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Product Status	Active
Number of LABs/CLBs	963
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	15408
Total RAM Bits	516096
Number of I/O	343
Number of Gates	-
Voltage - Supply	1.15V ~ 1.25V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 85°C (TJ)
Package / Case	484-BGA
Supplier Device Package	484-FBGA (23x23)
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Visual Cue	Meaning
Courier type	Indicates signal, port, register, bit, block, and primitive names. For example, <code>data1</code> , <code>tdi</code> , and <code>input</code> . The suffix <code>n</code> denotes an active-low signal. For example, <code>resetn</code> . Indicates command line commands and anything that must be typed exactly as it appears. For example, <code>c:\qdesigns\tutorial\chiptrip.gdf</code> . Also indicates sections of an actual file, such as a Report File, references to parts of files (for example, the AHDL keyword <code>SUBDESIGN</code> ), and logic function names (for example, <code>TRI</code> ).
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**Table 5–2. GCLK Network Connections for EP4CGX30, EP4CGX50, EP4CGX75, EP4CGX110, and EP4CGX150 Devices <sup>(1), (2)</sup> (Part 3 of 4)**

GCLK Network Clock Sources	GCLK Networks																														
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
PLL_8_C0 <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
PLL_8_C1 <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
PLL_8_C2 <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
PLL_8_C3 <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
PLL_8_C4 <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	✓	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
DPCLK0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
DPCLK1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—
DPCLK2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓
DPCLK3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
DPCLK4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
DPCLK5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
DPCLK6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
DPCLK7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
DPCLK8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
DPCLK9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
DPCLK10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
DPCLK11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
DPCLK12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
DPCLK13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
DPCLK14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
DPCLK15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
DPCLK16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

**Table 6-7. Differential I/O Standards Supported in Cyclone IV GX I/O Banks**

Differential I/O Standards	I/O Bank Location	External Resistor Network at Transmitter	Transmitter (TX)	Receiver (RX)
LVDS	5,6	Not Required	✓	✓
	3,4,5,6,7,8	Three Resistors		
RSDS	5,6	Not Required	✓	—
	3,4,7,8	Three Resistors		
	3,4,5,6,7,8	Single Resistor		
mini-LVDS	5,6	Not Required	✓	—
	3,4,5,6,7,8	Three Resistors		
PPDS	5,6	Not Required	✓	—
	3,4,5,6,7,8	Three Resistors		
BLVDS <sup>(1)</sup>	3,4,5,6,7,8	Single Resistor	✓	✓
LVPECL <sup>(2)</sup>	3,4,5,6,7,8	—	—	✓
Differential SSTL-2 <sup>(3)</sup>	3,4,5,6,7,8	—	✓	✓
Differential SSTL-18 <sup>(3)</sup>	3,4,5,6,7,8	—	✓	✓
Differential HSTL-18 <sup>(3)</sup>	3,4,5,6,7,8	—	✓	✓
Differential HSTL-15 <sup>(3)</sup>	3,4,5,6,7,8	—	✓	✓
Differential HSTL-12 <sup>(3)</sup>	4,5,6,7,8	—	✓	✓

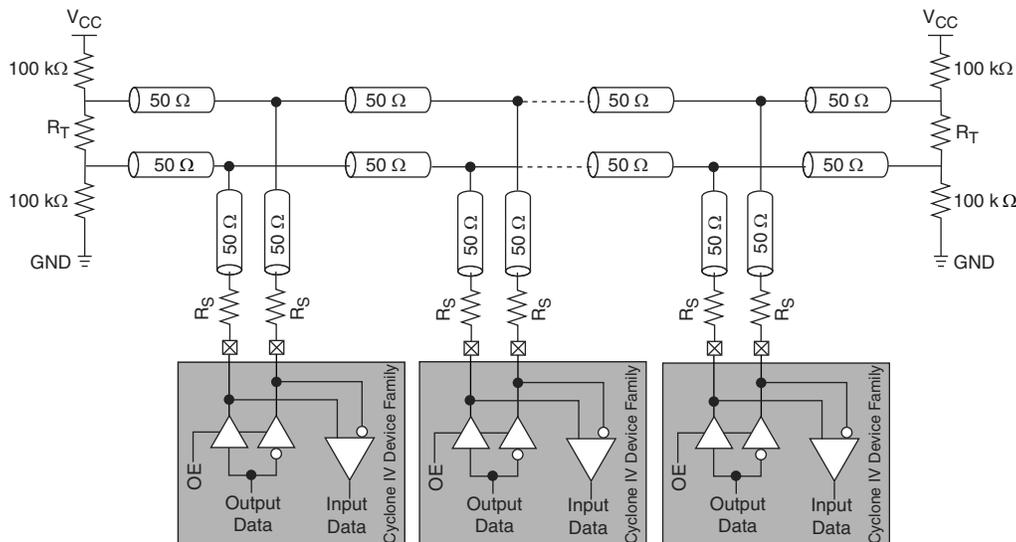
**Notes to Table 6-7:**

- (1) Transmitter and Receiver  $f_{MAX}$  depend on system topology and performance requirement.
- (2) The LVPECL I/O standard is only supported on dedicated clock input pins.
- (3) The differential SSTL-2, SSTL-18, HSTL-18, HSTL-15, and HSTL-12 I/O standards are only supported on clock input pins and PLL output clock pins. PLL output clock pins do not support Class II interface type of differential SSTL-18, HSTL-18, HSTL-15, and HSTL-12 I/O standards.

