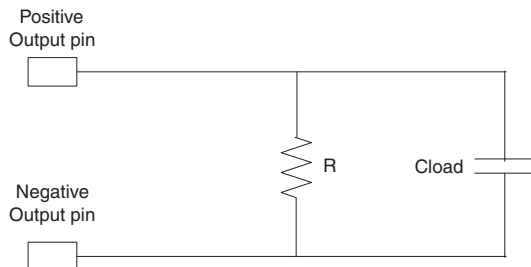


Table 51. EP20K400C t_{MAX} ESB Timing Parameters

| 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 53. EP20K400C Minimum Pulse Width Timing Parameters

| Symbol | -7 Speed Grade | | -8 Speed Grade | | -9 Speed Grade | | Unit |
|-------------|----------------|-----|----------------|-----|----------------|-----|------|
| | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | |
| t_{CH} | 1.33 | | 1.66 | | 2.00 | | ns |
| t_{CL} | 1.33 | | 1.66 | | 2.00 | | ns |
| t_{CLRP} | 0.20 | | 0.20 | | 0.20 | | ns |
| t_{PREP} | 0.20 | | 0.20 | | 0.20 | | ns |
| t_{ESBCH} | 1.33 | | 1.66 | | 2.00 | | ns |
| t_{ESBCL} | 1.33 | | 1.66 | | 2.00 | | ns |
| t_{ESBWP} | 1.05 | | 1.28 | | 1.44 | | ns |
| t_{ESBRP} | 0.87 | | 1.06 | | 1.19 | | ns |

Table 54. EP20K400C External Timing Parameters

| Symbol | -7 Speed Grade | | -8 Speed Grade | | -9 Speed Grade | | Unit |
|----------------|----------------|------|----------------|------|----------------|------|------|
| | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | |
| t_{INSU} | 1.37 | | 1.52 | | 1.64 | | ns |
| t_{INH} | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | ns |
| t_{OUTCO} | 2.00 | 4.25 | 2.00 | 4.61 | 2.00 | 5.03 | ns |
| $t_{INSUPLL}$ | 0.80 | | 0.91 | | - | | ns |
| t_{INHPLL} | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | - | | ns |
| $t_{OUTCOPLL}$ | 0.50 | 2.27 | 0.50 | 2.55 | - | - | ns |

SRAM configuration elements allow APEX 20KC devices to be reconfigured in-circuit by loading new configuration data into the device. Real-time reconfiguration is performed by forcing the device into command mode with a device pin, loading different configuration data, reinitializing the device, and resuming user-mode operation. In-field upgrades can be performed by distributing new configuration files.

Configuration Schemes

The configuration data for an APEX 20KC device can be loaded with one of five configuration schemes (see [Table 70](#)), chosen on the basis of the target application. An EPC16, EPC2, or EPC1 configuration device, intelligent controller, or the JTAG port can be used to control the configuration of an APEX 20KC device. When a configuration device is used, the system can configure automatically at system power-up.

Multiple APEX 20KC devices can be configured in any of five configuration schemes by connecting the configuration enable (nCE) and configuration enable output (nCEO) pins on each device.

Table 70. Data Sources for Configuration

| Configuration Scheme | Data Source |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Configuration device | EPC16, EPC8, EPC4, EPC2, or EPC1 configuration device |
| Passive serial (PS) | MasterBlaster or ByteBlasterMV download cable or serial data source |
| Passive parallel asynchronous (PPA) | Parallel data source |
| Passive parallel synchronous (PPS) | Parallel data source |
| JTAG | MasterBlaster or ByteBlasterMV download cable or a microprocessor with a Jam Standard Test and Programming Language (STAPL) or JBC File |



For more information on configuration, see [Application Note 116 \(Configuring SRAM-Based LUT Devices\)](#).

Device Pin-Outs

See the Altera web site (<http://www.altera.com>) or the *Altera Digital Library* for pin-out information.

Ordering Information

[Figure 39](#) describes the ordering codes for Stratix devices. For more information on a specific package, refer to the [Altera Device Package Information Data Sheet](#).