You can use I/O pins and internal logic to implement a high-speed differential interface in Cyclone IV devices. Cyclone IV devices do not contain dedicated serialization or deserialization circuitry. Therefore, shift registers, internal phase-locked loops (PLLs), and I/O cells are used to perform serial-to-parallel conversions on incoming data and parallel-to-serial conversion on outgoing data. The differential interface data serializers and deserializers (SERDES) are automatically constructed in the core logic elements (LEs) with the Quartus II software ALTLVDS megafunction.

Figure 6-14 shows a typical BLVDS topology with multiple transmitter and receiver pairs.

**Figure 6-14. BLVDS Topology with Cyclone IV Devices Transmitters and Receivers**



The BLVDS I/O standard is supported on the top, bottom, and right I/O banks of Cyclone IV devices. The BLVDS transmitter uses two single-ended output buffers with the second output buffer programmed as inverted, while the BLVDS receiver uses a true LVDS input buffer. The transmitter and receiver share the same pins. An output-enabled (OE) signal is required to tristate the output buffers when the LVDS input buffer receives a signal.

 For more information, refer to the *Cyclone IV Device Datasheet* chapter.

### Designing with BLVDS

The BLVDS bidirectional communication requires termination at both ends of the bus in BLVDS. The termination resistor ( $R_T$ ) must match the bus differential impedance, which in turn depends on the loading on the bus. Increasing the load decreases the bus differential impedance. With termination at both ends of the bus, termination is not required between the two signals at the input buffer. A single series resistor ( $R_S$ ) is required at the output buffer to match the output buffer impedance to the transmission line impedance. However, this series resistor affects the voltage swing at the input buffer. The maximum data rate achievable depends on many factors.

 Altera recommends that you perform simulation using the IBIS model while considering factors such as bus loading, termination values, and output and input buffer location on the bus to ensure that the required performance is achieved.

 For more information about BLVDS interface support in Altera devices, refer to *AN 522: Implementing Bus LVDS Interface in Supported Altera Device Families*.

Table 7-1 lists the number of DQS or DQ groups supported on each side of the Cyclone IV GX device.

**Table 7-1. Cyclone IV GX Device DQS and DQ Bus Mode Support for Each Side of the Device**

Device	Package	Side	Number ×8 Groups	Number ×9 Groups	Number ×16 Groups	Number ×18 Groups	Number ×32 Groups	Number ×36 Groups
EP4CGX15	169-pin FBGA	Right	1	0	0	0	—	—
		Top <sup>(1)</sup>	1	0	0	0	—	—
		Bottom <sup>(2)</sup>	1	0	0	0	—	—
EP4CGX22 EP4CGX30	169-pin FBGA	Right	1	0	0	0	—	—
		Top <sup>(1)</sup>	1	0	0	0	—	—
		Bottom <sup>(2)</sup>	1	0	0	0	—	—
	324-pin FBGA	Right	2	2	1	1	—	—
		Top	2	2	1	1	—	—
		Bottom	2	2	1	1	—	—
	484-pin FBGA <sup>(3)</sup>	Right	4	2	2	2	1	1
		Top	4	2	2	2	1	1
		Bottom	4	2	2	2	1	1
EP4CGX50 EP4CGX75	484-pin FBGA	Right	4	2	2	2	1	1
		Top	4	2	2	2	1	1
		Bottom	4	2	2	2	1	1
	672-pin FBGA	Right	4	2	2	2	1	1
		Top	4	2	2	2	1	1
		Bottom	4	2	2	2	1	1
EP4CGX110 EP4CGX150	484-pin FBGA	Right	4	2	2	2	1	1
		Top	4	2	2	2	1	1
		Bottom	4	2	2	2	1	1
	672-pin FBGA	Right	4	2	2	2	1	1
		Top	4	2	2	2	1	1
		Bottom	4	2	2	2	1	1
	896-pin FBGA	Right	6	3	2	2	1	1
		Top	6	3	3	3	1	1
		Bottom	6	3	3	3	1	1

**Notes to Table 7-1:**

- (1) Some of the DQ pins can be used as RUP and RDN pins. You cannot use these groups if you are using these pins as RUP and RDN pins for OCT calibration.
- (2) Some of the DQ pins can be used as RUP pins while the DM pins can be used as RDN pins. You cannot use these groups if you are using the RUP and RDN pins for OCT calibration.
- (3) Only available for EP4CGX30 device.

## Section III. System Integration

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This section includes the following chapters:

- Chapter 8, Configuration and Remote System Upgrades in Cyclone IV Devices
- Chapter 9, SEU Mitigation in Cyclone IV Devices
- Chapter 10, JTAG Boundary-Scan Testing for Cyclone IV Devices
- Chapter 11, Power Requirements for Cyclone IV Devices

### Revision History

Refer to each chapter for its own specific revision history. For information on when each chapter was updated, refer to the Chapter Revision Dates section, which appears in the complete handbook.

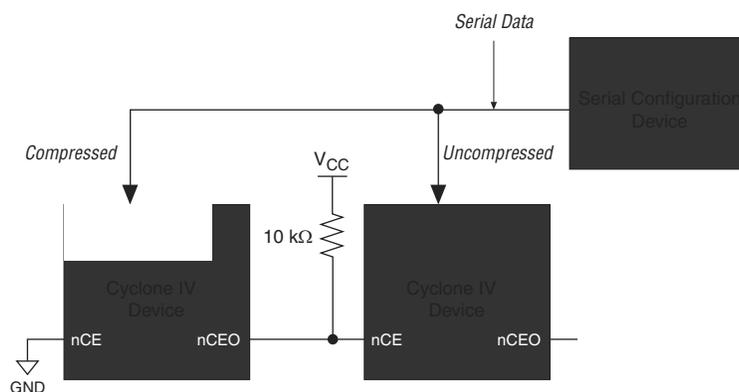
3. Click the **Configuration** tab.
4. Turn on **Generate compressed bitstreams**.
5. Click **OK**.
6. In the **Settings** dialog box, click **OK**.

You can enable compression when creating programming files from the **Convert Programming Files** dialog box. To enable compression, perform the following steps:

1. On the File menu, click **Convert Programming Files**.
2. Under **Output programming file**, select your desired file type from the **Programming file type** list.
3. If you select **Programmer Object File (.pof)**, you must specify the configuration device in the **Configuration device** list.
4. Under **Input files to convert**, select **SOE Data**.
5. Click **Add File** to browse to the Cyclone IV device SRAM object files (**.sof**).
6. In the **Convert Programming Files** dialog box, select the **.pof** you added to **SOE Data** and click **Properties**.
7. In the **SOE File Properties** dialog box, turn on the **Compression** option.

When multiple Cyclone IV devices are cascaded, you can selectively enable the compression feature for each device in the chain. Figure 8–1 shows a chain of two Cyclone IV devices. The first device has compression enabled and receives compressed bitstream from the configuration device. The second device has the compression feature disabled and receives uncompressed data. You can generate programming files for this setup in the **Convert Programming Files** dialog box.

**Figure 8–1. Compressed and Uncompressed Configuration Data in the Same Configuration File**



## Configuration Requirement

This section describes Cyclone IV device configuration requirement and includes the following topics:

- “Power-On Reset (POR) Circuit” on page 8–4
- “Configuration File Size” on page 8–4
- “Power Up” on page 8–6

You can begin reconfiguration by pulling the `nCONFIG` pin low. The `nCONFIG` pin must be low for at least 500 ns. When `nCONFIG` is pulled low, the Cyclone IV device is reset. The Cyclone IV device also pulls `nSTATUS` and `CONF_DONE` low and all I/O pins are tri-stated. When `nCONFIG` returns to a logic-high level and `nSTATUS` is released by the Cyclone IV device, reconfiguration begins.

### Configuration Error

If an error occurs during configuration, Cyclone IV devices assert the `nSTATUS` signal low, indicating a data frame error and the `CONF_DONE` signal stays low. If the **Auto-restart configuration after error** option (available in the Quartus II software in the **General** tab of the **Device and Pin Options** dialog box) is turned on, the Cyclone IV device releases `nSTATUS` after a reset time-out period (a maximum of 230  $\mu$ s), and retries configuration. If this option is turned off, the system must monitor `nSTATUS` for errors and then pulse `nCONFIG` low for at least 500 ns to restart configuration.

### Initialization

In Cyclone IV devices, the initialization clock source is either the internal oscillator or the optional `CLKUSR` pin. By default, the internal oscillator is the clock source for initialization. If you use the internal oscillator, the device provides itself with enough clock cycles for proper initialization. When using the internal oscillator, you do not have to send additional clock cycles from an external source to the `CLKUSR` pin during the initialization stage. Additionally, you can use the `CLKUSR` pin as a user I/O pin.

You also have the flexibility to synchronize initialization of multiple devices or to delay initialization with the `CLKUSR` option. The `CLKUSR` pin allows you to control when your device enters user mode for an indefinite amount of time. You can turn on the **Enable user-supplied start-up clock (CLKUSR)** option in the Quartus II software in the **General** tab of the **Device and Pin Options** dialog box. When you turn on the **Enable user supplied start-up clock option (CLKUSR)** option, the `CLKUSR` pin is the initialization clock source. Supplying a clock on the `CLKUSR` pin does not affect the configuration process. After the configuration data is accepted and `CONF_DONE` goes high, Cyclone IV devices require 3,192 clock cycles to initialize properly and enter user mode.



If you use the optional `CLKUSR` pin and the `nCONFIG` pin is pulled low to restart configuration during device initialization, ensure that the `CLKUSR` pin continues to toggle when `nSTATUS` is low (a maximum of 230  $\mu$ s).

### User Mode

An optional `INIT_DONE` pin is available, which signals the end of initialization and the start of user mode with a low-to-high transition. The **Enable INIT\_DONE Output** option is available in the Quartus II software in the **General** tab of the **Device and Pin Options** dialog box. If you use the `INIT_DONE` pin, it is high due to an external 10-k $\Omega$  pull-up resistor when `nCONFIG` is low and during the beginning of configuration. After the option bit to enable `INIT_DONE` is programmed into the device (during the first frame of configuration data), the `INIT_DONE` pin goes low. When initialization is complete, the `INIT_DONE` pin is released and pulled high. This low-to-high transition signals that the device has entered user mode. In user mode, the user I/O pins function as assigned in your design and no longer have weak pull-up resistors.

Table 9-6 lists the estimated time for each CRC calculation with minimum and maximum clock frequencies for Cyclone IV devices.

**Table 9-6. CRC Calculation Time**

Device		Minimum Time (ms) <sup>(1)</sup>	Maximum Time (s) <sup>(2)</sup>
Cyclone IV E	EP4CE6 <sup>(3)</sup>	5	2.29
	EP4CE10 <sup>(3)</sup>	5	2.29
	EP4CE15 <sup>(3)</sup>	7	3.17
	EP4CE22 <sup>(3)</sup>	9	4.51
	EP4CE30 <sup>(3)</sup>	15	7.48
	EP4CE40 <sup>(3)</sup>	15	7.48
	EP4CE55 <sup>(3)</sup>	23	11.77
	EP4CE75 <sup>(3)</sup>	31	15.81
	EP4CE115 <sup>(3)</sup>	45	22.67
Cyclone IV GX	EP4CGX15	6	2.93
	EP4CGX22	12	5.95
	EP4CGX30	12	5.95
		34 <sup>(4)</sup>	17.34 <sup>(4)</sup>
	EP4CGX50	34	17.34
	EP4CGX75	34	17.34
	EP4CGX110	62	31.27
	EP4CGX150	62	31.27

**Notes to Table 9-6:**

- (1) The minimum time corresponds to the maximum error detection clock frequency and may vary with different processes, voltages, and temperatures (PVT).
- (2) The maximum time corresponds to the minimum error detection clock frequency and may vary with different PVT.
- (3) Only applicable for device with 1.2-V core voltage
- (4) Only applicable for the F484 device package.

## Software Support

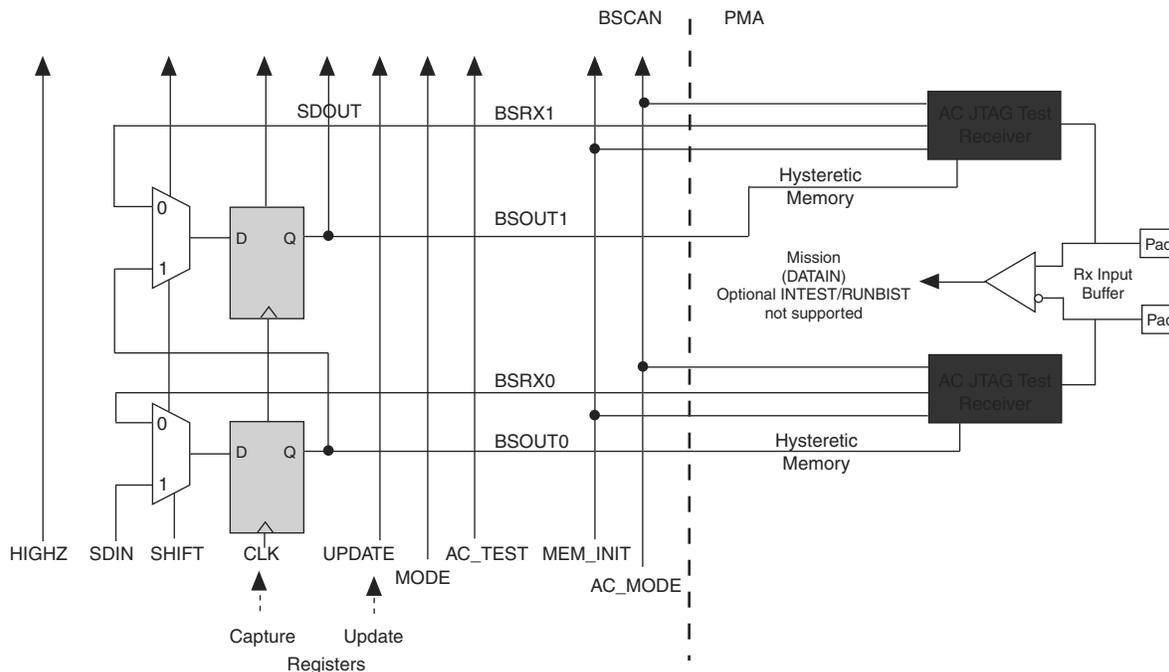
Enabling the CRC error detection feature in the Quartus II software generates the CRC\_ERROR output to the optional dual purpose CRC\_ERROR pin.

To enable the error detection feature using CRC, perform the following steps:

1. Open the Quartus II software and load a project using Cyclone IV devices.
2. On the Assignments menu, click **Settings**. The **Settings** dialog box appears.
3. In the Category list, select **Device**. The **Device** page appears.
4. Click **Device and Pin Options**. The **Device and Pin Options** dialog box appears as shown in Figure 9-2.
5. In the **Device and Pin Options** dialog box, click the **Error Detection CRC** tab.
6. Turn on **Enable error detection CRC**.
7. In the **Divide error check frequency by** box, enter a valid divisor as documented in Table 9-5 on page 9-5.

Figure 10-2 shows the Cyclone IV GX HSSI receiver BSC.

**Figure 10-2. HSSI Receiver BSC with IEEE Std. 1149.6 BST Circuitry for the Cyclone IV GX Devices**



For more information about Cyclone IV devices user I/O boundary-scan cells, refer to the *IEEE 1149.1 (JTAG) Boundary-Scan Testing for Cyclone III Devices* chapter.

## BST Operation Control

Table 10-1 lists the boundary-scan register length for Cyclone IV devices.

**Table 10-1. Boundary-Scan Register Length for Cyclone IV Devices (Part 1 of 2)**

Device	Boundary-Scan Register Length
EP4CE6	603
EP4CE10	603
EP4CE15	1080
EP4CE22	732
EP4CE30	1632
EP4CE40	1632
EP4CE55	1164
EP4CE75	1314
EP4CE115	1620
EP4CGX15	260
EP4CGX22	494
EP4CGX30 <sup>(1)</sup>	494
EP4CGX50	1006



**Table 11-1. Power Supply Descriptions for the Cyclone IV GX Devices (Part 2 of 2)**

Power Supply Pin	Nominal Voltage Level (V)	Description
VCCL_GXB	1.2	Transceiver PMA and auxiliary power supply

**Notes to Table 11-1:**

- (1) You must power up VCCA even if the phase-locked loop (PLL) is not used.
- (2) I/O banks 3, 8, and 9 contain configuration pins. You can only power up the V<sub>CCIO</sub> level of I/O banks 3 and 9 to 1.5 V, 1.8 V, 2.5 V, 3.0 V, or 3.3 V. For Fast Passive Parallel (FPP) configuration mode, you must power up the V<sub>CCIO</sub> level of I/O bank 8 to 1.5 V, 1.8 V, 2.5 V, 3.0 V, or 3.3 V.
- (3) All device packages of EP4CGX15, EP4CGX22, and device package F169 and F324 of EP4CGX30 devices have two VCC\_CLKIN dedicated clock input I/O located at Banks 3A and 8A. Device package F484 of EP4CGX30, all device packages of EP4CGX50, EP4CGX75, EP4CGX110, and EP4CGX150 devices have four VCC\_CLKIN dedicated clock input I/O bank located at banks 3A, 3B, 8A, and 8B.
- (4) You must set VCC\_CLKIN to 2.5V if the CLKIN is used as a high-speed serial interface (HSSI) transceiver refclk. When not used as a transceiver refclk, VCC\_CLKIN supports 1.2 V/ 1.5 V/ 1.8 V/ 2.5 V/ 3.0 V/ 3.3V voltages.

**Table 11-2. Power Supply Descriptions for the Cyclone IV E Devices**

Power Supply Pin	Nominal Voltage Level (V)	Description
VCCINT	1.0, 1.2	Core voltage power supply
VCCA <sup>(1)</sup>	2.5	PLL analog power supply
VCCD_PLL	1.0, 1.2	PLL digital power supply
VCCIO <sup>(2)</sup>	1.2, 1.5, 1.8, 2.5, 3.0, 3.3	I/O banks power supply

**Notes to Table 11-2:**

- (1) You must power up VCCA even if the PLL is not used.
- (2) I/O banks 1, 6, 7, and 8 contain configuration pins.

## Hot-Socketing Specifications

Cyclone IV devices are hot-socketing compliant without the need for any external components or special design requirements. Hot-socketing support in Cyclone IV devices has the following advantages:

- You can drive the device before power up without damaging the device.
- I/O pins remain tri-stated during power up. The device does not drive out before or during power-up. Therefore, it does not affect other buses in operation.

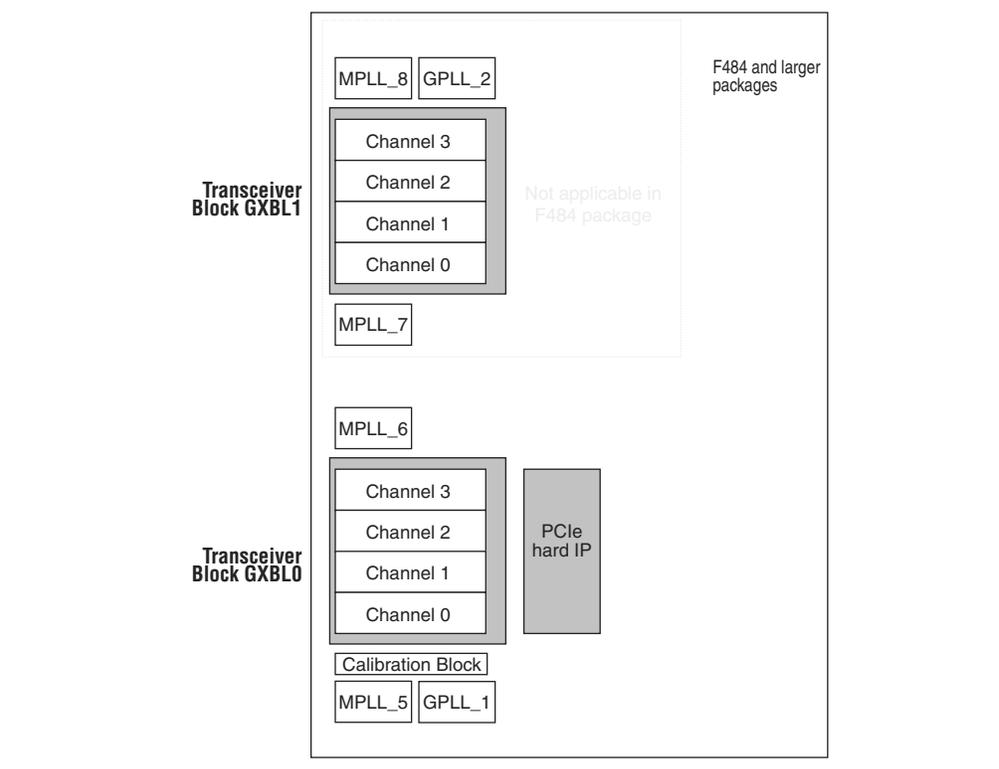
### Devices Driven Before Power-Up

You can drive signals into regular Cyclone IV E I/O pins and transceiver Cyclone IV GX I/O pins before or during power up or power down without damaging the device. Cyclone IV devices support any power-up or power-down sequence to simplify system-level designs.

### I/O Pins Remain Tri-stated During Power-Up

The output buffers of Cyclone IV devices are turned off during system power up or power down. Cyclone IV devices do not drive out until the device is configured and working in recommended operating conditions. The I/O pins are tri-stated until the device enters user mode.

Figure 1–2. F484 and Larger Packages with Transceiver Channels for Cyclone IV GX Devices



For more information about the transceiver architecture, refer to the following sections:

- “Architectural Overview” on page 1–4
- “Transmitter Channel Datapath” on page 1–5
- “Receiver Channel Datapath” on page 1–11
- “Transceiver Clocking Architecture” on page 1–26
- “Transceiver Channel Datapath Clocking” on page 1–29
- “FPGA Fabric-Transceiver Interface Clocking” on page 1–43
- “Calibration Block” on page 1–45
- “PCI-Express Hard IP Block” on page 1–46

For example, when operating an EP4CGX150 transmitter channel at 3.125 Gbps without byte serializer, the FPGA fabric frequency is 312.5 MHz (3.125 Gbps/10). This implementation violates the frequency limit and is not supported. Channel operation at 3.125 Gbps is supported when byte serializer is used, where the FPGA fabric frequency is 156.25 MHz (3.125 Gbps/20).

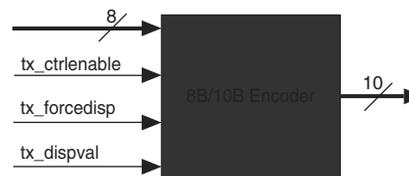
The byte serializer forwards the least significant byte first, followed by the most significant byte.

## 8B/10B Encoder

The optional 8B/10B encoder generates 10-bit code groups with proper disparity from the 8-bit data and 1-bit control identifier as shown in Figure 1-5.

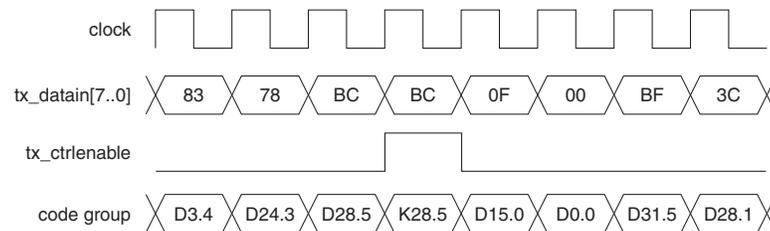
 The encoder is compliant with Clause 36 of the *IEEE 802.3 Specification*.

**Figure 1-5. 8B/10B Encoder Block Diagram**



The 1-bit control identifier (`tx_ctrlenable`) port controls the 8-bit translation to either a 10-bit data word ( $Dx.y$ ) or a 10-bit control word ( $Kx.y$ ). Figure 1-6 shows the 8B/10B encoding operation with the `tx_ctrlenable` port, where the second 8'hBC data is encoded as a control word when `tx_ctrlenable` port is asserted, while the rest of the data is encoded as a data word.

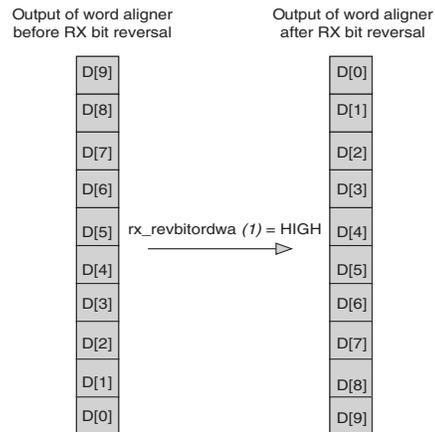
**Figure 1-6. Control and Data Word Encoding with the 8B/10B Encoder**



 The IEEE 802.3 8B/10B encoder specification identifies only a set of 8-bit characters for which the `tx_ctrlenable` port should be asserted. If you assert `tx_ctrlenable` port for any other set of characters, the 8B/10B encoder might encode the output 10-bit code as an invalid code (it does not map to a valid  $Dx.y$  or  $Kx.y$  code), or an unintended valid  $Dx.y$  code, depending on the value entered. It is possible for a downstream 8B/10B decoder to decode an invalid control word into a valid  $Dx.y$  code without asserting any code error flags. Altera recommends not to assert `tx_ctrlenable` port for unsupported 8-bit characters.

synchronization state machine mode. In bit-slip mode, you can dynamically enable the receiver bit reversal using the `rx_revbitorderwa` port. When enabled, the 8-bit or 10-bit data `D[7..0]` or `D[9..0]` at the output of the word aligner is rewired to `D[0..7]` or `D[0..9]` respectively. Figure 1–20 shows the receiver bit reversal feature.

**Figure 1–20. Receiver Bit Reversal (1)**



**Note to Figure 1–20:**

(1) The `rx_revbitorderwa` port is dynamic and is only available when the word aligner is configured in bit-slip mode.



When using the receiver bit reversal feature to receive MSB-to-LSB transmission, reversal of the word alignment pattern is required.

- Receiver bit-slip indicator—provides the number of bits slipped in the word aligner for synchronization with `rx_bitslipboundaryselectout` signal. For usage details, refer to “Receive Bit-Slip Indication” on page 1–76.

## Deskew FIFO

This module is only available when used for the XAUI protocol and is used to align all four channels to meet the maximum skew requirement of 40 UI (12.8 ns) as seen at the receiver of the four lanes. The deskew operation is compliant to the PCS deskew state machine diagram specified in clause 48 of the IEEE P802.3ae specification.

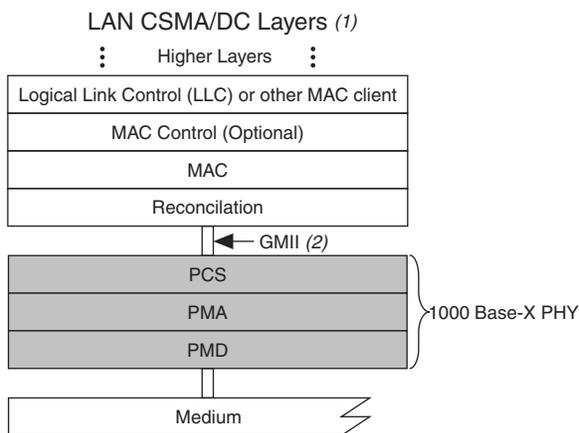
The deskew circuitry consists of a 16-word deep deskew FIFO in each of the four channels, and control logics in the central control unit of the transceiver block that controls the deskew FIFO write and read operations in each channel.

For details about the deskew FIFO operations for channel deskewing, refer to “XAUI Mode” on page 1–67.

 Cyclone IV GX transceivers do not have built-in support for some PCS functions such as auto-negotiation state machine, collision-detect, and carrier-sense. If required, you must implement these functions in a user logic or external circuits.

The 1000 Base-X PHY is defined by IEEE 802.3 standard as an intermediate or transition layer that interfaces various physical media with the media access control (MAC) in a GbE system. The 1000 Base-X PHY, which has a physical interface data rate of 1.25 Gbps consists of the PCS, PMA, and physical media dependent (PMD) layers. Figure 1-54 shows the 1000 Base-X PHY in LAN layers.

**Figure 1-54. 1000 Base-X PHY in a GbE OSI Reference Model**



**Notes to Figure 1-54:**

- (1) CSMA/CD = Carrier-Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection
- (2) GMII = gigabit medium independent interface

**Table 1–21. XGMII Character to PCS Code Groups Mapping (Part 2 of 2)**

XGMII TXC <sup>(1)</sup>	XGMII TXD <sup>(2), (3)</sup>	PCS Code Group	Description
1	Any other value	K30.7	Invalid XGMII character

**Notes to Table 1–21:**

- (1) Equivalent to tx\_ctrlenable port.
- (2) Equivalent to 8-bit input data to 8B/10B encoder.
- (3) The values in XGMII TXD column are in hexadecimal.

8B/10B decoder in the receiver datapath maps received PCS code groups into specific 8-bit XGMII codes as listed in Table 1–22.

**Table 1–22. PCS Code Groups to XGMII Character Mapping**

XGMII RXC <sup>(1)</sup>	XGMII RXD <sup>(2), (3)</sup>	PCS Code Group	Description
0	00 through FF	Dxx,y	Normal data transmission
1	07	K28.0, K28.3, or K28.5	Idle in
1	07	K28.5	Idle in   T
1	9C	K28.4	Sequence
1	FB	K27.7	Start
1	FD	K29.7	Terminate
1	FE	K30.7	Error
1	FE	Invalid code group	Received code group

**Notes to Table 1–22:**

- (1) Equivalent to rx\_ctrlenable port.
- (2) Equivalent to 8-bit input data to 8B/10B encoder.
- (3) The values in XGMII RXD column are in hexadecimal.

## Channel Deskewing

The deskew FIFO in each of the four lanes expects to receive /A/ code group simultaneously on all four channels during the inter-packet gap, as required by XAUI protocol. The skew introduced in the physical medium and the receiver channels might cause the /A/ code group to be received misaligned with respect to each other.

The deskew FIFO works to align the /A/ code group across the four channels, which operation is compliant to the PCS deskew state machine diagram specified in clause 48 of the IEEE P802.3ae specification. The deskew operation begins after link synchronization is achieved on all four channels as indicated by the word aligner in each channel. The following are the deskew FIFO operations:

- Until the first /A/ code group is received, the deskew FIFO read and write pointers in each channel are not incremented.
- After the first /A/ code group is received, the write pointer starts incrementing for each word received but the read pointer is frozen.
- When all the four channels received the /A/ code group within 10 recovered clock cycles of each other, the read pointer of all four deskew FIFOs is released simultaneously, aligning the /A/ code group of all four channels in a column.

### Read Transaction

If you want to read the existing values from a specific channel connected to the ALTGX\_RECONFIG instance, observe the corresponding byte positions of the PMA control output port after the read transaction is completed.

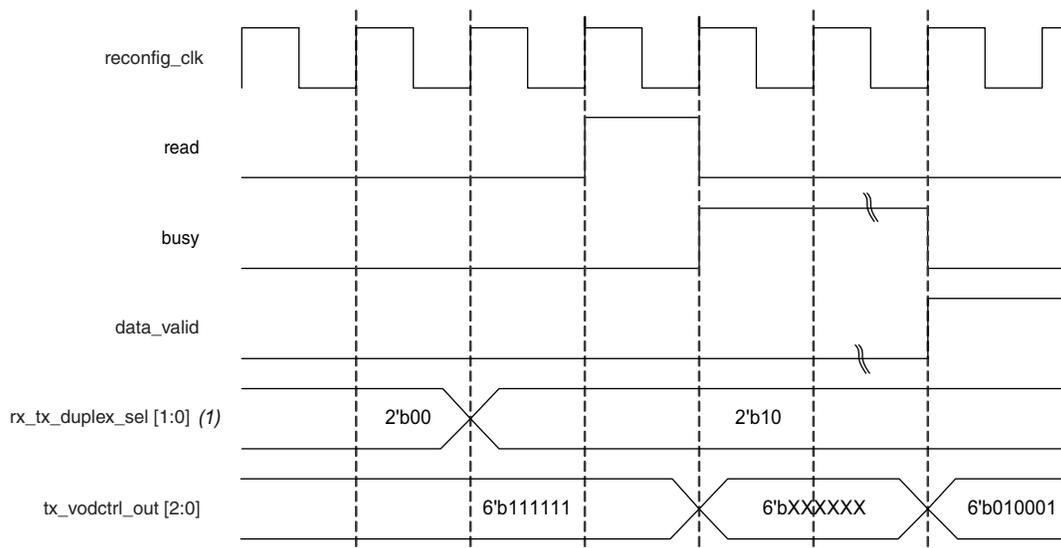
For example, if the number of channels controlled by the ALTGX\_RECONFIG is two, the tx\_vodctrl\_out is 6 bits wide. The tx\_vodctrl\_out[2:0] signal corresponds to channel 1 and the tx\_vodctrl\_out[5:3] signal corresponds to channel 2.

To complete a read transaction to the  $V_{OD}$  values of the second channel, perform the following steps:

1. Before you initiate a read transaction, set the rx\_tx\_duplex\_sel port to 2'b10 so that only the transmit PMA controls are read from the transceiver channel.
2. Ensure that the busy signal is low before you start a read transaction.
3. Assert the read signal for one reconfig\_clk clock cycle. This initiates the read transaction.
4. The busy output status signal is asserted high to indicate that the dynamic reconfiguration controller is busy reading the PMA control settings.
5. When the read transaction has completed, the busy signal goes low. The data\_valid signal is asserted, indicating that the data available at the read control signal is valid.
6. To read the current  $V_{OD}$  values in channel 2, observe the values in tx\_vodctrl\_out[5:3].

In the waveform example shown in Figure 3-7, the transmit  $V_{OD}$  settings written in channels 1 and 2 prior to the read transaction are 3'b001 and 3'b010, respectively.

**Figure 3-7. Read Transaction Waveform—Use the same control signal for all the channels Option Enabled**



#### Note to Figure 3-7:

- (1) In this waveform example, you want to read from only the transmitter portion of all the channels.



Simultaneous write and read transactions are not allowed.

# Chapter Revision Dates

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Table 1-21. Transceiver Specification for Cyclone IV GX Devices (Part 2 of 4)

Symbol/ Description	Conditions	C6			C7, I7			C8			Unit
		Min	Typ	Max	Min	Typ	Max	Min	Typ	Max	
<b>Receiver</b>											
Supported I/O Standards	1.4 V PCML, 1.5 V PCML, 2.5 V PCML, LVPECL, LVDS										
Data rate (F324 and smaller package) <sup>(15)</sup>	—	600	—	2500	600	—	2500	600	—	2500	Mbps
Data rate (F484 and larger package) <sup>(15)</sup>	—	600	—	3125	600	—	3125	600	—	2500	Mbps
Absolute V <sub>MAX</sub> for a receiver pin <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	—	1.6	—	—	1.6	—	—	1.6	V
Operational V <sub>MAX</sub> for a receiver pin	—	—	—	1.5	—	—	1.5	—	—	1.5	V
Absolute V <sub>MIN</sub> for a receiver pin	—	-0.4	—	—	-0.4	—	—	-0.4	—	—	V
Peak-to-peak differential input voltage V <sub>ID</sub> (diff p-p)	V <sub>ICM</sub> = 0.82 V setting, Data Rate = 600 Mbps to 3.125 Gbps	0.1	—	2.7	0.1	—	2.7	0.1	—	2.7	V
V <sub>ICM</sub>	V <sub>ICM</sub> = 0.82 V setting	—	820 ± 10%	—	—	820 ± 10%	—	—	820 ± 10%	—	mV
Differential on-chip termination resistors	100-Ω setting	—	100	—	—	100	—	—	100	—	Ω
	150-Ω setting	—	150	—	—	150	—	—	150	—	Ω
Differential and common mode return loss	PIPE, Serial Rapid I/O SR, SATA, CPRI LV, SDI, XAUI	Compliant									—
Programmable ppm detector <sup>(4)</sup>	—	± 62.5, 100, 125, 200, 250, 300									ppm
Clock data recovery (CDR) ppm tolerance (without spread-spectrum clocking enabled)	—	—	—	±300 <sup>(5)</sup> , ±350 <sup>(6), (7)</sup>	—	—	±300 <sup>(5)</sup> , ±350 <sup>(6), (7)</sup>	—	—	±300 <sup>(5)</sup> , ±350 <sup>(6), (7)</sup>	ppm
CDR ppm tolerance (with synchronous spread-spectrum clocking enabled) <sup>(8)</sup>	—	—	—	350 to -5350 <sup>(7), (9)</sup>	—	—	350 to -5350 <sup>(7), (9)</sup>	—	—	350 to -5350 <sup>(7), (9)</sup>	ppm
Run length	—	—	80	—	—	80	—	—	80	—	UI
Programmable equalization	No Equalization	—	—	1.5	—	—	1.5	—	—	1.5	dB
	Medium Low	—	—	4.5	—	—	4.5	—	—	4.5	dB
	Medium High	—	—	5.5	—	—	5.5	—	—	5.5	dB
	High	—	—	7	—	—	7	—	—	7	dB